

Table 20. Specific Activities and Product Selectivities of Unsupported Cobalt (Reduced at 400°C) for Steady-State CO Hydrogenation at Different Pressures.

Run No.	Reaction Pressure (atm)	Reaction Temperature °C	Reaction Time (hrs)	% CO Conversion	Product Selectivity			Ht. Frac. of Hydrocarbon Product c	Propagation Probability a (kJ/mole)				
					N _{CO} akt/0 ^b	Carbon Atom # ^b	C ₁						
					CO ₂ /H.C.	C ₂ -C ₄	C ₅ -C ₁₁	S ₁₂ ^b /Ales.					
43	1	180	20	1.17	0.18	7.0	93.0	18.0	42.2	13.5	0	0.772	106
44	1	190	30	1.97	0.30	7.3	92.7	20.0	27.5	40.6	11.9	0	0.771
45	1	195	43	2.62	0.41	8.5	91.5	25.6	33.1	39.9	1.4	0	0.713
46	1	200	50	3.70	0.57	7.6	92.4	25.4	32.5	38.7	3.4	0	0.695
47	1	210	64	3.21	1.0	9.1	90.9	31.7	34.5	33.0	0.8	0	0.667
37	21	180	90	1.36	0.21	1.5	98.5	17.9	48.0	30.0	4.1	0	0.664
38	21	190	94	3.34	0.52	1.2	98.8	15.9	45.2	35.2	3.7	0	0.657
39	21	195	99	6.04	0.94	0.9	99.1	14.9	43.6	37.1	4.4	0	0.666
42	21	210	120	5.38	2.5	1.3	98.7	18.4	42.8	33.4	5.4	0	0.645

aCO Turnover frequency defined as CO molecules converted per catalytic site per second.

bBased on total CO converted.

cWeight percentage of hydrocarbon groups based on total hydrocarbons in the product.

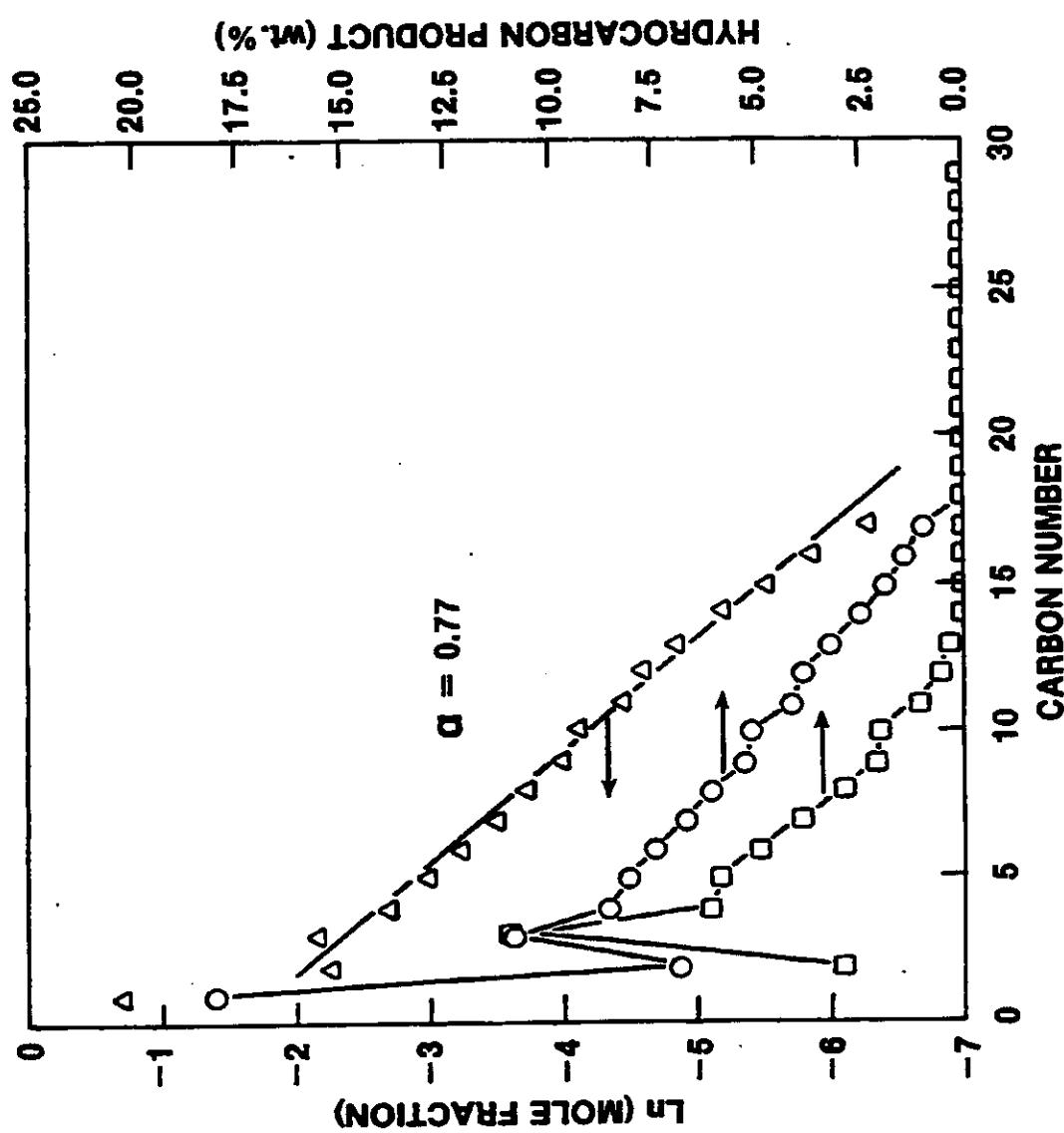


Fig. 16. ASF plot and product distribution for Co at 453 K and 1 atm.

