

Figure S1 Composition of naphtha

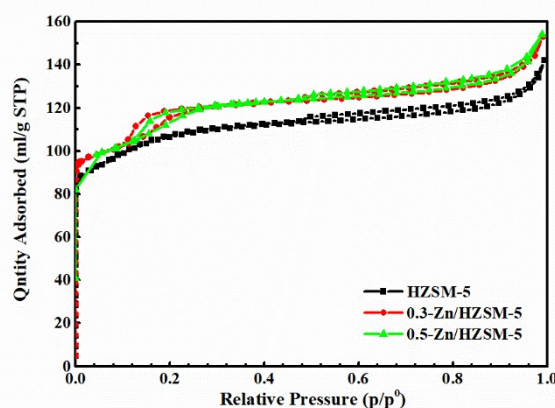


Figure S2 N₂ adsorption-desorption isotherms of HZSM-5 and Zn/HZSM-5 zeolites

There is a significant difference in the shapes of the isotherms of these samples. The HZSM-5 shows a typical type I isotherm for microporous materials with a limited number of mesopore, while the Zn-modified zeolites present a mixture of type I and type IV according to the IUPAC classification¹. Steep uptake in the low-pressure region ($p/p_0 < 0.05$) is the typical property of microporous compounds. The hysteresis loop appearing at the relative pressure $p/p_0 = 0.5 \sim 1.0$ is usually associated with capillary condensation taking place in mesopore structures. After Zn-modification, A new H2 hysteresis loop is observed above $p/p_0 = 0.1 \sim 0.3$, indicating the presence of some new mesopore in the modified zeolites.

Table S1 Proton affinities of three components in feed

Compound	n-hexane	methanol	isobutene	trimethylbenzene
Proton affinity (kJ/mol)	665	754	802	836

^a Taken from ref.1

^b Taken from NIST Chemistry WebBook

References

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