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# I. CONTRACT OBJECTIVE

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The objective of the contract is to develop a catalyst and operating conditions for the direct conversion of syngas to liquid hydrocarbon fuels, using microporous crystals ("Molecular Sieves") in combination with transition metals.

#### II. SCHEDULE

The contract work was planned for the 36-month period beginning March 6, 1981.

Work on the program is divided into four tasks.

Task 1, essentially completed, was the conversion of low molecular weight liquids, such as methanol and propylene, to gasoline and diesel fuel, with catalysts consisting of only a Molecular-Sieve component, commonly designated as the shapeselective component (SSC).

Task 2 is the conversion of syngas (carbon monoxide and hydrogen) to gasoline and diesel fuel, using catalysts consisting of both an SSC and a transition-metal component (MC).

Task 3 is a study of the surface effects and reaction inter mediates present on various catalysts during the hydrogenation of carbon monoxide. This task is conducted under a subcontract with the University of California at Berkeley, and is directed by Dr. Gabor A. Somorjai.

Task 4 comprises the management and technical reports for the contract.

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### . III. ORGANIZATION

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Synthesizing "Liquid Hydrocarbon Fuels from Syngas" is the goal of a research and development program on catalysis conducted by the Molecular Sieve Department, Catalysts and Process Systems Division, Union Carbide Corporation.

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### IV. SUMMARY OF PROGRESS

A. Task 1

Task 1 has been essentially completed. Only minimal work, if any, is contemplated in future.

B. Task 2

For the ll catalysts reported for February through April 1983, the metal components were either potassium-promoted iron, cobalt, or thorium-promoted cobalt. The shape-selective components were various Molecular Sieves. In two of these, the two components were combined in their dry states as a simple physical mixture. In all others the components were combined by precipitating the metal oxide from an aqueous slurry of the Molecular Sieve.

The method of promoting each catalyst depended on how it was made.

With each of the two catalysts made as a simple physical mixture, the metal component was promoted alone, before it was " mixed with the Molecular Sieve component. The others, made by precipitation of the metal component in the slurried Molecular Sieve, were promoted by impregnation of the combined product.

For a detailed description of these methods, see Appendixes A and B. For details of the test results, see Appendix B.

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#### Iron Component Test Results

The five iron catalysts reported in this quarter were all promoted with potassium. Two of them were the physically mixed catalysts; in these, the Molecular-Sieve components were UCC-109 and UCC-111. The three others were precipitate-slurry catalysts with LZ-105-6, UCC-104 and UCC-107 as their Molecular-Sieve components.

The most promising results were obtained with the catalyst containing UCC-111 (Appendix B, Run 10225-3). In earlier studies UCC-111 alone had been found to be a poor Task 1 catalyst for oligomerizing propylene. Physically combined with potassiumpromoted iron, however, it proved surprisingly effective as a syngas catalyst in Task 2. It produced straight-chain olefinic hydrocarbons, as a normal Fischer-Tropsch catalyst does, but un-11ke the normal Fischer-Tropsch catalyst, it may also have isomerized the carbon-carbon double bond. Transfer of the double bond from the usual Position 1, typical for Fischer-Tropsch products, to an interior position, should not only lower the pour point of the liquid product, but it should raise its octane number as well. For instance, 1-octene has a blending RON of 25 while those of 3- and 4-octene are 95 and 99, respectively.

Another effective catalyst was the one containing LZ-105-6, which yielded steady conversions and product distributions (Appendix B, Run 10225-1). Although isomerization of pentane decreased at first, the quantity of isomerate in the product cuts remained high. Its gasoline yield and apparent quality of pro-

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duct, were comparable to those of the physically-mixed iron/potassium and UCC-104 catalyst (Second Annual Report, Run 10011-10). Its total fuels (gasoline plus diesel) appear, however, to be lower than that of the UCC-104 catalyst.

The catalyst containing UCC-109 also yielded steady conversions and product distributions (Appendix B, Run 10011-17). However, the quantity of isomerate in the product cuts decreased rapidly, suggesting that the highly acidic UCC-109 component was probably coking.

The catalyst containing UCC-104, prepared during this quarter by precipitation of iron oxide in a UCC-104 slurry, was found to have negligible activity (Appendix B, Run 10225-4). So also was the catalyst containing UCC-107, prepared in the same way (Appendix B, Run 10112-11).

The low activity of the UCC-104 catalyst is in marked contrast to the high activity found for its physically-mixed form (Second Annual Report, Run 10011-10). This finding, as well as the generally high activities of the LZ-105-6 catalyst described above (Appendix B, Run 10225-1) and the cobalt catalysts described below (including one containing UCC-107), suggest that the precipitate-slurry mode of synthesis has an effect on catalytic activity which is not yet predictable.

Cobalt Component Test Results

Four of the six cobalt catalysts reported this quarter were promoted with either thorium or thorium and potassium. All six were synthesized by the precipitate-slurry method, with either

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LZ-105-6, LZ-Y-82, UCC-101 or UCC-107 as the Molecular Sieve component. The test results for most of these catalysts indicate that cobalt is more effective than iron in producing a high yield of motor fuels. For instance, the cobalt catalysts containing LZ-105, LZ-Y-82, UCC-101 and UCC-107 produced motor fuel yields in the range of 68 to 73 percent (Appendix B, Runs 10112-6, 10112-10, 10112-4 and 10625-2, respectively). D

This increase in motor fuel yield was due primarily to a higher yield of diesel oil, with the gasoline yield remaining approximately the same as for the iron catalysts. This increased diesel oil yield, as well as an increased methane yield, was balanced against a decreased  $C_2-C_4$  yield. The yields of the heavy fractions for both metal catalysts remained relatively low.

With all the cobalt catalysts there was a gradual deactivation of both their conversions and the acid activities of their Molecular Sieve components. Loss of acid activity was reflected by liquid products with a continually decreasing degree of isomerization and an attendant increasing degree of waxing.

The loss of acid activity of the catalyst containing LZ-Y-82 (Appendix B, Run 10112-10) was somewhat more gradual than anticipated from the Task 1 studies. In Task 1, LZ-Y-82 deactivated more quickly than UCC-109 (Second Annual Report, Runs 9972-19 and 10112-1) which, in turn, deactivated quickly with iron/potassium as its metal component (Appendix B, Run 10011-7). Lowering of the LZ-Y-82 deactivation rate may have been caused by the lowering of its initial activity from a partial ion exchange of its

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acid sites by the impregnated potassium.

Such redistribution of the impregnated promoter within the catalyst matrix may also explain the insignificant differences between the product distributions (a primary function of the metal component) of the cobalt and UCC-101 catalyst (Appendix B, Run 10112-4) and the cobalt/thorium and UCC-101 catalyst (Appendix B, Run 10112-7).

