Effect of Controlled Surface Morphology of Al@Al₂O₃ support on Noble Metal Catalysts for the CO₂ methanation reaction

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In order to increase the performance of heterogeneous catalysts, many studies have been conducted on the interaction of active metal-support. The Al@Al₂O₃ core-shell microstructure was synthesized by hydrothermal reaction of Al metal powder and calcination. In this process, when NH₄Cl and MgCl₂ were added, 2D nanoplates and 1D nanorods of Al2O3 were manufactured by the interaction of ions and aluminum hydrates, respectively, unlike the 3D nano-cuboid shape synthesized with only distilled water. Since the controlled structure exhibits different acid properties depending on the exposed crystal plane, it exhibits different interactions with the active metal phase. 1wt% Ru and Rh noble metal phases, used in the CO₂ methanation (CO₂ + 4 H₂ -> CH₄ + H₂O) reaction, impregnated on the Al@Al₂O₃ microstructures, and compared the metal-support interaction by identifying the CO₂ conversion and selectivity.