

Thermal Decomposition Kinetics of Light Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons as Surrogate Biomass Tar

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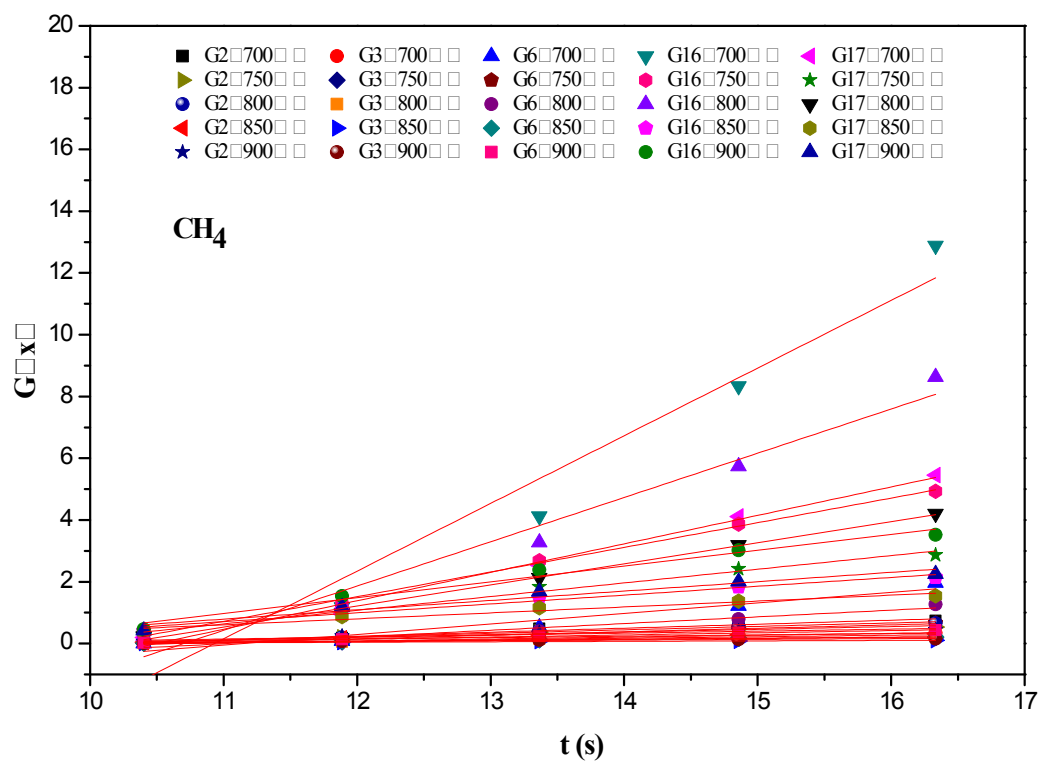
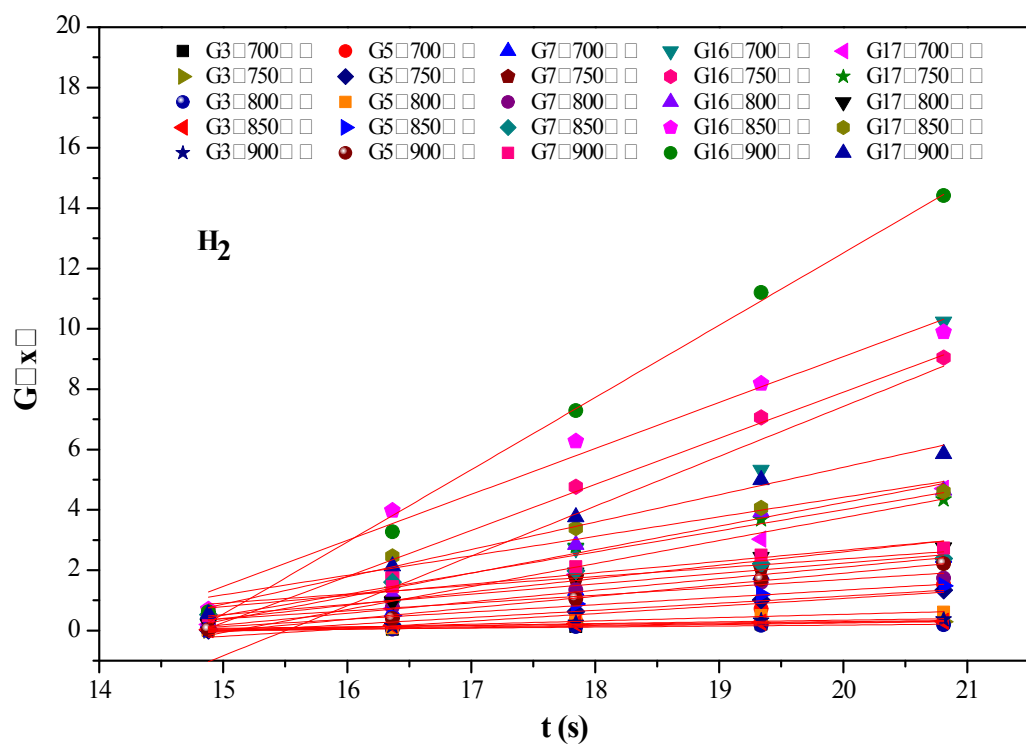
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Fig.S1. Correlation of $G(X)$ versus t at different reaction temperatures for individual gas component from the thermal decomposition of naphthalene.



