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Applied Catalysts

Process Catalysts, Systems & Services
Overview

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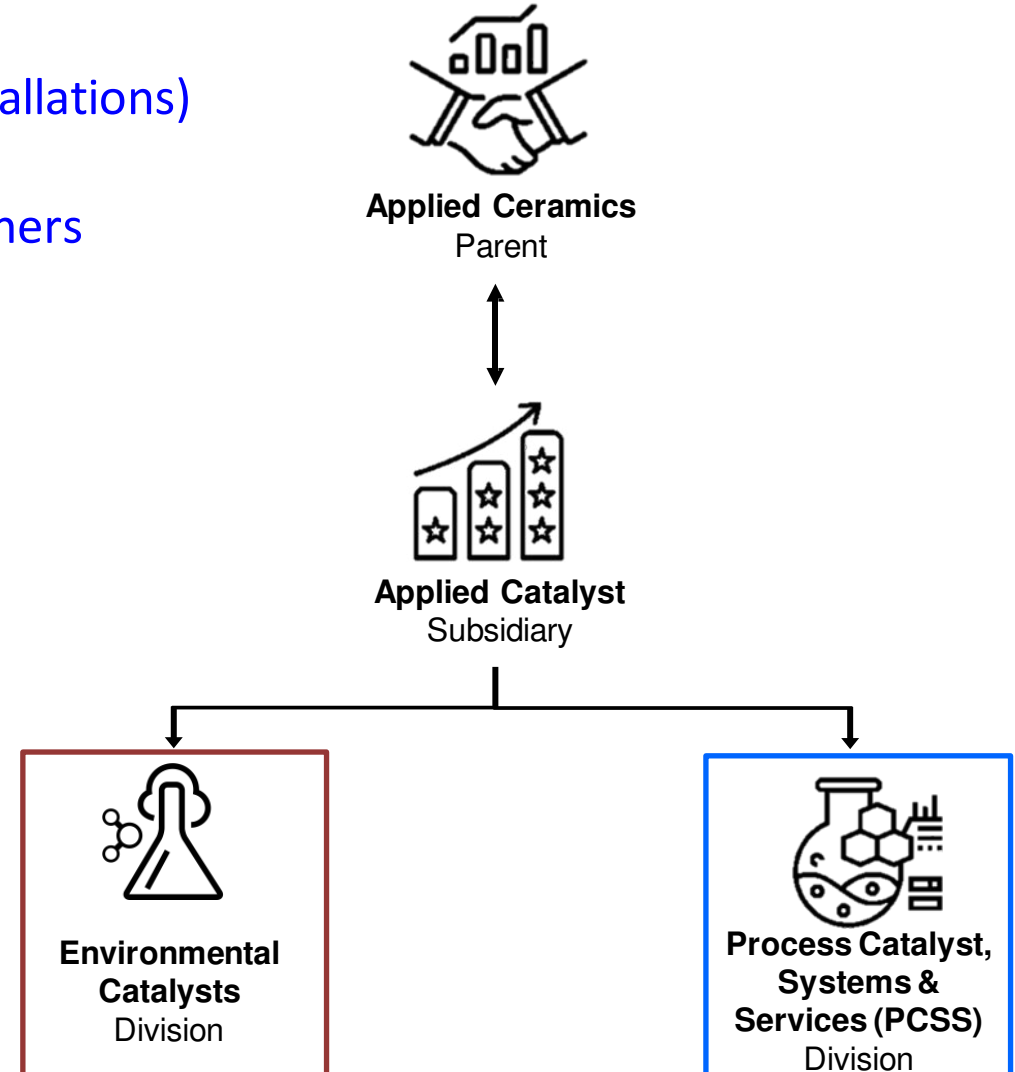


Parent Company: Applied Ceramics (founded 1967)
Applied Catalysts Established: 1997 (25+ years of proven installations)
Ownership: Family Run & Operated
Manufacturing Sites: United States (SC, GA) + Overseas Partners
Total Employees: 130 (Approx. for whole organization)
Key Values: High Quality, Fast Response, Fair Pricing.



