

Does Gas Loading Produce Anomalous Heat?

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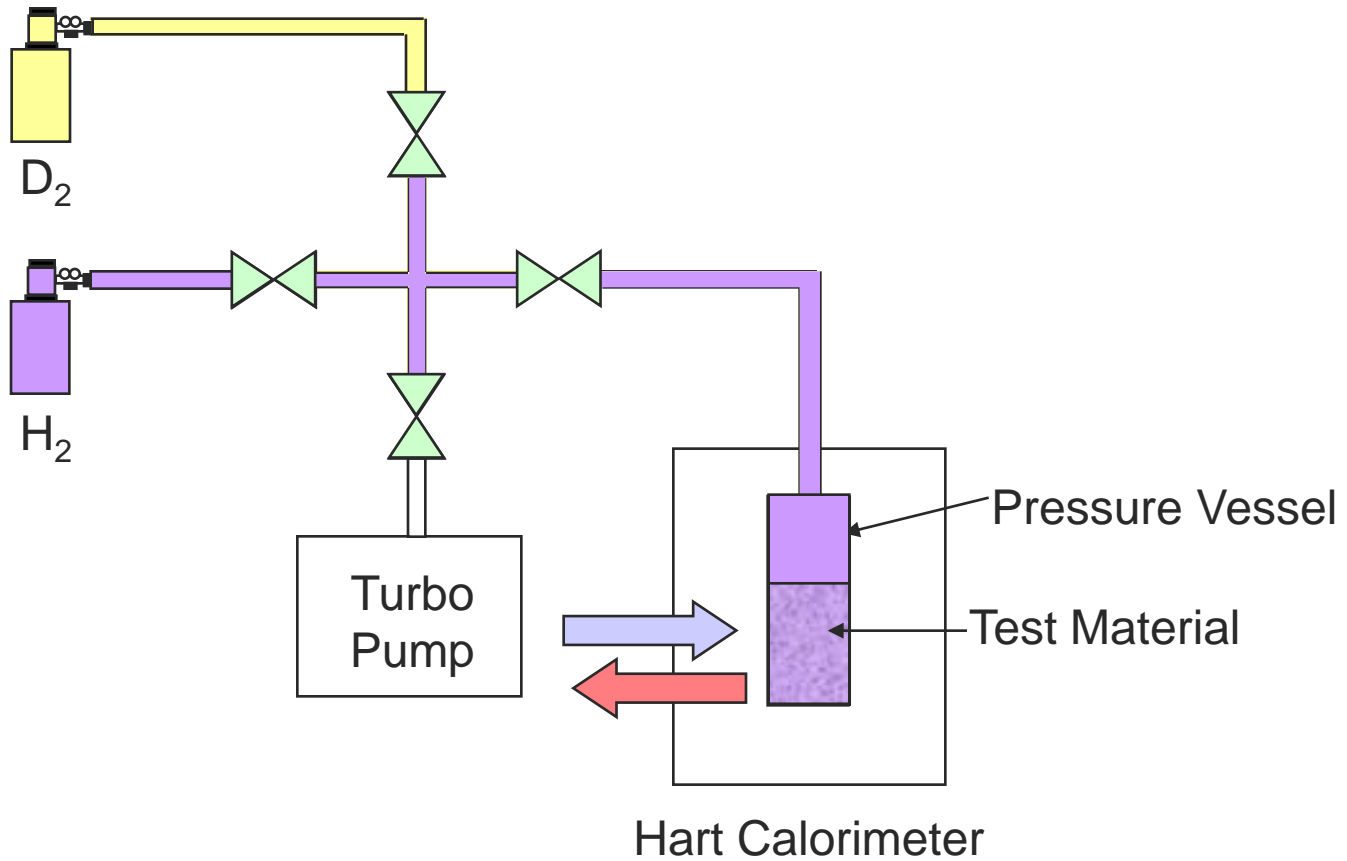
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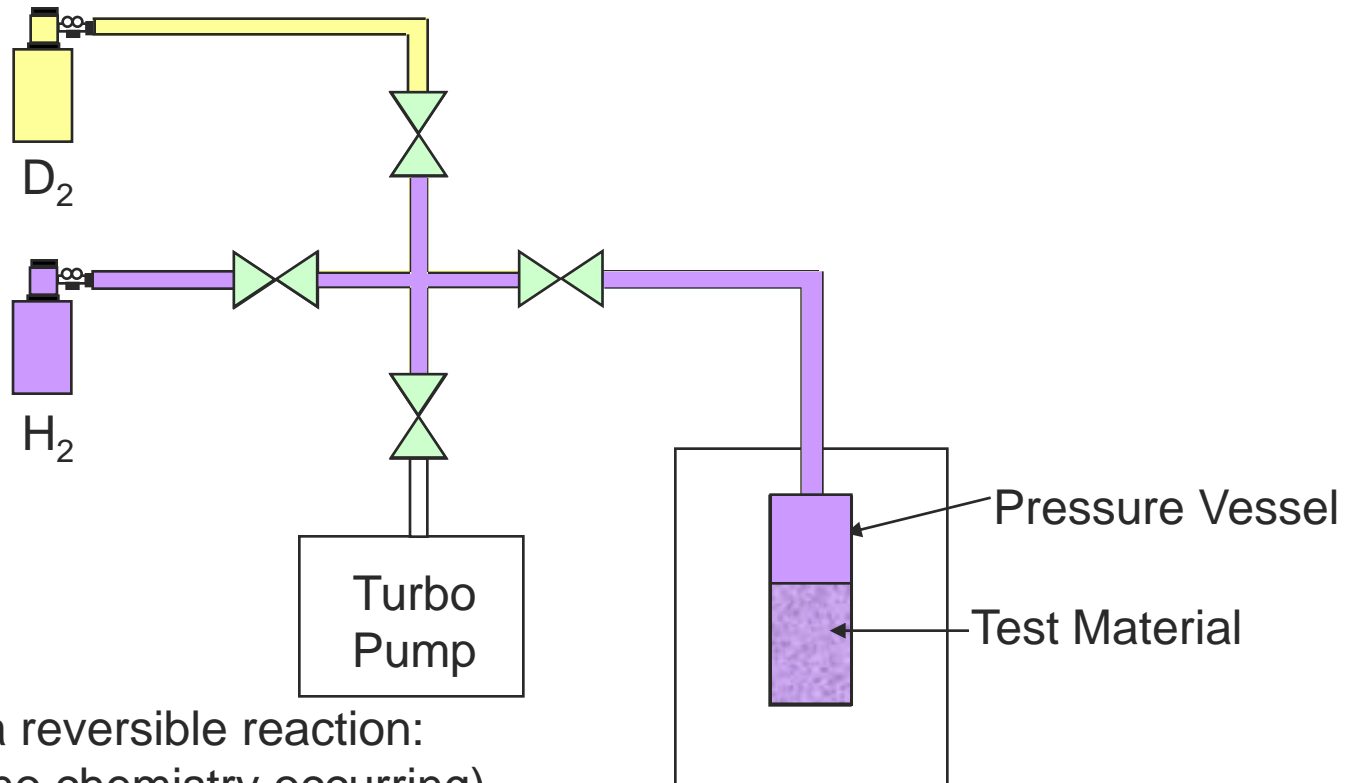
Basic gas loading experiment



