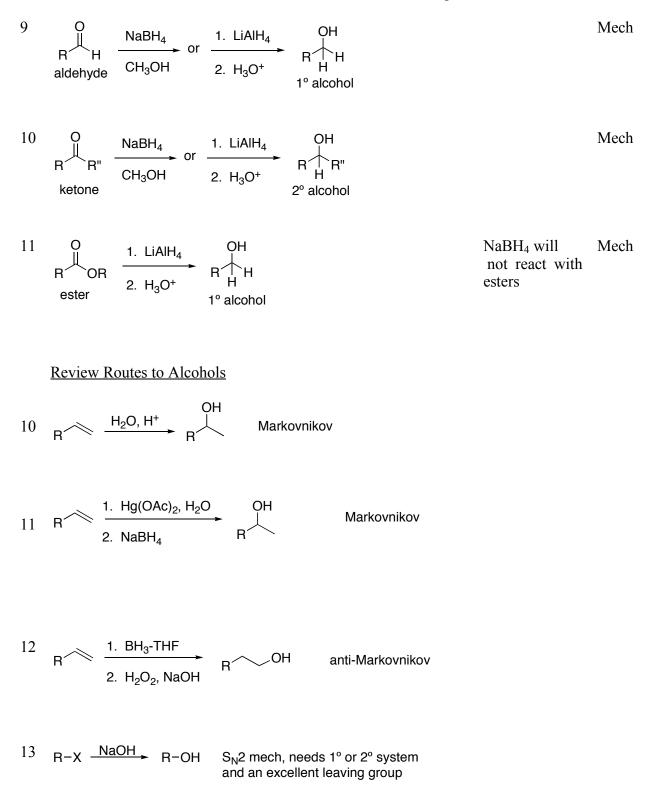
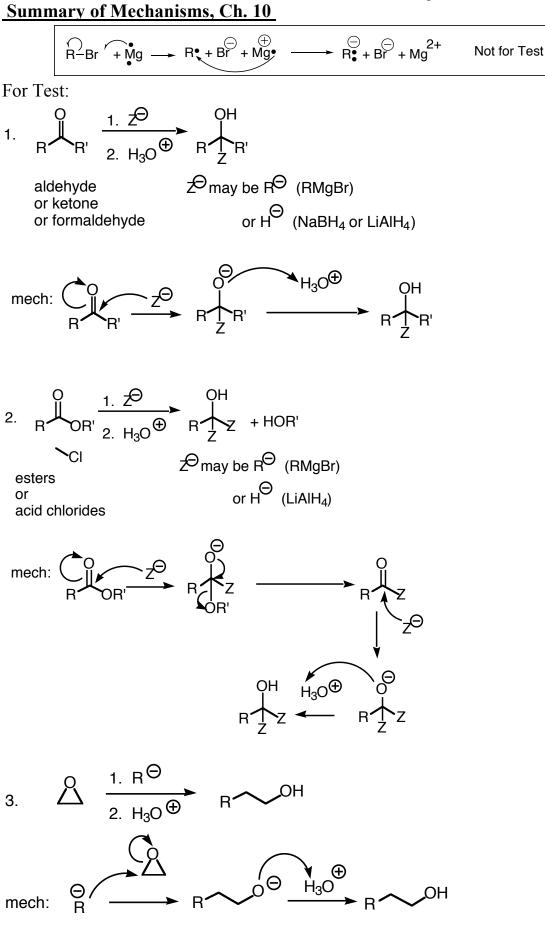
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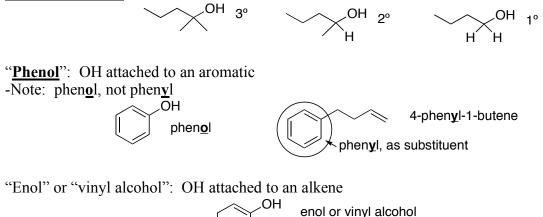
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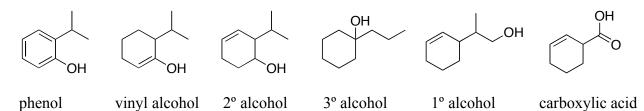
10.1,2 Intro, Classification

