

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

The *n*-hexane conversion was studied over metal/mordenite catalysts. Some metals (Pt, Pd, Ga and Zn) were loaded over mordenite support by ion exchange and impregnation methods. The Pt-containing catalyst prepared by impregnation method gave 47% selectivity to isomerized products, which is higher than that of the Pd-containing catalyst. In the case of bimetallic catalysts, 1%Pt1%Ga/HM catalyst showed high isomerization selectivity at about 68.1% and high conversion at 93%. Both Ga and Zn containing catalysts improved the isomerization activity but Ga-containing catalysts were more efficient than the one with Zn. The study of potassium salts has shown the improvement of aromatization products. The order of aromatization selectivity of mixture is MgO > ZrO₂ > Al₂O₃ due to basicity of catalyst. MCM-41 mixed with 1%Pt1%Ga/HM improved aromatization reaction by shape selectivity of pore opening. Bent was a good clay mixture that mixed with 1%Pt1%Ga/HM compared with hydrotalcite.

Suggestion for the future work

From all aforementioned results and discussion, the future work for the improvement of the system should be focused on the following:

1. Change the substrate types from C₆ to C₄-C₇ alkane in order to generate various product types.
2. Change the carrier gas from N₂ to H₂-mixed gas in order to reduce coke formation.