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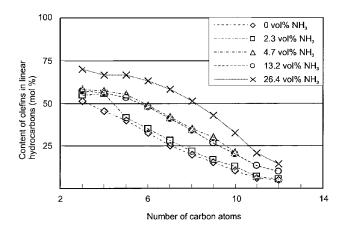


Figure 1

(57) Abstract: A process is provided for the production of hydrocarbons that include olefins from synthesis gas containing at least one of carbon monoxide and or carbon dioxide wherein the synthesis gas is fed to a reactor in which a catalyst acts on the feed at a temperature of between 160 °C and 400°C and a pressure of between 1 bar and 50 bar. The feed includes a compound containing one or both of nitrogen and phosphorous, such as ammonia and a phosphine, added to the reactor with the synthesis gas. The compound containing nitrogen typically constitutes at least 1 vol% and preferably of the order of 4 to 20 vol% or more of the feed. The carbonaceous gas may be carbon monoxide with a ratio of hydrogen to carbon monoxide in the synthesis gas of from 0.5:1 to 5:1. The catalyst is preferably a supported cobalt catalyst and may be modified with a promoter. The process produces an enhanced proportion of olefins, especially linear olefins, in the hydrocarbons produced.





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