HRII- 21.12.81 H(9-A3) 83-700740/27 H09 0.15 *DE 3245-494-A HPLINC 21.12.81-US-332433 (30.06.83) Cl0a-01/06 Coal hydrogenation in upflow reactor - with deflector to retain coarse solid particles. EMBODIMENT solids The reactor may be in the form of a conventional ebullated-bed reactor having a recycle cup (26) and dipleg (27) for internal recycle from the dilute phase to the dense Coal hydrogenation is effected by slurrying C83-062146 phase. The deflector may be an inclined or conical baffle coal in oil, passing the slurry and H2 upwards through a plate (38) attached to the outlet pipe (32) by 3 or more suppreactor contg. particulate solids at 750-950°F and an H2 ort bars (33).27pp367Dwg.No2/4). partial pressure of 1000-4000 psig so that the solids are maintained in statistical motion in the upflowing liq. phase, and withdrawing a gas/liq. effluent while deflecting unconverted coal particles away from the effluent stream, thereby increasing the concn. and residence time of the larger coal particles in the reactor to provide improved conversion, so that the effluent contains only fine solids. The effluent is then sepd. into gaseous and liq. fractions and a coal liq. fraction is recovered. Also claimed is a reactor for treating a liq. with a gas while contg. a bed of finely divided solids. The reactor comprises a pressure vessel with inlets for liq., gas and solids, an outlet pipe extending within the upper part of the vessel, and a deflector device protecting the intake end of DE3245494 the outlet pipe to reduce selectively the ingress of larger