

# Heterocyclic Chemistry

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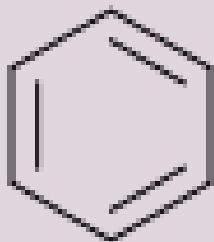
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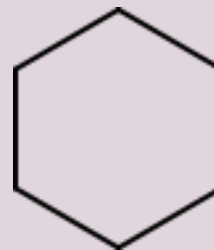
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# ***WHAT IS HETEROCYCLIC CHEMISTRY?***

What are carbocyclic compounds?

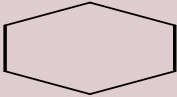
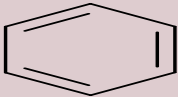
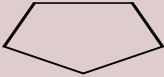
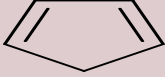






benzene



cyclohexane

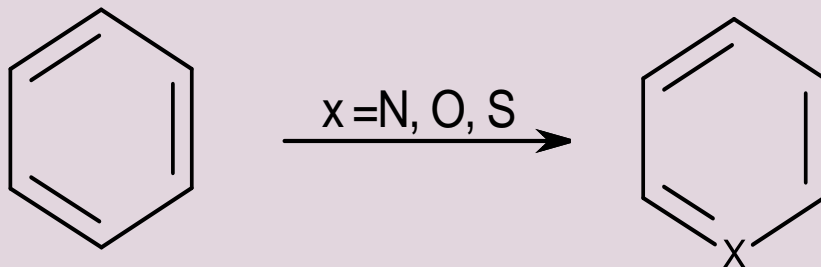
# Carbocyclic Compound

Carboxylic Compound	
Cyclic Compound	Aromatic Compound
	
	
	
	

# What's a heterocyclic compound?

If the ring system is made up of carbon atoms and at least one other element, the compound can be classified as heterocyclic.

The elements that are found most commonly together with carbon in a ring system are Nitrogen (N), Oxygen (O), and Sulfur (S).



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## **Heterocyclic compounds**

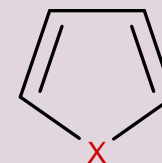
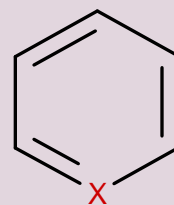
are organic compounds that contain a ring structure containing atoms in addition to carbon, such as sulfur, oxygen or nitrogen, as the heteroatom.

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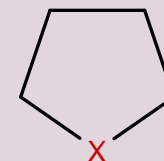
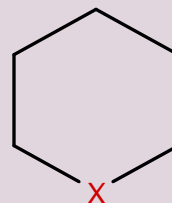
## Heterocyclic classification

It can be classified into

Heterocyclic compounds



**Heteroaromatic**

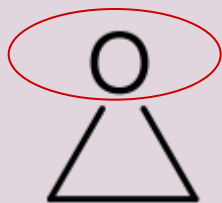


**Heteroalicyclic**

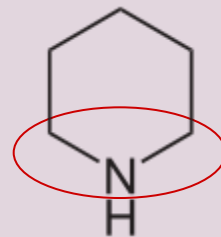
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## Heterocyclic classification

### 1- Aliphatic heterocycles :-



Oxirane



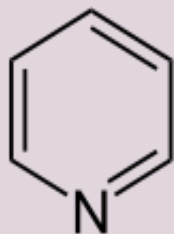
Piperidine



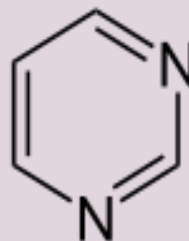
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## 2- Aromatic heterocycles :-

### a- six-membered aromatic heterocycles



Pyridine



Pyrimidine

# Heterocyclic Chemistry

## 2- Aromatic heterocycles :-

### b- five-membered aromatic heterocycles



Thiophen

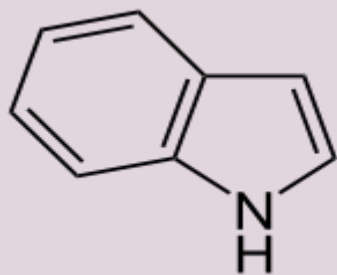


Furan

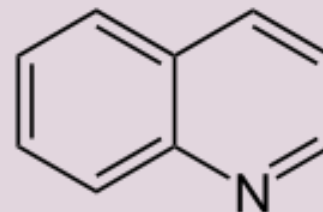
# Heterocyclic Chemistry

## 2- Aromatic heterocycles :-

### c- bicyclic heteroaromatic compounds



Indol



Quinoline

# Heterocyclic Chemistry

*Importance and uses of Heterocyclic compounds:-*

- *Biosynthesized*
- *Essential for life ( haem, chlorophyll)*
- *Their metabolites used as*
  - *toxin towards off predators*
  - *colouring agents to attract mates*

*In general various important compounds such as:-  
alkaloids, vitamins, antibiotics, essential amino acids,  
hormones, drugs and dyes contain heterocyclic  
structure.*

# Heterocyclic Chemistry

- in general: nucleic acids, amino acids (proteins),
- feeding: proteins, carbohydrates, vitamins
- alkaloids: nicotine, caffeine

## **Application:**

- antibiotics (penicillins, sulfonamides)
- insecticides (triazoles)
- herbicides (triazines, pyridines)

# ***HETEROCYCLIC NOMENCLATURE***

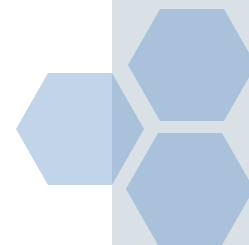


# Nomenclature of heterocyclic compounds

❖ There are three systems for naming heterocyclic compounds:

**1) The common nomenclature:** which convey little or no structural information but it still widely used.

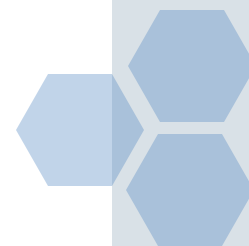
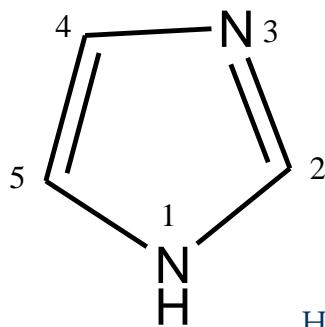
**2) The Hantzsch-Widman (IUPAC or Systematic)** method which in contrast is designed so that one may deduce from it the structure of the compound.





# I-Common Nomenclature

- 1) Each compound is given the corresponding trivial name (which should be memorized, see the following slides). This usually originates from the compounds occurrence, its first preparation or its special properties.
- 2) If there is more than one hetroatom of the same type numbering starts at the saturated one, e.g. imidazole.

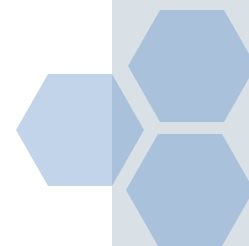
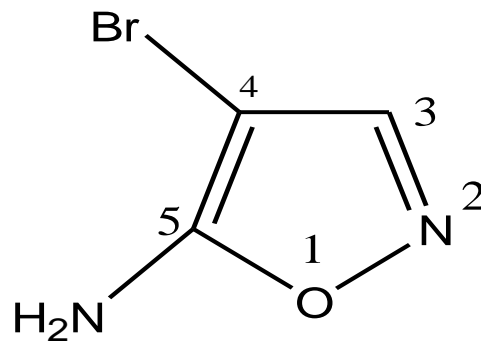






# Common Nomenclature

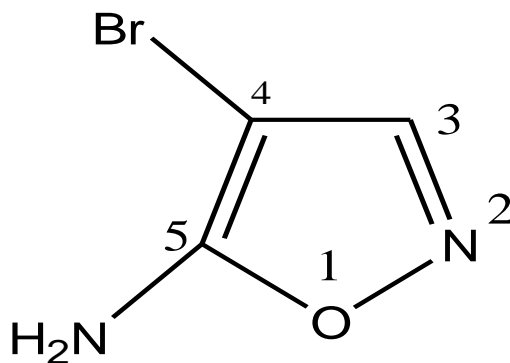
3) If there is more than one type of the heteroatoms, the ring is numbered starting at the heteroatom of the higher priority ( $O > S > N$ ) and it continues in the direction to give the other heteroatoms the lower numbers as possible.



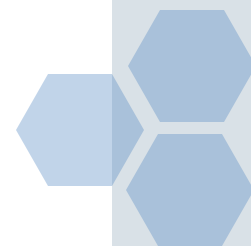


# Common Nomenclature

4) If substituents are present, their position should be identified by the number of the atoms bearing them and then they should be listed in alphabetical order.



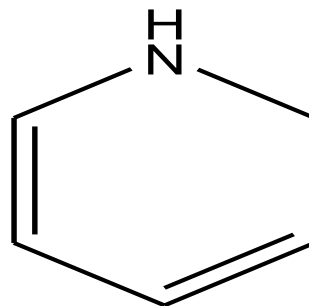
5-Amino-4-bromoisoxazole



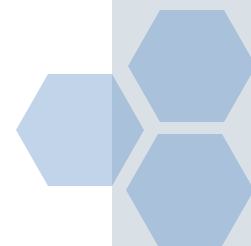


# Common Nomenclature

5) The words **dihydro**, or **trihydro**, or **tetrahydro** are used if two or three or four atoms are saturated. These words are preceded by numbers indicate the position of saturated atoms as low as possible and followed by the corresponding fully unsaturated trivial name.



