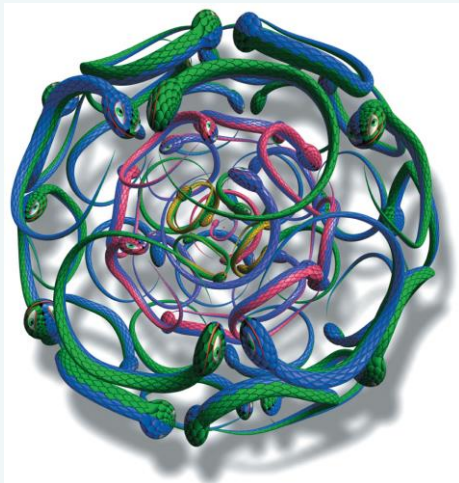


## Chapter 7



**Delocalized Electrons  
and Their Effect on  
Stability, pKa, and the  
Products of a  
Reaction •  
Aromaticity and the  
Reactions of Benzene**

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## Localized Electrons



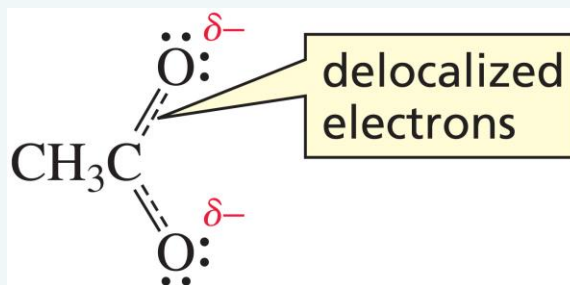
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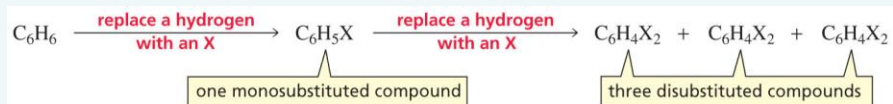
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## Delocalized Electrons



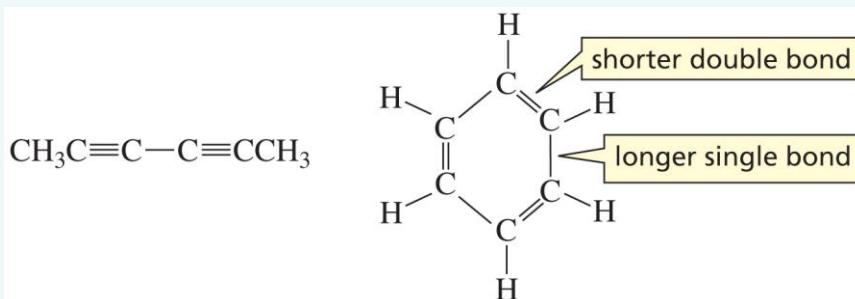
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## What is the structure of Benzene?



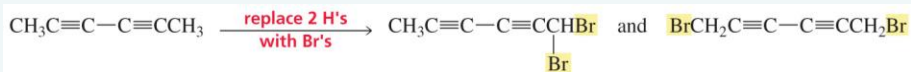
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## Degree of Unsaturation = 4



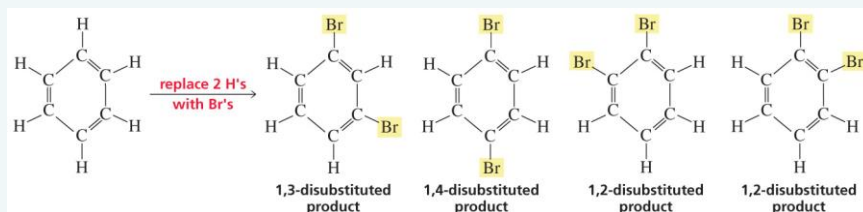
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## Two Disubstituted Products



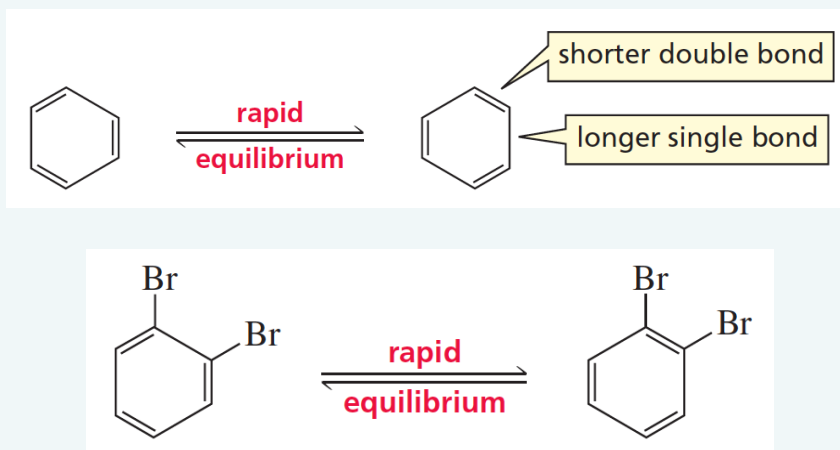
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## Four Disubstituted Products



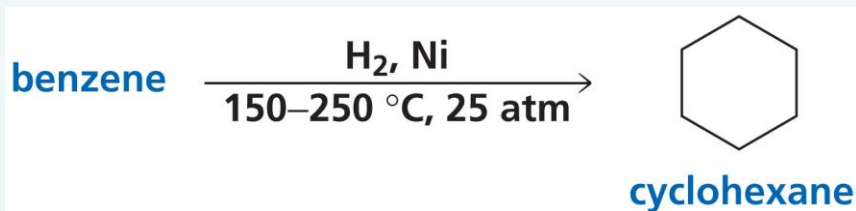
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## Two are in Rapid Equilibrium



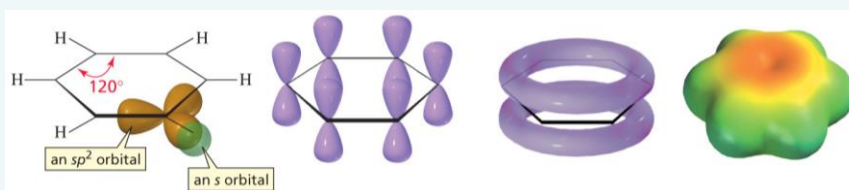
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It was confirmed that Benzene is cyclic in  
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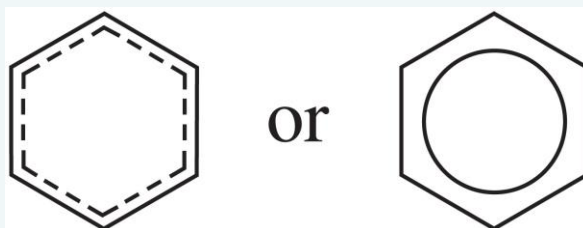
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## The Structure of Benzene