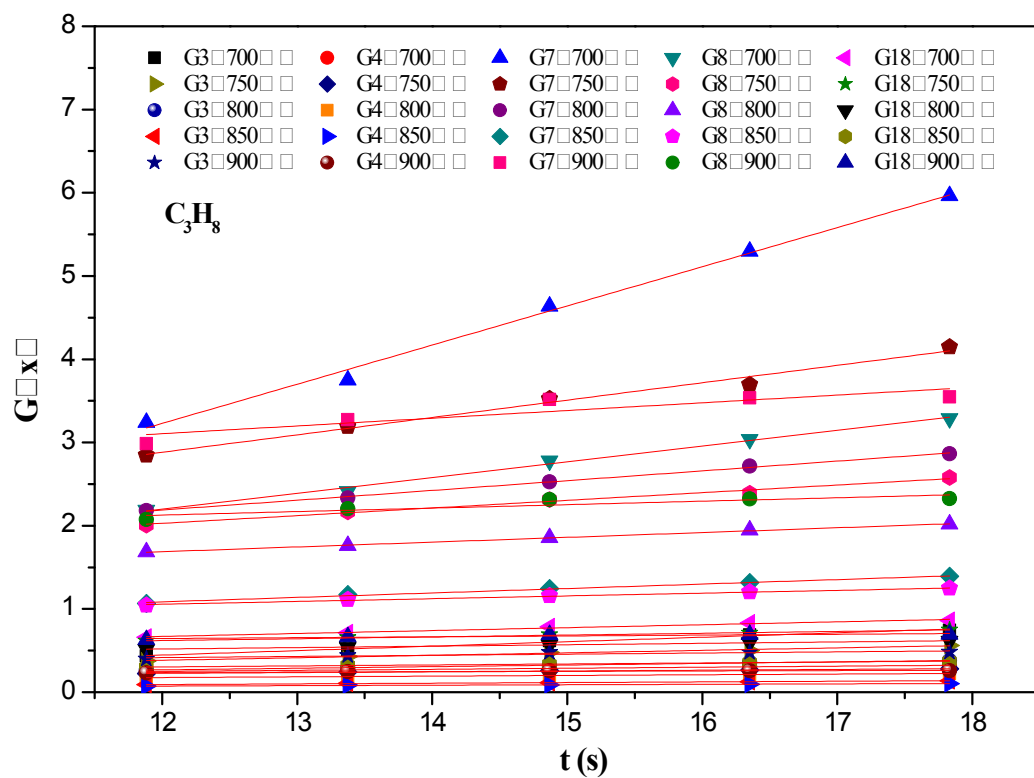
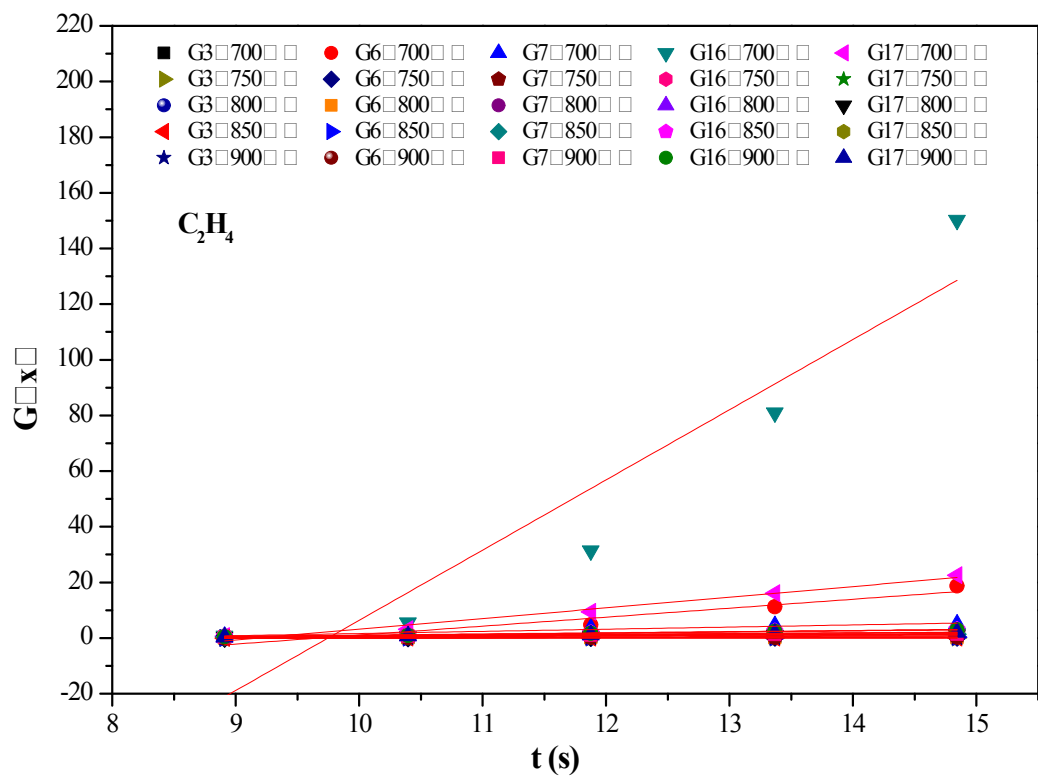
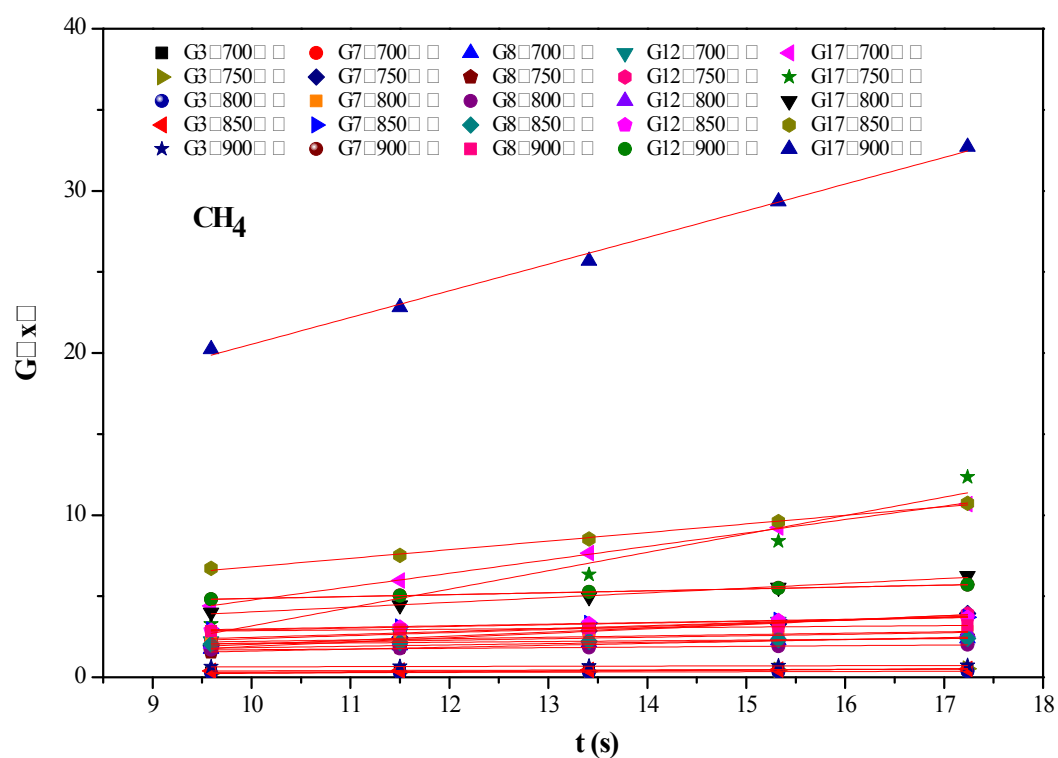
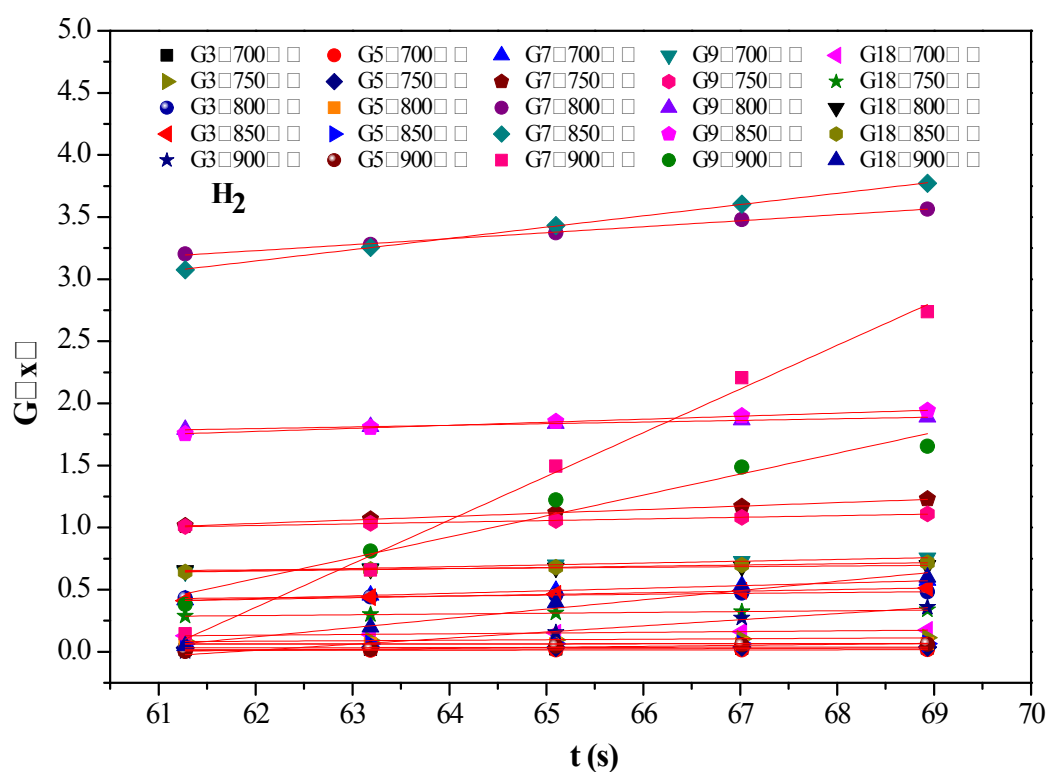


Fig.S2. Correlation of $G(X)$ versus t at different reaction temperatures for individual gas component from the thermal decomposition of anthracene.