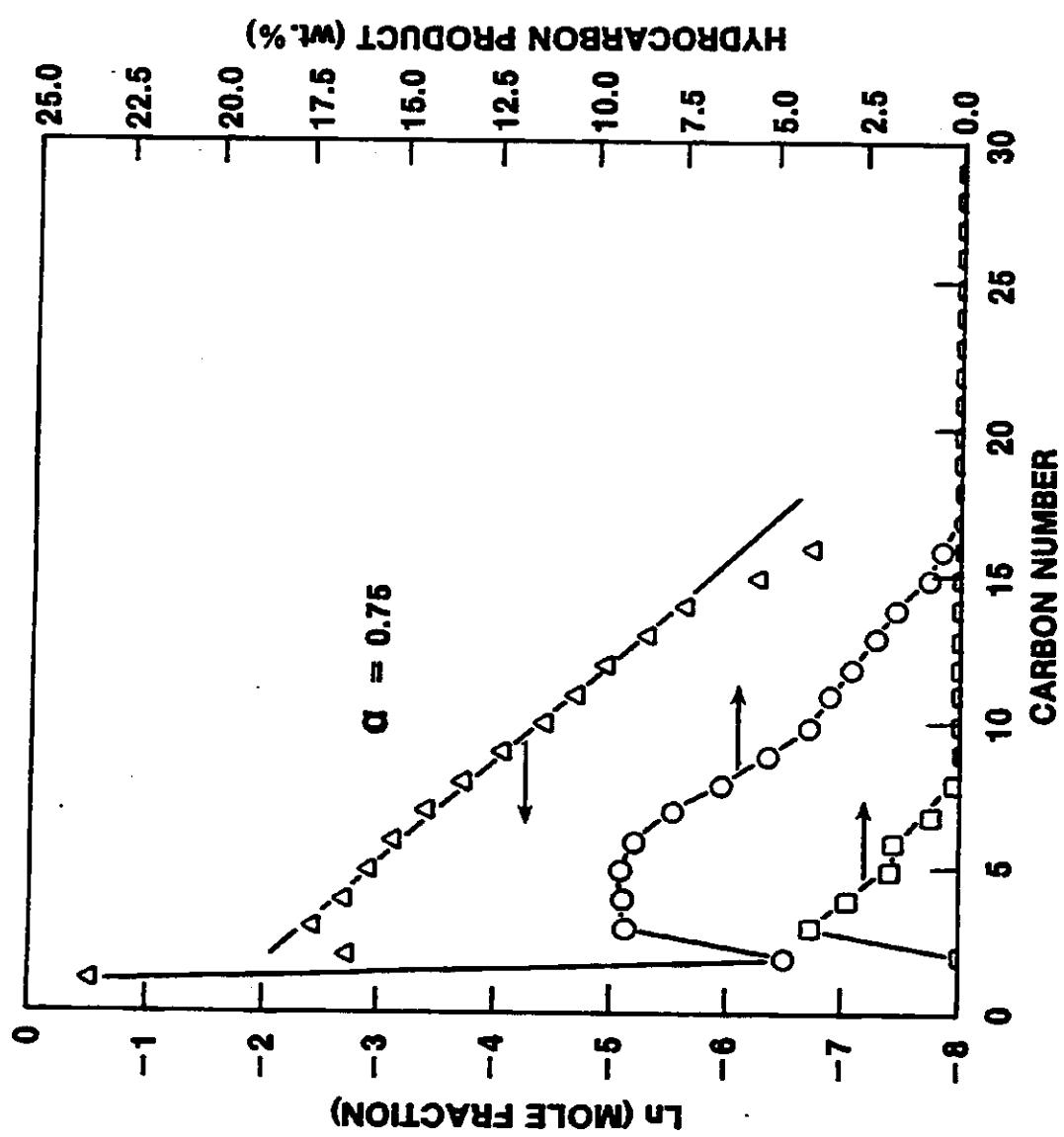


Fig. 17. ASF plot and product distribution for CoB (reduced 523 K) at 452 K, 1 atm.

During the twelfth quarter and the fourth year of the contract a relatively large number of activity/selectivity experiments were conducted to measure the CO hydrogenation activity and selectivity properties of cobalt and iron boride catalysts. Experiments were also conducted to determine effects of boron and sodium promoters and of alumina support on the steady state CO hydrogenation activity and selectivity of cobalt. These activity/selectivity data for cobalt and iron catalysts are summarized in Tables 21-31 and Figures 18-29. The results are more conveniently discussed in two subsections dealing separately with catalytic activity and selectivity.

a. Catalyst Activity. Specific activities in the form of CO turnover frequencies (N_{CO} , the number of CO molecules converted per catalytic site per second) for steady state CO hydrogenation at 1 atm, $H_2/CO = 2$, and different reaction temperatures on unsupported and alumina-supported cobalt, borided cobalt, and sodium-promoted cobalt catalysts are listed in Table 21. Also included in this table are activation energies, E_{CO} , and activities in terms of moles of CO reacted per gram of catalyst per second, R_{CO} . Activities were measured after an initial stabilization period of at least 20 hours. Gas hourly space velocity and temperature were varied in order to maintain CO conversion close to 5% and within the range of 2-10%.

It is not possible to compare catalysts at the same temperature due to the large differences in activity between these catalysts and to the limitations of the catalytic reactor system. However, the Arrhenius plots presented in Figure 18 for unsupported catalysts show the effects of boron and sodium on specific activity, N_{CO} . It is evident that the boron-promoted cobalt, CoB-250, is a factor of ten more active than the unpromoted cobalt while addition of the sodium promoter Co/Na lowers the specific activity of cobalt by a factor of about 10. The sodium-containing borided cobalt, CoB/Na-250, is only slightly more active than the unpromoted cobalt, indicating that the effects of boron and sodium probably offset each other. CoB-109G prepared from gas-phase boriding with diborane/H₂ has a specific activity comparable to that of unpromoted cobalt. The activation energies for the boron-promoted cobalt catalysts, e.g. CoB-250, CoB/Na-250, and CoB-109G, are slightly higher relative to the pure cobalt catalyst. In contrast, the Co/Na catalyst has an activation energy that is twice as low as that of cobalt.

All the unsupported catalysts exhibited relatively stable activity after the initial stabilization period with the exception of Co/Na, for which catalyst deactivation was observed during reactor tests as shown in Figure 18. The deactivation was probably due to the formation of cobalt carbides in the course of reaction at high temperatures, as evidenced by the x-ray diffraction pattern of the Co/Na catalyst. The rate of CO conversion decreased in the order: CoB-250 > CoB/Na-250 > Co > CoB-109G > Co/Na.