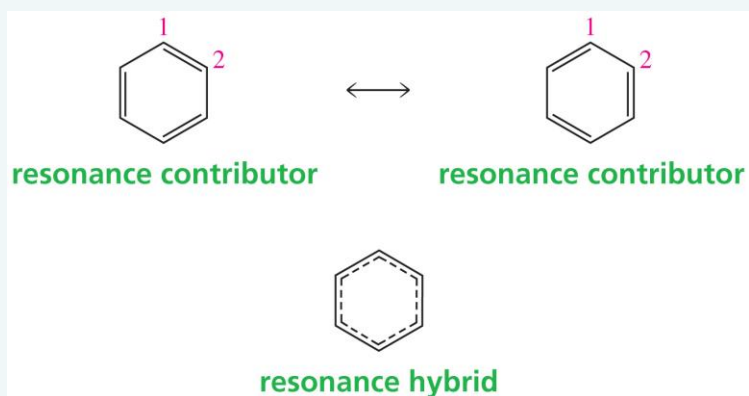
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## Showing Delocalized Electrons



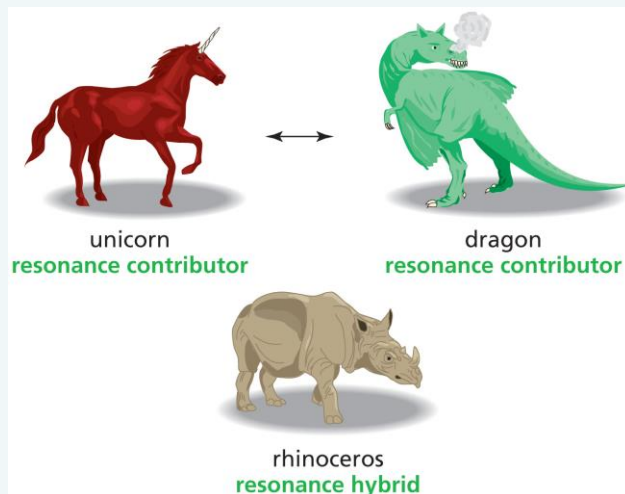
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## Resonance Contributors Resonance Hybrid



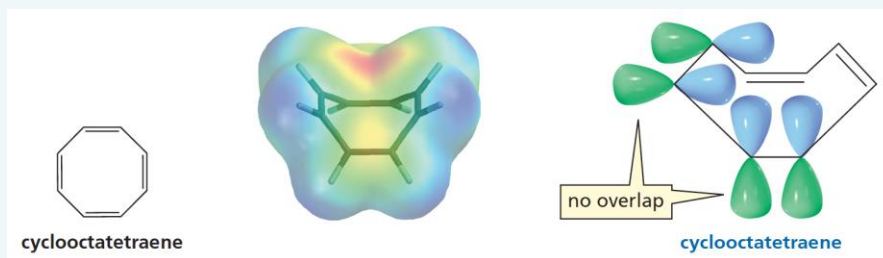
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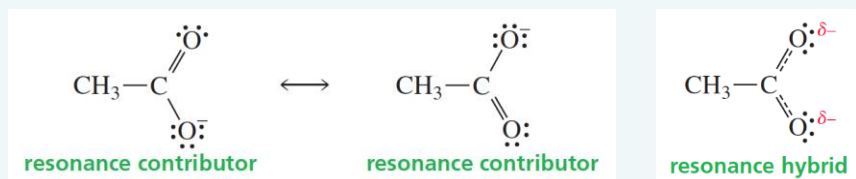
## Cyclooctatriene does not have Delocalized Electrons



Cyclooctatetraene is not planar.

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## Delocalized Electrons



**Delocalized electrons** result from the *p* orbital of one atom overlapping the *p* orbitals of two adjacent atoms.

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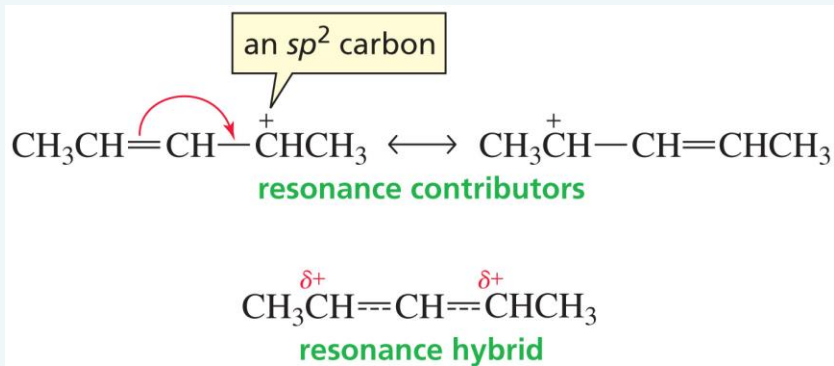
## Rules for Drawing Resonance Contributors

1. Only electrons move.
2. Only  $\pi$  electrons and lone-pair electrons move.
1. The total number of electrons in the molecule does not change.

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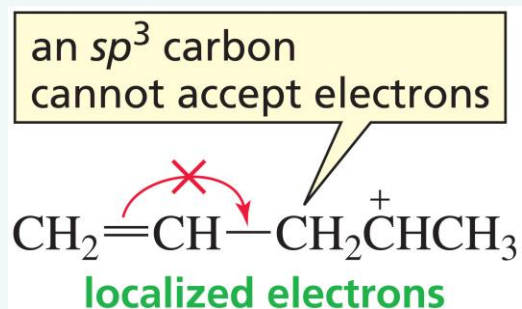


## Move $\pi$ Electrons to an $sp^2$ Carbon



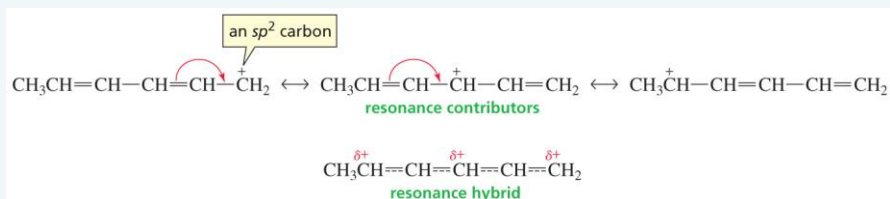
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## Cannot Move Electrons to an $sp^3$ Carbon



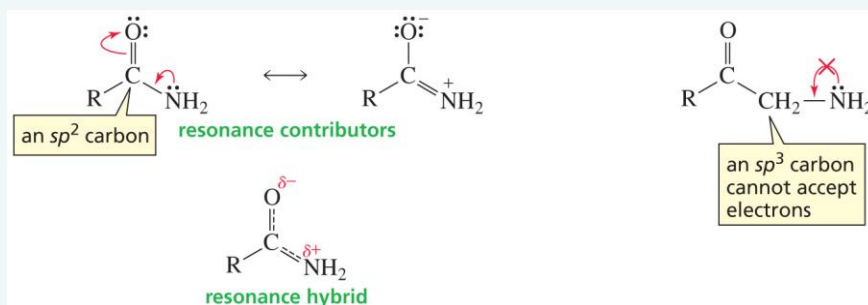
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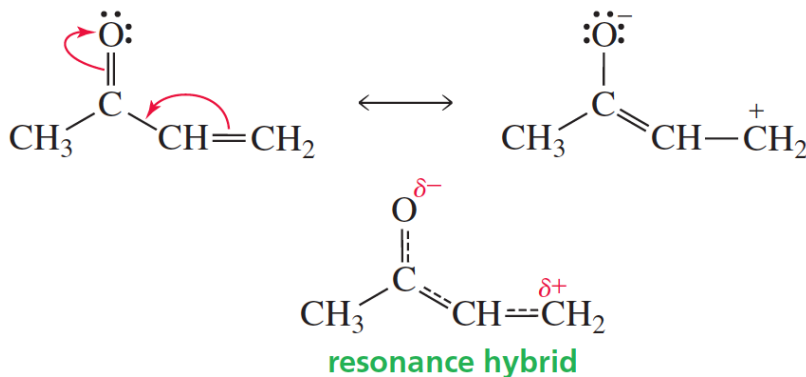
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## Move Lone-Pair Electrons to an $sp^2$ Carbon



