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Influence of sonication on the catalytic activity of $\text{Cu}_x\text{Co}_{3-x}\text{O}_4$ nanocatalysts for conversion of CO into CO_2 efficiently

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In this work, the incorporation of CuO into Co_3O_4 ($\text{Cu}_x\text{Co}_{3-x}\text{O}_4$, $3.0 \leq x \leq 0.0$) is presented as promoter to obtain highly active and stable nanocatalysts towards the catalytic conversion of CO into CO_2 . The pure and mixed oxides were prepared by co-precipitation-sonication method using K_2CO_3 as precipitant. The catalysts were characterized by TG-DTA, XRD, BET, HRTEM, electrical conductivity and surface chemisorbed oxygen measurements. The results revealed that the addition of CuO ($x=0.0-0.75$) to Co_3O_4 monotonically increases the specific surface area, the amount of surface chemisorbed oxygen, electrical conductivity and catalytic activity of the nanocatalysts. The role of the active redox sites existed in these nanocatalysts such as $\text{Co}^{3+}/\text{Co}^{2+}$, $\text{Cu}^{2+}/\text{Cu}^+$ and $\text{Co}^{3+}/\text{Cu}^+$ which are responsible for such modification was discussed. In addition, the catalytic activity indicated that $\text{Cu}_{0.75}\text{Co}_{2.25}\text{O}_4$ nanocatalyst calcined at 400 exhibited the highest catalytic activity with total conversion of CO into CO_2 at 125. Furthermore, the $\text{Cu}_x\text{Co}_{3-x}\text{O}_4$ catalysts also display high catalytic long-term stability. Finally the effects of various operational parameters were also studied.

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