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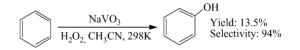
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Sodium metavanadate catalyzed direct hydroxylation of benzene to phenol with hydrogen peroxide in acetonitrile medium Sodium metavanadate catalyzed direct hydroxylation of benzene to phenol with hydrogen peroxide in acetonitrile medium was studied. A satisfactory yield of 13.5% with a selectivity of 94% was obtained. A free radical mechanism involving the state variation of vanadium species was proposed based on in situ ⁵¹V-NMR.



Biju M. Devassy, S.B. Halligudi

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Effect of calcination temperature on the catalytic activity of zirconia-supported heteropoly acids

Zirconia-supported silicotungstic acid (15%) calcined at 750 °C shown to be more active catalyst compared to phosphotungstic acid-based catalyst for acylation and alkylation of aromatic compounds and catalytic activity decreases with an increase in support calcination temperature.

Majid M. Heravi, Farahnaz K. Behbahani, Fatemeh F. Bamoharram

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 $\rm H_{14}[NaP_5W_{30}O_{110}]$: A heteropoly acid catalyzed acetylation of alcohols and phenols in acetic anhydride

A trace amount of $H_{14}[NaP_5W_{30}O_{110}]$ (0.1 mol%) has been effectively used as heteropoly acid catalyst for acetylation of alcohols and phenols with acetic anhydride at room temperature.

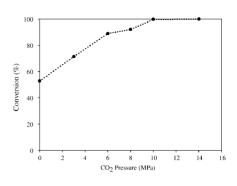
 $ROH \xrightarrow{\text{Solid acid (0.1 mol%)}} ROAc$

Joongjai Panpranot, Kunnika Phandinthong, Piyasan Praserthdam, Masashi Hasegawa, Shin-ichiro Fujita, Masahiko Arai

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A comparative study of liquid-phase hydrogenation on Pd/SiO_2 in organic solvents and under pressurized carbon dioxide: Activity change and metal leaching/sintering

Compared to the use of organic solvents or solvent less, the use of high-pressure CO_2 enhanced the hydrogenation activity of Pd/SiO₂ catalyst. However, metal sintering and leaching in the presence of high-pressure CO_2 were comparable to those in organic solvents.

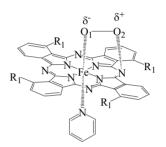


Liang Yang, Mei-Jin Lin, Xiao-Li Zhu, Xiu-Zhi Xu, Jun-Dong Wang

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Spectra and stabilities of $\alpha\mbox{-substituted phthalocyan-inatoirons}$

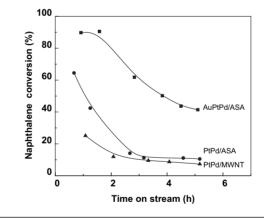
Three aryloxy (alkoxy) α -substituted phthalocyaninatoirons (FePcs) were prepared and their UV–vis spectra in air or by adding of peroxide showed a new band at the red side of the Q band which can be assigned to a complexes of phthalocyaninatoirons with oxygen or peroxide. The appearance of this band related to the instability of these FePcs so their decomposition was also studied, by the benzoylperoxide oxidation.



B. Pawelec, V. La Parola, S. Thomas, J.L.G. Fierro

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Enhancement of naphthalene hydrogenation over PtPd/SiO₂-Al₂O₃ catalyst modified by gold

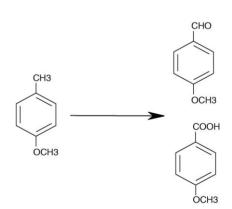


Benjaram M. Reddy, Komateedi N. Rao, Gunugunuri K. Reddy, Pankaj Bharali

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Characterization and catalytic activity of V_2O_5/Al_2O_3 -TiO₂ for selective oxidation of 4-methylanisole

The Al₂O₃-TiO₂ support accommodates a monolayer equivalent of V₂O₅ in a highly dispersed state and exhibits good catalytic activity for oxidation of 4methylanisole to *p*-anisaldehyde and *p*-anisic acid in vapour phase under normal atmospheric pressure. These catalysts were characterized by means of XRD, FTIR, XPS, O₂ chemisorption and BET surface area methods to correlate with catalytic properties.

