

Dispersed NiW₂S₂ Catalysts for Slurry Phase Hydrocracking of Vacuum Residue

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The catalytic activities of the dispersed Ni_xW_(1-x)S₂ catalysts were investigated at 693K, 9.5MPa H₂ with the same amount of catalyst loading of 0.113 mmol as a metal basis. The catalysts were prepared in situ in the VR HCK using nickel acetylacetonate and tungsten hexacarbonyl as Ni and W precursors, respectively. Structural properties of the dispersed catalysts were characterized by extended X-ray absorption fine structure (EXAFS) and transmission electron microscopy (TEM), which confirmed the formation of well dispersed Ni_xW_(1-x)S₂ phase in size ranges of 8-10 nm. Moreover, it was demonstrated that the alloyed metal sulfides of Ni_xW_(1-x)S₂ feature a promotional activity in the VR HCK, showing higher TOF_S in the VR HCK than mono-metal sulfides.