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# EFFICIENCY COMPARATOR: CARBON MONOXIDE CONVERTER EMISSION BY METALLIC OSMIUM SUPPORT IN TITANIUM DIOXIDE AND ZIRCONIUM DIOXIDE

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# ABSTRACT

The use of zirconia as a catalyst or as a support for metal catalysts has lately become increasingly popular. In recent years, studies of the preparation of doped zirconia producing high thermal stability. Doped zirconia in environmental application is significant to reduce carbon monoxides contribute to several environmental hazards to humans, including respiratory illness, and global warming one significant drawback to these materials such as platinum and gold is their high cost. Metallic osmium is proposed as a good candidate because it has been shown to be active for CO oxidation and is less expensive than gold and platinum. The osmium electron configuration (Xe) 4f<sup>14</sup> 5d<sup>6</sup> 6S<sup>2</sup> is like platinum electron configuration (Xe) 4f<sup>14</sup> 5d<sup>9</sup> 6s<sup>1</sup>. The high orbital d deficiencies cause a stronger interaction with negatively charged molecules. 10% of osmium and platinum were supported on TiO, and ZrO, prepared by solid by solid, Sol-Gel (SG) and incipient wetness impregnation (IWI) techniques. The catalysts were characterized by surface area analysis, Raman, SEM, X-ray diffraction (XRD), and Fourier transforms infrared spectroscopy. The characterization demonstrated that this nobel metal oxide phase is more dominant on the Sol-Gel and solid by solid impregnation support than on wetness impregnation. The complete oxidation of CO to CO, could also be observed below 100°C for the Sol-Gel and solid by solid impregnation. The studies shown that ZrO<sub>2</sub> Sol-Gel impregnation was more efficient and faster that TiO<sub>2</sub> support.

# INTRODUCTION

Research into catalysis is a major field in applied science and involves many areas of chemistry, notably organometallic chemistry, and materials science (Kermagoret, et al., 2014). Catalysis is relevant to many aspects of environmental science, e.g., the catalytic converter in automobiles due high cost and the dynamics of the ozone hole. Catalytic reactions are preferred in environmentally friendly green chemistry due to the reduced amount of waste generated. Many transition metals such as cobalt, platinum and gold were used in heterogeneous catalysis (catalyst differs from the reactants) to reduce pollution emissions, but they are expensive.

Carbon monoxide is a pollutant that is emitted from many sources. There are numerous applications for which a catalyst capable of oxidizing carbon monoxide to carbon dioxide at low temperatures is desirable (Acres, et al., 2013). Carbon monoxide can form because of incomplete combustion of carboncontaining materials. For automotive applications, most of all emissions (80-90%) are released during the "cold-start" period and materials that have high activity at lower temperatures could help to alleviate pollution from this route (Avgouropoulos, et al., 2008). While the oxidation of carbon monoxide in lean, excess oxygen, conditions have applications for air quality improvement, the preferential oxidation of carbon monoxide in the presence of hydrogen has application for the purification of hydrogen streams for use in fuel cells. Studies showed that an increase in the ratio of CO to O<sub>2</sub> led to higher O<sub>2</sub> selectivity to CO<sub>2</sub> and lower conversion of CO for a given temperature. At a given temperature, the presence of CO<sub>2</sub> or H<sub>2</sub>O led to an inhibition of the CO oxidation reaction and a decrease in the CO conversion, as compared to the reactions in which CO<sub>2</sub> or H<sub>2</sub>O (Büchel, et al., 2009). Stability studies showed that operating the catalyst in its oxide form was stable while operating around 100°C, but operation at higher temperatures (175°C-250°C) could lead to a loss of activity, likely caused by the partial reduction of catalytic oxide. At higher temperatures, the reduction of catalytic oxide also led to the formation of methane through the CO+2H<sub>2</sub> methanation reaction. Stability studies like cobalt and other catalyst supported on various metal oxide showed that in the test conditions, for example  $\text{CO}/\text{ZrO}_2$  had the higher activity for the preferential oxidation of carbon monoxide than cobalt on supported on  $\text{TiO}_2$ ,  $\text{SiO}_2$ ,  $\text{CeO}_2$ , and  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  (Castoldi, et al., 2010). Some precious metals such as Pt, Pd and Au are well known oxidation catalysts and have received significant attention in emission control catalysis.

One significant drawback to these materials, however, is their high cost. To address this concern, a search for lower cost, alternative materials like has led to the study of transition metal catalysts like osmium. The osmium tetra oxide was excluded as a catalyst because its oxide is toxic. Mechanistic studies for example on CO oxidation in excess  $O_2$  are carried out and transition metal showed cobalt to be an active metal for the reaction, though carbonate formation could lead to decreased activity at temperatures below 100°C (Chen, et al., 2010; Daniel, et al., 2010). Other studies have shown strong promotional effects of Co and Fe to Pt/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> catalysts, leading to substantial activity. Studies without Pt, using other transition metal catalyst indicate that are active for CO oxidation (Derrouiche, et al., 2006). Data found

that the rate of deactivation could be mitigated or eliminated by operating at elevated temperatures or by increasing the ratio of  $O_2/CO$ .

