
Organic Hydrides for Carrying Hydrogen

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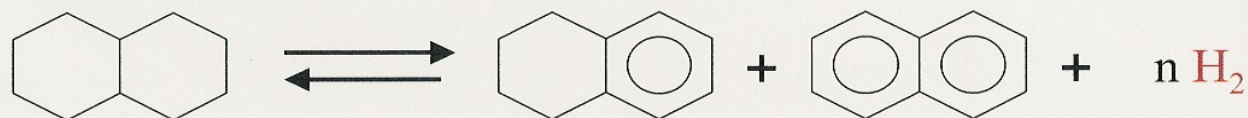
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Hydrogen supply from Decalin

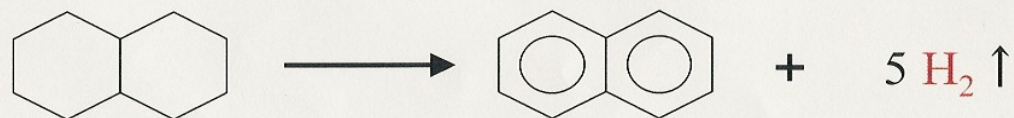
Conventional gas-solid heterogeneous catalysis

From thermodynamic requirements ($> 500^{\circ}\text{C}$)

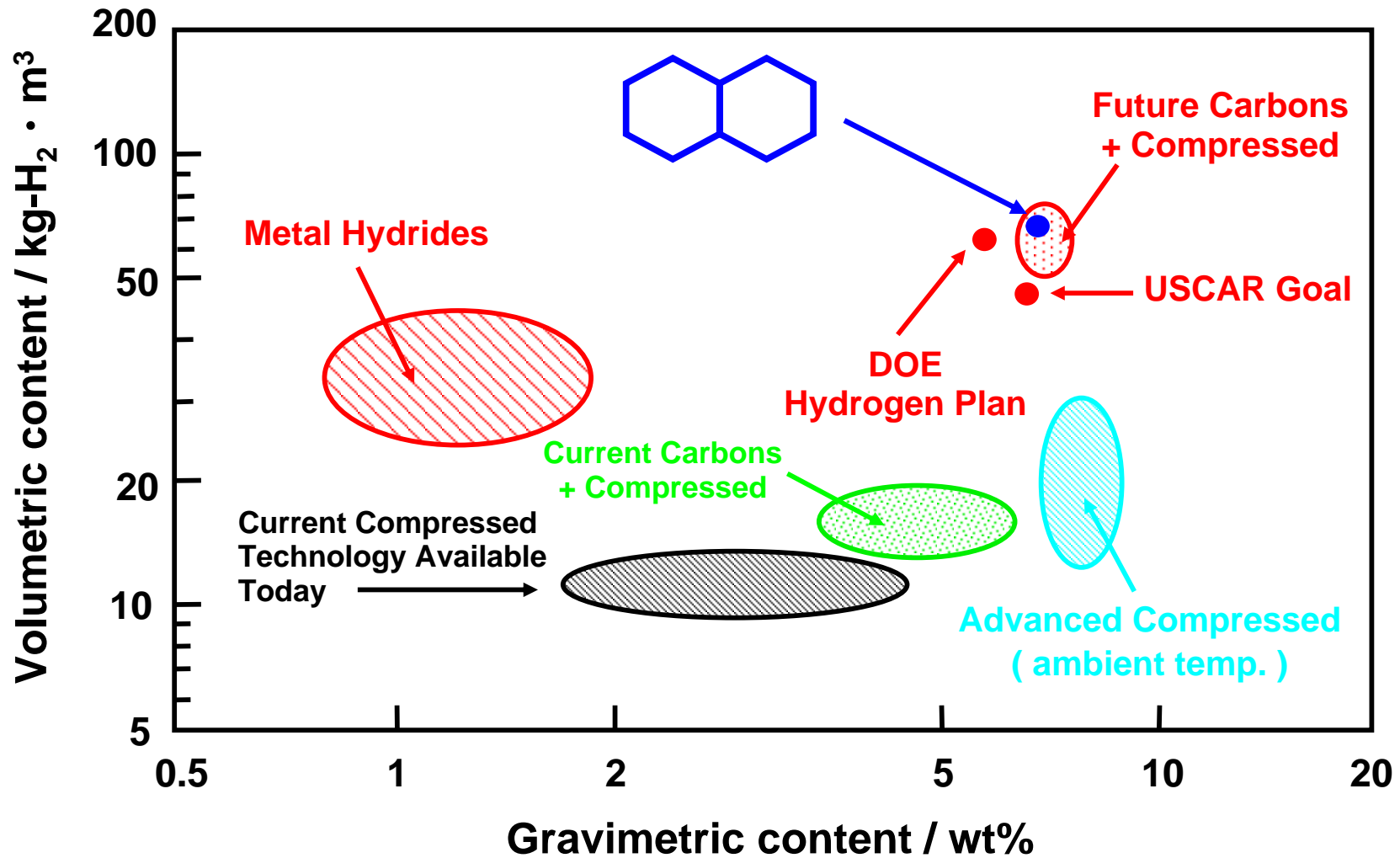


Present liquid-solid heterogeneous catalysis

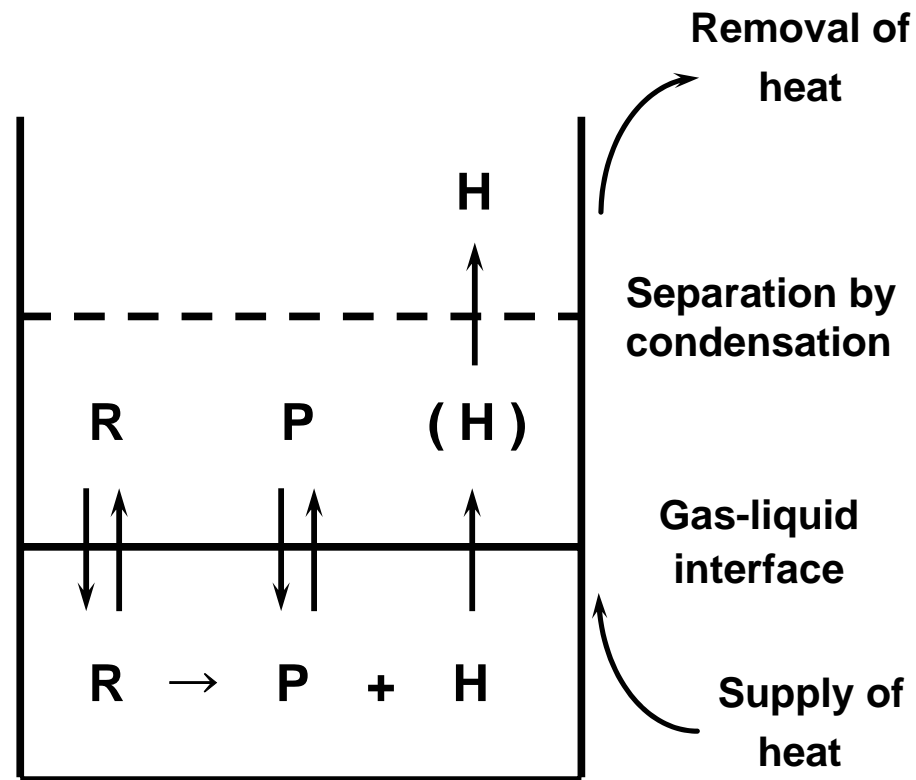
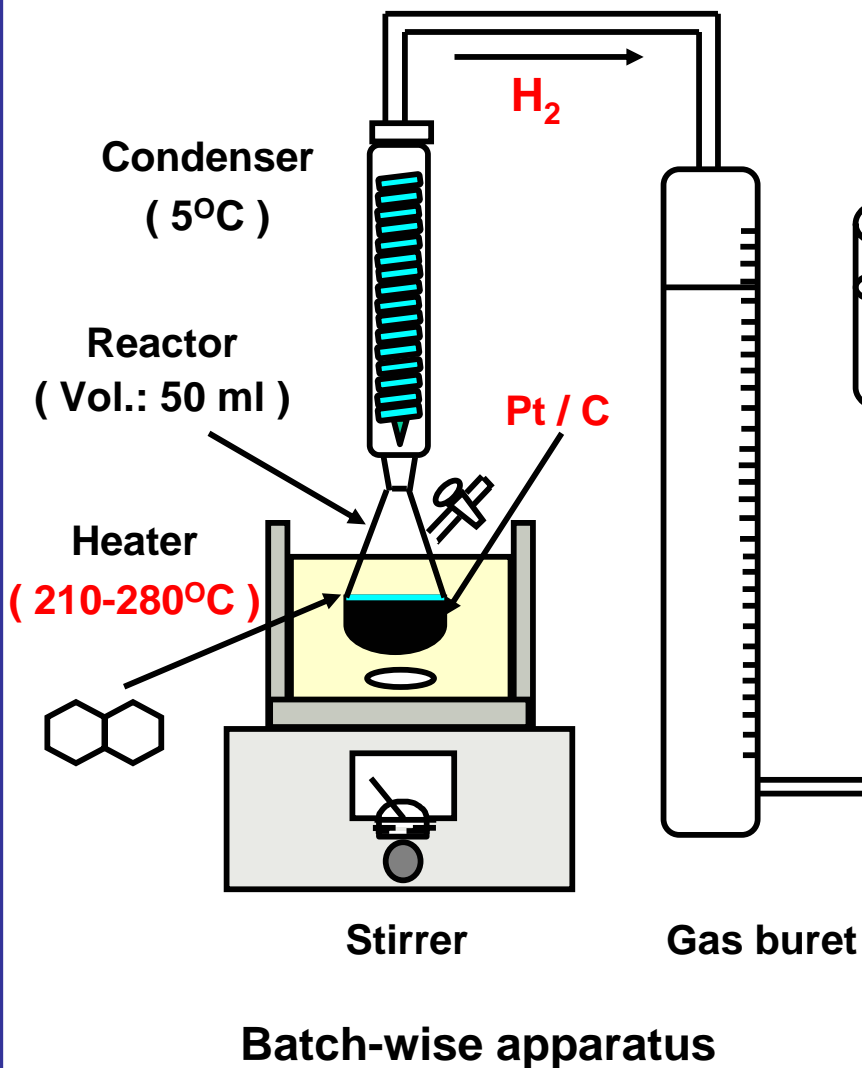
Under boiling and refluxing conditions ($< 280^{\circ}\text{C}$)



Comparison of Capacities of Hydrogen Storage Medium



Catalytic Dehydrogenation under Reactive Distillation Conditions in Batch-wise Operation

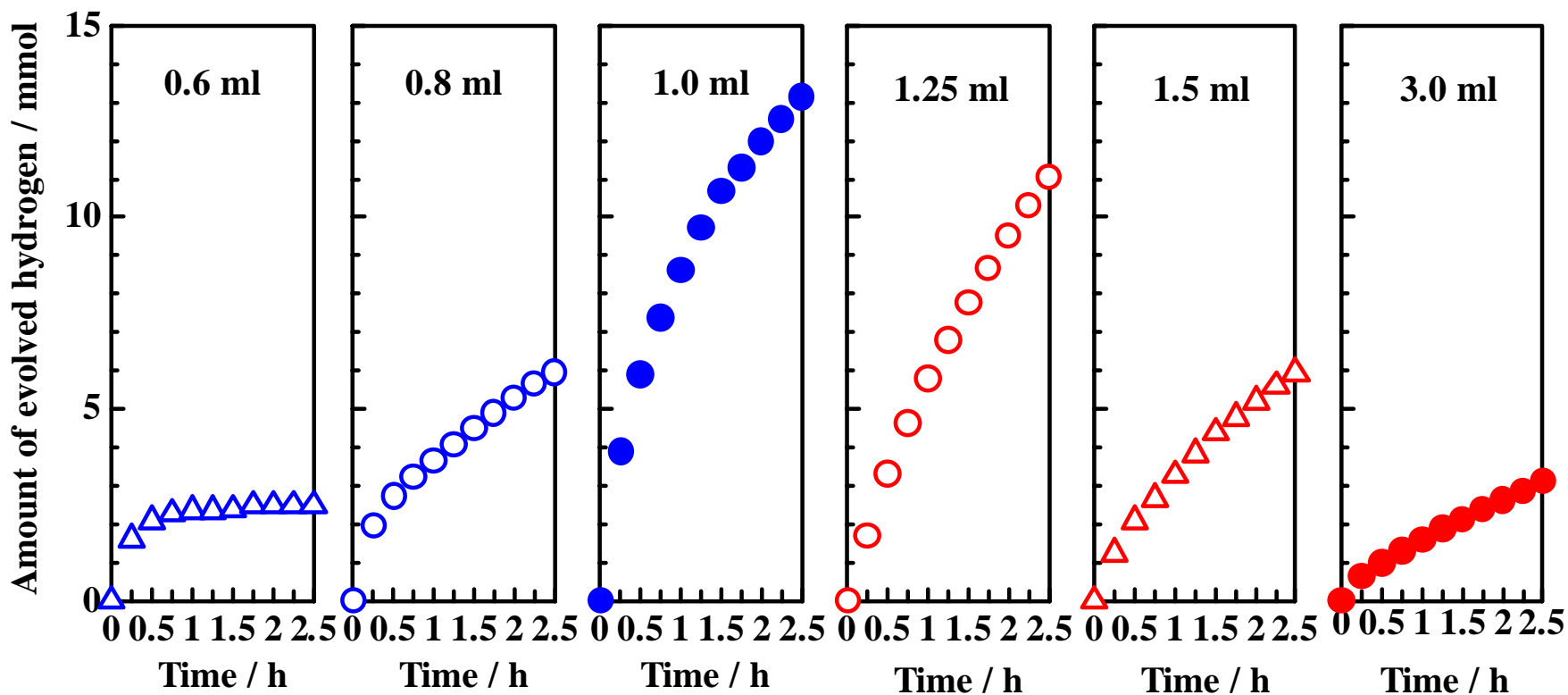


R: Reactant, P: Liquid product, H: Hydrogen

Liquid-phase dehydrogenation under reactive distillation conditions

Time Courses of Hydrogen Evolved from Decalin

with Pt / C Catalyst at Various Charged Amounts of Decalin

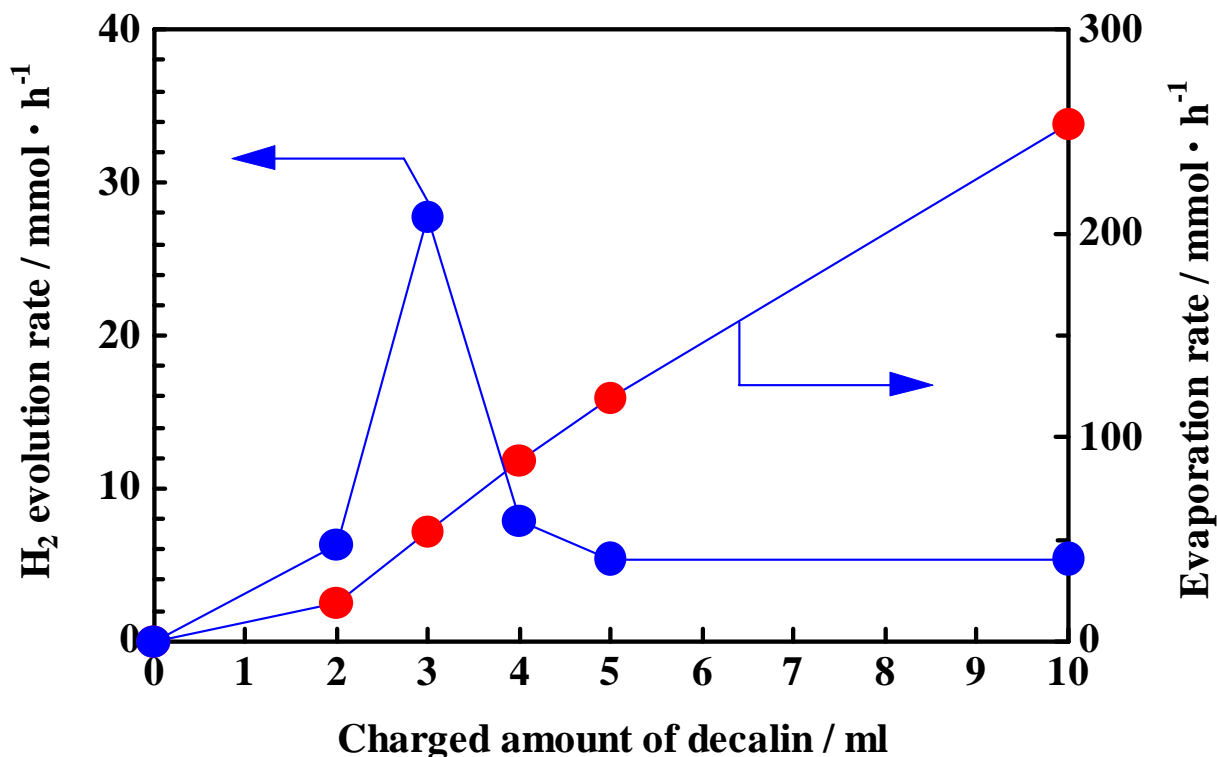


Charged amount of decalin: 0.6 (\triangle), 0.8 (\circ), 1.0 (\bullet), 1.25 (\circ), 1.5 (\triangle), 3.0 ml (\bullet)

Catalyst: Carbon-supported platinum nano-particles (5 wt-metal%) 0.30 g

Reaction conditions: Boiling and refluxing by heating at 210°C and cooling at 5°C

