Summary of Alcohol Syntheses

				Mech
1	R−Br Mg → RMgBr	-Li is analogous for making RLi, which also act analogously.		
		-MgBr is spectator: R [○] is key.		
2	O H H H 2. H ₃ O ⁺ H formaldehyde 2° alcohol	R'MgBr $\xrightarrow{1. \text{ H}_2\text{CO}}$ $\xrightarrow{\text{H}}$ $\xrightarrow{\text{H}}$ $\xrightarrow{\text{OH}}$ $\xrightarrow{\text{1° alcohol}}$	1 carbon chain extension	Mech
3	O 1. R'MgBr OH R H aldehyde 2. H ₃ O ⁺ R R' H 2° alcohol	R'MgBr 1. RCHO R H R' OH 2. H ₃ O+ 2° alcohol		Mech
4	Note that the second se	R'MgBr $\frac{1. \text{ R(R")CO}}{2. \text{ H}_3\text{O}^+} \xrightarrow{\text{R'}} \begin{array}{c} \text{R B''} \\ \text{R'} \end{array} OH$ 3° alcohol	All three R groups can be different.	Mech
5	O 1. R'MgBr OH R'R' ester 2. H ₃ O+ 3° alcohol chloride)	R'MgBr 1. RCO ₂ R R' R OH 2. H ₃ O ⁺ 3° alcohol	At least 2 R groups must be the same	Mech
6	ethylene oxide O 1. R'MgBr H H H OH H H 1° alcohol	R'MgBr $\xrightarrow{1.}$ \xrightarrow{O} \xrightarrow{H} \xrightarrow{H} \xrightarrow{OH} $\xrightarrow{1^{\circ}}$ alcohol	2-Carbon chain extension	Mech

Review Routes to Alcohols

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$$H_2O, H^+$$
 H_2O, H^+ Markovnikov

11 R
$$\xrightarrow{1. \text{Hg(OAc)}_2, \text{H}_2\text{O}}$$
 OH Markovnikov

Summary of Mechanisms, Alcohol Syntheses

For Test:

2.
$$R \xrightarrow{O} OR' \frac{1. Z^{\bigcirc}}{2. H_3O^{\oplus}} \xrightarrow{OH} R \xrightarrow{Z} Z + HOR'$$
esters or acid chlorides or $R \xrightarrow{O} CI$ or $R \xrightarrow{C} CI$

3.
$$\stackrel{\bigcirc}{\longrightarrow}$$
 $\stackrel{\bigcirc}{\longrightarrow}$ $\stackrel{\longrightarrow}{\longrightarrow}$ $\stackrel{\bigcirc}{\longrightarrow}$ $\stackrel{\longrightarrow}{\longrightarrow}$ $\stackrel{\bigcirc}{\longrightarrow}$ \stackrel

Intro, Classification (4.4)

"Alcohol": OH attached to a saturated, sp³, "alkyl" carbon

1°, 2°, 3° Alcohols: based on whether the carbon with the OH is 1°, 2°, or 3°

"Phenol": OH attached to an aromatic

-Note: phenol, not phenyl

"Enol" or "vinyl alcohol": OH attached to an alkene

Problem: Classify each of the following either as a phenol, as a carboxylic acid, or as a 1°, 2°, 3°, or vinyl alcohol:

Nomenclature (4.3)

A. IUPAC, when alcohol is priority functional group and is part of the core name: alkan-x-ol

- Choose longest carbon chain that has the OH attached
- Remember to number! (including if it's on carbon number 1)
- The oxygen itself does not count as a number

B. Cycloalkanols: The OH-carbon is automatically Number 1

C. <u>Alk-x-en-z-ol</u>. When an alkene is in the main carbon chain, you need two number descriptors, one for the alkene, the second for the alcohol.

- The OH still dictates the numbering
- The OH number gets moved right before the "ol"
- The alkene number goes in front, in front of the "alken" portion
- Note: you only put the OH number right in front of the "ol" when you have an alkenol (or alkynol)

D. Diols: alkane-x,y-diol

E. Functional Group Priority: $CO_2H > C=O > OH > amine > alkene > halide$

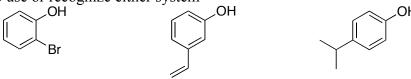
- When you have more than one functional group, the higher priority dictates the numbering
- The higher priority is used in the "core name"
- The lower priority group may be forced to be named as a substituent

F. OH as a Substituent: "Hydroxy"

G. Common Names: Alkyl alcohol

CH₃OH OH

- H. Substituted Phenols
 - IUPAC: use numbers, with OH carbon #1
 - Common:
 - o Ortho: 2-position, adjacent
 - Meta: 3-position, two carbons away
 - o Para: 4 position
 - Skill: be able to use or recognize either system



IUPAC:

Common:

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4.5,6 Physical Properties: Dominated by H-Bonding

BP: Match the boiling point for the following structures: 35°, 137°, 187°

Water solubility: water solubility decreases as hydrophobic R gets longer

- In general,
 - o $R \le 4$ carbons, ROH substantially water soluble
 - o $R \ge 5$ carbons, ROH minimal water solubility

Commercially Important Alcohols (15.1)

Toxic: All alcohols are "toxic" if swallowed in sufficient quantities

СН₃ОН	ОН	OH
• Cheap	• 200 mL (7 oz) \rightarrow death	 Rubbing alcohol
 Solvent 	 Least toxic alcohol 	• $100 \text{ mL} \rightarrow \text{death}$
Fuel	 Alcoholic beverages 	 Kills germs on skin, but
• $100 \text{ mL} \rightarrow \text{death}$	 Fermentation 	not absorbed
• 15 mL → blindness	 Solvent 	

Synthesis of Alcohols: Review: from Alkyl Halides (S_N2) and Alkenes

$$10 \quad R \xrightarrow{H_2O, H^+} \quad R \xrightarrow{OH} \quad Markovnikov$$

11 R
$$\stackrel{\text{1. Hg(OAc)}_2, H_2O}{\longrightarrow}$$
 OH Markovnikov PA R

(14.1-6) Organometallics: RM (M = Metal) = \mathbb{R}^{\bigcirc} M $^{\oplus}$

- 1. We will focus on the magnesium reagents RMgBr
- 2. RMgBr = "Grignard Reagents" (Victor Grignard)
- 3. Key: This is the way to make $R \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, strong nucleophiles/bases
- 4. RMgBr are formed via redox reaction.
 - Mg gives up two electrons, is oxidized
 - Bromine is reduced to bromide anion
 - Carbon is reduced to carbanion

