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Number and intrinsic activity of cobalt surface sites in platinum promoted zeolite catalysts for carbon monoxide hydrogenation

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Determination of Turnover Frequency of SSITKA (TOF_{SSITKA}):

$$TOF_{SSITKA} = \frac{\text{Fractional coverage}}{\text{Surface residence time of CHx}} \quad \text{Eq.1}$$

$$\text{Fractional coverage} = \frac{\text{Number of CHx sites}}{\text{Total number of active sites}} \quad \text{Eq.2}$$

Determination of the number of adsorbed species (N_{CO} and N_{CHx}):

The amount of adsorbed species was calculated from SSITKA using the formula described by Efstathiou¹ and Dijk²:

$$N_{CO} \left(\frac{\text{mol}}{\text{g}} \right) = \frac{F_{CO}}{W_{cat}} \left(\int_0^{\infty} [n_{CO}(t) - n_{Ne}(t)] dt \right) \quad \text{Eq. 3}$$

Where F_{CO} : carbon monoxide outlet molar flowrate in mol/s

W_{cat} : catalyst loading in g

$n_{CO}(t)$ and $n_{Ne}(t)$: CO and Ne normalized MS data obtained during SSITKA switches.

In order to correct the chromatographic effect, the following formula applied by Biloen et al.³ was applied to determine the number of intermediates:

$$N_{CHx} \left(\frac{\text{mol}}{\text{g}} \right) = \frac{F_{CH4}}{W_{cat}} \left(\int_0^{\infty} [nCH4(t) - 0.5(nCO(t) - nNe(t))] dt \right) \quad \text{Eq. 4}$$

Where F_{CH4} : CH₄ outlet molar flowrate in mol/s

$nCH4(t)$: normalized MS data obtained during SSITKA for CH₄

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² Van Dijk, H.A.J.; Hoebink, J.H.B.J.; Schouten, J.C. *Chem. Eng. Sci.* **2011**, *56*, 1211-1219.

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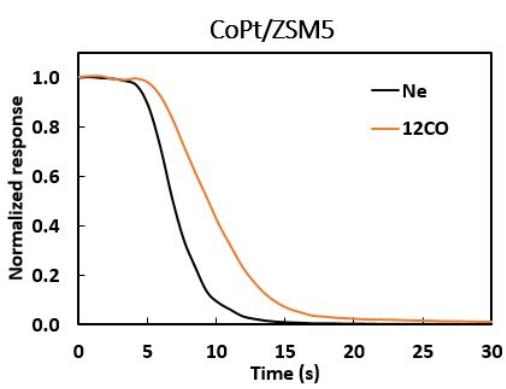
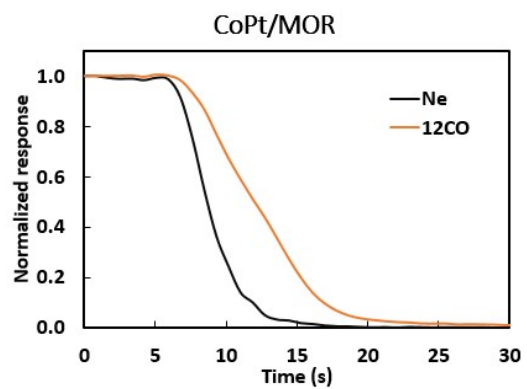
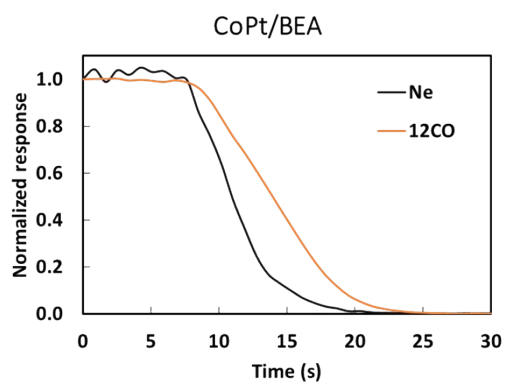
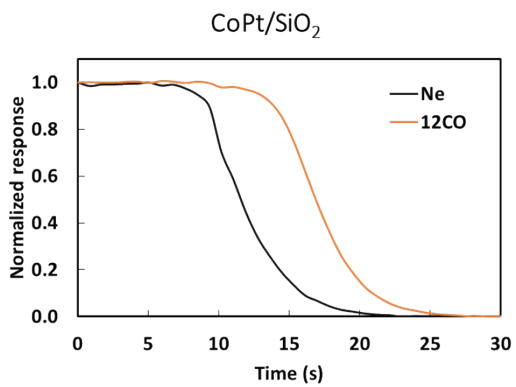