Set-up in Hart calorimeter in NSI



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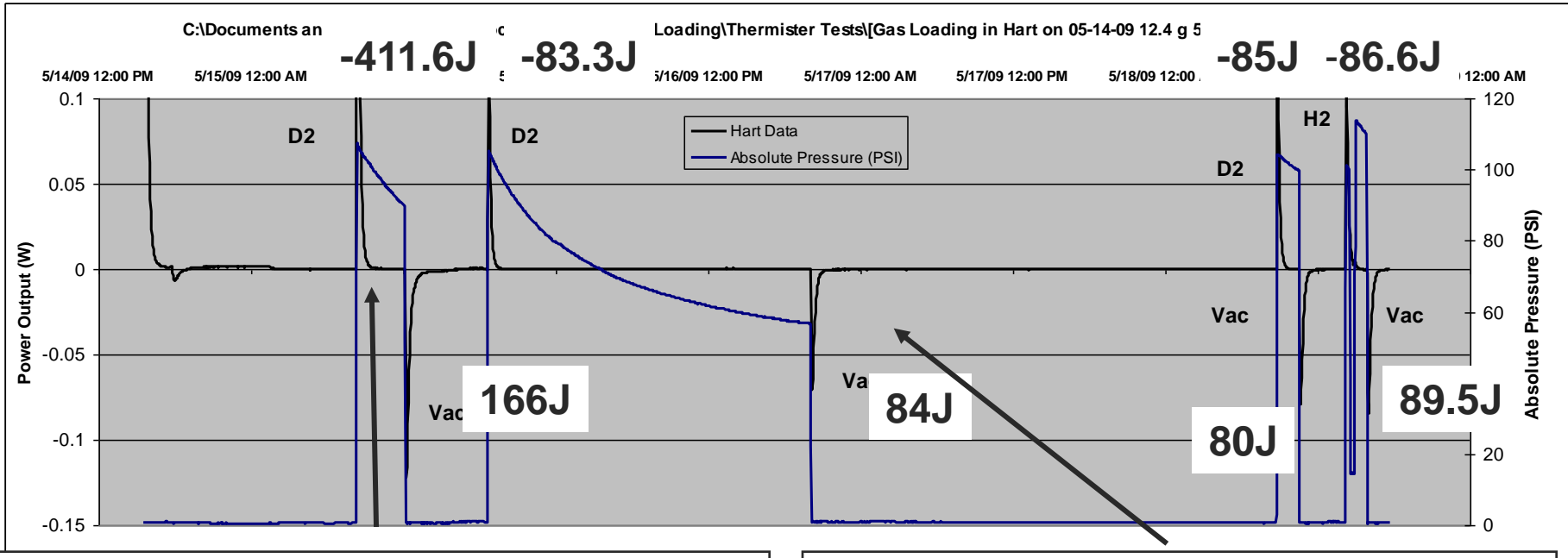


- For a reversible reaction:
(i.e. no chemistry occurring)
 - Heat In = Heat Out
(Internal Control)
 - $H_2 = D_2$
(External Control)

Hart Calorimeter



Loading using commercial 5% Pd/BaCO₃ - Control



Exothermic:

- Heat of Chemical Reaction
- Heat of D₂ uptake
- Heat of Pressurization (PV work)
- **Other Heat**

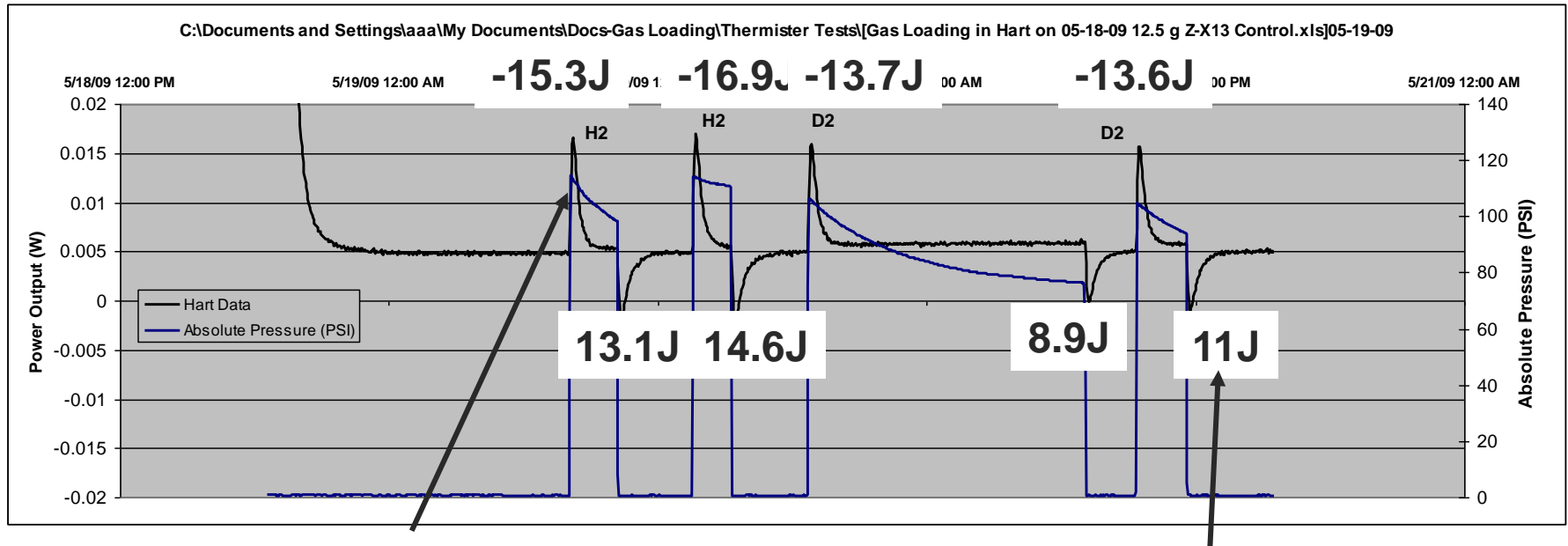
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- Heat of D₂ release
- Heat of Evacuation (PV work)C

- Hart calorimeter - no excess heat is observed
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Matrix without Pd - Control



