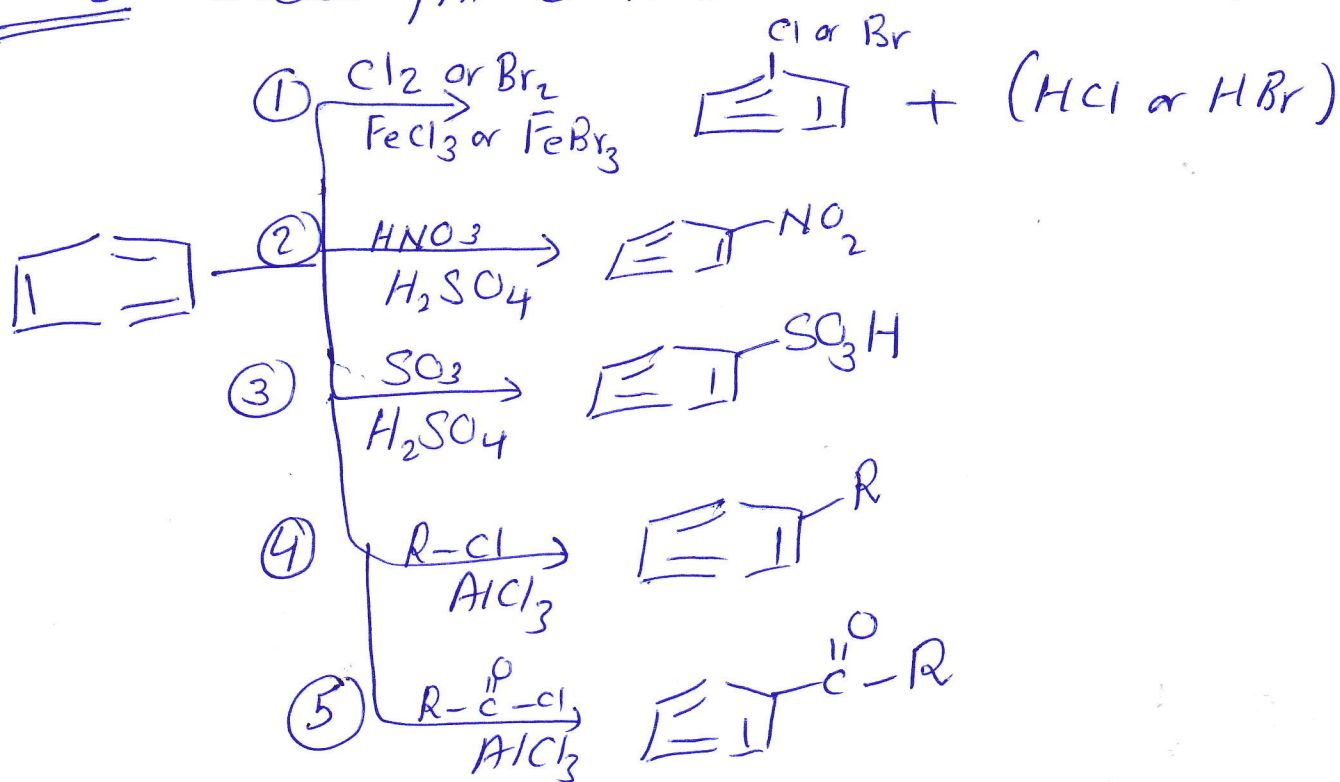


# Cha. 4. Aromatic Compounds

## 4.8 Electrophilic Aromatic Substitution (EAS)



\* Names of reactions: - ① halogenation (chlorination or bromination)

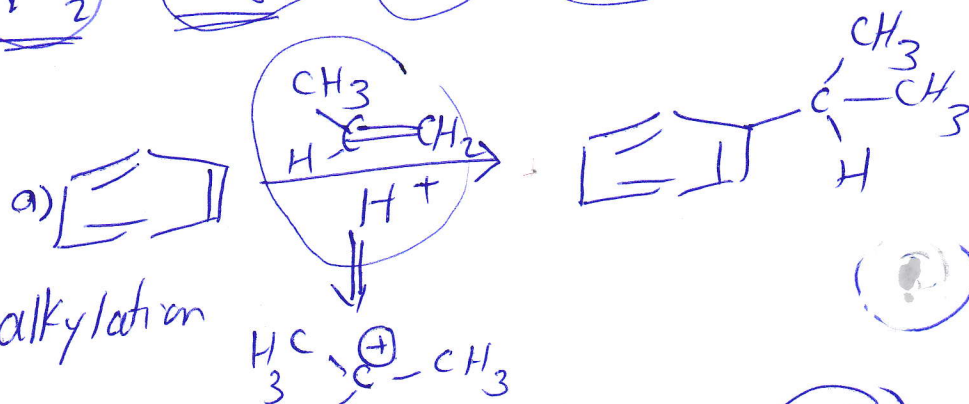
② nitration ③ sulfonation ④ Friedel-Crafts alkylation

