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Dry reforming of methane (DRM) is attractive reaction which produce energy and reduce greenhouse gas, with converting methane (CH_4) and carbon dioxide (CO_2) into syngas (mixture gases of H_2 and CO). However, CH_4 and CO_2 are very stable, the DRM reaction requires high temperature (over 800°C). Further, the high operation temperature leads aggregation of catalysts and quick carbon deposition. Thus, the new catalysis concept to drive DRM under low temperature is strongly desired.

There are two approaches for the catalyst design. First approach is the topological control of thermal catalyst to stably drive DRM. In this thesis, I developed a new class of topology-tailored catalyst in which tens-of nanometer-thick fibrous networks of Ni metal and oxygen-deficient Y_2O_3 are entangled with each other to form a rooted structure, i.e., $\text{Ni}\#\text{Y}_2\text{O}_3$. I demonstrate that the rooted $\text{Ni}\#\text{Y}_2\text{O}_3$ catalyst stably promotes the carbon-dioxide reforming of methane at 723 K for over 1000 h, where the performance of traditional supported catalysts such as $\text{Ni}/\text{Y}_2\text{O}_3$ diminishes within 100 h due to the precluded mass transport by accumulated carbon byproducts. The long-term stable methane reforming over the rooted catalyst is ultimately attributed to the topologically immobilized Ni catalysis centre and the synergistic function of the oxygen-deficient Y_2O_3 matrix, which successfully inhibits the accumulation of byproducts.

Second approach is developing photocatalyst for DRM. Photocatalytic DRM (photo-DRM) can be a promising strategy to drive DRM under extra low temperature. Previous researches of photon-driven methane conversions were the kind of photo-assisted thermal catalysis over $\beta\text{-Ga}_2\text{O}_3$, MgO , NaTaO_3 , TiO_2 , SnO_2 , or WO_3 -based materials, and those were usually performed at elevated temperatures while light irradiation. In other words, photocatalytic DRM using solely photons as energy source without heating has hardly been reported to date. Further, the mechanisms including charge transfer process and intermediates of photocatalytic DRM are still unclear. In this thesis, I report the nano size metal Rh and SrTiO_3 (Rh/SrTiO_3) composite, which can be synthesized by a facile hydrothermal method. The Rh/SrTiO_3 catalyst exhibited very high efficiency toward DRM at moderate temperature without any external heating. The conversion of gases was reached to 50 %, which was comparable to the performance of thermal catalysts driven at $500\text{-}600^\circ\text{C}$. Further, the *in-situ* electron spin resonance (ESR) measurement and Kelvin Probe Force Microscope analysis clarified the charge transfer process, in which the photo-excited electrons of STO by UV irradiation were injected into Rh and reacted with CO_2 as well as the photo-excited holes in STO were reacted with CH_4 to drive DRM. Further, to determine the reaction scheme and to clarify the intermediate, we conducted the isotope analysis by exchanging the lattice $^{16}\text{O}^{2-}$ of STO into $^{18}\text{O}^{2-}$. Without ^{18}O exchange condition, there was no C^{18}O production, however, C^{18}O molecules were produced from the ^{18}O exchanged sample, clearly indicating that the lattice O^{2-} was acted as intermediate of the reaction. This is the first report to indicate the O^{2-} ion as a mediator to drive photocatalytic uphill reaction.

Finally, I combined the concepts of topologically controlled thermal catalyst and photocatalyst to establish efficient photocatalytic DRM system on the basis of nano-structural and band-structural control. Rh meatal and lanthanoid oxide based nano-phase controlled photocatalyst efficiently exhibited photo-DRM with high conversion of 65 % and over 100 hours lifetime.

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