

Objective 2. Identify and understand an organic oxidation and reduction reactions.

Skills: Draw structure

ID structural features and reactive sites (atom that is being oxidized or reduced)

ID Nu⁻ and E⁺ (Note: some redox reaction do **not** involve Nu⁻ and E⁺.)

use curved arrows to show bonds breaking and forming

show delocalized electrons with resonance structures.

Key ideas:

Oxidation = gain of O or loss of H or both at **one** carbon.

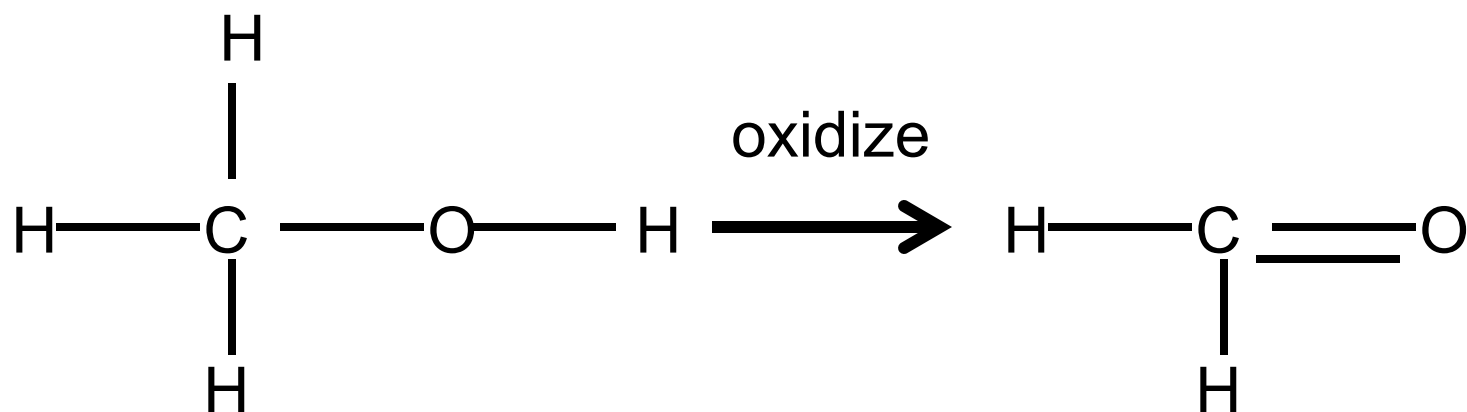
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OCHEM REDOX - *forget about oxidation numbers!*

OChem **Oxidation [O]**: gain of O/loss of H at one Carbon

OChem **Reduction [R]**: loss of O/gain of H at one Carbon

Treat C=O double bond as 2 C-O single bonds.



C has 1 O and 3 H

C has 2 O and 2 H

Gain 1 O and **Lost** 1 H

Determine product of ROH oxidation
(or how to make ROH by reduction)

***Alcohols can be Oxidized to make
Aldehydes, Acids, or Ketones***

1° ROH -- [O] --> aldehyde -- [O] --> acid [O] = ox agent

2° ROH -- [O] --> ketone

3° ROH -- [O] --> No Reaction

Common Oxidizing Agents [O]:

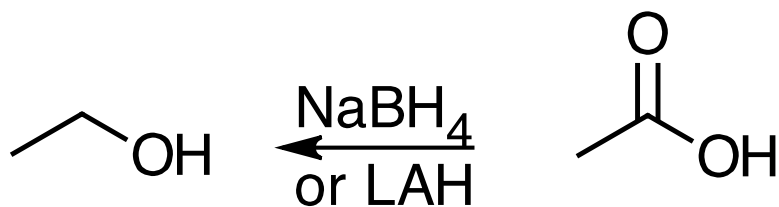
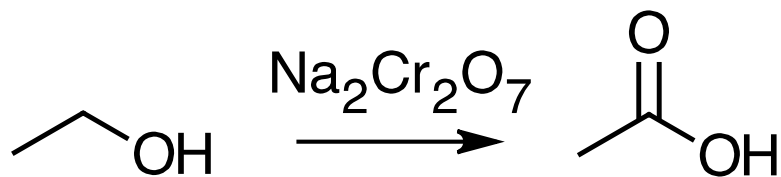
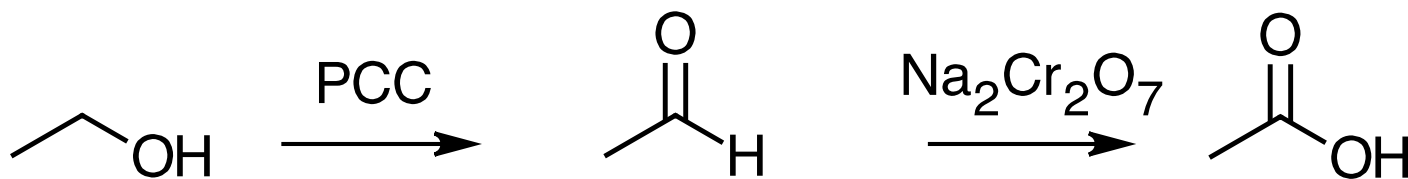
H₂O₂ NaClO (bleach) KMnO₄ Na₂Cr₂O₇ PCC

Common Reducing Agents [R]:

H₂ NaBH₄ LiAlH₄

Is ethanol a 1°, 2°, or 3° alcohol?

oxidation ----->



<-----reduction

Alcohol metabolism uses dehydrogenases (in liver):



Is ethanol being oxidized or reduced?

Note: acetaldehyde is **toxic** in our body.

Limited amount of dehydrogenase enzyme present.

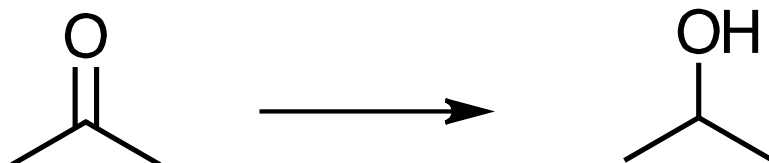
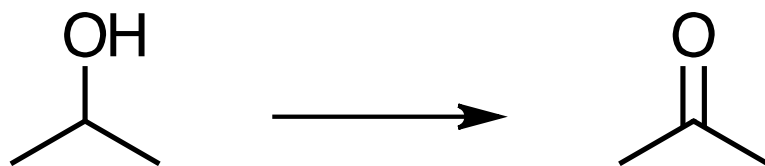
When it runs out, what happens?

Vasopressin hormone – diuretic

Sleep – GABA and glutamate

See ACS Reactions (YouTube): “How to Prevent a Hangover”

Identify each reaction as an oxidation or reduction.
What reagent would you use for each reaction?



Why does this reaction not occur?



Oxidation-Reduction in Biology

Biological Oxidizing Agent: NAD^+ /enzymes

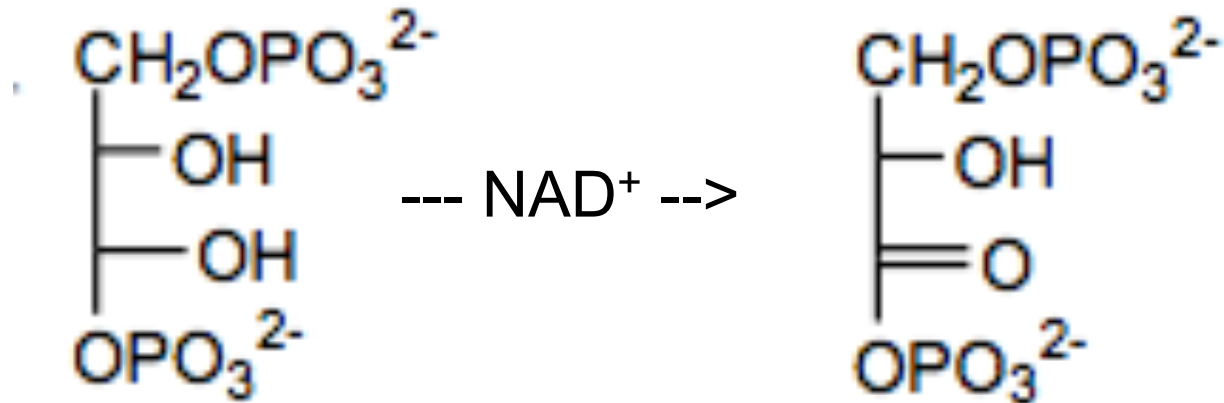
Biological Reducing Agent: NADH /enzymes
for C-O, C-N

