

Supplementary Information

State-of-the-Art and Perspectives of Hydrogen Generation from Waste Plastics

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Table S1. Summary of hydrogen production from waste plastics upcycling by pyrolysis-reforming

Catalyst	Plastic	Conditions	H ₂ yield (mmol·g _{plastic} ⁻¹)	Valued products	Ref.
Fe ₂ O ₃ /Al ₂ O ₃	HDPE	HDPE 0.1 mg, catalyst 2 mg, pyrolysis 600 °C, catalysis 800 °C.	50.5	C ₂ -C ₉ hydrocarbons	[1]
Ni/Al ₂ O ₃ , Fe/Al ₂ O ₃	PP	(i) Pyrolysis: PP 1 g, 500 °C; (ii) Reformer: Ni/Al ₂ O ₃ 1 g, 850 °C; (iii) WGS: Fe/Al ₂ O ₃ 0.5 g, 650 °C.	122.0	CO ₂ , CH ₄	[2]
Ni/AC	PP	PP/catalyst ratio 1:0.75, H ₂ O, pyrolysis: 500 °C; catalysis: 900 °C.	134.9	Various forms of carbon	[3]
Ni/KIT-6	PE	Plastic 5 g, catalyst 0.25 g, N ₂ 60 mL/min, H ₂ O 0.1 mL/min, 1 atm, 700 °C, 0.5 h.	37.0	Heavy aromatics	[4]
Fe-Ni/Al ₂ O ₃	PP	Plastic 1 g, catalyst 0.4 g, N ₂ 100 mL/min, pyrolysis: 500 °C, catalysis: 600-800 °C.	25.1	C ₂₊ hydrocarbon, MWCNTs	[5]
Fe/Al ₂ O ₃	HIPS	Plastic 1 g, catalyst 0.5 g, N ₂ 100 mL/min, pyrolysis: 500 °C, catalysis: 800 °C.	-	C ₈ -C ₁₆ , CNTs	[6]
Olivine, AC	HDPE	PE 8.3 g/min, 790-840 °C, olivine 2200 g, AC 1500 g.	81.0	Toluene tar, active carbon	[7]
Ni/Al-SBA-15, Ni-Cu/CaO-SiO ₂	PP, LDPE mixture	PP 3 g (LDPE 0.3 g), silica sand/catalyst 32:1, feedstock 19.8 g/min, first-stage 600 °C, second-stage 800 °C.	-	CNTs	[8]
Ni-Pt/Al-Ti	PET	Catalyst 0.2 g, SiC 0.3 g, H ₂ O 0.36 mL/min, N ₂ 30 mL/min, feedstock/water ratio 1:9, 700 °C.	-	Aromatic hydrocarbons	[9]

