

Fonction et réaction organiques II

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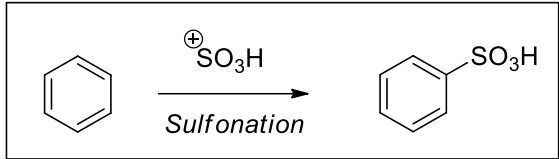
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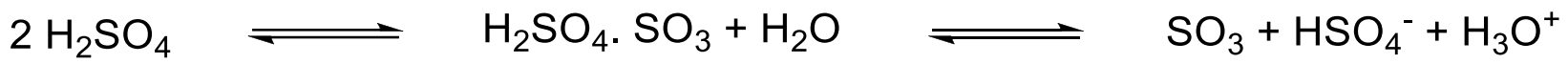
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1.2.2.4. Sulfonation



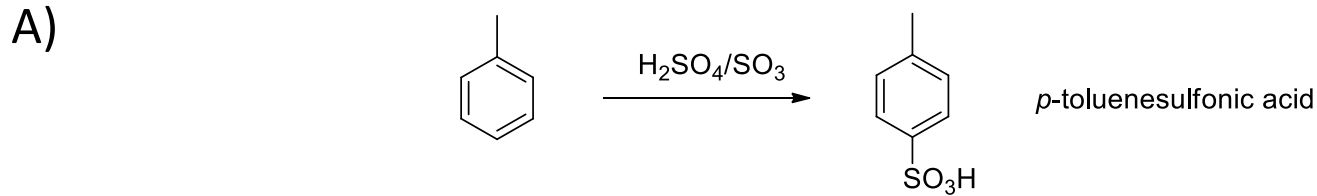
- Electrophile = SO_3H^+ , sulfonium ion
- Preparative Methods for Electrophile SO_3H^+ preparation:

– Autoprotolysis of sulfuric acid

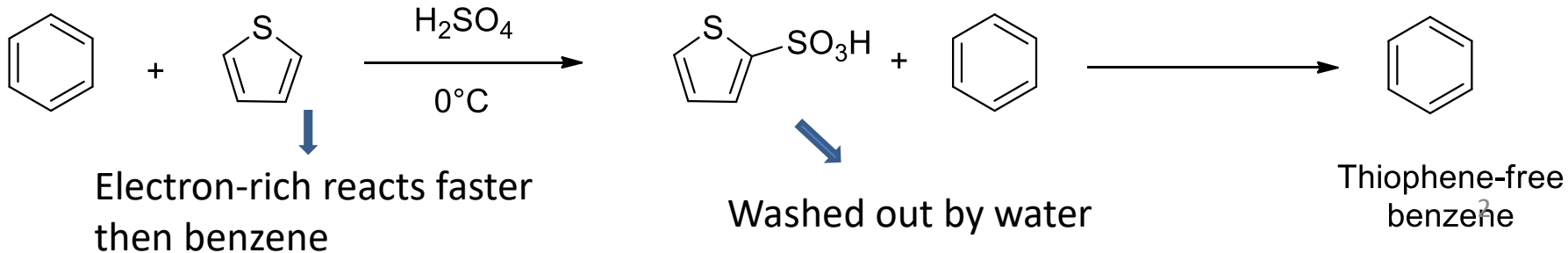


– More forcing condition: Oleum (mixture of H_2SO_4 (100%) and SO_3 (up to 30%))

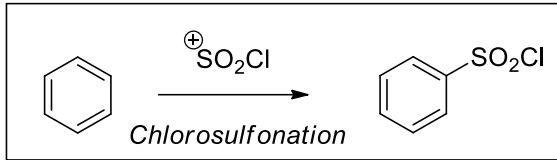
Representative examples:



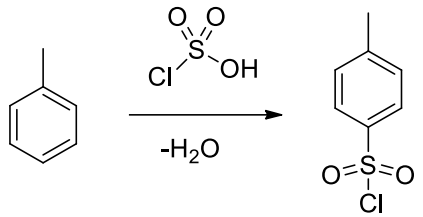
B) Historical purification of benzene by removal of thiophene after distillation of crude oil



