# Pt/MoO3 촉매에서 MoO3 상변화가 수소 spillover에 미치는 효과

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# Effect of Phase Change of MoO<sub>3</sub> on H<sub>2</sub> Spillover Kinetics over Pt/MoO<sub>3</sub>

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#### **ABSTRACT**

수소가  $Pt/MoO_3$ 로 흡장되는 현상을 XRD, TEM, CO 화학흡착 분석방법을 사용하여 조사하였다. 소성과정은  $Pt/MoO_3$  촉매의 Chlorine 함유량을 감소하며 박막을 형성하였다. 소성전과 비교하여 수소 흡장량은 소성 후에 증가하였다. Orthorhombic  $Pt/MoO_3$ 은 Hexagonal  $Pt/MoO_3$ 보다 항상 수소 흡장량이 증가하였다. 상대적으로 Hexagonal  $Pt/MoO_3$ 에서 수소 흡장량이 감소하는 이유는 Hexagonal 결정격자 내에 존재하는  $NH_4$  이온에 기인하는 것으로 판단된다. 결정격자 내부로의 수소 침투시 암모 나움 이온이 수소내부 기공에 장애물 역할을 하므로, 수소 흡장량이 감소하는 것으로 판단된다.

KEY WORDS : Pt/MoO<sub>3</sub>(백금담지 몰리브덴산화물), Orthorhombic(사각기둥), Hexagonal(육각기둥), H<sub>2</sub> spillover(수소 전이), H<sub>2</sub> uptake(수소 흡장)

#### 1. Introduction

In a mixture between a metal that adsorb a diatomic molecule dissociatively and a nonmetal which itself cannot dissociate the molecule at the temperature of observation, the metal can act as an activator of atoms which migrate to the nonmetal and participate there in various process: oxidation, reduction or adsorption. Such a tran-

sport has been called spillover. Spilt over hydrogen creates catalytic centers on the surfaces of mixed oxides which can use molecular hydrogen as the reactant<sup>1-5)</sup>.

It has drawn wide attention in systems ranging from the high temperature Pt catalyzed oxidation of graphite to the low temperature Pt catalyzed reductions of CuO and WO<sub>3</sub><sup>1-3)</sup>. Others have addressed the influence of hydrogen spillover in reactions involving hydrogen, such as cyclohexane dehydrogenation, benzene hydro-

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genation and ethylene hydrogenation<sup>4-9)</sup>.

This study explored this phenomenon for low temperature spillover. The platinum catalyzed reduction of  $MoO_3$  to  $H_xMoO_3$  at  $110^{\circ}C$  and different phase of acceptor was dedicated to investigate the effect of activator on spillover rate. Since hydrogen spillover was reported to be affected by several factors, the changes in kinetics of  $H_2$  spillover with  $Pt/MoO_3$  catalysts will be studied in the terms of the effects of chlorine, overlayer and different  $MoO_3$  phase.

## 2. Experimental Procedure

### 2.1 Catalyst preparation

Two different phases of hexagonal MoO<sub>3</sub> and orthorhombic MoO<sub>3</sub> were prepared using monoclinic ammonium heptamolybdate oxide hydrate (AHM, (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>6</sub>Mo<sub>7</sub>O<sub>24</sub>.4H<sub>2</sub>O) and the detailed procedure was explained in Figure 1. Pt/MoO<sub>3</sub> was prepared by impregnation of MoO<sub>3</sub> with a solution of PtCl<sub>6</sub>, evaporating excess water and drying at 100°C overnight. Metal concentrations were kept to be 10 wt%.

#### 2.2 Kinetics Evaluation

30 mg of catalyst was placed in the reactor and calcined at a given temperature for 1 hour. Before ITR(isothermal temperature reduction) started, a steady state concentration of 0.5%  $H_2/N_2$  in the recycle loop was reached at atmospheric pressure while the reactor was bypassed and filled with nitrogen. The uptake of hydrogen subject to calcination treatments was measured at  $110^{\circ}\text{C}$  via ITR.

After reduction was complete, catalyst was treated in He at 200°C for 2 hour. After catalyst was cooled to room temperature and base line of

TC cell was stabilized, CO chemisorption by pulse of 50 µl sample loop was followed to measure active Pt surface area.

#### 2.3 Characterization

X-ray powder diffractometer (Siemens D5000) was used to identify the crystalline phases in the condition of 50KV and 30 mA. To explain the overlayer formation induced by calcination, TEM (JEOL 100CX) has been used to investigate the morphology for 10% Pt/ orthorhombic MoO<sub>3</sub>. Comparing the same area before and after calcined treatments, morphological changes were photographed using bright field imaging. All the electron micrographs were photographed at the magnification of 250,000 and then enlarged by two times.

