

## Catalytic Activity of MoO<sub>3</sub> and V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> Highly Dispersed on TiO<sub>2</sub> for Oxidation Reactions

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The structure of Mo–Ti oxide catalysts has been investigated by using IR and XRD techniques. At a low Mo content, MoO<sub>3</sub> is highly dispersed on TiO<sub>2</sub>, an amorphous phase being formed. Simultaneously, a shift of the Mo=O band from 995 cm<sup>-1</sup> to 950 and 905 cm<sup>-1</sup> takes place. The maximum rate of the oxidation of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH and C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub> over Mo–Ti-6 (atom% of Mo) is attributable to the weakening of the Mo=O bond. The <sup>18</sup>O tracer and kinetic studies of the oxidation of C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub> over Mo–Ti and V–Ti oxides suggest that a redox mechanism is applicable, the rate constants of reduction and reoxidation step being determined. The promoter action of TiO<sub>2</sub> support is attributed mainly to the increase in the rate of reduction step.

Previously we have reported that the promoter effect observed with V–Sn and Mo–Sn oxide catalysts in C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub> oxidation arises from the formation of an amorphous material between each component in those composite catalysts.<sup>1–3</sup> It has been also shown that an amorphous phase formed with V–Ti oxides<sup>4</sup> at a low vanadium content is characterized by vanadate dispersed on TiO<sub>2</sub> in a monolayer, its distorted structure bringing about the weakening of V=O bond, *i.e.*, enhancement of the activity for the oxidative dehydrogenation of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH. As regards Mo–Ti oxide catalysts, a number of workers have studied the correlation between the surface structure and the catalytic activity by means of various techniques such as XRD,<sup>5</sup> IR,<sup>5,6,7</sup> XPS,<sup>8</sup> and *etc.*<sup>7,9</sup> Our understanding of this problem, however, is very far from complete.

In this work, the structure of Mo–Ti oxide catalysts have been investigated in a similar manner to that used in the studies of V–Ti oxides,<sup>4</sup> its correlation with the activity for the oxidative dehydrogenation of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH being examined. With V–Sn and V–Mo oxide catalysts, the nature of the oxygen species responsible for C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub> oxidation has been recently discussed on the basis of the results of <sup>18</sup>O tracer and kinetic studies.<sup>20</sup> Similar studies have been extended to Mo–Ti as well as V–Ti oxide catalysts, since such studies are expected to provide information on the nature of the active phase of those catalysts.

### Experimental

**Materials.** Mo–Ti oxides were prepared as follows: The slurry containing desired quantities of TiO<sub>2</sub> (p-25, Degussa) and ammonium heptamolybdate was evaporated with constant stirring. The dried product was calcined at 400 °C. MoC<sub>3</sub> was prepared by heating ammonium heptamolybdate at 450 °C. The surface area of the catalysts determined by the BET method were as follows: TiO<sub>2</sub>, 45; Mo–Ti-3 (containing Mo in 3 atom%), 43; Mo–Ti-6, 41; Mo–Ti-24, 30; Mo–Ti-55, 15; MoO<sub>3</sub>, 2 m<sup>2</sup>/g. The V–Ti oxide catalysts used were the same as those in the previous paper.<sup>4</sup> <sup>18</sup>O<sub>2</sub> (99.1 atom%) was obtained from B.O.C. Limited (U. K.).

