

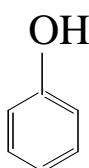
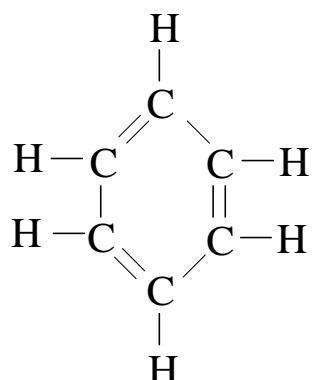
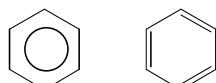
Chapter 7.

Petrochemicals from Benzene, Toluene, the Xylens

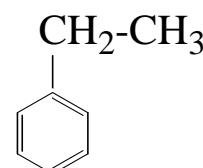
- Benzene, Toluene, Xylene (BTX)

- aromatic hydrocarbons

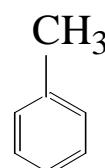
1. Benzene : C₆H₆,



phenol

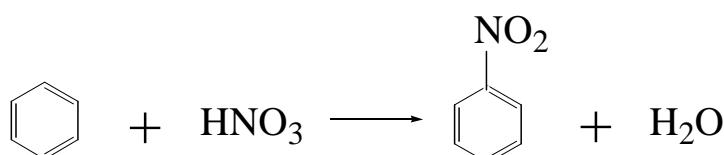


ethyl benzene



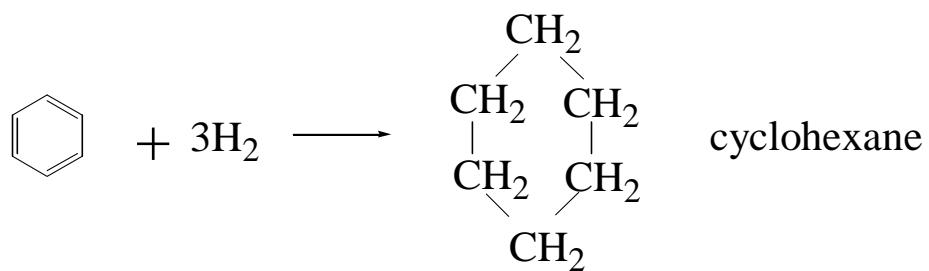
toluene (methyl benzene)

(i) substitution :



nitrobenzene

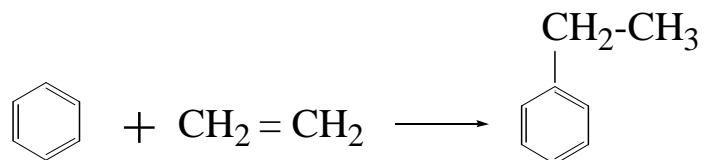
(ii) addition :



(ex) Benzene cyclohexane caprolactam Nylon -6
 Benzene ethyl benzene styrene polystyrene

(1) Ethylbenzene : $C_6H_5CH_2CH_3$

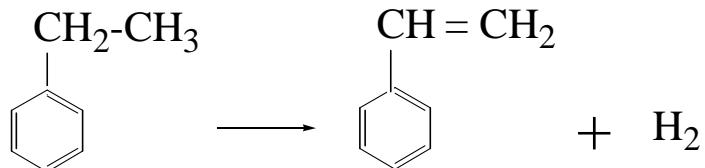
- produced by the alkylation reaction between benzene and ethylene



() styrene

(2) Styrene : $C_6H_5CH=CH_2$

- produced by the catalytic dehydrogenation of ethylbenzene



() plastic

polystyrene (PS)

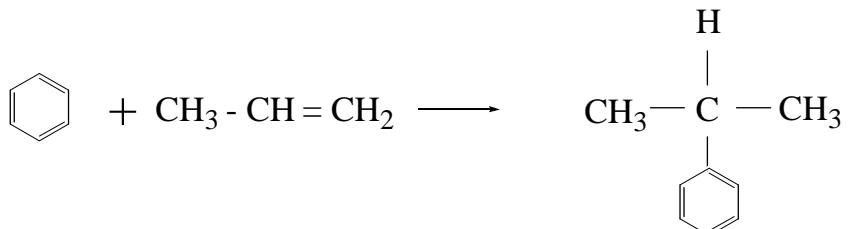
poly(acrylonitrile -butadiene -styrene) (ABS)

styrene -acrylonitrile copolymer (SAN)

styrene -butadiene rubber (SBR)

