Green Chemicals From CO: The Killer Solution!



Overview

 Where CO comes from Chemicals from CO Acetic Acid Polyurethane Methanol Formic Acid Conclusion

Where CO comes from

Partial Oxidation

Steam Methane Reforming

Gasification

 $CH_4 + H_20 \rightarrow CO + 3H_2$

 $CH_4 + O_2 \rightarrow CO + 2H_2$

 $C + H_2O \rightarrow CO + H_2$

Feedstocks: Natural Gas, Biomass and Coal



Acetic Acid

- Originally made with phosgene
- Captiva vs Monsanto Processes
- Made from Methanol and CO in the presence of an Iridium or Rhodium catalyst

Acetic Acid Cont.

Monsanto- Rhodium Catalyst

- 30 to 60 atmospheres and 150 to 200 Celsius
- Methyl lodide created
- Rate due mostly to catalyst and Mel concentrations
- Byproducts include CO2, H2, and propionic acid

Acetic Acid Cont.

Captiva-Iridium Process

- Iridium is 18 times cheaper than Rhodium
- Promoters such as Zinc lodide can be added
- Extremely High Purity produced with low organic iodine impurities
- Less dependent on CO partial pressure

Polyurethane

- 80 billion dollar industry by 2020
- Home construction
- Clothing, appliances, boats, car emission, electronics, flooring, medical
- Skating(wheels)!
- Carbon monoxide is used to make phenyl carbonate
- Phenyl Carbonate is reacted with amine to make urethane



Source: CECED

Other Chemicals

- Methanol
 - Used in production of other chemicals and can be used to fuel vehicles (monster trucks)

$$CO + 2H_2 \longrightarrow CH_3OH$$

• Formic Acid • Antibacterial and preservative $CH_3OH + CO \rightarrow HCO_2CH_3$

Conclusion

 CO can be used to create greener routes to produce chemicals Acetic Acid Polyurethane Methanol Formic Acid

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