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# J. Včelák, J. Čermák, M. Czakóová, J. Storch

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Hydroamination of methyl methacrylate catalyzed by cationic palladium diphosphinoazine complexes

Hydroaminations of methylmethacrylate with pyrrolidine and piperidine were found to proceed without a catalyst under mild conditions. Hydroamination with morpholine catalyzed by cationic palladium diphosphinoazine complexes **1–4** was studied at temperatures 20–80 °C with catalyst loadings 0.1–1.05 mol%.



# Mayur J. Bhanushali, Nitin S. Nandurkar, Malhari D. Bhor, Bhalchandra M. Bhanage

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Palladium/1,2-bis(diphenylphosphino) ethane catalysed amination of aryl halides with aliphatic/ aromatic amines

# The Ullmann coupling of amines with aryl iodide and bromides has been carried out efficiently using $Pd(OAc)_2/1,2$ -bis(diphenylphosphino) ethane [DPPE] in toluene as a solvent. The effects of various parameters such as temperature, solvent, base, catalyst loading and metal–ligand ratio on the reaction system were studied. The reaction is applicable to a wide variety of substituted aryl amines and alkyl amines with different steric and electronic properties.



#### Linjie Hu, Kenneth A. Boateng, Josephine M. Hill

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The effects of precursor and calcination procedure on the dispersion of 1.5 wt% alumina-supported Pt catalysts have been investigated. The prepared catalysts were characterized using X-ray diffraction, chemisorption, physisorption, and electron microscopy. Higher dispersions (up to 100%) were obtained with lower heating rates (2 °C/min), and an ammonia precursor. The decomposition of the precursors could be achieved with helium alone.



#### Istadi, Nor Aishah Saidina Amin

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Synergistic effect of catalyst basicity and reducibility on performance of ternary  $CeO_2$ -based catalyst for  $CO_2$  OCM to  $C_2$  hydrocarbons The synergistic effect of catalyst basicity and reducibility are vital in enhancing the  $CO_2$  OCM process. Introduction of CaO and  $MnO_x$  on the  $CeO_2$ -based catalyst modifies the reducibility and basicity behaviours of catalyst and led to enhancement of methane conversion and yield. The activity is enhanced by the proper amount of medium and strong basic sites and high catalyst reducibility.



Nicolas Villandier, Isabelle Adam, François Jérôme, Joël Barrault, Ronan Pierre, Alain Bouchu, Juliette Fitremann, Yves Queneau

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Selective synthesis of amphiphilic hydroxyalkylethers of disaccharides over solid basic catalysts. Influence of the superficial hydrophilic–lipophilic balance of the catalyst In this work, we report the etherification of three disaccharidic polyols, namely sucrose, trehalose and isomalt, with fatty 1,2-epoxydodecane over different solid basic catalysts. We show that the activity of the solid catalysts is closely linked to their superficial hydrophilic–lipophilic properties. The selectivity into monoether derivatives, the reaction regioselectivity as well as the surfactant properties of the newly prepared amphiphilic molecules are discussed.



# Benudhar Punji, C. Ganesamoorthy, Maravanji S. Balakrishna

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# Maya Boutros, Franck Launay, Audrey Nowicki, Thomas Onfroy, Virginie Herledan-Semmer, Alain Roucoux, Antoine Gédéon

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Reduced forms of Rh(III) containing MCM-41 silicas as hydrogenation catalysts for arene derivatives This work reports on the synthesis of rhodium containing MCM-41 from rhodium(III) chloride and tetraethoxysilane in aqueous ammonia. Subsequent reduction step led to  $Rh^0$  nanoparticles with 25–40% dispersion which are active and stable catalysts for the hydrogenation of arene derivatives under mild pressure and temperature. *Cis/trans* selectivity of dimethylcyclohexanes was discussed in the light of dispersion measurements.



# Enio J. Leão Lana, Kelly A. da Silva Rocha, Ivan V. Kozhevnikov, Elena V. Gusevskaya

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Synthesis of 1,8-cineole and 1,4-cineole by isomerization of  $\alpha$ -terpineol catalyzed by heteropoly acid The isomerization of  $\alpha$ -terpineol (1) catalyzed by dissolved or silica-supported heteropoly acid H<sub>3</sub>PW<sub>12</sub>O<sub>40</sub> (PW) yields 1,8-cineole (2) and 1,4-cineole (3), both useful for flavoring and pharmaceutical applications, with a 50–60% combined selectivity. PW showed a higher catalytic activity and selectivity than conventional acid catalysts such as H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and Amberlyst-15.



