

**TOPIC 2. REACTIONS OF
AROMATIC COMPOUNDS
(Chapters 15, parts of 20, and 21)**

**Add e.g. of S_NAr, replace aniline example, turn
BHT into and example**

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OBJECTIVES

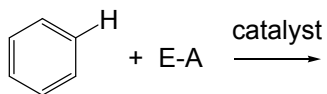
1. Describe the reactions between strong electrophiles and aromatic compounds (the nucleophilic component) which lead to substitution of a hydrogen atom on the aromatic ring.
2. Describe the reactions of anilines (ArNH_2) and phenols (ArOH) which take place on the nucleophilic ring or nucleophilic substituent.
3. Outline the mechanisms whereby aryl halides undergo nucleophilic substitution (*NOT* $\text{S}_{\text{N}}1$ or $\text{S}_{\text{N}}2$)
4. Describe various reactions of the side chain of aromatic compounds.
5. Use this knowledge to predict the products of these reactions and to be able to do single-step syntheses and multi-step syntheses using these reactions as well as the reactions previously studied.

ELECTROPHILIC AROMATIC SUBSTITUTION REACTIONS

S:15.1-2
Review Prob: 15.28,30

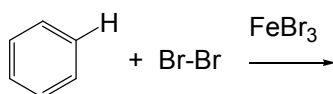
Electrophilic Substitution versus Addition

Arenes undergo *substitution* with strong electrophiles...

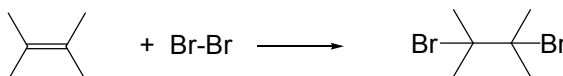


E=electrophile; A=anion or leaving group
E-A + catalyst \Rightarrow active electrophile

-E = -Cl, -Br
-NO₂
-SO₃H
-R
-C(=O)R

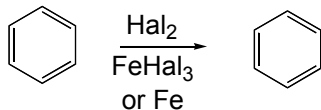


...whereas alkenes undergo *addition* reactions

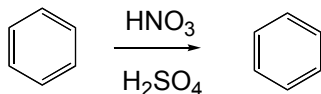


Electrophilic aromatic substitutions

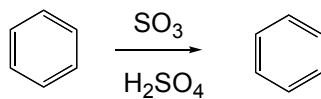
Halogenation



Nitration



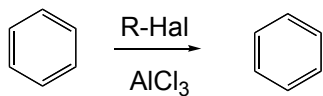
Sulfonation



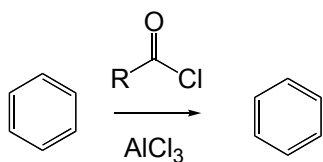
"fuming sulfuric acid"



Friedel-Crafts Alkylation

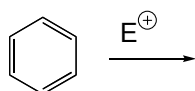


Friedel-Crafts Acylation

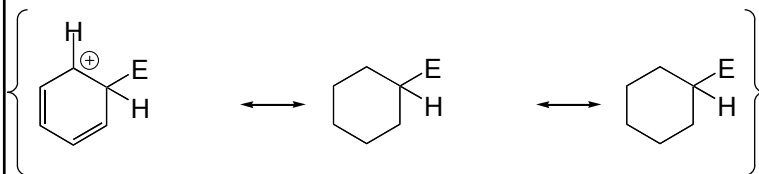
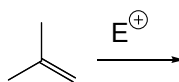


Mechanism

First step



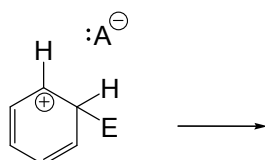
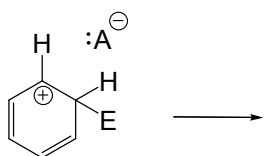
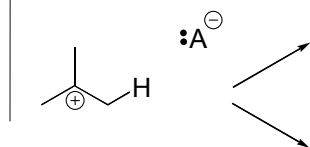
Compare to:



Second step

Consider two possibilities

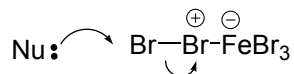
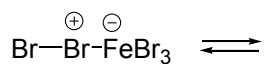
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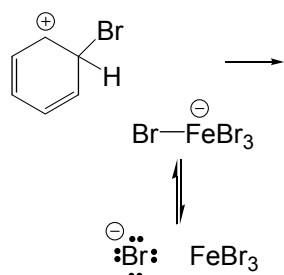
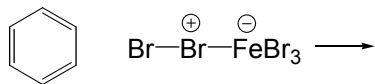
HALOGENATION OF BENZENE

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Role of the catalyst (bromine as example): Generation of Active Electrophile



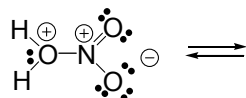
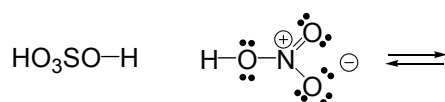
Mechanism of Substitution Step



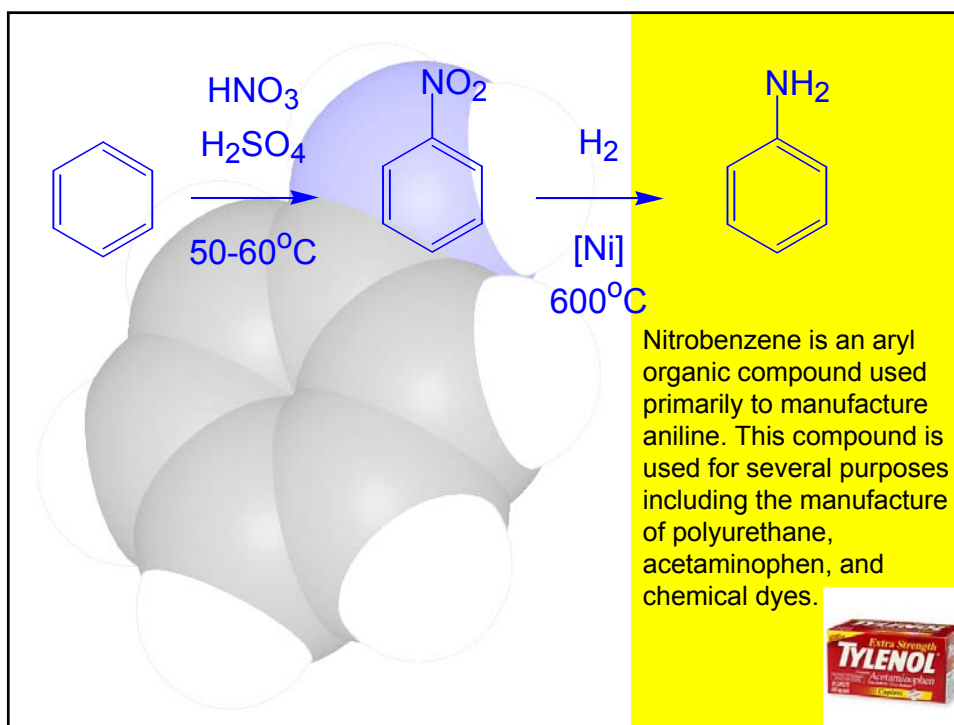
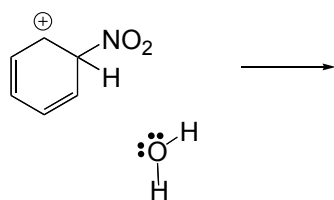
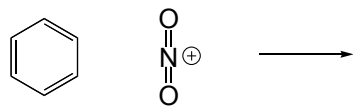
NITRATION OF BENZENE

