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Group 4 metal bis(chelate) complexes of 2anilidomethylpyridine ligands: Synthesis and catalytic activity for olefin polymerization New amidopyridine ligands and their corresponding *L*r(*IV*) and Hr(*IV*) complexes. ► More or less fluxional solution structure depending on the substituents. ► Multi-site catalytic systems for the polymerization of ethylene and propene.



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Catalytic activity of $\mathrm{PdCl}_{\mathrm{2}}$ complexes with pyridines in nitrobenzene carbonylation

One-Pot Catalytic Synthesis of Carbamates

► Carbonylation of nitrobenzene and nitrobenzene/aniline catalyzed by PdCl2(XnPy)2 complexes is

investigated. ► The substituent effect in XnPy on catalytic activity of PdCl2(XnPy)2 is studied. ► A detailed

mechanism of catalytic carbonylation of nitrobenzene is proposed.



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Tin exchanged heteropoly tungstate: An efficient catalyst for benzylation of arenes with benzyl alcohol

▶ Sn exchange heteropoly tungstate is efficient catalysts for benzylation of arenes. ▶ The activity of the catalyst depends on the generation of Lewis acidity due to Sn. ▶ The catalytic depend on the amount of Sn exchanged with heteropoly tungstate. ▶ The catalyst is active for benzylation irrespective of the nature of arene and alcohols.

Sn₁TPA N₂, 120 °C

An efficient tin-exchanged 12-tungstophosphoric acid catalyst is reported for the liquid phase benzylation of arenes using benzyl alcohol under mild conditions. The catalyst exhibited high activity with excellent yield with in short reaction time.

Wen-Juan Jin, Li-Qin Ding, Zeng Chu, Lei-Lei Chen, Xing-Qiang Lü, Xiao-Yan Zheng, Ji-Rong Song, Dai-Di Fan

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Controllable bulk solvent-free melt ring-opening polymerization (ROP) of L-lactide catalyzed by Ni(II) and Ni(II)-Ln(III) complexes based on the Salen-type Schiff-base ligand

▶ d or d-f complexes based on Salen-type Schiff-base ligand. ▶ Controllable bulk solvent-free melt ring-opening polymerization (ROP) of L-lactide. Lewis acidity of active species (d or d-f) being relative to the catalytic activity. ► Intramolecular Ni…Ln separations being relative to the catalysis.



L-LA

Nilay Kumar Dey, Myoung Joo Kim, Kwang-Dae Kim, Hyun Ook Seo, Dongwun Kim, Young Dok Kim, Dong Chan Lim, Kyu Hwan Lee

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Adsorption and photocatalytic degradation of methylene blue over TiO₂ films on carbon fiber prepared by atomic layer deposition



H₃NBH₃ + 2H₂O -

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Palladium(0) nanoclusters stabilized by poly(4styrenesulfonic acid-co-maleic acid) as an effective catalyst for Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling reactions in water



► A novel temperature-controlled phase transfer catalyst was prepared. ► This catalyst showed good activity

in the oxidation of pyridines and alcohols. The catalyst could be easily recovered and reused after reaction.



Yong Ding, Wei Zhao

Saim Özkar

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The oxidation of pyridine and alcohol using the Keggin-type lacunary polytungstophosphate as a temperature-controlled phase transfer catalyst





PLA

• NH₄⁺ + BO₂⁻ + 3 H_{2(g)}

Fatemeh Tamaddon, Fatemeh Tavakoli

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One-pot synthesis of *N*-tert-butyl amides from alcohols, ethers and esters using $ZnCl_2/SiO_2$ as a recyclable heterogeneous catalyst

► $ZnCl_2/SiO_2$ as a heterogeneous catalyst promotes efficiently the Ritter reaction. ► Scope and generality of the method is obvious for high yielding conversion of alcohols, ethers and esters to amides. ► The catalyst is recyclable. ► Benzonitrile reacted with *tert*-butyl acetate faster than the other sources of *tert*-butyl carbocation in the presence of silzic.