#### MATERIALS AND METHODS

#### **Catalyst Preparation**

The catalysts were synthesized by the incipient wetness impregnation (IWI), Sol-Gel (SG) synthesis and solid by solid impregnation technique. The catalyst loadings were denoted by weight percentages. The incipient wetness impregnation technique involves the addition of a solution containing a dissolved metal to a porous catalyst support (Cant, et al., 2011). All the incipient wetness impregnated catalyst in these studies used distilled water as the solvent to dissolve the ZrO<sub>2</sub> support (Zirconium oxide MP lot: R24968) with the active component, metallic osmium (99.9% Acros lot: A0295616) was added/impregnated onto the support. The solution was added drop wise so that then total volume of the solution added to the support. The same procedure was applied to Pt/ZrO<sub>2</sub>. (Metallic platinum black 98.0% Acros lot: A03329875) support on (Zirconium oxide MP lot: R24968). After the impregnation, the catalyst was placed in a drying over at 110°C to evaporate the solvent, leaving the metal on the catalyst support. In some cases, multiple impregnations were used to help reduce possible variations between different particles that could have not been well impregnated.

Following the final impregnation step, the catalysts were calcined in air using a ramp rate of 10°C/hour to 300°C then held at the final calcination temperature for at least 3 hours. The Sol-Gel synthesis method was also employed and can allow additional control of the characteristics of the support and can lead to improved surface area and metal dispersion. Sol-Gel synthesis

employs a controlled hydrolysis reaction of a metal alkoxide precursor (Zirconium (IV) isopropoxide) Acros lot: A0321090 with an aqueous solution containing the catalyst's active metal. The synthesis of Sol-Gel catalyst was based on 5 grams of catalyst (Chupin, et al., 2006). The alkoxide precursor was mixed in a beaker with 50 mL of isopropanol, using a magnetic stir bar. In a separate container, the active metal was dissolved in an aqueous solution and placed in a syringe. To increase the rate of the hydrolysis reaction, the amount of water that was used during the synthesis was greater than the necessary stoichiometric quantity, and a 2:1 ratio of water to metal alkoxide were used (Qu, et al., 2006). The aqueous solution containing the active metal was added to the stirred mixture of isopropanol and the alkoxide precursor at a rate of 0.2 mL/min using a syringe pump. After the aqueous solution had been completed added to the beaker, the gel was left to dry overnight (Gavin Chua, et al., 2014). The dried powder was then mixed/ crushed using a mortar and pestle and the powder was subsequently calcined in the same manner that was used from the catalyst prepared by incipient wetness impregnation (Figueroa, et al., 2014; Gates, et al., 2008).

## Solid by Solid

The impregnation solid by solid technique involves the addition of metal (osmium or platinum) 10% mixed with porous catalyst support,  $ZrO_2$ . 10%=0.5 grams metal/5 grams  $ZrO_2$ . The final impregnation step, the catalysts were calcined for at least 3 hours at 300°C. The dried powder was then mixed/crushed using a mortar and mechanic catalytic mixer (Hamilton, et al., 2014; Haruta, et al., 2001).

#### **Incipient Wetness Impregnation**

The impregnation incipient wetness impregnation (IWI) technique involves the addition of osmium or platinum solution 10% (0.5 grams) in water (50 mL) mixed with 5 grams of porous catalyst support such as  $ZrO_2$ . The solution was added drop wise in excess (water) to cover all pore volume of the support. Catalyst was placed in a drying over at 110°C to evaporate the water. Catalyst was calcination with ramp rate of 10°C/hour to 300°C.

#### Sol-Gel Synthesis (SGS)

Sol-Gel synthesis employs a controlled hydrolysis reaction of a metal alkoxide precursor with an aqueous solution containing the catalyst's active metal.



Zirconium (IV) propoxide 70% in propanol. Titanium (IV) isoproxide

The solution containing the active metal with water, 5 mL is added to the stirred mixture the alkoxide precursor at a rate of 0.2 mL/min using a syringe pump. Note:

Additional 5 mL of water to increase the rate of the hydrolysis. 2:1 ratio, 0.500 g metal/5 mL water=0.10 g/mL. Density Titanium (IV) isoproxide 0.960 g/mL. 5.20 mL (0.96 g/mL)=5 g Titanium (IV) isoproxide. (0.10/0.960) x 100%=10%. Ti {OCH (CH<sub>3</sub>)2}<sub>4</sub>+2 H<sub>2</sub>O  $\rightarrow$  TiO<sub>2</sub>+4 (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CHOH. Density Zirconium (IV) propoxide 0.960 g/mL. 5.20 mL (0.96 g/mL)=5 g Zirconium (IV) propoxide. (0.10/0.960) x 100%=10%.