Hydrogen Evolution and Evaporation Rates as a Function of Decalin Amount in Batch-wise Operation

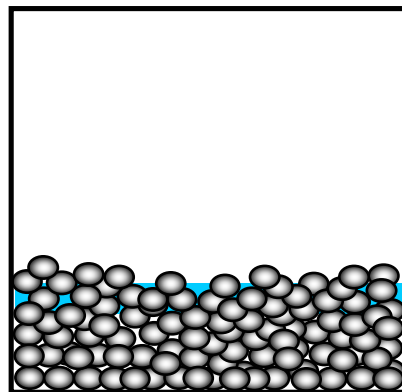


Catalyst : Carbon-supported platinum particles (5 wt-metal%) 0.75 g

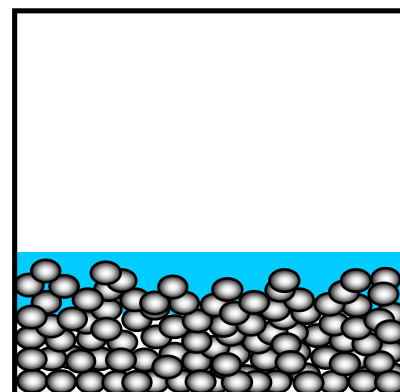
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Evaporation rate : Measured from condensates for carbon support at the same conditions

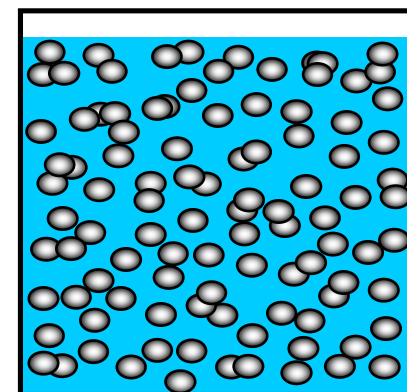
Characteristics of Dehydrogenation Catalyst Immersed with Liquid Substrate under Boiling Conditions



**Sand-bath
state**



**Superheated
liquid-film state**



Suspended state

**Amount ratio of
catalyst to solution**

Large

Medium

Small

**Temperature
gradient**

$$T_{\text{ext}} > T_{\text{cat}} > T_{\text{liq}}$$

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Reaction rate

Medium

Large

Small

Conversion

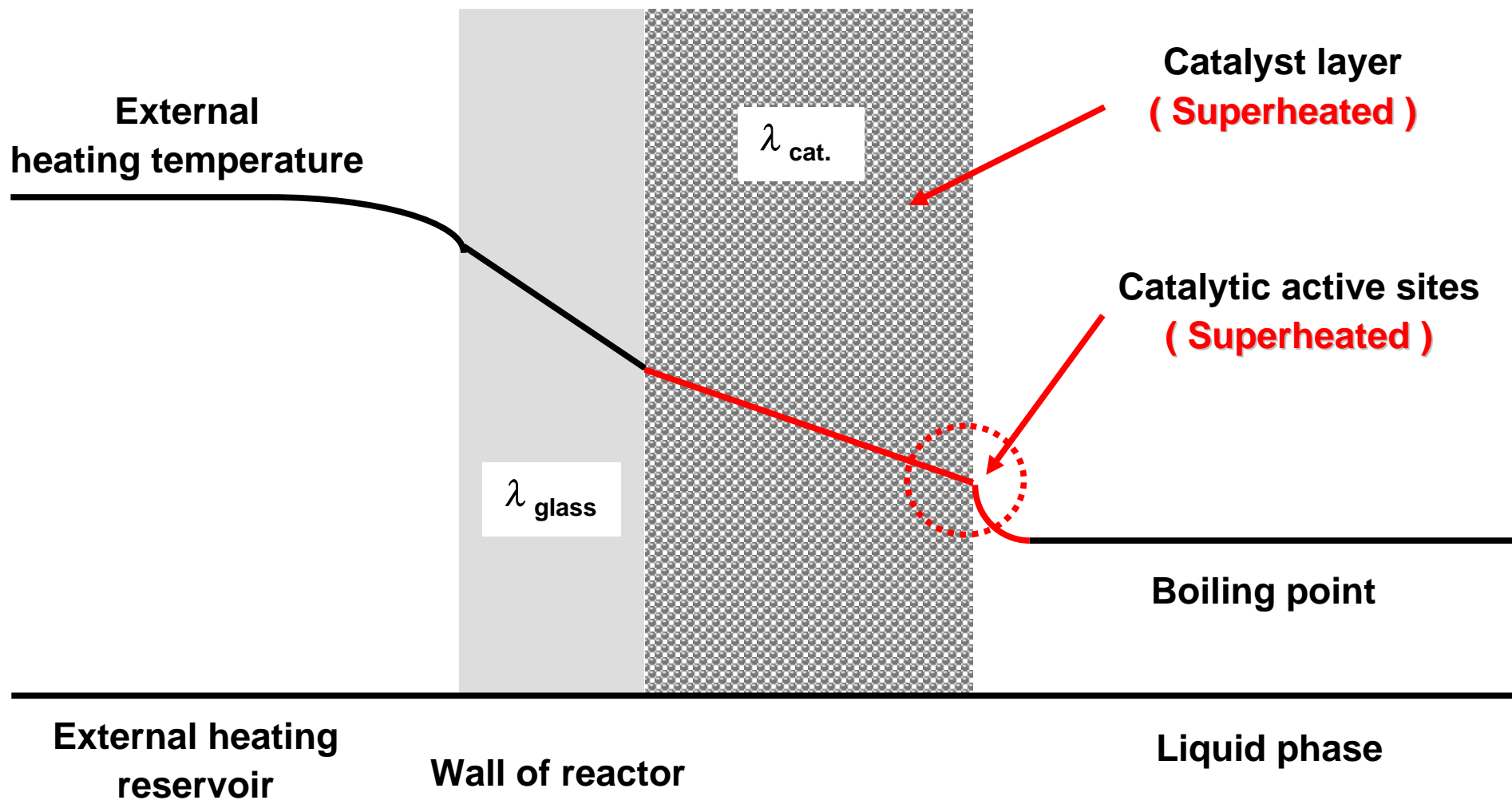
Medium

Large

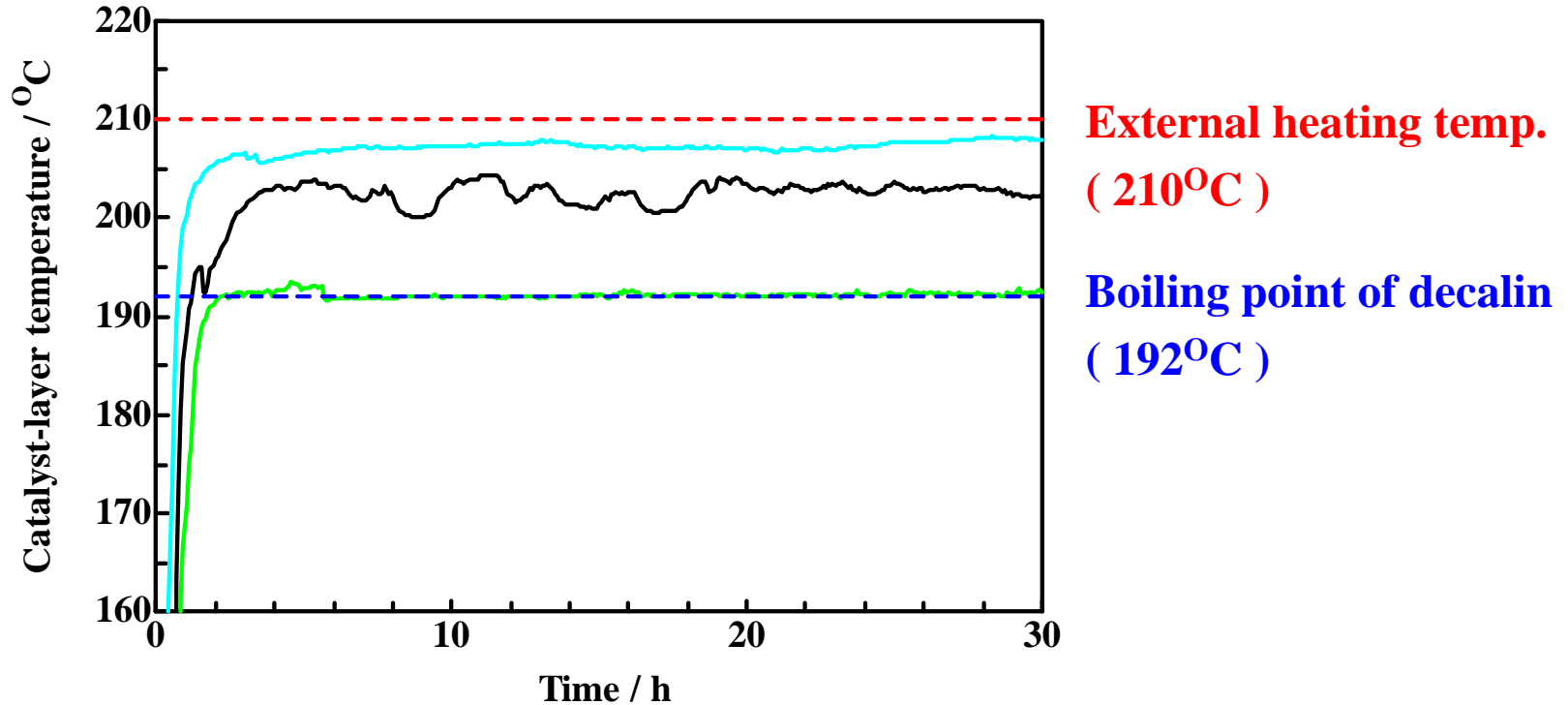
Small

T_{ext} : External heating temp. T_{cat} : Catalyst-layer temp. T_{liq} : Boiling point

Temperature Gradient among Glass-wall, Catalyst-layer and Solution under Superheated Liquid-film Conditions



Relationship of Charged Amount of Decalin with Catalyst-layer Temperature

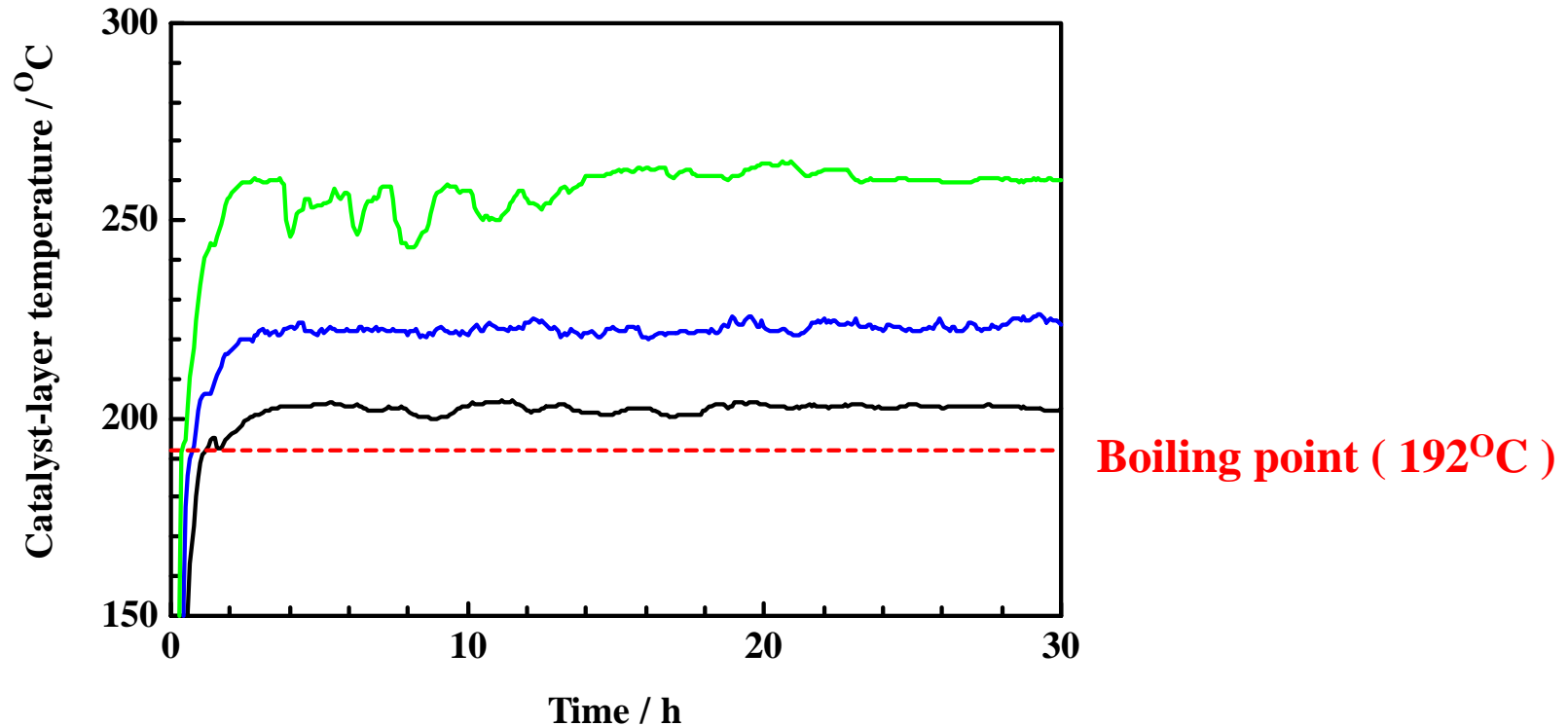


Charged amount of decalin : 0 ml (—), 1.0 ml (—) and 3.0 ml (—)

External heating temp. : 210°C (- - -) Boiling point of decalin : 192°C (- - -)

Boiling and refluxing by heating at 210°C and cooling at 5°C, Activated carbon: 285 mg

Relationship of External Heating Temperature with Catalyst-layer Temperature

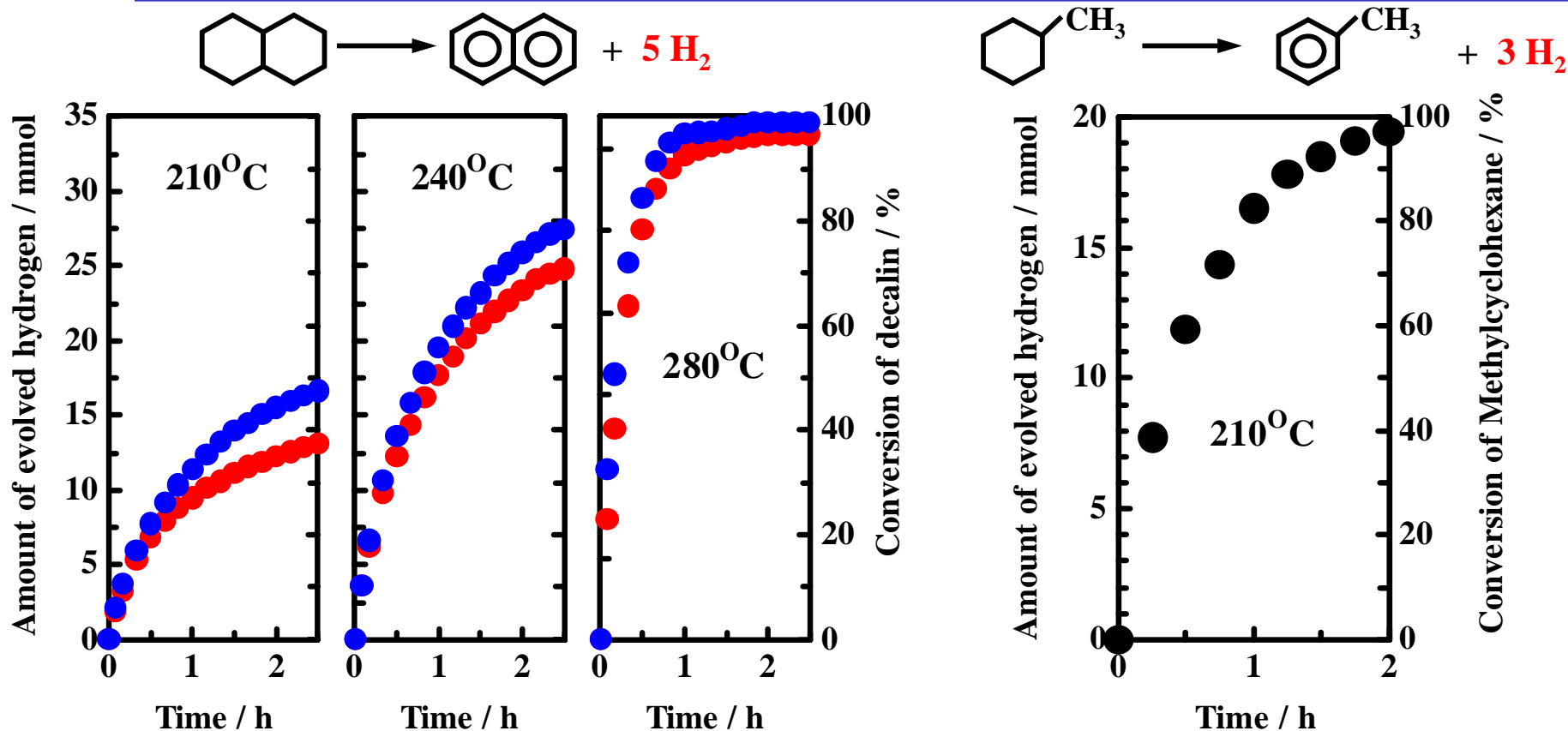


Charged amount of decalin : 1.0 ml, Amount of activated carbon : 285 mg

External heating temp. : 210°C (—), 240°C (—) and 280°C (—)