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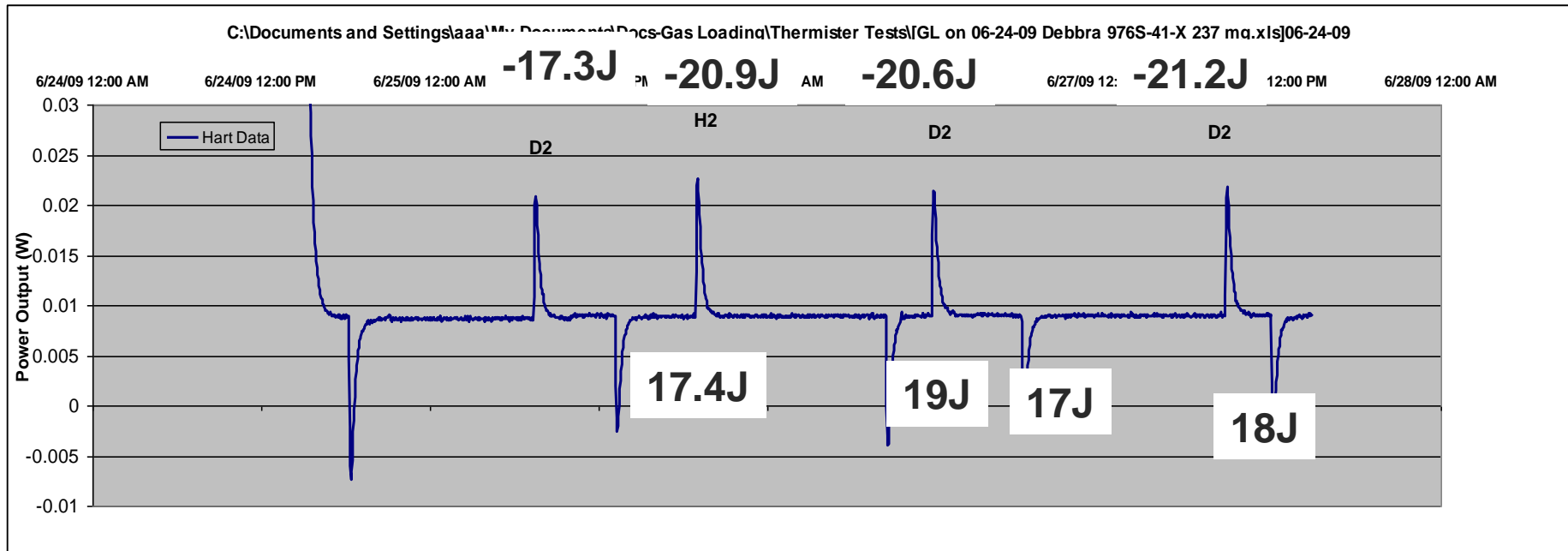
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Loading using Pd/Graphite Paper

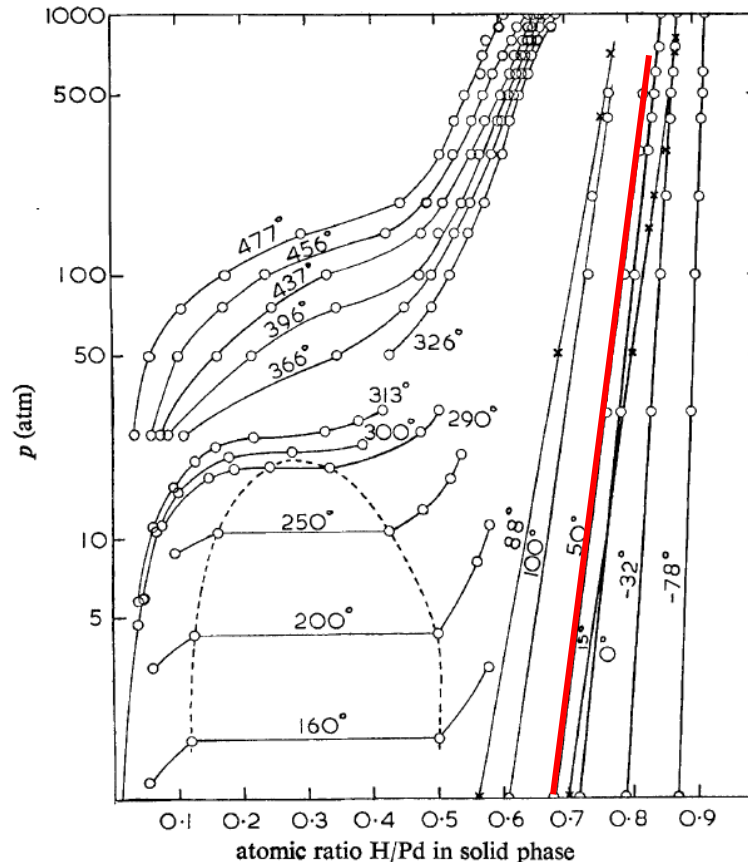


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Tying Gas Loading to Electrolytic Loading

- Hydrogen diffusivity in Pd is high
- Because of this, only a few parts hydrogen
- Generally very high uptake hydrogen
- In 1908, Paal and Schmidt prepared with hydrogen



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From: P.L. Levine and K.E. Weale, "The Palladium + Hydrogen Equilibrium at High Pressures and Temperatures", *Transactions of the Faraday Society*, **56** (1960) 357-362.



Literature Results – Particle Size

Certain size particles (< 2 nm) take-up hydrogen 1:1

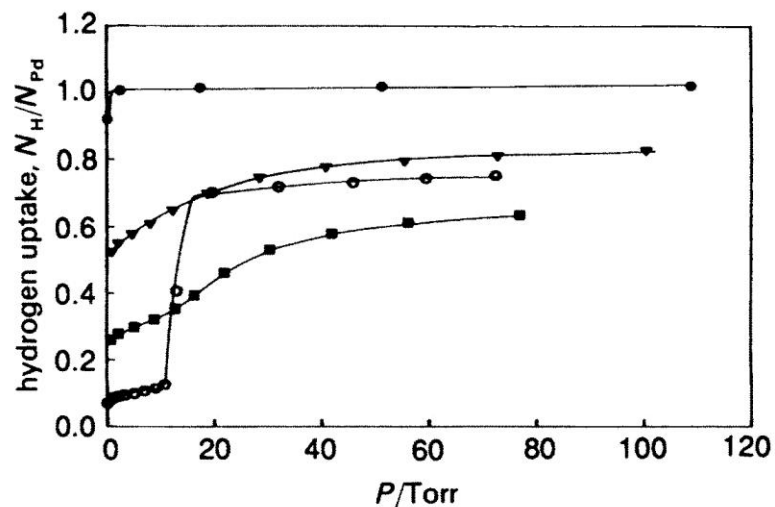


Fig. 1 Uptake isotherms for sorption of hydrogen on Pd/Al₂O₃ sample at 298 K: ○, 2% Pd(N)/Al₂O₃; ■, 2% Pd(Cl)/Al₂O₃; ▽, 1% Pd(Cl)/Al₂O₃; ●, 0.5% Pd(Cl)/Al₂O₃

From: Shu-Chin Chou, Shu-Hui Lin, and Chuin-Tih Yeh, "Isosteric Heat of Sorption of Dihydrogen on Alumina-supported Palladium", *J. Chem. Soc. Faraday Trans.*, **91**(1995) 949-951.

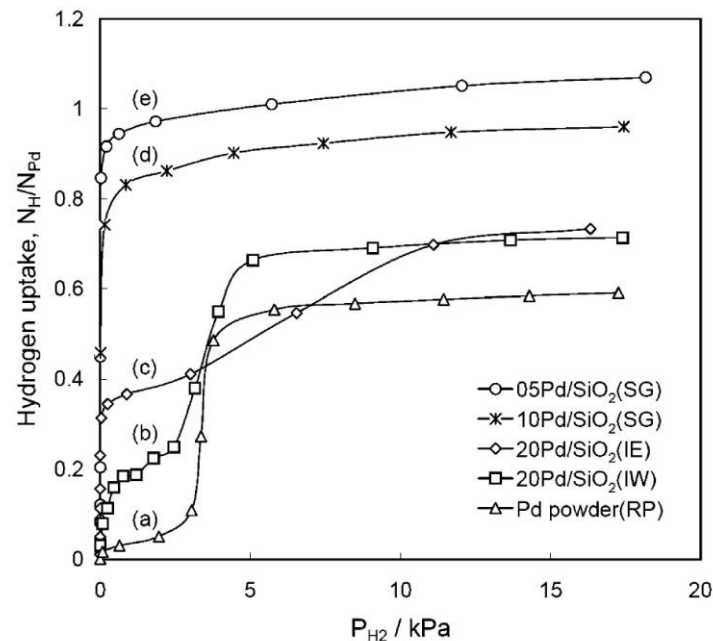


Figure 1. Adsorption isotherms of hydrogen uptake at 313 K for different palladium samples: (a) Pd powder (RP); (b) 20Pd/SiO₂ (IW); (c) 20Pd/SiO₂ (IE); (d) 10Pd/SiO₂ (SG); and (e) 05Pd/SiO₂ (SG).

