Aqueous Phase Reforming (APR) of Glycerol over y-Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> Supported Ni-based Catalysts

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The APR of glycerol over Ni-based supported catalysts was investigated. Catalysts were prepared by an incipient wetness impregnation method. The APR of glycerol was carried out in a conventional fixed-bed reactor system with temperature of  $225^{\circ}$ C, pressure of 23 bar and LHSV of 4 h<sup>-1</sup>.

It was found that Ni-Co/y-Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> catalyst showed higher glycerol conversion (68%) and hydrogen selectivity (60%) than Ni/y-Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> catalyst. The results suggest that the Ni-Co/y-Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> catalyst can be applied to the hydrogen production system using APR of glycerol. The catalysts before and after the reaction were characterized by N<sub>2</sub> physisorption, CO chemisorptions, XRD, TPR, SEM and TEM techniques.