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APPENDICES

Appendix A

Effect of Pt and Pd metal

Table A-1 Effect of Pd and Pt metal for hexane conversion

| Catalyst | 1%Pd1%Ga/HM | 1%Pt1%Ga/HM |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Conversion | 90.5 | 93.0 |
| Methane | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Ethane | 0.8 | 0.2 |
| Propane | 2.5 | 0.1 |
| Olefins | 20.0 | 8.8 |
| iso-Butane | 19.4 | 11.3 |
| Butane | 11.0 | 8.7 |
| Pentane | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| branched-C ₆ | 15.5 | 68.1 |
| Benzene | 0.2 | 0.9 |
| Toluene | 0.1 | 1.4 |
| mixed-Xylene | 0 | 0.2 |

Effect of Zn metal

Table A-2 Effect of Zn for hexane conversion

| Catalyst | 0.5%Pt1%Zn/HM | 0.5%Pt2%ZnHM |
|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Conversion | 74.0 | 75.0 |
| Methane | 0.4 | 0.2 |
| Ethane | 17.4 | 6.8 |
| Propane | 3.5 | 0.1 |
| Olefins | 40.4 | 53.4 |
| iso-Butane | 0.6 | 1.4 |
| Butane | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Pentane | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| branched-C ₆ | 35.6 | 35.0 |
| Benzene | 1.1 | 1.3 |
| Toluene | 0.4 | 1.4 |
| mixed-Xylene | 0.1 | 0.1 |

Effect of Bimetallic

Table A-3 Effect of bimetallic for hexane conversion

| Catalyst | 0.5%Pt1%Ga/HM | 0.5%Pt2%Ga/HM | 1%Pt1%Ga/HM |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| Conversion | 85.0 | 89.0 | 93.0 |
| Methane | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.1 |
| Ethane | 28.0 | 35.1 | 0.2 |
| Propane | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.1 |
| Olefins | 17.0 | 41.8 | 8.8 |
| iso-Butane | 5.4 | 1.3 | 11.3 |
| Butane | 11.0 | 0.2 | 8.7 |
| Pentane | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| branched-C ₆ | 34.4 | 16.6 | 68.1 |
| Benzene | 0.8 | 1.9 | 0.9 |
| Toluene | 1.0 | 1.3 | 1.4 |
| mixed-Xylene | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 |

Effect of loading methods

Table A-4 Effect of loading method for hexane conversion.

| Catalysts | 1%Pd/M | 1.12%Pd-M | 1%Pt/M | 0.95%Pt-M |
|-------------------------|--------|-----------|--------|-----------|
| Conversion | 80.0 | 84.0 | 87.0 | 82.0 |
| Methane | 0.4 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 0.2 |
| Ethane | 18.4 | 33.0 | 5.0 | 7.8 |
| Propane | 14.6 | 23.1 | 10.0 | 1.8 |
| Olefins | 20.2 | 7.0 | 5.0 | 2.1 |
| iso-Butane | 7.8 | 0.2 | 16.1 | 5.5 |
| Butane | 1.3 | 0 | 12.0 | 3.3 |
| Pentane | 1.3 | 0 | 1.0 | 1.4 |
| branched-C ₆ | 0.8 | 35.0 | 47.0 | 22.0 |
| Benzene | 35.8 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Toluene | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.4 |
| mixed-Xylene | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |

Effect of potassium

Table A-5 Effect of potassium for hexane conversion

| Catalyst | 0.5Pt%1Ga%/KCl-M | 0.5Pt%1%Ga/K ₂ CO ₃ -M |
|-------------------------|------------------|--|
| Conversion | 89.0 | 78.5 |
| Methane | 0.8 | 1.3 |
| Ethane | 16.3 | 20.5 |
| Propane | 3.5 | 3.0 |
| Olefins | 20.2 | 12.6 |
| iso-Butane | 8.4 | 12.4 |
| Butane | 12.5 | 18.6 |
| Pentane | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| branched-C ₆ | 28.5 | 29.7 |
| Benzene | 5.0 | 0.8 |
| Toluene | 3.0 | 0.9 |
| mixed-Xylene | 1.5 | 0.0 |

