Study of coke behavior of HZSM-5 catalyst during methanol to propylene (MTP) process

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Coke deposition during methanol conversion to propylene over HZSM-5 has been studied in a fixed bed reactor at different reaction temperatures. The HZSM-5 catalysts with varying SiO_2/Al_2O_3 ratio were synthesized and characterized by XRD, SEM, N_2 -sorption and NH_3 -TPD. The HZSM-5 catalyst for methanol conversion showed catalytic activity loss mainly due to coke deposition. The nature of coke was investigated by XRD, N_2 -sorption, EA and UV-VIS, confirming that the degree of deactivation by coke increased with acidity and reaction temperature.