Boiling and refluxing conditions (Cooling at 5°C), Boiling point : 192°C (- - -)

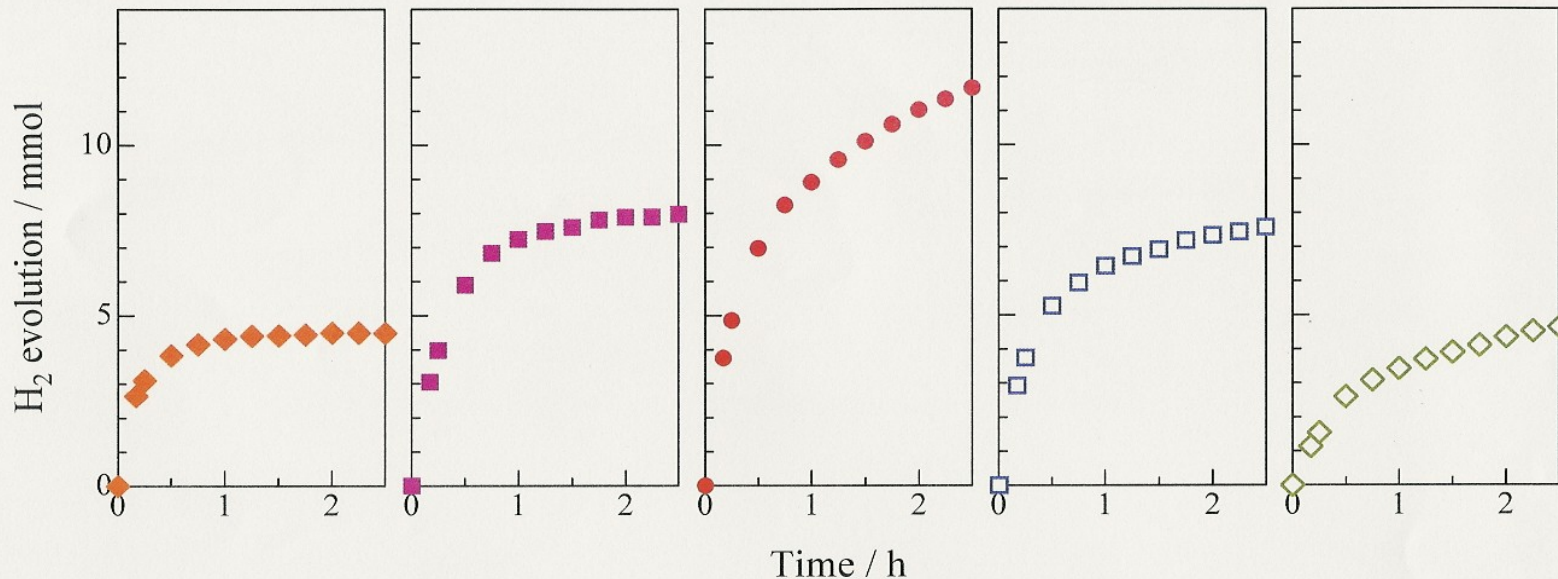
Dehydrogenation Activities for Decalin and MCH with Pt-based Catalysts at Various Heating Temperatures under Superheated Liquid-film Conditions



● : Pt / C (5 wt%), ● : Pt-Re / C (5 wt-Pt%, Pt / Re = 4), ● : Pt-Ir (5 wt%, Pt / Ir = 4)

Catalyst / solution ratio : 0.3 g / 1.0 ml (superheated liquid-film state)

Reaction conditions : Boiling and refluxing by heating at 210, 240, 280°C and cooling at 5°C

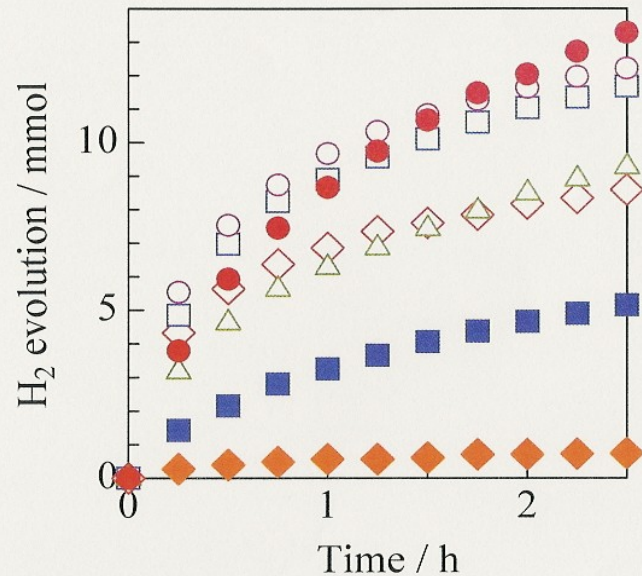


Amount of decalin (◆ : 0.25 ml, ■ : 0.50 ml, ● : 0.75 ml, □ : 1.00 ml, ◇ : 1.25 ml)

Catalyst : Carbon-supported Ni-Ru bimetallic catalyst (10 wt-metal%, Ni/Ru=4) 317 mg

Reaction conditions : Boiling and refluxing conditions (heating at 280°C, cooling at 5°C)

***Relationship of decalin / catalyst amount ratio
with the activities of hydrogen evolution***



Pt / C ●, Ru / C ■, Ni / C ◆ (support carbon 285 mg)

Ru/Ni ratio = 1 : 8 ◇, 1 : 4 □, 1 : 1 ○, 4 : 1 △

Decalin heated at 280°C (Pt/C only 210°C) & chilled at 5°C

Pt/C (5 wt%) / 1.0 ml, Others (10 wt-metal%) / 0.75 ml

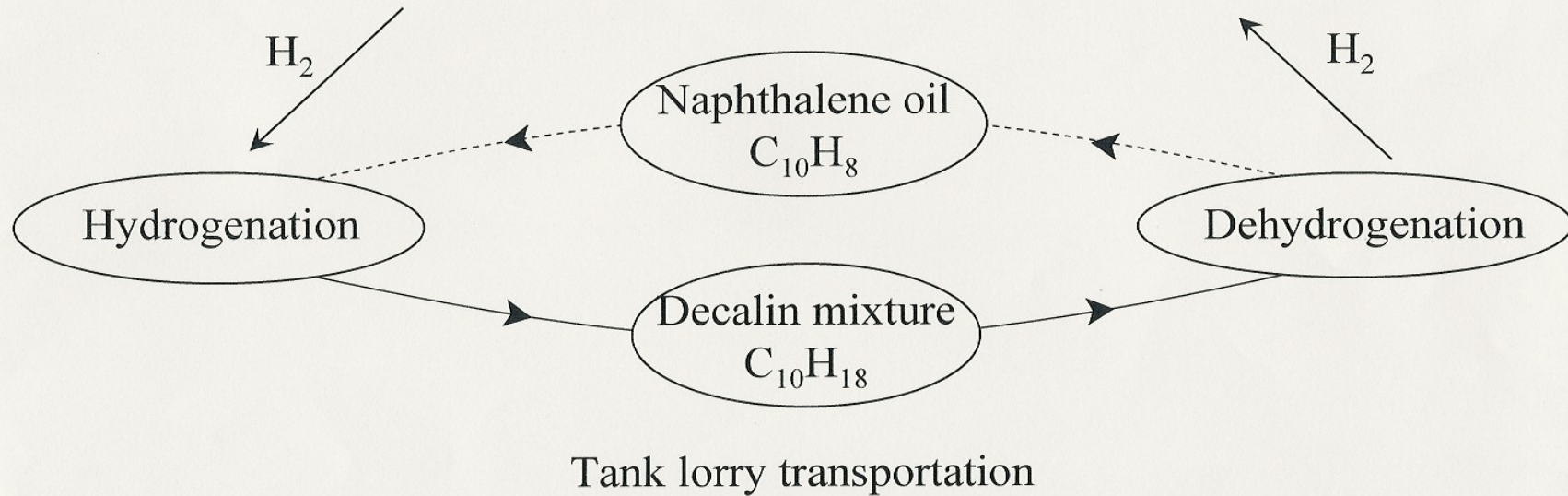
Comparison of decalin dehydrogenation activities between Ni-Ru bimetallic and platinum catalyst

Renewable energy surplus

Electric energy demand

Electrolysis

Fuel cell



Transportation of hydrogen energy with catalyst-assisted decalin dehydrogenation / naphthalene hydrogenation pair

Roles of Organic Chemical Hydride in Hydrogen Internal Combustion Engine

Heat flow from Hydrogen ICE to Superheated Reactor for Dehydrogenation

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{[Waste heat at a high temperature]} && Q \\ & = \text{[Dehydrogenation heat of organic hydride]} && \Delta H_r \\ & + \text{[Evaporation heat accompanying the reaction]} && \Delta H_v \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{[Waste heat generated in ICE and finally accepted in radiator]} \\ & = \text{[Enthalpy enrichment of fuel through hydrogen evolution]} \\ & + \text{[Efficient transfer of exhaust heats through boiling & cooling]} \end{aligned}$$

Ongoing & Expected Collaborations

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International Partnership
for the Hydrogen Economy

Int'l H₂ Storage Technologies Conference



Background

Hydrogen for ICE-vehicles driven by hydrogen & Stationary Fuel Cells

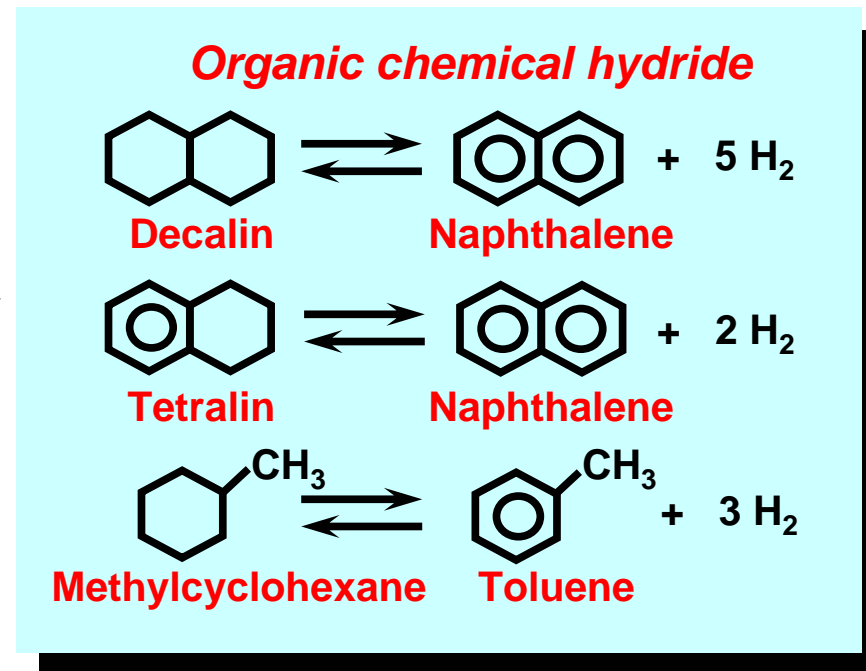
Key Technologies: **Storage, Transportation and Supply**

Suitable Medium for Hydrogen Storage

- (1) High Storage Capacity
- (2) Safe & Economical
- (3) Facile Reversibility

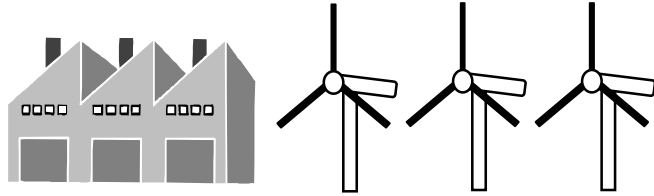
Rapid Hydrogen Supply to Fuel Cells under Mild Conditions

- (1) Small exergy consumption
- (2) No coke formation



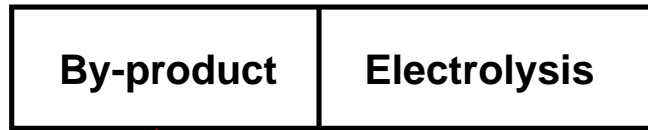
Superheated liquid-film-type catalysis
under reactive distillation conditions

Hydrogen Energy Systems by Using Chemical Organic Hydrides



Coke-oven gas
Brine electrolysis

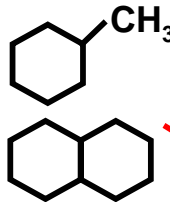
Renewable
Energies



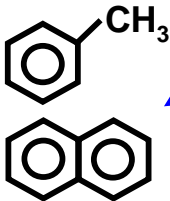
H₂

Hydrogenation site

“ Decalin / MCH ”



Chemical tanker
Tank lorry

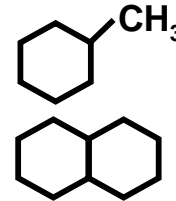


“ Naphthalene oil ”

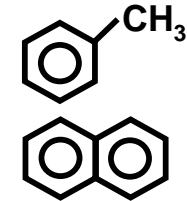
Existing infrastructure for
oil storage & supply



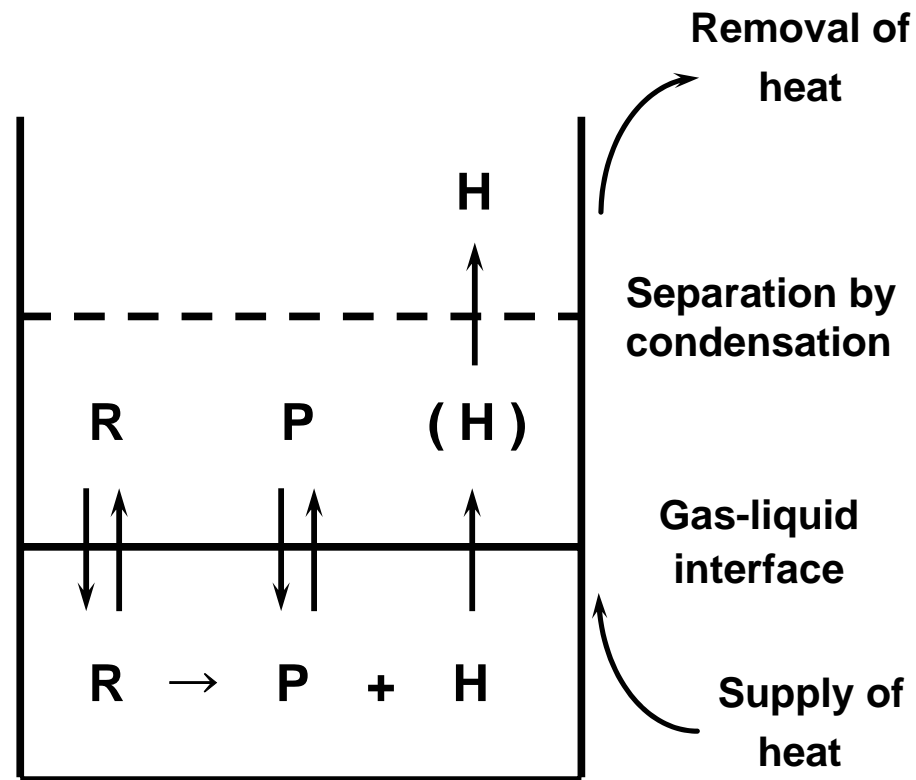
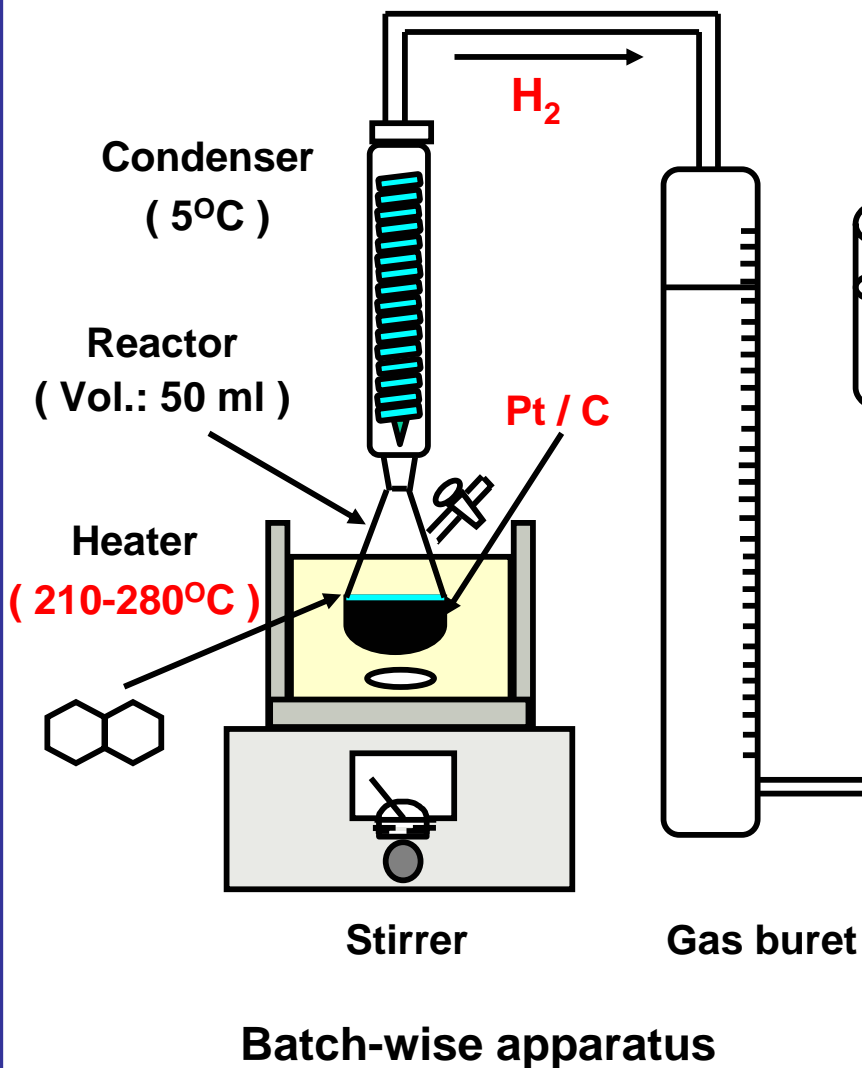
Hydrogen-driven
vehicles