FAD

FADH_2

for C-C

Glycolysis Step 6:

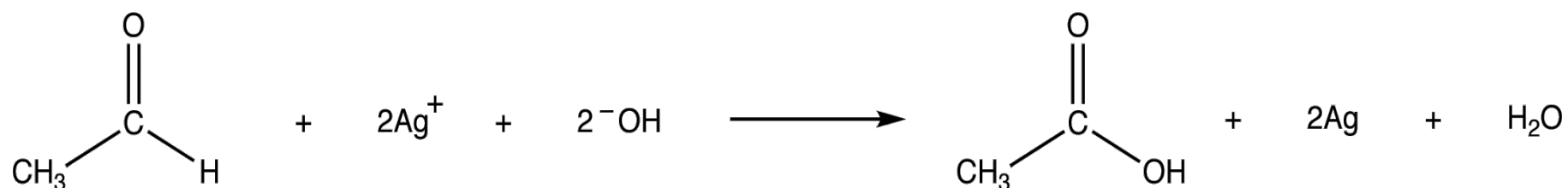


Is this reaction an oxidation or reduction?

Which C is oxidized or reduced?

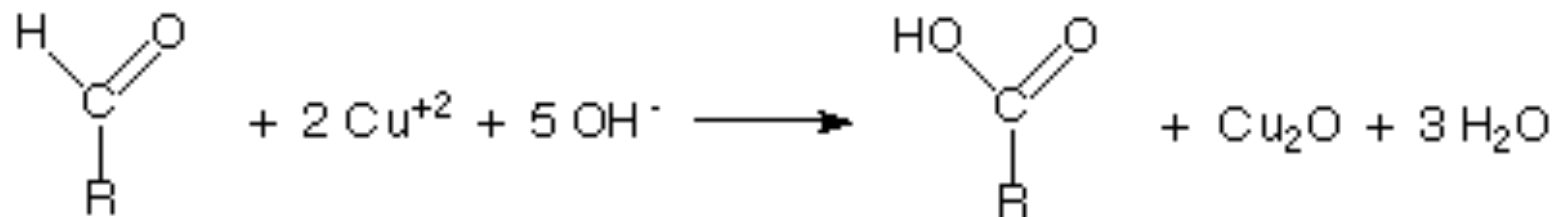
Tollens' reagent, Fehlings' reagent, Benedict's reagent test for **Reducing Sugars** (a reducing sugar *reduces* the test reagent):
Aldoses and Ketoses are **Reducing Sugars**.

Tollens' test (<http://science.uvu.edu/ochem/index.php/alphabetical/s-t/tollens-test/>)