"<u>Alcohol</u>": OH attached to a saturated, sp³, "alkyl" carbon

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

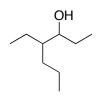


Problem: Classify each of the following either as a phenol, as a carboxylic acid, or as a 1°, 2°, 3°, or vinyl alcohol:



10.3 Nomenclature

- A. IUPAC, when alcohol is priority functional group and is part of the core name: x-alkanol
- Choose longest carbon chain that has the OH attached
- Remember to number!
- The oxygen itself does <u>not</u> count as a number



OH. CLC

4,4-dichloro-2-propyl-1-pentanol

4-ethyl-3-heptanol

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

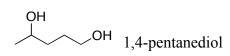
OH cis-2-allylcyclohexanol

C. <u>**x-Alken-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.

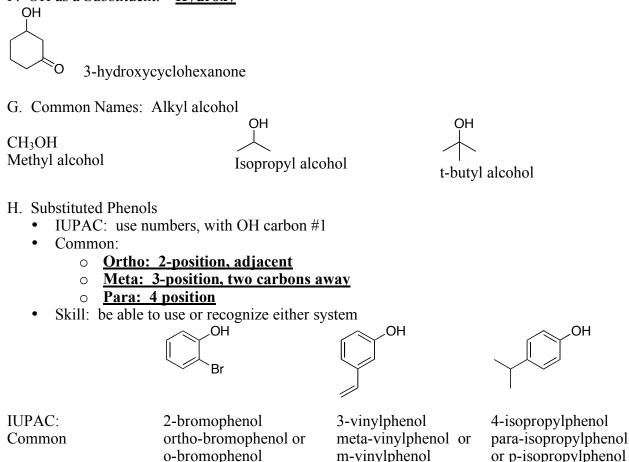
- The OH still dictates the numbering
- The OH number gets moved right before the "ol"
- The alkene number goes in front, in front of the "alken" portion
- Note: you only put the OH number right in front of the "ol" when you have an alkenol (or alkynol)

OH (E)-4-hexen-2-ol or trans-4-hexen-2-ol

D. Diols: x,y-alkanediol



- 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"
 - <u>The lower priority group may be forced to be named as a substituent</u>
- F. OH as a Substituent: "Hydroxy"



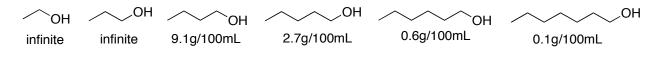
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10.4 Physical Properties: Dominated by H-Bonding

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

Water solubility: water solubility decreases as hydrophobic R gets longer

- In general,
 - \circ R \leq 4 carbons, ROH substantially water soluble
 - \circ R \geq 5 carbons, ROH minimal water solubility



10.5 Commercially Important Alcohols

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

CH ₃ OH	∕∩он	ОН
 Cheap Solvent Fuel 100 mL → death 15 mL → blindness 	 200 mL (7 oz) → death Least toxic alcohol Alcoholic beverages Fermentation Solvent 	 Rubbing alcohol 100 mL → death Kills germs on skin, but not absorbed

10.6 Acidity of Alcohols and Phenols

A. Alcohols are weak acids \rightarrow can be ionized by stronger bases

$$ROH + B^{\ominus} \implies RO^{\ominus} + BH$$

• goes to the right (alkoxide) only if RO $^{\bigcirc}$ is more stable than B $^{\bigcirc}$

ex.
$$\odot_{\rm NH_2}, \odot_{\rm CH_3}$$

• ex. If a less stable oxygen anion can convert to a more stable oxygen anion

B. Acidity Table

Class	<u>Structure</u>	<u>Ka</u>	<u>Acid</u> Strength	<u>Anion</u>	<u>Base</u> <u>Strength</u>
Strong Acids	H-Cl	10 ²	Most	Cl⊖	Least
Carboxylic Acid	R OH	10-5		R OO	
Phenol	OH	10 ⁻¹⁰			
Water	H ₂ O	10 ⁻¹⁶		HO \ominus	
Alcohol	ROH	10 ⁻¹⁸		RO ^(C)	
Amine (N-H)	RNH ₂	10 ⁻³³		RNH ^(C)	
Alkane (C-H)	RCH ₃	10 ⁻⁵⁰	Least	$\operatorname{RCH}_2 \ominus$	Most

Notes/skills:

- 1. Be able to rank acidity.
- 2. Memorize/understand neutral OH acidity ranking: $RCO_2H > H_2O > ROH$
- Reason: **<u>resonance</u>** stabilization of the <u>anion</u>
- 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?)

