

## Chapter 10. Petrochemicals from Methane

- Three major sources in petrochemical industry:

(1) carbon monoxide and hydrogen (synthesis gas) from reforming natural gas (methane)

(2) olefins from pyrolysis of ethane, propane-butane (LPG) or distillates.

(3) aromatics from catalytic reforming.

(1) Synthesis gas - a general term used to designate various mixture of carbon monoxide and hydrogen.

- (i) partial oxidation of methane



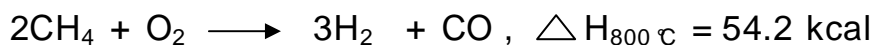
Temp : 1,300~1,500 °C

Press : 200 ~ 20,000 psig

non - catalytic process

(ii) steam reforming of methane

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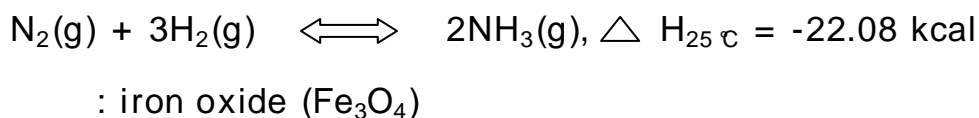


Temp = 830~850 °C

- Chemicals from synthesis gas

(i) Ammonia - the parent compound of many chemicals, especially used as fertilizers.

Direct synthesis of ammonia from hydrogen and atmospheric nitrogen is a classic heterogeneous catalytic reaction.



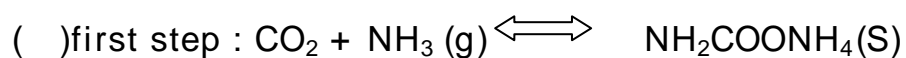
(ii) Urea - a byproduct from ammonia production/carbon dioxide reacts with ammonia to produce urea. Urea is an important solid fertilizer containing about 45% nitrogen.

(a) fertilizer : 75%

(b) animal feeds : 10%

(c) adhesives, plastics, and resins : 15%

- - two - step reaction of carbon dioxide and ammonia.

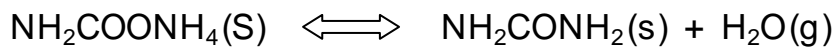


- ammonium carbamate is formed by an exothermic reaction.

Temp = 170 ~ 190 °C

Press = 150 atm

( ) Second step :

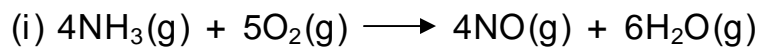


$$\Delta H_{25^\circ\text{C}} = 6.32 \text{ kcal}$$

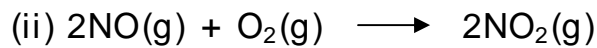
- The decomposition of the carbamate to urea and water at 200 °C

( ) Nitric acid - produced by oxidizing ammonia with air.

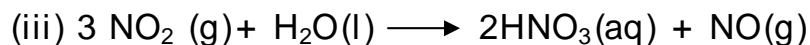
: Platinum - rhodium wire gauze.



$$\Delta H_{25^\circ\text{C}} = -21 \text{ kcal}$$



$$\Delta H_{25^\circ\text{C}} = -27 \text{ kcal}$$



$$\Delta H_{25^\circ\text{C}} = -32 \text{ kcal}$$

$$= -32 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$$

Press =

( ) Hydrozine ( $\text{NH}_2\text{-NH}_2$ ) - ammonia is oxidized using sodium hypochloride to produce chloramines,  $\text{NH}_2\text{Cl}$ , which further react with ammonia to produce hydrazine.

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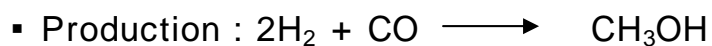


▪ Hydrozine can also be produced from ammonia and hydrogen peroxide as the oxidizing agent.



( ) a rocket fuel, amino cresols, pesticide,

(2) Methanol



$$\Delta H_{298} = -30.6 \text{ (kcal/mol)}$$

(a) High temp process :

( T = 400  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  , P = 4000~6500 psig )

: Zinc -Chromium oxide ( $\text{Zn-CrO}_3$ )

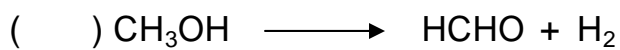
(b) Low temp process

( T = 250~260 °C , P = 725~1176 psig )

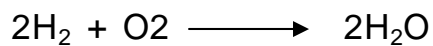
: Cu, Zn

▪ Methanol products

(i) Formaldehyde : produced by the catalyzed oxidation of methanol, and by the non-catalytic oxidation of propane-butane mixtures.



$$\Delta H_{298}^\circ = 20.4 \text{ kcal}$$



$$\Delta H_{298}^\circ = -57.8 \text{ kcal}$$

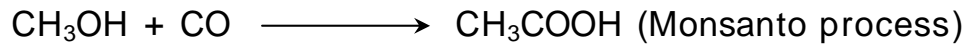
Formaldehyde is usually sold as a 37% solution in water with methanol as a stabilizer. Because formaldehyde tends to polymerize in concentrated solution and in the absence of a solvent.

(ii) Acetic Acid

( ) (a) oxidation of acetaldehyde

(b) oxidation of n-butane

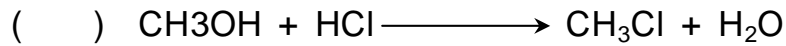
(c) carbonylation of methanol



(T=200 °C, P= 215 psig)

: Rhodium iodide complex

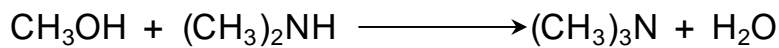
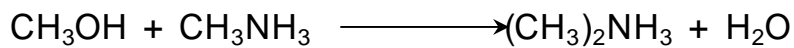
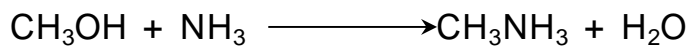
(iii) Methyl Chloride



(a) Reaction between methanol and hydrogen chloride (vapor phase)

(b) Or chlorination of methane

(iv) Methyl amines : from methanol and ammonia



(mol%), MMA : DMA: TMA=43:24:33

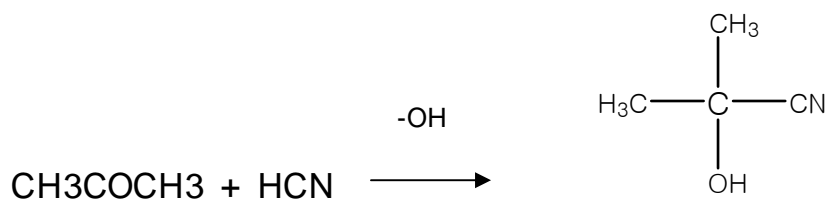
MMA=

DMA= most widely needed,

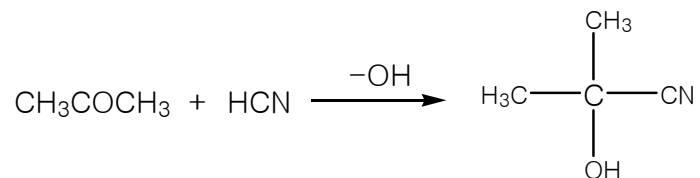
TMA=가 ( )

(v) Methyl Methacrylate:

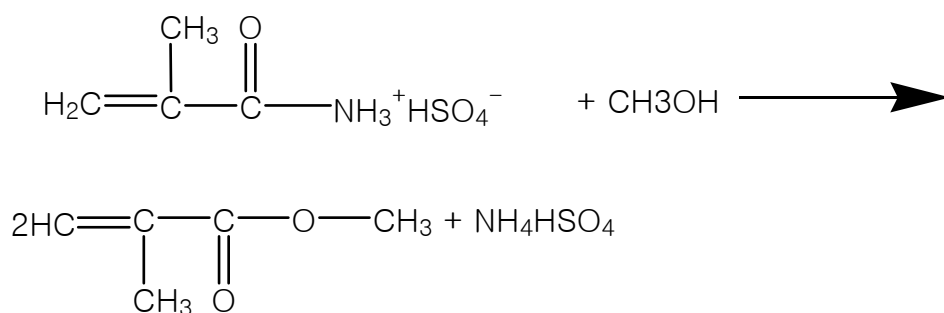
(a) starts with hydrogen cyanide and acetone in the presence of a base.



(b) with sulfuric acid, this becomes the sulfuric acid salt of the amide of methacrylic acid.



(c) The amide salt is esterified by methanol to give methyl methacrylate.

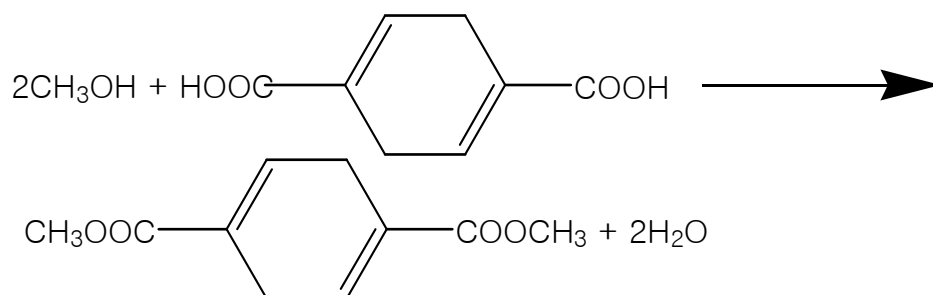


(vi) Dimethyl Terephthalate (DMT)