# Erika Soares Bronze-Uhle. Mirela Inês de Sairre, Paulo Marcos Donate, **Daniel Frederico**

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Enantioselective hydrogenation of 4-(hydroxymethyl)furan-2(5H)-one derivatives









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Promoted partial oxidation activity of alkali metal added-Co catalysts supported on NaY and NaUSY zeolites in the gas-phase catalytic oxidation of benzyl alcohol

The formation of benzaldehyde was selectively promoted by adding alkali metal (potassium) to the 1 wt.% Co impregnated and ion-exchanged NaY catalysts (K/Cu(1)/NaYimp, K/Cu(1)/NaYie).



# Shu-Wei Chen, Santosh Singh Thakur, Wenji Li, Chang-Kyo Shin, Rahul B. Kawthekar, Geon-Joong Kim

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Efficient catalytic synthesis of optically pure 1,2azido alcohols through enantioselective epoxide ring opening with HN<sub>3</sub>

# Inactive Co(salen) complexes are easily activated by the Lewis acid of group 13 metal chlorides as a result of formation of heterometallic complexes. These complexes show very high catalytic activity for the asymmetric ring opening of epoxides with HN<sub>3</sub>.



# Xiuli Bu, Huanwang Jing, Li Wang, Tao Chang, Lili Jin, Yongmin Liang

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Organic base catalyzed O-alkylation of phenols under solvent-free condition

Several phenyl ethers were prepared under solvent-free condition at room temperature with good to excellent yields by simply grinding the mixture of relevant phenol, alkyl bromide, anhydrous potassium carbonate and organic base as catalyst in a mortar. This method is easy to handle and provides also a convenient procedure for protecting phenols in organic synthesis.



# Rong Tan, Donghong Yin, Ningya Yu, Liang Tao, Zaihui Fu, Dulin Yin

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A novel polymeric chiral salen Mn(III) complex as solvent-regulated phase transfer catalyst in the asymmetric epoxidation of styrene

A novel solvent-regulated phase transfer catalyst of polymeric chiral salen Mn(III) complex **3** was synthesized and used as a catalyst in the asymmetric epoxidation of styrene in the presence of axial base with *m*-CPBA as an oxidant. Excellent yield and high ee value of the epoxide could be obtained.



% Yield = 95-99; ee's = 35-47

# Jianxin Chen, Yuanbiao Huang, Zhongshui Li, Zhichun Zhang, Chunxia Wei, Tingyan Lan, Wenjie Zhang

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Syntheses of iron, cobalt, chromium, copper and zinc complexes with bulky bis(imino)pyridyl ligands and their catalytic behaviors in ethylene polymerization and vinyl polymerization of norbornene The syntheses, characterization and ethylene and norbornene polymerization behaviors of iron, cobalt, chromium, copper, and zinc complexes (**3–7b**) bearing chelating bulky 2,6-bis[1-(2,6-diisopropylphenylimino)ethyl]pyridine ligand (**1**) or 2,6-bis[1-(2,5-ditertbutylphenylimino)ethyl]pyridine ligand (**2**) are reported. And the cobalt complex **4** was characterized by the X-ray diffraction. Except copper and zinc complexes (**6a–7b**), the other complexes (**3–5**) show good activities in ethylene and vinyl norbornene polymerization. It is interested that FeCl<sub>2</sub>, CoCl<sub>2</sub>(THF)<sub>1.5</sub> and CrCl<sub>3</sub>(THF)<sub>3</sub> can catalyse vinyl polymerization of norbornene activated with MAO and show good activities.



#### Ibrahim Kani, Filiz Sisman

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Synthesis and catalytic activity of perfluoroalkylated pyridine–palladium(II) complex toward olefin hydrogenation in  $scCO_2$  and conventional organic solvents

The synthesis and characterization of the scCO<sub>2</sub> soluble complex [Pd(o-COOCH<sub>2</sub>-(CF<sub>2</sub>)<sub>7</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>-NC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(OAc)<sub>2</sub>] is described. The complex was used as catalyst precursor for the hydrogenation of olefins in scCO<sub>2</sub> and organic solvents. The observed catalytic activity was styrene > cyclohexene > *t*-2-octene > 1-octene.



