

Effect of calcination temperature on synthesis of mesoporous tungsten oxide and their catalytic performances in DBT oxidative desulfurization

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A series of mesoporous tungsten oxides were synthesized by using nano-replication method via mesoporous silica KIT-6 as a hard template with different annealing temperatures. The synthesized mesoporous tungsten oxides were well-characterized by X-ray diffraction (XRD), N<sub>2</sub>-adsorption, Scanning electron microscope (SEM), H<sub>2</sub>-TPR and Raman spectroscopy. The catalytic activities of mesoporous WO<sub>x</sub> which were calcinated at different temperatures for the oxidative desulfurization of dibenzothiophene (DBT) with H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> as the oxidant in model oil were also investigated under atmospheric pressure at 50°C. The results showed that the catalytic activity was increased in the order: WO<sub>x</sub>(400°C) ≥ WO<sub>x</sub>(500°C) ≥ WO<sub>x</sub>(600°C) > WO<sub>x</sub>(300°C) > WO<sub>x</sub>(200°C), and the catalytic activity decreases in the order of DBT > BT for the various sulfur-containing compounds (benzothiophene (BT), dibenzothiophene (DBT)). And the activity of mesoporous WO<sub>3</sub> was maintained during 5 times recycle-test without any regeneration process. The high catalytic activity and durability is mainly attributed to well-defined mesopores and high surface area of mesoporous WO<sub>3</sub> catalyst.