

### Studies on the Steam CO<sub>2</sub> Reforming of Methane at high pressure for GTL-FPSO Applications

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Steam CO<sub>2</sub> reforming (SCR) of methane for the production of syngas was investigated over Ni-based catalysts for GTL – FPSO (Floating Production Storage and Offloading) applications. The Ni-based catalysts were prepared by an impregnation method. The catalysts before and after the reaction were characterized by N<sub>2</sub> physisorption, XRD and TEM techniques.

The H<sub>2</sub>/CO ratio produced in the SCR showed a strong dependence on the feed composition. The conversion of CH<sub>4</sub> was increased with increasing the concentration of H<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>2</sub> in the feed. For the application in GTL-FPSO process, production of syngas by SCR with high pressure (25 bar) was simulated by PRO-II. The simulated results were compared with experimental results in a fixed bed reactor system by controlling the feed molar ratios of CH<sub>4</sub> : H<sub>2</sub>O : CO<sub>2</sub>. It was found that Ni/MgO catalyst showed higher catalytic performance than Ni/γ-Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and Ca-Ni/γ-Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> catalysts in GTL-FPSO process applications.