Figure 19 displays the Arrhenius plots for alumina-supported catalysts. It is evident that the specific activity of boron-promoted CoB/Al₂O₃-250 is a factor of 30 higher than that of the 3% Co/Al₂O₃ containing no boron. The low specific activity observed on CoB/Na/Al₂O₃-250 is likely due to the presence of sodium with a Co/Na ratio of about 0.6, in contrast to 16 for unsupported CoB/Na. As compared with 3% Co/Al₂O₃, the activation energy of CoB/Al₂O₃-250 is higher while that of CoB/Na/Al₂O₃-250 is lower.

Comparison of Figures 18 and 19 reveals that CoB-250 has a specific

Table 21
 Effects of Boron, Sodium and Alumina Support on the
 Steady-State CO Hydrogenation Activity of Cobalt Catalysts
 at Different Temperatures, 1 atm and H₂/CO = 2.

Catalyst Code	Temp. (°C)	S.V. ^a (hr ⁻¹)	% CO Conv. ^a	N _{CO} ^b × 10 ³ (s ⁻¹)	R _{CO} ^c × 10 ⁷ (mole/gcat·s)	E _{CO} ^d (KJ/mole)
CoB-250	156	165	4.91	1.35	0.47	95
	168	400	4.51	3.00	1.05	
	179	750	4.79	5.97	2.09	
	189	1600	3.29	8.76	3.07	
CoB/Na-250	170	300	6.13	0.23	0.56	115
	180	650	5.04	0.41	0.99	
	190	1100	6.16	0.85	2.05	
	200	2100	6.18	1.62	3.93	
Co-104	195	200	4.85	0.91	0.34	83
	210	300	6.44	1.81	0.67	
	225	500	6.95	3.26	1.21	
CoB-109G	212	600	1.94	1.13	0.26	117
	225	600	4.76	2.66	0.61	
	240	600	10.59	5.50	1.26	
Co/Na-100	260	240	4.15	0.96	0.37	40
	270	240	3.89	0.90	0.35	
	280	240	5.84	1.35	0.53	
	290	440	2.80	1.18	0.46	
	300	440	4.38	1.85	0.72	
CoB/Al ₂ O ₃ -250	170	300	3.80	4.71	0.64	105
	181	500	3.73	7.78	1.06	
	195	1400	3.70	21.40	2.91	
CoB/Na/Al ₂ O ₃ -250	238	300	7.00	2.42	1.22	79
	248	600	7.48	5.16	2.61	
	258	900	5.02	5.20	2.63	
	268	900	7.30	7.56	3.82	

^a S.V. = gas hourly space velocity; Conv. = conversion

^b CO turnover frequency in molecules of CO reacted per H adsorption site per second.

^c Reaction rate in moles per gram of catalyst per second.

^d Activation energy for CO conversion determined from temperature dependence of N_{CO}.

Table 22
 Activity and Selectivity of Co-104 (Reduced in H₂ at 350 °C)
 for Steady-State CO Hydrogenation. H₂ : CO = 2

Run #	27	29	30	37	38	39	42
Temp. (°C)	195	210	225	180	190	195	210
P (atm.)	1	1	1	10	10	10	10
S.V. (hr ⁻¹)	200	300	500	165	165	165	500
CO conv. (%)	4.85	6.44	6.95	1.36	3.34	6.04	5.38
N _{CO} × 10 ³ (TOF) ^a	0.91	1.81	3.26	0.21	0.52	0.94	2.50
R _{CO} × 10 ⁷ (mol/g·s)	0.34	0.67	1.21	0.08	0.19	0.35	0.94
Duration (hrs.)	30	60	75	100	125	140	150
<u>Product Selectivity based on CO Converted (Carbon Atom%)</u>							
CO ₂	3.5	3.6	5.5	1.5	1.2	0.9	1.3
Hydrocarbons	96.5	96.4	94.5	98.5	98.8	99.1	98.7
<u>Distribution of Total Hydrocarbons (wt %)</u>							
C ₁	21.7	26.7	34.7	17.9	15.9	14.9	18.4
C ₂ -C ₄	26.4	35.1	37.3	48.0	45.2	43.6	42.8
C ₅ -C ₁₁	41.3	35.8	27.3	30.0	35.2	37.1	33.4
C ₁₂ ⁺	10.6	2.4	0.6	4.1	3.7	4.4	5.4
<u>Total Olefin Content for each Carbon Number (mol %)^b</u>							
C ₂	15	10	13	42	28	23	25
C ₃	58	60	64	60	70	69	72
C ₄	57[74]	55[60]	60[60]	57[96]	56[93]	59[91]	62[96]
C ₅	44[49]	37[42]	43[34]	58[95]	54[88]	54[89]	53[89]
C ₆	34[40]	32[32]	34[31]	56[93]	49[89]	49[86]	52[89]
C ₇	21[33]	19[25]	17[25]	41[89]	47[88]	44[84]	49[88]
α (propag. proba.)	0.728	0.629	0.569	0.654	0.657	0.666	0.645
E _{CO} (kJ/mol)		82.5			150		

^a CO Turnover Frequency is defined as CO molecules reacted per site per second.

^b Value in [] for C₄ to C₇ denotes percentage of α-olefin/total olefin.

Table 23
 Activity and Selectivity of CoB-250 catalyst
 (Reduced in H₂ at 250°C)
 for Steady-State CO Hydrogenation. H₂: CO = 2

Run #	4	5	6	7	10	9	11	12
Temp. (°C)	156	168	179	189	144	157	168	179
P (atm.)	1	1	1	1	10	10	10	10
S.V. (hr ⁻¹)	165	400	750	1600	165	350	800	1600
CO conv. (%)	4.91	4.51	4.79	3.29	5.71	4.17	3.59	4.34
N _{CO} × 10 ³ (TOF) ^a	1.35	3.00	5.97	8.76	1.57	2.43	4.78	11.54
R _{CO} × 10 ⁷ (mol/g·s)	0.47	1.05	2.09	3.07	0.55	0.85	1.67	4.04
Duration (hrs.)	41	48	67	78	90	114	118	125
<u>Product Selectivity based on CO Converted (Carbon Atom %)</u>								
CO ₂	1.1	1.2	0.9	1.1	0.4	0.8	0.6	0.6
Hydrocarbons	98.9	98.8	99.1	98.9	99.6	99.2	99.4	99.4
<u>Distribution of Total Hydrocarbons (wt %)</u>								
C ₁	22.6	22.4	23.2	29.7	22.3	24.9	25.1	26.3
C ₂ -C ₄	19.3	21.3	23.1	29.9	25.0	25.5	26.3	26.5
C ₅ -C ₁₁	43.9	45.3	45.1	38.8	41.6	37.4	35.8	36.4
C ₁₂ ⁺	14.2	11.0	8.6	1.6	11.1	12.2	12.8	10.8
<u>Total Olefin Content for each Carbon Number (mol %)^b</u>								
C ₂	0	0	2	4	0	0	9	0
C ₃	47	50	46	49	54	53	60	55
C ₄	35 [64]	36 [64]	34 [56]	38 [59]	41 [83]	44 [84]	46 [93]	49 [85]
C ₅	20 [52]	25 [49]	21 [46]	24 [50]	35 [63]	40 [52]	44 [79]	43 [55]
C ₆	20 [22]	21 [26]	21 [24]	23 [26]	29 [42]	34 [42]	43 [55]	36 [54]
C ₇	10 [17]	10 [22]	10 [21]	12 [24]	21 [42]	23 [38]	31 [52]	26 [52]
α (propag. proba.)	0.796	0.770	0.746	0.652	0.764	0.778	0.788	0.764
E _{CO} (kJ/mol)			95			89		