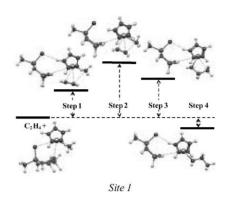


P.G. Belelli, N.J. Castellani

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Counterion and additive effects on ethylene coordination and insertion in metallocene catalyst

A theoretical analysis of coordination and insertion of ethylene molecule on different metallocenic active sites were performed. The influence of the counterion on the energy barrier that the olefin must overcome for its coordination and insertion was considered. The presence of the AlCl₃ additive reduces the maximum energy and improves the stability of the final propyl ionic-pair.

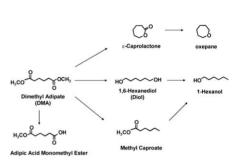


Adriana M. Silva, Onélia A.A. Santos, Marco A. Morales, Elisa M. Baggio-Saitovitch, Elizabete Jordão, Marco A. Fraga

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Role of catalyst preparation on determining selective sites for hydrogenation of dimethyl adipate over $\rm RuSn/Al_2O_3$

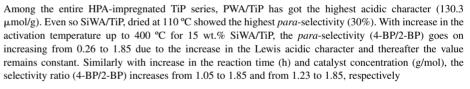
The effects of the preparation method and pretreatment conditions on the selective production of 1,6-hexanediol was studied. The catalysts were prepared by co-impregnation and sol gel methods. The results presented in this work indicated that alumina-supported Ru–Sn bimetallic catalysts may be appropriate for 1,6-hexanediol production from DMA. The generation of tin oxidic species is not solely decisive for the formation of catalytically active sites. A suitable preparation method must be applied in order to better localize the SnO_x moieties and tailor the required Ru–SnO_x selective sites as revealed by XPS and Mössbauer spectroscopy.

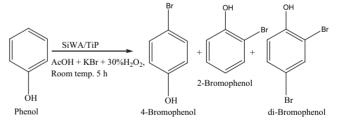


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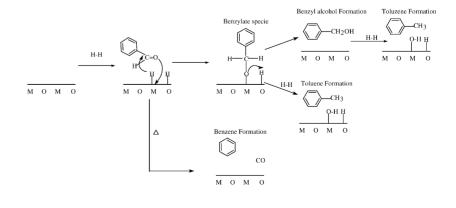




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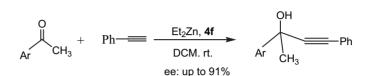
Benzaldehyde hydrogenation over supported nickel catalysts



Hua-qing Cai, Chao Chen, Lei Liu, Jing-man Ni, Rui Wang

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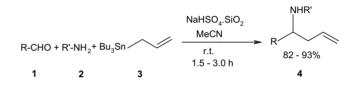
A new type of ligand derived from N-terminal protected dipeptides in enantioselective addition of phenylacetylene to aromatic ketones at room temperature A new type of ligand derived from N-terminal protected L-Phe-based dipeptides was found to be effective in catalyzing the enantioselective addition of phenylacetylene to aromatic ketones with up to 91% ee. The reaction required no other metal to promote than Et_2Zn . The whole process was completed at room temperature and proceeded under very mild reaction conditions.



Biswanath Das, B. Ravikanth, K. Laxminarayana, B. Vittal Rao

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A simple and facile synthesis of homoallylic amines using silica supported sodium hydrogen sulfate

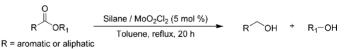


Ana C. Fernandes, Carlos C. Romão

The system silane/MoO₂Cl₂ (5 mol%) proved to be very efficient for the reduction of aliphatic and aromatic esters to the corresponding alcohols in good yields.