Manufacturing Plant in Laurens, South Carolina

COMPANY STRUCTURE



PCSS Division (Process Catalysts, Systems & Services)



PROCESS CATALYSTS

Granular & Extruded Catalysts
Carbon and Ceramic Monoliths
Custom Catalyst Manufacturing
Manufacturing Capacity -> Tons/day



PROCESS DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

PSM Facility
Process Scaleup
Batch/Continuous Chemistry (Lab Scale)
Continuous Chemistry (Semi-pilot)
Hydrogenation & Sister Chemistry

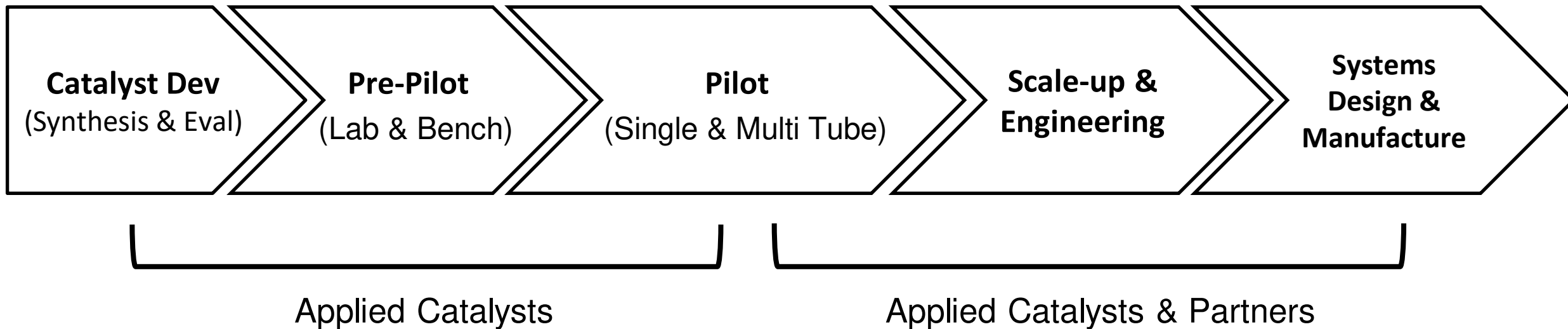


MODULAR PROCESS SYSTEMS

Commercial Turn-Key Solutions
Process Design & EPC Services
Customized Production Systems
Custom Lab Systems

Model for the Commercialization of Hydrogenation and Other Chemistries

Goal -> To provide clients with best-in-class catalysts, process systems, and engineering solutions.



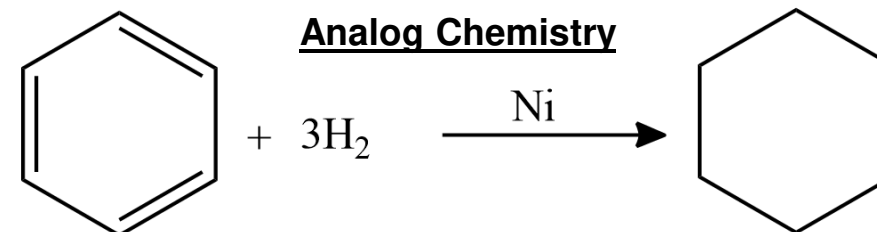
Can assist clients at all parts of the development process

Case Study 1

Fixed Bed Ring Saturation



Lab scale continuous flow reactor with ½-in OD electrically heated reactor (center) and 1.5-in OD hot oil jacketed reactor (right). System rated to 1000 psig.



Problem -> Proof of concept complete. Client required optimized catalyst and catalyst manufacturing.

Approach -> Screen metal / support combinations, manufacture catalyst.

Result -> 5-month execution (NDA -> development -> production).

Catalyst Manufacturing

Granular Catalyst Series



Activated Carbon Monolith Series



Ceramic Monolith Catalyst Series



- Manufacturing 3-5 metric ton / day quantities of all catalysts.
- 25 years base & precious metal experience.
- Dedicated team of PhDs and BS scientists.
- Custom heterogenous catalysts.
- Homogenous and powered slurry catalysts through partners.