Fuel cell with
H₂ generator



Catalytic Dehydrogenation under Reactive Distillation Conditions in Batch-wise Operation



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Liquid-phase dehydrogenation under reactive distillation conditions

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Components Candidates of "Naphthalene Oil"

| Candidate compound | Melting point [°C] | Boiling point [°C] | Storage capacity of hydrogen [wt%] [L / 5 kg-H ₂] | |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---|------------------|
| Toluene | -94.5 | 110.6 | 6.2 | 104.1 |
| o-Xylene | -25.2 | 144.4 | 5.4 | 116.3 |
| m-Xylene | -47.4 | 139.3 | 5.4 | 121.4 |
| Naphthalene | 80.2 | 217.0 | 7.3 | 76.5-78.9 |
| 1-Methylnaphthalene | -30.6 | 244.8 | 6.6 | 84.9-87.2 |

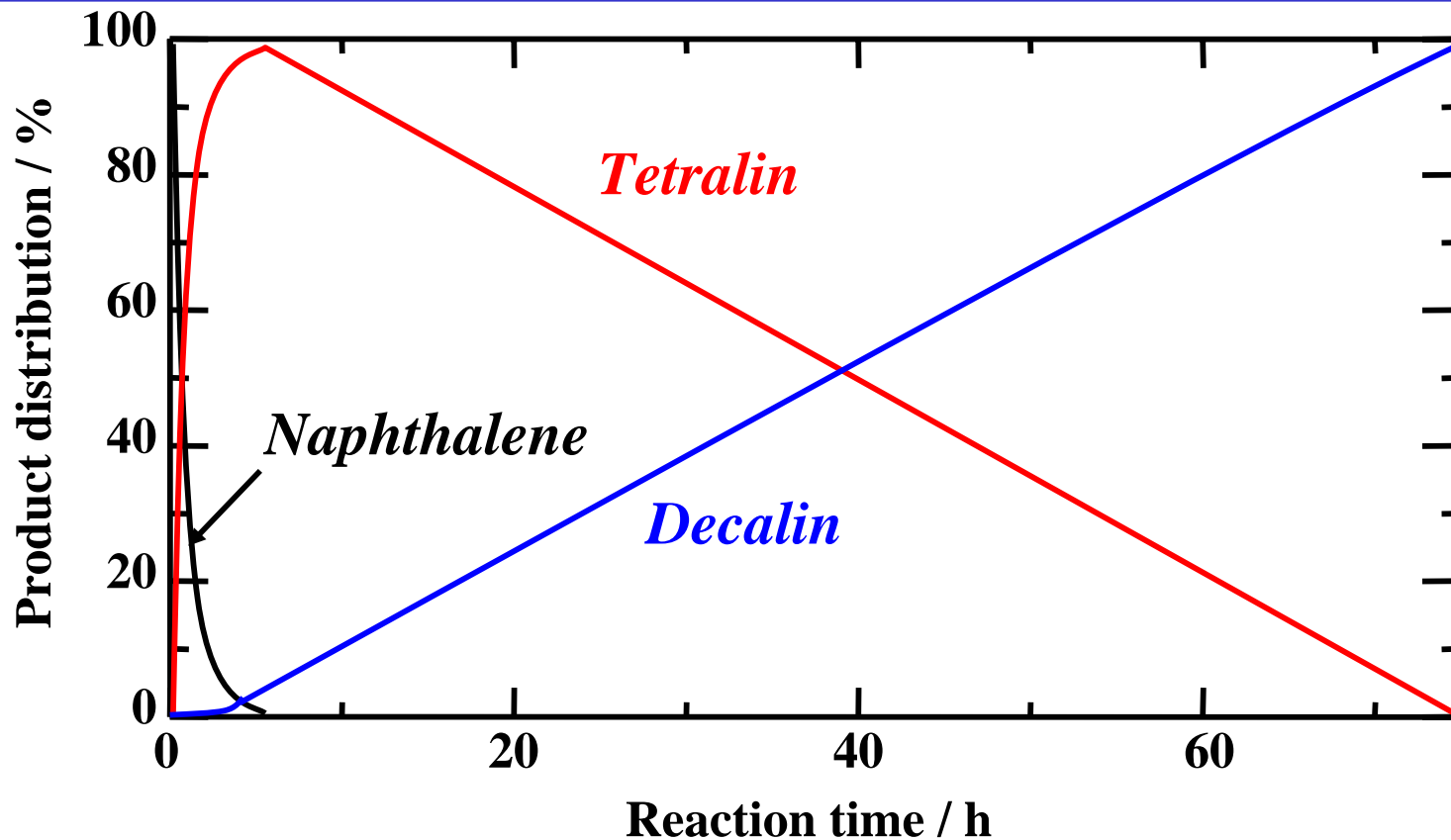


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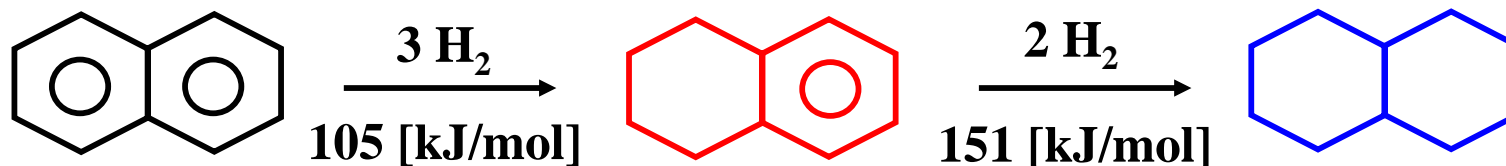
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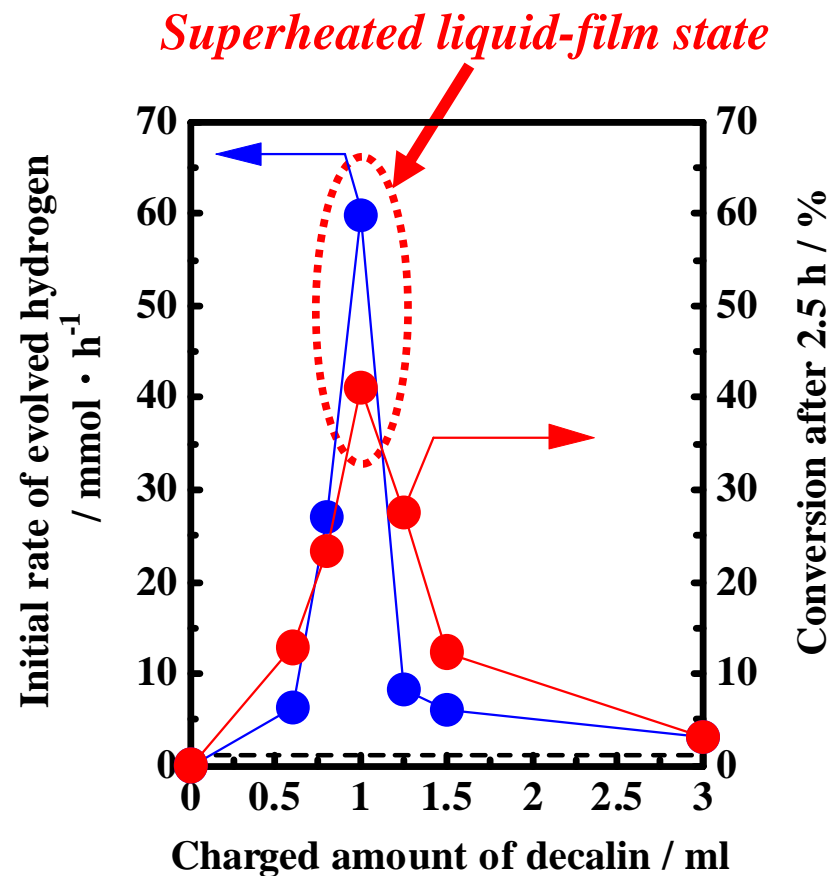
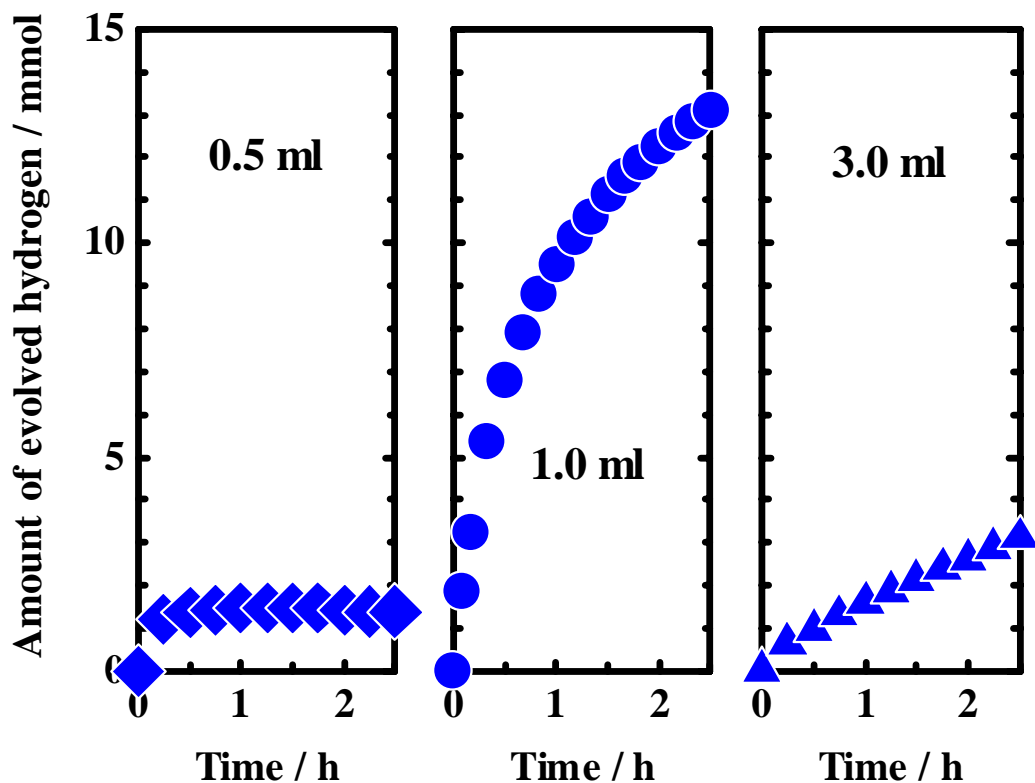
Reaction Sequence of Naphthalene Hydrogenation



Catalyst : Pd / C (5 wt%), Initial pressure : 68 atm, A. W. Weitkamp, Adv. Catal., 18, 21 (1968).



Relationship of Catalytic Dehydrogenation Activities with Charged Amount of Decalin in Batch-wise Operation

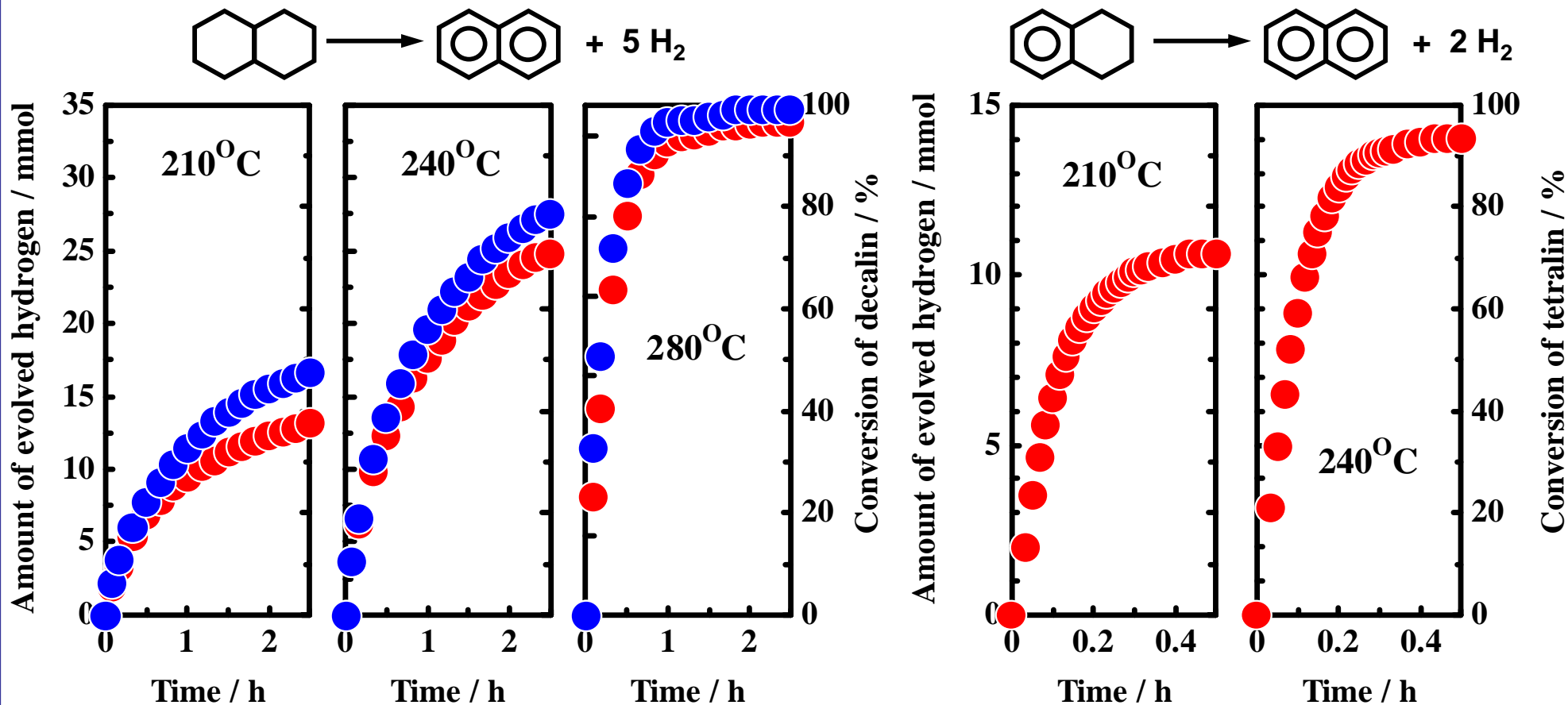


-----: Equilibrium conversion of decalin dehydrogenation at 210°C, 1 atm

Catalyst: Carbon-supported platinum nano-particles (5 wt-metal%) 0.30 g

Reaction conditions: Boiling and refluxing by heating at 210°C and cooling at 5°C

Hydrogen Evolution from Organic Hydrides with Pt-based Cats. at Various Heating Temps. under Superheated Liquid-film Conditions

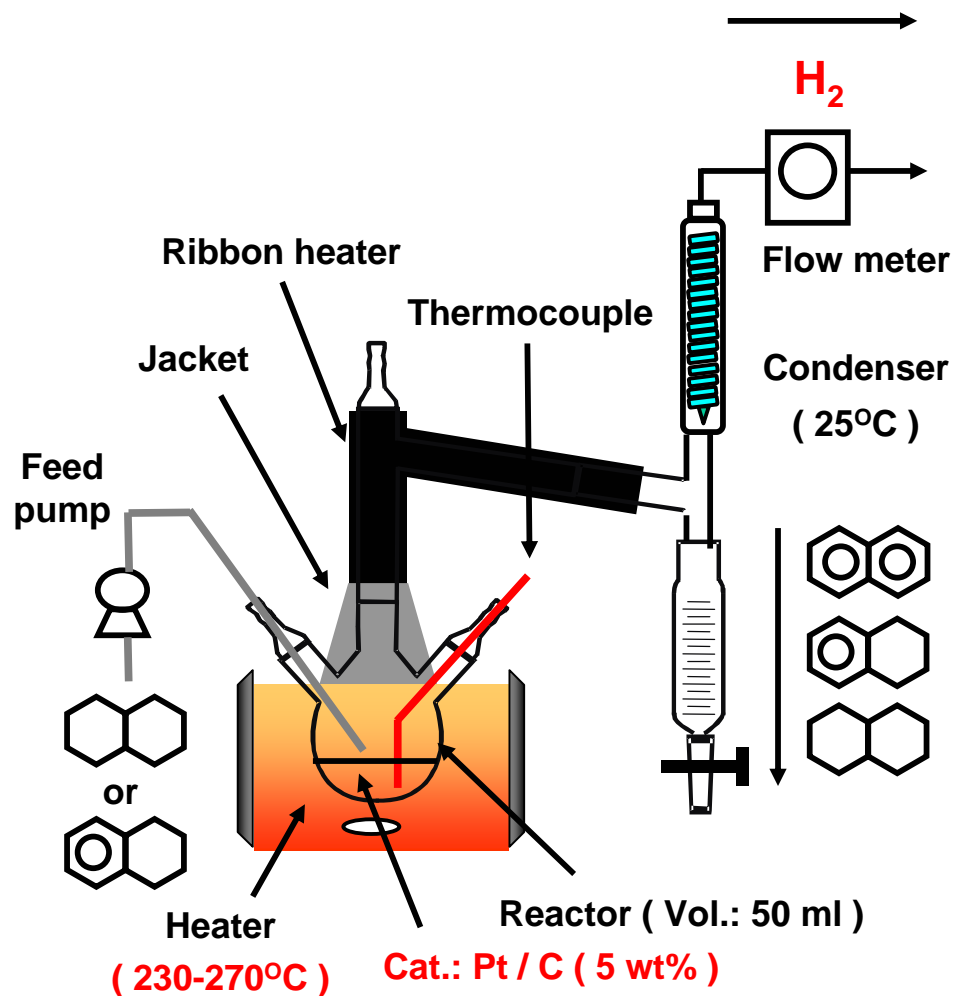


●: Pt / C (5 wt-metal%), ●: Pt-Re / C (5 wt-Pt%, Pt / Re = 4)

