

Supporting Information

Zr-incorporated SBA-15 for conversion of ethanol-acetaldehyde mixture to butadiene

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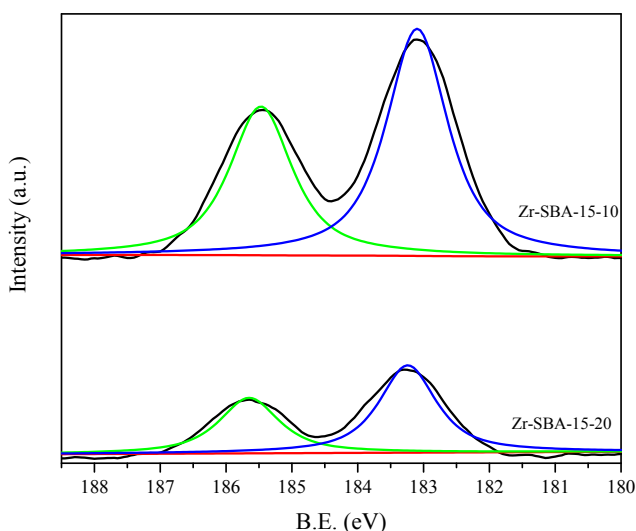


Figure S1. Zr 3d XPS spectra of Zr-SBA-15-10 and Zr-SBA-15-20.

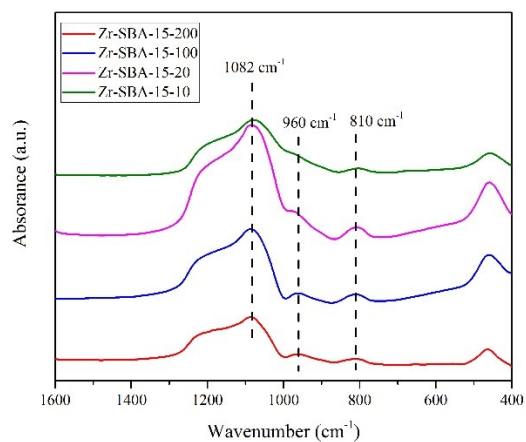


Figure S2. FT-IR spectra in the skeletal region of Zr-SBA-15 with different Si/Zr ratio .

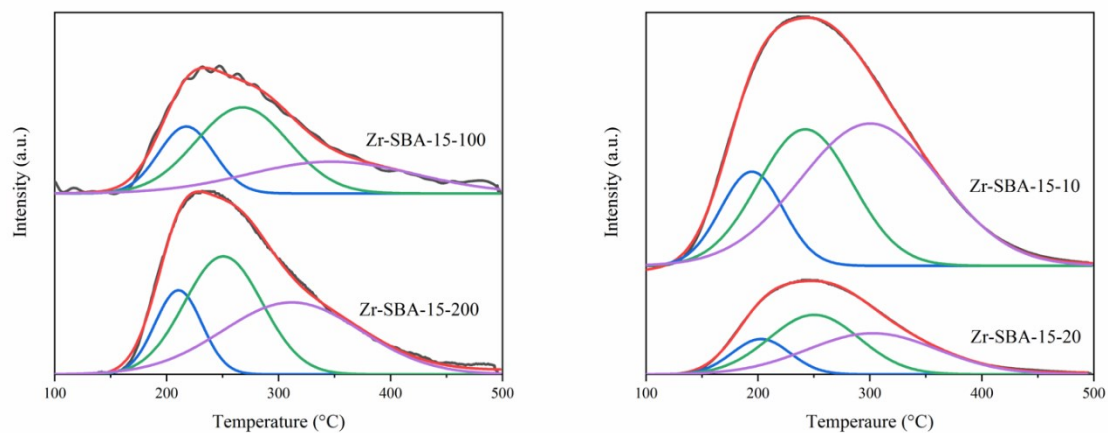


Figure S3. Deconvoluted NH₃-TPD profiles of Zr-SBA-15.

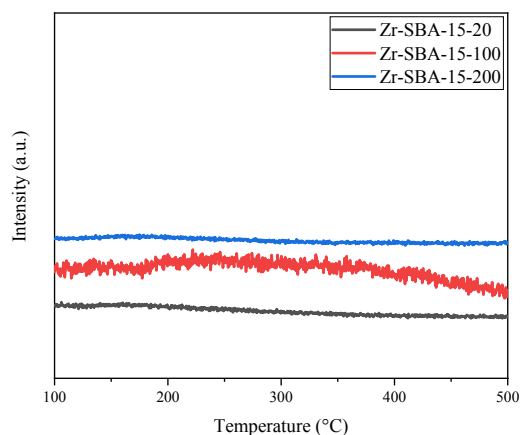


Figure S4. CO_2 -TPD profiles of Zr-SBA-15.

