

Methanol Synthesis over the Mg modified Cu/ZnO/Al₂O₃ Catalysts via different preparation methods

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The objective of this research is to investigate the effect of Mg on the performance of Cu/Zn/MgO/Al₂O₃ catalysts, which made by a variety of methods. In this research, the methanol synthesis reaction over Mg promoted Cu/ZnO/ Al₂O₃ catalysts prepared via co-precipitation, impregnation and Sol-Gel method. The prepared catalysts were characterized by N₂ adsorption, XRD, TPR, N₂ Pulse technologies. The methanol synthesis reaction was carried out at T = 240 °C, P = 50 bar, GHSV = 4,000 h⁻¹ and H₂/CO = 2 in a fixed bed reactor. The Cu dispersion and surface area of the Mg modified catalysts were improved with the addition of Mg than Cu/ZnO/Al₂O₃ catalysts. Mg modified Cu/ZnO/M/Al₂O₃ catalyst show lower MeOH yield than Cu/ZnO/Al₂O₃ but higher stability than Cu/ZnO/Al₂O₃ catalyst.