#### **Steady-State Reaction System**

Laboratory micro scale reaction experiments were performed on the reactor system depicted in Fig. 1. The system was equipped with flow controller (ADM1000 Intelligent Flow meter JW) and allowed a wide range of gas velocities to be introduced to the reactor. The reaction temperature was controlled by Lindberg Blue M Thermo Scientific oven and temperature K-type thermocouple linked model Fluke, designed to run at temperatures up to maximum of 700°C and below. The reactors were constructed from 1/4 external diameter stainless steel and copper tubing. The catalyst samples were held in cylindrical reactor of 50 mm high × 4.6 mm diameter (Lindholm, et al., 2008; Iglesias, et al., 2010). Equilibrium composition of CO oxidation was a highly exothermic reaction and was quite temperature sensitive, So the thermocouple was positioned so it touched the downstream end of the catalyst bed, this ensured an accurate temperature reading that accounts for the heat produced in the reaction (Forzatti, et al., 2008). Screening experiments were compared catalysts based on equal weights as platinum black support on titanium oxide. The temperature range for testing covered the range of 25°C to 200°C. Reactant concentrations were varied. A variety of analytical equipment was used to monitor the feed and product gas stream compositions. A Bacharach Fyrite Tech Infrared Analyzer CO, provided simultaneous and continuous monitoring of CO and CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations (Hao, et al., 2009; Hongjuan, et al., 2015). In addition, GC 5890 HP gaschromatograph equipped with a Thermal Conductivity Detector (TCD) and 5A molecular sieve column as well as phenomenex column (Ingelsten, et al., 2005). The catalyst was pre-treated in helium flow at 200°C for a period of 30 min to remove any volatile contaminant and adsorbed gases.



Fig. 1 The experimental oxidation setup.

#### Material Characterization

#### Raman spectroscopy

Raman spectra were obtained on powdered samples at room temperature using a Raman Renisaw model 2100 spectrometer with a 10-x microprobe in the back scattering geometry and a 785 nm argon ion laser.

#### X-ray diffraction (XRD)

X-ray Diffractometer, D8 Advance type (Bruker-AXS). Vertical theta-theta goniometer in powder XRD setting; lowest step size  $(2-\theta)$ , with horizontal sample carrier; nine position multiple stage with automatic sample changer; fixed slit system. One dimensional detector (Lynx Eye type) with collection rate about two orders of magnitude. Copper tart X-ray tube used with nickel filter.

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SEM with resolution 4 nm at 20 kV. Magnification: 5 X to 300,000 X. Specimen Size: Up to 150 mm diameter and a stage type Eccentric goniometer. On imaging mode with high vacuum: SE (Secondary Electron) and BSE (Back Scatter Electron).

#### Infrared spectra

The infrared spectra were obtained using FT-IR Nicole Protégé Model 4700 Thermo Electron. The spectrometer lets you collect spectra in the mid-IR, far-IR and near-IR spectral range.

#### Ultraviolet/Visible scanning spectra

Evolution 201 UV-Visible Spectrophotometer pathway in double-bean with sample and reference cuvette position; Czerny-Turner Monochromator. Spectral Bandwidth (s) 1.0 mm. Operating range 190-1100 nm.

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Micromeritics TriStar II 3020, a fully automated, threestation surface area and porosity analyzer with a Krypton Option can extend surface area measurements to as low as  $0.001 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$ .

#### FT-IR drift

FT-IR Perkin Elmer model Spectrum Two.

# **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

#### XRD

During the calcinations of the catalysts, in-situ XRD was performed to examine changes and characterization. The diffraction patterns during these experiments for the 10% Os catalysts on TiO<sub>2</sub> and 10% Os catalyst on ZrO<sub>2</sub> prepared via solid by solid, IWI and Sol-Gel, were shown in Figs. 2 and 3 respectively. The 10% Os/TiO<sub>2</sub> showed as anatase and small amount brookite morphology structure of TiO<sub>2</sub> up until 300°C, as indicated by the (101), (103), (004) and (112) diffraction lines at 2- $\theta$  values of 25.0°, 39.0°, 44.0°, 47°, 55.0° and 67° respectively (Wachs, et al., 2007).

The 10% Os/ZrO<sub>2</sub>, catalyst, showed as cubic crystalline form and small amount tetragonal morphology structure of ZrO<sub>2</sub> up until 300°C, diffraction lines at 2-θ values of 18.0°, 20.0°, 23°, 25.0°, 28.0° and 37.0 The diffraction patterns in Figs. 2 and 3 for 10%  $\rm Os/ZrO_2$  and 10%  $\rm TiO_2$ Sol-Gel shows different transformation behavior than the catalyst prepared by IWI or solid by solid. At 300°C, Sol-Gel reaction low crystalline phases were observed, but broad peaks associated with anatase TiO<sub>2</sub> appeared at, the sharpening of the anatase TiO<sub>2</sub> peaks (Gates, et al., 2008; Hamilton, et al., 2014). The diffraction lines from brookite TiO<sub>2</sub> appear and grow with increasing 2- $\theta$ . The diffraction well describes as anatase phase, although it contains a small amount of brookite impurity at 300°C, Sol-Gel reaction low crystalline phases were observed, but broad peaks associated with tetragonal form of the ZrO<sub>2</sub> appeared at, the sharpening of the tetragonal form ZrO<sub>2</sub> peaks (Kohyama, et al., 2015; Haruta, et al., 1993). The diffraction lines from tetragonal ZrO<sub>2</sub> appear and grow with increasing 2- $\theta$ . The diffraction well describes as cubic crystalline phase, although it contains a small amount of tetragonal impurity. Crystalline Os or Pt-oxide phases were detected slightly through XRD in either the Sol-Gel or the IWI preparation (Ozbek, et al., 2014).



**Fig. 2** X-ray diffractogram of Os supported ZrO<sub>2</sub> catalysts synthesized by a) SGI, b) IWI, and c) SSI route.



