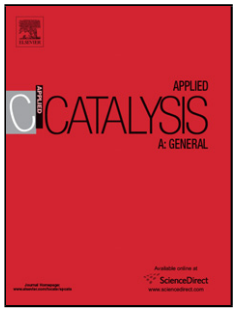

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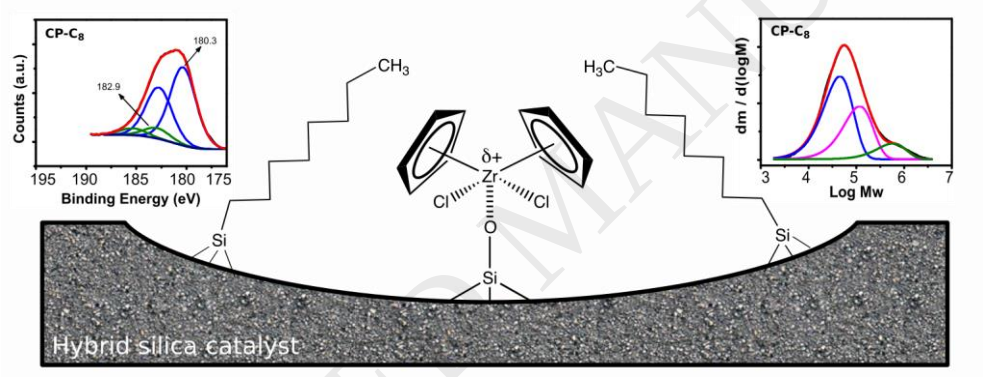

Highlights

- Hybrid silica catalysts for ethylene polymerization were prepared by non-hydrolytic sol-gel method.
- Polymerization activity increases with the addition of organic groups to the support.
- The nature of the organic groups of the support showed to affect polymers characteristics.
- Possibility of product characteristics tuning depending on the organic groups employed.

ABSTRACT