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### **REGULAR ARTICLES**



# Surface-functionalized TUD-1 mesoporous molecular sieve supported palladium for solvent-free aerobic oxidation of pp 11–24 benzyl alcohol

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Pd supported on amino-functionalized TUD-1 catalyst shows excellent catalytic activity and selectivity in the solvent-free aerobic oxidation of benzyl alcohol, which is contributed by appropriately tuned Pd nanoparticle size and surface basicity.

### Perovskite-type oxide catalysts for low temperature, anaerobic catalytic partial oxidation of methane to syngas

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The conversion of CH<sub>4</sub> to CO and H<sub>2</sub> by the framework oxygen of perovskite oxides promoted with Rhodium was studied at 873 K. A correlation between selectivity and redox properties of the oxides was observed, suggesting a thermodynamic dependency of the products profile.

### Promotion by hydrous ruthenium oxide of platinum for methanol electro-oxidation

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Amorphous hydrous ruthenium oxide  $(RuO_xH_y)$  alone is identified as an efficient promoter of Pt for the electro-oxidation of CO and methanol. However, its dissolution at potentials higher than 0.46 V (vs. SCE) would induce changes in Pt-RuO\_xH\_y proximity and even surface structure of Pt and thus alter the activity of Pt in electrocatalysis.

## **Correlation of structural characteristics with catalytic performance of CuO/Ce**<sub>x</sub>**Zr**<sub>1-x</sub>**O**<sub>2</sub> **catalysts for NO reduction by CO** pp **45–60** Lianjun Liu, Zhijian Yao, Bin Liu, Lin Dong\*



Copper species could incorporate into the vacant sites on the exposed (1 1 1) plane of ceria-zirconia, and its stronger interaction with ceria-rich phase determined the higher activity than zirconia-rich phase.

#### Electrocatalytic reduction of nitrite on a polycrystalline rhodium electrode

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The electrochemical reduction of  $HNO_2/NO_2^-$  was studied on a rhodium electrode as a function of pH and potential (*E*).  $N_2O$  is detected only in acidic media, while  $NH_3$  formation occurs at low *E* independently of pH.

## Supported heteropolyanions as solid counterions for the electrostatic immobilization of chiral copper complexes pp 70–77

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Supported ( $PW_{12}O_{4-}^{3-}$ ) is a suitable counterion to immobilize chiral azabis(oxazoline)-copper complexes by ion pair formation. Catalytic results are good to excellent in cyclopropanation reactions (up to 97% ee), with minimized leaching and good recovery after optimization of the recycling system.

# In situ multinuclear solid-state NMR spectroscopy study of Beckmann rearrangement of cyclododecanone oxime in ionic liquids: The nature of catalytic sites

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[C<sub>4</sub>mim]<sup>+</sup>PF<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup> and [C<sub>4</sub>mpyr]<sup>+</sup>PF<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup> ionic liquids can supply in a controlled way ppms of HF in the reaction media, which catalyze the Beckmann rearrangement of cyclododecanone oxime with excellent conversion and selectivity.

# Origin of the synergistic interaction between MoO<sub>3</sub> and iron molybdate for the selective oxidation of methanol to pp 84–98 formaldehyde

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The catalytic active sites in bulk iron molybdate catalysts for methanol oxidation to formaldehyde are surface  $MoO_x$  species. The only function of excess molybdate is to replenish the volatilized surface  $MoO_x$  species. This maintains the activity and selectivity of the catalyst by preventing the exposure of iron sites responsible for yielding dimethyl ether.

#### Olefin hydrogenation by ruthenium nanoparticles in ionic liquid media: Does size matter?

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The effect of the size of ruthenium nanoparticles, produced in ionic liquids, in the catalytic hydrogenation of olefins has been investigated using 1,3-cyclohexadiene as a probe. It has been found that smaller nanoparticles are more selective, whereas larger nanoparticles present a higher activity.

### Au on MgAl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> spinels: The effect of support surface properties in glycerol oxidation

Alberto Villa, Aureliano Gaiassi, Ilenia Rossetti, Claudia L. Bianchi, Klaus van Benthem, Gabriel M. Veith\*, Laura Prati\*\*

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The catalytic activity of AuNPs on spinels is dependent on Au size and accessibility by the reactant, whereas selectivity is ruled out by the Mg/Al ratio at the surface.

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# Temperature-programmed reduction of unpromoted MoS<sub>2</sub>-based hydrodesulfurization catalysts: First-principles kinetic Monte Carlo simulations and comparison with experiments

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Temperature-programmed reduction profiles of pre-sulfided MoS<sub>2</sub>/γ-Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> hydrotreating catalysts are reproduced by first-principles kinetic Monte Carlo simulations.

## **Highly selective hydrogenation of butadiene on Pt/Sn alloy elucidated by first-principles calculations** F. Vigné, J. Haubrich, D. Loffreda, P. Sautet, F. Delbecq\*

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DFT calculations reveal the atomic scale mechanism of butadiene hydrogenation on a platinum-tin alloy and explain the high selectivity toward butene.

# Facile preparation of supported noble metal nanoparticle catalysts with the aid of templating surfactants in mesostructured materials

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Hu Wang, Jin-Gui Wang, Zhu-Rui Shen, Yu-Ping Liu, Da-Tong Ding, Tie-Hong Chen\*



A facile method was reported to prepare as-synthesized mesostructured material supported Pd catalysts which exhibited high and stable activity in hydrogenation of allyl alcohol.

# Immobilized aza-bis(oxazoline) copper catalysts on alkanethiol self-assembled monolayers on gold: Selectivity dependence on surface electronic environments

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Aza-bis(oxazoline) copper complex has been immobilized onto alkanethiol self-assembled monolayers utilizing five different background tail groups with different electronic characteristics.

The control of selectivity in benzene hydroxylation catalyzed by TS-1: The solvent effect and the role of crystallite sizepp 158–169D. Barbera, F. Cavani\*, T. D'Alessandro, G. Fornasari, S. Guidetti, A. Aloise, G. Giordano, M. Piumetti, B. Bonelli, C. Zanzotterapp 158–169



The control of selectivity in benzene hydroxylation: unraveling some controversial aspects of the catalytic behavior of TS-1. The hydroxylation of benzene with hydrogen peroxide, catalyzed by TS-1, leads to the only primary formation of phenol and benzoquinone, whereas diphenols are produced on external Ti sites and in the bulk liquid phase by consecutive phenol hydroxylation. New insights into the role of solvent and on the nature of Ti sites are also reported.

# Methanol to hydrocarbons over large cavity zeolites: Toward a unified description of catalyst deactivation and the pp 170–180 reaction mechanism

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Co-reaction studies and isotopic labeling reveal profound similarities in the nature and reactivity of the reaction intermediates and the reaction steps leading to deactivation during the conversion of methanol to hydrocarbons over large cavity acidic zeolites.

#### **RESEARCH NOTE**

#### Ceria reoxidation by CO<sub>2</sub>: A model study

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Reduced ceria can be reoxidized by CO<sub>2</sub> at room temperature in complete absence of any noble metal co-catalysts, surface hydroxyl groups, or water on its surface.