

3D catalyst design

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Three dimensional catalysts were designed by first synthesizing Pt nanoparticles in the size range of 1.7-7.1 nm followed by ultra wave sonication of the particles into the highly ordered, hexagonal channels of mesoporous silica (SBA-15). The final material shows high thermal stability during template removal and demonstrates high catalytic activity for a wide range of heterogeneous catalytic reactions.

