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High Conversion of Vacuum Residue Opportunities and Challenges

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- For a 300,000 bpsd refinery post 2020, the opportunity cost of <u>Not Upgrading</u> the VR will be over \$ 500 million/year!
- Blending to produce ULSFO will permit refinery to continue operation; high value ULSD or FCC feed at several times the volume of VR (6 to 9 times) will be needed to make 0.5 wt.% Sulfur FO for high sulfur Middle Eastern VR
- Sweet Crudes will cost at least \$2/bbl more or roughly a \$220 million/year penalty! Limited supply and refiner has to change product pattern.

Market Pressures Driving Residue Upgrading Solutions to High Conversion



- Worldwide transportation fuel demand is increasing relative to heavy fuel oil or coke.
- Petchem demand > Transportation Fuels>> HSFO
- Relative product prices support high conversion of residue
- Push for more Chemicals Production from Crude to increase margins



Challenge is to find high conversion solutions based on proven low risk technologies

Which Residue Upgrading Approach to Take?



Coking

- Full Conversion
- High feed flexibility
- Doesn't make LSFO
- Lower liquid yields and Coke disposition

- Residue Hydrotreating
- ► Can make LSFO
- Feedstock considerations
- Combine with RFCC to make gasoline



- Residue Hydrocracking
- ▶ 60 97+ % conversion
- Feed flexibility
- Highest liquid yields
- LSFO possibilities

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Residue Conversion High Conversion Solutions Are All Available through CLG/MDR

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Highest Boiling Fragments Are Very Polar and Very Rich in HPNA





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CCR has ~ 3.8 wt % hydrogen

- Euro V Diesel requires 14.5 wt % hydrogen to meet S.G. specifications; Petrochemical Naphtha has 15.5 wt.% Hydrogen.
- In order to convert 25 wt % CCR in VR to Diesel or Naphtha, we will require an increment of 10.7 to 11.7 wt % hydrogen! This will not be economically viable under most scenarios.
- Smart CCR conversion is key to residue hydrocracking

Robust LC-FINING Ebullated Bed Residue Hydrocracking Technology Platform





LC-FINING Typical Simplified Flow Scheme



LC-FINING Reactors (2-3 in series)



LC-FINING with Integrated Hydrotreating Produces Clean High Quality Products





Hydrotreating costs reduced 40 - 50 %

LC-FINING with Integrated Two-Stage Hydrocracking Maximizes High Value Distillates



Key is a "clean" second-stage and VGO End Point Control

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The GS Caltex LC-FINING Unit





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- Conversion restricted by the nature of feed
- Sediment formation rises rapidly at higher conversions; conversion often limited by back-end fouling
- Full reactor potential (capital utilization) often restricted by sediment in UCO
- Hydrogen is wasted in hydrogenation and hydrocracking of heavy asphaltenes
- Selectivity to liquid decreases at high temperature required for conversion. Hydrogen wasted in making low value C₄- material.

LC-MAX – Block Flow Diagram







- 90 %+ conversion for difficult crudes
- Fully integrated two-stage process
- Whole VR is hydrocracked in a first reaction stage
- Stage 1 UCO is deasphalted to remove heavy asphaltenes
- DAO is hydrocracked in Stage 2 (much higher rate constant and cleaner operation)
- Hydrogen not wasted in hydroconversion of difficult heavy asphaltenes (hydroconversion of heavy asphaltenes produces 4-ring HPNA that are very difficult to upgrade)

LC-MAX vs. LC-FINING for Ural VR



	LC-FINING	LC-MAX
Conversion, %	63	88 - 92
Feed Flexibility	Good	Excellent
Reactor Volume	Base	0.9 x Base
Chemical Hydrogen	Base	Base x 1.15 for 20 % Higher Conversion
Catalyst Addition Rate	Base	Base x 0.88
Bottoms Product	LSFO	Coker Feed, Gasifier Feed
Fractionation Section Fouling	Base	<< Base
Unconverted Oil Disposition	LSFO	Gasifier Feed, CFB, Power Plant



Significant Yield Increase With LC-MAX





A New Complex With LC-MAX





LC-LSFO TO MEET IMO 2020



- A Process for upgrading LC-FINING High Sulfur Unconverted Oil to Low Sulfur Unconverted Oil
- LC-LSFO objective is to produce low sulfur oil from LC-FINING Unconverted Oil
- LC-LSFO is suitable for LC-FINING ATB (Atmospheric Tower Bottom) or heavier VTB (Vacuum Tower Bottom).
- LC-LSFO treated residue can meet 0.5 wt % sulfur and blended to Low Sulfur Fuel Oil.

LC-LSFO Flow Scheme





LC-SLURRY Increased Conversion With Difficult Feeds





- Near 100 % conversion of heavy oils / SDA tar to high-value products
 - 115 % liquid yield
 - Over 80 vol % Euro V diesel (after VGO HC)
- Unique high activity catalyst
 - Recovered in the process
 - Eliminates fouling concerns associated with other catalyst or additive systems
- Based on LC-FINING platform
 - Commercially proven and reliable
 - Optimal reactor configuration

