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Polymerization of ?-pinene by Natural Montmorillonite clay.

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### **PURPOSE OF THE ABSTRACT**

Environmental friendly catalytic processes of biomass valorization to produce chemicals with high added value, are an important field which are continuously attract more attentions in chemical engineering.

Biomass derived ?-pinene issued from pin trees is an essential compound for fine chemical industry. It is the precursor of non toxic and inert poly(?-pinene) used as additive for rubbers, food packaging, casting industries and in the production of chewing gums. In this paper, we report an efficient and environmentally method to produce poly(?-pinene). We have used an algerian Montmorillonite clay as an heterogeneous non toxic catalyst to induce the polymerization of (?-pinene). Spectroscopic methods such as FT-IR, 1H NMR, GPC chromatography and viscosimetry were used to confirm the structure of the obtained polymer. Effects of Maghnite/monomer weight-ratio, temperature and solvent on the yield of the polymerization and on the average molecular weight Mv of the resulting polymers were studied. The thermal properties (DSC) of the resulted poly(?-pinene) were also studied.

## **FIGURES**

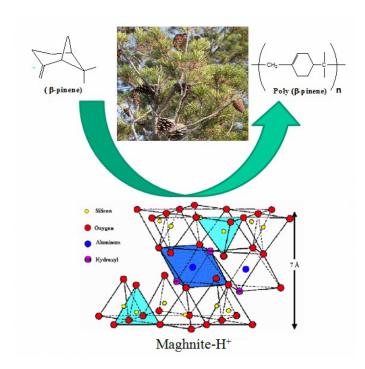


FIGURE 1

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Polymerization of b-pinene by Maghnite-H+

FIGURE 2

# **KEYWORDS**

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