**Apparatus and Procedures.** The catalytic oxidation of C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub> and C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH was carried out in a closed circulation system (*ca.* 290 cm<sup>3</sup>). The reaction products such as CH<sub>2</sub>=CHCHO, CO, CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>3</sub>CHO, and CH<sub>3</sub>COCH<sub>3</sub>, were analyzed by gas chromatography. The <sup>18</sup>O% in the reaction products were determined with a Hitachi RMU-6E mass spectrometer using the following ionization volt-

age: 80 eV for CO and CO<sub>2</sub>, 15.5 eV for H<sub>2</sub>O, and 15 eV for CH<sub>2</sub>=CHCHO. X-Ray diffraction patterns (XRD) of the catalysts were obtained on both Rigaku Denki D-3F and RAD-rA diffractometers using Cu K $\alpha$  radiation with a Ni filter. With RAD-rA, the goniometer motor system and the signal were interfaced with a versatile data-acquisition system. The RAD-rA diffractometer can detect a small amount of crystalline MoO<sub>3</sub> at a lower Mo content. IR spectra of Mo–Ti oxides were recorded on a Hitachi EPI-G2 infrared spectrometer.

### Results and Discussion

**Structure of Mo–Ti Oxides.** XRD patterns of Mo–Ti oxides showed only lines due to MoO<sub>3</sub> and TiO<sub>2</sub> phases. Figure 1 shows the XRD patterns of MoO<sub>3</sub> phase in Mo–Ti-3 and -6 as well as in their corresponding mechanical mixtures of pure MoO<sub>3</sub> and TiO<sub>2</sub>. The intensities of the diffraction lines due to MoO<sub>3</sub> in the Mo–Ti catalysts are much smaller than those of the corresponding mixtures. With Mo–Ti-3, about 100% of the Mo oxide is present as an amorphous phase and

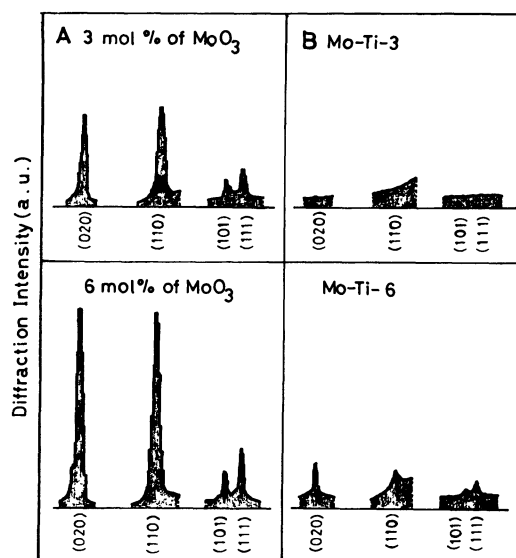


Fig. 1. X-Ray diffraction intensities of Mo–Ti oxides. (A) Mechanical mixtures of molybdenum and titanium oxides; (B) Mo–Ti oxide catalysts. (*hkl*) denote the crystal planes of MoO<sub>3</sub>. Each diffraction line was integrated at 0.05° intervals of diffraction angle for 20 s.

with Mo-Ti-6 about 80–90%. Figure 2 shows the average intensities with Mo-Ti-24 and -55 together with the corresponding values for Mo-Ti-3 and -6. With Mo-Ti-24 and -55 catalysts  $\text{MoO}_3$  crystals are somewhat oriented in a particular direction. As shown in Fig. 2, most of  $\text{MoO}_3$  is amorphous at a low Mo content, its crystallinity increasing at a higher Mo content.

The IR spectra of Mo-Ti oxides containing more than 24 atom% of Mo show sharp bands at 995 and 885  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  due to  $\text{MoO}_3$  (Fig. 3c, d). With Mo-Ti-3 and -6, these bands are scarcely observed (Fig. 3 a, b). As has been done in the case of V-Ti oxides,<sup>4)</sup> the  $\text{TiO}_2$  disk, the weight of which corresponds to the  $\text{TiO}_2$  content in the Mo-Ti oxides, was placed in the reference beam in order to offset the absorption due to  $\text{TiO}_2$ . As shown in Fig. 3e, f, the new bands at 950 and

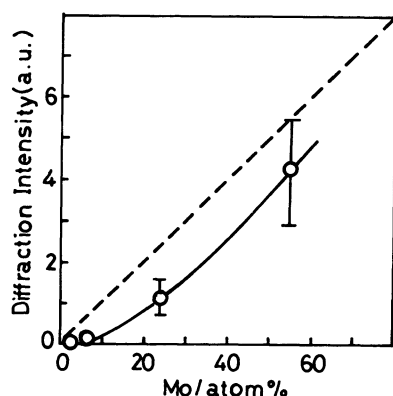


Fig. 2. X-Ray diffraction intensities of  $\text{MoO}_3$  in the  $\text{TiO}_2$ - $\text{MoO}_3$  mixtures (dotted line) and in Mo-Ti catalysts (solid line) as a function of Mo content.

