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**LECTURE 7** 

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### Alcohols

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#### **Preparation of Alcohols**





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### **Reactions of Alcohols**



**SOCI<sub>2</sub>: Thionyl chloride** 

### **Reactions of Alcohols (as acids)**





# Alkoxide lons: Williamson Ether Synthesis $o^{\bigcirc} Na^{\oplus} \xrightarrow{R_1} CH_2 \xrightarrow{R_1} RO \xrightarrow{R_1} RO \xrightarrow{L}CH_2 + NaX$

1° alkyl halide

Sodium alkoxide

 Ethers can be synthesized by the reaction of alkoxide ions with primary alkyl halides in what is known as the Williamson ether synthesis.

ether

## **Reactions of Alcohols**

#### **Esterification**



- Reaction of an alcohol and a carboxylic acid produces an ester.
- Sulfuric acid is a catalyst.

#### **Homework:** Complete the following equations





### Alcohols

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## **Oxidation States**

- **Easy** for inorganic salts:
  - CrO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> reduced to Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>.
  - KMnO<sub>4</sub> reduced to MnO<sub>2</sub>.
- **Oxidation**: Gain of O,  $O_2$ , or  $X_2$ ; loss of  $H_2$ .
- Reduction: Gain of H<sub>2</sub> (or H<sup>-</sup>); loss of O or O<sub>2</sub>; and loss of X<sub>2</sub>.
- The gain or loss of H<sup>+</sup>, <sup>-</sup>OH, H<sub>2</sub>O, HX, etc. is neither an oxidation nor a reduction.

## **Oxidation States of Carbons**



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# **Oxidation of 2° Alcohols**

- Oxidation of 2° alcohol gives a ketone.
- Oxidizing agent is Na<sub>2</sub>Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (orange color).
- Active reagent probably is H<sub>2</sub>CrO<sub>4</sub> (chromic acid).
- Color is changed from orange to greenish-blue chromium (III).





- Chromic acid reagent (or KMnO<sub>4</sub>) oxidizes primary alcohols to carboxylic acids.
- The oxidizing agent is **too strong** to stop at the aldehyde.

## Pyridinium Chlorochromate (PCC)

Pyridinium chlorochromate (PCC):



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 $CrO_3 \cdot pyridine \cdot HCI$  $or pyH^+ CrO_3Cl^-$ 

- PCC is a complex of chromium trioxide, pyridine, and HCI.
- Oxidizes primary alcohols to aldehydes.
- Oxidizes secondary alcohols to ketones.





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## 3° Alcohols Cannot Be Oxidized

- Carbon does not have hydrogen, so oxidation is difficult and involves the breakage of a C—C bond.
- Chromic acid test is for primary and secondary alcohols because tertiary alcohols do not react.

Summary of Alcohol Oxidations		
To Oxidize	Product	Reagent
2° alcohol 1° alcohol 1° alcohol	ketone aldehyde carboxylic acid	chromic acid (or PCC) PCC chromic acid

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#### Examples





# **Reduction of Carbonyl**

- Reduction of aldehyde yields 1° alcohol.
- Reduction of ketone yields 2° alcohol.
- Reagents:
  - Sodium borohydride, NaBH<sub>4</sub>
  - Lithium aluminum hydride, LiAIH<sub>4</sub>
  - Raney nickel

# Sodium Borohydride

- NaBH<sub>4</sub> is a source of hydrides (H<sup>-</sup>)
- Only reacts with carbonyl of aldehyde or ketone, <u>not</u> with carbonyls of esters or carboxylic acids.



# Lithium Aluminum Hydride

- LiAlH<sub>4</sub> is source of hydrides (H<sup>-</sup>)
- **Stronger** reducing agent than sodium borohydride, but dangerous to work with.
- Reduces ketones and aldehydes into the corresponding alcohol.
- Converts esters and carboxylic acids to 1° alcohols.





## **Reducing Agents**

- NaBH<sub>4</sub> can reduce aldehydes and ketones but not esters and carboxylic acids.
- LiAlH<sub>4</sub> is a stronger reducing agent and will reduce all carbonyls.





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- Raney nickel is a hydrogen rich nickel powder that is more reactive than Pd or Pt catalysts.
- This reaction is not commonly used because it will also reduce double and triple bonds that may be present in the molecule.
- Hydride reagents (NaBH<sub>4</sub> and LiAlH<sub>4</sub>) are more selective so they are used more frequently for carbonyl reductions.

## Catalytic Hydrogenation



#### **Haloform reaction**

#### Reagent used:



#### **Haloform reaction**

#### > Mechanism:

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Haloform reaction can convert an alcohol to a carboxylic acid with one less carbon atom.

# **Homework:** Which of the following compounds will give a **positive iodoform test**?

![](_page_28_Figure_1.jpeg)

### Homework

15.28 Write the structure of the principal organic product formed in the reaction of 1-propanol with each of the following reagents:

- (b) Sulfuric acid (catalytic amount), heat at 200°C
- (d) Pyridinium chlorochromate (PCC) in dichloromethane
- (e) Potassium dichromate (K2Cr2O7) in aqueous sulfuric acid, heat
- (f) Sodium amide (NaNH2)

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(g) Acetic acid (CH<sub>3</sub>COH) in the presence of dissolved hydrogen chloride
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### Homework

15.27 Show how each of the following compounds can be synthesized from cyclopentanol and any necessary organic or inorganic reagents. In many cases the desired compound can be made from one prepared in an earlier part of the problem.

(c) 2-Phenylcyclopentanol

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