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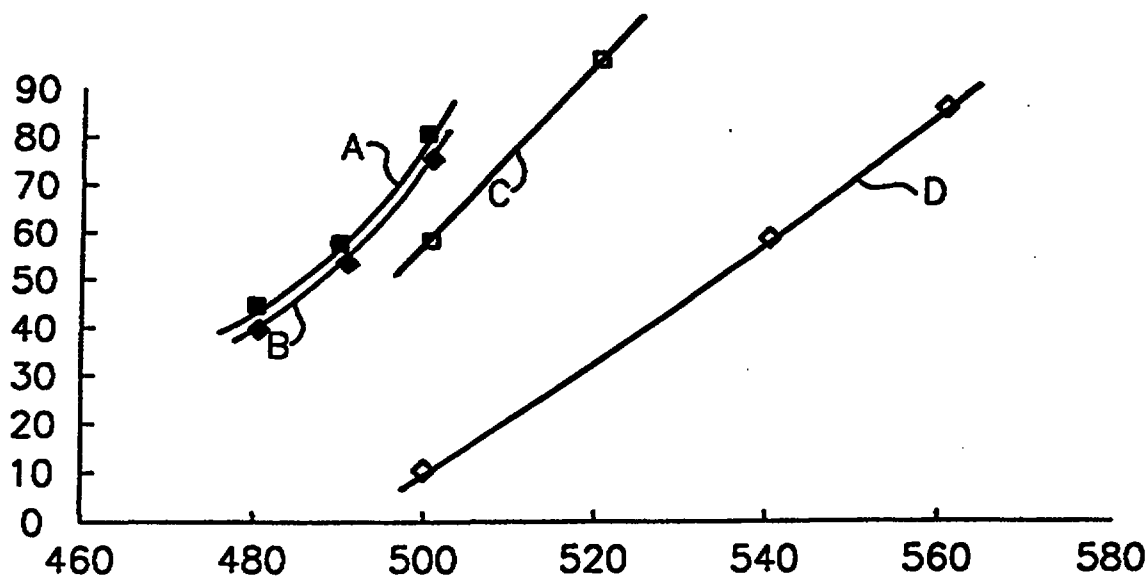
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(57) Abstract

Stable, zirconia-pillared clays of reduced gallery height, useful as supports for hydroconversion catalysts, are prepared by treating clays with a zirconium compound, a surfactant and water, and compositing the reduced gallery height clay with suitable metal or metals.