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### **REGULAR ARTICLES**

Fe-H-BEA and Fe-H-ZSM-5 for NO<sub>2</sub> removal from ambient air – A detailed in situ and operando FTIR study revealing an pp 1–11 unexpected positive water-effect

Mike Ahrens, Olivier Marie\*, Philippe Bazin, Marco Daturi



The use of operando FTIR indicates that the high efficiency for NO<sub>2</sub> removal from ambient air of iron-containing zeolites comes from their ability to condensate nitric acid.

# Catalytic performance and mechanism of potassium-supported Mg–Al hydrotalcite mixed oxides for soot combustion pp 12–21 with O<sub>2</sub>

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Potassium-supported Mg-Al hydrotalcite mixed oxides were much active and stable for soot combustion. The reaction mechanism was elucidated based on turnover frequency. M stands for Mg or Al.

### Conversion of cellobiose into sorbitol in neutral water medium over carbon nanotube-supported ruthenium catalysts pp 22–32

Weiping Deng, Mi Liu, Xuesong Tan, Qinghong Zhang\*, Ye Wang\*



The mean size of Ru nanoparticles and the catalyst acidity are key factors for Ru/CNT-catalyzed hydrogenation of cellobiose to sorbitol in water. 3-β-D-Glucopyranosyl-D-glucitol is a main reaction intermediate.

### A kinetic study of 2-propanol dehydration on carbon acid catalysts

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Activated carbons with high surface acidity were obtained in a single step by chemical activation of hemp residues with H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> and used as catalysts for the dehydration reaction of 2-propanol.

**Structure, acidity and activity of CuO**<sub>x</sub>/WO<sub>x</sub>-ZrO<sub>2</sub> **catalyst for selective catalytic reduction of NO by NH**<sub>3</sub> Zhichun Si, Duan Weng<sup>\*</sup>, Xiaodong Wu, Jia Li, Guo Li

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Two NH<sub>3</sub>-SCR mechanisms on CuO<sub>x</sub>/WO<sub>x</sub>-ZrO<sub>2</sub> catalysts: "ammonia-NO<sub>2</sub> route" (<200 °C) and "amine-NO/NO<sub>2</sub> route" (>250 °C) related with Lewis and Brønsted acid sites.

**Efficient and stable solid acid catalysts synthesized from sulfonation of swelling mesoporous polydivinylbenzenes** pp 52–58 Fujian Liu, Xiangju Meng, Yonglai Zhang, Limin Ren, Faisal Nawaz, Feng-Shou Xiao\*



Efficient and stable solid catalysts with good catalytic properties in esterifications and acylation were successfully synthesized from sulfonation of swelling mesoporous polydivinylbenzenes (PDVB) by chlorosulfonic acid in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.

# *In situ* synthesis and catalytic activity in CO oxidation of metal nanoparticles supported on porous nanocrystalline pp 59–66 silicon

Sergej Polisski, Bernhard Goller, Karen Wilson, Dmitry Kovalev\*, Vladimir Zaikowskii, Alexei Lapkin\*



# Assembly of cyclic hydrocarbons from ethene and propene in acid zeolite catalysis to produce active catalytic sites for pp 67–78 MTO conversion

Matthias Vandichel, David Lesthaeghe, Jeroen Van der Mynsbrugge, Michel Waroquier, Veronique Van Speybroeck\*



The formation of cyclic hydrocarbons from basic ethene and propene building blocks was investigated in protonated ZSM-5 using a 2-layered ONIOM(B3LYP/6-31+g(d)):HF/6-31+g(d)) method including van der Waals corrections. A low-energy pathway starting from propene was found that eventually formed the methylcyclopentane species via intermediate stepwise dimerization.

### **Constraining titanium tartrate in the interlayer space of layered double hydroxides induces enantioselectivity** Huimin Shi, Chenguang Yu, Jing He\*

pp 79-87

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The titanium tartrate complex constrained in the flexible bidimensional LDH interlayer region shows enhanced asymmetric induction in the heterogeneous sulfoxidation of pro-chiral methyl phenyl sulfide.

### Tailoring the mesopore structure of HZSM-5 to control product distribution in the conversion of propanal

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Conversion of propanal to gasoline-range molecules was investigated over a series of HZSM-5 catalysts with controlled mesoporosity generated by desilication. The catalytic selectivity and stability were discussed based on the pore structure, acidity, and diffusivity.

# Oxidation of hydroquinones to benzoquinones with hydrogen peroxide using catalytic amount of silver oxide under pp 99–103 batch and continuous-flow conditions

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The Ag<sub>2</sub>O catalyzed selective oxidation of hydroquinones to benzoquinones with aq. 30% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> can be efficiently performed under batch and continuous-flow conditions.

### Weakly bound capping agents on gold nanoparticles in catalysis: Surface poison?

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pp 104-114



~1wt.% Au/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

Weakly bound capping agents lower the accessibility to the active sites and may act as catalyst surface poison. An appropriate capping agent is one weakly adsorbed on the particle and that promotes polycrystallinity, *viz.* poly(vinyl-pyrrolidone).

# Influence of support acid-base properties on the platinum-catalyzed enantioselective hydrogenation of activated pp 115–124 ketones

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Acid-base properties of flame-made Pt/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> were varied by doping with SiO<sub>2</sub> or Cs<sub>2</sub>O. Enantioselectivities in the hydrogenation of ketones are correlated to the ratio of bridged to linearly adsorbed CO (B/L).

# Single-step flame-made $Pt/MgAl_2O_4 - A NO_x$ storage-reduction catalyst with unprecedented dynamic behavior and high pp 125–131 thermal stability

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Flame-derived Pt/MgAl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> shows improved dynamical behavior at short regeneration times in NO<sub>x</sub> storage-reduction compared to Pt-Ba/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> reference catalyst.

# Replacing bulk Pt in Pt–Ni–Pt bimetallic structures with tungsten monocarbide (WC): Hydrogen adsorption and pp 132–139 cyclohexene hydrogenation on Pt–Ni–WC

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The feasibility of replacing bulk Pt with W in a Pt-Ni-Pt bimetallic structure is examined. The results indicate that Pt-Ni-WC has chemical properties similar to Pt-Ni-Pt with an enhanced stability.

## Influence of thiophene on the isooctane reforming activity of Ni-based catalysts

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#### Influence of Thiophene under Different Reforming Conditions Lower Oxygen in Feed **Higher Oxygen in Feed** Activity Yield Sulfur Yield ctivity H,S Thiophene ulfur Time Time Time Time Thiophene H,S

The performance of a Ni-based catalyst was studied under thiophene-exposed isooctane reforming at various O/C and H<sub>2</sub>O/C ratios. The reforming conditions have a strong influence on sulfur tolerance.

### CORRIGENDUM

Corrigendum to "An insight into the Meerwein-Ponndorf-Verley reduction of a,b-unsaturated carbonyl compounds:p 153Tuning the acid-base properties of modified zirconia catalysts" [J. Catal. 268 (2009) 79-88]Francisco J. Urbano\*, Rafael Romero, María A. Aramendía, Alberto Marinas, José M. Marinas

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