

Routes to adipic acid (esters) — Carbonylation of 1,3-butadiene

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Industry status

Global adipic acid demand

- Over 2.7 million metric tons
- growing at 3–5% per year
- Over 4.6 billion US dollars

Asia adipic acid demand

- 45–55% of global consumption
- growing at 4.7% per year

China adipic acid demand

- 30% of global consumption
- growing at 6% per year

World Consumption Of Adipic Acid (2018)





global consumption 30%

global export market > 50%

HIS Markit, May 2019

Adipic acid is used for?



The major market: a feedstock for nylon 66







Nylon 66 will be the fastestgrowing market for adipic acid in the forecasting period.

October 8, 2018 C&EN, Alex Tullo

Problems existing in conventional way



Barton Challenge: Adipic acid from n-hexane

-by Roberts, In Feb. 1998



Derek H. R. Barton 8 Sep. 1918 ~ 16 Mar. 1998



John D. Roberts 8 Jun. 1918 ~ 19 Oct. 2016

PurposeIn honor of Barton's groundbreaking
research in selective oxidation of
aliphatic and alicyclic hydrocarbons



\$5,000



the first person or research group to produce adipic acid by a chemical or biochemical oxidation hexane with an 85% yield on the basis of hexane consumed

- Many chemists thought the person best suited to meet the Barton Challenge was Barton himself.
- But Barton, died March 16, 1998.
- On the day of Barton's death," Roberts says, "I received a letter from him and, with respect to the challenge, he wrote: 'The competition prize will probably escape me in this world. I will work on it in heaven where time is infinite.' "

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bio-based routes

the most important dicarboxylic acid from an industrial point of view
 a suitable platform chemical for Biobased production

— the International Energy Agency (IEA)



- ✓ sustainable
- ✓ low production costs
- ✓ technology-specific market

acid production	requirements
titer	50–100 g/L
rate	1–3 g/L h⁻¹
yield	> 0.5 g/g

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petrochemical-based routes



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petrochemical-based routes: Industrial processes

From cyclohexane via cyclohexanone and cyclohexanol (KA oil) the conventional process (by DuPont)



From phenol via cyclohexanol



- by Solutia and Radici
- ✓ safer and less complex
- ✓ product is extremely pure
- environmental pollution
- large investment
- serious equipment corrosion
- safety concerns

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petrochemical-based routes: Industrial processes

From benzene via cyclohexanol by partial hydrogenation and hydration —— (by the Asahi Chemical)



From cyclohexane use of NHPI as the catalyst

— the new process (by Daicel Chemical)



- \checkmark one step oxidation
- ✓ environmental friendly
- the high amount of NHPI and decay to phthalimide
- complex

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Adipic acid from cyclohexane in Lab



- ✓ one step oxidation
- ✓ environmental friendly
- low conversion
- low selectivity
- additives
- tough conditions

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- ✓ one step oxidation
- ✓ less corrosive
- \checkmark clean, safe, and reproducible
- expensive systems
- PTC- environmental pollution

Condition	Yield	References
 [PO₄{W₂O₂(m-O₂)₂(O₂)₂]³⁻ Na₂WO₄ with H₂SO₄ microflow packed-bed reactors Pickering Interfacial Catalysist systems Microemulsions Inert Polymeric Membrane Reactor microwave irradiation 	59%-95%	J. Chen, Green Chem. 1999 , <i>1</i> , 275 E. Perez, <i>Tetrahedron</i> 2010 , <i>66</i> , 7124 E. Drioli, <i>OPR&D</i> 2010 , <i>14</i> , 252 K. Holmberg, Green Chem. 2010 , <i>12</i> , 1861 X. Wang, <i>Catalysis Today</i> 2011 , <i>175</i> , 619 M. Tang, <i>J. Mol. Struct.</i> , 2011 , <i>992</i> , 1 C. O. Kappe, <i>ChemSusChem</i> 2013 , <i>6</i> , 978 V. Hessel, <i>Ind. Eng. Chem. Res.</i> 2016 , <i>55</i> , 2669 V. N. Rataj, <i>Chem. Sci.</i> , 2019 , <i>10</i> , 501