#### Analytical Development

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Efforts to develop a routine, reliable method of analyzing hydrocarbon groupings for the total liquid products have centered on liquid chromatography techniques which were believed to be more reliable than the inaccurate FIA analysis. It is now evident that current liquid chromatographic technology is not capable of making these determinations (Appendix C). C. <u>Task 3</u>

Studies at the University of California at Berkeley, under the direction of Professor G. A. Somorjai, have concentrated on the investigation of thorium oxide and new rhodium catalysts. Thorium oxide was found to be an active catalyst for synthesizing methanol, and unlike catalysts based on copper oxide it does not require carbon dioxide to maintain its activity (Appendix D).

V. CHANGES

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There were no contract changes during the ninth quarter. "

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# VI. FUTURE WORK

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Efforts during the next quarter will be directed at exemining the cobalt catalysts at various thorium levels, with various metal additives, and with various other Molecular Sieves.

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APPENDIXES

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# Appendix A. <u>CATALYST SYNTHESIS</u> By P. K. Coughlin

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The synthesis of Task 2 catalysts during this quarter has followed two parallel paths, one based on iron as the metal component, one based on cobalt.

Trials of physical mixtures of an iron component with a Molecular Sieve were extended to include new Molecular Sieves, since this method of evaluating new Sieves for use in F-T catalysts is the easiest to interpret. The promoted iron component has a high and well-known activity for both the F-T synthesis and the water-gas shift reactions. With the aid of data previously reported, the effects of the Molecular Sieve can easily be separated from those of the iron.

A number of iron catalysts were also prepared by precipitating the iron onto the Molecular Sieve, an arrangement which sharply increases the Sieve's effect on the activity of the metal component. The Molecular Sieve has wetal-support and possible particle-size effects on the metal component. Furthermore, since the Sieve affects the partition of potassium\_between the metal component and the Sieve, the potassium used to promote the iron is also added to the Sieve, which can impair the Sieve's acid activity. These diverse side effects rule out precipitation as the formulation of choice for evaluating a new Molecular Sieve

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with iron metal. Physical-mixture catalysts not only are free of such complications, but also allow observation of the Sieve's effect on the components of the product distribution. Precipitation catalysts may, however, be useful in two ways: First, in observing a more intimate interaction of the two components, and second, whenever there are corresponding physical-mixture catalysts for comparison, in isolating and observing the side effects.

Cobalt catalysts were first reported in the Seventh Quarterly Report. Although they present difficult problems of product quality, their high selectivity for gasoline and diesel oil has been very encouraging; recently, therefore, we have given them more attention than iron catalysts. Formulation of cobalt catalysts, originally done by pore-filling alumina-bonded extrudates, has since been expanded, as with iron, to include using the techniques of precipitation and physical mixing. Cobalt catalysts are generally promoted with thorium instead of potassium.

Cobalt functions differently from iron in at least two ways. First, under the same processing conditions it is more active in Fisher-Tropsch synthesis. Second, its product, being much more paraffinic, is more difficult for the Molecular Sieve to upgrade. These differences have led to differences in formulation. Iron catalysts generally have equal weights of MC and SSC. Cobalt catalysts with the same ratio are very active, but their Molecular Sieves have little effect on the product. Cobalt catalysts with 20 percent cobalt, which are as active as 50-percent iron

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catalysts, allow a 4:1 ratio of SSC to MC. Because the proportion of Molecular Sieve is much larger, its effect on the final product is correspondingly greater. The small quantity of metal component, however, requires the use of a binder to maintain the mechanical strength of the pellets formed by physical mixing. All such catalysts were formed as 15-percent silica-bonded extrudates.

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Table A-1 lists the catalysts for which results are reported in Appendix B.

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Fe/K + UCC-109	A 50:50 physical mixture of 1% potassium- impregnated precipitated Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> •XH <sub>2</sub> O and UCC- 109. UCC-109 is a large-pore Union Carbide- proprietary Molecular Sieve. Formed as a 15% silica-bonded extrudate.
Fe/K + UCC-111	Physical mixture as above with UCC-111 instead of UCC-109. Formed as tablets with no binder.
Fe/K on LZ-105-6	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> •XH <sub>2</sub> O was precipitated onto $L2-105-6$ pow- der from a slurry of the zeolite in aqueous ferric nitrate to give 20% on the Sieve. The metal-loaded Molecular Sieve was then impreg- nated with K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> solution to give 1% K <sub>2</sub> O. Formed into extrudates with 15% silica binder.
Fe/K on UCC-104	Prepared like the catalyst above but with UCC- 104 (a new Union Carbide proprietary Molecular Sieve with medium pores) instead of LZ-105-6. Formed as tablets without binder.
Fe/K on UCC-107	UCC-107, a Union Carbide proprietary Molecular Sieve, was metal loaded and formed in the same manner as UCC-104.
Co on LZ-105-6	CoO was precipitated onto LZ-105-6 from an aqueous CoNO3 slurry of the Molecular Sieve powder by the addition of Na2CO3. Formed as tablets without binder.
Co/Th/K on LZ-Y-82	Co was precipitated onto $LZ-Y-82$ by the same method used for the catalyst above. The metal-loaded powder was impregnated with a solution of $K_2NO_3$ and $Th(NO_3)_4$ to add 1% of each promoter. Air calcined two hours at 500C in Run 10112-9, at 250C in Run 1-10112-10.
Co on UCC-101	Prepared by the same method used for Co on LZ- 105-6. UCC-101 is a Union Carbide proprietary Molecular Sieve of moderate acidity.
Co/Th on UCC-101	The previous catalyst was impregnated with Th(NO3)4 solution, then formed into tablets. This catalyst contained 1% Th.
Co/Th on UCC-107	Prepared by same procedure as the catalyst above except with UCC-107 instead of UCC-101.
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Table A-1. Catalysts tested this quarter.

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# Appendix B. & CATALYST TESTING

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By P. K. Coughlin, C. L. Yang, G. N. Long and L. F. Elek

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III.	Run	10225-3,	Fe/	ĸ	+	UC	C-	11	1	•	•	•	•	•	51
IV.	Run	10225-1,	Fe/	κ.	on	L	Z	10	5–	б	•	•	٠	•	80
۷.	Run	10225-4,	Fe/	ĸ	on	U	CC	-1	04		•,	•	٠	•	i10
VI.	Run	10112-11,	Fe/	K	on	U	CC	-1	07		٠	•	•	•	115
VII.	Run	10112-6,	Co	on	L	Z-	10	5-	6	•	•	•	٠	•	118
VIII.'	Run	10112-10,	Co/	Th	/ĸ	0	n	LZ	-Y	8	2	•	•	٠	144
IX.	Run	10112-9,	Co/	Th	/K	0	n	LZ	-Y	-8	2	•	•	•	167
X.	Run	10112-4,	Co	ол	U	CC	-1	01		• .	•	•	٠	•	172
XI.	Run	10112-7,	Co	Tb/	0	n	UC	C-	10	1	•	•	•	•	207
XII.	Run	10225-2,	Co/	'Th	0	n	ŪC	C	10	.7	•	•	•	•	250
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# I. INTRODUCTION

Both Berty reactors were used exclusively for Task 2 testing this quarter.

