CHAPTER VI

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 Conclusions

The following conclusions can be drawn from the experimental results:

- 1. Hydrogenation of toluene over NiMo/Al O catalyst 2 3 occurs at higher temperature than hydrodesulfurization of thiophene.
- 2. The addition of organometallic compounds in feed-stock solution affect both hydrodesulfurization reaction of thiophene and coke formation. The effects depend on the types of organometallic compound.
- 3. The addition of ferrocene or vanadyl acetylacetonate result in the reduction of coke formation on the catalyst, while the hydrodesulfurization activity is not affected.
- 4. The addition of titanocene dichloride to feedstock solution decreases both hydrodesulfurization activity and coke formation.

6.2 Recommendations

- 1. The same set of studies should be done using other types of organometallic compounds such as nickelocene and diphenyl mercury to study the effect of the other metal compounds.
 - 2. The same organometallic compounds should be added

in feed solution of nitrogen compounds to study the effect of the organometallic compounds in hydrodenitrogenation reaction.

- 3. The same set of study should be conducted at a higher operating temperature to study the effect of temperature on the hydrodesulfurization.
- 4. A homogeneous reaction between organometallic compounds and thiophene solution should be studied. The product oil and solid particles from the homogeneous reaction should be analyzed to identify the compounds and structure.
- 5. Another hydrodesulfurization catalyst,

 CoMo/Al O , should be used in the same operating condition 2 3 and feed composition.
- 6. Other sulfur compounds, heterocyclics and straight chain of sulfur compounds, should be conducted at the same condition to study structure effects of sulfur compounds.

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