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## Move Lone-Pair Electrons to an $sp^2$ Carbon



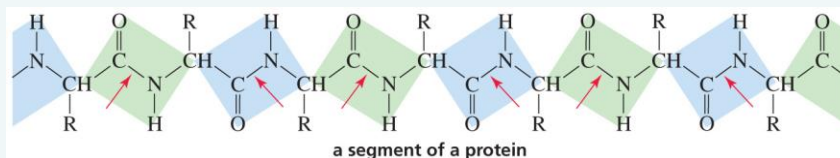
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## Moving Electrons away from the most Electronegative Atom

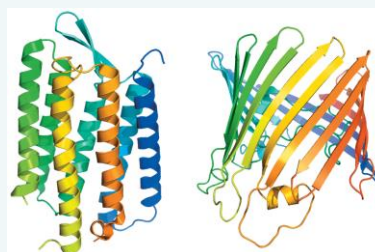
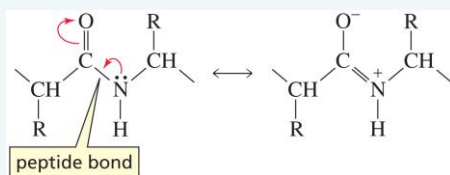


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## How delocalized Electrons affect Protein Structure

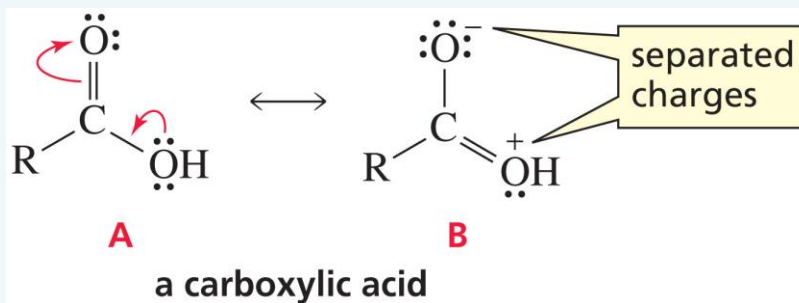


red arrows point at peptide bonds



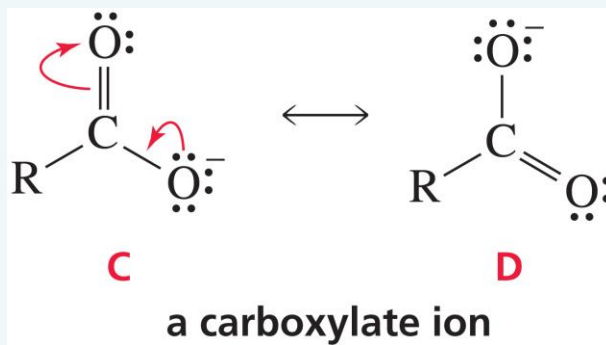
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## A is more Stable than B



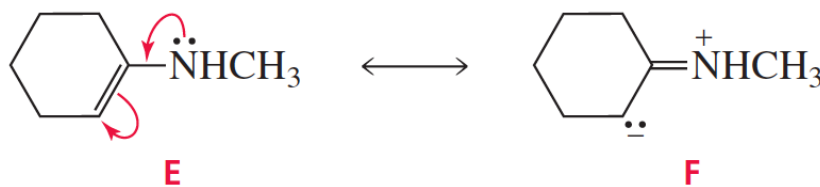
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## C and D are equally Stable



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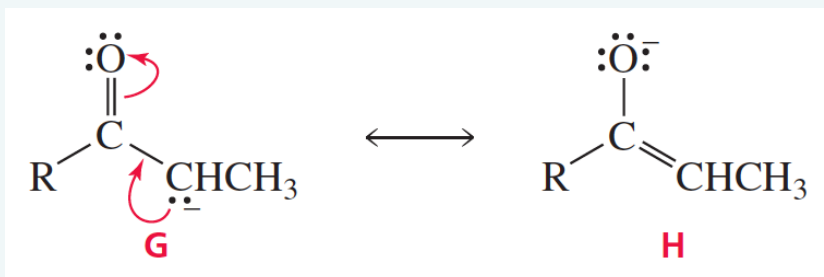
## E is more Stable than F



F has separated charges, with N holding a positive charge.

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## H is more Stable than G



Oxygen better accommodates the negative charge

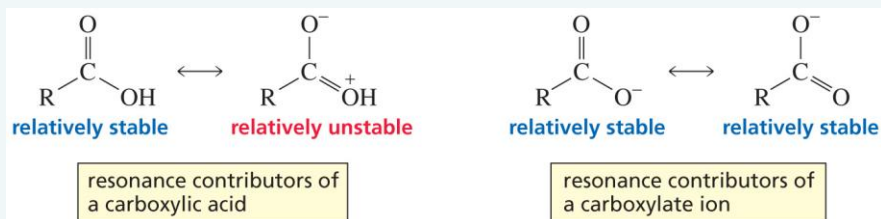
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## Delocalization Energy

- The **delocalization energy** is the extra stability a compound has as a result of having delocalized electrons.
- **Electron delocalization** is also called **resonance**.
- **Delocalization energy** is also called **resonance energy**.
- The **resonance hybrid** is **more stable** than any of its resonance contributors is predicted to be.

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## The greater the number of Relatively Stable Resonance Contributors, the greater the Delocalization Energy



The delocalization energy is greater for the **carboxylate ion** than for the **carboxylic acid**.

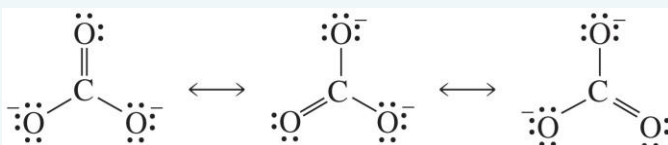
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## The number of Relatively Stable Resonance Contributors is what is important

Little delocalization energy



Significant delocalization energy



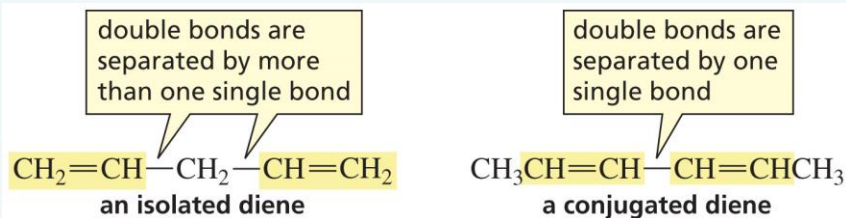
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## Summary

- The greater the predicted stability of a resonance contributor, the more it contributes to the resonance hybrid.
- The greater the number of relatively stable resonance contributors, the greater the delocalization energy.
- The more nearly equivalent the resonance contributors, the greater the delocalization energy.

