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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

Interest in converting coal to liquid products has been rather cyclic and affected by the cost and availability of petroleum. In the beginning of the industrial revolution, coal was the major source of energy in the United States and continued to dominate the United States' energy supply for the next hundred years, as shown in Figure 1 $(1).¹$ Petroleum quickly became the preferred energy source after its discovery in Pennsylvania in 1859 and its rapid commercial production in the early 1900's. By the early 1920's, worries that oil supplies were being depleted along with an expanding automobile industry caused coal liquefaction research to flourish. But this was short-lived; when oil was discovered in Texas in the mid-1920's, further work on coal liquefaction ceased. After World War II the United States experienced petroleum shortages, and coal liquefaction was again considered as an alternative. A sizeable research effort resulted. However, discovery of massive petroleum reserves in the Middle East in the mid-1940's once again made coal liquefaction uneconomical. In 1973 the United States' petroleum production began to decline and unrest developed in the Middle East. The limited availability of domestic supplies of natural gas and crude oil and the desire to reduce the country's dependence on foreign sources of energy have promoted considerable interest in this country in

 1 Numbers in parenthesis refer to items on the List of References at the end of this paper.

Figure 1. Consumption of Fossil Fuels in the United States.

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developing alternative domestic sources of fuel. Because of the abundance of mineable coal reserves in the United States, coal liquefaction is once again being considered as a major source of liquid fuels.

The major differences between coal and petroleum are the ratio of hydrogen to carbon and the ash content (2). Coal has an atomic hydrogen to carbon ratio of approximately 0.8, while the ratio for oil is about 1.8. Coal has an ash content that can be as high as 15 percent, whereas oil seldom has over a few tenths of a percent. Thus, the problem in liquefaction is to increase the hydrogen content of the material and to eliminate the ash.

In this work, lignite liquefaction using hydrogen or synthesis gas was studied. The effects of temperature and feed gas composition on lignite liquefaction were examined.

CHAPTER II

PREVIOUS EXPERIMENTAL WORK

Coal was hydrogenated in the laboratory by Berthelot as early as 1869. The reaction was carried out with hydriodic acid at 270°C for 24 hours, and a 67 percent yield of oil containing aromatics and naphthenes was obtained (3).

In 1911 Bergius obtained oil by hydrogenating coal without a catalyst under hydrogen pressure at 300 to 350°C. In 1913 he applied for the first patent on coal hydrogenation, and in 1931 he was awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry (3,4). Bergius also observed that coal paste could be injected readily into a vessel under pressure. The role of catalysts in the hydrogenation of coal was not realized until later.

At the end of 1925, I. G. Farben hydrogenated coal using a molybdenum oxide catalyst. The presence of the catalyst allowed the hydrogenation of coal in the presence of excess hydrogen at low partial pressure and at temperatures of 400 to 450°C.

In the following year, Farben conducted the liquefaction process in two steps because high-molecular-weight materials in the intermediate hydrogenation product fouled the catalyst. Coal was mixed with catalyst and hydrogenated in the liquid phase to middle oil, which was further hydrogenated to gasoline in vapor-phase over a fixed bed of catalyst (3).

Pott and Broche showed that it was possible to liquefy coals to considerable extent, in some cases to 80 percent and higher, into

suitable oils or mixtures of oils by the method of pressure extraction (5). Also, it was noted that in order to effect considerable liquefaction of the coal, the pressure extraction must be carried out at increasing temperatures up to 400°C. The temperature increase must be regulated so it follows the gradually increasing temperature of decomposition of the material undergoing extraction. The coal fractions going into solution were then easily converted into oils by pressure hydrogenation at temperatures of 430 to 450°C.

The Bureau of Mines started work on the hydrogenation of coal at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1934 and used batch autoclaves. This was followed by continuous liquid-phase hydrogenation in 1936.

The feasibility of using total extraction as a means for producing clean fuels from coals was investigated in the early 1960's by Spencer Chemical Company under a contract with the then U.S. Office of Coal Research and a Spencer affiliate, the Pittsburgh and Midway Coal Mining Company (4). This work led to the Solvent-Refined Coal (SRC) process and was based on the older Pott-Broche technology. The purpose of the SRC process is to produce an environmentally acceptable solid fuel from coal. Hydrogenation of the coal in the SRC process takes place at elevated pressure and temperature in the presence of hydrogen and without the addition of any catalyst.

In 1921, Fischer and Schrader showed that brown coal could be readily liquefied using carbon monoxide and water (6). This work was not pursued further until the 1960's when Appel, Wender, and other workers at the Pittsburgh Energy Research Center (PERC) demonstrated in autoclave experiments that high yields of a benzene soluble oil could be obtained by treating low rank coals by this method in the presence

of 1,1-a-naphthol-phenanthrene as a solvent (7,8). Most experiments were conducted at fairly high total pressures (270-340 atm) and moderate temperatures (380°C) and obtained as much as 89 percent conversion of lignite to benzene solubles in ten minute residence time.

From 1965 to 1970, batch autoclave runs were carried out at the University of North Dakota (UND) with support from the Great Northern Railway, to investigate the production of liquids from lignite. The process involved contacting lignite slurried with recycle solvent and synthesis gas (50-60% CO + 30-50% H₂) in a noncatalytic reactor. Conversions as high as 96 percent were obtained and optimum operating conditions of 750°F and 1500 psig initial hydrogen pressure were determined (9). Anthracene oil appeared to be the most promising commercial material for use as a starting solvent (9,10).

In 1972, UND signed a research contract with the U.S. Office of Coal Research to develop the necessary data to design a lignite refinery which would produce high-quality solid, liquid, and gaseous fuels from Northern Plains Province lignite (11,12). Primary effort was directed toward operating a 0.6 ton/day process development unit (PDU) designed for continuous solvent extraction of lignite at pressures up to 2500 psig and at temperatures up to 950°F in an atmosphere of reducing gases, usually synthesis gas, and with a hydrogen donor solvent. The Project Lignite PDU produced approximately 15 pounds per hour of solvent refined lignite (SRL) with a melting point of 300-400°F, as well as additional quantities of lighter liquids and gases (13,14). Continuous operation of the PDU for twenty-eight day periods was demonstrated, but a problem with solids buildup in the reactor was never completely solved (15).

A technique that was under active investigation at the PERC was the COSTEAM process which is intended to produce low-sulfur fuel oils from lignite and subbituminous coals and for this purpose reacts coaloil slurries with synthesis gas (16). Conversion is assisted by the natural moisture content of the coal which increases the hydrogen partial pressure in the reactor because of the water-gas shift reaction, and by mild catalytic activity of iron-bearing compounds in the mineral matter of the coal.

The COSTEAM process has also been under investigation at the Grand Forks Energy Technology Center (GFETC) since 1975, with the design and construction of a 5 pound per hour continuous process unit (CPU) and a hot-charge time-sampled autoclave system (17,18). The present investigation was performed using the latter system.

CHAPTER III

COAL LIQUEFACTION

The term liquefaction as used here includes conversion of coal in which the major product is liquid. The liquid has been rather broadly defined on the basis of solubility in various solvents, and in many cases a major liquid product is solid at room temperature. Gases, water, and distillate oils are produced in addition to the heavy liquid product. Therefore, before an introduction to coal liquefaction is presented, terms used in this study will be defined.

