# Carbonyl Compounds

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Two broad classes of compounds contain the carbonyl group:

[1] Compounds that have only carbon and hydrogen atoms bonded to the carbonyl



[2] Compounds that contain an eteroatom (N, O, S, Cl) bonded to the carbonyl



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• Carbonyl carbons are  $sp^2$  hybridized, trigonal planar, and have bond angles that are ~120°.



 The electronegative oxygen atom in the carbonyl group means that the bond is polarized, making the carbonyl carbon electron deficient.

the major contributor to the hybrid

a minor contributor to the hybrid



polarized carbonyl

## **General Reactions of Carbonyl Compounds**



#### Aldehydes and ketones



#### Acyl derivatives



# Aldehydes and Ketones

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### Nomenclature of Aldehydes

- Find the longest chain containing the CHO group, and change the -e ending of the parent alkane to the suffix -al. If the CHO group is bonded to a ring, name the ring and add the suffix -carbaldehyde.
- A common name for an aldehyde is formed by taking the common parent name and adding the suffix –aldehyde.



### Nomenclature of Ketones



### Nomenclature of Aldehydes and Ketones







benzoyl group

Do not confuse a **benzyl** group with a **benzoyl** group.

CH₂−ξ

benzyl group

formyl group

acetyl group

# **Physical Properties**

Table 21.	1.1 Physical Properties of Aldehydes and Ketones		
Property	Observation		
Boiling point and melting point	<ul> <li>For compounds of comparable molecular weight, bp's and mp's follow the usual trend: The stronger the intermolecular forces, the higher the bp or mp.</li> </ul>		
and a grant	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CHO	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OH	
	VDW VDW, DD MW = 72 MW = 72 bp 76 °C bp 36 °C CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> COCH <sub>3</sub>	VDW, DD, HB MW = 74 bp 118 °C	
	VDW, DD MW = 72 bp 80 °C		
	Increasing strength of intermolecular forces Increasing boiling point		
Solubility	RCHO and RCOR are soluble in organic solvents regardless of size.		
	<ul> <li>RCHO and RCOR having ≤ 5 C's are H<sub>2</sub>O soluble because they can hydrogen bond with H<sub>2</sub>O (Section 3.4C).</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>RCHO and RCOR having &gt; 5 C's are H<sub>2</sub>O insoluble because the nonpolar alkyl portion is too large to dissolve in the polar H<sub>2</sub>O solvent.</li> </ul>		

Key: VDW = van der Waals, DD = dipole-dipole, HB = hydrogen bonding, MW = molecular weight

### Keto-Enol Tautomerism



Keto tautomer

Enol tautomer



99,9999999%

0,000001%



99,9999%

0,0001%

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### **Keto-Enol Tautomerism**

Enolization is catalyzed by both acids and bases



The catalyst accelerates the equilibrium; it does not influence its position

### **Interesting Aldehydes and Ketones**



formaldehyde CH<sub>2</sub>=O

Billions of pounds of formaldehyde are produced annually from the oxidation of methanol. It is sold as a 37% solution called formalin which is used as a disinfectant, antiseptic, and preservative for biological specimens. It is a product of incomplete combustion of coal, and is partly responsible for the irritation caused by smoggy air.



acetone (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>C=O

Acetone is an industrial solvent. It is also produced in vivo during breakdown of fatty acids. Diabetics often have unusually high levels of acetone in their blood streams.

# **Interesting Aldehydes and Ketones**

Many aldehydes and ketones with characteristic odors occur in nature.



### **Preparation of Aldehydes**



# Preparation of Aldehydes and Ketones



i−Bu<sub>2</sub>AlH



Li+ AIH [O-t-Bu]3

DIBAL-H Diisobutilaluminium hydride

Lithium tri-tert-butoxyaluminium hydride

Sterically hindered - Less reactive than LiAlH<sub>4</sub>



### **Preparation of Ketones**



### **Preparation of Aldehydes and Ketones**

Aldehydes and ketones are also both obtained as products of the oxidative cleavage of alkenes.



### Reactions of Aldehydes and Ketones—General

#### [1] Nucleophilic addition



[2] Oxidation

#### [3] Reaction at the $\alpha$ carbon



# Nucleophilic Addition



### Nucleophilic Addition: Geometry

Nü ~ 105°-110°

### **Acid Catalysis**



### Reduction



 $H_2/Pd$  reduces also C=C NaBH<sub>4</sub>, LiAlH<sub>4</sub> selective for C=O

### Reduction



Mechanism: nucleophilic addition of H<sup>-</sup> to the C=O bond



# Reduction



### Comparison NaBH<sub>4</sub> / LiAlH<sub>4</sub>

LiAlH<sub>4</sub> (LAH) is more reactive and less selective than NaBH<sub>4</sub>:

NaBH<sub>4</sub> reduces only aldehydes and ketones, LAH reduces also esters, amides and nitriles.