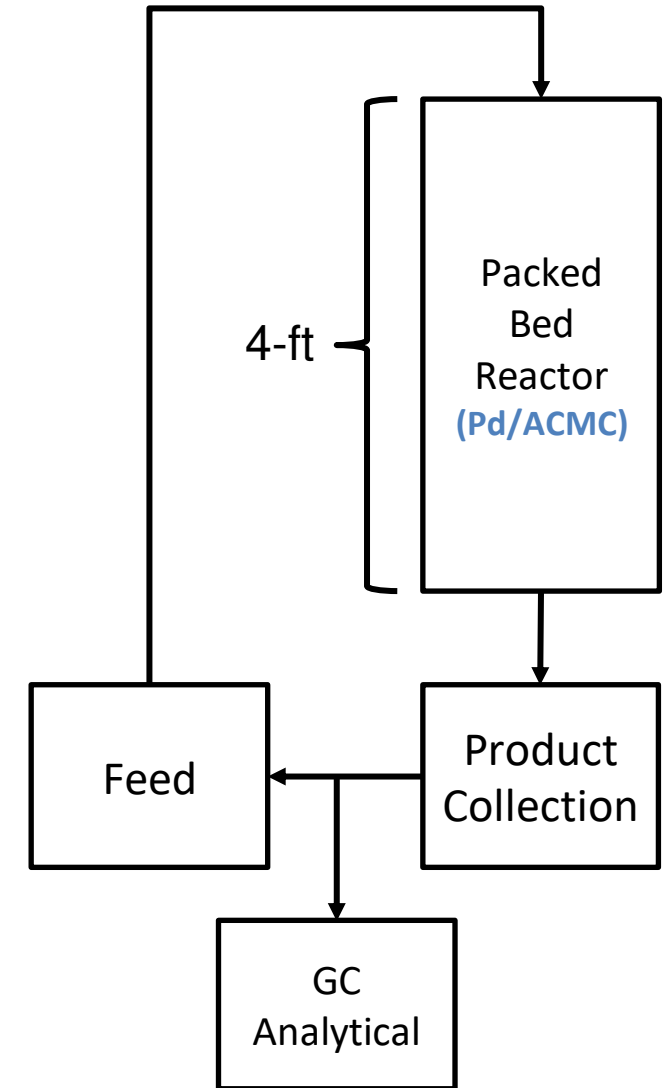
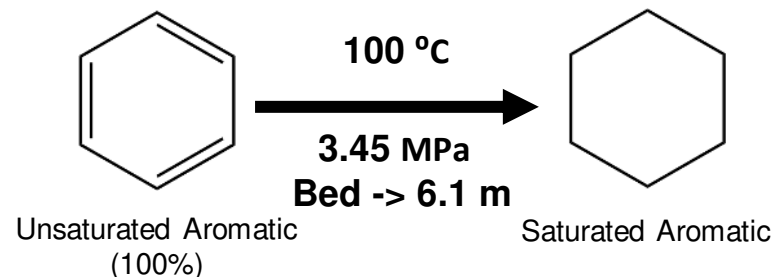
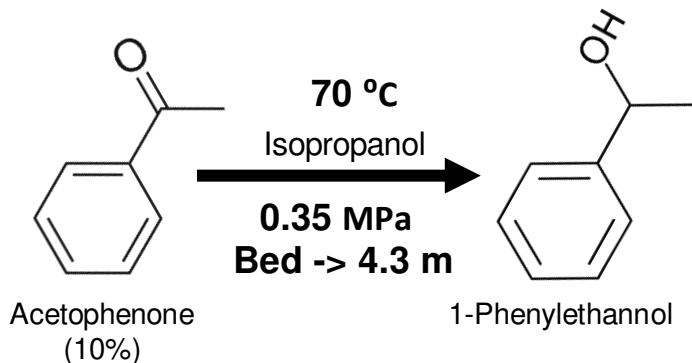
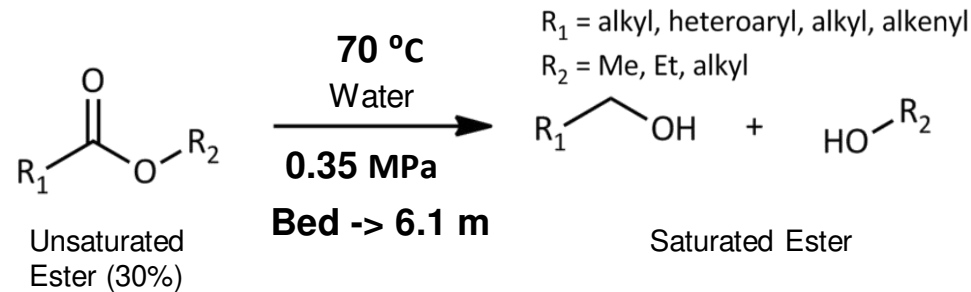
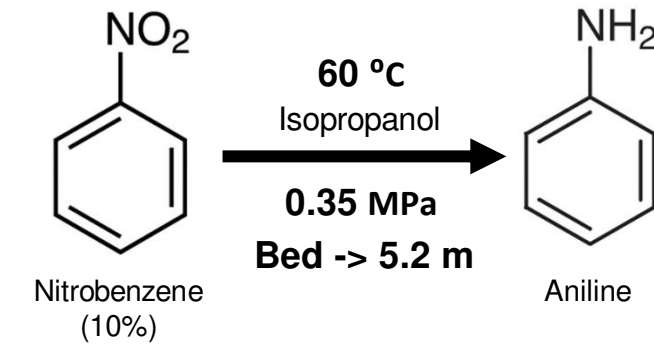
Case Study 2