(3) Cumene ($C_6H_5CHCH_3CH_3$)

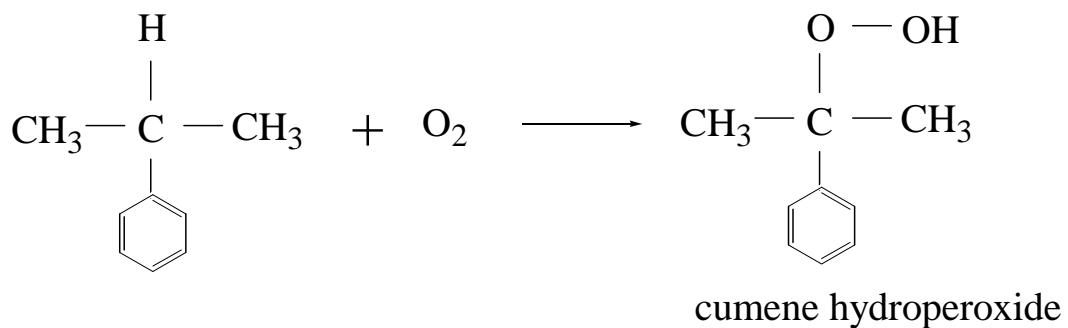
- produced by propylene alkylation of benzene



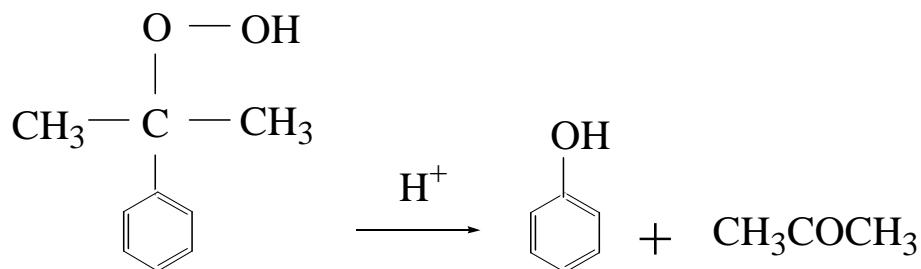
(4) phenol

- the cumene process can be regarded as the only one currently with industrial signification