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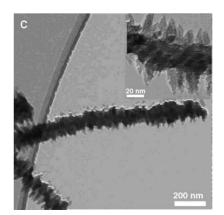
Silane/MoO₂Cl₂ as an efficient system for the reduction of esters



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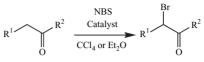
Preparation, characterization and photocatalytic activity of novel TiO_2 nanoparticle-coated titanate nanorods



Biswanath Das, Katta Venkateswarlu, Harish Holla, Maddeboina Krishnaiah

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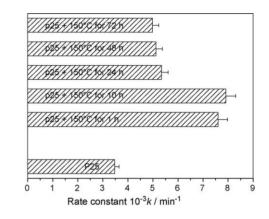




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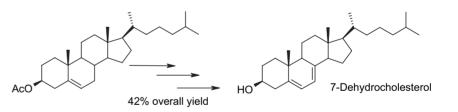
Enhanced photocatalytic activity of ${\rm TiO}_2$ powder (P25) by hydrothermal treatment



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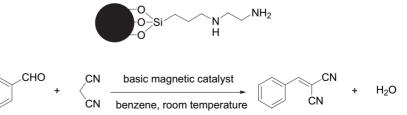
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Synthesis of 7-dehydrocholesterol through a palladium catalyzed selective homoannular conjugated diene formation



Nam T.S. Phan, Christopher W. Jones

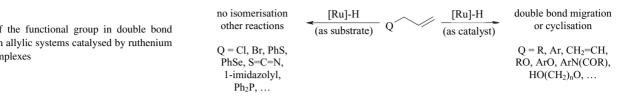
Journal of Molecular Catalysis A: Chemical 253 (2006) 123 Highly accessible catalytic sites on recyclable organosilane-functionalized magnetic nanoparticles: An alternative to functionalized porous silica catalysts



S. Krompiec, N. Kuźnik, M. Krompiec, R. Penczek, J. Mrzigod, A. Tórz

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The role of the functional group in double bond migration in allylic systems catalysed by ruthenium hydride complexes

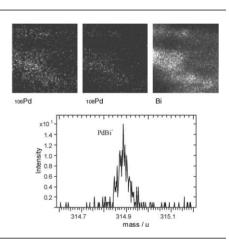


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Activity and selectivity of Pd-Bi/SiO2 catalysts in the light of mutual interaction between Pd and Bi

The presence of intermetallic compounds on the surface of 5% Pd-5% Bi/SiO2 catalysts are confirmed by ToF-SIMS measurements. The studies reveal lack of homogeneity of the sample. Palladium and bismuth are found in distinct clusters on the studied area, and so they are not evenly dispersed on the carrier. The concentration of palladium and bismuth is the highest on the same areas of the studied sample. Moreover, in the spectrum of secondary ions maxima of signal intensity for the following mass: 314, 315 and 317 ascribed to intermetallic compound BiPd were found.



Tao Hu, Yan-Guo Li, Yue-Sheng Li, Ning-Hai Hu

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Novel highly active binuclear neutral nickel and palladium complexes as precatalysts for norbornene polymerization

A series of binuclear neutral nickel and palladium complexes [$(XC_6H_2CH=NC_6H_3-iPr_3)MRL$], **4b–f** (X = H or NO₂, M = Ni or Pd, R = Ph or Me, L = PPh₃ or Py) and $[(C_{10}H_7CH=NC_6H_3-iPr_2)MRL]_2$ 8a-c (M = Ni or Pd, R = Ph or Me, $L = PPh_3$ or Py) have been synthesized and characterized, and were shown to be highly active catalysts for vinylic polymerization of norbornene.

