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The Carbonyl Group

Aldehydes, ketones, carboxylic acids, acid halides, acid anhydrides, esters, amides, enolate anion**s are** organic compounds having the carbonyl group, C=O

Structure

The functional group of an aldehyde C=O group bonded to a H atom while the functional group of a ketone is a carbonyl group bonded to two carbon atoms 0 CH₃CCH₃ CH₃CH HCH Methanal Ethanal Propanone (Formaldehyde) (Acetaldehyde) (Acetone)

IUPAC names:

- Select the longest chain as the parent chain containing the carbonyl group.
- Start the numbering from aldehydic carbon
- For an aldehyde, change the suffix from -e to -al
- For an unsaturated aldehyde, show the carbon-carbon double bond by changing the infix from -an- to -en-; the location of the suffix determines the numbering pattern
- For a cyclic molecule in which -CHO is bonded to the ring, add the suffix -carbaldehyde



Functional Group	Suffix	Prefix	Example of When the Functional Group Has a Lower Priority	
Carboxyl	-oic acid			Q
Aldehyde	-al	0X0-	3-Oxopropanoic acid	Н СООН
Ketone	-one	0X0-	3-Oxobutanoic acid	Соон
Alcohol	-ol	hydroxy-	4-Hydroxybutanoic acid	НОСООН
Amino	-amine	amino-	3-Aminobutanoic acid	
Sulfhydryl	-thiol	mercapto	- 2-Mercaptoethanol	HSOH

Common names

- For an aldehyde, the common name is derived from the common name of the corresponding carboxylic acid
- For a ketone, name the two alkyl or aryl groups bonded to the carbonyl carbon and add the word ketone



Physical Properties

C=O group is polar because oxygen is more EN than carbon (3.5 vs 2.5)





Polarity of a carbonyl group

More important contributing structure

- Aldehydes and ketones are polar compounds and interact in the pure state by dipole-dipole interactions
- They have higher boiling points and are more soluble in water than nonpolar compounds of comparable molecular weight.

Reactions

Nucleophilic addition are the most common reaction offered by carbonyl group to form a tetrahedral carbonyl addition compound.



Grignard Reagents

Grignard reagents

Alkyl magnesium halides having the general formula RMgX, where R is an alkl or aryl group and X is a halogena called GR Due to difference in EN between carbon and magnesium (2.5 - 1.3), the C-Mg bond is polar covalent, with $C\delta^{-}$ and $Mg\delta^{+}$ so a Grignard reagent behaves as a carbanion in its reactions.

Synthesis of Grignard Reagents GR are prepared by adding an alkyl or aryl halide to a suspension of Mg metal in diethyl ether







 Draw a scheme for the synthesize following 3° alcohol by various routes.





Addition of Alcohols

A molecule having two -OR groups bonded to the same carbon is called an acetal and are formed by the addition of a molecules of alcohol to hemiacetal





Acetal Formation

1. Proton transfer from HA to the hemiacetal oxygen



2. Loss of H₂O gives a cation



Acetal Formation

3. reaction of the cation (an electrophile) with an alcohol (a nucleophile)



4. proton transfer to A⁻ gives the acetal and regenerates the acid catalyst



Acetals

Draw a structural formula for the acetal formed in each reaction



Acetals as Protecting Groups

 one way to synthesize the ketoalcohol on the right is by a Grignard reaction



 but first the aldehyde of the bromoaldehyde must be protected; one possibility is as a cyclic acetal



An Acetal as a Protecting Group

 now the Grignard reagent can be prepared and the new carbon-carbon bond formed



hydrolysis gives the hydroxyaldehyde

Imines

Imine: a compound containing a C=N bond; also called a Schiff base

 formed by the reaction of an aldehyde or ketone with ammonia or a 1° amine

$$\begin{array}{c} & & & \\ &$$

Imines

1. addition of the amine to the carbonyl carbon followed by proton transfer



2. two proton-transfer reactions and loss of H₂O



Rhodopsin

• reaction of vitamin A aldehyde (retinal) with an amino group on the protein opsin gives rhodopsin



Importance of Reductive Amination Reductive amination is the formation of an imine followed by its reduction to an amine

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 $\begin{array}{c} \text{Dicyclohexylamine} \\ (a \ 2^\circ \ amine) \end{array}$

 This is a valuable method for the conversion of ammonia to a 1° amine, and a 1° amine to a 2° amine

Keto-Enol Tautomerism

A molecule containing an -OH group on a carboncarbon double bond of an alkene is called enol.