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Role of the Catalyst: Generation of Active Electrophile



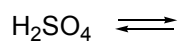
Mechanism of Substitution Step



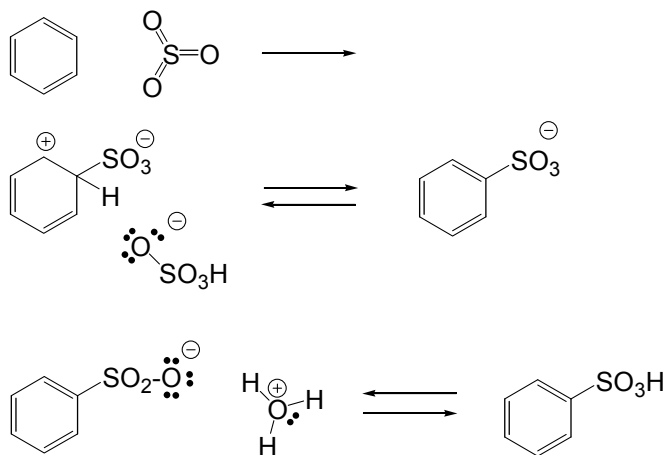
SULFONATION OF BENZENE

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Generation of Active Electrophile



Mechanism of Substitution Step

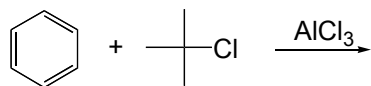
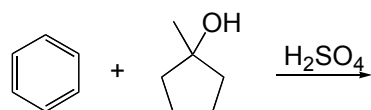
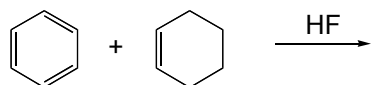


? Prob: 15.18,30 ?

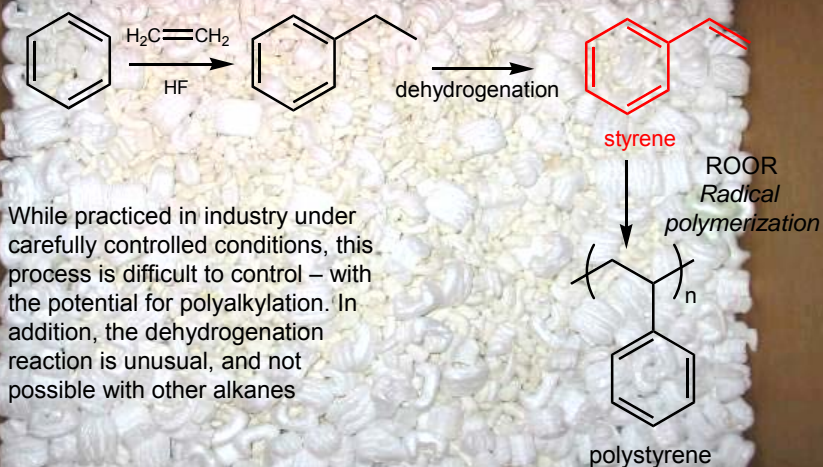
FRIEDEL-CRAFTS ALKYLATION

S: 15.6
Prob: 15.29 a,b

Examples



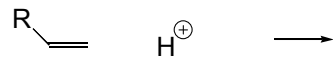
An Industrial Friedel-Crafts Reaction



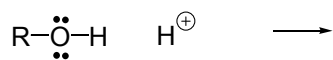
While practiced in industry under carefully controlled conditions, this process is difficult to control – with the potential for polyalkylation. In addition, the dehydrogenation reaction is unusual, and not possible with other alkanes

Role of the Catalyst: Generation of Active Electrophile

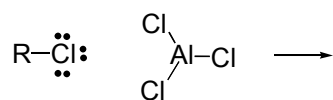
Alkene + strong acid



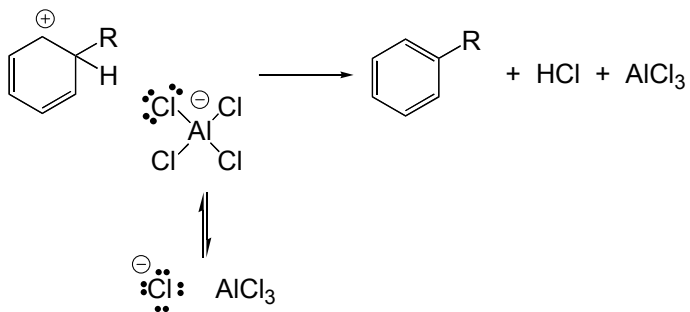
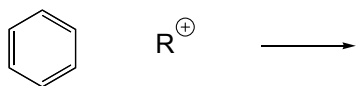
Alcohol + strong acid



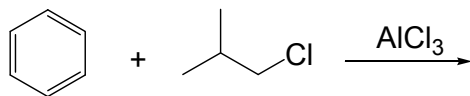
Alkyl chloride + Lewis acid



Mechanism of Substitution Step



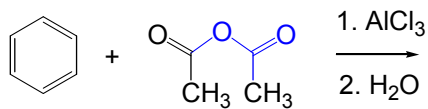
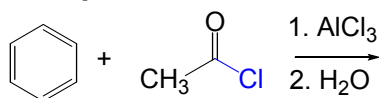
Rearrangement during Friedel-Crafts Alkylation



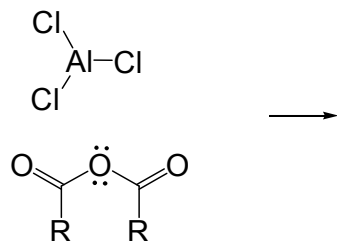
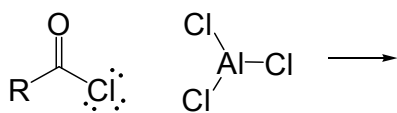
FRIEDEL-CRAFTS ACYLATION

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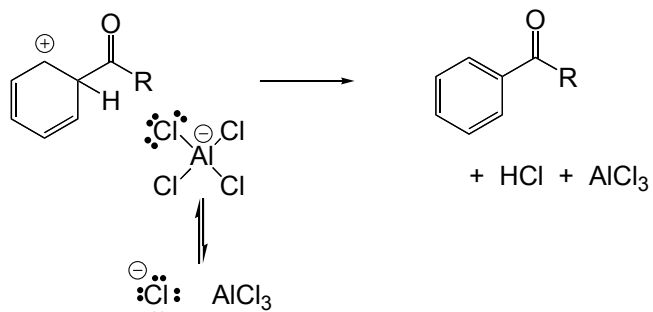
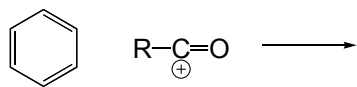
Examples



