

Figure 6.6. A Schematic Cross-Sectional Diagram of a Solenoid Used to Actuate the Sliding Plug. The solenoid consists of a 187.3-mm long piece of 1/2-inch 0.D. 316- stainless-steel (non-magnetizable) tubing with a 0.049-inch wall thickness. The winding is 111 mm in length and it starts 44 mm from the bottom end of the tube. It contains 2,880 turns of 23 AWG coopersolenoid-winding wire, producing a force of 1.33 N at the start of the plunger stroke. The solenoid is connected at the base to a 1/2-inch to 1/4-inch Swagelok reducing union. This union serves as the resting point of the plunger when the solenoid is de-energized. When the plunger is in this position, approximately the top 22 mm is in the winding area.

At the top of the solenoid, an adjustable plunger stop extends down into the solenoid winding. The stop consists of a 10.0-mm diameter piece of 416- stainless steel (non-magnetizable) threaded into a 6.35-mm 0.D. piece of 316- stainless steel. The stop serves to redirect the flux lines of the magnetic field so that the magnetic force at the end of the plunger stroke is greatly increased. This serves, in turn, to pull the sliding plug in the microreactor firmly against its seat. The plunger stop is fixed to the solenoid by a 1/2-inch stainless-steel Swagelok union. In this way, the solenoid can be used at high pressure with no gas leakage and the stop can still be adjusted.

The plunger itself is a piece of 416- stainless-steel rod, 76.2-mm long and 10.0 mm in diameter. Two grooves, 3.18-mm wide and 1.27-mm deep, run the length of the plunger. These grooves keep gas from building up in front of the plunger as it moves. The lower end of the plunger has a nipple to allow for attachment of the wire from the

sliding plug. The wire connecting the plungers to the sliding plug runs down from the plunger, around a 90-degree bend and through the flexible stainless-steel hose. After passing through the flexible hose, the wire goes through two more 90-degree bends and finally attaches to the plug. The feed gas enters the tubing just below the solenoid at a tee union. Therefore, the wire does not go around any sharp corners, but only 90-degree tubing bends. "Flexing" of the flexible hose during vibration causes no ill effects and the plug remains sealed.

As in the cold-flow model, the solenoids are powered by a 24-VDC supply and are conencted to a relay. The latter acts to alternately energize the solenoids. Therefore, one solenoid is energized while the other is de-energized. The relay is controlled via the computer interface and the H-89 microcomputer.

#### 6.1.1.4 Associated Systems

The product-gas sampling system and the gas-chromatographic system, used in conjunction with the sliding-plug vibrofluidized-bed microreactor system are identical to the systems described in Sections 4.1.1.3 and 4.1.1.4.

#### 6.1.2 <u>Materials</u>

The sliding-plug vibrofluidized-bed microreactor system for unsteady-state F-T synthesis was designed with the use of -150÷300 g fused-iron ammonia-synthesis catalyst as described in Section 4.1.2.1. However, this system does not preclude the use of other size fractions or new types of catalysts.

Gases being used with this microreactor system are similarly described in Section 4.1.2.2.

6.1.3 Experimental Procedures

### 6.1.3.1 Microreactor Cleaning and Catalyst Loading

The procedure to be followed when cleaning and loading the sliding-plug vibrofluidized-bed microreactor is very similar to the procedure used for the steady-state vibrofluidized-bed microreactor.

First, however, the sliding plug had to be removed from the plenum zone. This was accomplished by removing the two Swagelok male connectors that screw into the base section of the microreactor and serve as plug seats. The mating surface of the three microreactor sections were then polished with number 500 emory cloth on a surfacing table. The entire interior surface of the microreactor was flushed with acetone and wiped with Kimwipes.

After the microreactor was thoroughly cleaned, the base section was placed in the wooden support apparatus and clamped in the vise. Appoximately 1 meter of the 0.356-mm diameter stainless-steel wire was then attached to each end of the sliding plug. The plug was slid into the plenum zone; and the wire was threaded through the washers and the Swagelok male connectors. A small amount of "Silver Goop" thread lubricant was applied to the threads of the connectors to prevent seizing and to facilitate later removal. The male conenctors were then tightened, compressing the copper washer.

The wire was threaded through the 1/4-inch 0.D. stainless-steel tubing that is used to connect the microreactor to the flexible stainless-steel hose. Each piece of tubing has two 90-degree bends and is attached to the Swagelok fitting-end of the male connector in the base of the microreactor. Thread lubricant is also applied to the fitting threads which are exposed to the high temperature in the constant temperature bath.

Following the installation of the sliding plug, a new 2-micron sintered stainless-steel plate was made and positioned into the distributor plate recess in the base section. A thin, oval-shaped, Grafoil gasket was then placed on top of the distributor plate. This gasket prevents any gas from bypassing the distributor plate by sealing between the edges of the plate and the microrector base-section.

A silver-plated stainless-steel O-riny was then inserted into the O-ring groove and the reaction section of the microreactor was installed. One gram of -150+300 micron fused-iron catalyst was weighted and carefully poured into the reaction zone. The thermocouples were typically left in place in the reaction section between experiments.

A 20-micron, sintered stainless-steel catalyst retention plate was fitted to the gas-exit section as was a silver plated O-ring. The gas-exit section was placed on top of the reaction section. Thread lubricant was used on the bolts that clamp the three sections (i.e., base section, reaction section, and gas-exit section) together and these bolts were torqued in sequence to 27 N-m.

#### 6.1.3.2 Mounting the Microreactor

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Once the microreactor was cleaned and loaded with fresh catalyst, it was ready for attachment to the rest of the system. Four threaded rods were screwed into the tapped holes in the base section.

The microreactor was lowered into the cool fluidized-bed constanttemperature bath. These rods were, in turn, bolted to the leaf-spring supports. The two stainless-steel plug wires, eminating from the microreactor feed tubes, were then carefully threaded up through the flexible metal hose and tubing to the solenoid mounting position. In order to do this, guide wires had to be used. The compression fittings between the flexible metal hose and the microreactor feed and gas-exit lines were then tightened. The thermocouples from the microreactor were then connected to the panel meter.

At this point, the vibrator itself was mounted to the underside of the I-beam support and connected to the microreactor support system. The frequency generator was then adjusted to the point where the microreactor was vibrating at the maximum amplitude. This usually corresponded to a resonance frequency of 18-24 Hz with a peak-to-peak amplitude of 4 mm. The solenoid plungers were next attached to the plug wires. The plug was first drawn up tight against the left-hand plug stop by pulling on the plug wire.

The plunger was next attached to the plug wire 57.2 mm up from the point where the reducing union expands from 1/4- to 1/2-inch. Note that the reducing union serves as the resting point of the plunger when the solenoid is de-energized. In addition, the stroke of the plug in the

plenum is 50.8 mm. Consequently, when the solenoid is de-energized, there should be approximately 6.4 mm of slack in the plug wire. This provides enough slack so that the plunger in the de-energized solenoid does not keep the plug from resting on the opposite plug-seat.

After attaching the left plunger, the left solenoid was slipped down over that plunger and attached to the reducing union. The right-hand plunger and solenoid were then installed in a similar fashion and the solenoid cooling fans were turned on.

The final step in the installation involved optimizing the pulling force at the ends of the plug stroke. This was done by adjusting the length of the plunger stops in the solenoids. These stops were constructed so that they could be adjusted to make up for any difference in plug-wire length between experiments.

#### 6.1.3.3 System Startup and Catalyst Reduction

Before an experiment, the mass-flow meters as well as the pressure transducers were calibrated. The system was then pressure-tested at 3,446 kPa for possible leaks. The portion of the system located downstream of needle valves 1-4 (Figure 6.2) was thoroughly flushed with helium. This was done by directing three-way valves V6, V9 and V10, so that helium could flow through them. Shut-off valve V11 was opened so as to keep the pressure on either side of the sliding plugs equilized. Valves V3 and V12, and solenoid valve 5 were opened, allowing helium to flow. The solenoids were then alternately switched moving the plug

back and forth. Valve V12, parallel to the back-pressure regulator, was closed and the system pressure downstream of solenoid valves 1-4 was brought up to 2,220 kPa using helium.

The F-gas feed line located upstream of solenoid valves 1 and 2 was pressurized to 4,807 kPa, as was the S-gas feed-line located upstream of solenoid valves 3 and 4. During an experiment, three-way valves V7 and V8 were always turned so that the downstream pressure was monitored. If these valves are turned from their upstream position to the downstream position during an experiment, a burst of gas will be transmitted through the microreacor.

At this point, the nitrogen ballast-gas flow was started by opening valve V1 and adjusting the associated needle valve. The backpressure regulator was adjusted so that a downstream system-pressure of 2,220 kPa was maintained. The helium flow was stopped by shutting valve V3 and solenoid valve 5.