^a CO Turnover frequency defined as CO molecules reacted per site per second.

^b value in [] for C₄ to C₇ denotes percentage of α-olefin/total olefin.

Table 24
 Activity and Selectivity of CoB-109G (Red. in H₂ at 350 °C)
 for Steady-State CO Hydrogenation. H₂: CO = 2, P = 1 atm

Run #	6	10	11
Temp. (°C)	212	225	240
S.V. (hr ⁻¹)	600	600	600
CO conv. (%)	1.94	4.76	10.59
N _{CO} × 10 ³ (TOF) ^a	1.13	2.66	5.50
R _{CO} × 10 ⁷ (mol/g.s)	0.26	0.61	1.26
Duration (hrs.)	28	50	70
<u>Product Selectivity based on CO Converted (Carbon Atom%)</u>			
CO ₂	4.2	4.2	3.5
Hydrocarbons	95.8	95.8	96.5
<u>Distribution of Total Hydrocarbons (wt %)</u>			
C ₁	39.8	44.7	59.3
C ₂ -C ₄	31.9	34.1	30.0
C ₅ -C ₁₁	27.5	21.0	10.6
C ₁₂ ⁺	0.8	0.2	0.1
<u>Total Olefin Content for each Carbon Number (mol %)^b</u>			
C ₂	11	2	0
C ₃	100	62	31
C ₄	68 [71]	58 [51]	52 [44]
C ₅	53 [51]	42 [36]	38 [22]
C ₆	47 [36]	35 [20]	31 [18]
C ₇	38 [23]	4 [0]	0 [0]
α (propag. proba.)	0.589	0.517	0.440
E _{CO} (KJ/mol)		116.7	

^a CO Turnover frequency defined as CO molecules reacted per site per second.

^b value in [] for C₄ to C₇ denotes percentage of α-olefin/total olefin.

Table 25
 Activity and Selectivity of CoB/Na-250
 (Reduced in H₂ at 250 °C)
 for Steady-State CO Hydrogenation. H₂: CO = 2

Run #	8	11	13	14	18	24	22	23
Temp. (°C)	170	180	190	200	170	180	190	200
P (atm.)	1	1	1	1	10	10	10	10
S.V. (hr ⁻¹)	300	650	1100	2100	750	1350	2400	4500
CO conv. (%)	6.13	5.04	6.16	6.18	4.33	5.53	7.78	9.14
N _{CO} × 10 ³ (TOF) ^a	0.23	0.41	0.85	1.62	0.41	0.93	2.34	5.14
R _{CO} × 10 ⁷ (mol/g·s)	0.56	0.99	2.05	3.93	0.98	2.26	5.65	12.44
Duration (hrs.)	118	145	165	174	42	91	76	80
<u>Product Selectivity based on CO Converted (Carbon Atom%)</u>								
CO ₂	2.4	3.0	2.6	2.7	2.1	2.8	2.6	2.7
Hydrocarbons	97.6	97.0	97.4	97.3	97.9	97.2	97.4	97.3
<u>Distribution of Total Hydrocarbons (wt %)</u>								
C ₁	25.1	22.4	22.1	23.5	35.4	25.3	23.9	22.5
C ₂ -C ₄	19.8	20.7	23.9	24.1	39.7	41.3	38.0	36.0
C ₅ -C ₁₁	50.6	50.5	50.7	47.7	24.7	32.0	35.5	39.0
C ₁₂ ⁺	4.6	6.4	3.4	4.7	0.2	1.5	2.6	2.6
<u>Total Olefin Content for each Carbon Number (mol %)^b</u>								
C ₂	0	0	13	11	14	16	10	11
C ₃	65	71	71	70	29	49	41	43
C ₄	41 [84]	49 [90]	52 [80]	52 [79]	20 [100]	30 [99]	24 [98]	28 [97]
C ₅	36 [59]	43 [75]	45 [65]	44 [61]	22 [94]	35 [78]	23 [89]	26 [90]
C ₆	27 [46]	34 [56]	35 [50]	36 [46]	15 [95]	26 [84]	21 [81]	24 [82]
C ₇	20 [32]	26 [41]	27 [37]	27 [35]	25 [100]	25 [94]	24 [84]	26 [84]
α (propag. proba.)	0.788	0.773	0.750	0.725	0.559	0.596	0.636	0.649
E _{CO} (kJ/mol)			115			148		

^a CO Turnover frequency defined as CO molecules reacted per site per second.

^b Value in [] for C₄ to C₇ denotes percentage of α-olefin/total olefin.