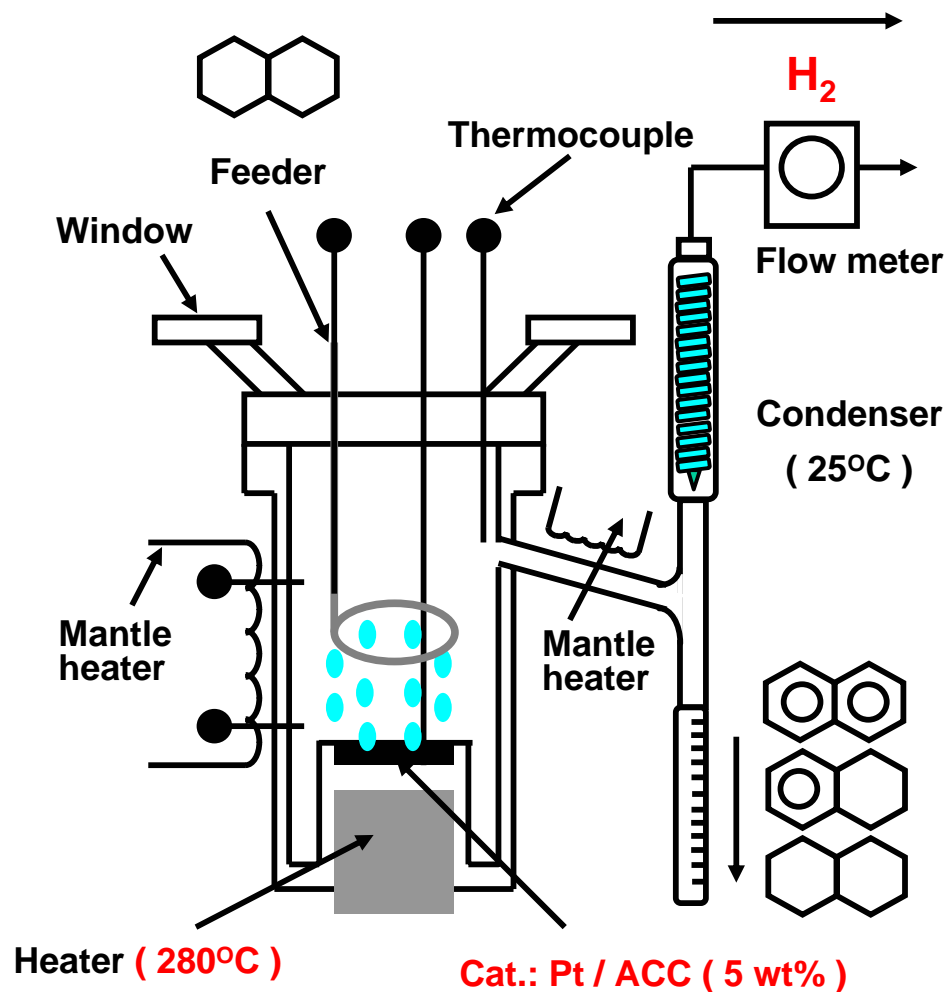
Catalyst / solution ratio: 300 mg / 1.0 ml (superheated liquid-film state)

Reaction conditions: Boiling and refluxing by heating at 210-280°C and cooling at 5°C

Experimental Apparatus for Catalytic Dehydrogenation under Reactive Distillation Conditions in Continuous Operation

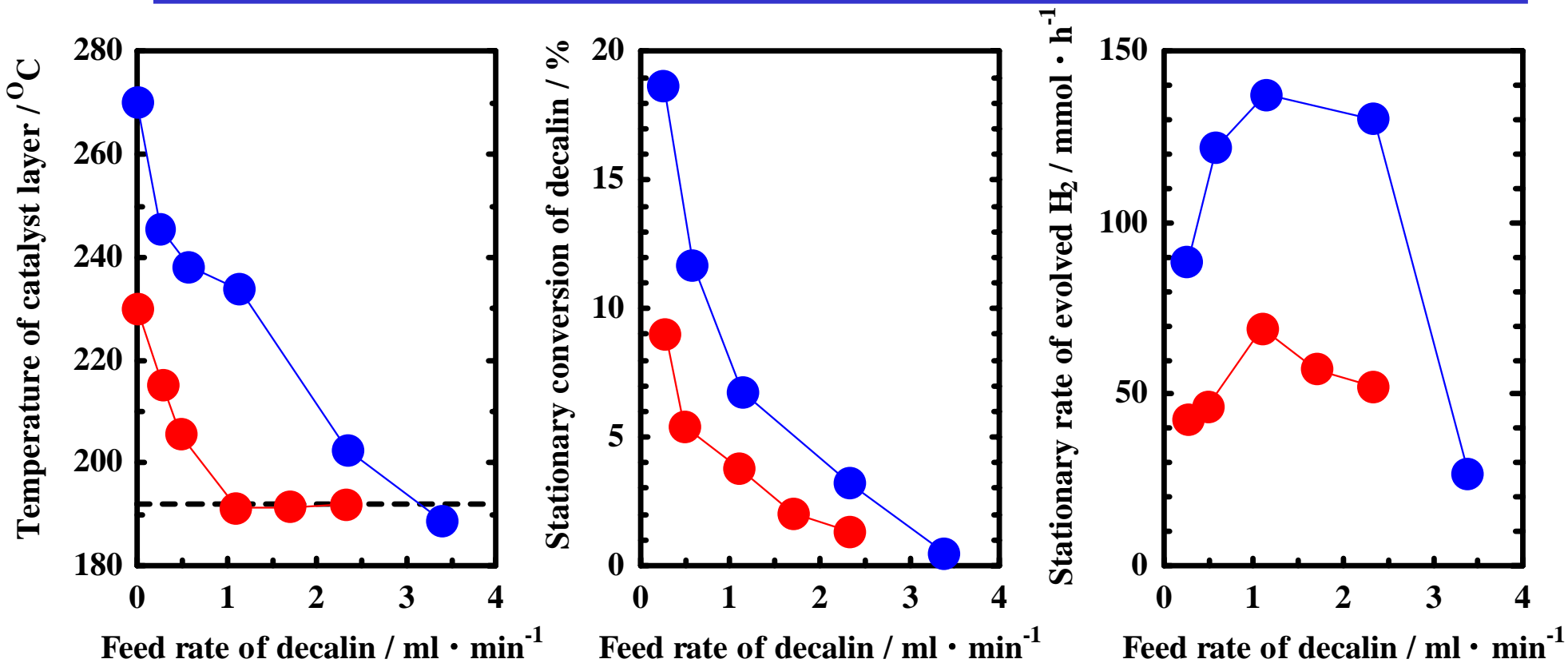


Continuous operation at **laboratory scale**



Continuous operation at **bench scale**

Relationship of Cat.-layer Temp. and Dehydrogenation Activities with Feed Rate of Decalin in Continuous Operation

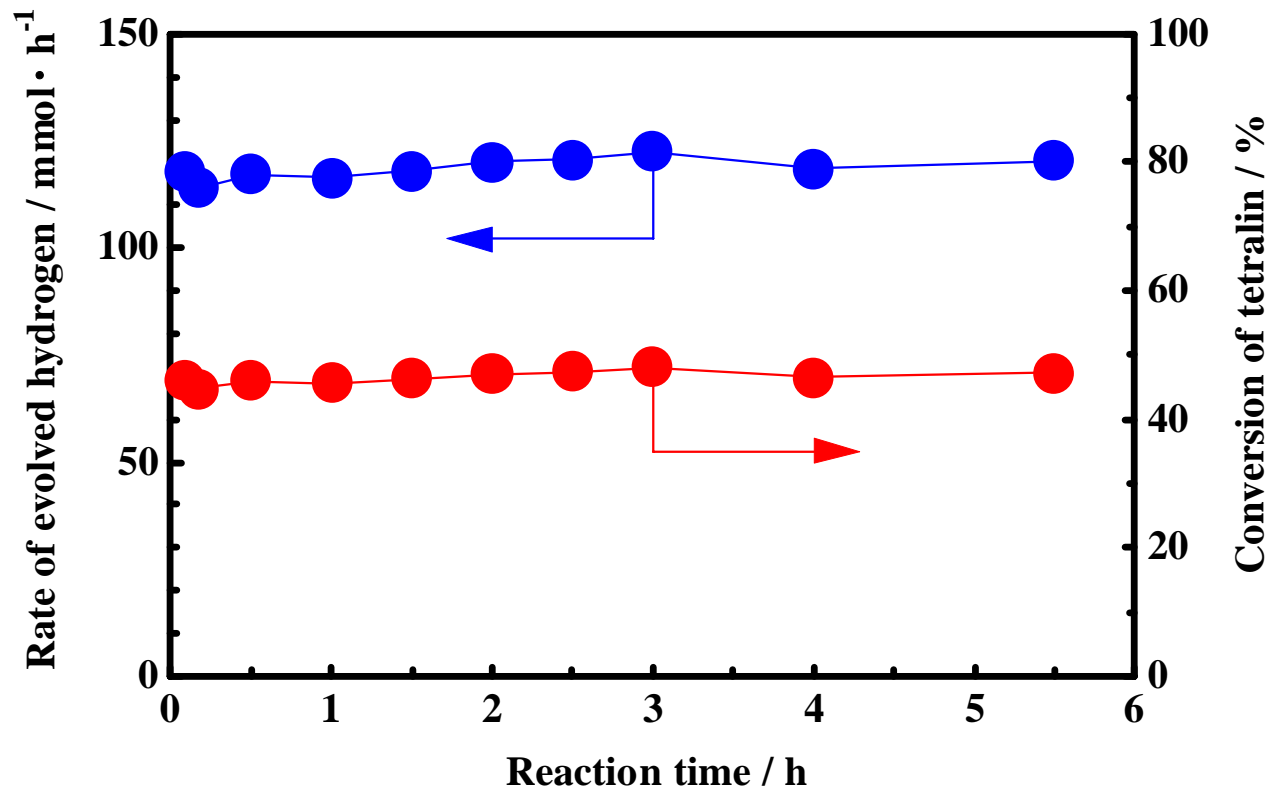


-----: Boiling point of decalin (192°C)

Catalyst: Carbon-supported platinum nano-particles (5 wt-metal%) 1.1 g

Reaction conditions: Boiling and refluxing by heating at 230°C (●), 270°C (●) and cooling at 25°C

Long-term Test for Continuous Hydrogen Supply from Tetralin with Pt / C Catalyst in Liquid-film State

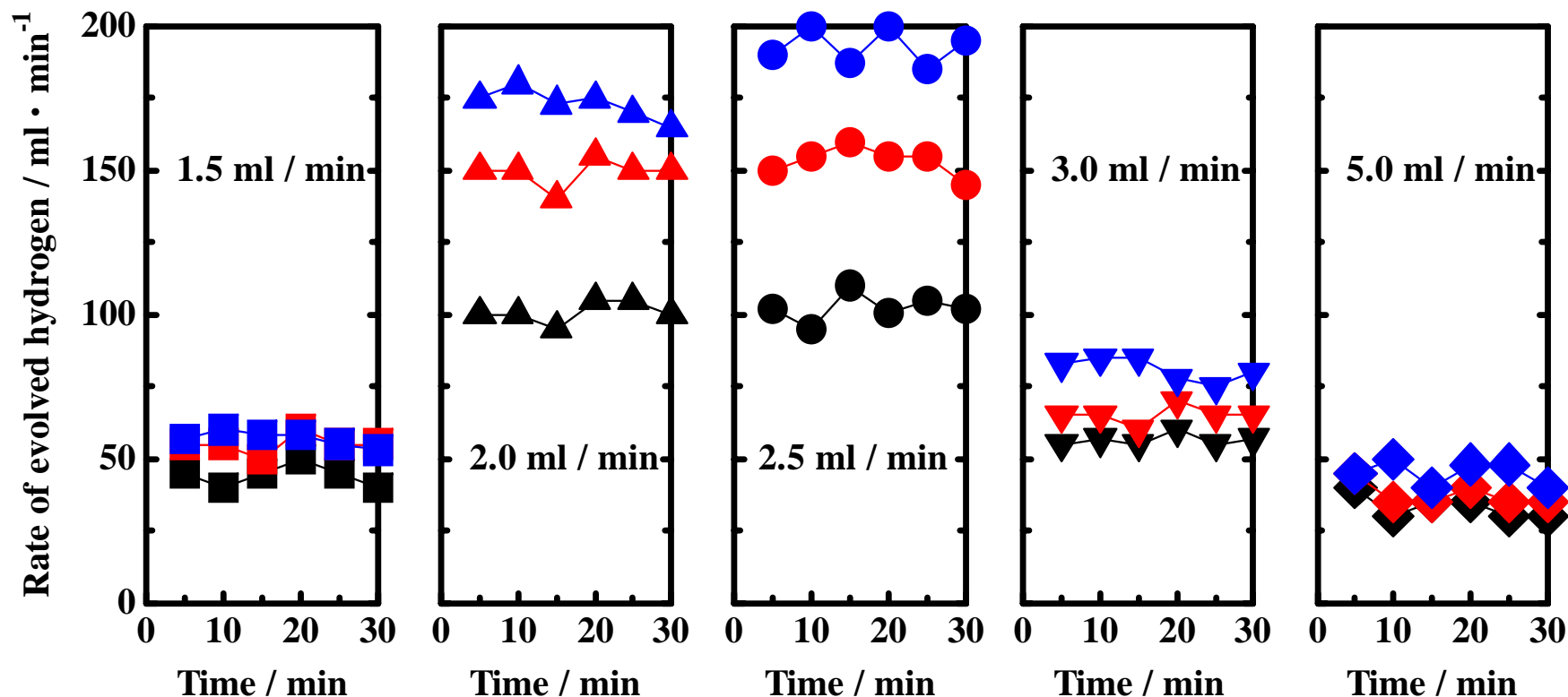


Catalyst: Carbon-supported platinum particles (5 wt-metal%) 1.1 g

Feed rate of tetralin: 0.5 ml / min (superheated liquid-film conditions)

Reaction conditions: Boiling and refluxing by heating at 240°C and cooling at 25°C

Time Courses of Evolution Rates of Hydrogen from Decalin at Various Feed Rates in Continuous Operation

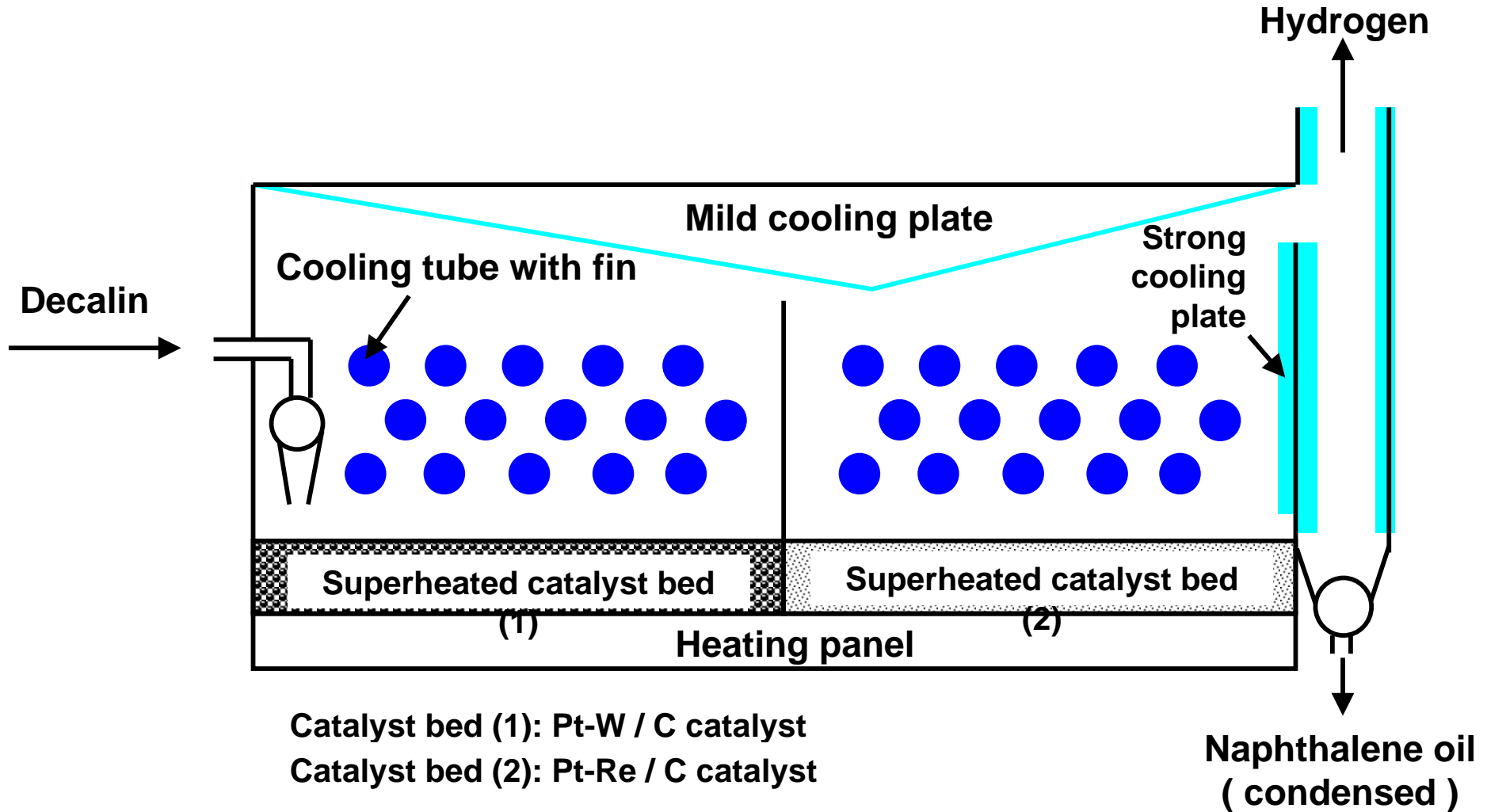


Feed rate of decalin: 1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0 and 5.0 ml / min

Catalyst: Platinum nano-particles supported on activated carbon cloth (5 wt-metal%)
 0.29 g (one layer, black), 0.58 g (two layers, red) and 0.87 g (three layers, blue)

Reaction conditions: Boiling and refluxing by heating at 280°C and cooling at 25°C

A Basic Design of Piston-flow Type Reactor for Dehydrogenation under Superheated Liquid-film Conditions



Conclusions & Ongoing / Expected Collaborations

Conclusions

1. Catalytic hydrogen supply from **organic chemical hydrides** with carbon-supported metallic particles in **“superheated liquid-film states”** under reactive distillation conditions was efficiently attained in batch-wise operation at moderate temperatures of **210-280°C**.
2. Rapid hydrogen generation from organic chemical hydrides **under superheated liquid-film conditions in continuous mode** was well demonstrated at both laboratory and bench scale.

