Summary of Alcohol Reactions, Ch. 11.

$$_{3}$$
 R-OH $\xrightarrow{1. \text{Na}}$ R-O-R'

 $H_2CrO_4 = Na_2Cr_2O_7$, H_2SO_4 or CrO_3/H_2O

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
8 & R-OH \xrightarrow{HBr} & R-Br \\
3^{\circ} & \text{alcohols}
\end{array}$$

Mech: Be able to draw!

- 1. Deprotonation by a base.
- 2. Controlled by relative stability of RO $\stackrel{\bigcirc}{\circ}$ versus Z $\stackrel{\bigcirc}{\circ}$.
- 3. Consider relative electronegativity and whether either anion is resonance stabilized.
- Potassium (K) analogous.
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$$10 \quad \text{R-OH} \quad \frac{\text{1. PBr}_3 \text{ or HBr}}{\text{2. Mg}} \quad \text{RMgBr}$$

11 R-OH
$$\xrightarrow{P/I_2}$$
 R-I 1° or 2° alcohols

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

$$_{13}$$
 R-OH $\xrightarrow{\text{TsCl}}$ R-OTs

$$14 \quad R \xrightarrow{\qquad \qquad HBr \qquad \qquad R} \stackrel{Br}{\qquad \qquad }$$

$$15 \quad R \xrightarrow{\text{HBr}} \quad R \xrightarrow{\text{Br}}$$

$$_{16}$$
 R-H $\xrightarrow{Br_2, hv}$ R-Br

17
$$\xrightarrow{OH}$$
 $\xrightarrow{H_2SO_4, \text{ heat}}$ \xrightarrow{R} \xrightarrow{R}

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- Markovnikov addition
- anti-Markovnikov addition
- Radical mechanism, 3° > 2° > 1°
- Zaytsev elimination

Mechanisms for ROH → RBr Reactions

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

Ch. 11 Reactions of Alcohols

A. Conversion to Alkoxides (Sections 11.14, 10.6)

"alkoxide" = RO^{\bigcirc} anion

- 1. By acid-base deprotonation (Section 10.6)
 - A rather reactive anion base is required that is *less* stable than an alkoxide anion
 - Carbanions (RMgBr) or nitrogen anions can do this
 - NaOH can't
- 2. By redox reaction with sodium or potassium (or some other metals)

1	R-OH + NaZ R-ONa + HZ Acid-Base	 Deprotonation by a base. Controlled by relative stability of RO versus Z . Consider relative electronegativity and whether either anion is resonance stabilized.
2	R-OH Na R-ONa	 Potassium (K) analogous. Key way to convert alcohol to alkoxide, reactive as S_N2 nucleophile and E2 base.

B. Conversion to Ethers via Alkoxide (11-14)

C. Oxidation of Alcohols to Carbonyl Compounds (11.1-4)

Summary: 2 Oxidants

1. PCC = mild 1° alcohols → 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. $\bar{2}^{\circ}$ 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

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Draw the products for the following oxidation reactions.

2 Ph OH
$$H_2CrO_4$$
 Ph OH

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

5 OH
$$H_2CrO_4$$
 OH OH

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)

- 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

$$-\overset{|}{\text{C-O-H}} \overset{|}{\text{HO}} \overset{|}{\overset{|}{\text{Cr-OH}}} \overset{|}{\underset{\text{Formation}}{\text{Ester}}} -\overset{|}{\underset{\text{C-O-C}}{\text{Cr-OH}}} \overset{|}{\underset{\text{C-O-C}}{\text{Cr-OH}}} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \xrightarrow{\text{Elimination}} \text{C=O} + \overset{|}{\overset{|}{\text{Cr-OH}}} \overset{|}{\underset{\text{C-O-C}}{\text{Cr-OH}}} + \text{C-OH}$$

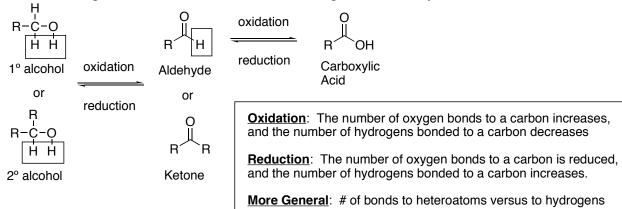
• PCC operates analogously

1° Alcohols, Aldehydes, and the Presence or Absence of Water:

Q: Why does Anhydrous PCC stop at Aldehyde but Aqueous H₂CrO₄ Continues to Carboxylic Acid?

