

## **The effect of sulfate contents on the surface properties of iron–manganese doped sulfated zirconia catalysts**

### **ABSTRACT**

The iron–manganese doped sulfated zirconia catalysts were prepared via precipitation method; the sulfation was carried out by impregnation with different amounts of sulfate (4%, 10% and 16%  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  by weight) with the addition of Fe–Mn doped and calcined at 600 °C for 3 h. The prepared catalysts were characterized by TGA-DTA, XRD, BET, FT-IR, TEM, TPD-NH<sub>3</sub> and XPS. XRD and BET results revealed that the addition of sulfate imparts special stabilization to the catalytically active tetragonal phase of zirconia. All the iron–manganese doped sulfated zirconia catalysts were found to have strong acid sites, high surface area and small crystallite size.

**Keyword:** Iron–manganese doped sulfated zirconia 4%  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  by weight (FMSZ-4); Sulfation; Dopants; Crystallite size