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Preparation	Estimated Particle Size (nm)	Heat of Hydrogen Adsorption (kJ/mole)	Ratio H:Pd @ 0.2 Atm
Pd Powder	9	94	0.55
1.86% Pd/SiO ₂ (IW)	~4	92	0.68
10% Pd/SiO ₂ (SG)	1.1	131	0.9
5% Pd/SiO ₂ (SG)	1	183	1.05

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Hypothesis for Excess Heat

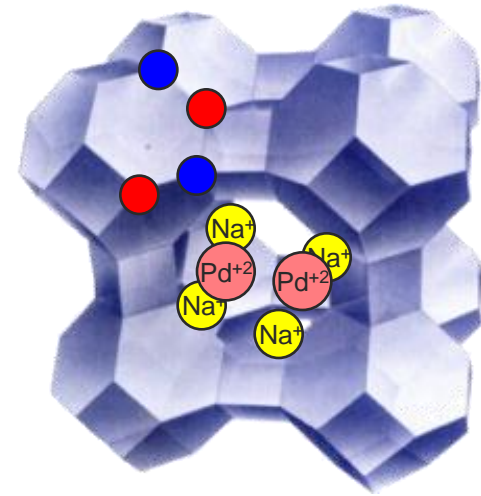
- Particle size is important
 - <2 nm allows rapid loading to Pd:D 1:1
 - Need isolation to keep from sintering – used Zeolites