Table 26
 Activity and Selectivity of Co/Na-100 (Red. in H₂ at 350 °C)
 for Steady-State CO Hydrogenation. H₂: CO = 2, P = 1 atm

Run #	1	2	3	4	5
Temp. (°C)	260	270	280	290	300
S.V. (hr ⁻¹)	240	240	240	440	440
CO conv. (%)	4.15	3.89	5.84	2.80	4.38
N _{CO} × 10 ³ (TOF) ^a	0.96	0.90	1.35	1.18	1.85
R _{CO} × 10 ⁷ (mol/g.s)	0.37	0.35	0.53	0.46	0.72
Duration (hrs.)	18	35	41	63	73
<u>Product Selectivity based on CO Converted (Carbon Atom%)</u>					
CO ₂	73.8	69.1	69.1	66.0	63.6
Hydrocarbons	26.2	30.9	30.9	34.0	36.4
<u>Distribution of Total Hydrocarbons (wt %)</u>					
C ₁	51.0	46.7	46.9	48.2	50.9
C ₂ -C ₄	48.2	53.0	51.3	50.9	48.8
C ₅ -C ₁₁	0.8	0.3	1.8	0.9	0.3
C ₁₂ ⁺	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Total Olefin Content for each Carbon Number (mol %)</u>					
C ₂	58	68	85	82	92
C ₃	100	100	100	100	100
C ₄	59	95	92	84	85
α (propag. proba.)	0.341	0.335	0.337	0.310	0.297
E _{CO} (KJ/mol)			40.3		

^a CO Turnover frequency defined as CO molecules reacted per site per second.

Table 27
 Activity and Selectivity of CoB-Al₂O₃-250
 (Reduced in H₂ at 250 °C)
 for Steady-State CO Hydrogenation. H₂: CO = 2

Run #	13	14	15	16	20	26	30
Temp. (°C)	170	181	181	195	170	181	195
P (atm.)	1	1	1	1	10	10	10
S.V. (hr ⁻¹)	300	300	500	1400	500	700	1600
CO conv. (%)	3.8	7.4	3.7	3.7	2.6	4.0	3.8
N _{CO} × 10 ³ (TOF) ^a	4.7	9.3	7.8	21.4	5.4	11.6	25.3
R _{CO} × 10 ⁷ (mol/g·s)	0.64	1.26	1.06	2.91	0.73	1.57	3.44
Duration (hrs.)	48	55	67	73	32	44	55
<u>Product Selectivity based on CO Converted (Carbon Atom%)</u>							
CO ₂	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.8	0	0.5	0.5
Hydrocarbons	99.2	99.3	99.3	99.2	100	99.5	99.5
<u>Distribution of Total Hydrocarbons (wt %)</u>							
C ₁	13.8	16.5	16.1	20.1	25.8	21.2	24.5
C ₂ -C ₄	12.3	16.7	15.7	18.3	23.1	16.5	14.7
C ₅ -C ₁₁	59.4	57.2	56.9	50.7	47.7	50.4	51.1
C ₁₂ ⁺	14.5	9.7	11.4	10.9	3.4	11.9	9.7
<u>Total Olefin Content for each Carbon Number (mol %)^b</u>							
C ₂	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C ₃	47	45	65	35	54	67	61
C ₄	37 [75]	38 [48]	41 [67]	43 [66]	54 [93]	53 [84]	50 [86]
C ₅	31 [57]	33 [28]	33 [56]	32 [55]	52 [91]	50 [75]	50 [78]
C ₆	30 [28]	29 [16]	32 [27]	33 [27]	49 [57]	40 [61]	36 [80]
C ₇	18 [23]	16 [15]	20 [21]	21 [20]	30 [53]	26 [53]	26 [71]
α (propag. proba.)	0.822	0.759	0.766	0.756	0.748	0.815	0.824
E _{CO} (kJ/mol)			105			107	

^a CO Turnover frequency defined as C⁺ molecules reacted per site per second.

^b Value in [] for C₄ to C₇ denotes percentage of α-olefin/total olefin.

Table 28
 Activity and Selectivity of CoB-Al₂O₃-250
 (Reduced in H₂ at 250 °C)
 for Steady-State CO Hydrogenation. P = 1 atm.

Run #	32	33	15	35	36
Temp. (°C)	181	181	181	181	181
H ₂ : CO	4	3	2	1	0.5
S.V. (hr ⁻¹)	800	650	500	350	200
CO conv. (%)	5.5	4.4	3.7	2.5	1.9
N _{CO} × 10 ³ (TOF) ^a	11.1	9.0	7.8	5.5	3.2
R _{CO} × 10 ⁷ (mol/g·s)	1.51	1.23	1.06	0.75	0.43
Duration (hrs.)	13	16	67	33	37
<u>Product Selectivity based on CO Converted (Carbon Atom%)</u>					
CO ₂	0	0.4	0.7	1.2	2.0
Hydrocarbons	100	99.6	99.3	98.8	98
<u>Distribution of Total Hydrocarbons (wt %)</u>					
C ₁	23.0	20.2	16.1	11.3	8.2
C ₂ -C ₄	20.8	19.2	15.7	11.5	12.2
C ₅ -C ₁₁	49.3	53.1	56.9	60.9	62.9
C ₁₂ ⁺	6.9	7.5	11.4	16.3	16.7
<u>Total Olefin Content for each Carbon Number (mol %)^b</u>					
C ₂	0	0	0	18	0
C ₃	38	48	65	100	100
C ₄	27 [51]	31 [59]	41 [67]	55 [84]	63 [90]
C ₅	22 [35]	25 [46]	33 [56]	48 [74]	65 [78]
C ₆	25 [13]	28 [18]	32 [27]	45 [42]	61 [48]
C ₇	12 [13]	15 [16]	20 [21]	32 [30]	43 [39]
α (propag. proba.)	0.704	0.723	0.766	0.821	0.833

^a CO Turnover frequency defined as CO molecules reacted per site per second.

^b Value in [] for C₄ to C₇ denotes percentage of α-olefin/total olefin.

Table 29
 Activity and Selectivity of CoB/Na-Al₂O₃-250
 (Red. in H₂ at 250 °C)
 for Steady-State CO Hydrogenation. H₂: CO = 2