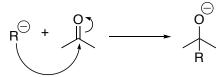
- 5. The formation of Grignard Reagents is completely general for all R-Halides:
 - 3°, 2°, and 1° alkyl halides all work well
 - Aryl and Vinyl halides as well as alkyl halides work well
 - RCl, RBr, and RI all work well
 - For class, we will normally use bromides, due to synthetic accessibility

6. View as carbanions: RMgBr = R \bigcirc Super Strong Bases and Nucleophiles

- The counterion metal is a spectator
- Stability-reactivity principle: very unstable → very reactive
- This great reactivity is very useful (as nucleophile)
- This great reactivity (as base) has implication for proper technical use (see following)
- 7. Solvent and handling: Grignard reactants RMgBr must be made, stored, and handled in special solvents under special conditions:
 - No water allowed

○
$$R \stackrel{\bigcirc}{=} + H_2O \rightarrow R-H + HO \stackrel{\bigcirc}{=}$$
 Destroys carbanion

- \circ R $\stackrel{\bigcirc}{\rightarrow}$ H₂O \rightarrow R-H + HO $\stackrel{\bigcirc}{\bigcirc}$ Destroys carbanion No alcohol or amines or acids allowed either, or carbanion will just deprotonate them
- If any chemicals with carbonyls are present, they too will react with the carbanion by nucleophile/electrophile reaction



- Grignards and other organometallics are made in either alkane or ether solvents.
 - o These don't have any acidic hydrogens that protonate carbanions.
 - o These don't have any carbonyls that react with carbanions
- 8. Two perspectives for dealing with organometallics in general and RMgBr in particular
 - Mechanistic Thinking: R [□]
 - Predict-the-product thinking: R-MgBr: easier to see source and substitution product.

$$R-Br \xrightarrow{Mg} R-MgBr \xrightarrow{Electrophile} R-Electrophile$$

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14.6, 19.12 Addition of RMgBr to Carbonyl Compounds: Alcohols are Produced

Exothermic Addition of Carbon or Hydrogen Anions:

- σ bond (made) stronger than π bond (broken)
 oxygen anion more stable than carbanion

Carbonyl is strongly electrophile

-much stronger even than a 1° alkyl iodide!

- 1. Breakable π bond
- 2. Carbonyl polarity



Additions of Grignard Reagents to Carbonyl Compounds

Pattern:

- 1. After reaction, the original carbonyl carbon will have one and only one C-O single
- 2. For formaldehyde, aldehydes, and ketones, one R group adds (reactions 4-6)
- 3. For esters or carbonyl chlorides ("acid chlorides"), two R groups add
 - o Replace not only the carbonyl p-bond, but also the "extra" C-O or C-Cl single bond
- 4. Product output:
 - Formaldehyde (2 H's) \rightarrow 1° alcohol
 - Aldehyde (1 H) \rightarrow 2° alcohol
 - \circ Ketone (0 H) \rightarrow 3° alcohol. No need for all 3 attachments to be the same.
 - \circ Ester (0 H) \rightarrow 3° alcohol. At least two common attachments at end.

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Predicting Grignard Reaction Products

- 1. From carbonyl perspective:
 - The carbanion R' adds to the carbonyl carbon
 - The carbonyl =O gets replaced by –OH
 - For formaldehyde, aldehydes, and ketones: the two attachments on the original carbonyl carbon remain attached as spectators
 - For esters or acid chlorides: the one non-heteroatom attachment on the original carbonyl carbon remain attached as spectators.
 - o The "extra" heteroatom gets replaced by a second carbanion R'
- 2. From Grignard perspective:
 - Where R-MgBr begins, R-C-OH ends.
 - o In other words, the MgBr gets replaced by the carbonyl carbon

Note: Be sure that in the product, no carbon has more than one C-O bond

Draw products from the following reactions.

$$4 \qquad \begin{array}{c} \text{H}_3\text{CO} \\ \text{O} \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c} \text{1. excess CH}_3\text{MgBr} \\ \hline \text{2. H}_3\text{O}^+ \end{array}$$

5 Br
$$\frac{1. \text{ Mg}}{3. \text{ H}_3\text{O}^+}$$

6 Br 1. Mg 2.
$$H_2C=O$$
 3. H_3O^+

16.12 Grignard Reaction with Ethylene Oxide (Simplest Epoxide)

Notes

- 1. Results in a 1° Alcohol
- 2. Predicting product: Two carbons end up in between the carbanion R' and the OH
- 3. Ethylene oxide and formaldehyde are complementary Grignard acceptors leading to 1° alcohols
 - o Ethylene oxide extends the carbon chain by two (relative to the original RMgBr)
 - o Formaldehyde extends the carbon chain by one (relative to the original RMgBr)
- 4. 2-Carbon ethylene oxide and 2-carbon ethanal give different products
 - Ethylene oxide → the OH is 1° and the OH is two carbons removed from the carbanion R
 - o Ethanal→ the OH is 2° and the OH and carbanion R are both connected to the same carbon

Draw products from the following reactions.

1 2.
$$H_2C=O$$
3. H_3O^+
2 Br 1. Mg
2. O
3. H_3O^+
3. H_3O^+

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Reaction Mechanisms for Grignard Reactions

Formaldehyde, Aldehyde, or Ketone as Carbonyl Compound (Reactions 4, 5, and 6)

aldehyde or ketone or formaldehyde
$$R'' \xrightarrow{Q} R'' \xrightarrow{Q} R''$$

- 1. Two simple steps:
 - a. Addition
 - b. Protonation
- 2. Timing:
 - a. The carbanion is added first, at one step in time, under strongly anionic conditions
 - b. Later acid is added, in a second laboratory step. This provides a cationic environment
- 3. $RMgBr = R-MgBr = R \bigcirc$ carbanion
 - a. The ^① MgBr stuff is spectator, doesn't need to be drawn in
 - b. Ignore in mechanisms
 - c. In reality, it actually does play a nontrivial role, but we'll save that for grad school!

