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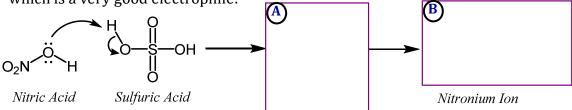
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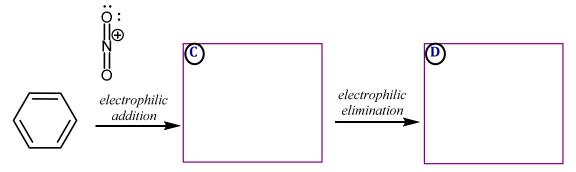
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Lesson IV.8. EAS II: Nitration and Sulfonation of Benzene *Nitration*

Sulfuric acid can dehydrate nitric acid to generate a nitronium ion (NO_2^+) , which is a very good electrophile:



Once generated, the nitronium ion undergoes the usual EAS process with benzene. This is called a **nitration reaction**:



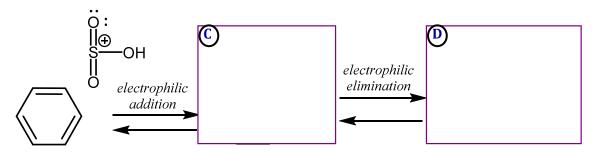
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Lesson IV.8. EAS II: Nitration and Sulfonation of BenzeneSulfonation

Sulfuric acid can react with itself to generate a sulfonium ion, [SO₃H]⁺.

sulfonium ion

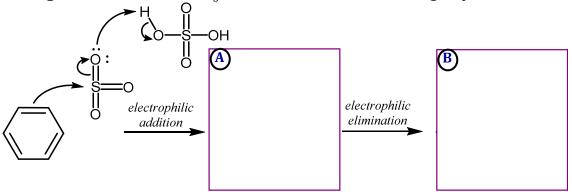
Once generated, the sulfonium ion undergoes the usual EAS process with benzene. This is called a **sulfonation reaction**:



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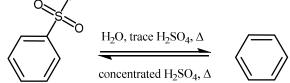
Lesson IV.8. EAS II: Nitration and Sulfonation of Benzene *Fuming sulfuric acid*

Sulfur trioxide in sulfuric acid can also be used as the electrophile in a sulfonation reaction. A mixture of SO_3 in sulfuric acid fumes and so it is called **fuming sulfuric acid**. The $-SO_3H$ is a **sulfonic acid** functional group.



Sulfonation is reversible, so the sulfonic acid group can be removed by heating in water with catalytic acid:

OH



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