Run #	1	2	3	4	6	7	8
Temp. (°C)	238	248	258	268	238	248	258
P (atm.)	1	1	1	1	10	10	10
S.V. (hr ⁻¹)	300	600	900	900	300	600	900
CO conv. (%)	7.00	7.48	5.02	7.30	10.12	9.31	10.87
N _{Co} × 10 ³ (TOF) ^a	2.42	5.16	5.20	7.56	3.49	6.42	11.26
R _{Co} × 10 ⁷ (mol/g·s)	1.22	2.61	2.63	3.82	1.77	3.25	5.70
Duration (hrs.)	50	60	75	90	105	120	140
<u>Product Selectivity based on CO Converted (Carbon Atom%)</u>							
CO ₂	50.3	56.4	57.2	58.9	59.1	59.4	58.4
Hydrocarbons	49.7	43.6	42.8	41.1	40.9	40.6	41.6
<u>Distribution of Total Hydrocarbons (wt %)</u>							
C ₁	28.6	29.7	36.2	39.9	22.4	24.6	26.3
C ₂ -C ₄	42.9	41.0	52.1	50.8	44.1	45.0	43.4
C ₅ -C ₁₁	28.5	29.3	11.7	9.4	33.5	30.5	29.1
C ₁₂ ⁺	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.2
<u>Total Olefin Content for each Carbon Number (mol %)^b</u>							
C ₂	39	41	64	72	58	69	67
C ₃	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
C ₄	85 [43]	88 [38]	90 [66]	89 [74]	79 [94]	78 [96]	83 [94]
C ₅	83 [38]	78 [37]	84 [60]	83 [65]	74 [92]	76 [93]	80 [90]
C ₆	79 [33]	76 [29]	81 [53]	77 [59]	70 [80]	73 [93]	79 [85]
C ₇	63 [23]	60 [21]	69 [51]	68 [50]	61 [78]	69 [90]	73 [77]
α (propag. proba.)	0.553	0.565	0.431	0.377	0.588	0.579	0.571
E _{Co} (kJ/mol)							

^a CO Turnover frequency defined as CO molecules reacted per site per second.

^b Value in [] for C₄ to C₇ denotes percentage of α-olefin/total olefin.

TABLE 30
Activities And Selectivities Of FeB₂, FeB₅ And Commercial FeB
Catalysts During CO Hydrogenation At 21 ATM.

Catalyst	FeB ₂			FeB ₅			FeB-COM		
Reac. P (atm)	21	21	21	20	20	20	21	21	21
Reac. T (°C)	274	289	304	259	270	281	225	237	250
Dur. time (hr)	49	28	39	29	52	76	70	56	36
CO conv. (%)	2.2	3.8	6.2	4.1	4.1	2.6	2.6	6.1	6.9
TOF (X 10 ³) ^a	.215	.373	.621	.396	.264	.254	2.7	8.5	21.5
R _{co} (X 10 ⁷) ^b	0.35	0.61	1.00	0.96	0.64	0.61	0.05	0.15	0.39
Carbon atom %									
CO ₂	11.7	10.9	15.1	7.1	8.2	10.2	8.0	9.1	9.9
Hydrocarbon	88.3	89.1	84.9	92.9	91.8	89.8	92.0	90.9	90.1
Wt. frac. of H.C.									
C ₁	76.3	73.3	78.5	60.2	62.7	69.4	54.1	55	35.9
C ₂₋₄	22.9	25.0	20.3	35.8	32.9	29.0	36.7	35.2	46.3
C ₅₋₁₁	1.0	1.7	1.2	4.0	4.3	1.6	9.2	9.8	17.7
C ₁₂₊	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alcs	0.8	0	0.8	0	0.3	2.0	10.7	10.4	0
Olefin/Paraffin									
C ₂₋₄	0.35	0.25	0.11	1.29	0.95	0.69	0.31	0.35	0.45
C ₃₋₇	0.60	0.42	0.21	1.48	1.26	0.97	0.66	0.71	0.85
α(propag. prob.)		0.26	0.30	0.30	0.37	0.36	0.29	0.53	0.53
Olefin content ^c									
(mole %)									
C ₂	19	15	7	53	48	36	8	11	7
C ₃	45	37	18	66	65	61	38	41	47
C ₄	12(40.9)	19(51.3)	18(26.1)	55(45)	55(30)	21(57.2)	52(17.2)	52(18.1)	53(25.3)
C ₅	—	—	—	34(53)	53(15)	4	32(11.9)	30(8.9)	41(10.7)
C ₆	—	—	—	36(28.6)	48(19)	—	11(18.3)	44(4.1)	41(5.7)
Ea (KJ/mole)	92.9			---			179		

a. Turnover frequency is defined as number of molecules of CO reacted per catalytic site per second.

b. Reaction rate is defined as number of moles of CO reacted per gram of catalyst per second.

c. Number in the parenthesis denotes the α-olefin content in the olefin.

TABLE 31
Activity And Selectivity Of Fe/B/Na During Hydrogenation At 10
And 21 ATM

Reac. P (atm)	10	10	10	10	21	21	21
Reac. T (°C)	221	231	241	250	220	229	240
Dur. time (hr)	26	37	50	59	28	53	77
CO conv. (%)	4.6	6.2	5.6	4.9	6.9	7.6	8.7
TOF (X 10 ³) ^a	2.82	3.83	5.15	6.84	6.18	14.1	32.1
R _{CO} (mol/g.sec) (X 10 ⁷) ^b	0.44	0.60	0.80	1.07	0.96	2.19	5.00
Carb. atom %							
CO ₂	15.8	17.9	18.0	17.5	11.0	10.6	9.3
Hydrocarbon	84.2	82.1	82	82.5	89.0	89.4	90.7
Wt. frac. of H.C.							
C ₁	41.0	41.8	45.7	49.5	38.9	39.7	41.2
C ₂₋₄	46.2	45.6	43.4	40.9	41.4	41.8	41.6
C ₅₋₁₁	12.8	12.7	10.6	9.5	19.0	17.9	16.3
C ₁₂₊	0	0	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.7	0.9
Alcs	1.4	0.7	0.6	1.3	10.2	8.2	7.4
Olefin/Paraffin							
C ₂₋₄	1.31	1.21	1.24	1.31	1.08	1.07	1.13
C ₃₋₇	2.40	2.44	2.74	2.61	1.47	1.46	1.76
α (propag. prob.)	0.52	0.49	0.47	0.44	0.54	0.53	0.52
Olefin content ^c (mole %)							
C ₂	44	40	42	45	39	39	39
C ₃	77	78	78	78	71	70	75
C ₄	57(85)	61(81.5)	62(81.8)	61(82.1)	53(93.8)	53(60.1)	57(44.7)
C ₅	75(41.6)	73(56.9)	81(36.8)	74(46.9)	44(94.1)	45(63.4)	46(60.0)
C ₆	52(82)	51(58.5)	50(88.1)	52(80.3)	46(94.7)	45(68.4)	47(74.3)
C ₇	35	34	38	38	36	33	38
Ea (KJ/mole)	65.4				172.7		

a. Turnover number is defined as number of molecules of CO reacted per catalytic site per second.

b. Reaction rate is defined as number of moles of CO reacted per gram of catalyst per second.

c. Number in the parenthesis denotes the α-olefin content in the olefin.

