

## *Supporting Information*

### *Tuning effect of the zeolite Brønsted acidity on the FeZn bimetallic hydrodesulfurization catalyst*

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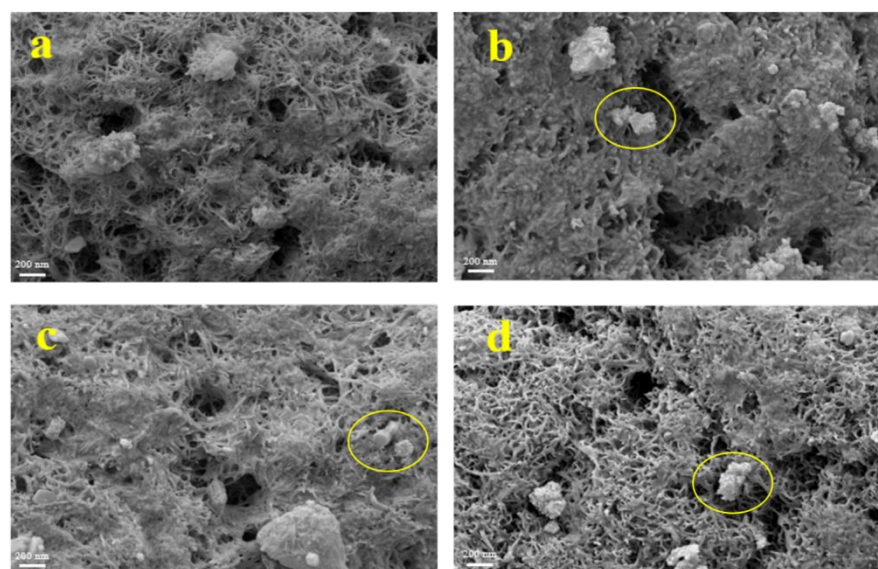
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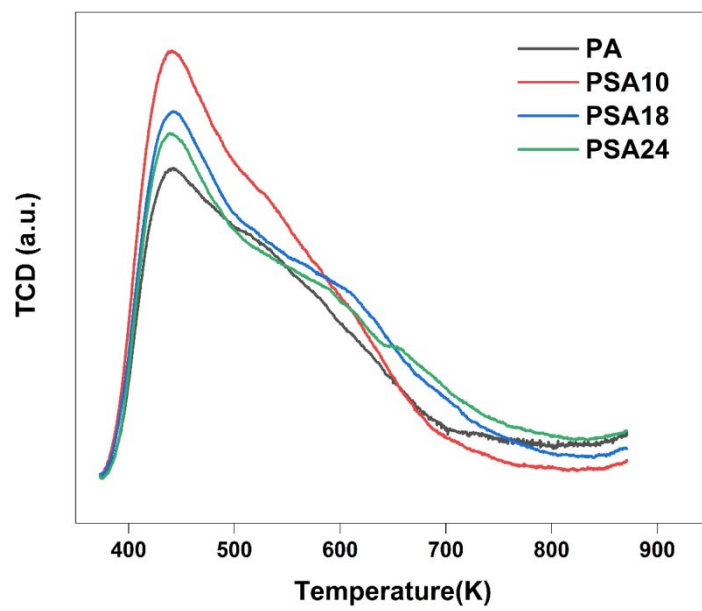
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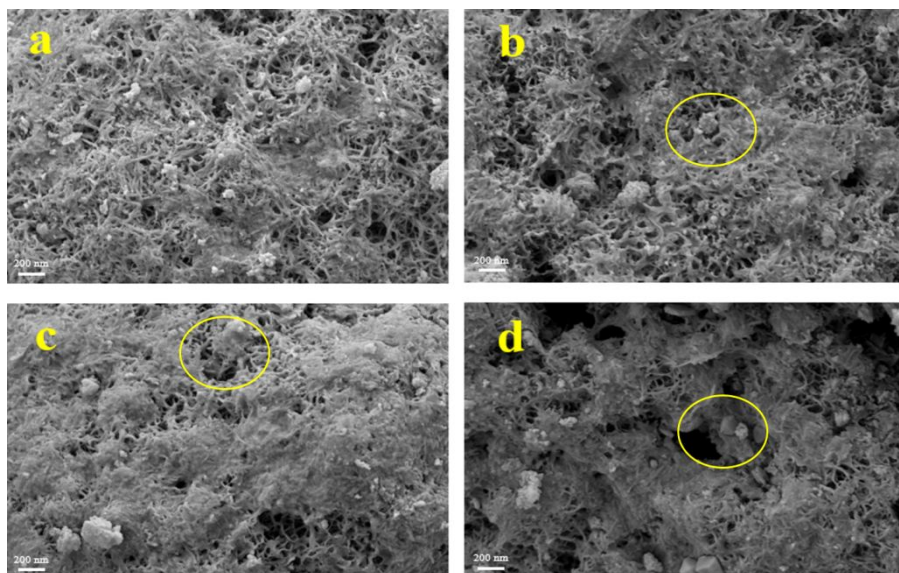
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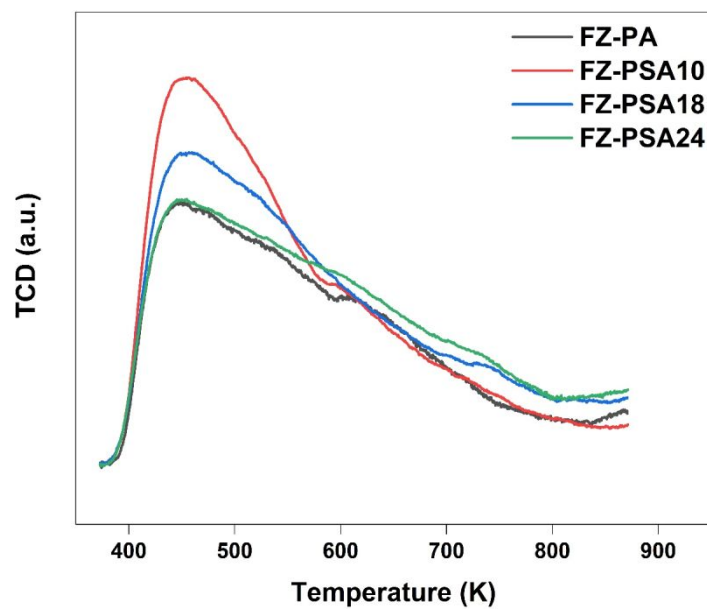
**Figure S1.** SEM images of (a) PA, (b) PSA10, (c) PSA18 and (d) PSA24 supports.



**Figure S2.**  $\text{NH}_3$ -TPD profiles of supports.



**Figure S3.** SEM images of (a) FZ-PA, (b) FZ-PSA10, (c) FZ-PSA18 and (d) FZ-PSA24 oxide catalysts.



**Figure S4.**  $\text{NH}_3$ -TPD profiles of catalysts in oxide form.

**Table S1.** Detailed texture properties of supported FeZn catalysts before  $\text{H}_2$ -reduction

Supports	$S_{\text{BET}}$ $/(\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{g}^{-1})$	$S_{\text{Micro}}$ $/(\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{g}^{-1})$	$S_{\text{EXT}}$ $/(\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{g}^{-1})$	$V_{\text{P}}$ $/(\text{cm}^3 \cdot \text{g}^{-1})$	$V_{\text{micro}}$ $/(\text{cm}^3 \cdot \text{g}^{-1})$	$V_{\text{meso}}$ $/(\text{cm}^3 \cdot \text{g}^{-1})$	$D_{\text{aver}}$ $/\text{nm}$
FZ-PA	251	26	225	0.785	0.011	0.774	12.52
FZ-PSA10	313	136	177	0.649	0.066	0.583	8.31
FZ-PSA18	301	133	168	0.630	0.064	0.566	8.38

FZ-PSA24	302	126	176	0.617	0.060	0.557	8.17
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**Table S2.** Composition of supported FeZn catalysts before H<sub>2</sub>-reduction

Catalysts	Composition of the catalysts(wt%, XRF)			Composition of the catalysts(wt%, ICP)		
	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	ZnO	Support	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	ZnO	Support
FZ-PA	9.0	12.7	78.3	9.4	13.0	77.6
FZ-PSA10	9.1	13.1	77.8	9.6	13.5	76.9
FZ-PSA18	9.1	12.8	78.1	9.3	13.3	77.4
FZ-PSA24	9.0	13.0	78.0	9.5	13.4	77.1