The next major step involved setting the F-gas, S-gas, percarburizing and reducing gas flow rates through the microreactor. The S-gas flow rate was set first. Three-way valves V9 and V10 were directed toward the F-gas and S-gas feed-lines and shut-off valve V11 remained open. The right solenoid, R, was activated, causing the plug to rest against the right-hand stop. Solenoid valves 3, 4, and 5 were then simultaneoulsy opened, purging the reactor with S-gas at  $6.67 \times 10^4$ standard mm<sup>3</sup>/s for one minute. Solenoid valve 3 was closed and the system pressure was allowed to stabilize for several minutes with a low

flow of S-gas. Valve V11 was then shut, isolating the F-gas and S-gas feed lines.

The needle valve associated with solenoid valve 4 was adjusted so that the mass-flow meter was reading the desired value for the S-gas flow rate. Solenoid valve 4 was closed and three-way valves V6 and V10 were turned so that the H2:CO:Ar precarburizing-gas mixture was flowing through the microreactor. Valve V11 was temporarly opened to assure pressure equilization across the sliding plug and then closed.

The flow rate of precarburizing gas was then set using the appropriate needle valve and the mass-flow meter. The pressure upstream of the precarburizarion needle valve was kept at 4,807 kPa in order to maintain a critical pressure drop. The precarburization flow was stopped by directing three-way valve V10 toward the S-gas feed line.

The reducing-gas flow rate was set in a similar fashion to the S-gas flow rate. Hydrogen was used as both F-gas and the reducing gas. Different flow rates of hydrogen were used during reduction and unsteady-state synthesis. Consequently, the needle valve associated with solenoid valve 2 had to be adjusted accordingly after the catalyst reduction period.

After the downstream system was purged with hydrogen and the reduction flow was set to 3,670 standard  $mm^3/s$ , the fluidized constant-temperature bath was heated to 450°C and the heating tapes were turned on. The bath-heating period took approximately two and one-half hours. The actual reduction period consisted of six hours of isothermal reduction of the catalyst at 450°C. At the end of the reduction period,

the hydrogen flow rate had to be adjusted. Hydrogen was used as F-gas in the later stages of the unsteady-state experiment. Its flow rate, however, must be set during a period when it is flowing steadily. As the final step in the reduction period, the temperature of the fluidized constant-temperature bath was lowered to that desired for the precarburization and unsteady-state synthesis experiments.

#### 6.1.3.4 Precarburization and Unsteady-State Synthesis

Precarburization of the reduced fused-iron catalyst was used as a means of creating a bulk carbide structure before unsteady-state synthesis began. In this way, different unsteady-state experiments could be performed from a common starting composition of catalyst, and the rate of carbon deposition could be more easily determination. After the fused-iron catalyst had been reduced, precarburization was initiated simply by closing solenoid valve 2 and then simultaneously activating the right solenoid and turning three-way valve V10 toward the precarburization stream.

The precarburization gas typically used was a synthesis gas of a 4:1  $H_2/CU$  ratio with a small percentage of argon. Argon was used as an internal standard for gas-chromatographic analysis.

At the start of precarburization, the microcomputer program, which contains the sampling-valve timing loops, was started. After the first twenty minutes of precarburization, a light gas sample was automatically flushed into the gas chromatograph. Seventeen minutes later, all light gas compounds of interest had eluted and the microcomputer switched the sampling valve, backflushing the packed column. This process was

repeated every 37 minutes throughout the precarburization and unsteady-state synthesis portions of the experiment.

After two hours of catalyst precarburization with the 4:1 H<sub>2</sub>/CO synthesis gas, the unsteady-state synthesis was started. The flow rates of F-gas and S-gas had been previously set to their desired valves for unsteady-state synthesis. Hence, the only steps required to start unsteady-state synthesis were to switch three-way valve V10 toward the S-gas feed-line and to run the solenoid-switching microcomputer program. The program, used to slide the plug and switch between solenoid valves 2 and 4, is presented in Appendix C.

When solencid valve 2 was opened, the plug was simultaneously pulled to the left. When solenoid valve 4 was opened, the sliding plug was pulled to the right. The program allowed control of the sliding plug and solenoid valves to within hundredths of a second. The response times of the solenoid valves, however, were only on the order of one-tenth of a second. As stated earlier, light gas samples were taken every 37 minutes during the unsteady-state gas pulsing. The volume of the tubing between the reaction zone and the sampling point is approximately 30 times the volume of the reaction zone itself. Therefore, the exit-gases should be well mixed by the time they reach the sampling valves. As in the steady-state experiments, gas samples to be separated using the capillary column were taken only at the end of an experiment. The gas chromatograph oven was cooled to -20°C and a sample was then flushed onto the capillary column. The column was held at -20°C for 2 minutes and then temperature programed to 150°C at 4°C/min.

#### 6.1.3.5 System Shut-Down

At the completion of the unsteady-state reaction period, it was desirable to rapidly stop the reaction by flushing the sliding-plug microreactor and feed-gas lines with helium. This was done by first stopping the computer program and making certain that solenoid valves 2 and 4 were closed and 5 was open. Valve V11 was then rapidly opened and three-way valves V6, V9 and V10 were switched so that helium was flowing through the microreactor.

As helium flowed through the microreactor, the nitrogen ballast-gas was shut off. Valve V12, parallel to the back-pressure regulator, was slowly opened over the course of several minutes. During this period, the plug was slid back and forth several times to insure purging of both feed lines by helium.

Once the system had reached atmospheric pressure, the constanttemperature bath was shut off and the microreactor was allowed to cool. The catalyst was still vibrofluidized as the microreactor cooled. Cooling took place over five to six hours under a maximum helium flow rate of 2,200 standard mm<sup>3</sup>/s. The heating tapes were maintained at 200°C during the cool-down period to keep any residual F-T products from condensing in the heated portion of the equipment, including the sampling valves.

#### 6.1.3.6 Catalyst Collection and Analysis

Once the sliding-plug microreactor had been cooled to ambient temperatures, it could be removed from the constant-temperature bath. In order to so this, the solenoids were disconnected from the reducing

unions, and the plug wires were cut, releasing the solenoid plungers. The compression fittings between the flexible hose and the microreactor were disconnected, and the plug wires were removed from these hoses.

The vibrational support apparatus for the microreactor was then unbolted and the microreactor was clamped in the vise. All eight bolts holding the three sections of the microreactor together were removed. The gas-exit section was lifted off with care and the spent catalyst and any bugdust present were removed using the suction-filter apparatus. This procedure was previously described in Section 4.1.3.6.

After the spent catalyst had been meticulously removed and weighed, the sliding plug was removed from the plenum zone. Spent catalyst was stored in vials under nitrogen until being sent for total carbon and iron analyses along with Mössbauer spectroscopic determination of ironcontaining phases.

#### CHAPTER 7

#### CONCLUSIONS, SIGNIFICANCE AND RECOMMENDATIONS

#### 7.1 <u>Conclusions</u>

Following a review of relevant literature on F-T synthesis, vibrofluidized-beds, and unsteady-state methods for kinetic studies, an experimental investigation into the development of a microreactor system for unsteady-state F-T synthesis was carried out. Steady-state F-T synthesis experiments using a commercial fused-iron catalyst produced information on catalyst defluidization, hydrocarbon product distribution and baseline carbon deposition. Investigations in a cold-flow vibrofluidized-bed microreactor model revealed information on gas mixing in the unsteady-state system. In addition, the cold-flow model allowed observation of characteristics of the vibrofluidized catalyst in the microreactor. In the final stages of the studies, a vibrofluidized-bed microreactor system for unsteady-state F-T synthesis at commercially important reaction conditions was designed and constructed.

The following conclusions can be drawn based on the experimental studies.

 In a vibrofluidized microreactor system for F-T synthesis under steady-state conditions using a commercial promoted fused-iron catalyst:

- a. Catalyst defluidization occurs within several hours at temperatures below 395°C when using a feed-gas H2/CO ratio of 2:1 or less.
- b. Catalyst defluidization can be detected through observation of thermocouple temperature fluctuations in the reaction zone.

- c. A shift in the probability of chain growth of hydrocarbon products to lower values occurs, as the reaction temperature is increased and as the feed-gas  $H_2/CO$  ratio is increased.
- d. Bugdust is a fine, black powder produced due to excessive carbon formation which in turn causes physical degradation of the catalyst. Its structure is highly porous and bugdust contains 18-30 weight percent carbon and 50-54 weight percent iron.
- e. Discrete fractions of free-flowing catalyst and bugdust (powdery, low-density carbon-rich particles) can be easily collected under conditions where liquid products and waxes do not condense in the reaction zone.
- f. The rate of free carbon formation (mainly in the form of bugdust) is much greater when a feed-gas H<sub>2</sub>/CO ratio of 1:1 was used than when a higher ratio of 2:1 is used.