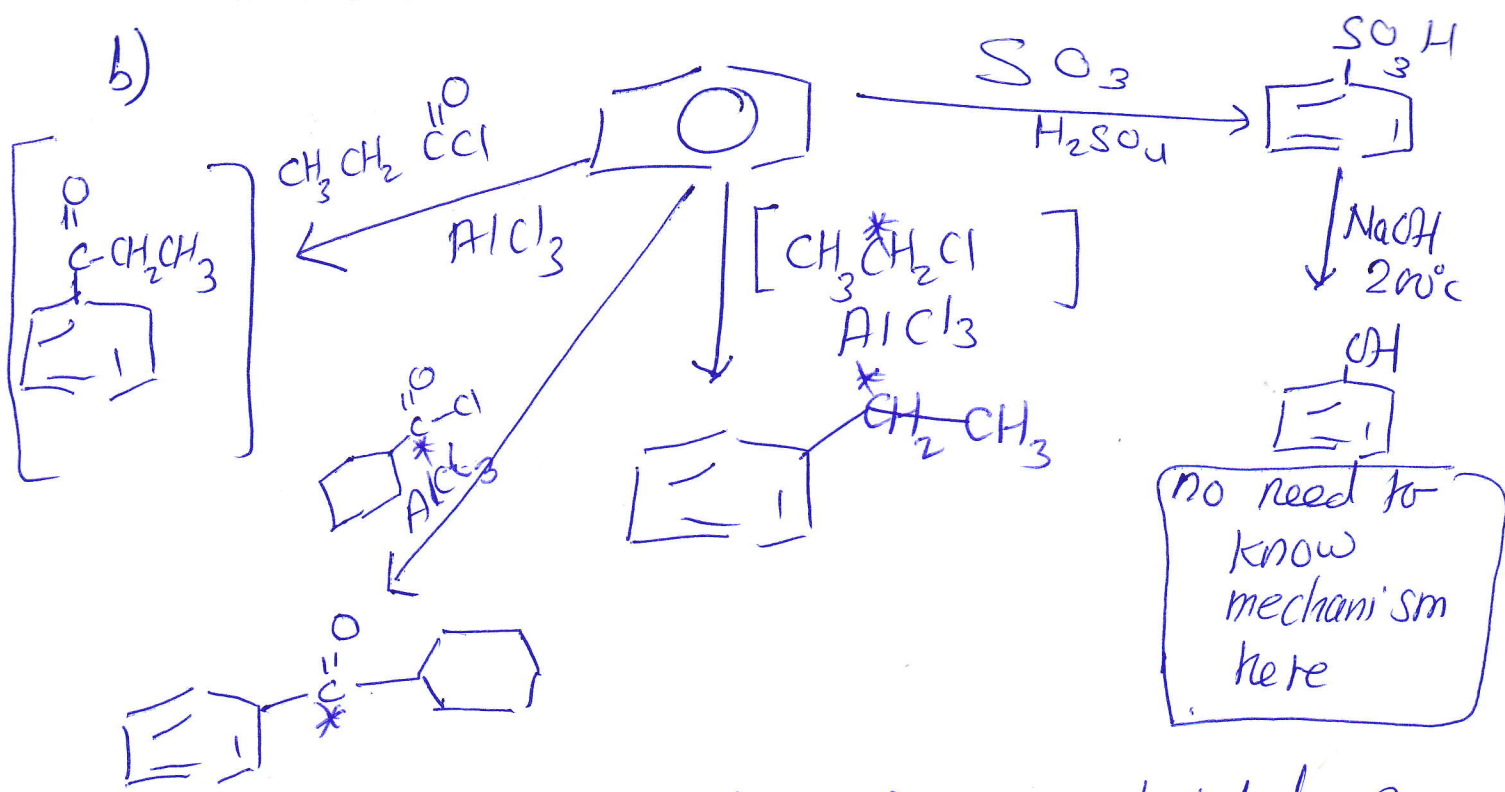
⑤ Friedel-Crafts acylation

\* One hydrogen atom in benzene is replaced by X or NO<sub>2</sub> or SO<sub>3</sub>H or R or C(=O)R

\* Examples:

This rxn is type of alkylation

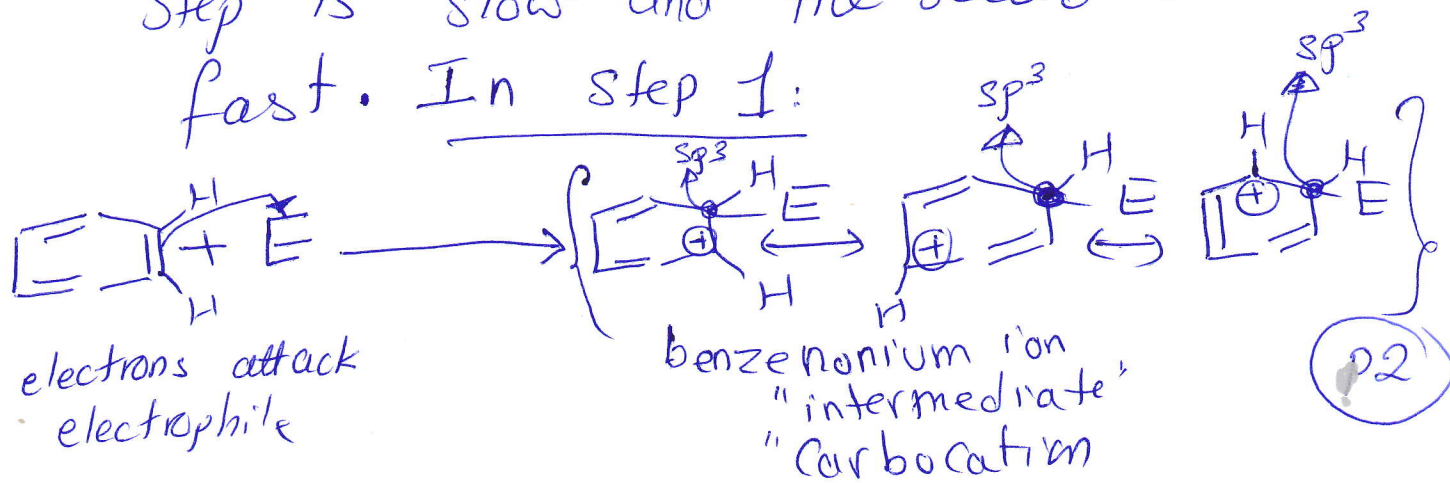




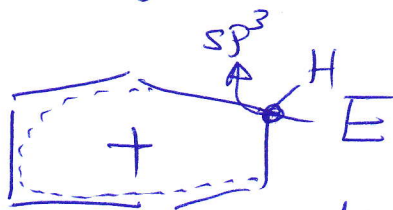
In all reactions, there is a substitution not addition such as alkene (even benzene has 3  $\pi$  bonds). Benzene is not an alkene.

#### 4.9 Mechanism of electrophilic aromatic substitution

\* All reactions undergo the same mechanism: it consists of 2 steps, the 1<sup>st</sup> step is slow and the second one is fast. In step 1:

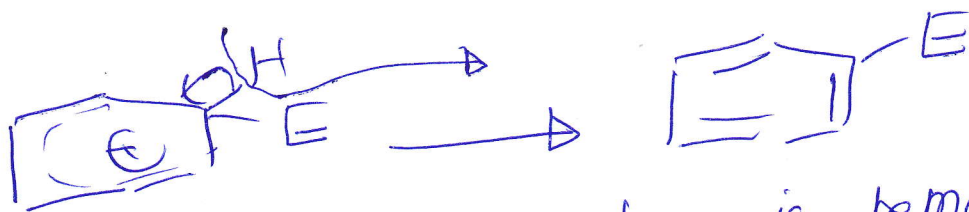


Draw a resonance hybrid for 3 resonance structures



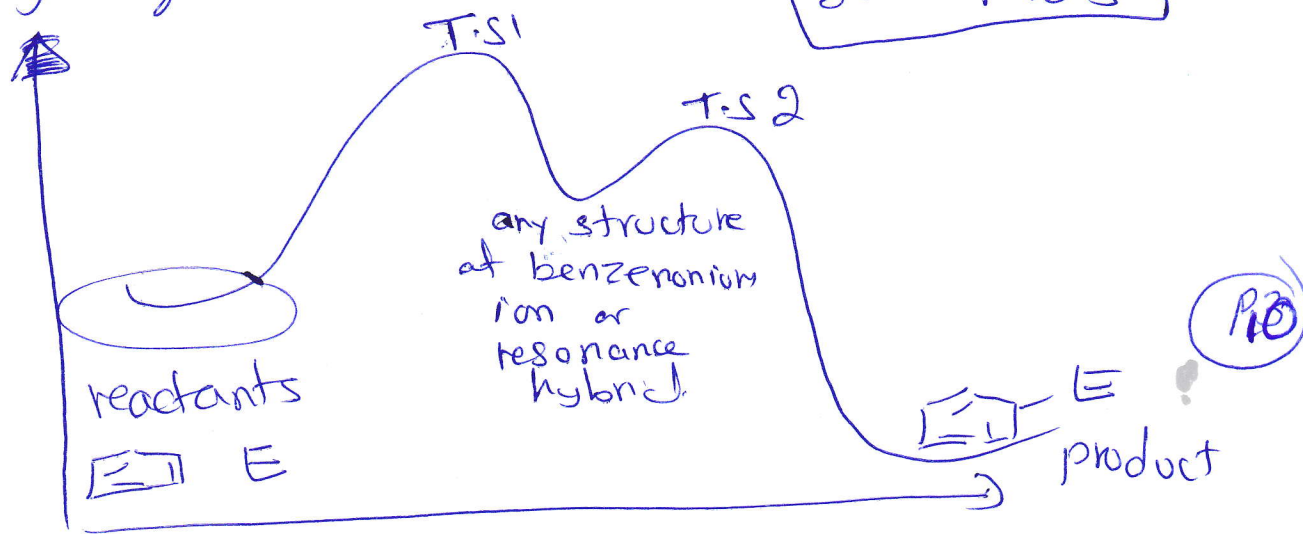
This intermediate is not aromatic (we have  $sp^3$  carbon) less stable than benzene.

Now, the second step is

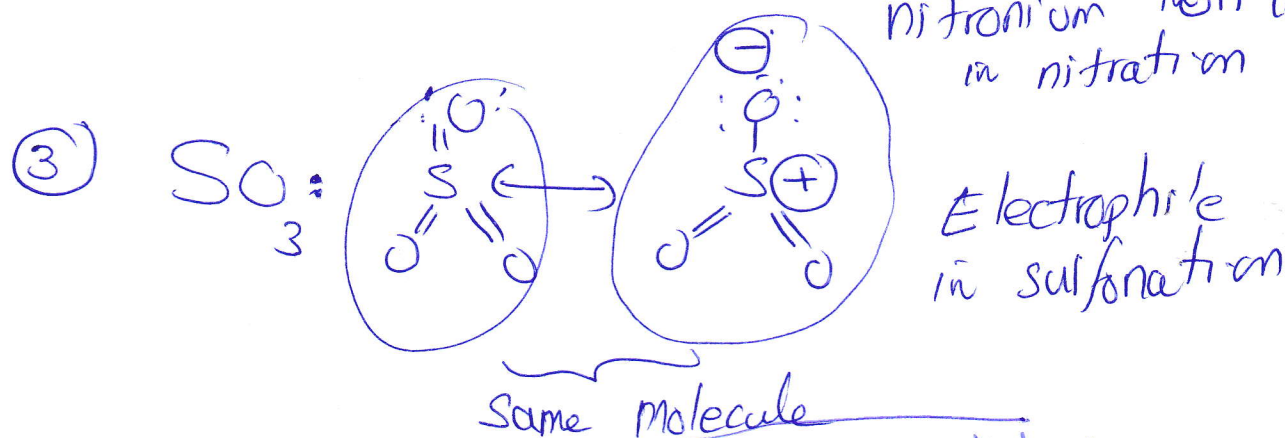
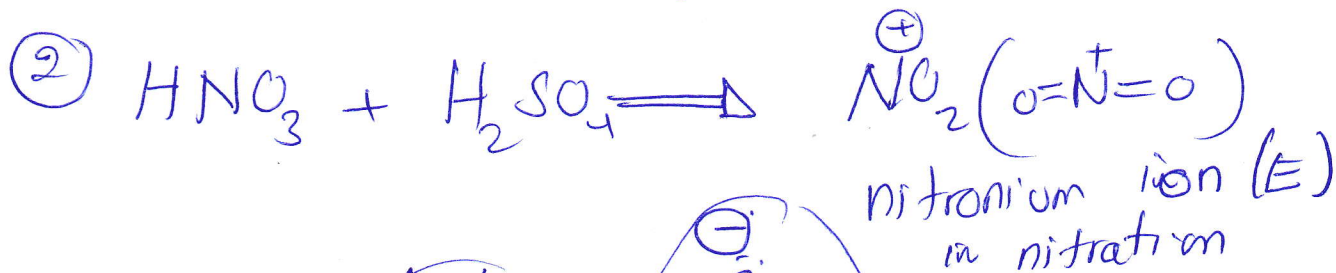
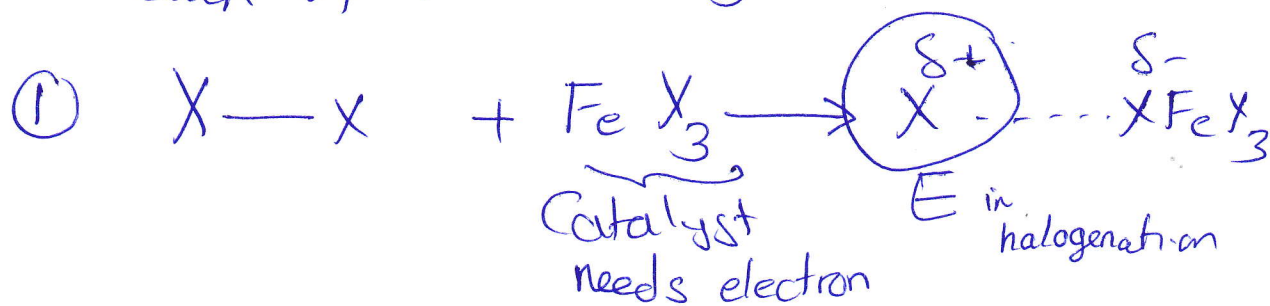


