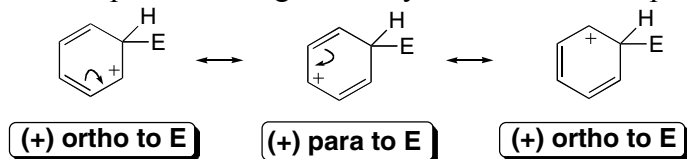


## Chapter 18: Electrophilic Aromatic Substitution

## ◆ Mechanism of electrophilic aromatic substitution (18.2)

- Electrophilic aromatic substitution follows a two-step mechanism. Reaction of the aromatic ring with an electrophile forms a carbocation, and loss of a proton regenerates the aromatic ring.
- The first step is rate-determining.
- The intermediate carbocation is stabilized by resonance; a minimum of three resonance structures can be drawn. The positive charge is always located ortho or para to the new C–E bond.



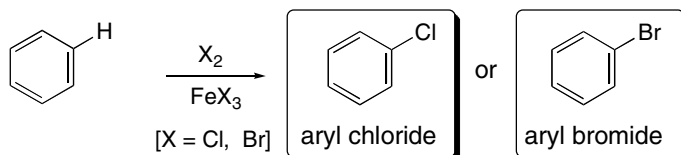
## ◆ Three rules describing the reactivity and directing effects of common substituents (18.7–18.9)

- [1] All ortho, para directors except the halogens activate the benzene ring.
- [2] All meta directors deactivate the benzene ring.
- [3] The halogens deactivate the benzene ring.

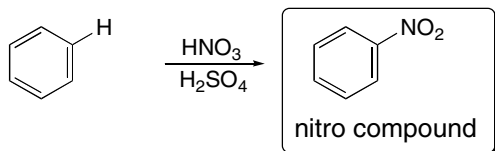
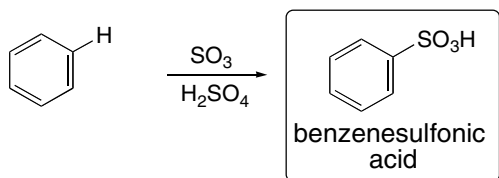
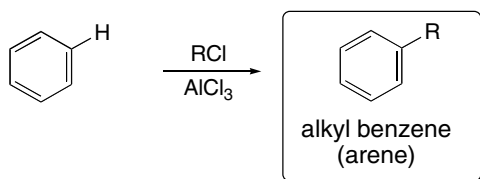
## ◆ Summary of substituent effects in electrophilic aromatic substitution (18.6–18.9)

	Substituent	Inductive effect	Resonance effect	Reactivity	Directing effect
[1]	 R = alkyl	donating	none	activating	ortho, para
[2]	 Z = N or O	withdrawing	donating	activating	ortho, para
[3]	 X = halogen	withdrawing	donating	deactivating	ortho, para
[4]	 Y ( $\delta^+$ or $+$ )	withdrawing	withdrawing	deactivating	meta

## ◆ Five examples of electrophilic aromatic substitution

**[1] Halogenation–Replacement of H by Cl or Br (18.3)**

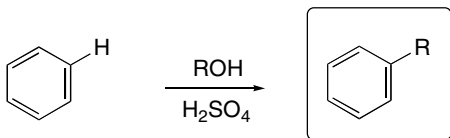
- Polyhalogenation occurs on benzene rings substituted by OH and NH<sub>2</sub> (and related substituents) (18.10A).

**[2] Nitration–Replacement of H by NO<sub>2</sub> (18.4)****[3] Sulfonation–Replacement of H by SO<sub>3</sub>H (18.4)****[4] Friedel–Crafts alkylation–Replacement of H by R (18.5)**

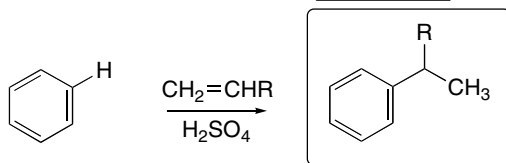
- Rearrangements can occur.
- Vinyl halides and aryl halides are unreactive.
- The reaction does not occur on benzene rings substituted by meta deactivating groups or NH<sub>2</sub> groups (18.10B).
- Polyalkylation can occur.

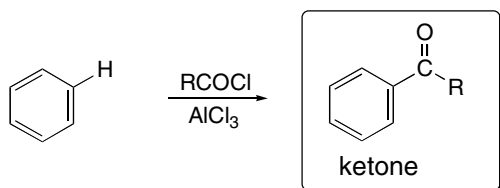
**Variations:**

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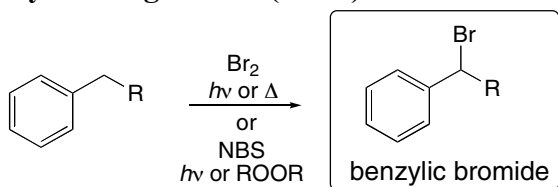
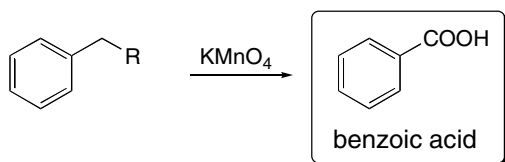


[2] with alkenes

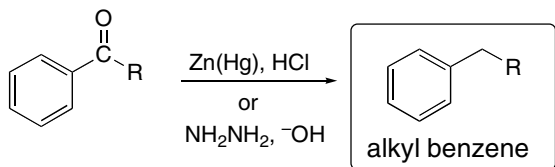
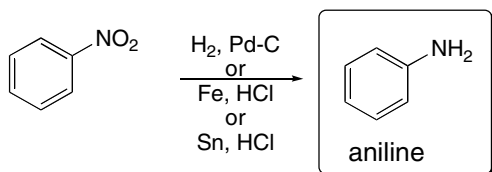


**[5] Friedel–Crafts acylation–Replacement of H by RCO (18.5)**

- The reaction does not occur on benzene rings substituted by meta deactivating groups or  $\text{NH}_2$  groups (18.10B).

**◆ Other reactions of benzene derivatives****[1] Benzylic halogenation (18.13)****[2] Oxidation of alkyl benzenes (18.14A)**

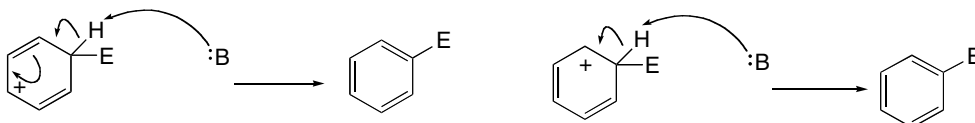
- A benzylic C–H bond is needed for reaction.

**[3] Reduction of ketones to alkyl benzenes (18.14B)****[4] Reduction of nitro groups to amino groups (18.14C)**

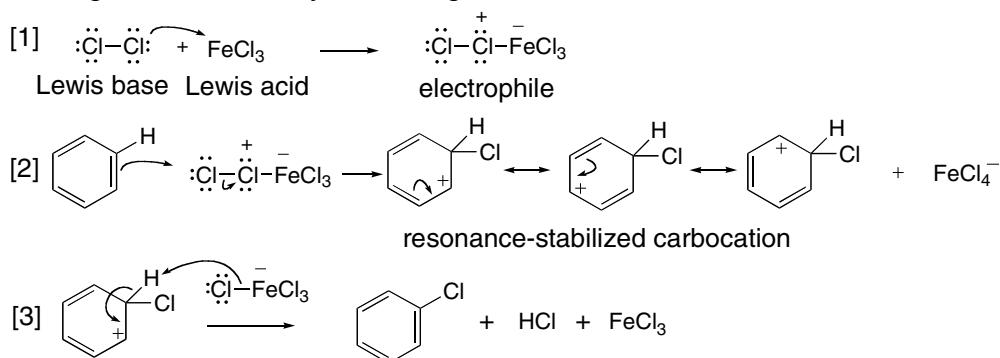
## Chapter 18: Answers to Problems

- 18.1** The  $\pi$  electrons of benzene are delocalized over the six atoms of the ring, increasing benzene's stability and making them less available for electron donation. With an alkene, the two  $\pi$  electrons are localized between the two C's making them more nucleophilic and thus more reactive with an electrophile than the delocalized electrons in benzene.

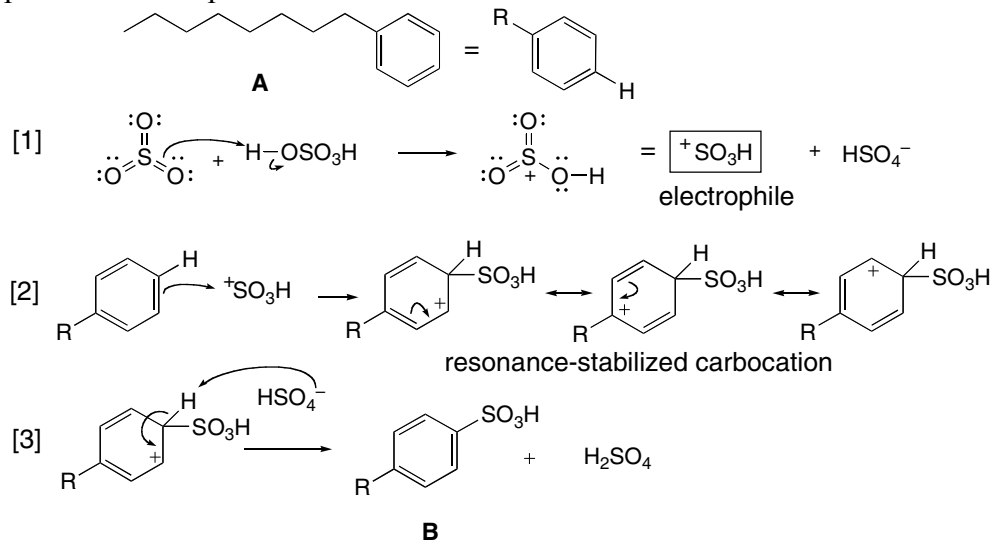
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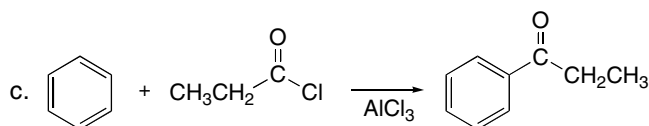
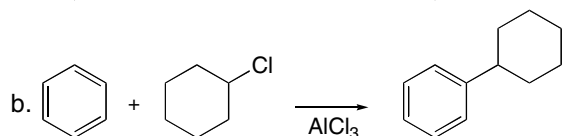
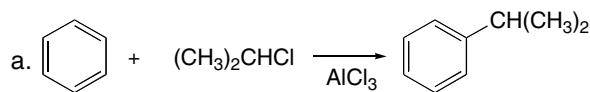
- 18.3** Reaction with  $\text{Cl}_2$  and  $\text{FeCl}_3$  as the catalyst occurs in two parts. First is the formation of an electrophile, followed by a two-step substitution reaction.



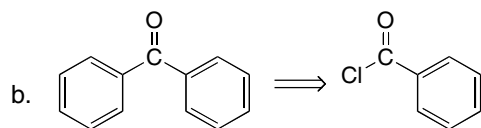
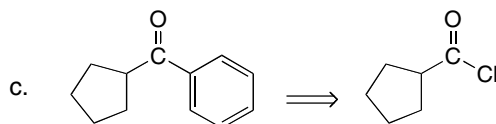
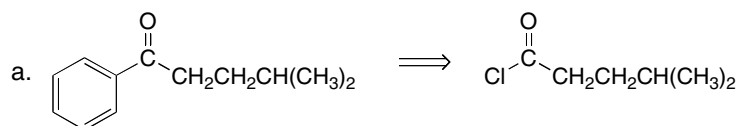
- 18.4** There are two parts in the mechanism. The first part is formation of an electrophile. The second part is a two-step substitution reaction.



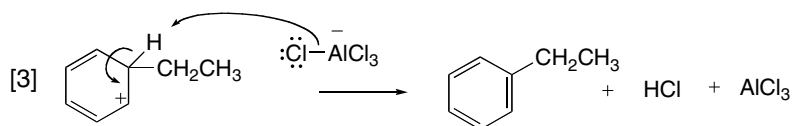
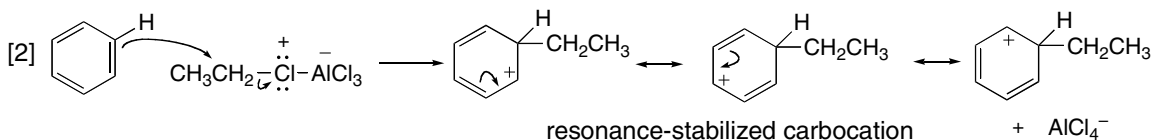
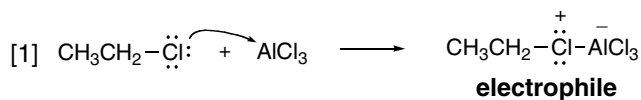
**18.5** Friedel–Crafts alkylation results in the transfer of an alkyl group from a halogen to a benzene ring. In Friedel–Crafts acylation an acyl group is transferred from a halogen to a benzene ring.



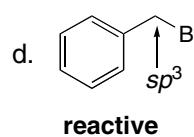
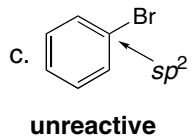
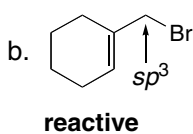
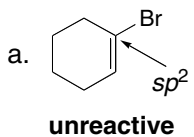
**18.6** Remember that an acyl group is transferred from a Cl atom to a benzene ring. To draw the acid chloride, substitute a Cl for the benzene ring.



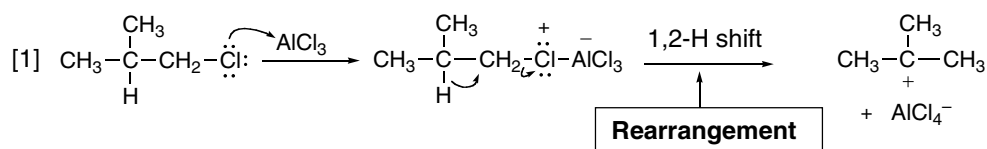
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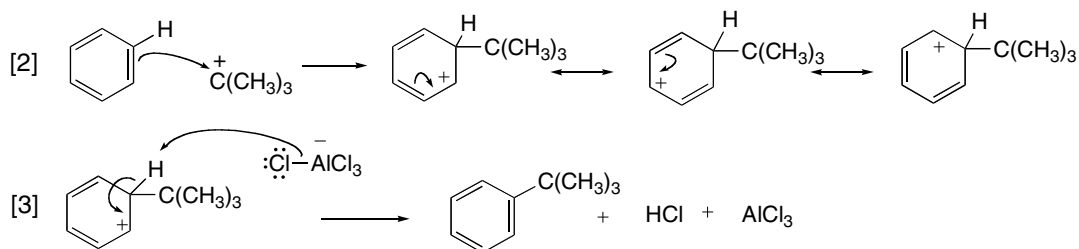


**18.8** To be reactive in a Friedel–Crafts alkylation reaction, the X must be bonded to an  $sp^3$  hybridized carbon atom.

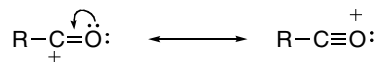


**18.9** The product has an “unexpected” carbon skeleton, so rearrangement must have occurred.

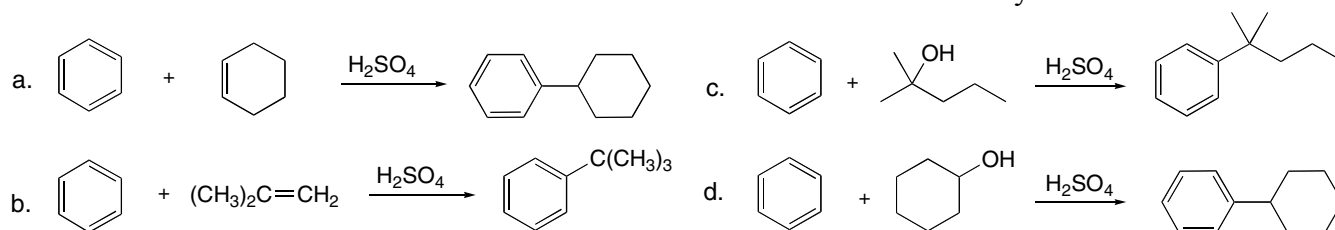




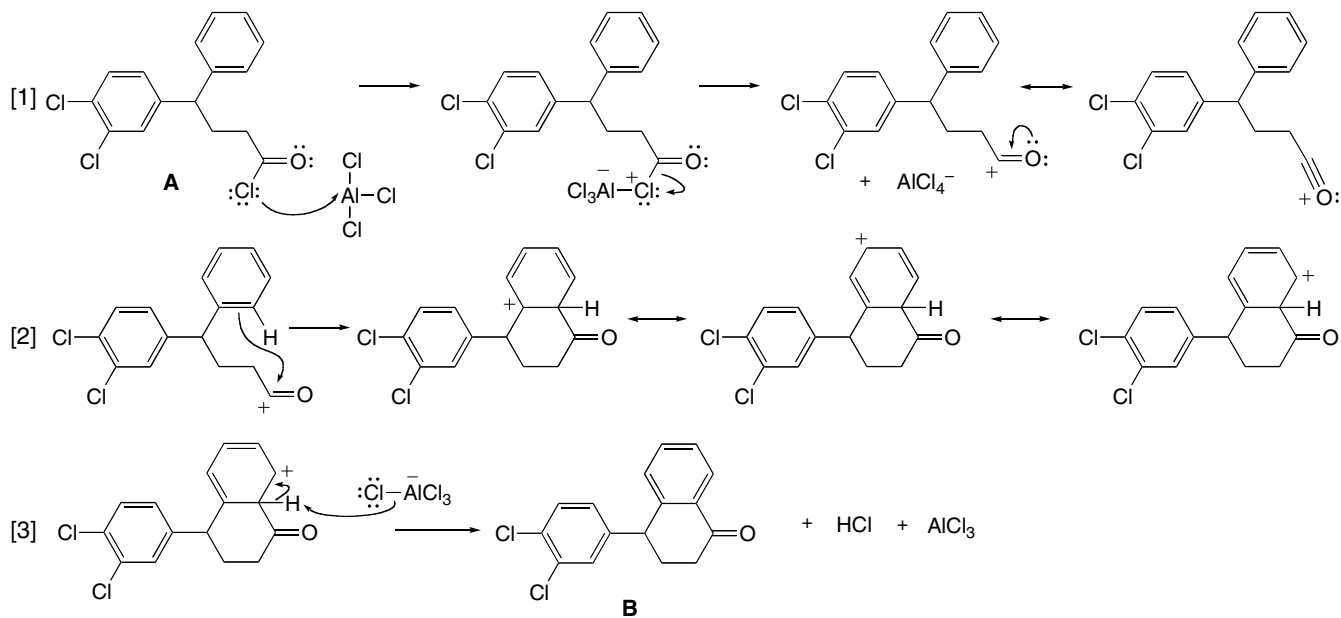
**18.10** Rearrangements do not occur with acylium ions formed in a Friedel–Craft acylation because the acylium ion is resonance stabilized.



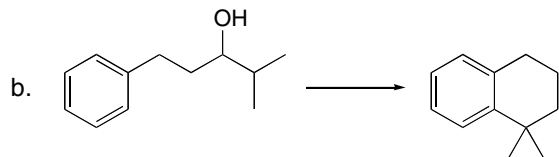
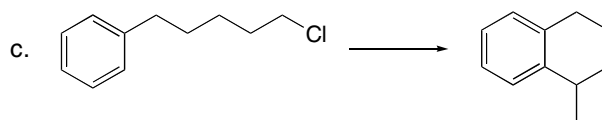
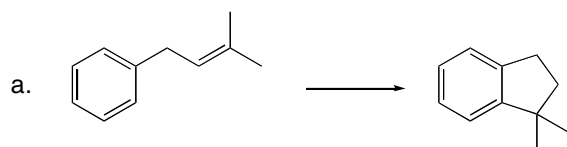
**18.11** Both alkenes and alcohols can form carbocations for Friedel–Crafts alkylation reactions.



