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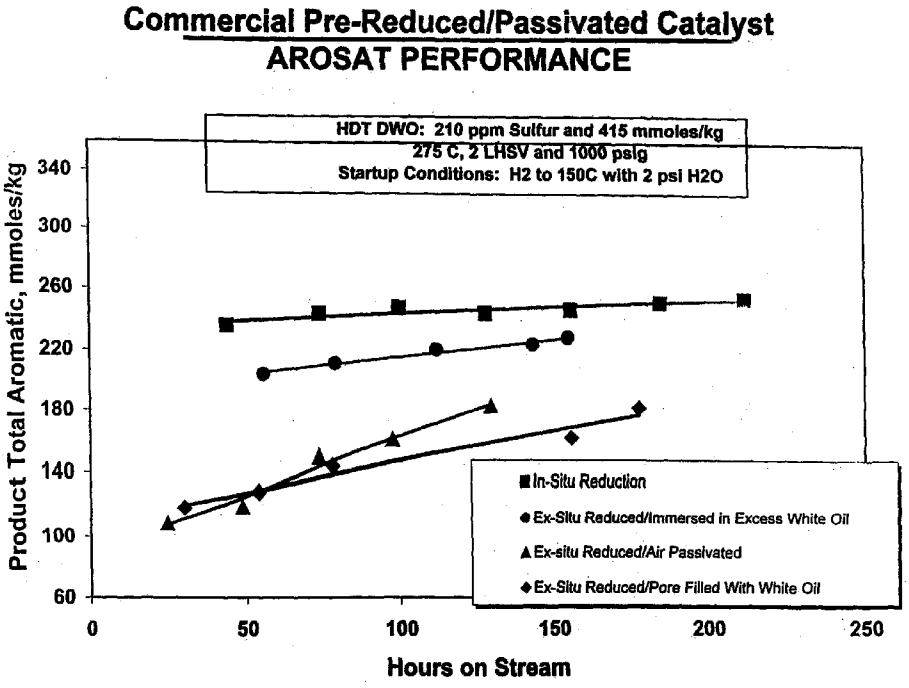
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(57) Abstract: A method of ex-situ activation and dry passivation of supported noble metal catalysts including the steps of reducing in the presence of hydrogen and dry passivation by cooling in an inert atmosphere and exposing to air or by filling the pores of the catalyst with a low sulfur oil before exposing to air.

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