Advantages and disadvantages (high conversion and selectivity routes)

	METHODS	ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES
	Bio-based	sustainable specific market low production costs	titer rate yield scaled-up issues
	KA oil, HNO ₃	economical efficiency mature technology	environmental pollution large investment equipment corrosion safety concerns
	ozone and UV light	one-step oxidation Green economical efficiency	safety concerns technical issues
	H ₂ O _{2,} Ag/WO ₃ material	one-step oxidation Green	scaled-up materials recovery
	NHPI / Mn(acac) ₂	one-step oxidation green	high amount of NHPI NHPI decay to phthalimide
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>> Dihydroformylation of 1,3-butadiene



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Sequential hydroformylation —— the more traditional approach



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Sequential hydroxycarbonylation —— developed by BASF



60~80% selectivity

- multistep reactions
- insufficient selectivity
- high temperature
- high pressure
- expensive ligands

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Double-n-Selective Hydroformylation via acetal-protected dialdehyde



Selectivity = linear diacetal/all diacetal derivatives

- multistep reactions
- insufficient selectivity
- 8 eq glycols

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Direct synthesis of adipic acid esters via Pd-catalyzed carbonylation of 1,3-dienes



Selectivity represents the ratio of linear diester to all diesters.

Palladium-catalyzed dicarbonylation of 1,2-dienes

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Catalytic mechanism

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TON experiments

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2	10-3	86	89/11	860
3	10-4	86	91/9	8600
4	10 ⁻⁵	64	92/8	64000

the ratio of products and yield were determined by GC analysis with mesitylene as the internal standard. The products selectivity is the ratio of linear diesters to branched diesters. TON = turnover number = reacted butadiene (mmol) /mmol Pd.

reaction conditions

1. butadiene (2.0 mmol, solution in toluene), ^{*n*}BuOH (3.0 mL), PdCl₂ (0.0002 mmol, accurately weigh 2mg PdCl₂, dissolved in 56.5mL ^{*n*}BuOH, stir well, then take 1mL of this solution add to the reaction system), HeMaRaphos (8.3 mg, 0.02 mmol), PTSA·H₂O (7.7 mg, 0.04 mmol), CO (40 atm), 120 °C, 120 h;

2.3.4. butadiene (10.0 mmol, gas), ^{*n*}BuOH (20.0 mL), PdCl₂-HeMaRaphos complex (accurately weigh 2mg PdCl₂-HeMaRaphos complex, dissolved in 33.7 mL ^{*n*}BuOH, stir well, then measure different volumes for different reactions, for example for entry 3, take 10 mL of this solution to the reaction system), PTSA·H₂O (38 mg, 0.2 mmol), CO (40 atm), 120 °C, 120 h

TOPICS - MAGAZINE - COLLECTIONS -VIDEOS JOBS a **C&en** NEWS: Evonik touts a carbonylation advance In partnership with the Leibniz Institute for Catalysis, Evonik Industries has developed what is says is the first direct carbonylation of 1,3butadiene. The partners succeeded in double carbonylating the common olefin to produce adipic acid salts, including one used to make nylon 6. At the heart of the process is a novel palladium catalyst based on a phosphine ligand.

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Conclusion: carbonylation of 1,3- butadiene



★ commercial reactants ★ no by-products ★ low consumables ★ low operating costs ★ no N₂O emission ★ acceptable energy requirements 35



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Kinetic monitoring experiment







The X-axis represents the reaction time and the Y-axis represents the reaction yield. Reaction conditions: butadiene (20 mmol), Pd(TFA)₂ (0.005 mmol, 0.5 mol%), ligand (0.01 mmol, 1.0 mol%), PTSAH₂O (2 mol%), ⁿBuOH (25 mL), CO (40 atm), 120 °C; the GC yield were determined by GC analysis with mesitylene as the internal standard.

Synthetic route of HeMaRaphos

The new ligand HeMaRaphos was synthesized according to following procedure:



A mixture of several phosphines is obtained, followed by separation and purification:

