Early Efforts to Upgrade Fischer-Tropsch Reaction Products into Fuels, Lubricants, and Other Useful Materials

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There is a significant amount of information available on early efforts to convert carbonaceous deposits into useful products by the Fischer-Tropsch process. Most of the discussions in the literature center on the F-T process itself, and less has been written on the upgrading of F-T hydrocarbons into fuels, lubricants and other useful chemicals. This paper addresses some of the processes used to produce fuels, lubricants and chemicals from F-T reactors covering the War years and shortly thereafter. Documents acquired from Germany after the war as well as available patent literature have been reviewed for this discussion.