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Abstract

Catalytic dechlorination of DDT (1,1-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-2,2,2-trichloroethane) over Pd/C catalyst under mild condition was carried out in 70% isopropanol-water (70/30, v/v). The dechlorination pathway of DDT over Pd/C catalyst and the reason for low dechlorination reactivity of DDT were investigated. It was found that there were three dechlorination pathways of DDT in the presence of NaOH: DDT-DDD-CDPB-DPB-DPE,