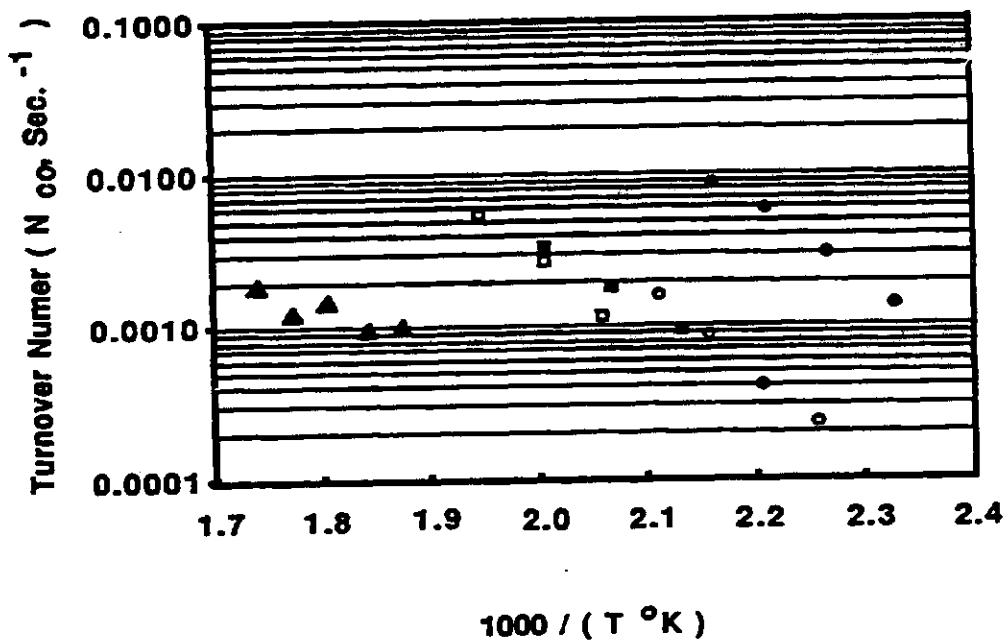


Figure 18. Arrhenius Plot for Unsupported borided cobalt catalysts.
P = 1 atm, H₂ / CO = 2
● CoB-250, ○ CoB/Na-250, ■ Co, ▲ Co/Na

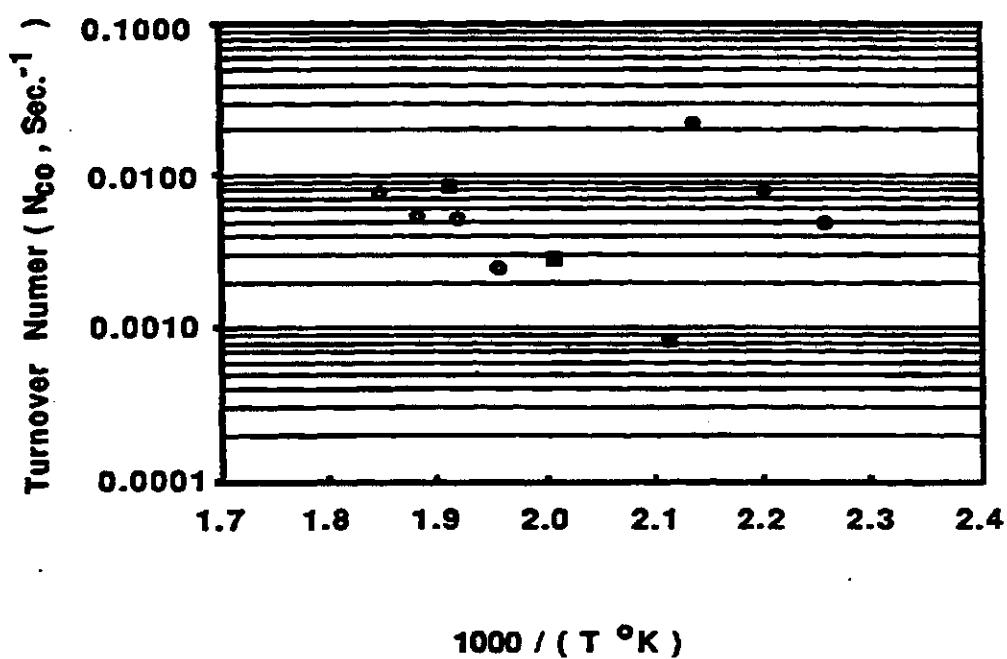


Figure 19. Arrhenius Plot for Alumina-supported borided cobalt catalysts,
P = 1 atm, H₂ / CO = 2.
● CoB/Alumina-250, ● CoB/Na/Alumina-250
■ 3% Co/Alumina

