## Structural and mechanistic investigation of sulfated Sb-V-CeO<sub>2</sub>/TiO<sub>2</sub> catalysts for NH<sub>3</sub>-SCR by XANES and DRIFTS

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A study of structural and mechanistic investigation of the sulfated Sb-V-CeO<sub>2</sub>/TiO<sub>2</sub> catalysts at different temperatures was carried out by X-ray absorption near edge spectroscopy (XANES) and Diffused reflectance infrared Fourier transform spectroscopy (DRIFTS). The catalysts sulfated at 500°C temperatures (S500) exhibited superior NOx conversion at low temperatures (150-200°C) than the catalysts sulfated at 300 (S300) and 400°C (S400). Ce M4,5 edge XANES spectra of S500 catalyst indicated peak at 881.9 eV attributed to Ce<sup>3+</sup> oxidation state. The in-situ DRIFTS results revealed that the number of Bronsted and Lewis acid sites of S500 catalysts was increased significantly than S300 and S400, which resulted in high activity at low temperatures.