Batch to Continuous Specially Chemicals

Problem -> Demonstrate four (4) batch chemistry using continuous flow.

Approach -> Determine parameters for 98% single pass conversion.

Conclusions -> 97+% conversion with high selectivity. Residence time significantly shorter than batch technology. No catalyst changeout required.



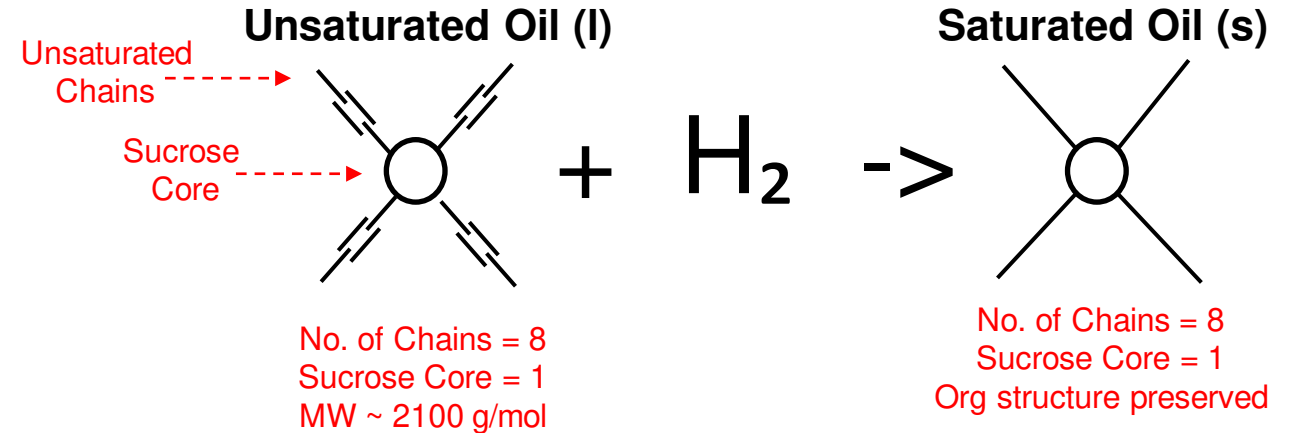
Case Study 3

Batch to Continuous Oleochemical Hydrogenation

Batch Problems

- 1) 10-15% product loss on filtration.
- 2) High catalyst attrition rate (fines formation).
- 3) Slow production method with multiple steps.

Approach -> Screen catalysts using pilot tube.



Catalyst	Active Metal
230 CPSI ACMC	Pd
400 CPSI ACMC	Pd
Granular Industry-Pd	Pd
Granular Industry-Ni	Ni

