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Formation of Brønsted acid site on halide clusters of group 5 and 6 transition metals. Catalytic methylation and demethylation of methylbenzenes with methanol Molecular halide clusters of Nb, Mo, Ta, and W supported on SiO_2 developed catalytic activity for methylation of toluene with methanol when treated above 300 °C. Methylation of xylenes also proceeded. However, the main reaction of trimethyl- and tetramethylbenzenes was isomerization. Demethylation of pentamethyl- and hexamethylbenzenes proceeded. IR analyses of adsorbed pyridine showed the formation of a Brønsted acid site.



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Microwave-assisted solventless single and double addition of HP(O)Ph₂ to alkynes



The microwave-assisted solventless addition of HP(O)Ph₂ to alkynes has been accomplished. Single



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Biomimetic oxidation of praziquantel catalysed by metalloporphyrins

Oxidation of praziquantel by iodosylbenzene using iron(III) tetraarylporphyrins and manganese(III) tetraphenylporphyrin as catalysts was studied. The majority of the oxidation products have been identified by sequential LC–MS/MS and NMR analyses. The selectivities of the oxidations by these cytochrome P-450 models are studied and compared. The initial oxidation occurs predominantly at the 7-position.



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Effect of preparation parameters on $SrTiO_{3\pm\delta}$ catalyst for the flameless combustion of methane



The overall mechanism could then be described as:



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Partial oxidation of methane to hydrogen and carbon monoxide over a Ni/TiO₂ catalyst





Onium salts in the presence of a small amount of water are excellent catalysts for selective N,N-

dialkylation. Side products such as carbamates formed during this reaction are hydrolyzed to *N*-alkylated anilines thereby increasing the selectivity for alkylated products. Reaction network has been proposed

which explains the chemistry of N-alkylation by DMC. The reusability of catalyst has been demonstrated.

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Selective synthesis of *N*,*N*-dimethyl aniline derivatives using dimethyl carbonate as a methylating agent and onium salt as a catalyst



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Gadolinium triflate: an efficient and convenient catalyst for acetylation of alcohols and amines

Gadolinium triflate $(Gd(OTf)_3)$ is a simple and efficient catalyst for the acetylation of alcohols and amines using acetic anhydride as the reagent. Aliphatic alcohols as well as phenols and amines undergo acetylations under mild conditions using catalytic amounts of Gd(OTf)₃. ROH $\frac{Ac_2O/CH_3CN}{Gd(OTf)_3(0.1 \text{ mol }\%); 25 ^{\circ}C}$ ROAd

Shengjun Huang, Shenglin Liu, Wenjie Xin, Jie Bai, Sujuan Xie, Qingxia Wang, Longya Xu

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Metathesis of ethene and 2-butene to propene on W/Al_2O_3 -HY catalysts with different HY contents



Metathesis between ethene and 2-butene to propene is catalyzed by $10wt.\%W/Al_2O_3$ -xHY with various HY content at temperature 180 °C and pressure 0.1 MPa. Reaction and characterization results reveal that Brönsted acidity of catalysts and the interaction between W species and support simultaneously play their important roles in the reaction.



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A variety of aromatic *gem*-dihalides were synthesized for the first time from the reaction of their corresponding aldehydes with acid halides in the presence of acid catalysts. Both homogeneous and heterogeneous Lewis and Bronsted acids were successfully employed.

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Acid catalyzes the synthesis of aromatic *gem*dihalides from their corresponding aromatic aldehydes



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Vanadyl triflate as an efficient and recyclable catalyst for chemoselective thioacetalization of aldehydes



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Stereoselective hydrogenation of phenyl alkyl acetylenes on pillared clays supported palladium catalysts

The stereoselective hydrogenation of phenyl alkyl acetylenes at 298 K and atmospheric pressure of hydrogen over Pd-supported catalysts has been studied. The catalysts were prepared by impregnation of Al-PILC and Ca-Mont with $Pd(acac)_2$ precursor, with a metal content close to 1 wt.%. All the solids were characterised by nitrogen adsorption–desorption isotherms at 77 K, TPR, H₂ and CO chemisorption, XRD and TEM measurements. The reactions were found to be zero order concerning the alkyne concentration. All catalysts displayed high selectivity to *cis*-alkene isomer being the 1%Pd/Al-PILC the most active catalyst.



