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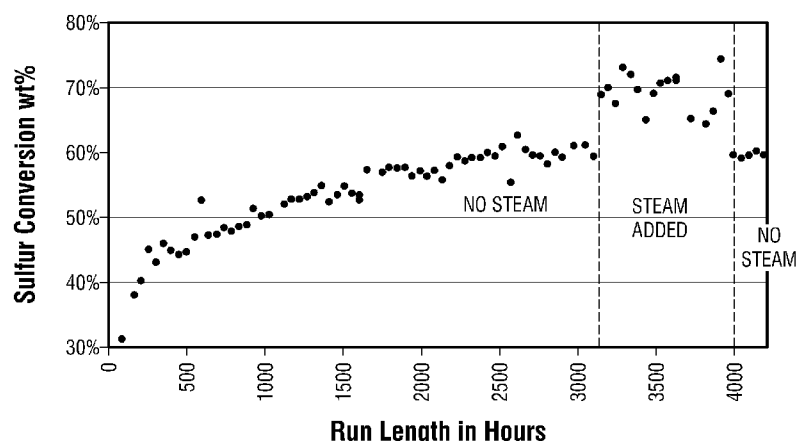


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: A self-activating hydroprocessing catalyst for treating heavy hydrocarbon feedstocks is further activated by contact-
 ing the self-activating catalyst with steam. The steam may be added to the heavy hydrocarbon feedstock prior to contacting with the
 self-activating catalyst or may be added to a reactor vessel containing the self-activating catalyst.