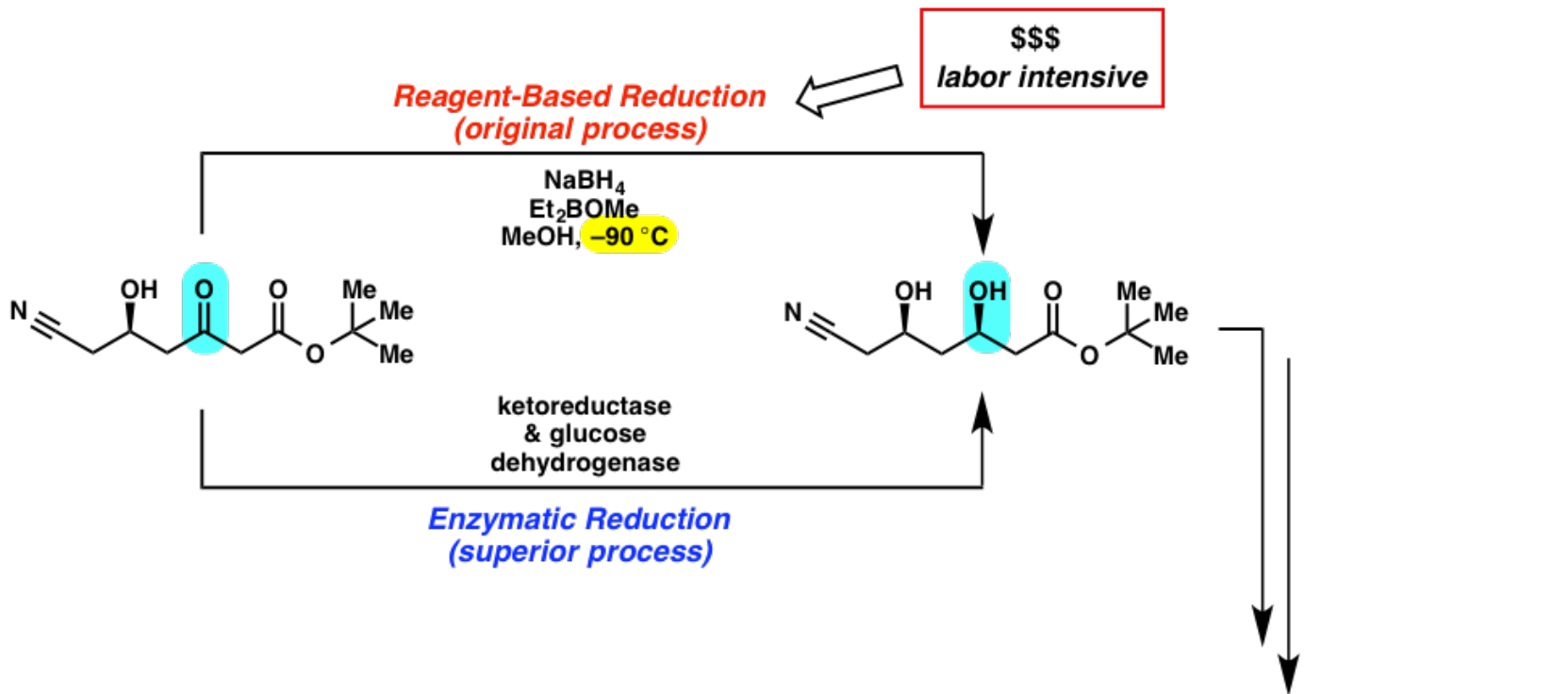


Benedict's test – glucose in urine (diabetes)

(<http://www.harpercollege.edu/tm-ps/chm/100/dgodambe/thedisk/carbo/bened/benedict.htm>)



Is the reducing sugar oxidized or reduced?



In patients with multiple risk factors for heart disease,

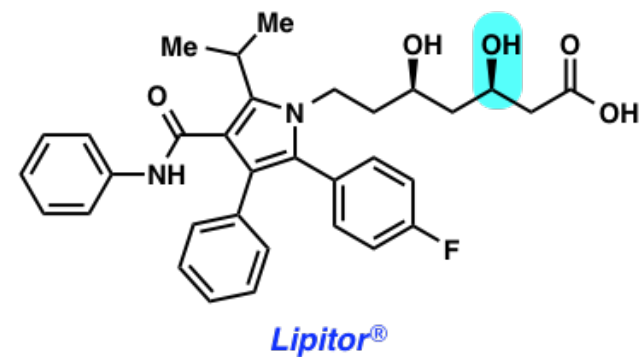
Lipitor
reduces risk of heart attack by **36%***

If you have risk factors such as family history, high blood pressure, age, low HDL ("good" cholesterol) or smoking.