**18.12**



**18.13** In parts (b) and (c), a 1,2-shift occurs to afford a rearrangement product.



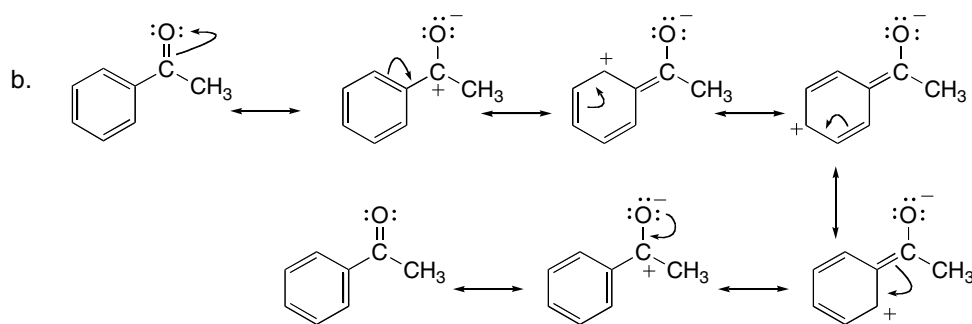
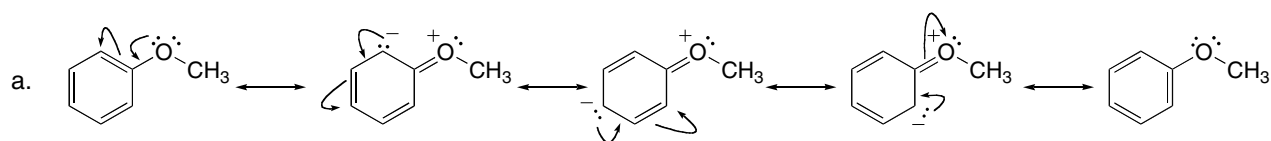
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alkyl group  
**electron donating**

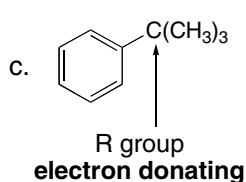
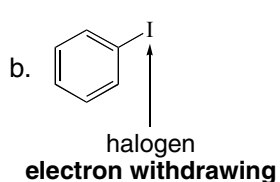
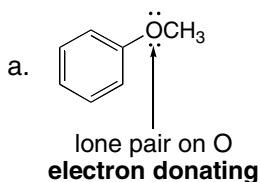
b.  $-\text{Br}$   
halide  
**electron withdrawing**

c.  $-\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_3$   
electronegative O  
**electron withdrawing**

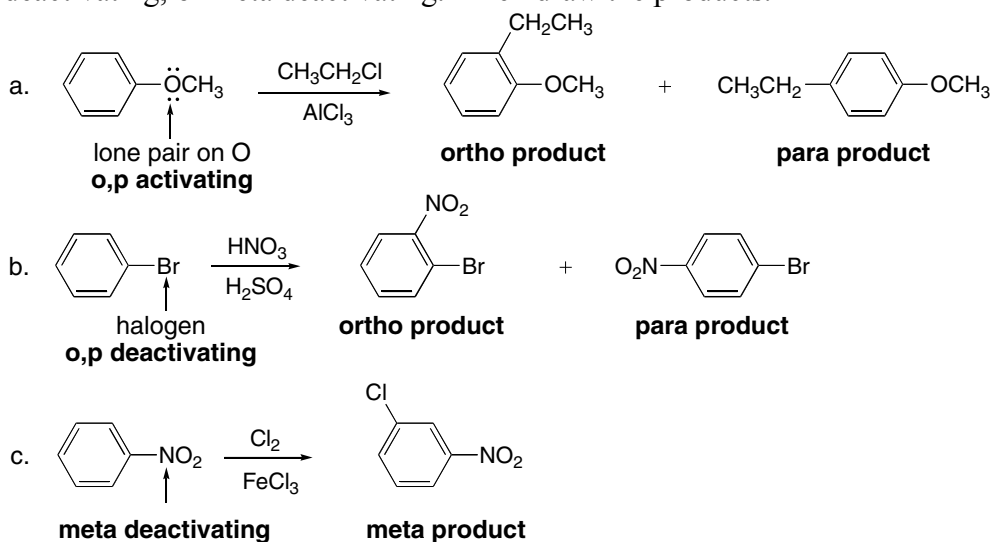
**18.15** Electron-donating groups place a negative charge in the benzene ring. Draw the resonance structures to show how  $-\text{OCH}_3$  puts a negative charge in the ring. Electron-withdrawing groups place a positive charge in the benzene ring. Draw the resonance structures to show how  $-\text{COCH}_3$  puts a positive charge in the benzene ring.



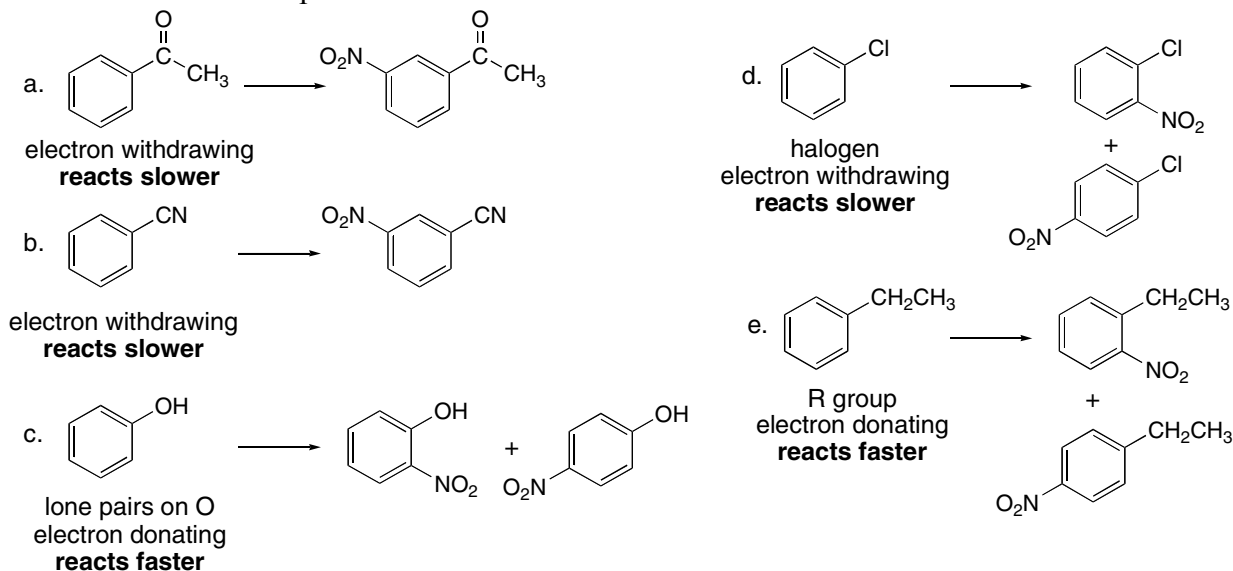
**18.16** To classify each substituent, look at the atom bonded directly to the benzene ring. All R groups and Z groups (except halogens) are electron donating. All groups with a positive charge,  $\delta^+$ , or halogens are electron withdrawing.



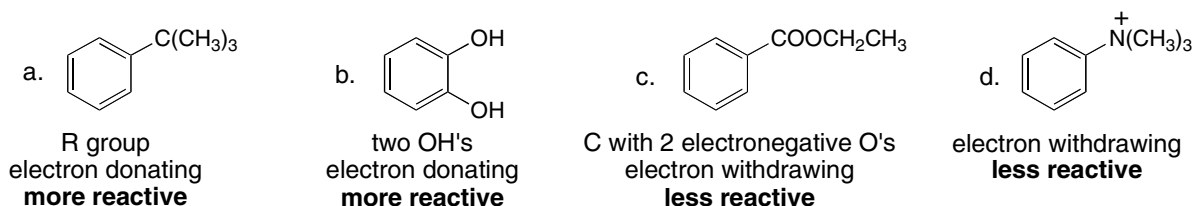
**18.17** First classify the substituents in the starting material as: ortho, para activating, ortho, para deactivating, or meta deactivating. Then draw the products.



**18.18** **Electron-donating groups** make the compound *react faster* than benzene in electrophilic aromatic substitution. **Electron-withdrawing groups** make the compound *react more slowly* than benzene in electrophilic aromatic substitution.

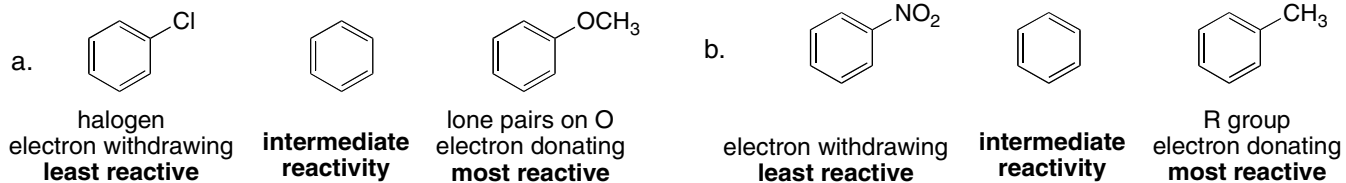


**18.19** **Electron-donating groups** make the compound *more reactive* than benzene in electrophilic aromatic substitution. **Electron-withdrawing groups** make the compound *less reactive* than benzene in electrophilic aromatic substitution.

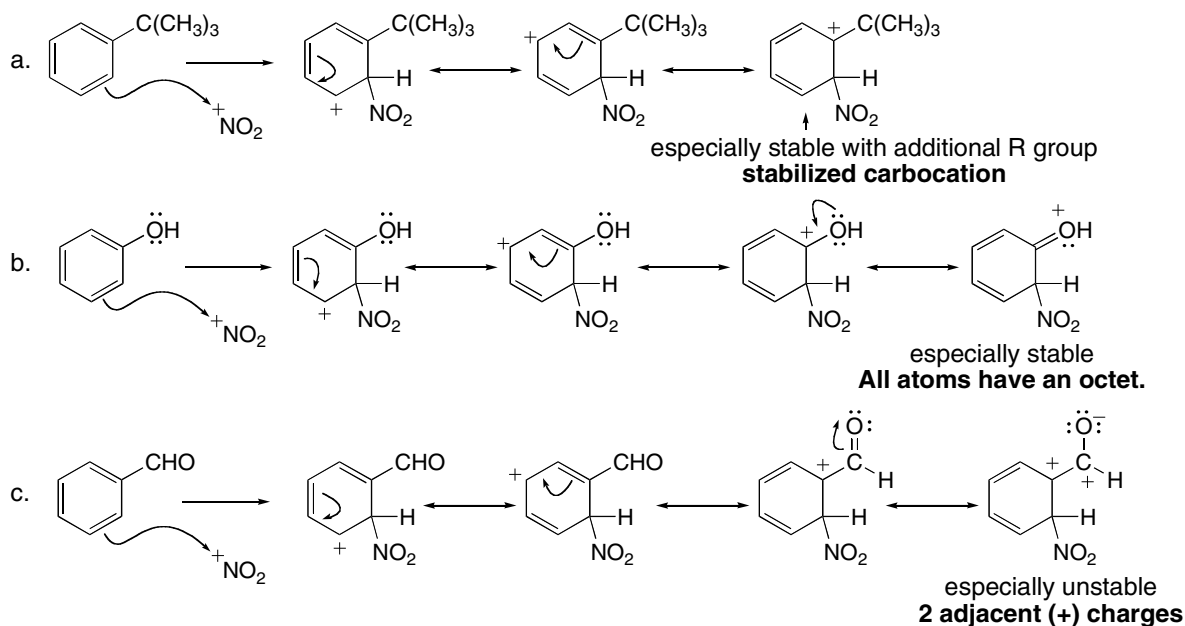




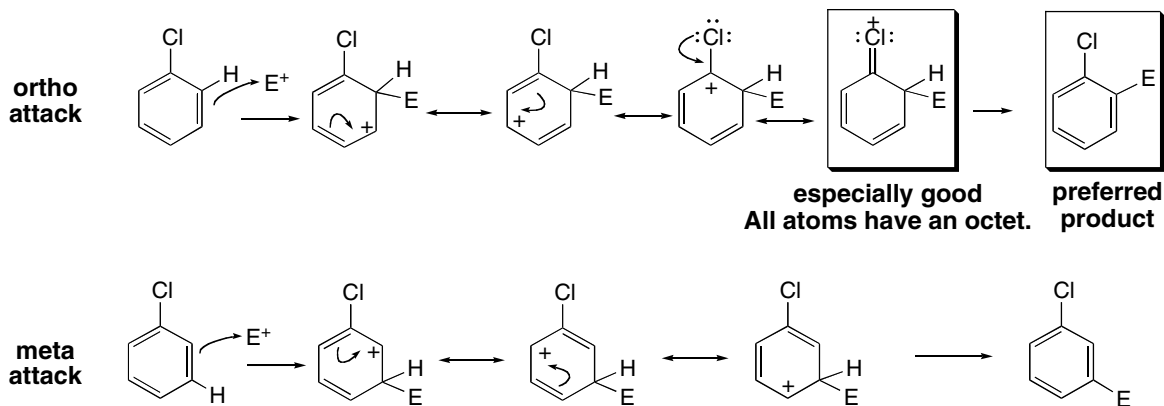
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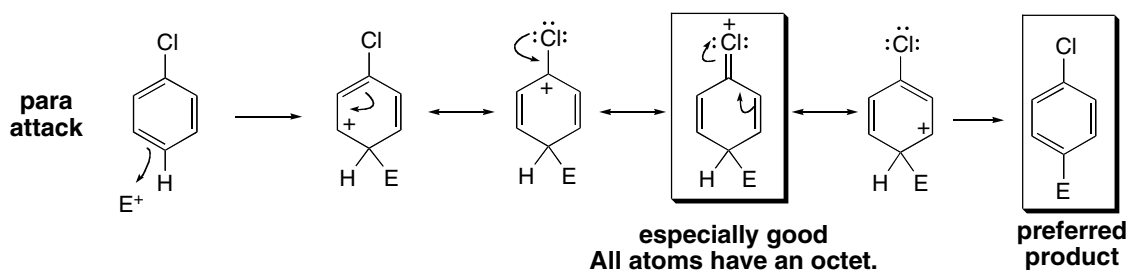


**18.21** Especially stable resonance structures have all atoms with an octet. Carbocations with additional electron donor R groups are also more stable structures. Especially unstable resonance structures have adjacent like charges.

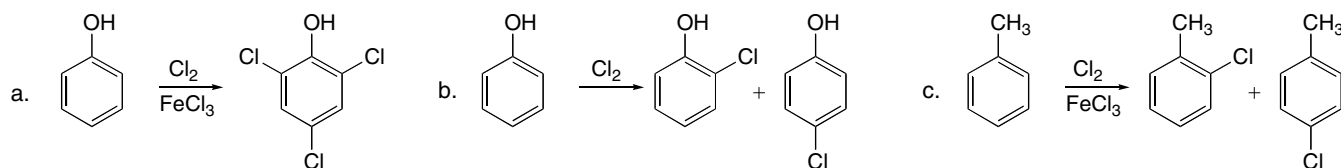


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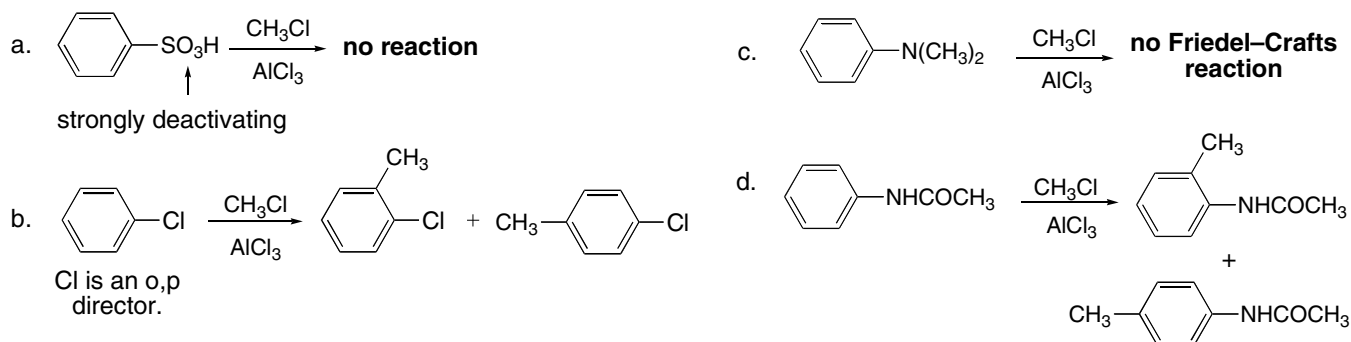




**18.23** Polyhalogenation occurs with highly activated benzene rings containing OH, NH<sub>2</sub>, and related groups with a catalyst.

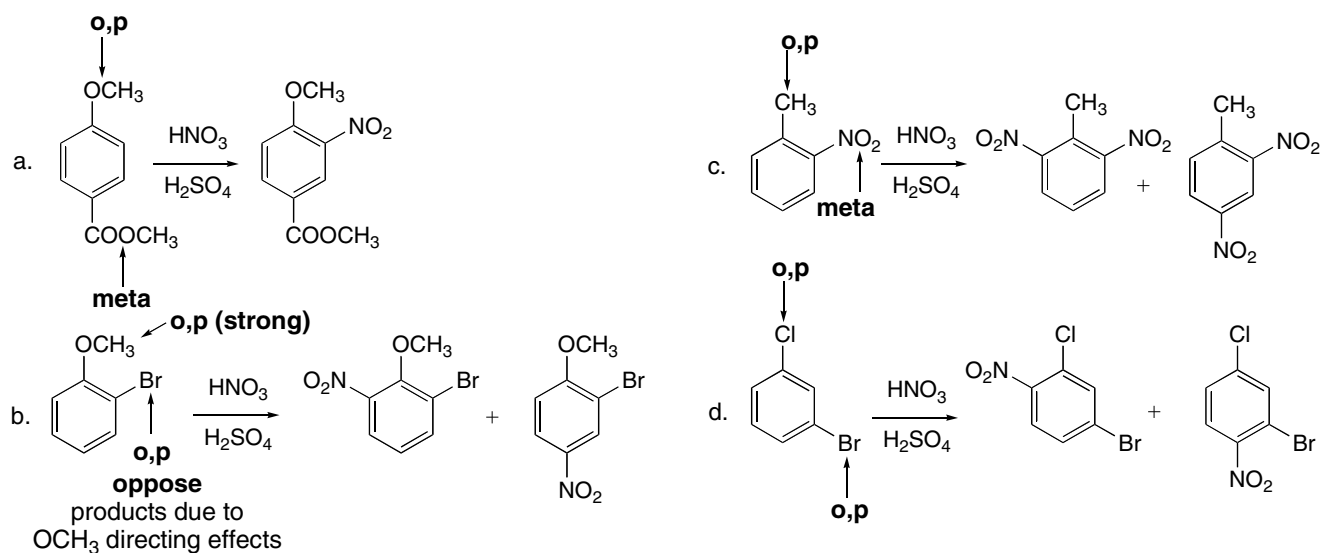


**18.24** Friedel–Crafts reactions do not occur with strongly deactivating substituents including NO<sub>2</sub>, or with NH<sub>2</sub>, NR<sub>2</sub>, or NHR groups.

