CONCEPT: BENZYNE PATHWAY – GENERAL MECHANISM

Benzene can also undergo Nucleophilic Aromatic Substitution via an Elimination-Addition pathway to make aniline.

• This mechanism requires the formation of a highly unstable aryne (C₆H₄) intermediate.

Benzyne Amination Mechanism:

CONCEPT: BENZYNE PATHWAY – REGIOSPECIFIC PRODUCTS

MIT chemist John D. Roberts proposed that we could use donating and withdrawing groups to favor ortho vs. meta products

- Donating Groups favor the _____ position
- Withdrawing Groups favor the ______ position

EXAMPLE: Predict the product of the reaction. Use your knowledge of activating and deactivating groups to determine what the final product is. Show the full mechanism for the benzyne pathway.

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