

Project Title:

Fire Exposure of Low Volatility Liquids, Rev. 9, October 16, 2018

Problem Statement:

Pressure relief valve sizing due to vapor generation for vessels containing boiling liquids during a pool fire scenario typically involves several assumptions:

- The vessel is isolated during the fire in order to simplify the analysis (API 521).
- The amount of heat absorbed by the liquid inventory is defined by API Standard 521 heat absorption equations. (Refer to API Standard 521, 6th Ed., section 4.4.13.2.4.2, equations 6, 7 and 8.)
- If vaporization (boiling) at relief pressure is predicted below 900°F (482°C), an estimated latent heat of vaporization of the boiling liquid and the appropriate molecular mass of the fraction vaporized are used below the cracking temperature to calculate the pressure relief requirements (absorbed heat divided by latent heat).
- Note that 900°F in the previous bullet item is just an arbitrary round up. This dynamic event is rough and varies. But, as these heavy HCs progress above 800°F and heat is further added, there is a transition from vaporization (boiling) controlled vapor generation to cracking controlled vapor generation. Since these guidelines advise use of a cracking gas temperature of 825°F, 900°F here is a rounded-up higher number. This part of the guidelines advises that if the process model is predicting boiling at or below 900°F, that it is acceptable to stick with the boiling approach commonly used.

The API Standard 521 6th edition (2014) does not address possible cracking reactions at high temperatures. However, the API Standard 5th edition (2007) states:

- If exposure to fire results in vapor generation from thermal cracking, alternate sizing methods can be appropriate.
- The pressure-relief device may be sized for the products of thermal cracking at a temperature at which the decomposition occurs.

Guidelines for pressure relief valve sizing due to vapor generation for vessels containing a non-volatile liquid experiencing thermal cracking are not currently available. This project considers the effects of thermal cracking reactions of selected classes of materials on pressure relief requirements.

Objective:

When fire-case predicted relief temperature (at relief pressure) exceeds 825°F, the possibility of endothermic thermal cracking reactions instead of or in addition to liquid vaporization as a means of generating vapor must be considered in relief system sizing. The objective of this project is to develop and publish guidelines to address the impacts of thermal cracking in pressure relief valve sizing. These guidelines are intended for use with heavy hydrocarbon materials similar to those typically found in petroleum refining operations. For those materials, the model is conservative for both straight run as well as cracked stocks. Application to other liquids such as hot-oil-belt fluids, lube oils, bio-diesel, *etc.* may be shown appropriate via additional lab testing. On the other hand, some liquids decompose exothermically. These guidelines are not to be used for such systems. The guidelines include a simple model which can then be entered into computer

simulation and/or analysis of test data to size pressure relief systems. The guidelines also include a description of the range of model applicability.

Cautionary statement: Similar to supercritical fluids and gas-filled vessels, a model may be developed to predict a required vapor volumetric relief rate for the external fire case. However, this is often done to satisfy ASME Code, NFPA or API requirements. It is important to understand that such systems will also experience elevated and increasing temperatures when exposed to external fire. A PSV will not do much, if anything, to limit temperature rise. For systems like this, those managing overall risk **must consider applying additional layers of protection (LOP) to avoid loss of containment in fire conditions**. The issue of concern is loss (or reduction) in mechanical strength of the vessel walls as metal temperature rises. See API Standard 521, 6th Ed., section 4.4.13.2.3 for a time-to-failure analysis for these conditions.

Justification:

Guidelines for sizing and selection of pressure relief valves for vessels containing low volatility liquids that experience endothermic thermal cracking reactions in a pool fire are lacking. This project provides guidelines for ERS sizing of these systems exposed to pool fires.

Currently, estimation of the required relief rate in systems experiencing thermal cracking requires detailed kinetic modeling and/or experimental testing. A simple model to generate defensible and technically correct pressure relief valve sizing bases in order to comply with code rules requiring fire-sized pressure relief devices will provide for efficient use of resources. This project provides guidelines and a simple model.

Approach:

A committee of five voluntary members planned the project, collected and analyzed relevant data, developed a simple model, established a range of validity for the model, developed guidelines for selecting model parameters, and published a final project report. A literature review of thermal cracking data, some kinetic modeling, consulting with process experts and some modest experimental testing (DSC) was used to validate the model. The model parameters are available for the user to modify if the fluid composition varies from the model basis and experimental data are available for the fluid composition in question.

The proposed procedure and model is:

- Calculate heat input using API Standard 521 equations; for example:
 - $Q = C * F * A_{WS}^{0.82}$ where:
 - Q is fire heat input in BTU/hr
 - C is a constant (21000 or 34500; see API for explanation)
 - F is the environmental factor; see API
 - A_{WS} is the vessel total wetted surface area in square feet
- Use 75 BTU/lb as λ , a conservative endothermic heat of reaction. This is a conservative lumped parameter that includes the reaction and phase transition energies.
- Select a relieving temperature (825°F for typical refinery streams because the endothermic heat of reaction increases at higher temperatures)
- Select a relieving molecular weight and heat capacity (MW = 100 because that is typical or at the low end of the range of MW of gas evolving from a coker)

- Calculate the required relief vapor rate using the proposed model and fire heat input; a simple example is:
- $W = Q/\lambda$ where
 - Q is fire heat input in BTU/hr
 - λ is the endothermic reaction heat above in BTU/lb
 - W is required relieving rate (vapor) in lb/hr
- and then determine required relief device size using API Standard 520 equations
- Reaction kinetics are conservatively assumed to be such that reaction rate is limited only by external heat addition; this was compared to a kinetic model developed by Harold Fisher (email reference 2) using the detailed thermal decomposition analyses and test results in reference 1. Results of the comparison support the above model as conservative.

The model may be applied based on the assumption the required relief rate can be predicted assuming the vessel fluid has the properties of a typical LGO or heavier refinery stream.

Model documentation includes an explanation of the range of applicability, a **Precautionary Statement**, and notes that the model is expected to be conservative. Where the relief device size is controlled by other scenarios, the documentation is complete (1). Where the relief device size is controlled by this scenario and an existing relief device is shown adequate by this model, the documentation is complete (2). Where the relief device size is controlled by this scenario and an existing relief device is shown inadequate by this model, it may be necessary to conduct further testing to show less conservatism is justified (3). This paragraph states an important justification for this guideline. If either of the first two statements are true, simple documentation is generated and technical resources can then be applied to more complex issues elsewhere. Detailed modeling and testing are then only required if statement 3 is true.

Test Results/Support:

Lab testing and results (Reference 3) support the above model:

DSC Test ID	Oil tested	Estimated endothermic Rxn heat, BTU/lb	DSC Scan Rate, °C/min	Reaction Temperature Range, °C	Endothermic Peak, °F
DSC1	Mineral Oil	108	10	352 - 485	905
DSC2	Mineral Oil	77	10	417 - 481	898
DSC3	Hydrotreated Gas Oil	126	2	415 - 460	859
DSC5	Gas Oil #1	99	2	375 - 447	836
DSC7	Gas Oil #2	121	2	370 - 448	838
DSC9	Heavy Coker Gas Oil	89	2	372 - 445	834
DSC11	Heavy Vacuum Gas Oil	106	2	376 - 441	826

These DSC data provide a close approximation of what the relief system model temperature is. The 825°F in this model is close to the endothermic peak temperature observed in the DSC plots. This is the point of maximum endothermic reaction in the experiment. Fire exposure to commercial size equipment typically results in imposed heat up rates of 2 to 10°C/min - the same rates as used in the DSC experiments. This improves the validity of basing the model on these DSC runs. In an actual fire exposure scenario, the endothermic heat flow of the reaction would tend to decrease this temperature rise rate as the reaction rate becomes significant at high temperatures. In fact, that is why this model is conservative as it assumes that the temperature rise rate is zero; all the fire heat input goes into reacting/breaking these molecules. In the DSC experiments the temperature rise rate does not decrease because of the way the experiment is performed and the endothermic peak (minimum point on the DSC plot) is "driven" to a slightly higher temperature than would occur in the fire exposure scenario. This slightly higher peak temperature observed in DSC experiments would be even more conservative to use in the ERS design model. This additional level of conservatism is not needed considering the primary purpose of this model. However, for relief design purposes, it would be acceptable for smaller vessels which have a higher surface area to volume ratio and are heated more rapidly by fire exposure to use a higher sizing temperature (around 900°F).

The above model and lab results are corroborated by emails obtained from a refinery coking expert (Reference 4).

The committee also conducted theoretical calculations of endothermic reaction heat based on textbook values for long-chain HC heats of formation. These calculations resulted in much higher theoretical endothermic reaction heats than presented in this model. The values generated and method are shown in Appendix 3.