MgO, AC	LDPE	LDPE 2 g, catalyst/LDPE 2:1, N ₂ 70 mL/min, 500 °C.	-	Alkanes, aromatics	[10]
Ni-Fe/ γ -Al ₂ O ₃	Waste plastic	Plastic 1 g, catalyst 0.2 g, N ₂ 110 mL/min, 800 °C.	31.8	CNTs	[11]
Ni/Al ₂ O ₃	PS	PS 1 g, catalyst 0.5 g, N ₂ , H ₂ O 6 g h ⁻¹ , 800 °C.	62.3	CO	[12]
Ni/ZSM5-30	HDPE	HDPE 1 g, catalyst 0.5 g, N ₂ , H ₂ O 6 g h ⁻¹ , 850 °C.	66.1	CO	[13]
NiO/NiAl ₂ O ₄ -CaO	WP	Catalyst and sorbent mixture of 50-60 g, N ₂ carrier gas of 5.0 × 10 ⁻³ m ³ /min, 818 °C.	-	Hydrocarbons	[14]
NiO/CaAl ₂ O ₃	HDPE	16.7 g _{cat} min g ⁻¹ _{HDPE} , steam/plastic 5:1, 700 °C.	190.5	Hydrocarbons	[15]
Ni-Mn-Al	HDPE	HDPE 1 g, catalyst 0.5 g, N ₂ 80 mL/min, H ₂ O 2.85 g h ⁻¹ , 800 °C.	94.4	Hydrocarbons	[16]
SS 316	PP	PP 1 g, catalyst 15 g, N ₂ 50 mL/min, pyrolysis at 500 °C, catalysis at 800 °C.	51.3	MWCNTs	[17]
Ni-TiO ₂ -Al ₂ O ₃	LDPE	Catalyst 4 g, LDPE 2 g, solar simulator irradiation, N ₂ , 700 °C.	54.0	CNTs	[18]
Ni/MCM-41	HDPE	HDPE 1 g, catalyst 1 g, steam WHSV 2 g h ⁻¹ g _{cat} ⁻¹ , N ₂ , DBD plasma power 80W, 250 °C.	18.0	CO, CO ₂ , CH ₄ , C ₂ -C ₄ hydrocarbons	[19]
ZSM-5	PP	PP 2 g, catalyst 4 g, Ar 100 mL/min, plasma power 120W, 400 °C.	4.2	BTX (benzene, toluene, xylene)	[20]
/	LDPE	LDPE 10 g, gliding arc reactor, 300 W of output power, processing gas N ₂ , ~750 K.	0.4	Carbon compounds	[21]

MCM-41	HDPE	HDPE 1 g, catalyst 1 g, steam 2 g h ⁻¹ , 250 °C.	11.0	C ₁ -C ₄ hydrocarbons	[22]
/	Sawdust, HDPE	Feedstock 300 g, plasma 22 kW, steam/carbon flow ratio 1:1, 600 °C.	78.6	CO, CO ₂ , CH ₄	[23]
FeAlO _x @C	PE	PE 0.4 g, catalyst 0.8 g, microwave power 900 W, carbon fiber cloth (CFC) as the microwave igniter.	67.3	CNTs, alkane gases	[24]
Fe-Co-Al	LDPE	LDPE 1 g, catalyst 0.5 g, microwave power 700 W, catalyst bed 800 °C.	61.4	CNTs, alkane gases	[25]
/	Mixed plastics	Swirl steam 3 kg/h, plasma power 7.5 kW, ambient pressure, 1500 °C.	75.0	CO, CO ₂ , CH ₄	[26]
Fe/FeAl ₂ O ₄	HDPE	HDPE 3 g, catalyst 3 g, microwave power 300 W, catalyst surface temperature 300 °C.	47.0	CNTs	[27]
Ti ₃ AlC ₂	LDPE	LDPE 300 mg, catalyst 120 mg, microwave power 1000 W, 500-1000 °C.	51.3	Carbon nanofibers	[28]
FeAlO _x	HDPE	LDPE 0.3 g, catalyst 0.3 g, microwave 1000 W, 300 °C.	55.6	MWCNTs	[29]
/	PE	0.08 g conductive additive Carbon Black, 0.42 g PE, resistance 5-10 Ohm, 100-130 V.	47.0	Graphene, small hydrocarbons	[30]

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Table S2. Summary of hydrogen production from waste plastics upcycling by gasification