Definitions of Terms

The percent conversion is defined as 100 minus the ash-free tetrahydrofuran (THF)-insoluble material as weight percent of MAF lignite charged:

Percent Conversion = $\frac{MAF \text{ light}}{F}$ - MAF THF-insoluble (100) MAF lignite in

Oil yield is the MAF ratio of cyclohexane solubles to lignite charged. Cyclohexane was chosen as a solvent based on trial extractions of previously analyzed samples from UND's hot-charged time-sampled batch autoclave studies. The amounts of cyclohexane soluble materials in these samples were closely related to the oil yields determined by microdistillation at 250°C and one torr as shown in Table 1.

SRL is the weight percent of the material soluble in THF but insoluble in cyclohexane expressed as percent of the MAF lignite charged.

The insoluble organic matter (IOM) is the ash-free portion of the THF insoluble expressed as weight percent of the MAF lignite charged. Previous work at UND showed little difference in the change in mass of ash during liquefaction of Zap coal; therefore, the mass of ash in the THF insoluble material was assumed equal to the mass of ash in the lignite charged (19).

Gas yield is the increase in mass of gas expressed as percent of MAF lignite charged.

Direct Coal Liquefaction

Most direct coal liquefaction processes react coal, a solvent, and hydrogen gas in the presence of a catalyst at high temperatures and pressures. Catalysts have been omitted from the following discussion because they were not used in this study.

The primary liquefaction processes involve the consumption of hydrogen. The solvent is thought to play the essential role of transferring hydrogen from the gas phase to the coal. Most liquefaction processes are usually conducted between 375 and 465°C, that is, within the range in which pyrolysis or thermal decomposition of the coal becomes important (6). A number of competing chemical processes are taking place simultaneously; the more important ones are coal pyrolysis, coking, hydrogen transfer from solvent to coal, solvent rehydrogenation, and direct interaction of molecular hydrogen with the coal.

Effect of Solvent

The properties of the solvent can affect the primary liquefaction process in various ways. The donor properties of the solvent are of prime importance in donor solvent extraction. The yield structure will

depend on the nature and concentration of the donors in the solvent present in the system at any time. Once the donor concentration has been increased beyond a minimum value, the yield structure becomes relatively independent of further increases in donor concentration (6).

The operating procedure, conditions, and nature of the solvent can affect the yield structure. For example, previous work has shown that high heating rates such as those obtained when using microautoclaves and continuous units usually result in a lower conversion at the same hydrogen input than when using batch autoclaves (20). Yield structure may also be affected by operating temperature. Relatively high temperatures (350-425°C) cause the coal matrix to swell and also aid in overcoming the van der Waals forces holding the soluble molecules in place (6). It has been noted that lower yields are obtained for the same amount of hydrogen transfer at reduced temperatures (21). The upper limit for the yield of liquid products has been in the range of 40- 50 percent of the moisture -and ash- free coal and has been achieved at temperatures in the range 450-460°C. Recent research has shown that it is possible to achieve almost complete conversion of coal to liquid products under relatively mild process conditions when basic nitrogen compounds are present in the solvent (22).

Effect of Feed Gas Composition

When carbon monoxide and water were used to liquefy low-rank coals in autoclave experiments, high yields of a benzene soluble oil were obtained (7,8). Low-rank coals were shown to react more readily with carbon monoxide and water than with hydrogen under comparable conditions (23). The relative advantages of carbon monoxide and water versus

hydrogen were also shown to decrease with increasing temperature. Despite this fact, higher conversion is obtained using carbon monoxide over the range of 375 to 425°C.

Experiments done by Appell using pure hydrogen gas have shown that some carbon dioxide is split from the lignite during processing (24).

The use of both pure carbon monoxide and synthesis gas has been investigated for liquefaction; improvements in operating conditions and yield structure were noted as compared with the use of pure hydrogen (25).

Synthesis gas has been used as a replacement for carbon monoxide because it is less expensive and hydrocracking occurs more readily in the presence of hydrogen than in the presence of carbon monoxide (24). Extensive hydrocracking is not desirable but some is needed to reduce the average molecular weight and viscosity of the product. The somewhat higher reactivity of carbon monoxide is offset by the lower cost of the synthesis gas and the need to increase the extent of hydrocracking sufficiently to obtain a liquid product.

The high activity of carbon monoxide in reducing carbonyl groups is believed to be the reason that low-rank coals are liquefied more readily in the presence of carbon monoxide than hydrogen (7). Low-rank coals not only contain more carbonyl groups than higher rank coals but also contain the alkaline materials that are converted to formates, the probable active reducing agents (16) . In work done by Appell (25) , the high reactivity of aldehydes, and to a lesser extent ketones, with carbon monoxide in the presence of alkali metal carbonates suggested that a crossed Cannizaro-type reaction was occurring between the carbonyl compound and the formate anion with its aldehydic hydrogen.

The effectiveness of carbon monoxide is, therefore, due to its ability to remove a cross-linking rather than any ability to cleave bonds in the lignite. The extent of the reducing action on carbonyl groups is not large because of the limited number of these groups, but the effect is believed to be a significant factor in the liquefaction process.

CHAPTER IV

EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURE AND EQUIPMENT

Materials

The lignite used was strip-mined at the Indian Head Mine of the North American Coal Company located near Zap, North Dakota. It was obtained from the Grand Forks Energy Technology Center (GFETC) in powdered form. Size distribution, proximate, and ultimate analyses are shown in Table 2.

The lignite sample was dried at 75-85°F for 23 hours and stirred every half hour to reduce the moisture content from approximately 32 to 30 percent. After the coal was dried, it was stored in plastic garbage bags, double wrapped, with as much air forced out of the bags as possible.

A catalytically hydrogenated anthracene oil (HAO-61) was the solvent used for each run. It was obtained from the GFETC where it was made from an anthracene oil (AO-4). Table 3 shows the analyses of HAO-61 and AO-4.

The water used for each run was distilled water.

Tetrahydrofuran (THF), cyclohexane, and methanol were purchased from Fisher Scientific.

Hydrogen and synthesis gas (44.36 and 55.64 mole percent hydrogen and carbon monoxide, respectively) were purchased from the Linde Division of Union Carbide.

TABLE 2

ANALYSES OF ZAP LIGNITE

Proximate Analysis^a

 $a_{\text{as} \text{ received basis}}$

k Ultimate Analysis^

b_{moisture} free basis

TABLE		

ANALYSES OF SOLVENTS

Unit Run 61 at Grand Forks Energy Technology Center

Equipment

The UND hot-charge time-sample batch autoclave facility was used for this study. The autoclaves and primary support equipment such as the slurry charge and gas compression equipment are discussed briefly in this section. For a detailed description of the autoclaves, primary support equipment, instrumentation and control equipment, and building modifications, see Appendix A. Appendix A is a copy of a report on the facility prepared by Rindt, Severson, and Souby for presentation at the 88th National AICHE meeting on June 8-12, 1980 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Figure A-l is an overall flow diagram of the components of the autoclaves and primary support equipment. Figure A-l is broken down into seven areas as indicated by the dotted lines.

Figure A-2 is a detailed diagram of Area III, the hot-charge autoclave. This autoclave was used for both hot- and cold-charge runs. The autoclave (AU-101) is a one-gallon stainless steel pressure vessel rated at 5,100 psi at 510°C. It is also equipped with an explosion proof, variable speed, packless, magnetically coupled stirrer. The autoclave (QV-146) used to quench the products instantaneously to room temperature is also in Area III.