Appendices:

1. Sample DSC Output
2. Description of Calorimeters
3. Theoretical Reaction Heat Calculations

DIERS Committee:

Duties of all committee members include:

- Execute assigned tasks and gather information and results on time
- Present the gathered data for group discussion
- Evaluate each other's results in terms of physicality and application ranges
- Write portions of the Guideline

Specific roles and responsibilities include:

Member	Roles	Responsibilities and contribution
John Hauser	Project Manager	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Obtain and review literature data from G.E.Melhem and H.G.Fisher 2. Arrange lab tests as required 3. Develop, revise and present report
Dustin Smith	Vice Project Manager	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jointly review lab test results with J.J.Hauser and agree on net and conservative average endothermic ΔH_{RXN}

Dan Smith	Thermodynamics expert	1. Conduct specified lab tests
Greg Hendrickson	Operating Committee Liaison	1. Report project progress to DIERS and AIChE committees 2. Represent DIERS stake on the project 3. Provide peer review of Project Guideline
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Appendix 1
Description of Calorimeters

Differential Scanning Calorimetry (DSC)

Preliminary thermal stability tests with heavy oils were conducted with TA Instruments Models 2000 and 2500 Differential Scanning Calorimeter modules. The experiments were conducted with heavy-walled M20 gold plated crucibles from the Swiss Institute of Security and Safety or with equivalent crucibles available from Mettler Toledo. These crucibles are capable of withstanding about 200 bar of internal pressure once properly sealed.

The crucibles were carefully weighed before and after each experiment to ensure that no mass was lost during the experiment. The instrument was calibrated at each ramp rate using high-purity metal calibration standards. The Q2000 uses a four point method for temperature calibration using gallium, indium, lead, and zinc; the Q2500 only requires indium. Both instruments use the melt of indium to calibrate the enthalpy value.

The accuracy of the melt enthalpy is less than 1% for indium (measured at 156.6°C). The instrument accuracy of the heat flow measurement at higher temperatures was not quantified. Heats of reaction integrations of DSC data are likely to have significantly more error due to the subjective nature of the selection of integration bounds.

Pressure Screening Tool (PST)

The pressure screening tool is a custom-built reactive hazard screening test utilized to detect the generation of non-condensable gas. The test is used for quick preparation of residue and gas samples for analysis, determination of pressure generation potential, and determination of condensing curves of the reaction intermediate or final reaction products. The apparatus consisted of a closed 9.25 mL spherical test cell placed inside of a cylindrical aluminum tube fitted with an electric heater and thermocouple. The closed test cell is fitted with a 1/32-in diameter thermocouple and an oil-filled pressure transducer to measure temperature and pressure of the sample during the experiment. The test cell and heater assembly are placed inside of an autoclave to provide protection from shrapnel in the event of a bomb rupture. Tests are not conducted without prior DSC screening. A high pressure interlock is included to stop heating if excessive pressure is reached. A typical assembly of the PST is shown in Figures 1 and 2.

Typical operation involves approximately 3 g of sample loaded into the test cell in a nitrogen-purged dry box. The temperature of the aluminum heater tube is increased at a constant ramp rate of 1 to 2°C/min while the temperature and pressure of the sample are recorded. After the desired maximum temperature is reached the heater is turned off and the sample is allowed to cool back to ambient temperature.

Figure 1. PST Sample Bomb and Sensing Assembly

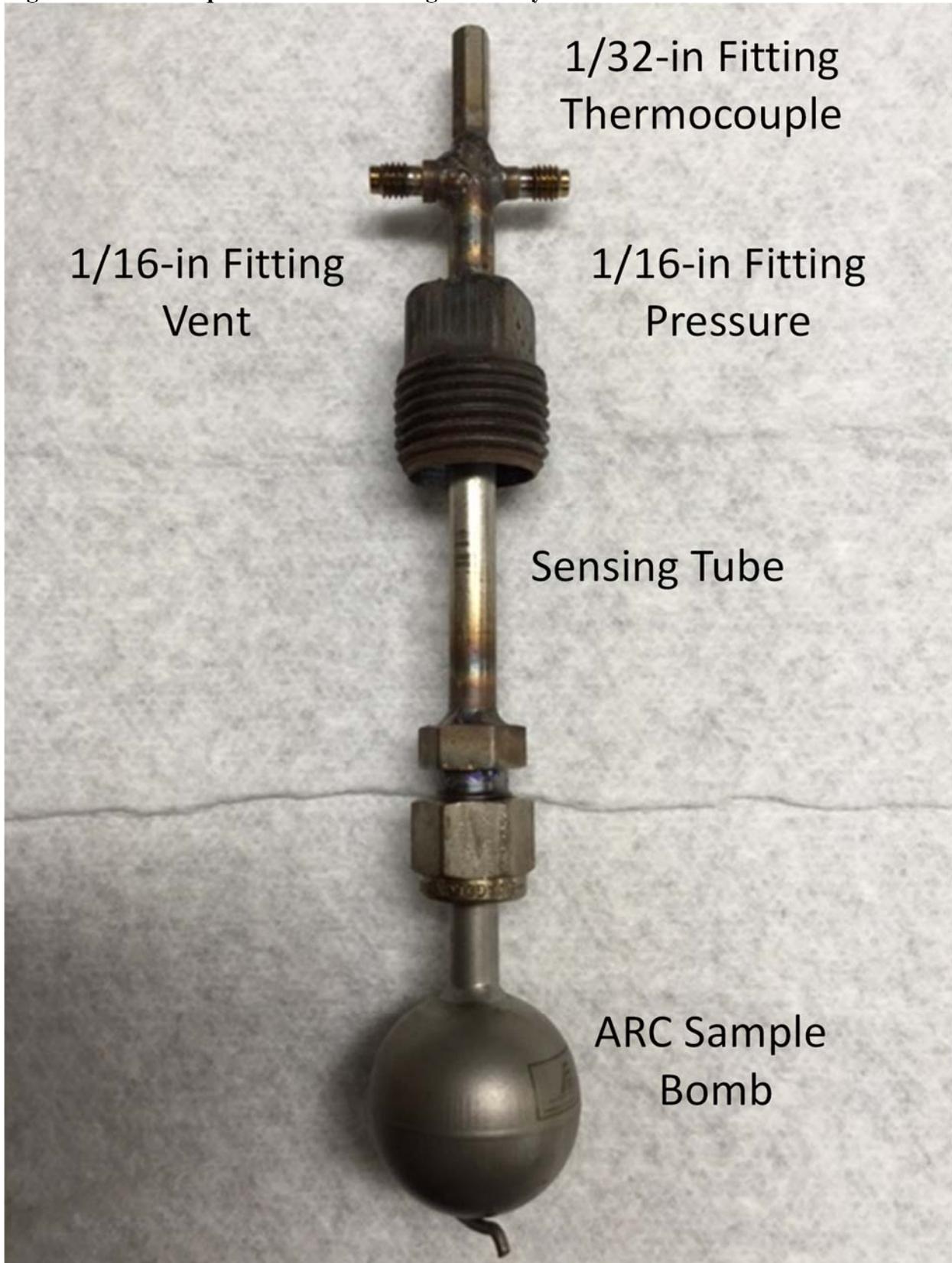


Figure 2. PST During Operation



Appendix 2

Sample DSC Output

Mineral oil was tested by DSC, TGA, and PST to better understand the high temperature endothermic decomposition (cracking) that occurs with this material.

Interest in this high temperature decomposition is to measure the extend of gas generation that might occur as a result of the high temperature endothermic (cracking) that might occur as a result of fire exposure to a mineral oil containing vessel. DSC and PST data are shown below.

DRAKEOL 35 Mineral Oil is assumed to have a molecular weight equivalent to a C34 alkane. DSC data suggests that the heat of reaction is +250.3 J/g (+119.87 kJ/gmol). The closed DSC data also appears to indicate the possibility of an exothermic reaction occurring after the endothermic cracking reaction.

The endothermic reaction is well matched by a 1st order kinetic model with a rate constant described by the following Arrhenius rate expression.

$$k = (4.47 \times 10^{18})\exp(-35968/T)$$

Where T is kelvin and k is in s^{-1} . The high activation energy determined by regression of the data to a 1st order model may suggest that the mechanism is more complicated than the assumed 1st order model and possibly autocatalytic.

Figure DSC1. DRAKEOL 35 Mineral Oil.