Feedstock	Reactor	Gasifying agent	Conditions	H ₂ yield (mmol·g _{plastic} ⁻¹)	Ref.
Pine, PE	Fluidized bed	Steam	40% (w/w) of PE, 885 °C, steam/waste mixture ratio 0.4-0.9	87.5	[1]
Mixed plastics	Fixed bed	Steam	Plastics 0.5 g, catalyst 0.5 g, 800 °C.	150.3	[2]
PP, pine, coal	Fluidized bed	Air	Feedstock 1-4 kg/h, ER 0.36, dolomite catalyst, 850 °C.	33.5	[3]
PE	Fluidized bed	Steam	AC 1500 g, feed rate 8.3 g/min, 790-840 °C, 60 min.	74.4	[4]
PP	Fluidized bed	Air	Feeding 1.8-3.9 kg/h, air 6-12 Nm ³ /h, ER 0.45, 915 °C.	10.0	[5]
PE	Fluidized bed	Air/steam	Feedstock 26.1 kg/h, air rate 90.1 kg/h, ER 0.24, 813 °C.	71.9	[6]
PE	Fixed bed	Steam	Feedstock 0.3 kg/h, steam 0.4 kg/h, steam/PE ratio 1.33, NiO/ γ -Al ₂ O ₃ catalyst, 900 °C.	33.7	[7]
PP	Fluidized bed	Air	Feedstock 1 kg/h, ER 0.25, 910 °C.	32.7	[8]
PE, PP, wood, coal	Fluidized bed	Air	35% O ₂ , gas velocity 0.4 m/s, ER 0.25, 600 °C.	73.4	[9]
PE	Fixed bed	Steam	Ni-Al ₂ O ₃ 0.5 g, steam 1.9 g/h, 600/800 °C.	44.7	[10]

PS/PE	Fixed bed	-	Catalyst 0.5 g, feed rate 0.1 g/min, 550/750 °C.	36.2	[11]
PE	Conical spouted bed	Steam	HDPE 1.5 g/min, steam 1.86 L min ⁻¹ , steam/plastic ratio 1, olivine/ γ -Al ₂ O ₃ , 900 °C.	91.3	[12]
PE, PP	Fluidized bed	Air	Feedstock 13-20 g/min, air 50 L/min, ER 0.25-0.35, 750 °C.	62.5	[13]
Mixed plastics	Dual fluidized bed	Air/steam	Feedstock 7.9 kg/h, steam 14.2 kg/h, primary air 4.2 Nm ³ /h, secondary air 49.2 Nm ³ /h, 855 °C (gasification), 907 °C (combustion).	43.1	[14]
Waste plastics	Plasma reactor	Ar/H ₂ O plasma	Feedstock 11.4 kg/h, H ₂ O 11 kg/h, 1200-1400 °C	-	[15]
PE, PVC, RS	Fixed bed	Steam	Feedstock 1 g, N ₂ 200 mL/min, 900 °C.	23.9	[16]
PE	Fluidized bed	Air	Dolomite additive, feed rate 1 kg/h, ER 0.32-0.36, 850 °C.	24.4	[17]
ABS	Plasma reactor	CO ₂	Feedstock 4 g/min, CO ₂ 0.5 L/min, 1312 °C.	-	[18]

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Table S3. Summary of hydrogen production from waste plastics photoreforming

Catalyst	Plastic	Conditions	H ₂ yield (mmol·g _{plastic} ⁻¹)	Valued products	Ref.
ZnIn ₂ S ₄	PET	Catalyst 7.5 mg, PET (1 M KOH), N ₂ , simulated sun light (AM 1.5G, 150 mW cm ⁻²), 25 °C, 12 h.	0.05	Pyruvate	[1]
d-NiPS ₃ /CdS	PLA	Catalyst 1 mg, 10 mg mL ⁻¹ pretreated PLA, 300 W Xe lamp ($\lambda > 400$ nm), Ar, 9 h.	3.6	Acetates, pyruvate	[2]
Ni ₂ P/ZnIn ₂ S ₄	PLA	Catalyst 5 mg, PLA (5 M KOH), Ar, LED irradiation ($\lambda > 420$ nm, 4×25 W).	4.0	Pyruvic acid	[3]
Ag ₂ O/Fe-MOF	PET	Catalyst 0.1 g, PET (1 M NaOH), 300 W Xe lamp (AM 1.5G, 100 mW cm ⁻²), 25 °C, 2.5 h.	1.0	Acetic acid	[4]
MoS ₂ /CdS	PLA	Catalyst 0.1 g, PLA (10 M KOH), 300 W Xe lamp (AM 1.5G), 5 °C, 25 h.	10.3	Lactate	[5]
CdS/CdO _x QDs	PLA	Catalyst 1 nmol, PLA (10 M NaOH), simulated solar light (AM 1.5G, 100 mW cm ⁻²), 25 °C, 4 h.	0.53 ± 0.12	Formate, acetate, pyruvate	[6]
NiCoP/rGO/ CN	PLA	Catalyst 10 mg, PLA (1 M KOH), 300 W Xe lamp ($\lambda > 420$ nm), 10 °C, 5 h.	0.03	Formate, acetate	[7]
CN _x Ni ₂ P	PLA	Catalyst 1.6 mg mL ⁻¹ , PLA (1 M KOH), simulated solar light (AM 1.5G, 100 mW cm ⁻²), 25 °C, 20 h.	0.06	Formate	[8]
CdO _x /CdS/SiC	PE	Catalyst 50 mg, Pt 0.5 wt%, PE (10 M NaOH), 300 W Xe lamp, 70 °C, 3 h.	0.04	CO ₂	[9]