Effect of time on stream

Table A-6 Effect of time on stream for hexane conversion

| 0.5Pt1GaM | TOS (h^{-1}) | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|------|------|
| | 3 | 5 | 8 |
| Conversion | 93.0 | 90.0 | 89.0 |
| Methane | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Ethane | 0.2 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| Propane | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Olefins | 8.8 | 10.0 | 10.0 |
| iso-Butane | 11.3 | 8.2 | 8.0 |
| Butane | 8.7 | 8.7 | 9.0 |
| Pentane | 0.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 |
| branched-C ₆ | 68.1 | 66.6 | 67.0 |
| Benzene | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Toluene | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.0 |
| mixed-Xylene | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |

Effect of mixture

Table A-7 Effect of metal oxide mixture for hexane conversion

| Mixture | Ga/Al ₂ O ₃ | ZrO ₂ | MgO |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|------|
| Conversion | 85.0 | 88.2 | 55.0 |
| Methane | 8.2 | 5.5 | 0.2 |
| Ethane | 7.3 | 6.8 | 0.3 |
| Propane | 8.6 | 4.2 | 0.2 |
| Olefins | 7.5 | 12.4 | 11.2 |
| iso-Butane | 22.5 | 26.5 | 30.8 |
| Butane | 10.1 | 9.3 | 1.1 |
| Pentane | 6.0 | 3.4 | 0.7 |
| branched-C ₆ | 28.6 | 30.6 | 40.5 |
| Benzene | 0.3 | 0.4 | 5.8 |
| Toluene | 0.7 | 0.6 | 8.2 |
| mixed-Xylene | 0.2 | 0.3 | 1.0 |

Table A-8 Effect of MCM-41 mixture for hexane conversion

| Mixture | Mixed-MCM-41 |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Conversion | 63.5 |
| Methane | 5.5 |
| Ethane | 2.0 |
| Propane | 2.1 |
| Olefins | 6.2 |
| iso-Butane | 4.8 |
| Butane | 8.4 |
| Pentane | 1.7 |
| branched-C ₆ | 65.4 |
| Bezene | 2.5 |
| Toluene | 1.2 |
| mixed-Xylene | 0.2 |

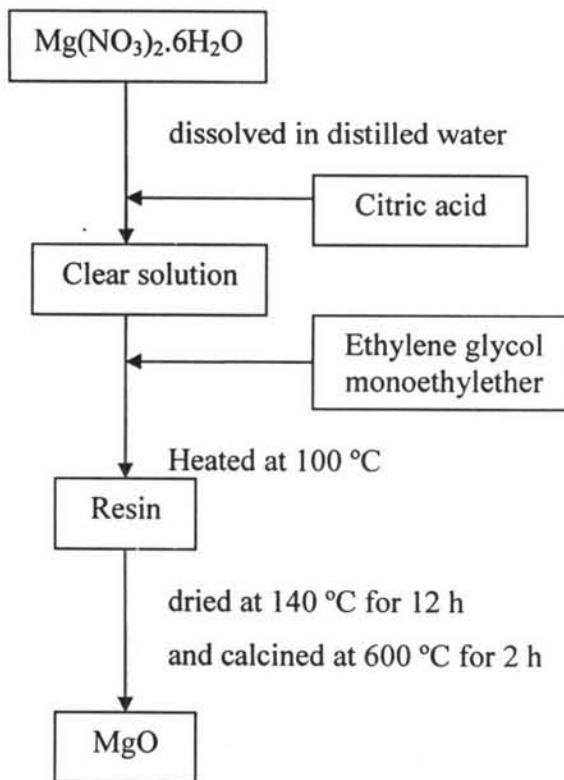
Table A-9 Effect of clay mixture for hexane conversion

| Mixture | Bent | K-Bent | HT |
|-------------------------|------|--------|------|
| Conversion | 75.0 | 50.7 | 74.9 |
| Methane | 2.0 | 0 | 2.5 |
| Ethane | 2.3 | 0.6 | 4.6 |
| Propane | 3.4 | 0.8 | 1.1 |
| Olefins | 11.4 | 13.2 | 35.2 |
| iso-Butane | 12 | 13 | 22.3 |
| Butane | 4.8 | 0.5 | 1.6 |
| Pentane | 2.5 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| branched-C ₆ | 55.6 | 63.3 | 28.1 |
| Bezene | 2.0 | 2.5 | 1.2 |
| Toluene | 3.2 | 3.6 | 2.2 |
| mixed-Xylene | 0.8 | 1.9 | 0.6 |

