

Lecture topics & readings

Today's class

- rxns of benzene & its substituents: finish Ch. 14...

Before next class

- **master** the electrophilic substitution **mechanisms**
(including resonance structures for sigma complex)
- **master** the **reagents** used to functionalize benzene
- practice using reagents to modify substituents

Next class

- further substitutions on substituted Ph rings (Ch.15)

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14.19 Chemical modification of substituents on benzene

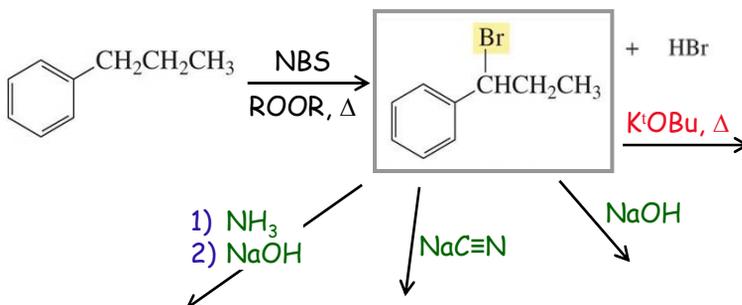
Standard organic rxns do not affect aromatic ring itself...

Reactions of alkyl substituents:

▪ Bromination:

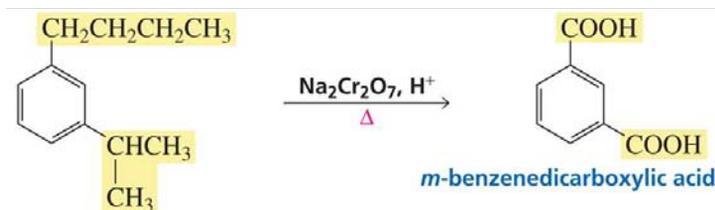
1. Benzylic position (= allylic...): using NBS

} Followed by:
substitution by Nu
OR elimination...

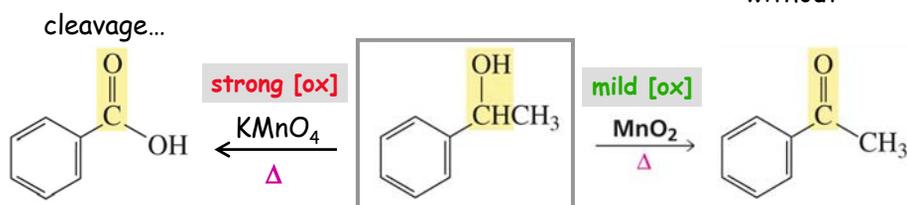


▪ **Oxidation of substituents:**

1. **If benzylic H present** \Rightarrow oxidative cleavage yields PhCOOH...
strong oxidant: KMnO_4/Δ OR $\text{Na}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7/\text{H}^+/\Delta$

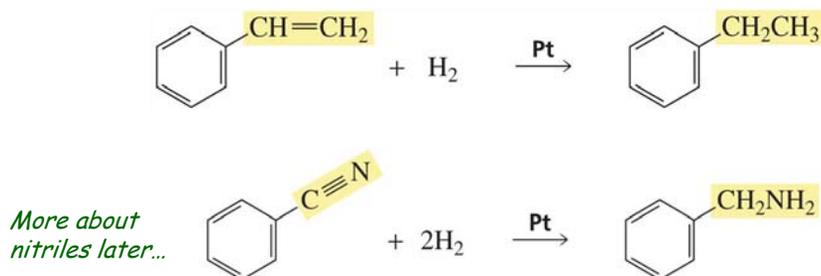


2. **If benzylic OH present** \Rightarrow **mild oxidant** yields ketone / aldehyde without

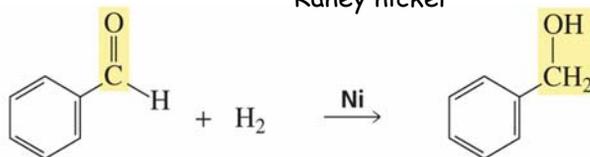


▪ **Reduction of multiple bonds in substituents:** catalytic hydrogenation

1. **Substituent = alkene, nitrile:** use H_2 & Pt(s)



