

Smiles rearrangement

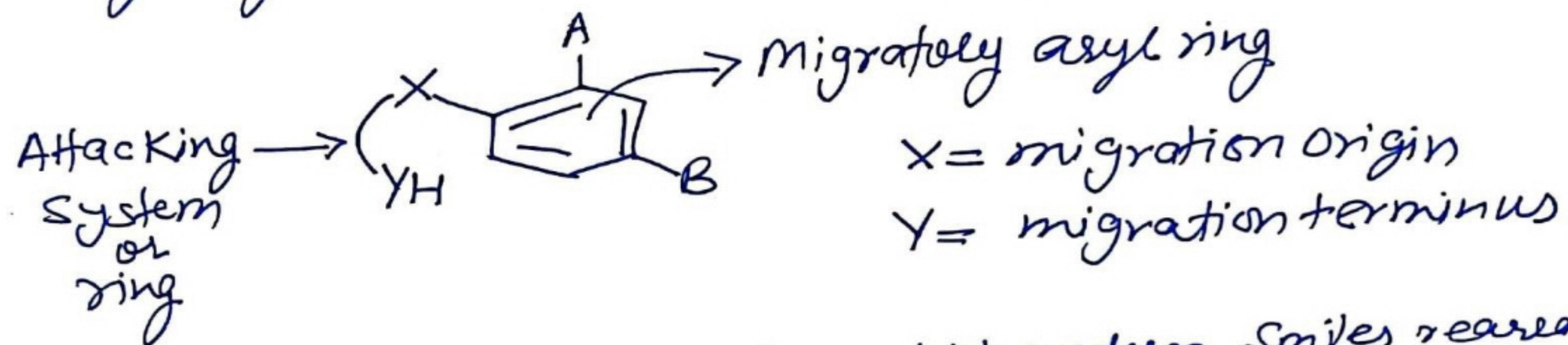
In this video, we are going to learn

- (1) What is Smiles rearrangement?
- (2) Conditions for Smiles rearrangement
- (3) Mechanism
- (4) Relevant examples
- (5) Truce-Smiles rearrangement

Smiles Rearrangement

→ Intramolecular aromatic nucleophilic ~~substitution~~ substitution reaction.

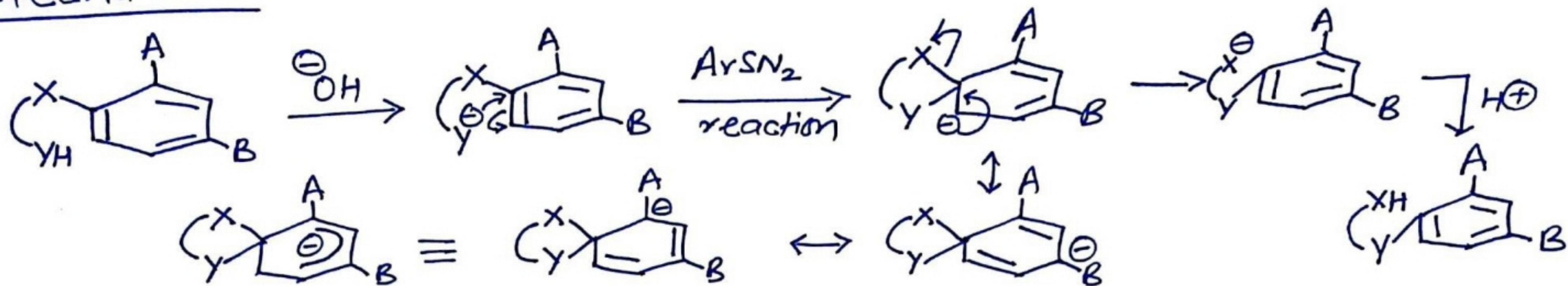
→ Given by organic compounds having general structure (X)