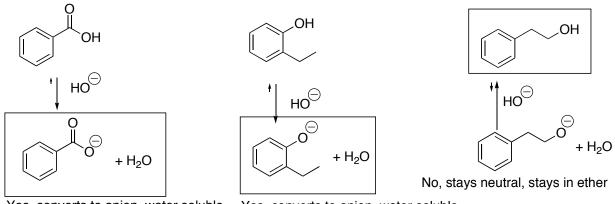
$$\bigcirc_{OH + H} \bigcirc_{OH} \longrightarrow H_2O + \bigcup_{H} \bigcirc_{O} \bigcirc \qquad \text{Resonance Stability}$$

2. Which of the following will deprotonate methanol?

H_2O	CH ₃ CO ₂ Na	PhONa	NaOH	NaNH ₂	CH ₃ MgBr
No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes

An acid (left side) will only be deprotonated by an anion/base that is **lower** on the right side

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?



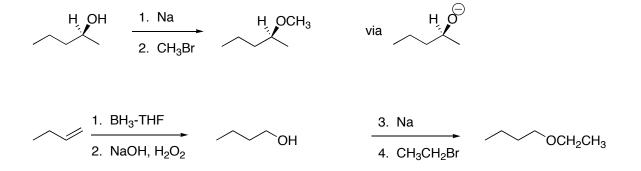
Yes, converts to anion, water soluble Yes, o

Yes, converts to anion, water soluble

10.6B Formation of Sodium, Potassium Alkoxides; 2-Step Conversion of Alcohols into Ethers via the Alkoxides

1	$ \begin{array}{ccc} R-OH & \xrightarrow{Na} & R-ONa \\ & & & \\ R-OH & \xrightarrow{K} & R-OK \end{array} \end{array} $	 Potassium (K) analogous. Key way to convert alcohol to alkoxide, reactive as S_N2 nucleophile and E2 base.
2	R-OH	 Alkoxide formation-S_N2 route to ether The electrophile R'-X must be S_N2 reactive, preferably 1° with a good leaving group

Reaction 1: Key source of nucleophilic/basic alkoxides



10.7 Synthesis of Alcohols: Review: See p. 2, from Alkyl Halides (S_N2) and Alkenes

10.8 Organometallics: RM (M = Metal) = $R \odot M \oplus$

- ³ R-Br \xrightarrow{Mg} RMgBr "Grignard Reagent" -Li is analogous for making RLi, which also act analogously. -MgBr is spectator: R^{\bigcirc} is key.
- 1. We will focus on the magnesium reagents RMgBr
- 2. RMgBr = "Grignard Reagents" (Victor Grignard)
- 3. Key: This is the way to make R^{\bigcirc} , 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

$$\overset{\bigcirc}{\mathsf{R}}_{-}\mathsf{Br} \stackrel{\bullet}{+} \overset{\bullet}{\mathsf{Mg}} \longrightarrow \overset{\mathsf{R}}{\bullet} \overset{\bullet}{+} \overset{\bullet}{\mathsf{Br}} \overset{\oplus}{+} \overset{\oplus}{\mathsf{Mg}} \overset{\bigcirc}{\longrightarrow} \overset{\bigcirc}{\mathsf{R}}_{\bullet}^{-} \overset{\ominus}{+} \overset{\mathsf{Br}}{\mathsf{Br}} \overset{2+}{+} \overset{\mathsf{Not for Test}}$$