(i) The cumene hydroperoxidation reaction

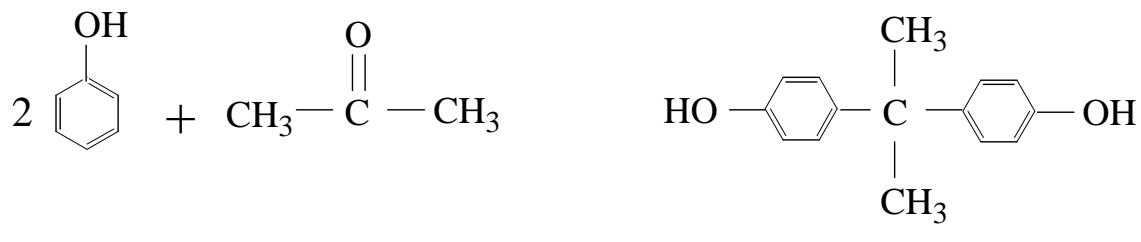


(ii) The hydroperoxide decomposition rx



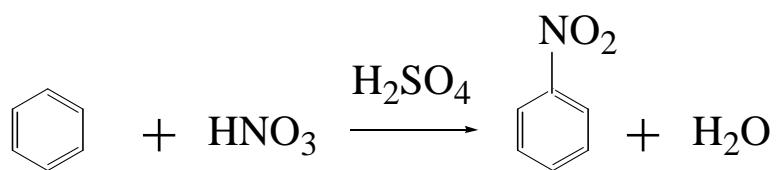
() phenolic resin

bisphenol - A



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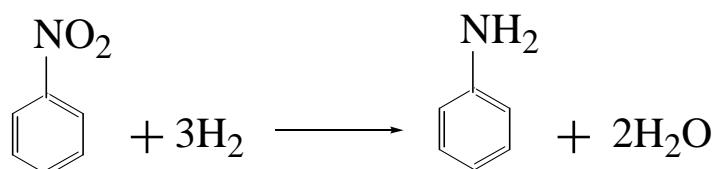
(5) Nitrobenzene



() aniline

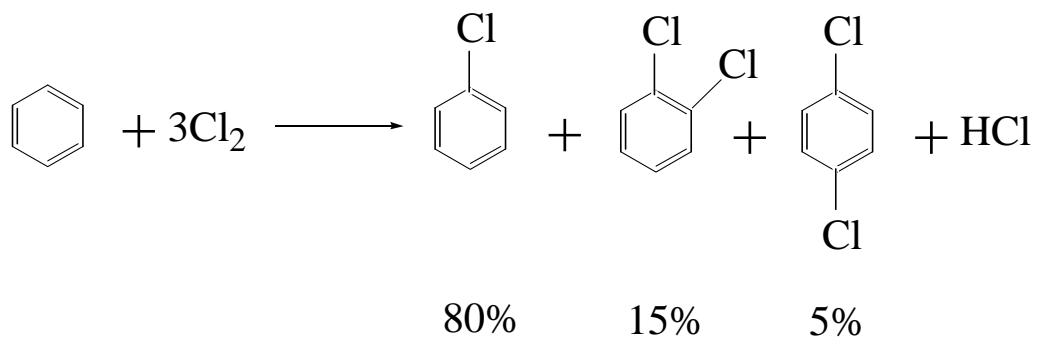
(6) Aniline

- produced by the hydrogenation of nitrobenzene



() isocyanate

(7) chlorobenzene : $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{Cl}$



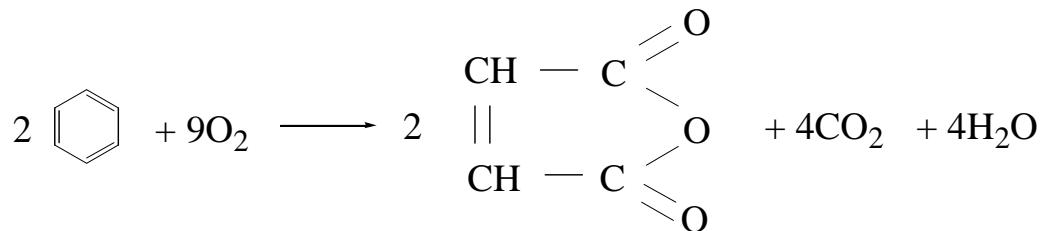
() , Phenol, DDT

(8) Cyclohexane : C_6H_{12}

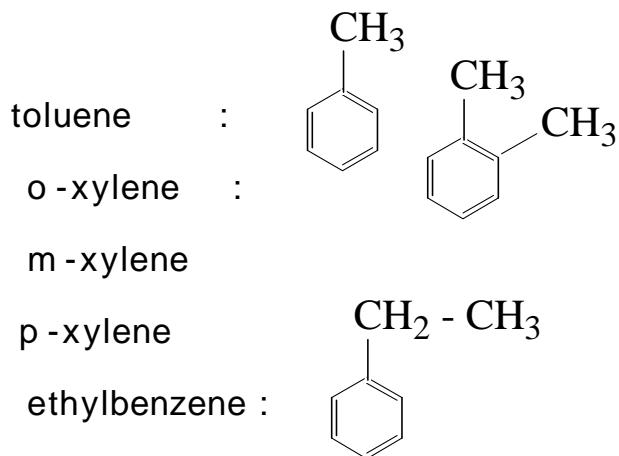
- produced by the hydrogenation of benzene

