

CHAPTER VI

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

From this investigation, it was found that there are many effects to the copper catalyst performance of methanol synthesis. Variations of these effects can be summarized as follows :

1. Type and amount of metal oxides which act as promoter in this experimental effected the catalytic performance by increasing more than cu catalyst without promoter containing.
2. The highest activity for Cu catalyst with metal oxides was found in composition of 1%Ce/1.31%Cu.
3. It was found that pressure has a considerable effect on catalytic performance in which methanol yield decrease as decreasing pressure.
4. Commercial catalyst was found to exhibit high activity for methanol formation than in-house catalysts base on copper. In the pulsing injection of N_2O , It was found that the catalytic performance was increased and it showed similar results to ZN1 (2%Cu 12%Zn).
5. Other copper catalysts with metal oxides promoter except Zn in the presence of N_2O showed lower catalytic performance than no N_2O containing catalysts.

When changing to pulsing air instead of N_2O and measured methanol after injection air for 60 seconds, it was found that methanol yield was increase as agreed with Jennings [31] which investigated by other catalysts.

Recommendations

The recommendations for further study are as follows :

1. It was well known that, N_2O effected to the activity of methanol synthesis in term of surface oxidation. The other method of catalysts preparation such as incipient impregnation should be investigated for comparison.

2. Although the N_2O effected to the catalytic performance. The conditions (such as; temperature, time amount ,frequency etc.) of injection and measurment of methanol should be investigated.