Draw mechanisms for the following reactions:

1 O 1. PhMgBr 2.
$$H_3O^+$$

Standard Simple Grignard Mechanism:

- 1. Add Anionic Nucleophile, to produce an oxyanion
- 2. Protonate

Mechanism requirement notes. Must:

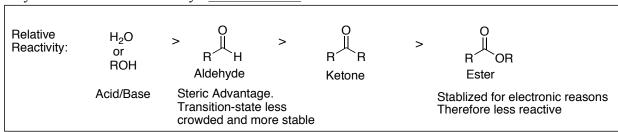
- 1. draw intermediate(s)
- 2. show correct electron/arrow flow
- 3. Specific arrow source and target
- 4. MgBr can be left out (convenience)
- 5. Anion produces anion
- 6. H+ changes anion/cation conditions

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Esters or Acid Chlorides: More Complex, Needs to Explain Two Additions and More Bond Breakings (19.12)

- 1. Four Step Mechanism:
 - a. Addition
 - b. Elimination
 - c. Addition
 - d. Protonation
- 2. Timing:
 - a. The carbanion is added first, at one point in time, under strongly anionic conditions
 o The first three steps all occur under these anionic conditions
 - b. Acid is only added much later, in a second laboratory step. This gives a cationic environment.
 - c. Why don't you just protonate after the first step?
 - o There is no proton source available, and the elimination proceeds instead!
- 3. What if I add only one RMgBr?

Why? Kinetics and Reactivity. **MEMORIZE**.



- Large differences in reactivity, with ketone > ester
- Elimination step 2 is also very fast
- Thus, under the anionic conditions, the addition is the slow step
 - o After it does happen, elimination and another addition happens bang-bang.

Draw Mechanism:

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc}
O & 1. & PhMgBr (excess) & OH \\
\hline
OCH_3 & 2. & H_3O^+ & Ph
\end{array}$$

Ester Mechanism:

- 1. Add
- 2. Eliminate
- 3. Add Again
- 4. Protonate

<u>Cyclic Ester:</u> The O-Carbonyl single bond breaks, but the other C-O single bond does <u>not</u> break

-the result is formation of a dialcohol

Draw product and mechanism for the following:

$$\begin{array}{c}
O \\
O \\
\hline
O \\
\hline
2. H_3O^+
\end{array}$$

Ethylene Oxide (Epoxide) Mechanism, 16.12

Draw product and mechanism for the following:

MgBr
$$\frac{1.}{2.}$$
 H₃O $^{\oplus}$

Mechanism:

- 1. Add
- 2. Protonate
- Very Similar to the ketone/aldehyde mechanism, except you break a sigma rather than a pi bond.

More Grignard Practice. Including polyfunctional Molecules:

• Know relative reactivity: H2O, ROH (acid/base) > aldehyde > ketone > ester

3
$$H_3CO$$
 OH $\frac{1. \text{ PhMgBr (1.0 equivalent)}}{2. H_3O^+}$

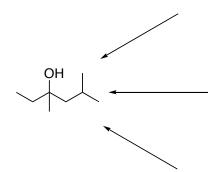
4 Ph H
$$\frac{1. \text{MgBr}}{2. \text{H}_30}$$

7
$$0$$
1. CH₃MgBr (excess)
2. H₃ 0

8 BrMg
$$\underbrace{\qquad \qquad }_{2. \text{ H}_3 \overset{\bigcirc}{O}}$$

Grignards in Synthesis: Provide Precursors. (14.6,9)

- Think backwards from Targets to Reactants.
- Identify possible Grignards and <u>Grignard acceptors</u>
- Pattern:
 - 3° alcohol, all three attachments different ← Ketone Precursor
 - 3° alcohol, two (or more) of the attachments identical ← Ester
 - 2° alcohol ← Aldehyde
 - 1° alcohol ← Formaldehyde or ethylene oxide



a.

b.

c.

d.

<u>Provide Reagents for the Following Transformations.</u> You may use whatever reagents, including ketones or aldehydes or Grignards or esters, that you need.

- Key: Try to identify key C-C connection in the product that wasn't present to start with
- Try to identify the where the reactant carbons are in the final product
- Numbering your carbon chains is very helpful.
- Usually best to work backwards from the product

Combining Grignard Reactions with Other Reactions

Restrictions on Grignard Reactions (14.5,6)

- RMgBr = R \bigcirc carbanion, highly unstable, highly reactive.
- Unstable in the presence of:
 - 1. OH's (get proton transfer reaction)
 - 2. Carbonyls (get Grignard-type nucleophilic addition)
- 1. Solvent limitations. RMgBr cannot be formed and used in the presence of
 - H2O

b.

- ROH
- Any solvent with a C=O

Which Solvents (if any)
Would be OK for OH
Handling RMgBr?,

2. Substrate limitations. Any organohalide that also contains an OH or C=O bond can't be converted into a useful RMgBr, because it will self-destruct.

Which substrates could be converted into RMgBr, and subsequently reacted with CH₃CHO?

- 3. Atmosphere/Glassware/Storage limitations. Make, store, and use in:
 - water-free dried glassware
 - moisture-free atmosphere. (Dried air, or else under nitrogen or argon atmosphere)
 - When stored for extended periods, must have very good seals so that no air can leak in.

15.2 Alcohols by Reduction of Carbonyls: H Addition

9 O NaBH₄ or
$$\frac{1. \text{ LiAlH}_4}{2. \text{ H}_3\text{O}^+}$$
 OH Mech Aldehyde $\frac{1. \text{ LiAlH}_4}{2. \text{ H}_3\text{O}^+}$ $\frac{1. \text{ LiAlH}_4}{2. \text{ H}_3\text{O}^+}$ $\frac{1. \text{ LiAlH}_4}{1^{\circ} \text{ alcohol}}$

11 O
$$1. \text{ LiAlH}_4$$
 OH $1. \text{ NaBH}_4 \text{ will}$ Mech not react with esters 1° alcohol

Mechanism

Aldehydes and Ketones

aldehyde or ketone or formaldehyde

$$NaBH_4 = H^{\bigcirc}$$

$$LiAlH_4 = H^{\bigcirc}$$

Esters

Cyclic Esters

Notes:

- Mechanisms are exactly like with Grignard reactions
- LiAlH₄ and NaBH₄ function as hydride anions H ⁽²⁾
- For mechanisms, just draw H^{\bigcirc} rather than trying to involve the Li and Al and Na and B...

$$NaBH_{4} = Na \stackrel{\bigoplus}{H} \stackrel{\bigoplus}{H-B-H} \longrightarrow \stackrel{H}{H} \stackrel{\bigoplus}{H} \stackrel{H}{H} + \stackrel{\bigoplus}{H} \stackrel{\bigoplus}{H} \stackrel{\bigoplus}{H-AI-H} \longrightarrow \stackrel{H}{H} \stackrel{\bigoplus}{H} \stackrel{\bigoplus}{H}$$

- Boron is one row higher than aluminum, and in keeping with normal periodic patterns is more electronegative
 - \circ Because boron is more electronegative, the BH₄ $^{\bigcirc}$ anion is more stable, and less reactive.
 - The boron holds the H $^{\bigcirc}$ more tightly.
 - \circ Aluminum being less electronegative doesn't attract and hold the H $^{\bigcirc}$ as well, and thus is considerably more reactive.