- 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



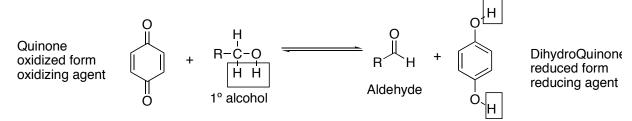
Classify the following transformations as "oxidations" or "reductions"

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": 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

 $O_3 \rightarrow O_2$

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

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)

- 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 $O_2 + 6 H_2O + energy$ "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)

11.7-9 Conversion of Alcohols to Alkyl Halides

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

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- Retention of stereo!
- Section 11-9

Summary:

<u>Class</u>	R-Br	<u>R-I</u>	<u>R-Cl</u>
1° ROH	PBr ₃	P/I_2	$SOCl_2$
2° ROH	PBr ₃	P/I_2	$SOCl_2$
3° ROH	HBr	HI	HCl
Vinyl on Anyl	Mathing werleg	Mathing reverled	Mathing yyarlig

Vinyl or Aryl Nothing works Nothing works Nothing works

Straight Reaction with H-X (Section 11.7)

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

Mechanism for H-X reactions with 3° Alcohols: Cationic

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HBr Mech for 3° ROH:
$$R-OH \xrightarrow{H-Br} R \xrightarrow{C} H_2 \xrightarrow{R} Br \xrightarrow{Br} R-Br + H_2O$$

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
 - 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)

HBr Mech for 1° ROH:
$$R-OH \xrightarrow{H-Br} R \xrightarrow{OH_2} + Br \xrightarrow{O} R-Br + H_2O$$

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

Reaction of 1° and 2° Alcohols with PBr₃ (Section 11-8)

Default recipe for 1° and 2° alcohols

Mech:
$$R-OH \xrightarrow{PBr_2} R \xrightarrow{H} O = PBr_2 \longrightarrow Br-R + HO-PBr_2$$

$$1^{\circ}, 2^{\circ} \xrightarrow{Br} Br$$

- 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 chirality 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 PI₃ in the reaction container (*in situ*)
 - o Thus P/I₂ essentially provides the PI₃ that does the job

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
OH & PBr_3 & Br \\
\hline
\end{array}$$

$$2$$
 HO PBr₃ Br Br 3 H_3C Br Br

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.

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any "inorganic" agents (things that won't contribute carbons to your skeleton)

Tips:

- 1. Focus on the functionalized carbon(s)
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- 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? → it will probably function as a Grignard acceptor
- Is the original carbon not still oxygenated? → it should probably function as Grignard donor
- Working backwards helps.

Ph OH
$$\frac{1. \, \text{PBr}_3}{2. \, \text{Mg}} \, 3. \, \text{OCH}_3 \, 4. \, \text{H}_3\text{O}^+ \, \text{Ph}$$
 OH d.

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to occur inside the ring as outside. The

better route involves an alcohol who should have a pretty clean Zaytsev elimination.

Unknowns and Chemical Tests (Sections 11-2C, 11-7)

- 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
$$\stackrel{\bigoplus}{}$$
 3° > 2° >>> 1°
 $<1 \text{ min}$ 1-5 min never Why? R $\stackrel{\bigoplus}{}$ stability: 3° R $\stackrel{\bigoplus}{}$ > 2° R $\stackrel{\bigoplus}{}$ >>> 1° R $\stackrel{\bigoplus}{}$

- 3° alcohols are fastest
- 1° alcohols don't react at all
- R ^(±) 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	1° ROH One Alkene	OH OH etc.
2	C ₆ H ₁₂ O	Yes	Yes, 1-5 min	No	2° ROH One ring	OH OH etc.
3	C ₆ H ₁₂ O	No	Yes	Yes	3° ROH One Alkene	OH etc.
4	C ₇ H ₁₂ O	Yes	Yes	Yes, Produces C ₇ H ₁₄ O	2° ROH One Alkene One ring or carbonyl	OH etc.
5	C_3H_6O	No	No	Yes	No ROH One alkene	1 0
6	C ₃ H ₆ O	No	No	No	No ROH One ring or Carbonyl	etc.
7	C ₃ H ₆ O	Yes, produces C ₃ H ₄ O ₂	No	Yes	1° ROH One alkene	OH
8	C ₃ H ₆ O	Yes, produces C ₃ H ₄ O	Yes	No	2° ROH One ring	├ ─ОН
9	C_3H_6O	No	No	Yes	No ROH One alkene	1 0

