Developments in the Reduction of Dinitrogen



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Human pruduce 200M tons ammonia annual

Synthetic Ammonia Industry

1895:

$$Ca^{2+}(C\equiv C)^{2-} + N_2 \longrightarrow CaCN_2$$

CaCN₂ + H₂O \longrightarrow NH₃ + CaCO₃



calcium acetylide

high energy cost

Synthetic Ammonia Industry

1909: Haber-Bosh Process

catalyst: iron oxidant



Most important discovery in the 20th.



Fritz Haber

$$2N_2 + 3H_2 = 2NH_3$$

300~500°C, **20~50MPa**

• Higher Conversion but Lower Pressure?

catalyst optimization

new dinitrogen reduction reaction





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Scheme 2. Synthetic Cycle for the Conversion of N_2 and CO into [NCO]⁻

• High oxidant-level transition metal plays a very important role



• One emerging theme is the importance of the supporting ligand.

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