### 3. Result and Discussion

XRD result shown in Figure 1 explained the preparation procedure of two different  $MoO_3$  phases using AHM precursor. The untreated pure precursor shown in Figure 1–(a) was AHM. The hexagonal phase was prepared by; first, impregnation of pure precursor with nitric acid, second, drying at room temperature overnight, and third, calcination at  $300^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 2 hours in air. The orthorhombic phase was prepared simply by calcination of the precursor at  $500^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 18 hours  $^{7}$ .

A study of the effect of calcination on unsupported samples is shown in Figure 2. The dried sample in a) was the hexagonal phase with a small amount of impurity, possibly suboxide or precursor displaying peaks at  $2\theta$  equal to 18.3, 22.7 and 29.0. As shown in b), upon calcination, the impurity was removed and pure hexagonal phase was observed while the peak intensity

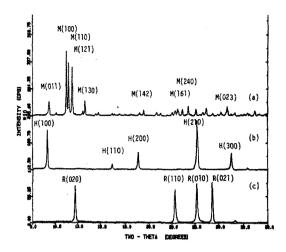


Fig. 1 Production of bulk hexagonal and orthorhombic MoO<sub>3</sub> a)pure precursor, b)hexagonal MoO<sub>3</sub>, c)orthorhombic MoO<sub>3</sub>.

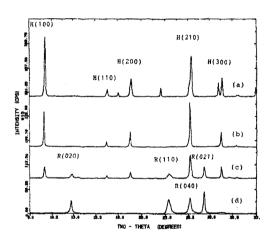
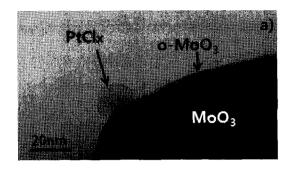


Fig. 2 Effect of calcination on transformation of phase of unsupported sample a) AHM in acid for 3 weeks and dried at  $25^{\circ}$ C overnight, b) calcination of (a) at  $300^{\circ}$ C for 2 hours, c) calcination of (a) at  $300^{\circ}$ C for 3 hours, d) calcination of (c) at  $500^{\circ}$ C for 1 hour.

ratio of planes(100) and(210) was reversed. Upon continued calcination, some of the hexagonal crystallites convert to the orthorhombic phase observed in c). This transformation of phase becomes complete after calcination for 1 hour at 500°C, as seen in d).

Morphological change of Pt crystallite and its



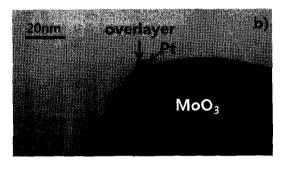


Fig. 3 Effect of 400°C calcination on morphology of 10% Pt/o-MoO₃: a) amorphous precursor before calcination, b) after 400°C calcination in O₂ for 1 hour.

surroundings upon calcination at  $400^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 1 hour is illustrated in Figure 3. Before calcination, PtCl<sub>x</sub> deposits on MoO<sub>3</sub> as aggregated bundle. Upon calcination, the Pt particle shrinks due to the loss of chlorine<sup>12)</sup>. Pt surface appears to be partially covered by amorphous overlayers after calcination. The thickness of the overlayer on Pt crystallite is approximately 40 Å. The hydrogen uptakes of the different morphologies as shown in Figure 4 are measured before and after calcination. In these samples, there was no prior reduction pretreatment.

The noncalcined samples exhibited lower total hydrogen uptake, and slow rates of H<sub>2</sub> uptake. In contrast to this, both of calcined catalyst showed higher H<sub>2</sub> uptake than noncalcined catalysts did. All the patterns were repeated at least twice and were reproducible within about five percent. The

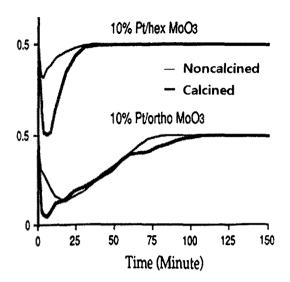


Fig. 4 ITR experiment of Pt/MoO3 at 110°C.

maximum calculated stoichiometry was  $H_{1.17}MoO_3$  for  $Pt/MoO_3$  after calcination.

