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(57) Abstract: An embodiment of the present invention is a method for isolating conducting polymer precursors by contacting a non-basic heterocyclic nitrogen containing hydrocarbon stream having a boiling point of from 232 °C /450 °F) to 566 °C (1050 °F) with an effective amount of a treating agent selected from the group consisting of alkylene and polyalkylene glycols and glycol ethers and mixtures thereof, having a molecular weight of less than 1000 and 1200, respectively, at conditions effective to maintain the reactants in a liquid phase to produce a first stream enriched in non-basic heterocyclic nitrogen containing hydrocarbon compounds and a second treated stream having a decreased non-basis heterocyclic nitrogen content. Optionally, an effective amount of a mineral acid may be added to the treating agent to enhance the process.

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