## Optimization of Ba loading on BaCo/CeO<sub>2</sub> catalyst for high temperature water-gas shift reaction using waste derived synthesis gas

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In our previous research, we compared the performance of alkali (Na, K) and alkaline earth metal (Ba, Ca) promoted Co/CeO<sub>2</sub> catalysts in high temperature water-gas shift (HTS) reaction. Among the prepared catalysts, BaCo/CeO<sub>2</sub> catalyst showed the best performance. To enhance the performance of BaCo/CeO<sub>2</sub> catalyst, we varied the loading of Ba (1 to 3 wt.%). 1%BaCo/CeO<sub>2</sub> and 2%BaCo/CeO<sub>2</sub> showed stable activity (50 h, 450 °C) without any side reaction even at extremely severe reaction conditions (GHSV = 142,663 h<sup>-1</sup>, CO conc. = 38% in the feed gas). Co/CeO<sub>2</sub> catalyst and 3%BaCo/CeO<sub>2</sub> catalyst were rapidly deactivated within the first 20 h during the stability test. The stability test result shows that the incorporation of Ba enhances the catalytic performance of Co/CeO<sub>2</sub> catalyst, while the further increase of Ba loading (over 3 wt.%) decreases the stability of the catalyst.