Figure S1. Transient curves of CO and inert (Ne) during CO adsorption at 100 °C over cobalt catalysts supported on SiO₂, BEA, MOR and ZSM-5. Experimental error in the number of active sites equal to 6%.

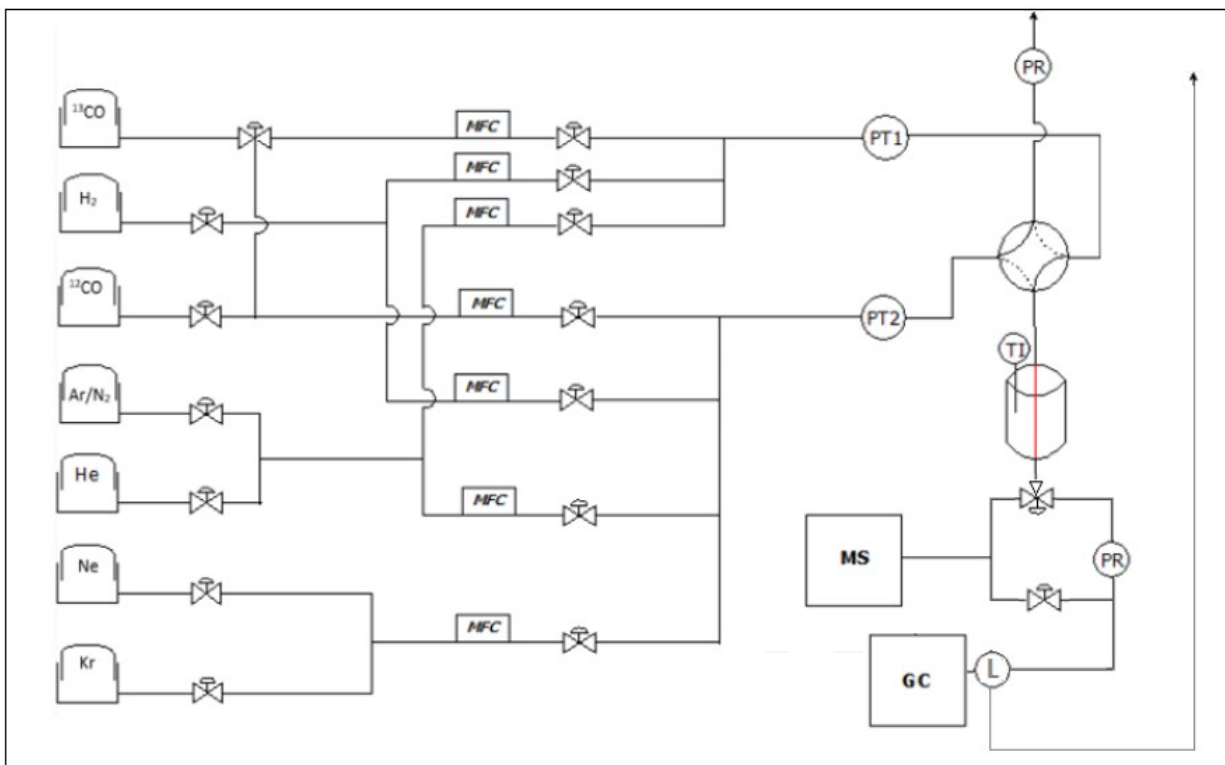


Figure S2. Schematic representation of the SSITKA setup. (MFC = flow controller; PT = pressure transducer; PR = pressure regulator ; TI = temperature indicator; MS = mass spectrometer; GC = gas chromatograph; L = GC loop).