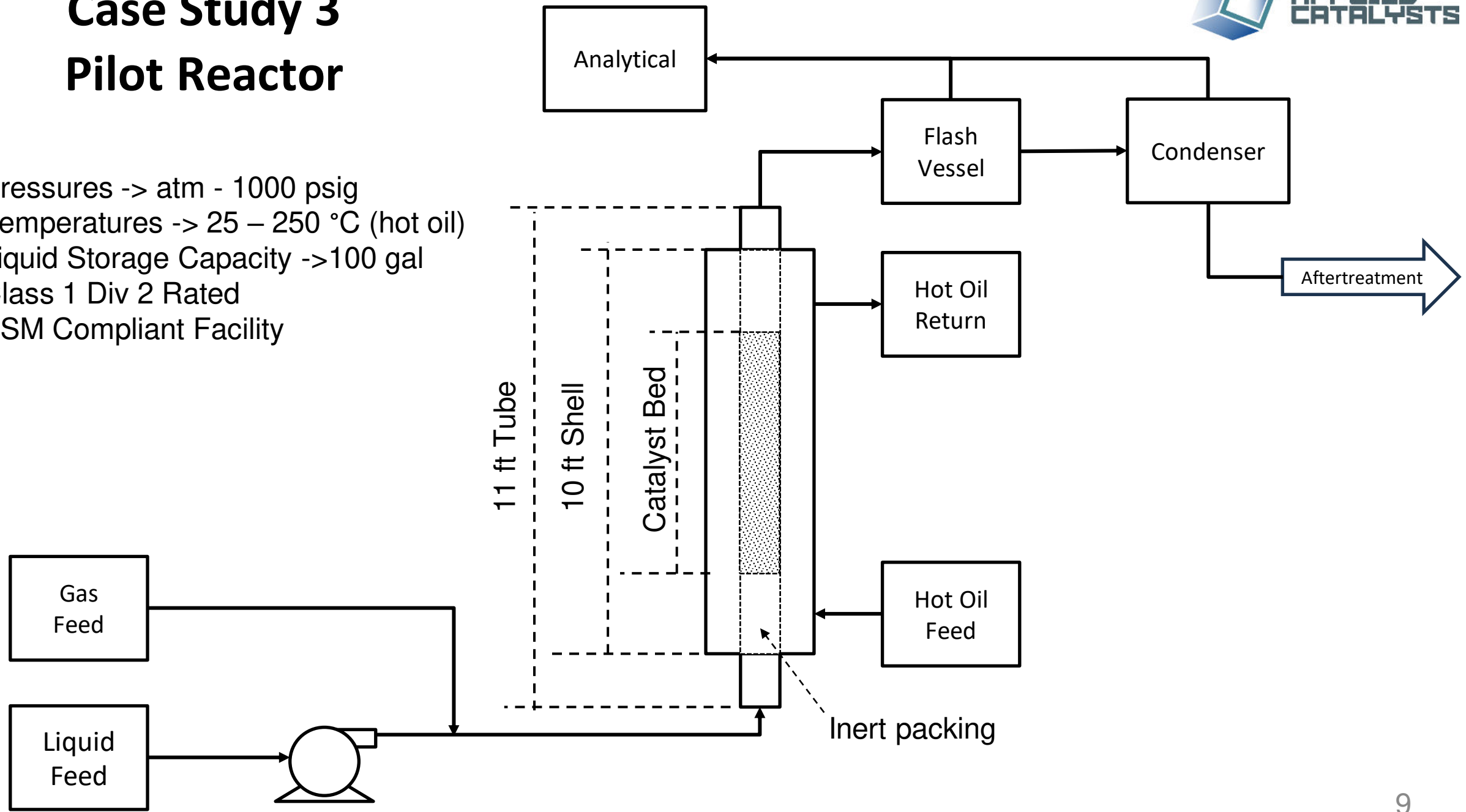
Palladium (Pd) Loadings -> 0.25 – 1.0 wt% metal
 Nickel (Ni) Loadings -> 10 – 15 wt% metal