1,2-Dihydro-pyridine

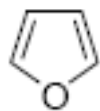




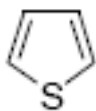
# Trivial names

## 1) 5-membered heterocycles with one or two heteroatoms

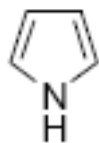
*common azoles - five-membered aromatic nitrogen heterocycles*



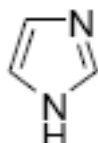
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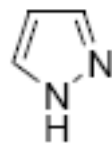
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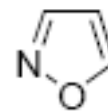
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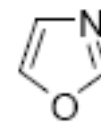
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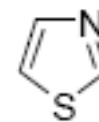
pyrazole



isoxazole



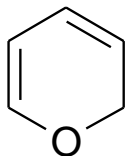
oxazole



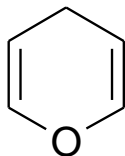
thiazole

## 2) 6-membered heterocycles with one or two heteroatoms

*Common azines-six-membered aromatic nitrogen heterocycles*

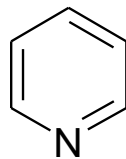


2H-Pyran

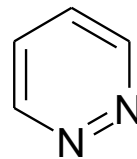


4H-Pyran

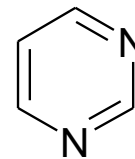
These are tautomers  
Both are not aromatic



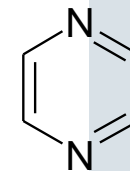
Pyridine



Pyridazine



Pyrimidine  
DNA/RNA bases



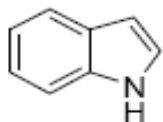
Pyrazine



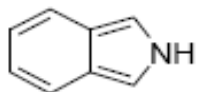
# Trivial Names

## 3) Fused heterocycles

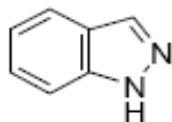
*common ring-fused azoles*



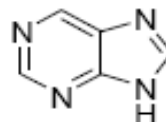
indole  
(found in the amino acid tryptophan)



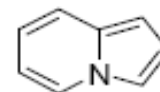
isoindole



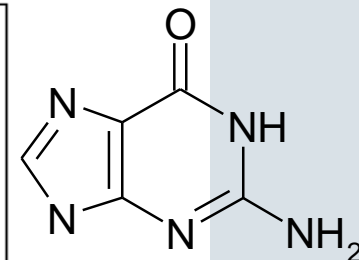
indazole



purine  
(DNA/RNA base)

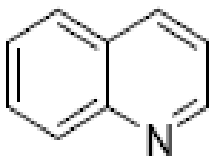


indolizidine

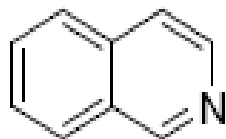


Guanine

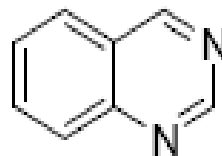
*common ring-fused azines*



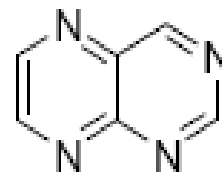
quinoline



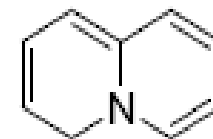
isoquinoline



quinazoline



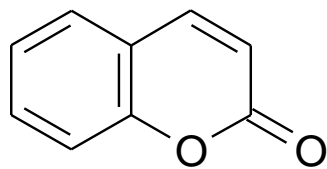
pteridine  
(found in the B vitamin riboflavin)



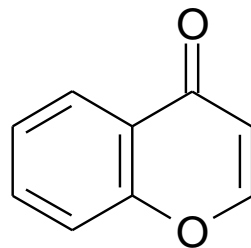
quinolizidine



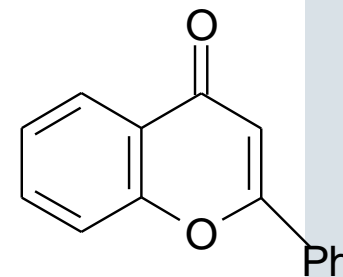
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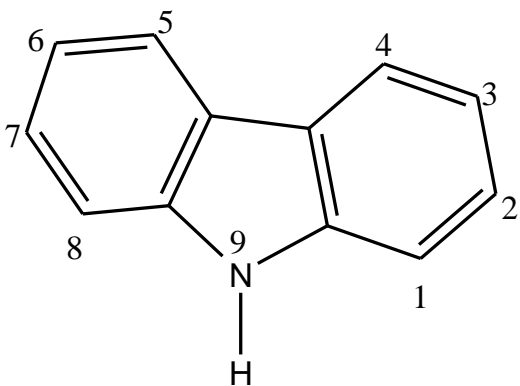
Coumarine  
Chromen-2-one



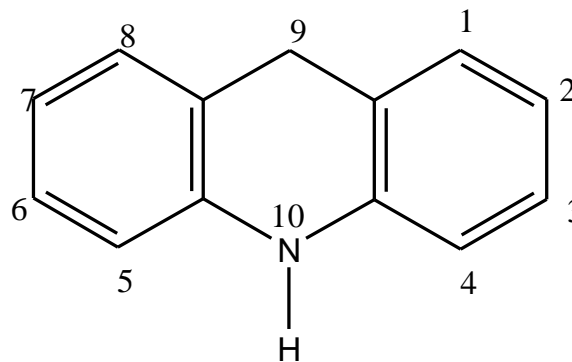
Chromen-4-one



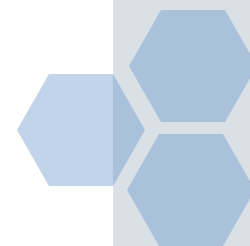
Flavone



9H-Carbazole



9,10-Dihydro-acridine



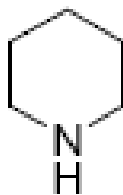


# Trivial Names

## 4) Saturated heterocycles



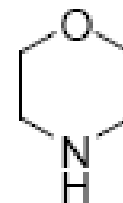
pyrrolidine



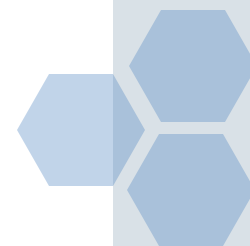
piperidine



piperazine



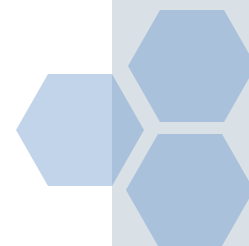
morpholine





## II-Hantzsch-Widman nomenclature (IUPAC)

- ❖ Hantzsch-Widman nomenclature is named after the German chemists Arthur Hantzsch and Oskar Widman, who proposed similar methods for the systematic naming of heterocyclic compounds in 1887 and 1888 respectively.
- ❖ According to this system three to ten-membered rings are named by combining the appropriate **prefix (or prefixes)** that denotes the type and position of the heteroatom present in the ring **with suffix** that determines both the ring size (depending on the total number of atoms in the ring) and the degree of unsaturation (**note that fully saturated and fully unsaturated have certain rules for nomenclature while partially unsaturation will be indicated in certain ways**). In addition, the suffixes distinguish between **nitrogen-containing heterocycles** and **heterocycles that do not contain nitrogen**
- ❖ **IUPAC name = locants + Prefix + suffix**



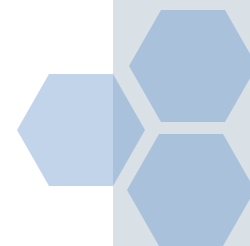
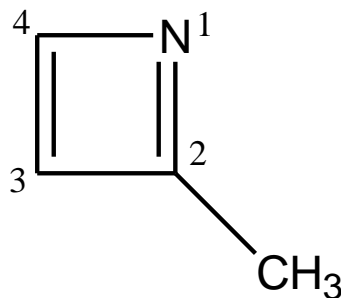




## Hantzsch-Widman rules for fully saturated and fully unsaturated heterocycles

- 1) Identify the heteroatom present in the ring and choose from (table 1 on slide 11) the corresponding prefix (e.g. thia for sulfur, aza for nitrogen and oxa for oxygen).
- 2) The position of a single heteroatom control the numbering in a monocyclic compound. The heteroatom is always assigned position 1 and if substituents present are then counted around the ring in a manner so as to take the lowest possible numbers.

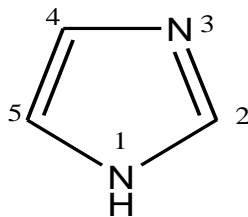
### For example:





# Hantzsch-Widman rules

- 3) A multiplicative prefix (di, tri, ect.) and locants are used when two or more similar heteroatoms contained in the ring (two nitrogen indicated by diaza) and the numbering preferably commenced at a saturated rather than an unsaturated atom, as depicted in the following example: 1,3-diaza....



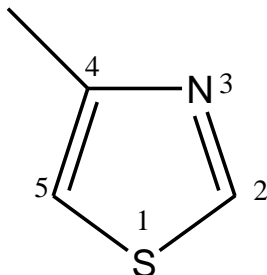
- 4) If more than one type of heteroatoms present in the ring the name will include more than one prefix with locants to indicate the relative position of the heteroatoms.
- ❖ Atom prefixes have a strict order of priority (preference) in which they are to be listed. For example, "Oxa" (for oxygen) always comes before "aza" (for nitrogen) in a name (see table 1).
  - ❖ When combining the prefixes (e.g. oxa and aza) two vowels may end up together, therefore the vowel on the end of the first part should be omitted (oxaza).





# Hantzsch-Widman rules

- ❖ The numbering is started from the heteroatom of the highest priority in such a way so as to give the smallest possible numbers to the other heteroatoms in the ring (the substituents are irrelevant). For example the prefix corresponding to the following compound is **4-Methyl-1,3-Thiaza....**



- 5) Choose the appropriate suffix from (table 2) depending on whether or not nitrogen atom is present in the ring, the size of the ring and presence or absence of any double bonds
- 6) Combine the prefix(s) and suffix together and drop the first vowel if two vowels came together.