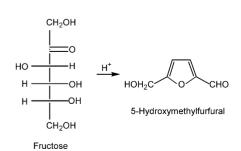


Claude Moreau, Annie Finiels, Laurent Vanoye

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Dehydration of fructose and sucrose into 5-hydroxymethylfurfural in the presence of 1-H-3-methyl imidazolium chloride acting both as solvent and catalyst

The commercially available ionic liquid 1-H-3methyl imidazolium chloride catalyzes the dehydration of fructose and sucrose into 5-hydroxymethylfurfural in a nearly quantitative yield, at low temperature, short reaction time and relatively facile extraction of the final product and ionic liquid recycling.





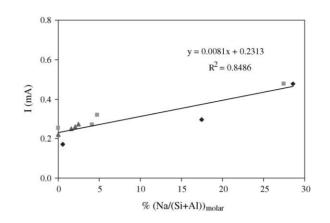
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Electro-oxidation of phenol on zeolite/graphite composite electrodes Part 2. Influence of zeolite type and composition



When molecular halide clusters $[(Nb_6Cl_{12})Cl_2(H_2O)_4] \cdot 4H_2O$ and $(H_3O)_2[(Mo_6Cl_8)Cl_6] \cdot 6H_2O$ were treated in a helium stream at 250 °C and 400 °C, respectively, the maximum catalytic activities for decomposition of phenyl acetate to phenol and ketene appeared. The activity was ascribed to the Brønsted acidity of the hydroxo ligand formed, and the retention of the octahedral cluster frameworks was ascertained.

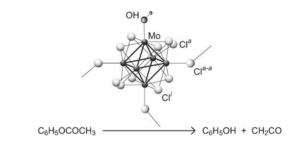
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Mitsuo Kodomari, Masaharu Nomura, Yasuhiro Iwasawa, Teiji Chihara

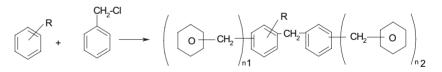
Retention of the octahedral metal framework of Nb and Mo halide clusters in catalytic decomposition of phenyl acetate to phenol and ketene



K. Bachari, O. Cherifi

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Gallium-containing mesoporous silicas as a catalyst for alkylation of benzene and other aromatics by benzyl chloride



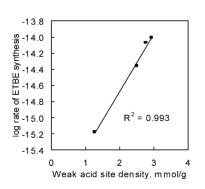
Which n_1 and $n_2 = 0$, 1 or 2, $n_1 + n_2 \le 3$ and R = H, CH₃, 2CH₃, OCH₃.

N.V. Vlasenko, Yu.N. Kochkin, A.M. Puziy

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Liquid phase synthesis of ethyl-*tert*-butyl ether: The relationship between acid, adsorption and catalytic properties of zeolite catalysts

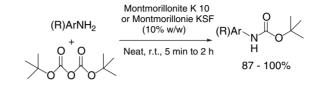
The role of acid centers of natural zeolites in ethyl-*tert*-butyl ether (ETBE) synthesis was investigated. An approach for calculation of desorption energy distribution from stepwise desorption experiment was proposed. The correlation between the rate of ETBE synthesis and concentration of weak acid sites ($E_{\rm NH3}$ =70–75 kJ/mol) was found (see figure). Active in ETBE synthesis are low energy surface ethanol complexes ($E_{\rm C2H5OH}$ =53–60 kJ/mol), which are located on weak acid centers of zeolites.



Sunay V. Chankeshwara, Asit K. Chakraborti

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Montmorillonite K 10 and montmorillonite KSF as new and reusable catalysts for conversion of amines to *N-tert*-butylcarbamates

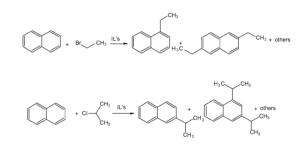


Carlos Gutierrez Blanco, Dolores Casal Banciella, M. Dolores González Azpíroz

Three ionic liquid systems were used as reaction media for the alkylation of naphthalene with different reagents. The following cations were used to prepare the chloroaluminate(III) ionic liquids: 1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium; 8-butyl-1,8-diazabicyclo[5,4,0]-undec-7-enium and 5-butyl-1,5-diazabicy-clo[4,3,0]-non-5-enium. The conversions and reaction yields produced by the alkylation reaction of naphthalene with ethylbromide and isopropylchloride in the three ionic liquid systems were compared.

