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# PHARMACEUTICAL ORGANIC CHEMISTRY - II

## UNIT 1

TOPIC :

- Reactions of benzene- nitration, sulphonation, halogenation reactivity, Friedelcrafts alkylation reactivity, limitations, Friedelcrafts acylation.



# CHEMICAL REACTIONS OF BENZENE

- Benzene mainly undergoes electrophilic aromatic substitution (EAS) reactions.
- In these reactions, one hydrogen atom of the benzene ring is replaced by an electrophile.

## Types of Electrophilic Aromatic Substitution Reactions

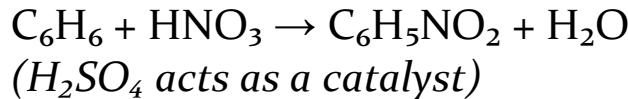
Benzene undergoes the following five major types of electrophilic substitution reactions:

1. Nitration
2. Sulfonation
3. Halogenation
4. Friedel-Crafts Alkylation
5. Friedel-Crafts Acylation

### Nitration of Benzene

- In nitration, benzene reacts with concentrated nitric acid ( $\text{HNO}_3$ ) in the presence of concentrated sulfuric acid ( $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ ) to form nitrobenzene.

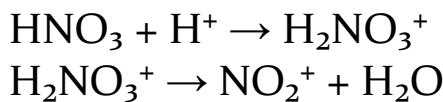
#### Reaction:



#### Mechanism:

##### **STEP I – Formation of the Electrophile (Nitronium Ion, $\text{NO}_2^+$ ):**

Concentrated  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  protonates nitric acid:



Thus, the electrophile formed is the nitronium ion ( $\text{NO}_2^+$ ).

### **STEP II – Attack of Electrophile on Benzene Ring:**

Benzene donates  $\pi$  electrons to  $\text{NO}_2^+$  forming a carbocation intermediate (arenium ion).



### **STEP III – Loss of Proton:**

The intermediate loses a proton ( $\text{H}^+$ ), restoring aromaticity:

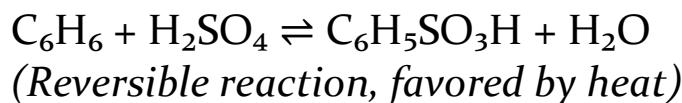


The  $\text{H}^+$  combines with  $\text{HSO}_4^-$  to regenerate  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ .

## **Sulfonylation of Benzene**

- In sulfonation, benzene reacts with concentrated or fuming sulfuric acid to form benzene sulfonic acid.

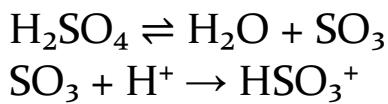
### **Reaction:**



### **Mechanism:**

#### **STEP I – Formation of Electrophile ( $\text{SO}_3$ or $\text{HSO}_3^+$ ):**

In fuming  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  (contains  $\text{SO}_3$ ), the electrophile is either  $\text{SO}_3$  or protonated  $\text{SO}_3$  ( $\text{HSO}_3^+$ ).



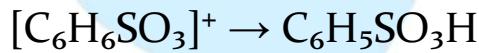
### **STEP II – Attack of Electrophile on Benzene Ring:**

Benzene reacts with the electrophile ( $\text{SO}_3$  or  $\text{HSO}_3^+$ ), forming a carbocation intermediate.



### **STEP III – Loss of Proton:**

The intermediate loses a proton to give benzene sulfonic acid:

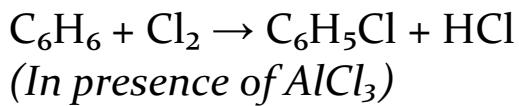


## **Halogenation of Benzene**

In halogenation, benzene reacts with halogens ( $\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $\text{Br}_2$ ,  $\text{I}_2$ ) in the presence of a Lewis acid catalyst ( $\text{AlCl}_3$ ,  $\text{FeCl}_3$ ,  $\text{FeBr}_3$ ) to form halogen-substituted benzene such as:

- Chlorobenzene (with  $\text{Cl}_2$ )
- Bromobenzene (with  $\text{Br}_2$ )
- Iodobenzene (with  $\text{I}_2$  – requires oxidizing agents like  $\text{HNO}_3$ )

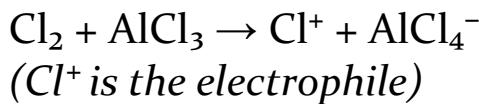
### **General Reaction:**



### **Mechanism of Chlorination:**

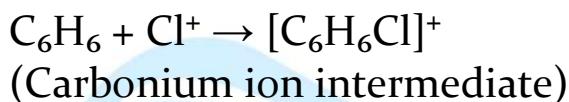
#### **STEP I – Formation of Electrophile (Chloronium Ion, $\text{Cl}^+$ ):**

The Lewis acid  $\text{AlCl}_3$  polarizes the Cl-Cl bond and facilitates the generation of a chloronium ion ( $\text{Cl}^+$ ):



