Synthesis of light olefins from syngas on Fe-K/ZSM-5 catalyst: effect of Cu

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The effect of Cu contents on precipitated iron-based Fischer-Tropsch synthesis (FTS) catalysts was investigated. The 4K-xCu-20Fe/ZSM-5(Si/Al=25, x=0,2,4,6) catalysts prepared by impregnation method and tested in a tubular fixed bed reactor under the reaction conditions of T = 300°C, SV = 2000L/Kg cat/h and P = 1.0MPa. The catalysts were characterized by BET surface areas, XRD, TPR and NH $_3$ -TPD. TPR resuts showed that reduction temperature of Fe-based catalysts were shifted toward low temperature by addition of Cu promoter. The 4K-2Cu-20Fe/ZSM-5 (Si/Al=25), revealed the highest CO conversion and C_2 - C_4 selectivity among the examined catalysts.