DR. ROBERT JARVIK
- inventor of the Jarvik Artificial Heart and Lipitor

LIPITOR
atorvastatin calcium

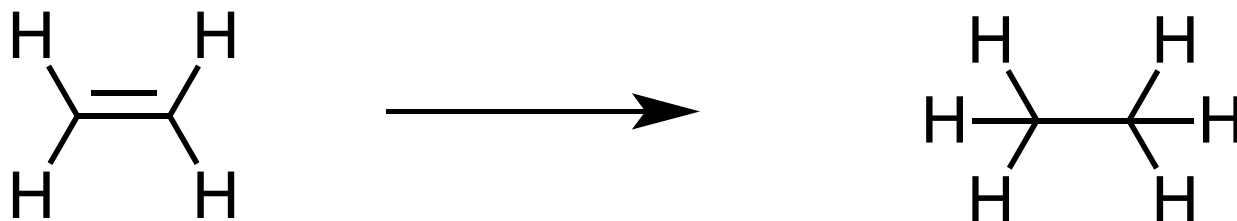
*That means in a large clinical study, 3% of patients taking a sugar pill or placebo had a heart attack compared to 2% of patients taking Lipitor.



Blockbuster Cholesterol Lowering Drug

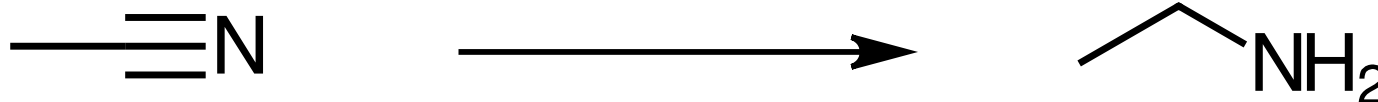
Other Functional Groups are Oxidized or Reduced

E.g., Hydrogenation (Addition of H₂ to alkene)



C gains 1 H ==> reduction

Nitrile ---> Amine



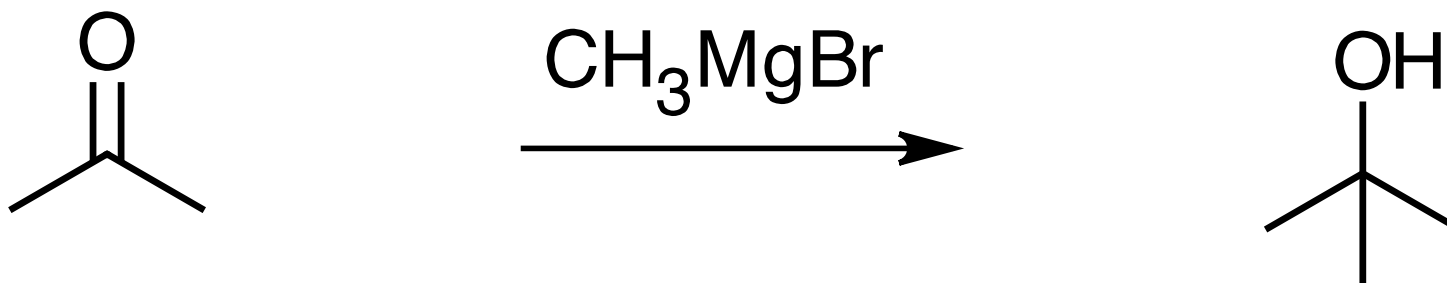
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What reagent to use?

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Grignard Reaction:



Oxidation or Reduction?

New way to make a C-C bond.

Grignard Reaction is used to prepare ROH (Nu:- addition rxn):

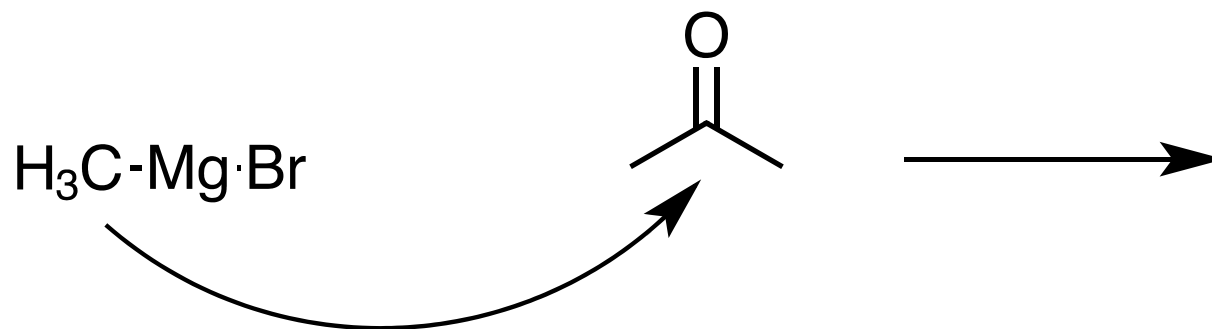
- Starting Material is RCHO or RCOR
- Form C-C bond (add R group to α -C) to make bigger molecule

