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1. Ortho/Para Directors – Weak Activating Group

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2. Ortho/Para Directors – Strong Activating Group

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3. Meta Directors – Strong Deactivating Group

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4. Meta Directors - Moderate Deactivating Group

ortho (and para) attack gives a resonance structure that puts the carbocation (+) next to a δ +, which is destabilizing.