Figure A-3 is a detailed diagram of Area II, the slurry charge system for the autoclave. The principal component of this system is the piston accumulator used as the slurry charge vessel (PA-102). The slurry charge vessel is a one-gallon stainless steel accumulator equipped with a movable 4-inch piston with a 10,000 psi rating at room temperature. The seals between the piston and the cylinder walls are made of Viton. The upper portion of the accumulator, above the piston, contains hydraulic oil. The slurry is placed in the lower portion. When charging the slurry into the autoclave, the hydraulic oil may be pumped to pressures as high as 7,500 psi. This system is capable of charging one gallon of slurry into the autoclave at high temperature and pressure in two minutes.

Figure A-4 is a detailed diagram of Area IV, the gas compression system. The major components of this system are two $2-\frac{1}{2}$ gallon piston accumulators (PA-201, PA-202) rated at 10,000 psi at room temperature. In this system gas is on the upper side of the piston and hydraulic oil on the lower side. Gas is supplied from cylinders shown in Area VII-B of Figure A-l. This system is capable of compressing as much as 100 SCF of gas at tank pressure (up to 2,200 psi) to 7,500 psi.

Cold-Charge Runs

The slurry and feed gas were charged into the autoclave and slowly heated to 410°C for the cold-charge runs. At this point the heaters were turned off and the product slurry temperature peaked at 420°C and began to cool down slowly. The product gas was removed at 204°C.

Hot-Charge Runs

The hot-charge runs consisted of two types: hot-charge at 320°C, and hot-charge at 360°C. The first type involved charging the feed gas into the autoclave and heating it to 340°C. The slurry was then charged into the autoclave and the temperature dropped below 320°C. The constituents were then heated to 420 $^{\circ}$ C and upon reaching 420 $^{\circ}$ C the products were quenched to room temperature. The residence time (time the constituents are in the reactor) was recorded; it was 29 minutes.

The second type of hot-charge run involved charging the feed gas into the autoclave and heating it to 380°C. The slurry was then charged into the autoclave and the temperature dropped below 360°C. The constituents were heated to 420°C and held at 420°C until the residence time of 29 minutes was attained. The products were then quenched to room temperature.

Slurry Preparation

Moisture and ash of the feed coal were determined by American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) procedures #D3173 and D3174, respectively. After the moisture content of the coal was determined, the slurry was prepared according to the ratio; Water:MAF lignite: Solvent = 100 grams:200 grams:400 grams. To compensate for losses of slurry during charging, 202 grams and 205 grams of MAF lignite were used for the cold-charge and hot-charge runs, respectively.

Addition of Slurry to the Reactor

The slurry was charged directly into the reactor for the coldcharge runs by drawing the slurry through the head with a vacuum. For the hot-charge runs the slurry was charged into the reactor from the charger. Weighed disposable wipes were used to recover any slurry that was not charged into the reactor.

Product Slurry Removal

Upon completion of a run, the reactor or quench vessel was opened and the products were transferred into a previously weighed quart can. Weighed disposable wipes were used to recover any remaining material. Small portions of the product slurry were analyzed to determine

solubility in cyclohexane, solubility in THF, moisture content, and ash content. Figure 2 is a flowsheet of a typical run and the subsequent analyses of the products.

Product Gas Analysis

The product gas was released from either the reactor or quench vessel through three cold traps located in series. The function of the cold traps was to remove water from the gas. Next, the gas passed through a meter calibrated for 60°F and atmospheric pressure before it was collected in a 15 cubic foot gas sampling bag. Hydrogen sulfide was determined by ASTM method #D2385, and ammonia was determined by the Nessler Method as found in APHA Standard Methods (26). The gas was then analyzed using a Hewlett Packard F and M Scientific 700 Laboratory Chromatograph using Porpak Q and 5A Mole Sieve columns. Carbon dioxide, ethane, and propane were analyzed from the Porpak Q column, and hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen, methane, and carbon monoxide were analyzed from the Mole Sieve column. The specific gravity of the gas was determined by the Regnault method using a gas density bulb (27).

Solubility in Cyclohexane and THF

Approximately 1.0 gram of product slurry was extracted with cyclohexane and filtered through a preweighed 0.5 micron filter (Millipore, type FH). Dry nitrogen gas was used for pressure filtration. The filter cake was washed with cyclohexane until the filtrate ran clear. Approximately 200 ml of cyclohexane was used for the extraction and washing.

The residue from the cyclohexane extraction was extracted with THF by the same procedure. Conversion and oil yields were calculated

Figure 2. Flowsheet of A Typical Run and Analyses.

Figure 2. Continued.

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from the raw data as shown in Appendix B.

Moisture Determination

The moisture content of the product slurry from the cold-charge runs was expected to be low because the gas was removed from the reactor at 204°C with the moisture leaving the reactor as water vapor. Small portions of the product slurry were removed using a micropipette, weighed, and analyzed for moisture by the Karl Fischer method using a Photovolt Aquatest IV automatic titrator.

The moisture content of the product slurries from the remaining runs was expected to be higher because the products (slurry and gas) were quenched to room temperature before the gas was removed. Because of the expected high moisture content, small portions of the slurry were analyzed by the Karl Fischer method by hand titrating. The automatic titrator was not used because concentrations over 10 percent take a considerable amount of time to titrate.

Methanol was added to the cold trap condensate to dilute it to a 15:1 ratio. Upon complete mixing, small portions of the homogeneous methanol phase containing the moisture were removed and analyzed by the Karl Fischer method using the Photovolt Aquatest IV automatic titrator. The product moisture calculations are shown in Appendix B.

Ash Determination

Ash content of the product slurry was determined by ASTM procedure #D3174.

CHAPTER V

DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

A summary of the conditions of all runs appears in Appendix C. Computer printouts of the run summaries are included in Appendix D. The material balance closure for run B-4 was only 90.1 percent; therefore, the results were not used in this study. Run B-6 is a repeat of run B-4 and had material balance closure near 100 percent, so run B-6 was used instead of B-4. The computer program used to do all calculations is shown in Appendix E.

Oil yields and conversions ranged from 0.9 percent to 35.7 percent and 66.7 percent to 90.6 percent, respectively, and are consistent with earlier liquefaction work that used a non-basic nitrogen heterocyclic solvent (22). Specifically, these results are consistent with similar work done by Hanson at UND using HA0-61 and synthesis gas in a microreactor (28).

Hydrogen as Feed Gas

Runs B-l, B-2, and B-3 were conducted using pure hydrogen as feed gas and are summarized in Table 4. Run B-l, a cold-charge run, has higher conversion than either runs B-2 or B-3, hot charge runs at 320 and 360°C, respectively. This is consistent with results obtained by Gorin and co-workers (20) in which it was found that the longer overall reaction time, resulting from the slow heat-up and cool-down periods, has a favorable effect on the extent of conversion. This is further

SUMMARY OF RUNS USING HYDROGEN AS FEED GAS

demonstrated in run B-2 where the products were quenched to room temperature immediately upon reaching 420°C. In this run the conversion was approximately 75 percent of the conversion attained in run B-l.

Hydrogen becomes more effective in hydrogenating coal as the time at reaction temperature is increased; this is confirmed by the results shown in Table 5. Table 5 shows the product gas compositions for runs B-l, B-2, and B-3; the gas consisted primarily of hydrogen and carbon dioxide. More hydrogen was recovered in the product gas for runs that had shorter residence times at or near 420°C. Concurrently, carbon dioxide production decreased. Experiments using pure hydrogen have shown that some carbon dioxide is split from the lignite during processing (24). This could explain the increase in carbon dioxide production as the residence time at or near 420°C increased.