Appendix B

Preparation of MgO

This oxide was synthesized using modified citrate precursor method. Magnesium nitrate hexahydrate $Mg(NO_3)_2 \cdot 6H_2O$ (2.04 g, 7.96 mmol), was dissolved in 50 ml distilled water. Then citric acid (5.17 g, 26.91 mmol) was added. After 10 minutes stirring, the solution became clear. Then ethylene glycol monoethyl ether (7.76 g, 86.10 mmol) was added. Then the contents were heat at 100°C to evaporate water. The gel was dried at 200°C to get a brown fluffy. The brown fluffy was grinded and calcined at 600°C 2 h.



MgAl Hydrotalcite

An aqueous mixture (60 ml) of 18.46 g (72 mmol) $Mg(NO_3)_2 \cdot 6H_2O$ and 6.75 g (18 mmol) $Al(NO_3)_3 \cdot 9H_2O$ (molar ratio of Mg/Al = 4) was added slowly to 90 ml of an aqueous solution of 11.52 g (0.11 mol) $(NH_4)_2CO_3$. The pH of the mixture was held at pH

8 by the dropwise addition of NH₄OH. The resulting mixture was heated to 65°C while stirred vigorously for 3 h. Then it was filtered and washed with distilled water until the filtrate was neutral. The precipitate was dried in an oven at 100°C for 18 h and calcined at 450°C for 35 h (in the literature [20], calcination time is 3 h).

The rehydrated hydrotalcite was prepared from the above calcined hydrotalcite by placing it in a desiccator which was saturated with water for 48 h.

Preparation of K-bentonite

Bentonite (5.0g) and 80 ml of 8.0 M of KCl solution were added to the round bottom and heated by using an oil bath at 80°C for 24 h. The solids were separated from solution by filtration and washed several times with deionized water until no chloride observed. The resulting solid was dried at 100°C and then calcined in a muffle furnace at 550°C for 5 h.

Preparation of Ga/Al₂O₃

Gallium nitrate hydrate in aqueous solution was first impregnated onto Al₂O₃ then decomposed into gallium oxide at 550°C in air overnight (gallium oxide content = 18.8%wt).

Appendix C

Calculation of weight hour space velocity

$$\begin{aligned}\text{WHSV (mlg}^{-1}\text{h}^{-1}) &= \frac{\text{(volume of hexane)}}{\text{(mass of catalyst)} \times \text{(time)}} \\ &= \frac{1\text{ml}}{1\text{g 1h.}}\end{aligned}$$

Calculation of chromatogram

Gas chromatography determined liquid products of benzene, toluene and mixed xylene. Liquid products were identified using standard addition method.

The mixed-solution of C₆-C₈ hydrocarbon were prepared and determined by gas chromatography by used *n*-decane as internal standard as following in Table 1-A.

Table 1-C. Standard solution for determined correction factor.

| | Volume (ml) | Density (g.ml ⁻¹) | Mw | Mol |
|------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|--------|-----------------------|
| <i>n</i> -Hexane | 0.08 | 0.659 | 86.18 | 6.12X10 ⁻⁴ |
| Benzene | 0.10 | 0.879 | 78.12 | 1.12X10 ⁻³ |
| Toluene | 0.10 | 0.861 | 92.14 | 9.40X10 ⁻⁹ |
| Mixed-Xylene | 0.10 | 0.865 | 106.17 | 8.15X10 ⁻⁹ |
| <i>n</i> -Decane | 0.5X10 ⁻² | 0.730 | 142.29 | 2.56X10 ⁻⁵ |