1. Make Grignard reagent: RMgX



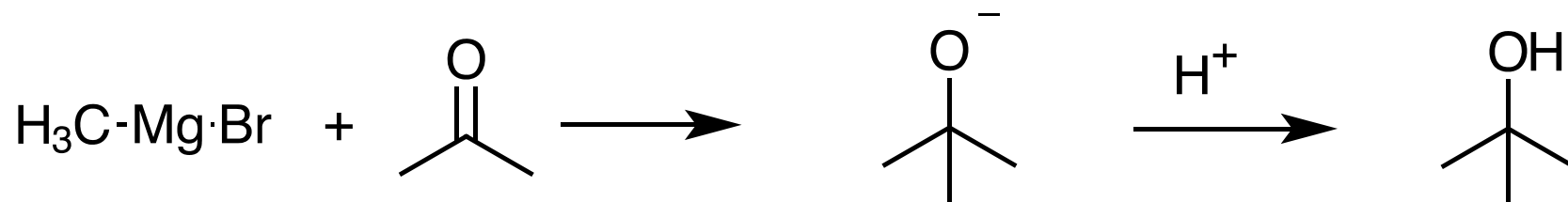
C is Nu:-. Why?

2. RMgX reacts with C=O (carbonyl carbon is E^+)



Use curved arrows to show product

Nu:- addition reaction (more on this reaction later in Chem 12B)



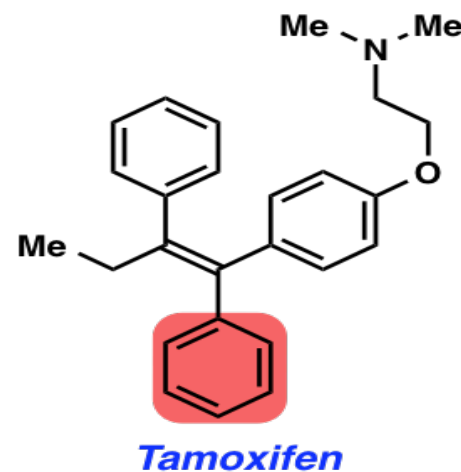
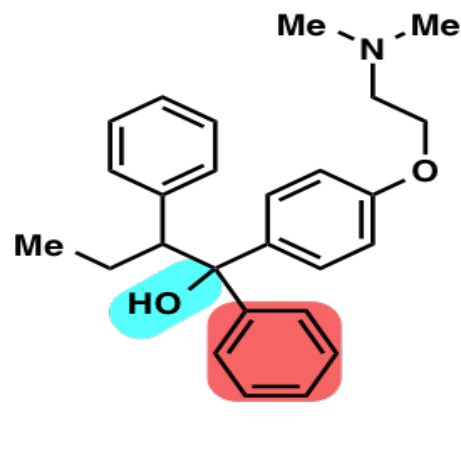
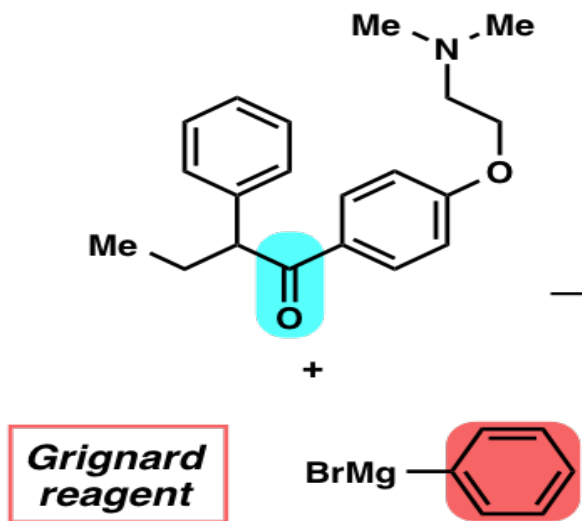
Carbonyl carbon in ketone becomes α -carbon in alcohol.

