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CO-Free Selective Hydrogenation of CO₂ to Value-Added Formate under Low-Temperature Aqueous Conditions Using a Heterogenized Ru-PNP Catalyst

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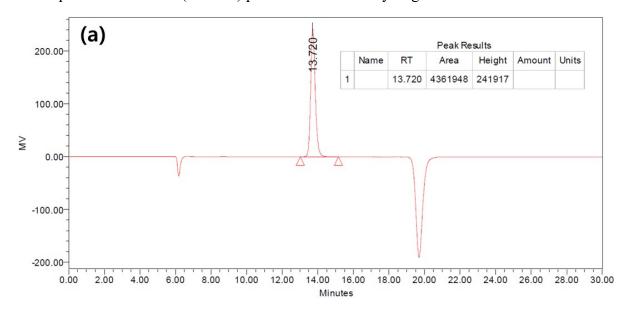
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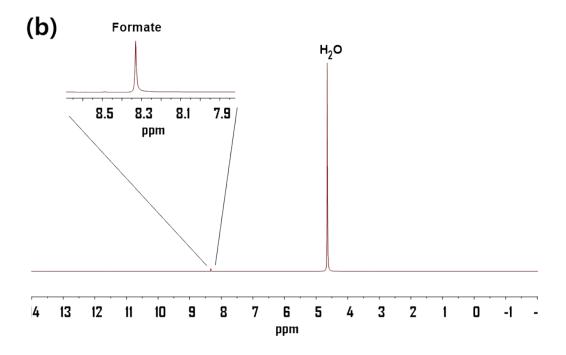
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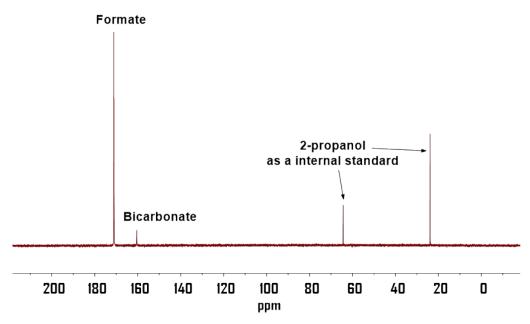
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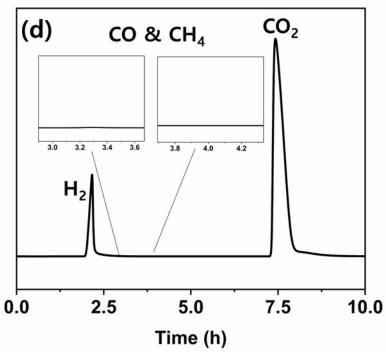
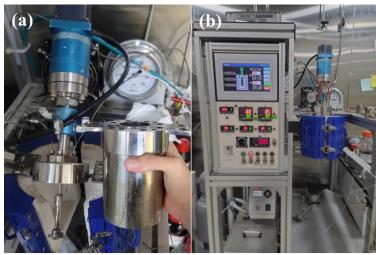


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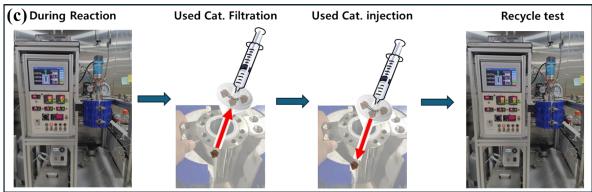


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| $H_2 + CO_2/KOH \xrightarrow{Catalyst} HCO_2K + H_2O$ | | | | |
|---|--|--------|----------|-----------|
| Entry | Catalyst (cat.) | T (°C) | Time (h) | Yield (%) |
| 1 | RuNP@AC | 80 | 16 | 2.8 |
| 2 | RuCl ₃ @TN ₂₀ Bpy ₁ -CTF | 80 | 16 | 21 |
| 3 | RuCl ₃ @DPPE- POP | 80 | 16 | 29 |
| 4 | Ru-MACHO- POMP | 120 | 0.5 | 82 |
| 5 | Ru-MACHO- POMP | 80 | 2 | 31 |
| 6 | Ru-MACHO- POMP | 80 | 16 | >99 |

Table S2. List of abbreviations.

| Abbreviation | Full description | |
|--------------------------------|--|--|
| КОН | Potassium hydroxide | |
| H ₂ | Hydrogen | |
| CO ₂ | Carbon dioxide | |
| СО | Carbon monoxide | |
| CH4 | Methane | |
| Ru | Ruthenium | |
| NN | All types of N,N-bidentate ligands | |
| PP | PP All types of P,P-bidentate ligands | |
| PNP | All types of tridentate ligands with a P–N–P sequence | |
| POMP | Porous organometallic polymer | |
| Ru-MACHO-POMP | A heterogeneous catalyst synthesized using the Ru-MACHO homogeneous PNP-based catalyst | |
| RuNP@AC | Ru nanoparticles supported on activated carbon | |
| CCU | Carbon capture and utilization | |
| CCS | Carbon capture and storage | |
| DACU | Direct Air Capture and Utilization | |
| K ₂ CO ₃ | Potassium carbonate | |
| HCO₂K | Potassium formate | |
| C1 & C2 | C1/C2 compounds: Molecules containing one or two carbon atoms | |
| NMR | Nuclear magnetic resonance | |
| ICP-OES | Inductively coupled plasma optical emission spectroscopy | |