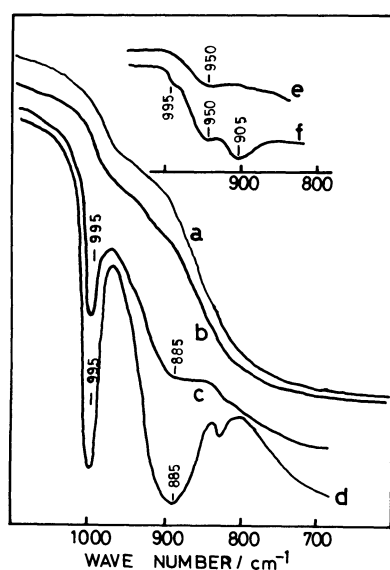


Fig. 3. IR spectra of Mo-Ti oxides. (a) Mo-Ti-3; (b) Mo-Ti-6; (c) Mo-Ti-24; (d) Mo-Ti-55; (e) and (f) the absorption due to  $\text{TiO}_2$  were subtracted from (a) and (b) by placing the disk in the reference beam, respectively. 75 mg of KBr disk in 1 wt% of sample was used.

905  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  appear with Mo-Ti-3 and -6 catalysts.

According to a number of workers,<sup>10–13)</sup> the Raman spectra of various molybdenum-oxygen polyanions show two or three bands in each frequency region of about  $\approx 200$ , 310–370, 500–600, 700–850, and 900–1000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; the bands in the last region have been assigned to the stretching vibration of terminal Mo=O groups.<sup>14)</sup> From these results the bands at 950–900  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  observed with Mo-Al oxide catalysts have been attributed to the surface molybdate on alumina by Jezirowski *et al.*<sup>14)</sup> A similar assignment has been made with the bands around 970  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  for Mo-Si oxide catalysts.<sup>15,16)</sup> Thus the two bands at 950 and 905  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  seem to be assigned to terminal Mo=O stretches of the surface molybdate on  $\text{TiO}_2$ .

The bands at 995(s), 885(s), 820(w), 600(s), and 480(w)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  are observed with IR spectra of crystalline  $\text{MoO}_3$ , while the bands at 995(m), 821(s), 668(w), and 494(vw)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  appear in its Raman spectra.<sup>16,17)</sup> The band at 995  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  appears in both spectra, while the band at 885  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in the IR alone, suggesting that the vibrational modes attributable to both bands appear to be different from each other. Since it has been established that the band at 995  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  is assigned to the Mo=O stretching vibration, some other assignment should be made for the band at 885  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

From these facts it is concluded that with Mo-Ti oxide catalysts at a low Mo content,  $\text{MoO}_3$  is highly dispersed on  $\text{TiO}_2$  and present as an amorphous state which is characterized by the surface molybdate on  $\text{TiO}_2$ . Its formation results in distortion of the structure, *i.e.*, shift of the Mo=O band from 995  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  to 950 and 905  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . A similar conclusion has been drawn for V-Ti oxides where formation of surface vanadate on  $\text{TiO}_2$  brings about the shift of the V=O band from 1020 to 980  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .<sup>4)</sup>