# Hantzsch-Widman rules

Table 2

Ring size

N-present

N-absent

Ring size	Unsat	sat	Unsat	sat
	irine	iridine	irene	irane
	ete	etidine	ete	etane
	ole	olidine	ole	olane
	ine	a	in	ane
	epine	a	epin	epane
	ocine	a	ocin	ocane
9	onine	a	onin	onane
10	ecine	a	ecin	ecane

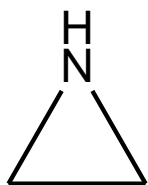
a: means use the prefix perhydro followed by the fully unsaturated name





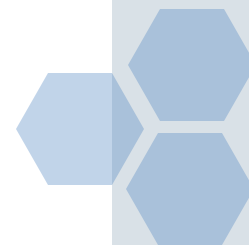


# Hantzsch-Widman rules

## ❖ Examples



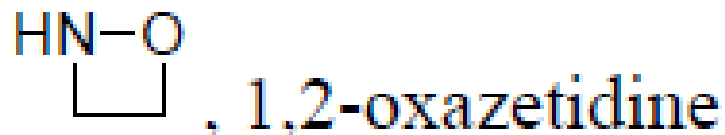
- This ring contains (N)  Prefix is **aza**
- The ring is 3-membered and fully saturated   
suffix is **iridine**
- By combining the prefix and suffix, two vowels ended up together (**azairidine**), therefore the vowel on the end of the first part should be dropped. This gives the correct name: **Aziridine**



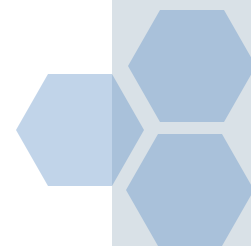


## III-Hantzsch-Widman nomenclature (IUPAC)

### ❖ Example 2:



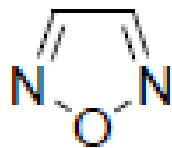
- ❖ This ring contains nitrogen = aza-
- ❖ And oxygen = oxa-
- ❖ And is a fully saturated four-membered
- ❖ ring = -etidine
- ❖ Drop the vowels in oxa & aza
- ❖ The name = **1,2-Oxazetidine**





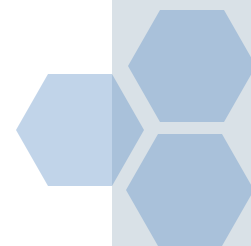
## III-Hantzsch-Widman nomenclature (IUPAC)

### ❖ Example 3:



, 1,2,5-oxadiazole

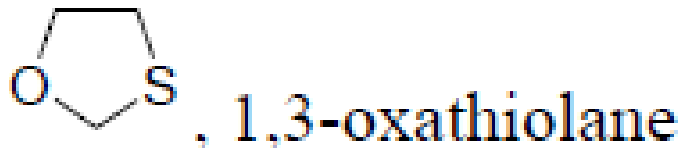
- ❖ This ring contains nitrogen = aza-
- ❖ And oxygen = oxa-
- ❖ And Unsaturated five-membered rings with nitrogen = -ole
- ❖ Oxygen is higher priority than nitrogen, so it is in position 1.
- ❖ The two nitrogens are therefore at positions 2 and 5
- ❖ The name = **1,2,5-Oxadiazole**



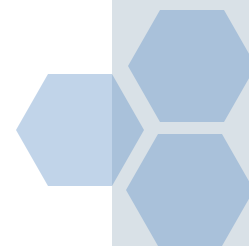


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### ❖ Example 4:



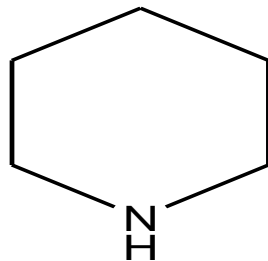
- ❖ This ring contains sulphur = thia-
- ❖ And oxygen = oxa-
- ❖ And saturated five-membered rings without nitrogen = -olane
- ❖ Oxygen is higher priority than sulphur, so it is in position 1.
- ❖ Drop the vowel in thiaa
- ❖ The name = 1,3-Oxathiolane







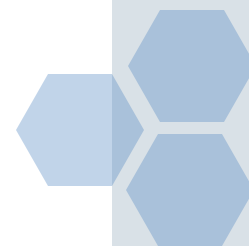


# Hantzsch-Widman rules



❖ The ring is 6-membered, fully saturated with N   
Prefix perhydro followed by the name of fully unsaturated 6-  
membered ring with nitrogen  azine

❖ Thus the full name is perhydroazine

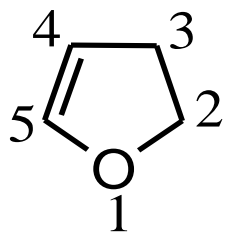




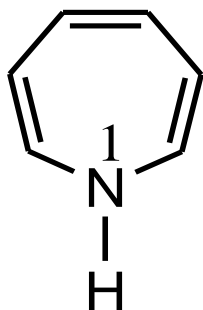
# Hantzsch-Widman rules for partially unsaturated heterocycles

## ❖ Partial unsaturation in heterocyclic compounds can be indicated by one of the following methods:

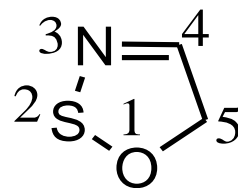
- a) The position of nitrogen or carbon atoms which bear extra hydrogen atoms must be indicated by numbers and italic capital H (e.g. *1H*, *2H*, etc.) followed by the name of maximally unsaturated ring.



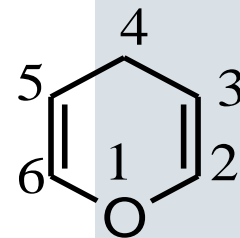
*2H*, *3H*-Oxole



*1H*-Azepine



*5H*-1,2,3-Oxathiazole

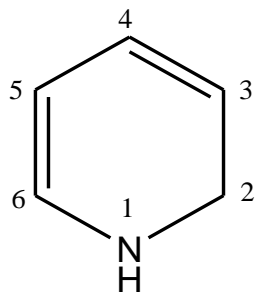


*4H*-Oxin

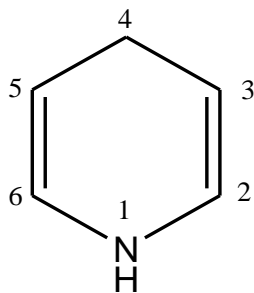


# Hantzsch-Widman rules for partially unsaturated heterocycles

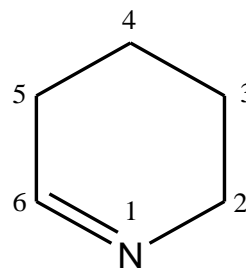
- b) The words **dihydro**, or **trihydro**, or **tetrahydro** are used if two or three or four atoms are saturated. These words are preceded by numbers indicate the position of saturated atoms as low as possible and followed by the corresponding fully unsaturated Hantzsch-Widman name.



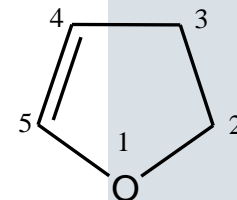
1,2-Dihydroazine



1,4-Dihydroazine

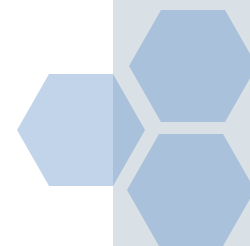


2,3,4,5-Tetrahydroazine



2,3-Dihydrooxole


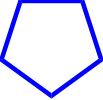
Isomers have the same M.F.  
but differ in the position of  
the double bond



## Hantzsch-Widman rules for partially unsaturated heterocycles

- c) Alternatively, the partially unsaturated 4 and 5 rings (i.e. rings contain one double bond) are given special Hantzsch-Widman suffixes as in table 3 and the double bond is specified as  $\Delta^1$ ,  $\Delta^2$ ,  $\Delta^3$ , etc.. Which indicates 1 and ; 2 and 3; 3 and 4 atoms respectively have a double bond (i.e. **Name :  $\Delta^x$  + Prefix + special suffix** ) ( **x= locant of the double bond** )

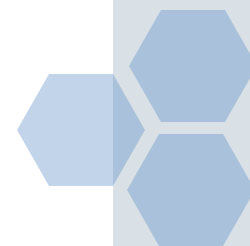
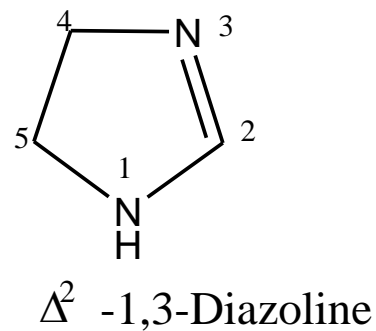
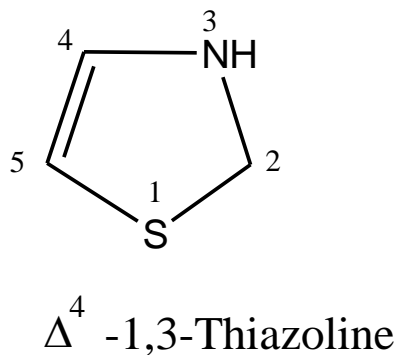
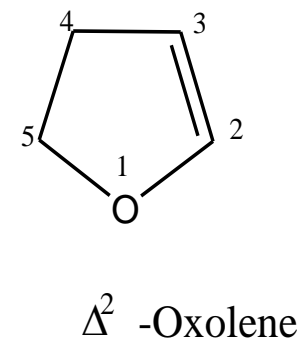
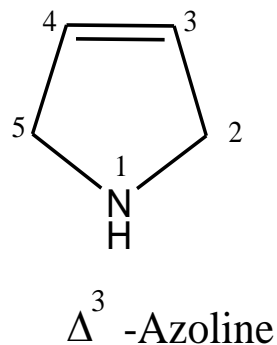
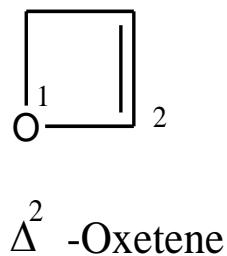
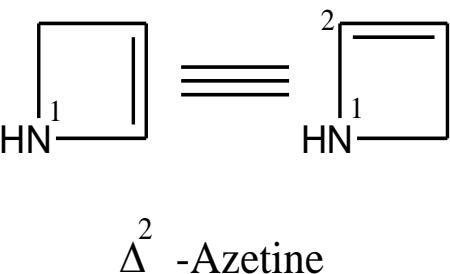
Table 3

Ring size	With N	Without N
	<b>-etine</b>	<b>-etene</b>
	<b>-oline</b>	<b>-olene</b>



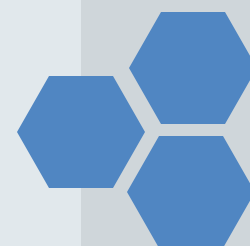
# Hantzsch-Widman rules for partially unsaturated heterocycles

## ❖ Examples





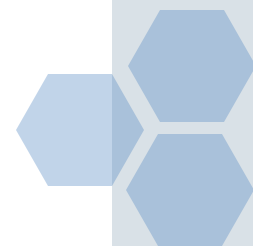
# Furan





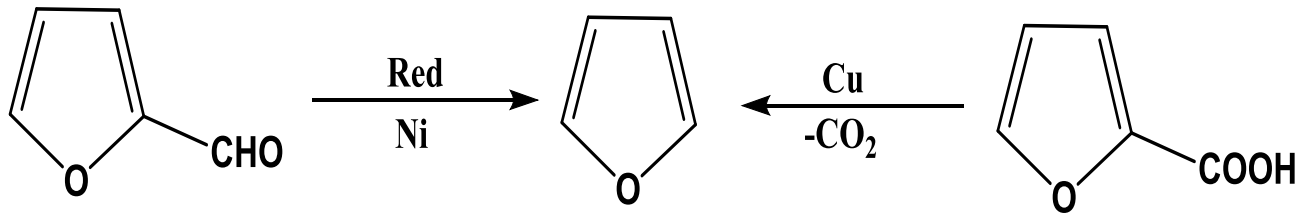
## Physical properties

- **Furan may be as ethers but it is aromatic compound because the lone pair of electrons on oxygen atom contribute in aromaticity.**
- **Furan has low melting point less than pyrrole because there's no hydrogen bonds.**
- **Furan is a liquid boiled at 31c and has odour as chloroform.**
- **Furan is sparingly soluble in water but it is miscible with most organic solvents.**