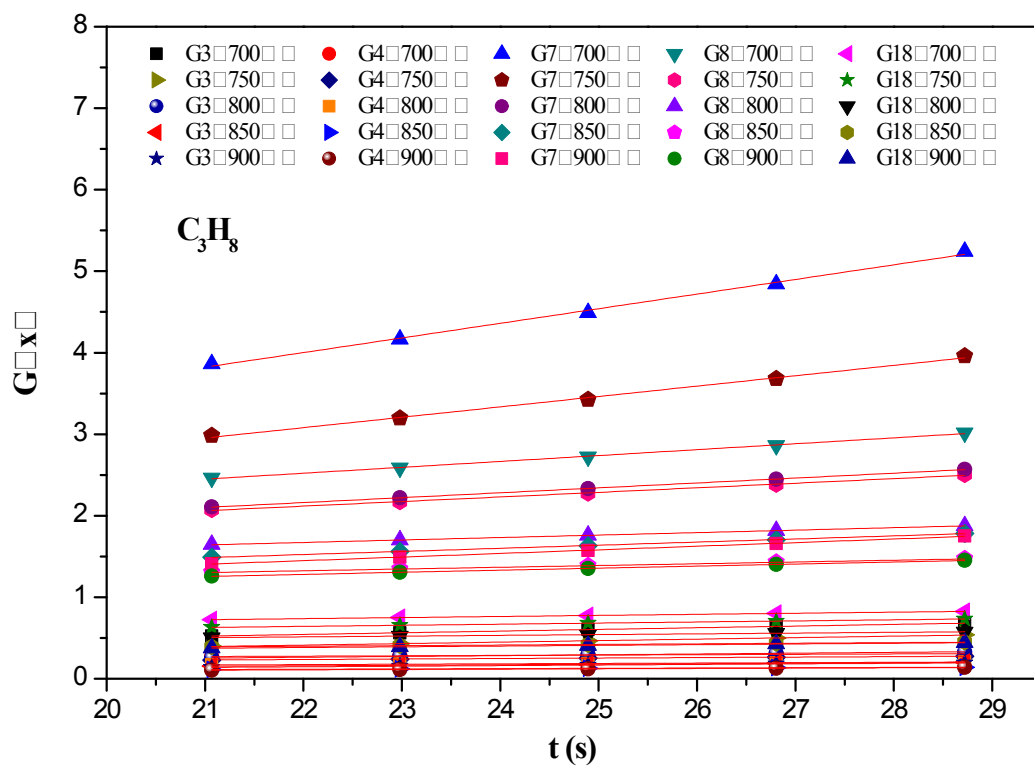
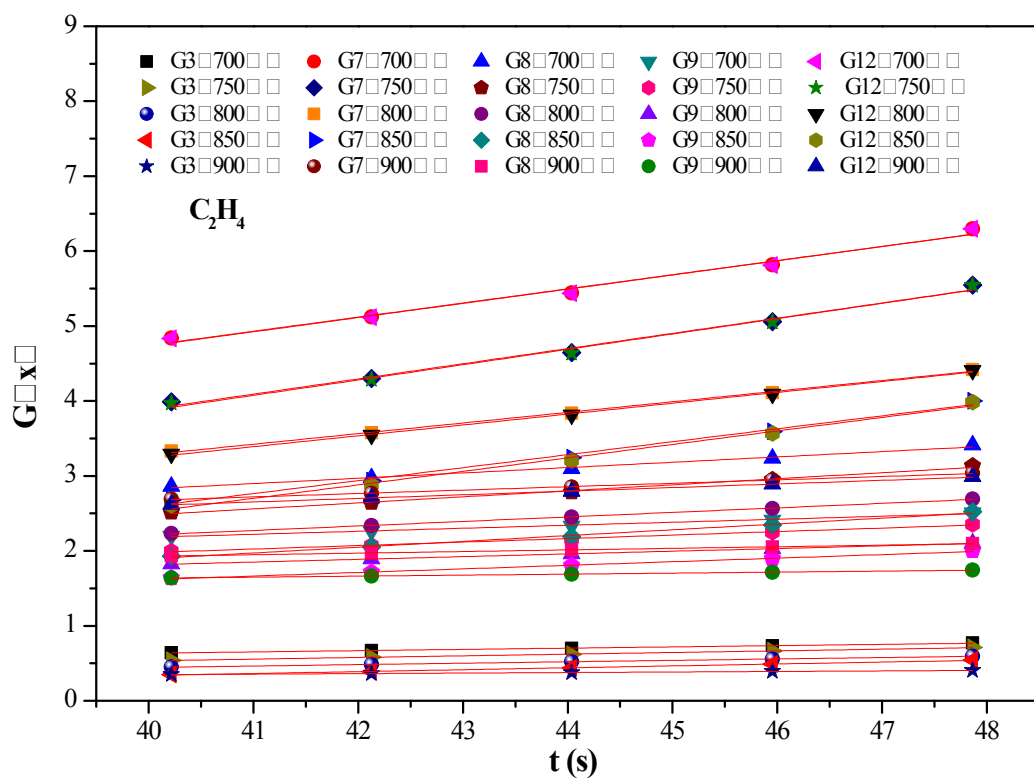


Table S1 Apparent activation energies of individual gas component during the thermal decomposition of naphthalene and anthracene.

