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DATA ON THE THERMAL CRACKING
OF PURE HYDROCARBONS

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Sample	Decomposition temp. (°C)	Percent of gaseous products	Reaction time (min)	Pressure of vessel** (mm Hg)	Composition of gaseous products (vol.%)					
					C ₂ H ₂	C ₂ H ₄	C ₃ H ₆	H ₂	C _n H _{2n+2}	n*
Cyclohexane	550	41.9	10	92	4.3	27.5	8.1	13.5	46.5	2.0
	550	43.3	60	110	5.7	15.8	4.2	11.1	63.2	1.7
2,3 dimethyl butane	500	15.6	10	174	1.2	16.4	11.9	4.9	65.6	2.3
	497	41.0	60	162	1.2	25.6	7.2	5.3	60.6	1.9
2,2 dimethyl butane	485	5.1	10	210	0.6	18.1	6.3	8.3	66.8	3.5
	484	27.0	60	210	1.4	29.7	4.8	6.7	57.4	3.0
n-hexane	443	2.5	10	120	1.9	30.5	12.9	1.4	53.3	1.9
	445	16.7	60	120	2.6	43.2	7.0	2.0	45.2	2.3
2 methyl pentane	460	13.5	60	140	1.5	32.1	9.2	3.8	53.4	2.4
2 ethyl pentane	462	4.9	10	54	1.0	23.9	10.4	7.6	57.1	1.4
	466	18.7	60	50	0.4	31.2	5.0	5.2	58.2	1.4

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					C ₂ H ₂	C ₂ H ₄	C ₂ H ₆	CO	H ₂	C ₁ H _{2n+2}	n*
Cyclopentane	566	18.5	10	204	5.2	51.5	12.2		14.0	17.1	2.3
	560	45.6	30	225	2.8	42.8	2.3		15.6	36.5	2.0
	565	24	60	215	1.7	33.3	8.3		15.4	41.4	1.9
Cyclopentene	500	7.5	10	205	15.2	32.7	1.6		41.3	9.2	1.7
	506	11.5	30	203	10.1	27.8	3.3		43.6	15.2	1.5
	507	12.0	60	235	5.0	24.1	3.5		43.6	23.8	1.4
Cyclopentanone	482	1.3	10	21	8.9	36.6	4.5	3.1	39.7	7.2	1.8
	490	6.9	30	80	15.7	35.7	5.6	6.4	28.4	8.5	1.7
	507	12.0	60	20	10.7	30.2	5.1	8.0	25.5	19.0	1.3
Cyclopentone	530	11.9	10	19	6.4	41.6	8.5	25.1	9.4	9.0	1.9
	530	41.2	30	19	1.6	26.4	5.5	37.1	10.5	18.9	1.7
	540	47.0	60	20	2.0	19.3	4.3	35.3	14.8	24.6	1.8
Cyclohexane	590	41.9	10	92	4.3	27.5	8.1		13.5	46.5	2.0
	590	43.3	60	110	5.7	15.8	4.2		11.1	63.2	1.7
Cyclohexene	496	5.9	10	55	16.4	61.4	0		7.7	14.5	1.4
	499	13.6	60	54	8.4	39.0	7.5		14.7	30.4	1.4

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					C ₂ H ₂	C ₂ H ₄	C _n H _m	CO	H ₂	C ₆ H ₆ +2	r#
Cyclohexanol	501	4.0	16	3	0.8	41.6	5.4	9.7	26.5	16.5	1.6
	503	30.0	60	3	4.0	37.2	4.7	15.3	13.6	25.2	1.4
Cyclohexane	560	32.2	10	13	1.4	57.0	1.0	26.0	7.1	7.5	1.4
	556	52.0	60	15	1.6	24.2	2.3	29.4	6.3	36.2	1.4
Tertiary Butyl Benzene	498	2.8	10	8	1.4	27.6	6.4		17.0	47.6	1.0
	497	10.0	60	9	0.9	20.5	4.6		11.9	62.1	1.2
	500	23	60 (790°)	9	0.9	6.7	6.7		27.7	64.7	1.0
Isopropyl Benzene	506	2.3	10	11	1.5	11.7	3.4		38.7	44.7	1.0
	507	6.4	60	15	2.3	11.3	3.8		26.7	55.9	1.0
Ethyl Benzene	535	1	10	20	2.1	18.8	5.5		43.7	29.9	1.0
	535	3	60	14	1.1	11.2	5.0		38.2	44.5	1.0
Toluene	600	6	10	31	1.5	3.0	2.6		31.2	61.7	1.0
	720	12	60 (760°)	33	2.7	2.6	2.0		38.7	54.0	1.0
Benzene	600	1	60 (635°)	37	2.3	17.6	5.9		31.4	42.8	1.0
	750	1	60	90	2.7	1.0			96.3		

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