**Oxydative Dehydrogenation of  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$  over Mo-Ti Catalysts.**

Figure 4 shows the rate of oxydative dehydrogenation of  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$  and the selectivity towards  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$  formation as a function of Mo content at 180  $^\circ\text{C}$ . The major product is  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$ , the remainder being  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOC}_2\text{H}_5$  and trace of  $\text{CO}_2$ . The rate passes through a maximum around Mo-Ti-6. The maximum rate is *ca.* 4 times and 30–40 times larger than that at  $\text{MoO}_3$  and  $\text{TiO}_2$ , respectively. There is no marked difference between the rates of oxidation in the presence and absence of oxygen (Fig. 4). Furthermore, essentially the same selectivities towards  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$  formation is obtained with both oxidations. This suggests that lattice oxygen is responsible for the oxydative dehydrogenation over Mo-Ti oxide catalysts.

The rate measurements at various  $\text{O}_2$  and  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$  pressures showed that with  $\text{MoO}_3$  the order of the reaction is  $-0.5$  in  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$  and zero in  $\text{O}_2$ , while with Mo-Ti-3 and Mo-Ti-6 the corresponding order is zero and  $0.2$ – $0.3$ , respectively. This suggests that the kinetics observed with  $\text{MoO}_3$  is in disagreement with what is expected from a redox mechanism; the negative order in  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$  might arise from its strong adsorption.

As described above, with Mo-Ti-3 and -6 almost the whole  $\text{MoO}_3$  is present as the amorphous surface species, while with Mo-Ti oxides containing more than

above 20 atom% of Mo, a considerable fraction  $\text{MoO}_3$  consists of crystalline  $\text{MoO}_3$ .

Accordingly, in the region of a low Mo content, the activity of Mo-Ti oxides for the dehydrogenation of  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$  increases with increasing Mo content owing to the increase in the concentration of amorphous surface species. In the region of a high Mo content, the increase in the Mo content will cause an increase in the fraction of crystalline  $\text{MoO}_3$  which is less active than

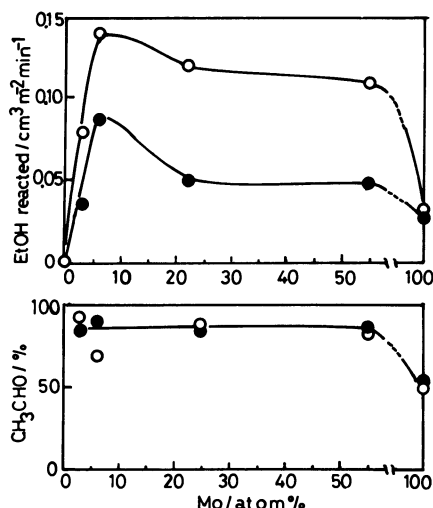


Fig. 4. Oxydative dehydrogenation of  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$  over Mo-Ti oxide catalysts at  $180^\circ\text{C}$ . (○)  $P(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}) = 6$  Torr and  $P(\text{O}_2) = 18$  Torr; (●)  $P(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}) = 6$  Torr and  $P(\text{N}_2) = 20$  Torr; 1 Torr = 133.3 Pa.