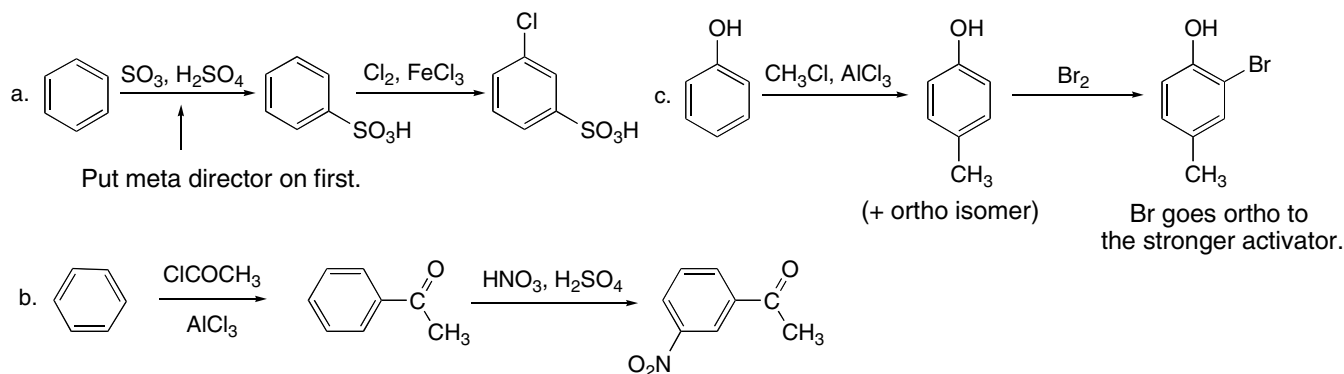


**18.25** To draw the product of reaction with these disubstituted benzene derivatives and HNO<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> remember:

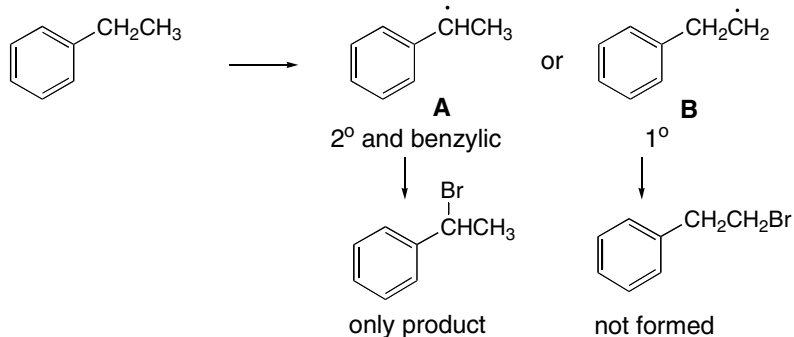
- If the two directing effects reinforce each other, the new substituent will be on the position reinforced by both.
- If the directing effects oppose each other, the stronger activator wins.
- No substitution occurs between two meta substituents.



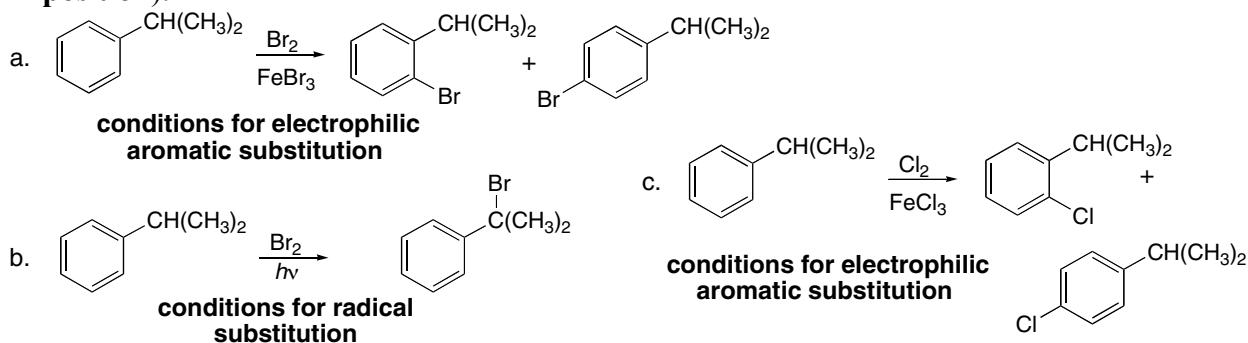
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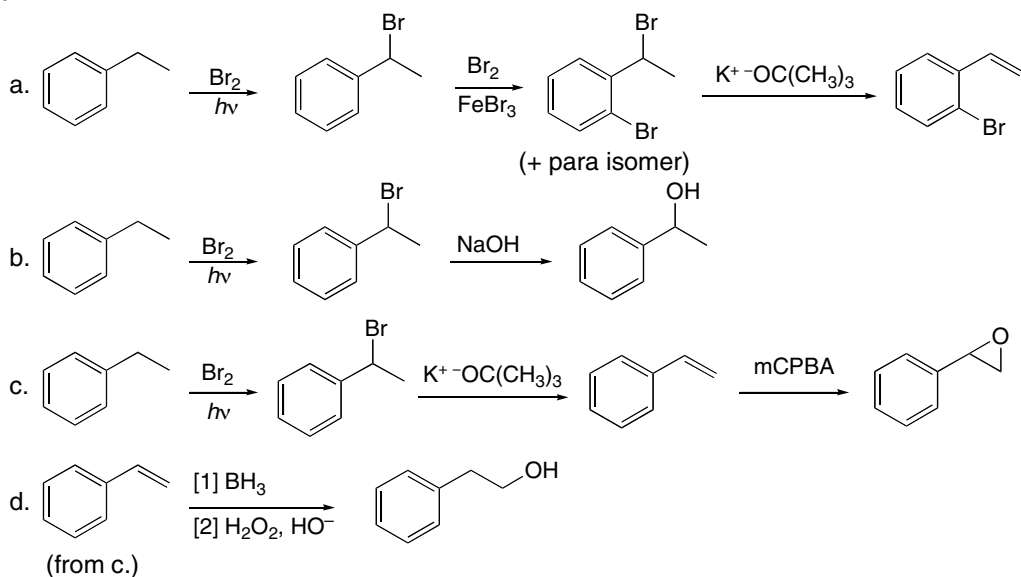
**18.27** This reaction proceeds via a radical bromination mechanism and two radicals are possible: **A** (2° and benzylic) and **B** (1°). Since **B** (which leads to C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Br) is much less stable, this radical is not formed so only C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CH(Br)CH<sub>3</sub> is formed as product.



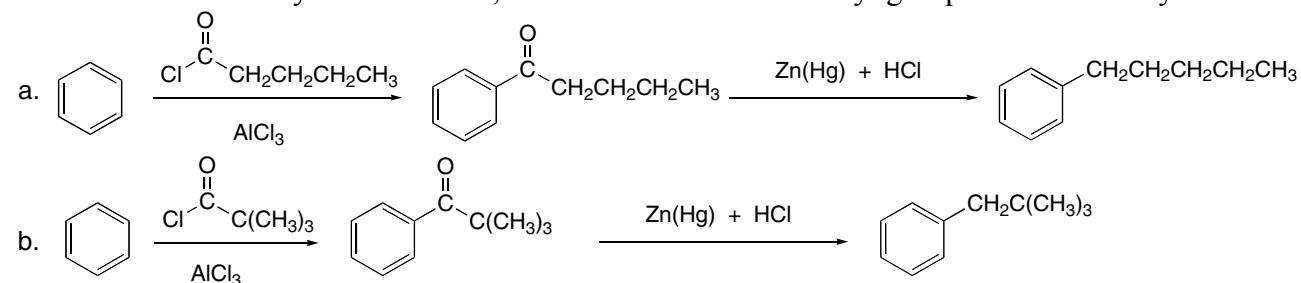
**18.28 Radical substitution** occurs at the carbon adjacent to the benzene ring (at the **benzylic position**).



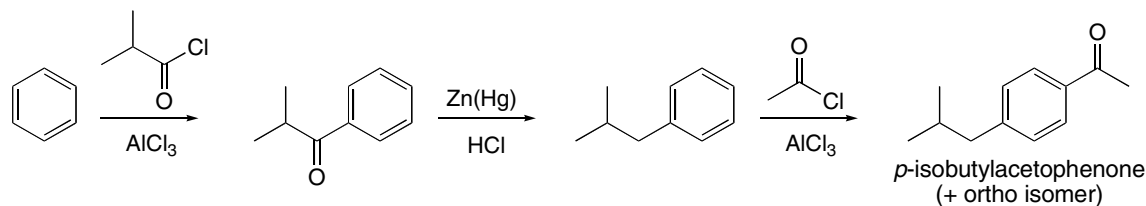
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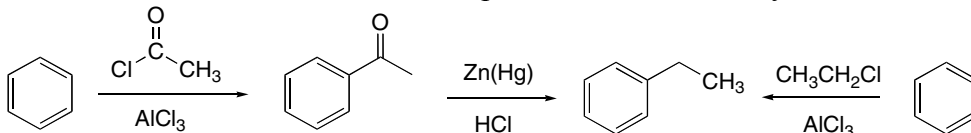
**18.30** First use an acylation reaction, and then reduce the carbonyl group to form the alkyl benzenes.



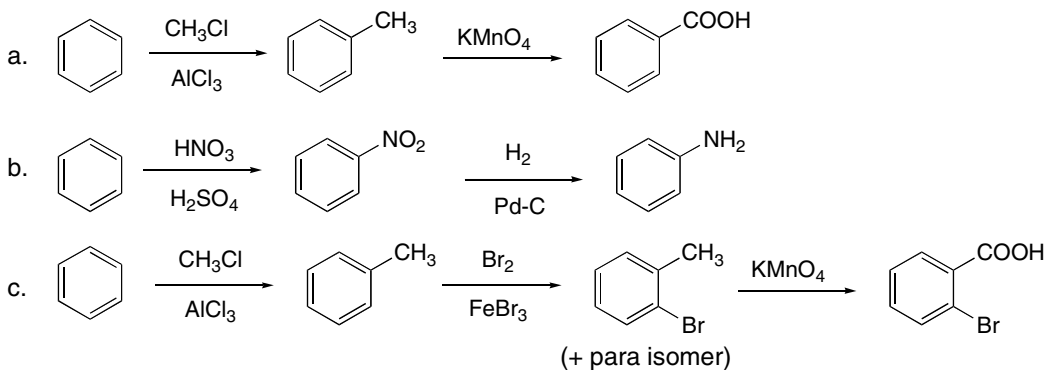
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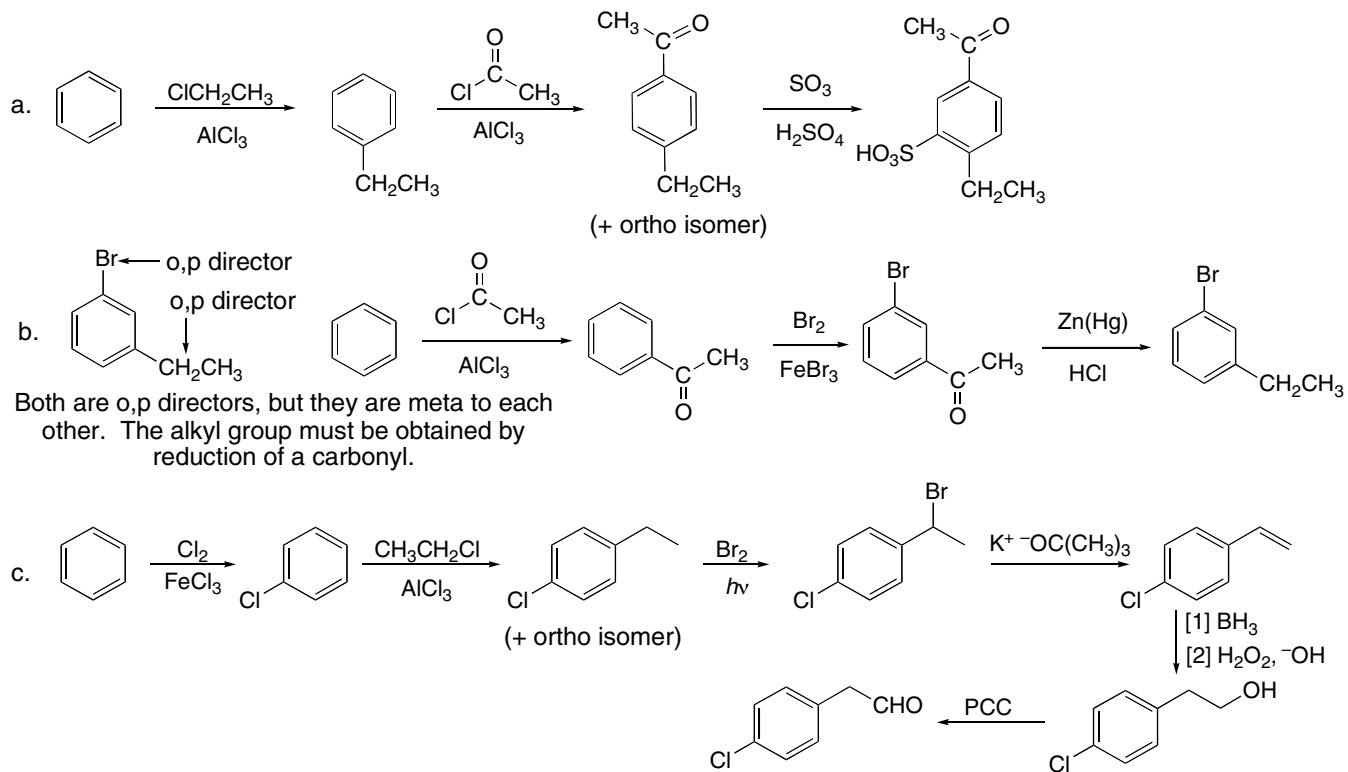
**18.32** When  $R = \text{CH}_3$  in  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CH}_2\text{R}$ , the product can be made by two different Friedel–Crafts reactions.

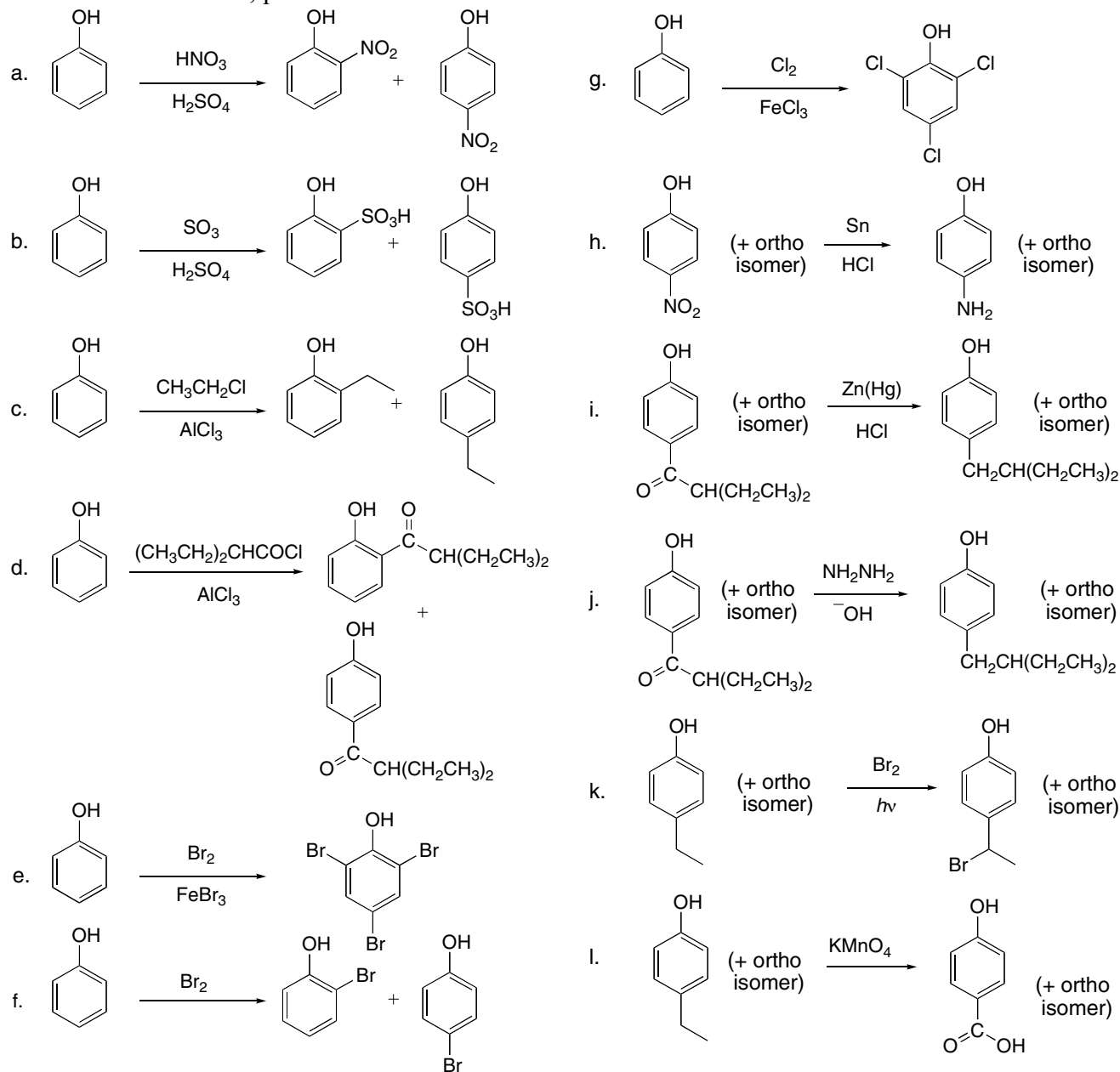
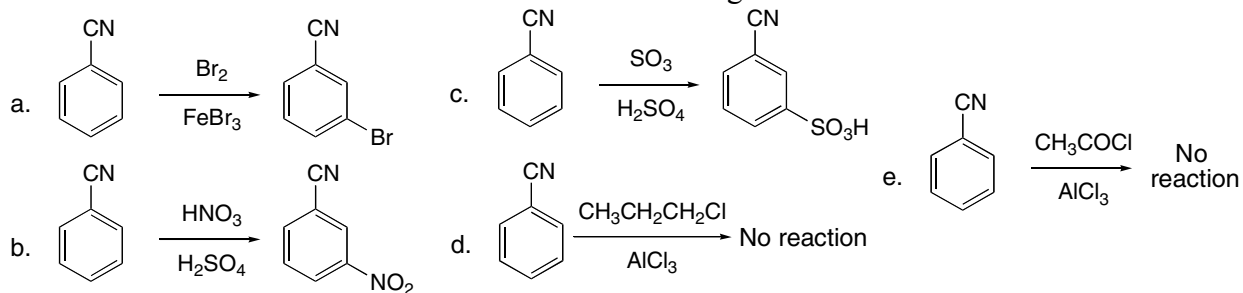


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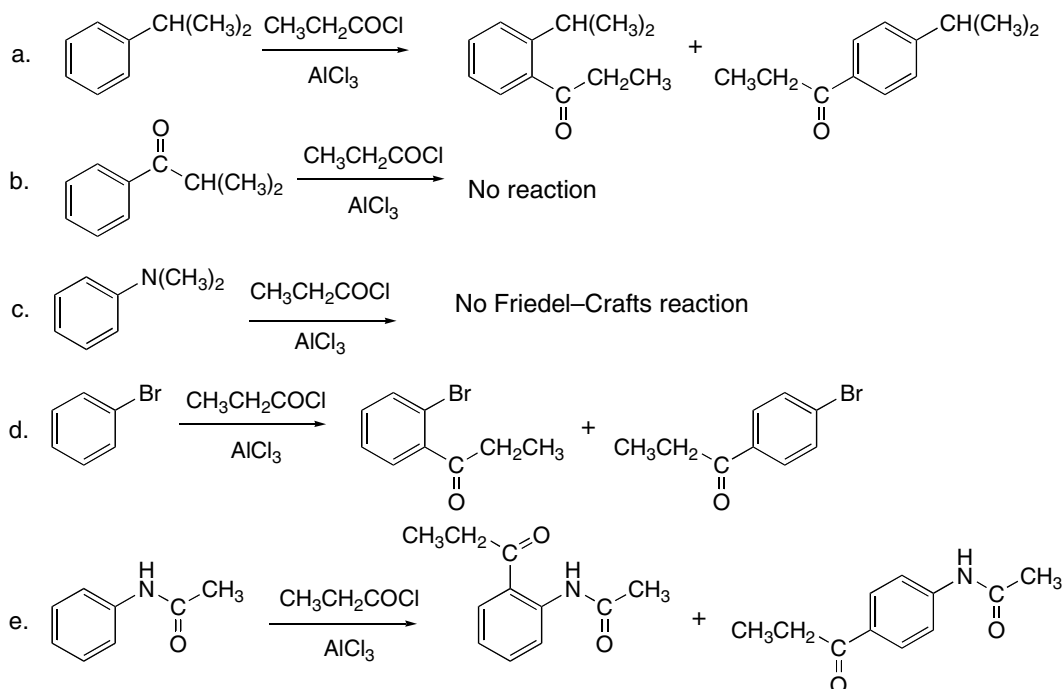