H: peak area of *n*-hexane prepared = 233442

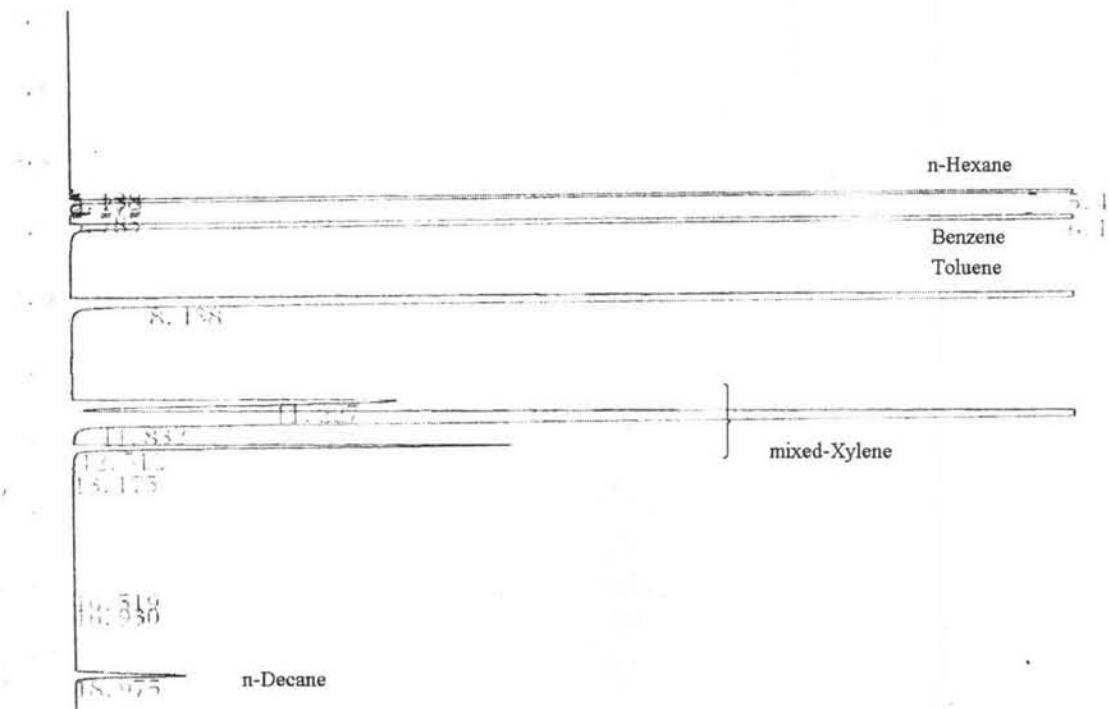
B: peak area of benzene prepared = 352893

T: peak area of toluene prepared = 347184

X: peak area of mixed-xylene prepared = 342815

D: peak area of internal standard prepared = 24369

The chromatogram was shown in Figure 1-C.



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| PKNO | TIME | AREA | HEIGHT | MK | IDNO | CONC | NAME |
|------|--------|--------|--------|----|------|---------|------|
| 3 | 5.44 | 316824 | 119289 | | | 18.6958 | |
| 5 | 6.188 | 526519 | 117414 | | | 31.0699 | |
| 6 | 8.438 | 369393 | 44352 | | | 21.7979 | |
| 7 | 11.227 | 54010 | 5138 | | | 3.1872 | |
| 8 | 11.832 | 374596 | 25867 | | | 22.1049 | |
| 9 | 12.512 | 40204 | 6964 | | | 2.3724 | |
| 13 | 18.975 | 13079 | 1719 | | | 0.7718 | |

Figure 1-C Chromatogram of liquid mixture for correction factor calculation.

The calculation of the correction factor can be described as follows:

Correction factor of *n*-hexane:

The amount of *n*-hexane from chromatogram

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{(\text{mol of internal standard}) \times H}{D} \\
 &= \frac{2.56 \times 10^{-5} \times 316824}{12373} \\
 &= 65.68 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the correction factor of *n*-hexane can be calculated as:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{\text{amount of } n\text{-hexane prepared}}{\text{amount of } n\text{-hexane from chromatogram}} \\
 &= \frac{6.12 \times 10^{-4}}{65.68 \times 10^{-5}} \\
 &= 0.93
 \end{aligned}$$

Correction factor of benzene:

The amount of benzene from chromatogram

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{(\text{mol of internal standard}) \times B}{D} \\
 &= \frac{2.56 \times 10^{-5} \times 526519}{12373} \\
 &= 109.2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the correction factor of benzene can be calculated as:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{\text{amount of benzene prepared}}{\text{amount of benzene from chromatogram}} \\
 &= \frac{1.12 \times 10^{-3}}{109.2 \times 10^{-5}} \\
 &= 1.03
 \end{aligned}$$

Correction factor of toluene:

The amount of toluene from chromatogram

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{(\text{mol of internal standard}) \times T}{D} \\
 &= \frac{2.56 \times 10^{-5} \times 369393}{12373} \\
 &= 76.58 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the correction factor of toluene can be calculated as:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{\text{amount of toluene prepared}}{\text{amount of toluene from chromatogram}} \\
 &= \frac{9.40 \times 10^{-4}}{76.6 \times 10^{-5}} = 1.23
 \end{aligned}$$

Correction factor of mixed-xylene:

The amount of toluene from chromatogram

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{(\text{mol of internal standard}) \times X}{D} \\
 &= \frac{2.56 \times 10^{-5} \times 468810}{12373} \\
 &= 97.19 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the correction factor of toluene can be calculated as:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{\text{amount of mixed - xylene prepared}}{\text{amount of mixed - xylene from chromatogram}} \\
 &= \frac{8.15 \times 10^{-4}}{97.2 \times 10^{-5}} \\
 &= 0.83
 \end{aligned}$$

The correction factors of chemicals are listed as follows:

n-hexane = 0.93

benzene = 1.03

toluene = 1.22

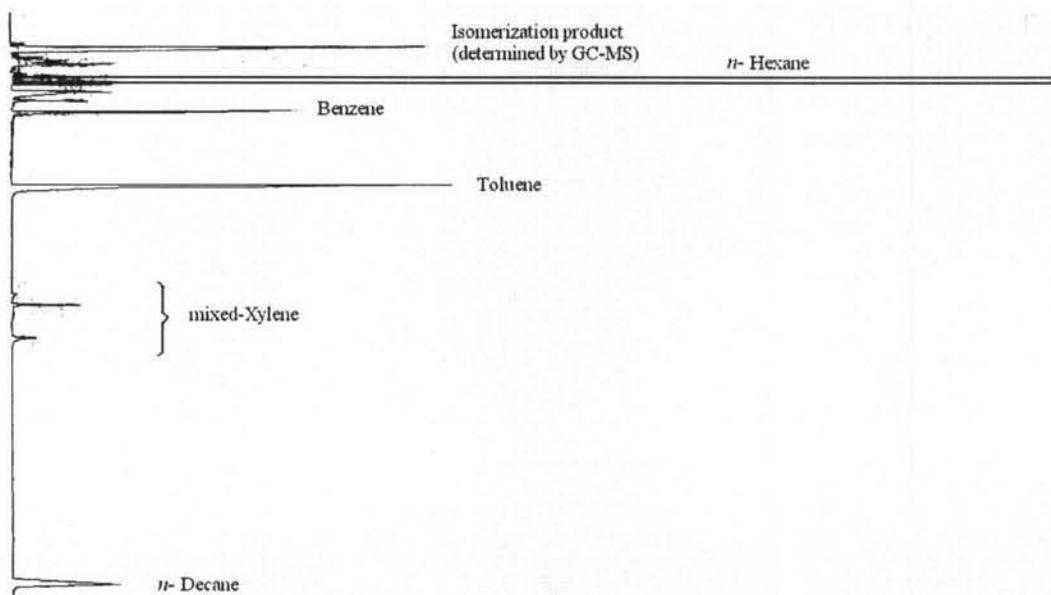
mixed-xylene = 0.83

Sample calculation of products distribution for 1%Pt1%Ga/HM catalyst

Mass of liquid product from reaction = 0.7877 g

$$\text{Hexane}_{\text{in}} = 3 \text{ ml} \times (0.659 \times 10^{-3} \text{ g.ml}^{-1}) = 1.977 \text{ g}$$

$$\text{Mol of } n\text{-decane (internal standard)} = 5.65 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol}$$