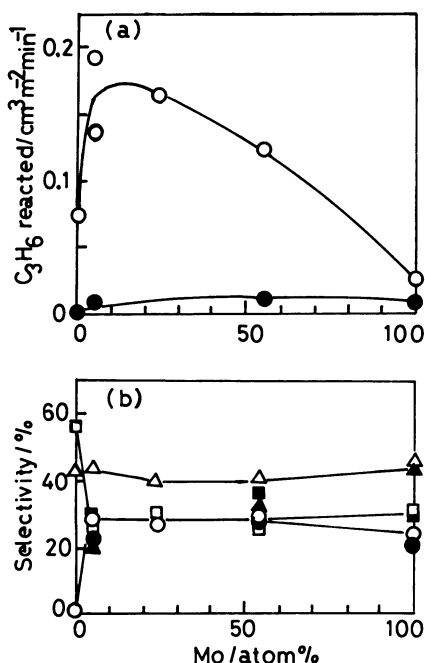


Fig. 5. Rates and product selectivities in  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6$  oxidation as a function of Mo content at  $400^\circ\text{C}$ . (a) ○  $P(\text{C}_3\text{H}_6) = 23$  Torr and  $P(\text{O}_2) = 25$  Torr, ●  $P(\text{C}_3\text{H}_6) = 23$  Torr. (b) ○●,  $\text{CH}_2=\text{CHCHO}$ ; □■,  $\text{CO}_2$ ; △▲,  $\text{CO}$ . Solid symbols denote the results in the absence of gaseous oxygen.

the surface molybdate species. Thus, it is explicable that the oxidation activity passes through a maximum around 6 atom% of Mo. Such a feature is the same as that with V-Ti oxide catalysts as reported previously.<sup>4)</sup>

#### $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6$ Oxidation over Mo-Ti and V-Ti Catalysts.

Figure 5 shows the rates of  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6$  oxidation and the product selectivities as a function of Mo content at  $400^\circ\text{C}$ . The rate of oxidation passes through a maximum around Mo-Ti-6. Almost the same distribution of the products is obtained in the whole range of the Mo content, i.e., the selectivity towards  $\text{CH}_2=\text{CHCHO}$  formation is 25–30%, the remainder being  $\text{CO}$ ,  $\text{CO}_2$ , and traces of  $\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3$ . With  $\text{TiO}_2$ , there is no formation of  $\text{CH}_2=\text{CHCHO}$ . With  $\text{MoO}_3$  and Mo-Ti-6, essentially the same distribution of the products was obtained with both oxidations in the presence and absence of oxygen.

Similar studies have been extended to V-Ti oxide catalysts. The rate of oxidation at  $320^\circ\text{C}$  also passed through a maximum around V-Ti-10 (atom% of V) catalyst. The selectivity towards  $\text{CH}_2=\text{CHCHO}$  formation decreased with decreasing vanadium content from 15–20% for  $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5$  to 2–3% for V-Ti-10, the remainder being  $\text{CO}$  and  $\text{CO}_2$ . No formation of  $\text{CH}_2=\text{CHCHO}$  was observed with  $\text{TiO}_2$ . The rate of oxidation over V-Ti-10 is ca. 4 times higher than that over  $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5$  and ca. 60 times than over  $\text{TiO}_2$ .

The dependence of the rate of oxidation upon  $\text{O}_2$  and  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6$  pressure has been investigated with Mo-Ti as well as V-Ti oxides. As shown in Fig. 6, with increasing  $\text{O}_2$  pressure, the rate of oxidation increases markedly for Mo-Ti-6 and V-Ti-10, while a slight increase in the rate is observed for  $\text{MoO}_3$  and  $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5$ . There was no marked difference in the dependence of the rate of oxidation on  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6$  pressure over V-Ti-10 and  $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5$ . The situa-

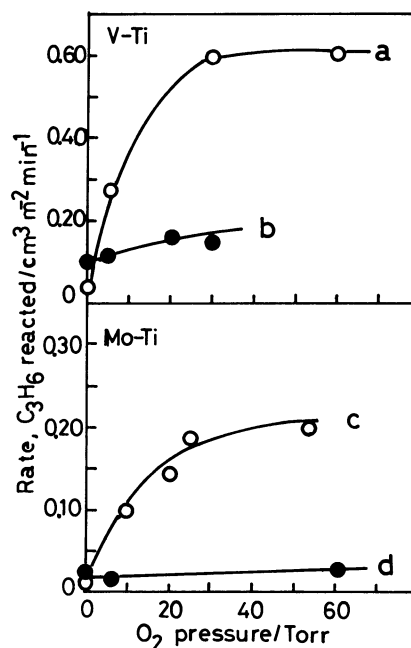


Fig. 6. Rates of  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6$  oxidation as a function of oxygen pressure. (a) and (b) are for V-Ti-10 and  $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5$ , respectively, at  $320^\circ\text{C}$  and (c) and (d) for Mo-Ti-6 and  $\text{MoO}_3$  at  $400^\circ\text{C}$ .  $P(\text{C}_3\text{H}_6) = 23$  Torr.

tion, however, was different with Mo-Ti-6 and MoO<sub>3</sub>, i.e., the order in C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub> was *ca.* 0.3 for Mo-Ti-6 but *ca.* 0.9 for MoO<sub>3</sub>.