2. In a cold-flow vibrofluidized-bed microreactor model for

unsteady-state gas feeding:

- a. Experiments with a manual 3-way ball valve substituting for the sliding-plug microreactor show quantitative gas replacement after 2.4 seconds at all flow rates investigated.
- b. A 20-micron distributor plate induces feed-gas mixing by allowing gas to backflow from the reaction zone to the plenum zone during the sliding-plug movement.
- c. The use of a 2-micron distributor plate eliminates the backflow of gas from the reaction zone to the plenum zone during the sliding-plug movement.
- d. The geometry of the microreactor induces some mixing of the feed gases, particularly when the gases pass from the reaction zone to the gas-exit zone.
- e. More gas-mixing occurs during the transition from argon to helium feeding than during the transition from helium to argon feeding. This is thought to be due to the density differences between the two gases.
- f. Vibrofluidization of the catalyst in the reaction zone induces only a small amount of gas backmixing at low feed-gas velocities.
- g. The use of high gas flow rates and feed-gas staggering significantly reduces undesirable gas mixing in the microreactor.

3. Experimental characterizations of a vibrofluidized-bed of

fused-iron catalyst in a cold-flow microreactor model show that:

- a. The solid mixing is intense, even at very low gas velocities.
- b. At feed-gas velocities somewhat below those for normal gas-fluidization (below the minimum gas-fluidization velocity, U<sub>mf</sub>) the surface of the vibrofluidized catalyst-bed levels out and begins to oscillate.

4. A vibrofluidized-bed microreactor system for unsteady-state F-T

synthesis:

- a. Has been designed and constructed, and it can be operated at commercially important reaction conditions.
- b. Allows for rapid switching of feed gases on the order of several seconds.
- 5. In order to simulate the catalyst behavior in the freeboard region and the shallow-bed region of a "heat-tray" reactor (Figure 1.1) using the unsteady-state vibrofluidized-bed microractor system:

- a. A flow rate of approximately 1,650 actual mm<sup>3</sup>/s should be used. This will permit rapid switching of feed gases over the catalyst in the reaction zone of the microreactor.
- b. A reaction temperature of 395°C is necessary to prevent defluidization of the fused-iron catalyst. This temperature is higher than that desired for operation of a "heat-tray" reactor. Therefore, a means should be developed for reducing the operating temperature in the microreactor, while maintaining a fluidized catalyst.

#### 7.2 Significance of the Results

The development of a vibrofluidized-bed microreactor for both steady-state and unsteady-state catalytic gas-solid reactions has far-reaching significance. Before this development, there was no easy way of accurately determining integral <u>fluid-bed</u> kinetics in a laboratory reactor.

# Fixed-bed reactors rely on changes in gas composition over static catalyst particles. Laboratory gas-fluidized-bed reactors require large flow rates of feed gas and therefore deep catalyst beds (requiring large quantities of catalyst) in order to obtain integral conversions.

The unique ability of the new microreactor system to rapidly switch feed-gas flows over an intensely-mixed solid makes this development an even more significant contribution to the areas of chemical kinetics and reaction engineering.

#### 7.3 Recommendations for Further Studies

Based on the results of this work, the following recommendations are forwarded for future studies:

1. Repeat the steady-state carbon-deposition experiments utilizing a bifunctional catalyst, such as synthetic zeolite Fe-HZSM-5, in order to eliminate catalyst defluidization caused by accumulation of high molecular-weight products. This will allow for use of lower operating temperatures.

2. Determine the vibrofluidization characteristics of new catalysts in the cold-flow microreactor model.

3. Further explore effective means of improving feed-gas transitions in the unsteady-state cold-flow vibrofluidized-bed microreactor model.

4. Undertake model-reaction studies in the vibrofluidized-bed microreactor system. By examining some simple reactions with wellcharacterized kinetics, quantitative mixing tests can be performed. Some candidates for such model-reaction studies include hydrogenation of

## ethylene (Wynkoop and Wilhelm, 1950) and ethanol dehydration (Bock et al., 1984). These reaction studies could be used to determine heat- and mass-transfer effects in the reaction zone of the microreactor.

5. Experimentally determine the mass-transfer coefficient in the vibrofluidized-bed microreactor. This could be done by studying the sublimation of napthalene in nitrogen as a function of flow rate and particle size.

6. Perform feed-gas-cycling F-T synthesis experiments in the unsteady-state vibrofluidized-bed microreactor system in order to determine carbon deposition rates on: (a) a fused-iron catalyst; and (b) different formulations of Fe-HZSM-5.

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### APPENDIX A

Calculations for (1) Minimum Fluidization Velocity of the Fused-Iron Catalyst in the Hicroreactor, (2) Pressure Drop Across the Distributor Plates and (3) Changes in Feed-Line Volume Upon Switching the Sliding Plenum Across the Plenum Zone

## A.1. Minimum Fluidization Velocity of the Fused-Iron Catalyst in the Microreactor

For the calculation, the smoothed correlation of particulate fluidization as given by Zenz and Othmer (1960) was used. The minimum fluidization velocity  $v_{e}$ , under actual conditions was read from Figure A.1 after first calculating  $\Omega$  and  $\Delta$ . A void fraction of 0.5 was assumed.

$$\Omega = \frac{4}{3} \frac{\mu f(\rho p - \rho f)g}{\rho_f^2} \frac{1/3}{\frac{1}{3}}$$
$$\Delta = \frac{3}{4} \frac{\mu f}{\rho f(\rho p - \rho f)g}$$

where:

 $v_{\epsilon}$  = superficial velocity  $(\frac{ft}{s})$   $D_p$  = partical diameter (ft)  $u_f$  = fluid viscosity (lb/ft-s)  $p_p$  = apparent particle density (lb/ft<sup>3</sup>)  $p_f$  = fluid density (lb/ft<sup>3</sup>) g = 32.2 ft/s

An average particle diameter of  $225\mu$  was assumed as well.



Figure A.1. The Smoothed Correlation of Particulate Fluidization Used to Calculate the Minimum Gas-Fluidization Velocity ( $V_{\varepsilon}$ ) of a Fused-Iron Catalyst (Taken from Zenz and Othmer, 1960). D<sub>p</sub> is the Particle Diameter,  $\Omega$  and  $\Delta$  are Defined in Section A.1.

#### A.2 Pressure Drop Across Different Micron-Grade Sintered Stainless-Steel Distributor Plates

The following equation relating the fluid flow to pressure drop across porous plates has been provided by Mott Metallurgical Corporation for their products:

$$\Delta P^{2} = p^{2}_{upstream} - p^{2}_{downstream} = \delta_{\mu}RT \frac{\rho_{5}}{30}t[1 + \frac{B\rho_{5}}{60\alpha_{\mu}}Q]Q$$

$$P = \text{pressure (psi)}$$

$$\alpha = \text{viscous resistance coefficient (in^{-2})}$$

$$B = \text{inertial resistance coefficient (in^{-1})}$$

$$\rho_{5} = \text{density of gas at 5.T.P. (slugs/ft^{3})}$$

$$R = \text{gas constant} = 1.71 \times 10^{3} (\text{ft.lb/slug }^{\circ}R)$$

$$T = \text{temperature (}^{\circ}R)$$

$$t = \text{porous wall thickness (in)}$$

$$Q = \text{flow (SCFM/in}^{2})$$

$$\mu = \text{viscosity of flow (slugs/in.sec.)}$$

For 1/16-inch thick pordus stainless steel the following coefficients are specified:

Micron Grade	<u>α (in<sup>-2</sup>)</u>	<u>s (in<sup>-1</sup>)</u>	
2	$8.41 \times 10^8$	$1.25 \times 10^5$	
20	$3.55 \times 10^7$	$6.02 \times 10^3$	

An approximation to the volume of gas backflowing across the distributor plate can be made. This is done by measuring the magnitude and duration of the pressure inversion with a rapid-response differential-pressure transducer. The pressure drop across the distributor plate for the same gas at a typical flow rate is then calculated. By ratioing the measured pressure inversion and the calculated pressure drop, the volume of gas backflowing can be approximated. For example:

Given a 20- $\mu$  distributor plate and argon flowing at 400 actual mm<sup>3</sup>/s and conditions of 25°C and 101 kPa, what is the pressure dropm

$$\Delta P = 1.42 \times 10^{-2} \text{ kPa}$$

If a pressure inversion of 0.346 kPa is observed for a duration of 0.013 seconds after the feed gas is switched from argon to helium, what is the volume of gas backflowing across the distributor  $plate\pi$ 

 $\frac{0.346 \text{ kPa}}{0.0142 \text{ kPa}} \cdot 400 \frac{\text{mm}^3}{\text{s}} \cdot 0.013\text{ s} \approx 127 \text{ mm}^3$ 

When the sliding plug is drawn across the plenum zone, gas is compressed into the feed line ahead of the plug. By measuring the increase in pressure in the appropriate feed line, the amount of gas entering that feed line by compression can be calculated. The remainder of the gas originally in the plenum is either compressed through the distributor plate or flows anularly around the plug.