# Heesoo Kim, Ji Chul Jung, Pil Kim, Sung Ho Yeom, Kwan-Young Lee, In Kyu Song

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Preparation of  $H_3PMo_{12}O_{40}$  catalyst immobilized on surface modified mesostructured cellular foam (SM-MCF) silica and its application to the ethanol conversion reaction By taking advantage of the overall negative charge of  $[PMo_{12}O_{40}]^{3-}$ ,  $H_3PMo_{12}O_{40}$  catalyst was immobilized on the surface modified mesostructured cellular foam (SM-MCF) silica as a charge matching component. The  $H_3PMo_{12}O_{40}$ /SM-MCF silica catalyst showed a remarkably enhanced ethanol conversion than the bulk  $H_3PMo_{12}O_{40}$  catalyst.



#### Haiyan Fu, Min Li, Hua Chen, Xianjun Li

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Double long-chain cationic surfactants (DLCS) were used for higher olefin hydroformylation catalyzed by water-soluble rhodium catalyst in the aqueous/organic biphasic system. The reaction rate was greatly accelerated and the TOF (turn over frequency defined as the moles of converted olefin per mole Rh per hour) in 1-dodecene hydroformylation achieved 2291  $h^{-1}$  even without stirring.

Higher olefin hydroformylation in organic/aqueous biphasic system accelerated by double long-chain cationic surfactants



# Tao Jiang, Yingnan Ning, Baojun Zhang, Jianzhong Li, Gang Wang, Jianjun Yi, Qiang Huang

The effects of tetrachloroethane on the catalytic performance in ethylene tetramerization reactions were studied using a homogeneous  $[Cr(acac)_3/diphoshinoamine(PNP)/methylaluminoxane (MAO)/tetra-chloroethane] catalyst system. The results show that the tetrachloroethane has significant promotion effect to assist chromium center in improving selectivity toward 1-Octene.$ 

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Preparation of 1-octene by the selective tetramerization of ethylene

$$= \frac{\text{Cr(III )/PNP/MAO/TCE}}{50^{\circ}\text{C}, 5.0\text{MPa}}$$

# Ji Chul Jung, Heesoo Kim, Ahn Seop Choi, Young-Min Chung, Tae Jin Kim, Seong Jun Lee, Seung-Hoon Oh, In Kyu Song

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Preparation, characterization, and catalytic activity of bismuth molybdate catalysts for the oxidative dehydrogenation of *n*-butene into 1,3-butadiene In the oxidative dehydrogenation of *n*-butene into 1,3-butadiene,  $\gamma$ -Bi<sub>2</sub>MoO<sub>6</sub> showed a better catalytic performance than  $\alpha$ -Bi<sub>2</sub>Mo<sub>3</sub>O<sub>12</sub> due to the facile oxygen mobility of  $\gamma$ -Bi<sub>2</sub>MoO<sub>6</sub>.



# Nuray Oktar, Junko Mitome, Erik M. Holmgreen, Umit S. Ozkan

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Catalytic reduction of  $\rm N_2O$  and  $\rm NO_2$  with methane over sol–gel palladium-based catalysts

Pd/TiO<sub>2</sub> and Gd-doped Pd/TiO<sub>2</sub> prepared through a 'one-pot' sol–gel method are shown to be active for the reduction of both N<sub>2</sub>O and NO<sub>2</sub> using CH<sub>4</sub> as a reducing agent under excess O<sub>2</sub> conditions. In the figure presented here surface species formed during the sequential introduction of NO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, O<sub>2</sub> are monitored through DRIFTS. These results provide evidence of a CH<sub>4</sub>-nitrate interaction during the reduction of NO<sub>2</sub>. These catalysts are quite active and selective to N<sub>2</sub>.



