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Read on your own: Spectroscopy (section 20.15)

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#### **Review Reactions of Ketone/Aldehyde**

Carbonyl Reactivity:

Nucleophile = hydride (reduction)

$$CH_3$$
  $CH_3$   $CH_3$   $CH_3$   $CH_3$   $CH_3$   $CH_3$ 

Nucleophile = Grignard

Nucleophile = alcohol

Nucleophile = amine

$$O$$
 $CH_3NH_2$ 
 $TsOH$ 

Carboxylic Acid

-- OH group \_\_\_\_\_ electron density to carbonyl

-- RCO<sub>2</sub>H is \_\_\_\_\_ electron-rich than ketone/aldehyde

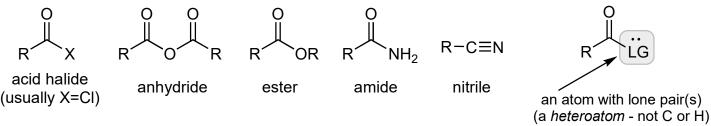
-- ketone/aldehyde is more  $\delta$ +, better electrophile (E<sup>+</sup>)

Ketone vs. Ester Reactivity

$$\begin{array}{c|c} O & NaBH_4 \\ \hline CH_3OH & OCH_3 & CH_3OH \\ \hline ketone & ester & \\ \end{array}$$

#### **Carboxylic Acid Derivatives**

General structure:



General Reactions of Carboxylic Acid Derivatives

- -- overall, a substitution reaction
- -- acyl substitution mechanism described as "addition-elimination"
- -- has both acid- and base-catalyzed mechanisms

# I. Physical Properties of Carboxylic Acids (20.3)

insoluble in neutral H<sub>2</sub>O, but soluble in basic H<sub>2</sub>O (aq. NaOH)

#### Acidity of Carboxylic Acids, RCO<sub>2</sub>H

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carboxylic acid (pK<sub>a</sub>~5)

\*\* In basic conditions (HO<sup>-</sup>/RO<sup>-</sup>), RCO<sub>2</sub>H becomes RCO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> \*\*

Why are pK<sub>a</sub>'s so different? Look at conjugate bases!

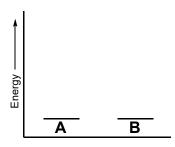
VS.

#### \*\* Something that will stabilize the conjugate base will make a stronger acid \*\*

Which is the stronger acid?

Α

VS.



Note: Inductive effects decrease with distance

# II. Preparation of Carboxylic Acids, RCO<sub>2</sub>H (20.4)

#### A) Preparation of RCO<sub>2</sub>H by oxidation

Oxidation of aldehydes or primary alcohols

oxidizing agents [ox]

#### Oxidation of alkenes or alkynes (ozonolysis)

Ph-C
$$\equiv$$
C-CH<sub>3</sub>  $\frac{1) O_3}{2) H_2O \text{ workup}}$ 

Ph 
$$CH_3$$
  $\frac{1) O_3}{2) \text{ reductive wkup}}$  (Zn or DMS)

## B) Preparation of RCO<sub>2</sub>H from Organometallic Reagents

RLi or RMgX 
$$\frac{1) CO_2}{2) H_3O^+}$$
 R—C—OH \*\* use in synthesis: new C–C bond! \*\*

mechanism:

Synthesis Example:

<sup>\*\*</sup> Note: basic reaction conditions require acidic workup to get neutral carboxylic acid product \*\*

#### C) Preparation of RCO<sub>2</sub>H by hydrolysis of carboxylic acid derivatives

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\*\* All carboxylic acid derivatives give RCO<sub>2</sub>H (or RCO<sup>-</sup>) upon hydrolysis \*\*

Ester example:

\*Base-promoted (not "catalyzed" because base is consumed)

Hydrolysis mechanism (base-promoted):

Overall, this is a substitution reaction

Nu: = 
$$LG =$$

-- RO $^{\!-}$  is bad LG for  $S_N1$  and  $S_N2$ 

$$S_{N2}$$
?
HO:  $CH_3CH_2-OCH_3$   $\xrightarrow{S_{N2}}$   $CH_3CH_2-OCH_3$  +  $CH_3O$ :

-- RO<sup>-</sup> is okay LG for collapse of CTI

charged tetrahedral intermediate (CTI) (2 groups with lone pairs) History:

animal fat

wood ash

**----**

soap!

