

# DRIFT Study on Promotion Effect of the Keggin Structure over V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>-MoO<sub>3</sub>/TiO<sub>2</sub> Catalysts for Low Temperature NH<sub>3</sub>-SCR Reaction

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## 1. Characterization

The powder X-ray diffraction (XRD) measurements were carried out on a Bruker D-8 system with Cu radiation ( $\lambda=0.15418$  nm) at 40 kV and 100 mA. The experiments data were collected in the  $2\theta$  range of 10–80° at a step of 0.02°/0.3 s for determining the crystal structure.

The N<sub>2</sub> adsorption-desorption isotherms were obtained at –196 °C using a Micromeritics ASAP 2020 automated gas sorption system. The specific surface areas of the samples were evaluated from these isotherms by the Brunauer–Emmett–Teller (BET) model (ASAP 2020, Micromeritics). The element of the catalyst was analyzed by X-ray fluorescence (XRF) measurements (Magix PW2403, Netherlands)

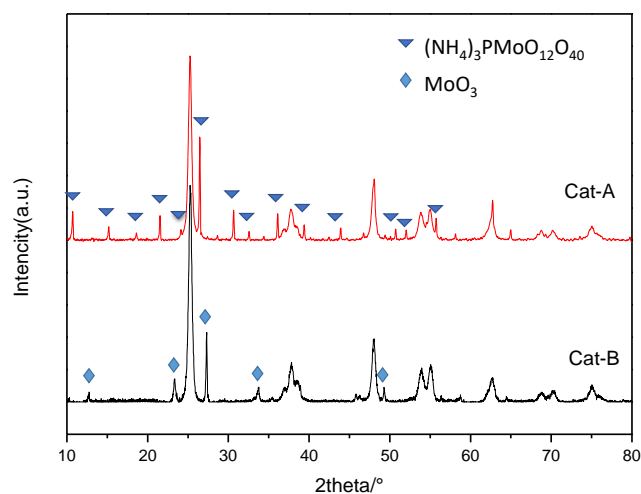
Total acidities of the catalysts were investigated by the temperature programmed desorption of ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>-TPD) and sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>-TPD) on a chemisorption instrument equipped a thermal conductivity detector (TCD) (Quantachrome Chem BET Pulsar TPR/TPD, American). Before the experiment, the catalysts were pretreated in pure He at 400 °C for 60 min. Then the samples were saturated with 5% NH<sub>3</sub>/He or SO<sub>2</sub>/He at a flow rate of 30 mL/min for about 30 min. Desorption was carried out by heating from 50 to 900 °C with a heating rate of 10 °C/min.

In situ DRIFTS studies were performed on a Nicolet 6700 FTIR spectrometer (Thermo, American) equipped with an in situ cell. The samples were pretreated at 300 °C under a 50 mL/min N<sub>2</sub> for 1 h and cooled down to the desired temperature. In the studies of NH<sub>3</sub> or NO+O<sub>2</sub> adsorption, the background spectra was obtained at 250 °C in a N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. The reaction conditions were as follows: 500 ppm NO + 5% O<sub>2</sub>, 500 ppm NH<sub>3</sub>, balance with N<sub>2</sub>. The total flow rate of gas mixture was kept at 50 mL/min.

FTIR studies were recorded with a Nicolet 6700 FTIR spectrometer (Thermo, American) using the KBr wafer technique for sample preparation.

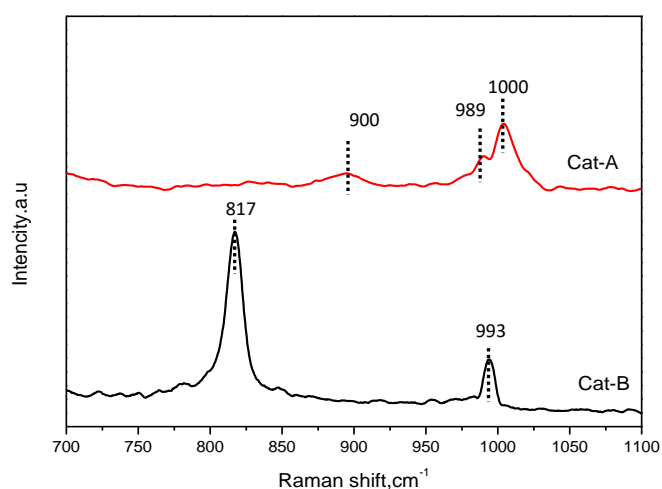
In situ Raman spectra were recorded on a high-resolution Raman spectrometer system (Renishaw inVia Reflex) equipped with five laser excitations (785, 633, 532, 325, and 244 nm). The 532-nm line was used for recording the Raman spectra. The samples (ca. 20 mg of loose powder) were loaded in an *in situ* cell with a quartz window, which could be treatments at desired temperatures and gas flows. The samples were heated to 250 °C under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere at a total flow rate of 50 ml/min for 30 min to remove any adsorbed impurities. Subsequently, 500ppm NO/N<sub>2</sub>, 500ppm NH<sub>3</sub>/N<sub>2</sub>, and 6% O<sub>2</sub> were add to simulate the SCR condition. Finally, the NO, NH<sub>3</sub> and O<sub>2</sub> were cut off and N<sub>2</sub> was purged. During every stage, the spectra were recorded.