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| PKNO | TIME | AREA | HEIGH | MK | IDNO | CONC | NAME |
|------|--------|---------|--------|----|------|---------|------|
| 1 | 4.322 | 30420 | 6398 | | | 1.4721 | |
| 2 | 5.440 | 1546790 | 375297 | | | 94.8776 | |
| 3 | 6.188 | 30909 | 4655 | | | 0.5587 | |
| 4 | 8.409 | 40335 | 6678 | | | 1.0088 | |
| 5 | 11.223 | 50 | 112 | | | 0.0362 | |
| 6 | 11.418 | 200 | 1059 | | | 0.2578 | |
| 7 | 12.496 | 120 | 391 | | | 0.0778 | |
| 8 | 18.971 | 12373 | 1714 | | | 0.5988 | |

Figure 2-C Chromatogram of liquid products mixture by 1%Pt/HM catalyst.

Product distribution

$$\text{Hexane} = \frac{2.565 \times 10^{-5} \times 1546790}{12373} \times 0.93 = 2.98 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol}$$

$$= 2.98 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol} \times 86.18 \text{ g/mol} = 0.2570 \text{ g}$$

$$\text{Benzene} = \frac{2.565 \times 10^{-5} \times 30909}{12373} \times 1.03 = 0.66 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol}$$

$$= 0.66 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol} \times 78.12 \text{ g/mol} = 5.16 \times 10^{-3} \text{ g}$$

$$\text{Toluene} = \frac{2.565 \times 10^{-5} \times 40335}{12373} \times 1.22 = 1.03 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol}$$

$$= 1.03 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol} \times 92.14 \text{ g/mol} = 9.46 \times 10^{-3} \text{ g}$$

$$\text{mixed-Xylene} = \frac{2.565 \times 10^{-5} \times 470}{12373} \times 0.83 = 0.81 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mol}$$

$$= 0.81 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mol} \times 106.17 \text{ g/mol} = 8.60 \times 10^{-4} \text{ g}$$

$$\% \text{Conversion} = \frac{\text{Hexane}_{in} - \text{Hexane}_{out}}{\text{Hexane}_{in}} \times 100$$

$$= \frac{1.977 - 0.2570}{1.977} \times 100$$

$$= 87.0\%$$

$$\text{So, products were converted} = \frac{1.977 \times 87.0}{100} = 1.720 \text{ g}$$

$$\% \text{Benzene} = \frac{5.16 \times 10^{-3}}{1.720} \times 100 = 0.30\%$$

$$\% \text{Toluene} = \frac{9.46 \times 10^{-3}}{1.720} \times 100 = 0.55\%$$

$$\% \text{Xylene} = \frac{8.6 \times 10^{-4}}{1.720} \times 100 = 0.05\%$$

All data above were used to calculate gas products by gas chromatography in figure 3-C.

