Summary of Alcohol Syntheses, Ch. 10 (and Review of Old Ones).

1 R-DH
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\frac{Na}{2}
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 R-DNa
\n2 R-DH $\frac{1. Na}{2. R \times X}$ R-D-R'
\n2 R-MgBr
\n3 R-Br
\n3 R-Br
\n4 A
\n5 A
\n6 A
\n $\frac{O}{R} \downarrow H$ $\frac{1. RMgBr}{2. H_9O^+}$ $\frac{1. RHgBr}{R_1H_1H}$ $\frac{1. RMGBr}{2. H_9O^+}$ $\frac{1. RCO}{2. H_9O^+}$ $\frac{1. RCO}{3. H_9O^+}$ $\frac{$

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10.1,2 Intro, Classification

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

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

"**Phenol**": OH attached to an aromatic -Note: phen**o**l, not phen**y**l OH phen**o**l phen**y**l, as substituent 4-phen**y**l-1-butene

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

OH enol or vinyl alcohol

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

10.3 Nomenclature

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. **Alk-**x-**en-z-ol**. 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

D. Diols: alkane-x,y-**diol**

- E. Functional Group Priority: $CO₂H > C=O > OH >$ 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**" OH
- G. Common Names: Alkyl alcohol

CH3OH

O

OH OH

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

IUPAC:

Common:

10.4 Physical Properties: Dominated by H-Bonding

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

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

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

10.8 Organometallics: RM (M = Metal) = R^{\ominus} M $^{\oplus}$

-Li is analogous for making RLi, which also act analogously. -MgBr is spectator: R^{\ominus} is key. R Br RMgBr Mg R Br RLi + LiBr 2Li "Grignard Reagent"

- 1. We will focus on the magnesium reagents RMgBr
- 2. RMgBr = "Grignard Reagents" (Victor Grignard)
- 3. Key: This is the way to make R^{\ominus} , 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

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\overbrace{R-Br}^{\odot} + \overbrace{Mg} \longrightarrow R\cdot + Br + Mg^{\ominus} \xrightarrow{+} R\cdot + Br + Mg^{2+} \qquad \text{Not for Test}
$$

- 5. The formation of Grignard Reagents is completely general for all R-Halides:
	- 3º, 2º, and 1º 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: $RMgBr = R^{\ominus}$ **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 pr
- 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

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\circ \quad R^{\ominus} + H_2O \to R-H + HO^{\ominus} \qquad \qquad \text{Destroys carbonion}
$$

- 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.
	- 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^{\ominus}
	- Predict-the-product thinking: R-MgBr: easier to see source and substitution product.

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

10.9 Addition of RMgBr to Carbonyl Compounds: Alcohols are Produced

Carbonyl is strongly electrophile

1. Breakable π bond 2. Carbonyl polarity

-much stronger even than a 1[°] alkyl iodide!

- Exothermic Addition of Carbon or Hydrogen Anions:
	- σ bond (made) stronger than π bond (broken)

δ+ δ−

 O^{O-} 0

• oxygen anion more stable than carbanion

Additions of Grignard Reagents to Carbonyl Compounds From Carbonyl's Perspective From Grignard's Perspective 4 1 carbon Mech chain extension 5 Mech 6 All three Mech R groups can be different. 7 At least 2 Mech R groups must be the same H´`H O 1. R'MgBr 2. H₃O+ R'´|`H OH H R' formaldehyde 1º alcohol R' OH 1º alcohol 1. H₂CO 2. H_3O^+ R'MgBr H H R´H O R OH H 2º alcohol 1. R'MgBr aldehyde 2. H_3O^+ R' R' OH 2º alcohol 1. RCHO 2. H_3O^+ R'MgBr R H R^{\nwarrow} `R" O R OH R" 3º alcohol 1. R'MgBr ketone 2. H_3O^+ R' R' OH 3º alcohol 1. R(R")CO 2. H_3O^+ R'MgBr $\mathsf R_{\mathsf{L}}$, $\mathsf R"$ R´ `OR O R OH R' 3º alcohol 1. R'MgBr ester 2. H_3O^+ \quad \quad R' (or carbonyl chloride) R' OH 1. $\mathsf{RCO_2R}$ 2. H_3O^+ R'MgBr R' R 3º alcohol

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 o Replace not only the carbonyl p-bond, but also the "extra" C-O or C-Cl single bond
- 4. Product output:
	- \circ Formaldehyde (2 H's) \rightarrow 1° alcohol
	- o 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.

