

Optimized Cu-Fe-ZSM-5 Catalyst for NO_x Reduction: Performance and Commercial Feasibility for net zero emissions

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SUMMARY

The need for a broader operating temperature range in NH₃-SCR catalysts has become urgent in addressing air pollutants like NO_x and particulate matter (PM). Current catalysts face challenges such as sulphur poisoning, limited temperature range, and difficulties with regeneration. This study presents an innovative and cost-effective bimetallic Cu-Fe catalyst on ZSM-5, synthesized with minimal metal content and optimized efficiency. The research further explores the feasibility of this Cu-Fe combination for commercial use. Compared to a commercially available zeolite, the self-synthesized Cu-Fe/ZSM-5 catalyst consistently achieved over 90% NO_x removal across the entire test temperature range. It also demonstrated excellent resistance to sulphur poisoning, with NO_x and PM emission levels significantly below Taiwan's regulatory standards, along with good N₂ selectivity. Additionally, the study examines the cost-benefit analysis for industrial production, projecting an annual net profit of approximately 1.47 million USD for five parallel units.

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