\* hydrogen atom at  $sp^3$  carbon is removed,  $\sigma$  bond becomes a  $\pi$  bond, and the compound will be again aromatic. we can't remove any hydrogen except one that is attached to  $sp^3$  carbon. This is monosubstitution reaction. Only 1 hydrogen is substituted.

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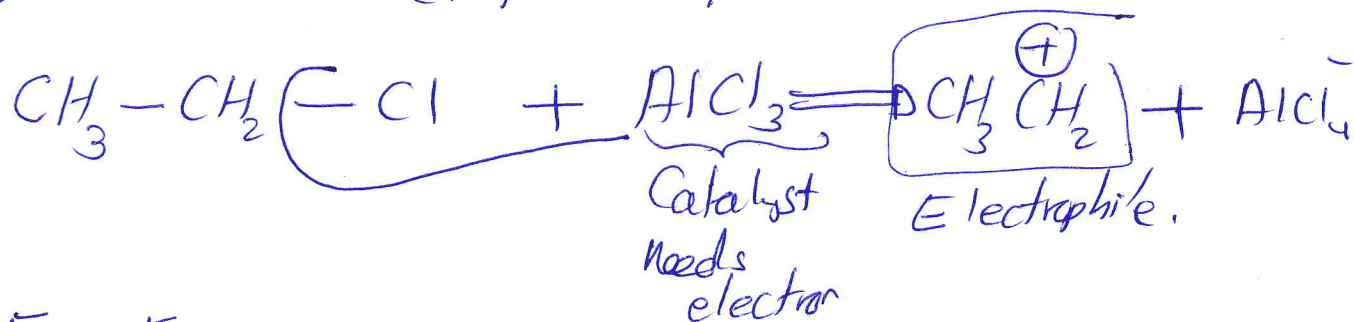


Important question: What is the electrophile (E) in each of the following reactions?

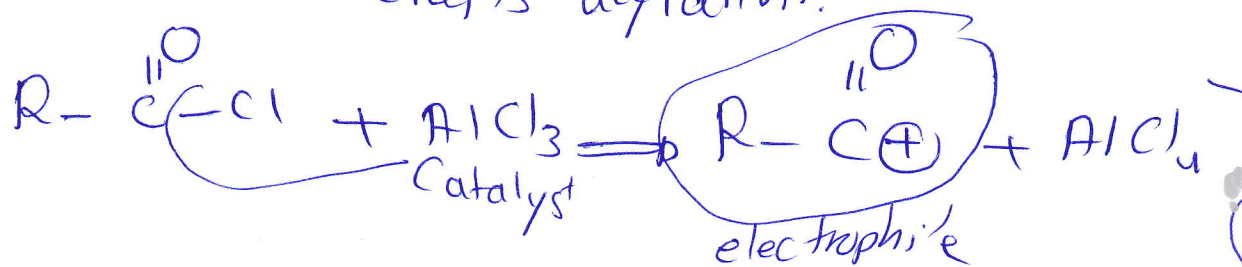


Same thing for "SO<sub>3</sub> in H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>" "fuming sulfuric acid".