# Preparation of furan

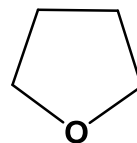
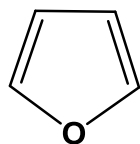




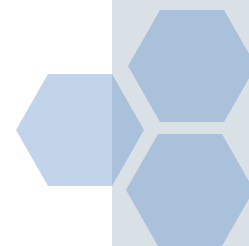


# Reactions of furan

## Reduction of furan ❖



tetrahydro furan

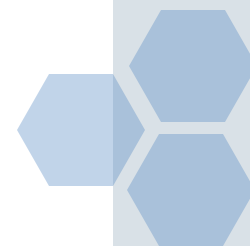
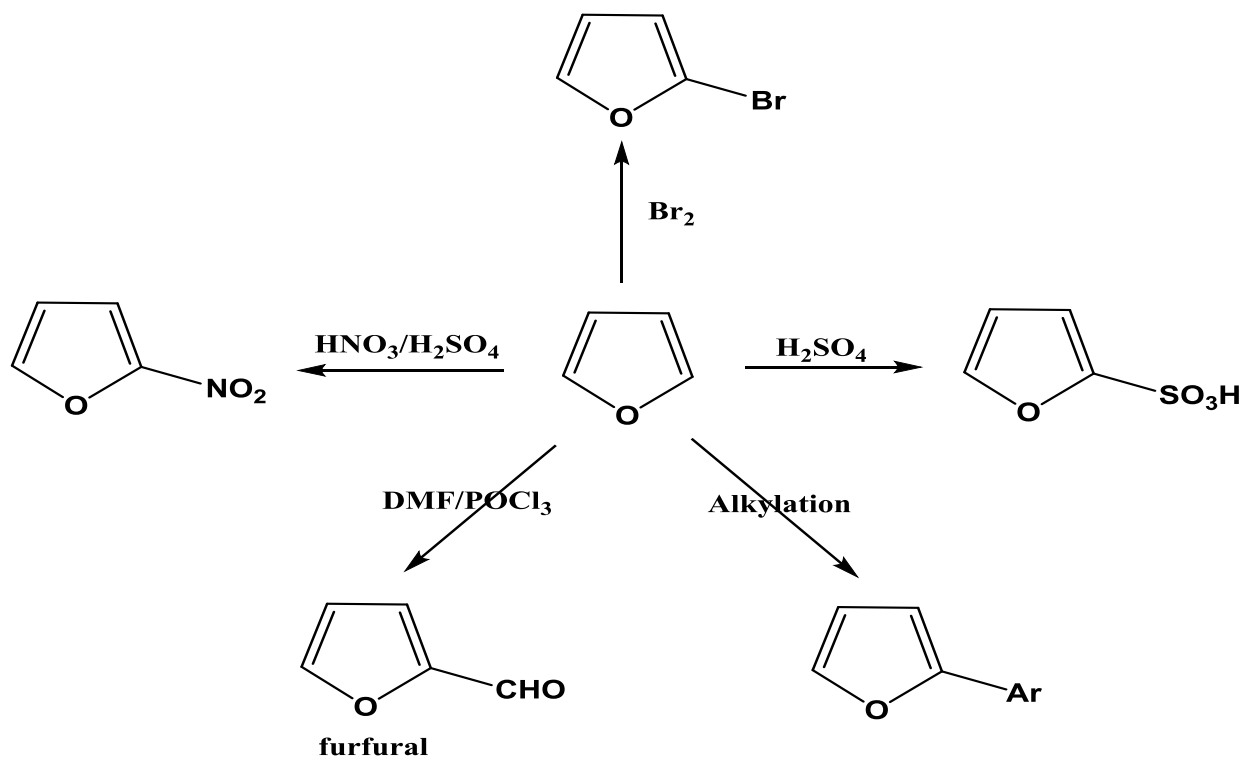




# Reactions of furan

**Electrophilic substitution reactions: ❖**

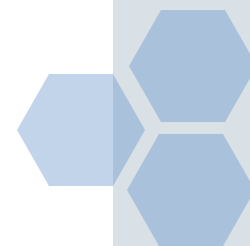
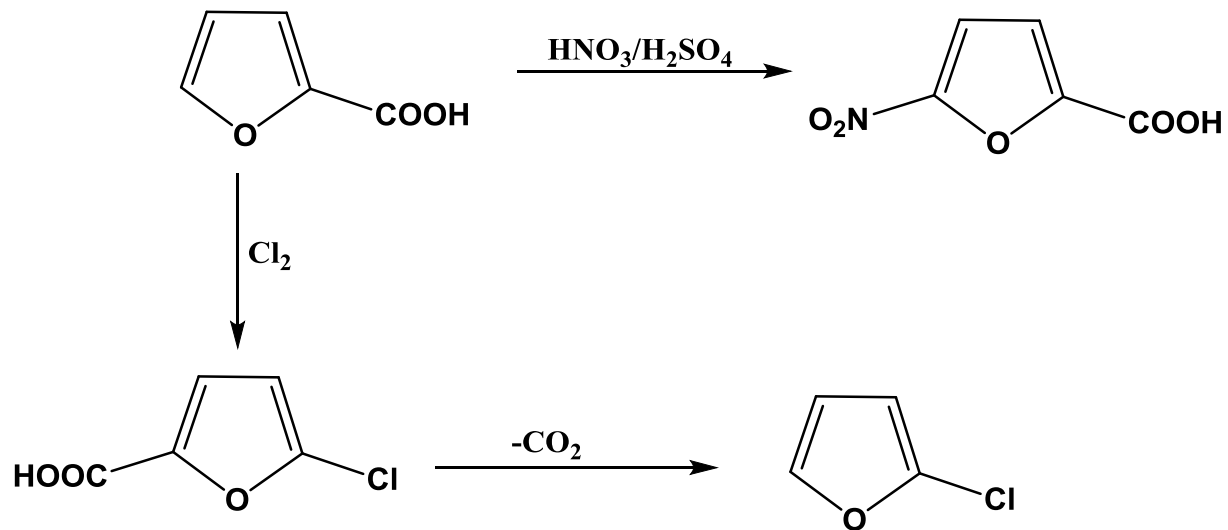
**The substitution occurred in position 2 ❖**





# Reactions of furan

## Reactions of furan-2-carboxylic acid: ❖





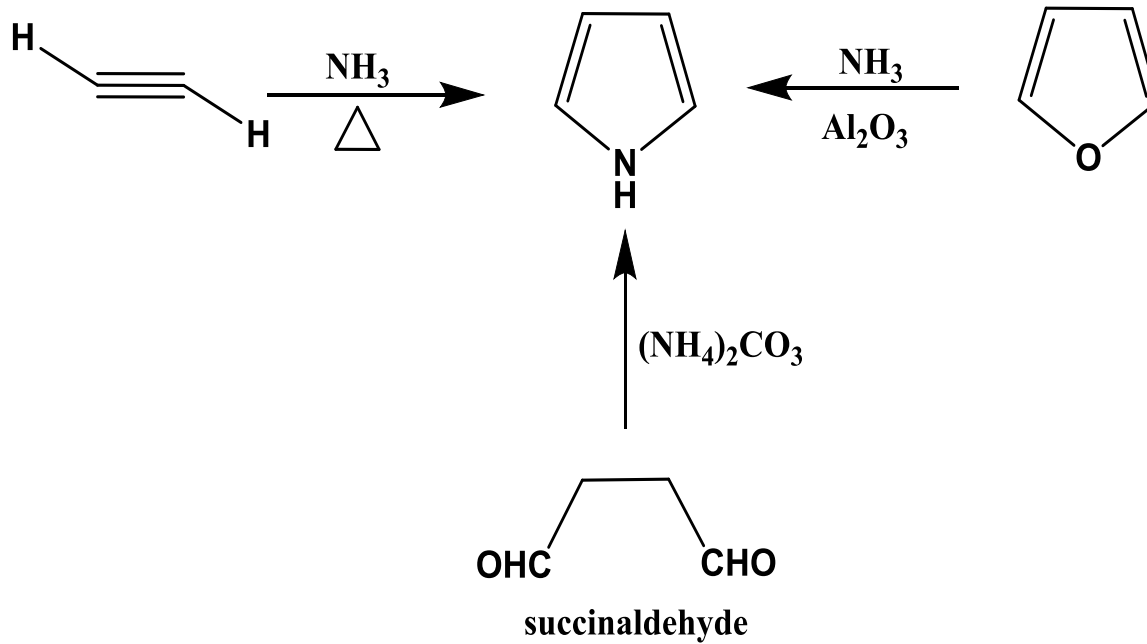
# Pyrrole

- **Pyrrole is a colorless liquid which has an odour as chloroform.**
- **If it is exposed to air give brown color.**
- **The lone pairs of electrons on nitrogen atom contribute in aromatic properties.**