**Fig. 3** X-ray diffractogram of Pt supported ZrO<sub>2</sub> catalysts synthesized by a) SGI, b) IWI, and c) SSI route.

#### Laser Raman Spectroscopy

Raman spectra were obtained on powdered samples at room temperature using a Raman Renisaw model 2100 spectrometer with a 10-x microprobe in the back scattering geometry and a 785 nm argon ion laser (Wang, et al., 2011). Figs. 4 and 5 show the laser Raman spectra taken over the impregnated solid by solid, Sol-Gel and IWI of the 10% Os/TiO<sub>2</sub> and 10% Os/ZrO<sub>2</sub> catalysts at 300°C (Wachs, et al., 2007). The cubic and tetragonal (Pérez, et al., 2005). The TiO<sub>2</sub> bands at 145, 197, 396, 520, and 639 cm<sup>-1</sup> are typical of anatase TiO<sub>2</sub>. For the 10% Os/TiO, catalysts, the TiO, bands were visible. The broadening of the TiO<sub>2</sub> bands may be attributed to interactions with Os species and disorder in the oxygen sub-lattice. The lack of metallic osmium raman bands at lower calcinations temperatures on the TiO<sub>2</sub> supported samples suggests that Os does not form as readily on the surface as compared to the TiO<sub>2</sub> support(Rivallan, et al., 2009). This difference in surface Os is likely related to the differences in CO oxidation activity observed over the TiO<sub>2</sub> catalysts. The ZrO<sub>2</sub> bands at 182, 388, 545, 715 cm<sup>-1</sup> are typical tetragonal form and 1516, 1607, 1535, 1610 cm<sup>-1</sup> are typical of cubic form of the ZrO<sub>2</sub>. For 10% Os/ZrO<sub>2</sub> catalysts, the ZrO<sub>2</sub> bands were visible. The broadening of the ZrO<sub>2</sub> bands may be attributed to interactions with Os species and disorder in the oxygen sub-lattice (Rivera, et al., 1993). The lack of metallic osmium raman bands at lower calcinations temperatures on the ZrO<sub>2</sub> supported samples suggests that Os does not form as readily on the surface as compared to the ZrO<sub>2</sub> support. This difference in surface Os is likely related to the differences in CO oxidation activity observed over the ZrO<sub>2</sub> catalysts. These results indicate that osmium was presents in the 10% Os/TiO, and 10% Os/ZrO, catalyst (Rodriguez, et al., 2013). The lack of clearly visible vibrational bands from the TiO, support in the sample 10% Os/TiO, can was explained by the smaller Raman cross-section of rutile and anatase tetragonal forms of TiO<sub>2</sub>. Also, visible vibrational bands from the ZrO<sub>2</sub> support in the sample 10% Os/ZrO<sub>2</sub> can was explained by the smaller Raman cross-section of cubic and tetragonal forms of ZrO<sub>2</sub>.



Fig. 4 Laser raman spectroscopy taken over the impregnated solid by solid, Sol-Gel and IWI of 10%Os/ZrO<sub>2</sub>.



**Fig. 5** Laser raman spectroscopy taken over the impregnated solid by solid, Sol-Gel and IWI of 10% Os/TiO<sub>2</sub>.

#### FT-IR

The adsorption spectra of the 10% Os/ZrO<sub>2</sub> and 10%  $Pt/ZrO_{2}$  were obtained to examine the types of surface species using a FT-IR Nicole Protégé Model 470. For 10% Os/ZrO<sub>2</sub> Sol-Gel impregnation, the high wave number region in Fig. 6 exhibits bands at 3500 cm<sup>-1</sup> that correspond to terminal, bi-bridged, and tri-bridged OH groups, typical of the OH vibration of physically adsorbed H<sub>2</sub>O. For Sol-Gel, IWI and solid by solid were observed by a combination band at 2900 cm<sup>-1</sup> and the C-H stretch at 2800 cm<sup>-1</sup>. In the low wave number region, Figs. 6 and 7 were observed from the band at 1484 cm<sup>-1</sup> as well as the C-H bending and symmetric C-O stretching modes at 1379 cm<sup>-1</sup> at 1358 cm<sup>-1</sup>, respectively (Wade, et al., 2006; Zou, et al., 2010). Other bands in the 1000-500 cm<sup>-1</sup> have been assigned to ionic carbonate at 1484 cm<sup>-1</sup> which shifts to 1440 cm<sup>-1</sup> and carbonate species at 1300 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 700 cm<sup>-1</sup> (Daniel, et al., 2010).



**Fig. 6** The adsorption spectra of the 10%Os/ZrO<sub>2</sub>. (a) Os/ZrO<sub>2</sub>, Sol-Gel Impregnation (b) Os/ZrO<sub>2</sub>, Incipient wetness impregnation (c) Os/ZrO<sub>2</sub>, Solid by Solid Impregnation



Fig. 7 The adsorption spectra of the 10% Os/TiO<sub>2</sub>.
(a) Pt/ZrO<sub>2</sub>, Sol-Gel Impregnation
(b) Pt/ZrO<sub>2</sub>, Incipient wetness impregnation
(c) Pt/ZriO<sub>2</sub>, Solid by Solid Impregnation

