

## Supporting Information

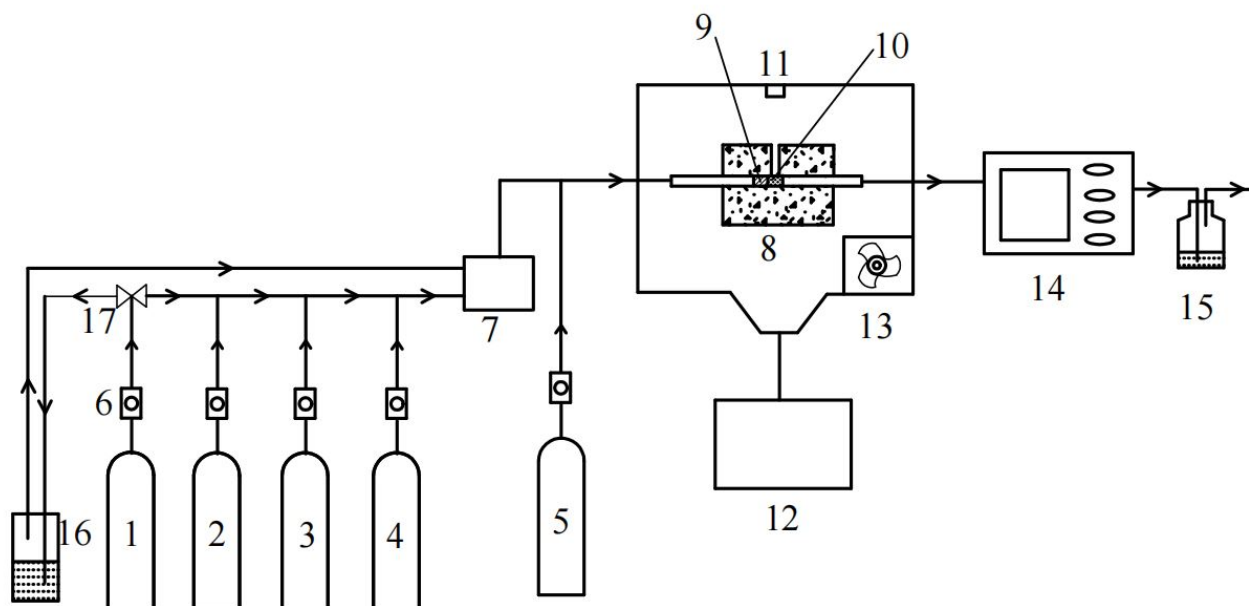
### **NiB<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (B = Mn or Co) Catalysts for NH<sub>3</sub>-SCR of NO<sub>x</sub> at low-temperature in Microwave Field**

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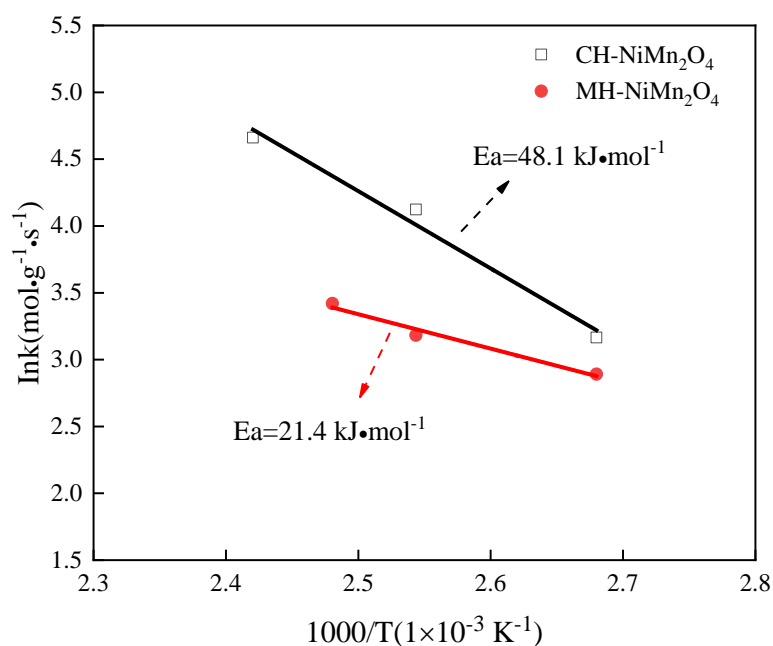
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1-N<sub>2</sub>, 2-O<sub>2</sub>, 3-NO, 4-SO<sub>2</sub>, 5-NH<sub>3</sub>, 6-Mass flowmeter, 7-Air mixing tank, 8-, 9-Silicon powder, 10-Catalyst, 11-Infrared thermometer, 12-Magnetron, 13-Cooling fan, 14-NO<sub>x</sub> analyzer, 15-Tail gas absorption bottle, 16-Bubble tower, 17-Reversing valve

**Fig. S1.** Schematic of catalytic reaction system under microwave field.

In the above Schematic, the main function of quartz wool block is to support reaction tube and magnetron at the same level, and heat preservation to reduce heat loss. The function of the pre- silicon powder bed is to preheat the mixed air, so as to avoid the catalyst bed being directly impacted by the cold air, resulting in the limited temperature rise of the catalyst bed.



**Fig. S2.** Arrhenius plots for the NH<sub>3</sub>-SCR over the NiMn<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> catalyst.

The typical Arrhenius plot of  $\ln k$  versus  $1000/T$  for NH<sub>3</sub>-SCR reaction under microwave and conventional heating over NiMn<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> catalyst is shown in Fig. S2 (Sanati and Rezvani, 2018; Zheng et al., 2021). The apparent activation energy ( $E_a$ ) for each reaction were determined by the absolute values of the slope of the fitting lines (Boningari et al., 2015). The  $E_a$  value of the SCR reaction under microwave heating (21.4 kJ·mol<sup>-1</sup>) was obviously lower than that under conventional heating (48.1·kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>), demonstrating the reduced reaction energy barrier and higher catalytic activity, which was consistent with the excellent de-NO<sub>x</sub> activity at low-temperature. Microwave irradiation is the crucial factor leading to the decrease of  $E_a$  value in this reaction. Therefore, the microwave irradiation is thought to reduce the energy requirement of the reaction and activate the reacting molecules.

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