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.

1º, 2º or 3º?

10.9E Grignard Reaction with Ethylene Oxide (Simplest Epoxide)

Notes

- 1. Results in a 1º 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 1º 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
	- \circ Ethylene oxide \rightarrow the OH is 1[°] and the OH is two carbons removed from the carbanion R
	- \circ Ethanal \rightarrow 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 \odot carbanion
	- a. The Θ 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:

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

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

- 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 \geq 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:

4. Protonate

Cyclic Ester: The O-Carbonyl single bond breaks, but the other C-O single bond does **not** 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:

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)

1	H_3CO	1. PhMgBr (excess)
2	H_3CO	2. H ₃ O ⁺
3	H_3CO	2. H ₃ O ⁺
4	PH	1. PhMgBr (1.0 equivalent)
5	$BrMg$	1. \sqrt{MgBr}
6	\sqrt{Br}	1. $\frac{Mg}{2. H_3O^+$
7	8. H_3O	1. CH ₃ MgBr (excess)
8	$BrMg$	1. $\frac{O}{2. H_3O^+$
1. CH ₃ MgBr (excess)		
2. H_3O	2. H ₃ O	

Grignards in Synthesis: Provide Precursors.

- **Think backwards from Targets to Reactants.**
- Identify possible Grignards and Grignard acceptors
• Pattern:
- Pattern:
	- **3[°] alcohol, all three attachments different** \leftarrow **Ketone Precursor
• 3[°] alcohol, two (or more) of the attachments identical** \leftarrow **Ester**
	- 3° alcohol, two (or more) of the attachments identical \leftarrow Ester
	- 2[°] alcohol ← Aldehyde
• 1[°] alcohol ← Formaldeh
	- **1º alcohol** ß **Formaldehyde or ethylene oxide**

Provide Reagents for the Following Transformations. 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

10.10 Restrictions on Grignard Reactions

- RMgBr = R \odot 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 $C=O$

Which Solvents (if any) Would be OK for Handling RMgBr?, OH O O O 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^{\ominus} Addition

Notes:

- Mechanisms are exactly like with Grignard reactions
- LiAlH₄ and NaBH₄ function as hydride anions H^{\odot}
- For mechanisms, just draw H \odot 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 BH₄ \odot anion is more stable, and less reactive.
		- The boron holds the H \odot more tightly.
	- \circ Aluminum being less electronegative doesn't attract and hold the H \odot as well, and thus is considerably more reactive.

Reactivity

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. LiAlH4 is strong enough to react with and be destroyed by water or alcohol; NaBH4 isn't**

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

- a. As a result, $LiAlH₄$ is harder to use and store
- b. Acid has to be added in a subsequent step with the LiAlH $_4$; (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.

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O \\
1. \text{LiAlH}_4 \\
2. \text{H}_3O\n\end{array}
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7. \qquad \qquad 2.1
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Summary of Alcohol Reactions, Ch. 11.

1	$R-OH + Na2$	$?$	1																						
1	$Roid-Base$	$Roid-Base$	$Roval$ by a base.																						
2	$Roid-Base$	$Roval$ by a base.																							
3	$Roid-Base$	$Roval$ by a base.																							
4	$Roval$ to convert a color of a block, reactive electromagnetic and E2 base.																								
5	R^2H^2	$Roval$ to convert a color of reactive, preferably 1° with a good reactive, preferably 1° with a good eaving group																							
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Ch. 11 Reactions of Alcohols

A. Conversion to Alkoxides. Acidity of Alcohols and Phenols (10.6)

"alkoxide" = RO^{\ominus} anion

- Alcohols are weak acids \rightarrow can be ionized by stronger bases
- goes to the right (alkoxide) only if resulting RO \odot is more stable than B \odot
- ex. Θ_{NH_2} , Θ_{CH_3} (nitrogen or carbon anions)
- ex. If a less stable oxygen anion can produce a more stable oxygen anion