# Sergey E. Lyubimov, Vadim A. Davankov, Marina G. Maksimova, Pavel V. Petrovskii, Konstantin N. Gavrilov

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Chiral cationic diamidophosphite: Novel effective ligand for Pd-catalysed enantioselective allylic substitution Novel diamidophosphite ligand bearing alkylammomium fragment was prepared by a one-step phosphorylation of a quaternised aminoalcohol. The ionic ligand demonstrated high enantioselectivity in the Pd-catalysed allylic substitution of 1,3-diphenylallyl acetate (up to 99% ee)



# A. Griboval-Constant, J.-M. Giraudon, I. Twagishema, G. Leclercq, M.E. Rivas, J. Alvarez, M.J. Pérez-Zurita, M.R. Goldwasser

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Characterization of new Co and Ru on  $\alpha$ -WC catalysts for Fischer-Tropsch reaction. Influence of the carbide surface state





#### Hamid R. Mardani, Hamid Golchoubian

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Selective and efficient C–H oxidation of alkanes with hydrogen peroxide catalyzed by a manganese(III) Schiff base complex A variety of hydrocarbons were efficiently oxidized to the corresponding carbonyl compounds in good yields at the ambient temperature with a Schiff base Mn(III) complex as catalyst in the presence of 30% hydrogen peroxide. The oxidation took place selectively at the benzylic C–H bond through a Mn(V)-oxo intermediate.



# Majid M. Heravi, Vahideh Zadsirjan, Farahnaz K. Behbahani, Hossien A. Oskooie

2,3-Dihydro-1H-1,5-benzodiazepines are synthesized by the condensation of *o*-phenylendiamine and various ketones in the presence of  $Fe(ClO_4)_3$  under solventless conditions.

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Catalytic synthesis of 2,3-dihydro-1*H*-1,5-benzodiazepines by ferric perchlorate



# Joffrey Wolf, Agnès Labande, Michael Natella, Jean-Claude Daran, Rinaldo Poli

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Aryl Grignard cross-coupling of aryl chlorides catalysed by new, highly active phosphine/imidazolium nickel(II) complexes Three zwitterionic nickel(II) complexes, bearing phosphine/imidazolium ligands, have been prepared and characterised. Their catalytic activity has been evaluated with a range of aryl chlorides and arylmagnesium halides. They have shown moderate to very high activities with most substrates, and very good selectivities in favour of the heterocoupling products.



#### Majid M. Heravi, Fatemeh F. Bamoharram, Ghadir Rajabzadeh, Nasim Seifi, Mola Khatami

*Journal of Molecular Catalysis A: Chemical 259* been compared with  $H_3[PW_{12}O_{40}], H_{14}[N(2006) 213$ 

Preyssler heteropolyacid  $[NaP_5W_{30}O_{110}]^{14-}$ , as a new, green and recyclable catalyst for the synthesis of [1,2,4]triazino[4,3-b][1,2,4,5]tetrazines





# Qing-Chi Xu, Jing-Dong Lin, Jun Li, Xian-Zhu Fu, Zhen-Wei Yang, Wei-Ming Guo, Dai-Wei Liao

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Combination and interaction of ammonia synthesis ruthenium catalysts

A novel combination-type ruthenium catalyst has been developed, in which two catalysts, K-Ru/MgO and K-Ru/CNTs, are combined with weight ratio of 1/1. The hightest activity of the combination-type catalyst, K-Ru/CNTs + K-Ru/MgO, reaches 4453 $\mu$  mol NH<sub>3</sub>h<sup>-1</sup>g<sup>-1</sup><sub>-cat</sub> at 673 K under 0.2 MPa, which is two times higher than the average activity of the two catalysts.



# Tanya Tsoncheva, Veselina Mavrodinova, Ljubomira Ivanova, Momtchil Dimitrov, Stavry Stavrev, Christo Minchev

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Nickel modified ultrananosized diamonds and their application as catalysts in methanol decomposition

Methanol decomposition to hydrogen, carbon monoxide and methane on nickel modified shock-wave synthesized ultrananosized diamond materials could be successfully regulated by the support carbon phase composition and the pretreatment procedures.