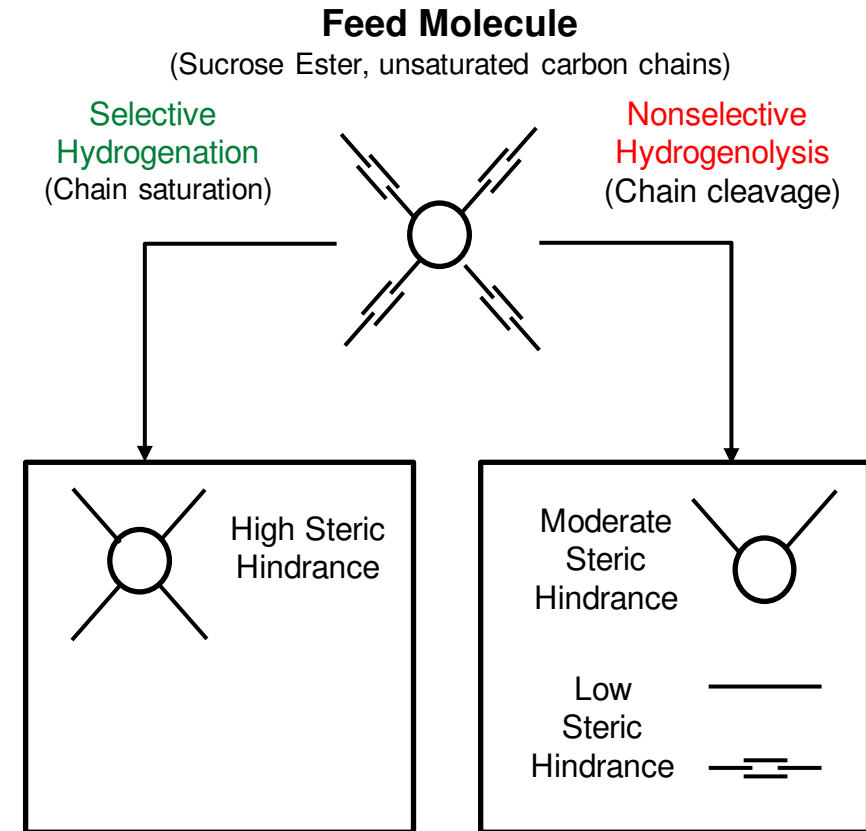
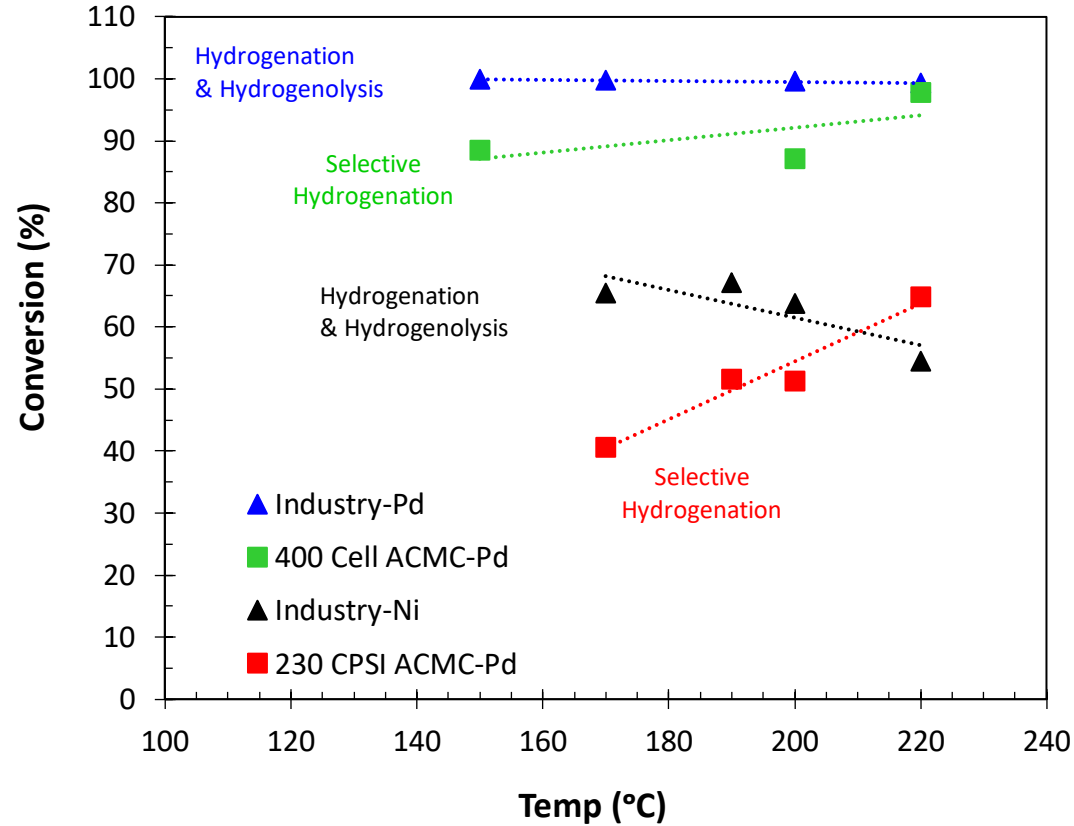
Liquid reactant (left) and solid product (right) @ 25 °C