Type A Zeolite



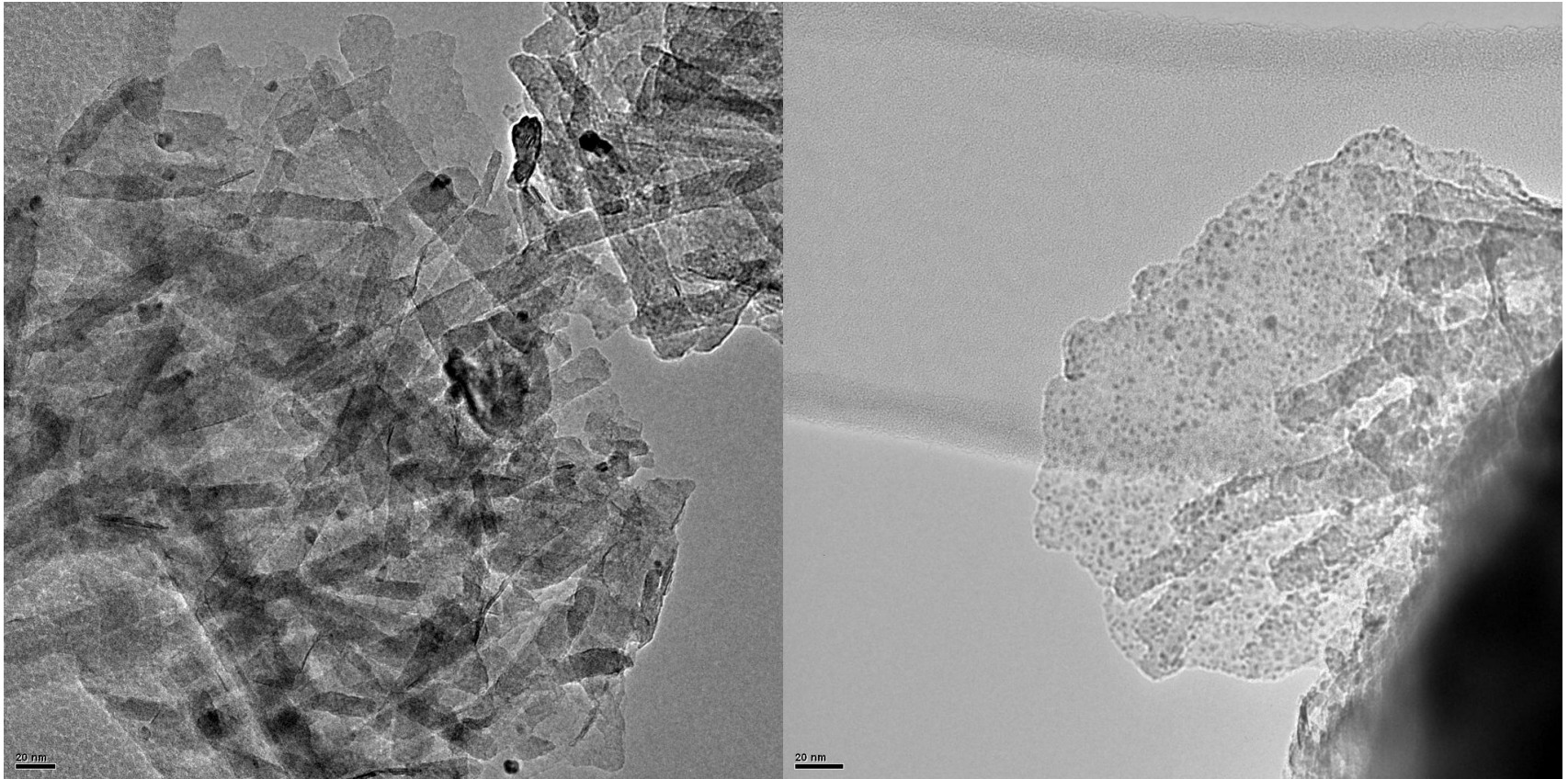
Type X Zeolite



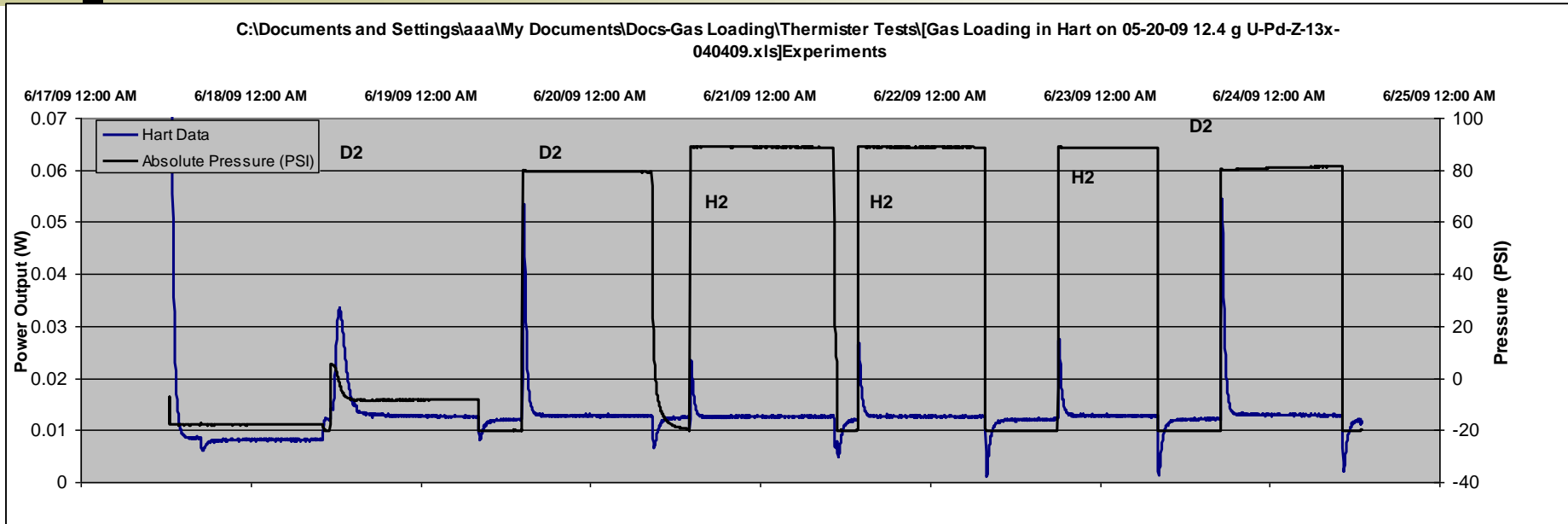
From: http://www.molecularsieve.org/Zeolite_Molecular_Sieve.htm

Characterization of Particle Size

- Not readily visible via TEM due to matrix



Matrix with Pd – 0.5% Pd on NRL Matrix

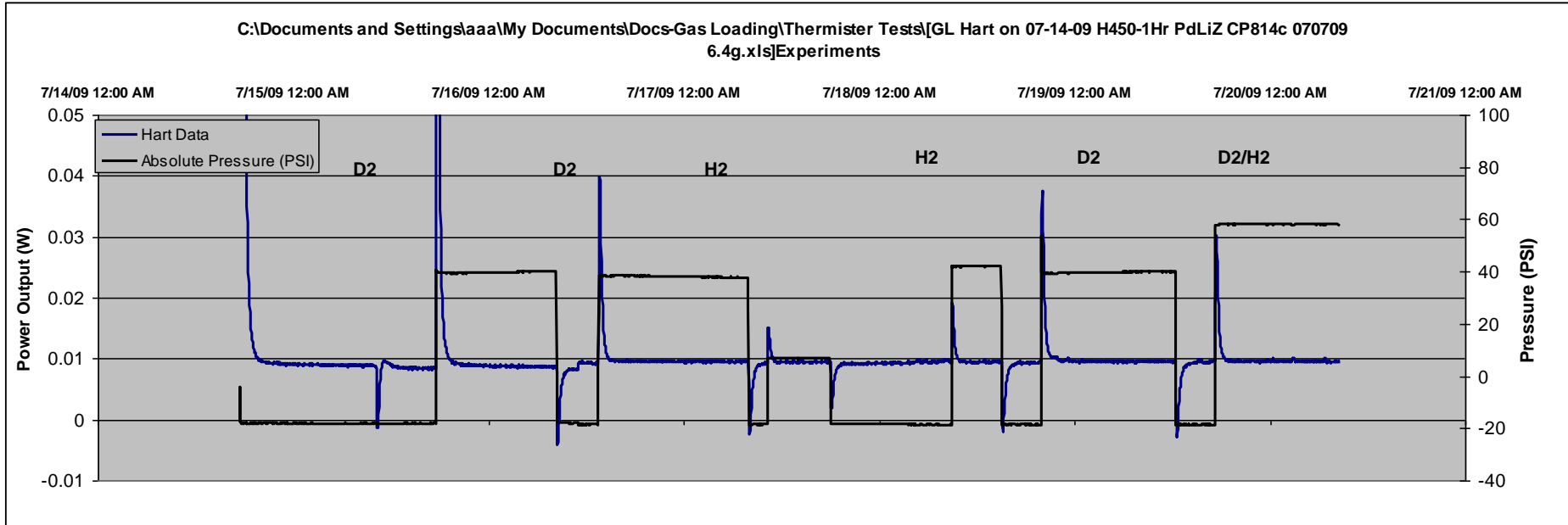


Heat from 2 nd D2 pressurization	-77.6
Endothermic heat from 2 nd D2 evacuation	19.7
Heat 3 rd H2 pressurization	-26
Endothermic heat from 3 rd H2 evacuation	31.5

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Matrix with Pd – 1% Pd on NRL Matrix

