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- Regeneration of cobalt catalyst by hydrogenation of adhering hydrocarbons.
1. Catalyst paraffin was not completely removed.
  2. Part of the catalyst paraffin was cracked.
  3. Apparently new especially high molecular weight paraffin (wax) was formed.
- p. 771-780
- Paraffin removal from Fischer catalyst by treatment with aqueous alkaline solutions at temperature above the wax melting point.
1. Boiling with aqueous 5%  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  at atmospheric pressure removed 65 to 75% of the paraffin extractable with benzene. NaOH was no more efficient and removed excessive quantities of  $\text{SiO}_2$ .
  2. Fine particle-sizes were more difficult to clean.
  3. The most efficient results were obtained using 3 parts alkaline solution per part of catalyst.
- p. 781-782
- Controversy between Rheinpreussen (Moers) and Ruhrchemie relative to the condition of a shipment of catalyst.
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- Testing Fischer catalyst by determining the relative absorptions of CO and  $\text{H}_2$  for a number of temperatures from 50 to 200°C. The details of the method of Hoesch-Benzin are given.
- p. 784-798
- Unidentified curves of equilibria between some oxides, probably iron, and  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .
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- Miscellaneous analytical data for elementary composition of Fischer catalysts.

- p. 812-820 Discussion of catalyst transportation problems.
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- p. 827-830 Work Program of the Exploratory Laboratories.

Lab 1

1. Dehydrogenation of hydrocarbons (butane to C<sub>3</sub> and C<sub>4</sub> olefins) over present chrom-alumina catalysts.
2. Ketone formation from alcohols.
3. Processing synthetic resins.
  - a) Production of ethyl methacrylate.
  - b)  $\beta$ -methyl- $\alpha$ -keto butanol.
  - c) Synthesis and purification of methylisopropenyl ketone and its "plexigum"-like products of polymerization.
4. Development of the ketone resin "Emekal" from methyl ethyl ketone and formaldehyde to production of 4 tons/month.
5. Synthesis of sec-butyl stearate for use as plasticizers.
6. Synthesis of aluminum alcoholates plasticizers ("Butal & Propal" and their utilization (pyrotechnical, lacquer and medical).
7. Development of CO<sub>2</sub> additive products of Al alcoholate, specifically of "Butal"
8. Production of active Al hydroxides and oxides from Al alcoholates and their technological and medical utilization as well as the development of an experimental plant for Al hydroxide and oxide production.
9. 9. Development of a new gelation agent (Rhg) from Butal and our C<sub>6</sub> to C<sub>9</sub> fatty acids as well as the Wittener Process fatty acids.

Utilization of these salts of fatty acids for purposes of "Wa Prüf 5 Ic"

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12. Development assignments of "OKH; Wa Prof 5" (Various pyrotechnical subjects are outlined).

### Lab 2

1. Synthesis of the esters of acetic, propionic and butyric acid with propyl, butyl and amyl alcohols.
2. Separation of olefins and paraffins by treatment with selective solvents (particularly  $\text{SO}_2$ ).
3. Synthesis of esters of phthalic acid and other dicarboxylic acids. (Plasticizers, gelation agents, glyptals).
4. Reactions of Dicarboxylic acids, particularly phthalic acid and alcoholates.
5. Disposition of the oxidation products of "Parestol" and "Partoxyl" in the broadest sense, for example, fatty acids, from which resins (alkyl type) soaps, waxes, salve bases, linseed oil substitutes (from oxy acids) might be made. Hydrogenation of the oxidation products to alcohols and esters.
6. Introduction of the sulfo- and nitro- groups into paraffinic hydrocarbons.
7. Oxidation of the lower paraffins to dicarboxylic acids with nitric acid.
8. Dicarboxylic acids from "Parestol" or from paraffin or over the phenols of coking plants.

### Lab 3

1. Completion of the theoretical works on sec-octyl acetate (Trichloroacetic acid and benzoisulfonic acid as catalysts,  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ -formation).
2. Placing the synthesis of sec-octyl acetate to semi scale production (corrosion problem, filtrations).
10. Removal of  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  with aqua-ammonia.
11. Production of motor fuel for (?) from carbon monoxide.



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Condensation of methyl ethyl ketone and formaldehyde

A summary of two years developments, 1940 to January, 1942.