1.2.2.5. Chlorosulfonation

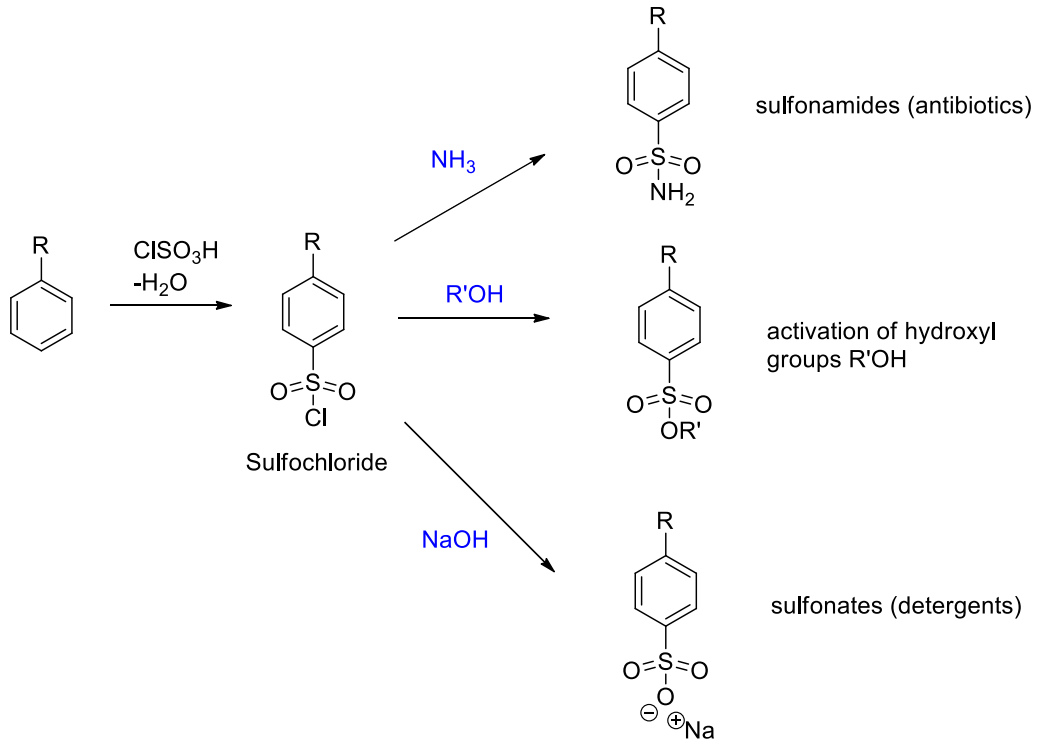


Reagent: Chlorosulfonic acid ClSO_3H

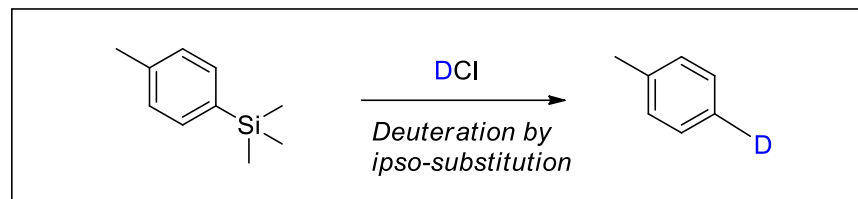


TsCl (Tosylchloride)
very useful activating group
for hydroxyl groups

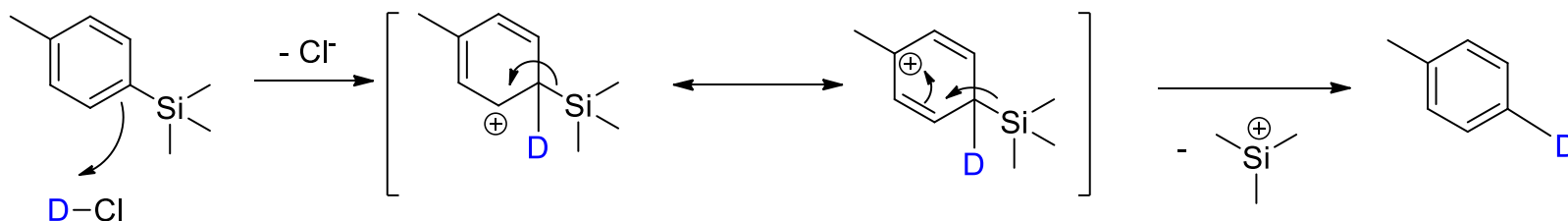
Representative example: sulfochlorides are synthetically very versatile



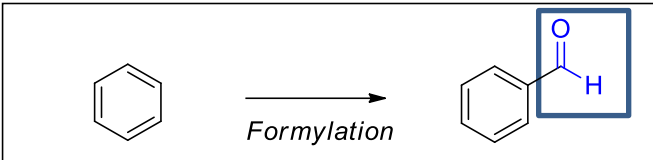
1.2.2.6. Deuteration by ipso-substitution



Selective method to introduce a ^2H (D) deuterium label