Reactivity

	Aldehydes	Ketones	Esters
LiAlH ₄	Yes	Yes	Yes
$NaBH_4$	Yes	Yes	No

LiAlH₄ is much stronger, NaBH₄ much weaker

- 1. LiAlH₄ is strong enough to react with esters, NaBH₄ isn't
- 2. **Selective reduction**: if both an ester and an aldehyde/ketone are present:
 - LiAlH₄ reduces both
 - NaBH₄ selectively reduces the aldehyde/ketone but leaves the ester untouched
- 3. <u>LiAlH₄ is strong enough to react with and be destroyed by water or alcohol; NaBH₄ isn't</u>

$$LiAlH_4 + H_2O \rightarrow H_2(gas) + LiOH + AlH_3 + heat$$

- a. As a result, LiAlH₄ is harder to use and store
- b. Acid has to be added in a subsequent step with the LiAlH₄; (thus, 2-step recipe)
- c. NaBH₄ can be run in alcohol solvent which serves as a proton source for protonating alkoxide
- d. Solvent restrictions, glassware must be dry, wet air must be excluded, etc.
- e. Because NaBH₄ is stable to water, it's easier to handle in air, easier to store, much easier to work with
- f. Default: for a simple aldehyde or ketone reduction, normally use NaBH₄ because it's so much easier
- 4. LiAlH₄ is strong enough to react with esters, NaBH₄ isn't

Draw the products for the following reactions.

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
O & O \\
\hline
O & O \\
O & \hline
\end{array}$$
1. LiAlH₄
2. H₃O⁺

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
O & O & NaBH_4 \\
& & & \\
OCH_3 & H_2O
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
O \\
O \\
\hline
O \\
2. \ H_3O^+
\end{array}$$

$$\frac{1. \text{ LiAlH}_4}{2. \text{ H}_3\text{O}^+} \text{ or } \frac{\text{NaBH}_4}{\text{H}_2\text{O}} \rightarrow \text{Ph} \land \text{OH}$$

Draw the mechanism for the following reaction.

$$\begin{array}{c}
0 \\
\hline
1. \text{ LiAlH}_4 \\
\hline
2. \text{ H}_3\text{O}
\end{array}$$

Summary of Alcohol Reactions.

$$_2$$
 R-OH $\xrightarrow{\text{Na}}$ R-ONa

 $\mathsf{H}_2\mathsf{CrO}_4 = \mathsf{Na}_2\mathsf{Cr}_2\mathsf{O}_7,\,\mathsf{H}_2\mathsf{SO}_4 \text{ or } \mathsf{CrO}_3/\mathsf{H}_2\mathsf{O}$

Mech: Be able to draw!

- Deprotonation by a base.
- Controlled by relative stability of RO

 □ versus Z □
- Consider relative electronegativity and whether either anion is resonance stabilized.
- Potassium (K) analogous.
- Key way to convert alcohol to alkoxide, reactive as S_N2 nucleophile and E2 base.
- Alkoxide formation-S_N2 route to ether
- The electrophile R'-X must be S_N2 reactive, preferably 1° with a good leaving group
- Key access to aldehydes, which are useful for more Grignard chemistry.
- Note difference between PCC and H₂CrO₄
- PCC does not react with 2° alcohols very rapidly
- Key access to ketones.
- PCC does not react very fast with 2° alcohols
- Note difference between
- PCC and H₂CrO₄ when reacting with 1° alcohols.

- HI, HCl analogous
- Converts alcohol into a bromide that can be used in Grignards, E2 reactions
- Cation mechanism
- Usually not method of choice for 1°, 2° alcohols

$$9 \qquad \begin{array}{c} \text{R-OH} \xrightarrow{\text{PBr}_3} \quad \text{R-Br} \\ \text{1° or 2° alcohols} \end{array}$$

$$10 \quad \text{R-OH} \quad \frac{\text{1. PBr}_3 \text{ or HBr}}{\text{2. Mg}} \quad \text{RMgBr}$$

11 R-OH
$$\xrightarrow{SOCl_2}$$
 R-CI 1° or 2° alcohols

$$12 \quad \text{R-OH} \xrightarrow{\text{TsCl}} \quad \text{R-OTs}$$

Review Reactions

$$13 \quad R \longrightarrow \begin{array}{c} HBr \\ \hline \end{array} \qquad R \xrightarrow{Br}$$

$$_{14}$$
 R $\xrightarrow{\text{HBr}}$ R $\xrightarrow{\text{Br}}$ Br

$$15$$
 R-H $\xrightarrow{Br_2, hv}$ R-Br

- Converts alcohol into a bromide that can be used in Grignards, E2, $S_{\rm N}2$ reactions
- Inversion of stereochem
- Not good for 3° alcohols
- Quick 2-step conversion of alcohol into a nucleophilic Grignard
- Retention of stereo!
- Tosylates are super leaving groups, better even than iodides.
- Tosylates are well suited to S_N2 and E2 reactions.
- •
- Markovnikov addition
- anti-Markovnikov addition
- Radical mechanism, 3° > 2° > 1°
- Zaytsev elimination

Mechanisms for ROH → RBr Reactions

R-OH
$$\xrightarrow{HBr}$$
 R-Br 3° mostly, sometimes 1° 3° HBr Mech for 3° ROH: R-OH $\xrightarrow{H-Br}$ R-OH $_2$ $\xrightarrow{H-Br}$ R-Br $\xrightarrow{H-Br}$ R-Br

Ch. 15 Reactions of Alcohols

A. Conversion to Alkoxides. Acidity of Alcohols and Phenols (1.14)

"alkoxide" = RO^{\bigcirc} anion

	???	1. Deprotonation by a base.
1	R-OH + NaZ → R-ONa + HZ	2. Controlled by relative stability of RO
	Acid-Base	\bigcirc versus Z \bigcirc .
		3. Consider relative electronegativity
		and whether either anion is resonance
		stabilized.