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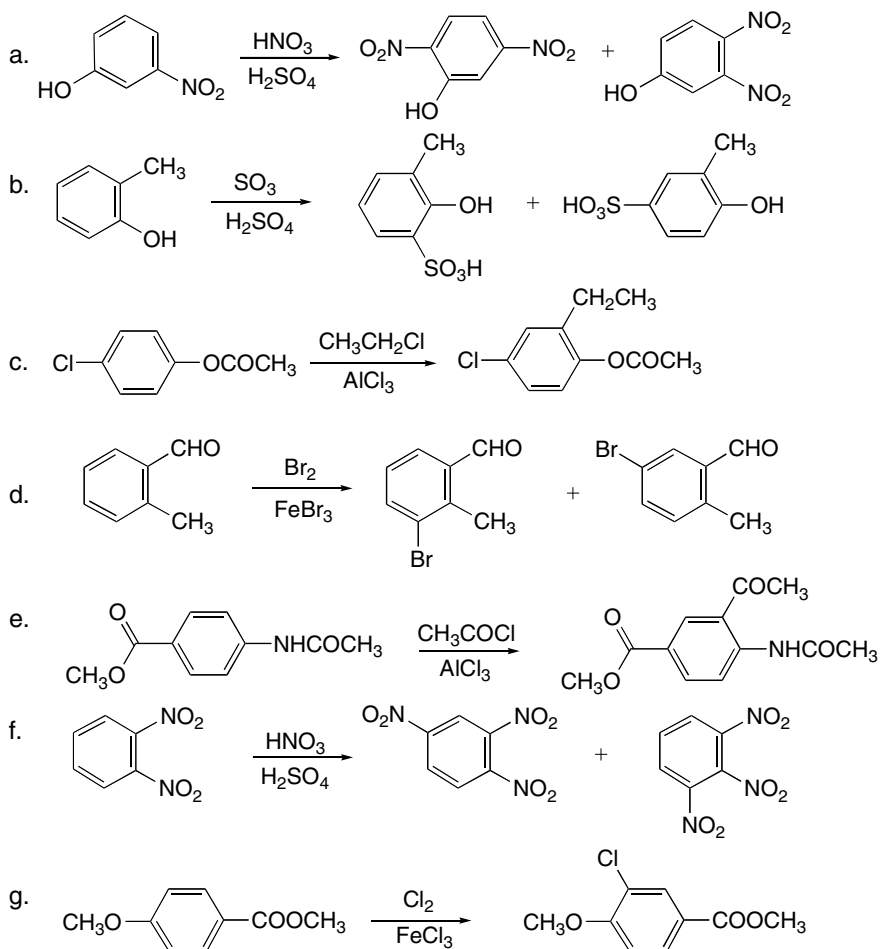


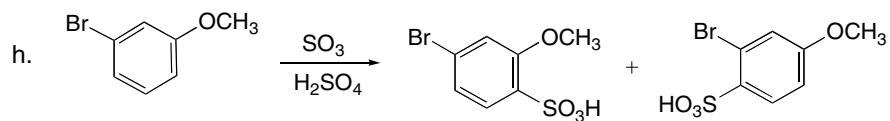
**18.35** OH is an ortho, para director.**18.36** CN is a meta director that deactivates the benzene ring.

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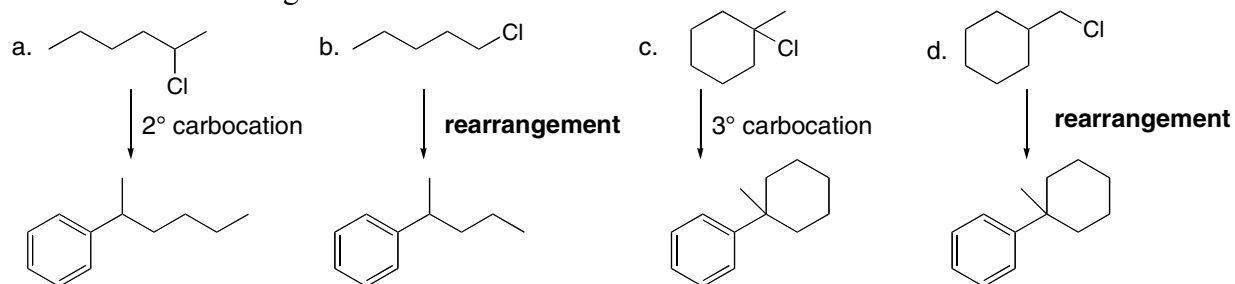


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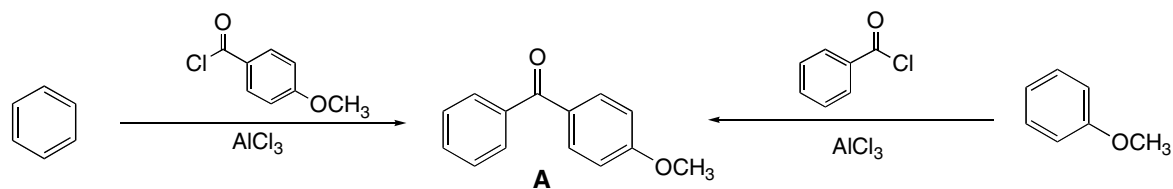




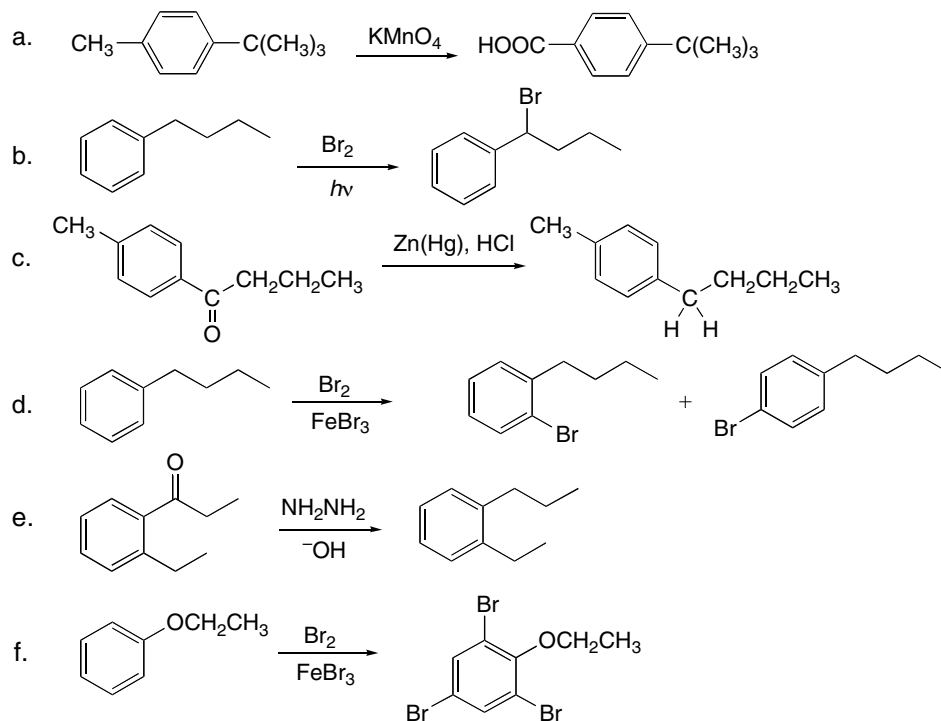
## 18.39 Watch out for rearrangements.



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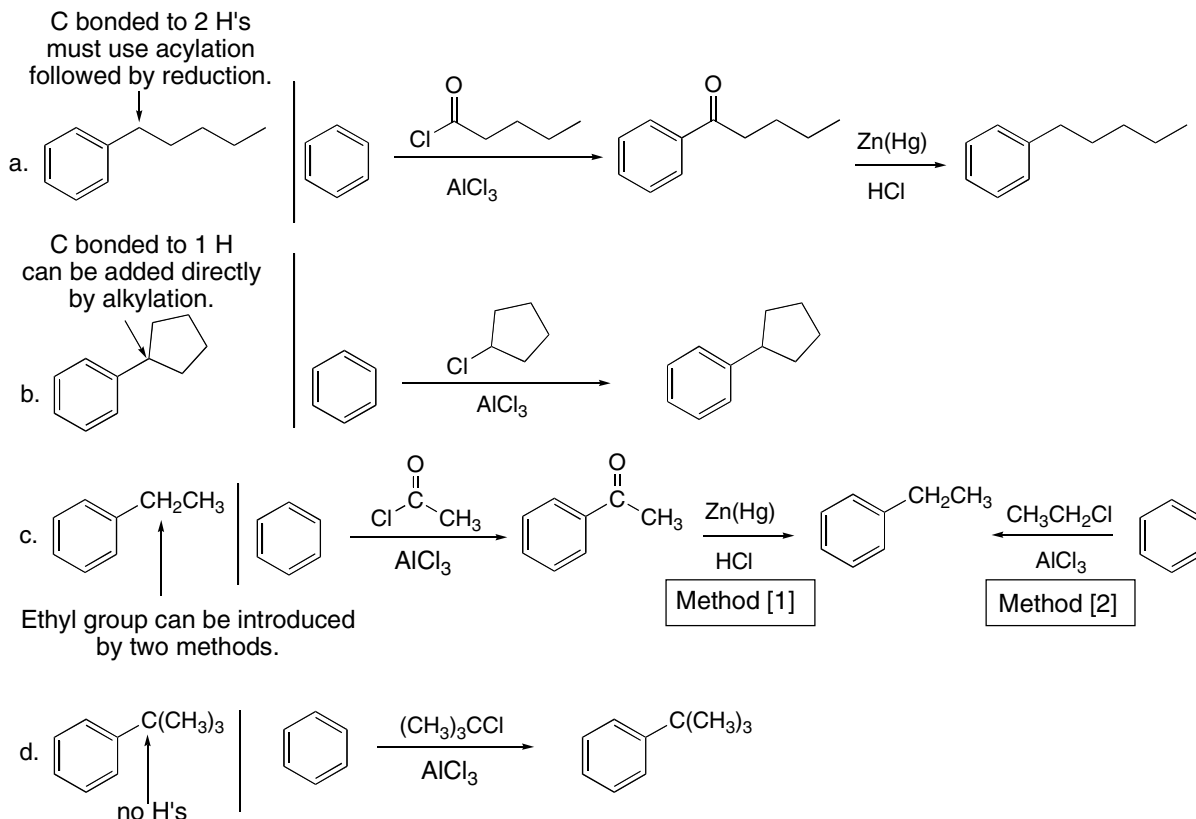


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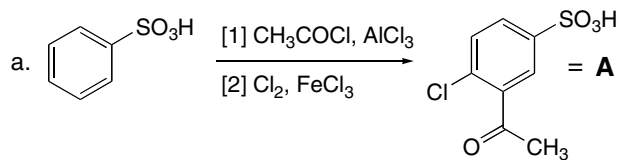




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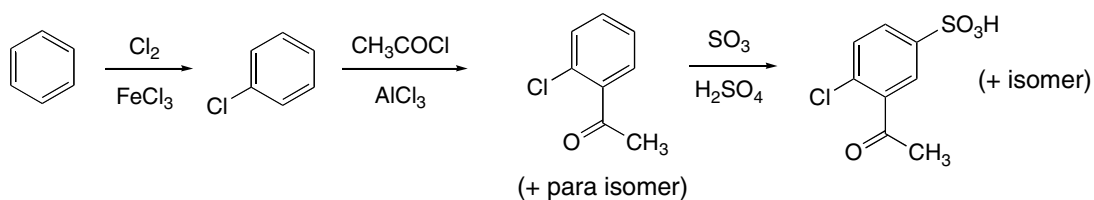


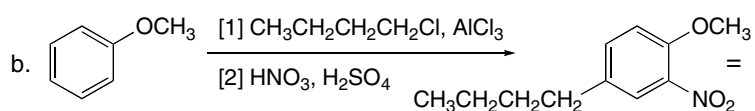
## 18.43



Step [1] won't work because a Friedel–Crafts reaction can't be done on a deactivated benzene ring, as is the case with the  $\text{SO}_3\text{H}$  substituent. Even if Step [1] did work, the second step would introduce Cl meta to  $\text{SO}_3\text{H}$ , not para as drawn.

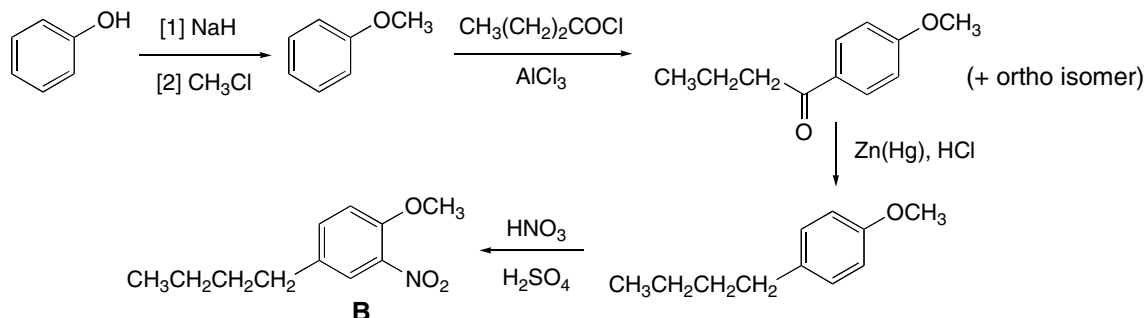
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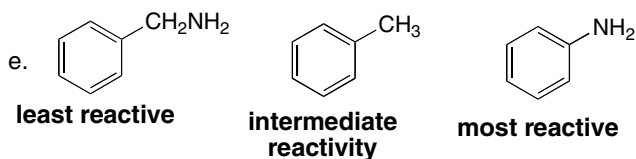
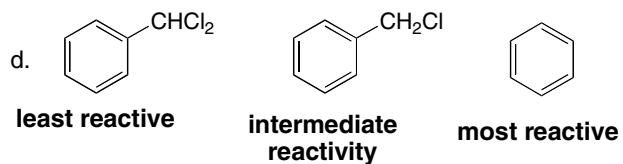
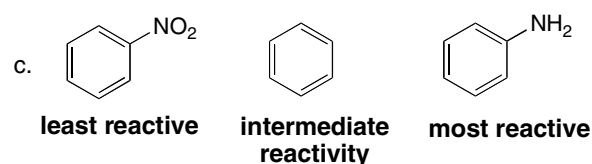
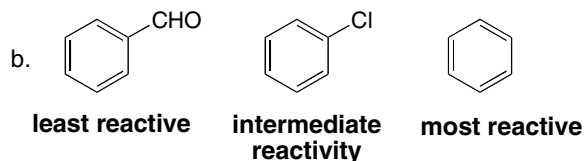
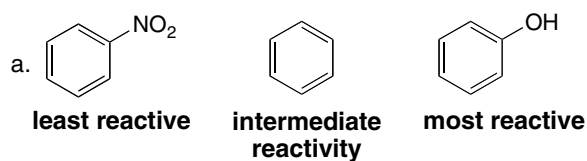


Step [1] involves a Friedel–Crafts alkylation using a 1° alkyl halide that will undergo rearrangement, so that a butyl group will not be introduced as a side chain.

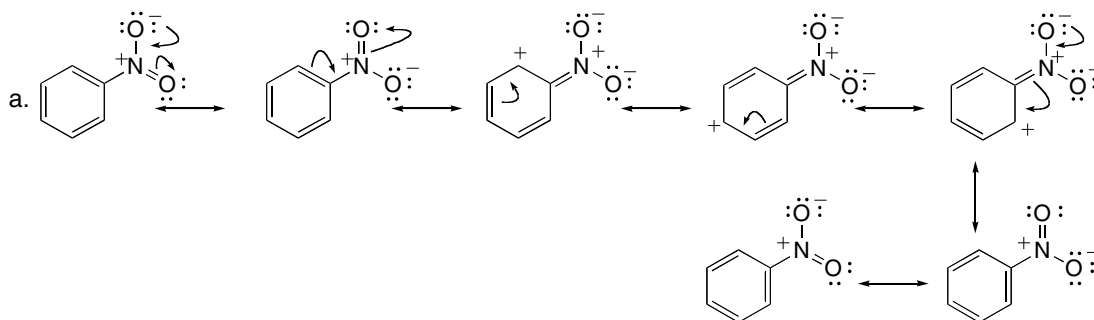
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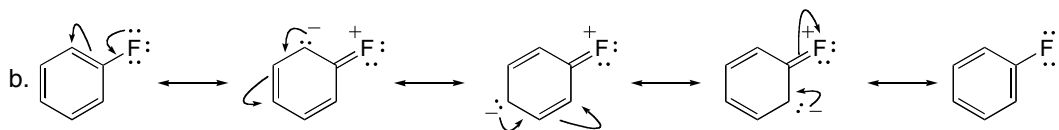


18.44 Use the directions from Answer 18.19 to rank the compounds.

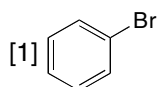


18.45 Electron-withdrawing groups place a positive charge in the benzene ring. Draw the resonance structures to show how NO<sub>2</sub> puts a positive charge in the ring, giving it an electron-withdrawing resonance effect. Electron-donating groups place a negative charge in the benzene ring. Draw the resonance structures to show how F puts a negative charge in the ring, giving it an electron-donating resonance effect.