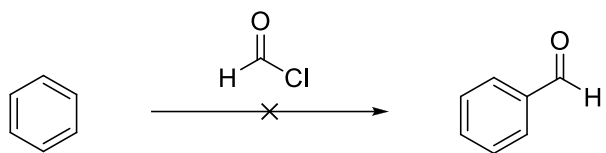


1.2.2.7. Formylation

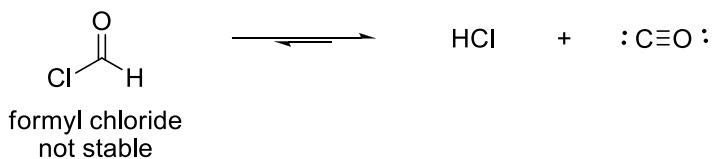


Introduction of a formyl group

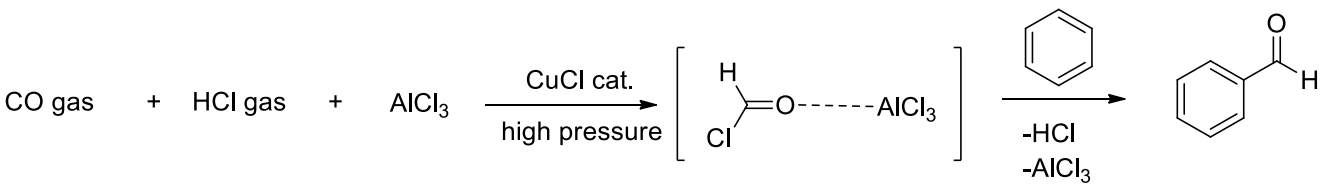
The obtained products are aromatic aldehydes.



Not possible by using the Friedel-Crafts acylations, formyl chloride is not stable and decomposes to HCl and CO



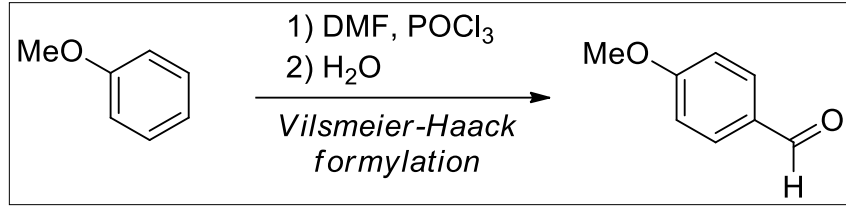
• Used with limitations in the Gattermann-Koch-Process



