

## UNIT 16 –AROMATIC SUBSTITUTION

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**OCSL:** Chapter 3 (skip 3.8), Chapter 8: 8.4 – 8.6

**VTOC:** Benzene & Derivatives

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### Skills:

- 16A. Draw the mechanism of electrophilic aromatic substitution.
- 16B. Predict how substituents effect the rate of reaction.
- 16C. Use sigma complexes to explain how substituents effect the regiochemistry of reaction.
- 16D. Predict the products of the following reactions with aromatic rings: halogenation, nitration., sulfonation, Friedel-Crafts alkylation, Friedel-Crafts acylation, benzylic bromination, permanganate oxidation, Clemmson reduction, Wolf-Kishner Reduction, protection and deprotection of anilines with acyls, formation and reaction of diazonium salts.
- 16E. Propose multistep syntheses of polysubstituted aromatics.