Essential conditions for the substrates which undergo Smiles rearrangement

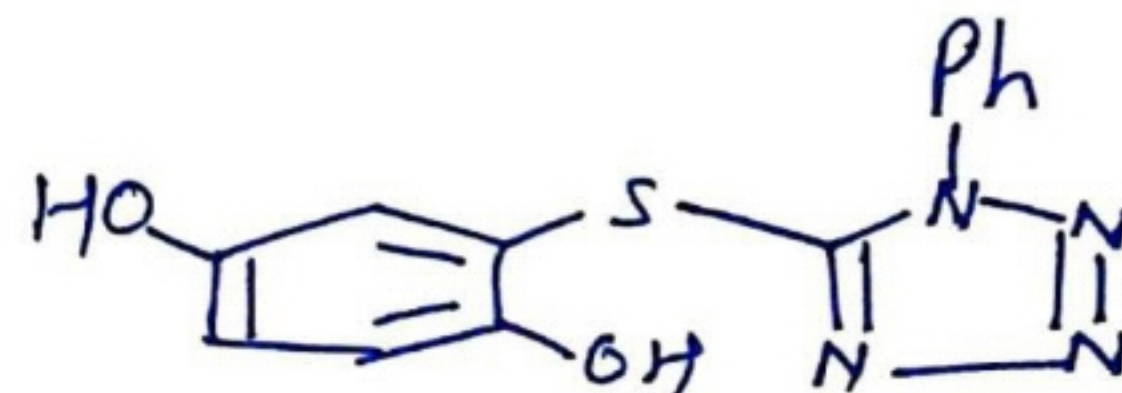
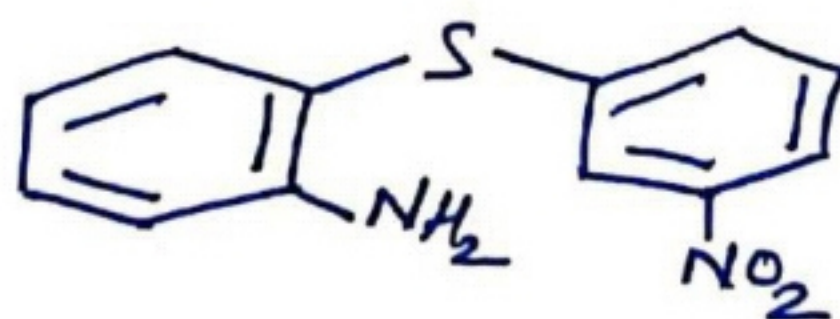
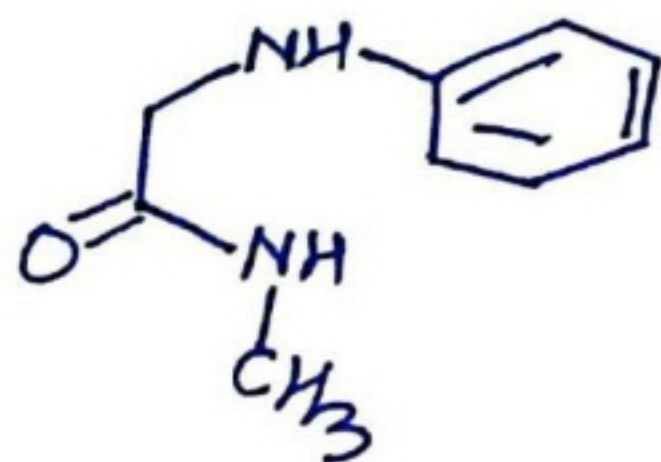
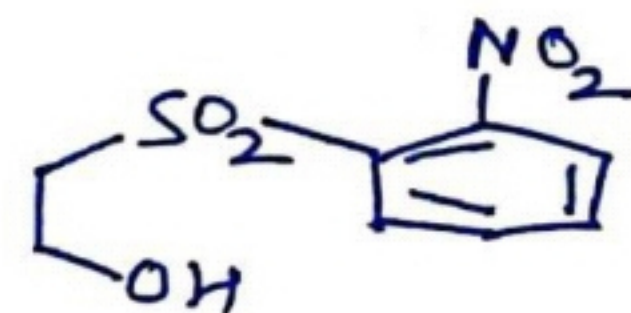