Sample: 837126
Size: 4.7400 mg
Method: 500C 10C_min N2
Comment: mineral oil

DSC

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Instrument: DSC Q2000 V24.11 Build 124

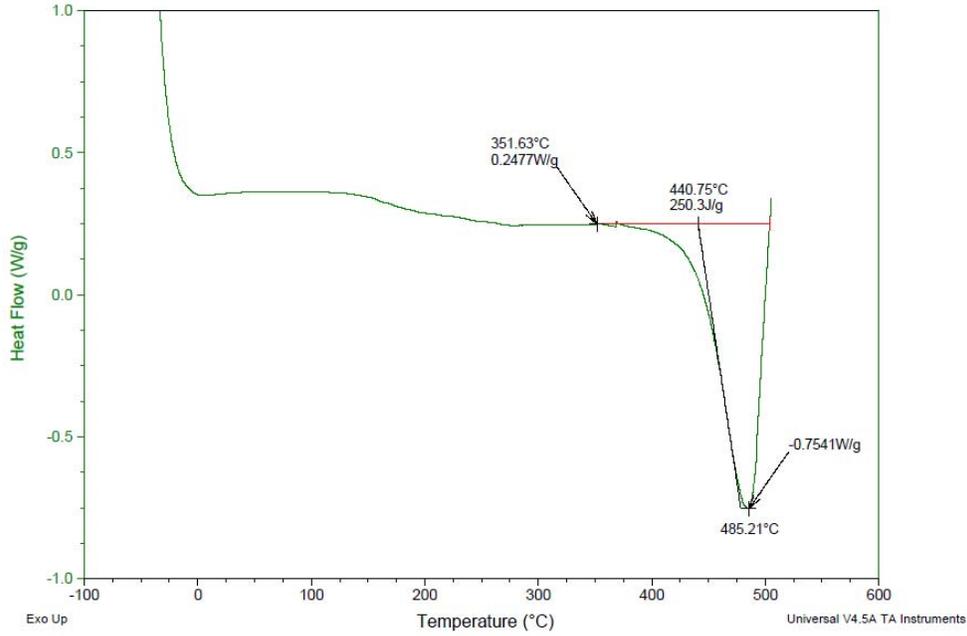


Figure DSC2. DRAKEOL 35 Mineral Oil.

Sample: 841181
Size: 4.9700 mg
Method: RHE_AuSS_10Cmin_500C
Comment: mineral oil 10C/min AuSS

DSC

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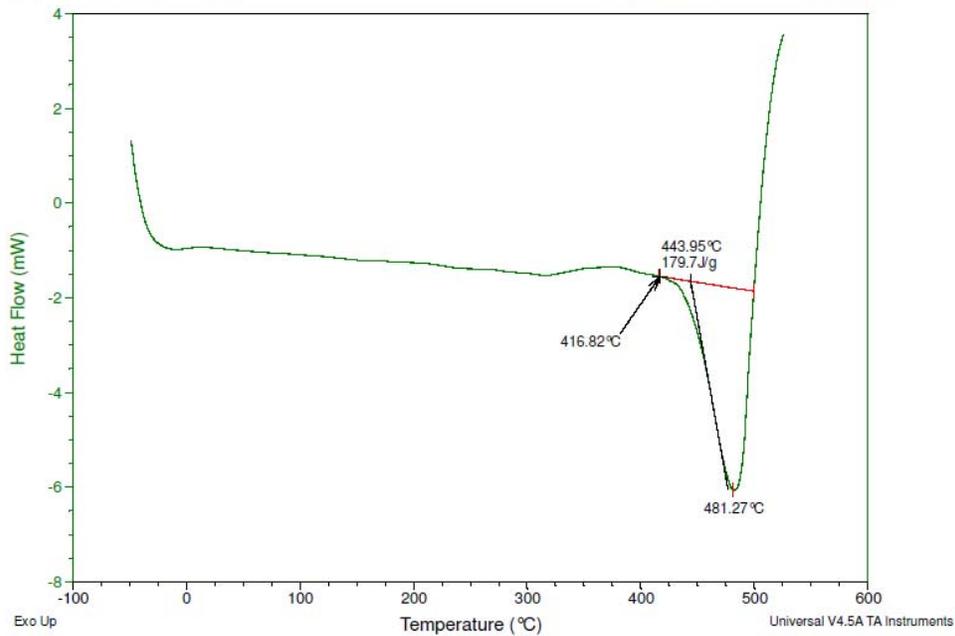


Figure TGA1. DRAKEOL 35 Mineral Oil.

Sample: 841181
Size: 16.5750 mg
Method: R10C 600C
Comment: mineral oil

TGA

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Instrument: TGA Q500 V6.7 Build 203

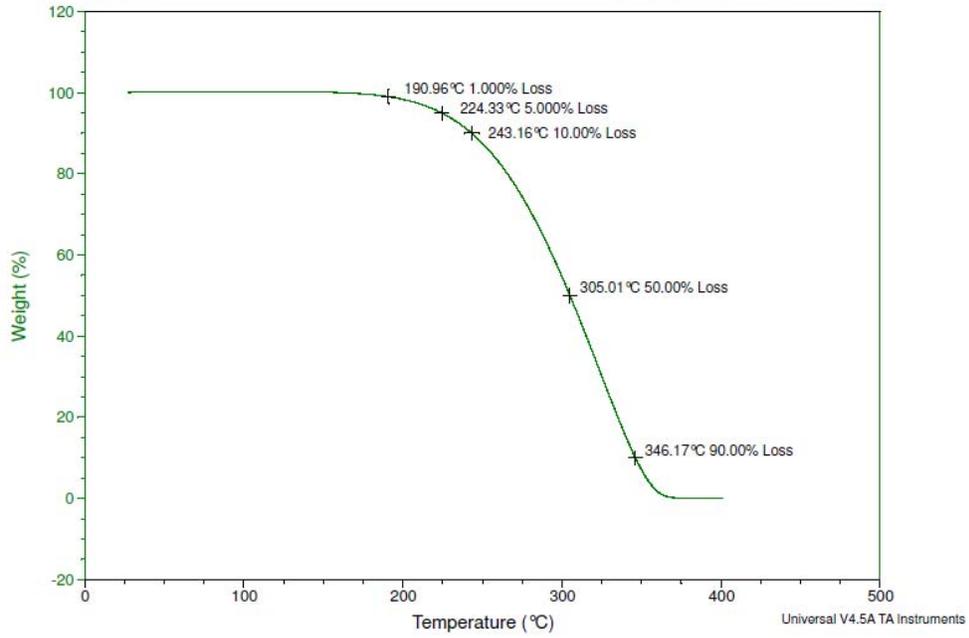


Figure PST1a. Differential Temperature and Pressure versus Sample Temperature (PST20160421)

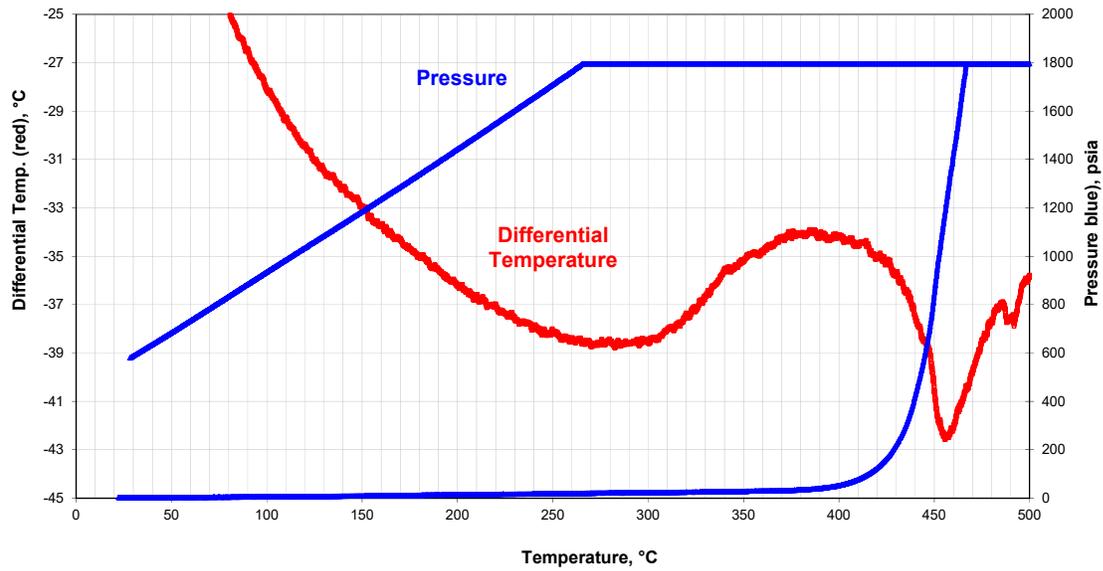
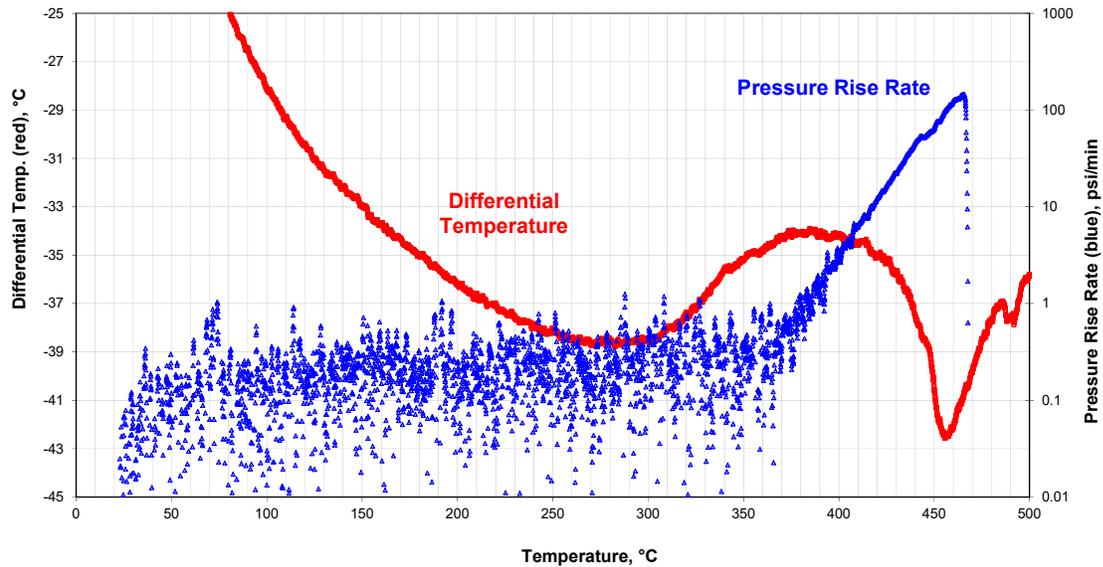