Results of 11 tests, conducted February through April, 1983, are reported. The order in which they are reported is not chronological, but in a sequence designed to clarify each test's significance. Catalysts containing iron are reported first, followed by those containing cobalt. Within each group the tests are reported in a sequence designed to relate the results of one experiment to those of another. Actual data are presented in the same format as in previous reports.

Each catalyst designated as having a metal component "on" a Molecular Sieve was formulated by precipitating the metal component in a slurry of the Molecular Sieve powder. The metal component is predominantly on the surface of the Molecular Sieve crystallites. When such a catalyst is promoted, the metal-coated Molecular-Sieve crystallites are impregnated with the promoter, an action which affects both the metal component and the Molecular Sieve component.

Each catalyst designated as having a metal component "+" a Molecular Sieve was formulated by physically mixing the metal component with the Molecular Sieve crystallites. The metal com-

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ponent is impregnated with the promotor before mixing. In this formulation the promoter affects only the metal component, not the Molecular Sieve.

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# II. RUN 10011-17, Fe/K + UCC-109

This catalyst had to be formulated differently from other physical mixtures reported previously, which were made by pressing the well mixed metal component and Molecular Sieve powder into tablets. Tablets made in this way with Fe2O3·XH2O, however, had almost no physical strength, presumably because the inherently cohesive particles of Fe2O3·XH2O were separated to some degree by the relatively uncohesive crystallites of Molecular Sieve. Since the particles of UCC-109 are even smaller than those of Fe2O3·XH2O, and thus even more likely than standardsized zeolite particles to surround and separate the iron particles, the Fe/K + UCC-109 mixture is exceptionally poor in pellet strength. Consequently it was extruded with a 15-weight-percent silica binder.

During the binding process the potassium promoter may possibly have migrated from the iron to the Molecular Sieve, which would lower both the promotion effect of the potassium on the iron and the acid activity of the Sieve. Analysis of the test results indicates that this alkalistransfer was not significant. & major effect of potassium ion on iron is to introduce water gas shift (WGS) activity into the catalyst. The H<sub>2</sub>:CO usage, and CO<sub>2</sub>:(CO<sub>2</sub> + H<sub>2</sub>O) effluent ratios, show that the WGS activity of this catalyst is comparable to those of other physical-mixture catalysts, but much higher than those of promoted precipitation

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.catalysts such as that used in Run 10011-11 (Second Annual Report) where the potassium transfer to the Molecular Sieve was significant. Also, this catalyst had high initial acid activity, another sign of little alkali transfer.

Conversion, product selectivity, isomerization of the pentane, and percent olefins of the C4's, plotted against time on stream, are presented in Figs. 1-4. Simulated distillations of the entire pentane+ product of three representative samples are presented in Figs. 5-7. The carbon number product distributions of the samples are presented in Figs. 8-14. Chromatograms from the simulated distillation of the condensed products of particular samples are reproduced in Figs. 15-21. Detailed material balances are presented in Tables 1A-1C.

The syngas conversion shows only slight deactivation with time on stream (Fig. 1). After an initial loss of activity the catalyst shows very steady conversion. The carbon monoxide and hydrogen conversions are similar, showing that the WGS activity is sufficient for this catalyst to use the 1:1 hydrogen:carbon monoxide feed efficiently. For most of the test it was actually converting a 0.95:1.0 hydrogen:carbon monoxide feed. This activity is mostly a function of the metal component, and gives little indication of the stability or activity of the Molecular Sieve.

Product selectivity is also fairly constant (Fig. 2). The only reliable trend is an initial decrease in methane yield with a concomitant increase in  $C_5^+$  yield. The methane yield of 12 weight percent is similar to that of other physically mixed cata-

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lysts under comparable test conditions. Yields of gasoline and diesel oil are similar to those of the catalyst mixture containing UCC-104 (Run 10011-10), while the catalyst mixture containing Fe/K with UCC-101 (Run 10011-9) produced more diesel oil relative to gasoline. The carbon-number product distributions also imply that the operation of the catalyst was fairly steady (Figs. 8-14). The first sample (10011-17-02, Fig. 15) seems to show a double behavior, changing its slope (ln  $\alpha$ ) at C15; the other samples show a similar double behavior to varying degrees. The effect is not as great as for the reference iron catalyst (Run 10011-6), in which the carbon distribution drastically changed a's at C<sub>20</sub>. The simulated distillation plots also show a con<sup>5</sup>stant product from this catalyst (Figs. 5-7). Though not identical, the three distillations are closely similar.

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All these data imply very steady operation for this catalyst, but closer examination of the products shows that it may not be as steady as it seems. The Molecular Sieve component deactivated rather rapidly, clearly shown by the isomerization of the pentane (Fig. 3). Initially the acidic UCC-109 isomerized the pentane to the degree that more than 70 percent of it was isopentane. This value agrees well with the equilibrium value of 76 percent at 250C. The isomerization activity decreased exponentially until only 20 percent of the pentane was isomerized; a level only slightly greater than that produced by a F-T catalyst with no Molecular Sieve. Chromatograms from the simulated distillation of the condensed product (Figs. 15-21), show a similar loss of

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isomerization activity. However, the liquid product is more highly isomerized, even at the end of the run, than the products of a normal F-T catalyst, as can be seen by comparing Figs. 15-21 with Fig. 22, the chromatogram from the reference iron catalyst (Run 10011-6).

The probable reason for the loss of acid activity is coking of the Molecular Sieve component, an idea supported by the data in Fig. 4. Compared with the primary products of F-T synthesis, coke is hydrogen deficient; formation of coke, therefore, like the formation of an aromatic liquid product, should be accompanied by the formation of hydrogen-rich products. Initially this catalyst was producing hydrogen-rich paraffins such as butane, but the selectivity switched to olefins as the catalyst's acidity. decreased. Since none of the liquid samples was aromatic, the change in selectivity implies early coke formation.