#### <sup>18</sup>O Tracer and Kinetic Studies of C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub> Oxidation.

A large dependence of the rate of C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub> oxidation on oxygen pressure observed with Mo-Ti-6 and V-Ti-10 suggests the possibility of participation of adsorbed oxygen in the oxidation. In order to obtain information on the nature of oxygen species responsible for the C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub> oxidation over those catalysts, the oxidation of C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub> has been investigated using <sup>18</sup>O<sub>2</sub> tracer (99 atom%) with the results shown in Table I and Fig. 7. Little or no change in the <sup>18</sup>O content of the oxygen occurred during the reaction. According to the work of Blanchard *et al.*,<sup>18)</sup> the exchange of oxygen through CO<sub>2</sub> appears to be negligible under the present experimental conditions.

In spite of the use of 99% of <sup>18</sup>O<sub>2</sub>, the <sup>18</sup>O content in the products at the initial stages of the reaction ranges from 20 to 30% for Mo-Ti-6 and MoO<sub>3</sub> and 15 to 20% for V-Ti-10 and V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>. This indicates that the lattice oxygen(<sup>16</sup>O) is responsible for the oxidation over both oxide catalysts. As has been done by Keulks *et al.*,<sup>19)</sup> assuming uniform distribution of the incorporated <sup>18</sup>O among the sublayer of the oxides and the number of oxygen atoms in unit area (20 μmol/m<sup>2</sup>),

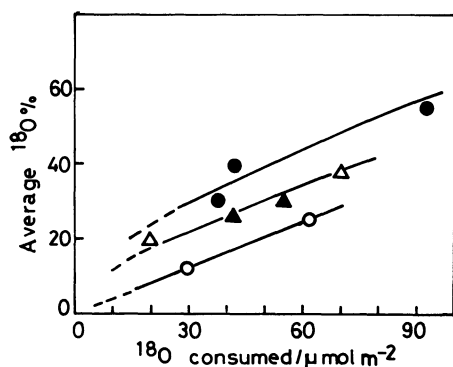


Fig. 7. Average <sup>18</sup>O%<sup>a)</sup> in the products *vs.* amount of <sup>18</sup>O consumed<sup>b)</sup> in C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub> oxidation. V-Ti-10(●) and V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>(○) at 320°C, Mo-Ti-6(▲) and MoO<sub>3</sub> (△) at 400°C. a), b) See Table 1.

the extent of participation has been determined as follows: V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>(*ca.* 10 layers)>V-Ti-10(*ca.* 5 layers)>V-Ti-2(*ca.* 1 layer) and Mo-Ti-6(*ca.* 5 layers)=MoO<sub>3</sub>(*ca.* 5 layers).

As described previously,<sup>2)</sup> even in the case where the surface anion vacancies are not refilled from gaseous oxygen, the following equation based on a simple redox mechanism holds, as far as the diffusion of the oxide ion is rapid as compared to the surface reduction;<sup>2)</sup>

$$k_1 P(\text{C}_3\text{H}_6)\theta = k_2 P(\text{O}_2)^{0.5}(1-\theta), \quad (1)$$

where  $k_1$  is the rate constant for reduction step and  $k_2$  for reoxidation step.  $\theta$  and  $1-\theta$  refer to the surface oxide ions and anion vacancies, respectively, which corresponds to the surface Mo=O species and anion vacancies formed by oxygen removed from it, respectively, in view

