

Synthesis of Core-Shell Cu/Al@Al₂O₃ and Fe/Al@Al₂O₃ Catalysts

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Layered double hydroxides (LDHs) have attracted considerable attention in recent years because of their various catalytic reaction, such as methanol synthesis, methanol steam reforming, and amination. In our previous study, we attempted to synthesize metal-ceramic core-shell composites containing various elements (Fe³⁺, Cu²⁺, Zn²⁺, Ni²⁺, Co²⁺, Mn²⁺, and Mg²⁺) using simple hydrothermal surface oxidation (HISO). Core-shell microstructures containing various elements were synthesized in the form of Al@MeAl-LDH (Me = Zn²⁺, Ni²⁺, Co²⁺, Mn²⁺, and Mg²⁺), however, Fe³⁺ and Cu²⁺ did not form a core-shell structure due to precipitation. In this study, in order to overcome this problem, other additives were added to make the LDH shell containing Fe³⁺ and Cu²⁺ on Al core. Therefore, Al@FeAl-LDH and Al@CuAl-LDH core-shell composites were synthesized by controlling pH. Finally, the LDHs are oxidized to form a metal catalyst supported on the aluminium oxide, of which the Cu/Al@Al₂O₃ catalyst is used for the water-gas shift reaction and the Fe/Al@Al₂O₃ catalyst for the Fischer-Tropsch reaction.