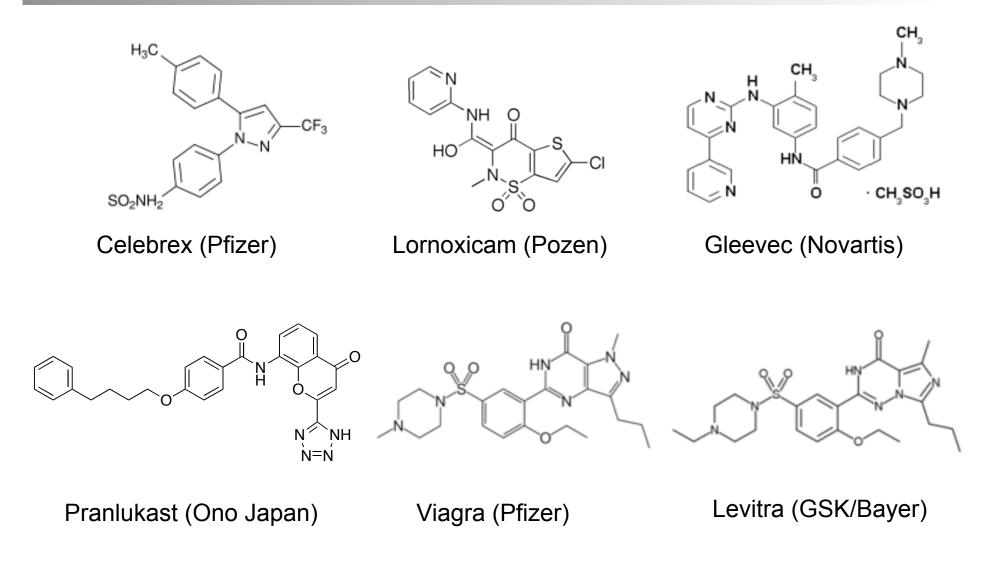
# Chapter 43 — Aromatic heterocycles: structures and reactions

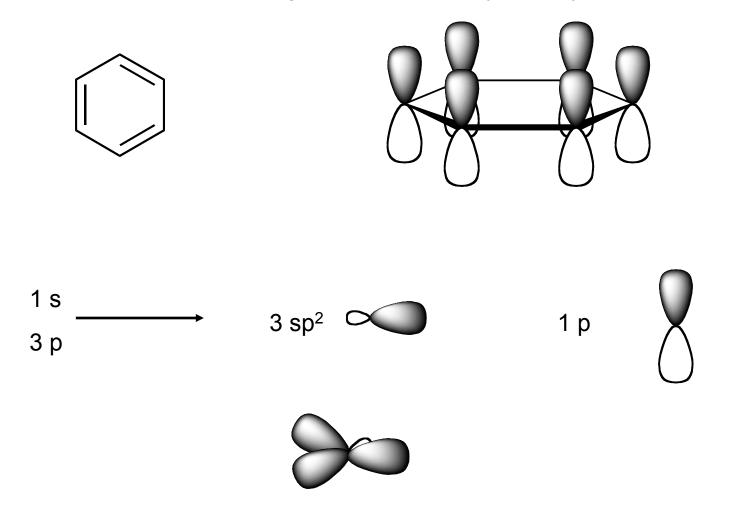
- Introduction to heterocycles
- Pyridine basicity and reactivity, and DMAP catalysis of acylations (1147–53)
- Pyrrole and furan: where's the lone pair? (1157–61)
- Imidazoles, pyrazoles, triazoles, tetrazoles (1165–69)
- Benzo-fused heterocycles: indoles (1169–71), quinolines (1174–75)
- FOOD: coffee skullduggery and decaffeination processes

### Heterocyclic drugs



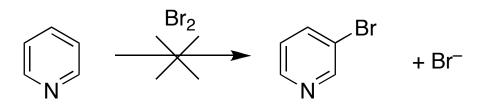
### Reminder on orbitals

Atoms in small aromatic rings are almost always sp<sup>2</sup> hybridized

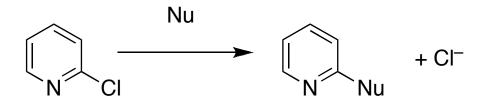


#### Pyridine's nitrogen is an imine-type functional group

- Bad at stabilizing positive charges by resonance donation

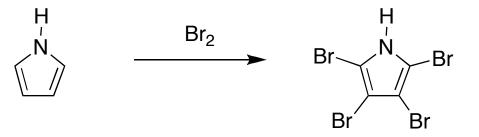


- Good at stabilizing negative charges by resonance accepting

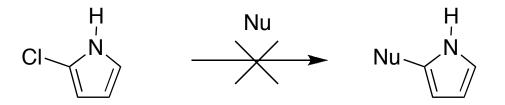


#### Pyrrole's nitrogen is an enamine-type functional group

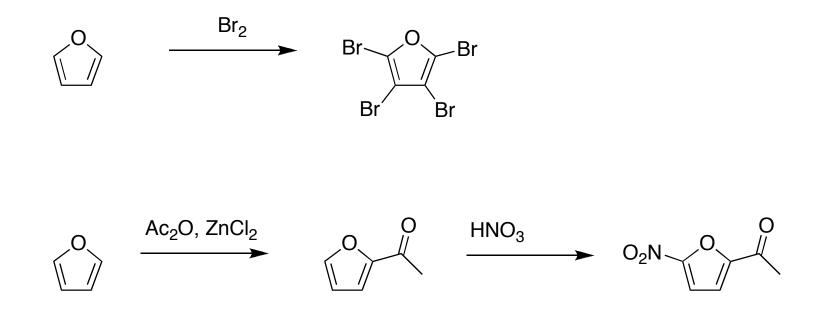
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# Furans are electron-rich, and are good nucleophiles like pyrroles



## Azoles: 5-membered nitrogen rings with 2, 3, 4, or 5 heteroatoms