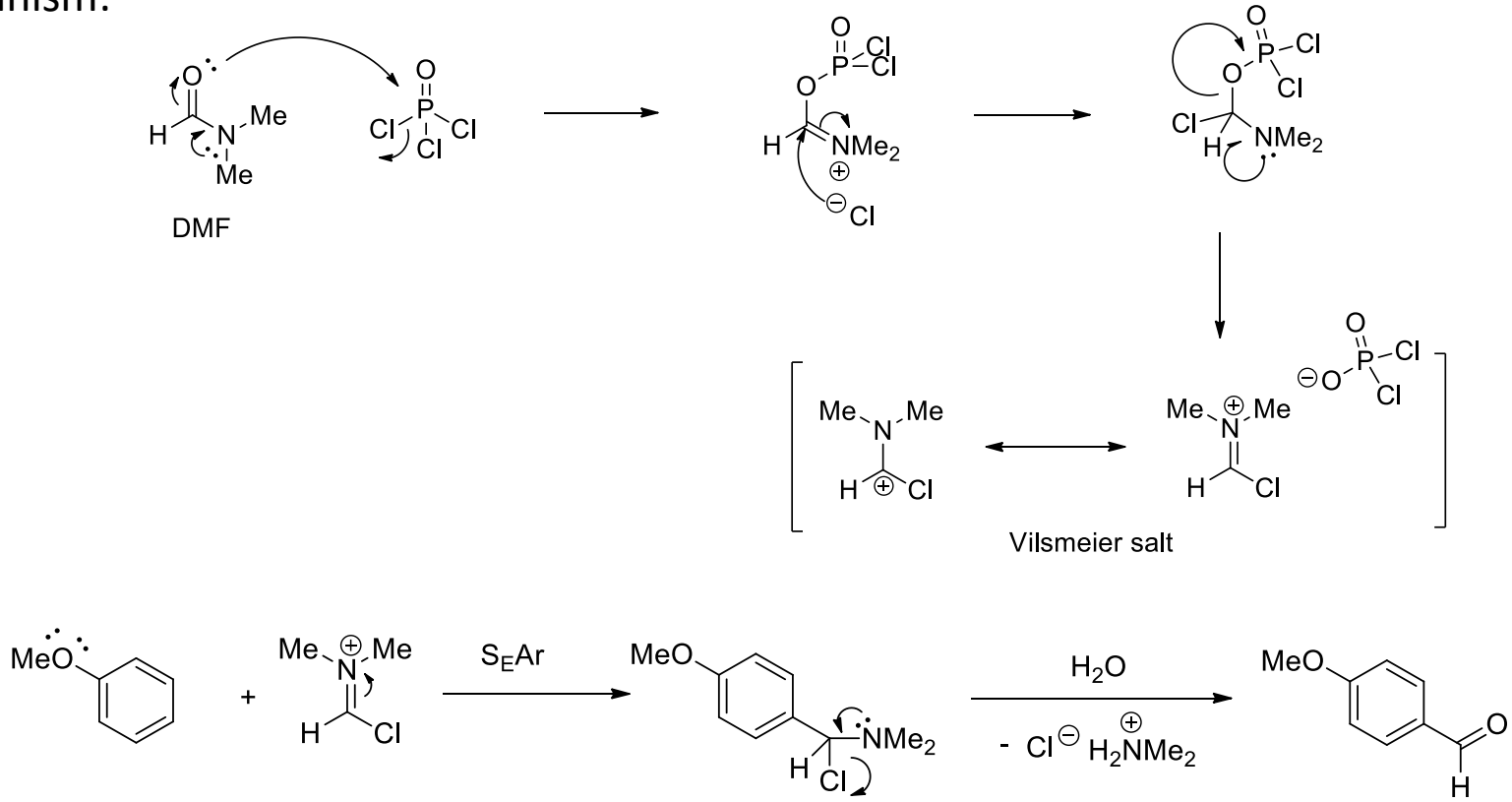
The method is not convenient on a laboratory scale. The process requires high pressures of the gases to shift the equilibrium towards the formyl chloride.