(9) Maleic anhydride

- by the oxidation of benzene



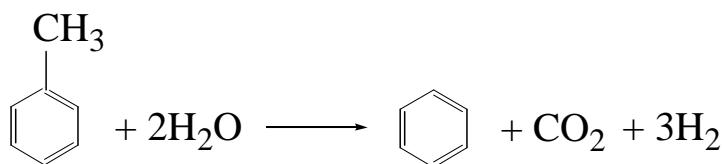
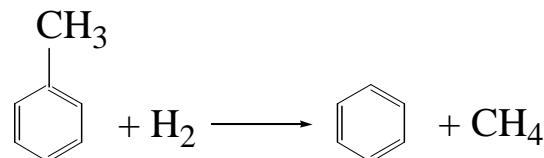
- The methylbenzenes



(1) Toluene : C₆H₅CH₃

(i) Benzene

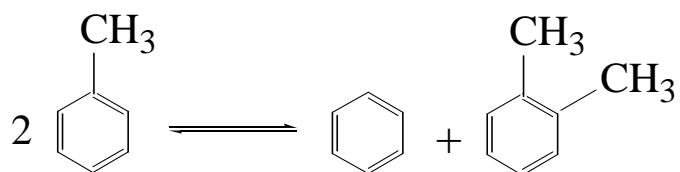
- produced by dehydroalkylation of toluene



(ii) Benzene and Xylene

- obtained by the catalytic disproportionation of toluene in the presence of hydrogen

- disproportionation is the conversion of 2 mols of a single aromatic compound to one more each of two different aromatic compounds

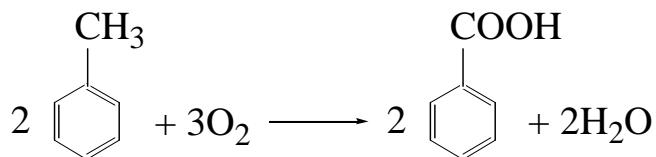


: C_oO - M_oO₃ on aluminosilicate/alumina

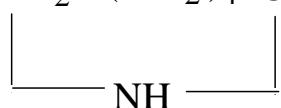
axylene / m-xylene / p-xylene : 22 / 55 / 23

(iii) Benzoic acid : C₆H₅COOH

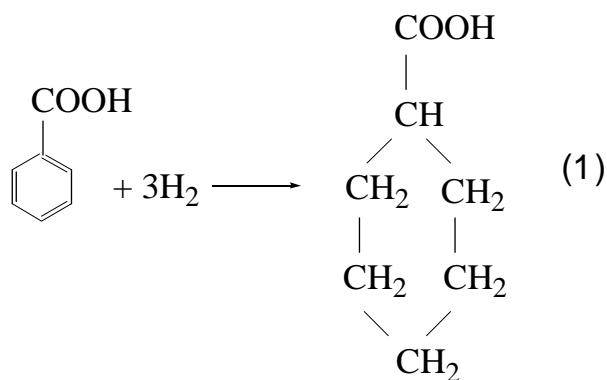
- produced by the liquid phase catalytic oxidation of toluene



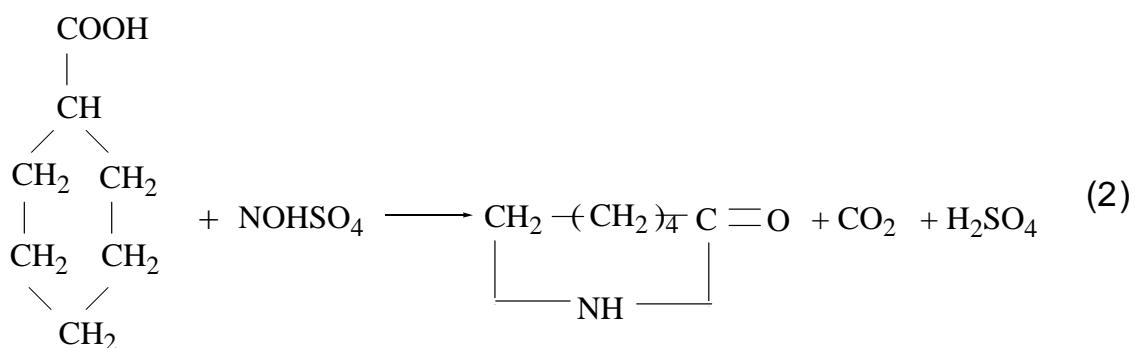
(iv) Caprolactam : CH₂-(CH₂)₄-C=O : Nylon-6