Individual gas	Conversion fraction (%)	Naphthalene			Anthracene		
		E _a	SD	R ²	E _a	SD	R ²
H ₂	20	26.9	0.048	0.902	89.6	0.047	0.922
	30	27.4	0.043	0.913	114.5	0.039	0.933
	40	28.1	0.039	0.932	132.8	0.023	0.952
	50	29.5	0.035	0.945	152.0	0.022	0.967
	60	31.7	0.036	0.957	167.6	0.031	0.968
	70	43.2	0.044	0.933	167.7	0.040	0.947
	80	57.6	0.039	0.921	167.9	0.037	0.939
	Average/(kJ/mol)	34.9			141.7		
CH ₄	20	42.7	0.049	0.912	46.5	0.049	0.913
	30	46.9	0.044	0.923	47.8	0.048	0.922
	40	47.9	0.042	0.942	48.5	0.042	0.945
	50	48.9	0.039	0.955	50.4	0.038	0.965
	60	49.8	0.034	0.967	54.7	0.037	0.965
	70	54.8	0.041	0.943	61.5	0.040	0.946
	80	55.9	0.039	0.931	91.5	0.041	0.933
	Average/(kJ/mol)	49.5			57.3		
C ₂ H ₄	20	35.9	0.043	0.921	45.9	0.041	0.911
	30	37.8	0.037	0.932	55.3	0.038	0.923
	40	39.5	0.032	0.956	65.9	0.034	0.932
	50	41.8	0.021	0.967	78.3	0.029	0.955
	60	49.2	0.030	0.968	95.8	0.028	0.957
	70	58.7	0.034	0.945	114.5	0.034	0.943
	80	75.1	0.038	0.937	135.9	0.038	0.921
	Average/(kJ/mol)	48.3			84.5		
C ₃ H ₈	20	16.7	0.042	0.924	43.8	0.042	0.914
	30	17.3	0.037	0.942	45.2	0.038	0.925
	40	19.7	0.032	0.936	51.2	0.035	0.932
	50	21.1	0.023	0.967	58.8	0.029	0.955
	60	24.5	0.030	0.988	69.1	0.028	0.959
	70	33.5	0.037	0.945	82.7	0.035	0.943
	80	49.8	0.038	0.947	104.9	0.038	0.929
	Average/(kJ/mol)	26.1			65.1		

Table S2 Most common reaction models for the thermal cracking of biomass tar model compounds.

Symbol	Reaction mechanism	$f(x)$	$G(x)$
G1	One-dimensional diffusion	$1/2x$	x^2
G2	Two-dimensional diffusion (Valensi)	$[-\ln(1-x)]^{-1}$	$x+(1-x)\ln(1-x)$
G3	Three-dimensional diffusion (Jander)	$1.5(1-x)^{2/3}[1-(1-x)^{1/3}]^{-1}$	$[1-(1-x)^{1/3}]^2$
G4	Three-dimensional diffusion (G-B)	$1.5[1-(1-x)^{1/3}]^{-1}$	$1-2x/3-(1-x)^{2/3}$
G5	Three-dimensional diffusion (A-J)	$1.5(1+x)^{2/3}[(1+x)^{1/3}-1]^{-1}$	$[(1+x)^{1/3}-1]^2$
G6	Chemical reaction (n=3)	$(1-x)^3$	$[(1-x)^{-2}-1]/2$
G7	Chemical reaction (n=2)	$(1-x)^2$	$(1-x)^{-1}-1$
G8	Chemical reaction (n=1)	$1-x$	$-\ln(1-x)$
G9	Chemical reaction (n=0)	1	x
G10	Nucleation and growth (n=2/3)	$1.5(1-x) [-\ln(1-x)]^{1/3}$	$[-\ln(1-x)]^{2/3}$
G11	Nucleation and growth (n=1/2)	$2(1-x) [-\ln(1-x)]^{1/2}$	$[-\ln(1-x)]^{1/2}$
G12	Nucleation and growth (n=1/3)	$3(1-x) [-\ln(1-x)]^{2/3}$	$[-\ln(1-x)]^{1/3}$
G13	Nucleation and growth (n=1/4)	$4(1-x) [-\ln(1-x)]^{1/3}$	$[-\ln(1-x)]^{1/4}$
G14	Autocatalytic reaction	$x (1-x)$	$\ln[x/(1-x)]$
G15	Mampel power law (n=1/2)	$2x^{1/2}$	$x^{1/2}$
G16	Mampel power law (n=1/3)	$3x^{2/3}$	$x^{1/3}$
G17	Mampel power law (n=1/4)	$4x^{3/4}$	$x^{1/4}$
G18	Contraction sphere	$3(1-x)^{2/3}$	$1-(1-x)^{1/3}$
G19	Contraction cylinder	$2(1-x)^{1/2}$	$1-(1-x)^{1/2}$

Note: A-J: Anti-Jander; G-B: Ginstling-Brounshtein.