Interestingly, unsupported hexagonal phase, showed relatively lower H<sub>2</sub> uptake. These materials was reported that it might contain the unremoved NH4<sup>+</sup> ions in interstitial sites of the lattice of MoO<sub>3</sub>, because ammonium ions in precursor was not fully removed during calcination step at 300°C<sup>10)</sup>. It is postulated that this occluded NH4+ ion blocks subsurface diffusion of H. For this reason the H<sub>2</sub> uptake of hexagonal phases is lower than the corresponding orthorhombic phase as shown in Figure 4. In contrast to this, thermodynamically stable orthorhombic phase made after calcination at 500°C overnight showed higher H<sub>2</sub> uptake than hexagonal phase did, becasue orthorhombic phase did not contain some of the NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> ion in the MoO<sub>3</sub> lattice, as reported by Datta<sup>10)</sup>.

In this study, calcination at high temperature resulted in an extensive overlayer formation as shown in Figure 3. To measure the uncovered Pt surface area by overlayer, pulse CO chemi-

Table 1 CO Chemisorption in ITR experiments

CO uptake ( µ l/g cat.)		
Catalyst	noncalcined sample	calcined sample
hexagonal phase	110.0	6.7
orthorhombic phase	203.3	26.7

sorption was performed. The decreased amount of CO chemisorption for calcined catalysts as shown in Table 1 would be due to the overlayer formation over Pt surface. Result of CO chemisorption suggested that overlayer covered Pt surface area by 94% for hexagonal phase and 84% for orthorhombic phase after calcination.

Since multi-grained Pt crystallites did not disintegrated with the calcination treatment as shown in Figure 3, it can be said that Pt dispersion(0.29% for hexagonal phase and 0.53% for orthorhombic phase) would not be changed after calcination. Therefore, Pt dispersion would be same regardless of calcination step for each individual phase.

The calcination step was reported to cause both removal of chlorine of PtCl<sub>x</sub> precursor and overlayer formation over Pt surface area resulting in newly created adlenation sites<sup>11)</sup>. These conditions were found to be calcination at 400°C for 1 hour for Pt/orthorhombic MoO<sub>3</sub>.

Because the PtCl<sub>x</sub> precursor was in relatively poor contact with MoO<sub>3</sub> catalysts, H<sub>2</sub> uptake of all noncalcined samples exhibited slower rates and lower amounts than H<sub>2</sub> uptake of calcined samples did, where calcination contributed to induce good contact between Pt and MoO<sub>3</sub>.

There were reports implying that the MoO<sub>3</sub> containing samples are easier to reduce. PtCl<sub>x</sub> in PtCl<sub>x</sub>/MoO<sub>3</sub> sample reduces even at 50°C<sup>8</sup>. The chloride precursor became more easily decomposable after calcination, so that increased

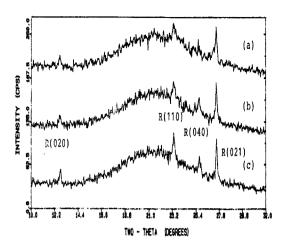


Fig. 5 Effect of reduction temperature for  $SiO_2$  supported  $Pt/MoO_3$ , a) fresh  $MoO_3$  b) reduced in  $H_2$  at  $100\,^{\circ}\mathrm{C}$  for 1 hour c) reduced in  $H_2$  at  $150\,^{\circ}\mathrm{C}$  for 1 hour.

spillover rates was reported due to the loss of Cl<sup>-</sup> caused by calcination<sup>12)</sup>. Based on this study, overlayers indicated by TEM study shown in Figure 3 and the decreased CO chemisorption uptake shown in Table 1, would contribute to enhance the total H<sub>2</sub> access into each individual Pt/MoO<sub>3</sub> phase by improving the contact between Pt and MoO<sub>3</sub>.

Water has been reported to acclerate the H<sub>2</sub> spillover rate. The effect of water on H<sub>2</sub> spillover, which could came from gas impurities or from reaction between H<sub>2</sub> and MoO<sub>3</sub>, has been discounted based on reported paper<sup>5,8)</sup>. And also, to demonstrate the stability of Pt/MoO<sub>3</sub> in ITR experiment at 110°C of Figure 4, catalyst was treated at 150°C in H<sub>2</sub>. As shown in Figure 5, all the XRD pattern does not change, which means that MoO<sub>3</sub> is stable after H<sub>2</sub> treatment and does not lose oxygen as water in ITR experiment at 110°C.

## 4. Conclusion

H<sub>2</sub> spillover over Pt/MoO<sub>3</sub> was clearly investigated with multifaceted techniques of catalyst

characterization such as XRD, TEM, and CO chemisoption.

The calcination step increased  $H_2$  spillover rate, where removal of chlorine of  $PtCl_x$  precursor and overlayer formation was the dominating factors to control spillover rate in each individual  $MoO_3$  phase.

H<sub>2</sub> spillover rate over orthorhombic phase was faster than hexagonal phase, where NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> ion occluded the H diffusion between the hexagonal MoO<sub>3</sub> lattice.

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