Acid-catalyzed hydrolysis mechanism...no  $\Theta$  charges!

$$O$$
 $CH_3$ 
 $OCH_3$ 
 $H_3O^+$ 

Note: ester hydrolysis **requires** acid or base (not neutral H<sub>2</sub>O)

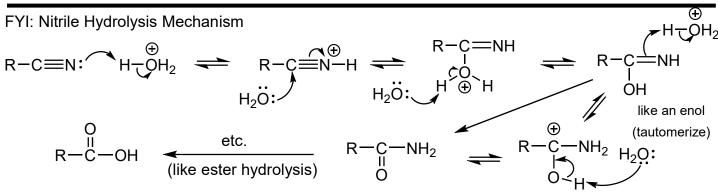
H<sub>2</sub>O: weak Nu:

In basic conditions:

In acidic conditions:

strong Nucleophile (Nu:) strong Electrophile (E<sup>+</sup>)

Try SkillBuilder 20.1



Use of nitriles in synthesis

⊖ :C≡N: is a good nucleophile

Example:

$$CI$$
 $CH_3$ 
 $CH_3$ 

### III. Preparation of Carboxylic Acid Derivatives

**Carboxylic Acid Derivatives** 

$$\mathbb{R} \stackrel{\bigcirc}{\not\downarrow} \mathbb{R}$$

ester

amide

nitrile

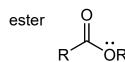
an atom with lone pair(s)
(a heteroatom - not C or
H)

acid halide (usually

X=CI)
A) features of the leaving group, LG (20.7)

anhydride

Which is the better electrophile/E<sup>+</sup>, an ester or an amide?



VS.

amide

inductive effects: \*\* Oxygen is more electronegative than nitrogen

resonance effects:

Which is the better electrophile/E<sup>+</sup>, an ester or an acid chloride?

ester O ...

VS.

acid chloride

inductive effects: \*\* Both oxygen and chlorine atoms withdraw electron density resonance effects:

Which is the better electrophile/E<sup>+</sup>, a carboxylic acid or an anhydride?

inductive effects: \*\* Both have oxygen atoms withdrawing electron density resonance effects:

#### **Summary: Order of Electrophilicity and Leaving Group Ability**

LG:

## Carboxylic Acid Derivative Interconversion

# III. C) Preparation of anhydrides (20.9)

a) Dehydration of carboxylic acids (to prepare symmetrical anydrides)

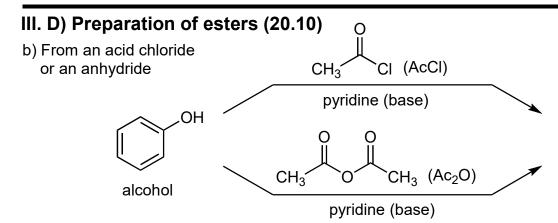
\*need to drive off H<sub>2</sub>O - use heat and/or drying agent

Example:

succinic acid

$$\begin{array}{c}
O \\
O \\
O \\
O \\
O \\
CH_3 - C - O - C - CH_3
\end{array}$$

b) From an acid chloride (to make a mixed anhydride)



$$\begin{array}{c} \mathsf{O} \\ \mathsf{II} \\ \mathsf{CH}_3-\mathsf{C}-\mathsf{OH} \\ \end{array} + \\ \begin{array}{c} \mathsf{CH}_3\mathsf{CH}_2\mathsf{OH} \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \mathsf{acid} \\ \mathsf{CH}_3-\mathsf{C}-\mathsf{OCH}_2\mathsf{CH}_3 \\ \end{array} + \\ \begin{array}{c} \mathsf{H}_2\mathsf{O} \\ \end{array}$$

acid (HA) =  $H_2SO_4$ , TsOH, HCI (not  $H_3O^+$ )

mechanism? addition/elimination! (exact reverse of hydrolysis)

Example: Predict the Product

c) Preparation of esters by transesterification

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \text{||} \\ \text{CH}_3-\text{C}-\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_3 & + & \text{CH}_3\text{OH} \\ \hline \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{acid} \\ \text{CH}_3-\text{C}-\text{OCH}_3 & + & \text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

\*equilibrium can be shifted by removal of ROH or excess ROH\* mechanism (add curved arrows):

d) Preparation of esters by S<sub>N</sub>2 with carboxylate

Example: using diazomethane to make a methyl ester

$$\begin{array}{c}
O \\
OH
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
CH_2N_2 \\
\hline
\text{(diazomethane)}
\end{array}$$

mechanism

$$\bigcirc_{O-H} \quad \stackrel{\ominus}{:}_{CH_2-N} \stackrel{\ominus}{\equiv}_{N}: \quad \longrightarrow$$

Example: Transform

### III. E) Preparation of amides (20.12)

a) from an acid chloride or an anhydride

$$CH_3$$
 $CH_3$ 
 $CH_3$ 
 $CH_3$ 

(+ HCl) or (+ 
$$CH_3CH_2CO_2H$$
)

b) by partial hydrolysis of nitriles

$$CH_3CH_2Br$$
  $\longrightarrow$   $CH_3CH_2-C-NH_2$   $\Longrightarrow$   $CH_3CH_2-C\equiv N$ 

