

## Summary of CH 15 Unusual stability of the cyclic electron sextet

### I. Characteristics of aromatic compounds (i.e. aromaticity)

- large resonance energies
- ring current (shielding/deshielding effect in NMR)
- react by substitution rather than addition

### II. Nomenclature

- monosubstituted benzenes
    - use "benzene" as parent name
    - use "substituted benzene" as parent name:
- IUPAC recognizes: phenol, benzaldehyde, benzoic acid
- disubstituted benzenes
    - use "benzene" as parent name: 1,2-(ortho-), 1,3-(meta-), 1,4-(para-),
    - use "monosubstituted benzene" as parent name
    - use "disubstituted benzene" as parent name
  - more than two substituents
    - use either "benzene, monosubstituted benzene, or disubstituted benzene" as parent name
  - C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>- named as substituent: "phenyl"
  - annulene: [n]annulene, n = ring size

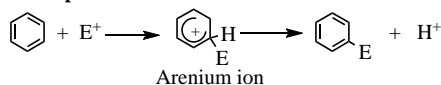
### III. Structure of benzene

- ΔH<sup>0</sup>, heat of hydrogenation, is an experimental measurement of the "resonance energy"
- shielding/deshielding effect in NMR is an experimental measurement of the "ring current"
- resonance explanation of benzene (review resonance theory)
- MO theory explanation of benzene (review the basic rule to construct MOs from p atomic orbital)

### IV. Huckel's rule

- planar, monocyclic, completely conjugated hydrocarbons will be aromatic when the ring contains (4n+2)π electrons
- MO theory basic of Huckel's rule
  - know how to determine the relative energies of MOs for a planar, monocyclic, completely conjugated molecule or ion
  - molecules or ions having (4n+2)π electrons have a closed-shell electron configuration (stable)
  - molecules or ions having 4n π electrons have unpaired electrons in nonbonding or antibonding MOs (unstable)

### V. Electrophilic aromatic substitution



step I: generation of E<sup>+</sup> (usually assisted by a Lewis acid)

step II: electrophilic attack to yield an arenium ion intermediate (rate-limiting)

step III: loss of H<sup>+</sup> by arenium ion (usually assisted by a base, fast)

	E <sup>+</sup>	Reagents
• Halogenation	X <sup>+</sup>	X <sub>2</sub> , FeX <sub>3</sub> (X=Cl, Br)
• Nitration	NO <sub>2</sub> <sup>+</sup>	HNO <sub>3</sub> , H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>
• Sulfonation	SO <sub>3</sub>	SO <sub>3</sub> , H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>
• reversibility: sulfonation/desulfonation in organic synthesis		
• Friedel-Crafts alkylation	R <sup>+</sup>	RX, AlCl <sub>3</sub> ROH, H <sup>+</sup> , or ROH, BF <sub>3</sub> Alkene, H <sup>+</sup>

-rearrangement of alkylating agent

-polyalkylation

-intramolecular alkylation (five or 6 membered ring)

- Friedel-Crafts acylation RCO<sup>+</sup> RCOCl, AlCl<sub>3</sub>  
RCO-O-COR, AlCl<sub>3</sub>

-more than one molar equivalent of AlCl<sub>3</sub> is required

-no rearrangement of acylating reagents

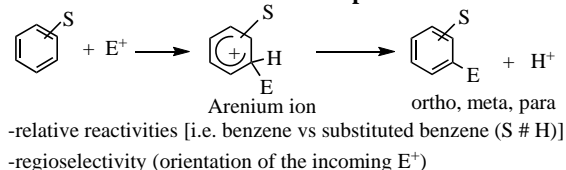
-no polyacylation

-intramolecular acylation (synthesis of 6 membered ring)

-acylation-Clemmensen reduction sequence to prepare alkylbenzenes

## Summary of CH 16 Electrophilic Attack on Derivatives of Benzene

### I. Effect of substituents on electrophilic aromatic substitution



### II. Theories for electron-donating or electron-withdrawing properties of groups

- inductive effect: the electrostatic interaction between S and the π system of the arenium ion
  - groups bearing full or partial positive charge have an electron withdrawing inductive effect
- resonance effect: resonance interaction between the nonbonding electron of S with the π system of the arenium ion
  - groups bearing nonbonding electrons have an electron-donating resonance effect
- hyperconjugation: σ-bonding electrons delocalize into the π system of the arenium ion
  - alkyl groups are electron-donating by hyperconjugation
- π electron delocalization: phenyl group is electron-donating by π electron delocalization

### III. Relative reactivities

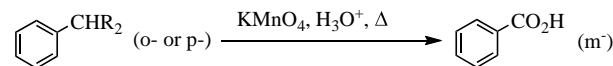
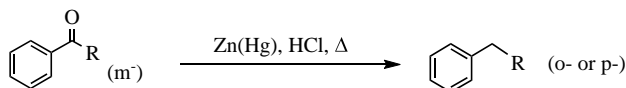
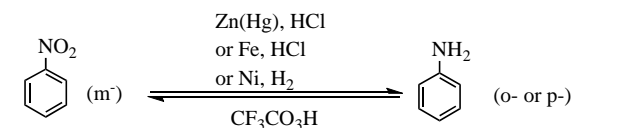
- S = electron-donating groups are called activating groups:
  - R, -Ph, -OH, -OR, -NH<sub>2</sub>, -NHR, -NR<sub>2</sub>, -NHCOR
- S = electron-withdrawing groups are called deactivating groups:
  - X, -CN, -SO<sub>3</sub>H, -CO<sub>2</sub>H, -CO<sub>2</sub>R, -CHO, -COR, -NO<sub>2</sub>, -N<sup>+</sup> R<sub>3</sub>, -CF<sub>3</sub>, -CCl<sub>3</sub>

### IV. Regioselectivities

- activating groups are ortho- and para- directors
- deactivating groups are meta-directors
- halogens (X) are exception that they are deactivating groups but are ortho- and para- directors
- disubstituted benzenes
  - doubly activated position is favored over a singly activated one
  - the stronger activating group determines the outcome of the reaction
  - between meta-substituents is sterically unfavored

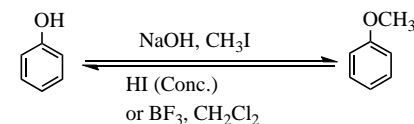
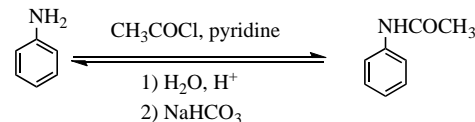
### V. Synthetic strategies

- interconversion between a meta-directing groups and an ortho- and para-directing groups



R = alkyl (1<sup>o</sup>, or 2<sup>o</sup>), alkenyl, alkynyl

- moderate the activating power of -NH<sub>2</sub> and -OH groups



- sulfonation/desulfonation for position blocking

