PREFERRED CATALYST Component (ii) is pref. Al₂O₃, MgO, ZrO₂, TiO₂, Cr₂O₃, B,O, or esp. SiO, or their combinations. SiO, is pref. used in an essentially non-crystalline form of pore vol. 0.5 cc/g and specific surface 100-600 sq. m/g: the particles pref. have smallest dimension 0.1-30 mm, and more pref. are spherical, with dia. 0.5-10 mm. Component (iii) is pref. a cpd. of Mg, Ai, Ti and/or Zr. and its conen. (as oxide) is pref. 0.1-10 (esp. 1-7) wt. % of (ii). Al is pref., and can be applied by impregnating (ii) with a soln. of tetramethylammonium aluminate. Zr or Mg can be applied by impregnating (ii) with a soln. of the metal nitrate followed by a soin. of a hydrocarbyl ammonium

ammonium hydroxide being 1-100 (pref. 2-10). Ti can be

impregnation is by a 2-step method, there may be an inter-

mediate calcination. Component (i) pref. comprises 0.1-2 wt.

The impregnated refractory oxide may be dired at 50-250

applied as the soln. of an alcoholate, esp. Ti ethylate.

% of Gp. VIII noble metal, esp. Pt.

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impregnating metal is pref. Al.

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Refractory oxide useful as hydrogenation catalyst support - modified by impregnating with soln(s) contg. alkyl:ammonium ions and active metal

C85-853916 Prodn. method comprises impregnating refractory oxide(s) with hydrocarbyl ammonium metallate(s) and/or a mixt. contg. a hydrocarbyl ammonium ion and a reactive metal from Periodic Gps. Ha, Hia, IVa or IVb.

USE/ADVANTAGE

The modified oxides are useful as catalyst and catalyst supports in hydrocarbon conversions, pref. in presence of H₂, esp. in hydrodearomatization of kerosenes and in hydroisomerization of petroleum waxes (FR 2,553,430). Catalyst activity is improved, supposedly as a result of increased activity.

PREFERRED MATERIALS

The refractory oxide is pref. Al₂O₃, MgO, ZrO₂, TiO₂, Cr₂O₃, B₂O₃ or esp. SiO₂ or their mixts., and is pref. non-crystalline. SiO₂ is pref. used in a form of pore vol. at least 0.5 cc/g and surface area 100-600 sq. cm/g. and contg.

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less than 12 wt. % water. The oxide particles pref. have a smallest dimension of 0.1-30 mm: esp. they are spheres of dia. 0.5-10 mm. The impregnating reactive metal(s) is pref. Mg, Al, Ti or Zr. If the refractory oxide is SiO₂, the

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PREPARATION

The hydrocarbyl ammonium cpds. used in impregnating are pref. 1-4C alkyl, esp. tetramethyl-ammonium cpds. Al can be added by impregnating with a soin. of tetramethyl-ammonium aluminate. Zr and Mg (and Al) can be added as soins. contg. the metal nitrates, followed by a soin. of the

hydrocarbyl ammonium hydroxide, pref. with wt. ratio of the latter hydroxide to refractory oxide of 0.01-1 (esp. 0.1-0.5). Ti, e.g., can be added as an alcoholate, esp. as a soln. of Ti(OEt)₄. Impregnation may be by the wet method or to dryness: with aq. solns., the temp. is pref. 60-90 deg. C. After impregnation, the oxide is pref. dried at 50-250 deg. C and/or calcined in air at 250-1000 deg. C: in 2-step impregnation, there may be calcination for 1-24 hr. at 250-400 deg. C after the first step, and for 1-24 hr at 400-800 deg.

CATALYST COMPOSITIONS The concn. of reactive metals in the refractory oxides is pref. 0.1-10 wt. %. The catalyst may also contain 0.1-2 wt. % Gp. VIII metal(s). **EXAMPLE** 100 g dried SiO₂ spheres (pore vol. 0.74 cc/g, specific surface 294 sq. m/g) were impregnated for 2 hr. at 70 deg. C followed by 16 hr at ambient temp., with an aq. soln. of tetramethylammonium aluminate obtd. by mixing an aq. soln. of 24 g AICI, with 388 cc NMe4OH (10 vol. %) under N2. The spheres were then dried at 100 deg. C for 1 hr. and at 200 deg. C for 3 hr, and finally calcined at 600 deg. C for 3 hr. The prod. contained 5.1 wt. & Al₂O₃, and had pore vol. 0.35 cc/g, and specific surface 346 sq. m/g.(17pp1492RKMH DwgNo0/0)