

Slurry phase Fischer-Tropsch synthesis on Co/P-Al₂O₃: effect of calcination temperature of support

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The effect of calcination temperatures from 300 to 700 °C of the phosphorus-modified Al₂O₃ support (2wt.%P/Al₂O₃ denoted as P-Al₂O₃) has been evaluated by using cobalt-based Fischer-Tropsch catalyst with the composition of 20wt.%Co on P-Al₂O₃. The catalyst was prepared by stepwise impregnation and tested in continuous stirred tank reactor (CSTR, I.D = 800 mm) under the following reaction conditions; T = 230 °C, SV = 2000 L/kgcat/h and P = 20 bar. The different calcination temperature influenced the physicochemical properties such as surface area, pore size, particle size of cobalt and reducibility. The proper calcination temperature of P-Al₂O₃ is found to be around 500 °C to obtain high catalytic performance.