The metal component of this catalyst gives a very stable operation. The Molecular Sieve component shows very high initial acid activity, which then deactivates rapidly due to coking. During most of this test the Molecular Sieve component had only a minor effect on the product, much smaller than with earlier samples.

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## **RESULT OF SYNGAS OPERATION** TABLE 1A

RUN NO. 10011-17 CATALYST FE+UCC-109 #10042-82 80CC 57.76GM (61.49GM AFTER RUN +3.73G) H2:CO:ARGON OF 50:50: 0 @ 400 CC/MN OR 300 GHSV FEED 10011-17-01 011-17-02 011-17-03 011-17-04 011-17-05 RUN & SAMPLE NO. 50:50:050:50:050:50:050:50:03.1719.4224.6443.6648.81 FEED H2:CO:AR HRS ON STREAM . .300 293 295 PRESSURE, PSIG 297 300 251 251 250 250 250 TEMP. C 400 400 400 400 400 FEED CC/MIN 3.17 40.25 5.22 24.24 5.15 1. HOURS FEEDING 19.42 342.05 EFFLNT GAS LITER GM AQUEOUS LAYER 70.64 74.46 258.00 24.52. . 5.47 5.28 2.25 13.80 0.90 5.52 10.00 2.26 2.15 GM OIL MATERIAL BALANCE 90.07 GM ATOM CARBON % 86.28 87.13 91.12 93.74 98.69 96.62 100.50 GM ATOM HYDROGEN \$ 96.81 91.68 97.01 96.11 97.68 GM ATOM OXYGEN \$ 94.26 94.40 RATIO CHX/(H20+CO2) 0.8147 0.8556 0.8358 0.8932 0.8185 2.3793 2.3607 2.4556 RATIO X IN CHX 2.5916 2.3916 0.8809 0.6304 0.8482 USAGE H2/CO PRODT 0.7656 0.7622 0.9226 0.6688 RATIO CO2/(H2O+CO2)0.7728 0.7427 0.6142 4.69 K SHIFT IN EFFLNT 8.38 3.03 2.19 1.98 CONVERSION 70.11 53.81 68.27 59.91 59.31 ON CO % 81.09 55.99 51.96 52.85 ON H2 % 58.48 61.88 55.80 55.97 ON CO+H2 % 69.13 PRDT SELECTIVITY,WT % 11.96 14.65 12.62 12.57 CH4 18.34 9.71 C2 HC'S 11.13 11.11 10.07 9.42 5.17 7.25 6.05 5.51 C3H8 8.48 11.05 C3H6=5.57 11.02 10.30 10.46 3.53 8.58 C4H10 8.21 4.67 4.12 3.64 C4H8= 4.58 8.90 8.73 8.70 3.52 4.05 3.55 C5H12 9.33 4.41 C5H10= 2.78 5.97 6.93 6.11 6.85 2.68 C6H14 6.89 . 3.89 3.64 2.64 CON14 C6H12= & CYCLO'S 3.14 3.17 1.56 3.93 3.66 C7+ IN GAS LIQ HC'S 14.17 16.57 15.83 12.19 12.04 13.42 18.85 12.43 18.75 10.93

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TOTAL	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
SUB-GROUPING					
C1 -C4	56.32	57.60	51.53	51.55	49.12
C5 -420 F	38.43	36.96	40.52	40.35	41.88
420-700 F	4.48	4.55 .	6.79	7.47	7.69
700-END PT	0.76	0.90	1.16	0.63	1.31
C5+-END PT	43.68	42.40	48.47	48.45	50.88
ISO/NORMAL MOLE RATIO					
C4	1,1280	0.3075	0.2673	0 2051	0.1883
C5	2.5606	0.6324	0 5177	0 3603	0 3320
C6	3 1107	1 1062	0 9836	0 3652	0.3320
C4=	0 0625	0 0764	0.0701	0.0052	0.0000
PARAFFIN/OLFFIN RATIO	0.0025	0.0704	0.0/91	0.0031	0.0033
C3	1 4526	0 6280	0 5604	0 4756	0 4710
	1 7705	0.0200	0,3004	0 4070	0.4/19
	1./303	0.3001	0.4333	0.4039	0.3972
	3.25//	0./188	0.0448	0.5040	0.4929
FIG HC COFFECTION					•
PHYS. APPEARANCE	··· ··· ·	YL-BR OIL		CLDY OIL	
DENSITY		0.784		. 0.776	
N, REFRACTIVE INDEX		1.4427		1.4355	
SIMULT'D DISTILATN					
10 WT % @ DEG F		256		256	
16		291		295	
50	10 un 10 1	404		404	
84		594		553	
90	***	657		606	
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RANGE(16-84 %)	-	303		258	
				200	
WT % @ 420 F		56.20		57.00	
WT % @ 700 F		92,80		96.65	

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TABLE 1B

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RESULT OF SYNGAS OPERATION

RUN NO. 10011-17 CATALYST FE+UCC-109 #10042-82 80CC 57.76GM (61.49GM AFTER RUN +3.73GM) H2:CO:ARGON OF 50:50: 0 @ 400 CC/MN OR 300 GHSV FEED 10011-17-06 011-17-07 011-17-08 011-17-09 011-17-10 RUN & SAMPLE NO. 2 . 50:50: 0 50:50: 0 50:50: 0 50:50: 0 50:50: 0 FEED H2:CO:AR 91.67 99.00 115.33 74.25 HRS ON STREAM 67.58 298 · 300 293 PRESSURE, PSIG 302 297 250 251 250 v250 TEMP. C . 400 400 400 400 400 FEED CC/MIN 3. 7.33 23.66 6.67 24.09 HOURS FEEDING 23.92 375.36 114.44 7.58 EFFLNT GAS LITER GM AQUEOUS LAYER 371.23 356.96 104.16 25.39 6.96 25.15 24.46 2.04 2.21 7.13 7.38 10.49 GM OIL MATERIAL BALANCE 98.47 97.48 97.07 97.25 96.35 GM ATOM CARBON % 104.05 104.25 104.16 GM ATOM HYDROGEN % 103.22 104.82 100.05 100.75 98.88 101.50 100.80 GM ATOM OXYGEN % 0.9062 0.9147 0.9004 RATIO CHX/(H2O+CO2) 0.9302 0.9157 RATIO X IN CHX USAGE H2/CO PRODT 2.3768 2.3845 2.3669 2.3737 2.3537 0.9602 0.9530 0.9465 0.9514 0.9478 0.5989 0.5957 0.5980 0.6047 RATIO CO2/(H2O+CO2) 0.6058 1.75 1.73 K SHIFT IN EFFLNT 1.86 1.80 1.74 CONVERSION 54.25 54.06 57.82 55.47 54.67 ON CO % 50.69 50.25 49.88 49.70 52.31 ON H2 % ON CO+H2 % 53,01 52.39 51.99 51.81 54.97 PRDT SELECTIVITY, WT % 12.10 -12,47 12.83 12.43 11.69 CH4 9.44 C2 HC'S 9,07 9.63 9.63 9.85 5.27 5.27 5.21 C3H8 5.07 5.20 10.75 10.73 10.62 10.61 C3H6= 10.42 3.57 3.61 3.59 3.53 3.43 C4H10 8.58 8.77 8.88 8.82 9.02 C4H8= 3.69 3.62 3.48 3,62 3.51 C5H12 6.36 6.22 6.38 6.34 6.09 C5H10= 3.50 3.74 3.57 . 3.49 3.56 C6H14 0 C6H12= & CYCLO'S 4.28 3.31 3.15 4.14 4.17 19.03 18.98 18.75 C7+ IN GAS 16.19 19.24 13.08 13.29 13.40 18.30 13.42 LIQ HC'S