New C-C bond forms on carbonyl carbon/ α -carbon.

Compare **Nu:- addition reaction** to E^+ addition reaction.

Electrophilic C in $\text{C}=\text{O}$

Nucleophilic pi bond in $\text{C}=\text{C}$



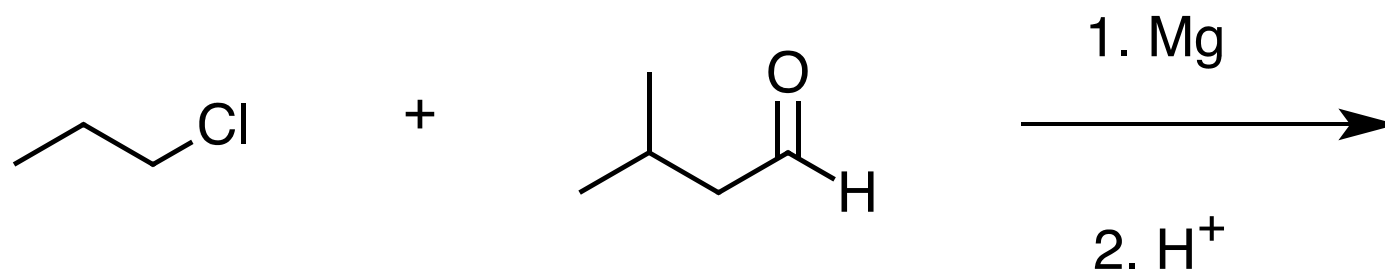
Treatment of Breast Cancer



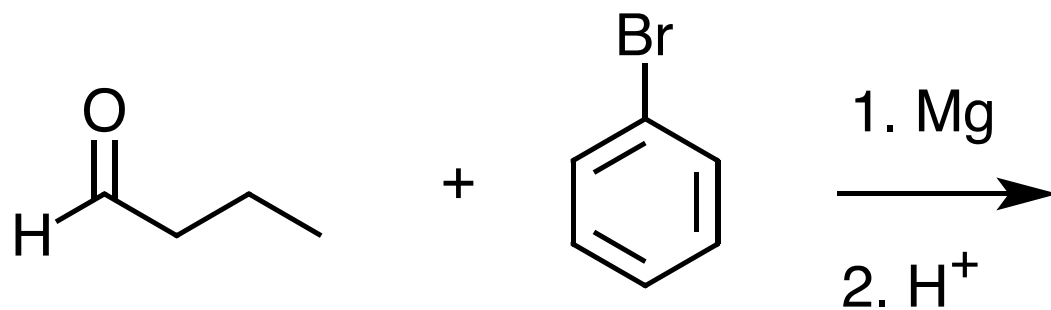
Victor Grignard (1871–1935)
Nobel Prize in Chemistry (1912)



