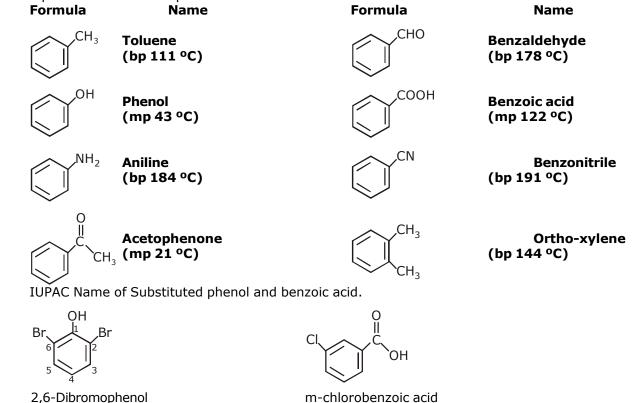
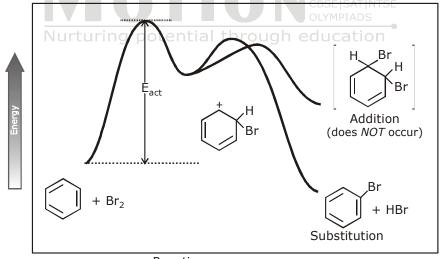
## **AROMATIC COMPOUND**

some important aromatic compounds with their common names.



## **Electrophilic Aromatic Substitution Reaction**

A reaction energy diagram for the electrophilic bromination of benzene. The reaction occurs in two steps and releases energy.

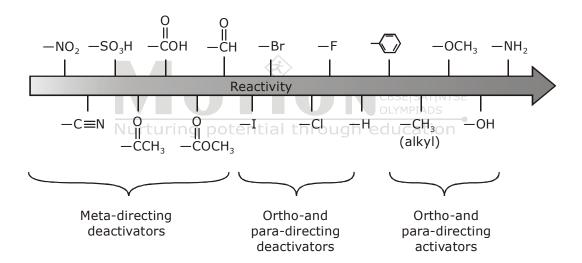


Reaction progress ———

## **Some Electrophilic Aromatic substitution reactions:**

- (i) Ortho- and para-directing activators: Groups like -OH ad -NH<sub>2</sub> present on a ring direct an electrophile, E<sup>+</sup>, to ortho or para position and they react faster than benzene.
- (ii) Ortho- and para-directing deactivators: Helogens present on a ring direct an electrophile, E<sup>+</sup>, to ortho or para positions, and they react slower than benzene.
- (iii) Meta-directing deactivators: Groups containing a carbonyl (C = O) or a -CN group direct an electrophile, E+, to the meta positions, but they react slower than benzene.

  No meta-directing activators are known. Figure 5.8 shows how the directing effects of the groups correlate with their reactivities. All meta directing grops are deactivating and most ortho-and paradirecting groups are activating. The halogens are unique in being ortho and para directing and deactivating.



**Figure** Substituent effects in electrophilic aromatic substitutions. All activating groups are ortho-and para-directing, and all deactivating groups other than halogen are meta-directing. The halogens are ortho and para-directing deactivators.

## **CONCEPT MAP**