#### Ultraviolet/Visible Scanning Spectra

Ultraviolet/Visible scanning spectra were obtained on powdered samples at room temperature using a Spectrophotometer Evolution 201 Thermo Scientific. The reading was 600 nm to 200 nm see Figs. 8 and 9 show the spectra taken over the impregnated solid by solid, Sol-Gel and IWI of the 10% Os/ZrO, and 10% Pt/ZrO, catalysts at 300°C, respectively, along with reference spectra taken over unloaded (Xianyong, et al., 2010). The fundamental absorption of ZrO<sub>2</sub> appeared in the UV region about 333, 347 nm for Os/ZrO, and 382 nm for 10% Pt/ZrO<sub>2</sub> (Wonyong, et al., 2014). This indicated that UV-Vis absorption was closely related to doping metal ion (Wachs, et al., 2017). The cubic and tetragonal forms were present with high activity in 333 and 382 nm, but we notice that transformation factor in the three different preparation (Yasuo, et al., 2009; Young, et al., 2007). The dopant element was significant in solid by solid and sol gel preparations with mayor absorbencies. These results show that was concurrent with high catalyst activities.



**Fig. 8** The spectra taken over the impregnated solid by solid, Sol-Gel and IWI of the 10%Os/ZrO<sub>2</sub>.



Fig. 9 The spectra taken over the impregnated solid by solid, Sol-Gel and IWI of the 10% Os/TiO<sub>2</sub>.

#### **BET Surface Area for Catalysts**

Surface area analysis was performed over supported metallic osmium catalysts 10% Os/ZrO2 using BET method with a Micromeritics TriStar II 3020 instrument. N2 was selected as the adsorbent, and analysis was performed at liquid nitrogen temperature (77 K). The samples were degassed before surface area measurement (Liu, et al., 2014). The results from these experiments were shown Table 1 (Cheng, et al., 2014; Zhang, et al., 2014). The 10% Os/ZrO2 catalyst had a significantly lower surface area than the other literature supports. Generally, surface area decreases because of pore blocking/clogging due metallic bond formation (Collins, et al., 2014). If there are not have such effect, either because your pores are too wide or because they are only a low amount of them, then the addition of a new phase at the surface of a substrate should logically create heterogeneity, roughness, and therefore a higher surface area, provided that very small particles were deposited (Yang, et al., 2014; Widmann, et al., 2014; He, et al., 2014; Zhao, et al., 2009; Petoud, et al., 2011). The high catalyst active due to significantly lower micropore volume (Kermagoret, et al., 2014). The catalyst process in gas states were influenced by physiochemical variable such as particular size. The influence of particle size of zirconium on catalytic activities has been demonstrated. Rivera reported increasing rate of catalyst for zirconium particle in the range of 4-50 nm, photocatalytic and gas catalytic activity increased with decreasing size. The micropore size permitted mayor radio material interaction in adsorption phenomenon versus macropores with minor radio interaction in gas catalyst (Kohyama, et al., 2015). The micropores exhibit outstanding CO capture and conversion performance at atmospheric pressure and room temperature. As pressure increases, the gas condenses first in the pores with the smallest dimensions. By extending this process so that the gas could condense in the pores, the sample's fine pore structure (Yasuo, et al., 2009; Young, et al., 2007; Liu, et al., 2014). The pressure was increased until saturation was reached, at which time all pores are filled with liquid. The adsorptive gas pressure then was reduced incrementally, evaporating the condensed gas from the system. Evaluation of the adsorption and desorption branches of these isotherms and the hysteresis between them reveals information about the size, volume, and area (Rivera, et al., 2015). Chemisorption interaction of an active gas and a solid surface, involving the sharing of electrons between the adsorptive molecule and the solid surface (Wang, et al., 2011). It was generally assumed that a chemisorbed layer will not exceed a single molecule in thickness. The efficiency of a catalyst in promoting a chemical reaction was related directly to the density of active sites on its surface. In addition, hydrogen reduction of platinum group metal black at elevated temperature can result in a substantial loss of surface area (Hafizovic, et al., 2007). Thus, an osmium or platinum black heated at 300°C in hydrogen a decline in surface area due to sintering. The reduction on dispersion explains that actives hydrogen proton gain electron particles. This is explaining the possibility that osmium in zirconium oxide could work to generate hydrogen (Kermagoret, et al., 2014).

# SEM

Figs. 10-15 shows the cross sectional image was obtained on powdered samples at room temperature using a JOEL (JSM-6010LA SEM). The 10% Os/TiO, and 10% Os/ZrO, calcined at 300°C. These micrographs show different particle size distribution with grain size 2 µm to 5 µm (Tsao, et al., 2007; White, et al., 2009). The films were nanoparticles structures that have a microporo size area and help to enhance its sensitivity (Liu, et al., 2015). The particles exhibit a highly ordered morphology. The Energy Dispersive Spectrometer (EDS) was employed to test the average estimation composition of osmium and platinum in zirconium dioxide impregnation, where the main elements were the following results showed Table 2. The 10% of the precious metal (osmium and platinum) were proportional to 3-10 grams of this metal in automobile catalytic converter (Ning, et al., 2017; Lonergan, et al., 2011).

Table 1. The samples were degassed before surface area measurement.

