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Highlights

- Heavy oil residue was catalytically hydrocracked to obtain liquid fuels.
- NiO and CoO were seeded on acid leached halloysite nanotubes and used as a suspended catalyst.
- Proposed method allowed to obtain fuels at significantly lower hydrogen gas pressure of 1 MPa.
- Total yield of the gasoline and diesel varied at 52–57% range.
- Obtained diesel and gasoline can be used as motor fuels after further desulfurization treatment.

Abstract

Acid treated halloysite nanotubes were utilized as a support for the NiO and CoO catalysts for the hydrocracking of the heavy oil residua obtained from vacuum distillation of the Azerbaijan crude oils. Halloysite was treated with hydrochloric acid prior to seeding the catalysts. Catalysts were further activated in plasma furnace at 850 °C under argon atmosphere. Oil residue was hydrocracked with the catalyst at 450 °C and 1–4 MPa pressure range. Increase of the hydrogen gas pressure from 1 to 4 MPa caused increasing the yield of the liquid fuels (gasoline and diesel) from 52% to 57%. Compositions of the gasoline and diesel fractions were analyzed in detail and it has been established that these products can be used as a fuel in vehicles with further desulfurization process.

Keywords

Halloysite; Hydrocracking; Heavy oil residua; Gasoline; Diesel

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