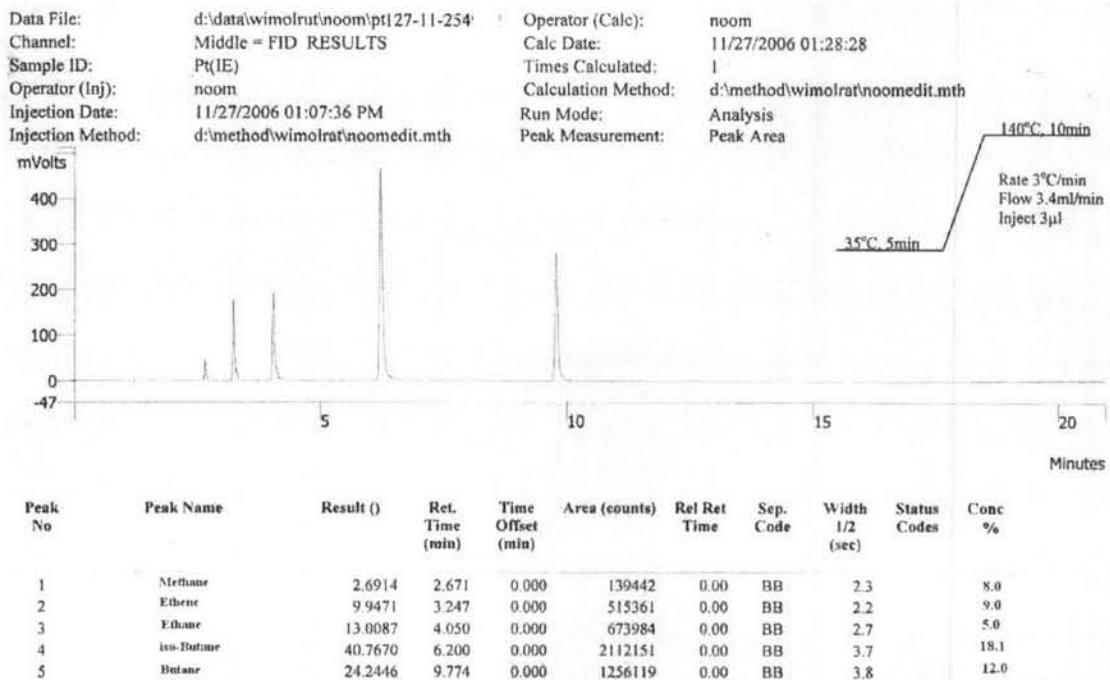


Figure 3-C Chromatogram of gas products mixture by 1%Pt/HM catalyst.

Isomerization products = 100-8.0-9.0-5.0-18.1-12.0-0.30-0.55-0.05
 = 47.0%

Results from GC-MS of isomerization products by 1%Pt/HM catalyst

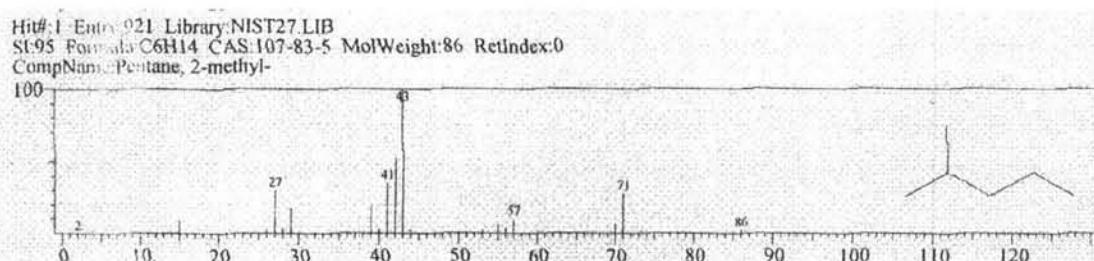


Figure 4-C. 2-methylpentane

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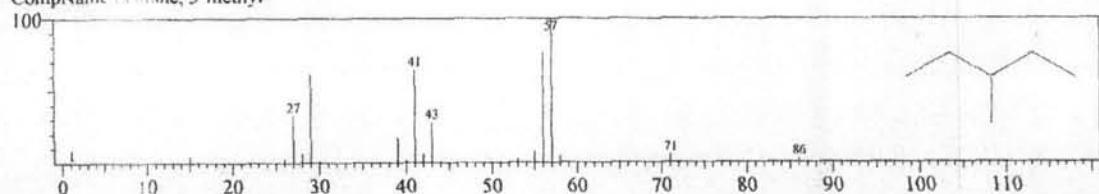


Figure 5-C. 3-methylpentane

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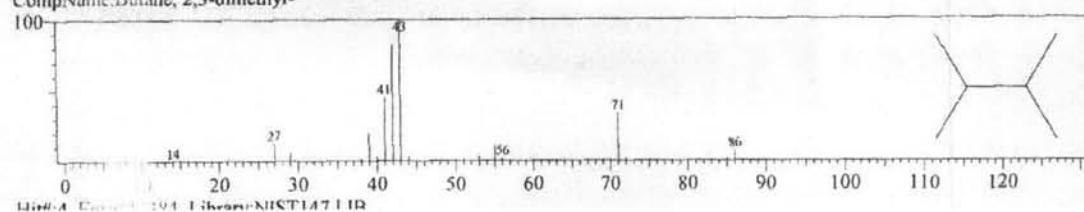


Figure 6-C. 2,3-dimethylbutane