Supplementary Material

Controllable Construction of Highly Active Ti Species in TS-1 Zeolite by Organic Base-Treatment

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Characterization methods

Powder X-ray diffraction (XRD) patterns were recorded on a Rigaku Ultima IV diffractometer with a Ni-filtered CuK α X-ray source ($\lambda = 1.541$ Å). Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) was carried out on a Hitachi S-4800 scanning electron microscope. Transmission electron microscopy (TEM) was taken on a JSM-2010F microscope. UV resonance Raman spectra were collected on a triple spectrograph Raman system UV-Raman-100 with 244 nm laser. The chemical compositions of sample were analyzed via inductively coupled plasma-atomic emission spectrometry (ICP-AES) on a Thermo IRIS Intrepid II XSP atomic emission spectrometer. The CHN elementary analysis was carried out on an Elementar Vario III instrument. N₂ and H₂O physisorption measurements were performed on a BELSORP instrument at 77 K. The adsorption and diffusion properties of organic molecules were also measured by thermogravimetric analysis. The as-made samples (~5 mg) with organics were pretreated at 423 K for 2 h in a N₂ flow to remove adsorbed water until no mass loss was observed, while the pretreatment of calcined samples was performed at a higher temperature of 823 K to remove not only adsorbed water but also organic impurities. Then the sample was cooled to 333 K and the adsorption data were obtained according to the increased weight when the N₂ flow (30 mL min⁻¹) together with organic vapor passing through the sample until the weight increase leveled off. The spectra in the framework vibration region and in the hydroxyl-stretching region were collected after evacuation at 473 K for 3 h. In order to eliminate the physically absorbed water, the self-supported sample wafers were placed in a quartz IR cell sealed with CaF2 or KBr windows and evacuated through a vacuum system at 473 K for 3 h before measurements. X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) was measured on the Kratos AXIS Supra equipment. UV-vis spectra were obtained on a PerkinElmer UV-vis Lambda 35 spectrophotometer using pure $BaSO_4$ as a reference. The ¹³C and ²⁹Si solid MAS NMR spectra were performed on a VARIAN VNMRS-400WB spectrometer.



Fig. S1 The deconvoluted UV-vis spectrum of TS-PN-am.

| Catalyst | Si/T i | Solvent | 1-hexene | | | H ₂ O ₂ (%) | |
|----------|-----------|---------|-----------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|------|
| | | | conv. (%) | epoxide sel. (%) | TON ^b | conv. | eff. |
| _c | - | МеОН | 0.2 | 50.0 | - | 9.3 | 2.1 |
| TS | 40 | МеОН | 18.0 | 92.1 | 89 | 26.8 | 67.2 |
| | | MeCN | 13.9 | 99.0 | 69 | 19.1 | 72.8 |
| | | t-BuOH | 7.8 | 97.7 | 39 | 12.0 | 65.2 |
| TS-P | 42 | МеОН | 23.7 | 97.0 | 123 | 31.3 | 75.8 |
| | | MeCN | 15.4 | 99.1 | 80 | 20.2 | 76.4 |
| | | t-BuOH | 9.9 | 98.2 | 51 | 14.1 | 70.3 |
| TS-PN | 41 | МеОН | 28.7 | 98.1 | 146 | 35.5 | 81.3 |
| | | MeCN | 16.7 | 99.0 | 85 | 20.2 | 82.6 |
| | | t-BuOH | 11.2 | 98.0 | 57 | 15.0 | 74.7 |
| TS-PN-am | 41 | МеОН | 35.5 | 98.6 | 180 | 41.7 | 85.1 |
| | | MeCN | 23.6 | 99.2 | 120 | 28.3 | 83.4 |
| | | t-BuOH | 15.0 | 98.5 | 76 | 18.7 | 80.3 |

Table S1 A comparison of 1-hexene epoxidation over various TS-1 samples in different solvents a

^{*a*} Reaction conditions: cat., 50 mg; 1-hexene, 10 mmol; solvent, 10 mL; H₂O₂ (30 wt.%), 10 mmol; temp., 333 K; time 2 h.