- Alcohols are weak acids \rightarrow can be ionized by stronger bases
- goes to the right (alkoxide) only if resulting RO $^{\bigcirc}$ is more stable than B $^{\bigcirc}$
- ex. \bigcirc NH₂, \bigcirc CH₃ (nitrogen or carbon anions)
- ex. If a <u>less</u> stable oxygen anion can produce a <u>more</u> stable oxygen anion

Acidity Table

Class	Structure	<u>Ka</u>	Acid Strength	Anion	Base Strength	Base Stability
Strong Acids	H-Cl	10 ²		Cl ⊖		
Carboxylic Acid	ROH	10-5		R ^J o⊖		
Phenol	OH	10 ⁻¹⁰				
Water	H ₂ O	10 ⁻¹⁶		НО⊖		
Alcohol	ROH	10 ⁻¹⁸		RO ⊖		
Amine (N-H)	RNH ₂	10 ⁻³³		RNH [⊖]		
Alkane (C-H)	RCH ₃	10 ⁻⁵⁰		RCH ₂ ⊖		

Notes/skills:

- 1. Be able to rank acidity.
- 2. Memorize/understand neutral OH acidity ranking: RCO₂H > H₂O > ROH
 - Reason: **resonance** stabilization of the **anion**
 - Alkoxide is destabilized relative to hydroxide by electron donor alkyl group
- 3. Predict deprotonation (acid/base) reactions
 - Any weak acid <u>will be</u> deprotonated by a <u>stronger base (lower</u> on table)
 - Any weak acid will not be deprotonated by a weaker base (higher on table)
- 4. Predict ether/water extraction problems
 - If an organic chemical is neutral and stays neutral, it will stay in ether layer
 - If an organic chemical is ionized (by an acid-base reaction), it will extract into the aqueous layer

Problems

1. Draw arrow to show whether equilibrium favors products or reactants. (Why?)

$$\ominus_{OH} + H \bigcirc_{OH}$$
 $H_2O + H \bigcirc_{O}$

Key: a proton transfer will happen only if it results in a more stabilized anion

Key anion stability factors:

- Electronegativity (oxygen > nitrogen > carbon)
- Resonance. Carboxylate, phenoxide ves > hydroxide, alkoxide no
- Donor/withdrawer factor: hydroxide > alkoxide (electron donor destabilizes anion)
- 2. Which of the following will deprotonate methanol?

H₂O CH₃CO₂Na PhONa NaOH NaNH₂ CH₃MgBr

- Using the chart, an acid (left side) will only be deprotonated by an anion/base that is **lower** on the right side, because that will result in a more stable anion.
- Charge: neutral species aren't as basic as anionic analogs (H₂O versus NaOH)
- 3. When the following are dissolved in ether and then treated with NaOH/water, which would extract out of the ether layer into the water layer?

- Neutral species will stay in organic solvent (ether); only ionized species will extract into the water
- Thus the question of whether something will extract into the aqueous phase is really a question of whether there is something present that will cause an acid-base reaction
- NaOH is strong enough to ionize carboxylic acids and phenols, but not alcohols.

A2. Alkoxide formation by redox reaction with sodium or potassium (or other metals)

2	$ \begin{array}{ccc} R-OH & \xrightarrow{Na} & R-ONa \\ R-OH & \xrightarrow{K} & R-OK \end{array} $	 Potassium (K) analogous. Key way to convert alcohol to alkoxide, reactive as S_N2 nucleophile and E2 base.
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- Key source of nucleophilic/basic alkoxides
- Alkoxides are used all the time as S_N2 nucleophilies and E2 bases

B. 2-Step Conversion of Alcohols into Ethers via the Alkoxides

3 R-OH 1. Na 2. R'-X R-O-R'	 Alkoxide formation-S_N2 route to ether The electrophile R'-X must be S_N2 reactive, preferably 1° with a good leaving group
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$$\begin{array}{c}
1. \text{ BH}_3\text{-THF} \\
\hline
2. \text{ NaOH, H}_2\text{O}_2
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
3. \text{ Na} \\
\hline
4. \text{ CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{Br}
\end{array}$$

C. Oxidation of Alcohols to Carbonyl Compounds (15.9,10)

Summary: 2 Oxidants

1. $\underline{PCC} = mild$ 1° alcohols \rightarrow aldehydes

- "Pyridinium chlorochromate": soluble in water-free dichloromethane
- Mild, selective for 1° over 2° alcohols, and when 1° alcohols are used stops at aldehyde

2. $H_2CrO_4 = strong$

- a. 2° alcohols \rightarrow ketones
- b. 1° alcohols \rightarrow carboxylic acids
- c. 3° alcohols \rightarrow no reaction
- d. aldehydes → carboxylic acids
- $H_2CrO_4 = CrO_3 + H_2O$ or $Na_2Cr_2O_7 + H_2SO_4$ (make in the reaction flask)
- Always made and used in the presence of some water
- Very strong, when 1° alcohols are used goes 1° RCH₂OH → RCHO → RCO₂H without stopping at aldehyde

4	OH PCC O R H Aldehydes	 Key access to aldehydes, which are useful for more Grignard chemistry. Note difference between PCC and H₂CrO₄ PCC does not react with 2° alcohols very rapidly
5	OH $R + R + R + R + R + R + R + R + R + R +$	 Key access to ketones. PCC does not react very fast with 2° alcohols
6	OH OH RHHHH2CrO ₄ ROH 1° Alcohols Only Acids	 Note difference between PCC and H₂CrO₄ when reacting with 1° alcohols.

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6	OH R H H H ₂ CrO ₄ R OH 1° Alcohols Only Acids	 Note difference between PCC and H₂CrO₄ when reacting with 1° alcohols.

Draw the products for the following oxidation reactions.

$$_{1}$$
 Ph $^{\wedge}$ OH $\stackrel{\text{PCC}}{\longrightarrow}$

$$_{2}$$
 Ph OH $\frac{\text{H}_{2}\text{CrO}_{4}}{}$

$$\frac{OH}{3}$$
 $\frac{H_2CrO_4}{}$

$$5$$
 OH H_2CrO_4

Oxidation Combined with Grignard Reactions (in either order): Indirectly Enables Substitution of Carbon for Hydrogen

- 1. 1° alcohol + PCC → aldehyde + RMgBr → 2° alcohol
- 2. 2° alcohol + $H_2CrO_4 \rightarrow \text{ketone} + RMgBr \rightarrow 3° alcohol$
 - Oxidation followed by Grignard reaction essentially substitutes a carbon group for a hydrogen
- 3. Aldehyde + RMgBr \rightarrow 2° alcohol + H₂CrO₄ \rightarrow ketone
 - Grignard reaction followed by oxidation essentially substitutes a carbon group for a hydrogen

1 OH
$$\frac{1. \text{ PCC}}{2. \text{ PhMgBr}}$$
1° 3. H_3O^+

2 OH 1.
$$H_2CrO_4$$
 2. $MgBr$ 3. H_3O^+

Jones Test H₂CrO₄ for Alcohols (test responsible)

- H₂CrO₄ (Jones Reagent) is clear orange
- Treatment of an unknown with Jones reagent:
 - \circ Solution stays clear orange \rightarrow no 1° or 2° alcohol present (negative reaction)
 - o Solution gives a green/brown precipitate → 1° or 2° alcohol present (positive reaction)
 - o 3°, vinyl, and aryl alcohols do not react. Nor do ketones, ethers, or esters.