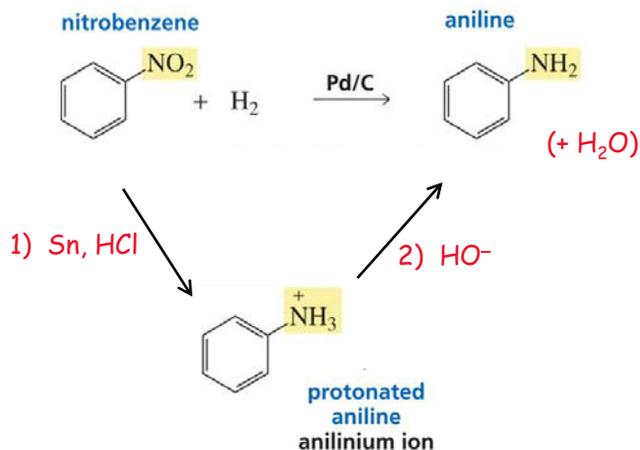
2. **Substituent = carbonyl:** use Ni powder impregnated with H_2 "Raney nickel"



To hydrogenate benzene ring: High T & P (175°C , 180atm H_2 , Ni)

▪ **Reduction:** nitrobenzenes to anilines...

3. **Substituent = nitro:** catalytic hydrogenation ($H_2 + Pd$ on carbon)
OR metal (Sn, Fe or Zn) with acid (HCl)



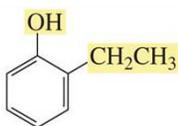
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Ch.15 Adding additional substituents onto substituted benzenes

First: naming disubstituted benzenes (15.1)

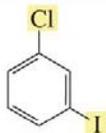
Relative substituent positions:

ORTHO



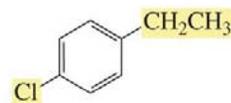
2-ethylphenol
ortho-ethylphenol
not
ortho-ethylhydroxybenzene

META



1-chloro-3-iodobenzene
meta-chloriodobenzene
not
1-iodo-3-chlorobenzene or
meta-iodochlorobenzene

PARA



1-chloro-4-ethylbenzene
para-chloroethylbenzene

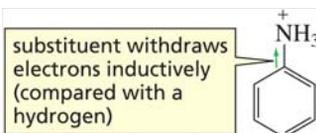
Substituents named alphabetically: but often added to common names

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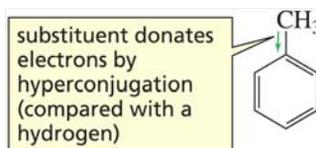
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Some substituents activate the ring, others deactivate it

Important effects to consider:

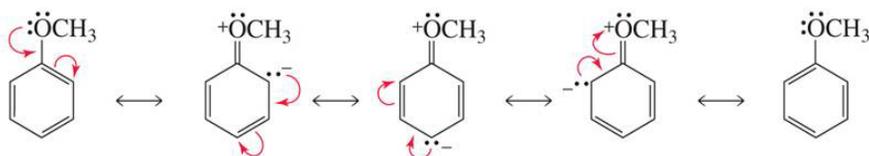
1. Inductive electron withdrawal



2. Inductive electron donation (= hyperconjugation)



3. Resonance electron donation & withdrawal = **MOST IMPORTANT**



15.4 - 15.5: Effects on reactivity & regiochemistry

EDGs: ↑ ring's reactivity towards E⁺philic aromatic substitution

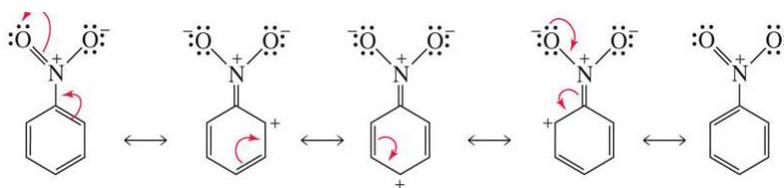


If brominating ring: to which site(s) would Br⁺-Br⁻-FeBr₃ be attracted?

EDGs described as: activating & "ortho-para directing"

EWGs: ↓ ring's reactivity towards E⁺philic aromatic substitution

withdrawal of electrons from a benzene ring by resonance



If alkylating this ring: to which site(s) would "R⁺" be attracted?

EWGs described as: deactivating & "meta directing" (usually)

Summary of ACTIVATING substituents

Table 15.1

Activating substituents	Most activating		
	-NH ₂	Strongly activating	Ortho/para directing
	-NHR		
	-NR ₂		
	-OH		
	-OR		
	-NHCO	Moderately activating	
	-OCR	Weakly activating	
	-R		
	-Ar		
	-CH=CHR		
Standard of comparison →	-H		

Summary of DEACTIVATING substituents