Table S3 Probable Reaction models and kinetic parameters for individual gas
component during the thermal cracking of naphthalene.

Gas	Temp	G(X)	G3	G5	G7	G16	G17	Gas	Temp	G(X)	G2	G3	G6	G16	G17
H ₂	700 °C	Inter	-0.803	-3.967	-5.558	-25.62	-11.50	CH ₄	700 °C	Inter	-1.311	-0.639	-3.803	-23.95	-9.671
		Slope	0.052	0.251	0.383	1.652	0.762			Slope	0.129	0.060	0.341	2.191	0.921
		lnK(t)	-2.943	-1.379	-0.959	0.502	-0.271			lnK(t)	-2.046	-2.804	-1.074	0.784	-0.081
		R ²	0.969	0.823	0.994	0.872	0.958			R ²	0.956	0.978	0.907	0.935	0.984
	750 °C	Inter	-0.633	-3.231	-4.101	-20.39	-8.935		750 °C	Inter	-0.955	-0.386	-1.374	-9.261	-4.897
		Slope	0.048	0.236	0.341	1.527	0.698			Slope	0.085	0.033	0.113	0.797	0.442
		lnK(t)	-3.019	-1.443	-1.073	0.423	-0.358			lnK(t)	-2.456	-3.397	-2.179	-0.225	-0.815
		R ²	0.954	0.978	0.924	0.988	0.975			R ²	0.946	0.979	0.984	0.995	0.983
	800 °C	Inter	-0.087	-0.342	-0.411	-2.064	-0.963		800 °C	Inter	-1.277	-0.574	-2.708	-17.39	-
		Slope	0.033	0.108	0.258	0.775	0.438			Slope	0.110	0.048	0.216	1.424	0.679
		lnK(t)	-3.410	-2.225	-1.353	-0.254	-0.823			lnK(t)	-2.199	-3.035	-1.532	0.353	-0.386
		R ²	0.951	0.975	0.913	0.978	0.955			R ²	0.970	0.990	0.927	0.961	0.995
	850 °C	Inter	-0.125	-0.975	-0.423	-5.508	-1.776		850 °C	Inter	-0.713	-0.243	-0.581	-4.563	-2.923
		Slope	0.043	0.241	0.291	1.521	0.645			Slope	0.044	0.014	0.033	0.285	0.191
		lnK(t)	-3.126	-1.421	-1.232	0.419	-0.437			lnK(t)	-3.117	-4.219	-3.389	-1.252	-1.653
		R ²	0.853	0.987	0.809	0.976	0.911			R ²	0.927	0.958	0.994	0.966	0.936
	900 °C	Inter	-0.202	-1.769	-0.926	-10.43	-3.291		900 °C	Inter	-0.270	-0.112	-0.386	-2.390	-1.196
		Slope	0.056	0.382	0.374	2.391	0.906			Slope	0.063	0.023	0.069	0.512	0.302
		lnK(t)	-2.866	-0.961	-0.982	0.872	-0.097			lnK(t)	-2.754	-3.745	-2.664	-0.669	-1.194
		R ²	0.938	0.989	0.911	0.994	0.981			R ²	0.890	0.938	0.991	0.970	0.933
	Ea	kJ/mol	0.3	33.9	4.9	11.8	3.6		Ea	kJ/mol	39.7	51.7	84.2	75.4	58.6
	Temp	G(X)	G3	G6	G7	G16	G17		Temp	Inter	G3	G4	G7	G8	G18
	700 °C	Inter	-0.917	-31.17	-6.094	-245.9	-35.18		700 °C	Slope	-0.196	0.100	-2.416	-0.081	0.249
		Slope	0.110	3.222	0.771	25.23	3.834			lnK(t)	0.053	0.012	0.470	0.189	0.035
		lnK(t)	-2.203	1.170	-0.259	3.228	1.344			R ²	-2.927	-4.386	-0.754	-1.663	-3.350
		R ²	0.940	0.898	0.963	0.857	0.971			Inter	0.973	0.981	0.976	0.978	0.999
	750 °C	Inter	-0.218	-0.629	-1.426	-4.387	-2.517		750 °C	Slope	0.025	0.112	0.377	0.925	0.357
		Slope	0.020	0.054	0.162	0.418	0.258			lnK(t)	0.029	0.009	0.208	0.091	0.021
		lnK(t)	-3.899	-2.906	-1.819	-0.871	-1.354			R ²	-3.511	-4.660	-1.566	-2.386	-3.820
		R ²	0.966	0.998	0.918	0.984	0.957			Inter	0.992	0.990	0.993	0.992	0.934
	800 °C	Inter	-0.045	-0.096	-0.269	-0.711	-0.449		800 °C	Slope	0.038	0.076	0.779	0.996	0.316
		Slope	0.011	0.021	0.120	0.220	0.162			lnK(t)	0.019	0.008	0.117	0.057	0.016
		lnK(t)	-4.474	-3.819	-2.116	-1.509	-1.818			R ²	-3.954	-4.793	-2.141	-2.854	-4.079
		R ²	0.995	0.996	0.952	0.991	0.975			Inter	0.996	0.997	0.998	0.998	0.989
	850 °C	Inter	-0.101	-0.312	-0.491	-1.962	-1.026		850 °C	Slope	-0.003	0.010	0.443	0.657	0.161
		Slope	0.020	0.053	0.161	0.413	0.256			lnK(t)	0.007	0.005	0.053	0.033	0.011
		lnK(t)	-3.903	-2.921	-1.825	-0.883	-1.362			R ²	-4.8345	-5.245	-2.928	-3.402	-4.437
		R ²	0.996	0.990	0.975	0.999	0.993			Inter	0.999	0.999	0.999	0.999	0.994
	900 °C	Inter	-0.151	-0.428	-0.954	-2.96	-1.701		900 °C	Slope	0.251	0.181	1.994	1.630	0.520
		Slope	0.021	0.056	0.178	0.443	0.278			lnK(t)	0.013	0.004	0.092	0.041	0.010
		lnK(t)	-3.833	-2.871	-1.722	-0.813	-1.277			R ²	-4.288	-5.383	-2.379	-3.181	-4.573
		R ²	0.996	0.979	0.979	0.997	0.996			Inter	0.992	0.999	0.999	0.999	0.993
	Ea	kJ/mol	66.1	162.5	49.1	162.1	105.3		Ea	kJ/mol	27.2	0.4	17.8	6.9	1.1

Table S4 Probable Reaction models and kinetic parameters for individual gas component during the thermal cracking of anthracene.