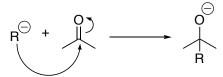
- 5. The formation of Grignard Reagents is completely general for all R-Halides:
 - 3°, 2°, and 1° alkyl halides all work well
 - Aryl and Vinyl halides as well as alkyl halides work well
 - RCl, RBr, and RI all work well
 - For class, we will normally use bromides, due to synthetic accessibility

6. <u>View as carbanions: RMgBr = R </u>Super Strong Bases and Nucleophiles

- The counterion metal is a spectator
- Stability-reactivity principle: very unstable \rightarrow 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

◦ $R \bigcirc + H_2O \rightarrow R-H + HO \bigcirc$ Destroys carbanion

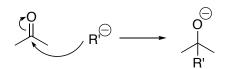
- No alcohol or amines or acids allowed either, or carbanion will just deprotonate them too
- If any chemicals with carbonyls are present, they too will react with the carbanion by nucleophile/electrophile reaction



- Grignards and other organometallics are made in either alkane or ether solvents.
 - These don't have any acidic hydrogens that protonate carbanions.
 - 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: $R \ominus$
 - Predict-the-product thinking: R-MgBr: easier to see source and substitution product.

 $R-Br \longrightarrow R-MgBr \longrightarrow R-Electrophile$

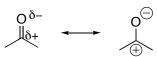
10.9 Addition of RMgBr to Carbonyl Compounds: Alcohols are Produced



- Exothermic Addition of Carbon or Hydrogen Anions:
 - σ bond (made) stronger than π bond (broken)
 - oxygen anion more stable than carbanion

<u>Carbonyl is strongly electrophile</u> -much stronger even than a 1° alkyl iodide!

- 1. Breakable π bond
- 2. Carbonyl polarity



Additions of Grignard Reagents to Carbonyl Compounds

4	$ \begin{array}{c} \underline{\text{From Carbonyl's Perspective}}\\ O\\H\\H\\H\\2. H_{3}O^{+}\\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} O\\H\\H\\H\\R'\\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} O\\H\\H\\R'\\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} O\\H\\H\\R'\\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} O\\H\\R'\\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} O\\H\\R'\\ \end{array} \end{array} $	<u>From G</u> R'MgBr	$\begin{array}{cccc} \underline{\text{rignard's Perspective}} \\ \underline{1. H_2CO} & H & H & 1 & \text{carbon} \\ \hline \underline{1. H_2CO} & H' & H' & \text{chain} \\ \hline 2. H_3O^+ & 1^{\circ} \text{ alcohol} & \text{extension} \end{array}$	Mech
5	$ \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ R \\ H \\ aldehyde \end{array} \begin{array}{c} 1. R'MgBr \\ 2. H_3O^+ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} 0H \\ R \\ R \\ R' \\ 2^\circ alcohol \end{array} $	R'MgBr	$\begin{array}{ccc} 1. & \text{RCHO} & \text{R} & \text{H} \\ \hline 2. & \text{H}_3\text{O}^+ & 2^\circ \text{ alcohol} \end{array}$	Mech
6	$ \begin{array}{c} O \\ R \\ R \\ R''' \\ \text{ketone} \end{array} \stackrel{1. R'MgBr}{2. H_3O^+} \begin{array}{c} OH \\ R \\ R'' \\ 3^\circ \text{ alcohol} \end{array} $	R'MgBr	$\begin{array}{cccc} 1. & R(R'')CO \\ \hline 2. & H_3O^+ \end{array} \xrightarrow[3^\circ]{R'} & OH \\ \hline 3^\circ & alcohol \end{array} \xrightarrow[3^\circ]{All three} \\ R & groups \\ Can & be \\ different. \end{array}$	Mech
7	$\begin{array}{c} O \\ R \\ \hline OR \\ ester \end{array} \begin{array}{c} 1. & R'MgBr \\ \hline 2. & H_3O^+ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} OH \\ R \\ \hline R' \\ R' \\ R' \\ R' \\ \hline R' \\ R' \\$	R'MgBr	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	Mech

Pattern:

- 1. After reaction, the original carbonyl carbon will have one and only one C-O single bond
- 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
- Replace not only the carbonyl p-bond, but also the "extra" C-O or C-Cl single bond
 Product output:
 - Formaldehyde (2 H's) \rightarrow 1° alcohol
 - Aldehyde (1 H) \rightarrow 2° alcohol
 - Ketone (0 H) \rightarrow 3° alcohol. No need for all 3 attachments to be the same.
 - Ester (0 H) \rightarrow 3° alcohol. At least two common attachments at end.