Volume of Feed Line =  $26,383 \text{ mm}^3$ 

 $\Delta P_{Ar \rightarrow He} = \Delta P$  upon switching from Ar to He = 3.175 kPa

 $\Delta P = \Delta P$  upon switching from He to Ar = 2.864 kPa He+Ar

P = final feed-line pressure upon switching from Ar to He = 141.000 kPa

P = final feed-line pressure upon switching from He to Ar = final He+Ar 140.685 kPa

Absolute System Pressure = 137.825 kPa

∆V = change in volume of the feed line upon plug switching Feed Line

 $\Delta V = \frac{\Delta P \cdot V Feed Line}{Feed Line}$ 

For the transition from argon-to-helium flow how much argon is compressed into the feed line $\pi$  (Experiment 1-4)

 $\Delta V$  = 594 mm<sup>3</sup> or 37% of the gas in the plenum feed line, Ar+He

For the transition from helium-to-argon flow how much helium is compressed into the feed line  $\ensuremath{\pi}$ 

 $\Delta V$  = 537 mm<sup>3</sup> or 33% of the gas in the plenum. feed line, He+Ar

#### APPENDIX B

Steady-State Analysis Results Including Definitions of Input Parameters and Output Labels on Gas-Chromatographic Data Tables for (1) Light Gas Analyses and Mass Balances and (2) Hydrocarbon Product Distribution and Rate of Production from Capillary Analyses. In Addition (3) Temperature-Fluctuation Plots are Presented for Steady-State Experiments.

- B.1 Light Gas Analysis--Output from the Microcomputer Data Compilation Program "MASSBAL. BAS."
- 1. Input
  - A. Number of moles of CO fed per mole of Ar fed

i. obtained by GC analysis of S-gas.

8. H<sub>2</sub>/CO ratio of feed gas

i. As specified by AIRCO.

- C. Temperature
- D. Number of data points.

E. Peak areas from light gas chromatogram for Co, Ar, CH4 and CO2.

- 2. Output
  - A. CO CONV: Fractional molar conversion of CO fed to the microreactor.
  - B. CO<sub>2</sub>/CO CONV: The number of moles of CO<sub>2</sub> produced per mole of CO converted (fraction of C from CO converted that goes to CO<sub>2</sub>).
  - C. CH4/CO CONV: The number of moles of CH4 produced per mole of CO converted (fraction of CO converted that goes to CH4).
  - D. CO/Ar FED; The number of moles of CO fed per mole of Ar fed. An input parameter.
  - E. Hp/CO RATIO: Molar ratio of feed gases. An input parameter.
  - F. H<sub>2</sub>O INPLIED: An <u>approximation</u> of water production. Calculation of this value assumes the following:
    - i. All oxygen produced from the reacted amount of CO and not as as  $CO_2$  is present as  $H_2O_2$ .
    - ii. No oxygenates are produced. Huff (1982) states that with the same catalyst in a slurry reactor, less than 1.1% of oxygen is present as oxygenates.
  - G. -CH2-IMPLIED: Carbon which is not produced as CO, CO2, or CH4 is <u>assumed</u> to be in the form of -CH2-. This is the mole fraction of C fed converted to -CH2-.

- H. H<sub>2</sub> CONV IMPLIED: An <u>approximation</u> based on actual CH4 production and the above approximations for H<sub>2</sub>O and -CH<sub>2</sub>- production.
- I. H<sub>2</sub> USED IMPLIED: Estimate of the number of moles of H<sub>2</sub> used. The maximum number of moles of H<sub>2</sub> that can be used is the H<sub>2</sub>/CO ratio of the feed gas.
- J. H<sub>2</sub>/CU USAGE: An estimate of the number of moles of H<sub>2</sub> used divided by the number of moles of CO used, the H<sub>2</sub>/CO usage ratio.
- K. -CH<sub>2</sub>-/CO CONV: The mole fraction of converted carbon that went into making -CH<sub>2</sub>-.
- L. CALC KEQ: The calculated equilibrium constant for the water-gas shift reaction at the temperature of the reaction.

$$K_{eq} = 0.0102e^{4730/T}$$

M. EXPT KEQ: The estimated experimental value of the equilibrium constant for the water-gas shift reaction.



- N. SUM =  $1\pi$ : The sum of the moles of CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub> and -CH<sub>2</sub>- produced per mole of CO converted should add up to 1. This is an internal check on the calculation.
- SAMPLE NUMBER: The light-gas sample identification listed chronologically. The first sample is taken 17 minutes after the start of the reaction. Subsequent samples are taken every 37 minutes.

## The Light Gas Analysis and Implied Mass Balance from Steady-State Experiment B<sup>-1</sup>.

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DATE OF EXPERIMENT S/4/84 STEADY STATE EXPERIMENT B-1 THIS EXPERIMENT USES 2.03:1 S-GAS FOR A 10 HOUR RUN.

TEMPERATURE=	633	# DATA PTS.=	16		
SN 1-27-39 SN 1-27-39	CD CDNV .966422 .911641 .891407 .8991407 .8991407 .8556242 .6053411 .783492 .7645613 .736833 .737683 .737683 .7376766633 .7376766565656565656565656565656565656565	CTC/CD 20NV 52742852 344024 34660445 34660445 3429746 351834 3521834 3521834 3521834 3521834 3521835 347915 350057 3550057 356057 356057 356057 356057 356057	CH4/CO CONV 223 .134027 .0902261 .0902261 .09024061 .09740627 .097468335 .0949203 .097468335 .0949203 .0974646 .09726869 .09726869 .09726869 .09552552 .0974546	G 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40	CD CD CD CD CD CD CD CD CD CD CD CD CD C
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## The Light Gas Analysis and Implied Mass Balance from Steady-State Experiment B-2.

DATE OF EXPERIMENT		8/6/84	STEADY STATE	E EXPERIMENT B	-2
THIS EXPERIM	ENT USES 2.00	B:1 S-CAS FOR A	A 2 HOUR AND 3	MIN RUN.	
TEMPERATURE	633	# DATA PTS.	• 3		
SAMPLE NUMBER	CO CONV - 963068 - 892212 - 754651	102/CO CONV 10424 329666 363142	CH4/CD CONV . 142716 . 0931131 . 0994475	00/AR FED 4.636 4.636 4.636 4.636	H2/CO RATIO 2.03 2.03 2.03 2.03
SAMFLE NUMBER	H2 CONV IMPLIED . 305642 . 473608 . 366449	-CH2- IMPLIED .696341 .515004 .405557	H20 IMPL IED . 704504 . 303948 . 20656	H2 USED IMPLIED 1.67573 .985105 .762214	H2/C0 USAGE 1.74 1.10412 1.01002
SAMFLE	-CH2-	CALC KEO	EXPT KEQ	SUM=1?	
NUMBER 1 3	/CO CONV .723044 .577221 .537411	17.9392 17.9392 17.9392	2.00870 5.8283 7.12582	1	

# The Light Gas Analysis and Implied Mass Balance from Steady-State Experiment B-3.

DATE OF EXPER	IMENT	3/10/34	STEADY STAT	E EXPERIMENT B	-3
THIS EXPERIM	ENT USES 4.0:	1 S-GAS FOR A 1	O HOURS AND	O MIN RUN.	
TEMPERATURE=	633	# DATA PTS. =	15		
ur PBB ADM 572 1(10) 45 (7) (0) 11(10) 45	CO CONV 973567 5556313 952031 951967 94929 949231 947566 94181 932798 947566 94181 9327983 925626 9415626 9415626 9415626 9415629 9415629 9415629 9415629 9415629	CD2/CO CDNV 0962746 186957 186957 175773 191265 175773 191266 189936 189936 189936 189936 189936 189937 202317 202317 202317 202322	CH4/CO CONV -201998 -156962 -1501243 -169086 -174073 -191258 -200196 -19458 -200196 -19458 -19458 -19458 -19458 -19458 -19458 -19458 -179122	R B3666666666666666666666666666666666666	H2/CD RAT ID 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4
SAMBER SNUB 10040-470-101 10040-470-101 11040-470-100-100-100-100-100-100-100-100-100-1	H2 CONV IMPLIED • 445651 • 3283246 • 33846966 • 33846966 • 3387138 • 3391671 • 3391671 • 3391827 • 3391827 • 3391827 • 3391827 • 3391827 • 3391827 • 3391827 • 3391827 • 336759 • 366795	-CH2- IMPL IED . 633179 . 636167 . 631617 . 631617 . 631617 . 631617 . 631617 . 631617 . 631617 . 63263 . 607974 . 596005 . 566005 . 5669033 . 5669033 . 5569667 . 5590442 . 563647	HQJED 1MPL3640344 .6460344 .6460344 .6460344 .6460344 .6401468 .5508 .6401468 .5508 .5508 .5508 .5508 .5508 .55542	HPL LL0551304 1.554309 1.554309 1.55449757 1.554649757 1.554649757 1.5544444 1.4444 1.4444 1.4444	H2/CO USAGE 1.9135567 1.635767 1.645977551 1.645977551 1.645977551 1.645977551 1.645977551 1.645977551 1.6556571 1.55555 1.55555555
Sample NUMBER NUMBER 10345 1047 1047 1047 1047 1047 1047 1047 1047	-CH2- /CG COMV .701707 .645021 .645021 .645141 .644645 .644645 .64054 .620424 .620424 .620424 .605425 .64054 .605425 .605425 .605425 .605425 .605455 .615110 .61555	CALC KEG 17.99 17.99 17.99 17.99 17.99 17.99 17.99 17.99 19.	EXPT KEG 9.64139 15.4538 15.4538 14.5504 10.79315 13.4044 12.1539 11.7165 11.7165 11.5236 11.52576 11.52576 11.557776 11.557777777777777777777777777777777777	SUM=1?	