## STEP II – Attack of Electrophile on Benzene Ring:

The  $\pi$  electrons of benzene attack the  $\text{Cl}^+$ , forming a resonance-stabilized carbocation (arenium ion):



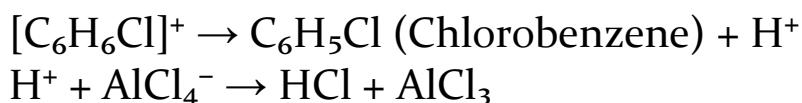
### Resonance Stabilization of Carbocation:

The intermediate exists as a resonance hybrid where the positive charge is delocalized across the ring:



## STEP III – Loss of Proton and Formation of Chlorobenzene:

The intermediate loses a proton ( $\text{H}^+$ ) which combines with  $\text{AlCl}_4^-$ , forming  $\text{HCl}$  and regenerating  $\text{AlCl}_3$ :



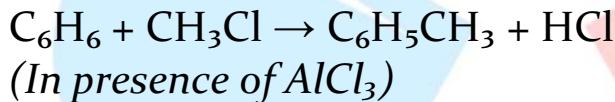
### Final Products:

- Chlorobenzene
- Hydrogen chloride ( $\text{HCl}$ )

# Friedel-Crafts Alkylation

- In Friedel-Crafts Alkylation, benzene reacts with an alkyl halide (R-Cl) in the presence of a Lewis acid catalyst such as AlCl<sub>3</sub> to form alkyl benzene.
- This reaction was discovered by Charles Friedel (France) and James Crafts (USA).

## General Reaction:

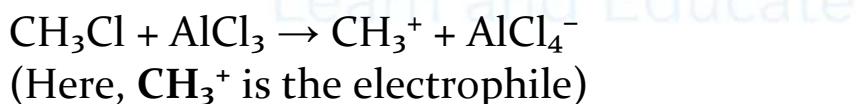


Product: Methylbenzene (Toluene)

## Mechanism

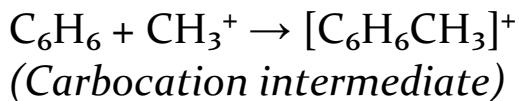
### STEP I – Formation of Electrophile (Carbocation or Alkyl Cation):

The alkyl halide reacts with AlCl<sub>3</sub> to generate the alkyl carbocation (electrophile):



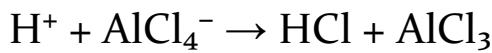
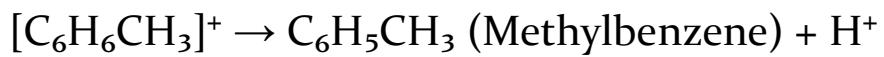
### STEP II – Attack of Electrophile on Benzene Ring:

The  $\pi$  electrons of benzene attack the methyl cation, forming a carbocation intermediate (also called arenium ion):



### STEP III – Loss of Proton and Regeneration of Aromaticity:

The intermediate loses a proton (H<sup>+</sup>), and the aromatic nature of the ring is restored:



### Final Products:

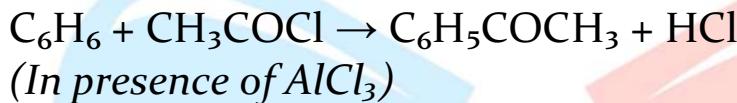
- Alkyl benzene (e.g., methylbenzene)
- Hydrogen chloride (HCl)



# FRIEDEL-CRAFTS ACYLATION

- In Friedel-Crafts Acylation, benzene reacts with an acyl halide ( $\text{RCOCl}$ ) in the presence of a Lewis acid catalyst ( $\text{AlCl}_3$ ) to form an aromatic ketone (also called aryl ketone).
- This is another important reaction discovered by Friedel and Crafts.

## General Reaction:

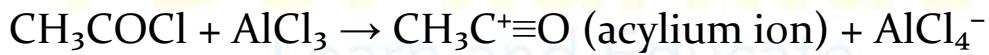


Product: Acetophenone (Aromatic Ketone)

## Mechanism

### STEP I – Formation of Electrophile (Acylium Ion):

The acyl halide reacts with  $\text{AlCl}_3$  to generate a resonance-stabilized acylium ion ( $\text{RCO}^+$ ):



*Acylium ion ( $\text{R}-\text{C}^+=\text{O}$ ) is a strong electrophile.*

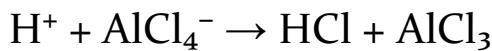
### STEP II – Attack of Electrophile on Benzene Ring:

The  $\pi$  electrons of benzene attack the acylium ion, forming a carbocation intermediate (arenium ion):



### STEP III – Loss of Proton and Aromaticity Restoration:

The intermediate loses a proton, restoring aromaticity and forming acetophenone:



### Final Products:

- Aromatic ketone (e.g., Acetophenone)
- Hydrogen chloride (HCl)

