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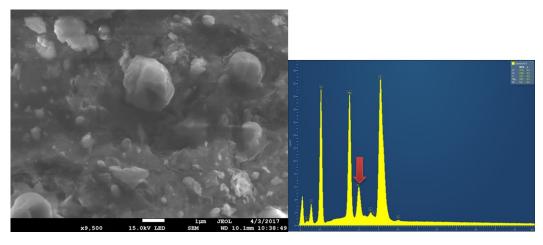
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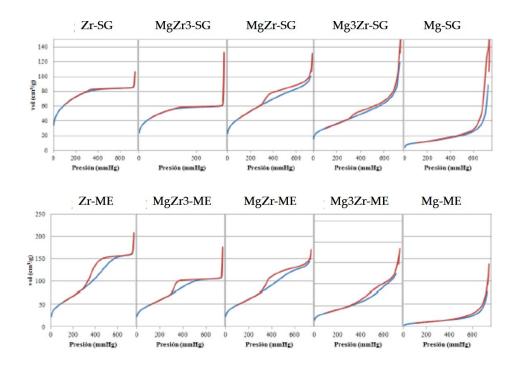
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- 3 catalysts for the liquid-phase dehydration of xylose
- 4 to furfural
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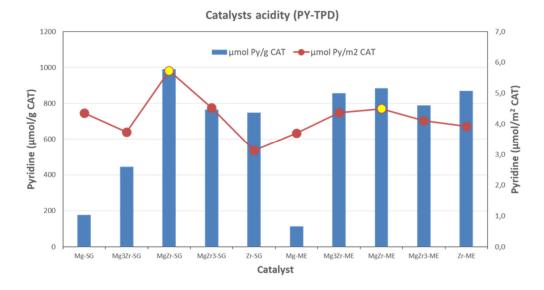
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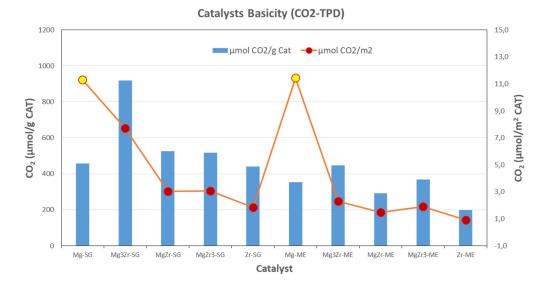
**Supplementary Figure S1**: SEM-EDX measurements for the MgZr-ME catalysts, including EDX profiles for the whole image area. Red arrow marks Br signal (2.1% atomic).



**Supplementary Figure S2:** Nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherms corresponding to the solids of both SG and ME series.



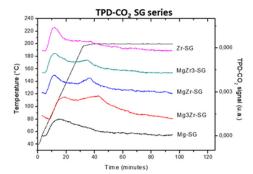
Supplementary Figure S3: Catalysts acidity determined from temperature programmed desorption of pre-adsorbed pyridine ( $\mu$ mol PY/g CAT and  $\mu$ mol PY/m² CAT).

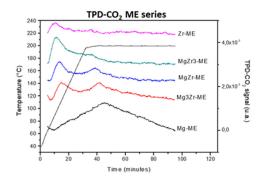


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**Supplementary Figure S4:** Catalysts basicity determined from temperature programmed desorption of pre-adsorbed carbon dioxide ( $\mu$ mol CO<sub>2</sub>/g and  $\mu$ mol CO<sub>2</sub>/ $m^2$ ).





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**Supplementary Figure S5**: Temperature-programmed desorption profiles of pre-adsorbed carbon dioxide obtained for the catalysts synthesized in this work.