The SRL yields for all three runs are similar, while the oil yields for runs B-l and B-3 are approximately equal and considerably larger than the oil yield for run B-2. Another similarity between runs B-l and B-3 is seen in the IOM yields, which are again nearly equal but less than that observed for run B-2. This suggests that the IOM may be converted to SRL, which in turn is converted to oil during longer times at or near 420°C. Another possibility, and probably more likely because the SRL yields are similar, is that the IOM is converted directly to oils. Two statistically similar kinetic models were developed by Culpon (26) to describe the liquefaction of North Dakota lignite in a continuous stirred tank reactor. In his first model, Model B, coal is converted to asphaltenes (SRL) or directly to oils. Asphaltenes can be further converted to oils. In his second model, Model C, coal is either converted to asphaltenes or to oils. Culpon reports that more

PRODUCT GAS COMPOSITION USING HYDROGEN AS FEED GAS

kinetic data is needed on the rate of conversion of the asphaltenes to oils. Therefore, there may be shortcomings to both models and no definite conclusion can be drawn for the above observation.

Synthesis Gas as Feed Gas

Runs B-5 and B-6 were conducted using synthesis gas as feed gas. A summary of these runs is shown in Table 6. It can be seen that SRL and IOM values for both runs are approximately the same. Run B-6, a cold-charge run, has slightly better conversion and higher gas and oil yields. Higher conversion and greater oil yield for the cold-charge run were expected because earlier batch studies using synthesis gas have shown similar trends (30).

The product gases consisted primarily of carbon monoxide, hydrogen, and a significant amount of carbon dioxide, as shown in Table 7. The greater yield of carbon dioxide agrees with prior results obtained when hydrotreating coal using synthesis gas, where it was determined that large amounts of the oxygen in the coal were removed as carbon dioxide (31).

Synthesis Gas Versus Hydrogen as Feed Gas

The cold-charge run using synthesis gas, run B-6, had higher conversion and oil production than run B-l where hydrogen was used as the feed gas. This trend was also observed between runs B-5 and B-3, hotcharge runs at 360°C, using synthesis gas and hydrogen as feed gases, respectively. A comparison of hydrogen and carbon monoxide for liquefaction has shown that carbon monoxide is selective to reduction of the carbonyl group, whereas hydrogen causes more cracking. As mentioned earlier, the high activity of carbon monoxide for reducing carbonyl

TABLE 6

SUMMARY OF RUNS USING SYNTHESIS GAS AS FEED GAS

		TABLE 7

PRODUCT GAS COMPOSITION USING SYNTHESIS GAS AS FEED GAS

groups is believed to be the reason that low-rank coals are liquefied more readily in the presence of carbon monoxide than hydrogen.

Gas yield was similar for both run B-6 and run B-l; however, run B-5 had three times as much gas produced as did run B-3. It was the large amount of carbon dioxide produced in run B-5 that caused this significant difference.

Water yields as shown in Tables 4 and 6 are positive for runs using hydrogen and negative for runs using synthesis gas. This implies that water is produced in the former runs and depleted in the latter. Water was expected to react with carbon monoxide from the synthesis gas and form carbon dioxide and hydrogen via the water-gas shift reaction.

CHAPTER VI

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Conclusions

- 1. Higher conversions and greater oil yields were obtained when using synthesis gas as compared to pure hydrogen. This is consistent with previous work and occurred because of the presence of carbon monoxide in the feed gas.
- 2. Longer times at or near the reaction temperature (380°-420°C) resulted in higher conversions and greater oil yields under the conditions used.
- 3. Synthesis gas produced more carbon dioxide than similar runs using hydrogen, resulting in a higher gas yield.
- 4. Oil yields and conversions ranged from 0.9 percent to 35.7 percent and 66.7 percent to 90.6 percent, respectively.
- 5. SRL yields were similar for all runs.

Recommendations

1. A hot-charge run should be performed to determine the identity of reactor contents at residence time equal to zero. As mentioned earlier, for a hot-charge run at 320°C the feed gas was heated to approximately 340°C before the slurry was charged. Upon slurry charging the temperature dropped below 320°C and it took several minutes before the temperature was back up to 320°C and timing of the residence period began. A run conducted where the contents of the autoclave are quenched as soon as they reach 320°C and

subsequently analyzed would determine if there are products formed before timing begins. If products are formed, these could be subtracted from the final results to give a better overall picture of what is occurring during the residence time only.

2. A hot charge run could be conducted at 420°C using synthesis gas and the results compared with those obtained for the hot-charge run at 360°C.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA HOT-CHARGE TIME-SAMPLE BATCH AUTOCLAVE FACILITY

UND HOT-CHARGE TIME-SAMPLE BATCH AUTOCLAVE FACILITY

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The University of North Dakota (UND) Chemical Engineering Department is performing contract research with the Grand Forks Energy Technology Center (GFETC) on the liquefaction of low rank coals. One task under this contract is the design and construction of a versatile two autoclave system, with one autoclave run in a mode suitable for obtaining accurate material balances (charged cold) and the other for accurate kinetics data (charged hot). The autoclave facility is designed to meet current federal health and safety guidelines.

When operating to obtain accurate material balances (with the cold charge autoclave), the reactant materials, gas, solvent, and coal are charged to the autoclave at room temperature. The autoclave is then heated to the desired reaction temperature, held there for the desired reaction time, allowed to cool, and all products collected. This procedure allows 95 to 99 percent product recovery, and thus is quite useful in obtaining material balance data. $⁽¹⁾$ </sup>

The hot charge autoclave, operated to obtain kinetic data, is equipped so that the reactant materials may be charged rapidly into the preheated autoclave. This allows the reactants to reach operating temperatures in a few minutes. Both vapor and liquid phase reactants are sampled at intervals during the reaction to obtain data for kinetic studies. A hot charge, 1-liter autoclave facility operated at GFETC has resulted in product recoveries of 90 to 92 percent. This recovery is less than the 95 to 99 percent recovery reported for a cold charge

autoclave facility operated at UND. The lower recovery for the hot charge system is due to unavoidable losses during sampling.

The new UND autoclave system was designed to minimize sampling losses and enhance charging reliability with improvements based on past autoclave experience. The UND autoclave facility will be discussed in terms of three major elements, as follows:

- 1. The autoclaves and primary support equipment such as the slurry charge and gas compression equipment,
- 2. The instrumentation and control equipment which includes temperature, pressure, gas and liquid phase flow measurement systems, and,
- 3. The building modification primarily related to meeting requirements suggested by current federal health and safety guidelines, as listed in the Fossil Energy Program, Environment and Safety Program.

The remainder of this paper will describe the features and innovations of the UND Batch Autoclave Facility.

Figure 1 is an overall flow diagram of the components of the autoclaves and primary support equipment. Figure 1 is broken down into seven areas as indicated by the dotted lines.

Figure 2 is a detailed diagram of Area III, the hot charge autoclave. The autoclave (AU-101) is a one-gallon stainless steel pressure vessel rated at 5,100 psi (35,000 kPa) at 510°C. It is also equipped with an explosion proof, variable speed, packless, magnetically coupled stirrer. The autoclaves are equipped with flush valves at the bottom for liquid phase time sampling. When closed, the valves leave no pockets or dead spots on the inside of the autoclave into which reactant materials may accumulate or settle. This feature should provide reliable liquid sampling data with a minimum of sampling losses since fewer purge samples will be required.

