

RuO₂@SiO₂ as catalytic filters for gas sensors

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Nanomaterials exhibiting optic and magnetic properties.



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First route towards RuO₂@SiO₂ nanomaterials



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RuO₂ content

Material	Number of I/H	Ru (RuO ₂)
	cycle	[70]
SiO ₂ (x=9)	0	0
	1	3.94
Ru@SIO ₂ (x=9)	2	7.91
RuO ₂ @SiO ₂ (x=9)	2	8.37 (11.0)
SiO ₂ (x=16)	0	0
Ru@SiO ₂ (x=16)	1	4.90
	2	10.09
RuO ₂ @SiO ₂ (x=16)	1	5.64 (7.42)

X = 9, n = 2

$S_{BET} = 253 \text{ m}^2.\text{g}^{-1}$ $D_p = 6.2 \text{ nm}$

 $D_{nanop.} = 4.2 (0.6) \text{ nm}$

 RuO_2 wt % content = 11.0

Specific surface and porosity

	Material	I/H	S _{Spec.} [m ² .g ⁻¹]	V _p [cm³.g⁻¹]	D _p [nm]
	SiO ₂ (x=9)	0	722	1.21	6.0
	Ru@SiO ₂ (x=9)	1	465	0.46	6.0
		2	253	0.40	6.2
	RuO ₂ @SiO ₂ (x=9)	2	259	0.35	4.5
	SiO ₂ (x=16)	0	646	1.14	7.5
Ru@Si		1	289	0.55	7.3
	Ru@SiO ₂ (x=16)	2	198	0.37	7.3
	RuO ₂ @SiO ₂ (x=16)	1	205	0.39	6.0

RuO₂ nanoparticles size

d = 4.2 (0.6) nm

Second route towards RuO₂@SiO₂ nanomaterials







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50 nm

RuO₂ nanoparticles size

y/x	[Ru ⁰]Ľ/nm	[RuO ₂ /SiO ₂]/nm
0.25	2.0 (0.4)	2.5 (0.5)
0.5	1.6 (0.3)	2.2 (0.4)
1	0.9 (0.3)	2.1 (0.4)
2	1.0 (0.3)	1.8 (0.4)

RuO₂ content

Second route towards RuO₂@SiO₂ nanomaterials

y/x = 0.25 $S_{BET} = 328 \text{ m}^2.\text{g}^{-1}$ $D_p = 2.6 \text{ nm}$

 RuO_2 wt % content = 57.4

y/x	[Ru ⁰]Ľ ′/%	[RuO ₂ /SiO ₂]/%
0.25	19.6	57.4
0.5	14.1	48.3
1	12.1	43.1
2	8.07	29.1

Specific surface and porosity

[RuO ₂]/SiO ₂	S _{BET} /m².g ⁻¹	D _p /nm
y/x = 0.25	328	2.6
y/x = 0.5	400	2.6
y/x = 1	442	2.6
y/x = 2	476	2.6

Nice materials for catalysis !



Nanoparticles based sensors





Catalytic filter principle



Catalytic filter for selective alkane detection



Catalytic filter obtained from the first route



Catalytic filter obtained from the second route



Ru content effect on sensitivity ?



Catalytic filter effects

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RuO_2 within SiO_2
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• Sensitivity towards CO₂ decreases:

Catalytic oxydation of CO towards CO₂ by RuO₂

• Sensitivity towards NO₂ decreases:

A partial reversible chemisorption resulting from the interactions between nitrogen and the OH groups at the silica surface. Leads to stable chemisorbed complexes.

• Sensitivity towards propane increases :

Considering the sensitive layer working conditions (T(filter) < T (sensitive layer)), no catalytic oxydation by RuO_2 can be considered. Nevertheless, at the sensitive layer neighbouring (higher temperature) **ruthenium can have a doping effect**.

 The filter layer prepared following the second route contains a higher amount of RuO₂ catalyst leading to a better activity for the catalytic CO oxydation.

Why residual detection of CO ?

- Partial conversion of CO due to a low catalytic activity.
- Cracks and defaults in the catalytic filter layer.

*RuO*₂/SiO₂ as an external catalytic filter





Preferential detection of propane in presence of CO.

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