Groups in S_N2, S_N1, E2, and E1 Reactions

$$_{13}$$
 R-OH $\xrightarrow{\text{TsCl}}$ R-OTs 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
 - Both the electronegative sulfur and the resonance/charge sharing with the other oxygens helps
- 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
 - $OTs \gg I \gg Br \gg Cl$
- 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

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

• Default recipe for 1° and 2° alcohols

Mech: R-OH
$$\stackrel{CI}{\longrightarrow}$$
 R-O-S-O $\stackrel{CI}{\longrightarrow}$ R-O-S-O

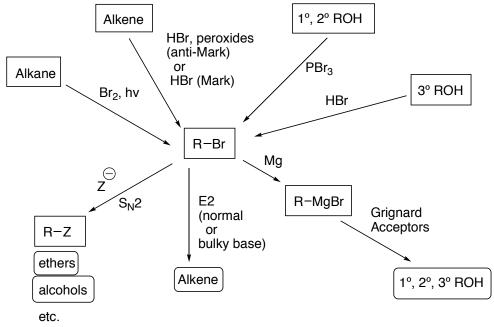
- Mechanism: Not for test responsibility
- Mechanism differs for 1° and 2° alcohols
- 1° involve an S_N2 substitution
- 2° involve an S_N1 type substitution
- The chloride that captures the cation is normally on the same side of the molecule on which the oxygen began, and often captures the cation very 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

Draw the Mechanism:

Draw the mechanisms for the following reactions.

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



1. PBr₃

2. Mg

3. CH₃CH₂CHO

4. H⁺

b.

1. HBr

2. Mg

3. CH₂O

4. H⁺

1. HBr (peroxides)

2. Mg

3. PhCO₂CH₃

4. H⁺

$$d$$
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1. Br₂, hv

2. Mg

3. Ethylene oxide

4. H⁺

5. H₂CrO₄

1.PBr₃ or HBr

3. Grignard

Alcohol

Acceptor

Alkene

2. Mg

1. Oxidize

(PCC or

Alcohol

H₂CrO₄)

2. RMgBr

Bromoalkane Concept Map

3º R-Br

Aldehyde

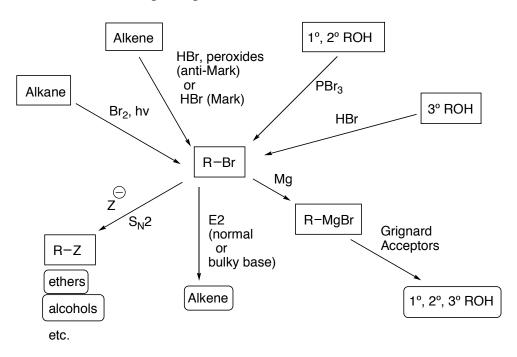
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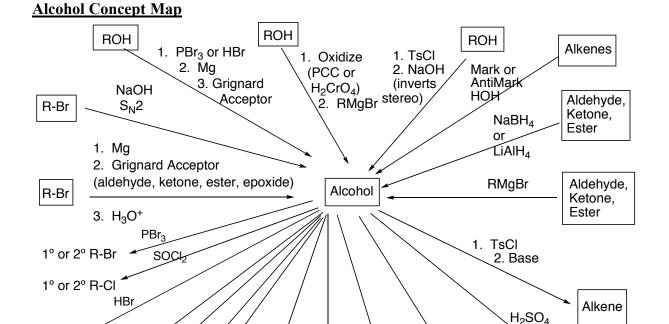
PCC

Acid

H₂CrØ₄

Ether





1. TsCl 2. NaOH

Alcohol

(inversion)

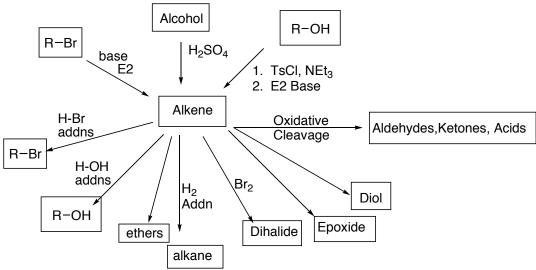
1. TsCl

Ether

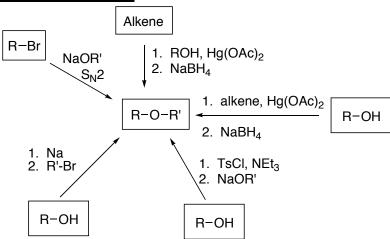
2. NaOR

1. Na 2. RBr

Alkene Concept Map



Ether Concept Map



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