In the one-liter time-sampled autoclave at GFETC, a minimum of 400 gram slurry charge is used to limit change in reactor contents during the run and allow reasonable material balances. This leaves so little remaining space in the reactor that the reaction is depleted of gas. Use of the one-gallon reactor will permit much higher gas-slurry ratio with adequate material balances, thus providing a substantially lengthened time during which the vapor phase reactant is not the limiting reactant. Also, the higher gas volume of the one gallon autoclave reduces the effect of vapor phase time sampling on pressure. The size of each of the time samples is approximately the same as that for the one-liter autoclave, while the reactive vapor volume increases significantly. The time sampling in the one-gallon autoclave produces a smaller pressure loss, resulting in less change in pressure during the reaction time.

Figure 3 is a detailed diagram of Area II, the slurry charge system for the hot charge autoclave. Principal components of this system are the low pressure slurry pump (PD-351) and the piston accumulator used as the slurry charge vessel (PA-102). The low pressure slurry pump is a double diaphragm, positive displacement, variable flow, metering pump, which charges the slurry into the slurry charge vessel. The slurry charge vessel is a one-gallon stainless steel accumulator equipped with a movable 4-inch piston with a 10,000 psi rating (69,000 kPa) at room temperature. The seals between the piston and the cylinder walls are made of Viton. The low-pressure slurry pump charges slurry to the accumulator below the piston. The upper portion of the accumulator

contains hydraulic oil. When charging the slurry into the autoclave, the hydraulic oil may be pumped up to pressures as high as 7,500 psi (52,000 kPa). Two valves between the charge vessel and the autoclave are used to control the charge amount and rate. This highly flexible positive displacement feed system is capable of charging one gallon of slurry into the autoclave at high temperature and pressure in two minutes. The system is also capable of injecting small increments of slurry or other liquid reactants during the reaction. The entire slurry system can be flushed and recharged to allow different materials to be added during a run, e.g., a catalyst may be added after a run is started. This system has several advantages over the use of a slurry pump for direct charging to an autoclave. These include low initial investment as compared to a slurry pump capable of metering slurry at pressure of 7,500 psi (52,000 kPa), improved reproducibility of quantity and composition of slurry charged, and positive displacement of the slurry which avoids the losses due to adherence to charger walls.

Figure 4 is a detailed diagram of Area IV, the gas compression system. The major components of this system are two $2-\frac{1}{2}$ gallon piston accumulators (PA-201, PA-202) rated at 10,000 psi (69,000 kPa) at room temperature. In this system gas is on the upper side of the piston and hydraulic oil on the lower side. Gas is supplied from cylinders shown in Area VII-B of Figure 1. This system is capable of compressing as much as (100 SCF) of gas at tank pressure (up to 2,200 psi) (15,000 kPa) to 7,500 psi (52,000 kPa). This system enjoys the same versatility as the slurry charge system with the additional advantage of continuous feed capability when the two accumulators are used alternately.

Figure 5 is a detailed diagram of Area I, the high pressure hydraulic oil supply system. The major component of the system is the high-pressure, positive-displacement, packed-plunger, metering hydraulic pump (PD-301) which is capable of pumping hydraulic oil at 30 gallons/hour and 7,500 psi (52,000 kPa). It supplies oil to both the slurry charge system and the gas compressor system at a rate which allows both slurry and gas to be charged simultaneously. In addition, the hydraulic pump and slurry pump are driven by the same system to save space and expense. As both pumps have metering capabilities, they may be used simultaneously or independently in the operation of the gas compressor and slurry charge systems. The combination of these systems has greatly reduced initial investment, parts inventory, and maintenance expense, while affording a high degree of flexibility and system independence.

The cold charge autoclave, shown in Figure 1 as Area VII-A, is supplied by the same gas supply and compression system as the hot charge facility.

The second major element of the UND autoclave facility is the instrumentation and controls system. Figure 6 is a schematic diagram of the instrumentation for both the hot and cold charge autoclave. Because of the safety requirements, which will be discussed later, all pressure and temperature measurement are remote. Type J thermocouples are used for temperature signal generation and pressure transducers with 0-20 mA output for pressure signals. Four recorders and four digital displays show temperature and pressures. Autoclave temperature and pressure are recorded with continuous pen recorders, while other temperature and pressure data are recorded on multipoint dot recorders.

All recorders have one second full scale response times. The multipoint recorders have a skip function enabling any point or points to be eliminated during any given run. Digital display of points not requiring recording is on four 5-place multi-display pressure and temperature indicators.

The quality of slurry or gas charged is determined by measuring the hydraulic fluid displaced during the charge procedure. The hydraulic oil, under constant pressure, is measured by two independent methods, one being by observation of a sight glass on the seven-gallon oil reservoir and the other by means of a turbine flow meter equipped with a flow rate indicator and totalizer. The gas charged may also be measured with a gas phase turbine flow meter with a temperature and pressure compensated flow rate indicator and totalizer.

The temperature programmed gas chromatograph (GC) used for analyzing vapor samples is equipped with two columns with column packing capable of separating H_2O , CO, CO₂, and light hydrocarbons. The analysis of H_2O by the gas chromatograph, not usually incorporated into autoclave gas sampling systems, required that the sample collection system be held at a temperature above the boiling point of H_2O at sample pressure. A gas sample storage system is provided to improve data collection versatility. Figure 7 is a drawing of the GC sample loops and hot box. The sample loops are also shown diagramatically in Figure 1, Area IV. The storage system provides for storage of up to 10 samples, which may be collected at sampling intervals as short as 20 seconds, for a time long enough for all 10 samples to be analyzed.

The GC sample loop storage system, as well as the vapor and liquid phase sampling systems, have several simultaneous timed operations, all

of which can be handled by a programmable controller. The programmable controller provides reliable, reproducible timing for sequenced operations. It can be programmed to operate on a time table in increments as small as 0.01 seconds, and thus essentially eliminates variability for the timed sample events. The controller is also capable of controlling the GC operation, the slurry charge system, and the gas charge system, thus further standardizing operations.

A significant effort in the facility preparation program is the building modification for compliance with federal health and safety guidelines. Figure 8 is a floor plan of the portion of the UND building housing the project. The areas of major building modifications are cells 1 through 4, the lunchroom, and locker rooms 1 through 4.

One guideline employed at GFETC is that direct personnel exposure to high pressure equipment be limited to a vessel at 100°C or less and 3,000 psi (21,000 kPa) or less. (2) As the UND autoclave system is to be operated in excess of these limitations, special enclosures are required. The enclosures are cells 1 through 4 of Figure 8. Figure 9 is a detailed diagram of the barricade structure. The autoclave barricade system is set up to allow the cleaning and maintenance of one autoclave during the operation of the other. Cell 1 contains the hydraulic and slurry pumps; cell 2, the hot charge autoclave; cell 3, the gas compression equipment and GC sample loops; and cell 4, the cold charge autoclave. Each cell has a blast window which opens during an explosion, protecting operators behind the opposing barricade from the consequences of dangerous pressure buildups should an explosion occur. Beyond the blast windows are blast mats woven of $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch steel cables. The barracade itself is constructed of $\frac{1}{2}$ " Cor-ten steel plate. The

barricade and blast mats have been calculated to provide protection against shrapnel.

Federal health and safety quidelines⁽³⁾ also specify conditions for extended work in an environment containing coal liquefaction products. Personnel in potential contact with coal liquefaction products are to be supplied with clean work clothing at the start of each work day and must properly dispose of them at the close of each work day. Further requirements include separate change facilities to isolate the area for changing work clothing from that for street clothing. These guidelines require the presence of two locker rooms if only one sex is employed and four if both male and female employees are present. Locker rooms 1 through 4 of Figure 8 are the change facilities planned for the UND autoclave installation.