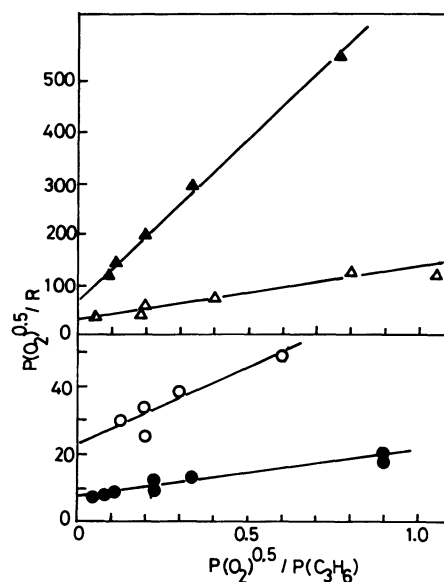


Fig. 8. Plots of  $P(\text{O}_2)^{0.5}/R$  *vs.*  $P(\text{O}_2)^{0.5}/P(\text{C}_3\text{H}_6)$  for MoO<sub>3</sub>(▲), Mo-Ti-6(○), V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>(△), and V-Ti-10 (●). Experimental conditions are the same as in Fig. 5 for Mo-Ti oxides and in Fig. 6 for V-Ti oxides, respectively.  $R$  denotes the rate of C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub> oxidation.

TABLE 1. <sup>18</sup>O CONTENTS IN THE PRODUCTS OF C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub> OXIDATION OVER Mo-Ti AND V-Ti OXIDE CATALYSTS

Catalyst	Temp °C	React. time min	Products/μ mol m <sup>-2</sup> and <sup>18</sup> O content/(% <sup>a)</sup> )				Total yield <sup>c)</sup> μ mol-oxygen atoms m <sup>-2</sup>	Average <sup>d)</sup> <sup>18</sup> O %	Lattice oxygen <sup>e)</sup> participated layers
			CO <sub>2</sub>	CO	H <sub>2</sub> O <sup>b)</sup>	CH <sub>2</sub> =CHCHO			
Mo-Ti-6	400	3	7.4 (24)	7.1 (34)	17 (—)	3 (19)	42	26	<i>ca.</i> 5
MoO <sub>3</sub>	400	5.5	2.9 (19)	4.2 (21)	8 (—)	0.8 (33)	19	20	<i>ca.</i> 5
		15	13 (34)	13 (39)	28 (—)	3 (50)	70	37	
V-Ti-10	320	0.2	5 (28)	9 (33)	7 (—)	—	26	30	
		0.3	4 (36)	13 (43)	17 (—)	—	41	40	<i>ca.</i> 5
		1.0	14 (54)	25 (59)	38 (39)	—	91	50	
V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	320	1	3.5 (12)	7.5 (13)	11 (11)	0.45 (25)	27	13	<i>ca.</i> 10
		3	7.5 (25)	16 (25)	24 (20)	0.75 (31)	55	25	

a) Values in parentheses. b) Calculated from hydrogen balance. c) These values were nearly the same as that obtained from the amount of <sup>18</sup>O<sub>2</sub> consumed in the oxidation. d) (Total amount of <sup>18</sup>O/total amount of oxygen) × 100. e) See Ref. 19.  $P(\text{C}_3\text{H}_6)=23$  Torr,  $P(^{18}\text{O}_2)=8$  Torr.