Role of the Catalyst: Generation of Active Electrophile



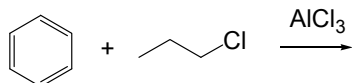
Mechanism of Substitution Step



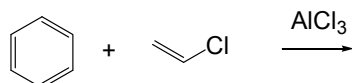
LIMITATIONS OF FRIEDEL-CRAFTS ALKYLATIONS AND ACYLATIONS

S: 15.8,9
Prob:
15.29cd;33

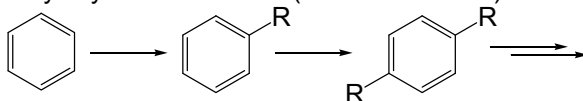
1. Rearrangements to more stable carbocations ($1^\circ \rightarrow 2^\circ$ or 3° ; $2^\circ \rightarrow 3^\circ$)



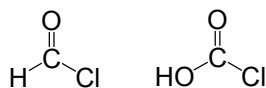
2. Vinyl, alkynyl and aryl halides do not serve as electrophiles



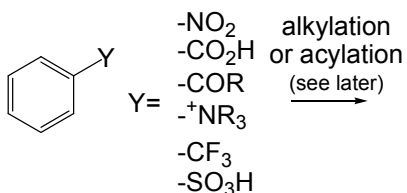
3. Polyalkylation can occur (will discuss later)



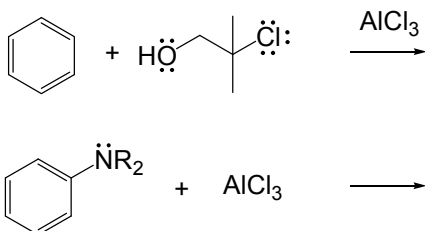
4. Cannot make aldehydes or carboxylic acids
cannot use:



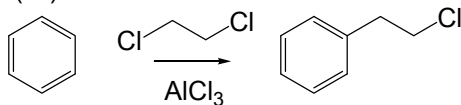
5. Benzene with electron withdrawing groups are poor nucleophiles



6. Lewis bases complex the Lewis acid and hinder reaction

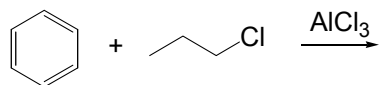


7. Di-, tri(...)haloalkanes

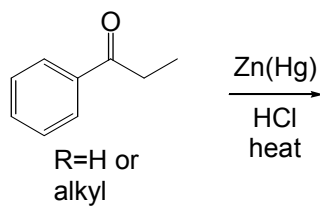
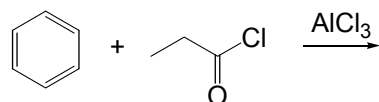


A Solution to the Problem of Rearrangements During Friedel-Crafts Alkylations

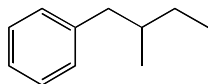
Problem: Rearrangement



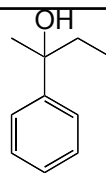
Solution: Acylation followed by Clemmensen Reduction





Problem: How would you prepare 1-phenyl-2-methylbutane?



Problem: How would you prepare 2-phenyl-2-butanol?



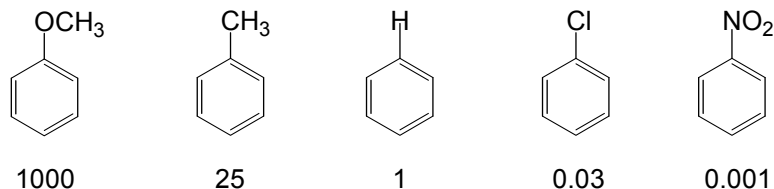
 *Prob:* 15.29,33 

EFFECT OF SUBSTITUENTS ON REACTIVITY AND ORIENTATION

S:15,10
Prob:15,26,27,
31,32,34,35

Effect of Substituents on RATE of substitution

e.g. Relative rates for nitration



Electron donating groups

Resonance donors

-Y: (except halogens),
e.g. -OR and -NR₂

Inductive donors

-alkyl

Electron withdrawing groups

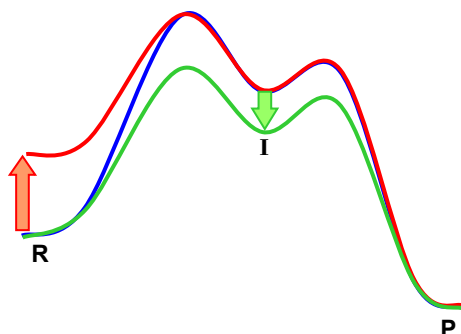
Resonance withdrawing

-X=Y

Inductive withdrawing

-Hal, -CF₃

Why do substituents effect the rate of S_EAr reactions?

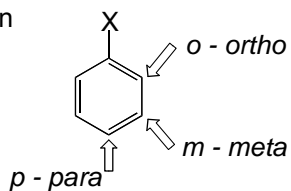


energy (reactivity) of reactants \uparrow $E_a \downarrow$ rate \uparrow
 EDG increase the nucleophilicity of the benzene ring – faster reaction
 EWG decrease the nucleophilicity of the benzene ring – slower reaction

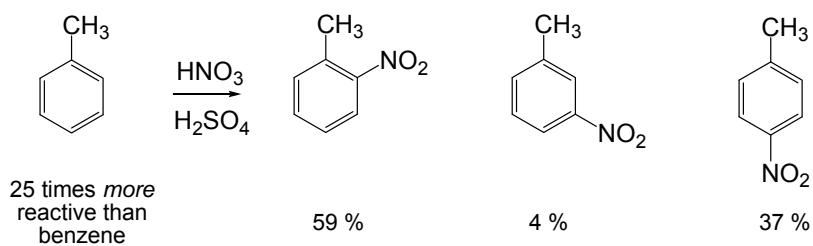
energy (reactivity) of intermediates \downarrow $E_a \downarrow$ rate \uparrow
 EDG decrease the energy of the carbocation intermediate – faster reaction
 EWG increase the energy of the carbocation intermediate – slower reaction

Effect of Substituents on POSTION of substitution

Substituents direct the substitution reaction to different positions

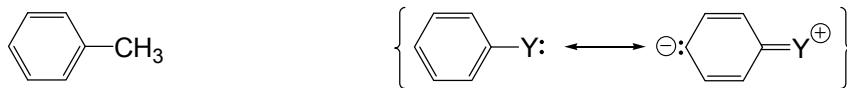


1. Activating ortho/para directors

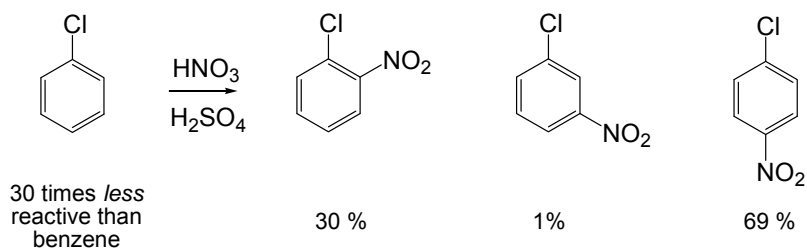


Type of substituents which are activating *o/p* directors:

-alkyl and -Y: (not halogen), e.g. -OR and -NR₂

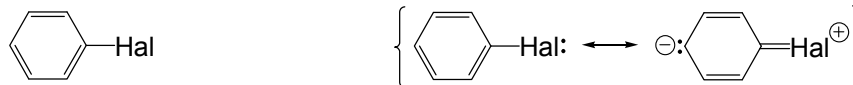


2. Deactivating ortho-para directors

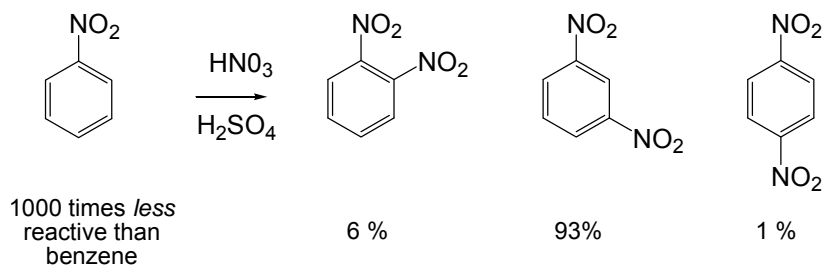


Type of substituents which are deactivating o/p directors:

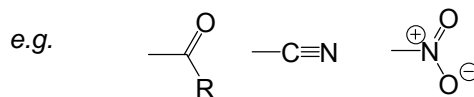
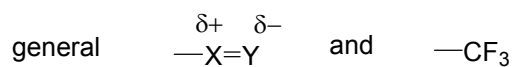
-F, -Cl, -Br, -I



3. Deactivating meta directors



Types of substituents which are deactivating m directors:

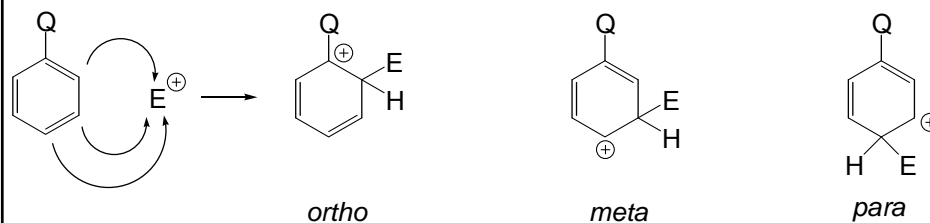


(there are no activating m directing substituents)

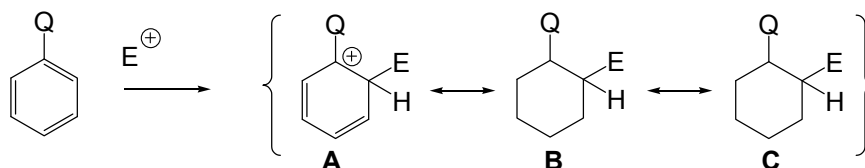
Understanding the Basis for Substituent Effects on Electrophilic Aromatic Substitution

S:15.11

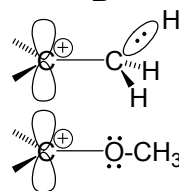
Analysis 1: Consider the effect of "Q" on the *stability of the intermediate cyclohexadienyl cation*.



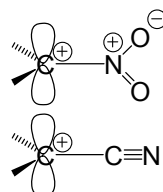
Resonance structures of cyclohexadienyl cation from **ortho attack**:



Resonance structure **A** is especially *stabilized* by electron *donating* substituents, increasing the rate of reaction at this position.

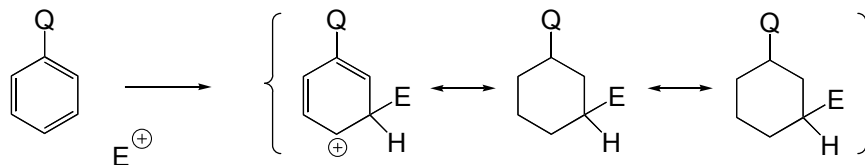


Resonance structure **A** is especially *destabilized* by electron *withdrawing* substituents, decreasing the rate of reaction at this position



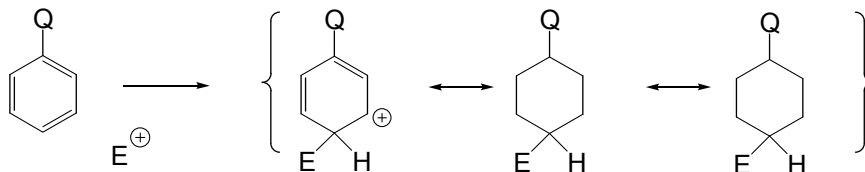
» **Electron donating substituents facilitate substitution at the *ortho* positions.**

Resonance structure of cyclohexadienyl cation from **meta attack**:



» Electron donating substituents do not facilitate substitution at the *meta* position.

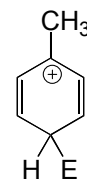
Resonance structures of cyclohexadienyl cation from **para attack**:



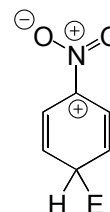
» Electron donating substituents facilitate substitution at the *para* position.

»» Electron donating groups are **o/p- directing**

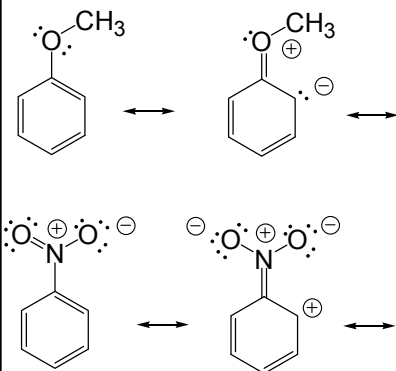
If the substituent is electron donating (e.g. alkyl [hyperconjugation] or oxygen (:O:) or nitrogen (N:) [resonance donating]), the resonance structures from *ortho* and *para* attack are stabilized compared to the *meta* position. This leads to a faster overall reaction, favoring substitution at the *ortho* and *para* positions.



If the substituent is electron withdrawing (e.g. -NO₂ or -COR [resonance] or -CF₃ [inductive]) the resonance structures from attack at all positions are destabilized. This leads a slower overall reaction. Those resonance structures from *ortho* and *para* attack are particularly destabilized. This disfavors substitution at these positions, leading to *meta* substitution.