# Magnus Karlsson, Adriana Ionescu, Carlaxel Andersson

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Hydrocarboxylation of olefins using an amphiphilic palladium catalyst, activity and recycling properties. NMR identification of some reaction intermediates The aqueous phase hydrocarboxylation of styrene, 1-octene and 4-penteneoic acid using a palladium catalyst with the amphiphilic phosphine N3P as ligand, demonstrates that the reaction rate is strongly dependent on the solubility of the substrates. The catalyst employing N3P also shows an inverted regioselectivity compared to the TPPTS system. Due to N3P amphiphilic character, it is possible to recycle the catalyst, both by extracting the substrate and by extracting the catalyst into an organic solvent. Employing the water-soluble 3-buten-1-ol as substrate, several reaction intermediates were identified by means of NMR and IR.



### Guoting Li, Jiuhui Qu, Xiwang Zhang, Huijuan Liu, Haining Liu

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Electrochemically assisted photocatalytic degradation of Orange II: Influence of initial pH values



# Shurong Wang, Jing Huang, Yingqiang Zhao, Shuping Wang, Xiaoying Wang, Tongying Zhang, Shihua Wu, Shoumin Zhang, Weiping Huang

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Preparation, characterization and catalytic behavior of  $SnO_2$  supported Au catalysts for low-temperature CO oxidation

SnO<sub>2</sub> nano-crystals were synthesized by a precipitation process and then used as the support for Au/SnO<sub>2</sub> catalysts preparation via a deposition-precipitation method. The influence of calcination temperature of SnO<sub>2</sub> support, calcination temperature of Au/SnO<sub>2</sub> catalysts and Au loading on the catalytic activity of Au/SnO2 catalysts was investigated. The SnO<sub>2</sub> samples calcined at 573 and 673 K were found to be the suitable support materials for Au/SnO<sub>2</sub> catalysts. In all investigated Au/SnO<sub>2</sub> catalysts, the catalytic activity of the catalyst with 2.86 wt.% Au loading was the highest. The optimum calcination temperature of the Au/SnO<sub>2</sub> catalysts was 473 K. According to XRD, HRTEM and XPS, the catalytic activity of the Au/SnO2 catalysts was related to the particle size of gold and tin oxide support, the fraction of metallic state Au and the degree of crystallinity of tin dioxide support.



Mohammad Ali Zolfigol, Peyman Salehi, Arash Ghaderi, Morteza Shiri, Zahra Tanbakouchian

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An eco-friendly procedure for the synthesis of polysubstituted quinolines under aqueous media



# A. De Lucas, P. Sánchez, A. Fúnez, M.J. Ramos, J.L. Valverde

The presence of the binder decreased the catalytic performance of all the catalysts because of the decrease of the number of strong acid sites and the possible partial blocking of the micropore mouths of the zeolites by the binder and the EFAL species created during the agglomeration process.

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Influence of clay binder on the liquid phase hydroisomerization of *n*-octane over palladium-containing zeolite catalysts



# K.N. Gavrilov, V.N. Tsarev, M.G. Maksimova, O.G. Bondarev, E.A. Rastorguev, S.E. Lyubimov, P.V. Petrovskii, V.A. Davankov

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Iminoarylphosphites with ferrocenylidene and cymantrenylidene fragments: Coordination properties and use in palladium-catalysed asymmetric allylic substitution New chiral *P*,*N*-bidentate ferrocene- and cymantrene-based iminoarylphosphites were synthesised and their complexation with the Rh(I), Pd(II) and Pt(II) atoms investigated. The new ligands gave up to 97% ee in the enantioselective Pd-catalysed allylic alkylation and up to 96% ee in the Pd-catalysed allylic amination of 1,3-diphenyl-2-propenyl acetate.

Hydrogen evolved (ml)

2



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# Zhiliang Jin, Xiaojie Zhang, Gongxuan Lu, Shuben Li

Hydrogen evolution from 15% (v/v) DEA-H<sub>2</sub>O solution under visible light ( $\lambda$  > 420 nm) irradiation over (a) 1.0 wt.% Eo-Rh/TiO<sub>2</sub>; (b) 1.0 wt.% Eo-Pt/TiO<sub>2</sub> and (c) 1.0 wt.% Eo-Ru/TiO<sub>2</sub> photocatalysts.

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Improved quantum yield for photocatalytic hydrogen generation under visible light irradiation over eosin sensitized  $\text{TiO}_2$ —Investigation of different noble metal loading



Several studies have demonstrated that the DMC can be obtained by the reaction of methanol with carbon dioxide: The influence of Brønsted-acid sites on the behaviour of this reaction was investigated using Keggin-type heteropolyanions (HPA) as catalysts.