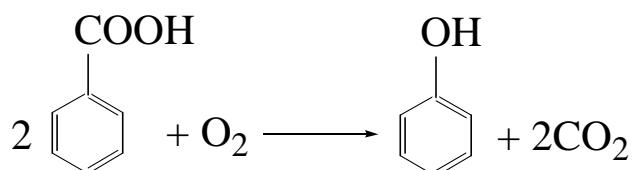
- synthesized from benzoic acid by hydrogenation to cyclohexane carboxylic acid



- this acid is converted to caprolactam by reaction with nitrosyl-sulfuric acid, NaHSO₄



(v) phenol, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{OH}$

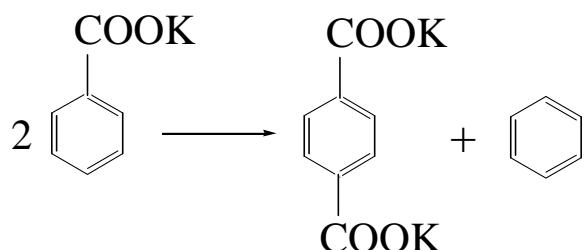


(benzoic acid)

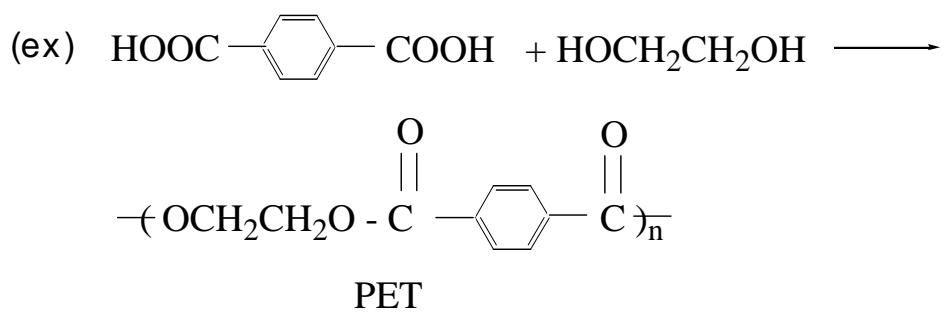