Figure PST1a. Differential Temperature and Pressure Rise Rate versus Sample Temperature (PST20160421)



PST experiment PST20160421 was conducted with 3.17 g of mineral oil (0.006618 gmols) charged into the 9.25 mL. The final pressure after cool down was 564.5 psig at 28.27°C. After cool down and venting 1.19 g of material was recovered. Assuming the difference represents the non-condensable gas (1.98 g)(0.0707 gmols ethylene) moles of gas is on the order of $14.11/1000=0.01411$ or 2.13 mol per mol of mineral oil.

Figure PST1a. Differential Temperature and Pressure versus Sample Temperature (PST20160426)

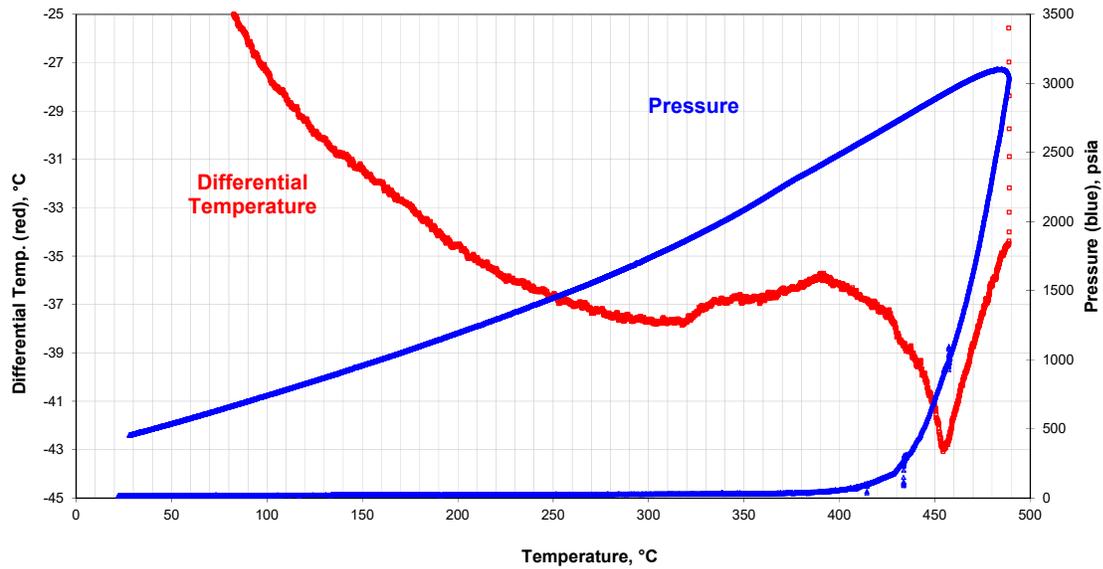
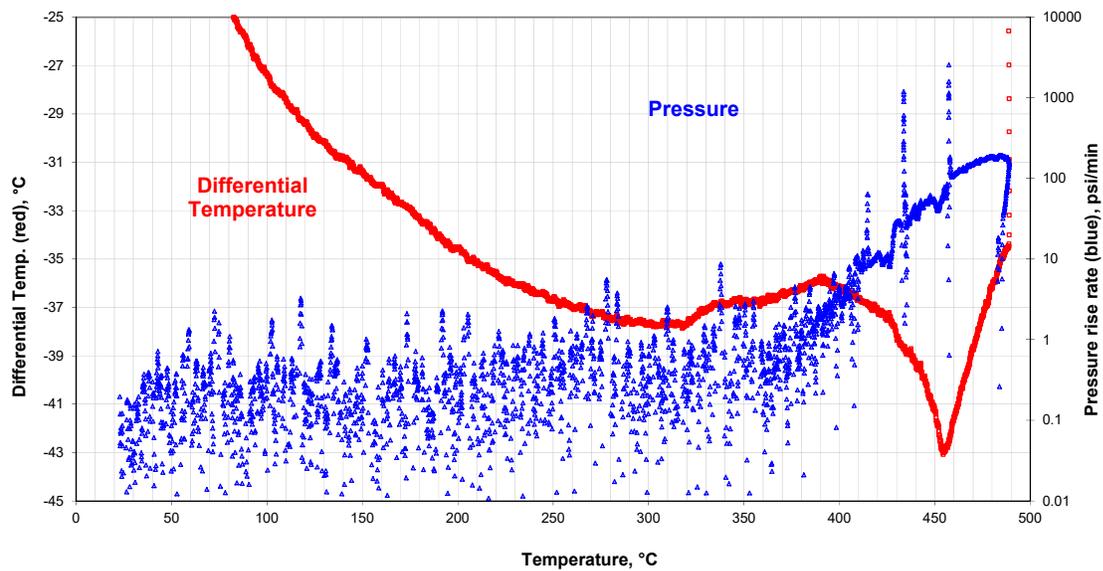


Figure PST1a. Differential Temperature and Pressure Rise Rate versus Sample Temperature (PST20160426)



PST experiment PST20160426 was conducted with 3.09 g of mineral oil charged into the 9.25 mL. The final pressure after cool down was 439.9 psig at 27.95°C. After cool down and venting 1.15 g of material was recovered.

Additional DSC experiments were conducted with Refinery streams. DSC experiments were conducted with ramp rates of 2 and 10°C/min. DSC results are shown below.

In some cases the selection of the DSC onset temperature (deviation from the established baseline) is difficult to determine. Typically, selection of the onset temperature is subjective and is based on the analyst's opinion. For example endothermic deviations from the base heat flow in Figure DSC4 are observed at points labeled A, B, and C. Similar heat flow behavior is observed in many of the test results. This could be an indication of different reactions or reaction mechanisms. In all cases the onset temperature for heat flow integration was selected near the point labeled B, but it could have been selected at the other points – more information is needed to make a better selection.

It is expected that the peak temperature and onset temperature will be shifted to lower temperatures with lower experiment ramp rates. The peak temperature is a more consistently shows this effect.

Previous DSC experiments with mineral oil appear to show an exothermic heat flow following the high temperature endothermic cracking. Some of the 2°C/min ramp DSC experiments with the refinery streams also show what appears to be an exothermic heat flow after an initial endothermic heat flow. This could be evidence of a high temperature reaction, or it is also possible that a shift in the baseline is occurring due to the change in heat capacities of the reaction products versus the reaction reactants. The experiment was terminated before the heat flow established a baseline level.