Analysis 2: Consider the effect of the substituent on *the electron distribution in the starting material*



- » Electron donating groups are *o/p*- directing
- » Halogen substituents are *o/p*- directing
- » Electron withdrawing groups are *m*- directing

Summary of Activating and Directing Effects

All *m*- directors are deactivators

All *o/p*- directors, except halogens, are activators

*Strong
electron
withdrawing
groups*

-SO₃H
-CN
-NO₂
-C(O)X
(X=H,R,OH,OR)
-CF₃

*Deactivating
meta-directing*

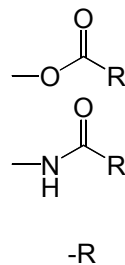
*Weak
electron
withdrawing
groups*

-Hal

*Inductive withdrawal
⇒ Deactivating*

*Resonance donation
⇒ ortho/para-directing*

*Weak
electron
donating
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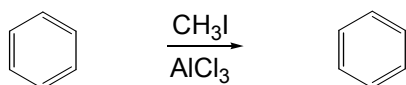
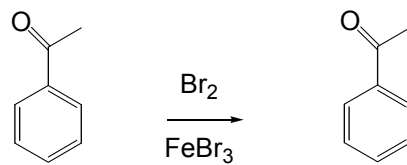
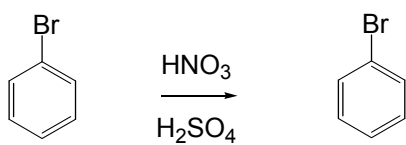
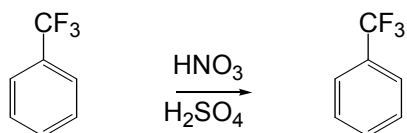
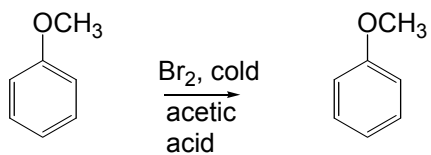
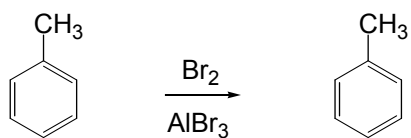
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*Strong
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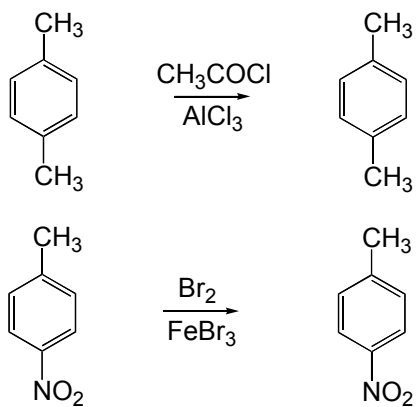
-OR(H)
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*Activating
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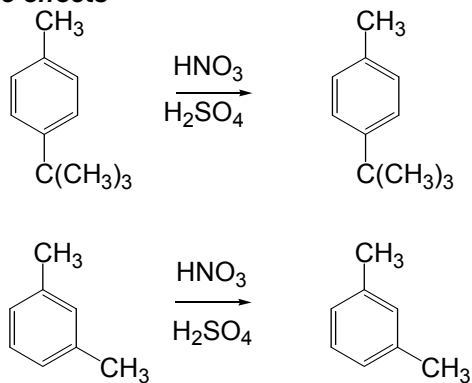
Directing effects on monosubstituted rings



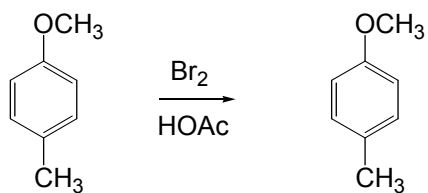
Directing Effects on Disubstituted Rings



Steric effects



When directing effects are in competition with one another



? Prob: 15.26,27,31,32,34,35 ?

SYNTHETIC APPLICATIONS

S:15.14
Prob:15.29e-m,
38,41,43,45,
48,50,51,53

Consider how each substituent can be either:

1. Introduced by electrophilic substitution

-Hal, -SO₃H, -NO₂, -R, -COR

or 2. Prepared by modification of an existing substituent

-CO₂H from -R

-CH₂R from -COR

-CH₂Br from CH₃

-CH₂OH from CH₂Br

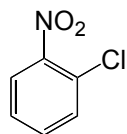
Consider whether reactions can really be performed:

Directing effects of other substituents

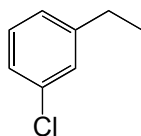
Effect of reagents/conditions on other substituents

Think RETROSYNTHETICALLY!

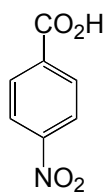
Problem [Solomons 15.29I] - How would you prepare 2-chloronitrobenzene?



Problem - 3-Chloroethylbenzene has two *o/p*-directors *meta* to one another. How can it be synthesized?



Problem - 4-Nitrobenzoic acid has two *m*-directors *para* to one another. How can it be synthesized?

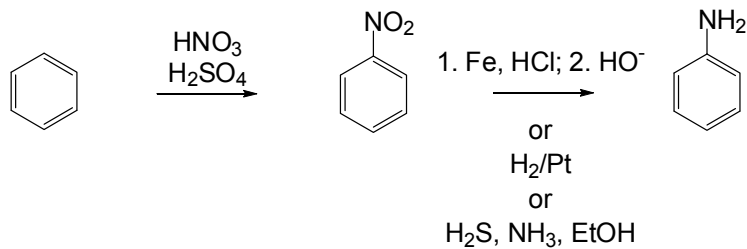


? Prob: 15.29e-m,38,41,43,45,48,51,53 ?

ANILINES: SYNTHESIS, BASICITY AND NUCLEOPHILICITY

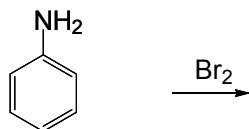
S:20.5B

Synthesis of Anilines: Reduction of Nitrobenzenes

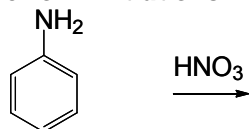


Challenges with Electrophilic Aromatic Substitutions of Anilines

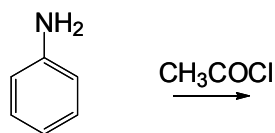
Attempts to Perform Friedel-Crafts Acylations