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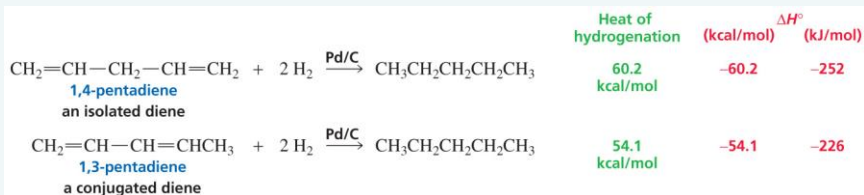
## Conjugated and Isolated Dienes



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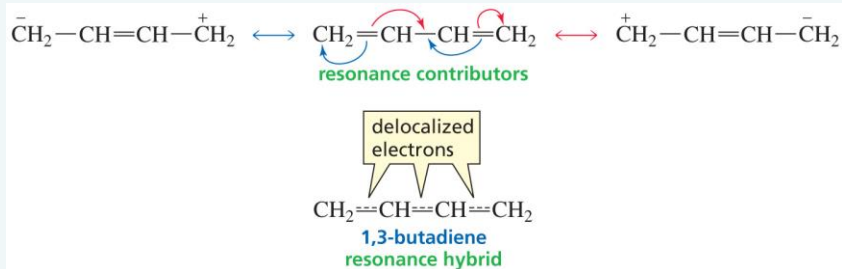


## The smaller the Heat of Hydrogenation, the more stable the Compound



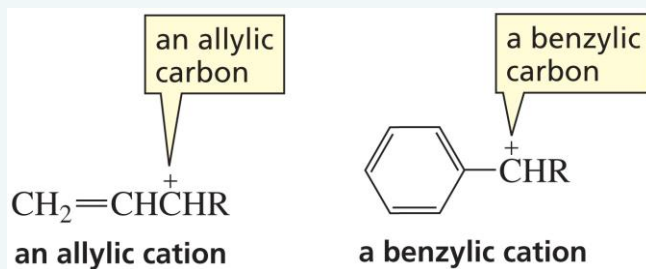
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## Conjugated Dienes have Delocalized Electrons



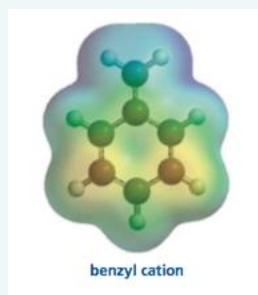
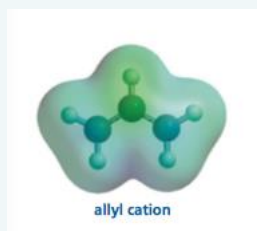
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## Allylic and Benzylic Cations



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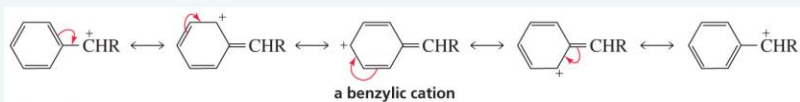
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## Resonance Contributors for an Allylic Cation



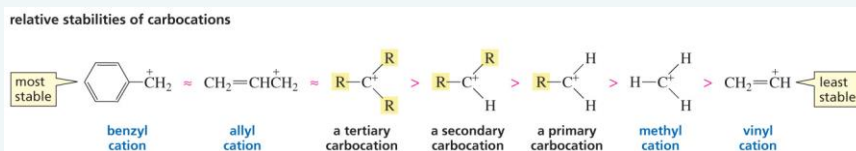
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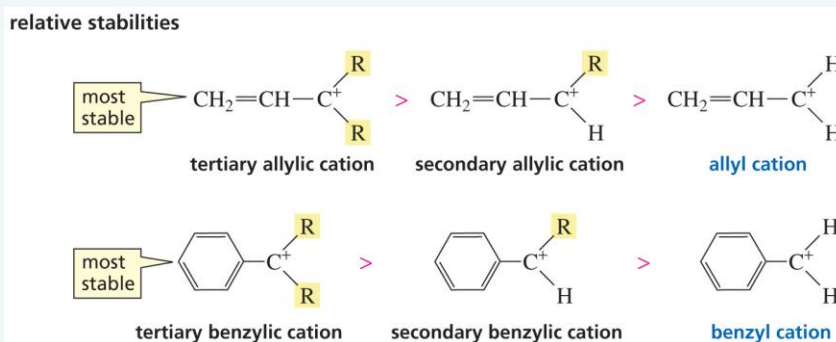
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## Relative Stabilities of Carbocations



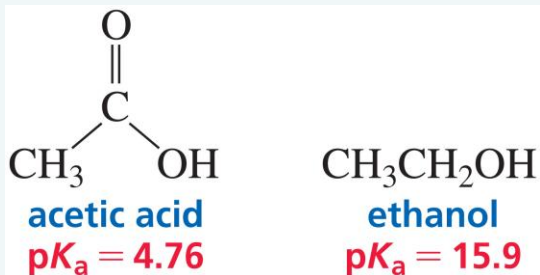
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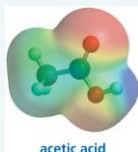
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## Delocalized Electrons affect $pK_a$ Values

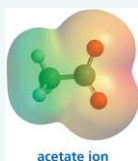


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## Proton loss is accompanied by greater Delocalization Energy



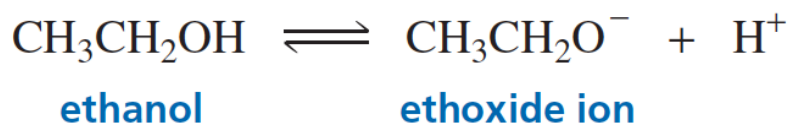
The negative charge is localized on  
**one oxygen.**



The negative charge is shared by  
**two oxygens.**

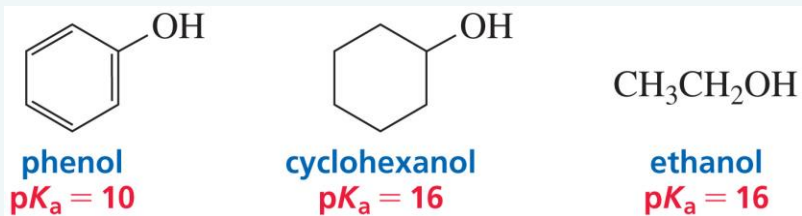
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## No Electron Delocalization



