The characteristics of Ni-MgO-CeO₂, Ni-MgO-ZrO₂ and Ni-MgO-Ce $_{(1-x)}$ Zr $_{(x)}$ O₂ catalysts methane reforming with carbon dioxide

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The DRM reaction converts CH_4 and CO_2 intosynthesis gas (CO + H_2), which is a basis for the synthesis ofoxygenated chemicals such as acetic acid, dimethyl ether, andoxoalcohols. CeO_2 , ZrO_2 , and CeO_2 – ZrO_2 supported on MgO–promoted Ni catalysts are developed and applied to thereforming of methane with carbondioxide. Ni–MgO– $Ce_{0.8}Zr_{0.2}O_2$ catalyst shows high activity as well as stability with time on stream. The size of the Ni particles and the oxygen storage capacity are found to be the primary and secondary key factors that influence the catalytic performance respectively. The Ni–MgO– $Ce_{0.8}Zr_{0.2}O_2$ catalyst showed the best performance for the reforming of methane with carbon dioxide because of the high reduction degree and small Ni particle size. In the present study, we focus on the variation of Ni particle size and oxygenstorage capacity with the CeO_2 – ZrO_2 compositionNi–MgO– $Ce_{0.8}Zr_{0.2}O_2$ support to further improve the performance of the catalyst.