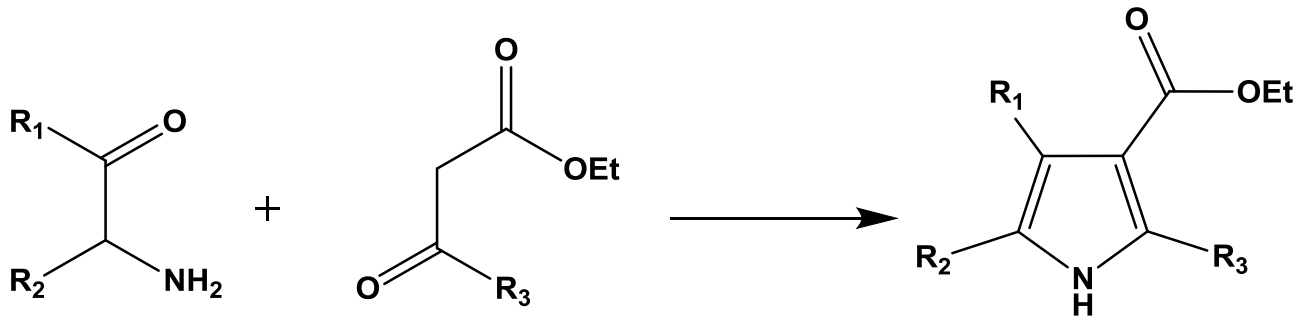
# Preparation of pyrrole





# Preparation of pyrrole

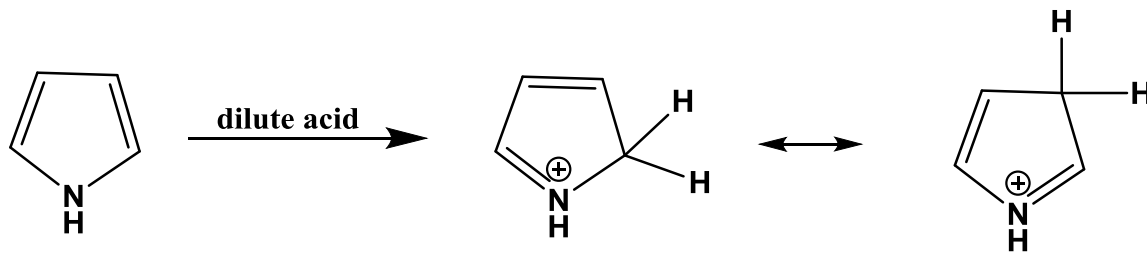
## Knorr synthesis:





# Reactions of pyrrole

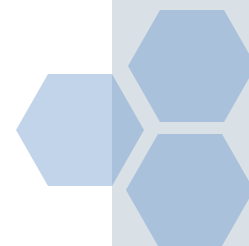
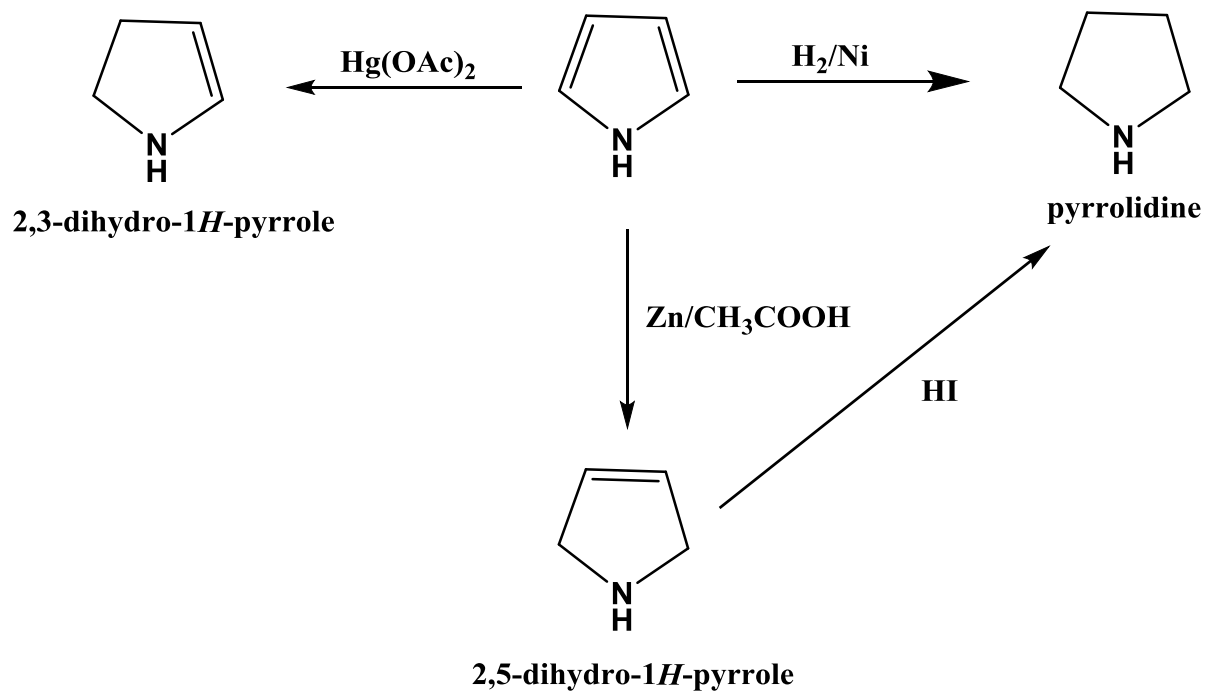
## Basicity:





# Reactions of pyrrole

## Reduction of pyrrole:

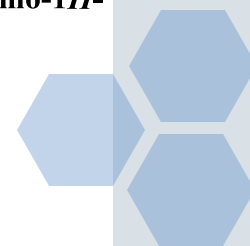
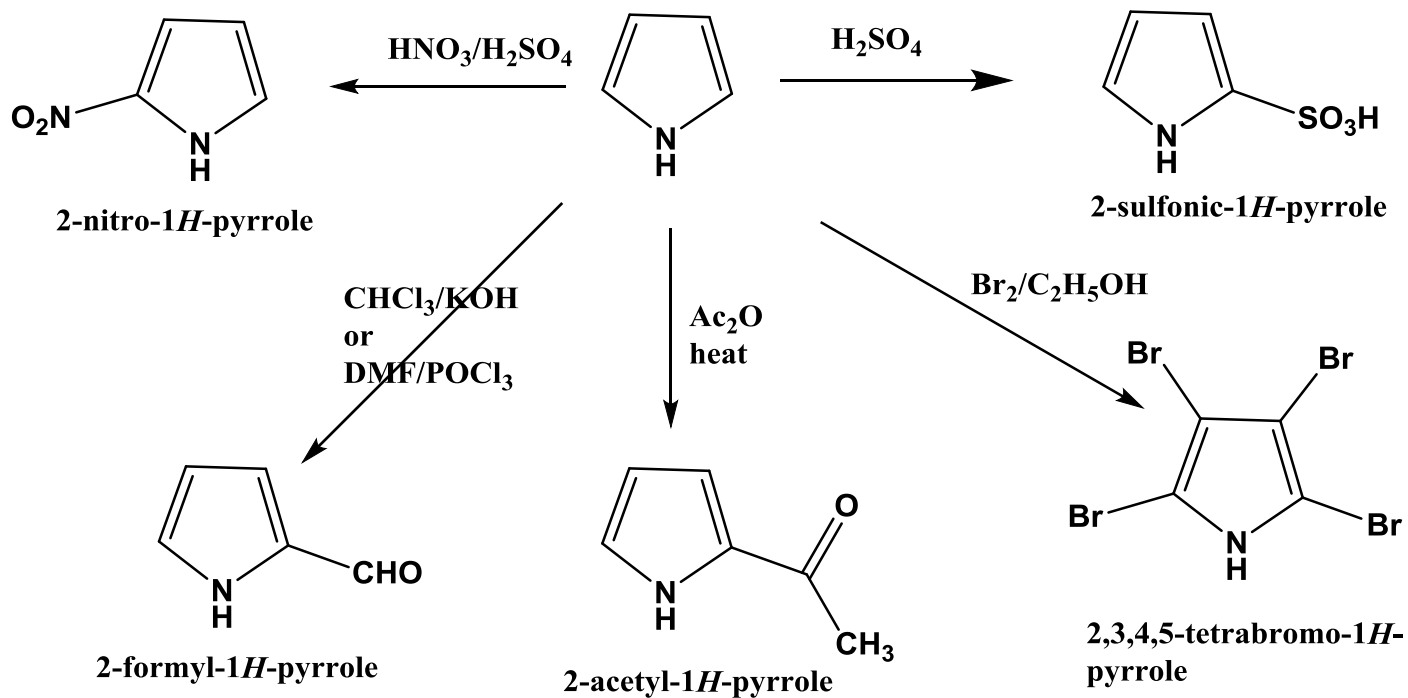