Gas	Temp	G(X)	G3	G5	G7	G9	G18	Gas	Temp	G(X)	G3	G7	G8	G12	G17
H ₂	700 °C	Inter	-0.091	-0.037	-0.848	-0.256	-0.227	CH ₄	700 °C	Inter	0.039	0.673	0.998	0.487	-3.527
		Slope	0.001	0.001	0.021	0.014	0.006			Slope	0.027	0.179	0.082	0.189	0.828
		lnK(t)	-6.342	-7.158	-3.882	-4.219	-5.144			lnK(t)	-3.593	-1.719	-2.490	-1.665	-0.188
		R ²	0.997	0.999	0.999	0.999	0.999			R ²	0.973	0.981	0.974	0.978	0.999
	750 °C	Inter	-0.162	-0.017	-0.698	0.198	-0.105		750 °C	Inter	-0.144	-0.494	0.427	-0.792	-8.178
		Slope	0.003	0.001	0.027	0.013	0.006			Slope	0.039	0.252	0.118	0.269	1.134
		lnK(t)	-5.523	-7.123	-3.578	-4.327	-5.049			lnK(t)	-3.242	-1.374	-2.130	-1.310	0.126
		R ²	0.996	0.999	0.998	0.998	0.998			R ²	0.994	0.990	0.993	0.992	0.934
	800 °C	Inter	-0.001	0.052	0.238	0.983	0.336		800 °C	Inter	0.136	1.381	1.291	1.193	1.088
		Slope	0.007	0.001	0.048	0.013	0.005			Slope	0.013	0.083	0.041	0.091	0.294
		lnK(t)	-4.956	-8.640	-3.031	-4.333	-5.257			lnK(t)	-4.294	-2.482	-3.193	-2.396	-1.223
		R ²	0.996	0.995	0.996	0.996	0.996			R ²	0.998	0.997	0.998	0.998	0.989
	850 °C	Inter	-0.392	0.042	-2.482	0.251	0.049		850 °C	Inter	0.249	1.976	1.623	1.887	1.510
		Slope	0.013	0.001	0.090	0.024	0.009			Slope	0.014	0.100	0.044	0.103	0.529
		lnK(t)	-4.332	-8.039	-2.399	-3.707	-4.637			lnK(t)	-4.215	-2.301	-3.105	-2.263	-0.635
		R ²	0.998	0.982	0.999	0.998	0.996			R ²	0.999	0.999	0.999	0.999	0.994
	900 °C	Inter	-3.046	-0.486	-21.45	-9.851	-4.501		900 °C	Inter	0.532	3.687	2.420	3.673	4.079
		Slope	0.049	0.008	0.351	0.168	0.074			Slope	0.011	0.117	0.045	0.118	1.646
		lnK(t)	-3.009	-4.824	-1.044	-1.781	-2.596			lnK(t)	-4.489	-2.140	-3.099	-2.135	0.498
		R ²	0.971	0.924	0.991	0.958	0.971			R ²	0.997	0.999	0.999	0.991	0.993
	Ea	kJ/mol	148.0	63.8	127.9	100.1	100.2		Ea	kJ/mol	52.2	34.3	41.9	36.5	8.5
	Temp	G(X)	G3	G7	G8	G9	G12		Temp	G(X)	G3	G4	G7	G8	G18
	700 °C	Inter	-0.033	-2.804	-0.017	0.576	-2.843		700 °C	Inter	-0.091	-0.037	-0.848	-0.256	-0.227
		Slope	0.016	0.188	0.071	0.040	0.189			Slope	0.001	0.001	0.021	0.014	0.006
		lnK(t)	-4.090	-1.667	-2.643	-3.216	-1.663			lnK(t)	-6.342	-7.158	-3.882	-4.219	-5.144
		R ²	0.996	0.984	0.988	0.989	0.984			R ²	0.997	0.999	0.999	0.999	0.999
	750 °C	Inter	-0.350	-4.221	-0.742	0.111	-4.316		750 °C	Inter	-0.162	-0.017	-0.698	0.198	-0.105
		Slope	0.022	0.202	0.080	0.046	0.204			Slope	0.003	0.001	0.027	0.013	0.006
		lnK(t)	-3.812	-1.595	-2.518	-3.065	-1.586			lnK(t)	-5.523	-7.123	-3.578	-4.327	-5.049
		R ²	0.998	0.988	0.992	0.994	0.989			R ²	0.996	0.999	0.998	0.998	0.998
	800 °C	Inter	-0.309	-2.391	-0.199	0.369	-2.552		800 °C	Inter	-0.001	0.052	0.238	0.983	0.336
		Slope	0.018	0.142	0.060	0.036	0.144			Slope	0.007	0.001	0.048	0.013	0.005