NaBH<sub>4</sub> can be used in protic solvents (alcohols and  $H_2O$ ) LAH must be used in non protic, anhydrous solvents (diethyl ether, THF), due to hydrolysis reaction:

 $NaBH_4 + H_2O \longrightarrow NaOH + B(OH)_3 + H_2$  very slow

 $LiAIH_4 + H_2O \longrightarrow LiOH + AI(OH)_3 + H_2$  very fast

### Selectivity in reduction





### Nucleophilic Addition of Organometallic Reagents



Mechanism: nucleophilic addition to the C=O bond



### Reaction of carbonyl compounds with organometallic reagents



### **Organometallic reagents**

Organometallic reagents must be prepared and used in anhydrous aprotic solvents (EtOEt, THF, toluene)

 $\begin{array}{cccc} RX + Mg & \xrightarrow{an. THF} & RMgX \\ \hline RMgX + H_2O & \longrightarrow & RH + hydroxides \\ & & & & & & \\ pKa \ 15.75 & & & & & pKa \ 50 \end{array}$ 

 $H_2O$  (pKa 16) , alcohols (pKa 16 -18), amines (pKa 35) destroy Grignard and lithiumorganic reagents by protonation and conversion to the corresponding alkane

### Synthesis of alcohols





# Nucleophilic Addition of CN<sup>-</sup>

• Treatment of an aldehyde or ketone with HCN gives a cyanohydrin.



# Nucleophilic Addition of CN<sup>-</sup>

 Cyanohydrins can be reconverted to carbonyl compounds by treatment with base. This process is just the reverse of the addition of HCN: deprotonation followed by elimination of <sup>-</sup>CN.



• The cyano group of a cyanohydrin is readily hydrolyzed to a carboxy group by heating with aqueous acid or base.

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Hydrolysis of a} \\ \text{cyano group} \end{array} \xrightarrow[]{\begin{subarray}{c} OH \\ I \\ C \equiv N \end{array}} \xrightarrow[]{\begin{subarray}{c} OH \\ H_2O \\ (H^+ \text{ or } \begin{subarray}{c} OH \\ I \\ (H^+ \text{ or } \begin{subarray}{c} OH \\ I \\ C \equiv N \end{array} \xrightarrow[]{\begin{subarray}{c} OH \\ (H^+ \text{ or } \begin{subarray}{c} OH \\ I \\ C \equiv N \end{array} \xrightarrow[]{\begin{subarray}{c} OH \\ (H^+ \text{ or } \begin{subarray}{c} OH \\ I \\ C \equiv N \end{array} \xrightarrow[]{\begin{subarray}{c} OH \\ (H^+ \text{ or } \begin{subarray}{c} OH \\ I \\ C \equiv OH \end{array} \xrightarrow[]{\begin{subarray}{c} OH \\ I \\ C \equiv N \end{array} \xrightarrow[]{\begin{subarray}{c} OH \\ (H^+ \text{ or } \begin{subarray}{c} OH \\ I \\ C \equiv OH \end{array} \xrightarrow[]{\begin{subarray}{c} OH \\ I \\ C \equiv N \end{array} \xrightarrow[]{\begin{subarray}{c} OH \\ (H^+ \text{ or } \begin{subarray}{c} OH \\ I \\ C \equiv OH \end{array} \xrightarrow[]{\begin{subarray}{c} OH \\ I \\ C \equiv OH \end{array} \xrightarrow[]{\begin{subarray}{c} OH \\ I \\ C \equiv OH \end{array} \xrightarrow[]{\begin{subarray}{c} OH \\ I \\ C \equiv OH \end{array} \xrightarrow[]{\begin{subarray}{c} OH \\ I \\ C \equiv OH \end{array} \xrightarrow[]{\begin{subarray}{c} OH \\ I \\ C \equiv OH \end{array} \xrightarrow[]{\begin{subarray}{c} OH \\ I \\ C \equiv OH \end{array} \xrightarrow[]{\begin{subarray}{c} OH \\ I \\ C \equiv OH \end{array} \xrightarrow[]{\begin{subarray}{c} OH \\ I \\ C \equiv OH \end{array} \xrightarrow[]{\begin{subarray}{c} OH \\ I \\ C \equiv OH \end{array} \xrightarrow[]{\begin{subarray}{c} OH \\ I \\ C \equiv OH \end{array} \xrightarrow[]{\begin{subarray}{c} OH \\ I \\ C \equiv OH \end{array} \xrightarrow[]{\begin{subarray}{c} OH \\ I \\ C \equiv OH \end{array} \xrightarrow[]{\begin{subarray}{c} OH \\ I \\ C \equiv OH \end{array} \xrightarrow[]{\begin{subarray}{c} OH \\ I \\ C \equiv OH \end{array} \xrightarrow[]{\begin{subarray}{c} OH \\ I \\ C \equiv OH \end{array} \xrightarrow[]{\begin{subarray}{c} OH \\ I \\ C \equiv OH \end{array} \xrightarrow[]{\begin{subarray}{c} OH \\ I \\ C \equiv OH \end{array} \xrightarrow[]{\begin{subarray}{c} OH \\ I \\ C \equiv OH \end{array} \xrightarrow[]{\begin{subarray}{c} OH \\ I \\ C \equiv OH \end{array} \xrightarrow[]{\begin{subarray}{c} OH \\ I \\ C \equiv OH \end{array} \xrightarrow[]{\begin{subarray}{c} OH \\ I \\ C \equiv OH \end{array} \xrightarrow[]{\begin{subarray}{c} OH \end{array} \xrightarrow[]{\begin{subarray}{c$$

