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**Low Temperature Oxidation of Methane on Gold Nanoparticles****Sonia Mihai, Diana-Luciana Cursaru, Danuta Ghita, Andreea Bondarev, and Ana-Maria Manta**  
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This paper focuses on the catalytic properties of gold nanoparticles supported on carbon amorphous for low-temperature methane oxidation (1 bar 20-90 degree Celsius). The oxidation was realized in the mixture that containing (vol %) 5% CO, 10% CO<sub>2</sub>, 1.5% C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, 1.5 C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub> and 2% CH<sub>4</sub>. The analysis was performed online via a Varian GC 3300 chromatograph using a manual sampling valve, CTRI column (Alltech), TCD, and helium carrier gas. The species of CO and H<sub>2</sub> can easily be oxidized even if partial methane oxidation has occurred early in the reaction. The gold nanoparticles and catalyst were characterized using X-ray analysis (DRX), scanning electron microscopy (SEM), high resolution transmission electron microscopy (HR-TEM) and atomic force microscopy (AFM).

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