$$R^{1} = \mathbb{N} + R^{2}OR^{3} \xrightarrow{ZnCl_{2}/SiO_{2} (15 \text{ mol}\%)}_{100 \text{ °C}} R \xrightarrow{O}_{H} R^{2}$$

$$R^{1} = Alkyl, Aryl R^{3} = H, R, COR, SiR_{3}$$

Hong Zhao, Jian Peng, Ruian Xiao, Mingzhong Cai

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A simple, efficient and recyclable phosphine-free catalytic system for Suzuki–Miyaura reaction of aryl bromides

▶ MCM-41-2N-Pd(II) complex was firstly investigated in the Suzuki–Miyaura reaction. ▶ This phosphine-free heterogeneous palladium catalyst exhibited high catalytic activity. ▶ This palladium catalyst can be reused at least 10 times without any decrease in activity. ▶ Our catalytic system provides a practical procedure for the synthesis of unsymmetrical biaryls.



Yiming He, Yongjiao Wang, Leihong Zhao, Xintao Wu, Ying Wu

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Preparation, characterization and activity evaluation of V_2O_5 -LaVO₄ composites under visible light irradiation

▶ V_2O_5 -LaVO₄ composite is a novel visible-light driven catalyst. ▶ The LaVO_x composite shows high activity for acetone degradation under visible light irradiation. ▶ The coupling effect of m-LaVO₄ and V_2O_5 is the origin of the high activity.



Taofeek B. Ogunbayo, Tebello Nyokong

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Phototransformation of 4-nitrophenol using Pd phthalocyanines supported on single walled carbon nanotubes

▶ Pd phthalocyanines complexes are adsorbed on single wall carbon nanotubes. ▶ The adsorbed conjugates are used for phototransformation of nitrophenol. ▶ Hydroquinone and benzoquinone are the phototransformation products. ▶ Complexes containing the longest chain gave the best performances.



Yang Yu, Yanglong Guo, Wangcheng Zhan, Yun Guo, Yanqin Wang, Yunsong Wang, Zhigang Zhang, Guanzhong Lu

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Gas-phase hydrogenation of maleic anhydride to $\gamma\text{-butyrolactone}$ at atmospheric pressure over Cu–CeO₂–Al₂O₃ catalyst

► Cu–CeO₂-Al₂O₃ catalyst was prepared by co-precipitation method. ► The catalyst showed better catalytic performance. ► Small crystallite size of Cu and high Cu surface area of the catalyst are favorable. ► The catalyst deactivation is due to the compact wax-like surface deposition. ► The catalytic performance of the regenerated catalyst can be recovered completely.



Tchirioua Ekou, Lynda Ekou, Aurélie Vicente, Gwendoline Lafaye, Stéphane Pronier, Catherine Especel, Patrice Marécot

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Citral hydrogenation over Rh and Pt catalysts supported on TiO_2 : Influence of the preparation and activation protocols of the catalysts



H H M TiO₂ support

Masahiro Tojo, Shinsuke Fukuoka, Hiroshi Tsukube

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Mechanistic studies on fluorocyclohexene conversion to fluorobenzene under Pd-catalyzed dehydrogenation ▶ Pd as dehydrogenation catalyst. ► Catalysts for dehydrogenation of fluorocyclohexenes. ► Fluorobenzene formation by dehydrogenation of fluorocyclohexenes. ► Oxidants effectively suppressed isomerization and disproportionation.



Majid Moghadam, Shahram Tangestaninejad, Valiollah Mirkhani, Iraj Mohammadpoor-Baltork, Shadab Gharaati ► Supporting of tin(IV) porphyrin on polystyrene. ► A heterogeneous catalyst was prepared. ► These catalysts were active in the tetrahydropyranylation of alcohols and phenols. ► Makes the catalyst reusable.

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Tetrahydropyranylation of alcohols and phenols catalyzed by a new polystyrene-bound tin(IV) porphyrin