Attempts to Perform Nitrations



Attempts to Perform Halogenations

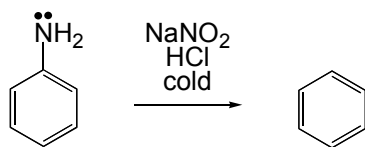


Using N-Acylation to Moderate Nucleophilicity of the Ring

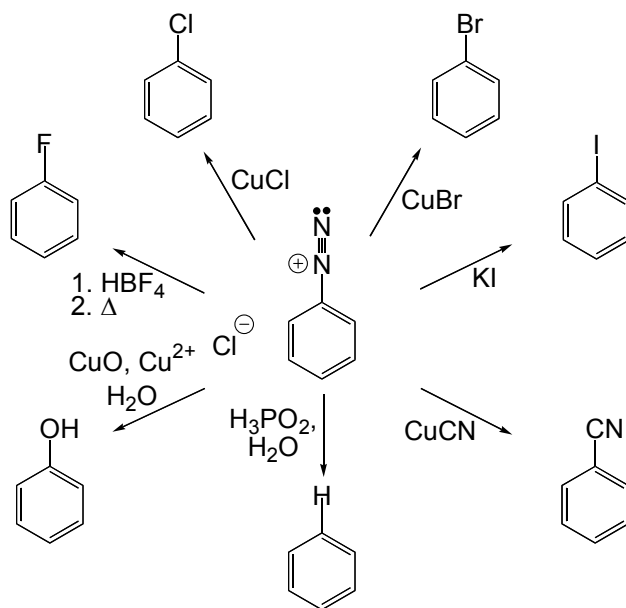
ARYLDIAZONIUM SALTS

S:20.5-8
Prob:20.26,31

Formation: Reaction of Anilines with Nitrous Acid

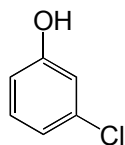


Substitution Reactions of Arene Diazonium Salts

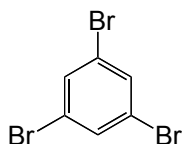


Designing Syntheses via Aromatic Diazonium Salts

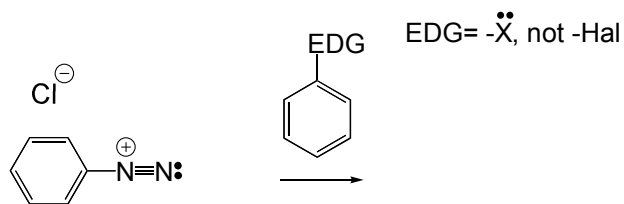
Problem - 3-Chlorophenol has two *o/p* directors *meta* to one another. Either substituent can be introduced by use of diazonium salts. The diazonium substituent is prepared from the nitro substituent (via the amine), which is a meta director. How can 3-chlorophenol be prepared?



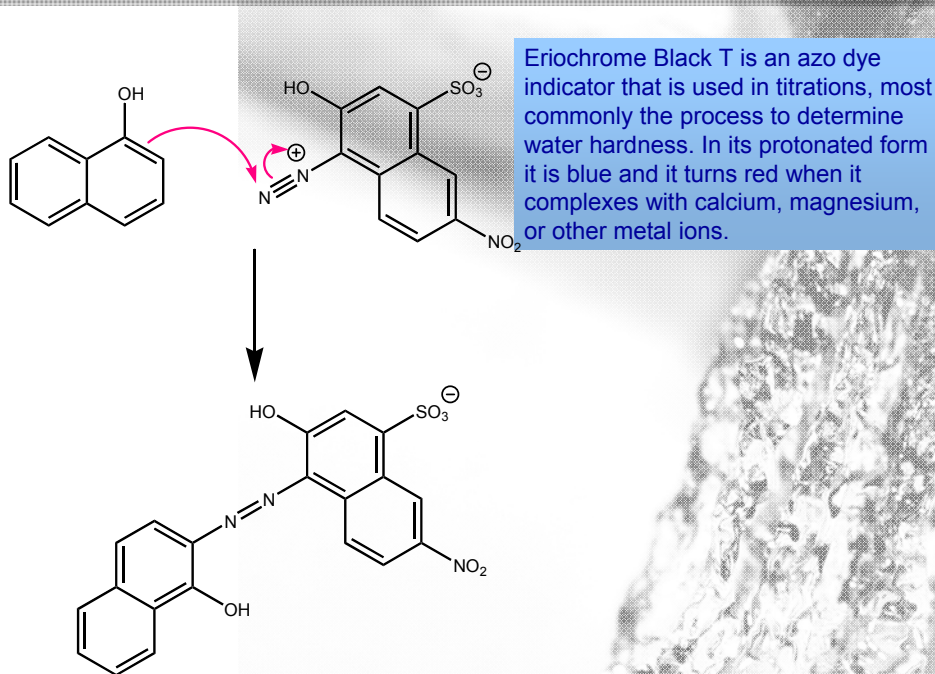
Problem – 1,3,5-Tribromobenzene has three o/p directors meta to one another. How can 1,3,5-tribromobenzene be prepared?



Diazo coupling of diazonium salts with electron-rich arenes



Eriochrome Black T - Sodium (4Z)-4-[(1-hydroxynaphthalen-2-yl)hydrazinylidene]

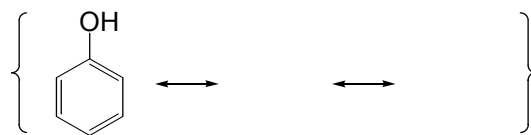


? Prob: 15.26,31 ?

PHENOLS

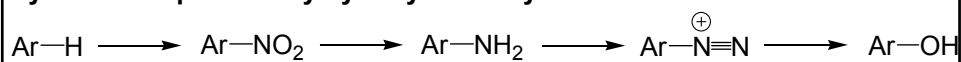
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Introduction

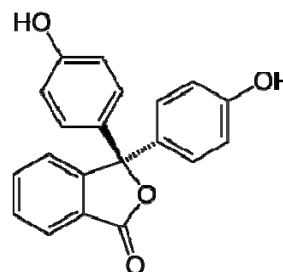
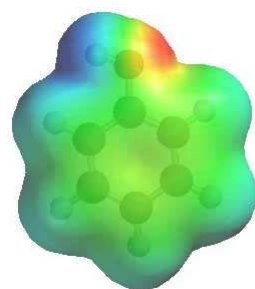
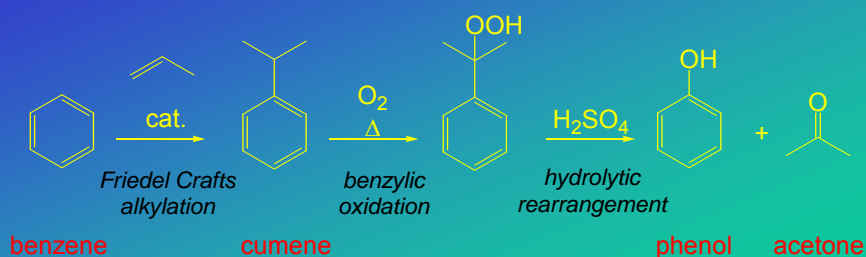


oxygen: nucleophilic
ring (o-,p- positions): nucleophilic

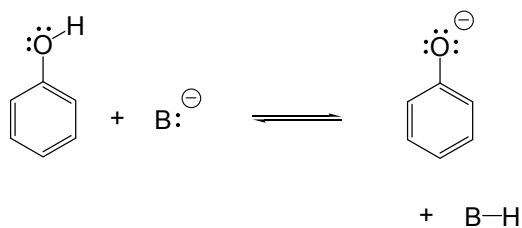
Synthesis of phenols by hydrolysis of aryldiazonium salts



Industrial preparation of phenol and acetone

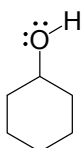


Acidity of Phenols



$$\text{p}K_{\text{a}} = 9.9$$

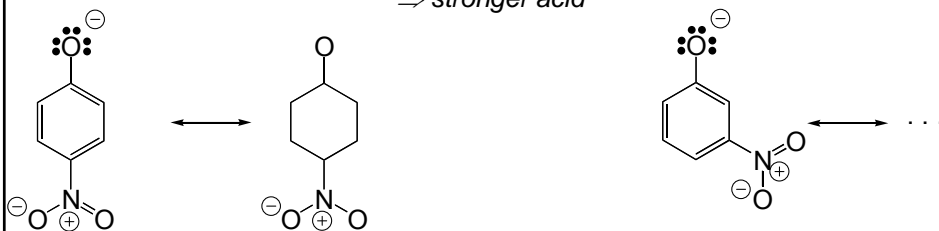
Compare to cyclohexanol: $\text{p}K_{\text{a}} = 18$



