Catalytic performance enhancement over Cu/CeO<sub>2</sub> catalysts by modification of cerium impregnation sequence in the low temperature water-gas shift reaction

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The low temperature water-gas shift (LT-WGS) reaction has been carried out at gas hourly space velocity (GHSV) of  $36,000 \, \text{mL/gh}$  over  $\text{Cu/CeO}_2$  catalysts modified with various cerium impregnation sequences. For the purpose of applying various cerium impregnation sequence,  $\text{Cu/CeO}_2$  catalysts were prepared by various preparation methods such as co-impregnation method ( $\text{Cu-Ce/CeO}_2$ ) and sequential impregnation method ( $\text{Ce/Cu/CeO}_2$ ,  $\text{Cu/Ce/CeO}_2$ ). The effect of cerium impregnation sequence on the physical and chemical properties related with catalytic performance of  $\text{Cu/CeO}_2$  catalysts were analyzed through various characterization techniques including  $N_2$  adsorption-desorption,  $N_2\text{O}$  titration, X-ray diffraction (XRD), X-ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy (XPS), Raman spectroscopy, and X-ray Absorption Fine Structure (XAFS). The characterization result for each catalyst was correlated with its catalytic activity result in the LT-WGS reaction.