

Heterogeneous catalysis – Catalysts database

This is a partial list of catalysts used in some industrially important heterogeneous catalytic reactions. The list will be updated gradually.

Reaction	Catalyst	Remarks
Adsorption Separation technology	Polysiloxanes with various substitution groups Packed catalyst columns	
Adsorption Water treatment	Zeolites Activated carbon	
Adsorption Air treatment	Zeolites Activated carbon	
Alkylation Benzene----> Toluene Toluene----> Xylenes or styrene	AlCl ₃ Zeolite-X Zeolite-Y ZSM-5 Ag/Al ₂ O ₃ MCM-42 MCM-49 Pt/H-ZSM-5 La-Zeolite-X SBA-15 H-MCM-22 CeO ₂ -MgO	
Hydroformylation CO+C _n = +H ₂ ---->C _{n+1} aldehyde	Rh/Al ₂ O ₃ Rh/SiO ₂	

	Rh/SiO ₂ -Al ₂ O ₃ Pd/SiO ₂ Rh-Pd/SiO ₂ Rh-Co/SiO ₂ Au/Co ₃ O ₄ Co/Al ₂ O ₃ Co/SiO ₂	
Hydrotreating – HDS R-SH+H ₂ ----> R+ R [≡] + H ₂ S	Sulfided CoMo/Al ₂ O ₃ Sulfided NiMo/Al ₂ O ₃	Industrial catalyst
Hydrotreating – HDN R-NH ₂ +H ₂ ----> R+ R [≡] + NH ₃	Sulfided NiMo/Al ₂ O ₃ , Pd/Al ₂ O ₃	
Epoxidation CH ₂ =CH ₂ ----> (CH ₂ -CH ₂)O CH ₂ =CH-CH ₃ ----> (CH ₂ -CH-CH ₃)O	Ag, Ag/Au supported on zeolites, carbonates (CaCO ₃ , MgCO ₃ , SrCO ₃ , BaCO ₃), CaF, CaTiO ₂ , tribasic calcium phosphate, calcium molybdate, magnesium molybdate, stronium molybdate	Catl. Lett.: 2002, 80, 93
Selective hydrogenation 1,3-butadiene α,β -unsaturated aldehydes Crotonaldehyde----> Crotyl alcohol 3-methyl crotonaldehyde----> 3-methyl crotyl alcohol	Lindlar catalyst Pd/CaCO ₃ with Pb/Bi or Amine/Sulfur Al ₂ O ₃ supported catalysts of Fe, Co(10%), Ni, Cu(10%), or Pd(5%) Al ₂ O ₃ supported catalysts of Cu, Ni, Fe Ru, Re, Os supported on ZnO	Pharma, Perfumes, Flavors Batch reactors

	Pt (promoted by Fe or Sn)/SiO ₂ with Pt:Sn 4:1 Cu or Cu(sulfidation) /Al ₂ O ₃ Cu/SiO ₂ Cu-Pd (3:1) Pt/TiO ₂	
Selective oxidation Propylene glycol---> acids aldehydes, ketones Glycerol oxidation	Pt, Pd (promoted by Bi or Pb) Supported on C or Al ₂ O ₃ Also: Cd, Co, Cu, Se, Ce, Te, Sn, Au, Ru serve as promoters Pt, Pd, Au, or Ag supported on C, graphite, pumice Also: PdAg/Pumice	
CO oxidation	All these reactions utilize:	
Water gas shift reaction	Au/CeO	
DeSox	Au/TiO ₂	
Complete oxidation of CH₄	Au/TiC	
Selective partial oxidation of propene	(Ceria, oxides, carbides titania serve as goos supports)	
Olefin hydrogenation		
NO reduction with hydrocarbons		
Enantio selective reaction	Adams Pt catalyst Pt/Cinchona 2.5%Pt/SiO ₂ Pt/Al ₂ O ₃	

DeSOx	Au/TiO2	
Decomposition of SO2		
$\text{SO}_2 + 2\text{H}_2\text{S} \longrightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{O} + 3\text{S}$		
Fischer Tropsch (FT) process	Fe and Co based catalysts with Ru, Cu, Ni and K ₂ O promotion (Sasol reaction)	Low Temp FT uses Co
CO+H ₂ --> Hydrocarbons	Fe/ZrO ₂	High Temp FT uses Fe
C-C compounds	Fe/K/ZrO ₂	Promotes alcohol formation
In general:	Co/SiO ₂ (FT Catalyst)	
$n\text{CO} + n\text{H}_2 \longrightarrow (-\text{CH}_2-)_n + n\text{H}_2\text{O}$	Fe-H-ZSM-5	
	0.5%La promoted using La ₂ O ₃	
	On 15%Co/Activated carbon	
	Co/Al ₂ O ₃	
	Ru/Co/ZrO ₂ -Al ₂ O ₃	
	CoRe/Al ₂ O ₃	
Methanol synthesis	Cu/ZnO/Al ₂ O ₃	EtOH product
CO/CO ₂ /H ₂ --> CH ₃ OH	Cu-Zn	(C-C product formation)
CO+2H ₂ --> CH ₃ OH	Cu/SiO ₂ -Zr	Hydrocarbons (HC) formation
	Cu/ZrO ₂	EtOH formation
	Cu/ZnO	C ₂ oxygenates
	Pd/SiO ₂	
	Pd/ZrO ₂	
	Pd/TiO ₂	