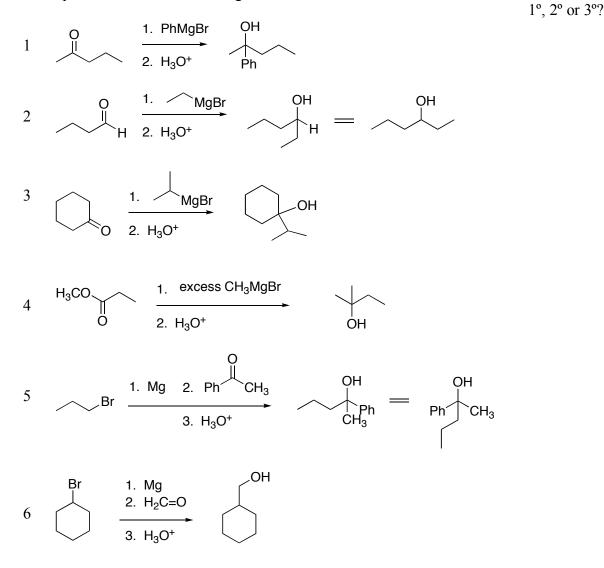
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Predicting Grignard Reaction Products

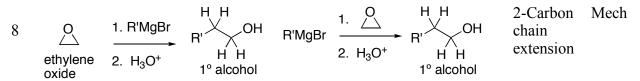
- 1. From carbonyl perspective:
 - The carbanion R' adds to the carbonyl carbon
 - The carbonyl =O gets replaced by –OH
 - For formaldehyde, aldehydes, and ketones: the two attachments on the original carbonyl carbon remain attached as spectators
 - For esters or acid chlorides: the one non-heteroatom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



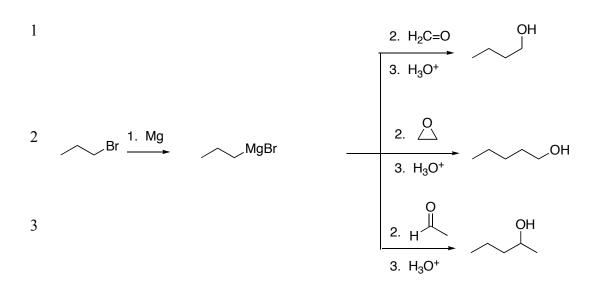
10.9E Grignard Reaction with Ethylene Oxide (Simplest Epoxide)



<u>Notes</u>

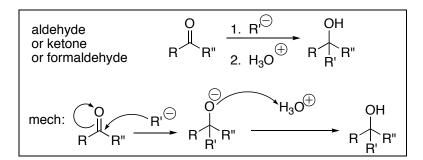
- 1. Results in a 1° Alcohol
- 2. Predicting product: Two carbons end up in between the carbanion R' and the OH
- 3. Ethylene oxide and formaldehyde are complementary Grignard acceptors leading to 1° alcohols
 - Ethylene oxide extends the carbon chain by two (relative to the original RMgBr)
 - Formaldehyde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

Draw products from the following reactions.



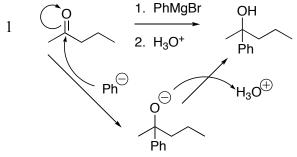
Reaction Mechanisms for Grignard Reactions

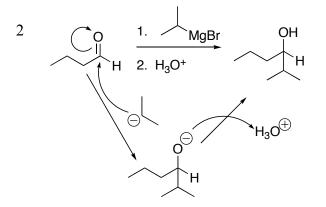
Formaldehyde, Aldehyde, or Ketone as Carbonyl Compound (Reactions 4, 5, and 6)