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# The Light Gas Analysis and Implied Mass Balance from Steady-State Experiment B-4.

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DATE OF EXPER	RIMENT	8/14/34	STEADY STATE	EEXPERIMENT	5-4
THIS EXPERIM	IENT USES 1.0	3:1 S-GAS FOR A	1 HOURS AND :	MIN RUN.	
	633	# DATA PTS.=	2		
SAMPLE	CO CONV	CO2/CO	CH4/CO	CO/AR	45458
12	.962338 .388091	. 423382	.0953146 .0931238	10.382	1.03
SAMPLE	H2 CONV		H20	H2 USED	H2/C0
I	1.53092	.724106	.662284 .6552339	IMPL IED 1.57485	USADE 1.53848
-		1100/	.000000		.00/~/in

SAMPLE	-CH2- ZCA CONV	CALC KEQ	EXPT KEQ	SUM=1?
1	.752406 .478494	17.9392	-3.18361 3.50159	1

## The Light Gas Analysis and Implied Mass Balance from Steady-State Experiment B-5.

DATE OF EXPER THIS EXPERIM	RIMENT IENT USES 1.0	3/16/94 311 5-0AS FOR	STEADY STAT A 2 HOURS AND	E EXPERIMENT E 13 MIN RUN.	-5
TEMPERATURE=	633	BATA PTS.	= 4		
SAMPLE NUM9ER 1 2 3 4	CG CONV . 76013 . 402497 . 344571 . 329153	C02/C0 CDNV • 152638 • 465347 • 43468 • 449026	CH4/CO CONV .0943774 .0911527 .0937697 .10217	CO/AR FED 10.992 10.992 10.992 10.992	HC/CC RATIO 1.03 1.03 1.03 1.03
SAMPLE NUMBER	H2 CONV IMPLIED 1.32545 .771635 .264155 .240569	-CH2- IMPLIED . 722963 . 178508 . 162459 . 162459	H20 IMPLIED • 667026 • 0278959 • 0450085 • 0334546	HC USED IMPLIED 1.279781 .279781 .279786	H2/C0 USAGE 1.63646 .695113 .785093
Sample Number I 3 4	-CH2- /CO_CONV .752935 .443501 .471551 .443904	CALC KEQ 17.9392 17.9392 17.9393 17.9393	EXPT KEQ -2.98244 8.43039 3.8473 3.12799	SUM=1? 1 1 1	

# The Light Gas Analysis and Implied Mass Balance from Steady-State Experiment B-6.

DATE OF EXPERIMENT 8/19/84 STEADY STATE EXPERIMENT 5-6 THIS EXPERIMENT USES 2.03:1 S-0AS FOR A 2 HOURS AND 57 MIN RUN.

TEMPERATURE=	633	# DATA PTS.=	5		
SAMPLE	CO CONV	<u>co2/co</u>	CH4/CO	COZAR	H2700
i	- 263713	.103357	-125136	4.434	2.02
1014	778502	353323	0237525	4.636	1.05 1.05
3	.413907	.35195	.0998239	4.636	2.08
SAMPLE	HE CONV		H20	HC. VSED	HEXCO
I	.837639	.74204	.757008	1.74229	1.79856
3	.387118	. 430664	.228484	1.01199	1.11022
45	.294528 .210204	.324766	.156755	.591819	.981334 1.04397
CAMPLE	-CH2- ZCO CONV	CALC KEQ	EXPT REQ	SUM=1?	
1	766006	17.2393	1.50202	ļ	
1991	552913	17.0392	4.74433	1	
ŝ	548226	17:9392	3.3597	1	

### Table 8-7

## The Light Gas Analysis and Implied Mass Balance from Steady-State Experiment B-7.

DATE OF EXPERIMENT \$/21/84 STEADY STATE EXPERIMENT 8-7 THIS EXPERIMENT USES 2.08:1 S-GAS FOR A 2 HOURS AND 45 MIN FUN.

TEMPERATURE=	633	# DATA PTS.=	4		
SAMPLE	CO CONV	CURVCO	CH4/CO CONV	COZAR FED	
	972577	.103765 .321638	.127887 .0791721	4.536 4.536	2.03
4	562199	.375146	.0904873	4.636	2.08
SAMPLE	HE CONV	-CH2- IMPLIED	H20	H2 USED	H2/C0
12	.349411 .49062	.747277	.770737	1.73677 1.02049	1.31450
ă	. 223625	: 303627	141534	: 54334	955202 965048
SAMPLE	-CH2- /CO CONV	CALC KEQ	EXPT KEQ	SUM=17	
	763346 59919	17.9392	1.49556	1	
34	.534366	17.9392	6.7115 5.32204	1	

## The Light Gas Analysis and Implied Mass Balance from Steady-State Experiment C-1.

DATE OF EXPERIMENT 3/24/34 STEADY STATE EXPERIMENT 2-1 THIS EXPERIMENT USES 2.03:1 S-DAS FOR A 2 HOURS AND 4 MIN RUN. TEMPERATURE= 673 # DATA PTS.= 3 SAMPLE CO CONV CO2/CO CH4/CO CO/AR H2/CD NUMBER CO CONV CO2/CO COV FED RATIO 1 .967754 .102517 .175733 4.636 2.08 3 .934129 .32356 162606 4.636 2.08

3	934175	.300664	:123282	4.636 4.636	2.08
Sample Number 1 3 3	H2 CONV IMPLIED . 369702 . 504376 . 551155	-CH2- IMPLIED . 698477 . 452211 . 532599	H20 IMPLIED .769332 .310795 372401	H2 USED IMFLIED 1.50794 1.0491 1.1464	H2/C0 USAGE 1.84818 1.19254 1.22715
SAMPLE	-CH2- ZCO CONV	CALC KEQ	EXPT KEQ	·SUM=1 ~	
1	721751 514033 570114	11.5059 11.3059 11.5059	1.083 7.34473 10.700		

The Light Gas Analysis and Implied Mass Balance from Steady-State Experiment C-2.

DATE OF EXPERIMENT THIS EXPERIMENT USES 1.03		3/27/34 3:1 S-GAS FOR A	STEADY STATE EXPERIMENT I HOUR AND O MIN RUN.		C-2	
TEMPERATURE=	673	# DATA PTS.=	2			
Sample Number	CO CONV	CO2/CO CONV	CH4/CO CONV	CO/AR FED	HEZED	
$\frac{1}{2}$	93979 947319	.15042 .396634	.132879 .0796436	10.832	1.03	
SAMPLE	HE CONV		HID	HS USED	H2/00	
1	1.36690 .917712	.687883 .495923	.671048 .195424	1.614 .342243	1.63162 .339081	
SAMPLE		CALC KEQ	EXPT KEQ	SUM=1?		
1	716702	11.5059	-3.12471 6.35627	1		

### Table B-10.

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## The Light Gas Analysis and Implied Mass Balance from Steady-State Experiment D-1.

DATE OF EXPER THIS EXPERIM	NIMENT IENT USES 1.0	8/29/84 3:1 S-GAS FOR A	STEADY STAT	E EXPERIMENT D-1 5 min Run.	•
TEMPERATURE=	653	" DATA PTS. =	2		
Romber	CO CONV	CO2/CO	CHANCO	COLAR	43458
1	.968372 .489223	.117161 .438333	.12634 .112811	10.382	1.03
SAMPLE	H2 CONV	-CH2-	H20 MPLIED	HO USED	H2/C0
1 L	1.66866	.732573	.741461 .0603374	1.71872 .390307	1.77485 .797811
SANPLE	-CH2-	CALC KER	EXPT KEQ	SUM=17	
1	756499	14.2695	-3.30199 4.45107	1	

## The Light Gas Analysis and Implied Mass Balance from Steady-State Experiment D-2.

DATE OF EXPERIMENT 9/4/34 STEADY STATE EXPERIMENT D-2 THIS EXPERIMENT USES 2.08:1 S-GAS FOR A 2 HOUR AND 48 MIN RUN.