	Ca-Pd/SiO ₂ Cs-Cu/ZnO/Al ₂ O ₃ Rh/SiO ₂ Rh/Al ₂ O ₃ Rh/ZrO ₂ or TiO ₂ or CeO ₂ or MnO or La ₂ O ₃ Rh/SiO ₂ promoted by Mn/Fe/Li or Nb	
Hydrogenation	Ru/C, Pd/C	
Alkene----> alkane	Ru/C, Pd/C, Pt/C	
Acids----> alcohols	Cu/SiO ₂ , copper chromite, Ba promoted copper chromite	
Esters----> alcohols	Supported Ni	
Oils and fats		
Dehydrogenation	Supported ZSM-5	
Alkane dehydrogenation	Ga/ZSM-5 Pt/Mg(Ga)(Al)O Pt/Fe/ZSM-5 Pt/Mg(In)(Al)O V ₂ O ₅ /MCM-41 V/Al ₂ O ₃ CrO _x /SiO ₂ Pd/Al ₂ O ₃ Supported Cr catalysts	
Oxidation	Fe/SiO ₂	
Partial oxidation of alkanes		

	PdV/TiO ₂ Ti-Beta V/MCM-41 Pt/Al ₂ O ₃ Rh/Al ₂ O ₃ Mn-Zeolite-5, 55, 58 Ti-Silicates Pt/Mg(Ga)(Al)O V ₂ O ₅ V ₂ O ₅ /TiO ₂	
Ammonia synthesis	Os Ur Fe promoted with K ₂ O, CaO, SiO ₂ , and Al ₂ O ₃ Ru/C Co/C Ba-Fe-Co/C Ru/MgO	
CO₂ hydrogenation CO ₂ +H ₂ ----> CO, HCOOH, HCHO, CH ₃ OH CO ₂ +CH ₄ ----> 2CO+2H ₂	Cu-Zn-chromite H-zeoliteY ZrO ₂ – good support for high temperature hydrogenation Pt(Sn)/SiO ₂ Fe(K, Cu)/Al ₂ O ₃	Dry reformation

CH4 Partial oxidation	Ru/TiO2	
CH4----> CH3OH or	Ru/SiO2	
HCO species	Ru/Al2O3	
Oligomerization	Pt/CeZrO2/Al2O3	
Dimerization	Ni or Ni-Au/MgO-Al2O3	
Partial oxidation	Ni/Al2O3-aluminium nitride	
Dry reforming of CH4	Ni/SiO2	
	Ni/Mg(Al)O	
	Ni/MCM-41	
	Re/Al2O3	
	Mg-Al LDH	
	Ru/SiO2	
	Ru/Al2O3	
	Ru/C	
	Pt/Al2O3	
	Ni/Al2O3	
	PtNi/Al2O3	
	Rh/Al2O3	
	Rh/La2O3	
	NiCu/SiO2	
Methanol to Hydrocarbons (MTG)	H-ZSM-5	Dimethyl carbonate
CH3OH----> C2-C9 hydrocarbons	Cu/SiO2 Raney-Ni	

	Cu+-zeolite-X	
Steam reforming CH4 + H2O----> CO+3H2	Ni on Al2O3 or MgO promoted with Au, Ag, Sn, Cu, M, Fe, Ru and other transition metals Cu/ZnO	
Water gas shift (WGS) reaction CO+H2----> CO2+H2	CuO-ZnO-Al2O3 Fe2O3-Cr2O3-MgO Au/CeO2 or TiO2 Cu/CeO2	
Hydrogen production (Steam reforming followed by WGS process) CH4+H2O---->CO+3H2 $\Delta H = + 206 \text{ kJ/mol}$ (298K) Favored at high T and low P Then do WGS: CO+H2O----> CO2+H2 $\Delta H = - 41 \text{ kJ/mol}$ (298K)	Supported Ni catalyst (Noble metals as activators) High T shift: Fe2O3/Cr2O3 at 670K Low T shift: Cu/ZnO at 470K Ni/MgO Ni/YSZ Sn/Ni/YSZ Ni/MgO/alkali Pd/CeO2/Al2O3 Ni/MgO Ni/TiO2 Pt/TiO2 Pt/ZrO2	700 - 1250K / 30 bar TOF = 0.5 s ⁻¹ at 723K (with 10% CH4 conversion) Coking should be controlled Steam dissociation CO2 reforming

	Ag-Ni/Al ₂ O ₃	
	Co-Ni/ZrO ₂	
Methanol to Aromatics	Impregnated Zeolites	
	Ni/ZSM-5	
	Cu/ZSM-5	
	Zn/ZSM-5	
	Ga/ZSM-5	
	Ir/ZSM-5	
	Ru/ZSM-5	
	Pd/ZSM-5	
	Ag/ZSM-5	

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