Q	ŎН
	\rightarrow CH ₃ -C=CH ₂
Acetone	Acetone
(keto form)	(enol form)

Keto formKeto formEnol form $\overset{\%}{\text{Enol at}}$ predominates $\overset{O}{\text{CH}_3}$ CH $\overset{O}{\text{CH}_2}$ CH2=CH 6×10^{-5} for most $\overset{O}{\text{CH}_3}$ CCH3 $\overset{O}{\text{CH}_3}$ CH2=CH2 6×10^{-5} simple $\overset{O}{\text{CH}_3}$ CCH3 $\overset{O}{\text{CH}_3}$ CH3 $\overset{O}{\text{CH}_3}$ CH3aldehydes and $\overset{O}{\text{Verthan}}$ $\overset{O}{\text{Verthan}}$ $\overset{O}{\text{Verthan}}$ ketones $\overset{O}{\text{Verthan}}$ $\overset{O}{\text{Verthan}}$ $\overset{O}{\text{Verthan}}$

Keto-Enol Tautomerism

• Problem: draw two enol forms for each ketone



• Problem: draw the keto form of each enol



Keto-Enol Tautomerism

Interconversion of keto and enol forms is catalyzed by both acid and base

- following is a mechanism for acid catalysis
- 1. proton transfer to the carbonyl oxygen

$$\begin{array}{c} \overset{\circ}{\text{CH}}_{3} - \overset{\circ}{\text{C-CH}}_{3} + \overset{\circ}{\text{H-A}} \xrightarrow{\text{fast}} \overset{\circ}{\text{CH}}_{3} - \overset{\circ}{\text{C-CH}}_{3} + \overset{\circ}{\text{A}}^{*} \\ \text{Keto form} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \overset{\circ}{\text{fast}} \overset{\circ}{\text{CH}}_{3} - \overset{\circ}{\text{C-CH}}_{3} + \overset{\circ}{\text{A}}^{*} \\ \text{The conjugate acid} \\ \text{of the ketone} \end{array}$$

2. proton transfer from the α -carbon to A:⁻

+...H

$$O$$

 H
 CH_3-C-CH_2-H + A^-
 $CH_3-C=CH_2 + H-A$
En ol form

Racemization an at α-Carbon

when an enantiomerically pure aldehyde or ketone with at least one α-hydrogen is treated with a trace of acid or base, it gradually becomes a racemic mixture; it loses all optical activity



α -Halogenation

Aldehydes and ketones with an α -hydrogen react with Br₂ and Cl₂ to give an the key intermediate in α -halogenation is an enol



Importance of a-halogenation

A value of α-halogenation is that the carbon adjacent to the aldehyde or ketone now bears a good leaving group and is susceptible to nucleophilic attack



amine

ketone

Oxidation

Aldehydes are one of the most easily oxidized of all functional groups



Oxidation

Ketones are not normally oxidized by H₂CrO₄; in fact this reagent is used to oxidize 2° alcohols to ketones

- they are oxidized by HNO₃ at higher temperatures
- oxidation is via the enol



 adipic acid is one of the starting materials for the synthesis of nylon 66

Reduction

- aldehydes can be reduced to 1° alcohols
- ketones can be reduced to 2° alcohols



Catalytic Reduction

Catalytic reductions are generally carried out from 25° to 100°C and 1 to 5 atm H₂



 a carbon-carbon double bond may also be reduced under these conditions



Metal Hydride Reductions

The most common laboratory reagents for the reduction of aldehydes and ketones are NaBH₄ and LiAlH₄. Both reagents are sources of hydride ion, H:-, a very strong nucleophile H H |_ | Na⁺ H- Ŗ- H Li⁺ H- Ŗ- H

hydride (LAH) borohydride Reductions with NaBH₄ are most commonly carried out in aqueous methanol, in pure methanol, or in ethanol

Sodium

 one mole of NaBH₄ reduces four moles of aldehyde or ketone $ARCH + NaBH_4 \xrightarrow{methanol}$

> $(RCH_2O)_4B^{-}Na^+ \xrightarrow{H_2O} 4RCH_2OH +$ borate salts A tetraalkyl borate

Lithium aluminum

H: [–]

Hydride ion