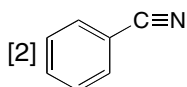




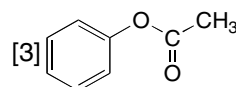
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- a. withdraw
- b. donate
- c. less
- d. deactivate

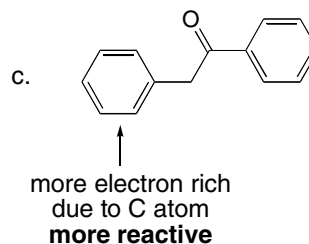
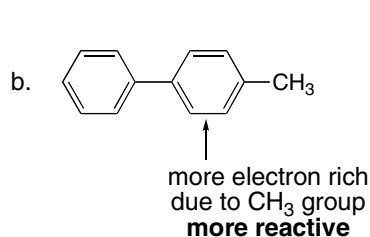
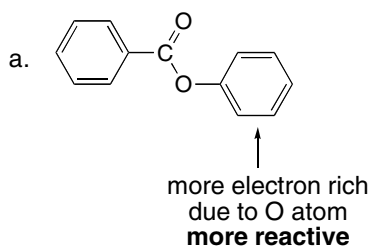


- a. withdraw
- b. withdraw
- c. less
- d. deactivate

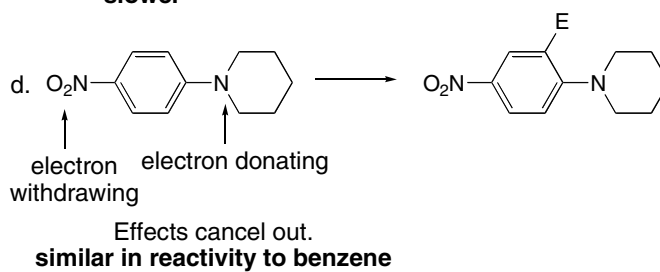
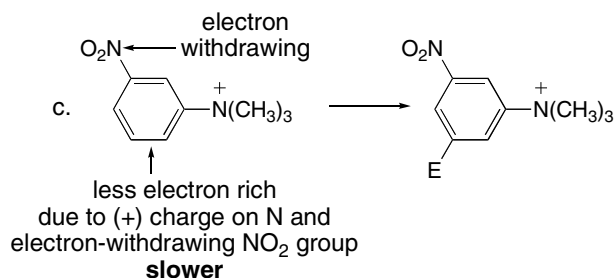
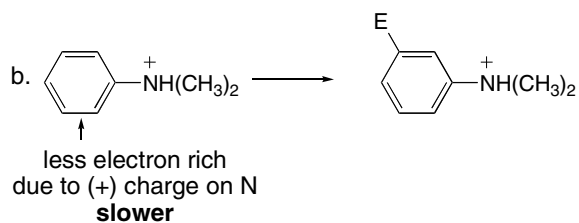
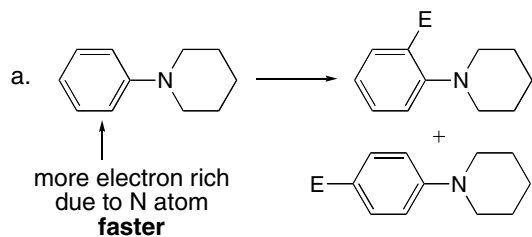


- a. withdraw
- b. donate
- c. more
- d. activate

18.47

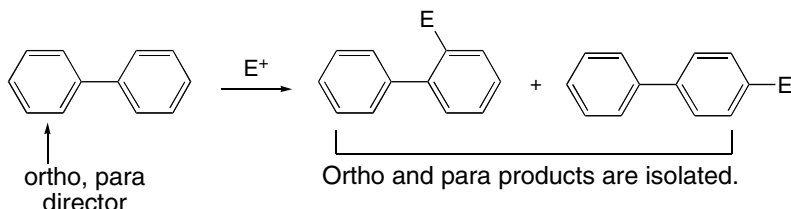


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## 18.49

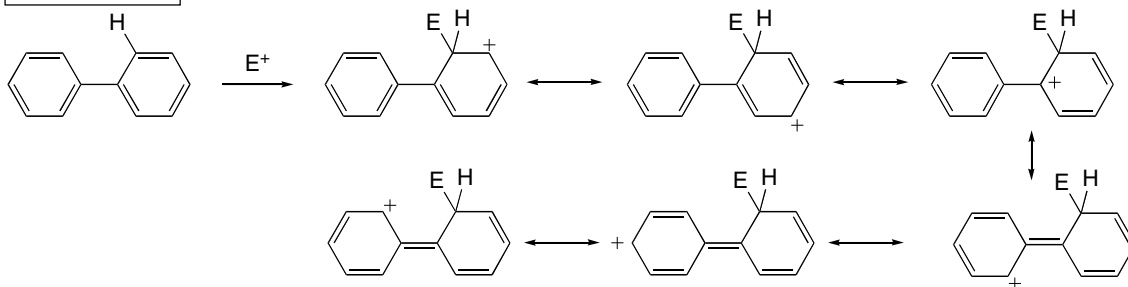
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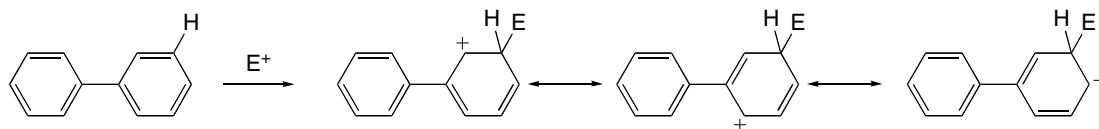
A benzene ring is an electron-rich substituent that stabilizes an intermediate positive charge by an electron-donating resonance effect. As a result, it activates a benzene ring toward reaction with electrophiles.

With ortho and para attack there is additional resonance stabilization that delocalizes the positive charge onto the second benzene ring. Such additional stabilization is not possible with meta attack.

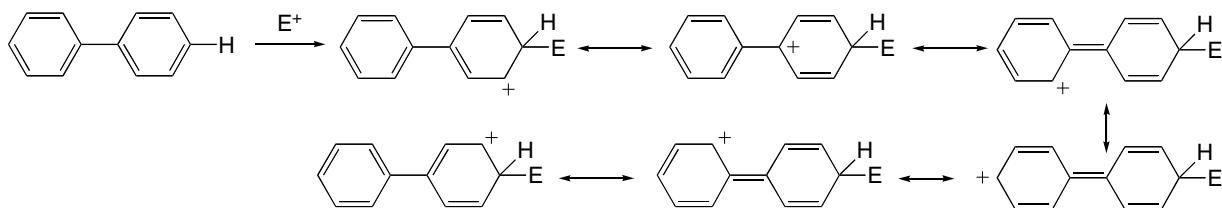
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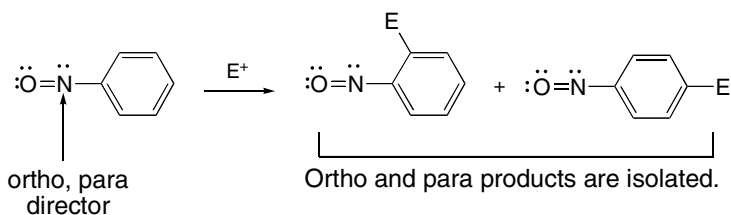
Meta attack:



Para attack:

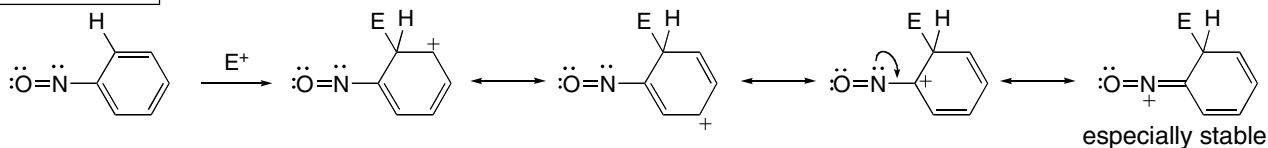


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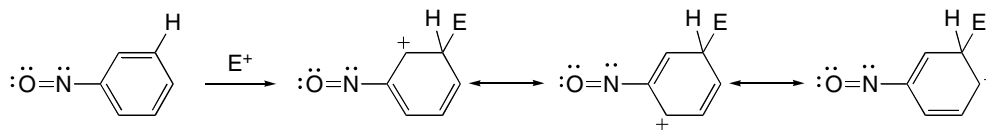


With ortho and para attack there is additional resonance stabilization that delocalizes the positive charge onto the nitroso group. Such additional stabilization is not possible with meta attack. This makes  $-\text{NO}$  an ortho, para director. Since the N atom bears a partial (+) charge (because it is bonded to a more electronegative O atom), the  $-\text{NO}$  group inductively withdraws electron density, thus deactivating the benzene ring towards electrophilic attack. In this way, the  $-\text{NO}$  group resembles the halogens. Thus, the electron-donating resonance effect makes  $-\text{NO}$  an o,p director, but the electron-withdrawing inductive effect makes it a deactivator.

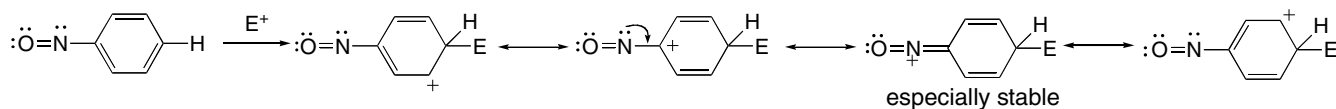
Ortho attack:



Meta attack:

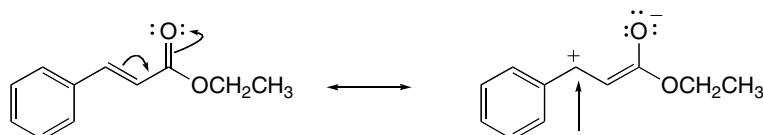


Para attack:



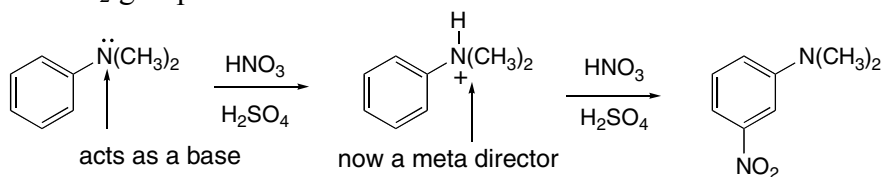
## 18.50

alkyl group on the benzene ring  
 R stabilizes (+) charges on the o,p positions by an electron-donating inductive effect. This group behaves like any other R group so that ortho and para products are formed in electrophilic aromatic substitution.

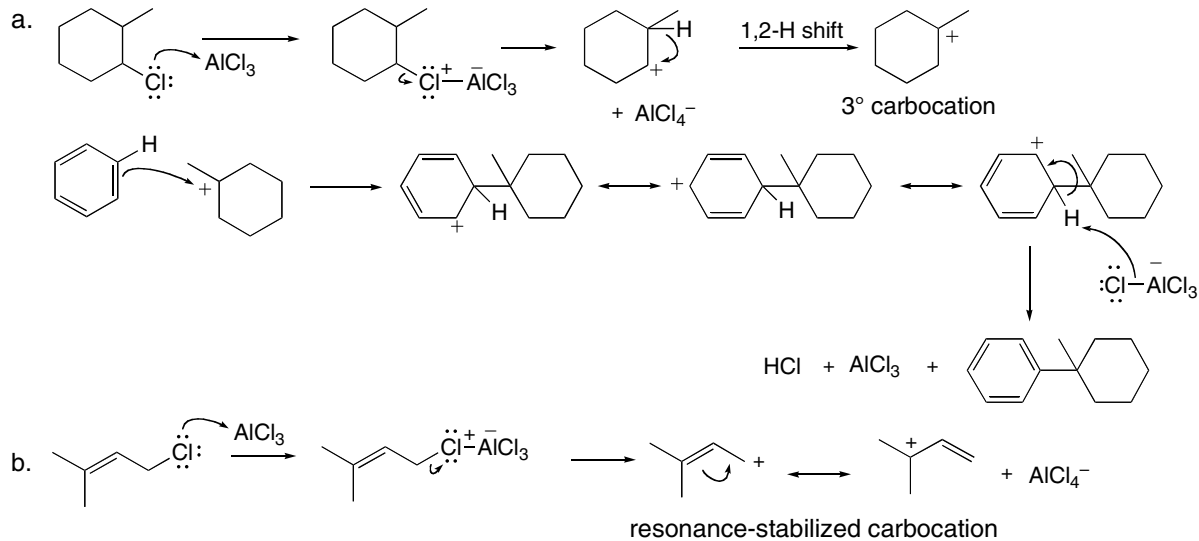


(+) charge on atom bonded to the benzene ring  
 Drawing resonance structures in electrophilic aromatic substitution results in especially unstable structures for attack at the o,p positions—two (+) charges on adjacent atoms. This doesn't happen with meta attack, so meta attack is preferred. This is identical to the situation observed with all meta directors.

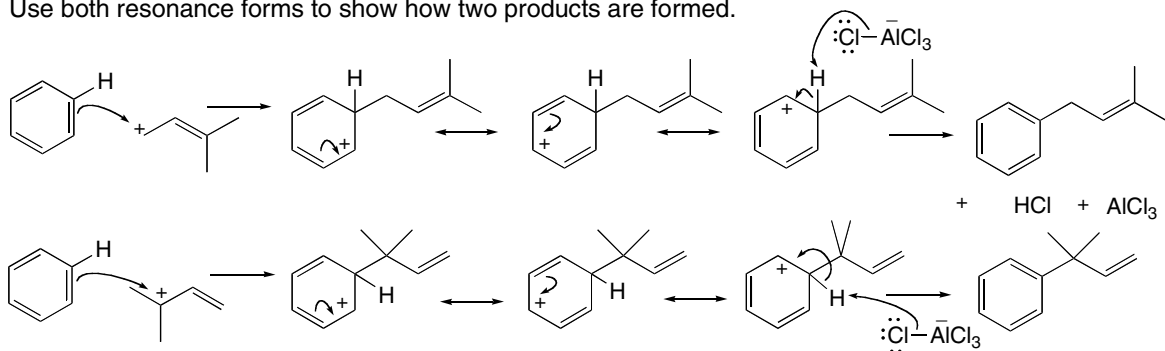
**18.51** Under the acidic conditions of nitration, the N atom of the starting material gets protonated, so the atom directly bonded to the benzene ring bears a (+) charge. This makes it a meta director, so the new NO<sub>2</sub> group is introduced meta to it.



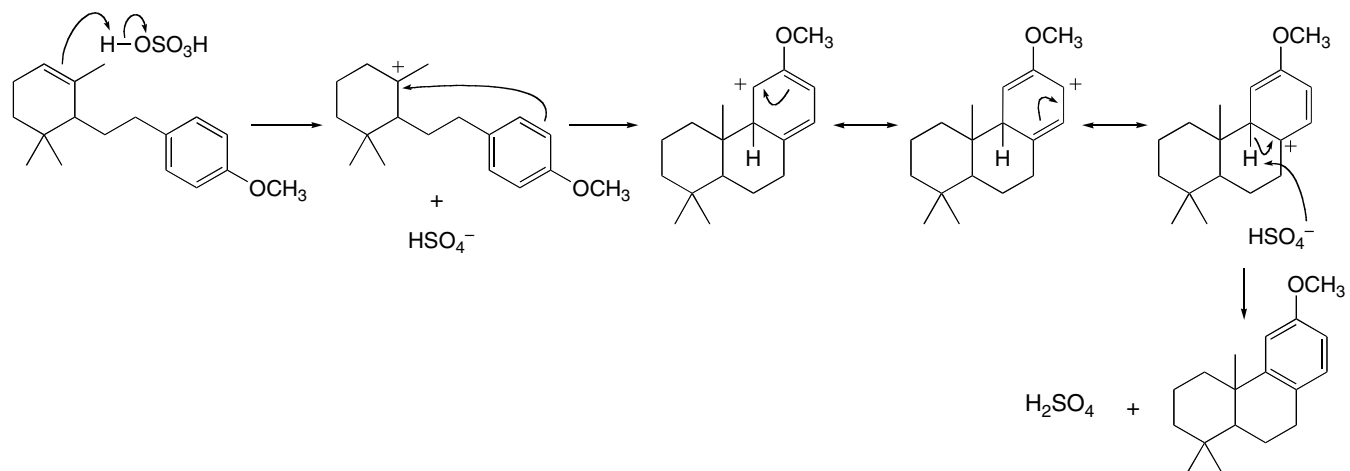
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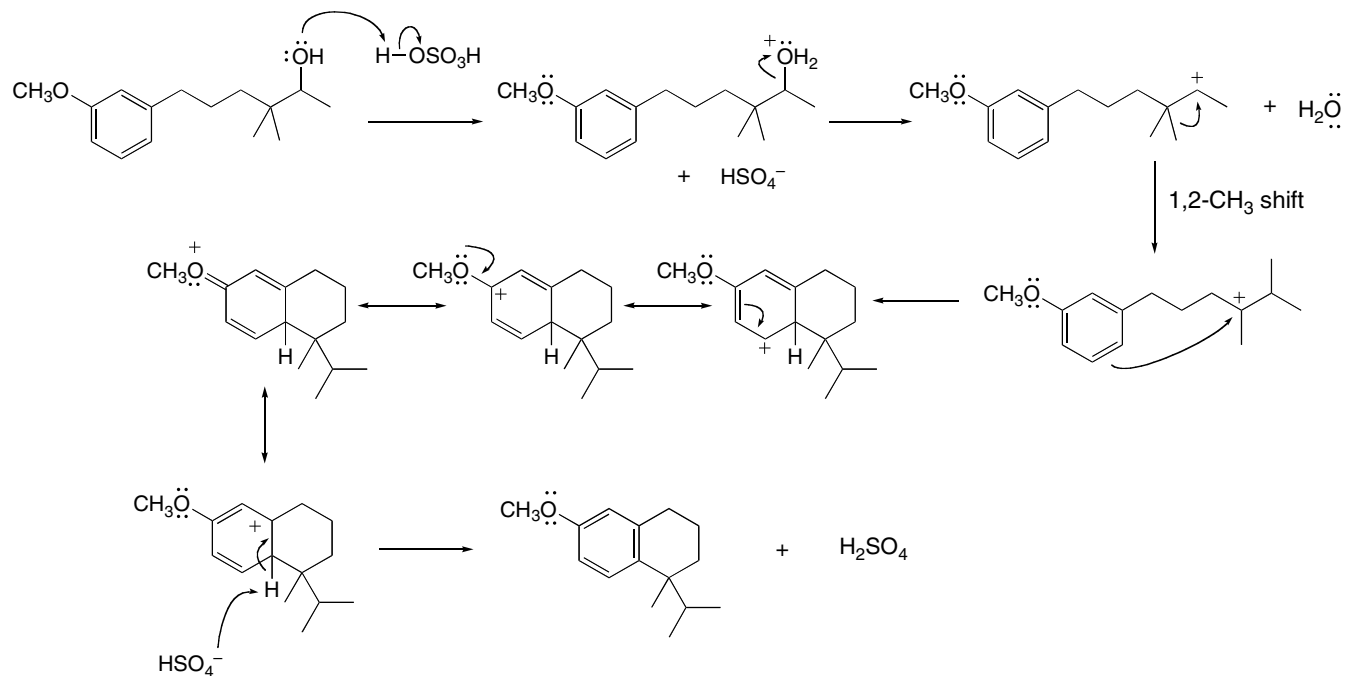
Use both resonance forms to show how two products are formed.



## 18.53

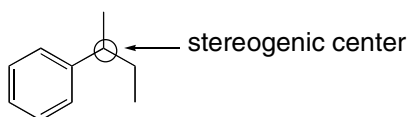


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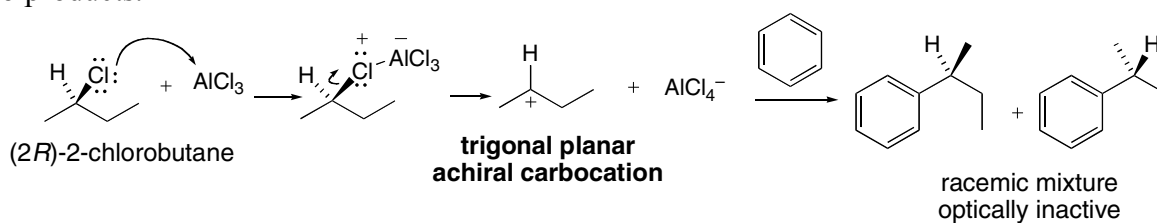


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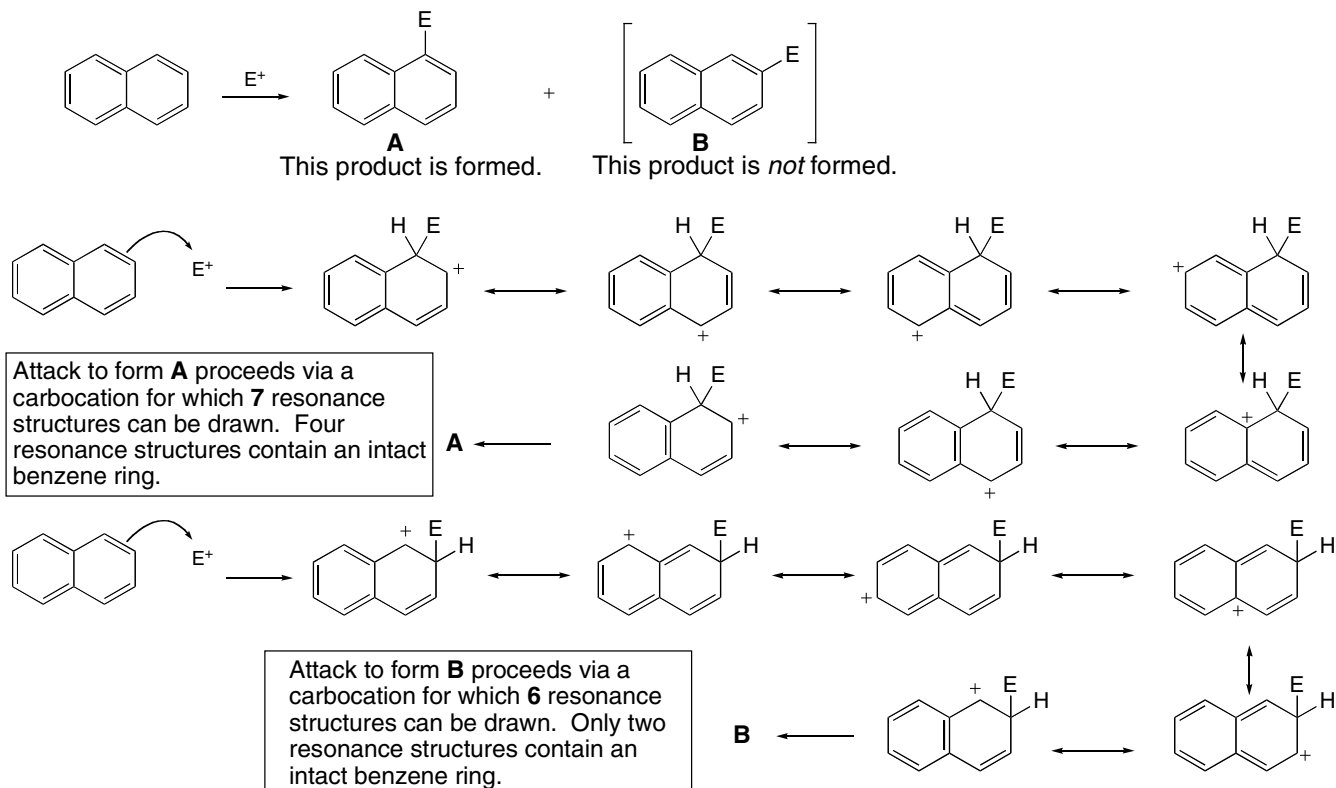
- a. The product has one stereogenic center.