	Synthesis technique	Surface area (m²/g)	Micropore volume (cm³/g)	Micropore area (m²/g)
10% Os/ZrO <sub>2</sub>	Water Imp	2.1615	0.000015	0.0821
10% Os/ZrO <sub>2</sub>	Sol-Gel	12.8839	0.002338	5.0029
10% Os/ZrO <sub>2</sub>	Solid by Solid	2.2638	0.000010	0.1046



**Fig. 10** Morphology of the synthesized samples, incipient wetness impregnation of 10%Os/ZrO<sub>2</sub>.



**Fig. 11** Morphology of the synthesized samples, incipient wetness impregnation of 10% Os/TiO<sub>2</sub>.



Fig. 12 Morphology of the synthesized samples, Sol-Gel of 10%Os/ZrO<sub>2</sub>.



Fig. 13 Morphology of the synthesized samples, Sol-Gel of 10%  $Os/TiO_{2}$ .



Fig. 14 Morphology of the synthesized samples, solid by solid of 10%Os/ZrO<sub>2</sub>.



Fig. 15 Morphology of the synthesized samples, solid by solid of 10%  $Os/TiO_2$ .

Catalytic	Synthesis technique	ZrO <sub>2</sub> and TiO <sub>2</sub> wt%	Oxygen wt%	Metal wt%
10% Os/TiO <sub>2</sub>	Water Imp	65.26%	25.93%	8.81%
10% Os/TiO <sub>2</sub>	Sol-Gel	53.11%	32.12%	13.77%
10% Os/TiO <sub>2</sub>	Solid by Solid	45.52%	42.15%	12.33%
10% OsZrO <sub>2</sub>	Water Imp	71.89%	19.40%	8.71%
10% Os/ZrO <sub>2</sub>	Sol-Gel	54.70%	25.37%	19.93%
$10\% \text{ Os/ZrO}_2$	Solid by Solid	72.60%	18.88%	8.52%

**Table 2.** Average estimation composition of osmium and platinum in zirconium dioxide impregnation.

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#### **Activation Energy**

The Arrhenius plot shown in Figs. 16 and 17, and the activation energy for oxidation of CO to  $CO_2$  over 10%  $Os/TiO_2$ , 10%  $Os/ZrO_2$  and Pt as referent standard were calculated Table 3. The Sol-Gel technique in  $TiO_2$  and  $ZrO_2$  preparations required less activation energy, so the reactions occur faster. The Arrhenius plot was obtained by plotting the logarithm of the rate constant, k, versus the inverse temperature, 1/T (Pérez, et al., 2005). k=Ae-Ea/RT where k represents the rate constant, Ea is the activation energy, r is the gas constant (8.3145 J/K), and T is the temperature expressed in Kelvin (Munir, et al., 2018). A is known as the frequency factor, having units

of L/mol.s. We can graphically determine the activation energy by manipulating the Arrhenius equations to put it into the form of a straight line (Wonyong, et al., 2014; Young, et al., 2007). Taking the natural logarithm of both sides give us; lnk=-Ea/RT+lnA. A slight rearrangement of this equation then gives us a straight line plot for ln k versus 1/T, where the slope is -Ea/R. ln k (rate constant) data were obtained knowing gas flow velocities (45 mL/minutes) and reactor volume 831 mm<sup>3</sup>. The value obtained was multiplied by the percentage obtained at the temperature required to complete the entire conversion of CO to  $CO_2$ .



Fig. 16 Arrhenius plot of 10% Os/TiO<sub>2</sub>.



Fig. 17 Arrhenius plot of 10% Os/ZrO<sub>2</sub>.

Table 3. The activation energy for oxidation of CO to CO<sub>2</sub> over 10% Os/ZrO and 10% Pt/ZrO<sub>2</sub>.

Catalytic			
10% Os/TiO <sub>2</sub>	21 kJ/mol Sol-Gel	50 kJ/mol Water Imp	59 kJ/mol Solid by Solid
10% Pt/TiO <sub>2</sub>	25 kJ/mol Sol-Gel	57 kJ/mol Water Imp	22 kJ/mol Solid by Solid
10% Os/ZrO <sub>2</sub>	19 kJ/mol Sol-Gel	37 kJ/mol Water Imp	46 kJ/mol Solid by Solid
10% Pt/ZrO <sub>2</sub>	18 kJ/mol Sol-Gel	64 kJ/mol Water Imp	11 kJ/mol Solid by Solid

