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Structural Studies of $Ce_{1-x}Sn_xO_2$ and $Ce_{1-x-y}Sn_xPd_yO_{2-\delta}$ by XRD, TEM, XPS and EXAFS

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 $Ce_{1-x}Sn_xO_2$ (x = 0.1-0.5) solid solutions and its Pd substituted analogue have been prepared by a single step solution combustion method using tin oxalate precursor. The compounds were characterized by X-ray diffraction (XRD), X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS), transmission electron microscopy (TEM), Extended X-ray absorption fine structure (EXAFS) and H₂/temperature programmed reduction (TPR) studies. DFT calculations have also been carried out on these catalytic systems. XRD patterns of asprepared Ce_{1-x}Sn_xO₂ and 2 atom % Pd substituted oxide were found to be identical and could be indexed to the standard CeO2 with fluorite structure and diffraction lines due tinoxide or palladium oxide were not observed indicating formation of solid solutions. Both EXAFS analysis and DFT calculations reveal that in the solid solutions Ce exhibits 4 + 4 coordination, Sn exhibits 4 + 2 + 2 coordination and Pd has 4 + 3 coordination. While the oxygen in the first coordination with four short M-O bonds are strongly held in the lattice, the oxygens in the second and higher coordinations with long M-O bonds are weakly bound, and they are the activated oxygen in the lattice. Bond valence analysis corroborates these findings. Simultaneous reduction of the Ce⁴⁺ and Sn⁴⁺ ions by Pd⁰ is the synergistic interaction leading to high oxygen storage capacity at low temperature.

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