TEMPERATURE=	653	# DATA PTS	5		
Sample Number 1 3 4 5	CO CONV 99123 903702 903702 919292 903702	C02/CD CONV .0654104 .315628 .325845 .325845 .325845 .3325929	CH4/CO CONV .133734 .115813 .11064 .101275 .10012	CO/AR FED 4.636 4.636 4.636 4.636 4.636 4.636 4.636	10 110 110 110 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 1
Sample Number 1 3 4 5	H2 CONU IMPLIED - 937691 - 537691 - 495026 - 500981 - 46992	-CH2- IMPLIED . 736835 . 519487 . 512067 . 529761 . 509121	H20 IMPLIED • 852951 • 33692 • 316509 • 325954 • 325954 • 326649	H2 USED IMFLIED 1.9504 1.02805 1.02865 1.02204 .977434	H2/C0 USAGE 1.98751 1.18393 1.1331 1.13274 1.13274
SAMPLE NUMBER 1 3 4 5	-CH2- /CO CONV . 750853 . 549594 . 563515 . 573294 . 567052	CALC KE0 14. 2695 14. 2695 14. 2695 14. 2695 14. 2695	EXPT KEQ .523391 10.0365 10.7626 11.8043 9.7352	SUM⊐1? 1 1 1	

# The Light Gas Analysis and Implied Mass Balance from Steady-State Experiment E-1.

DATE OF EXPERIMENT		9/3/34 811 9-349 500 4	STEADY STATE	EXPERIMENT E-1	
		UT S-ONG FUR A	2 HOUR AND SQ	MIN RUN.	
TEMPERATURE=	663	# DATA PTS.=	5		•
SAMPLE	CO CONV	202700	CH4/CO	CO/AR	H7.000
Ţ	.959728	.153064	-146365	FED 4.636	RĂTIŬ
346	231852 232123	314166	116154	4.636	2.08
<b>P</b>	- 94235	.300319	110432	4.636	2.08
SAMPLE	H2 CONV	-CH2- IMPLIED	H20	H2 USED	H2/C0
-0.00	- 773475	672358 437487	.465929	1,61923	USAGE
9 <b>4</b> 6	-523804	.530957	346339	1.09367	1 17365
•	-547979	.555231	.376333	1.1398	1.20952
SAMPLE		CALC KEQ	EXPT KED	SUM=17	
1	-700571	13.7834	2.52392	1	
3	56968	12.7926	12.2342	1 1	
5	589198	12.7928	12.2643	1	

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# The Light Gas Analysis and Implied Mass Balance from Steady-State Experiment F-1.

STEADY STATE EXPERIMENT F-1

DATE OF EXPERIMENT 9/11/84

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TEMPERATURE=	668	# DATA PTS.=	6		
SAMPLE	CO CONV	C02/C0	CH4/CO	COZAR	H2/00
1	. 791424	.0230512	CONV .32396	FED 4.535	RATIO
5	.952072	.143536	245336	1.636	4
4	243115	151273	.319167	4.030	4
Ă.	.933073	.166705	.323821	4.636	4
NUMBER	H2 CONV IMPLIED		H20	H2 USED	HEVCO
12	-558567 -428344	447359 576983	245717	2-3:547	05A0E 7-32491
3	442014	543635	679293	1. 76506	1.35505
5	430334	475699	630755	1 77235	1.33778
SAMPLE NUMBER	-CH2-	CALC KED	EXPT KEQ	SUM=17	
1	652989	12.1274	4.97222	1	
ŝ	.606023	12.1274	10.0843	ļ	
4	529555	12.127)	9.32246	I	
5	.510338	12:12/4	8.37719 8.57189	1	

THIS EXPERIMENT USES 4.0:1 S-GAS FOR A 3 HOUR AND 30 MIN RUN.

# The Light Gas Analysis and Implied Mass Balance from Steady-State Experiment F-2.



# The Light Gas Analysis and Implied Mass Balance from Steady-State Experiment F-3.

DATE OF EXPERIM THIS EXPERIM AFTER FIRST	IMENT	9/13/84 3:1 S-GAS FOR A 10 4:1 PRECARD.	STEADY STAT	E EXPERIMENT F- MIN RUN WRS.	-3
TEMPERATURE=	663	# DATA PTS.=	5		
Sample Number 1 3 5 5	CO CONV .955422 .955101 .950854 .949619 .912643	COC/CO CONV .0361131 .139341 .145242 .145242 .147303 .312974	CH4/CO CONV - 31:444 - 248:584 - 28:584 - 31:9799 - 14:0159	CG/AR FED 4.636 4.636 4.636 4.636 4.636 4.636	H2/20 RATIO 4 4 2.03 2.03
Sample Sumber 10749	H2 CONV IMPLIED . 543099 . 436472 . 436672 . 439023 . 356661 . 535843	-CH2- IMPLIED - 6420966 - 5440344 - 5440344 - 505575 - 480341	H20 INPLIED .914434 .427976 .427976 .443906 .341376	H2 USED IMFLIED 2.17539 1.74669 1.75609 1.75609 1.75609 1.75609 1.75609	H2/CO USAGE 2.20409 1.34556 1.37639 1.37639
Sample Number 1 3 4 5	-CH2- /C0 CONV .451463 .67175 .572175 .532398 .526866	CALC KEQ 12.1274 12.1274 12.1274 12.1274 12.1274 12.1274	EXPT KEQ 4.94773 9.74309 9.34639 1.24172 9.24172 9.2472	SUM=1? 1 1 1 1	

The Light Gas Analysis and Implied Mass Balance from Steady-State Experiment F-4.

DATE OF EXPER	RIMENT	9/20/34	STEADY STAT	E EXPERIMENT	-4
THIS EXPERIN	ENT USES 2.03 EXPOSING IT T	11 S-GAS FOR A 0 4:1 FRECARD.	2 HOUR RUN GAS FOR 2 HQ	URS.	•
TEMPERATURE=	663	# DATA PTS.=	6		
Same Number I (3) 4 5 4 5 4 5 4 5 4 5 4 5 4 5 4 5 4 5 4	CO CUNV .984279 .951694 .949076 .942934 .920779 .93619	C02/C0 0403726 145227 145219 153555 .309185 .296109	CH4/CO CONV - 29192 - 245338 - 269544 - 314931 - 152934 - 134311	CFED6 4.5335 4.5335 4.6336 4.6336 4.6336 4.4336 4.4336	HAT 10 R44 44 44 10 000 000 000 000 000 000
Sample Number 1 1 3 4 5 6	H2 CONV IMPLIED • 534143 • 43659 • 43659 • 43659 • 540361 • 540361 • 540307	-CH2- IMPLIED - 65721 - 53 - 532087 - 532087 - 595269 - 533236	H20 IMPLIED • 904501 • 675271 • 644697 • 653294 • 3351397 • 381762	H? USED IMPLIED 2.13667 1.72024 1.7463* 1.7463* 1.74837 1.13646	H2/CO USAGE 1.80%45 1.84400 1.85418 1.95418 1.1459 1.1459
SOMPLER I G 34 95 6	-CH2- CC0-CONV . 667707 . 667707 . 531494 . 531494 . 531493 . 539783 . 569581	CALC KEQ 12. 1274 13. 1274 13. 1274 13. 1274 13. 1274 14. 1274 15. 1274	EXPT KED 5.20501 9.45094 9.44477 1.202277 10.39577	SUM=17 1 1 1 1 1	

# The Light Gas Analysis and Implied Mass Balance from Steady-State Experiment F-5.

DATE OF EXPERIMENT	9/25/84	STEADY STATE EXPERIMENT F-5
THIS EXPERIMENT USES	1.03:1 S-GAS FOR A	22 MINUTE RUN
AFTER FIRST EXPOSING	IT TO 4:1 PRECARB.	GAS FOR 2 HOURS.

TEMPERATURE=	663	🗧 🗰 DATA PTS. 🖛	3		
SAMPLE	CO CONV		CH4/CO CONV	CO/AR FED	HATTO
4	.939933	234362	194517	10.332	44
SAMPLE NUMSER	H2 CONV IMPLIED .338145 .298556 .323705	-CH27 IMPLIED 549243 461536 523589	H20 IMPL IED . 43209 . 332915 . 443729	H2 USED IMPLIED 1.3525% 1.19422 1.29482	H2/C0 USAGE 1.44253 1.34193 1.39086
SAMPLE	-CH2-	CALC KER	EXPT KEQ	3UM=17	
	.585769 .518621 .562423	12.1274 12.1274 12.1274	20.0596 16.3761 21.5092	1 I I	

- B.2 Major Hydrocarbon Product Analysis--Output from the Microcomputer Data Compilation Program "HEAVY. BAS."
- 1. Input
  - A. Moles of CH4 produced per mole of CO converted.
    - i. Obtained from light-gas analysis.
  - B. Flow Rate of the synthesis gas.
  - C. Fraction of CO in the S-gas feed.
  - D. Moles of CO converted per mole of CO fed.
    - i. Obtained from the light-gas analysis.
  - E. Moles of CO<sub>2</sub> produced per mole of CO converted.
    - i. Obtained from the light-gas analysis.
  - F. Peak areas for 24 hydrocarbons.