Table S1. Catalytic performance of Zr-SBA-15. Reaction temperature 350 °C, WHSV 1.6 h⁻¹, EtOH/AcH molar ratio 3.0.

| Sample | EtOH/AcH Conversion(%) | EtOH Conversion | AcH Conversion | Carbon Selectivity(mol %) | | | | | | | | BD Yield(%) |
|---------------|------------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------------------|----------|---------------|-----------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------|-------------|
| | | | | Butadiene | ethylene | Diethyl ether | Propylene | Butylene isomers | Ethyl acetate | crotonal-dehyde | Others | |
| Zr-SBA-15-200 | 13.4 | 16.0 | 5.9 | 51.6 | 22.2 | 7.9 | 1.9 | 3.5 | 2.0 | 4.3 | 6.6 | 6.9 |
| Zr-SBA-15-100 | 15.4 | 18.3 | 7.9 | 47.3 | 23.6 | 16.0 | 1.6 | 3.3 | 1.6 | 2.9 | 3.7 | 7.3 |
| Zr-SBA-15-20 | 61.9 | 65.3 | 56.2 | 44.0 | 31.9 | 7.6 | 2.2 | 7.1 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 5.4 | 27.2 |
| Zr-SBA-15-10 | 69.0 | 70.8 | 63.6 | 29.7 | 31.7 | 9.7 | 2.3 | 10.4 | 3.7 | 0.3 | 12.2 | 20.5 |

Table S2a. Effect of temperature on the catalytic performance of Zr-SBA-15-20. WHSV 1.6 h⁻¹, EtOH/AcH molar ratio 3.0.

| Reaction Temp. (°C) | EtOH/AcH Conversion | EtOH Conversion | AcH Conversion | Carbon Selectivity(mol %) | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------------------|----------|---------------|-----------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------|
| | | | | Butadiene | ethylene | Diethyl ether | Propylene | Butylene isomers | Ethyl acetate | crotonal-dehyde | Others |
| 350 | 61.9 | 65.3 | 56.2 | 44.0 | 31.9 | 7.6 | 2.2 | 7.1 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 5.4 |
| 325 | 39.1 | 39.9 | 36.6 | 51.6 | 24.5 | 8 | 2 | 6.7 | 1.8 | 0.6 | 4.8 |

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| 300 | 31.3 | 30.4 | 33.7 | 58.4 | 16.1 | 11.6 | 1.6 | 5.4 | 2.5 | 0.8 | 3.6 |
| 275 | 19.2 | 18.7 | 20.9 | 68.9 | 6.5 | 9.3 | 1.1 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 2.3 | 4.8 |

Table S2b. Effect of EtOH/AcH ratio on the catalytic performance of Zr-SBA-15-20.

Reaction temperature 275 °C, WHSV 1.6 h⁻¹.

| EtOH/AcH Molar Ratio | EtOH/AcH Conversion | EtOH Conversion | AcH Conversion | Carbon Selectivity(mol %) | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|----------|------------------|-----------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------|
| | | | | Butadiene | ethylene | Diethyl ether | Propylene | Butylene isomers | Ethyl acetate | crotonal- dehyde | Others |
| 1.2 | 20.3 | 17.7 | 23.4 | 69.2 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 1.2 | 2.5 | 3.9 | 13.0 | 3.4 |
| 2 | 16.5 | 17.3 | 14.7 | 71.3 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 1.2 | 2.8 | 3.9 | 6.6 | 5.4 |
| 3 | 19.2 | 18.7 | 20.9 | 68.9 | 6.5 | 9.3 | 1.1 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 4.8 | 4.4 |

Table S2c. Effect of WHSV on the catalytic performance of Zr-SBA-15-20. Reaction temperature 275 °C, EtOH/AcH molar ratio 2.0.

| WHSV (h ⁻¹) | EtOH/AcH Conversion | EtOH Conversion | AcH Conversion | Carbon Selectivity(mol %) | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|----------|------------------|-----------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------|
| | | | | Butadiene | ethylene | Diethyl ether | Propylene | Butylene isomers | Ethyl acetate | crotonal- dehyde | Others |
| 0.32 | 42.8 | 37.8 | 52.7 | 70.6 | 9.9 | 4.1 | 1.8 | 4.5 | 1.7 | 1.1 | 6.4 |
| 0.64 | 33.4 | 28.4 | 43.6 | 70.7 | 9.1 | 4 | 1.6 | 4.2 | 2.8 | 1.7 | 5.9 |
| 0.96 | 28.3 | 25.5 | 33.9 | 74.0 | 6.4 | 3.8 | 1.5 | 3.2 | 2.9 | 2.6 | 5.6 |
| 1.28 | 24 | 21.1 | 30.0 | 73.8 | 5.4 | 3.4 | 1.4 | 2.3 | 3.1 | 3.9 | 6.7 |
| 1.6 | 18.3 | 15.6 | 23.7 | 72.0 | 4.7 | 3.4 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 3.6 | 5.8 | 7.5 |

Table S3. Effect of catalyst preparation method on the catalytic performance. Reaction temperature 275 °C, EtOH/AcH molar ratio 2.0, WHSV 0.96 h⁻¹.

| Catalyst | EtOH/AcH Conversion | Carbon Selectivity(mol %) | | | | | | | | |
|----------|------------------------|---------------------------|----------|---------------|-----------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------|--|
| | | Butadiene | ethylene | Diethyl ether | Propylene | Butylene isomers | Ethyl acetate | crotonal- dehyde | Others | |

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| Zr-SBA-15-20 | 28.3 | 74.0 | 6.4 | 3.8 | 1.5 | 3.2 | 2.9 | 2.6 | 5.6 |
| ZrO ₂ /SBA-15-M | 9.0 | 46.2 | 5.3 | 14.8 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 4.5 | 14.8 | 13.1 |