Predict product of Grignard reaction

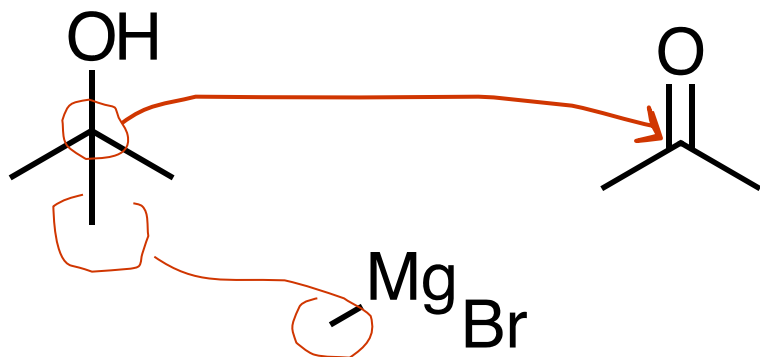


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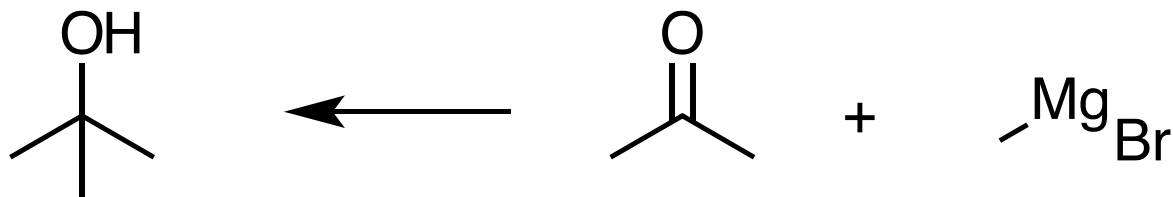
2. ID reactants to make ROH using Grignard reaction

Make t-butanol by Grignard reaction:



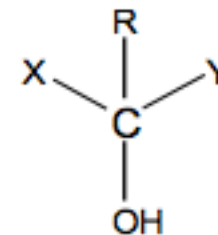
α -carbon in alcohol comes from carbonyl carbon in ketone or aldehyde.

Grignard reagent comes from a C bonded to α -carbon.



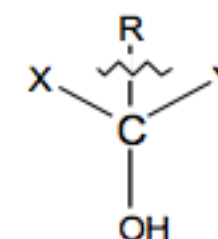
Retrosynthetic Analysis: How to Work Backwards to Determine Reactants to Make a Target Molecule

Step 1: Start with target molecule

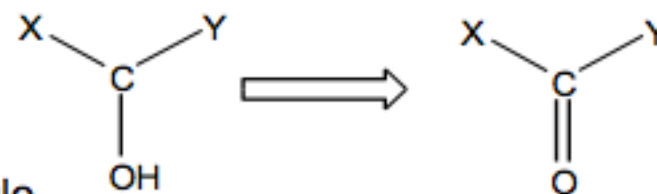


Step 2: Break/Disconnect the C-R bond

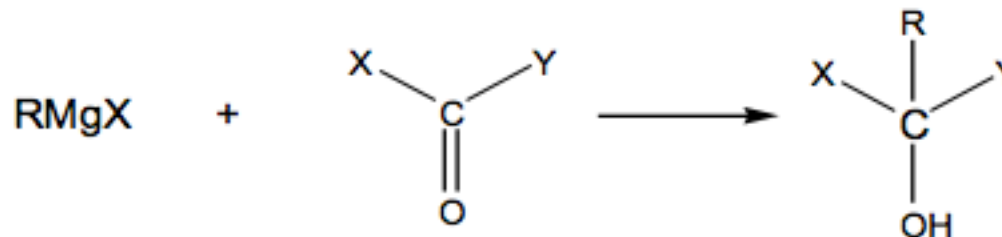
Note: bond between α -C and R



Step 3: Use the R fragment to make a Grignard reagent and the C-OH fragment to make an aldehyde/ketone



Step 4: Grignard and aldehyde/ketone \rightarrow target molecule



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| Retrosynthesis: working backwards | Grignard reaction: Working forwards |
| IDENTIFY Functional Group(s) How do you make this group? | IDENTIFY Functional Group(s) How does this group react? |
| Step 1: Break one of the C-C bonds that is bonded to C-OH <i>Hint:</i> see starting material | Step 4: C=O becomes C-OH |
| Step 2: C fragment comes from RMgX | Step 3: R from RMgX forms C-C bond to C=O in RCHO or RCOR |
| Step 3: C-OH comes from RCHO or RCOR | Step 2: RMgX reacts with RCHO or RCOR |
| | Step 1: $RX + Mg \rightarrow RMgX$ |

Propose a synthesis using a Grignard reaction:
(Hint: there are at least two ways to make the alcohol.)