# Nucleophilic Addition of CN<sup>-</sup>

Linamarin and Amygdalin are two naturally occurring cyanohydrin derivatives.



 Both compounds are toxic because they are metabolized to cyanohydrins, which are hydrolyzed to carbonyl compounds and HCN gas.



# Addition of H<sub>2</sub>O — Hydration



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*Gem*-diol product yields are good only when unhindered aldehydes or aldehydes with nearby electron withdrawing groups are used.



## Addition of H<sub>2</sub>O — Hydration

Addition of H<sub>2</sub>O is generally slow but can be catalyzed by OH- or H<sup>+</sup>

Acid catalysis:



Basic catalysis:


## Addition of Alcohols — Acetal Formation



#### Addition of Alcohols — Acetal Formation





## Acetal Hydrolysis



## Acetals as Protecting Groups



# **Cyclic Hemiacetals and Acetals**

Cyclic hemiacetals are formed by intramolecular cyclization of hydroxy aldehydes.



Cyclic hemiacetals can be converted to acetals by treatment with an alcohol and acid.



## Introduction to Carbohydrates

- Carbohydrates, commonly referred to as sugars and starches, are polyhydroxy aldehydes and ketones, or compounds that can be hydrolyzed to them.
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## Equilibrium Between Hemiacetal and Open Chain Forms of Glucose



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## Addition of Amines

• Treatment of an aldehyde or a ketone with a 1ry amine affords an imine (also called a Schiff base).



180°).

• Treatment of an aldehyde or a ketone with a 2ry amine affords an enamine.



## Primary Amines: Complete Mechanism

1. Amine addition



2. Elimination of water (E1)



## Secondary Amines: Complete Mechanism

1. Amine addition



2. Elimination of water (E1)



## **Addition of Amines**







# **Imine and Enamine Hydrolysis**

- Because imines and enamines are formed by a reversible set of reactions, both can be converted back to carbonyl compounds by hydrolysis with mild acid.
- The mechanism of hydrolysis is the exact reverse of the mechanism written for formation of imines and enamines.

Hydrolysis of imines and enamines forms aldehydes and ketones.



### **Other Amines**



#### Addition of Amines – Effect of pH



General pH-rate profile for addition of amines to carbonyl compounds







Preparation of phosphorus ylides (phosphoranes) B: nBuLi, NaNH<sub>2</sub>, NaH



Reaction of phosphorus ylides with carbonyl compounds



Advantage: the Wittig reaction always gives a single constitutional isomer.



Limitation: a mixture of stereoisomers is sometimes formed.





# Nucleophilic Addition



## a,β-Unsaturated Carbonyl Compounds







# **Conjugate Addition**

general mechanism:



examples:



### Oxidation



#### mechanism





 $\alpha$ -halogenation:





#### Enolates. Reaction at the a-Carbon



Example: 2-methylcyclohexanone

