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



Introduction

• Carbonyl carbons are sp^2 hybridized, trigonal planar, and have bond angles that are ~120⁰.



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



General Reactions of Carbonyl Compounds



• Aldehydes and ketones undergo nucleophilic addition.

Nucleophilic addition
General reaction
$$H(R')$$
 $H(R')$ $H(R')$

• Carbonyl compounds that contain leaving groups undergo nucleophilic substitution.



General Reactions of Carbonyl Compounds





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





formyl group

acetyl group



benzoyl group

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

CH2-§

benzyl group

Physical Properties

Table 21.	1 Physical Properties of Aldehyde	es and Ketones	
Property	Observation		
Boiling point and melting point	 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. 		
inen ig pent	CH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃ C	H ₃ CH ₂ CH ₂ CHO	CH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ OH
	MW = 72 bp 36 °C	W, DD MW = 72 bp 76 °C CH ₃ CH ₂ COCH ₃	VDW, DD, HB MW = 74 bp 118 °C
		W, 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.		
	 RCHO and RCOR having ≤ 5 C's are H₂O soluble because they can hydrogen bond with H₂O (Section 3.4C). 		
	 RCHO and RCOR having > 5 C's are H₂O insoluble because the nonpolar alkyl portion is too large to dissolve in the polar H₂O solvent. 		

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

Keto-Enol Tautomerism





Interesting Aldehydes and Ketones



formaldehyde CH₂=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 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.

acetone (CH₃)₂C=O

Interesting Aldehydes and Ketones

Many aldehydes and ketones with characteristic odors occur in nature.



Preparation of Aldehydes



Preparation of Aldehydes and Ketones



i-Bu₂AlH



DIBAL-H Diisobutilaluminium hydride Li⁺ AIH [O-*t*-Bu]₃ Lithium tri-*tert*-butoxyaluminium hydride

Sterically hindered - Less reactive than LiAIH₄

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 α carbon



Nucleophilic Addition



Acid Catalysis



Nucleophilic Addition



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Nucleophilic Addition of H⁻ and R⁻ — A Review



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Nucleophilic Addition of CN⁻

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



Nucleophilic Addition of CN⁻

 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 ⁻ CN.



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

Hydrolysis of a cyano group
$$\begin{array}{c} OH \\ I \\ C \equiv N \end{array}$$
 $\begin{array}{c} OH \\ H_2O \\ (H^+ \text{ or }^-OH) \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{c} OH \\ I \\ R-C-R' \\ I \\ C \equiv OH \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{c} OH \\ H_2O \\ (H^+ \text{ or }^-OH) \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{c} OH \\ I \\ R-C-R' \\ I \\ C OOH \end{array}$

Nucleophilic Addition of CN⁻

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.





Both acid and base catalyze the addition of H_2O to the carbonyl group.



Addition of H₂O—Hydration CHa CH₃ CH3 acetaldehyde formaldehyde acetone H₂O H₂O H2O OH OH OH H-C-H CH3--CH₃ CH₃-C-H OH OH OH 99.9% product 58% product 0.2% product Increasing amount of hydrate present at equilibrium

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



Addition of Alcohols—Acetal Formation



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Acetal Hydrolysis



Cyclic Hemiacetals and Acetals

Cyclic hemiacetals are formed by intramolecular cyclization of hydroxy aldehydes.



[Equilibrium proportions of each compound are given.]

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



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Acetals as Protecting Groups


Addition of Amines

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



bond angle 120°, (not 180°).

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



Imines and Enamines: Mechanism

1. Amine addition



2. Elimination of water



a: NH₃, R"NH₂



b: R''R'''NH





Addition of Amines – Effect of pH



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



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





Preparation of phosphorus ylides (phosphoranes)

Step [1] $S_N 2$ reaction of triphenylphosphine with an alkyl halide forms a phosphonium salt.



Step [2] Deprotonation of the phosphonium salt with a strong base (:B) forms the ylide.







Step [2] Elimination of Ph₃P=O forms the alkene.



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



• Limitation: a mixture of stereoisomers is sometimes formed.





α,β-Unsaturated Carbonyl Compounds







Conjugate Addition

general mechanism:



In generale nucleofili deboli come organocuprati danno addizione 1,4 mentre nucleofili forti come organiliotio e reattivi di Grignard danno addizione 1,2.

Oxidation



mechanism



Keto-Enol Tautomerism. Reaction at the α -Carbon



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Enolates. Reaction at the α -Carbon



Example: 2-methylcyclohexanone

