Marks • Benzene can undergo an S_EAr reaction with bromine, Br_2 , as shown below. 9 Demonstrate your understanding of this reaction by adding curly arrows to complete the mechanism. Η Η Br Br Br—Br + ⊖Br H-Br Explain what each part of the abbreviation S_EAr means. S =E =Ar =Identify one nucleophile and one electrophile in the scheme above. nucleophile electrophile Iron(III) bromide, FeBr₃, is often added to the reaction shown above. Why? 2-Chloropyridine can undergo the following reaction with sodium cyanide. NaCN + NaCl C1CN This reaction also proceeds via a two-step mechanism and an ionic (*i.e.* charged) intermediate. Apply your understanding of organic reactions to propose a mechanism for this reaction. If the reaction of benzene shown above is S_EAr , how would you classify this reaction of chloropyridine?



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• In the electrophilic aromatic substitution (S_EAr) of pyrrole, the 2-substituted derivative is the major product.



Draw the cationic (Wheland-type) intermediate formed during reaction at the 2-position, and the equivalent intermediate formed during reaction at the 3-position. Using these structures, explain why reaction at the 2-position is faster, and leads to the major product.

