Comparative study on $Cu-Ce_{0.8}Zr_{0.2}O_2$ and $Cu-Ce_{0.2}Zr_{0.8}O_2$ catalysts for the low temperature water gas shift reaction

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Low temperature water gas shift reaction (LT-WGS) has been carried out at a gas hourly space velocity of 72,152 h⁻¹ over $Ce_{(1-x)}Zr_{(x)}O_2$ supported Cu catalysts prepared by a co-precipitated method. The CeO_2/ZrO_2 ratio was systematically varied to understand beneficial effect of cubic/tetragonal phases of $Ce_{(1-x)}Zr_{(x)}O_2$. 20wt% Cu loaded on cubic phase $Ce_{0.8}Zr_{0.2}O_2$ exhibited higher CO conversion than 20wt% Cu loaded on tetragonal phase $Ce_{0.2}Zr_{0.8}O_2$. The effect of cubic/tetragonal phases of $Ce_{(1-x)}Zr_{(x)}O_2$ has been characterized by BET, XRD, N_2O -chemisorption, TPR and the characterization results have been related to the activity results in LT-WGS.