## 2. XRD and Raman results



**Figure S1.** XRD patterns of Cat-A and Cat-B.

The XRD patterns of the samples was shown in Fig.1. All catalysts exhibited the characteristic pattern of TiO<sub>2</sub>-anatase peaks (PDF-JCPDS-65-5724) with diffraction lines at  $2\theta = 25.2^\circ, 37.7^\circ, 48.1^\circ, 53.8^\circ, 55.0^\circ, 62.7^\circ$ . On the XRD profile of the Cat-A samples, the peaks at  $10.5^\circ, 15.5^\circ, 26.5^\circ, 30.5^\circ$  could be found, which could be indexed to Keggin-type  $(\text{NH}_4)_3\text{PMoO}_{12}\text{O}_{40}$  (PDF-JCPDS-43-0315) [1] and no MoO<sub>3</sub> peaks were observed. For the Cat-B catalysts, the characteristic diffraction peaks at around  $11.5^\circ, 24.5^\circ, 27.5^\circ, 34.5^\circ$  could be assigned to orthorhombic MoO<sub>3</sub> [2].



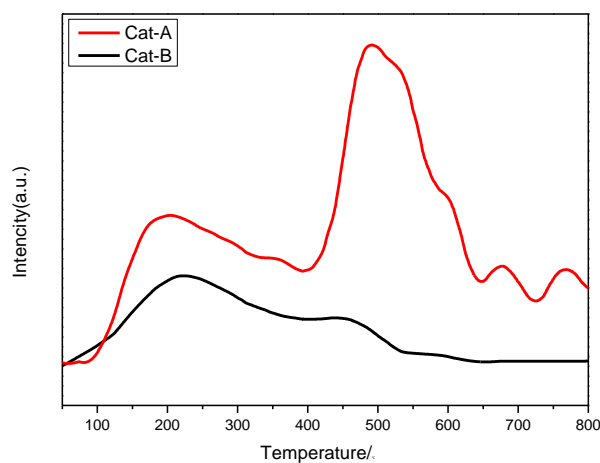
**Figure S2.** Raman spectra of Cat-A and Cat-B.

The Raman spectra in the range  $700\text{--}1100\text{ cm}^{-1}$  under ambient condition provides the evidence for different structures. For Cat-A, one can find three intense peaks that could be due to the Keggin anion. The peak at  $900\text{ cm}^{-1}$  could be assigned to the vibration of Mo-O-Mo, while peaks at  $989\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $1000\text{ cm}^{-1}$  could be caused by the vibration of Mo-O in Keggin anion [3, 4]. For Cat-B samples, the peaks at  $817$  and  $993\text{ cm}^{-1}$  could be attributed to the symmetric stretch of Mo-O-Mo and the vibration of Mo=O, respectively [5, 6]. The results further confirmed that the materials possessed different structures.

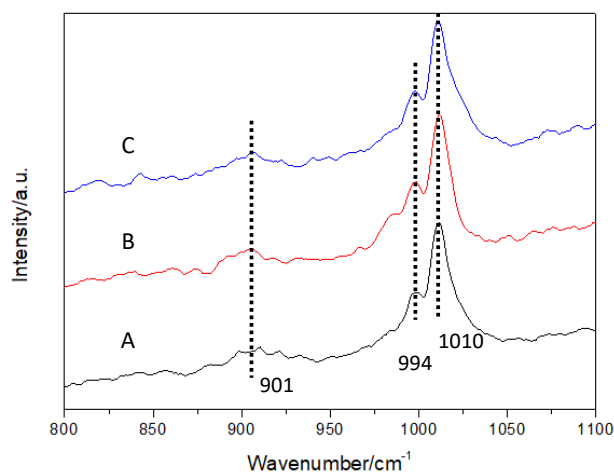
**Table S1.** Compositions and BET surface area of Cat-A and Cat-B.

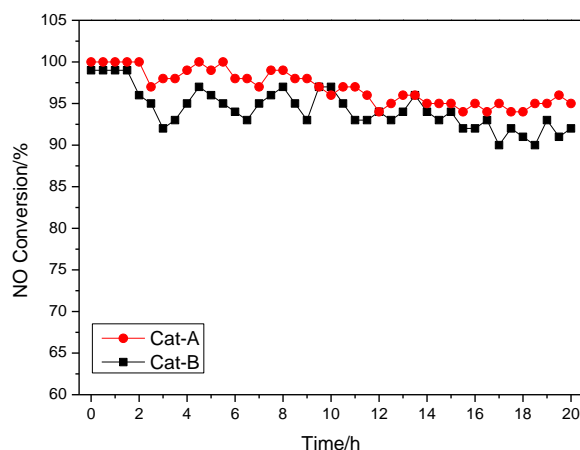
Catalysts	Element content (wt. %)				$S_{\text{BET}}(\text{m}^2\cdot\text{g})$
	Ti	Mo	P	V	
Cat-A	48.2	11.6	0.4	0.5	53
Cat-B	48.0	11.8	0.4	0.5	52

### 3. $\text{NH}_3$ -TPD results

**Figure S3**  $\text{NH}_3$ -TPD profiles of the catalysts.

### 4. In situ sequential Raman spectra results.

**Figure S4** In situ sequential Raman spectra of Cat-A at 250 °C under various atmospheres: (A) the catalyst was treated by  $\text{N}_2$ ; (B) after then,  $\text{NO}+\text{NH}_3+\text{O}_2$  was added; (C)  $\text{NO}+\text{NH}_3+\text{O}_2$  was stopped and the catalyst was treated by  $\text{N}_2$  again.



**Figure.S5** The time-on-stream stability of the catalysts at 250°C under the conditions: NO 1000ppm, NH<sub>3</sub>/NO=1, O<sub>2</sub> 5%, H<sub>2</sub>O 5%, SO<sub>2</sub> 350ppm, N<sub>2</sub> balance, and GHSV=40,000 h<sup>-1</sup>.

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