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Benzene 2 Resonance forms

Hybrid Forms

Electrophilic Substitution





2. Benzene - Physical properties

Benzene was first isolated by Michael Faraday in 1825 and is now a major feedstock used in many industries: • Polymers

• Pharmaceuticals

Dyes

• Explosives.

Benzene itself is highly carcinogenic. It is the simplest arene with an empirical formula of CH and a molecular formula of C, H,

- The C-C bond length in benzene is an intermediate between and C-C single bond and a C=C double bond.
- Benzene is more stable than the hypothetical cyclohexa-1,3,5-triene because of electron delocalisation.

• Each C atom has three covalent bonds – one to a H atom and the other two to C atoms. The fourth electron of each C atom is in a p-orbital. The p-orbitals overlap and the electrons in them are delocalised. This forms an area of electron density above and below the ring to form a π cloud.

• Benzene is planar and the C-C bonds are equal in length.

2. Benzene - Reactivity

• Benzene combusts like other hydrocarbons and tends to produce very smoky flames. This is due to the high carbon:hydrogen ratio, this leaves a lot of carbon unburnt.

• Benzene have electrophilic substitution reactions in preference to addition reactions.

• Benzene does not discolour bromine water.

Electrophilic substitution - Nitration

• The electrophile (NO_2^{+}) is made in the reaction mixture of concentrated nitric acid and concentrated sulfuric acid. The overall equation for the formation of the electrophile is:

 $H_{s}SO_{4} + HNO_{5} a NO_{5}^{+} + HSO_{4}^{-} + H_{s}O_{5}$

• The H⁺ then reacts with the HSO₄ to regenerate H_1SO_4 - the sulfuric acid is a catalyst.

Electrophilic substitution - Friedel-Crafts acylation

• It uses aluminium chloride <u>as a catalyst</u> •RCO substitutes for a hydrogen on the aromatic ring. •Acyl chlorides provide the RCO group, reacting with AlCl₃

 $RCOCI + AICI_{3} a RCO^{+} + AICI_{4}^{-}$

• The aluminium chloride is then reformed by reacting with H⁺ from the benzene ring:

 $AICI_{4}^{+} + H^{+} a AICI_{3} + HCI$



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·CH₂NH₂



and acceptor

acceptor only

Reaction 1 with ammonia forming primary amine



Reaction 2 forming secondary amine







1. Physical properties

- Amines are derivatives of ammonia, where one or more hydrogen atoms are replaced by alkyl or aryl groups.
- They are very reactive compounds

Nomenclature

- Amines are classified into primary secondary and tertiary based on the number of substituents bonded to the nitrogen.
- If there are more than one group attached to the ammine we use N-R putting substituent in alphabetical order
- For secondary or tertiary amines each group from the amine group is named separately, the longest has the suffix -amine
- Amines are pyramidal molecules have all angles of approximately 107 degrees
- Short Amines are gases, longer ones are volatile liquids and have fishy smells.

2. Reactivity

Preparation :

• by reaction of ammonia with halogenoalkanes (Nucleophilic substitution)

The 1° amine can then act as a nucleophile and react with the halogenoalkane to produce a 2° amine, which can react to give a 3° amine, which in turn will react to make a 4° ammonium salt. This is not efficient. Preparation by reduction of nitriles:

Step 1: Halogenoalkanes react with a cyanide ion in aqueous ethanol. The ion replaces the halide ion by nucleophilic substitution to form a nitrile. RBr + CN+ Br⁻

Step 2:

- Nitriles can be reduced to primary amines with a nickel/hydrogen catalyst.
- Electrophilic substitution (nitration) of benzene. Nitrobenzene is then reduced to phenylamine using tin and HCl as the reducing agent:

Amines can act as bases

- Amines can accept a proton so they are weak Bronsted-Lowry bases:
- Alkyl groups release electrons towards the nitrogen atom, this is called inductive effect. The nitrogen is a stronger electron pair donor and so more attractive to protons.
- 1° alkylamines are stronger bases than ammonia because the inductive effect of the alkyl group increases the electron density on the N atom and makes it a better electron pair donor.
- 2° alkylamines have two inductive effects = stronger bases.
- 3° alkylamines = not strong because they are poorly soluble in water.
- Aryl groups withdraw electrons from the nitrogen atom. The nitrogen is a weaker electron pair donor and so less attractive to protons, so aryl amines are weaker bases than ammonia.