Structure and Mechanism (not test responsible)

General Mechanism (not test responsible)

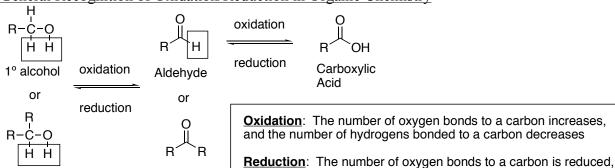
$$-\overset{|}{\text{C-O-H}} \overset{|}{\text{HO}} \overset{|}{\overset{|}{\text{Cr-OH}}} \overset{|}{\overset{|}{\text{Ester}}} -\overset{|}{\overset{|}{\text{C-O-H}}} \overset{|}{\overset{|}{\text{C-O-H}}} \overset{|}{\overset{C-O-H}}} \overset{|}$$

PCC operates analogously

<u>1° Alcohols, Aldehydes, and the Presence or Absence of Water: PCC vs H₂CrO₄</u>
<u>Q: Why does Anhydrous PCC stop at Aldehyde but Aqueous H₂CrO₄ Continues to Carboxylic Acid?</u>

- 1. Both PCC and H₂CrO₄ convert 1° alcohols to aldehydes
- 2. In the presence of acidic water, aldehydes undergo an equilibrium addition of water to provide a small equilibrium population of acetal
- 3. The acetal form gets oxidized (very rapidly) to carboxylic acid
 - The aldehyde form cannot itself get oxidized to carboxylic acid
 - Since PCC is used in absence of water, the aldehyde is <u>not able</u> to equilibrate with acetal and simply stays aldehyde.
 - Since it can't convert to acetal, therefore no oxidation to carboxylic acid can occur
- 4. Chromic acid, by contrast, is in water
 - Therefore the aldehyde is able to equilibrate with acetal
 - The acetal is able to be oxidized.
 - Thus, the aldehyde via the acetal is able to be indirectly oxidized to carboxylic acid, and in fact does so very rapidly.

General Recognition of Oxidation/Reduction in Organic Chemistry



and the number of hydrogens bonded to a carbon increases.

More General: # of bonds to heteroatoms versus to hydrogens

Classify the following transformations as "oxidations" or "reductions"

Ketone

Other methods for Oxidizing Alcohols. (No test)

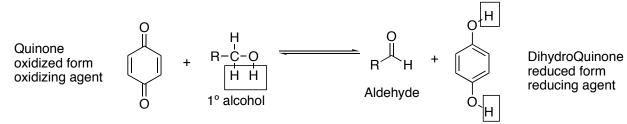
There are lots of other recipes used for oxidizing alcohols (and for other oxidation reactions)

- 1. KMnO₄
- 2. CuO

2º alcohol

- 3. "Jones": H₂CrO₄ with acetone added to temper reactivity
- 4. Collins: H₂CrO₄ with pyridine added to temper reactivity
- 5. "Swern": (COCl) 2 and (CH₃)2S=O then NEt₃
- 6. HNO₃
- 7. Biological Oxidant 1: "NAD⁺" "nictonamide adenine dinucleotide"

8. Biological Oxidant 2: "Quinones and hydroquinones" (Ch. 17-15)



In General: Recognizing Oxidizing versus Reducing Agents

Oxidizing Agents: Often have:

- Highly Oxidized Metals or Nonmetals
- Extra Oxygen

Reducing Agents: Often involve:

- Hydrides in Formulas
- Highly Reduced Metals
- Metals $+ H_2$
- Metals + acid

OsO₄ (+8) KMnO₄ (+7) CrO₄ (+6) H₂CrO₄ (+6) HNO₄ (+5) H₂O₂ \rightarrow H₂O RCO₃H \rightarrow RCO₂H

 $O_3 \rightarrow O_2$

LiAlH₄
NaBH₄
Li, Na, K, Mg, Zn, Al, etc.
Pd/H₂, Pt/H₂, Ni/H₂ etc.
Zn/HCl, Fe/HCl, Zn/Hg/HCl, etc..

- The ability to qualitatively recognize when a transformation involves an oxidation or reduction can be very helpful.
- The ability to recognize a reactant as an oxidizing agent or a reducing agent can be very helpful
- Often on standardized tests!

Some Biological Alcohol Oxidations (Not for Test, 15.10)

- 1. Oxidation of "carbohydrates" or "sugars" is the primary source of bioenergy
 - multiple enzymes are involved for the many steps
 - A "carbohydrate" basically has a formula with one OH per carbon

$$C_6H_6(OH)_6 \equiv C_6H_{12}O_6$$
 O_2 $O_2 + 6H_2O + energy$ "carbohydrates" sugars enzymes

- 2. Most alcohols are biooxidized to give toxic carbonyl derivatives ("intoxication")
 - the presence of substantial aldehydes and especially ketones in the blood is symptomatic of various problems
 - intoxication
 - o alcoholism
 - o uncontrolled diabetes
 - o etc (other metabolic disorders)

Conversion of Alcohols to Alkyl Halides (4.9, 4.14, 4.7-14)

$$8 \qquad \begin{array}{c} \text{R-OH} \xrightarrow{\text{HBr}} \quad \text{R-Br} \\ \text{3° alcohols} \end{array}$$

Mech: Be able to draw!