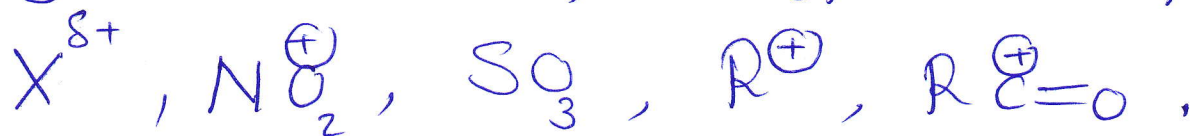
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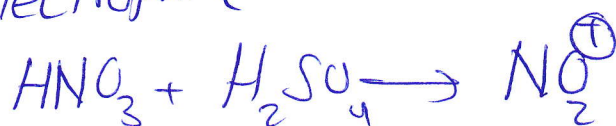


Summary: we have 5 different types of electrophile

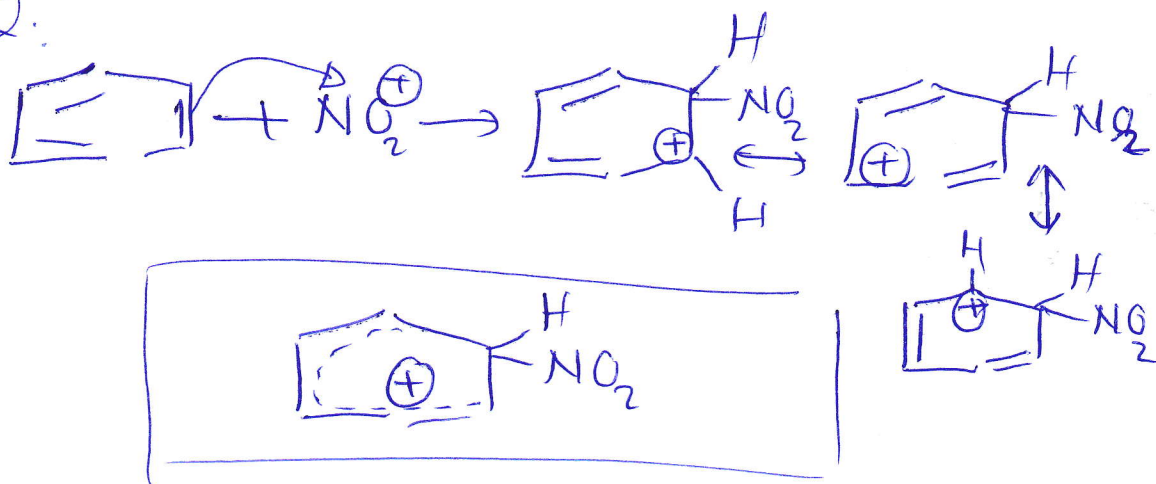


Ex: Draw a mechanism for C1=CC=CC=C1  $\xrightarrow[H_2SO_4]{HNO_3}$  C1=CC(=C(C=C1)[N+](=O)[O-])

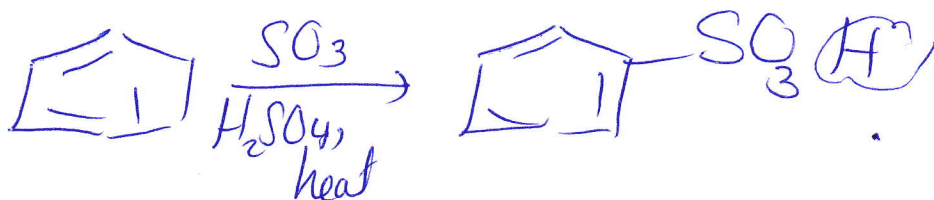
Step 1: Generating of electrophile



Step 2:

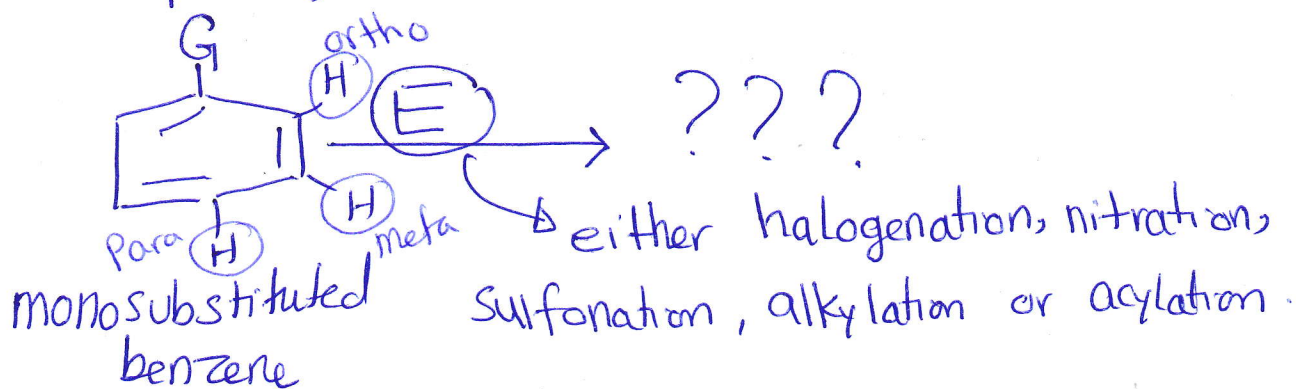


\* In case of sulfonation ( $SO_3$ )  $\Rightarrow$  there is a hydrogen in the product