() Bisphenol -A , phenolic resin

(vi) Terephthalic acid : $\text{HOOC}-\text{C}_6\text{H}_4-\text{COOH}$

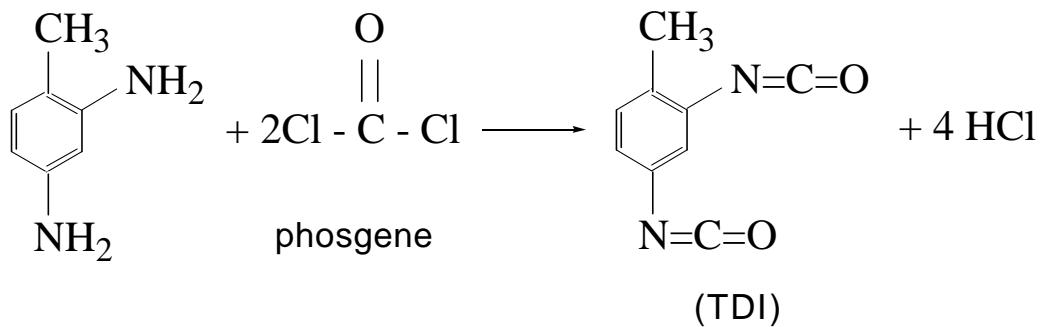
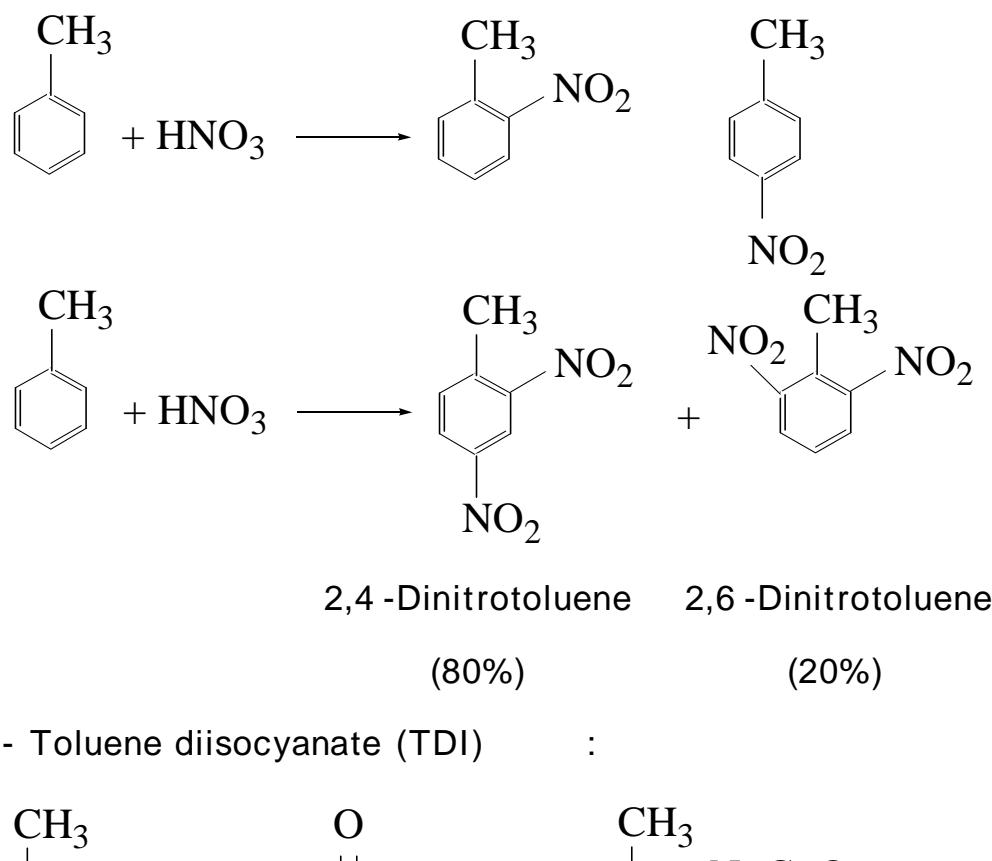
- produced by solid phase disproportionation of potassium benzoate
- obtained by mineral acid treatment and the byproduct potassium salt is recycled



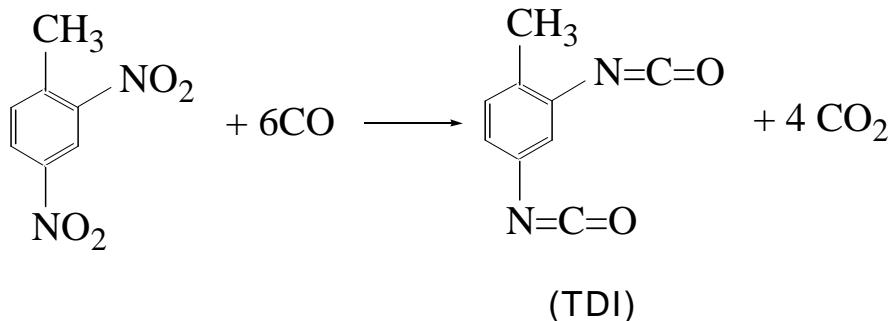
() poly(ethylene terephthalate)