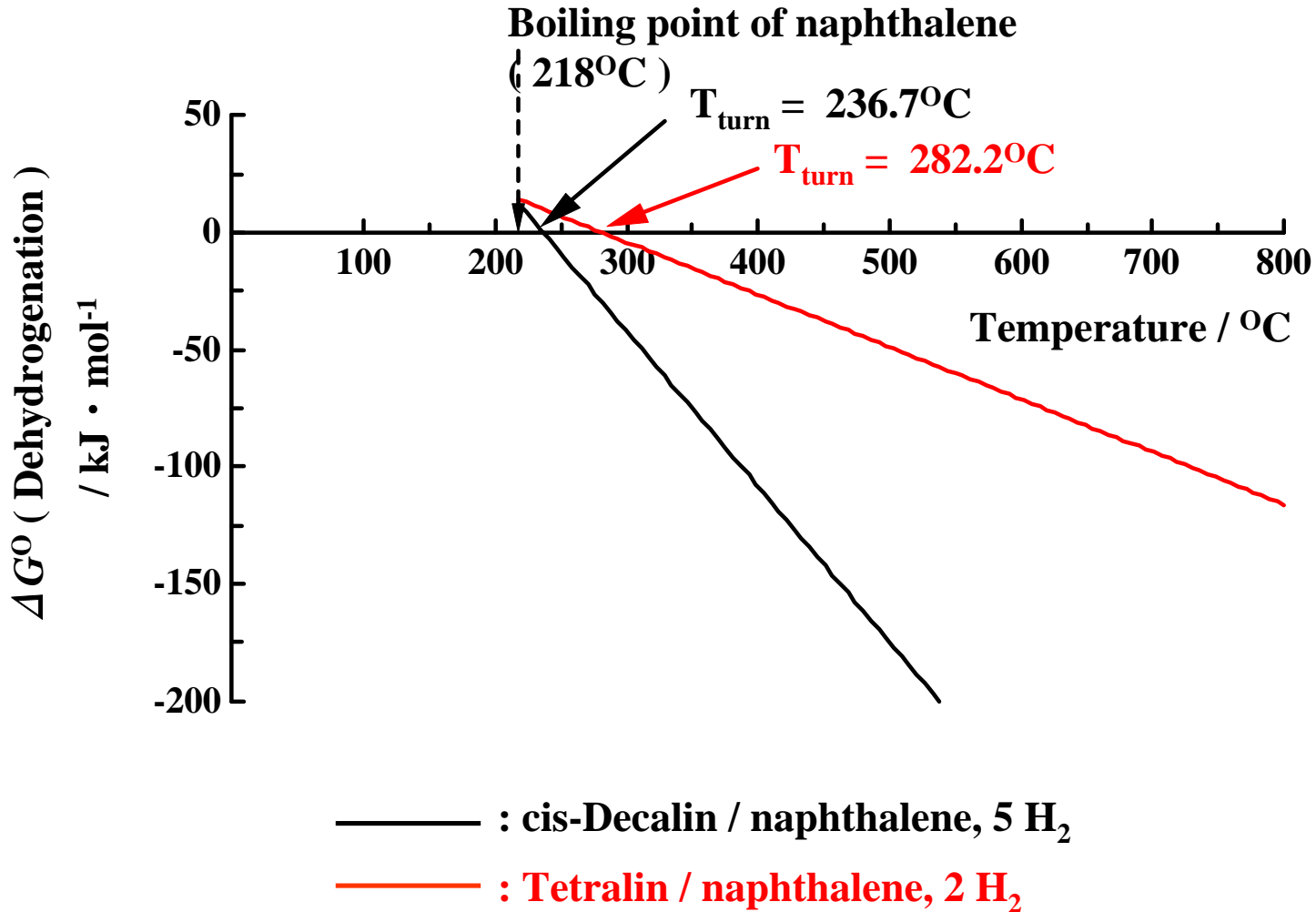
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Gibbs Energy Change of Reaction Pairs of Dehydrogenation / Hydrogenation as a Function of Temp.



Preparation Scheme of Carbon-supported Platinum-based Catalysts

Activated carbon pretreated by NaOH aq. (pH 14)
(BET surface area: **3100 m²/g**, pore size: **2.0 nm**)

1. Adsorption of **K₂PtCl₄** aq. at 25°C for 48 h
2. Reduction by NaBH₄ aq. at 90°C for 30 min
3. Washing by water of 1 L
4. Evacuation at 70°C for 10 h

Pt / C catalyst (5 wt-metal%)

1. Evacuation at 160°C for 1 h
2. Addition of **W(CO)₆**
3. Stirring under N₂ atmosphere at 25°C for 1 h
4. Stirring under N₂ atmosphere at 240°C for 3 h
5. Evacuation at 160°C for 1 h

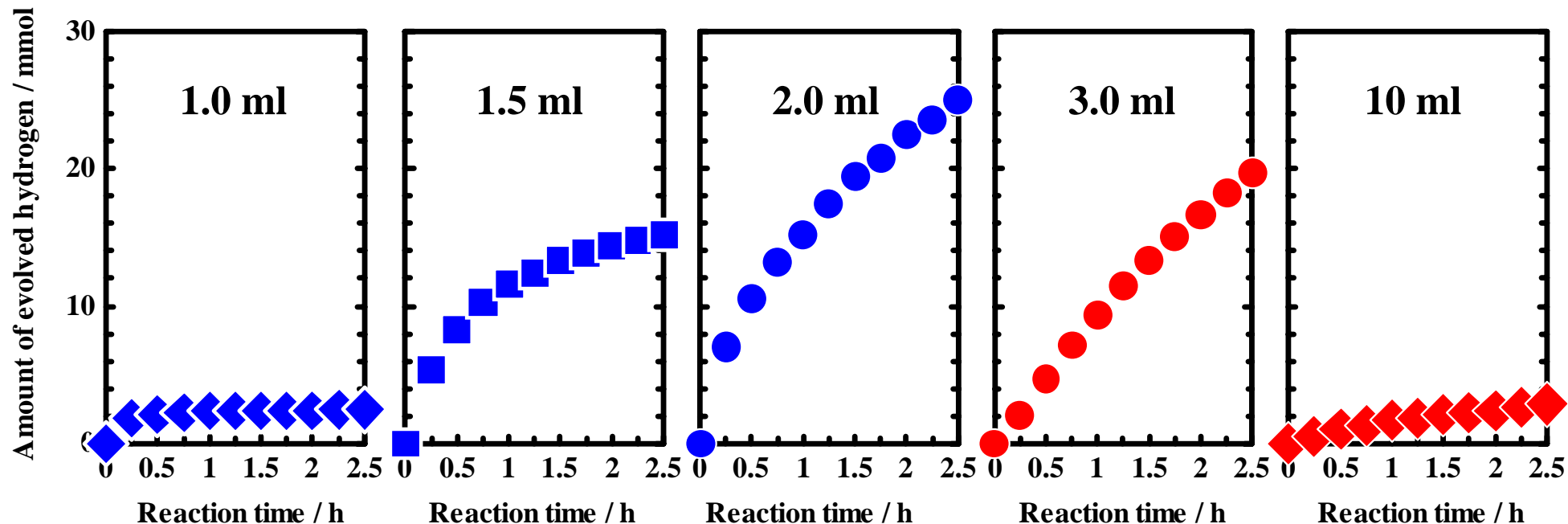
Pt-W / C cat. (5 wt-Pt%, Pt / W = 5)

1. Evacuation at 180°C for 1 h
2. Addition of **Re(cp)(CO)₃**
3. Stirring under N₂ atmosphere at 25°C for 1 h
4. Stirring under N₂ atmosphere at 100°C for 1 h
5. Stirring under H₂ atmosphere at 240°C for 3 h
6. Evacuation at 180°C for 1 h

Pt-Re / C cat. (5 wt-Pt%, Pt / Re = 4)

Time Courses of Hydrogen Evolved from Decalin

With Pt / C Catalyst at Various Charged Amounts of Decalin

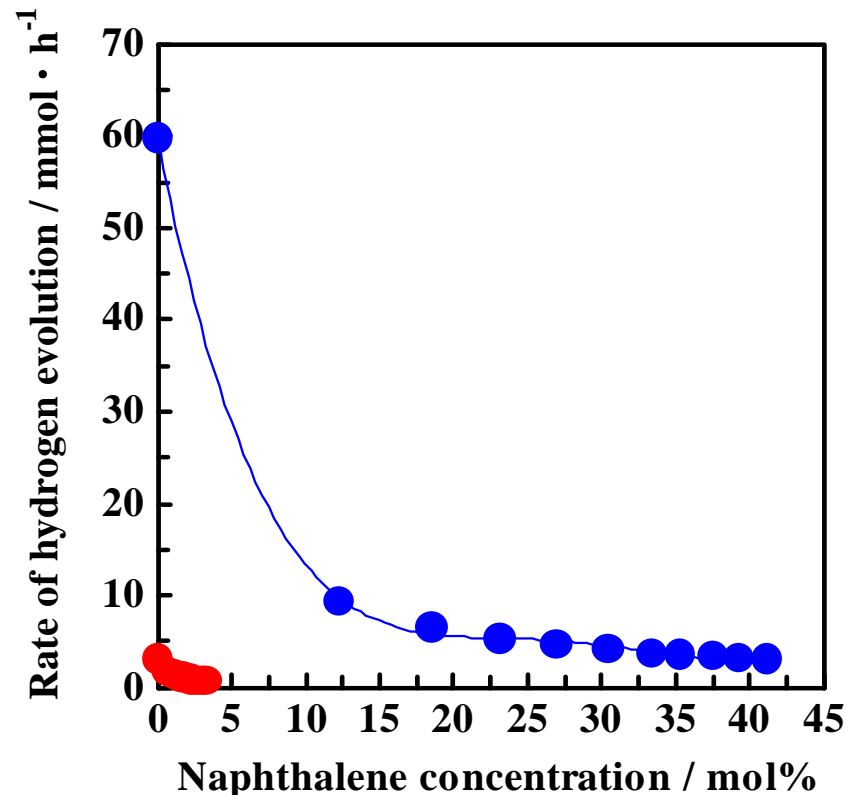
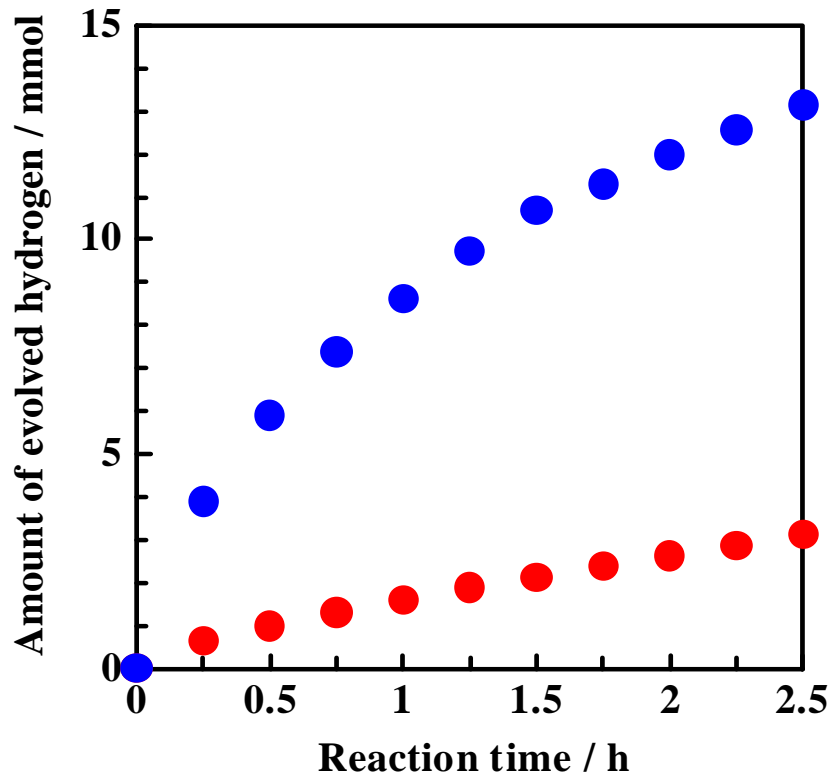


Charged amount of decalin: 1.0 (◆), 1.5 (■), 2.0 (●), 3.0 (●), 10 ml (◆)

Catalyst: Carbon-supported platinum nano-particles (Pt / C, 5 wt-metal%) 0.75 g

Reaction conditions: Boiling and refluxing by heating at 210°C and cooling at 5°C

Time Courses of Evolved Hydrogen with Pt / C Cat. and Reaction Rate as a Function of Naphthalene Concentration



Catalyst: Carbon-supported platinum nano-particles (5 wt-metal%) 0.30 g

Decalin solution: 1.0 ml (●) (liquid-film state), 3.0 ml (●) (suspended state)

Reaction conditions: Boiling and refluxing by heating at 210⁰C and cooling at 5⁰C

Contrast between Superheated Liquid-film and Suspended States in Catalytic Decalin Dehydrogenation