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TOTAL	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	
SUB-GROUPING						
	19 27	10 86	50 17	50 62	51 16	
C5 = 420 E	12 12	47.00	12 22	13 01	12 14	
420 - 700 F	40.10	43.00	4J.22	43.01	76,14 5 77	
420-700 F 700-END DT	7.7I	3.30	5.72	5.45	5.75	5
	0.90	0.92	0.09	0.93	0.97	
CS4-END PT	151.73	50.14	49.83	49.38	48.84	
ISO/NORMAL MOLE RATIO	-					
C4	0.1676	0.1601	0.1403	0.1433	0.1389	
CS	0.2856	0.2610	0.2505	0.2361	0.2301	
C.6	0 6169	0 58/2	0 5556	0 5797	0 5101	
	0.0100	0,0042		0,0207	0.0005	
	0.0000	0.0010	0.0312	0.0090	0.0905	
PARAFFIN/OLEFIN RATIO						
C3 ·	0.4644	0.4635	0.4671	0.4742	0.4683	
C4	0.3860	0.3904	0.3882	0.3858	0.3899	
<b>C5</b>	0.5559	0.5532	0.5475	0.5627	0.5550	
LIO HC COLLECTION						
PHYS APPEARANCE	CLDY OTL		CLEAR OTL		CLEAP OTT	
DENSITY	0 773		0 775		0 772	
		c	3 4745		V.//4 1 4777	
N, REFRACTIVE INDEA	1,4335		1.4345		1.433/	
SIMULI'D DISTILAIN		•	4		·	
10 WT % @ DEG F	. 277		288		Z92	
16	302		304		305	
50	413		417		420	i,
84	578		599		606	
90	634		658		666	
	<b></b>	¢	000	· · ·		
KANGE(10-84 %)	270	12 <b></b>	295		501	
WT % @ 420 F	53.00		50.75		50.00	:
WT % @ 700 F	95.11		93.40		92.77	
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TABLE 1C R	ESULT OF SYNGA	S OPERATION	
RUN NO. 10011-17 CATALYST FE+UCC-109 # FEED H2:CO:ARGON	10042-82 80CC OF 50:50: 0 @	57.76GM (61.49GM 400 CC/MN OR 300	AFTER RUN +3.73GM) GHSV
RUN & SAMPLE NO. 10	011-17-11 011-	17-12 011-17-13	۲. ۲.
FEED H2:CO:AR HRS ON STREAM PRESSURE,PSIG TEMP. C	50:50: 0 50:5 123.50 139 302 3 251 2	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	
FEED CC/MIN Hours feeding Efflnt gas liter GM Aqueous layer GM OIL	400 4 8.17 24 127.80 379 8.42 24 2.39 7	00 400   .09 6.83   .60 108.86   .83 6.88   .04 2.01	
MATERIAL BALANCE GM ATOM CARBON % GM ATOM HYDROGEN % GM ATOM OXYGEN % RATIO CHX/(H2O+CO2) RATIO X IN CHX USAGE H2/CO PRODT RATIO CO2/(H2O+CO2) K SHIFT IN EFFLNT	97.29 97   104.06 103   100.81 100   0.9003 0.8   2.3853 2.3   0.9483 0.9   0.6019 0.5   1.78 1	15 98.14   73 104.86   89 99.86   923 0.9481   890 2.3649   9544 0.9872   950 0.5835   .70 1.59	
CONVERSION ON CO % ON H2 % ON CO+H2 % PRDT SELECTIVITY,WT % CH4 C2 HC'S C3H8 C3H6= C4H10 C4H8= C5H12 C5H10= C6H14 C6H12= & CYCLO'S C7+ IN GAS	54.53 53   49.95 40   52.16 51   12.84 13   9.80 9   5.32 9   10.70 10   3.60 3   6.42 3   3.35 18.74	5.24 51.88   9.30 48.75   1.21 50.27   3.09 12.32   9.90 9.30   5.27 4.88   0.62 9.96   3.56 3.34   8.82 8.48   3.59 3.38   6.26 5.95   3.53 3.44   3.14 3.92   8.99 21.90	

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TOTAL	100.00	100.00	100.00
SUB-GROUPING			
Cl -C4	51.22	51.26	, 48.28
C5 -420 F	42.58	42.07	44.71
420-700 F	5.30	5.60	5.74
700-END PT	9.90	1.07	1.28
- C5+ END PT	48.78	48.74	51.72
ISO/NORMAL MOLE RATIO		•	-
C4	0.1303	0.1242	0.1244
C5	0.2215	0.2143	0.2103
C6	0.5153	0.5084	0.4872
CA=	0 0897	0.0907	0.0906
DADAFETN/OLFETN DATTO	0.0001		0.0000
C3	0.4749	0.4737	0.4674
C 43	0.3880	0.3894	0.3806
C5	0.5537	0.5568	0.5518
LIO HC COLLECTION	0		
PHYS, APPEARANCE		CLEAR OIL	CLEAR OIL
DENSITY		0.772	0.757
N REFRACTIVE INDEX		1.4332	1.4343
STMILT'D DISTILATN			<b>_</b>
JO WT 9 A DEC E		* 202	207 <sup>:</sup>
		305	324
20		422	439
84		617	636
90		675	696
RANGE(16-84 %)		· 312	312 "
WT & A20 F		49.60	46,60 =
WT & A 700 F		91.92	90.29
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## III. <u>RUN 10225-3. Fe/K + UCC-111</u>

Unlike the previous catalyst, this one was formed by physical mixing in the usual way, with UCC-111 as the Molecular Sieve component instead of UCC-109.