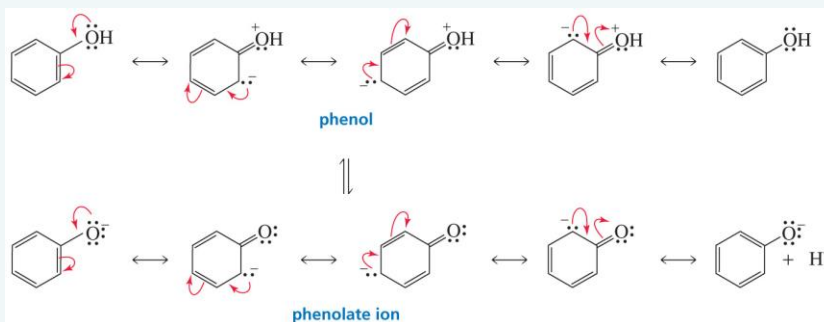
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## Phenols *versus* Alcohols



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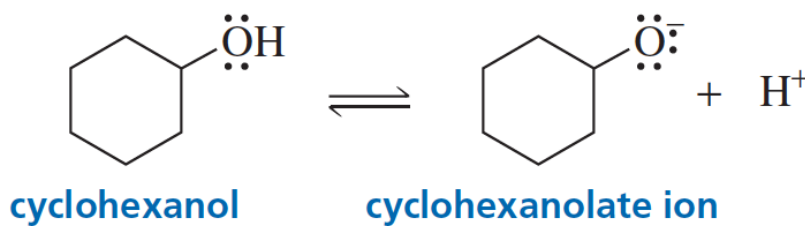
## Why Phenols are more Acidic



The base has **greater delocalization energy** than the conjugate acid.

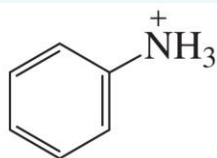
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## No Electron Delocalization

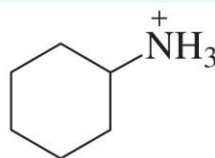


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## Protonated Anilines *versus* Protonated Amines



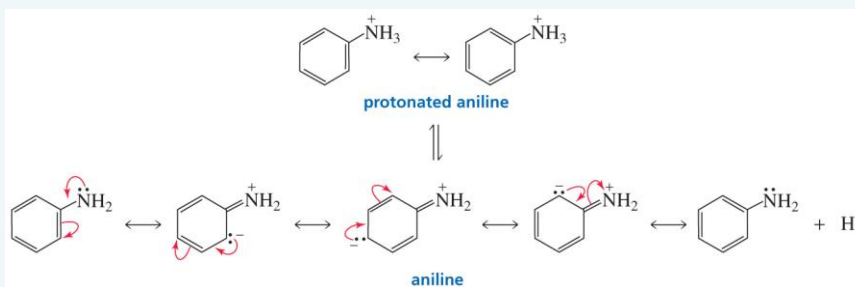
protonated aniline  
 $pK_a = 4.60$



protonated cyclohexylamine  
 $pK_a = 11.2$

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## Why Protonated Anilines are more Acidic

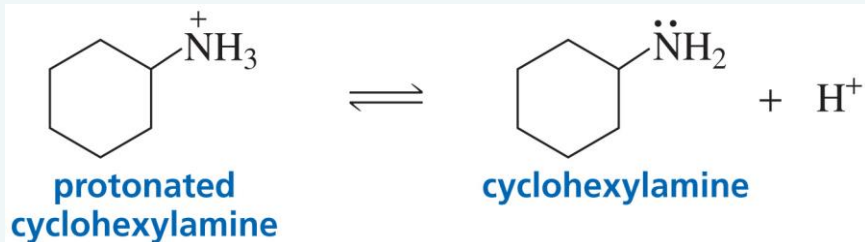


The base has **greater delocalization energy** than the conjugate acid.

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## No Delocalized Electrons



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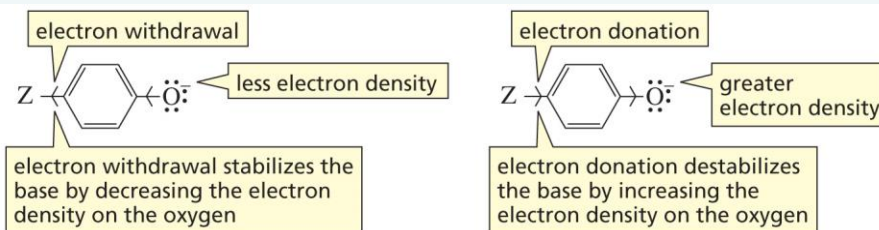
## Important!

**Table 7.1** Approximate  $\text{p}K_a$  Values

$\text{p}K_a < 0$	$\text{p}K_a \approx 5$	$\text{p}K_a \approx 10$	$\text{p}K_a \approx 15$
$\text{ROH}^+$ H	$\text{R}-\text{C}(=\text{O})-\text{OH}$	$\text{RNH}_3^+$	ROH
$\text{R}-\text{C}(=\text{OH}^+)-\text{OH}$	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NH}_3^+$	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{OH}$	$\text{H}_2\text{O}$
$\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$			

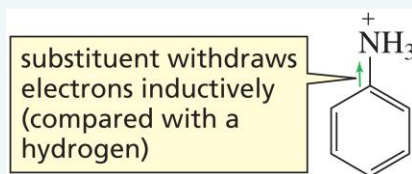
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## Electronic Effects: Substituents on the Benzene Ring affect $pK_a$ Values



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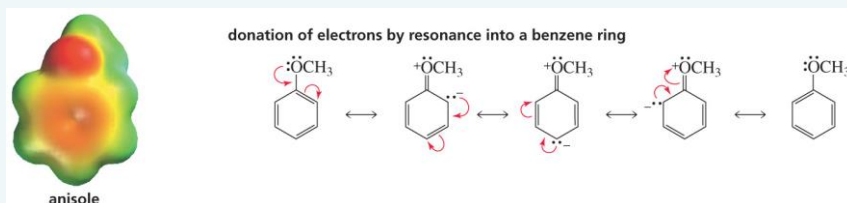
## Inductive Electron Withdrawal and Donation



- A substituent **more electronegative** than a hydrogen **withdraws  $\sigma$  electrons inductively** from the benzene ring more than a hydrogen will.
- An **alkyl group** **donates electrons into the ring** by hyperconjugation.

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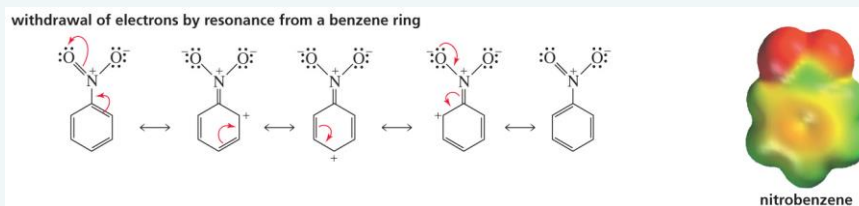
## Resonance Electron Donation



A lone pair on an atom directly attached to the ring **donates electrons by resonance**.

