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Catalyst preparation at the meso scale: The art of shaping

The catalyst scale-up process, which typically involves utilization of a binder and shaping it with the active phase into the catalyst body, often leads to different results compared to a powder catalyst. Moreover, presence of mass transfer limitations can lead to significant changes in activity, selectivity, and stability compared to a batch operation over a powder catalyst.

We have investigated direct synthesis of menthol from citral in flow using shaped catalysts. This reaction, being a subject of extensive research over the years, has not been reported yet in the open literature in a continuous mode.

We have thus investigated cascade transformations of citral and citronellal in a fixed bed reactor over bifunctional shaped ruthenium catalysts. Several types of extrudates with different binders were prepared varying the metal location and the metal-to-acid ratio. The metal location has a significant effect on the catalytic activity and selectivity as will be discussed in detail in the lecture.

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