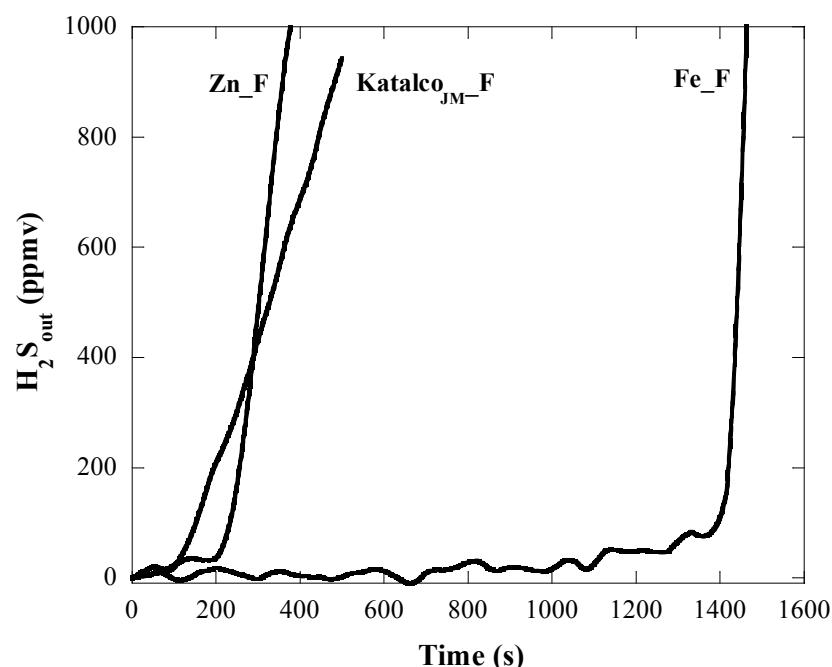


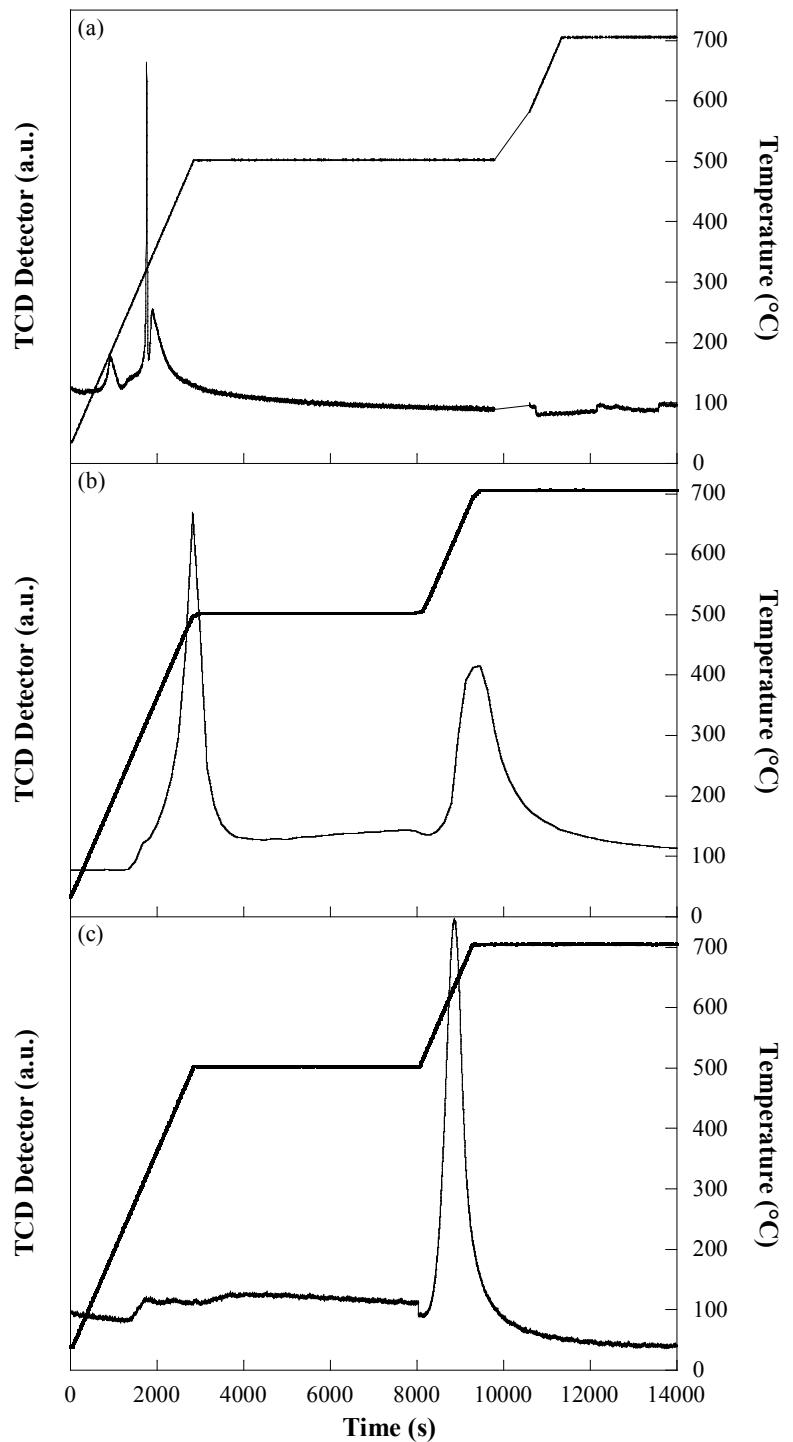
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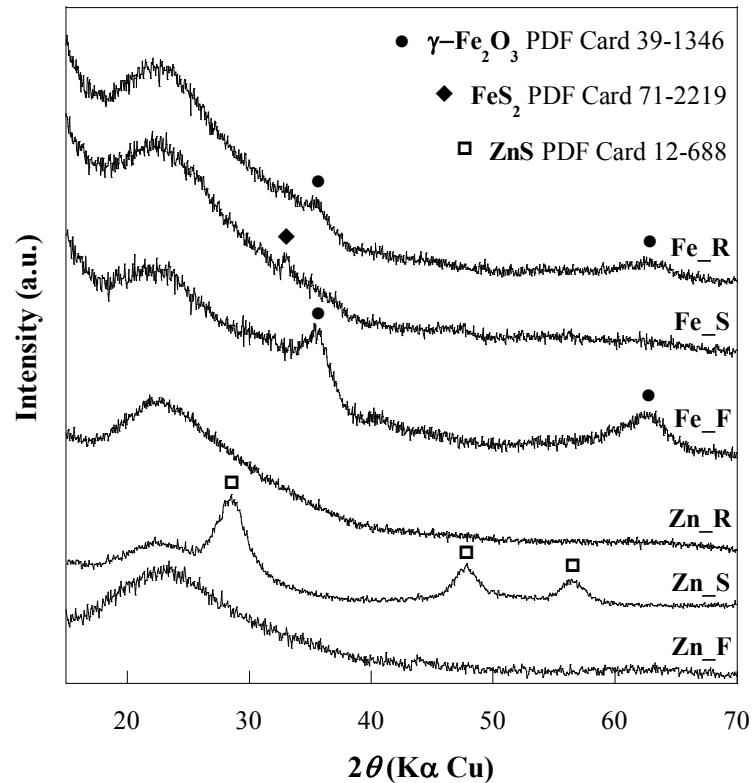
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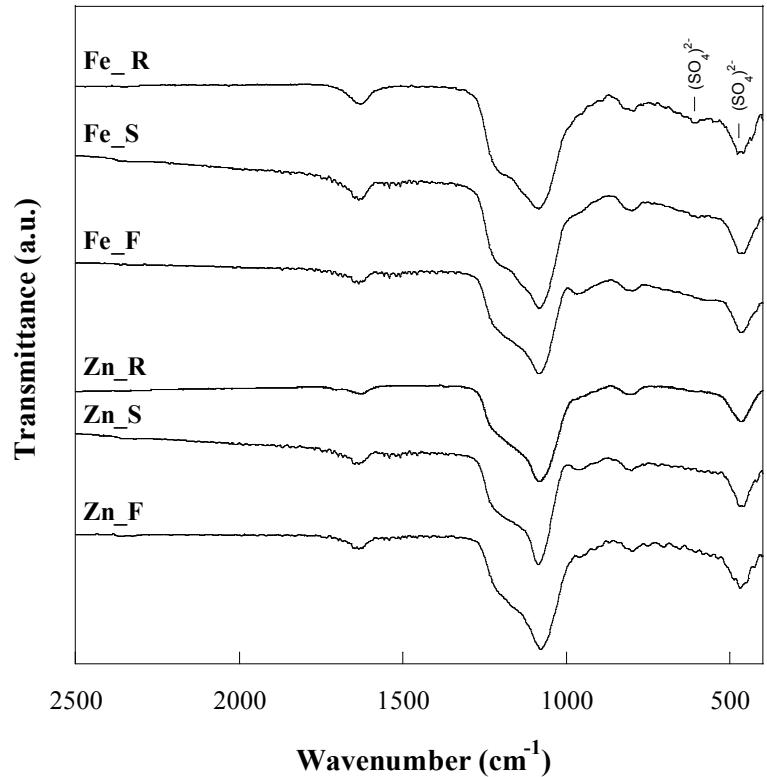
**Figure 2.** TCD profiles of the Fe\_S (a), Zn\_S (b), and Katalco<sub>JM</sub>\_S (c) sulphided sorbents, regenerated through a two-step (500 and 700 °C) treatment.



**Figure 3.** Wide-angle XRD patterns of the zinc oxide- and iron oxide-based sorbents in the regenerated (R) state compared with the fresh (F) and sulphided (S) ones. The main reflection planes are marked.



**Figure 4.** FTIR spectra of the zinc oxide- and iron oxide-based sorbents in the regenerated (R) state compared with the fresh (F) and sulphided (S) ones.



**Figure 5.** XRD patterns of the fresh ( $\gamma$ -Fe\_F), sulphided ( $\gamma$ -Fe\_S) and regenerated ( $\gamma$ -Fe\_R) pure nanostructured maghemite sample ( $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, Aldrich commercial product).