9 R-OH
$$\xrightarrow{PBr_3}$$
 R-Br
1° or 2° alcohols

10 R-OH
$$\frac{1. \text{ PBr}_3 \text{ or HBr}}{2. \text{ Mg}}$$
 RMgBr

11 R-OH
$$\xrightarrow{\text{SOCl}_2}$$
 R-Cl
1° or 2° alcohols

- HI, HCl analogous
- Converts alcohol into a bromide that can be used in Grignards, E2 reactions
- Cation mechanism
- Usually not method of choice for 1°, 2° alcohols
- Converts alcohol into a bromide that can be used in Grignards, E2, S_N2 reactions
- Inversion of stereochem
- Not good for 3° alcohols
- Quick 2-step conversion of alcohol into a nucleophilic Grignard
- Retention of stereo!
- Section 11-9

Summary:

Class	R-Br	<u>R-C1</u>
1° ROH	PBr ₃	$SOCl_2$
2° ROH	PBr ₃	SOCl ₂
3° ROH	HBr	HCl
Vinyl or Aryl	Nothing works	Nothing works

Straight Reaction with H-X (Section 4.7-11)

- o Ideal only for 3° ROH,
- o sometimes works with 1° alcohols, with a complex SN2 mechanism
- o Works inconsistently for 2° alcohols
- o Method of choice for 3°, but not normally for 1° or 2°

$$_{OH}$$
 OH

Mechanism for H-X reactions with 3° Alcohols: Cationic (Test Responsible) (4.8)

HBr Mech for 3° ROH: R-OH
$$\xrightarrow{H-Br}$$
 R $\xrightarrow{H-Br}$ R-Br $\xrightarrow{H-Br}$ + H₂O

Notes:

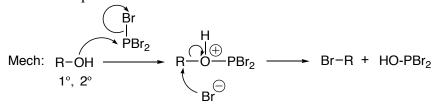
- 1. Memorize the 3° alcohol mechanism (test responsible)
 - a. Protonate
 - b. Leave to give Cation. This is the slow step for 3° alcohols
 - c. Capture
- 2. Analogous with HI or HCl
 - HCl slower, normally enhanced with ZnCl₂, which enhances rate of cation formation (Lucas test, see later)
 - Outside of 3° systems, side reactions are common and yields aren't often very good
- 3. Outside of 3° alcohols, side reactions are common and yields aren't often very good
 - Elimination reactions and cation rearrangements...
- 4. S_N1 type: carbocation-forming step is the rate-determining step, so R+ stability key (4.10,11)
 - 3° alcohols fastest
 - 2° alcohols are way slower
 - 1° alcohols can't react at all via this mechanism, because 1° R+ are too unstable.
 - Ditto for vinyl or aryl alcohols
- 5. HBr can also react with 1° ROH to give 1° RBr, although it is not often the method of choice
 - The mechanism is different, but rather interesting (not test responsible. Section 4.12)

HBr Mech for 1° ROH:
$$R-OH \longrightarrow R-OH_2 + Br \longrightarrow R-Br + H_2O$$

- carbocation formation never occurs
- bromide ion simply does S_N2 on the protonated alcohol, with water as an excellent leaving group
- yields tend to be pretty inconsistent

Reaction of 1° and 2° Alcohols with PBr₃ (Section 4.14)

• Default recipe for 1° and 2° alcohols



- PBr₃ is an exceptional electrophile, and reacts even with neutral alcohols
- The first step activates the oxygen as a leaving group.
- The second step involves an S_N2 substitution
 - o stereochemical inversion occurs if chirality is present (common for 2° alcohols)
- Because the second step is an S_N2 substitution, the reaction fails for 3° ROH
- PCl₃ does not react as well, and is not useful for making chlorides
- PI₃ is not stable and can't be stored in a bottle. However, the combination of 1P + 1.5 $I_2 \rightarrow PI_3$ in the reaction container (in situ)
 - o Thus P/I₂ essentially provides the PI₃ that does the job

$$\frac{H_3C}{OH}$$
 PBr₃

Conversions of Alcohols into Other Reactive Species in Multi-Step Syntheses

- 1. oxidation can convert an alcohol into a carbonyl = <u>Grignard</u> <u>acceptor</u> (electrophile)
- 2. PBr₃/Mg or HBr/Mg can convert an alcohol into RMgBr = Grignard donor (nucleophile)
- **3.** PBr₃ or HBr can convert an alcohol into RBr, capable of normal substitution and elimination reactions.

<u>Retrosynthesis Problems (In which you decide what to start from):</u> Design syntheses for the following.

Allowed starting materials include:

Bromobenzene cyclopentanol any acyclic alcohol or alkene with \(\leq 4\) carbons any esters ethylene oxide formaldehyde (CH2O) any "inorganic" agents (things that won't contribute carbons to your skeleton)

Tips:

- 1. Focus on the functionalized carbon(s)
- 2. Try to figure out which groups of the skeleton began together, and where new C-C bonds will have been formed
- 3. When "breaking" it up into sub-chunks, try to make the pieces as large as possible (4 carbon max, in this case, for acyclic pieces)
- 4. Remember which direction is the "true" laboratory direction.
- 5. Be careful that you aren't adding or substracting carbons by mistake

Normal Synthesis Design: In which you are given at least one of the starting Chemicals. Provide Reagents. You may use whatever reagents, including ketones or aldehydes or Grignards or esters, that you need. **Tips**:

- Identify where the reactant carbons are in the product
- Is the original carbon still oxygenated? → SM should probably react via a Grignard acceptor
- Is the original carbon not still oxygenated? → SM should probably react as Grignard donor
- Working backwards helps.

More Retrosynthesis Problems: Design syntheses for the following.

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Unknowns and Chemical Tests

- 1. H₂/Pt test for alkenes
- 2. Br₂ test for alkenes

3. Jones reagent (H₂CrO₄) Test for 1° or 2° alcohols

- 3° alcohols do not react
- 2° alcohols keep the same number of oxygens but lose two hydrogens in the formula
- 1° alcohols lose two H's but also add one oxygen

4. Lucas Test: HCl/ZnCl₂ for 3° or 2° alcohols

R-OH HCI/ZnCl₂ in water R-Cl via R $\stackrel{\oplus}{}$ 3° > 2° >>>> 1° $\stackrel{\circ}{}$ 1° A $\stackrel{\circ}{}$ 1° R-Cl via R $\stackrel{\oplus}{}$ 8° Stability: 3° R $\stackrel{\oplus}{}$ 2° R $\stackrel{\oplus}{}$ >>> 1° R $\stackrel{\oplus}{}$

- 3° alcohols are fastest
- 1° alcohols don't react at all
- R^{\oplus} stability is the key
- Test is based on **solubility**: The R-Cl product is nonpolar and water insoluble, so it separates out from water. Alcohols are quite soluble especially in highly acidic water.
- Test fails is useless for alcohols with so many carbons that it doesn't even dissolve in the original HCl/ZnCl₂/water solution