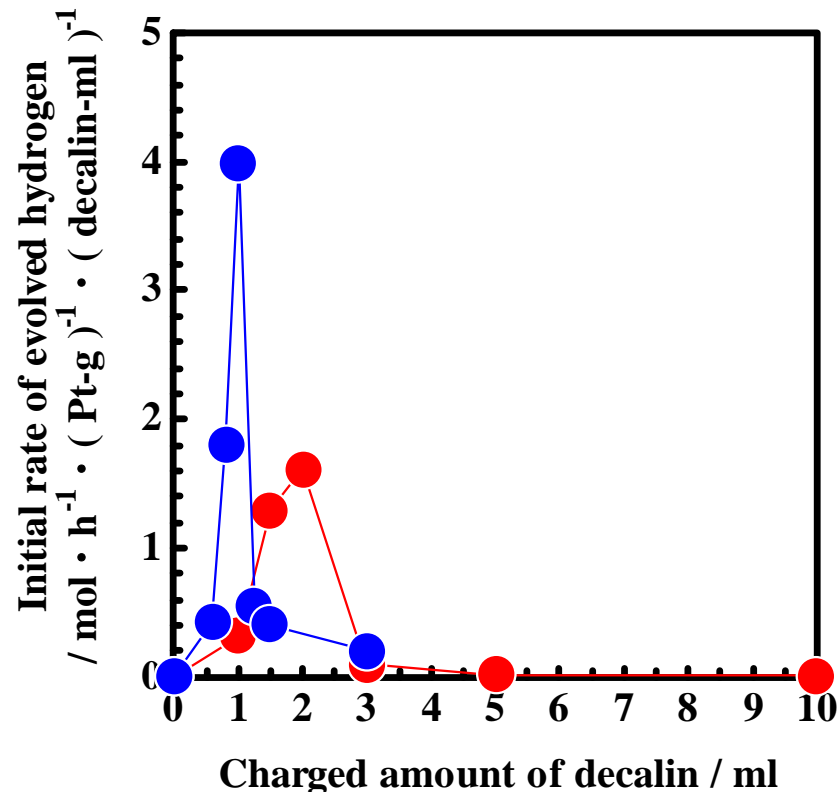
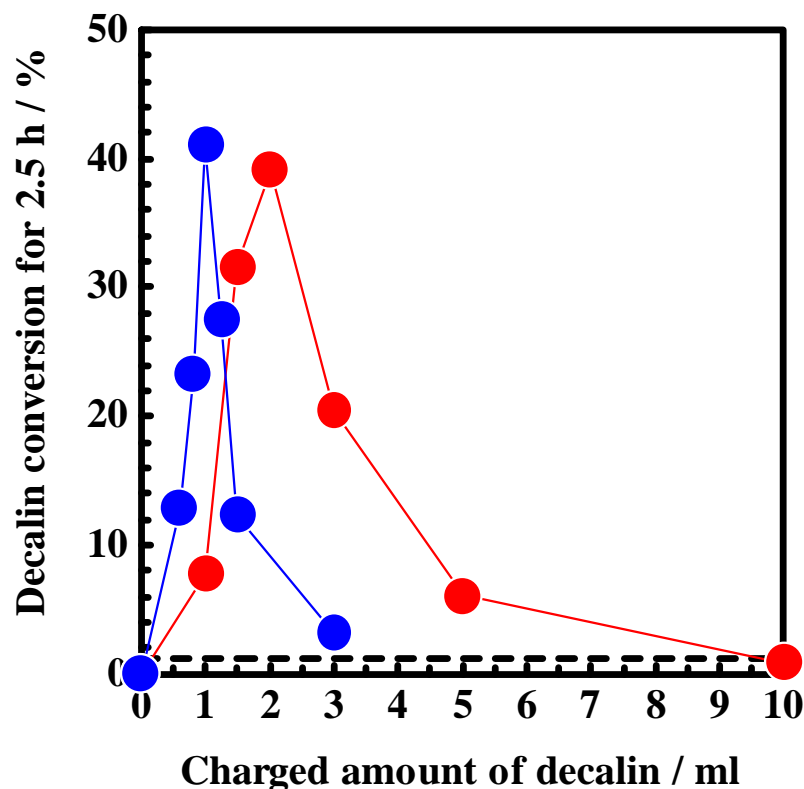
| | Superheated liquid-film state | Suspended state |
|---|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Catalyst / solution ratio (g / ml) | 0.30 / 1.0 | 0.30 / 3.0 |
| Rate constant: k (mol / h · Pt-g) | 3.3 | 0.21 |
| Retardation constant: K (ml / mmol) | 5.2 | 16.4 |

Catalyst: Carbon-supported platinum nano-particles (5 wt-metal%) 0.30 g

Reaction conditions: Boiling and refluxing by heating at 210°C and cooling at 5°C

k and K calculated from the equation: $v = k / (1 + K [\text{naphthalene}])$

Relationship of catalytic dehydrogenation activities with charged amounts of decalin



-----: Equilibrium conversion (1.2%) for decalin dehydrogenation at 210°C and 1 atm

Catalyst: Carbon-supported platinum nano-particles (Pt / C, 5 wt-metal%) 0.30 g (●) and 0.75 g (●)

Reaction conditions : Boiling and refluxing by heating at 210°C and cooling at 5°C

Comparison of Kinetic Parameters in Superheated Liquid-film States at different amount ratios

Superheated liquid-film state

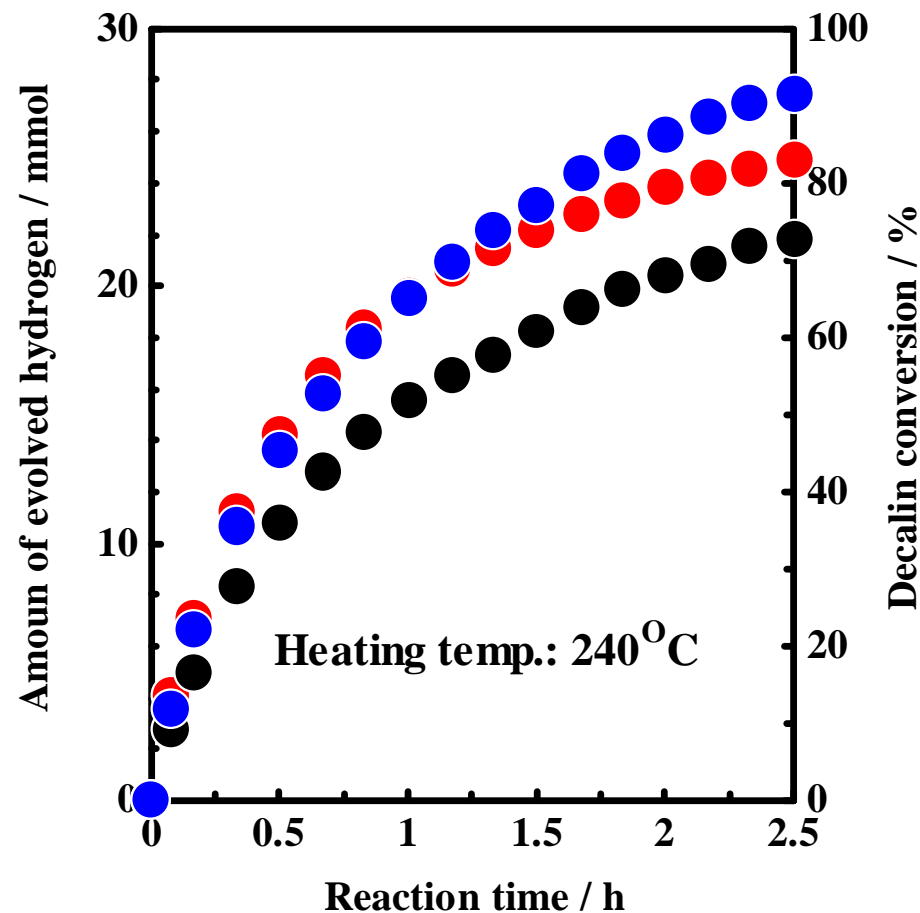
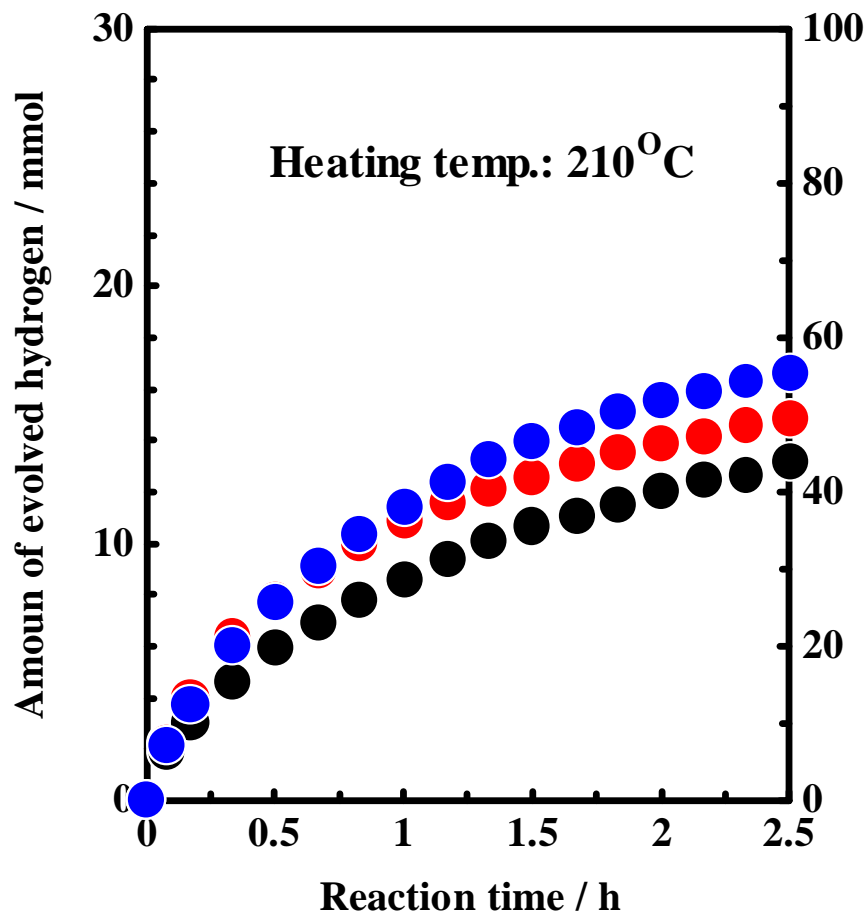
| Catalyst / solution ratio (g / ml) | 0.30 / 1.0 | 0.75 / 2.0 |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Rate constant: k (mol / h · Pt-g) | 3.3 | 2.9 |
| Retardation constant: K (ml / mmol) | 5.2 | 7.6 |

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Time Courses of Dehydrogenation Activities with Pt-based Catalysts under Superheated Liquid-film Conditions

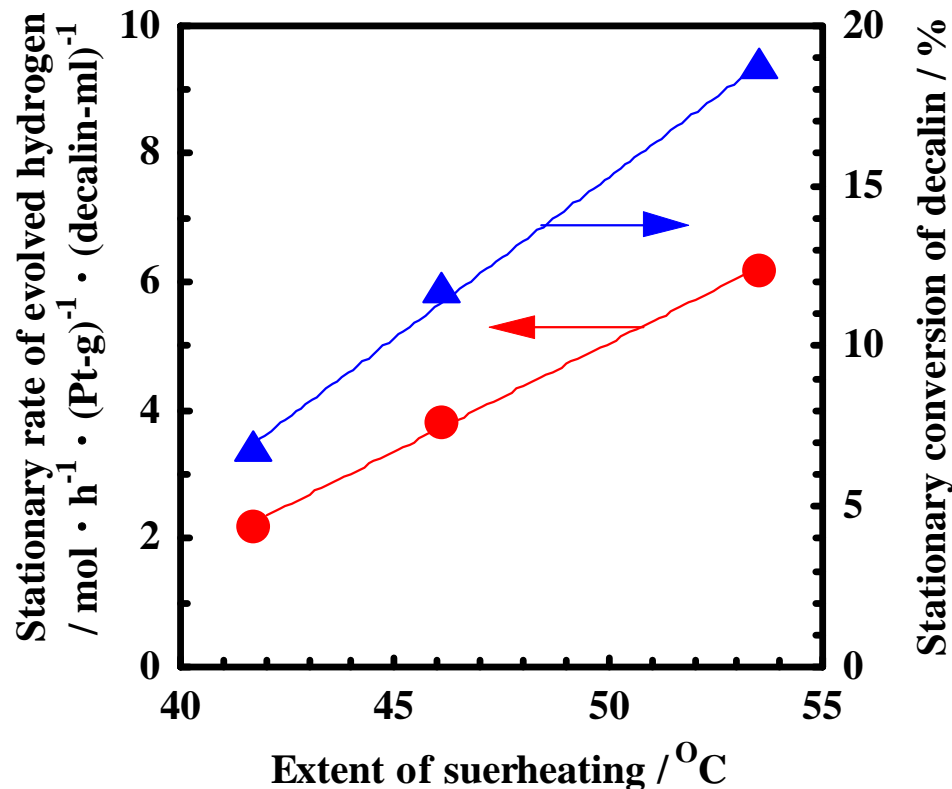
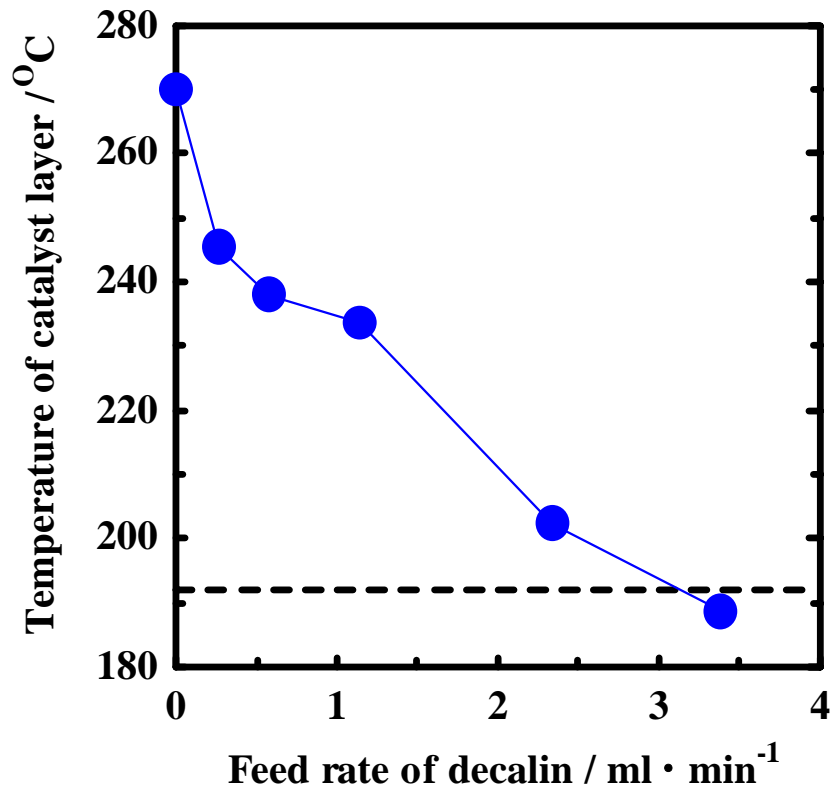


Catalyst: Pt / C (5 wt%, ●), Pt-W / C (5 wt-Pt%, Pt / W = 5, ●) and Pt-Re / C (5 wt-Pt%, Pt / Re = 4, ●) 0.30 g

Charged amount of decalin solution: 1.0 ml (superheated liquid-film conditions)

Reaction conditions: Boiling and refluxing by heating at 210 and 240⁰C and cooling at 5⁰C

Relationship of Catalyst-layer Temperature with Feed Rate and Dehydrogenation Activities as a Function of Extent of Superheating

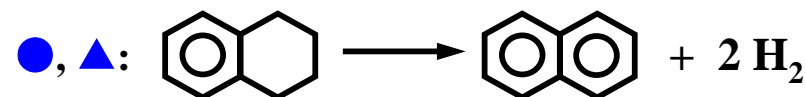
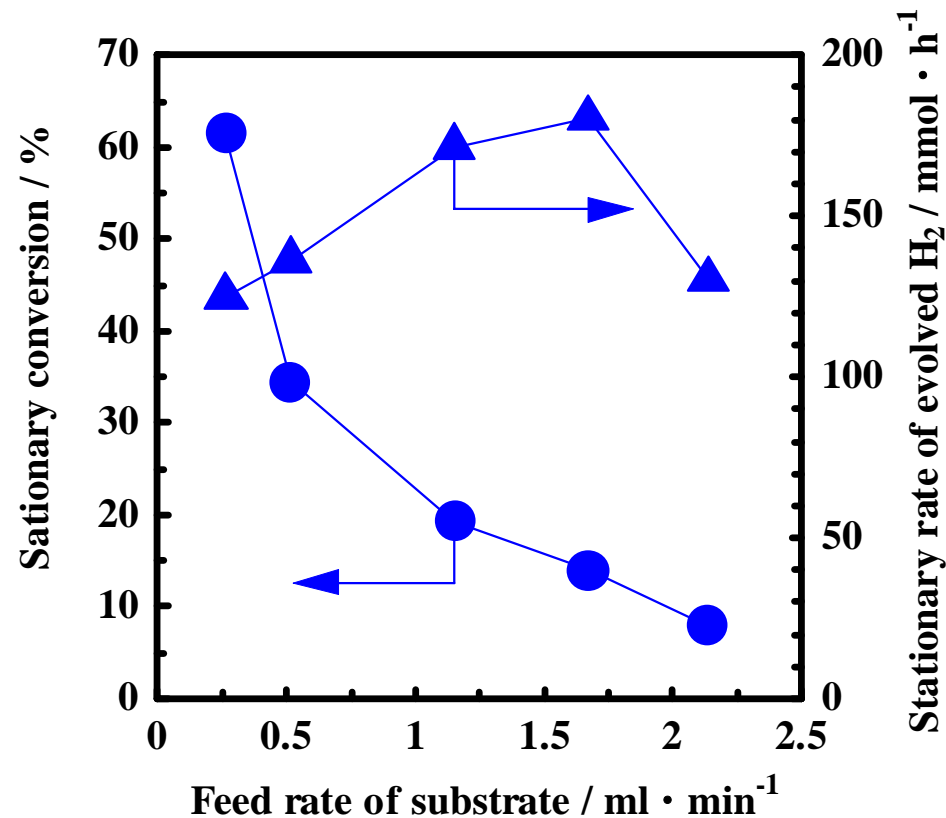
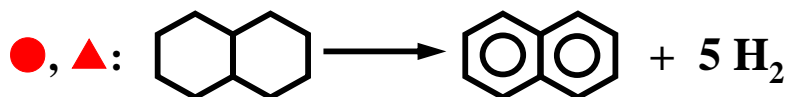
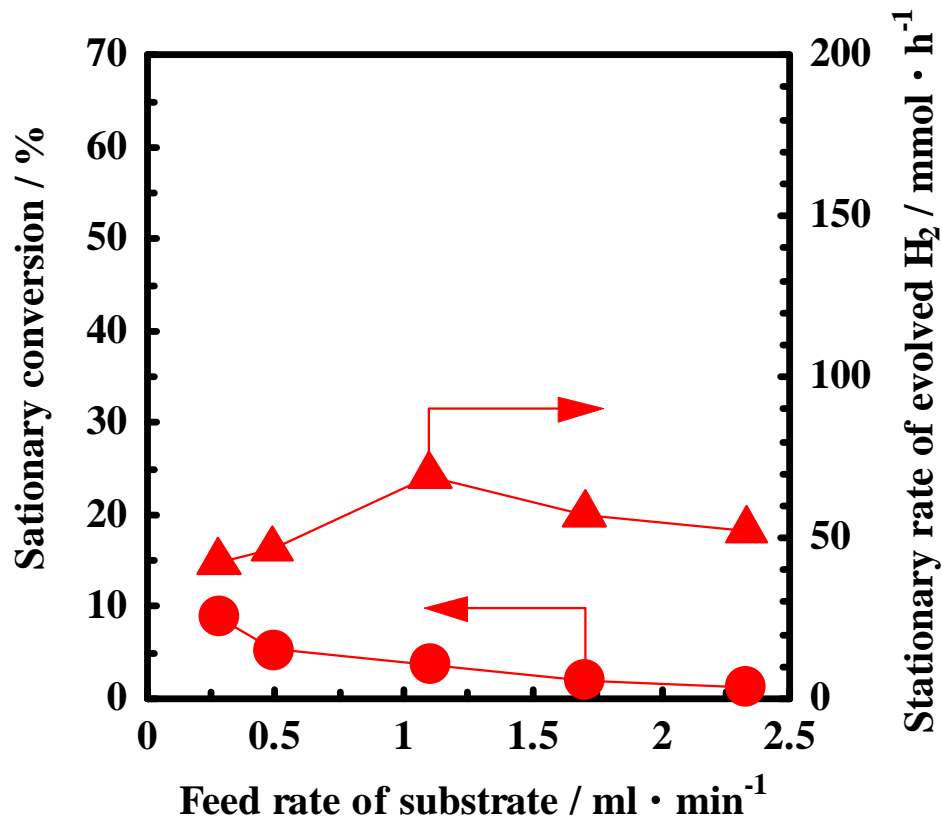