Case Study 3 Pilot Reactor

Pressures -> atm - 1000 psig
Temperatures -> 25 – 250 °C (hot oil)
Liquid Storage Capacity -> 100 gal
Class 1 Div 2 Rated
PSM Compliant Facility



Case Study 3 Results



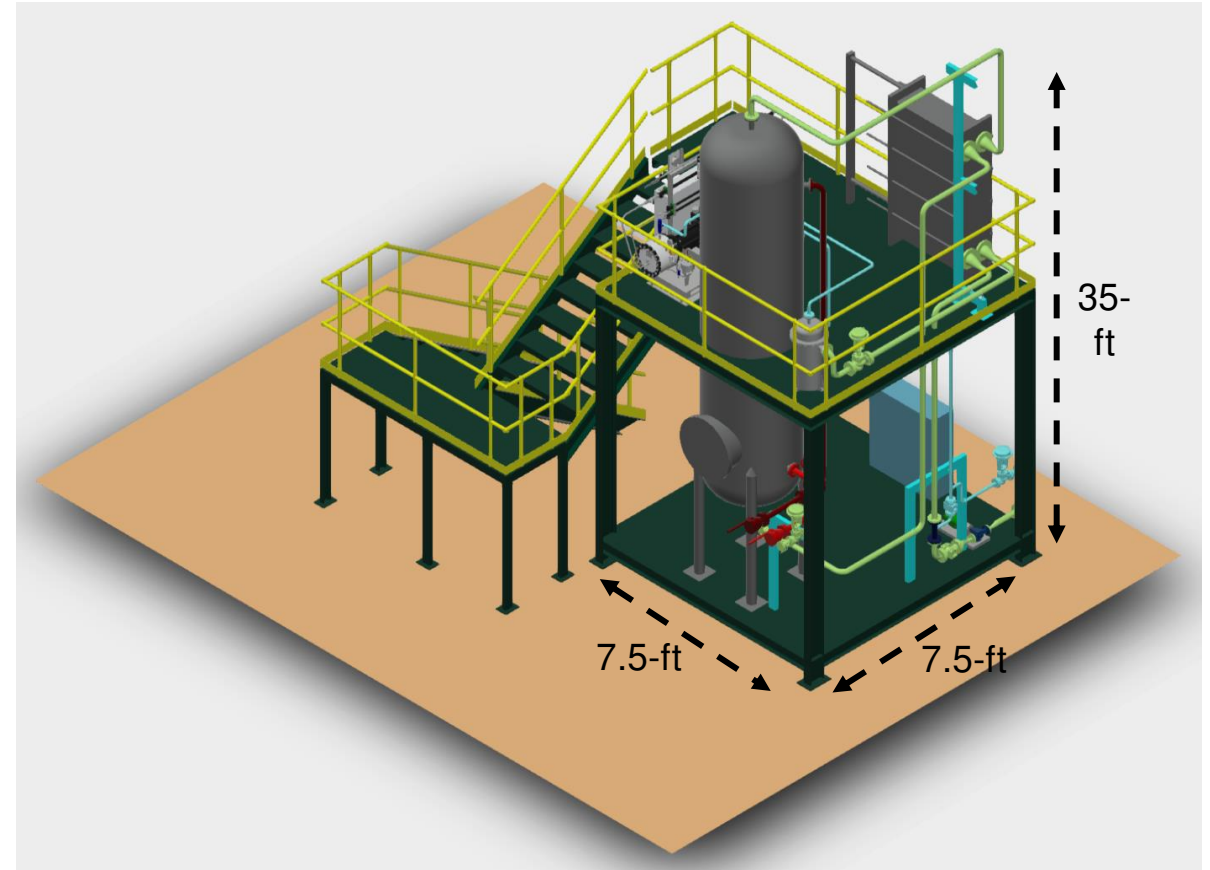
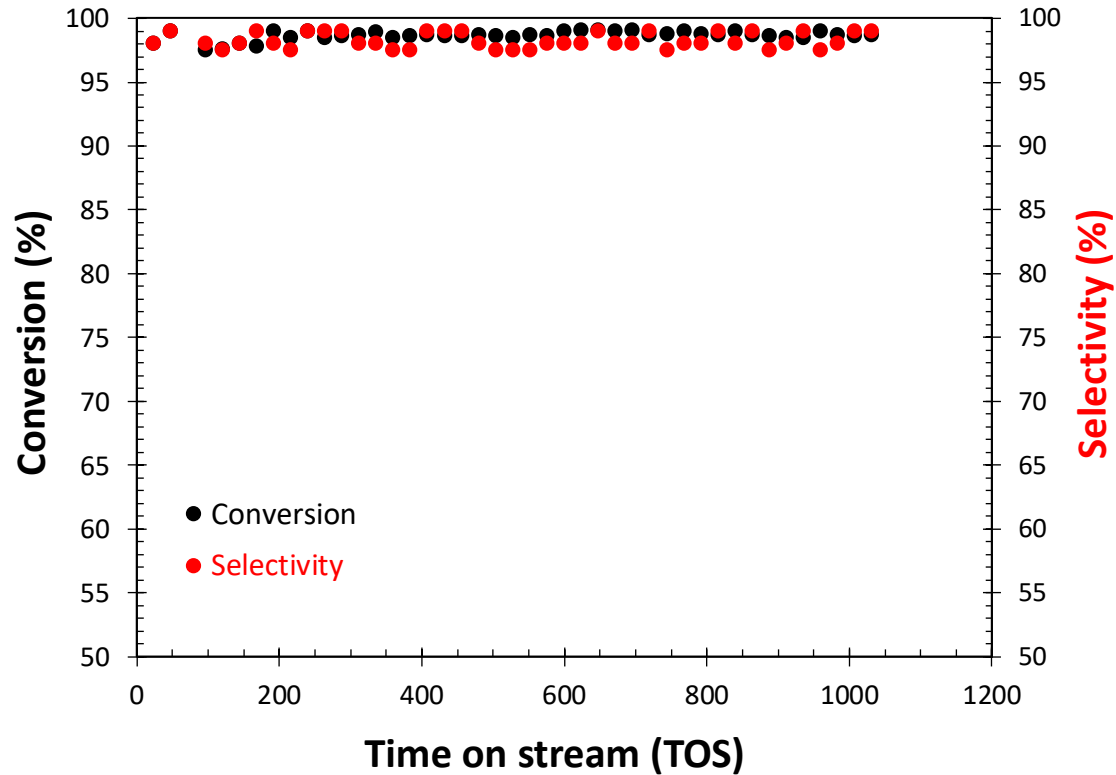
Mass Transport Effects