1) Dehydrogenation of hydrocarbons, i.e., propane to propylene, using chromium and aluminum oxide catalysts; 2) dehydrogenation of alcohols to ketones, i.e., sec-butyl alcohol to methyl ethyl ketone, with the aid of zinc catalyst; 3) synthetic resin work: a) methyl ethacrylate b)  $\beta$ -methyl- $\gamma$ -ketobutanol c) preparation and purification of methyl isopropenyl ketone and its plexigum-like polymers; 4) development of the ketone resin Emekal from methyl ethyl ketone and formaldehyde as a hydrocarbon-soluble resin for the lacquer industry; 5) development of sec-butyl stearate as a plasticizer; 6) uses and process for the preparation of aluminum and magnesium alcoholates; 7) development of carbon dioxide addition products of aluminum alcoholates especially of "Butal" i.e., "Carbutal"; 8) preparation of active aluminum hydroxides and oxides from aluminum alcoholates; 9) preparation of a new gelatinizing agent from Butal and C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>9</sub> fatty acids.

p. 835-837 Detailed programs for the exploratory laboratories (see pages 827-830).

p. 838-844 Lengthy proposed scheme for assigning compensation for patents (unidentified, incomplete).

p. 846-848 Types and numbers of personnel assigned to Drs. Haüssen and Wiedemann.

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Discussion of octane number determination (July 15, 16, 1941 Motor Lab.)

p. 852-854 (Identical to forgoing).

p. 855 (Program)

p. 856-858 (Identical to above).

p. 859-863 Miscellaneous graphs of octane number versus compression ratio.

p. 865-868 Memo on determination of octane numbers from the Motor Laboratory to the central office of petroleum in Berlin. 8/27/41.

p. 869-870 Figures possibly for above.

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p. 871 Vol. I of "Chemisch-Technische Untersuchungs Methoden"  
edited by E. Merck covering the coke industry. Table of  
contents is reproduced.

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Fuel Research and Technology at Rhenish-Westfälisches  
Kohlen-Syndikat, Essen.

p. 888-891 Two items describing facilities as extremely hampered by  
absence of personnel on military leave. Activity of the fuel  
research department was apparently limited to answering  
consumer problems of product utilization.

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p. 892-895 Fuel Technology and the Reichsvereinigung Kohle, Essen-  
Bredenerz.

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p. 893 Chart showing in detail the organization of the "Reichskohlenrates"  
(Imperial Coal Council)

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p. 894 Chart showing organization of "Reichsvereinigung Kohle"  
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Item 3  
p. 895 Chart showing organization of the "Abteilung Technik und  
Wirtschaft der Brennstoff verwendung" (Division of  
technological and commercial utilization of fuels).

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for conservation of energy) for industrial establishments.

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Coal extraction plant of Ruhröl GMBH at the Hugo Stinner  
Werke Welkeim near Bottrop, I.W.

Item 1  
p. 895 Flowsheet for 26,000 tons per year Pott-Broche Plant.

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Road tar resistant to weathering developed by Vff  
(Vereimung fur Teerforschung?)

A road tar resistant to weathering is produced by blowing normal anthracene oil at 160°C (320°F) with air until a viscosity of about 3° Engler at 50°C is reached. This product is mixed with ordinary pitch, (softening point 60-75°C Kraemer-Sarnon) - this "weathering tar" contains a maximum of 1% intermediate oils, a maximum of 5% heavy oils, no phenols and naphthalene. Free carbon content is less than 16%. Drop point is higher than 30°C, brittle point below -25°C. This tar is therefore more resistant to softening and to embrittlement than ordinary tars. This tar is not used for first, but for subsequent coats.

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Unidentified diagram of thermocouple positions (Drawing BK 16-2).

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Fuel Research Activities of the Koblenwertsloft - Verbände.

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Roasting Coal pyrites for sulfur removal. More heat is developed than in roasting ordinary pyrites on account of 5% carbon.

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Use of aminophenol to eliminate the harmful effect of carbon disulfide on leaded gasoline.

Reciprocal action of sulfur compounds and tetraethyllead.

The German war machine changed the motor fuel during the African campaign to a benzine--benzol mixture compounded with tetraethyllead. The motor fuel was similar in composition to fuels previously used in other war theaters.

However, the motor fuel decomposed through the combination of tetraethyllead with sulfur compounds to precipitate lead sulfate.

The concern here is not about the known decomposition of tetraethyl lead as an antioxidant, but a chemical conversion of tetraethyllead with sulfur compounds to insolubles, and to lead sulfur combinations.

It was decided that a sulfur compound was the cause of this decomposition. Research indicated, that carbon disulfide contained in small amounts in motor gasoline was the cause of the decomposition.

Pure sulfur-free hydrocarbons mixed with tetraethyllead, showed the same phenomena after the addition of carbon disulfide. It was further established that the reaction was strongly temperature sensitive.

The trouble may be avoided either through complete removal of the carbon disulfide or through the addition of materials to inhibit or retard the reaction. The latter method is possible through the addition of aminophenol in small amounts.

A test was worked out whereby the fuel was placed in a glass pressure flask and held in a drying oven at 110° and the time for turbidity to occur through precipitation of lead sulfate (ide) was determined.

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Filterability of Fischer diesel fuels was improved at low temperatures by incorporation of crystalline wax which separated clearly together with small quantities of amorphous wax which originally plugged the filter.

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Diagram of Permagas-Plant

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Target of opportunity. Catalogue of war-time types of German heating and cooking stoves etc., 16 items pages 896 to 1093.

Gives very many reproductions and drawings.