Conversion, product selectivity, isomerization of the pentane, and percent olefins of the C4's are plotted as a function of time on stream in Figs. 23-26. Simulated distillations of the entire pentane+ product from representative samples are shown in Figs. 27-28. Carbon number product distributions are presented in Figs. 29-37. Chromatograms from the simulated distillation of the condensed product of particular samples are shown in Figs. 38-41. Detailed material balances are given in Tables 2A-2C.

As Fig. 23 shows, this catalyst is rather active. Its high WGS activity leads to low hydrogen:carbon monoxide usage ratios; that is, carbon monoxide conversions are higher than hydrogen conversions. Conversion is constant except for the 24 hours between 150 and 174 hours on stream. The constancy of activity both before and after this period suggests that the anomaly was not due to simple catalyst deactivation; the record shows no unusual temperature, pressure or flow during the period of change. The most likely cause is an unnoticed mechanical aberration.

The catalyst also maintained a stable product distribution over the course of the test (Fig. 24). The methane yield of 12

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weight percent is consistent with those of promoted iron cata-' lysts tested previously. Combined selectivity to gasoline and diesel oil remained constant at 49 percent, slightly below the average of 55 percent for the other promoted iron catalysts, and similar to the yield from the physical mixture of promoted iron and UCC-104 (Run 10011-10). The latter catalyst produced 39 percent gasoline and 10 percent diesel oil, with 1.7 percent heavies. These differences are probably within the errors of the analysis. The carbon number product distributions (Figs. 29-37) did not show a carbon number cut-off, as was the case with a number of catalysts based on UCC-101. There is a slight curve in the carbon-number distribution plot, as with the catalyst containing UCC-104 (Run 10011-10). This distribution is very like the one produced by a physical mixture of promoted iron and α-Al203 (Run 10011-15). At 280C with a 2:1 hydrogen:carbon monoxide feed, the a-Al2O3 catalyst produced roughly the same quantity of gasoline, and diesel oil as this catalyst. The  $\alpha$ -Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> did produce slightly more heavies, 4,1 percent compared with 1.7. percent.

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The products from these two catalysts are very similar. This catalyst produced approximately 60 percent of the C4 product as butenes (Fig. 26)--a value comparable to, and actually less than, that produced by the  $\alpha$ -Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> catalyst. The pentane from the catalyst is barely isomerized at all (Fig. 25), slightly less than that produced by the  $\alpha$ -Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> or reference iron catalysts (Run 10011-6). Considering the lower structural isomerization

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and degree of unsaturation, the pour point of the condensed product from this UCC-111 catalyst should be higher than that of a comparably heavy product from either reference catalyst'. Sample 2 from the Fe/K +  $\alpha$ -Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> catalyst has about the same distribution as Sample 12 from this catalyst (Fig. 37). The  $\alpha$ -Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> produced a solid product; the product from the UCC-111 is a liquid.

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A probable cause of this phenomenon is the position of the double bond in the olefins. The  $\alpha$ -Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> catalyst<sup>-</sup> produced mostly straight-chain butenes, 96 percent of which were 1-butene. With the UCC-111 catalyst, more than half the straight-chained butenes were cis- and trans-2-butenes. While the Fe/K and UCC-111 catalyst produced very little isomerization of the carbon chain, the position of the double bond was highly isomerized.

The high level of isomerization of the double bond in the n-butenes makes it likely that the double bonds in the higher olefins are also isomerized. This has two beneficial effects on -the liquid product. First, the isomerized internal double bonds create kinks in the carbon chains which lower the freezing point of the mixture with a corresponding effect on the pour point; this effect of double bonds is well established in lipid chemistry. Second, the shift of the double bond raises the octane number of the gasoline product. Thus 1-octene has a blending RON of 25; while 3- and 4-octene, with only the double bond shifted, have blending RON's of 85 and 99, respectively.

Since UCC-111 was so poor a catalyst in Task 1, its efficacy

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in Task 2, when physically mixed with an active metal component, is remarkable. Its trivial effect on the chemistry of the reaction was anticipated from its low activity. That such innocuous chemistry can have so large an effect on product quality was quite unexpected.

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TABLE 2A	RESULT OF S	SYNGAS OPEN	RATION		
RUN NO. 10225-03 CATALYST FE,K +UCC-11 FEED H2:CO:ARGON	11 #10252 OF 50:50:	-3 80 CC 0 @ 400 CC	58.6GM (73 C/MN OR 300	L.1 ÁFTER I Ghsv	RUN +13 G)
RUN & SAMPLE NO. 1	0225-03-01	225-03-02	225-03-03	225-03-04	225-03-05
FEED H2:CO:AR HRS ON STREAM PRESSURE,PSIG TEMP. C	50:50: 0 3.67 314 250	50:50: 0 22.33 295 250	50:50: 0 48.67 296 250	50:50: 0 51.92 297 250	50:50: 0 70.58 300 250
FEED CC/MIN Hours feeding Efflnt gas liter GM Aqueous layer GM OIL	400 3.67 38.57 2.26 2.59	400 22.34 259.55 13.78 15.78	400 26.33 309.35 14.07 18.80	400 3.25 39.30 1.62 2.56	400 21.92 266.55 10.90 17.24
MATERIAL BALANCE GM ATOM CARBON % GM ATOM HYDROGEN % GM ATOM OXYGEN % RATIO CHX/(H2O+CO2) RATIO X IN CHX USAGE H2/CO PRODT RATIO CO2/(H2O+CO2) K SHIFT IN EFFLNT	88.49 89.08 93.22 0.9031 2.3133 0.6873 0.8242 33.46	92.81 94.22 100.07 0.8575 2.3641 0.6750 0.8278 23.46	94.47 97.27 96.97 0.9485 2.4099 0.7201 0.8379 22.64	96.32 100.85 97.32 0.9795 2.4066 0.7268 0.8451 25.28	97.08 101.43 97.47 0.9918 2.4085 0.7336 0.8444 23.43
CONVERSION ON CO % ON H2 % ON CO+H2 % PPDT SELECTIVITY WT %	95.33 66.91 81.08	92.54 64.14 78.23	91.80 65.12 78.27	91.90 64.16 77.71	91.35 64.28 77.52
CH4 C2 HC'S C3H8 C3H6= C4H10 C4H8= C5H12 C5H10= C6H14 C6H12= & CYCLO'S C7+ IN GAS LIQ HC'S	9.44 9.55 4.78 11.19 3.45 8.90 3.65 7.23 2.69 4.52 12.01 22.59	10.04 10.29 6.88 8.59 4.36 7.52 4.47 5.92 3.54 3.74 11.91 22.74	12.17 9.65 7.89 8.15 4.75 7.40 4.67 5.31 3.68 3.42 11.18 21.75	11.97 9.56 7.90 4.78 7.35 4.72 5.27 3.75 3.35 10.32 23.25	12.18 9.22 7.94 7.33 4.77 6.89 4.71 5.09 3.84 3.18 11.81 23.03