-----: Boiling point of decalin (192°C)

Catalyst: Carbon-supported platinum nano-particles (5 wt-metal%) 1.1 g

Reaction conditions: Boiling and refluxing by heating at 270°C and cooling at 25°C

Comparison of Dehydrogenation Activities for Decalin and Tetralin in Continuous Operation

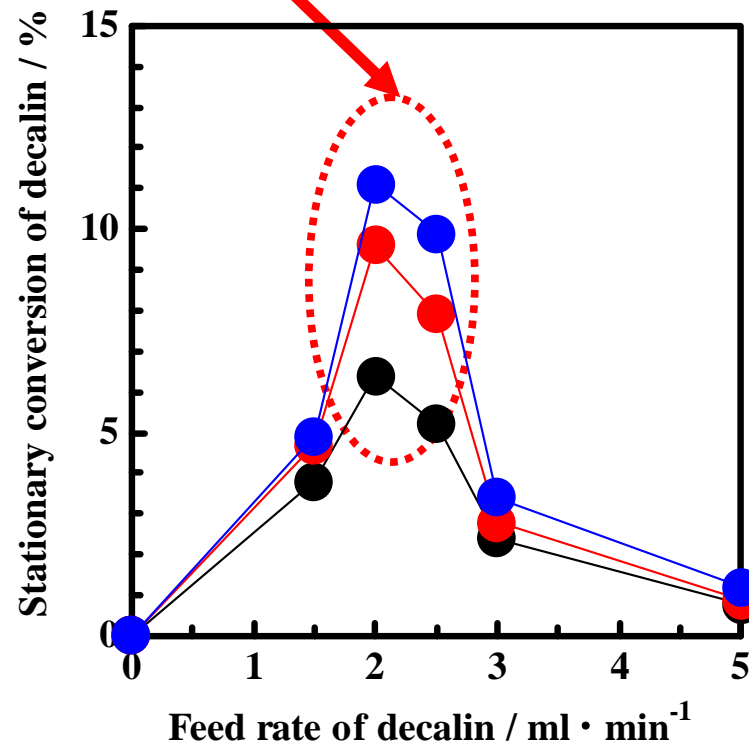
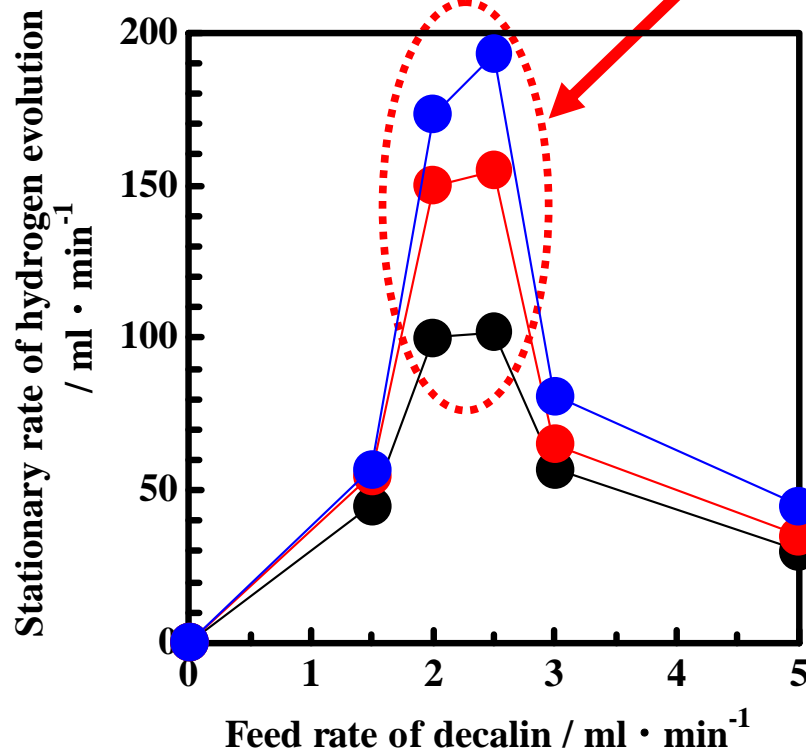


Catalyst: Carbon-supported platinum nano-particles (5 wt-metal%) 1.1 g

Reaction conditions: Boiling and refluxing by heating at 230°C and cooling at 25°C

Relationship between Dehydrogenation Activities and Feed Rates of Decalin in Continuous Operation

Superheated liquid-film conditions



Catalyst: Platinum nano-particles supported on activated carbon cloth (5 wt-metal%)
 0.29 g (one layer, black), 0.58 g (two layers, red), 0.87 g (three layers, blue)

Reaction conditions: Boiling and refluxing by heating at 280°C and cooling at 25°C

Catalyst-Heating Area for Dehydrogenation Needed to a 50 kW Power of Fuel Cell

- ☆ From experimental results in a continuous-type reactor, **stationary rates of hydrogen evolution per area of catalyst layer** (V_H [mol / m² · h]) are given as

$$V_H = 5 \times (A / 100) \times D$$

where A [%] is the **stationary one-pass conversion of decalin** and D [mol / m² · h] the **feed rate of decalin per area of the catalyst layer** (5 cm ϕ disk-shaped ACC).

- ☆ **Catalyst-layer area** (S [m²]), needed for any **desired stationary rate of hydrogen evolution** (L_H [mol / h]), is given as

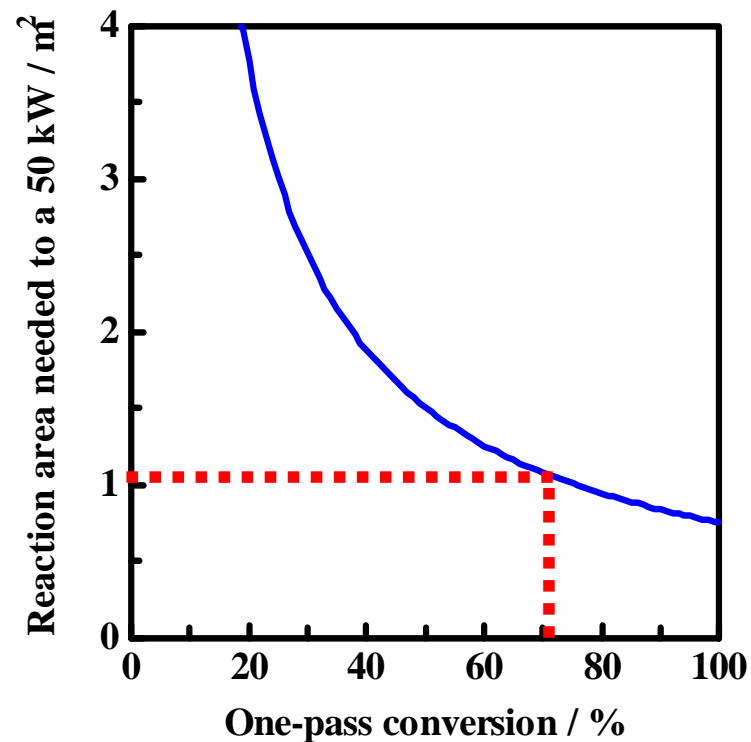
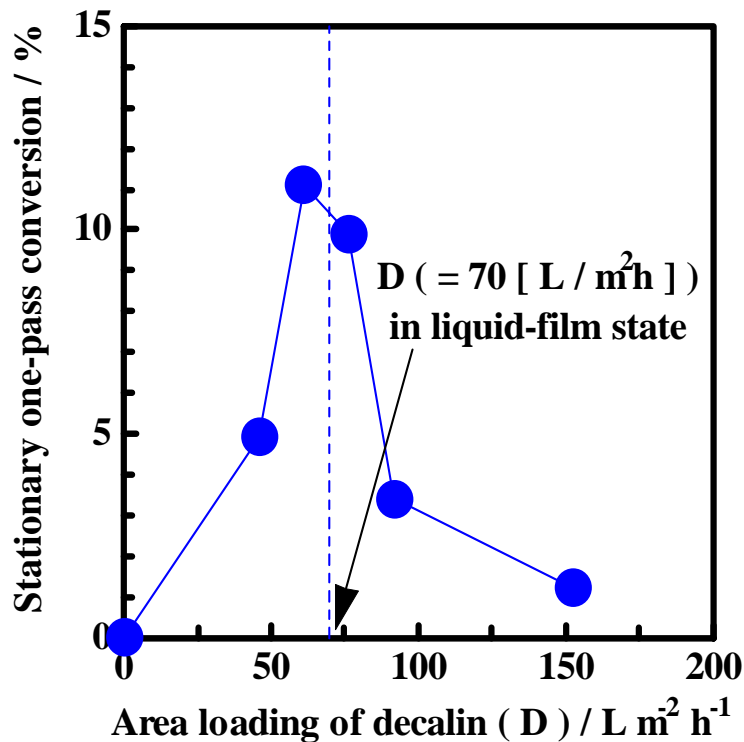
$$S = L_H / V_H = L_H / [5 \times (A / 100) \times D]$$

- ☆ Since the needed hydrogen rate (L_H) is **ca. 1.7×10^3 [mol / h]** for 50 kW power at the energy conversion efficiency of 45%, the catalyst-layer area (S) is deduced to

$$S = 3.4 \times 10^4 / (A \cdot$$

D)

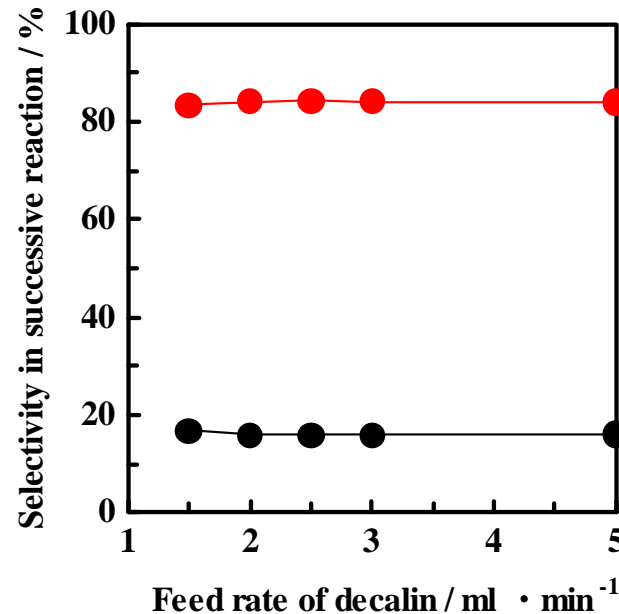
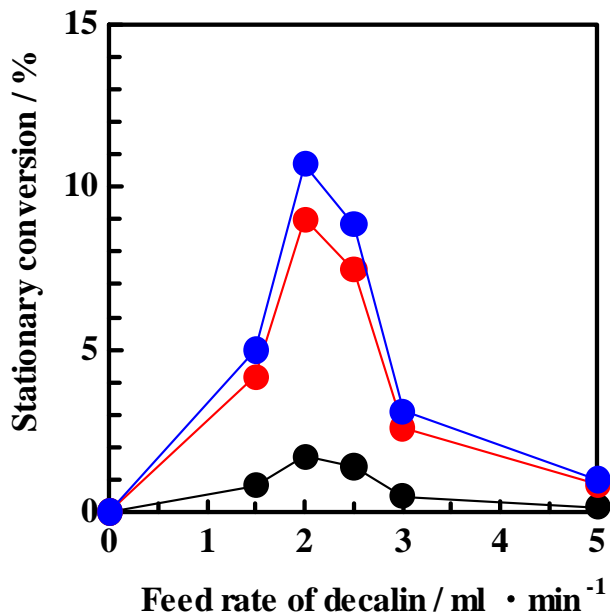
Relationship of Stationary Conversion with Area Loading of Decalin and with Reaction Area Needed to a 50 kW Power



Catalyst: Pt nano-particles supported on activated carbon cloth (5 wt-metal%) three layers (0.87 g)

Reaction conditions: Boiling and refluxing by heating at 280°C and cooling at 25°C

Relationship of Conversion & Product Distribution with Feed Rate of Decalin in Continuous Operation

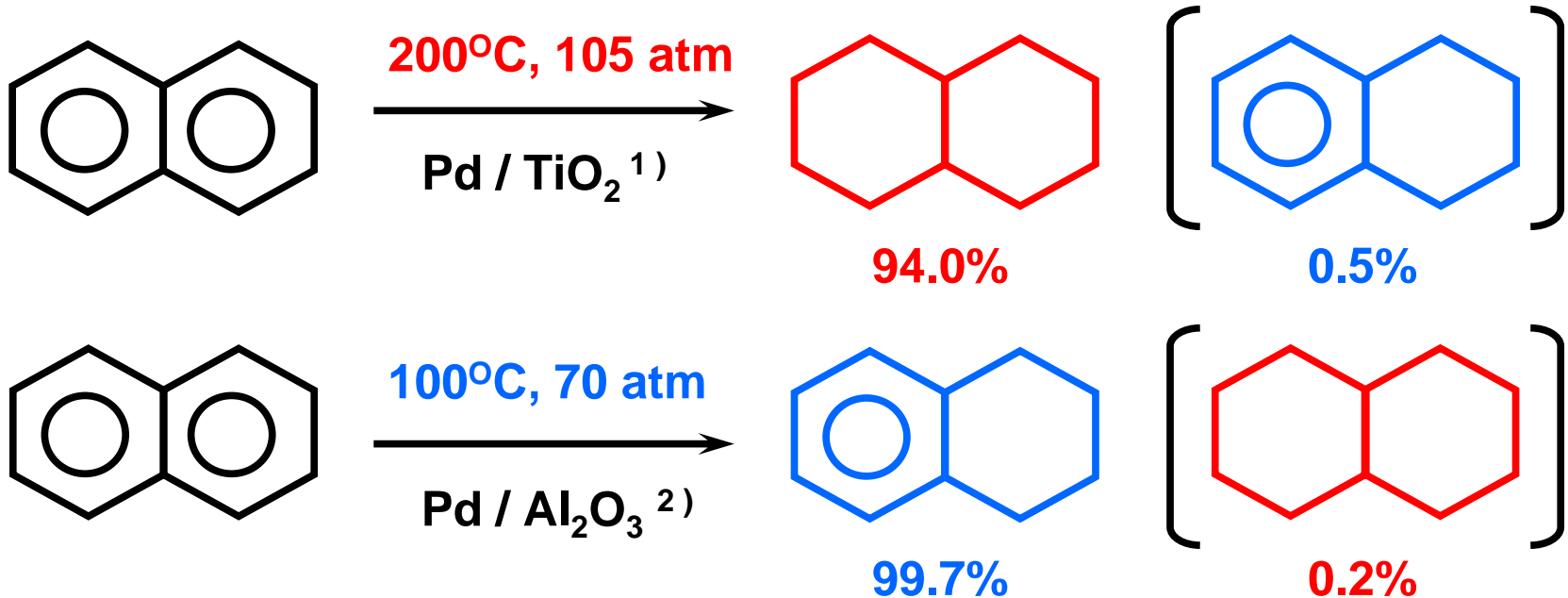


● : Decalin → Tetralin
 ● : Decalin → Naphthalene
 ● : Converted decalin (● = ● + ●)

● : Naphthalene
 ● : Tetralin

Catalyst: Pt particles supported on activated carbon cloth (5 wt%, D = 5 cm) 0.58 g
Reaction conditions: Boiling and refluxing by heating at 280°C and cooling at 25°C

Catalytic Naphthalene Hydrogenation



1) S.D. Lin et al., Catal. Today, 31, 93-104 (1996) 2) A.W. Weitkamp, Adv. Catal., 18, 1-110 (1968)



Hydrogenation to **tetralin** proceeds much faster than hydrogenation to **decalin** under mild conditions (**low temp. & pressure**)