- b. The mechanism for Friedel–Crafts alkylation with this 2° halide involves formation of a trigonal planar carbocation. Since the carbocation is achiral, it reacts with benzene with equal probability from two possible directions (above and below) to afford an optically inactive, racemic mixture of two products.

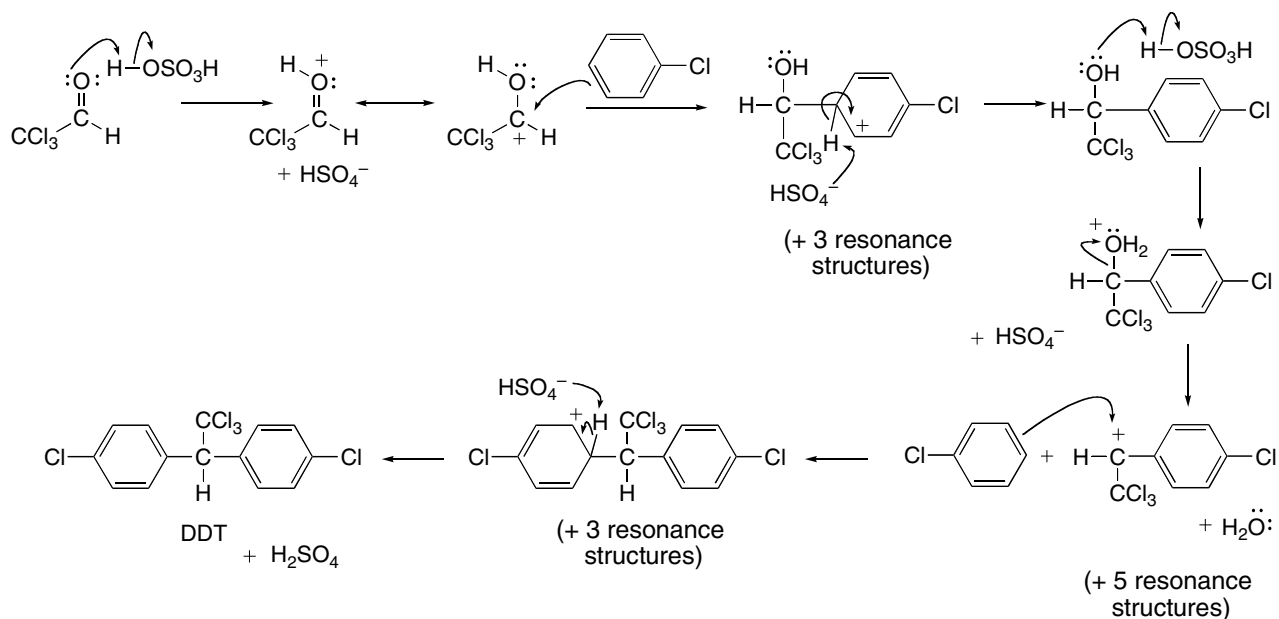


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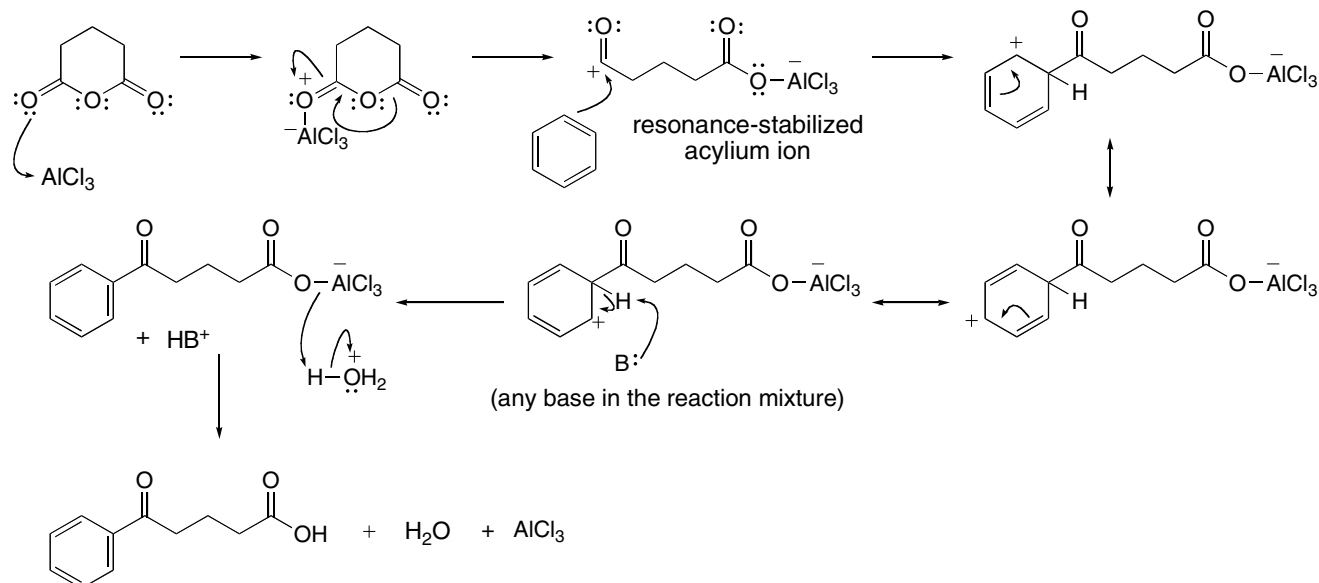
A reaction that occurs by way of the more stable carbocation is preferred so product **A** is formed.

## 18.57

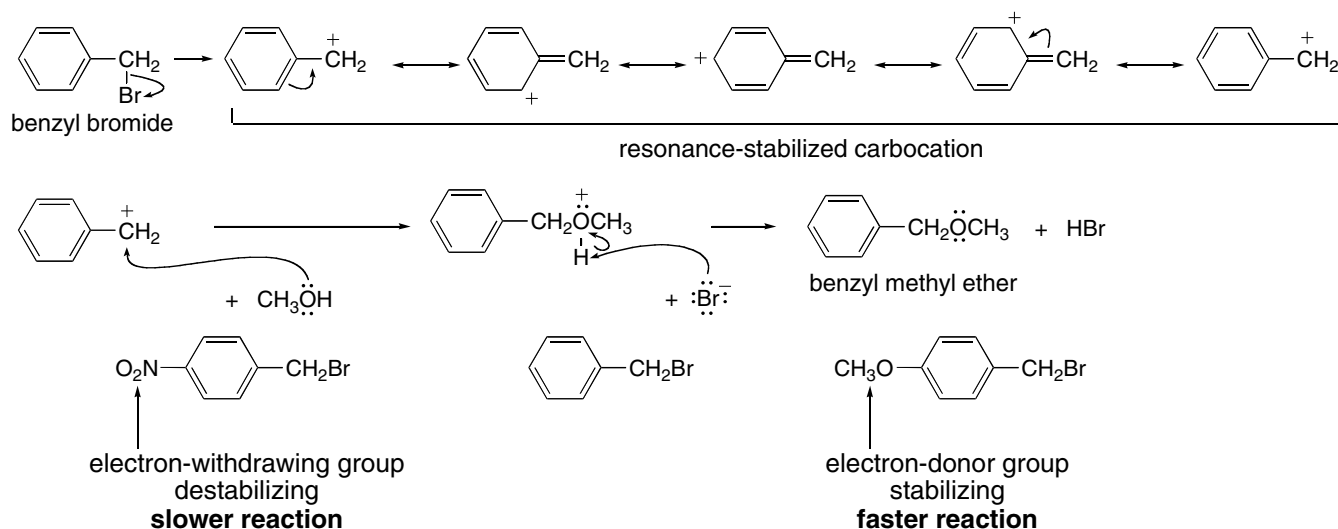




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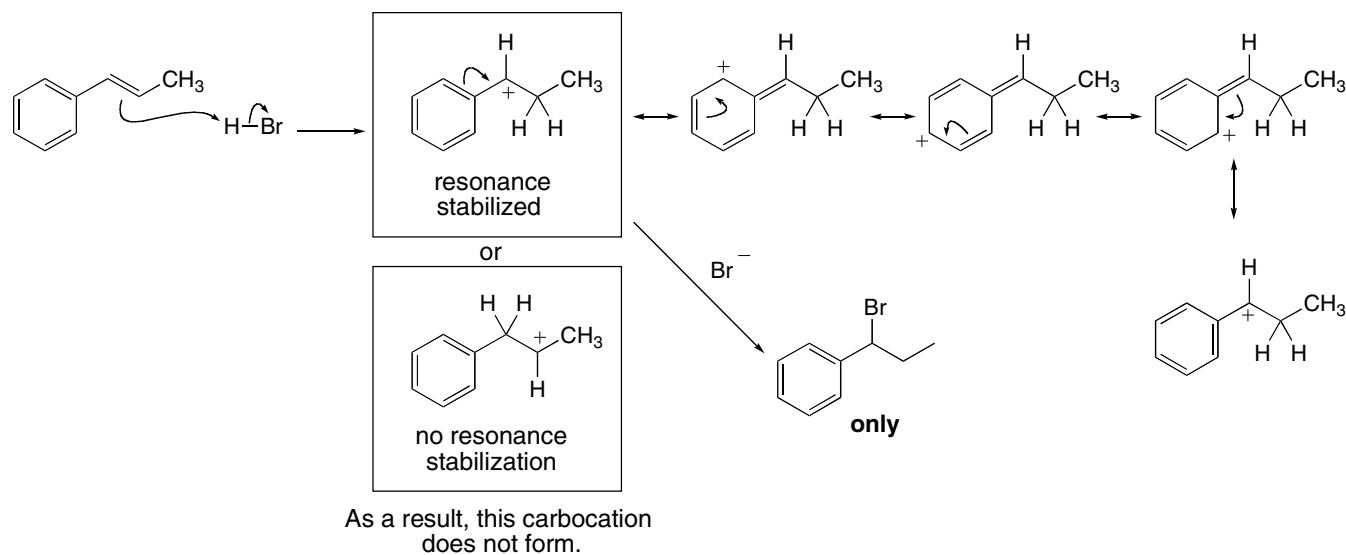
18.59 Benzyl bromide forms a resonance-stabilized intermediate that allows it to react rapidly under  $\text{S}_{\text{N}}1$  conditions.

Formation of a resonance-stabilized carbocation:

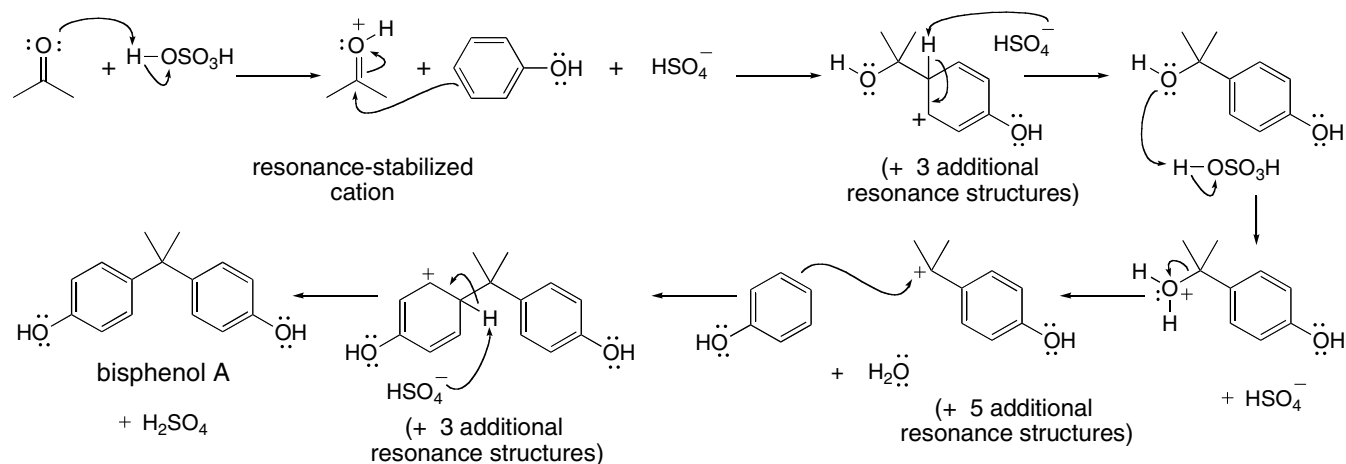


The electron-withdrawing  $\text{NO}_2$  group will destabilize the carbocation so the benzylic halide will be less reactive, while the electron-donating  $\text{OCH}_3$  group will stabilize the carbocation, so the benzylic halide will be more reactive.

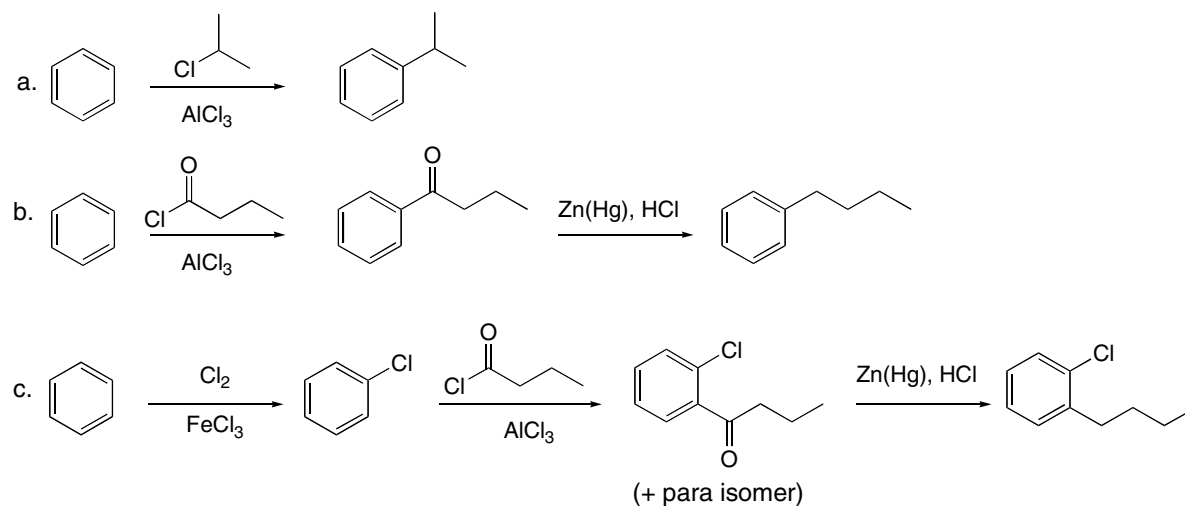
**18.60** Addition of HBr will afford only one alkyl bromide because the intermediate carbocation leading to its formation is resonance stabilized.