TABLE 2. VALUES OF  $k_1$  AND  $k_2$  FOR Mo-Ti AND V-Ti OXIDE CATALYSTS

Catalyst	Temp/°C	$k_1^a)$	$k_2^b)$
MoO <sub>3</sub>	400	0.0015	0.015
Mo-Ti-6	400	0.024	0.04
V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	320	0.01	0.04
V-Ti-10	320	0.08	0.12

a) cm<sup>3</sup> Torr<sup>-1</sup> min<sup>-1</sup> m<sup>-2</sup>, b) cm<sup>3</sup> Torr<sup>-1/2</sup> min<sup>-1</sup> m<sup>-2</sup>.

of the importance of the Mo=O species in the oxidation. The following rate equation results:

$$R = \frac{k_1 k_2 P(\text{C}_3\text{H}_6) P(\text{O}_2)^{0.5}}{k_1 P(\text{C}_3\text{H}_6) + k_2 P(\text{O}_2)^{0.5}} \quad (2)$$

As shown in Fig. 8, the plots of  $P(\text{O}_2)^{0.5}/R$  vs.  $P(\text{O}_2)^{0.5}/P(\text{C}_3\text{H}_6)$  is approximately linear, suggesting that this equation is applicable to the results. Table 2 shows the values of  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  thus obtained.

Both  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  values increase on going from MoO<sub>3</sub> to Mo-Ti-6 and from V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> to V-Ti-10. The increase in the  $k_1$  value is much larger than that for the  $k_2$  value. Thus, the promoter action of TiO<sub>2</sub> in V-Ti and Mo-Ti oxides is attributed mainly to the increase in the rate of reduction step. Such a relative change of  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  is expected from the weakening of the Mo=O bond as described above. Thus, the rate maximum observed with both oxidation (Figs. 4 and 5) are explicable on the same basis. A large dependence of the rate of oxidation on oxygen pressure over Mo-Ti-6 and V-Ti-10 catalysts is also explicable from high values of  $k_1/k_2$ , i.e., the high reducibility of surface molybdate or vanadate on TiO<sub>2</sub>. The maximum rate of oxidation for Mo-Ti-6 and V-Ti-10 is explicable in a manner similar to that with the oxydative dehydrogenation of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH, i.e., by the change in the concentration of the surface species with the Mo or V content.

Recently a number of workers have investigated the promoter effect observed with V-Ti oxides in the oxidation reaction, making various proposals.<sup>20-24)</sup> The results described above indicate that similar mechanisms are involved in the promoter effects with both Mo-Ti and V-Ti oxides; The role of TiO<sub>2</sub> support in those oxide catalysts is to enhance the activity per one site in addition to the increase in the number of active sites. From the results in the present work together with those obtained previously,<sup>4)</sup> it might be concluded that the promoter action due to formation of the amorphous phase (a highly dispersed oxide catalyst) is expected for other composite oxide catalysts.

Akimoto *et al.*<sup>6)</sup> have reported that both adsorbed molecular oxygen and lattice oxygen participates in the production of maleic anhydride from 1,3-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>6</sub> over Mo-Ti catalysts. In the case of V-Sn oxide catalysts at a low V content, we have also suggested the participation of both adsorbed and lattice oxygens in the oxidation on the basis of the results of <sup>18</sup>O tracer as well as kinetic studies.<sup>2)</sup> With Mo-Ti and V-Ti oxide catalysts, however, it seems unnecessary to take into account the possibility of adsorbed oxygen, since the dependence of the rate of oxidation on O<sub>2</sub> and C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub> pressure is explicable

by the concept that only lattice oxygen participates in the oxidation.

With the C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub> oxidation over Mo-Ti oxide, there is a marked difference between the rates of oxidation in the presence and absence of oxygen. Such a feature is contrast with a slight difference between the both rates for the oxydative dehydrogenation of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH. It should be noted that the number of lattice oxygen atoms consumed on the oxidation of one molecule is 1-2 with C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH but 9-10 with C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>, the lattice oxygen producing CO, CO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, and CH<sub>2</sub>=CHCHO for C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub> oxidation. Furthermore, the reaction temperature is much higher for the C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub> oxidation. Accordingly, the extent of oxygen removed from the Mo=O species during the reaction is expected to be much smaller for C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH dehydrogenation than for the C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub> oxidation. Thus, a small enhancement of the rate of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH dehydrogenation by the presence of oxygen is explicable.

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