Figure DSC3. Hydrotreated Gas Oil 2°C/min

Sample: Randy 2C/min 500 C
Comment: 2C/min to 500 C N2
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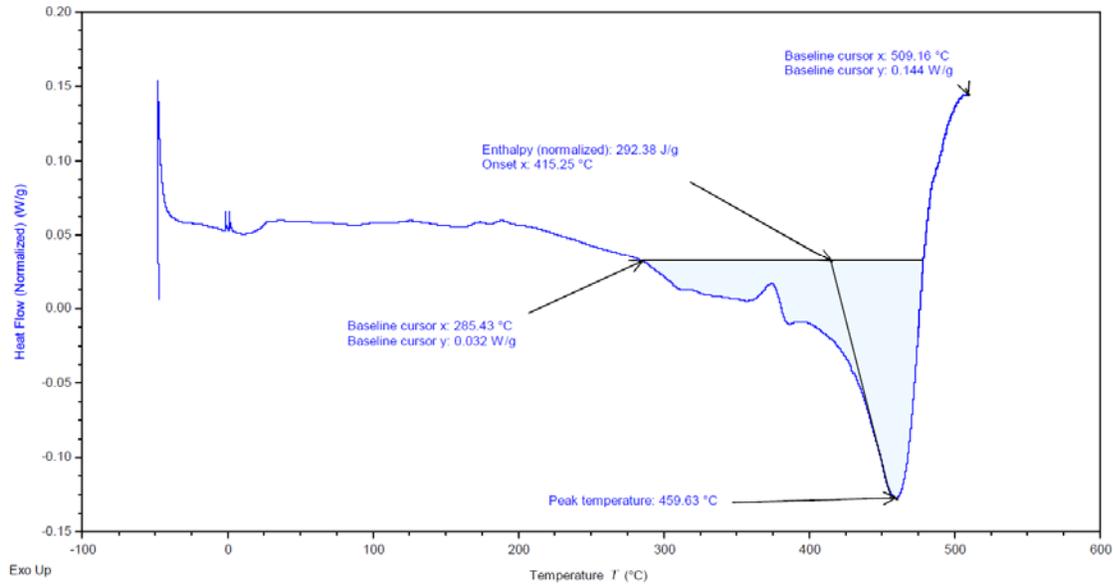


Figure DSC4. Hydrotreated Gas Oil 10°C/min

Sample: Randy 10C/min 500 C
Comment: 10C/min to 500 C N2
Operator: yochim
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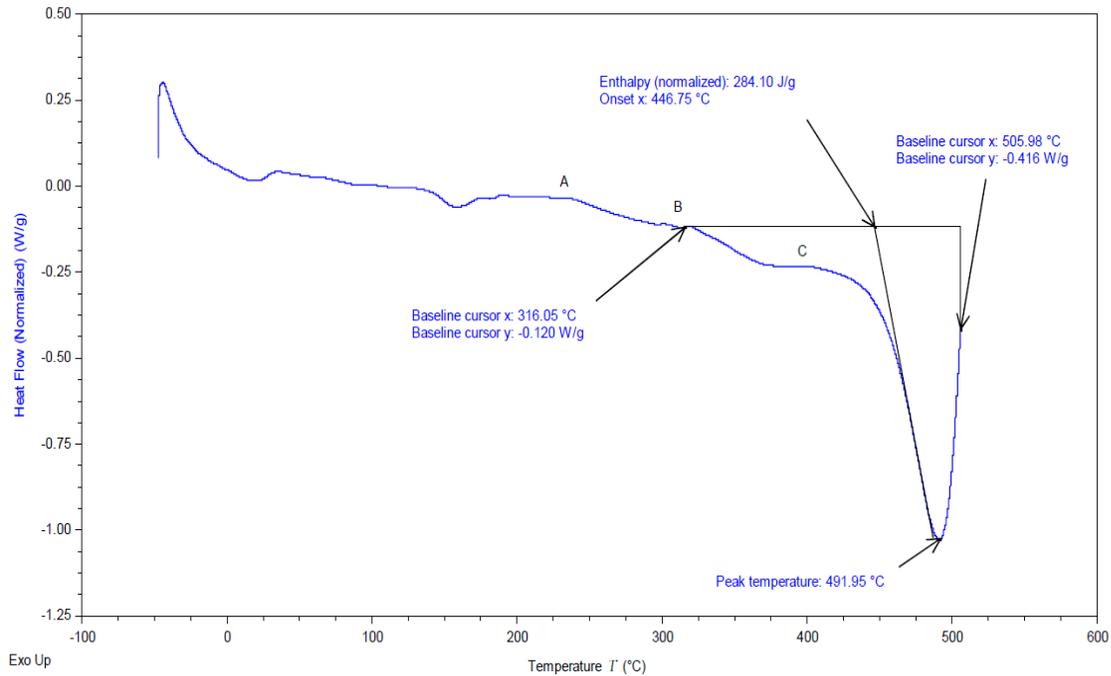


Figure DSC5. Gas Oil #1 2°C/min

Sample: Jim 2C/min 500 C
Comment: 2C/min to 500 C N2
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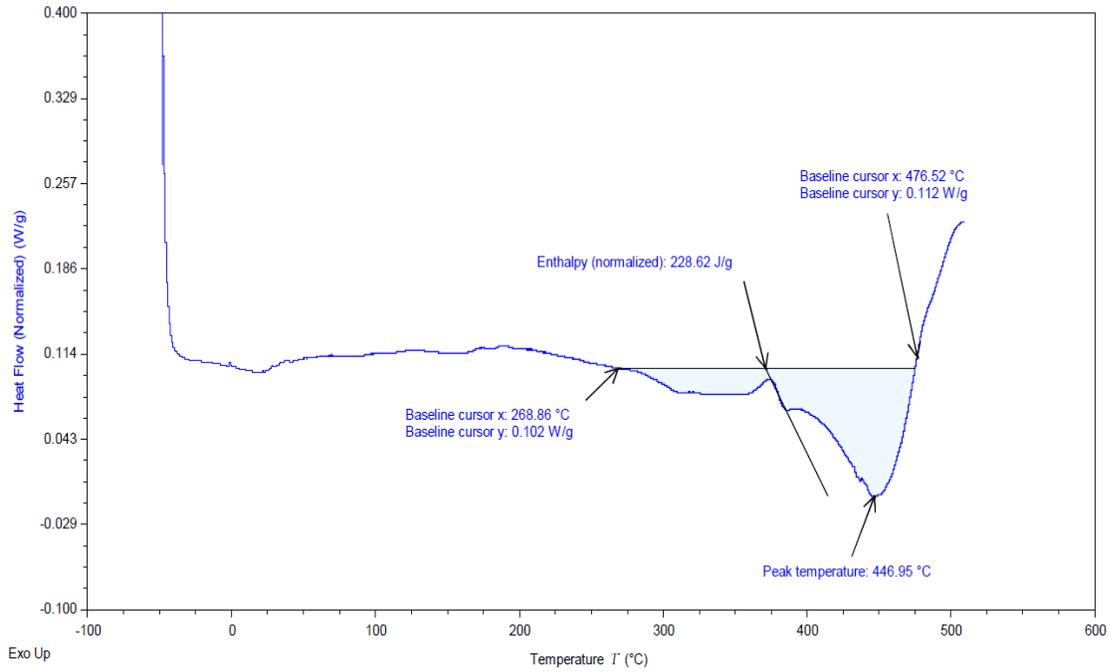


Figure DSC6. Gas Oil #1. 10°C/min

Sample: Jim 10C/min 500 C
Comment: 10C/min to 500 C N2
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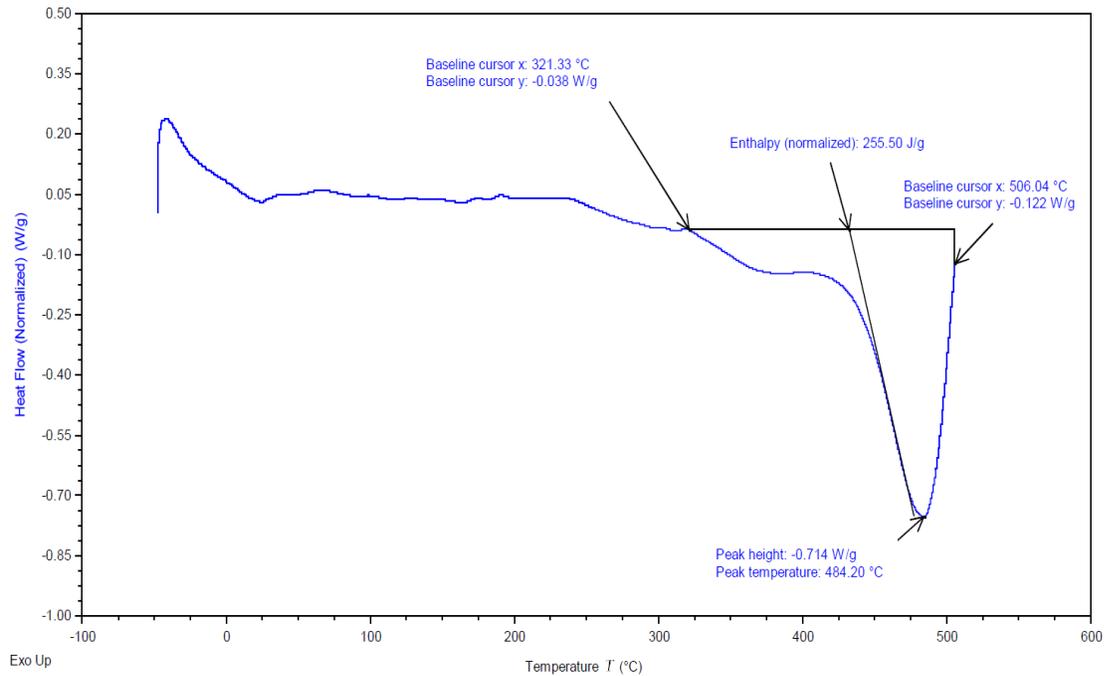