#### CO to CO<sub>2</sub>% Conversion

#### Activity measurements

The catalytic activity was in terms of % conversion. (X) of CO gas to CO<sub>2</sub> according to the following equation: X CO=(ppm CO in-ppm CO<sub>2</sub> out)/ppm CO in x 100. Time on stream studies at room temperature (25°C) were conducted on the 10% Os/ZrO2 catalyst using feed streams containing 300 ppm CO (Industrial Scientific) lot # 1500206 in balance with air. Fig. 20 shows the concentrations of CO and CO, during the experiment using a feed stream of 45 mL/min. Complete conversion of CO to CO2 was obtained and no decline in conversion was observed over the course of this experiment. To further study the catalyst's activity, an additional experiment was conducted using Pt/ZrO<sub>2</sub> standard catalyst under same conditions (Gao, et al., 2017). During this experiment, the temperature was increased by temperature increments of 25°C (Yang, et al., 2014; Widmann, et al., 2014). To 10% Os/TiO, Sol-Gel and solid by solid impregnation the complete conversion was obtained at 100°C. The IWI in both cases, the completed conversion to 10% Os/TiO<sub>2</sub> about 130°C. The other way with 10% Os/ZrO<sub>2</sub> Sol-Gel was obtained at 75°C. The IWI, the completed conversion to 10% Os/ ZrO<sub>2</sub> was 100°C. The experiment was run over the course of several days and the catalyst was shown to be stable during the experiment, with no decline in activity at any of their ported temperatures. It can be observed in Sol-Gel impregnation to both catalysts that the decrease in CO concentration was accompanied by the simultaneous and fast increase in CO<sub>2</sub> concentration (Rodriguez, et al., 2013; Wade, et al., 2006). However, water impregnation to both catalysts, there appeared to be some inhibition effect, with temperature required for complete CO conversion shifting by about 50°C (Cheng, et al., 2014). Water impregnation in Figs. 18 and 19 shows that complete conversion of CO was not obtained until about 135°C to 10% Os/TiO, and 100°C to Os/ZrO, possibly

due to a competitive adsorption effect. Osmium-based catalysts have been synthesized and studied both for the low temperature oxidation of CO in low oxygen as well as for the preferential oxidation of CO were found that high activity could be achieved even at room temperature (Hao, et al., 2009; Hongjuan, et al., 2015; Ingelsten, et al., 2005; Wachs, et al., 2007; Kohyama, et al., 2015; Haruta, et al., 1993). The reaction studies examined the effect of water, which was found to have an inhibitory effect on CO oxidation.

#### Effect of Water on Dual-Catalyst Performance

In addition to evaluating the effects of the exhaust components that have been previously discussed, the effect of water vapor was also be examined. In addition to a certain level of H<sub>2</sub>O due to atmospheric humidity, the combustion of hydrocarbons to form water and CO<sub>2</sub> leads to exhaust streams that contain a substantial level of water vapor (Zhang, et al., 2014; Collins, et al., 2014). Although the actual water concentration that would be expected in an exhaust stream could vary significantly and depends on several factors, a concentration of 10 wt%H<sub>2</sub>O would be in the realm of realistic operating conditions. To examine the influence that water has on the reaction performance over catalyst bed containing 10% Os/ZrO, and 10% Os/TiO<sub>2</sub>, steady-state reaction experiments were conducted at various water concentrations (0%, 5%, and 10%  $H_2O$ ) and the results are shown in Fig. 20. On a dry basis the gas phase composition was 300 ppm CO was observed at 100°C. Fig. 20 shows that increases in the water concentration led to significantly lower CO conversion to CO<sub>2</sub> yields over the entire temperature range. When 5% water was present, a maximum of 88% of CO<sub>2</sub> was obtained with 10% Os/ZrO<sub>2</sub> Sol-Gel and 85% with 10% Os/TiO, Sol-Gel. To 10% H<sub>2</sub>O was present, a maximum of 82% of CO<sub>2</sub> was obtained versus 10% Os/ ZrO<sub>2</sub> Sol-Gel and 76% were observed at 100°C for each of the experiments at the varying water concentration (Pérez, et al., 2005; Rivallan, et al., 2009).



Fig. 18 The concentrations of CO and CO<sub>2</sub> of 10% Os/TiO<sub>2</sub>.





Fig. 19 The concentrations of CO and CO<sub>2</sub> of 10% Os/ZrO<sub>2</sub>.



**Fig. 20** Shows that increases in the water concentration led to significantly lower CO conversion to CO, yields over the entire temperature range.

# Sol-Gel Impregnetion TiO<sub>2</sub> Anatase and ZrO<sub>2</sub> Cubic structure

#### Activity measurements

Time-on-stream study of CO oxidation over 10% Os/ ZrO<sub>2</sub> and 10% Os/TiO<sub>2</sub> Sol-Gel impregnation at 700°C calcined with cubic and anatase structures Figs. 21 and 22, respectively. Reaction conditions: 300 ppm CO at 25°C and 200 mg catalyst. Fig. 23 shows the concentrations of CO to CO<sub>2</sub> during the experiment using a feed stream of 45 mL/min, zirconium cubic structure was more efficiency with 15 minutes to complete conversion of CO to CO<sub>2</sub> versus titanium anatase structure with 20 minutes. Both structures do not decline in conversion was observed over the course of this experiment (Ning, et al., 2017).

# Temperature Programmed Reduction of 10% Os/ZrO<sub>2</sub> and 10% Os/TiO<sub>2</sub> Sol-Gel at 700°C Calcined. Hydrogen Consumption at 4% Balance with Air

Temperature-Programmed Reduction (TPR) reduction experiments were carried out on the oxidation catalysts on micro reactor Fig. 1. TPR is a bulk technique and allows for the determination of the strength of the metalsupport interaction, the average metal oxidation state, quantification of metal sites in various oxidation states, and the number of different types of metal sites. The hydrogen 4% in nitrogen that is consumed in reducing the metal species was measured using a Thermal Conductivity Detector (TCD) (Cheng, et al., 2018).



Fig. 21 Study of CO oxidation over 10 % Os/TiO<sub>2</sub>.



Fig. 22 Study of CO oxidation over 10 % Os/ZrO<sub>2</sub>.