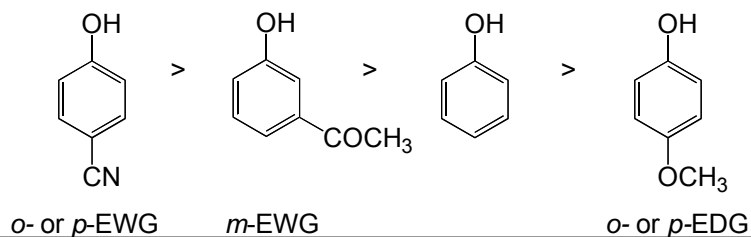
Electron withdrawing groups, $-X=Y$:

stabilize the conjugate base

\Rightarrow stronger acid

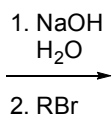
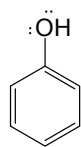


Acid strength

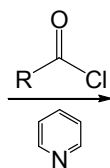
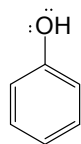


REACTIONS OF PHENOL: NUCLEOPHILIC OXYGEN

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Prob 21.14



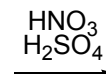
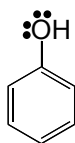
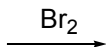
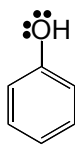
Williamson ether synthesis



Esterification: see later

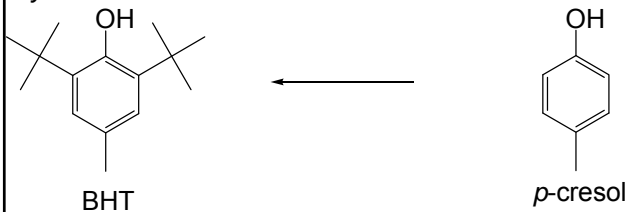
REACTIONS OF PHENOL: NUCLEOPHILIC RING

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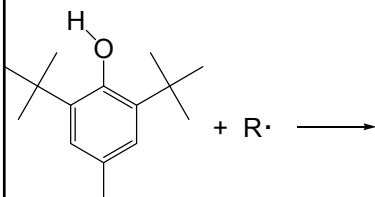


BHT - Butylated Hydroxy Toluene

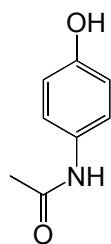
Synthesis



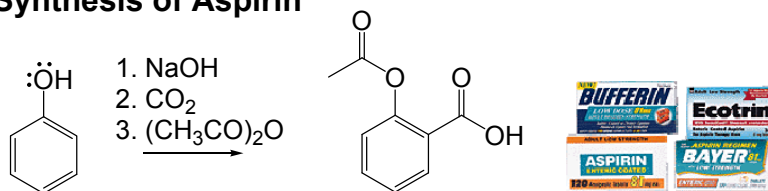
Anti-oxidative action



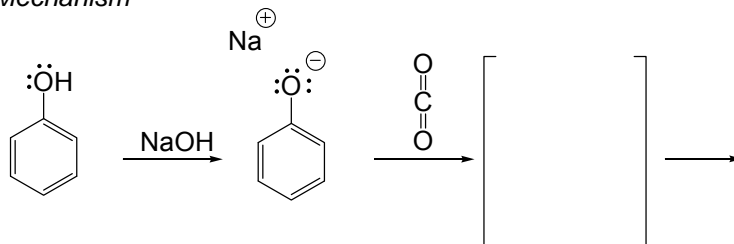
Tylenol - Acetaminophen



Synthesis of Aspirin

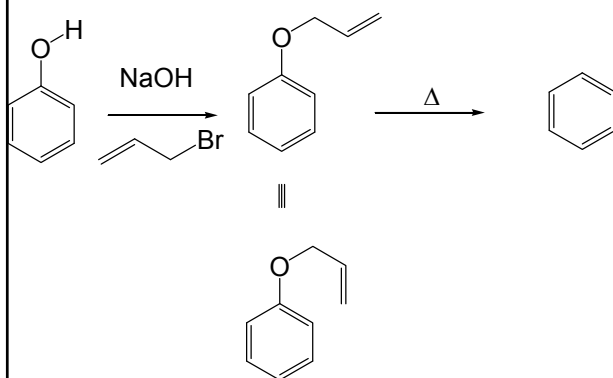


Mechanism



THE CLAISEN REARRANGEMENT

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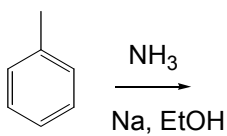
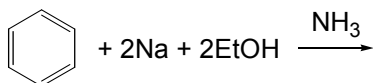
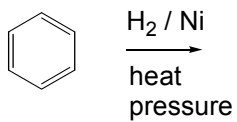


? Prob: 21.13,16 ?

OXIDATION AND REDUCTION OF THE AROMATIC RINGS

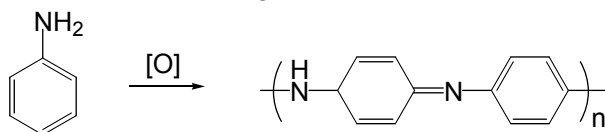
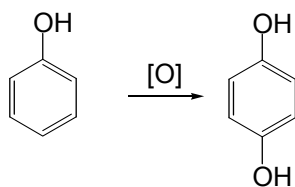
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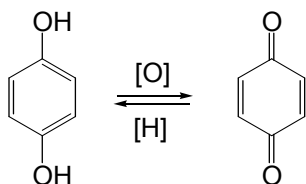


Oxidation

Electron Rich Arenes



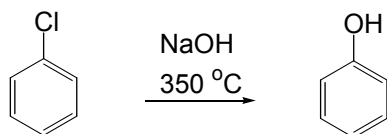
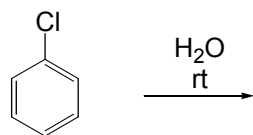
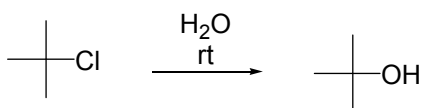
Hydroquinones and Quinones



ARYL HALIDES AND NUCLEOPHILIC AROMATIC SUBSTITUTION

S.21.11

Comparison of Hydrolysis Reactions

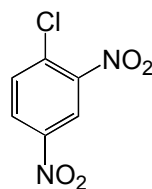
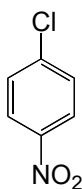
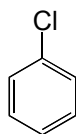


Nucleophilic Aromatic Substitution take place primarily in two cases:

1. The presence of a strong electron withdrawing group o- or p- to the leaving group
2. The presence of a strong base and a hydrogen adjacent to the leaving group

