#### **SN2 Reactions of Benzylic Halides**

S<sub>N</sub>2 of benzylic halides is faster than allylic halides. *How can this be explained if there is no carbocation intermediate?*



### **Allylic SN2 Faster: Two Arguments**

#### 1. steric hinderance (VWF) 2. molecular orbital interactions

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- LUMO of C-X bond can adopt a coplanar arrangement with porbitals of p-bond =
- **electron delocalization over three** orbitals =
- lower energy LUMO =
- **lower activation energy =**
- faster reaction
- *• Why does lower energy LUMO result in lower activation energy?*

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- more p-orbitals in benzene than alkene =
- more electron donation into LUMO of C-Cl bond =
- weaker C-X bond =
- *• faster reaction*

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#### **Preparation of Alkenylbenzenes**

#### Same methods used to prepare alkenes can be used to prepare alkenylbenzenes



### **Elimination of Benzylic Hydrogens**

Addition reactions to alkenes can also be applied to addition reactions to alkenylbenzenes







 $2-(m-Bromophenyl)-2-butene$ 

Hydrogen

 $2-(m-Bromophenyl)$ butane (92%)

**Bromination** 



Styrene

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**Bromine** 

1,2-Dibromo-1-phenylethane  $(82\%)$ 



# **Regioselective Addition of Electrophiles to Alkenylbenzenes**

Addition to alkenylbenzenes favors (faster) formation of the more stable benzylic carbocation





Carbocation is secondary and benzylic and gives the observed product



Less stable carbocation is secondary but not benzylic



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### **Formation of Arenium Ion**

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- **arenium ion:** carbocation formed from an aromatic ring
- formation of arenium ions is slow since the ground state is so stable (loss of aromaticity)
- requires very reactive (high energy) electrophiles

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#### **Arenium Ions**

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- **arenium ion:** also known as a s-complex
- arenium ions are allylic carbocations
- stabilized by resonance
- no aromatic

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#### **Fate of Arenium Ion**

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#### **Fate of Arenium Ion**

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#### **Potential Energy Diagram**

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Reaction coordinate

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#### **Preparation of Electrophiles**

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#### nitronium ion

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### **Nitration**

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#### **Preparation of Electrophiles**

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#### **Sulfonation**

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### **Preparation of Electrophiles**

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#### **Bromination**

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### **Preparation of Electrophiles**

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#### **Friedel-Crafts Alkylation**

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#### **Friedel-Crafts Acylation**

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#### **Summary of Some Representative Electrophilic Aromatic Substitutions**

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If anhydrides also react with  $AICI<sub>3</sub>$  to give acylium ions, what is the product for the acylation reaction below?

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### **Complication of Friedel-Crafts Alkylations**

- rearrangement to more stable carbocations always predominates
- 1º alkyl chlorides (except ethyl chloride) cannot be employed in FC alkylations

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#### **Reduction of Aryl Ketones**

#### Clemmensen Reduction

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#### H<sub>2</sub>NNH<sub>2</sub>, KOH O Wolf-Kishner Reduction

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#### **Alternative Strategy to Alkybenzenes**

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