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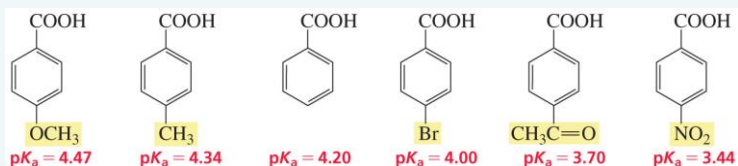
## Resonance Electron Withdrawal



An atom directly attached to the ring that is doubly or triply bonded to an electronegative atom **withdraws electrons by resonance**.

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## Substituents on the Benzene Ring Affect the $pK_a$ of Benzoic Acid

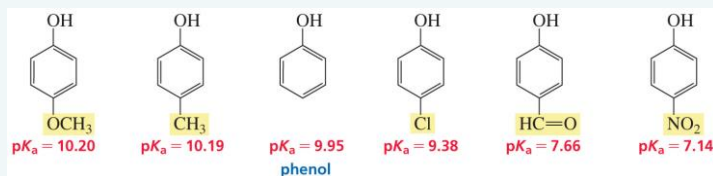


electron donating groups decrease the acidity  
(destabilize the conjugate base)

electron withdrawing groups increase the acidity  
(stabilize the conjugate base)

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## Substituents on the Benzene Ring Affect the $pK_a$ of Phenol

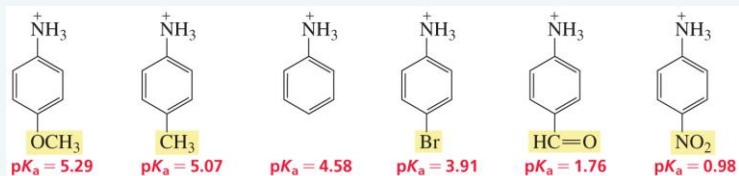


electron donating groups decrease the acidity  
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## Substituents on the Benzene Ring Affect the $pK_a$ of Protonated Aniline

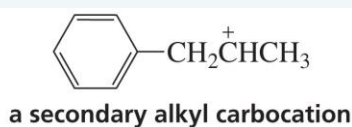
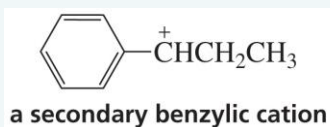
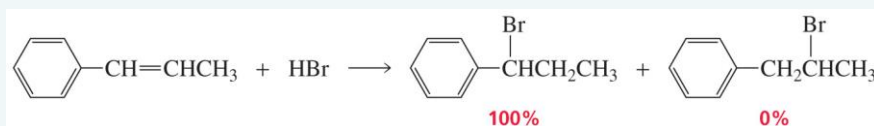


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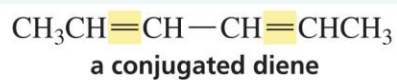
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## Delocalized Electrons can affect the product of a Reaction



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## Isolated and Conjugated Dienes



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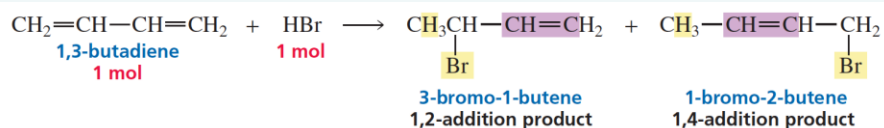
## Reactions of Isolated Dienes



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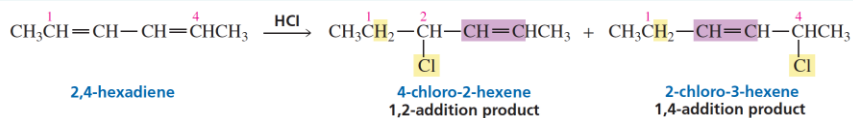
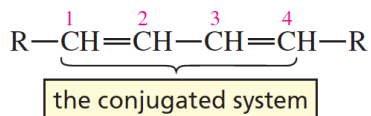


## Reactions of Conjugated Dienes



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## 1,2-Addition and 1,4-Addition

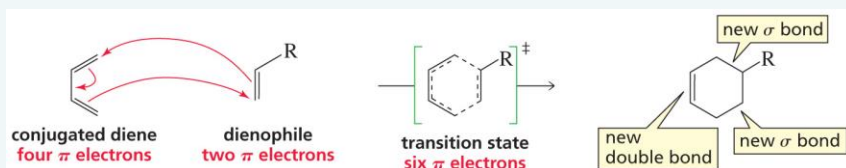


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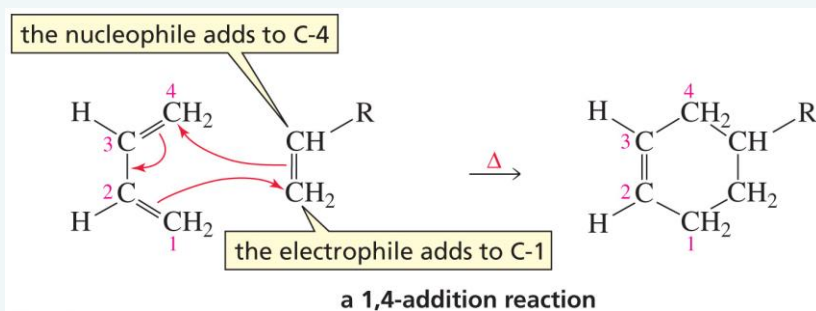


## The Mechanism



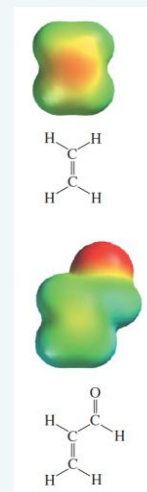
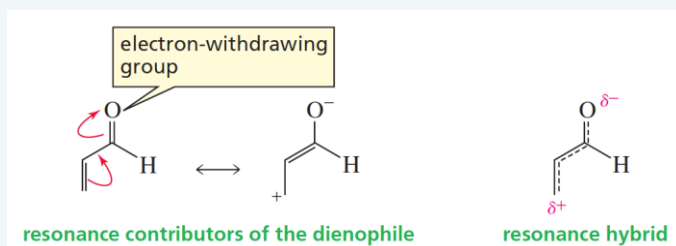
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## Faster if there is an Electron Withdrawing Group on the Dienophile



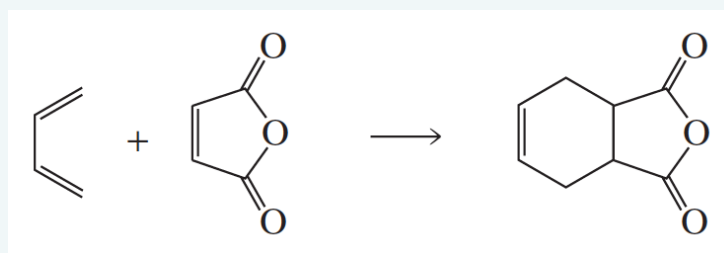
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## The Electron Withdrawing Group makes the Electrophile a better Electrophile