Scenario 1: Presence of Strong Electron Withdrawing Groups

Relative rates of hydrolysis – effect of o/p EWG



k_{rel}

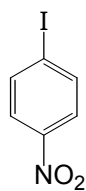
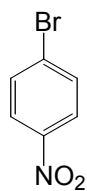
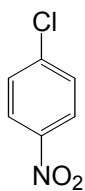
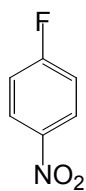
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7×10^{10}

2.4×10^{13}

$$\text{Rate} = k[\text{substrate}][\text{nucleophile}]$$

Relative rates of hydrolysis – effect of halide



k_{rel}

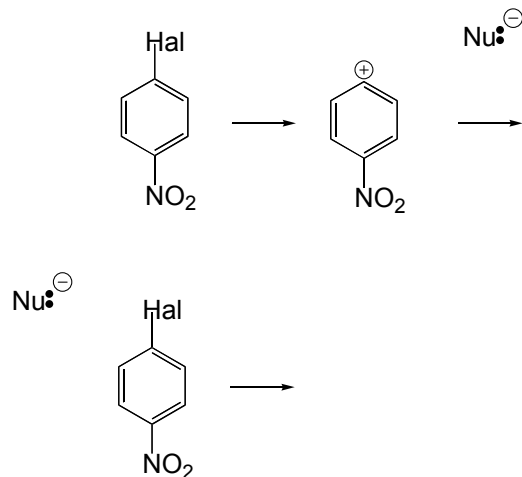
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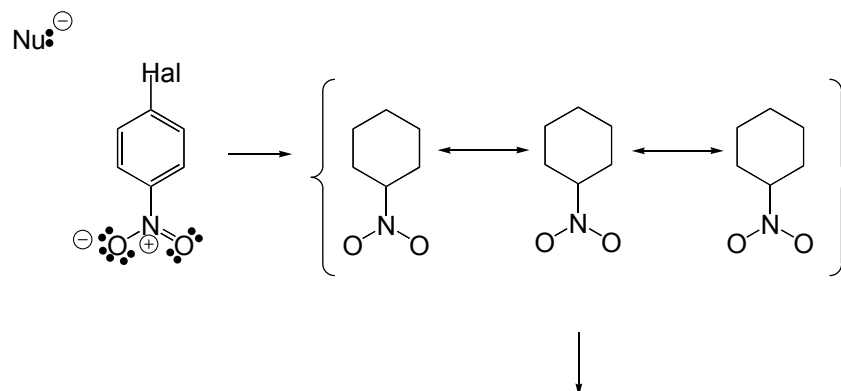
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Wrong Mechanisms – Disproven by Experimental Data

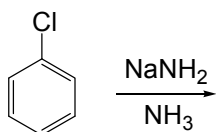


Mechanism – Consistent with Experimental Data

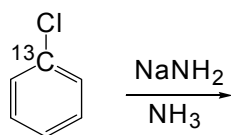
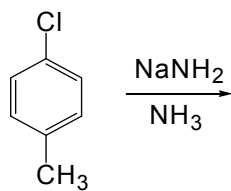


Scenario 2: Effect of a very strong base in the absence of EWG

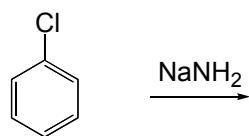
Overall Reaction



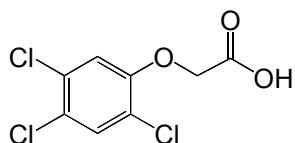
Other Experimental Observations



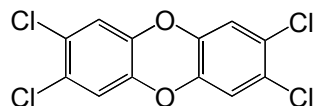
Mechanism - Consistent with Experimental Data



Problem: 2,4,5-Trichlorophenoxyacetic acid (4,5-T, Agent Orange).
How could 2,4,5-T be prepared from 2,4,5-trichlorophenol?



Problem: Dioxins are polychlorinated dibenzodioxanes. They are extremely toxic. 2,3,7,8-TCDD, a dioxin, is formed during the production of 2,4,5-T. Provide a mechanism for its formation.



http://seawifs.gsfc.nasa.gov/OCEAN_PLANET/HTML/peril_toxins.html

REVIEW: ELECTROPHILIC AROMATIC SUBSTITUTION

Reactions

Halogenation
 Nitration
 Sulfonation
 Friedel-Crafts alkylation
 Friedel-Crafts acylation

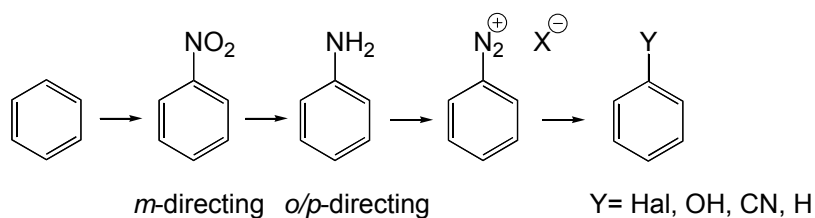
Activating/Deactivating and Directing effects

| <i>Deactivating meta-directing</i> | <i>Deactivating ortho/para-directing</i> | <i>Activating ortho/para-directing</i> | <i>Activating ortho/para-directing</i> |
|--|--|--|--|
| -CN | -Hal | -R | -OH(R) |
| -NO ₂ | | | -NH(R) ₂ |
| -C(O)X (X=R, OH, OR) | | | |
| -CF ₃ | | | |

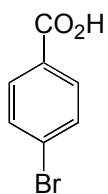
Modification of Side chains

-CO₂H from -R
 -CH₂R from -COR
 -CH₂Br from CH₃
 -CH₂OH from CH₂Br

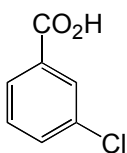
Anilines in Synthesis



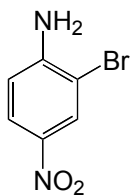
Problem [Solomons 15.31d] - Propose a synthesis of 4-bromobenzoic acid from toluene



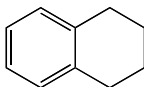
Problem [Solomons 15.31a] - Propose a synthesis of *m*-chlorobenzoic acid from toluene



Problem [Solomons 15.32c] - Propose a synthesis of 2-bromo-4-nitroaniline from aniline.



Problem [Solomons 15.43a] - Propose a synthesis of the following molecule from benzene



TOPIC 2 ON EXAM 2

Types of Questions

- Predict product of reactions – S_EAr , S_NAr , reactions of substituents, diazonium salts
- Mechanisms - S_EAr (incl. generation of electrophile), S_NAr (two pathways)
- The effect of substituents: rate of reactions, directing effects, relative acidity/basicity of phenols and anilines
- Design of multistep syntheses (including use of reactions from organic-I and earlier in semester)

Provide mechanistic rationale for experimental observations; use knowledge of mechanism to predict the outcome and pathways of reactions

Do the problems in the book; they are great examples of the types of problems on the exam!

Preparing for Exam 2

- Get up-to-date *NOW!*
- Work as many problems as possible. Do the problems first, then consult the solutions manual.
- Work in groups, discuss chemistry, teach and test each other.
- Do the "Learning Group Problem" at the end of the chapter.