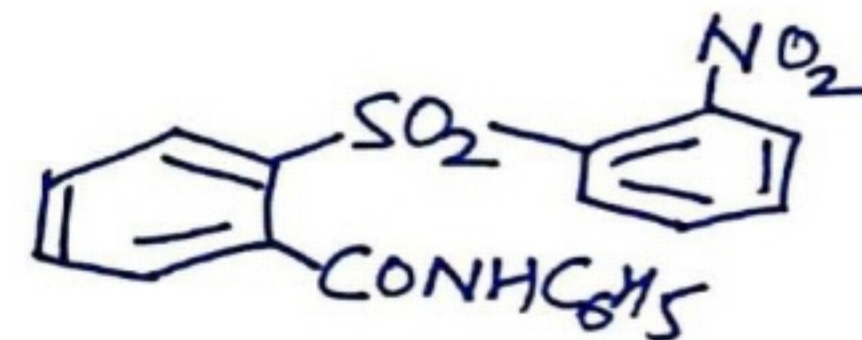
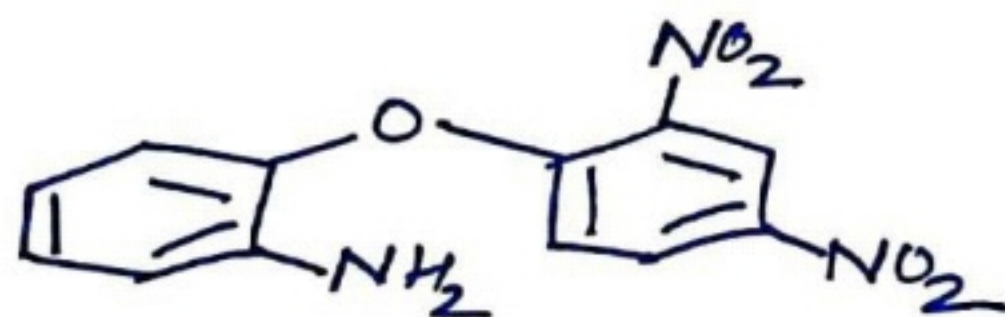
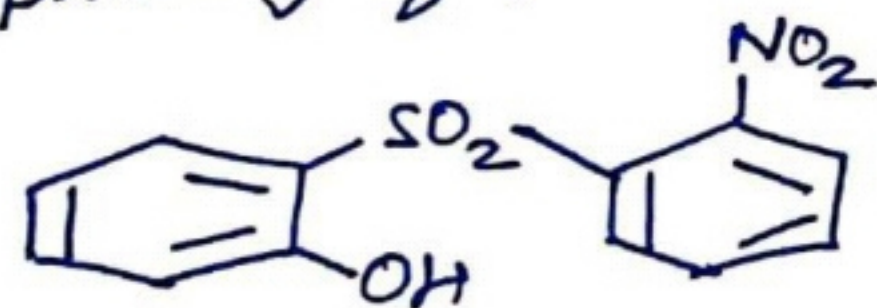
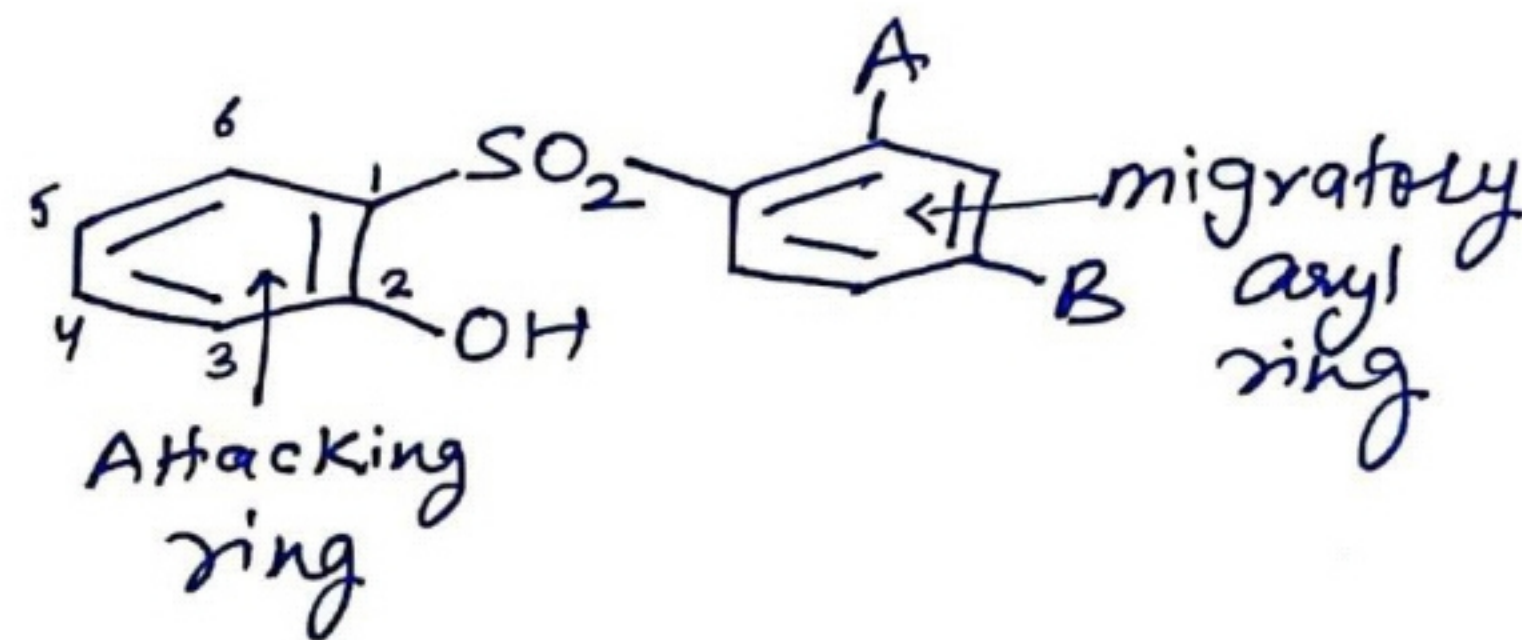
- (1) X must be good nucleophilic group as leaving group.
(X may be O, S, SO₂, SO, -O-C(=O)-, etc.)
- (2) YH must be sufficiently acidic to be deprotonated by OH⁻.
(YH may be OH, NH₂, NHR, SH, CONHR etc.)
- (3) A and/or B may be -NO₂, -CN, -CF₃ group i.e., activating groups for nucleophilic substitution.