# Reactions of pyrrole

## Electrophilic substitution:



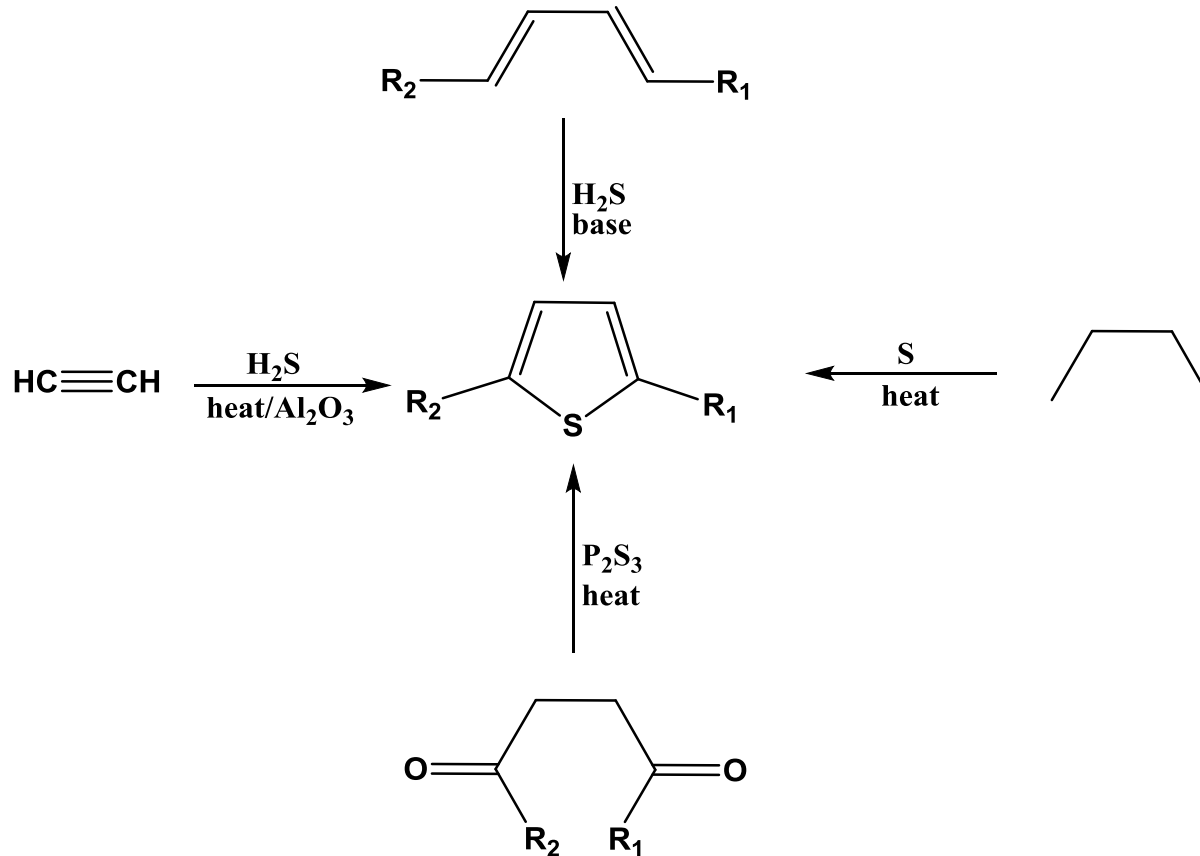


# Thiophene





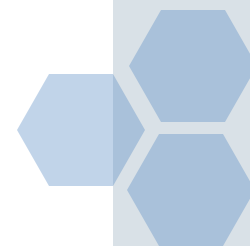
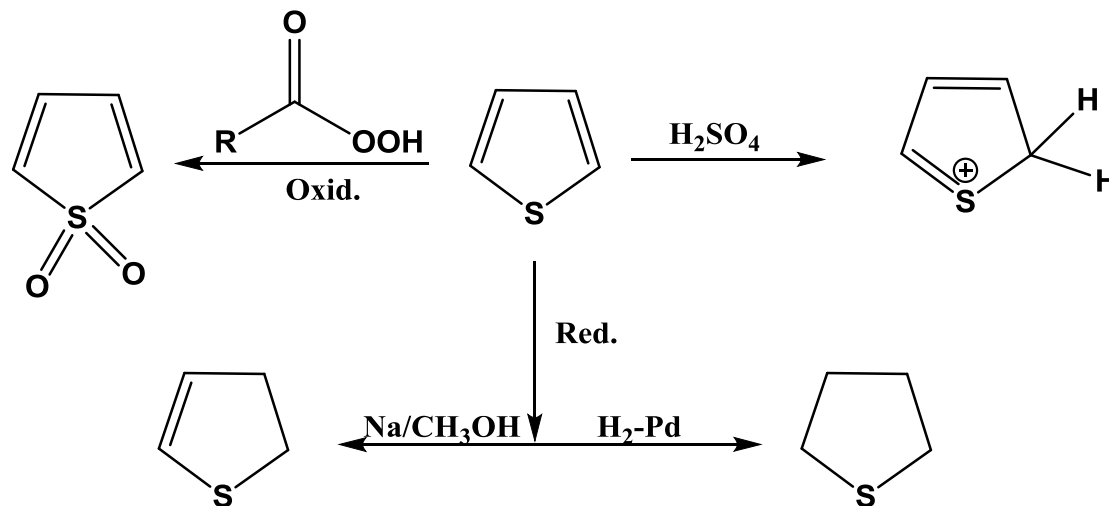
# Preparation of thiophene





# Reactions of thiophene

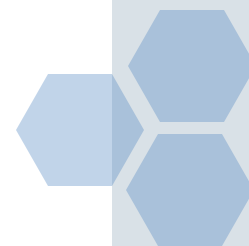
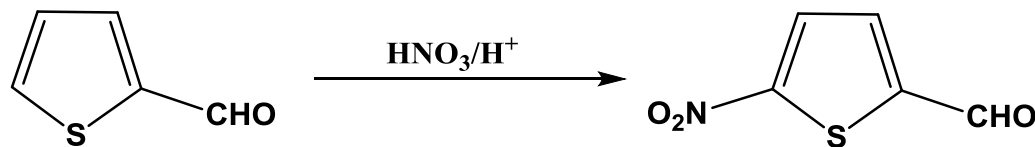
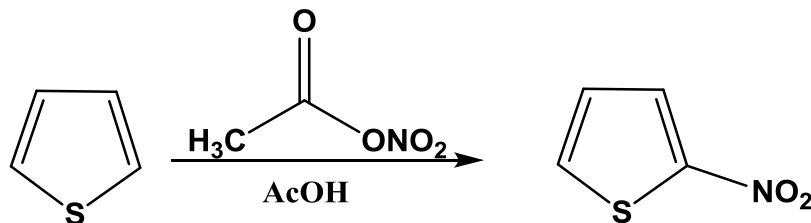
- 1- addition reactions.
- 2- reduction reactions.
- 3- oxidation reactions.





# Reactions of thiophene

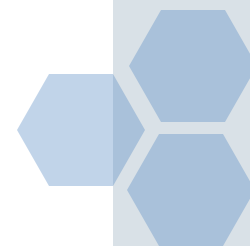
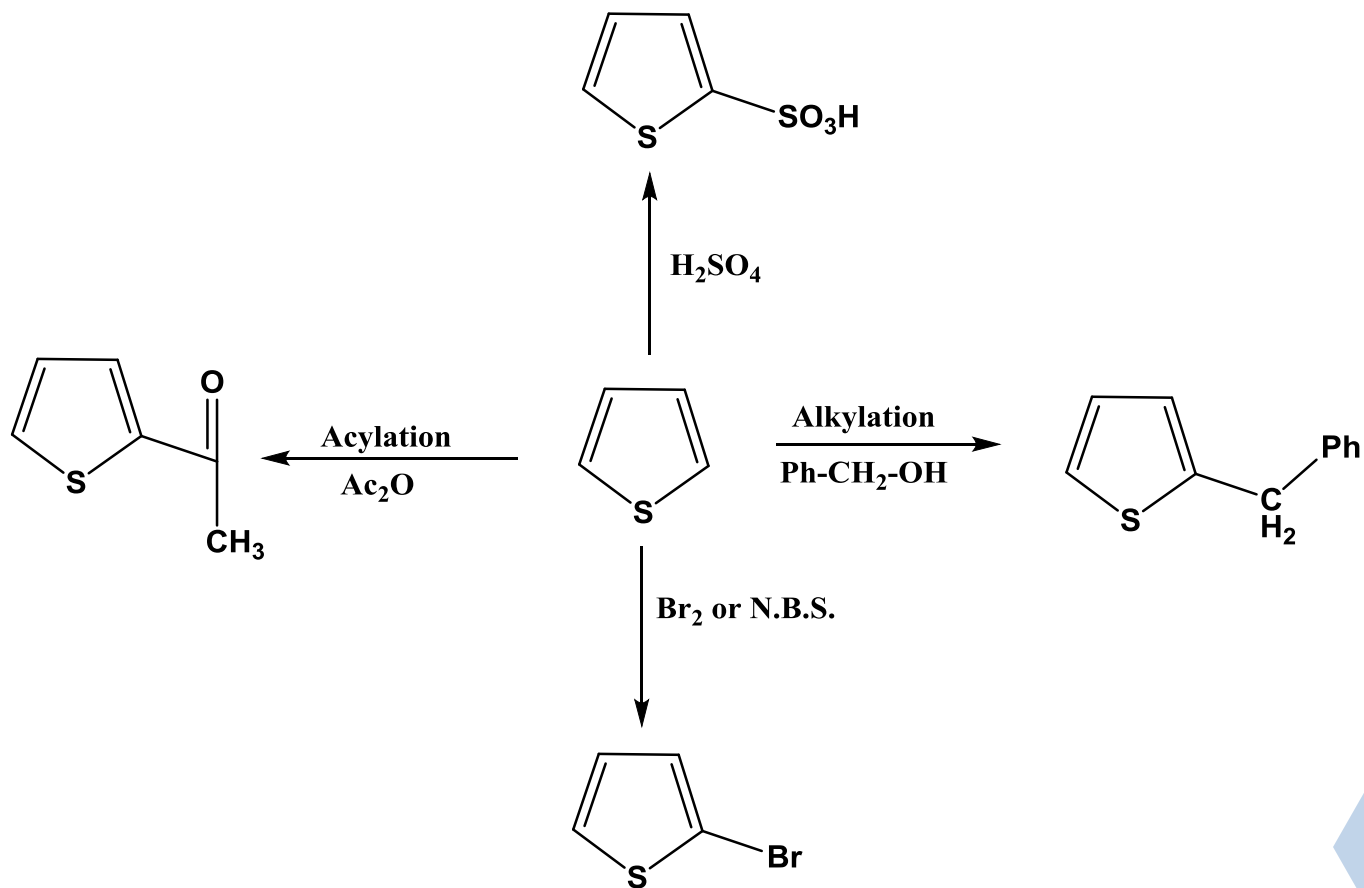
**Electron withdrawing groups increase the stability of the ring and rate of reaction.**





# Reactions of thiophene

## Electrophilic substitution reactions:





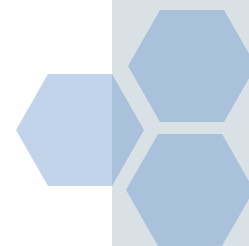
# Pyridine





## Physical properties

- **In case of boiling point pyridine has less boiling point than pyrrole because the presence of hydrogen bonds in pyrrole.**
- **But in case of basicity pyridine is more basic than pyrrole because the presence of free lone pairs of electrons on nitrogen atom, but in case of pyrrole the lone pairs of electrons contributed in aromaticity.**
- **Pyridine is used as a solvent in organic synthesis.**

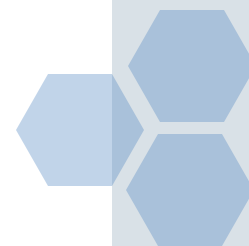
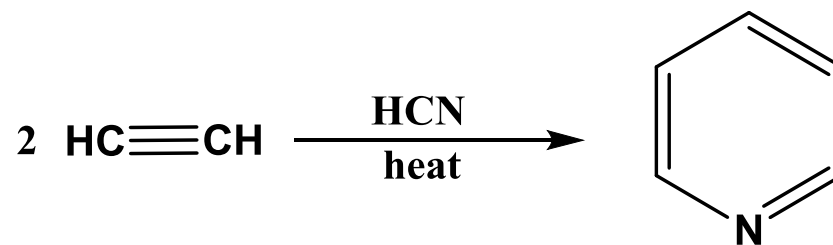