(vii) Nitrotoluene



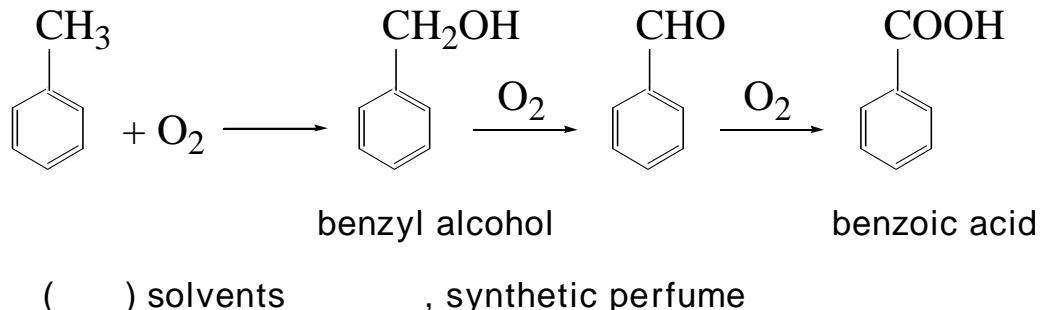
- also produced directly from the dinitrotoluene



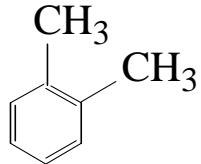
() polyurethane

(viii) Benzaldehyde , C₆H₅CHO

- produced by the oxidation of toluene



- The Xylens,



o-xylene 20.1%

m - xylene 40.4%

p - xylene 18.3%

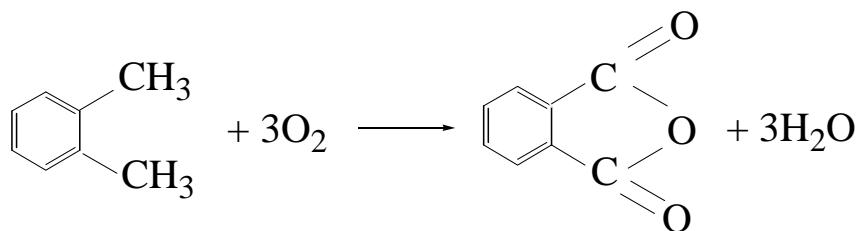
ethyl benzene 21.2%

- the xylenes are obtained from refinery reformate streams

- xylene
 - (i) blended with gasoline : 16 %
 - (ii) solvent : 17%
 - (iii) : 67%

(i) o -xylene

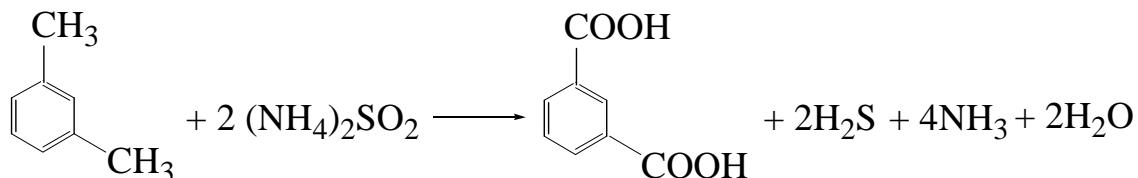
- phthalic anhydride



() PVC \nearrow (plasticizer)

(ii) m -xylene

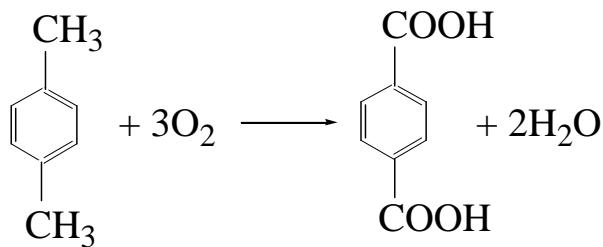
- isophthalic acid : produced by the liquid phase oxidation of m -xylene by use of ammonium sulfide, $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_3$



() glycol urethane .

polyester

(iii) p -xylene



() ethylen glycol PET