#### 2. Output

- A. NORM AREA: Normalized peak areas of the 24 hydrocarbon. Normalized to CH4.
- B. WT FRACT: The weight fraction of each hydrocarbon peak. Assumes FID response factors for all hydrocarbons are 1.
- C. HC/CO CONV: The moles of hydrocarbon produced per mole of CO consumed.
- D. RATE PROD: The rate of production of each hydrocarbon product i... mmoles per hour.
- E. M.W.: The molecular weight of each hydrocarbon. For fused peaks (C2 and C3) the average molecular weight is used.
- F. MOLE CA: The number of moles of each carbon number hydrocarbon product produced per mole of CO converted.
- G. MOLFRC C∆: The mole fraction of each carbon number hydrocarbon product produced.
- H. WT CA: The weight fraction of each carbon number of hydrocarbon product.

- I. WTFRAC CA: The weight fraction of each carbon number hydrocarbon product.
- J. RATE CA: The rate of production of each carbon number hydrocarbon product in mmoles per hour.

The Hydrocarbon Product Distribution and Rate of Production as Analyzed by Gas Chromatography for Steady-State Experiment B-1.

DATE OF EXPER	RIMENT	3/4/84	STEADY STATE	W/O PRECARS.	
EXPERIMENT 8- 2.08:1 S-DAS	-1: THIS EXPERI FLOW AT 633K.	MENT CONSISTS	OF 10 HOURS OF	<b>!</b>	
n PE-12345-57%9 0-14045-67%90-16794 PE-12345-57%9 0-140945-67%90-16794	NORM AREA 1 57:37:34 57:37:34 57:37:34 57:37:32 12:51:32 01:42:38:33 01:42:38:33 01:42:38:33 01:27:47 01:	WT FRACT. .262098 .15217181 .1217181 .1217181 .1217181 .1217181 .015560555 .015567517 .015566555 .015566555 .015566555 .015566555 .033978855 .033978855 .03397855 .03397855 .03397855 .03397855 .03397855 .0339785 .0339785 .03397855 .03397855 .03397855 .0339785555555	HC/CO CONV .0994547 .00157469 .00157469 .001524072E-04 4.6174295E-04 4.6174295E-04 5.17703214607E-04 1.390935461E-04 1.390935461E-04 5.4772915185E-04 5.407461E-04 5.4772915185E-04 1.3993748114215E-04 1.39535185E-04 1.395374425E-04 1.395374425E-04 1.395454425E-04 1.395454425E-04 1.395454425E-04 1.395454425E-04 1.395454425E-04 1.395454425E-04 1.395454425E-04 1.395454425E-04 1.395454425E-04 1.395454425E-04 1.395454425E-04 1.39545455E-04 1.39545455E-04 1.39545455E-04 1.39545455E-04 1.3954555E-04 1.3954555E-04 1.395455555E-04 1.395455555555555555555555555555555555555	RATE FROD 10.784. 3.4764.3 1.3030574 1.3030574 0500734 05007334 0509593 1.05007334 0509593 0509593 00235401 07571522 00253401 07571522 002531335 00255163 0035562 00235562 00235562 00235562 00235562	W. 459.0.11005019501957555 0.0055011005019575555 0.0055011005451555555 0.0055011005451555555 0.00550110054515555555 0.0055010000000000000000000000
CARBON # 34 56 7 39 10	MOLES CH 0217747 0217747 025786 0150609 7.31143E-03 4.34433E-03 2.64474E-03 1.6799E-03 1.02367E-03 4.96736E-04	MOLFRC C# .721849 .165733 .135303 .0790296 .0409893 .0254201 .0138779 3.81503E-03 5.37155E-03 2.60631E-03	HT C8 26098 151698 182525 182525 0903643 0903643 0427975 0427975 0427975 04213014 00114955	UTERAC C# 262098 151498 182525 0903643 0903643 0427975 0021086 0427975 0021086 0427975	RATE C0 10.7847 3.44574 2.79431 1.43325 .54579 .525259 .132174 .11101 .0533775
TOTAL PEAK AR TOTAL MOLE CA MOLE RATIO CI WEICHT FRACTI RATES ARE IN RATES ARE IN RATES ARE IN RATES ARE IN RATES ARE C PR	EA# RBON PRODUCED (/(22-C4)= ION C1/(C2-C5) UNITS OF MMOLE AE USED FOR C2 ODUCED AS C02	467574 AS OLE&PAR/MOL 1.16619 .415222 S FER HOUR S FER HOUR S MUR MYDROC AND OLE&PARA/M	E CO CONVO BNS OUE TO FUR DLE CO CONVO	. 41 4257 ED_PEAPS . 768450	

# The Hydrocarbon Product Distribution and Rate of Production as Analyzed by Gas Chromatography for Steady-State Experiment B-2,

DATE OF EXPERIMENT	8/9794	STEADY STATE	W/O PRECARD.	
EXFERIMENT 8-2: THIS EXPE OF 2.08:1 S-GAS FLOW AT 6	RIMENT CONSISTS	OF 2 HOURS AND	0 3 MIN	
PEAK. #         NORM AREA           1         1           3         -           4         -           5         -           010116         -           4         -           5         -           01611563         -           7         -           10         -           11         -           1230002         -           11         -           1230002         -           11         -           1230002         -           131         -           1320002         -           14         -           0144168         -           15         -           16         -           0173474         -           17         3.22E-03           18         -           0101385         -           19         -           0170671         -           20         -           0142367         -           21         -           0142367         -           24         - <td>WT FRACT. . 269172: . 161229 . 161229 . 163217 . 111535 . 0163011 4. 30266E-03 . 0703748 . 0703748 . 0703748 . 0737546E-03 . 0372168 . 037216</td> <td>HC/CO CONV 05945 023006 0113267 1.663542-03 4.59417E-04 5.963542-03 4.59417E-04 5.963542-03 4.59417E-04 5.963542-03 4.59417E-04 2.418552-04 1.578552-04 1.578552-04 1.607442-04 1.57857042-04 1.607442-04 1.77097E-04 2.976765-04 1.013765-04</td> <td>AATE PROD 13.4465 4.46273 3.4107 1.55307 .0421177 .0421177 .0421177 .0421177 .0421177 .0421177 .042107 .042743 .035704 .042744 .135741 .02202735 .022045 .022945 .042945 .0402485</td> <td>M. 122084888155598769 50 461897 60 000011000555598769 50 60 1000 00001100055558769 50 0000 00001100055558769 50 0000 000000000000000000000000000000</td>	WT FRACT. . 269172: . 161229 . 161229 . 163217 . 111535 . 0163011 4. 30266E-03 . 0703748 . 0703748 . 0703748 . 0737546E-03 . 0372168 . 037216	HC/CO CONV 05945 023006 0113267 1.663542-03 4.59417E-04 5.963542-03 4.59417E-04 5.963542-03 4.59417E-04 5.963542-03 4.59417E-04 2.418552-04 1.578552-04 1.578552-04 1.607442-04 1.57857042-04 1.607442-04 1.77097E-04 2.976765-04 1.013765-04	AATE PROD 13.4465 4.46273 3.4107 1.55307 .0421177 .0421177 .0421177 .0421177 .0421177 .0421177 .042107 .042743 .035704 .042744 .135741 .02202735 .022045 .022945 .042945 .0402485	M. 122084888155598769 50 461897 60 000011000555598769 50 60 1000 00001100055558769 50 0000 00001100055558769 50 0000 000000000000000000000000000000
CAREON # MOLES CH 1 0330040 3 001423573-0 5 7495562-0 7 2.531412-0 7 2.531412-0 9 0.644422-0 10 3.99052-0	MOLFRC CH . 1574145 . 1574145 . 1574145 . 157514575 . 037514575 . 037514575 . 0133545 . 0133545 . 0133545 . 017515 . 03741415 . 0374515 . 0374555 . 037455555 . 0374555555555555555555555555555555555555	UT C# -268175 -161175 -182817 -0880209 -0702576 -0419253 -024044 -0171721 9.44275E-03	WTFRAC_C# -268:775 -1828175 -182817 -0880204 -0880204 -0880204 -0880204 -0880204 -0880204 -0880204 -0171721 -0171721 -03	RATE 4445 4445 4645 7.495479 1.95479 1.95479 1.95479 1.95479 1.95479 1.95479 1.95479 1.95379 1.955799 1.955799 1.9
TOTAL FEAK AREA: TOTAL MOLE CARBON PRODUCED MOLE RATIO CI/(C2-C6): MEINHI FRACTION CI/(C2-C6):	AS DESTAR/MOL	E CO SONV=	.40506	

WEIGH, FRACTION CI/ICE-CS) 419514 Rates are in UNITS of MMDLES PER HOUR AVO MOL WTS ARE USED FOR C2 AND CS HYDROCBNS DUE TO FUSED PEAKS TOT MOLE C PRODUCED AS CO2 AND OLEMPARA/MOLE CO CONV- .768059

#### The Hydrocarbon Product Distribution and Rate of Production as Analyzed by Gas Chromatography for Steady-State Experiment B-3.