		Jones (H ₂ CrO ₄)	Lucas (HCl/ZnCl ₂)	H ₂ /Pt	Required Facts	Possible Answers
1	C ₅ H ₁₀ O	Yes	No	Yes		
2	$C_6H_{12}O$	Yes	Yes, 1-5 min	No		
3	C ₆ H ₁₂ O	No	Yes	Yes		
4	C ₇ H ₁₂ O	Yes	Yes	Yes, Produces C ₇ H ₁₄ O		
5	C ₃ H ₆ O	No	No	Yes		
6	C ₃ H ₆ O	No	No	No		
7	C ₃ H ₆ O	Yes	No	Yes		
8	C ₃ H ₆ O	Yes,	Yes	No		

Section 8.12 Conversion of Alcohols to "Tosylates", and their use as Exceptional Leaving Groups in S_N2, S_N1, E2, and E1 Reactions

12 R-OH TsCl R-OTs ROTs NEt₃

• Tosylates are super leaving groups, better even than iodides.
• Tosylates are well suited to S_N2 and E2 reactions.

Notes:

- 1. Tosylates are easy to form
- 2. "Toluene sulfonate"
- 3. Tosylate anion is really stable, comparable to the anion from sulfuric acid
 - Thanks to electronegative sulfur and the resonance/charge sharing with the other oxygens
- 4. Whereas a normal OH has a poor leaving group (hydroxide anion), conversion to the tosylate provides a super good leaving group.
- 5. Leaving Group Reactivity: Better than the best of the halides
 - $OT_S \gg I \gg Br \gg Cl$
- 6. Tosylates are highly reactive toward S_N2, S_N1, E2, and E1 Reactions
- 7. Triethylamine is used as an HCl scavenger in the tosylate formation
 - Often a weaker amine base called pyridine is used, to avoid unintentionally providing E2 on the tosylate

Draw Products

$$5 H_3C$$
 OH H_3C OH.

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
 & OH & 1. \text{ TsCl, NEt}_3 \\
\hline
 & 2. \text{ NaOH}
\end{array}$$

Reaction of 1° and 2° Alcohols with SOCl₂ (Section 4.14)

• Default recipe for chlorination of 1° and 2° alcohols

- Mechanism: Not for test responsibility
- Mechanism differs for 1° and 2° alcohols
- 1° involve an S_N2 substitution
- 2° involve an S_N1 type substitution
- The chloride that captures the cation is normally on the same side of the molecule on which the oxygen began, and often captures the cation very rapidly from that same side
- This results in a very unusual <u>retention of stereochemistry.</u>
- When they work, these reactions are convenient because the side products, SO₂ and HCl, are both gases. So workup is really easy. Simply rotovap the mixture down, and everything except for product is gone.

Draw Products or Provide Appropriate Reactants for the following Transformations

$$6 \longrightarrow OH \longrightarrow SOCl_2$$

Draw the Mechanism:

Draw the mechanisms for the following reactions.

2

3 Ph MgBr $\frac{1. \text{ ethylene oxide}}{2. \text{ H}_3\text{O}^+}$ Ph OH

4 OCH₃ $\frac{1. \text{ excess LiAlH}_4}{2. \text{ H}_3\text{O}^+}$ OH

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
O & OH \\
\hline
NaBH_4 & OH \\
\hline
H_2O & \\
\end{array}$$

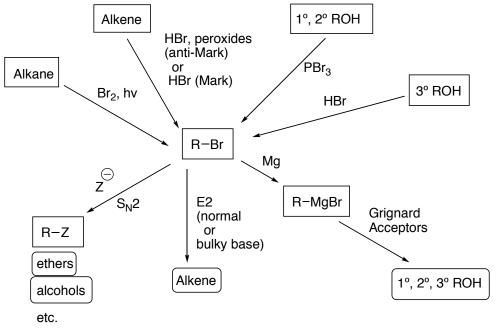
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6 Br 1.0 PhMgBr OH Tricky combo

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$$\underbrace{\begin{array}{c} O \\ \hline \\ O \end{array}}$$
 1. PhMgBr (excess) HO Ph Ph

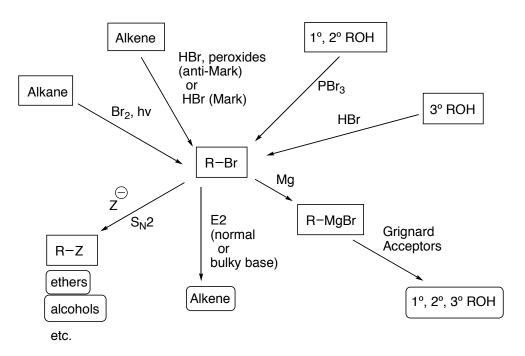
Ph Ph Br Ph Ph

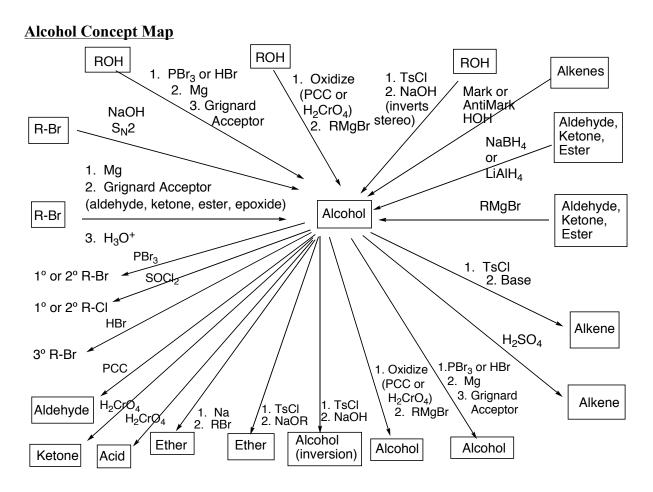
REVIEW. To make organometallic reagents, you must have RBr compounds (or RCl or RI).



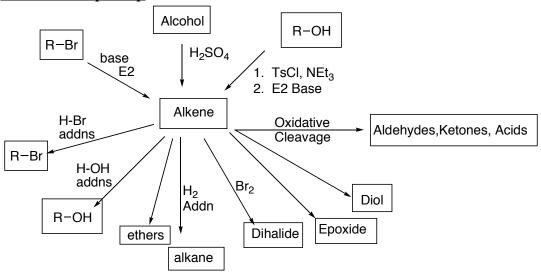
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Bromoalkane Concept Map





Alkene Concept Map



Ether Concept Map