1.2.2.7. Formylation

- Vilsmeier-Haack formylation: (requires an **electron rich** aromatic substrate)

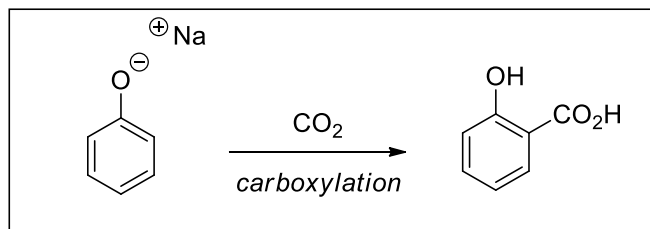


Mechanism:



1.2.2.8. Carboxylation

- Kolbe-Schmitt reaction:

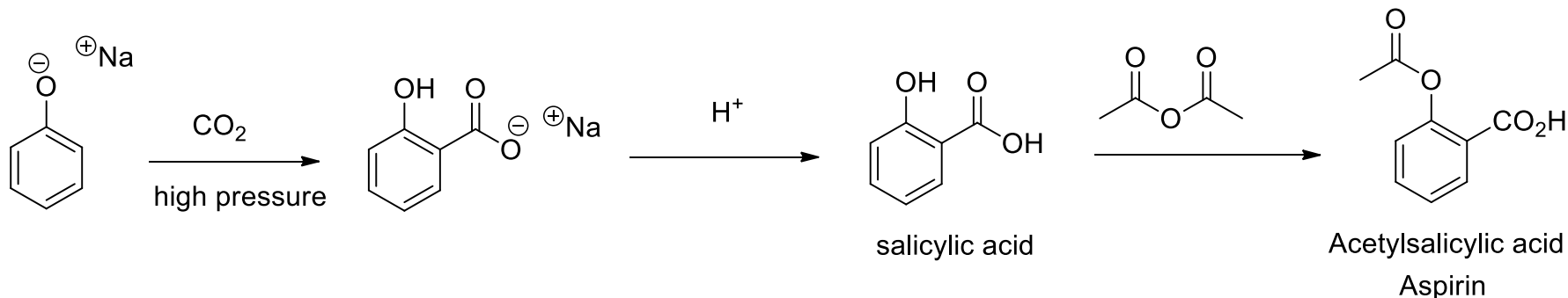


Carbon dioxide CO_2 is a weak electrophile



Only react with very activated aromatic substrates

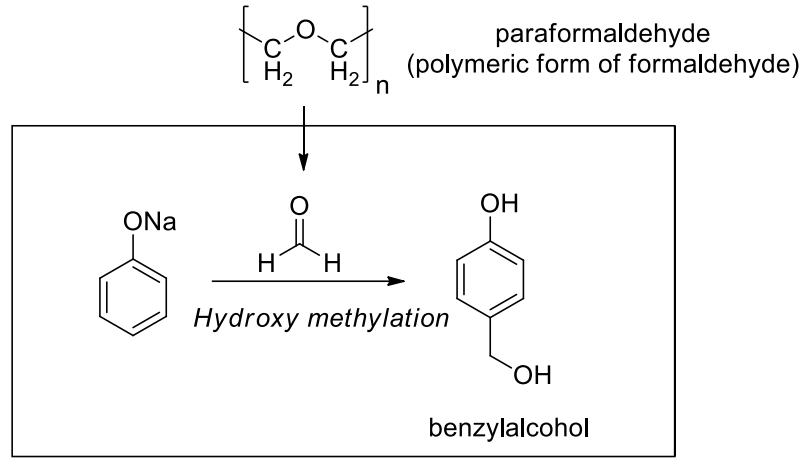
Most important example: synthesis of aspirin