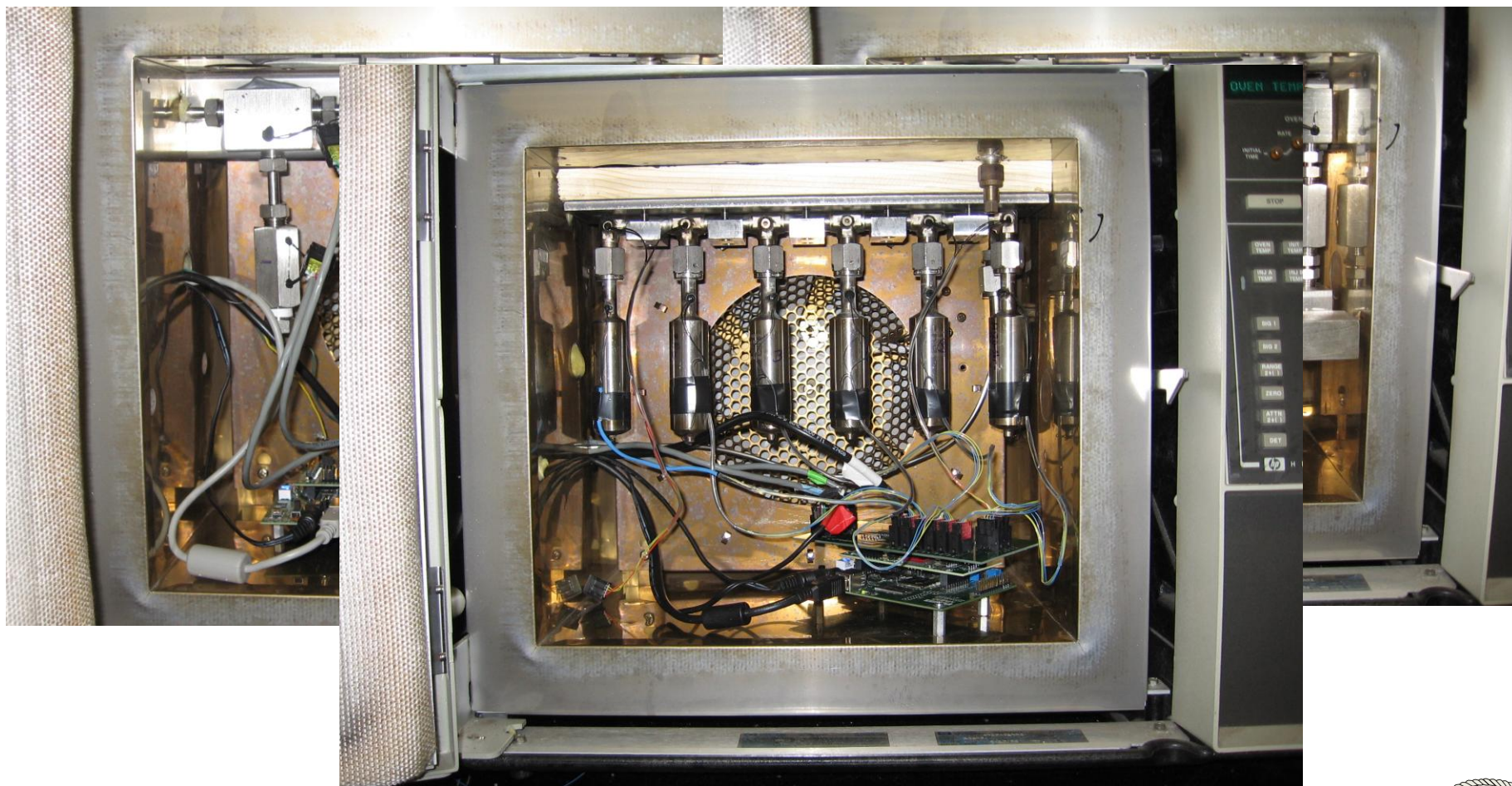


Measured Heat Deuterium pressurization at 17:35 on 07/15/09	-154.7
Measured Heat Deuterium removal at 8:21 on 07/16/09	22.4
Measured Heat of Deuterium pressurization at 13:48 on 07/16/09	-43.1
Measured Heat of Deuterium removal at 7:58 on 07/17/09	20.9
Measured Heat Hydrogen pressurization at 10:17 on 07/17/09	-7.2
Measured Heat of Hydrogen removal at 18:02 on 07/17/09	13.5
Measured Heat Hydrogen pressurization at 8:54 on 07/18/09	-12.9
Measured Heat Hydrogen removal at 15:04 on 07/18/09	20
Measured Heat Deuterium pressurization at 19:54 on 07/18/09	-46.5
Measured Heat Deuterium removal at 12:29 on 07/19/09	20.1
Measured Heat Hydrogen/Deuterium Mix pressurization at 17:54 on 07/19/09	-28.8

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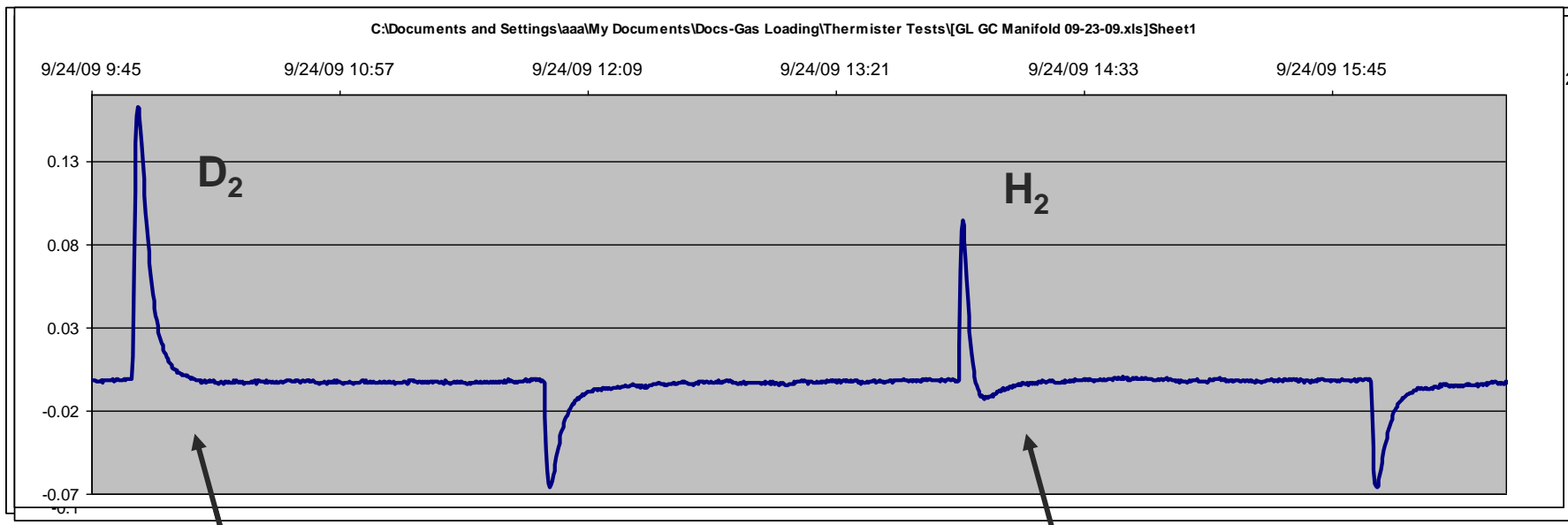


Examples of set-up in GC Oven



Closer Look of a Run in the GC

Various matrices



Heat of D_2 uptake
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 Other Heat

