Effect of NO on Catalytic Decomposition of Nitrous Oxide over Cobalt Based Catalysts

During the last decade, the increasing concentration of N<sub>2</sub>O is considered as an important environmental issue due to the high global warming potential (GWP). It has 310 times higher than that of CO<sub>2</sub>. It is reported that Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> is active for direct N<sub>2</sub>O decomposition owing to its relatively high redox property. Cobalt spinel, however, which was prepared by precipitation was significantly inhibited by NO at low temperature (<400°C). To solve this problem, researchers modified the composition of catalyst. This study shows the effect of NO over modified Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> at low temperature (<400°C) for decomposition of N<sub>2</sub>O. A modified cobalt based catalyst in this experiment was synthesized by co-precipitation and incipient wetness impregnation method¬. Modified catalysts showed higher activities in the presence of NO than cobalt spinel oxide. In order to identify the effect of NO over prepared catalysts, BET, O<sub>2</sub>-TPD, NO-TPD, H<sub>2</sub>-TPR, XRD and XPS were performed to characterize catalysts.