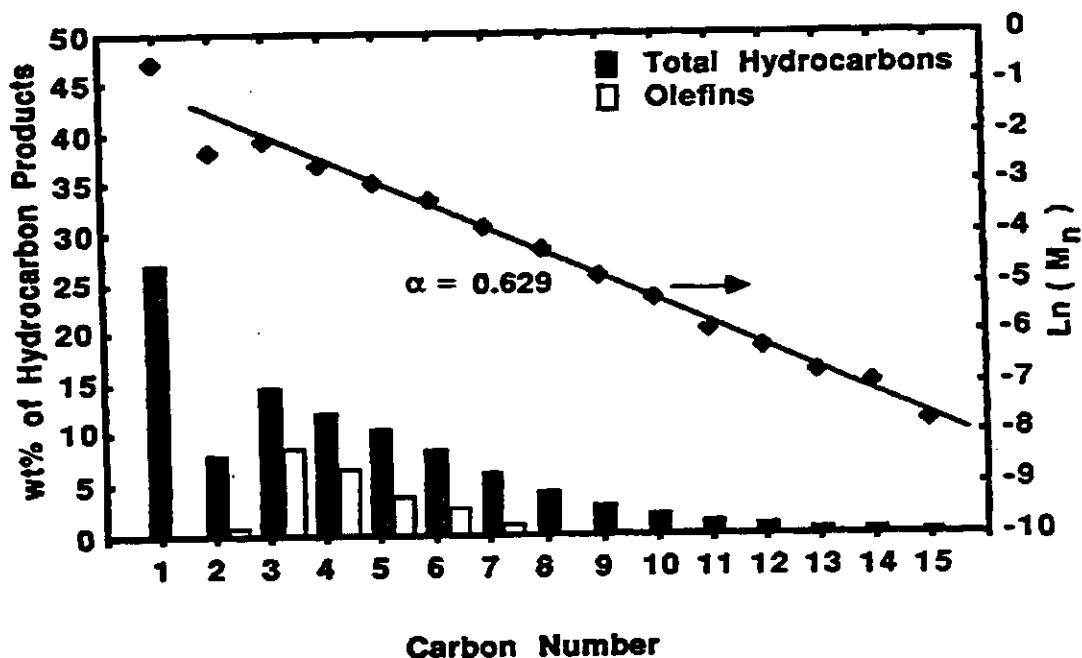


Figure 20. Hydrocarbon Product Distribution and Anderson-Schulz-Flory Plot for
Co; 1atm, 210 °C, $H_2/CO = 2$, $N_{co} = 1.81 \times 10^{-3} \text{ Sec}^{-1}$

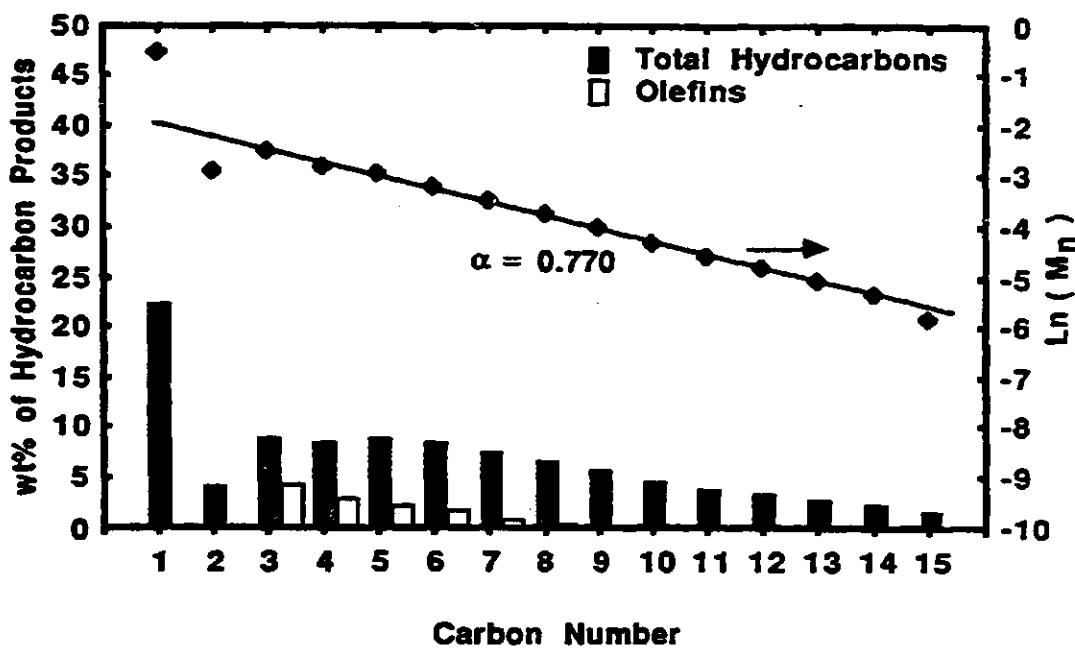


Figure 21. Hydrocarbon Product Distribution and Anderson-Schulz-Flory Plot for CoB-250; 1atm, 168 °C, H₂/CO = 2, N_∞ = 3.00 × 10⁻³ Sec⁻¹.

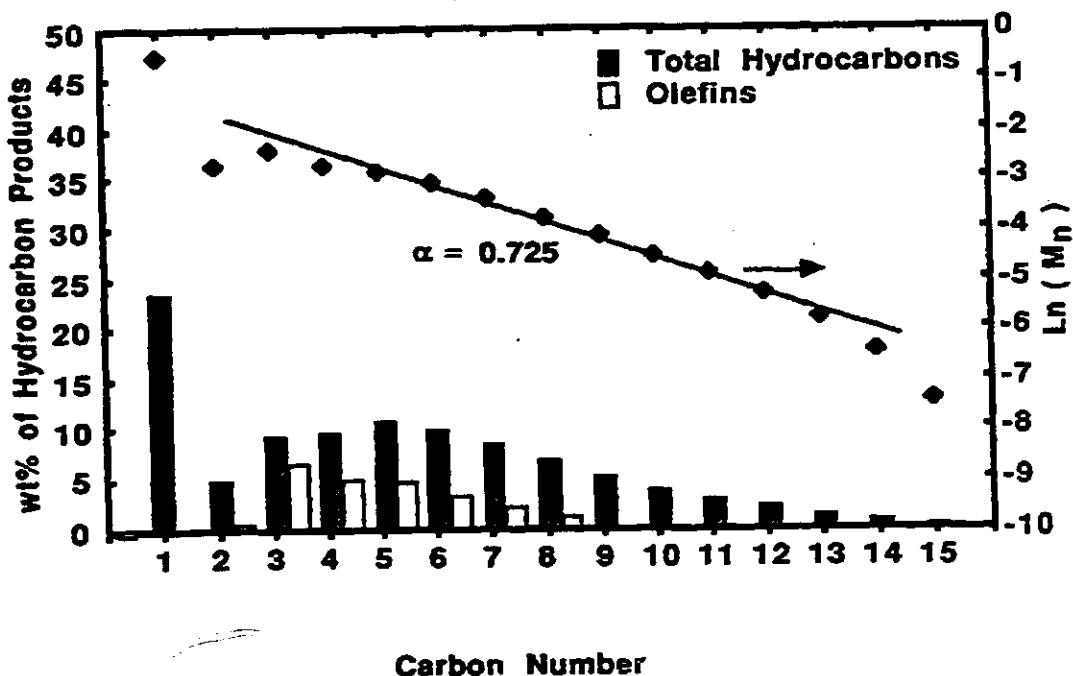


Figure 22. Hydrocarbon Product Distribution and Anderson-Schulz-Flory Plot for CoB/Na-250; 1atm, 200 °C, $H_2/CO = 2$, $N_{Co} = 1.62 \times 10^{-3} \text{ Sec}^{-1}$.