O-CuIn ₅ S ₈	PET	Catalyst 100 mg, PET (1.5 M KOH), 300 W Xe lamp, vacuum, 5 °C, 5 h.	0.36	Formate, acetate, glycolate	[10]
Pt/TiO ₂	PET	Catalyst 0.5 g, PET 0.5 g (3 M KOH), UV mercury vapor lamp (60 mW/cm ²), 25 °C, 20 h.	2.0	CO ₂	[11]
Pt/TiO ₂	PE	Catalyst 30 mg, plasma treated PE 30 mg, simulated solar light (AM 1.5G, 100 mW cm ⁻²), 24 h.	2.4	CO ₂	[12]
Pt/g-C ₃ N ₄	PET	Catalyst 0.1 g, PET (5 M NaOH), simulated solar light (AM 1.5G, 100 mW cm ⁻²), 25 °C, 6 h.	4.4	Formate	[13]
Ni ₂ P-Co ₂ P/ZrO ₂ /C	PET	Catalyst 0.2 g, PET (10 M KOH), 500 W mercury lamp, 24 h.	0.2	Glycolate, formate, acetate	[14]
Pt/TiO ₂	PET	Catalyst 0.5 g, PET 0.5 g (5% EtOH, 3 M KOH), UV mercury vapor lamp (160 W), 25 °C, 20 h.	0.03	TPA, Na ₂ TP	[15]
RP@Co _x P _y /Cd _{0.5} Zn _{0.5} S	PLA	Catalyst 25 mg, PLA (10 M NaOH), 300 W Xe lamp ($\lambda > 420$ nm), 5 h.	12.6	Pyruvate	[16]
CdS/NiS	PLA	Catalyst 5 mg, PLA (10 M NaOH), 300 W Xe lamp ($\lambda > 420$ nm), 25 °C, 4 h.	0.1	Pyruvate, formate	[17]
Co-Ga ₂ O ₃	PE	Catalyst 0.05g, PE 0.1g, 300 W Xe lamp (AM 1.5G), 24 h.	0.8	CO	[18]
MXene/Zn _x Cd _{1-x} S	PET	Catalyst 0.1 mg, 300 W Xe lamp ($\lambda > 420$ nm), 4 h.	-	Glycolate, acetate, ethanol	[19]
MoS ₂ /Cd _{0.5} Zn _{0.5} S	PET	Catalyst 10 mg, PET (10 M NaOH), 300 W Xe lamp (AM 1.5G), 5 h.	0.5	Formate, acetate	[20]

HEON	PET	Catalyst 50 mg, 50 mg PET (10 M NaOH, 3 mL), 250 μ L $\text{H}_2\text{PtCl}_6 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$, 300 W Xe lamp, 4 h.	1.6	EG, formic acid	[21]
Pt/g- C_3N_4	PET	Catalyst 50 mg, 10 mg PET (0.1 M NaOH, 10 mL), simulated solar Xe lamp ($\lambda > 420$ nm), 60 $^\circ\text{C}$, 4 h.	40.0	Formic acid	[22]

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