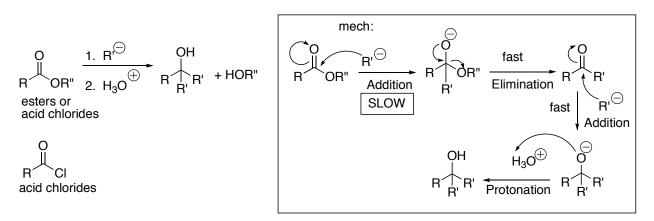
- 1. Two simple steps:
 - a. Addition
 - b. **Protonation**
- 2. Timing:
 - a. The carbanion is added first, at one step in time, under strongly anionic conditions
 - b. Later acid is added, in a second laboratory step. This provides a cationic environment
- 3. RMgBr = R-MgBr = R \bigcirc carbanion
 - a. The \oplus 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:

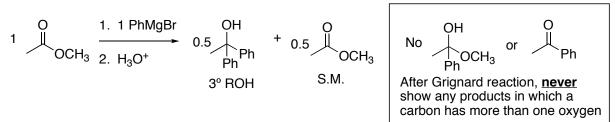




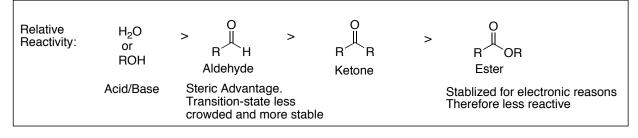
Esters or Acid Chlorides: More Complex, Needs to Explain Two Additions and More Bond Breakings



- 1. Four Step Mechanism:
 - a. <u>Addition</u>
 - 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?
 - There is no proton source available, and the elimination proceeds instead!
- 3. What if I add only one RMgBr?

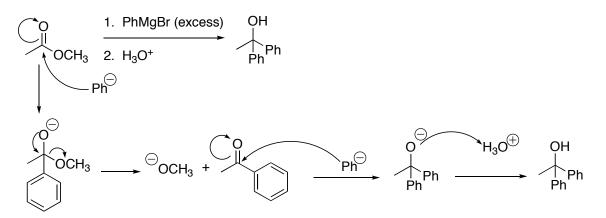


Why? Kinetics and Reactivity. MEMORIZE.



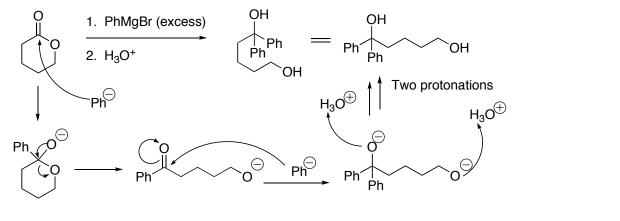
- Large differences in reactivity, with ketone > ester
- Elimination step 2 is also very fast
- Thus, under the anionic conditions, the addition is the slow step
 - After it does happen, elimination and another addition happens bang-bang.

Draw Mechanism:

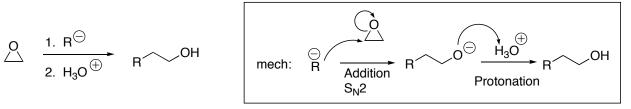


<u>Cyclic Ester:</u> The O-Carbonyl single bond breaks, but the other C-O single bond does <u>not</u> break -the result is formation of a dialcohol

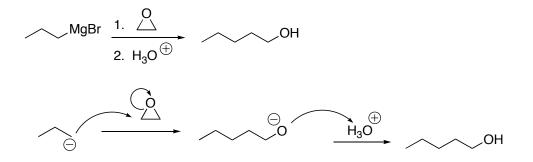
Draw product and mechanism for the following:

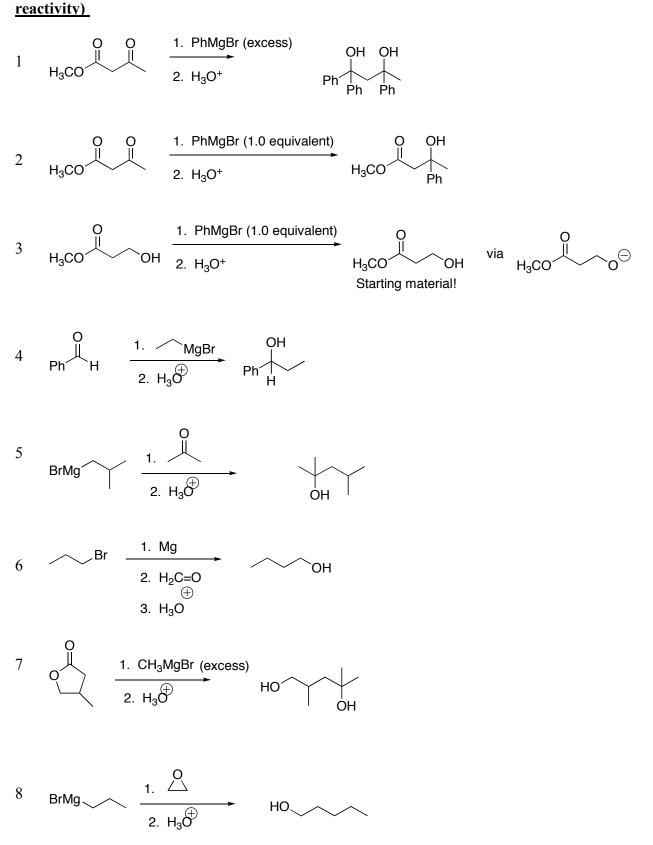


Ethylene Oxide Mechanism



Draw product and mechanism for the following:

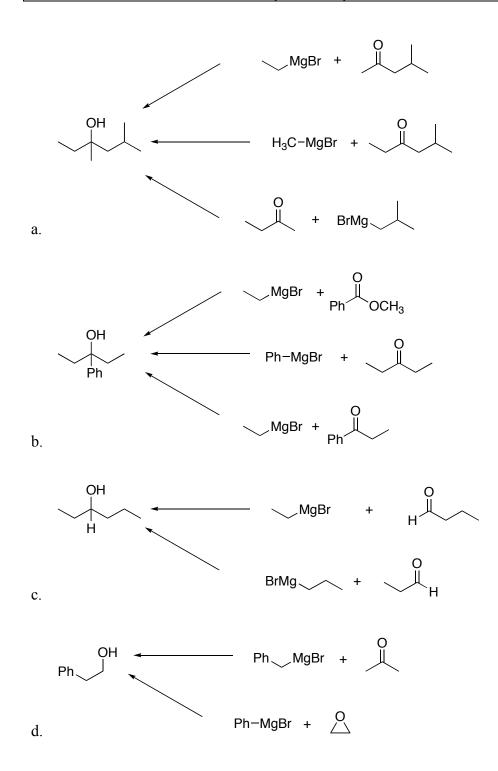




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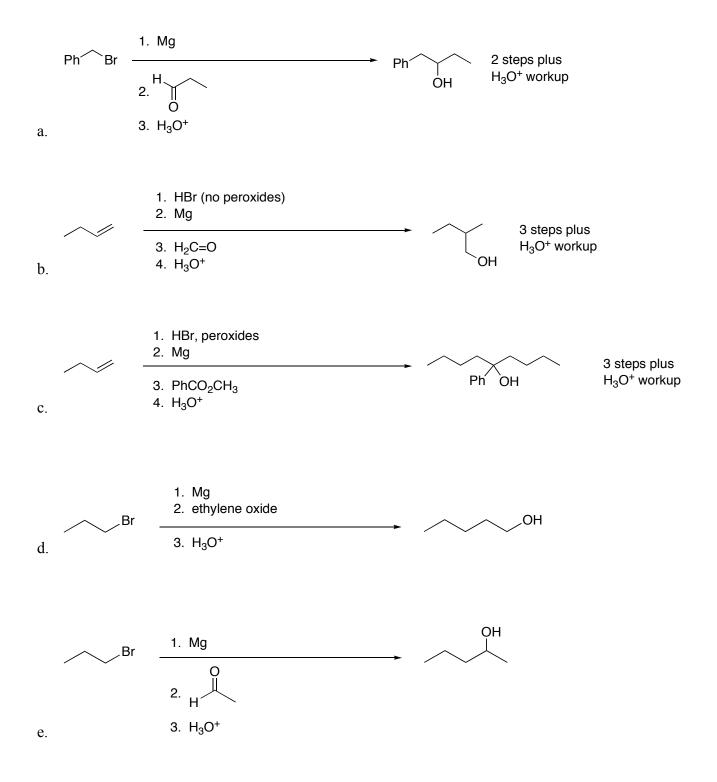
Grignards in Synthesis: Provide Precursors.