Fig. 23 Shows the concentrations of CO to  $CO_2$  during the experiment using a feed stream of 45 mL/min, zirconium cubic structure was more efficiency with 15 minutes to complete conversion of CO to CO<sub>2</sub> versus titanium anatase structure with 20 minutes.

TPR was performed on the 10% Os/TiO<sub>2</sub> Sol-Gel and 10% Os/ZrO<sub>2</sub> Sol-Gel at 700°C, catalyst series to compare the effect of calcination temperature and support choice on the reducibility of the supported Os. Fig. 24 shows TPR for the 10% Os/ZrO<sub>2</sub> and 10% Os/TiO<sub>2</sub> samples showed broad reduction peaks beginning between 375°C and 400°C. The broad reduction features indicate heterogeneity in the oxidation states and sites where the Os species are located (Kasipandi, et al., 2019; Chung, et al., 2019). The Sol-Gel preparation which provides

linkages between TiO<sub>2</sub>, ZrO<sub>2</sub> and Os species could partially account for this behavior. This heterogeneity was more pronounced in the 10% Os/ZrO<sub>2</sub> sample. The 10% Os/ZrO<sub>2</sub> Sol-Gel catalysts calcined at 700°C a showed better-defined reduction peak at 400°C. The high reduction temperatures indicate strong interaction with TiO<sub>2</sub> and ZrO<sub>2</sub> support.



**Fig. 24** Shows TPR for the 10 % Os/ZrO<sub>2</sub> and 10 % Os/TiO<sub>2</sub>. **A Comparative Study of Thermal Oxidation Reaction of Os/TiO**, and Os/ZrO, at Room Temperature

Fig. 25. The formed species on all of catalysts after the catalyst were exposed to a flow of 45 mL/min of CO<sub>2</sub> using FT-IR Drift technic with a spectrophotometer Perkin Elmer Spectrum Two. In ZrO<sub>2</sub> preparation, the formed species were dominate surface at 1450 and 1377 cm<sup>-1</sup> on the Os/ ZrO<sub>2</sub> solid by solid and Sol-Gel preparation (Oenema, et al., 2020). In TiO<sub>2</sub> preparation catalysts dominate, species were Os/TiO<sub>2</sub> solid by solid and Sol-Gel preparation. In overall comparison, the most dominant were species were Os/ZrO<sub>2</sub> solid by solid and Sol-Gel. The activities of catalysts for the formation of surface species are in the order of Os/ZrO<sub>2</sub> solid by solid>Os/ZrO<sub>2</sub> Sol-Gel>Os/ ZrO<sub>2</sub> water impregnation>Os/TiO<sub>2</sub> solid by solid>Os/ TiO<sub>2</sub> Sol-Gel>Os/TiO<sub>2</sub> water impregnation. In this test, the most significant formed species was detected on Os/ ZrO<sub>2</sub> solid by solid with a mayor absorbance and strong

bands (Sautel, et al., 2000; Gao, et al., 2017).



**Fig. 25** The formed species on all of catalysts after the catalyst were exposed to a flow of 45 mL/min of  $CO_2$  using FT-IR Drift technic with a spectrophotometer Perkin Elmer Spectrum Two.

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# CONCLUSION

High increasing demand of catalysts for industrial and environmental applications, it is of prime importance to search for improved supports for a variety of reactions. The high activity of catalyst is also of prime importance, which effectively reduces the amount of expensive catalyst. Considering the increasing cost of noble metal based catalysts for environmental applications, as well as their limited availability, it is of most importance to develop new catalysts with improved catalytic activity under the conditions of practical relevance. 100% CO conversion was observed in a temperature range 50-140°C, on space velocity 3250 h<sup>-1</sup> and initial CO concentrations at 300 ppm CO. This is of interest for industrial CO control, where the off gas temperature was often low, because of the use of dry scrubber or catality converter to remove the poisonous gases. For the oxidation catalysts, osmium supported on ZrO<sub>2</sub> was outstanding shown to have high activity versus TiO<sub>2</sub>. Sol-Gel and solid by solid synthesis techniques were examined; with overall higher activity, but the Sol-Gel technique in ZrO<sub>2</sub> preparation require less activation energy, so the reactions occur faster. In addition, the maximum  $\mathrm{CO}_2$  yields was with Sol-Gel preparation in water vapor exposition. Sol-Gel at 700°C calcined using a feed stream of 45 mL/min and 25°C, zirconium cubic structure was more efficiency with 15 minutes to complete conversion of CO to CO<sub>2</sub> versus titanium anatase structure with 20 minutes. In TPR, the heterogeneity was more pronounced in the 10% Os/ZrO<sub>2</sub> sample. The 10% Os/ZrO, Sol-Gel catalysts calcined at 700°C showed better-defined reduction peaks at 400°C. The high reduction temperatures indicate strong interaction with TiO<sub>2</sub> and ZrO<sub>2</sub> support. Studies using SEM, XRD, FT-IR, UV, BET and Raman spectroscopy were consistent with this observation and its characterization. Osmium could be alternative material; osmium was proposed as a good candidate because it has been shown to be active for CO oxidation and is less expensive than gold and platinum. Concluded that the presence of osmium and the support's ability to promote the formation of CO<sub>2</sub>. The oxidation of CO was complete over most of the temperature range, indicating that the osmium mixed catalyst bed can work to eliminate CO.

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