The Early Years of Slurry Hydrocracking Development



- 1978-1984 Chevron started slurry hydrocracking work in late '70's. Simple <u>Fe-based Additives</u> tested followed by <u>Mo-based Additives</u>. Technology used Bubble Reactors. Parallel work on Coal Liquefaction carried by both Chevron and Lummus. Oil shock of 1979 and a period of high oil prices led to decision to build <u>16 TPD demo plant</u> in Richmond refinery in 1984. Unit ran for 6 months and generated a lot of data. Shutdown to secure tax credits for Chevron that funded work.
- **1984 –** Chevron merges with Gulf. Gulf Research had developed high activity Mo.-catalyst.
- 1985-1991 : Modern Slurry Hydrocracking Research (1980-1985): Chevron Activated Slurry Hydrocracking (CASH)
 - Used special Mo.-catalyst (nano catalyst)
 - Conversion achieved 95 99 %.
 - Work stopped because of severe budget constraints in refining industry
- 1999-2001 Chevron acquires partial ownership of AOSP Project Edmonton Canada. AOSP (Shell Canada) builds large LC-FINING unit. Chevron sees advantage of LC-FINING platform compared to Bubble Reactor Platform.
- 2001 Chevron merges with Texaco. Chevron acquires Texaco ultra-heavy oil fields. Decision to develop slurry hydrocracking for upgrader of ultra-heavy Vacuum Residue.
- 2002 Scale-up Risk of Reactor Technology Evaluated. Texaco and Chevron experience with EB Technology leads to selection of Liquid Circulation (LC-FINING) Platform instead of Slurry Bubble Column for all future work.



Intense R&D and Commercialization

- 2003 Slurry Hydrocracking Research Program restarted with intense focus on Upstream Upgrading. Scale-up of catalyst synthesis, resid hydrocracking, solids separation and metals recovery. Name Changed to Vacuum Residue Slurry Hydrocracking (VRSH) to reflect new catalyst and process platform
 - Extensive Work on Very Heavy VR feedstocks (e.g. Hamaca & Maya)
 - Integrated HDT, first commercialized in LC-FINING units, used for High Quality Products
- 2005 Decision to construct 600 TPD-protype in Pascagoula Refinery. Project funded through Engineering and Procurement.
- 2007 Large pilot plant RU-87 (175 kg/day) commissioned in Richmond to supplement smaller pilot plants (RU-85 and RU-86). Earlier VRSH testing carried out in Lummus' large pilot facilities in Bloomfield.
- 2008-2009 Large Catalyst Deoiling Plant built in Richmond. Large Scale Catalyst Synthesis and Metals Recovery Demonstrated
- 2010 Chevron cancels construction of prototype because of sharp drop in Crude Oil prices and explosive growth of light shale oil crude oil. Upstream interest lost.
- 2012 Research effort restarted with focus on downstream applications (for refineries). Bimetallic Catalyst developed.
 Very long runs with most difficult feeds demonstrated. Next generation catalysts developed.
- 2015 VRSH rolled into CLG for licensing. Name changed to LC-SLURRY
- 2016 Major Oil Companies express interest in LC-SLURRY. CLG licenses first LC-SLURRY unit to Beowulf / Preem who had earlier evaluated VCC for nearly two years.

CLG Licenses the first LC-SLURRY Unit For Beowulf / Preem in Sweden. This 2.5 MM MTA unit will produce Euro V Diesel and LSFO (< 0.5 wt.% Sulfur).

LC-SLURRY Optimal Flow Scheme for Slurry Hydrocracking

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What is LC-SLURRY?



Unit	Description
RHS – Residue Hydrocracking Section	 Slurry resid hydrocracking unit Achieves full (97 % +) VR conversion Uses ISOSLURRY catalyst Based on LC-FINING reactor platform
CDS – Catalyst Deoiling Section	Process to separate spent VRSH catalyst from the unconverted oil
CSS – Catalyst Synthesis Section	Prepares ISOSLURRY catalyst from Ni and Mo Salts
MRU – Metals Recovery Unit	Process to recover metals from spent ISOSLURRY catalyst (outside facility- not part of plant)

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LC-SLURRY Maximizes Valuable Products





Zero residue is produced!

LC-SLURRY – Makes Over 81 Vol % Diesel After VGO HC and Heavy Oil Processing





LC-SLURRY Differentiated by Several Key Components



■ ISOSLURRY[™] Catalyst

- Highly active, ultra-fine, proprietary bimetallic catalyst
- Produced and activated ex-situ

Hydrocracking Section

- LC-FINING proven reactor platform
- Multi-stage reactor system

Hydroprocessing Section

- In-line hydrotreating removes contaminants
- Additional hydroprocessing can increase Euro V Diesel production and allow heavy oil product to be blended to LSFO or processed in Coker / FCC

Catalyst / Oil Separation

- Re-adapted, proven technology effectively recovers the catalyst from bottoms oil
- Enables use of bottoms stream for coker feed, fuel oil etc.
- Spent catalyst rich in metals and suitable for metals recovery

ISOSLURRY[™] Catalyst Designed for Superior Performance

- Based on residue hydroprocessing catalyst know-how
- Unique and optimized properties
- Highly active nickel moly-based catalyst
- Excellent access to reactive sites
- Produced ex-situ to ensure high quality

- Catalyst quality and dosage
 - Keeps the system clean
 - Suppresses coke formation
 - Improves bottom oil quality
 - Allows very high conversion with reliable operation





LC-SLURRY Upgrades the Most Difficult Molecules



- MCR/CCR conversion tracks VR conversion
 - Avoids instability issues
 - Avoids large coke make
 - 94 % HDMCR and 97 % VR conversion on SDA tar
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CLG Offers All Residue Upgrading Technologies



- Commercially Proven
- High Liquid Yields
- Meets or Exceeds Future Specifications
- Maximizes Feed and Product Flexibility
- Low or Zero Residue