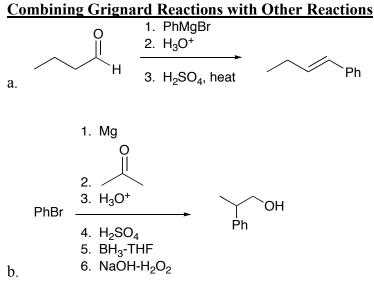
- Think backwards from Targets to Reactants.
- Identify possible Grignards and Grignard acceptors
- Pattern:
 - 3° alcohol, all three attachments different \leftarrow Ketone Precursor
 - 3° alcohol, two (or more) of the attachments identical \leftarrow Ester



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

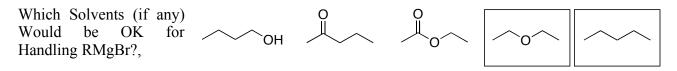
- Key: Try to identify key C-C connection in the product that wasn't present to start with
- Try to identify the where the reactant carbons are in the final product
- Numbering your carbon chains is very helpful.
- Usually best to work backwards from the product



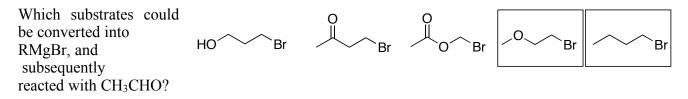


10.10 Restrictions on Grignard Reactions

- RMgBr = $R \ominus$ 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
 - ROH
 - Any solvent with a C=O



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.



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.

10.11 Alcohols by Reduction of Carbonyls: $H \bigcirc$ Addition

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$$\bigcap_{R \to H^{\pm}} \frac{NaBH_{4}}{CH_{3}OH}$$
 or $\frac{1. LiAH_{4}}{2. H_{3}O^{+}}$ $\bigcap_{R^{+}} H^{+}_{H^{+}}$
 $aldehyde$ $(H_{3}OH)$ $(H_{2} H_{3}OH)$ $(H_{2} H_{3}O^{+})$ $(H_{2} H_{3}OH)$ $(H_{3} H_{3} H$

Double Protonation

Notes:

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

- Boron is one row higher than aluminum, and in keeping with normal periodic patterns is more electronegative
 - $\circ\,$ Because boron is more electronegative, the $BH_4\,^{\bigcirc}\,$ 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

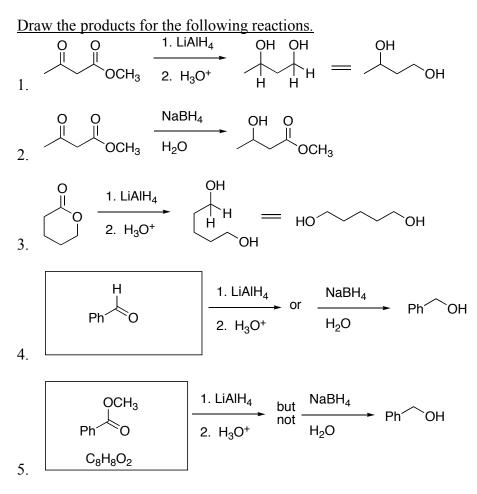
	Aldehydes	Ketones	Esters
LiAlH ₄	Yes	Yes	Yes
NaBH ₄	Yes	Yes	No

LiAlH₄ is much stronger, NaBH₄ much weaker

- 1. LiAlH₄ is strong enough to react with esters, NaBH₄ isn't
- 2. <u>Selective reduction</u>: 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 mechanism for the following reaction.