		lnK(t)	-3.971	-1.953	-2.808	-3.321	-1.931			lnK(t)	-4.956	-8.640	-3.031	-4.333	-5.257
		R ²	0.999	0.997	0.998	0.999	0.997			R ²	0.996	0.995	0.996	0.996	0.996
	850 °C	Inter	-0.678	-4.327	-1.203	-0.288	-4.673		850 °C	Inter	-0.392	0.042	-2.482	0.251	0.049
		Slope	0.025	0.173	0.077	0.047	0.179			Slope	0.013	0.001	0.090	0.024	0.009
		lnK(t)	-3.672	-1.754	-2.558	-3.044	-1.715			lnK(t)	-4.332	-8.039	-2.399	-3.707	-4.637
		R ²	0.995	0.989	0.993	0.995	0.991			R ²	0.998	0.982	0.999	0.998	0.996
	900 °C	Inter	0.061	0.858	1.074	1.099	0.677		900 °C	Inter	-3.046	-0.486	-21.45	-9.851	-4.501
		Slope	0.007	0.045	0.021	0.013	0.048			Slope	0.049	0.008	0.351	0.168	0.074
		lnK(t)	-4.939	-3.092	-3.848	-4.311	-3.033			lnK(t)	-3.009	-4.824	-1.044	-1.781	-2.596
		R ²	0.998	0.997	0.998	0.998	0.998			R ²	0.971	0.924	0.991	0.958	0.971
	Ea	kJ/mol	27.2	95.1	86.4	79.1	52.4		Ea	kJ/mol	148.0	63.8	127.9	100.1	100.2
C ₂ H ₄	700 °C	Inter	-0.033	-2.804	-0.017	0.576	-2.843	C ₃ H ₈	700 °C	Inter	-0.091	-0.037	-0.848	-0.256	-0.227
		Slope	0.016	0.188	0.071	0.040	0.189			Slope	0.001	0.001	0.021	0.014	0.006
		lnK(t)	-4.090	-1.667	-2.643	-3.216	-1.663			lnK(t)	-6.342	-7.158	-3.882	-4.219	-5.144
		R ²	0.996	0.984	0.988	0.989	0.984			R ²	0.997	0.999	0.999	0.999	0.999
	750 °C	Inter	-0.350	-4.221	-0.742	0.111	-4.316		750 °C	Inter	-0.162	-0.017	-0.698	0.198	-0.105
		Slope	0.022	0.202	0.080	0.046	0.204			Slope	0.003	0.001	0.027	0.013	0.006
		lnK(t)	-3.812	-1.595	-2.518	-3.065	-1.586			lnK(t)	-5.523	-7.123	-3.578	-4.327	-5.049
		R ²	0.998	0.988	0.992	0.994	0.989			R ²	0.996	0.999	0.998	0.998	0.998
	800 °C	Inter	-0.309	-2.391	-0.199	0.369	-2.552		800 °C	Inter	-0.001	0.052	0.238	0.983	0.336
		Slope	0.018	0.142	0.060	0.036	0.144			Slope	0.007	0.001	0.048	0.013	0.005
		lnK(t)	-3.971	-1.953	-2.808	-3.321	-1.931			lnK(t)	-4.956	-8.640	-3.031	-4.333	-5.257
		R ²	0.999	0.997	0.998	0.999	0.997			R ²	0.996	0.995	0.996	0.996	0.996
	850 °C	Inter	-0.678	-4.327	-1.203	-0.288	-4.673		850 °C	Inter	-0.392	0.042	-2.482	0.251	0.049
		Slope	0.025	0.173	0.077	0.047	0.179			Slope	0.013	0.001	0.090	0.024	0.009
		lnK(t)	-3.672	-1.754	-2.558	-3.044	-1.715			lnK(t)	-4.332	-8.039	-2.399	-3.707	-4.637
		R ²	0.995	0.989	0.993	0.995	0.991			R ²	0.998	0.982	0.999	0.998	0.996
	900 °C	Inter	0.061	0.858	1.074	1.099	0.677		900 °C	Inter	-3.046	-0.486	-21.45	-9.851	-4.501
		Slope	0.007	0.045	0.021	0.013	0.048			Slope	0.049	0.008	0.351	0.168	0.074
		lnK(t)	-4.939	-3.092	-3.848	-4.311	-3.033			lnK(t)	-3.009	-4.824	-1.044	-1.781	-2.596
		R ²	0.998	0.997	0.998	0.998	0.998			R ²	0.971	0.924	0.991	0.958	0.971
	Ea	kJ/mol	27.2	95.1	86.4	79.1	52.4		Ea	kJ/mol	148.0	63.8	127.9	100.1	100.2