 b TON = the mole of product/the mole of Ti sites

^c Reaction conditions: 1-hexene, 10 mmol; MeOH, 10 mL; H₂O₂ (30 wt.%), 10 mmol; temp., 333 K; time 2 h.

| Catalwat | | 1- | H ₂ O ₂ (%) | | |
|------------------------------------|---------|-----------|-----------------------------------|-------|------|
| Catalyst | S1/11 - | conv. (%) | epoxide sel. (%) | conv. | eff. |
| TS | 40 | 18.0 | 92.1 | 26.8 | 67.2 |
| TS-P | 42 | 23.7 | 97.0 | 31.3 | 75.8 |
| TS-P-am | 42 | 26.8 | 97.4 | 33.0 | 81.2 |
| TS-PN | 41 | 28.7 | 98.1 | 35.5 | 81.3 |
| TS-PN-am | 41 | 35.5 | 98.2 | 41.7 | 85.1 |
| TS-NH ₄ Cl ^c | 40 | 18.5 | 95.8 | 29.3 | 63.2 |
| TS-TPAOH ^d | 40 | 18.5 | 94.6 | 28.1 | 65.8 |
| TS-TPA ^e | 40 | 23.2 | 95.9 | 31.0 | 74.8 |

Table S2 A comparison of 1-hexene epoxidation over various TS-1 samples ^a

 a Reaction conditions: cat., 50 mg; 1-hexene, 10 mmol; MeOH, 10 mL; H₂O₂ (30 wt.%), 10 mmol; temp., 333 K; time, 2 h.

^b Determined by ICP.

^c Treatment conditions: $NH_4Cl/Si = 0.06$; $H_2O/Si = 18$; temp., 443 K; time, 2 d.

^{*d*} Treatment conditions: TPAOH/Si = 0.03; H₂O/Si = 18; temp., 353 K; time, 1 d.

^e Treatment conditions: TPA/Si = 0.03; *n*-hexane/Si = 18; temp., 373 K; time, 1 d.

| Catalant | 1-h | H ₂ O ₂ (%) | | |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|-------|------|
| Catalyst | conv. (%) | epoxide sel. (%) | conv. | eff. |
| TS-PN-am | 35.5 | 98.2 | 41.7 | 85.1 |
| TS-PN | 28.7 | 98.1 | 35.5 | 81.3 |
| TS-PN-TPA ^b | 33.4 | 98.5 | 40.5 | 82.4 |
| TS-PN-DPA ^c | 31.5 | 97.9 | 38.9 | 80.9 |
| TS-PN-TPA, ^d | 24.3 | 98.6 | 32.2 | 75.4 |
| TS-PN-DPA, ^e | 20.9 | 98.3 | 27.2 | 76.9 |

Table S3 Effect of amines on 1-hexene epoxidation over various TS-1 samples ^a

^{*a*} Reaction conditions: cat., 50 mg; 1-hexene, 10 mmol; MeOH, 10 mL; H₂O₂ (30 wt.%), 10 mmol; temp., 333 K; time, 2 h.

^b Treatment conditions: TPA/Si = 0.03; *n*-hexane/Si = 18; temp., 373 K; time, 1 d.

^c Treatment conditions: DPA/Si = 0.03; *n*-hexane/Si = 18; temp., 373 K; time, 1 d.

^d 0.005 mmol tripropylamine (TPA) was added into the reaction system.

 $e^{0.005}$ mmol dipropylamine (DPA) was added into the reaction system.



Fig. S2 TG-DTG curve (a) and ¹³C NMR spectrum (b) of TS-PN-TPA.



Fig. S3 Ti 2p (a) and N 1s (b) XPS spectra of various titanosilicates.



Fig. S4 UV-vis spectra (a) of TS-1 modified with various molar ratio of NH_4Cl/Si and the corresponding catalytic performance in 1-hexene epoxidation (b). Reaction conditions see Table S2.



Fig. S5 XRD patterns (A) and UV-vis spectra (B) of fresh (a), used (b) and regenerated (c) TS-PN-am in the recycle experiments.