There are also guidelines for break and lunch times during the work day. A break room isolate from the bulk of the work area, equipped with wash facilities, is required to provide a safe area in which food may be consumed. The lunchroom, shown in Figure 8, meets these requirements.

Ventilation requirements are also quite rigorous. Twenty changes of air per hour are suggested in the barricaded area with 10 changes per hour in the work and locker room areas.

The UND autoclave facility has enough flexibility to be useful for many different research programs and is expected to supply extensive data from studies on the liquefaction of low-rank western coals.

Figure A-1. Overall Flow Diagram.

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Figure A-2. Detail diagram of the UND hot charge autoclave components.

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Figure A-3. Detail diagram of the UND autoclave facilities slurry charge components.

Figure A-4. The Gas Compression System.

Figure A-5. Detail diagram of the UND autoclave facilities high pressure hydraulic oil supply system.

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Figure A-7. Drawing of UND autoclave facilities GC sample loops and hot box.

Figure A-8. Floor plan of the UND building housing the autoclave facilities.

Figure A-9. Detail diagram of the UND autoclave facility barricade system.

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APPENDIX B

SAMPLE YIELD CALCULATIONS FOR RUN B-1

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Calculate initial pressure in reactor.<sup>1</sup></sup>
P(1)=P(1)+(P(3)*0.49131)=400+(29.03*0.49131)
P(l)=414.2627 psig
C(1)=((273+T(1))/293)*(Y1/100*(M1*P(1)+R1)+((1-Y1/100)*(P(1)*M2+R2)))C(1) = ((273+20)/293)*(100/100*(0.023776*414.2627-0.137239)+((1-100/100)*
     (414.2627*0.024935+-0.030819)))
    =(1)*( (9.7123)+(0)*(10.2988)=9.7123 g-moles
H2S Pressure 
P(2)=P(2)+(P(3)*0.49131)=0+(29.03*0.49131)
    =14.2627 psig
C(2) = ((273+7(2))/293) * (Y1/100 * (M1*P(2)+R1) + ((1-Y1/100) * (P(2)*M2+R2)))=( (273+0)/293)*(100/100*(0.023776*14.2627-0.137239)+((1-100/100)*(14.2627*0.024935-0.030819)))
    =(0.9317)*((0.2019)+(0)*(0.3248))
    =0.1881 g-moles
Moles of H2 in Feed Gas Corrected for Temperature and Pressure 
C(3)=((1)-C(2))=9.7123-0.1881 
    =9.5242 g-moles
Moles of Reactant Gas
N1=C(3)+C(4)=9.5242+0 
  =9.5242 g-moles
Mole Percent of H2S in Reactant Gas
H2=(C(4)/N1)*100=(0/9.5242)*(100=0
Mole Percent of H2 in Reactant Gas
H3=((Y1/100*C(3))/Nl)*100
  = ((100/100 \times 9.5242/9.5242) \times 100=100
Mole Percent CO in Reactant Gas 
C1 = 100 - H2 - H3= 100 - 0 - 100=0
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 1 See Appendix E for meaning of the symbols used.

Mass of Reactant Gas M7=N1C1/100*28.01+N1*H3/100*2.016+N1*H2/100*34.08 =9.5242*0/100*28.01+9.5242*100/100*2.016+9.5242*0/100*34.08 $=0+19.2008+0$ $=19.2008$ grams Moles of Product Gas $N2 = P(3) \times V1/25.01512$ $= 29.03*8.891/25.01512$ $=10.3180$ q-moles Mass of Product Gas M8=N2*61/100*44.01+N2*62/100*30.07+N2*63/100*44.09+N2*64/100*1.016+N2* 65/100*16.04+N2*66/100*28.01+N2*67/100*34.08+N2*68/100*17.08 $=10.318*8.925/100*44.01+10.318*0.395/100*30.07+10.318*0.193/100*$ 44.09+10.318*86.436/100*2.016+10.318*1.064/100*16.04+10.318*1.88/100* 28.01+10.318*0.164/100*34.08+10.318*0.02/100*17.08 $=68.4174$ grams Mass of Water in Slurry $X1=M4/(7+(2/((100-05-04)/100)*04/100))$ $= 724.14/(7+(2/((100-29.31-7.91/100)))$ $= 99.8540$ grams Mass of HAO-61 Slurry $H6 = 4 \times 1$ $=4*99.8540$ $= 399.4160$ grams Mass of MAF Lignite in Slurry $L1 = 2 \star X1$ $= 2*99.8540$ $=199.7080$ grams Mass of Water out of Reactor X2=02/100*M6+03/100*M5 $=0.128/100*536.87+95.17/100*124.34$ $= 119.0216$ grams Mass of Distillates out of Reactor $D1 = S1/100*M6 - 02/100*M6 + (100 - 03)/100*M5$ $=77.2/100*536.87-0.128/100*536.87+(100-95.17)/100*124.34$ $=419.7821$ grams Mass of SRL out of Reactor $S3 = (S2-S1)/100*M6$ $=(92.17-77.20)/100*536.87$ $=80.3694$ grams Mass of IOM out of Reactor $I1=(100-S2)/100*M6-M6*(@1/100)$ $=(100-92.17)/100*536.87-536.87*(3.58/100)$ $= 22.8170$ grams

Mass of Ash in Endpot A2=M6*(@1/100) =536.87*(3.58/100) =19.2199 grams Mass of Ash in Slurry Al=(2*Xl/((100-@4-@5)/100)*@4/100) =(2*99.8540/((100-7.91-2931)/100)*7.91/100) =25.1623 grams Total Mass into Reactor I2=M7+L1+X1+A1+H6 = 19.2008+199.7080+99.8540+25.1623+399.4160 =743.3411 grams Total Mass out of Reactor 0=M8+X2_D1+S3+I1+A2 =68.4174+119.0216+419.7821+80.3694+22.8170+19.2199 =729.6274 grams Percent Closure C6=0/I2*100 =729.6274/743.3411*100=98.1551 Net Percent Distillates per MAF Lignite $D = ((D1-4*X1)/(2*X1))*100$ =((419.7821-4*99.8540)/(2*99.8540))*100 =10.1979 Net Percent SRL per MAF Lignite S=S3/(2*X1)*100 =80.3694/(2*99.8540)*100 =40.2435 Net Percent Gas per MAF Lignite G=((M8-M7)/(2*X1))*100 =((68.4174-19.2008)/(2*99.8540))*100 =24.6443 Net Percent I0M per MAF Lignite $I = (11/(2*X1))^*100$ =(22.8170/(2*99.8540))*100 =11.4252 Net Percent Water per MAF Lignite H=((X2-X1)/(2*Xl))*100 =((119.0216-99.8540)/(2*99.8540))*100 =9.5978 Net Percent Ash per MAF Lignite A=((A2-A1)/(2*Xl))*100 =((19.2199-25.1623)/(2*99.8540))*100 $=-2.9755$