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SUB-GROUFING	47.32	47.68	50.00	49.35	48.34	•
C5 - 420 F	41.16	41.23	38.81	38.56	39.65	
420-700 F	9.71	9.85	9.74	10.23	10.23	
700-END PT	1.81	1.24	1.44	1.86	1.78	
C5+-END PT	52.68	52.32	50,00	50.05	51.00	
ISO/NORMAL MOLE RATIO			0 0 7 4 7		0 0505	
C4	0.0845	0.0589	0.0541	0.0516	0.0305	
C5	0.1217	0.1006	0.1110	0.1143	0.1005	
C6	0.1897	0.1615	0.1461	0.1476	0.1425	
C4=	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	
PARAFFIN/OLEFIN RATIO						
C3	0.4074	0.7644	0.9238	0.9680	1.03380	
C4	0.3744	0.5598	0.6190	0.028/	0.00/0	
	0.4903	0.7340	0.8545	0.0111	0.0333	
LIQ HC COLLECTION			CT.P. OTT.		CLR OTL	
PHIS. APPEARANCE	_		0 753	_ •	0.753	
DENGIII		1 4744	1 1232	-	1 4232	
N, KEFKACIIVE INDEX		1.4444	1.4636	•		
SIMULI'D DISILLAIN		756	257		258	
TO WI 2 6 DEG F		207	207	5	. 200	
10		407 A1 A	425	, e	426	
50		587	602	2	612	
04	•	646	663	•	674	
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RANGE(16-84 %)		300	305		313	
WT'4 4 420 E	•	51 25	48.57		47.83	
MT 9 8 440 F		94.54	93.36		92.27	
MI 2 6 100 L		34.34	33.34			
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RUN CATA FEEI	NO. ALYST	10225-03 FE,K +UCC H2:CO:ARG	-111 #1 ON OF 5	0252- 0:50	-3 8(	00 CC	58.6GM (71 C/MN OR 30	.1 AFTER 0 GHSV	RUN	+13	G)
RUN	& SAM	PLE NO.	10225- 3333	03-03	7 225-0	)3-08'	225-03-10	225-03-1	11 33		
FEEI HRS PRES TEMI	D H2:C ON STI SSURE,I P. C	D:AR REAM PSIG	50:5 94 2 2	0: 0 .42 97 50	50:50 96 21 21	): 0 ,58 39 51 .	50:50: 0 118.58 299 250	50:50: ( 125.58 289 250	)		
FEEI HOUI EFFI GM GM	D CC/M RS FEE LNT GA AQUEOU DIL	IN DING S LITER - S LAYER	4 23 293 11 19	00 .83 .18 .44 .52	4( 2 25 1 1	)0 17 52 01 67	400 24.17 309.42 11.26 18.60	400 7.00 89.96 3.19 5.01	놗	ĩ.	
MATI GI GI R. R. VI K	ERIAL M ATOM M ATOM M ATOM ATIO C ATIO X SAGE H ATIO C SHIFT	BALANCE CARBON % HYDROGEN OXYGEN % HX/(H2O+CO IN CHX 2/CO PRODT 02/(H2O+CO IN EFFLNT	97 101 97 2) 0.9 2.4 0.7 2) 0.8 2.2	.33 .91 .45 .203 .375 .464 .09	92 97 93 0.9 2.4 0.7 0.8 21	86 31 23 918 221 366 450 .86	100.88 102.26 102.54 0.9663 2.4381 0.7219 0.8526 19.04	98.79 100.49 101.67 0.9404 2.4467 0.7126 0.8520 17.90			•
CON O O	VERSIO N CO % N H2 % N CO+H	N	9( 63 7(	).55 5.83 5.88	90 63 76	.53 .78 .85	88.87 63.88 76.29	87.72 62.47 74.99			•
	1 SELE H4 2 HC'S 3H8 3H6= 4H10 4H8= 5H12 5H10= 6H14 6H12= 7+ IN IQ HC'	& CYCLO'S GAS S		2.67 9.33 8.23 5.97 4.82 5.68 4.65 4.65 4.86 3.65 3.03 1.04 4.07	12 9 8 7 4 6 4 3 3 11 23	.73 .37 .27 .00 .84 .70 .67 .88 .66 .04 .08 .76	13.38 9.67 8.51 6.83 4.81 6.26 4.51 4.61 3.64 2.98 12.17 22.62	13.78 9.86 8.48 6.86 4.80 6.25 4.48 4.55 3.59 2.95 12.37 22.02			

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TOTAL	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
SUB-GROUPING	•		14	
	48 70	48.90	49.48	50.03
CT 420 T	20 20	30 50	38 58	38.30
C5 -420 F	30.39	30.30	10.25	10 13
420-700 F	11.05	T0.92	10.23	70.12
700-END PT	1.60	1.00	1.70	1.34
C5+-END PT	51.30	51.10	50.52	49.97
ISO/NORMAL MOLE RATIO				
C4	0.0486	0.0486	0.0493	0.0505
C5	0.1061	0.1061	0.1126	0.1129
C6	0.1372	0.1372	.0.1455	0.1359
C4=	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
PARAFFIN/OLEFIN RATIO				
63	1,1265	1,1265	1.1883	1.1806
C.A.	0 6963	0 6963	0.7411	0.7415
	0.0300	0 0300	0 9501	0 9570
	0.9309	0.9309	0.3301	0.3370
LIQ HC COLLECTION				
PHYS. APPEARANCE	CLR OIL		CLK OIL	
DENSITY	0.755	-	0./33	-
N, REFRACTIVE INDEX STMULTID DISTILATN	1.4228	••• ,	1.4220	
10 WT & 8 DEG E	258		258	
	100		301	
10	300		420	
50	428		429	
84	602		604	
90	667		672	
RANGE(16-84 %)	302	•.	303	
WT % @ 420 F	47.20		47.17	••
WT % @ 700 F	93.12		92.50	