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Illumination Time (hours)

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Effect of the Brønsted acidity on the behavior of CO<sub>2</sub> methanol reaction



# José Milton E. Matos, Benedito S. Lima-Neto

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Acyclic amines as ancillary ligands in Ru-based catalysts for ring-opening metathesis polymerization. Probing the electronic and steric aspects of cyclic and acyclic amines The role of amines as ancillary ligands are discussed in the ROMP of norbornene with  $[RuCl_2(PPh_3)_2(amine)_y]$ , where x = 1 or 2, at room temperature or 50 °C for 5 min.



Hongying Niu, Haiming Guo, Jie Yao, Yue Wang, Gongying Wang Samarium diiodide was found to be a novel and efficient catalyst for the synthesis of DPC by transesterification of phenol and DMC. Compared with other catalysts, samarium diiodide can reach high activity with a very low catalyst amount (0.2 mol%) and can enhance the conversion of phenol greatly.

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Transesterification of dimethyl carbonate and phenol to diphenyl carbonate catalyzed by samarium diiodide

$$\begin{array}{c} O \\ SmI_2 \\ PhOH + H_3CO - C - OCH_3 \end{array} \xrightarrow{SmI_2} PhO - C - OPh + 2 CH_3OH \\ \end{array}$$

#### Mark Zerella, Alexis T. Bell

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Pt-catalyzed oxidative carbonylation of methane to acetic acid in sulfuric acid

Pt(II) catalyzes the oxidative carbonylation of methane to acetic acid. Methyl bisulfate is an intermediate that CO carbonylates to produce acetic acid. CO also reduces the active catalyst from Pt(II) to Pt(0). Catalytic activity can be increased by promoting re-oxidation using a co-catalyst and  $O_2$ .

CH<sub>4</sub> + CO  $\xrightarrow{Pt(II)}$  CH<sub>3</sub>COOH

# Eliana M. Sussuchi, Andréia A. de Lima, Wagner F. De Giovani

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Effect of the *cis-* and *trans-*[1,2-bis(diphenylphosphino)ethylene] ligands in the properties of diphosphine–polypyridyl complexes of ruthenium(II). Application to electrocatalytic oxidations of organic compounds The ruthenium(II) complexes  $[Ru(cis-L)(totpy)(H_2O)](PF_6)_2$  (**a**) and  $[Ru(trans-L)_2(totpy)(H_2O)](PF_6)_2$  (**b**) (L = 1,2-bis(diphenylphosphino)ethylene; totpy = 4'-(4-tolyl)-2,2':6',2''-terpyridine) were synthesized. They were used, in solution and immobilized in carbon paste electrode, as catalysts in electrocatalytic oxidations of benzyl alcohol, cyclohexanol, 1-pentanol, 1,2-butanediol, 1,4-butanediol and cyclohexene.



# Lars Giebeler, Philip Kampe, Andreas Wirth, Andreas H. Adams, Jan Kunert, Hartmut Fuess, Herbert Vogel

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Structural changes of vanadium-molybdenumtungsten mixed oxide catalysts during the selective oxidation of acrolein to acrylic acid



# Tatiana C.O. Mac Leod, Debora F.C. Guedes, Marina R. Lelo, Rafael A. Rocha, Bruno L. Caetano, Katia J. Ciuffi, Marilda D. Assis

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Catalytic activity of Jacobsen catalyst encapsulated in an alumina matrix by the sol-gel process

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Preparation and evaluation of porous nickel-alumina spheres as catalyst in the production of hydrogen from decomposition of methane This paper presents the synthesis of  $Al_2O_3$  and Nidoped  $Al_2O_3$  spherical catalysts. The catalytic activity of the materials obtained was evaluated in the catalytic decomposition of methane. The catalysts were shown to be active and stable in relation to the catalytic decomposition of the methane reaction. After the catalytic tests, characterization of the deposited carbon was carried out and the analyses indicated the presence of single-walled nanotubes and multiwalled nanotubes. It was observed that the catalytic behaviour and the form of carbon produced depend on the characteristics of the sites present on the catalyst surface and on the operational conditions employed.