Percent Conversion $C7 = 100 - I$ =100-11.4252 =88.5748 Total Net Yield per MAF Lignite $T=D+S+G+I+H+A$ =10.1979+40.2435+24.6443+11.4252+9.5978-2.9755 =93.1332 Normalize Data Weight of Endpot M6=M6*100/C6 =536.87*100/98.1551 =546.9609 grams Mass Condensate in Cold Traps M5=M5*100/C6 =124.34*100/98.1551 =126.6771 grams Mass or Product Gas M8=M8*100/C6 =68.4174*100/98.1551 =69.7034 grams Mass Water out of Reactor X2=@2/100*M6+@3/100*M5 =0.128/100*546.9609+9517/100*126.6771 =121.2587 grams Mass Distillates out of Reactor Dl=Sl/100*M6-@2/100*M6+(100-@3)/100*M5 =77.2/100*546.9609-0.128/100*546.9609+(100-95.17)/100*126.6771 =427.6722 grams Mass SRL out of Reactor S3=(S2-S1)/100*M6 $=(92.17-77.20)/100*546.9609$ =81.8800 grams Mass of I0M out of Reactor Il=(100-S2)/100*M6-M6*(@1/100) $=(100-92.17)/100*546.9609*(358/100)$ =23.2458 grams Mass of Ash in Endpot A2=M6*(@1/100) =546.9609*(3.58/100) =19.5812 grams

Mass of Ash in Slurry Al=(2*Xl/((100-@4-@5)/100)*@4/100) $=(2*99.8540/((100-7.91-29.31)/100)*7.91/100)$ =25.1623 grams Total Mass into Reactor I2=M7+L1+X1+A1+H6 =19.2008+199.7080+99.8540+25.1623+399.4160 =743.3411 grams Total Mass out of Reactor 0=M8+X2+D1_S3_I1+A2 =69.7034+121.2587+427.6722+81.8800+23.2458_19.5812 =743.3413 grams Percent Closure C6=0/12*100 =743.3413/743.3411*100 **⁼** 100,0000 Net Percent Distillates per MAF Lignite $D = (D1-4*X1)/(2*X1))*100$ =((427.6722-4*99.8540)/2*99.8540))*100 =14.1488 Net Percent SRL per MAF Lignite S=S3/(2*X1)*100 =81.8800/(2*99.8540)*100 =40.9999 Net Percent Gas per MAG Lignite G=((M8-MT)/(2*X1))*100 =((69.7034-19.2008)/(2*99.8540))*100 =25.2882 Net Percent I0M Per MAF Lignite $I = (I1/(2*X1))^*100$ =(23.2458/(2*99.8540))*100 =11.6399 Net Percent Water per MAF Lignite H=((X2-X1)/(2*X1))*100 =((121.2587-99.8540)/(2*99.8540))*100 =10.7180 Net Percent Ash per MAF Lignite $A = ((A2 - A1) / (2 \times X1))^*100$ =((19.5812-25.1623)/(2*99.8540))*100

=-2.7946

Percent Conversion C7=100-I =100-11.6399 =88.3601 Total Net Yield per MAF Lignite

 $T=D+S+G+I+H+A$ = 14.1488+40.9999+25.2882+11.6399+10.7180-2.7946 $= 100.0002$
APPENDIX C RUN CONDITIONS

RUN CONDITIONS

Run #, Date of Run, Atm Press, H2 Press, H25 Press , *%* H2 in Feed Gas B-1 • 41682 • 29.03 • 400 • 0 • 100 H2-CO Temp, H2S Temp, Mass Slurry In, Mass Condensate Out 20.0 0.00 , 724.1 Vol Gas Out, Mass Endpot, *%* Ash in Endpot, % H20 in Lignite 8.90, 536.9, 3.58, 29.31 *l* H20 in Endpot, % Cychex Soluble, *%* THF Soluble 0.13 77.20 92.17 *%* H20 in Condensate, *%* Ash in Lignite 124.34 7.91 95.17 Product Gas Composition CO2, C2H6, C3H8, H2, CH4, CO, H2S, NH3

8.93, 0.40, 0.19, 86.44, 1.06, 1.88, 0.16, 0.02

Run *if,* Date of Run, Atm Press, H2 Press, H25 Press, *%* H2 in Feed Gas B-2 , 42782 , 29.50, 400, 0 **,** 100 H2-C0 Temp, H25 Temp, Mass Slurry In, Mass Condensate Out 20, Vol Gas Out, Mass Endpot, % Ash in Endpot, % H20 in Lignite 8.77 , 678.2, 3.51 , 29.91 0 , 716.5 , *%* H20 in Endpot, 16.21 % Cychex Soluble, *%* THF Soluble 75.25 12.60 86.68 *%* H20 in Condensate, *%* Ash in Lignite 92.67 , 7.85 Product Gas Composition CO2, C2H6, C3H8, H2, CH4, CO, H2S, NH3 7.04, 0.06, 0.01, 89.75, 0.39, 0.22, 0.15, 0.01

Run #, Date of Run, Atm Press, H2 Press, H25 Press, *l* H2 in Feed Gas B-3, 50482, 28.91, 400, 0, 100 H2-C0 Temp, H2S Temp, Mass Slurry In, Mass Condensate Out ²⁰ **,** ⁰ 726.7 Vol Gas Out, Mass Endpot, % Ash in Endpot, *%* H20 in Lignite 8.27, 677.9, % H20 in Endpot, *%* Cychex Soluble, *%* THF Soluble 16.13 3.67 . 78.33 . 91.78 2.03 29.14 *%* H20 in Condensate, *%* Ash in Lignite 95.0 , 7.93 Product Gas Composition CO2, C2H6, C3H8, H2, CH4, CO, H2S, NH3 4.50, 0.52, 0.00, 97.02, 0.86, 0.15, 0.19, 0.04

Run #, Date of Run, Atm Press, H2 Press, H25 Press, *%* H2 in Feed Gas B-4, 51882, 28.96, 400, 0, 44.36 H2-CO Temp, H2S Temp, Mass Slurry In, Mass Condensate Out ²⁰ **,** 719.9 0 , 105.88 Vol Gas Out, Mass Endpot, % Ash in Endpot, % H2O in Lignite 7.92 , 4.12 29.39 532.7 ,*%* H20 in Endpot, % Cychex Soluble, % THF Soluble 76.29 93.09 0.14 *l* H20 in Condensate, *I* Ash in Lignite 100 7.90 $\overline{}$ Product Gas Composition C02, C2H6, C3H8, H2, CH4, CO, H2S, NH3 17.42, 0.48, 0.00, 50.66, 1.43, 28.01, 0.09, 0.03

Run #, Date of Run, Atm Press, H2 Press, H25 Press, *%* H2 in Feed Gas B-5, 52182, 29.26, 400, 0, 44.36 H2-C0 Temp, H2S Temp, Mass Slurry In, Mass Condensate Out 20, 0, 705.7, 3.89 Vol Gas Out, Mass Endpot, *%* Ash in Endpot, % H20 in Lignite 9.17 , 643.9 , 4.04 29.96 *%* H20 in Endpot, *%* Cychex Soluble, % THF Soluble 8.95 , 78.66 , 92.65 *l* H20 in Condensate, % Ash in Lignite 100 , 7.84 Product Gas Composition CO2, C2H6, C3H8, H2, CH4, CO, H2S, NH3 29.71, 0.53, 0.00, 41.81, 0.70, 26.45, 0.18, 0.02

Run #, Date of Run, Atm Press, H2 Press, H25 Press, % H2 in Feed Gas B-6, 60882, 29.19, 400, 0, 44.36 H2-C0 Temp, H2S Temp, Mass Slurry In, Mass Condensate Out 20 , 0 , 722.9 105.97 Vol Gas Out, Mass Endpot, *%* Ash in Endpot, *%* H20 in Lignite 29.55 9.80 , 544.1 , 3.27 $\overline{}$ % H20 in Endpot, *%* Cychex Soluble, *%* THF Soluble 93.390.16 , 75.70 *I* H20 in Condensate, % Ash in Lignite 56.25 , 7.84 Product Gas Composition CO2, C2H6, C3H8, H2, CH4, CO, H2S, NH3 22.98, 0.27, 0.01, 46.13, 0.73, 28.87, 0.20, 0.20