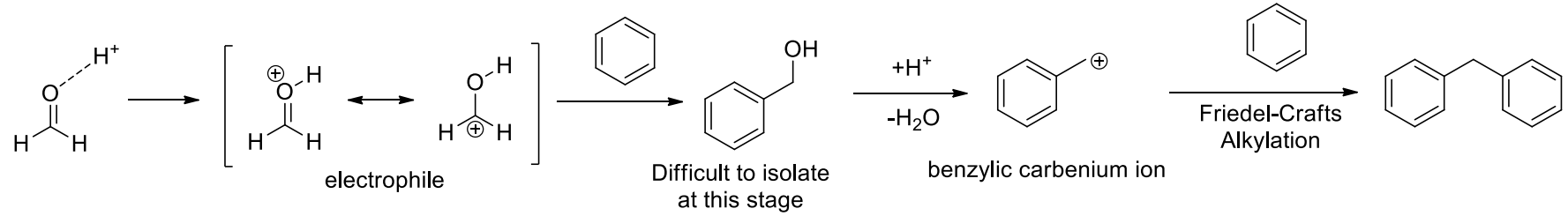
1.2.2.9. Hydroxy methylation

Only with **activated** aromatic substrates

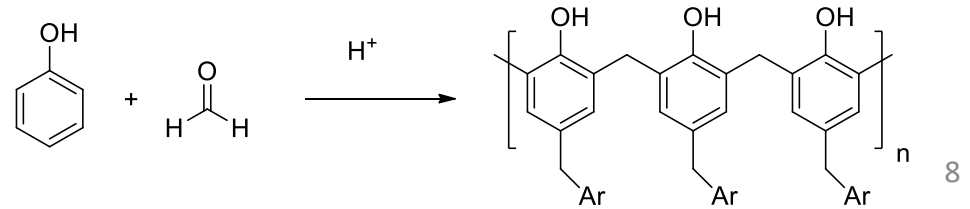
- Reaction under basic conditions:



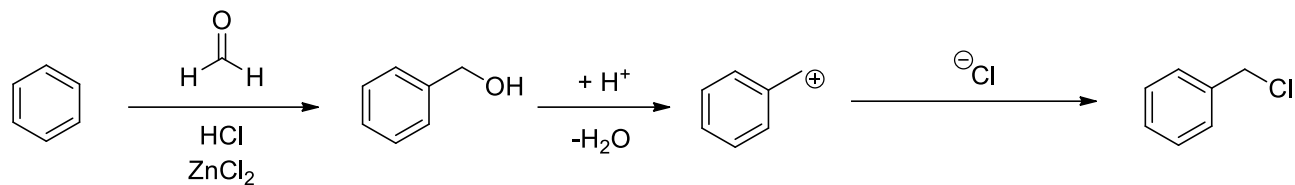
- Reaction under acidic condition: less reactive aromatic substrates can be used



Reaction used in manufacture of Bakelite, one of the first synthetic plastic polymers in 1907-1909

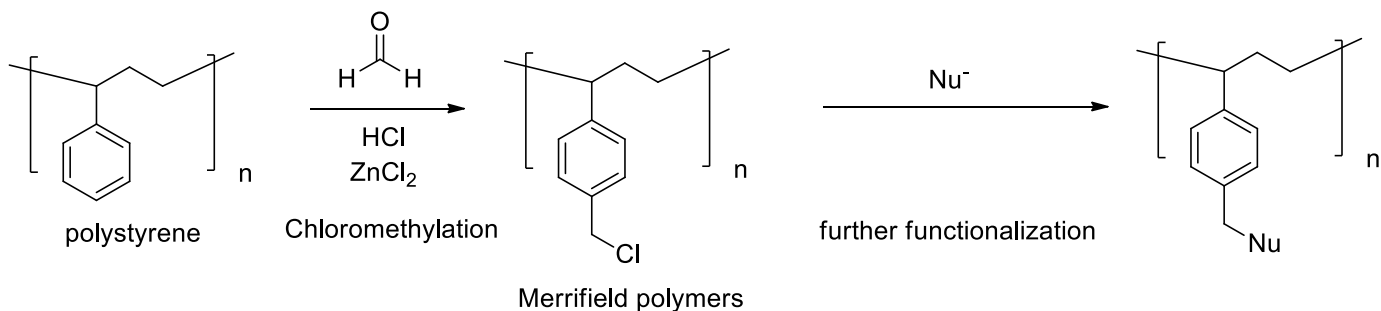


1.2.2.10. Chloromethylation

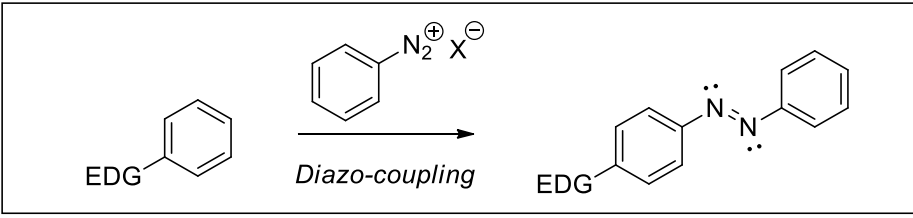


Benzylhalides are important synthetic intermediates and as well relevant for solid phase chemistry