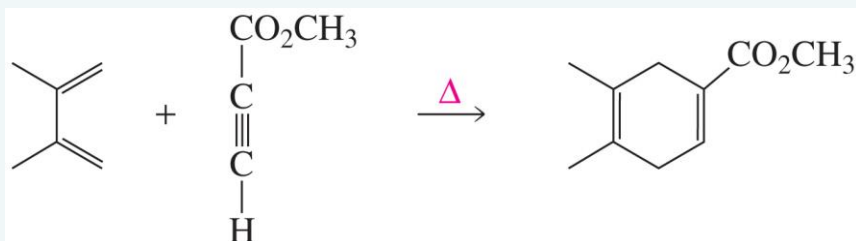
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## Another Diels–Alder Reaction



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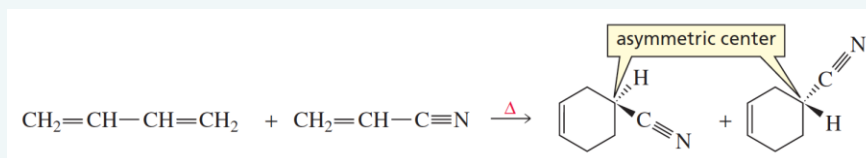
## Alkynes can also be Dienophiles



The cyclic product has **two double bonds**.

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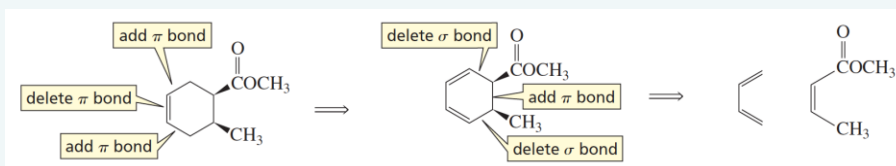
## The Stereochemistry of the Diels–Alder Reaction



The product will be a **racemic mixture**.

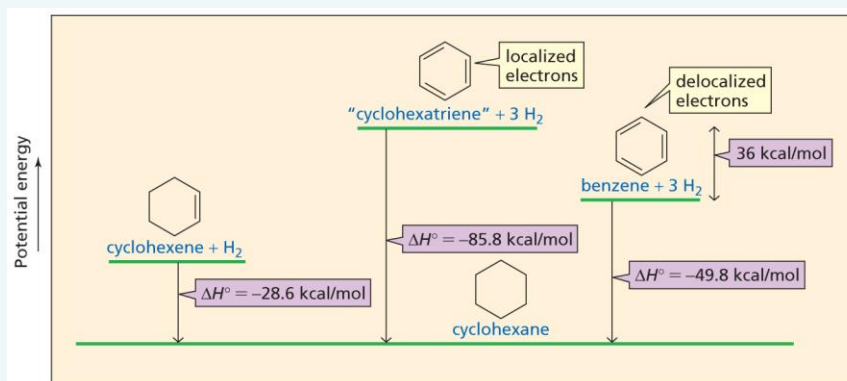
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## How to Determine the Reactants of a Diels–Alder Reaction



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## Benzene is an Aromatic Compound



The delocalization energy of benzene is 36 kcal/mol.

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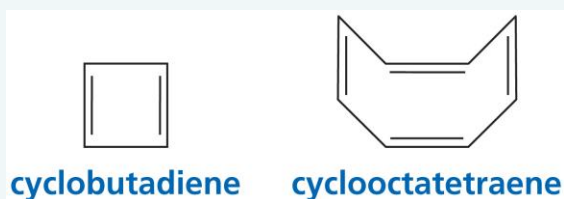
## Criteria for a Compound to be Aromatic



- It must have an uninterrupted cloud of  $\pi$  electrons. (cyclic, planar, every ring atom must have a  $p$  orbital).
- The  $\pi$  cloud must have **an odd number of pairs** of  $\pi$  electrons.

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## Examples of Compounds that are not Aromatic

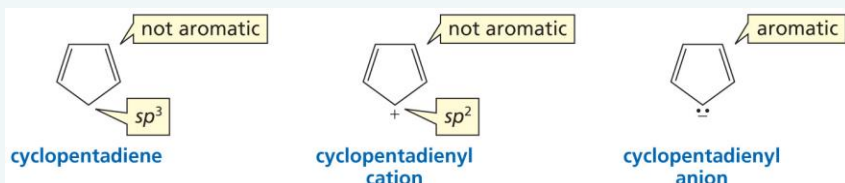


Cyclobutadiene has an **even number of pairs** of  $\pi$  electrons.

Cyclooctatetraene has an **even number of pairs** of  $\pi$  electrons **and** it is not planar.

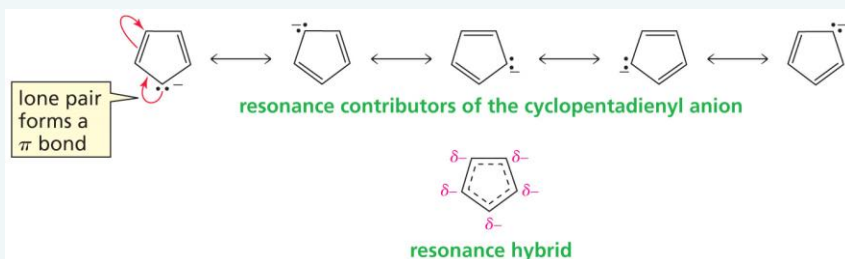
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## Nonaromatic and Aromatic Compounds



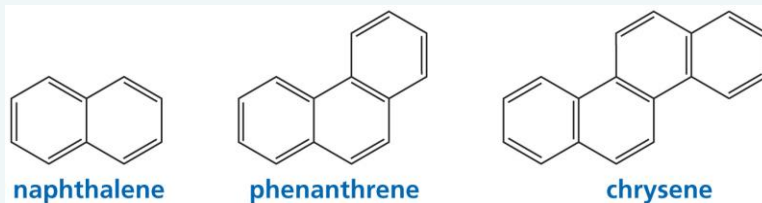
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## Resonance Contributors and the Resonance Hybrid



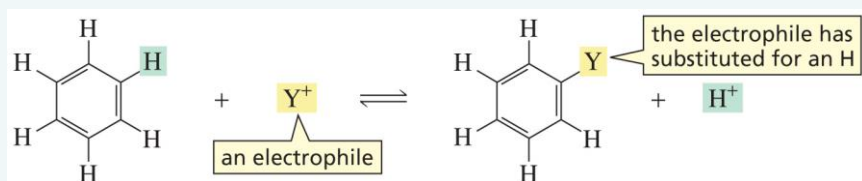
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## Aromatic Compounds



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## How Benzene Reacts

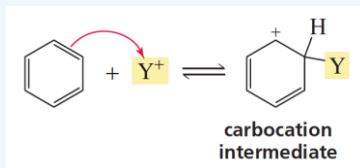


Aromatic compounds such as benzene undergo **electrophilic aromatic substitution reactions**.