# Preparation of pyridine

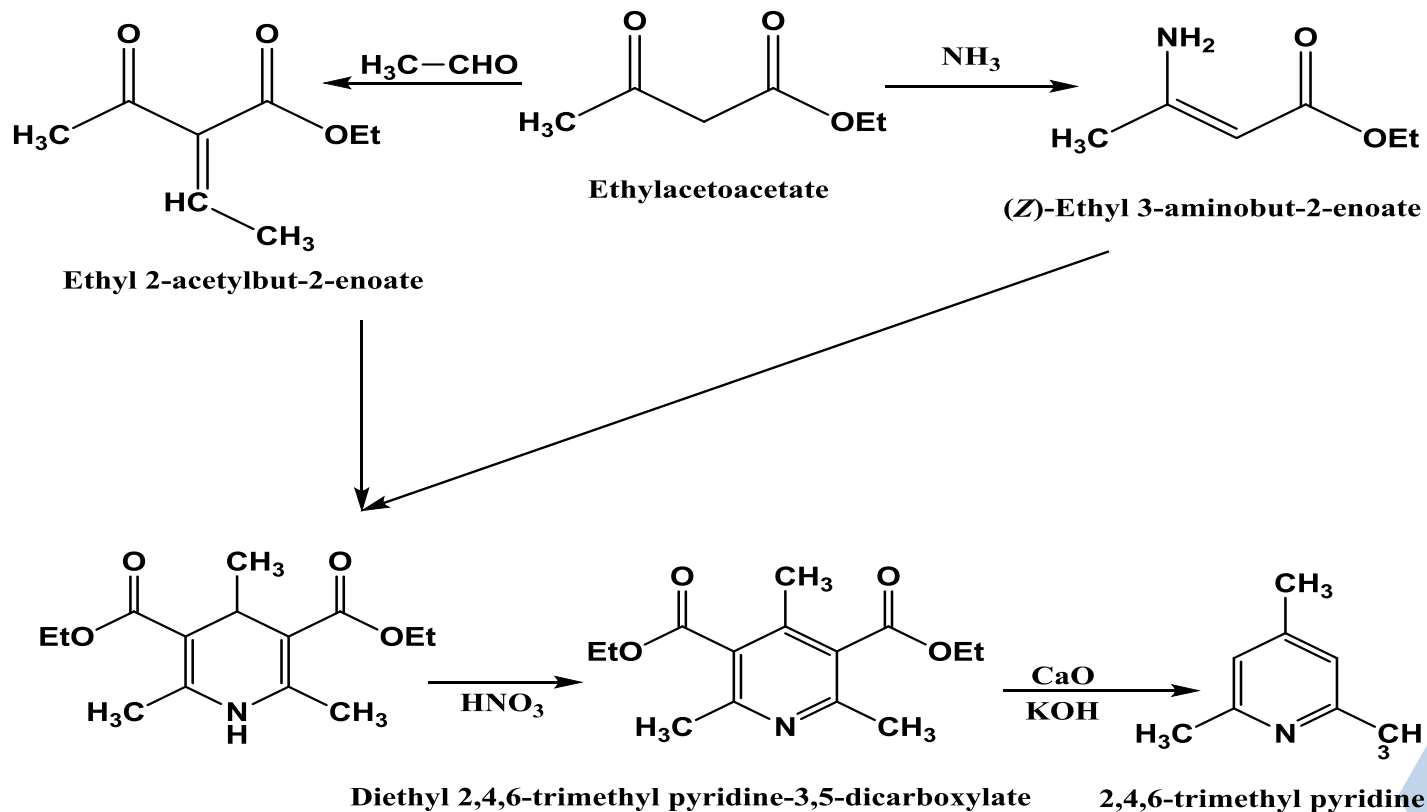
## 1- from acetylene:





# Preparation of pyridine

## 2- Hantzsch synthesis:



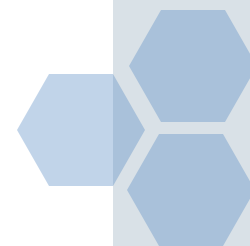
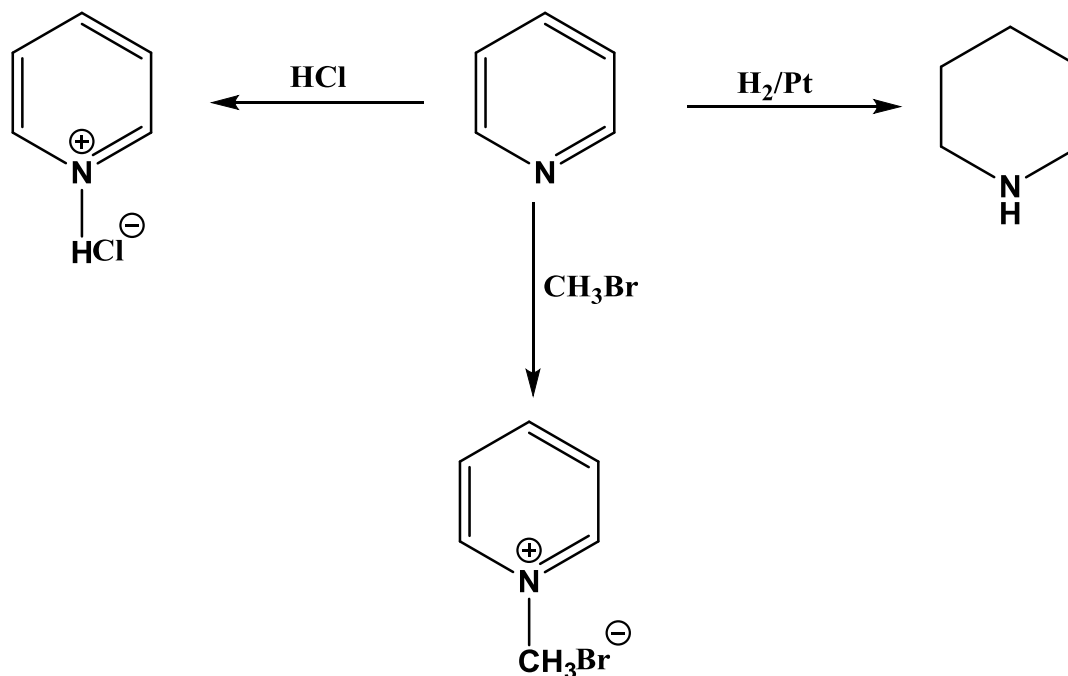


# Reactions of pyridine

## 1- addition reactions:

### A- reduction

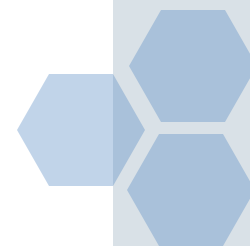
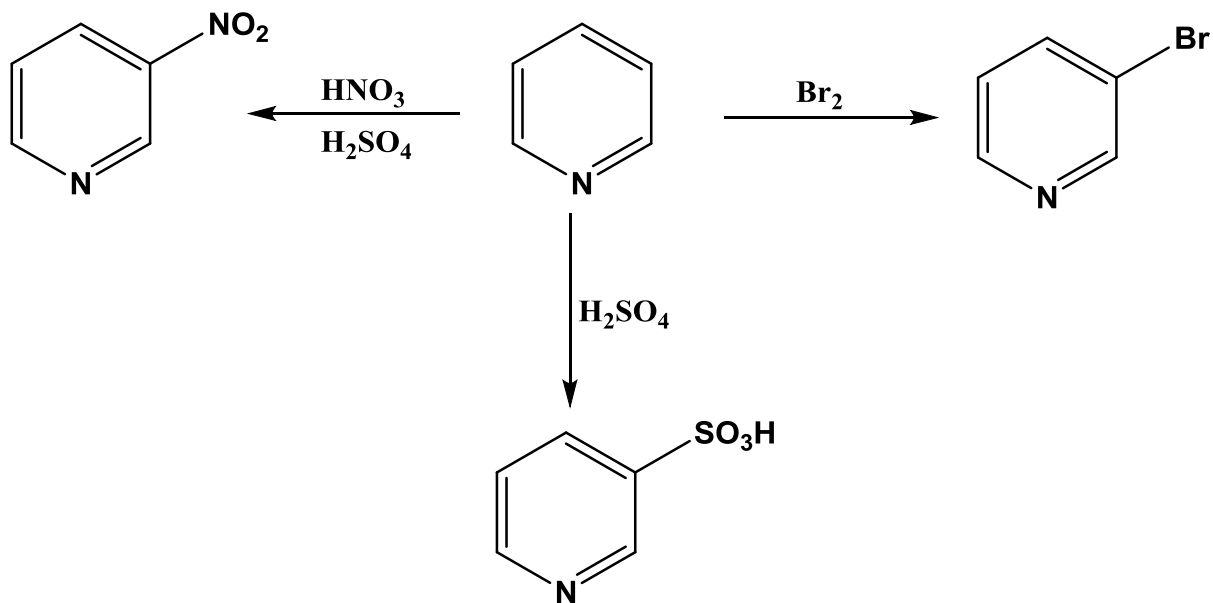
### b- salt formation





# Reactions of pyridine

## Electrophilic substitution reactions:

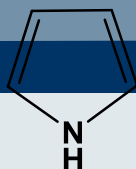




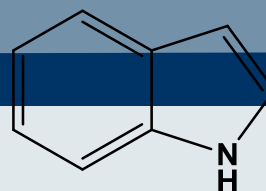
# Indole



Benzene



Pyrrole



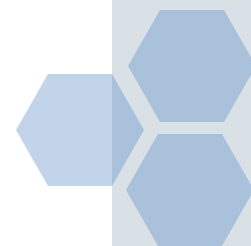
Indole





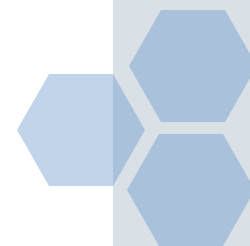
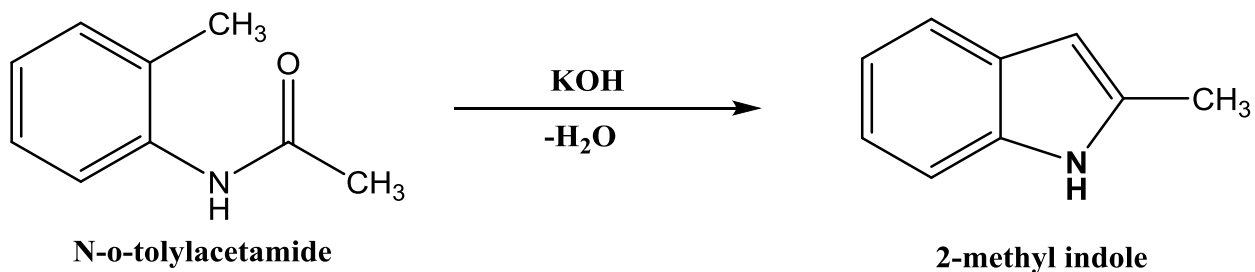
# Physical properties