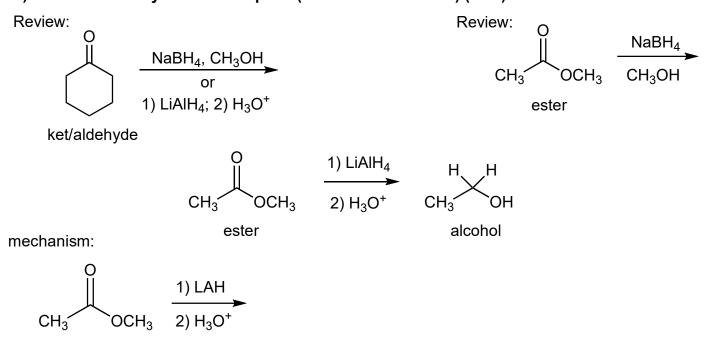
Find alternate path:

$$CH_3CH_2Br$$
  $\longrightarrow$   $CH_3CH_2-C-NH_2$ 

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \text{II} \\ \text{CH}_3-\text{C}-\text{OH} \\ \text{carboxylic acid} \end{array} + \text{NH}_3 \\ \longrightarrow \begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \text{II} \\ \text{CH}_3-\text{C}-\text{NH}_2 \\ \end{array}$$

### IV. Reactions of Carboxylic Acids and Derivatives with Nucleophiles (20.11-12)

#### A) Reaction with hydride nucleophile (a reduction reaction) (12.4)



R = OH, OR, CI, OCOR

alcohol

#### B) Reaction with Grignard nucleophile (12.6, 20.11)

Review: O 1) 
$$CH_3MgBr$$
 HO  $CH_3$  ketone or aldehyde 2)  $H_3O^+$ 

lactone 
$$\frac{1) \text{ PhLi (xs)}}{2) \text{ H}_3\text{O}^+}$$

#### C) FYI: Special hydride and organometallic reagents

Diisobutylaluminum hydride (20.11) DIBAL or DIBAH

$$AI-H$$
 or  $(i-Bu)_2AII$ 

- or  $(i-Bu)_2AIH$  \*\* less reactive, more selective than  $LiAIH_4$  \*\* adds only one equivalent of hydride to ester

Example: stable - no collapse

reagents with similar reactivity: Li(t-BuO)<sub>3</sub>AlH and NaBH<sub>3</sub>CN

Organocuprate reactions with acid chlorides (20.8)

- \*\* organometallic reagent that is less reactive than RMgBr
- \*\* adds only one equivalent of "R" to acid chloride

Example:

\*\* if product is less reactive than starting material, it's possible to stop the reaction \*\*

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  - A) water solubility of RCO<sub>2</sub>H and RCO<sub>2</sub>Na
  - B) acidity of RCO<sub>2</sub>H (see pK<sub>a</sub> Table 3.1)
    - i) look at inductive and/or resonance effects to stabilize the conjugate base
- II. Preparation of RCO<sub>2</sub>H (20.4)
  - A) oxidation of aldehydes and 1° alcohols (12.10) and ozonolysis of alkynes (9.9)
    - i) Na<sub>2</sub>Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (chromic acid, Jones)
    - ii) KMnO<sub>4</sub>, NaOH, H<sub>2</sub>O (permanganate)
    - iii) Ag<sub>2</sub>O, NaOH, H<sub>2</sub>O (Tollens test for aldehydes)
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    - i) Addition of  $H_2O/E$ limination of LG = acyl substitution
    - ii) acid- and base-catalyzed mechanisms (SkillBuilder 20.1)
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    - i) adds 2 equiv. of LiAlH<sub>4</sub> (LAH) to give an alcohol (N.R. with NaBH<sub>4</sub>)
    - ii) mechanism (Mechanism 12.3, SkillBuilder 12.4)
      - a) addition of LAH ("H:-" nu:) to C=O carbon (E<sup>+</sup>)
      - b) collapse of CTI to eliminate LG
      - c) addition of 2nd equiv. of LAH
      - d) protonation of O<sup>-</sup> by H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> workup to give alcohol product
    - iii) exception: LAH reduction of amides and nitriles give amine products
  - B) organometallic reagents (12.6, Mechanism 12.5)
    - i) adds 2 equiv. of RMgX or RLi to give an alcohol product
    - ii) mechanism: same as above but carbon nu: ("R:-") instead of hydride, "H:-"
  - C) FYI: special reagents (cuprates, modified LAH)
- V. Synthesis (20.14, SkillBuilder 20.2, SkillBuilder 20.3)
- VI. Nomenclature (20.1, 20.2)
  - A) alkanoic acid (RCO<sub>2</sub>H)
  - B) alkanoyl halide (RCOX)
  - C) alkanoic anhydride (RCO<sub>2</sub>COR)
  - D) alkyl' alkanoate (RCO<sub>2</sub>R')
  - E) alkanamide (RCONH<sub>2</sub>), N-alkyl'alkanamide (RCONHR')
  - F) alkanenitrile (RCN)