Figure DSC7. Gas Oil #2 2°C/min

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Comment: 2C/min to 500 C N2
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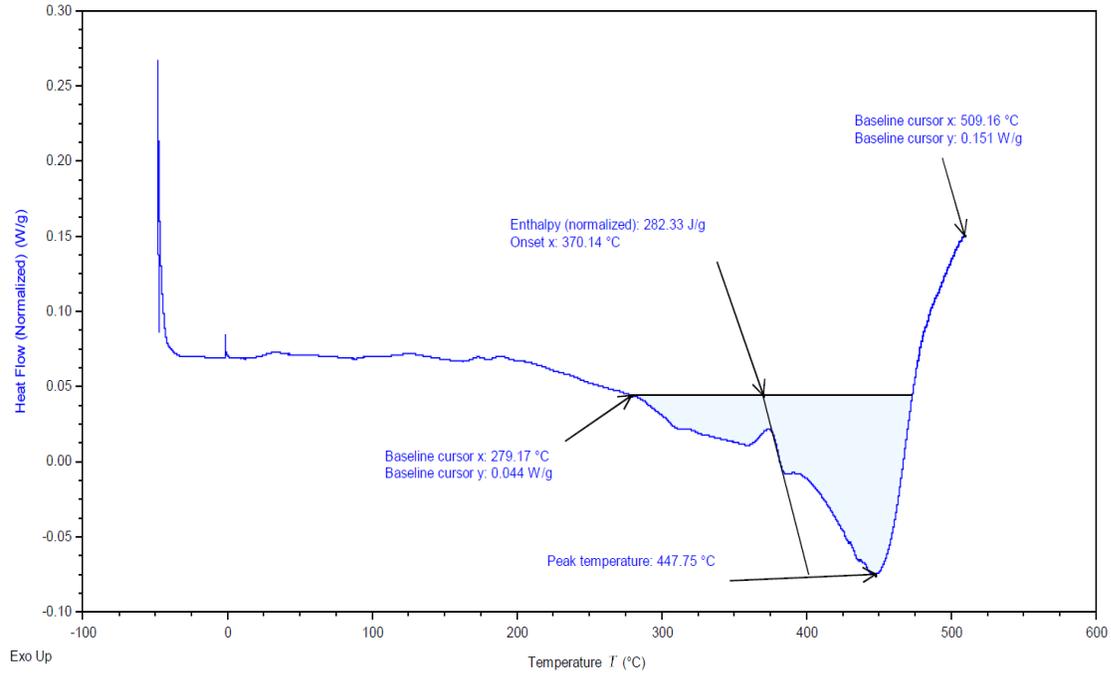


Figure DSC8. Gas Oil #2 10°C/min

Sample: Bob 10C/min 500 C
Comment: 10C/min to 500 C N2
Operator: yochim
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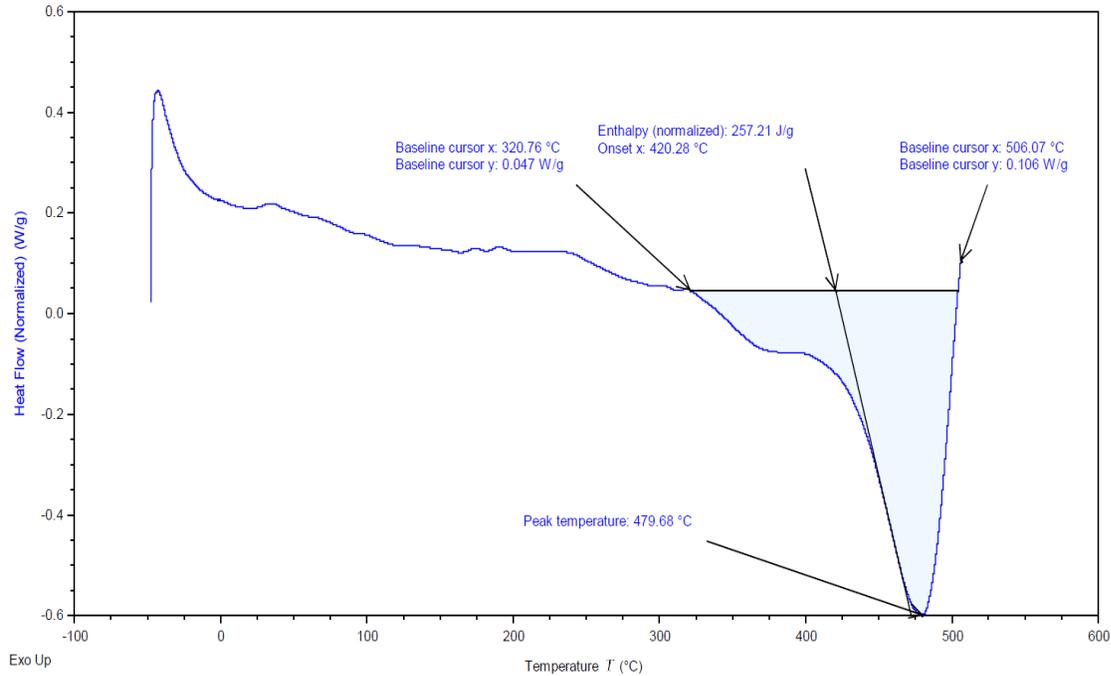