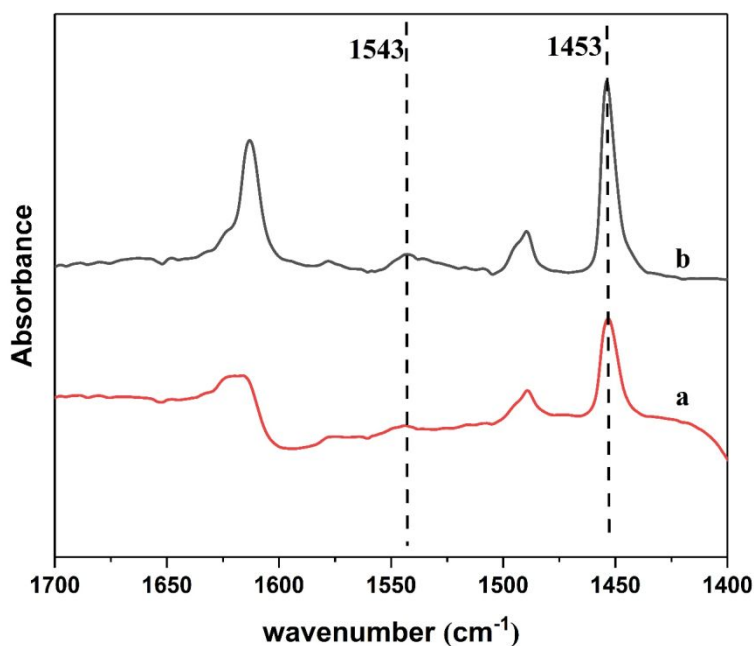
The Py-IR characterization of the fresh and spend catalyst was performed and the spectra were presented in **Figure S5**. It is apparent that the characteristic peak around 1543 cm<sup>-1</sup> belongs to the Brønsted acid sites and the peak at 1453 cm<sup>-1</sup> is attributed to the Lewis acid sites. It is obvious that the peak intensity of the spend catalyst FZ-PSA18 is weaker than that of the fresh catalyst FZ-

PSA18. The densities of Brønsted and Lewis acid sites in catalyst can be calculated in **Table S3**.

After reaction, the total amount of B acid and L acid dropped from 20 to 8  $\mu\text{mol/g}$ , 149 to 74  $\mu\text{mol/g}$ , respectively. This is due to the formation of coke on the catalyst. The SEM-EDS spectra of fresh catalyst FZ-PSA18 and spend catalyst FZ-PSA18 catalysts were presented in **Figure S6**.

Compared with fresh catalyst FZ-PSA18, the carbon content in the spend catalyst FZ-PSA18 catalyst increased significantly from 5.4 to 31.8 wt%, which is consistent with the Py-IR result.

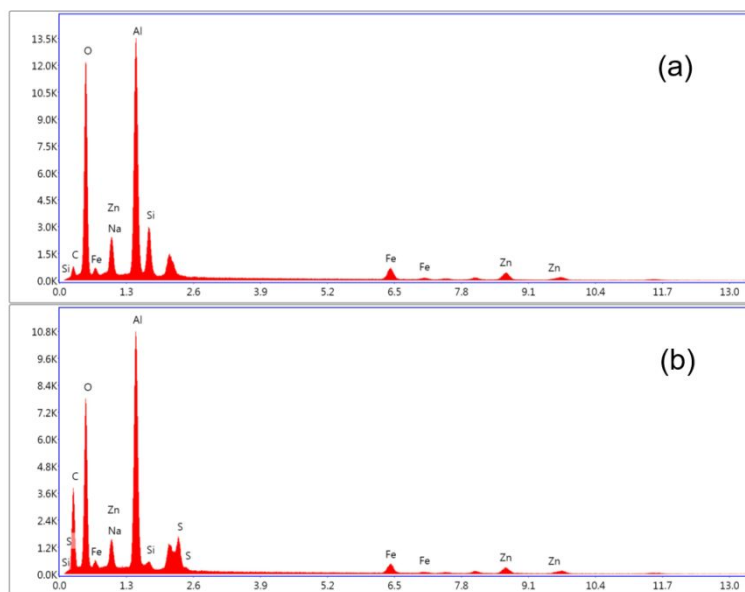
These results indicate that under the experimental conditions of this article, the introduction of Y-type zeolite will cause the obvious coke deposition of the catalyst.



**Figure S5.** Py-IR spectra of (a) spend catalyst FZ-PSA18, (b) fresh catalyst FZ-PSA18

**Table S3.** B acid, L acid and Total acid of fresh catalyst FZ-PSA18 and spend catalyst FZ-PSA18

Catalysts	Total acid sites ( $\mu\text{mol/g}$ )			Medium and strong acid sites ( $\mu\text{mol/g}$ )		
	B	L	Total	B	L	Total
fresh catalyst FZ-PSA18	20	149	169	14	72	86
spend catalyst FZ-PSA18	8	74	82	4	49	53



**Figure S6.** SEM-EDS spectra of catalysts. (a) fresh catalyst FZ-PSA18, (b) spend catalyst FZ-PSA18