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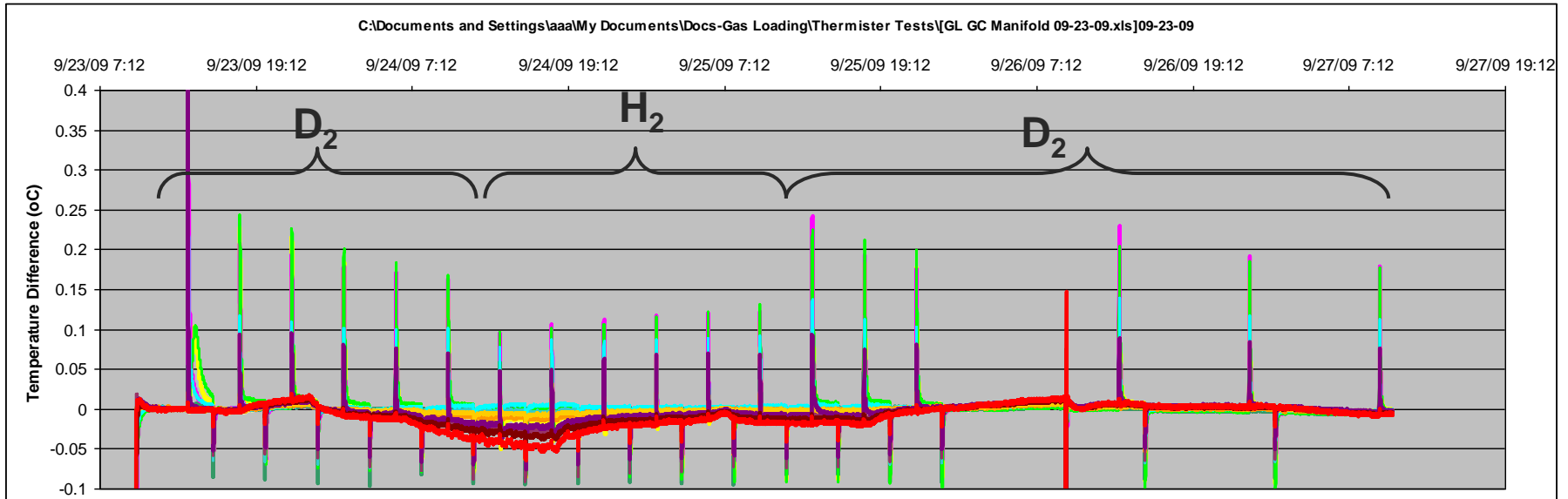
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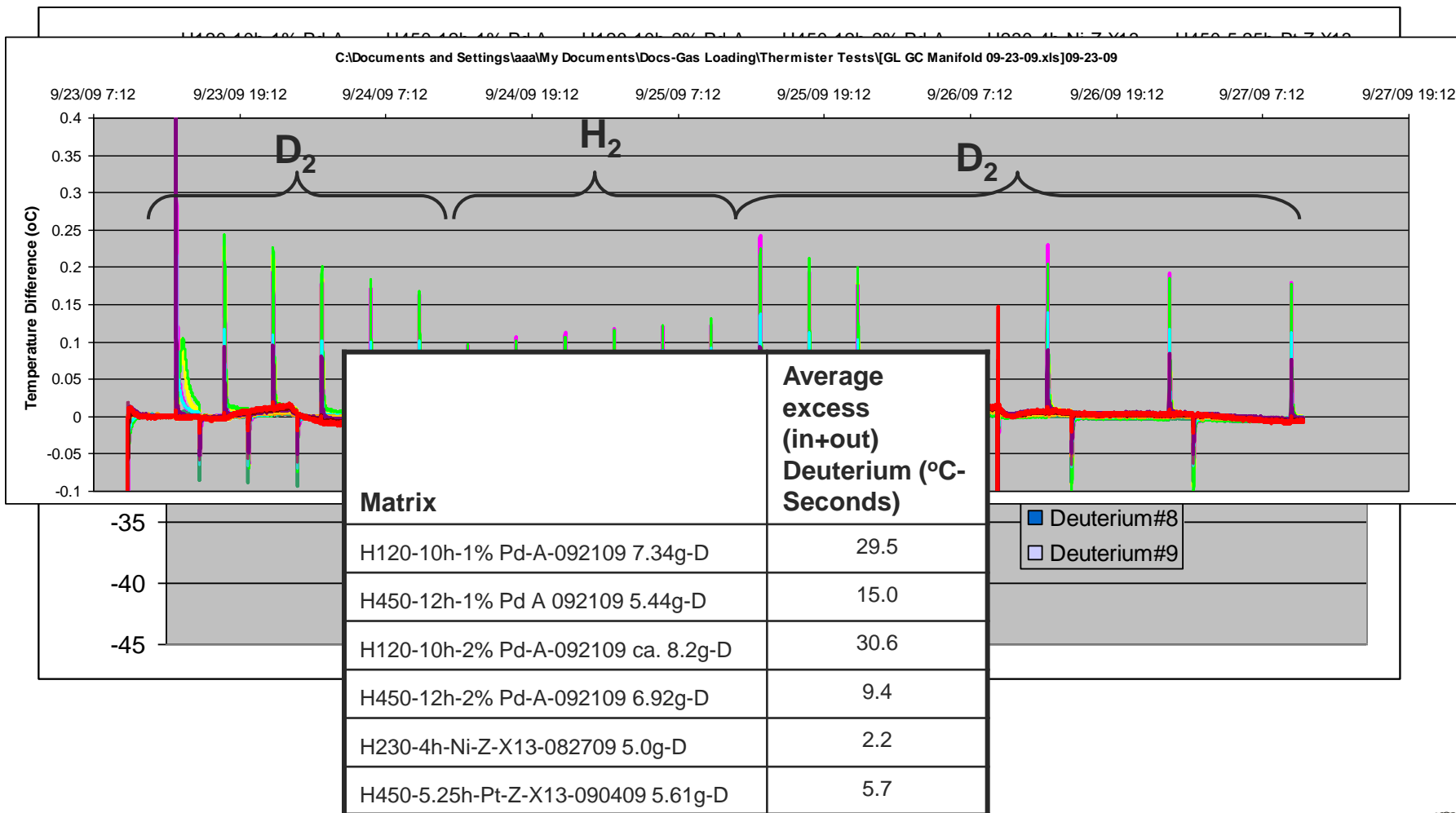
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Reproducibility of Depressurizations



But

**Is there an explanation for the
“other” heat repeatedly observed?**



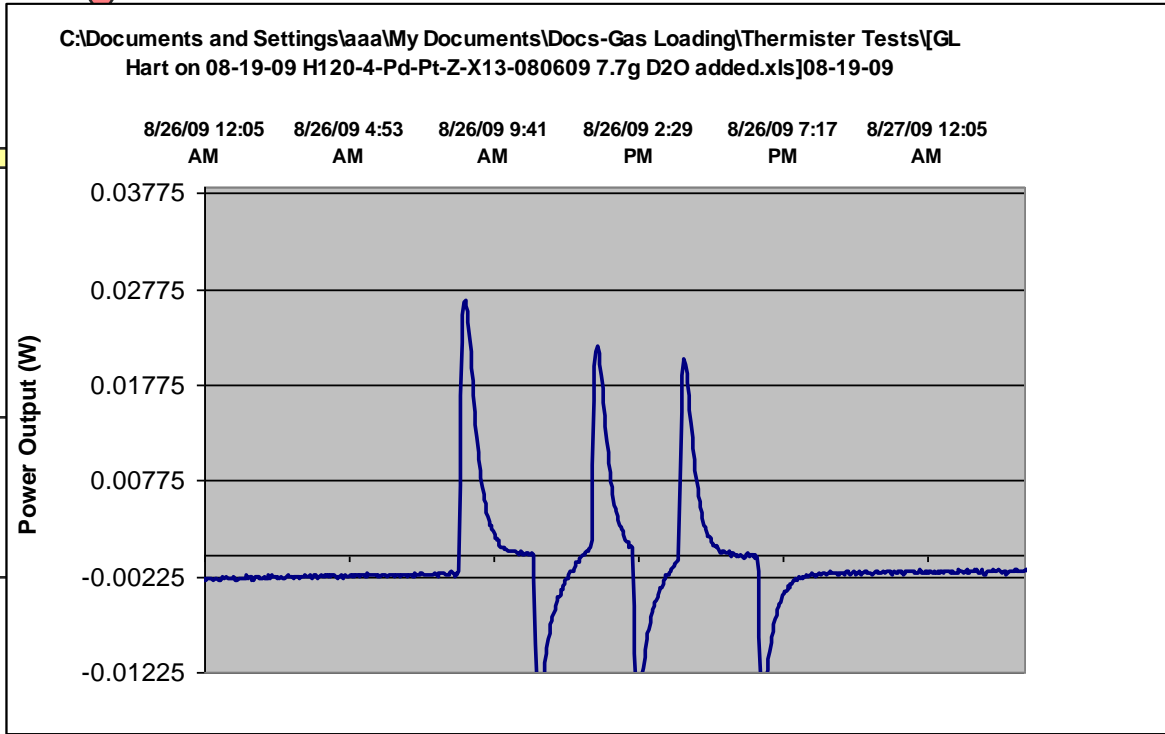
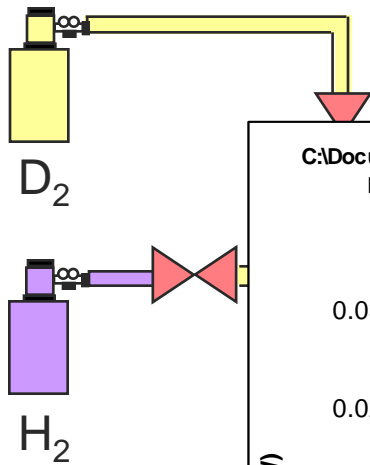
Possible Sources of Heat #1