Acidity Table

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 **will be** deprotonated by a **stronger base (lower** 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?)

$$
\Theta_{OH + H}^{\text{OH}}
$$
 $H_2O + H_3^{\text{O}}\Theta$

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 yes > hydr

2. Which of the following will deprotonate methanol?

- Resonance. Carboxylate, phenoxide yes > hydroxide, alkoxide no
- Donor/withdrawer factor: hydroxide > alkoxide (electron donor destabilizes anion)

- 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) (10.6B)

- 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 (10.6B)**

1. $\text{PCC} = \text{mild}$ 1[°] alcohols \rightarrow aldehydes

- "**P**yridinium **c**hloro**c**hromate": 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. $\bar{2}^{\circ}$ alcohols \rightarrow ketones
- b. 1° alcohols \rightarrow carboxylic acids
- c. 3° alcohols \rightarrow no reaction
- d. aldehydes \rightarrow carboxylic acids
- H₂CrO₄ = CrO₃ + H₂O or Na₂Cr₂O7 + H₂SO₄ (make in the reaction flask)
• Always made and used in the presence of some water
- Always made and used in the presence of some water
- Very strong, when 1^o alcohols are used goes 1^o RCH₂OH \rightarrow RCHO \rightarrow RCO₂H without stopping at aldehyde

Draw the products for the following oxidation reactions.

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

- 1. **1[°] alcohol** + PCC \rightarrow aldehyde + RMgBr \rightarrow 2[°] alcohol
- 2. 2° **alcohol** + H₂CrO₄ \rightarrow 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

Jones Test H₂CrO₄ for Alcohols (11-2C) (test responsible)

- H_2CrO_4 (Jones Reagent) is clear orange
- Treatment of an unknown with Jones reagent:
	- o Solution stays clear orange \rightarrow no 1^o or 2^o alcohol present (negative reaction)
	- o Solution gives a green/brown precipitate $\rightarrow 1^{\circ}$ or 2° alcohol present (positive reaction)
	- o 3º, vinyl, and aryl alcohols do not react. Nor do ketones, ethers, or esters.

Structure and Mechanism (not test responsible)

General Mechanism (not test responsible)

• PCC operates analogously

 1° Alcohols, Aldehydes, and the Presence or Absence of Water: PCC vs H_2CrO_4 Q: Why does Anhydrous PCC stop at Aldehyde but Aqueous H_2CrO_4 Continues to Carboxylic Acid?

- 1. Both PCC and H_2CrO_4 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 not able 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.

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

11.3, 11.4 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
- 3. "Jones": H_2CrO_4 with acetone added to temper reactivity
- 4. Collins: H_2CrO_4 with pyridine added to temper reactivity
- 5. "Swern": $(COCl)_2$ and $(CH_3)_2S=O$ then NEt₃

O

6. $HNO₃$

oxidizing agent

7. Biological Oxidant 1: "NAD⁺" "nictonamide adenine dinucleotide"

H

H

1º alcohol

R´H

Aldehyde

o ¦µ

DihydroQuinone reduced form

- 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)

- 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

$$
C_6H_6(OH)_6 \equiv C_6H_{12}O_6 \xrightarrow{\qquad O_2} 6 CO_2 + 6 H_2O + \text{energy}
$$

"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
		- o intoxication
		- o alcoholism
		- o uncontrolled diabetes
		- o etc (other metabolic disorders)

11.7-9 Conversion of Alcohols to Alkyl Halides

Summary:

Straight Reaction with H-X (Section 11.7)

- o Ideal only for 3º ROH,
- o sometimes works with 1º alcohols, with a complex mechanism
- o Only occasionally for 2º alcohols
- o **Method of choice for 3º, but not for 1º or 2º**