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One-step synthesis of 2-pentanone from ethanol over K-Pd/MnO_x-ZrO₂-ZnO catalyst



One-step synthesis of 2-pentanone (41.3% selectivity based carbon molar) from ethanol with ca. 100% conversion.

Hexing Li, Guisheng Li, Jian Zhu, Ying Wan

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Preparation of an active SO_4^{2-}/TiO_2 photocatalyst for phenol degradation under supercritical conditions



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Nitrobenzene hydrogenation with carbon nanotube-supported platinum catalyst under mild conditions

Carbon nanotube-supported Pt catalysts show high activity for nitrobenzene directly hydrogenating to aniline under mild conditions. The highly dispersed Pt and mesoporosity structure of acid-oxidized CNT-supported Pt catalyst are responsible for the extraordinary activity.



Pyridyl-imine Pd(0) and Pd(II) complexes catalyse the Heck coupling between PhI and methyl acrylate in

DMF leading to *trans*-methyl cynnamate (TOF up to 1253 h^{-1}); palladium is recovered as

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[Pd₂I₆][Et₃NH]₂.

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Heck reaction catalysed by pyridyl-imine palladium(0) and palladium(II) complexes



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Study by electrical conductivity measurement of redox properties of vanadium antimonate and mixed vanadium and iron antimonate Pure vanadium antimonate which was a n-type semiconductor, became p-type after reduction under propane. The change in type of electrical conductivity has been explained by a surface transformation with the formation of antimony oxide and a rutile-type solid solution with only cationic vacancies. The effect of vanadium substitution by iron on the electrical properties of the phase has been studied to understand the redox behavior of propane ammoxidation catalysts.

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Asymmetric oxidation of sulfides by LDH supported OsO_4 catalyst LDH OsO_4 -catalyzed asymmetric oxidation of sulfides with *N*-methyl morpholine *N*-oxide in the presence of cinchona alkaloids under heterogeneous conditions to sulfoxides in good yields with moderate enantioselectivities is reported.

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Asymmetric oxidation of sulfides by LDH supported OsO₄ catalyst



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Zinc ions surface-doped titanium dioxide nanotubes and its photocatalysis activity for degradation of methyl orange in water Zn ions surface-doped TiO₂ nanotubes were synthesized via an assembly process based on ligand exchange reaction and with additional thermal treatment. The as-prepared Zn ions surface-doped TiO₂ nanotubes showed a further improvement on the photocatalysis activity for degradation of methyl orange in water.



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Esterification of acetic acid over mesoporous Al-MCM-41 molecular sieves Esterification of acetic acid with amyl alcohol was carried out in the vapour phase using Al-MCM-41 (Si/Al = 25, 50, 75 and 100) between 150 and 250 °C. At each temperature the activity of the catalysts followed the order Al-MCM-41 (100)>Al-MCM-41 (75)>Al-MCM-41 (50)>Al-MCM-41 (25). The order suggests that the hydrophobic property of the catalysts over their reactivity in part to their density of acid sites. The study of the time on stream at 250 °C showed about 25% decrease in conversion at the end of 5 h. Above 250 °C the conversion was insignificant.

 $CH_{3}(CH_{2})_{4}OH + CH_{3}COOH \xrightarrow{Al-MCM-41} CH_{3}(CH_{2})_{4}OCOCH_{3} + H_{2}O$

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The formation of hematite from ferrihydrite using Fe(II) as a catalyst

Hematite forms rapidly from ferrihydrite in the presence of trace amounts of Fe(II) by two mechanisms.



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The enantioselective synthesis of 2-aryloxypropanoic acids precursors, an important class of chiral agrochemicals, via hydroformylation of the relative aryl vinyl ethers catalyzed by Rh(I)-(*S*,*R*)/BINA-PHOS complex proceeds with enantiomeric excesses up to 80%.

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Hydroformylation of aryloxy ethylenes by Rh/ BINAPHOS complex. Catalyst deactivation path and application to the asymmetric synthesis of 2aryloxypropanoic acids