Granular Media -> Higher contact time -> Chain Cleavage (Hydrogenolysis).

Activated Carbon Monolith -> Hydrogenation w/o holdup -> Selective Saturation.

Case Study 3 Next Steps

Modular Process Skid with ACMC



Conclusions

- 1000 hrs -> 2400 lbs of product @10 kg/day
- No Pd leaching (PIXE analysis of product)
- Domestic and international fabrication options

Conclusions

Applied Catalysts PCSS Group

- 25 years of catalysis manufacturing experience.
- Diverse range of experience commercializing chemical technology.
- Dedicated team of engineers and scientists (3 PhD, 3 BS, 2 Technicians).
- Specialized in hydrogenation and sister chemistry (amination, reductive alkylation, etc)

Catalyst Manufacturing

- 3-5 metric ton / day manufacturing capacity.
- Custom development of fixed bed catalysts.
- Homogeneous and slurry catalysts with partners.

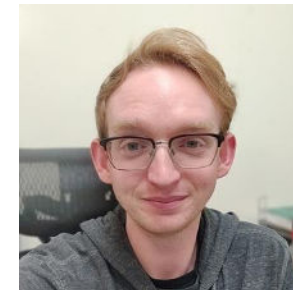
Services

- PSM compliant facility.
- Class 1 Division 2 pilot operations.
- Process parameter and scaleup studies (Lab to Pilot)

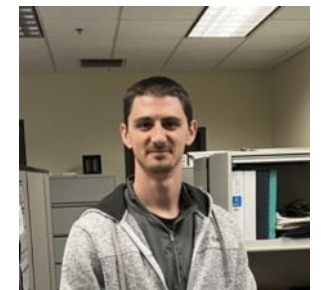
Systems

- Domestic & international fabrication partners
- Engineering design

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