Figure DSC9. Heavy Coker Gas Oil 2°C/min

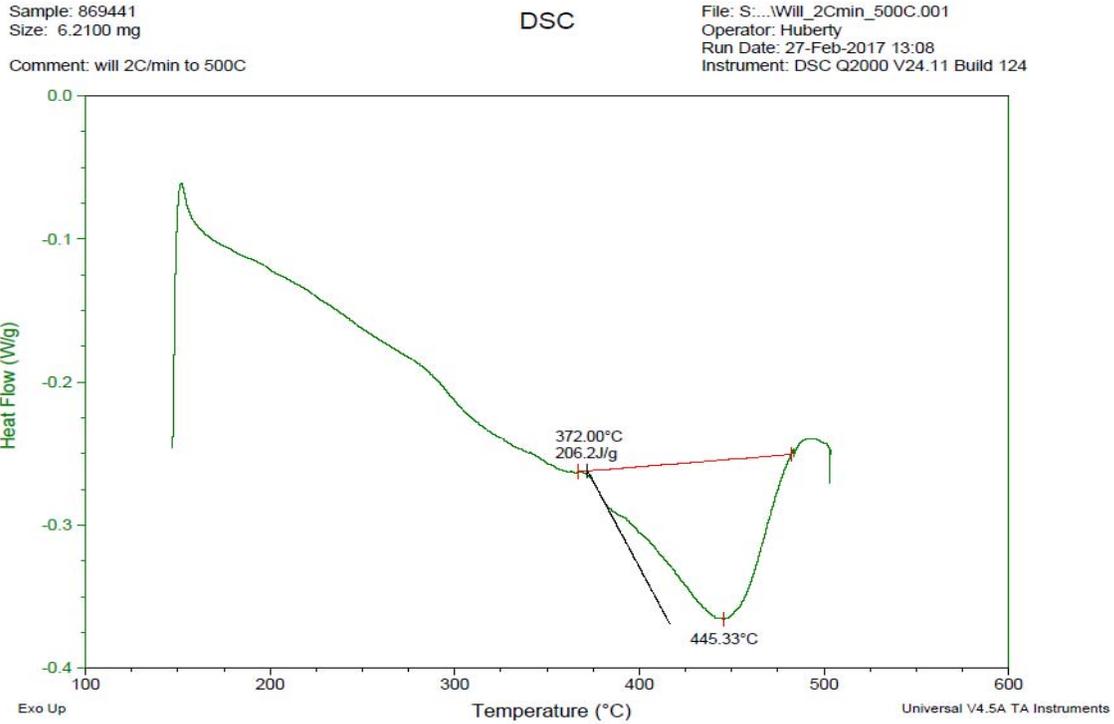


Figure DSC10. Heavy Coker Gas Oil 10°C/min

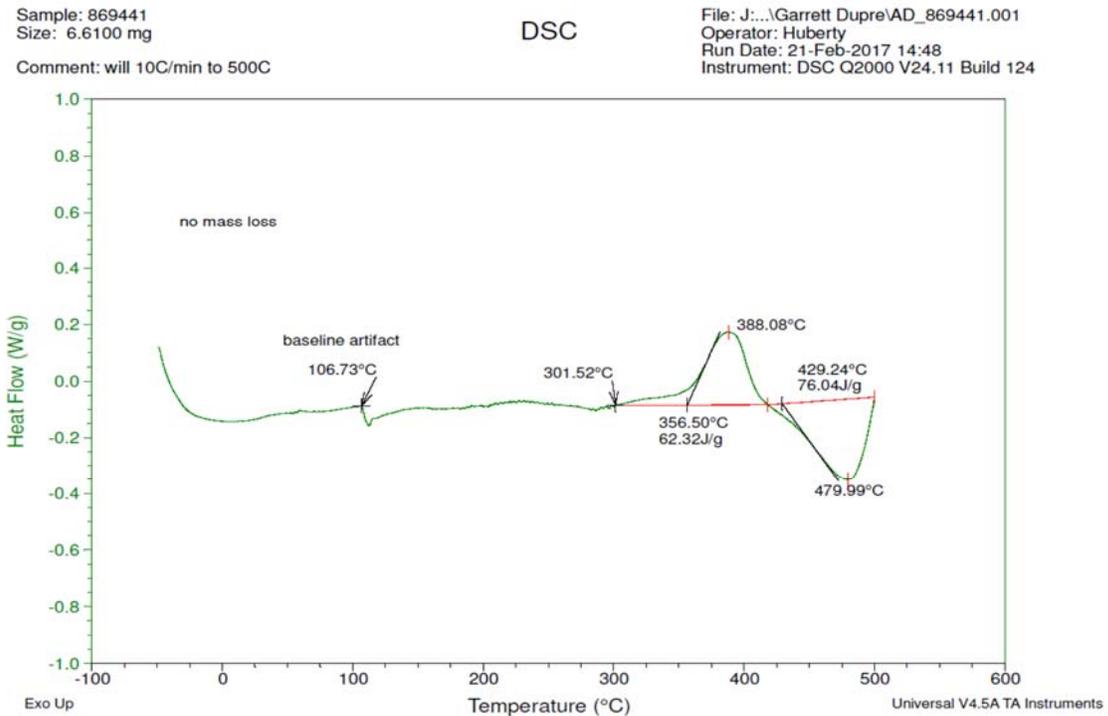


Figure DSC11. Heavy Vacuum Gas Oil 2°C/min

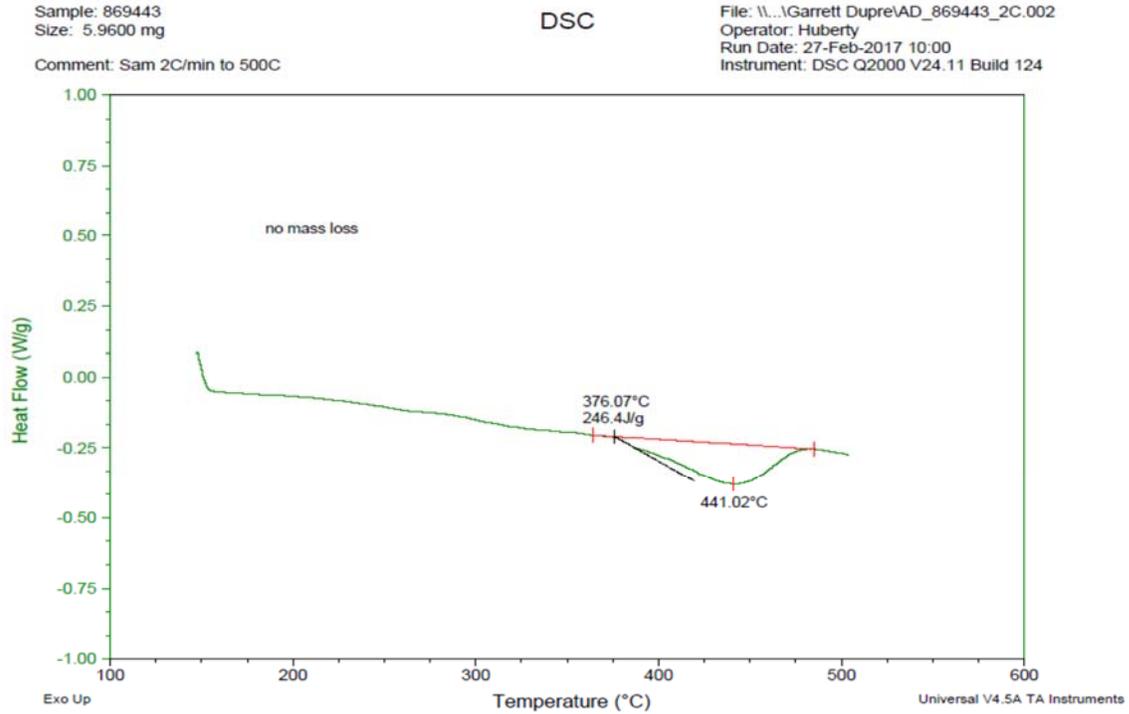
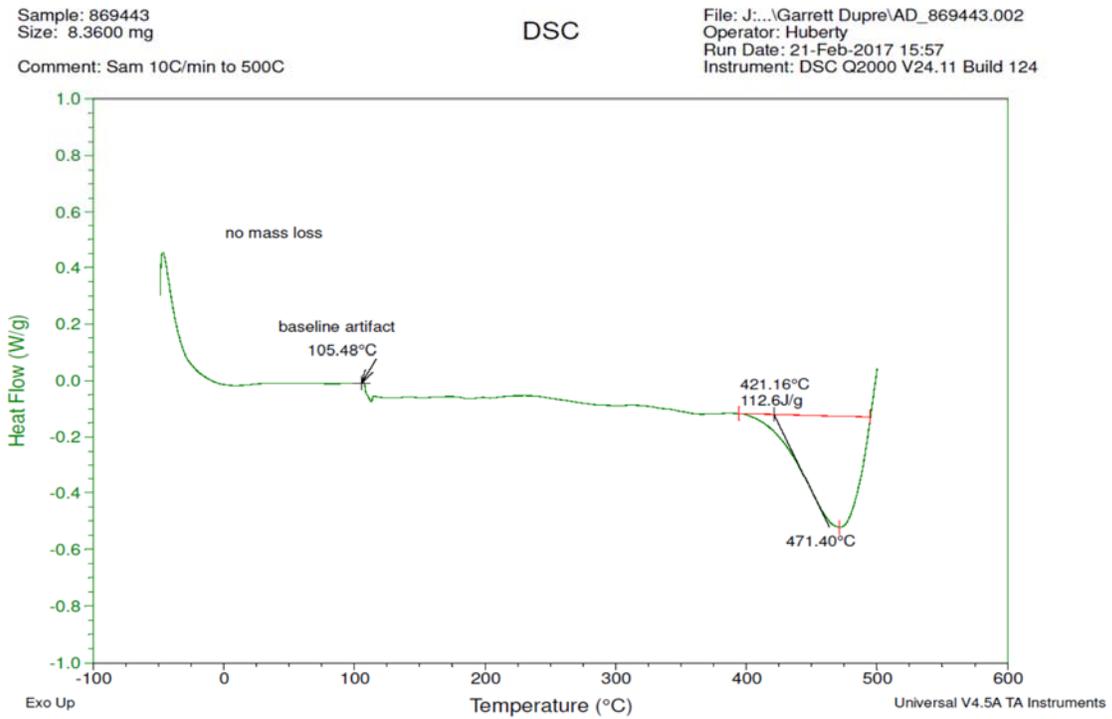


Figure DSC12. Heavy Vacuum Gas Oil 10°C/min



Appendix 3
Theoretical Reaction Heat Calculations
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Hydrocarbon Cracking Heat of Reaction Calculation