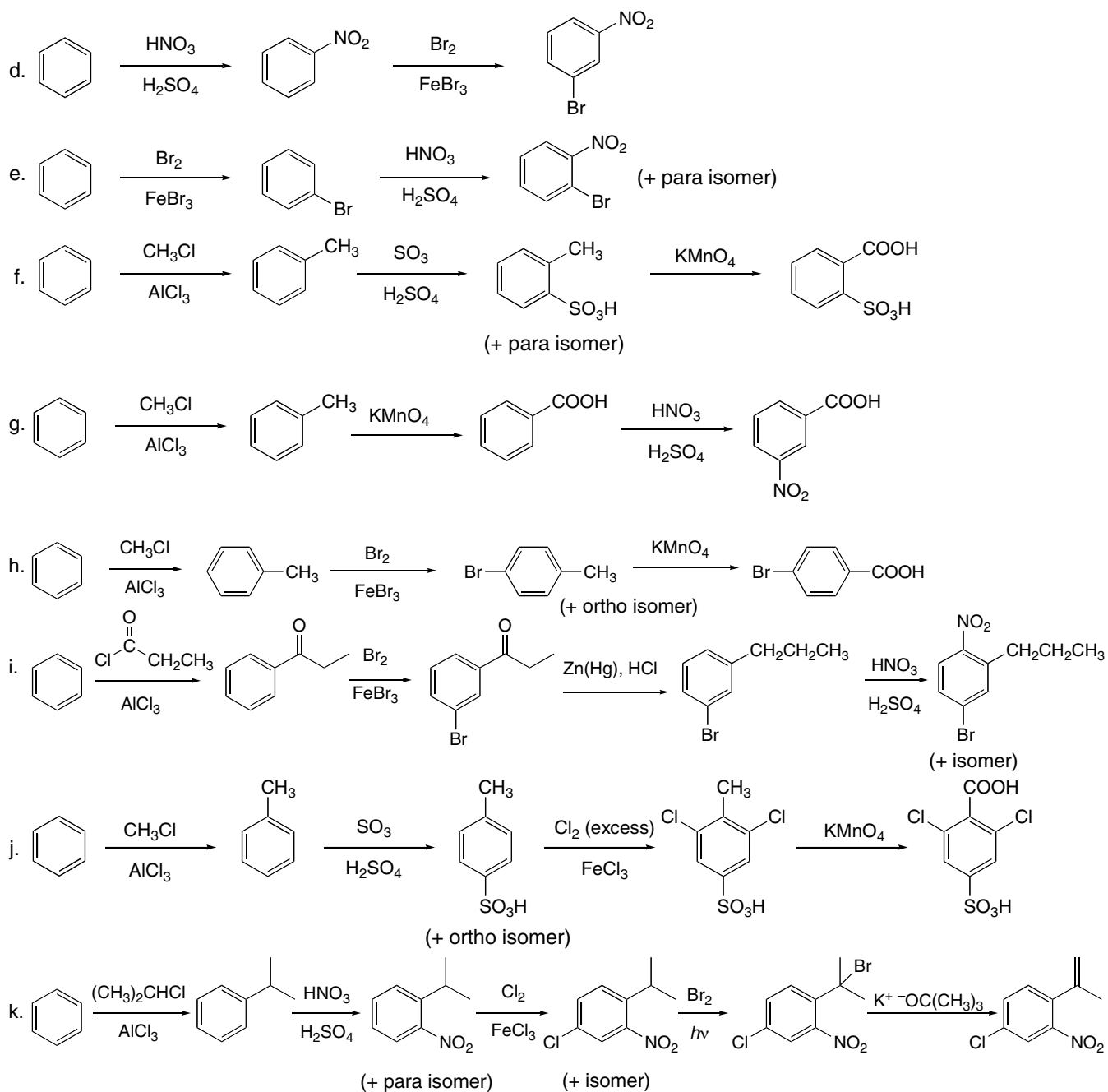


**18.61**

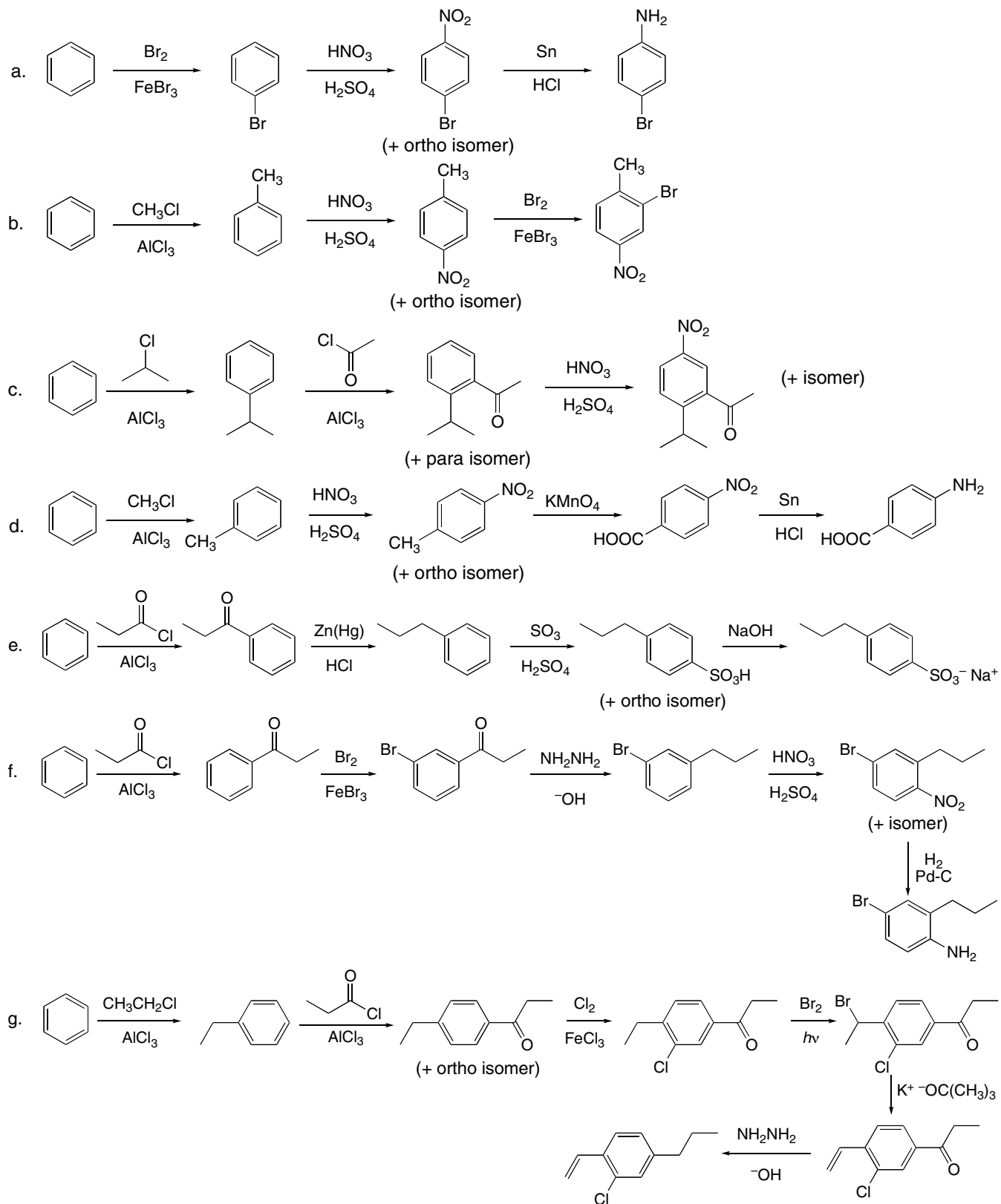


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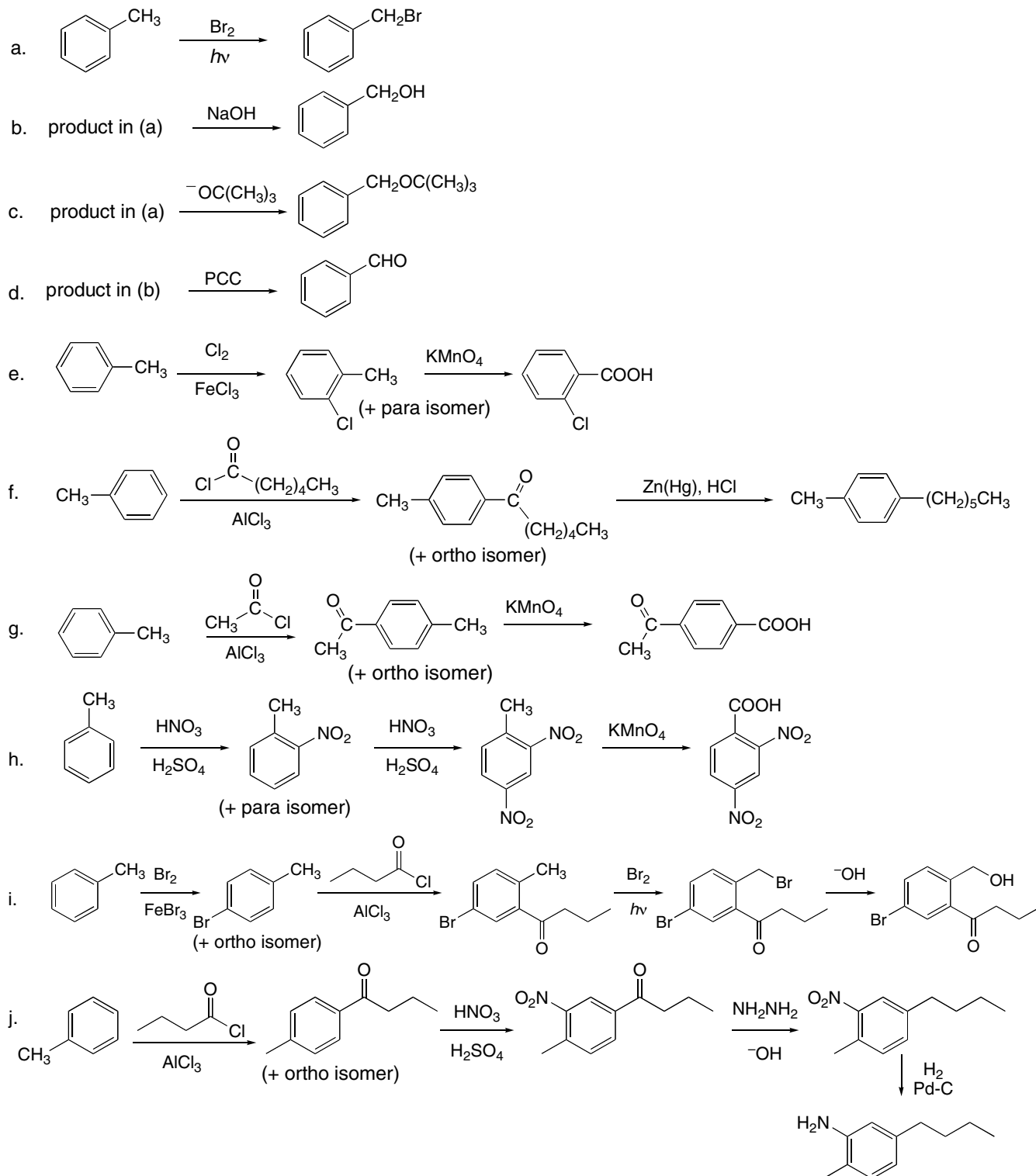


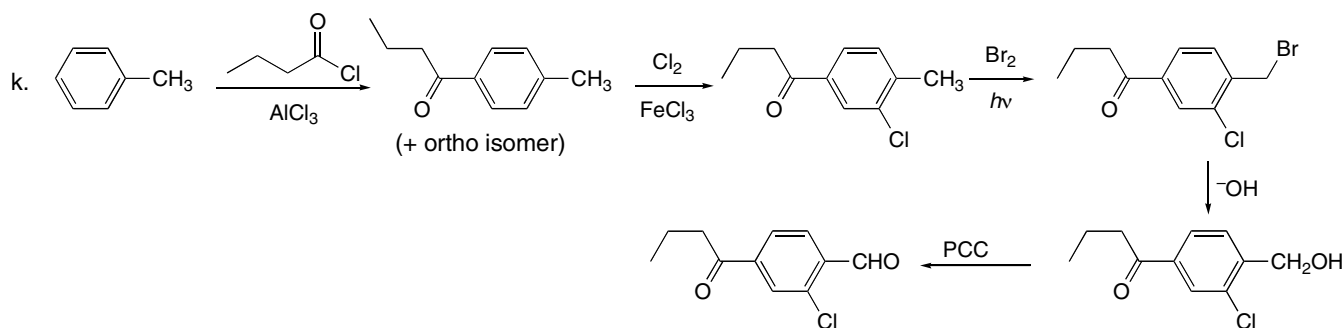


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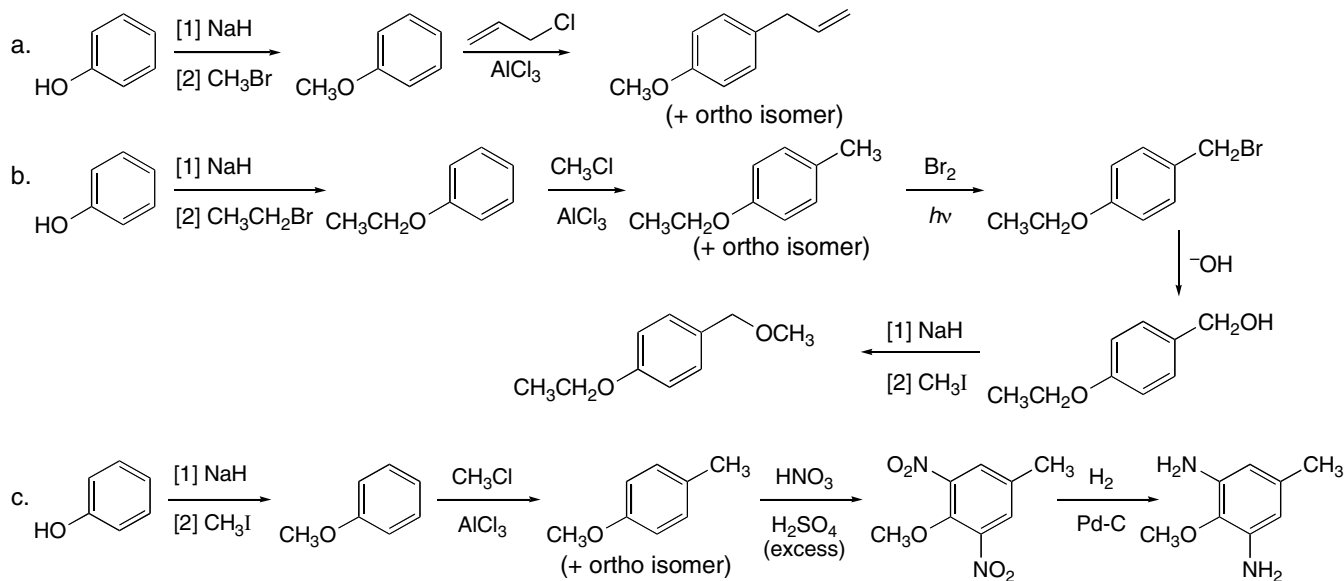


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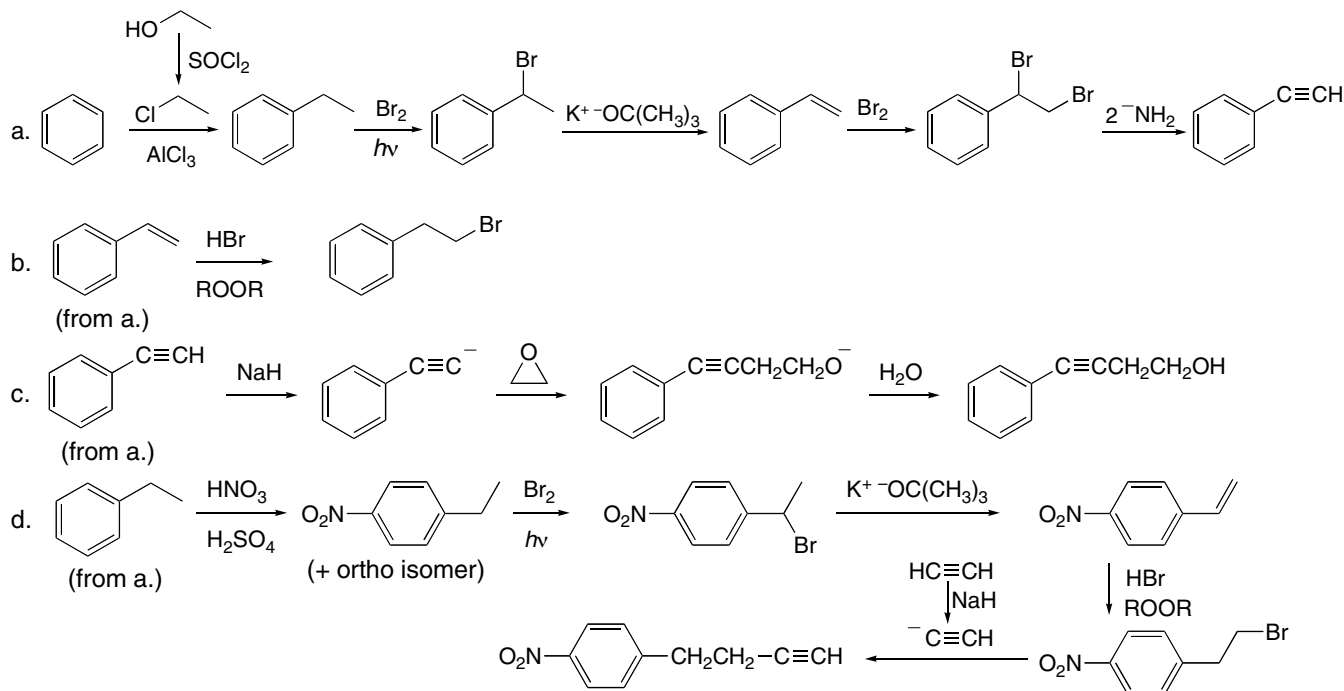


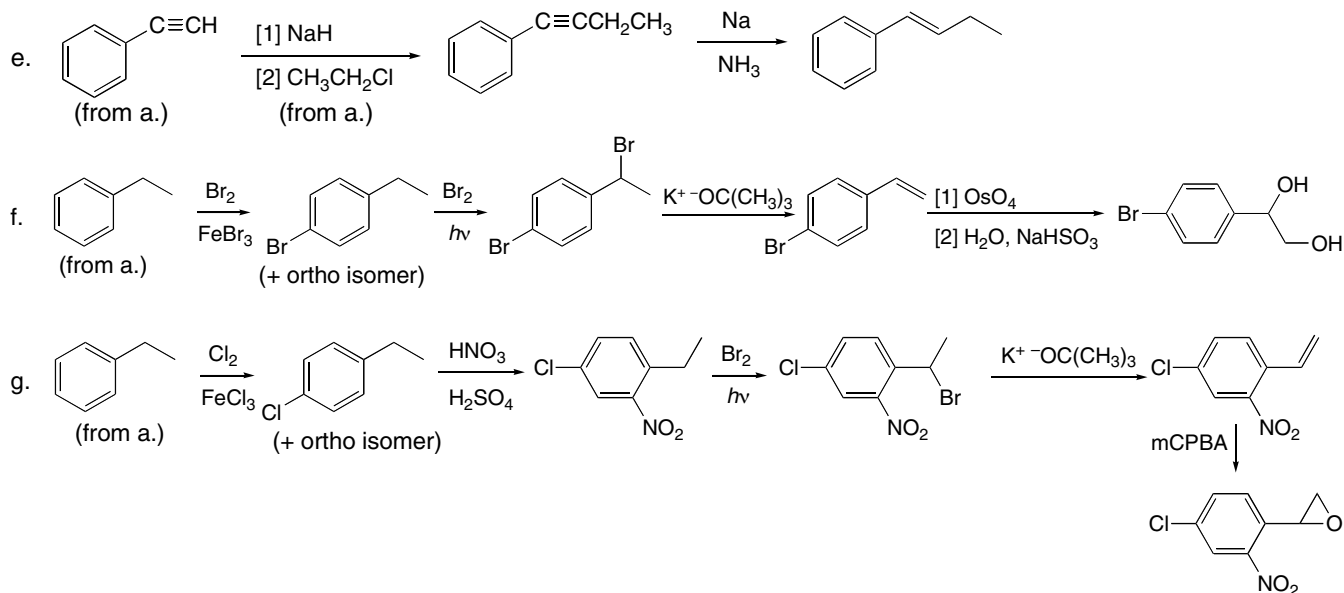


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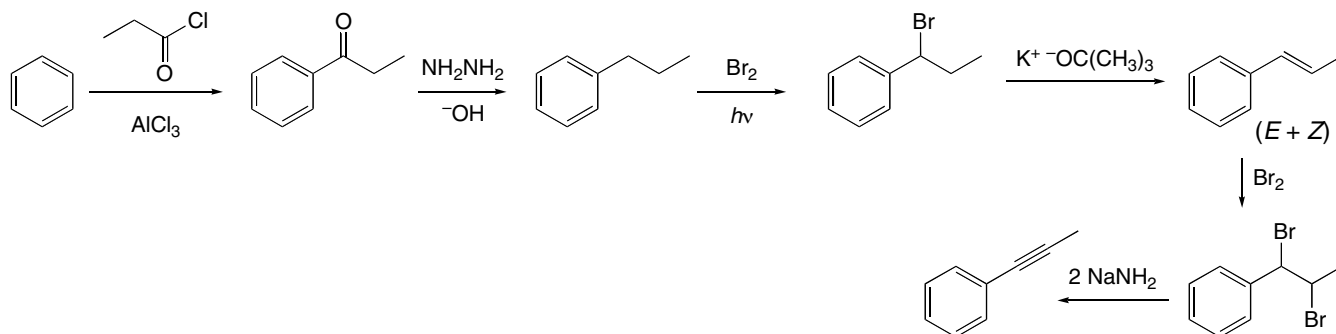


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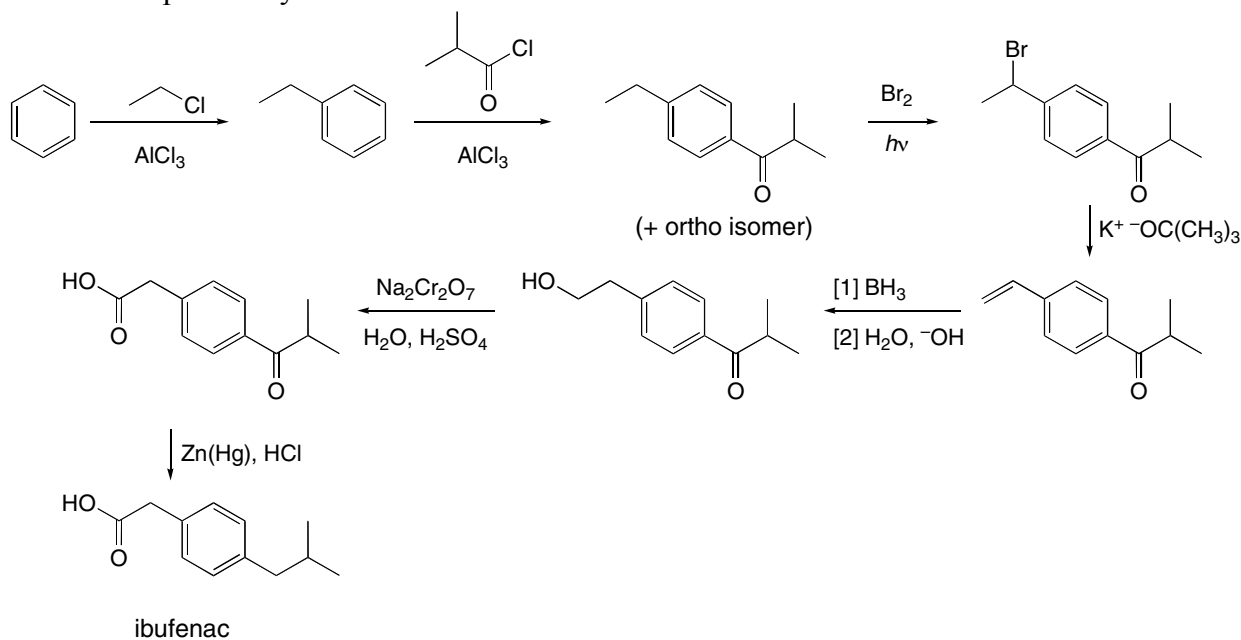