## 4.10 Ring Activating and Deactivating Substituents.

\* If we have monosubstituted benzene, and a second substitution rxn is required, such as:-



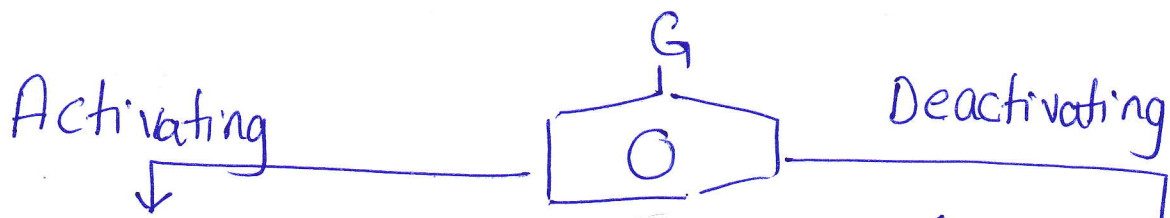
\* Two concepts should be discussed.

The First one is: Reactivity (fast rxn vs slow rxn relative to benzene).

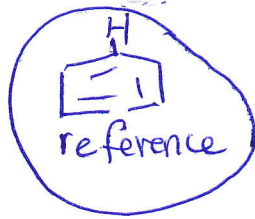
The Second Concept is: Orientation (which hydrogen in monosubstituted benzene should be replaced, ortho, meta or para?).

\* Let's begin with Reactivity.

Group "G" in monosubstituted could be either:



- ①  $-\ddot{N}H_2, -\ddot{N}HR, -\ddot{N}R_2$
- ②  $-\ddot{O}H, -\ddot{O}R$
- ③  $-\ddot{N}H-\overset{O}{\parallel}-R$
- ④  $-R$  (alkyl)

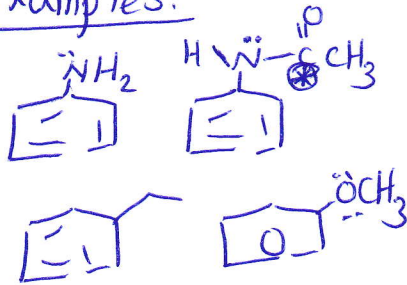


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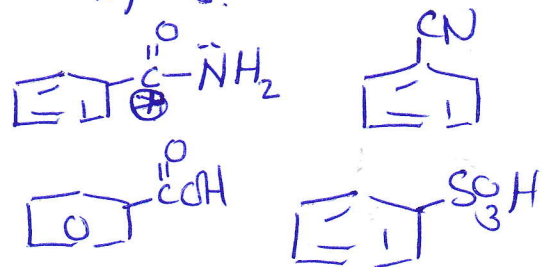
- $-\overset{O}{\parallel}C-R_{(H)}, -\overset{O}{\parallel}C-OH$
- $-\overset{O}{\parallel}C-OR, -\overset{O}{\parallel}C-NH_2$
- $-SO_3H$
- $-CN$
- $-NO_2$

Examples:



This line "-" represents the bond between G and benzene.

Examples:



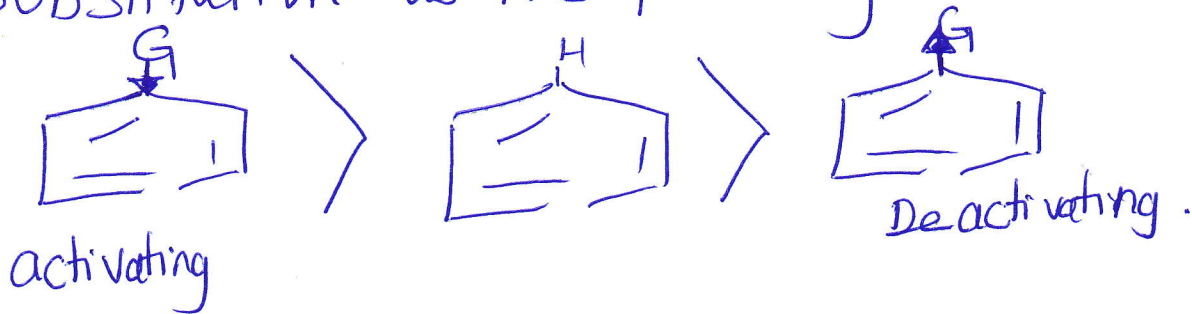
\*Did you observe the difference between these groups?

Activating groups: nitrogen and oxygen atoms (have lone pair of electrons) attached directly to benzene, or R-group. "No lone pair of electrons".

