

Luminate™

Fluid Catalytic Cracking catalyst for lower delta coke

Based on BASF's new Improved Zeolite Y (IZY) technology, Luminate offers refiners improved coke selectivity and higher liquid yields

A constrained Vacuum Gasoil unit in North America desired to improve coke selectivity to maximize valuable liquid products. BASF recommended **Luminate** from the new Improved Zeolite-Y (IZY) technology. IZY features tailored pore architecture for better feed diffusion, liquid yields, and coke selectivity.

Results

Compared to the incumbent BASF catalyst based on DMS technology, **Luminate** significantly reduced delta coke at constant Nickel and increased or maintained activity at constant Vanadium. In this case, the refinery sought increased butylene yields and **Luminate** delivered these at constant gasoline.

Luminate met the refiner's objectives with:

- Decreased delta coke by 6%
- Maintained gasoline make
- Improved bottoms upgrading by 14%
- Increased C3= as well as C4= by 11%

Prior to the trial, the unit was limited to a lower riser outlet temperature (ROT) and a lower charge rate due to its regenerator superficial velocity constraint. Introducing **Luminate** provided large operational benefits including:

- 15°F / 7°C higher ROT
- Improved catalyst activity
- Maximum feed rate

The improved delta coke enabled the unit to operate beyond its previous constraints, resulting in **\$0.81/bbl** increase in profitability based on FCC-SIM modelling to normalize for operating conditions.

Luminate Refinery Trial Results

	Before	After	Delta
FACT, wt%	73.9	74.0	0.1
C3=, wt%	4.6	5.1	0.5
Total C4=, wt%	5.8	6.5	0.7
Total LPG + Gasoline, wt%	64.2	67.3	3.1
LCO/BOT, wt/wt	1.56	1.78	0.22
Coke, wt%	3.95	3.71	(0.24)

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