Deep Oxidative Desulfurization of Dibenzothiophene Catalyzed by Mesoporous Tungsten Oxide

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In this paper, s series of mesoporous metal oxides (Co_3O_4 , Fe_2O_3 , TiO2, MoO2, WO3, CuO) were synthesized by replication method using mesoporous silica KIT-6 as hard template. The obtained materials were well-characterized by XRD, N2-sorption, SEM and used as catalysts for the removal of benzothiophene (BT), dibenzothiophene (DBT), and 4,6-dimethyldibenzothiophene (4,6-DMDBT) from the model oil. The results showed that the catalytic activity was decreased in the order: $WO3 > TiO2 > WO02 > Fe2O3 \ge Co3O4 > CuO$. Therefore, mesoporous WO3 was used for catalytic oxidation of sulfur-containing molecules in model oil was detail under different reaction conditions (including different desulfurization systems, H2O2/DBT molar ratio, temperature and various sulfur compounds). Moreover, oxidative desulfurization system could be recycled for several times without significant decrease in activity by using mesoporous WO_3 as catalyst.