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RUN NO. 10 CATALYST FE FEED H2	225-03 ,K +UCC-11 :CO:ARGON	1 #10252 OF 50:50:	-3 80 CC 0 @ 400 CC	58.6GM (71 C/MN OR 300	.1 AFTER	RUN +13 G)
RUN & SAMPLE	NO. 10	225-03-12	225-03-13	225-03-14	225-03-15 	225-03-16
FEED H2:CO:A HRS ON STREA PRESSURE,PSI TEMP. C	R M G	50:50: C 142.58 299 250	50:50: 0 150.08 298 250	50:50: 0 166.08 298 250	50:50: 0 174.08- 291 250	50:50: 0 238.08 298 250
FEED CC/MIN HOURS FEEDIN EFFLNT GAS L GM AQUEOUS L GM OIL	G <sup>T</sup> ITER AYER	400 24.00 316.90 10.92 17.18	400 7.50 93.79 3.40 4.95	400 23.50 320.95 10.64 15.51	400 8.00 113.80 3.40 3.75	400 72.00 1149.80 30.58 33.76
MATERIAL BAL GM ATOM CA GM ATOM HY GM ATOM OX RATIO CHX/ RATIO X IN USAGE H2/C RATIO CO2/ K SHIFT IN	ANCE RBON % DROGEN % YGEN % (H2O+CO2) CHX O PRODT (H2O+CO2) EFFLNT	100.49 103.02 101.56 0.9774 2.4358 0.7313 0.8475 15.41	94.29 95.89 96.10 0.9588 2.4378 0.7306 0.8397 13.04	96.69 99.55 97.30 0.9851 2.4157 0.7523 0.8236 9.07	90.11 96.38 93.54 0.9063 2.4408 0.7369 0.8081 7.52	99.89 103.69 99.67 1.0065 2.4326 0.8024 0.7874 5.26
CONVERSION ON CO % ON H2 % ON CO+H2 % PRDT SELECTI	ህፐጥሃ ሠጥ ዓ	85.80 61.59 73.55	84.12 61.12 72.52	76.90 56.42 66.51	69.66 49.31 59.14	61.70 47.61 54.53
CH4 C2 HC'S C3H8 C3H6= C4H10 C4H8= C5H12 C5H10= C6H14 C6H12= & C C7+ IN GAS LIQ HC'S	YCLO'S	13.36 9.62 8.28 6.85 4.77 6.30 4.54 4.80 3.74 3.09 12.96 21.70	13.56 9.62 8.20 6.88 4.73 6.34 4.45 4.45 4.76 3.58 3.03 13.01 21.85	12.98 9.30 7.40 6.98 4.43 6.34 4.33 4.96 3.54 3.18 13.72 22.85	14.10 9.61 7.57 7.56 4.52 7.04 4.33 5.05 3.52 3.38 13.55 19.77	13.72 9.14 7.75 7.30 4.66 6.84 4.32 3.76 3.61 3.88 16.05 18.99

TABLE 2C RESULT OF SYNGAS OPERATION

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C6	0.1421	0.1330	0.1326	0.1361	0.1376
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LIQ HC COLLECTION	•			· •.	
PHYS. APPEARANCE	CLR OIL		. CLR OIL		MLKY OIL
DENSITY	0.759	-	0:754	- 10	0.762
N. REFRACTIVE INDEX	1.4231		1.4239		1.4261
SIMILT'D DISTILATN					
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				<b>2</b>	0.T: 0k
WT % @ 420 F	53.22		51.75		48.10
WT % @ 700 F	92.00		91.30		89.18

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## IV. RUN 10225-1, Fe/K on LZ-105-6

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This catalyst was prepared by ammoniacal precipitation of Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>:XH<sub>2</sub>O from a slurry of Fe(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> and LZ105-6, a Union Carbide Molecular Sieve with a structure similar to that of Mobil Oil's ZSM-5. This metal-loaded powder, containing 20 percent iron, is then impregnated with K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>. Presumably the potassium promotes the iron and deacidifies the z<sup>2</sup>olite. The catalyst was formed into extrudate with 15 percent filled binder.

Conversion, product selectivity, isomerization of the pentanes, and percent olefins of the C4's are plotted as a function of time on stream in Figs. 42-45. Simulated distillations of representative products are shown in Figs. 46-48. Carbon number product distributions of the samples are given in Figs. 49-55. Chromatograms from the simulated distillations of the condensed products are reproduced in Figs. 56-62. Detailed material balances are given in Tables 3A-3C.

The syngas conversion of this catalyst is lower than those of the last two catalysts reported (10011-17 and 10225-3, Fig. 42). Also, its concentration of iron is only 40 percent of theirs. Gram for gram of iron, however, it is more active. Carbon monoxide and hydrogen conversion levels are close, but hydrogen conversion is higher, leading to a hydrogen:carbon monoxide usage ratio greater than 1.0. All the physically mixed catalysts had hydrogen:carbon monoxide usage ratios lower than 1.0, all wing

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them to use hydrogen-lean syngas efficiently. The WGS activity of this catalyst is lower, making for higher hydrogen usage. Lower WGS activity was anticipated even though this catalyst has a higher K content, 5 w/w percent compared to 1 w/w percent for catalysts 10011-17 and 10225-3. With much of the potassium going to the zeolite, less of it is available for effectively promoting the iron. Conversion was very steady at 250C and increased with increasing temperature. Higher temperature also increased WGS activity relative to F-T activity. This lowered the hydrogen: carbon monoxide usage ratio even though the F-T product hydrocarbons were more hydrogen-rich.

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Hydrogen product selectivity remained constant at 250C, with only a slight increase in the production of "lights" with rising temperature. Methane production was high, 14 percent at 250C. Combined gasoline and diesel yield was lower than with the two previous catalysts, 46 percent at 250C. Most of the drop was due to a change in diesel selectivity: with this catalyst, selectivity to diesel was 3 percent.

Isomerization of pentane decreased rapidly, then increased with rising temperature (Fig. 44). The change in isomerization activity was paralleled by changes in olefin content of the butanes (Fig. 45). With the UCC-109 catalyst (Run 10011-17), this was interpreted as an indication of coke deactivation; in this case, the ethanes and propanes did not follow the trend to be expected if this were coking. The change in selectivity was more likely due to potassium migration into the zeolite, leading to

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less active isomerization and hydrogen transfer sites. Both LZ-105 and ZSM-5 are known to have strongly acid sites which do not coke rapidly, but are poisoned by alkali.

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Products from this catalyst show unusual carbon number distributions. These cannot easily be explained, considering the high activity and the carbon number cut-off capability observed in Task 1 testing. There is generally less of the  $C_{10}$ - $C_{20}$  product and more of the  $C_{20}$ - $C_{30}$ . Perhaps the  $C_{10}$ + product dimerizes (possibly on the surface of the zeolite crystal) into the  $C_{20}$ + range. This effect has been found before with some medium-pore materials, but never fully explained.

The quality of the gasoline produced should be quite high, as can be seen from Figs. 56-62. The condensed liquid products of this catalyst are all highly isomerized, even though the pentane was not. The UCC-104 catalyst was superior to this one, however, since it produced a better yield of gasoline and diesel oil.

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