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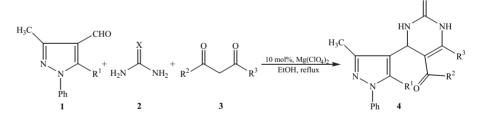
Alkylation of naphthalene using three different ionic liquids



Xinli Zhang, Yanping Li, Chenjiang Liu, Jide Wang

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An efficient synthesis of 4-substituted pyrazolyl-3,4-dihydropyrimidin-2(1H)-(thio)ones catalyzed by $Mg(ClO_4)_2$ under ultrasound irradiation

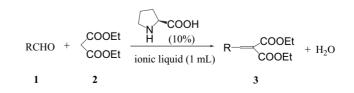


Yun Wang, Zhi-cai Shang, Tian-xing Wu, Ji-cai Fan, Xiang Chen

A novel and highly efficient method for Knoevenagel condensation using L-proline as catalyst and ionic liquid as green solvent is described. In addition, the results of calculations with the Gaussian 98 suite of program are in good accordance with the experimental outcomes.

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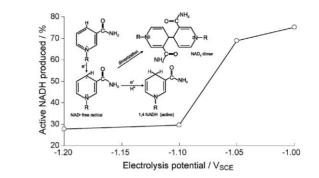
Synthetic and theoretical study on proline-catalyzed Knoevenagel condensation in ionic liquid



Alexis Damian, Sasha Omanovic

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Electrochemical reduction of NAD⁺ on a polycrystalline gold electrode

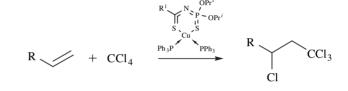


The reduction of NAD^+ on a gold electrode results in the formation of two products: enzymatically active 1,4-NADH and inactive NAD_2 . The ratio between the two products formed is highly potential dependent.

Alexey Zazybin, Olga Osipova, Ulya Khusnutdinova, Ilya Aristov, Boris Solomonov, Felix Sokolov, Maria Babashkina, Nail Zabirov

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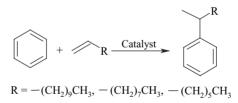
Addition of tetrachloromethane to alkenes catalyzed by copper(I) complexes with *N*-thioacylamidothiophosphate ligands



Ankur Bordoloi, Biju M. Devassy, P.S. Niphadkar, P.N. Joshi, S.B. Halligudi

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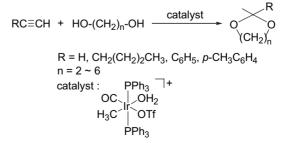
Shape selective synthesis of long-chain linear alkyl benzene (LAB) with AlMCM-41/Beta zeolite composite catalyst AlMCM-41/Beta zeolite composite catalyst was prepared by seeding method using Beta zeolite as a seed and tested in the liquid-phase synthesis of long-chain linear alkyl benzenes. Under the reaction conditions of 120 °C, benzene/1-dodecene molar ratio 10 and time 2 h, conversion of dodecene was 48% with 2-dodecylbenzene selectivity 76%.



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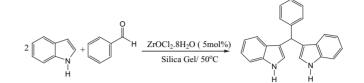
Cyclic acetals from catalytic addition of diols to terminal alkynes with a cationic iridium complex containing two labile ligands Cationic iridium complex $[Ir(CH_3)(OTf)(CO)(OH_2)(PPh_3)_2](OTf)$ catalyzes addition of diols $(HO-(CH_2)_n-OH (n = 2-6))$ to terminal alkynes $(RC \equiv CH: R = H, CH_2(CH_2)_2CH_3, C_6H_5, p-CH_3C_6H_4)$ to produce cyclic acetals $CH_3C(R)O(CH_2)_nO$ exclusively in the absence of H_2O at room temperature.