DATE OF EXPER	IMENT	8/10/84	STEADY STATE	W/O PRECARE.	
EXPERIMENT B- OF 4.0:1 S-GA	3: THIS EXPERI S FLOW AT 6334	MENT CONSISTS	OF 10 HOURS		
P-(1774 5-0-2) P-(1774 5-0-2) P-(177	NORM AREA I 47654 .579579 .379579 .379579 .0570124 .0145265 .0369255 .0369255 .0369255 .01052268-03 .112713 .0112655 I.620345-03 .0340745 .034075 .034075 .034075 .034075 .03407	WT FRACT. 327338 1327338 1327398 133718 113842303 4.4493219 3.4444442-03 .0127419 3.4447532-03 .0127419 3.4447532-03 .03465951 .03465951 .03465951 .03465951 .03465951 .03655422-03 .0175528 .011886322 .03 .03 .011886322 .03 .03 .011886322 .03 .03 .011886322 .03 .03 .03 .03 .03 .03 .03 .03	HC/CO CONV 1791 0429444 0429444 0429444 0429444 0429444 0429444 0429444 0429444 0429444 0429444 0429444 0429444 0449494 044 0449494 044 0549444 0549444 05494444 05494444444 054944444444444444444444444444444444444	RATE PROD 18.3321 4.95401 4.06377 1.37212 .3763321 .3763321 .3763321 .396063 .404533265 .0346375 .0346375 .0273952 .145005 .03965 .035965 4.98725E-03 .0124745 .0251171 .0251171 .0469247 .0140524 .0140524 .0346375 .0251171 .0469247 .0140524 .0140524 .035115 .035115 .0251171 .0469247 .0140524 .014054 .015656 .0140566 .0156566 .0156666 .015666666666666666666	8-15-99-3825-155-18-12-55 4-4-6-99-3825-155-18-12-55 4-4-6-99-3825-155-18-12-55 4-4-6-99-38-11-12-12-12-55 4-4-12-12-12-12-55 4-4-12-55 11-12-12-12-55 11-12-12-55 11-12-12-55 11-12-12-55 11-12-12-55 11-12-12-55 11-12-12-55 11-12-12-55 11-12-12-55 11-12-12-55 11-12-12-55 11-12-12-55 11-12-12-55 11-12-12-55 11-12-12-55 11-12-12-55 11-12-12-55 11
2 3 4 5 5 7 7 8 9 10	MOLES C# 1731 0471145 0220776 0107597 4.91352-03 2.115426-03 1.16262E-03 5.79915E-04 2.63002E-04	MOLFRC C# -585817 -15359 -153592 -071967 -03520392 -0160167 &.39567E-03 3.73931E-03 1.39036E-03 3.57313E-04	WT C4 · 327308 · 155989 · 189718 · 141758 · 08664458 · 0472959 · 0237374 · 0149178 S. 37108E-03 4. 21923E-03	WTFRAC C# .95288 .155989 .1697128 .041743 .04474253 .0237374 .0149173 3.37108E-03 4.21923E-03	RATE C# 10
TOTAL POLY ARE TOTAL DOLY CAR MOLE RATIO CI/ WEIGHT FRACTIO RATES ARE IN U AVG MOL WIS AR TOT MOLE C PRO	A= BON PRODUCED ( (C2-C4)= N C1/(C2-C5) NITS OF MMOLE E USED FOR C2 DUCED AS C02 (	949937 AS DLEXPAR/MOLE 1.44953 52676 52676 SAND C3 HYDROCE AND C2 HYDROCE AND C2 HYDROCE	E CO CONV= SNS DUE TO FUSA DLE CO CONV=	.593021 ED PEAK3 .800321	

# The Hydrocarbon Product Distribution and Rate of Production as Analyzed by Gas Chromatography for Steady-State Experiment C-1.

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DATE OF	EXPERIMENT	3/24/84	STEADY STATE	W/O PRECARD.	
EYPERING OF 2.08	ENT C-1: THIS EXPERING 1 S-GAS FLOW AT 673	MENT CONSISTS	OF 2 HOURS AND	4 813	
# #	NORM AREA 1 459467 54247 5350999 01294899 01294899 01294899 01294899 01294899 01294899 01294899 01294899 01294899 01294899 01294899 01294899 00991033 00991033 00991035 00901035 00901000 00901000 009010000 0090100000 009010000000000	WT FRACT. 342377 154001 1142031 4.142031 4.042439 3.053532903 3.15575532903 3.155759915 4.1087490 3.5539915 4.1087490 3.5539915 4.1087490 3.5539915 4.1087490 3.5539915 4.1087490 3.5539915 4.1087490 3.5539915 4.1087490 3.5539515 4.1087490 3.5539515 4.1087490 3.5539515 4.1087490 3.5539515 4.1087490 3.5539515 4.1087490 3.5539515 4.1087490 3.5539515 4.1087490 3.5539515 4.1087490 3.5539515 4.1087490 3.5539515 4.1087490 4.1087490 4.1087490 5.10874900000000000000000000000000000000000	HC/CO CONV 1229-6-987 .029-6-987 .0324129-04 .03240-9954 .0324129-04 .0324129-04 .0440249-04 .0440249-04 .0440249-04 .0440249-04 .0440249-04 .0440249-04 .0440249-04 .04409-04 .04409-04 .04409-04 .04409-04 .04409-04 .04409-04 .04409-04 .04409-04 .04409-04 .04409-04 .04409-04 .04409-04 .0495-04 .045-04 .05-04 .055-04-04 .055-04 .055-04 .055-04-04 .055-04-04-04-04 .055-04-04-04	RATE PROD 21.4253 5.42574 2.059435 .059435 .059435 .059435 .059435 .04509439 .04509439 .04509439 .04509439 .0361952 .0361952 .0361952 .0361952 .0361952 .0361952 .0361952 .0361952 .0361952 .0361952 .0351952 .0594985 .0125194 .0594985 .0125194 .0125194 .0125194 .0125194 .0125194 .0125194	M. 1998.4985.1689.987.000.5 0.000100355.2672.000.5 0.000100355.2672.000.5 0.0001111111111111111111111111111
CARSON	* MOLES C# .US26987 .026095 .0148809 .0148000 .014800 .014800 .014800 .0148000 .0148000 .0148000 .0148000 .0148000 .0148000 .0148000 .0148000 .0148000 .0148000 .0148000 .0148000 .0148000 .01480000 .014800000000000000000000000000000000000	MOLERC C# .595064 .151509 .120975 .0689872 .06183091 .0143092 .043092 .043092 .043092 .04315E-03 .64315E-03 .64315E-03 Y.47933E-04	WT C# 9428777 187193 186001 138493 0799283 044349 0144599 9.0104E-03 4.86237E-03	WTFRACC# 940577 157195 153091 1336938 0428144 0240344 0146398 040384 0146398 0,0104E-03 4.852675-03	8054514554 80545514554 60877090555145 6787090555145 678745145532 678745145532 678745145532 678745145532 67875314 678745145532 67875314 678755314 678755314 678755314 678755554 678755555555555555555555555555555555555
TOTAL P TOTAL M MOLE FA VEICHT RATES A AVG MOL TOT MOL	EAK AREAS ULE CARBON PRODUCED TID C1/(CC-CS) FFACTION (1/(CC-CS) RE IN UNITS OF NMOLE WTS ARE USED FOR C2 Z C PRODUCED AS CD2	1.12037E+06 AS ULE2PA7/MOL 1.54535 .567138 3.9ER HOUR AND CS HYDROG AND CS HYDROG AND CLE3PARA/M	E CO CONV= BNS DUE TO FUS DLE CO CONV=	.4077 ED PEAKS .7054	





Lower-Thermocouple Temperature Fluctuation as a Function of Time for Run B-3 Using a Feed Gas of 4:1  $\mathrm{H_Z/CO}$  Ratio at 360°C and 2220 kPa.

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Figure B.7. Lower-Thermocouple Temperature Fluctuation as a function of Time for Run D-1 Using a Fued Gas of 1.03:1  $H_Z/CO$  Ratio at 3800C and 2220 kPa.



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Lower-Thermocouple Temperature Fluctuation as a Function of Time for Run D-2 Using a Feed Gas of 2.08:1  ${\rm H_2/CO}$  Ratio at 380<sup>oC</sup> and 2220 kPa.











#### APPENDIX C

Microcomputer Programs for: (1) Feed-Gas Cycling and Product Analysis During Unsteady-State Fischer-Tropsch Synthesis; (2) Data Compilation for Light-Gas Products (MASSBAL.BAS); and (3) Data Compilation for the Hydrocarbon Product Distribution from Capillary Analysis (HEAVY.BAS).

Figure C.1 A Microcomputer Program for Control of Feed-Gas Cycling and Product Sampling During Unsteady-State Fisher-Tropsch Synthesis Experiments. 750 FRINT\_CHRs(96)
750 FRINT\_CHRs(32);
750 FRINT\_CHRs(32);
750 FRINT\_CHRs(97);
850 FRINT\_CHRs(97);
850 FRINT\_CHRs(94);
850 FRINT\_CHRS(92);
85 Figure C.1 (Continued)



Figure C.1 (Continued)