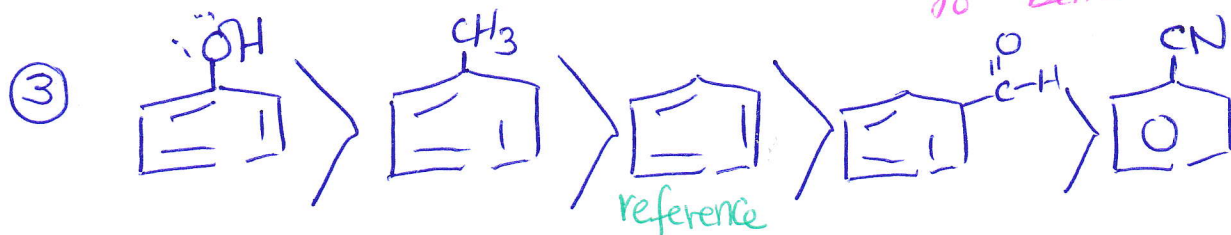
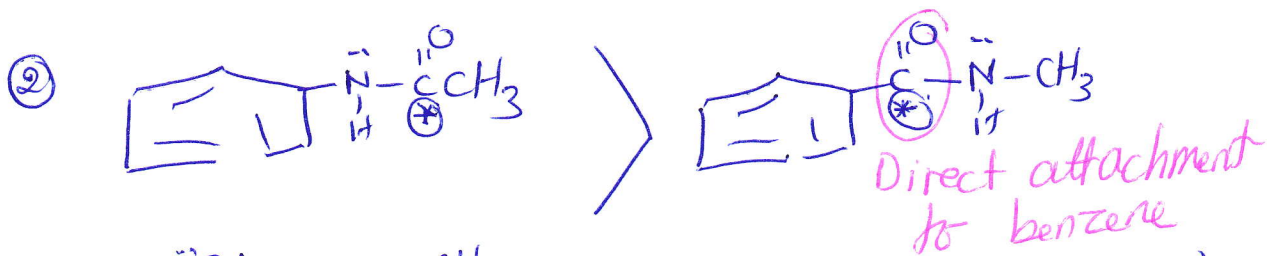
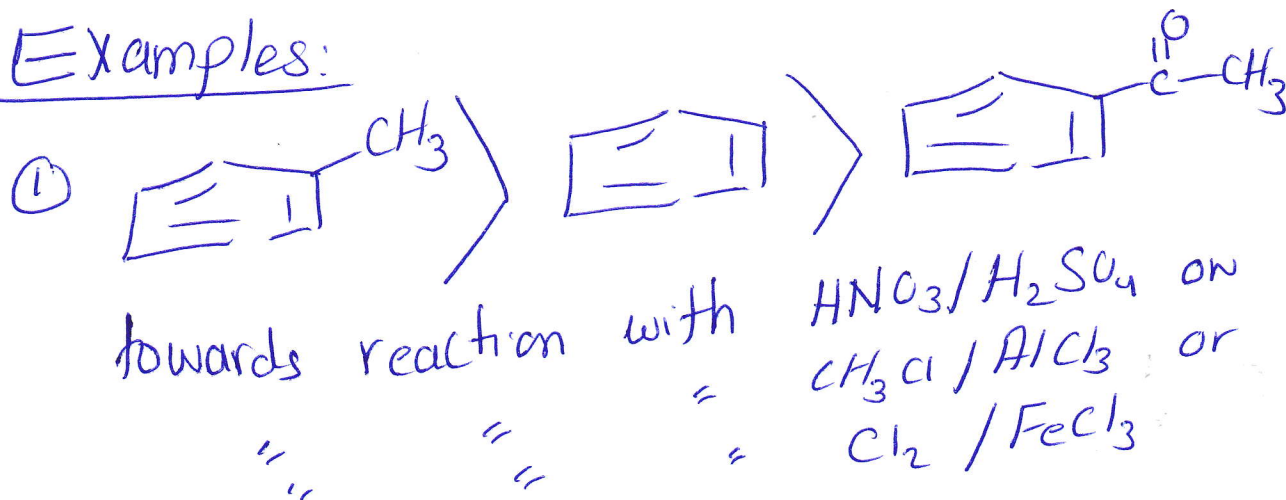
Deactivating groups: "Electron-withdrawing"

$\overset{O}{\parallel}C$  is attached directly to benzene on presence of  $SO_3H, CN, NO_2$

Now, reactivity of electrophilic aromatic substitution has the following order:



Examples:



Note: you have to remember all of substituents and to which groups (activating or deactivating) are they belong  
 Now, what is the explanation for this trend?