Application: preparation of Merrifield resins

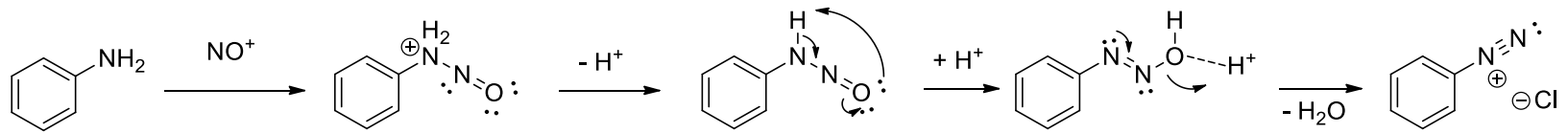
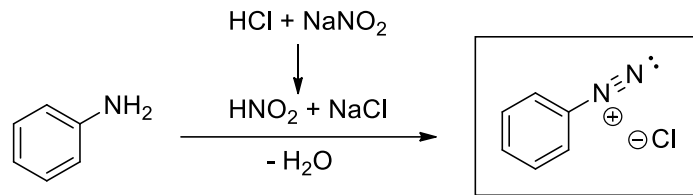


1.2.2.11 Diazo-coupling

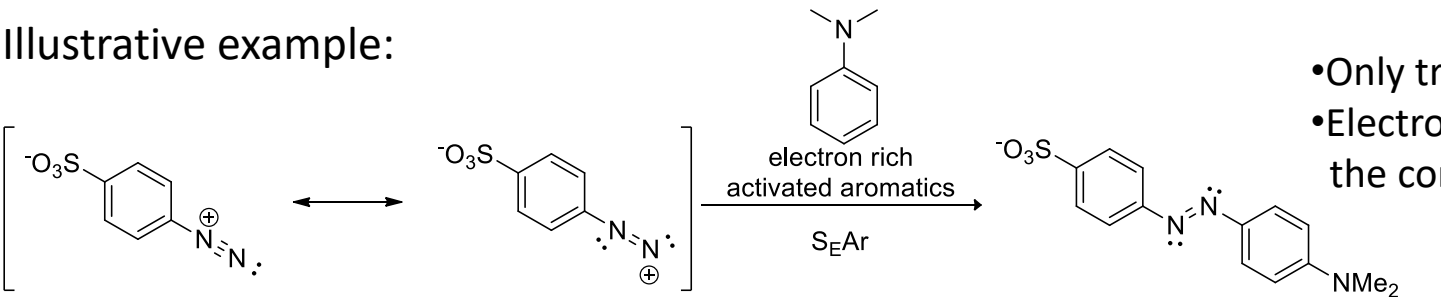


Diazo coupling requires **activated** aromatic substrates!

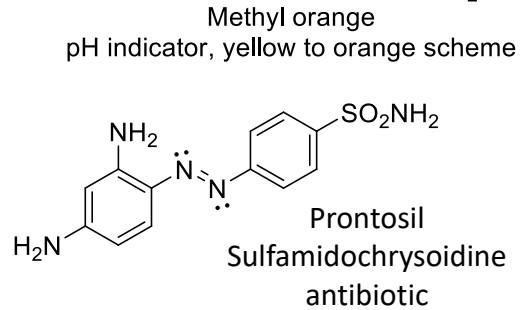
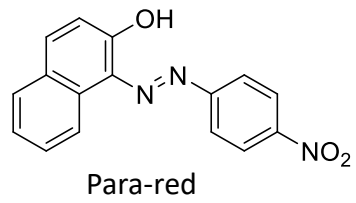
Preparation of the diazonium electrophile:



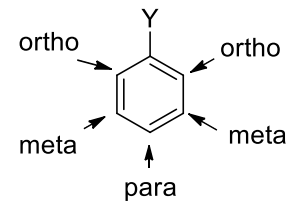
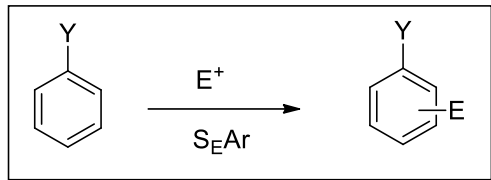
Illustrative example:



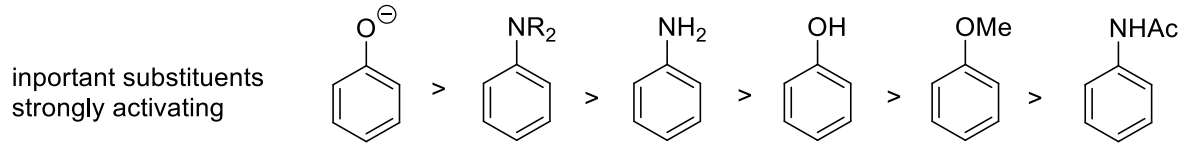
- Only trans isomers are formed
- Electron delocalized over the complete π -system



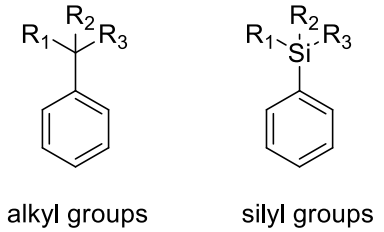
1.2.3. Secondary substitution on the benzene ring



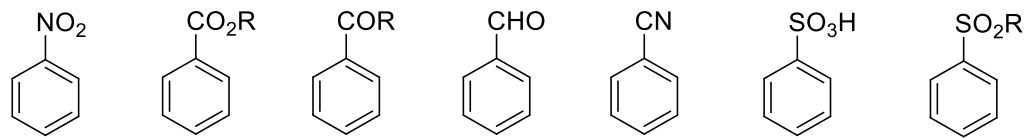
Y=EDG, π -donor, +M-effect \Rightarrow strongly activating ortho-/para- directing; reactivity increases up to 10^{20} times compared to Y=H



Y= σ -donor, +I-effect \Rightarrow slightly activating, ortho-/para- directing; reactivity increases up to 20 times faster compared to Y=H

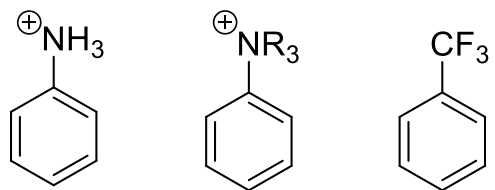


X=EWG, π -acceptor, -M-effect \Rightarrow strongly deactivating; meta-directing; up to 10^{-7} decreased reactivity compared to Y=H

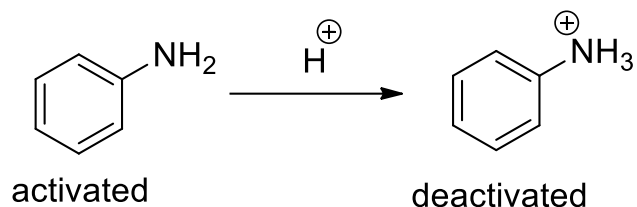


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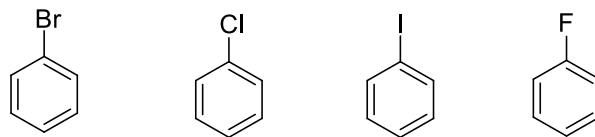
X= σ -acceptor, deactivating, *m*-directing



Reactivity can be modulated by pH:



Halogens are a special case: -I and +M effect



Slightly deactivating substituent (~ 30 times compared to $\text{Y}=\text{H}$)

But ortho- / para- directing group