Chemical energy in the deuterium but not in the hydrogen

- Example O₂
- Argue against:
 - Increase pressure – no proportionate increase in heat
 - Other palladium particles show no effect
 - Hypothetically could be dependant on particle size but this is not supported chemically



Recycling of Fill Gas



Pressure Vessel
Material

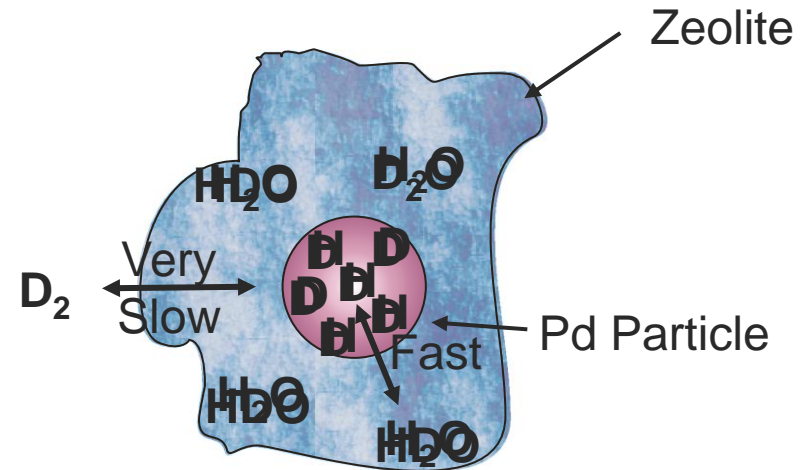
Initial Pressurization to 125 PSI	-48.9J
Recycle #1 to 122 PSI	-38.7J
Recycle #2 to 120 PSI	-31.3J



Possible Sources of Heat #2

Mechanism consistent with some observations

- Chemical exchange of D_2 with H_2O

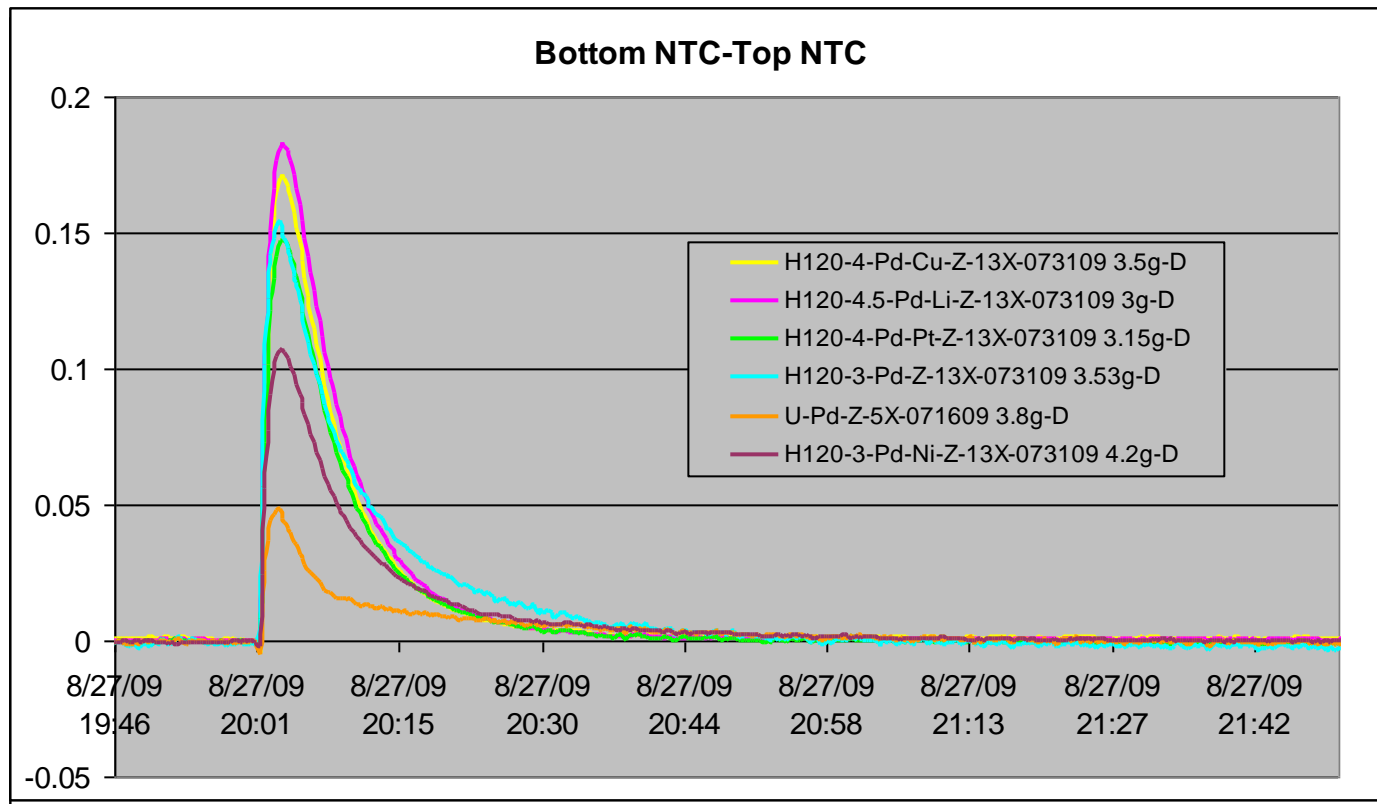


- Heat produced but no signature of H-D exchange in gas phase
 - Signature only upon removal of residual gas in Pd particle
 - Observed – D_2 gives some HD and H_2 gives some HD
- Calculations suggest for the amount of Pd present and going to D_2O (worse case)
 - Ignoring the spillover effect, only 7J heat available
- Using D_2O saturated Zeolite should see less heat with H_2
 - Observed – can be endothermic

Possible Sources of Heat #2

Some observations

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GL GC Manifold 08-25-09 at 70C then 29C.xls



Why Consider D-H Exchange as a Possible Source of Heat?

- Chemical exchange of D₂ with H₂O
 - D₂ + H₂O → HD + HDO -4.13 kJ/mole
 - D₂ + H₂O → HD + D₂O -8.71 kJ/mole
- Can explain:
 - Internal controls – In <> Out
 - Why D₂ (exothermic) <> H₂ (endothermic)
- Effect still present with some “dry” matrices
 - Make water in initial reactions
 - PdO + D₂ → PdD_x + D₂O
 - D₂O + Matrix → Hydrated Matrix
- Many pressurization/depressurization cycles decreases contribution



Conclusions

- Preparing Pd nano-particles inside Zeolites is reproducible and easy
 - Zeolites appear to provide Pd particles of the correct dimensions
- Interesting heat pattern was measured by two independent principles
 - Many iterations with unexpected heat present
 - Heat in presence of Deuterium but not Hydrogen
- Chemical effect due to Hydrogen-Deuterium exchange may account for some of the anomalous heat
 - Hydrogen may not be best control
 - Requires all the species present – Zeolite, Pd catalyst, water. D_2/H_2
 - But simple calculations do not account for all the heat observed
- Although chemistry of Zeolites is complex, because of the ease of preparation, further exploration of these systems is warranted



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