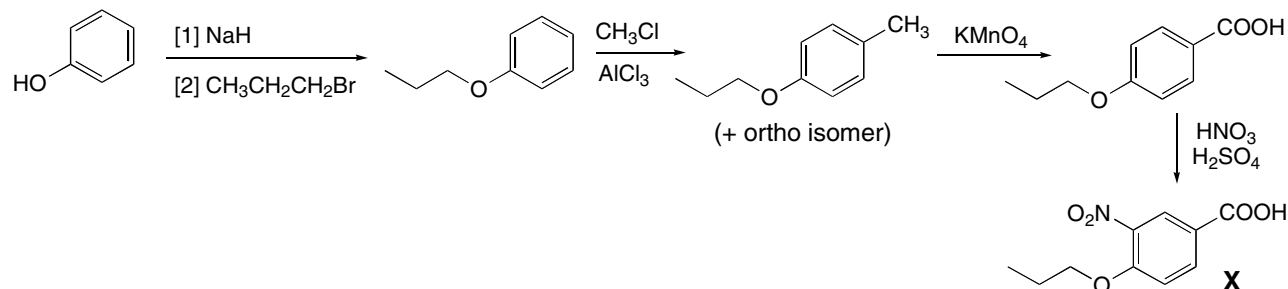
18.67



18.68 One possibility:



## 18.69

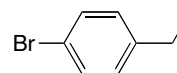


**18.70** Use integration data and the molecular formula to determine the number of H's that give rise to each signal (Section 14.5, *How To*).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR data of compound **A** ( $\text{C}_8\text{H}_9\text{Br}$ ):

Absorption	ppm	# of H's	Explanation
triplet	1.2	3	3 H's adjacent to 2 H's
quartet	2.6	2	2 H's adjacent to 3 H's
two signals	7.1 and 7.4	2 + 2	para disubstituted benzene

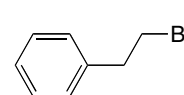
Structure:



$^1\text{H}$  NMR data of compound **B** ( $\text{C}_8\text{H}_9\text{Br}$ ):

Absorption	ppm	# of H's	Explanation
triplet	3.1	2	2 H's adjacent to 2 H's
triplet	3.5	2	2 H's adjacent to 2 H's
multiplet	7.1–7.4	5	monosubstituted benzene

Structure:

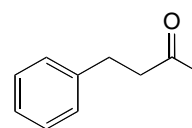


**18.71** IR absorption at  $1717 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  means compound **C** has a  $\text{C}=\text{O}$ .

$^1\text{H}$  NMR data of compound **C** ( $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}$ ):

Absorption	ppm	# of H's	Explanation
singlet	2.1	3	3 H's
triplet	2.8	2	2 H's adjacent to 2 H's
triplet	2.9	2	2 H's adjacent to 2 H's
multiplet	7.1–7.4	5	monosubstituted benzene

Structure:

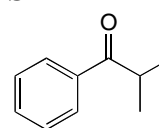


## 18.72

$^1\text{H}$  NMR data of compound **X** ( $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{12}\text{O}$ ):

Absorption	ppm	# of H's	Explanation
doublet	1.3	6	6 H's adjacent to 1 H
septet	3.5	1	1 H adjacent to 6 H's
multiplet	7.4–8.1	5	monosubstituted benzene

Structure:

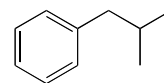




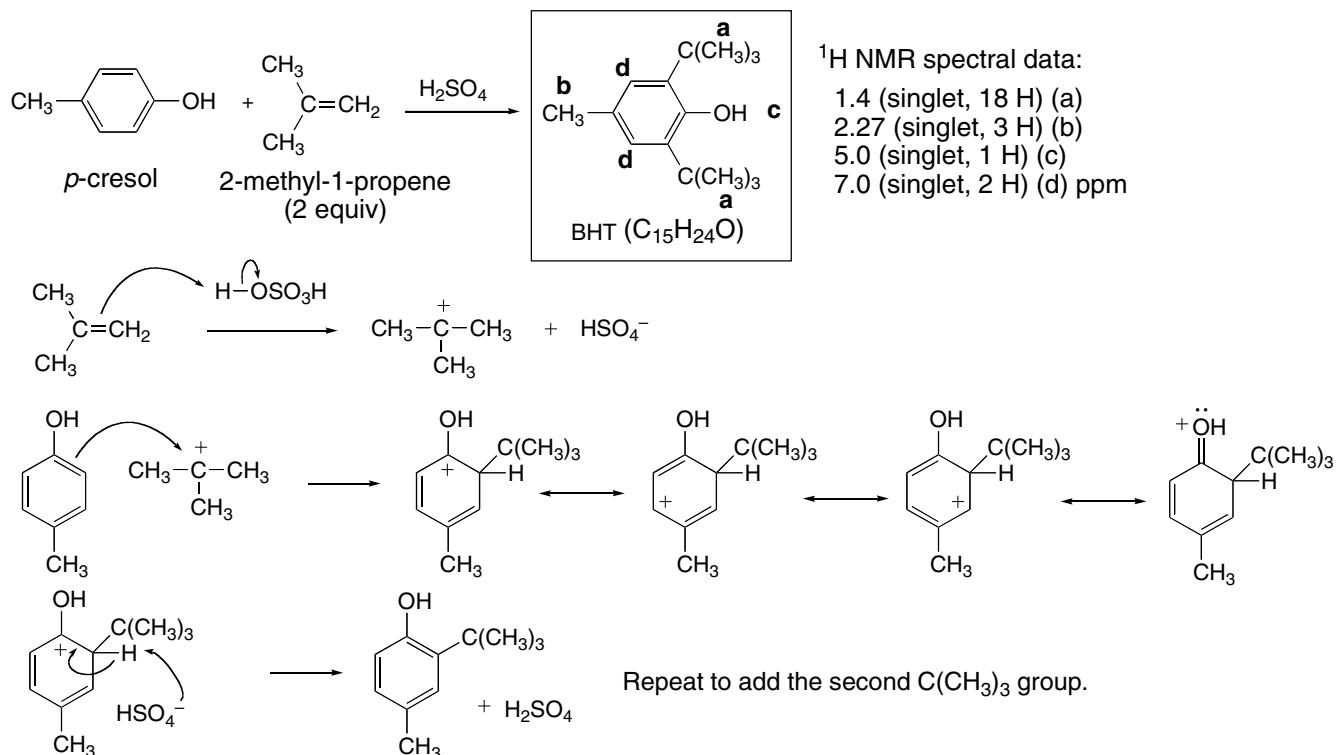
<sup>1</sup>H NMR data of compound **Y** (C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>14</sub>):

Absorption	ppm	# of H's	Explanation
doublet	0.9	6	6 H's adjacent to 1 H
multiplet	1.8	1	1 H adjacent to many H's
doublet	2.5	2	2 H's adjacent to 1 H
multiplet	7.1–7.3	5	monosubstituted benzene

Structure:



## 18.73

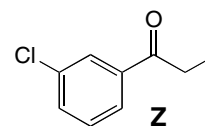


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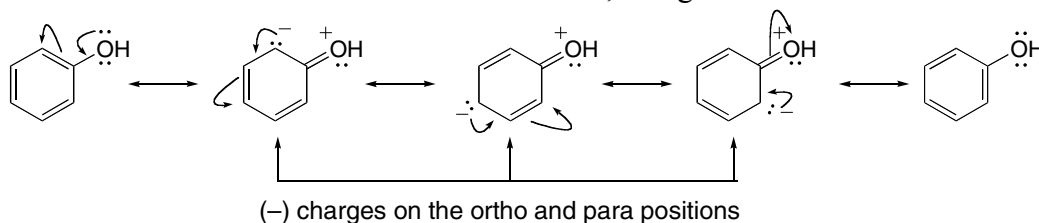
Molecular formula (**Z**): C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>9</sub>ClOIR absorption at 1683 cm<sup>-1</sup>: C=O<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectral data:

Absorption	ppm	# of H's	Explanation
triplet	1.2	3	3 H's adjacent to 2 H's
quartet	2.9	2	2 H's adjacent to 3 H's
multiplet	7.2–8.0	4	disubstituted benzene

Structure:



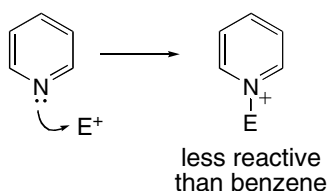
- 18.75** Five resonance structures can be drawn for phenol, three of which place a negative charge on the ortho and para carbons. These illustrate that the electron density at these positions is increased, thus shielding the protons at these positions, and shifting the absorptions to lower chemical shift. Similar resonance structures cannot be drawn with a negative charge at the meta position, so it is more deshielded and absorbs farther downfield, at higher chemical shift.



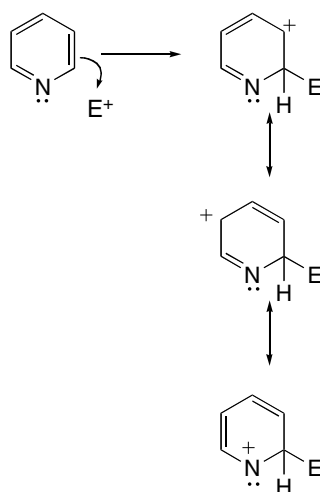
- 18.76** a. Pyridine: The electron-withdrawing inductive effect of N makes the ring electron poor. Also, electrophiles  $E^+$  can react with N, putting a positive charge on the ring. This makes the ring less reactive with another positively charged species.

To understand why substitution occurs at C3, compare the stability of the carbocation formed by attack at C2 and C3.

Electrophilic attack on N:

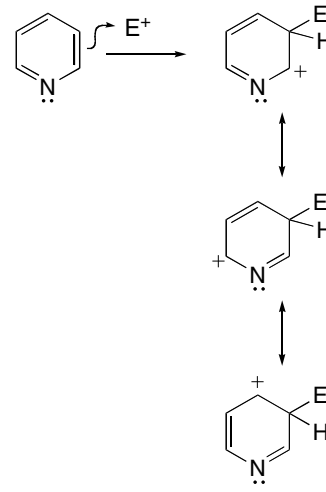


Electrophilic attack at C2:



N does not have an octet.  
(+) charge on an electronegative N atom  
**poor resonance structure**  
attack at C2 does not occur

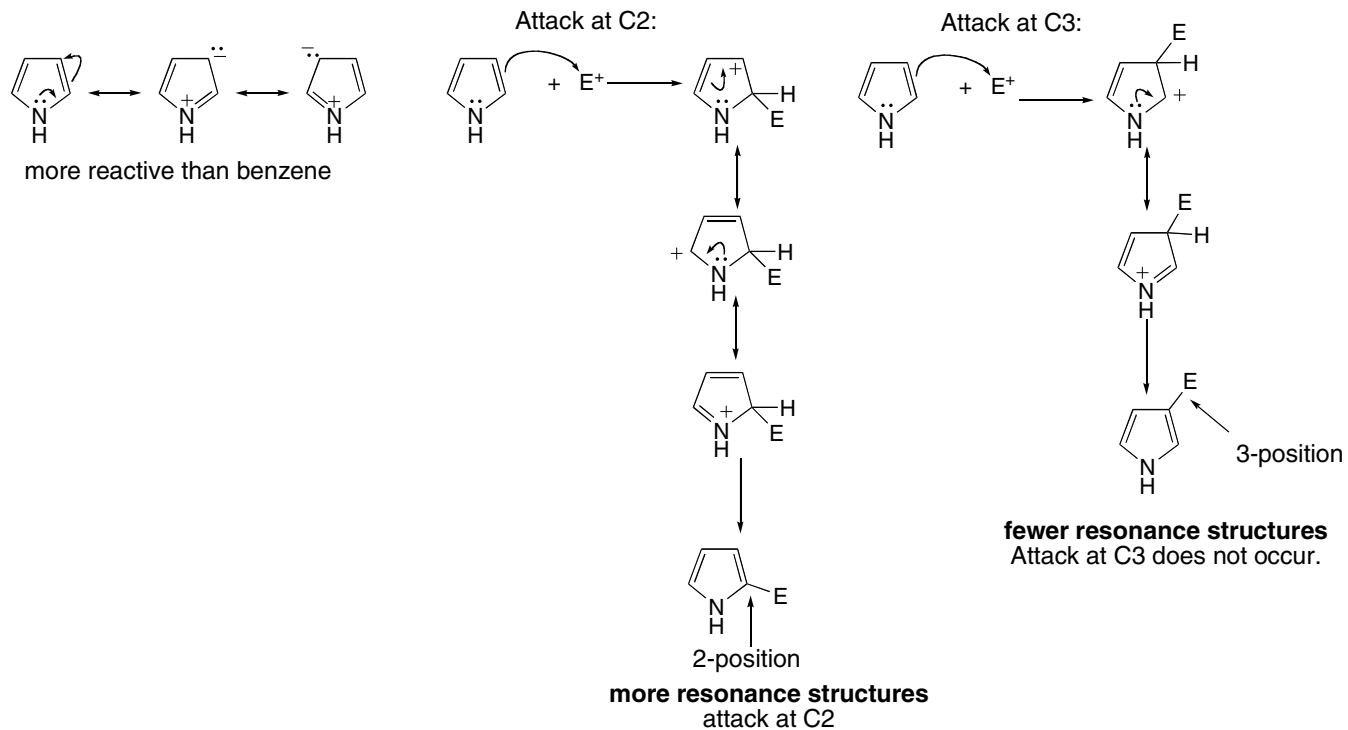
Electrophilic attack at C3:



**better resonance structures**

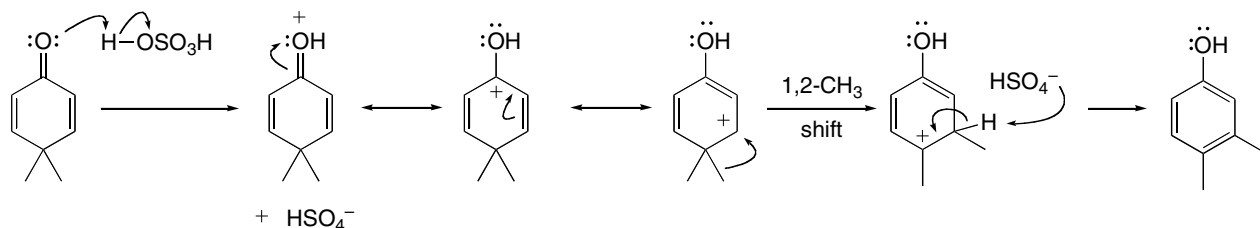
Since attack at C3 forms a more stable carbocation, attack at C3 occurs. Attack at C4 generates a carbocation of similar stability to attack at C2, so attack at C4 does not occur.

- b. Pyrrole is more reactive than benzene because the C's are more electron rich. The lone pair on N has an electron-donating resonance effect.

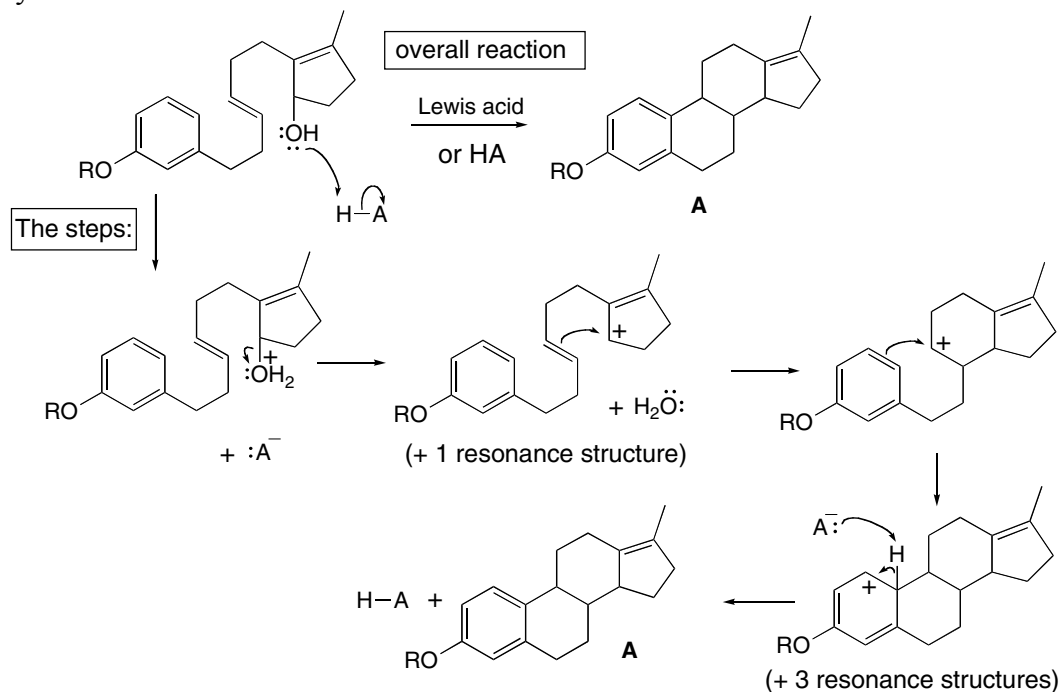


Since attack at C2 forms a more stable carbocation, electrophilic substitution occurs at C2.

### 18.77

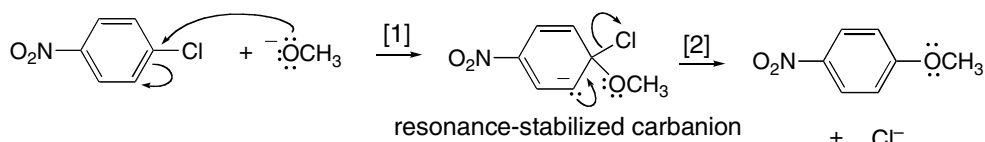


**18.78** Draw a stepwise mechanism for the following intramolecular reaction, which was used in the synthesis of the female sex hormone estrone.

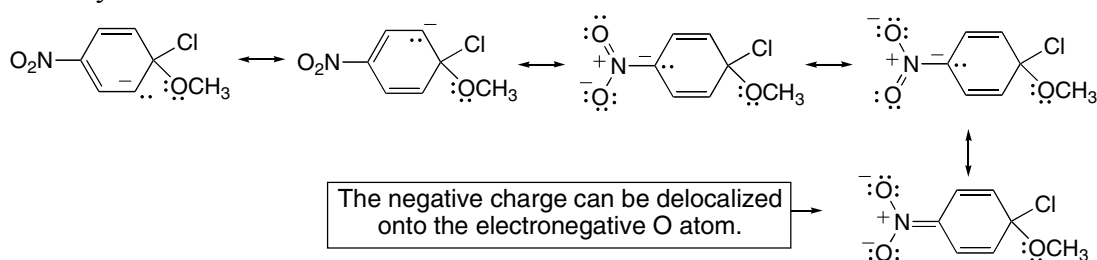


**18.79**

- a. The reaction could follow a two-step mechanism: [1] addition of the nucleophile to form a carbanion, followed by [2] elimination of the leaving group.



- b. The  $\text{NO}_2$  group stabilizes the negatively charged intermediate by an electron-withdrawing inductive effect and by resonance.



- c. *m*-Chloronitrobenzene does not undergo this reaction because no resonance structure can be drawn that delocalizes the negative charge of the reactive intermediate onto the O atom of the  $\text{NO}_2$  group.