Mechanism

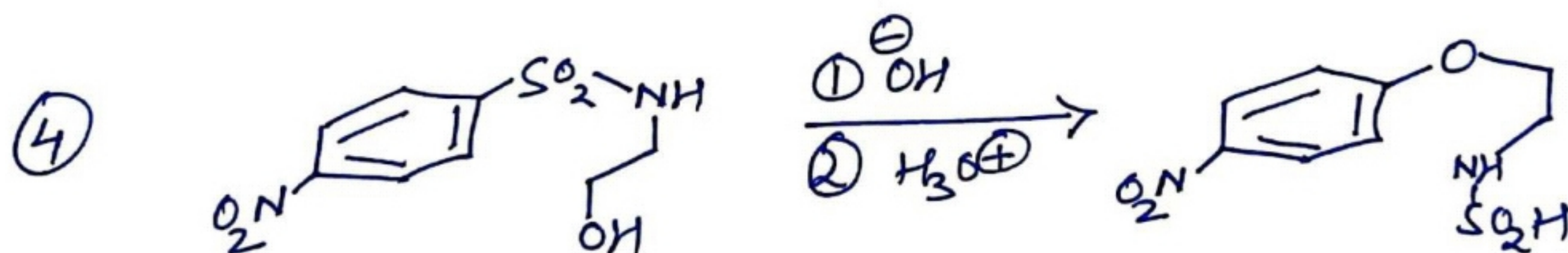
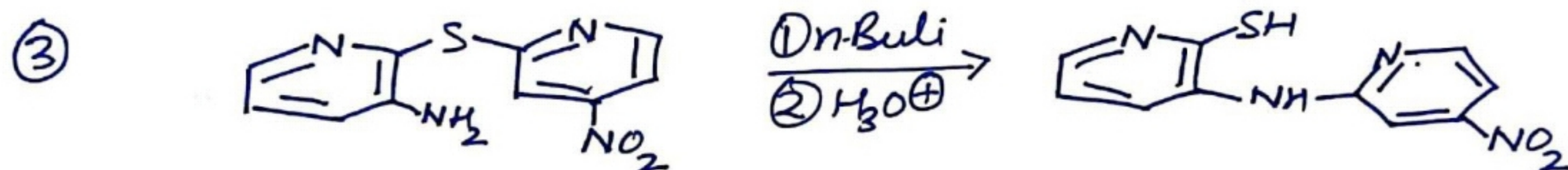
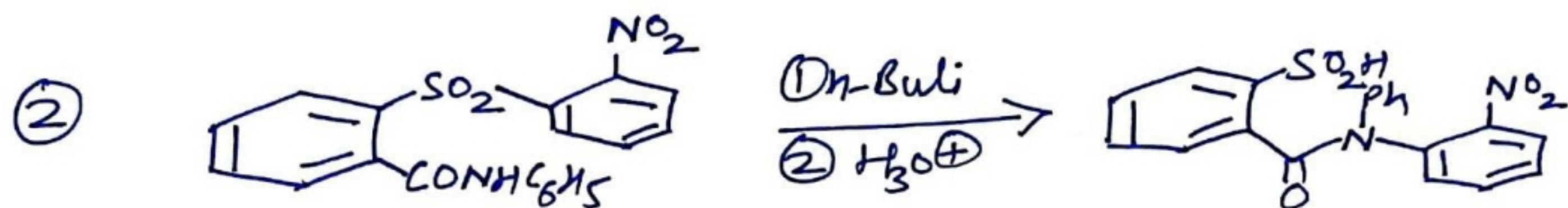
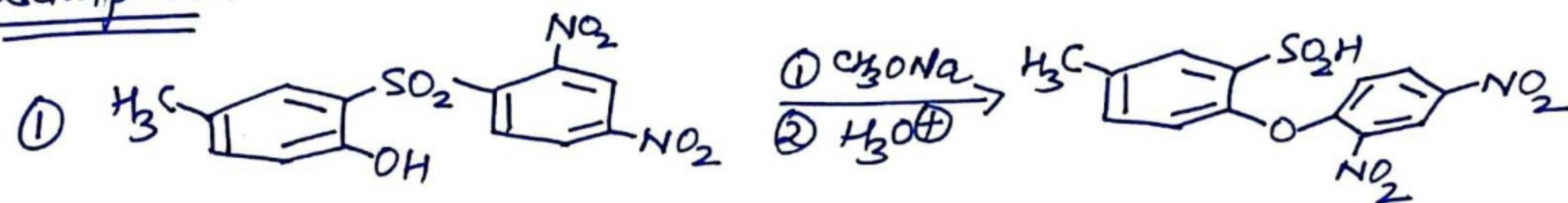