- **Indole is a solid compound has melting point at 52c.**
- **More stable than pyrrole because of its molecular weight.**
- **Electrophilic substitution preferred position 3 than position 2.**
- **It is present in dyes and proteins.**





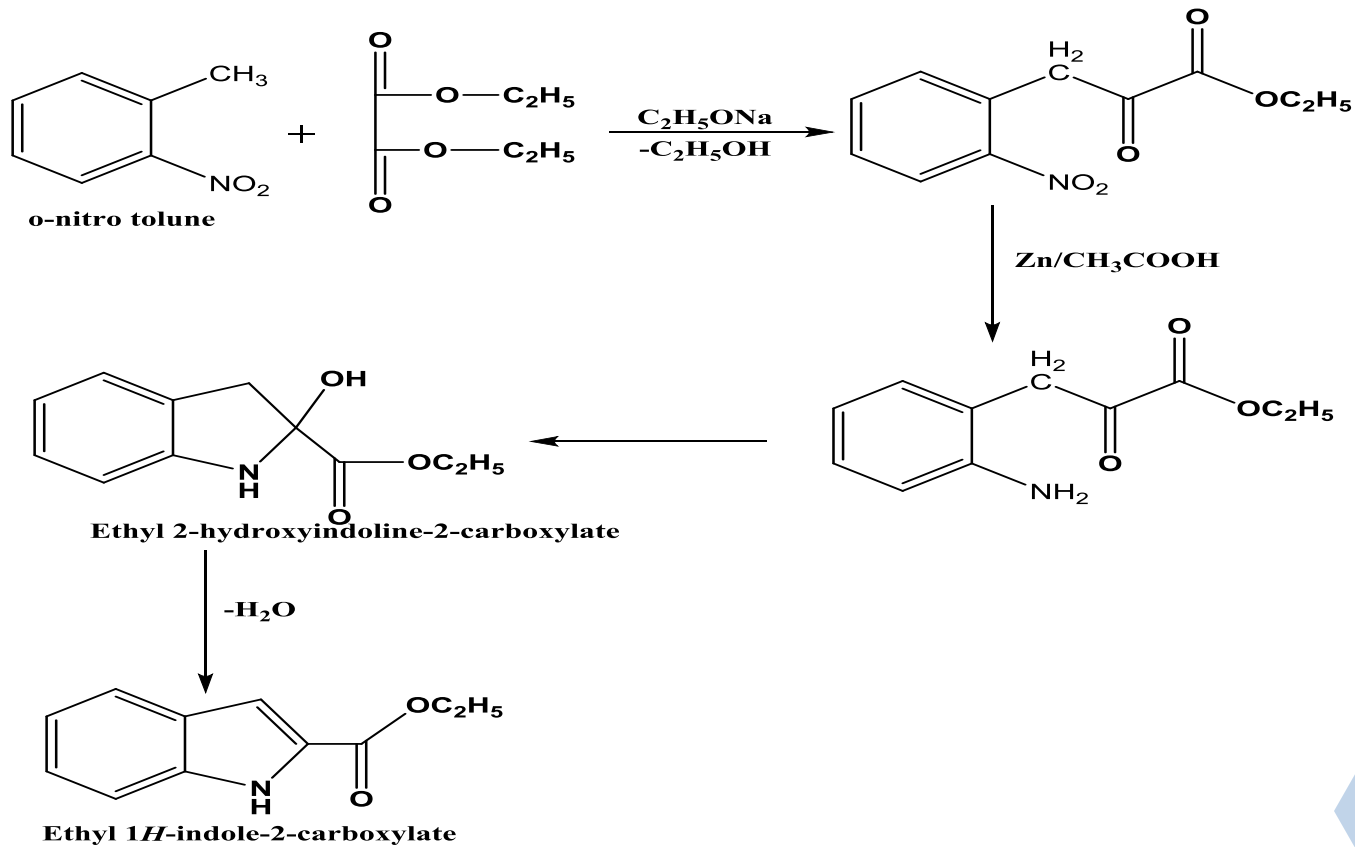
## 1- Madelung Synthesis





# Preparation of indole

## 2- Reissert Synthesis

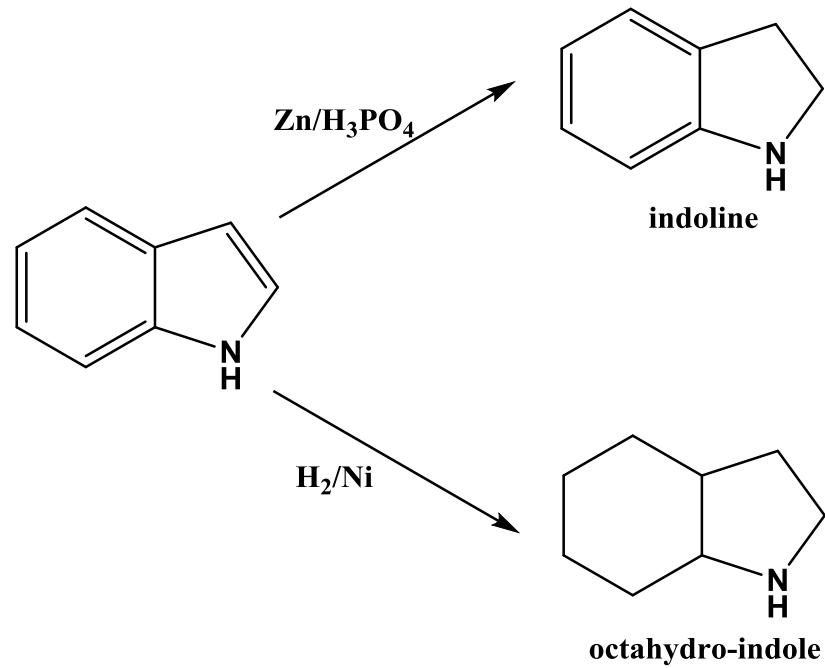






# Reactions of indole

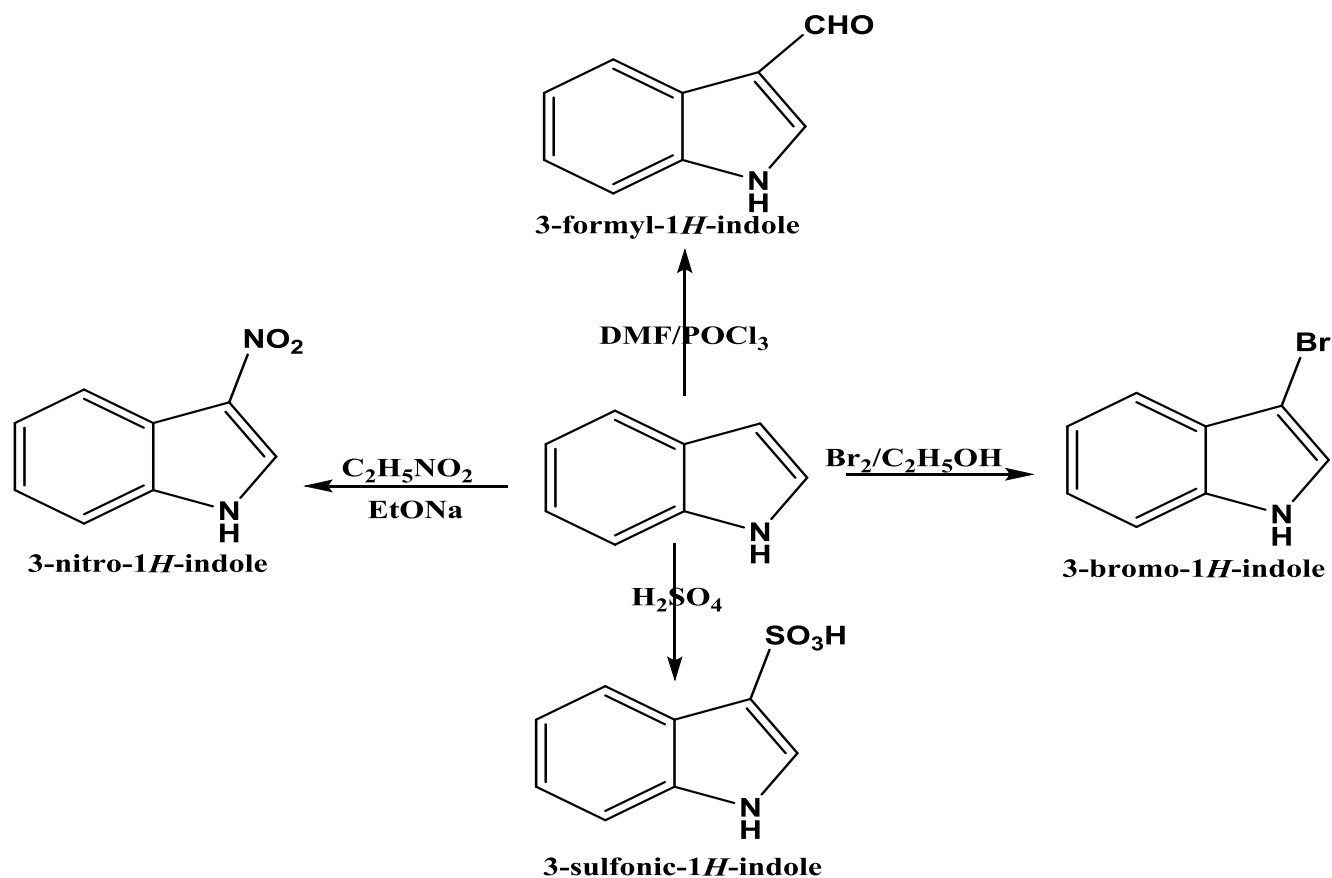
## Reduction of indole:





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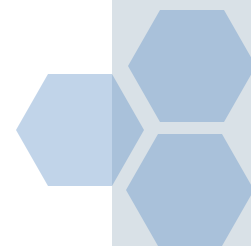
## Electrophilic substitution reactions:





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