

Chapter 11. Petrochemicals from n-Paraffins

Paraffin hydrocarbon (Alkanes)

- Chemical reactivity

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() Acetic acid

() Maleic anhydride

() Acetaldehyde

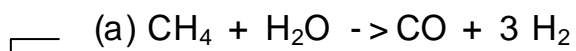
hydrocarbon

Olefins

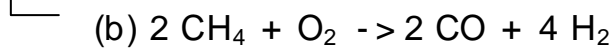
The lower molecular weight n-paraffins = C₁~C₇

The higher molecular weight n-paraffins = C₈~C₃₀

(syn gas)

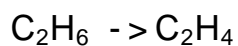


(steam reforming)



(oxidation)

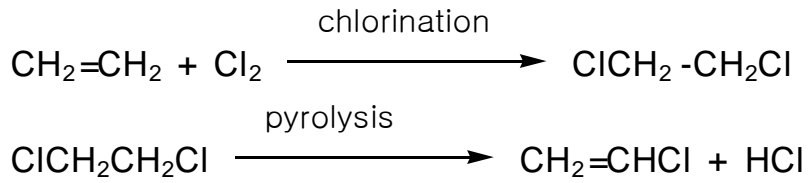
(1) Ethane



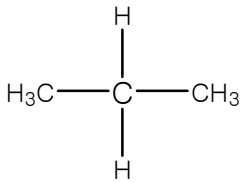
- pyrolysis cracking (750~850)

- 80% Ethylene (see p.74)

() Vinyl chloride

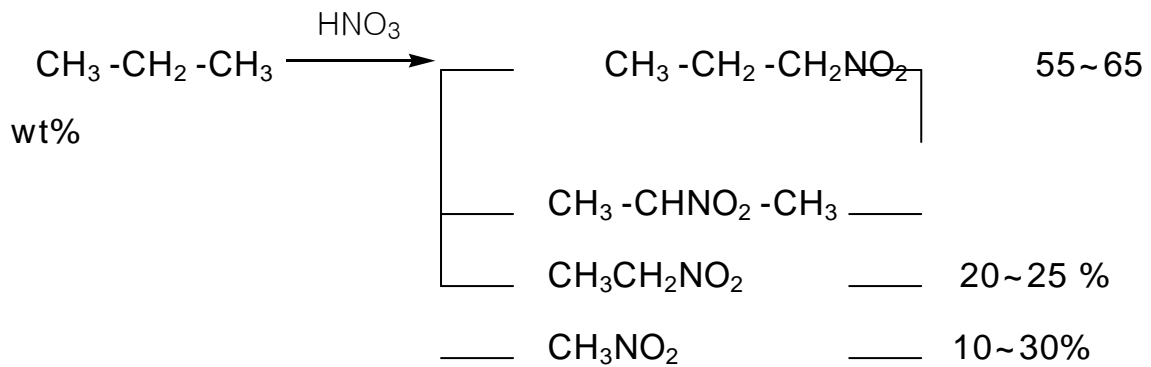


(2) Propane : C₃H₈



() Nitropropanes :

- By Nitration

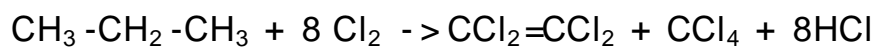


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Nitropropane - good solvent

Nitromethane - racing car 가

() Petrochloroethylene



(T=480~640)

() Oxidation

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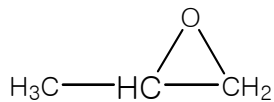
acrylonitrile

(T=500 , : Antimony -Uranium(5:1) + CH₃Br)

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propane

propylene oxide



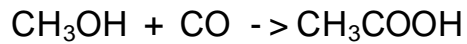
(3) n -Butane (C₄H₁₀)

- Natural gas .
- Ethylene (minor source compare to ethane)
- Gasoline vapor pressure control
- Butadiene main feed stock
- Propane .

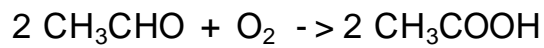
() Acetic Acid

- the most important carboxylic acid
- 3가 acetic acid

(a) carbonylation of methanol

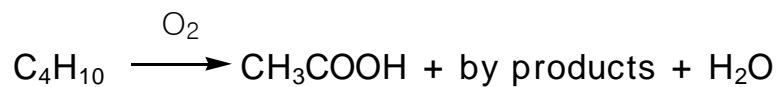


(b) the oxidation of acetaldehyde



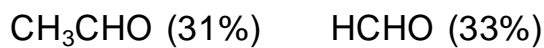
(c) the catalytic liquid phase oxidation (LPO) of n-butane

(the most important process)



() Acetaldehyde

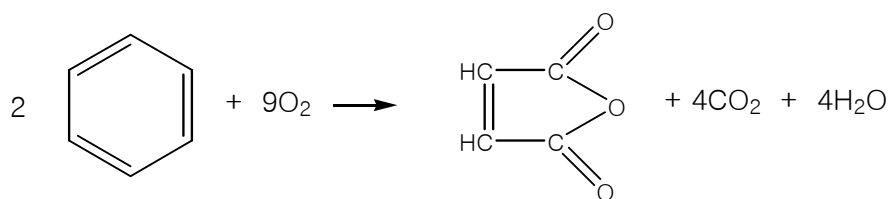
- by the non-catalytic vapor phase oxidation of n-butane.



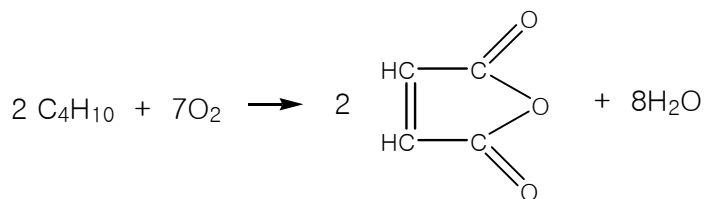
mixed solvents (12%)

() Maleic anhydride

(a) catalytic oxidation of benzene



(b) oxidation of butane



(=500 , : Iron + V₂O₅-P₂O₅ on Silica -alumina)

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(a) (unsaturated polyester)

- polyester glass fiber

(composite material)

- glass-fiber-reinforced plastics(GFRP)

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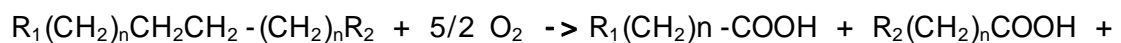
(4) Light Naphtha (C₅~C₇)

- feedstock for liquid phase oxidation(LPO) to produce acetic acid.

(5) High Molecular weight n-Paraffins (C₈~C₃₀)

() Fatty acid()

- by oxidation of C₁₈~C₃₀



H₂O

() Fatty Alcohols :

- by the oxidation of n-paraffin fraction

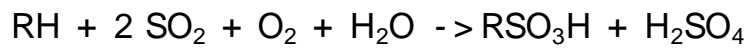
() Chloroparaffins :

- by the liquid phase monochlorination using n-Octane

- used for the production of detergents

() Sulfonated n-Paraffins :

- by the reaction between sulfur dioxide, oxygen and n-paraffins



- these sulfonates are nearly 100% biodegradable

- soft and stable in hard water - have good washing properties