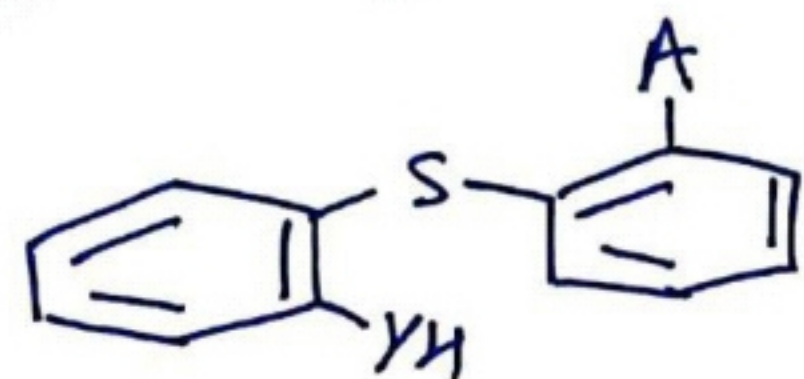
Cyclohexadienyl anion

$\Rightarrow$ EWG at position-5 retards the rate of the S_N2 rearrangement $\because$ such group reduce the nucleophilicity of Y^-

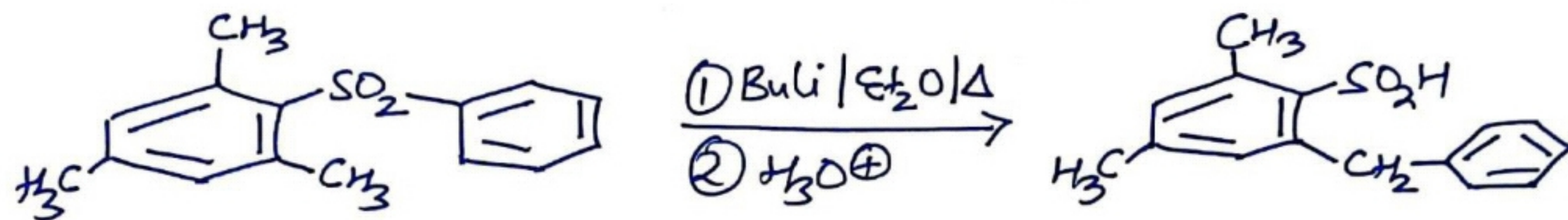


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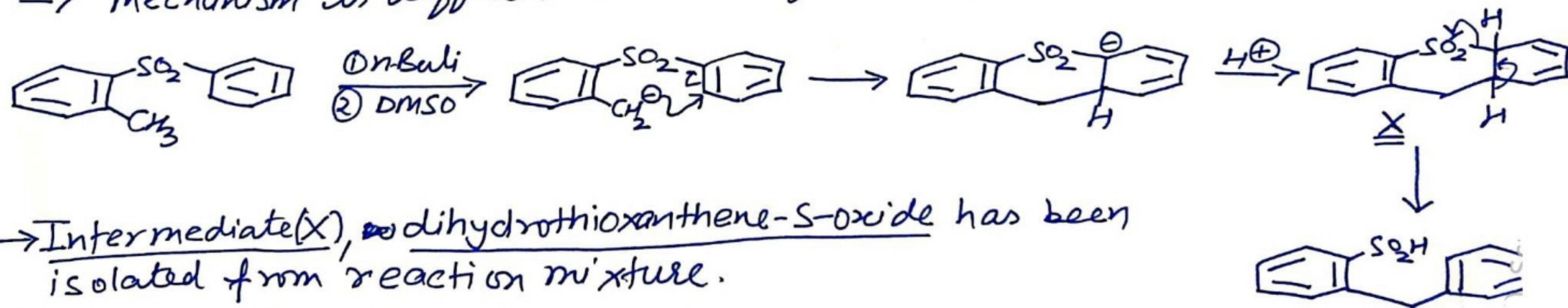




When, $YH = CH_3$
 → a strong Base like, RLi , $PhLi$ is required
 → Rearrangement is known as
Truce-Smiles rearrangement.



- In the Truce-Smiles rearrangement the presence of EWG is not necessary on the migratory aryl group.
- Mechanism is same when a strong base and non-protic solvents such as Et_2O and THF is used.
- Mechanism is different with strong base & protic solvent such as DMSO



- Intermediate (X), dihydrothioxanthene-S-oxide has been isolated from reaction mixture.
- This result confirms the mechanism.