Habib Firouzabadi, Nasser Iranpoor, Maasoumeh Jafarpour, Arash Ghaderi

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ZrOCl₂•8H₂O/silica gel as a new efficient and a highly water-tolerant catalyst system for facile condensation of indoles with carbonyl compounds under solvent-free conditions

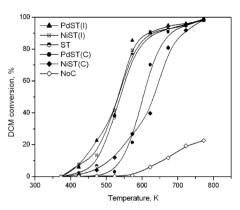


L.M. Martínez T, C. Montes de Correa, J.A. Odriozola, M.A. Centeno

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Synthesis and characterization of xerogel titania modified with Pd and Ni

Bifunctional catalysts, i.e. containing palladium and Brönsted acid sites are required for total combustion of dichloromethane (DCM) at relatively low temperatures. DCM oxidation is much higher over sulphated catalysts as compared to un-sulphated ones, catalysts prepared by impregnation exhibit higher activity than those prepared by cogellation and Pd was more effective than Ni for burning-off coke deposited over support surface.

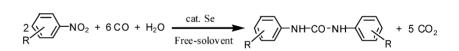


Xiaofang Wang, Peng Li, Xiaohua Yuan, Shiwei Lu

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Selenium-catalyzed carbonylation of nitroarenes to symmetrical 1,3-diarylureas under solvent-free conditions

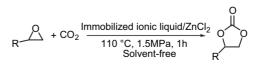
Diarylureas were synthesized by Se-catalyzed carbonylation of nitroarenes in up to 98% yields. Additionally, three herbicides were readily produced from diarylureas and amine.



Lin-Fei Xiao, Fu-Wei Li, Jia-Jian Peng, Chun-Gu Xia

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Immobilized ionic liquid/zinc chloride: Heterogeneous catalyst for synthesis of cyclic carbonates from carbon dioxide and epoxides Chemical fixation of carbon dioxide with epoxides to form cyclic carbonates proceeds very effectively under mild conditions by using immobilized ionic liquid catalyst in conjunction with zinc chloride without any organic solvents. Reaction temperature, carbon dioxide pressure, effects of different metallic complexes and the amount of immobilized ionic liquid were investigated. The optimum reaction conditions were 110 °C and 1.5 MPa, and the catalyst system was recycled and reused.



Tetsuya Shishido, Manabu Yamamoto, Ikuo Atake, Dalin Li, Yan Tian, Hiroyuki Morioka, Masahide Honda, Tsuneji Sano, Katsuomi Takehira

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Cu/Zn-based catalysts improved by adding magnesium for water-gas shift reaction

Cu/MgO/ZnO catalyst prepared by homogeneous precipitation showed high catalytic activity for water-gas shift reaction. Small amount of MgO enhanced and stabilized the formation of Cu⁺ species, resulting in the high activity. The reaction proceeds via a reduction–oxidation mechanism between Cu⁺ and Cu⁰ on the catalyst surface.

 H_2O Cu^0 CO_2 H_2 Cu^+ CO_2

Tomonori Kawabata, Naoko Fujisaki, Tetsuya Shishido, Kiyoshi Nomura, Tsuneji Sano, Katsuomi Takehira

 Fe/Mg_3Al prepared by the 'memory effect' exhibited a high catalytic activity for Baeyer–Villiger oxidation of ketones using molecular oxygen and benzaldehyde. The Fe/Mg_3Al catalyst showed higher activity than that prepared by copreciptation, and the prominent catalytic performance could be ascribed to cluster-like octahedrally coordinated Fe^{3+} species incorporated on the surface of Mg-Al mixed oxide.

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Improved Fe/Mg-Al hydrotalcite catalyst for Baeyer–Villiger oxidation of ketones with molecular oxygen and benzaldehyde

R₁ R₂ benzaldehyde / O₂ O Fe/Mg₃Al hydrotalcite R₁ O R₂