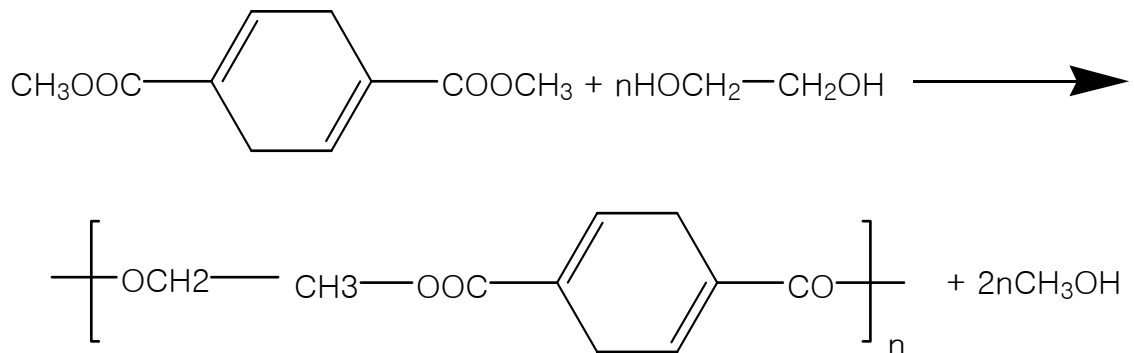
-Methanol is used for the esterification of terephthalic acid to dimethyl terephthalate transesterified with ethylene glycol to make polyester fibers.

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(a)



(b)



Poly(ethylene terephthalate) (PET) Fiber.

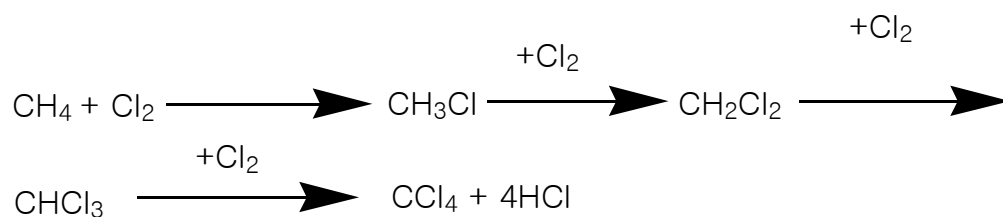
(3) Chloromethanes

- Methyl chloride, Chloromethane  $\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}$  : 58.7%
- Methylene Chloride, dichloromethane  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ : 29.3%
- Chloroform, trichloromethane  $\text{CHCl}_3$ , 9.7%
- Carbon tetrachloride, tetrachloromethane  $\text{CCl}_4$  : 2.3%

( ) Chlorination of methane

thermal chlorination - important

photochemical chlorination



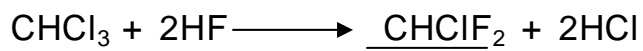


( ) Nonflammability : chlorofluorocarbon (CFC)

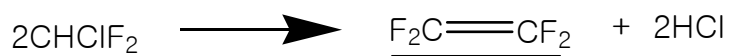
polyurethane foam blowing agent (ex: HCFC 141B)

solvent, paint stripping, etc.

- Chloroform



chlorodifluoromethane (Fluorocarbon 22) used as a refrigerant
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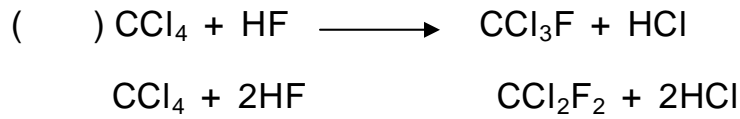


tetrafluoroethylene (teflon) highly heat and chemical resistant polymer
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- Carbon Tetrachloride

- used for the production of trichlorofluoromethane ( $\text{CCl}_3\text{F}$ , Fluorocarbon )

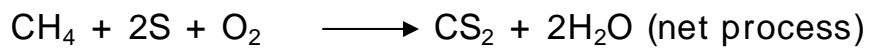
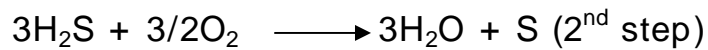
- and dichlorodifluoromethane ( $\text{CCl}_2\text{F}_2$ , Fluorocarbon 12)



( ) ▪ aerosol product : colognes, perfume hair spray, shave cream

▪ Air conditioning, Refrigeration ( )

• Carbon disulfide



Also produced by carbon and sulfur.

( ) ▪ production of  $\text{CCl}_4$

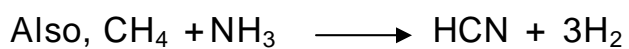
▪ rayon and cellophane

▪ regenerated cellulose

• Hydrogen Cyanide



( ) in the production of methyl methacrylate, acrylonitrile, etc



(Degussa process)