Carbon # *Smith & Van Ness (1975), Table 4-4*

MW	Standard Heats of Formation [cal/gmol]			$\Delta h_{comb,liq}$ [cal/gmol]	Reactant Elements		C, H Balance in Products			$\Delta H_{rxn,gas}$			$\Delta H_{rxn,ap}$		$\Delta H_{rxn,liq}$			
	(gas)	(gas)	(liquid)		C	H	C	H	[cal/gmol]	[BTU/lb]	[J/g]	[J/kmol]	[cal/gmol]	[cal/gmol]	[BTU/lb]	[J/g]		
Cracking of alkane to form ethylene																		
0	2.016	H ₂ (g)			0	2												
2	28.1	C ₂ H ₄ (g)	12496 SVN		2	4												
3	42.1	C ₃ H ₆ (g)	4879 SVN		3	6												
6	86.2	n-Hexane (g)	-39960 SVN		6	14	3	0	2	n-Hexane (g) → 3 C ₂ H ₄ + H ₂	77448	1618	3760					
8	114.2	n-Octane (g)	-49810 SVN		8	18	4	0	2	n-Octane (g) → 4 C ₂ H ₄ + H ₂	99794	1572	3655					
10	142.3	n-Decane (g)	-59660 SVN		10	22	5	0	2	n-Decane (g) → 5 C ₂ H ₄ + H ₂	122140	1545	3592					
12	170.3	n-Dodecane (g)	-69510 SVN		12	26	6	0	2	n-Dodecane (g) → 6 C ₂ H ₄ + H ₂	144486	1527	3549					
14	198.4	n-Tetradecane (g)	-79360 SVN		14	30	7	0	2	n-Tetradecane (g) → 7 C ₂ H ₄ + H ₂	166832	1514	3518					
16	226.4	n-Hexadecane (g)	-89210 SVN		16	34	8	0	2	n-Hexadecane (g) → 8 C ₂ H ₄ + H ₂	189178	1504	3495					
18	254.5	n-Octadecane (g)	-99060 SVN		18	38	9	0	2	n-Octadecane (g) → 9 C ₂ H ₄ + H ₂	211524	1496	3477					
20	282.6	n-Eicosane (g)	-108910 -108939 -133007	-133007	20	42	10	0	2	n-Eicosane (g) → 10 C ₂ H ₄ + H ₂	233870	1490	3463	102	24379	258249	1645	3824
22	310.6	n-Docosane (g)	-118760 -118884		22	46	11	0	2	n-Docosane (g) → 11 C ₂ H ₄ + H ₂	256216	1485	3451	115.6	27629	283845	1645	3823
24	338.7	n-Tetracosane (g)	-128610 -165920		24	50	12	0	2	n-Tetracosane (g) → 12 C ₂ H ₄ + H ₂	278562	1481	3441					
26	366.7	n-Hexacosane (g)	-138460 SVN		26	54	13	0	2	n-Hexacosane (g) → 13 C ₂ H ₄ + H ₂	300908	1477	3433					
28	394.8	n-Octacosane (g)	-148310 SVN		28	58	14	0	2	n-Octacosane (g) → 14 C ₂ H ₄ + H ₂	323254	1474	3426					
30	422.8	n-Triacontane (g)	-158160 -79373.8		30	62	15	0	2	n-Triacontane (g) → 15 C ₂ H ₄ + H ₂	345600	1471	3420	142.2	33987	379587	1616	3756
30	450.9	Squalane (g) - Hexamethyltetracosane			32	66	16	0	2	Squalane (g) - Hexamethyltetracosane → 16 C ₂ H ₄ + H ₂						406688	1624	3774
32	450.9	n-Dotriacontane (g)	-168010 SVN	-206752	32	66	16	0	2	n-Dotriacontane (g) → 16 C ₂ H ₄ + H ₂	367946	1469	3414					
34	478.9	n-Tetracontane (g)	-177860 SVN		34	70	17	0	2	n-Tetracontane (g) → 17 C ₂ H ₄ + H ₂	390292	1467	3410					
36	507.0	n-Hexatriacontane (g)	-187710 SVN		36	74	18	0	2	n-Hexatriacontane (g) → 18 C ₂ H ₄ + H ₂	412638	1465	3405					
38	535.0	n-Octatriacontane (g)	-197560 SVN		38	78	19	0	2	n-Octatriacontane (g) → 19 C ₂ H ₄ + H ₂	434984	1463	3402					
40	563.1	n-Tetracontane (g)	-207410 SVN		40	82	20	0	2	n-Tetracontane (g) → 20 C ₂ H ₄ + H ₂	457330	1462	3398	132.2	31597	488927	1563	3633

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Cracking of alkane to form large fragments (alkane + alkene)

4	58.1	n-Butane (g)	-30150 SVN		4	10											
4	56.1	1-Butene (g)	-30 SVN		4	8				n-Octane → n-Butane + 1-Butene	19630	309	719				
5	72.2	n-Pentane (g)	-35000 SVN		5	12											
5	70.1	1-Pentene (g)	-5000 SVN		5	10				n-Decane → n-Pentane + 1-Pentene	19660	249	578				
6	84.2	1-Hexene (g)	-9960 SVN		6	12				n-Dodecane → n-Hexane + 1-Hexene	19590	207	481				
7	100.2	n-Heptane (g)	-44885 SVN		7	16											
7	98.2	1-Heptene (g)	-14885 SVN		7	14				n-Tetradecane → n-Heptane + 1-Heptene	19590	178	413				
8	112.2	1-Octene (g)	-19810 SVN		8	16				n-Hexadecane → n-Octane + 1-Octene	19590	156	362				
10	140.3	1-Decene (g)	-29560 SVN		10	20				n-Eicosane → n-Decane + 1-Decene	19590	125	290				
12	168.3	1-Dodecene (g)	-39510 SVN		12	24				n-Tetracosane → n-Dodecane + 1-Dodecene	19590	104	242				
14	196.4	1-Tetradecene (g)	-49360 SVN		14	28				n-Octacosane → n-Tetradecane + 1-Tetradecene	19590	89	208				
16	224.4	1-Hexadecene (g)	-59210 SVN		16	32				n-Dotriacontane → n-Hexadecane + 1-Hexadecene	19590	78	182				

Cracking of alkene to form large alkene fragments

										1-Dodecene → 2 1-Hexene	19590	209	487				
										1-Tetradecene → 2 1-Heptene	19590	180	417				
										1-Hexadecene → 2 1-Octene	19590	157	365				

Cracking of naphthene to form large alkene fragments

6	84.2	Cyclohexane (g)	-29430		6	12				Cyclohexane → 2 Propylene	39188	838	1948				
8	112.2	Cyclooctane (g)	-30139 NIST		8	16				Cyclooctane → 2 1-Butene	30079	482	1121				
10	140.3	Cyclodecane (g)	-36317 NIST		10	20				Cyclodecane → 2 1-Pentene	26317	338	785				
12	168.3	Cyclododecane (g)	-60542.5 Chemo - Joback		12	24				Cyclododecane → 2 1-Hexene	40623	434	1010				
14	196.4	Cyclotetradecane (g)	-57170.2 NIST		14	28				Cyclotetradecane → 2 1-Heptene	27400	251	584				
16	224.4	Cyclohexadecane (g)	-86164 Chemo - Joback		16	32				Cyclohexadecane → 2 1-Octene	46544	373	868				

Cracking of naphthene to form ethylene

10	140.3	Cyclodecane (g)	-36317 NIST		10	20	5	0	0	Cyclodecane (g) → 5 C ₂ H ₄	98797	1268	2947				
12	168.3	Cyclododecane (g)	-60542.5 Chemo - Questionable value		12	24	6	0	0	Cyclododecane (g) → 6 C ₂ H ₄	135519	1449	3369				
14	196.4	Cyclotetradecane (g)	-57170.2 NIST		14	28	7	0	0	Cyclotetradecane (g) → 7 C ₂ H ₄	144642	1326	3082				
16	224.4	Cyclohexadecane (g)	-86164 Chemo - Joback		16	32	8	0	0	Cyclohexadecane (g) → 8 C ₂ H ₄	186132	1493	3470				

Dealkylation of alkylbenzene to form benzene + alkene

6	78.1	Benzene (g)	19820 SVN		6	6											
9	120.2	n-Propyl benzene (g)	1869 NIST		9	12				n-Propyl benzene (g) → Benzene (g) + Propylene (g)	22830	342	795				
10	128.2	Naphthalene (g)	35851 NIST		10	8											
13	170.3	n-Propyl naphthalene (g)	24971 Chemo - Joback		13	14				n-Propyl naphthalene (g) → Naphthalene (g) + Propylene (g)	15759	167	387				
14	184.3	n-Butyl naphthalene (g)	20038 Chemo - Joback		14	16				n-Butyl naphthalene (g) → Naphthalene (g) + 1-Butene (g)	15783	154	358				