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

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HBr\text{ }Mech\text{ for }3^{\circ}\text{ }ROH:\quad R\text{-}OH \xrightarrow{H\text{-}Bf} R\overset{\text{(b)}}{\longrightarrow} R\overset{\text{(b)}}{\longrightarrow} R\overset{\text{(b)}}{\longrightarrow} R\overset{\text{(c)}}{\longrightarrow} R\overset{\text{(d)}}{\longrightarrow} R\text{-}Br
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+ Br^{\text{(c)}} \xrightarrow{H_{2}O} R\overset{\text{(d)}}{\longrightarrow} R\overset{\text{(e)}}{\longrightarrow} R\overset{\text{(f)}}{\longrightarrow} R\overset{\text{(g)}}{\longrightarrow} R\overset{\text{(h)}}{\longrightarrow} R\overset{\text{(i)}}{\longrightarrow} R\overset{\text{(i)}}{\longrightarrow} R\overset{\text{(ii)}}{\longrightarrow} R\overset{\text{(iii)}}{\longrightarrow} R\overset{\text{(iv)}}{\longrightarrow} R\overset{\text{(iv)}}{\longrightarrow} R\overset{\text{(iv)}}{\longrightarrow} R\overset{\text{(iv)}}{\longrightarrow} R\overset{\text{(v)}}{\longrightarrow} R\overset{\text{(v)}}{\
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Notes:

- 1. Memorize the 3º alcohol mechanism (test responsible)
	- a. Protonate
	- b. Leave to give Cation. This is the slow step for 3º 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)
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- 4. S_N1 type: carbocation-forming step is the rate-determining step, so $R+$ stability key
	- 3º 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 1º ROH to give 1º RBr, although it is not often the method of choice
	- The mechanism is different, but rather interesting (not test responsible)

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- 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 1º and 2º Alcohols with PBr3 (Section 11-8)

• Default recipe for 1° and 2° alcohols

1º, 2º Mech: R−OH ————→ R一O Br $\overline{PBr_2}$ H PBr_2 Br $Br-R + HO-PBr₂$

- PB r_3 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 2º alcohols)**

- Because the second step is an S_N2 substitution, the reaction fails for 3° ROH
- PC l_3 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*)
	- \circ Thus P/I₂ essentially provides the PI₃ that does the job

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

- 1. oxidation can convert an alcohol into a carbonyl = **Grignard acceptor (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.

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

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

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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? \rightarrow SM should probably react via a Grignard acceptor
- Is the original carbon not still oxygenated? \rightarrow 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 (Sections 11-2C, 11-7)

- 1. H_2 /Pt test for alkenes
- 2. Br2 test for alkenes
- **3. Jones reagent** (H₂CrO₄) Test for 1[°] or 2[°] alcohols
	- $\overline{\cdot \quad 3^{\circ}$ alcohols do not react
	- 2º 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

 3° <1 min 2° >>> R-OH $\frac{\text{HCI/ZnCl}_2 \text{ in water}}{1-5 \text{ min}}$ R-Cl via R^{\bigcirc} 3° > 2° >>>> 1° \bigcirc 1 min 1-5 min 1º never Why? $R \stackrel{\oplus}{\rightarrow}$ stability: $3^{\circ}R \stackrel{\oplus}{\rightarrow} > 2^{\circ}R \stackrel{\oplus}{\rightarrow} >> 1^{\circ}R \stackrel{\oplus}{\rightarrow}$

- 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

Section 11-5 Conversion of Alcohols to "Tosylates", and their use as Exceptional Leaving Groups in S_N2 , S_N1 , E2, and E1 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

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\bullet \quad \text{OTs} \gg I \geq Br \geq Cl
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- 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

Reaction of 1º and 2º Alcohols with SOCl2 (Section 11-9)

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

- Mechanism: Not for test responsibility
- Mechanism differs for 1[°] and 2[°] alcohols
- 1^o involve an S_N 2 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 **retention of stereochemistry.**
- 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

Draw the Mechanism:

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

Bromoalkane Concept Map

Aldehyde

 H_2CrO_4 $\qquad\qquad$ 1. Na

 H_2 Cr \mathcal{O}_4

Ether

2. RBr

TsCl 2. NaOR

1. TsCl 2. NaOH (PCC or H_2 CrO₄) 2. RMgBr

2. Mg

3. Grignard Acceptor

Alkene

Alcohol

Alcohol

Alcohol (inversion)

Ether

Ketone

Acid

Ether Concept Map