APPENDIX D

COMPUTER RUN SUMMARIES

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APPENDIX E

COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR RUN CALCULATIONS

LIST OF SYMBOLS IN MATERIAL BALANCE PROGRAM

- Pg Run Number
- P(l) H2 or Synthesis Gas Pressure (psig)
- P(2) H2S Pressure (psig)
- P(3) Barometric Pressure (inches of Hg)
- Y1 Percent H2 in Feed Gas
- $T(1)$ H2 or Synthesis Gas Temperature ($°C$)
- T(2) H2S Temperature (°C)
- C(l) Calibration Factor
- C(2) Calibration Factor
- C(3) Moles of H2 in Feed Gas
- C(4) Moles of H2S in Feed Gas
- N1 Moles of Feed Gas
- H2 Mole Percent of H2S in Feed Gas
- H3 Mole Percent of H2 in Feed Gas
- Cl Mole Percent CO in Feed Gas
- M7 Moles of Feed Gas
- N2 Moles of Product Gas
- M8 Mass of Product Gas
- XI Mass of Water in Slurry
- H6 Mass of HAO-61 in Slurry
- LI Mass of MAF Lignite in Slurry
- X2 Mass of Water Out of Reactor
- D1 Mass of Distillates Out of Reactor
- S3 Mass of SRL Out of Reactor
- 11 Mass of IOM Out of Reactor
- A2 Mass of Ash in Endpot
- A1 Mass of Ash in Slurry
- 12 Total Mass into Reactor
- 0 Total Mass Out of Reactor
- C6 Percent Closure
- D Net Percent Distillates per MAF Lignite
- S Net Percent SRL for MAF Lignite

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5 PRINT "RUN *», DATE OF RUN, ATN PRESS, H2-CQ PRESS, H2S PRESS, 7.H2 IN FEED GAS" 10 INPUT P*,D0,P<3),P<1),P(2) ,Y1 15 PRINT "H2-C0 TEMP, H2S TEMP, NASS SLURRY IN, NASS CONDENSATE OUT" 20 INPUT T(1), T(2), M4, M5 25 PRINT "VOLUME GAS OUT, NASS ENDPOT 0U1, ZASH IN ENDPOT, ZH20 IN LIG NITE" 30 INPUT V1, M6, 21, 25 35 PRINT "XH20 IN ENDPOT, XCYCLOHEXANE SOLUBLE, XTHF SOLUBLE" 40 INPUT **02, S1, S2** 45 PRINT "ZH20 IN CONDENSATE, XASH IN LIGNITE" 50 INPUT 83,84 70 PRINT "PRODUCT GAS COMPOSITION: C02,C2H6,C3H8,H2,CH4,C0,H2S,NH3" 80 INPUT G1,G2,G3,G4,G5,G6,G7,G8 90 Ml= 2.377600E-02 100 M2= 2.493500E-02 110 M3= 1.985780E-02 120 R1« -1.372390E-01 130 $R2 = -3.081900E - 02$ 140 $R5 = 2.653510E - 02$ 150 FOR A6 = 1 TO 2 $160 P (h6) = P(A6) + (P(3)*0.49131)$ 170 C (A6)3 <<273+T<A6> 1/293) *(Y1/100*(M1 +P<A6)+R1)♦(<1-'M/100)=»(P<AA)*N 2+R2))) 180 NEXT A6 190 $C(3) = C(1)-C(2)$ 200 IF T(2)= 0 THEN GOTO 220 210 $C(4) = (273 + T(1)) / 294$)*(M3;*P(2)+R5) 220 $N1 = C(3) + C(4)$ 230 H2= <C(4)/N1)* 100 240 H3= ((Y1/100*C(3))/N1) *100 250 C1= 100 -H2-H3 260 N7= N 1 =*C 1 /100*28.01 *N1 *H3/100*2.0 16*N1*H2/ 100*34.00 270 N2= P(3)*V1/25.01512 280 M8= N2*G1/100*44.01+N2*G2/100*30.07+N2*G3/100*44.09+N2*G4/100*2.016 *N2*G5/100*16.04+N2*G6/100*28.01+N2«G7/100*34.08+N2*G8/100*17.08 290 X1= $M4/(7+(2/((100-\n/95-\n/94)/100)*04/100))$ 293 H6= 4*X1 $297 L1 = 2*X1$ 300 X2= 82/100*H6+83/100*N5 310 D13 S1/1OO*N6-02/1OO*N6+<1OO-03)/1OO*N5 320 S3= $(S2-S1)/100*M6$ 330 II= (100-S2)/100*M6-M6*(@1/100) 335 A2= H6*(81/100) 337 A1= $(2*X1/((100 - 0.4 - 0.5)/100)*0.4/100)$ 340 12= N7+L1♦X1♦A1+H6 350 0= N8+X2+D1+S3+I1+A2 360 $C6 = 0/12*100$ 370 D= $((D1-4)*X1)/(2*X1))*100$

380 S«S3/<2*X1>*100 390 G= $((M8-M7)/(2*X1))*100$ 400 1= (11/(2*X1))*100 410 H= $((X2-X1)/(2*X1))*100$ 415 A« <(A2-A1)/(2*X1)) • 100 $420 C7 = 100 - I$ 455 $T = D+5+G+I+H+A$ 460 IF Z=1 THEN 675 470 PRINT 480 PRINT "RUN NUMBER", P», "DATE", DO 490 PRINT 495 : ####:### 500 PRINT "INPUT" 510 PRINT "........" 520 PRINT 530 PRINT "COMPONENT GRANS IN" 540 PRINT ".......... " 550 PRINT "HAF LIGNITE", 560 PRINT USING 495,LI 570 PRINT "H20", 580 PRINT USING 495,XI 590 PRINT "ASH", 600 PRINT USING 495,A1 610 PRINT "HAO-61", 620 PRINT USING 495,H6 630 PRINT "GAS", 640 PRINT USING 495,N7 650 PRINT " TOTAL", 6 6 0 PRINT USING 495,12 670 PRINT "................................. 673 IF $Z=0$ THEN 680 675 PRINT "NORMALIZED" 680 PRINT "OUTPUT" 690 PRINT "..........." 700 PRINT " GRANS NET YIELDS" 710 PRINT "COMPONENT **OUT** UIX NAF LIG" 720 PRINT "............ " 730 :####.### NIHI.NI 740 PRINT "H20". 750 PRINT USING 730, X2 ,H 760 PRINT "OIL", 770 PRINT USING 7JO,D1 ,D 773 PRINT "SRL", 777 PRINT USING 730, S3.S 780 PRINT "ION", 790 PRINT USING 730,11,1 800 PRINT "ASH", 810 PRINT USING 730.A2,A 820 PRINT "GAS", 830 PRINT USING 730, M8, G

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 PRINT " TOTAL", PRINT USING 730,0,T 860 PRINT
870 : : **INK.NIK** PRINT "Z CLOSURE", PRINT USING 870,C6 PRINT "Z CONVERSION' PRINT USING 870,C7 920 PRINT " H IF **Z«** 1 THEN 1000 940 N6= N6*100/C6 N5= N5*100/C6 960 M8= M8*100/C6 $970 Z=1$ GOTO 300 STOP **END**

APPENDIX F

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

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