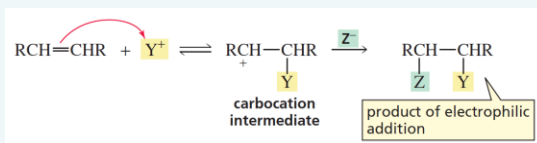
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## Benzene Reacts with Electrophiles



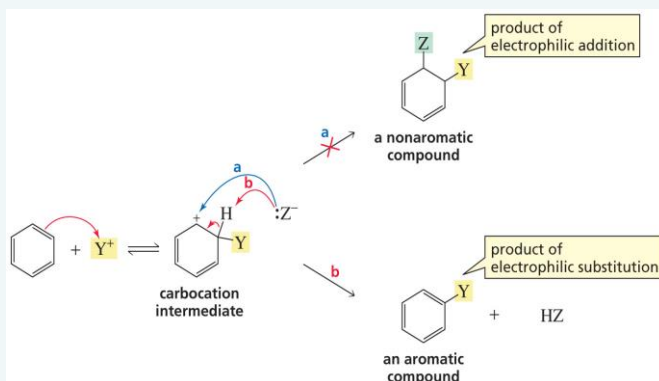
The  $\pi$  electrons above and below the ring make **benzene** a **nucleophile**.



Benzene attacking an electrophile is like an alkene attacking an electrophile.

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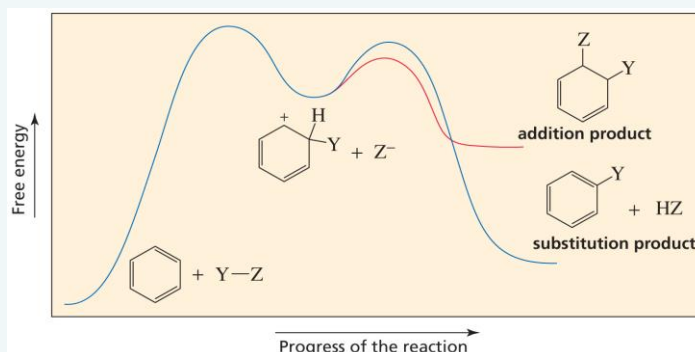
## Benzene undergoes Substitution, not Addition



Aromaticity is restored in the product from electrophilic substitution.

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## Benzene undergoes Substitution, not Addition

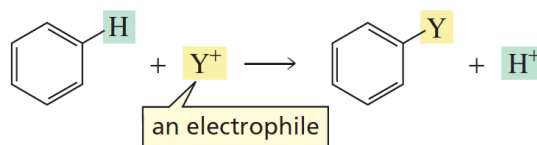


The reaction of benzene with an electrophile forms the **aromatic substitution product**, not the **nonaromatic addition product**.

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## An Electrophilic Aromatic Substitution Reaction

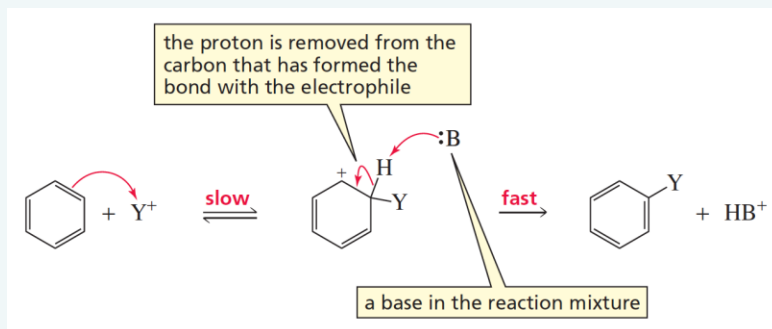
an electrophilic aromatic substitution reaction



An electrophile ( $Y^+$ ) substitutes for  $H^+$ .

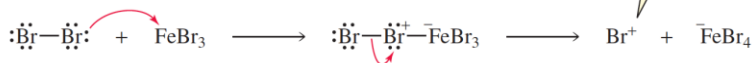
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## The Mechanism for Electrophilic Aromatic Substitution



## Generating the Electrophile: Halogenation

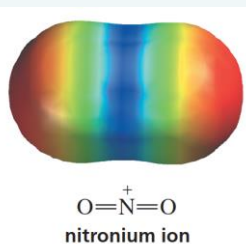
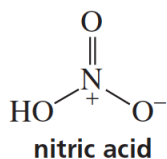
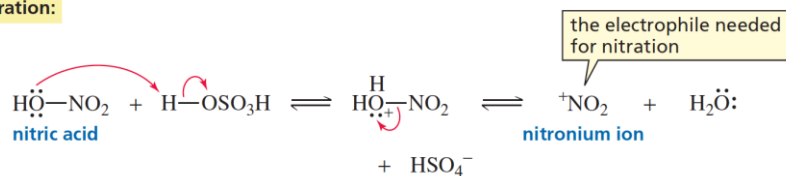
### 1. Halogenation:



Donating a lone pair to a Lewis acid **weakens** the  $Br-Br$  or  $Cl-Cl$  bond.

## Generating the Electrophile: Nitration

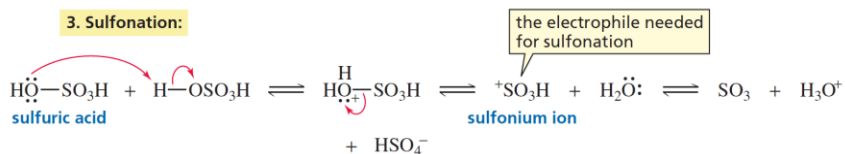
### 2. Nitration:



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## Generating the Electrophile: Sulfonation

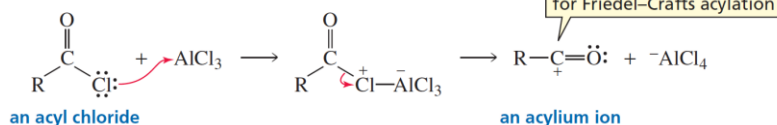
### 3. Sulfonation:



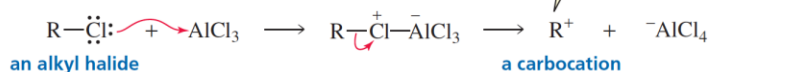
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## Generating the Electrophile: Friedel–Crafts Acylation and Alkylation

### 4. Friedel–Crafts acylation:

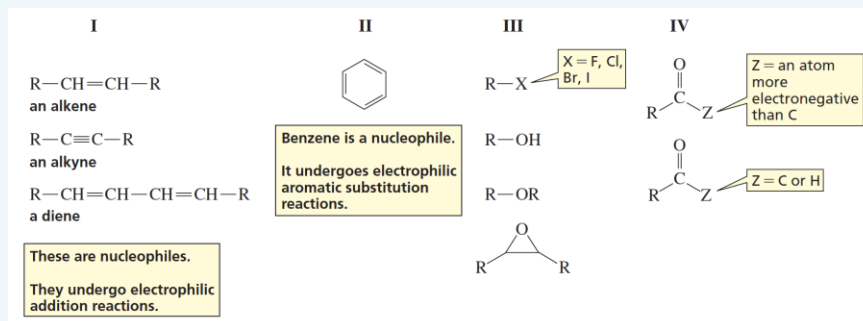


### 5. Friedel–Crafts alkylation:



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## Organizing what we know about the Reactions of Organic Compounds



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