



Differences Between the Reagents



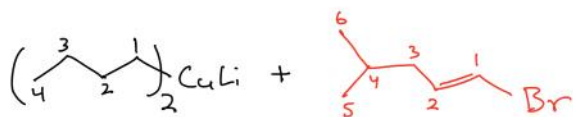
Alkyl lithium Reagents → extremely basic — limits their use

CCCC[Mg]Br
 Grignard Reagents → will deprotonate anything more/ as acidic as an alcohol (pKa ~ 16)

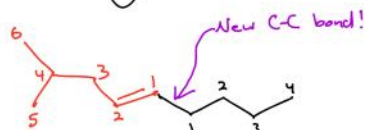
Time Capsule:
 These won't make enolates with carbonyl compounds

CCCC[Li]Cl
 Gilman Reagents → least basic → so they are the only reagents capable of reacting with:





(Not an S_N2 mechanism)



Cu salts
(you are not responsible for writing these)



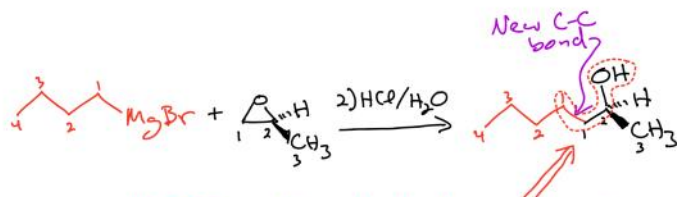
Watch the new video called "Gilman Reagents Explained" after hitting "Helpful Short Videos" on the main course web page (7th from the top on the left column)

Synthesis \rightarrow New C-C bonds! \rightarrow
 \rightarrow Generate more complex molecules from simpler ones.

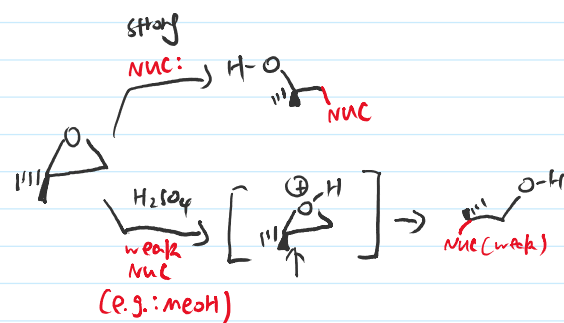
1) Retrosynthetic Analysis \rightarrow
 Work backwards from the product.

2) Count the number of carbon atoms in the starting material versus the product \rightarrow
 Allows you to identify the location of any new C-C bonds.

3) Learn to recognize the Key Recognition Elements (KRE) in the product \rightarrow tells you what the final reaction had to be.

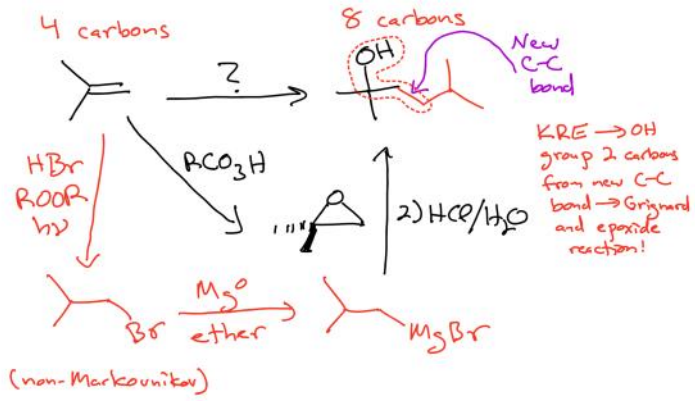


KRE \rightarrow An alcohol group 2 carbons from a new C-C bond



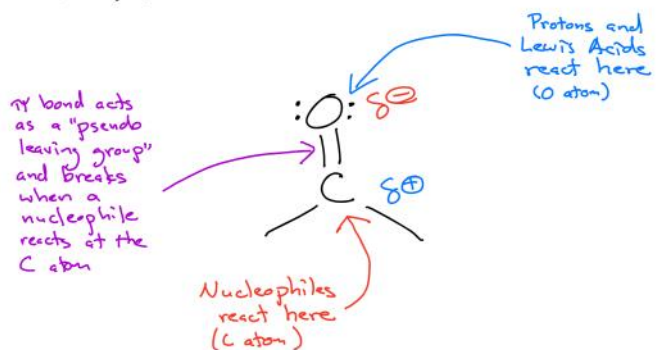
C-C bond

Synthesis Example



Functional groups such as carbonyl groups undergo characteristic reactions.

There are common themes \rightarrow the different reactions are variations on these themes



There are four common mechanisms seen when carbonyl compounds react with nucleophiles

\rightarrow We will call these Mechanism A-D

Here are the keys to understanding mechanisms in 320N!!

1) There are basically four different mechanism elements that make up the steps of carbonyl reactions.

- A) Make a bond between a nucleophile and an electrophile
- B) Break a bond to give stable molecules or ions
- C) Add a proton
- D) Take a proton away

2) These same four mechanism elements describe most of the other mechanisms you have/will learn!!! (Yes, organic chemistry really is this simple if you look at it this way!!)

There are basically four different mechanisms that describe the vast majority of carbonyl reactions and these mechanisms are different combinations/ordering of the four mechanism elements listed above. In this class, I have termed them "Mechanism A", "Mechanism B", "Mechanism C", and "Mechanism D". They all involve a nucleophile attacking the partially positively charged carbon atom of the carbonyl to create a tetrahedral intermediate. Different reaction mechanisms are distinguished by the timing of protonation of the oxygen atom as well as the presence or absence of a leaving group attached to the carbonyl.

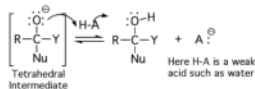
Four Mechanisms for the Reaction of Nucleophiles with Carbonyl Compounds

MECHANISM A: Reaction with a Strong Nucleophile

Step 1 Make a new bond between a nucleophile and electrophile

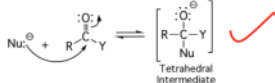


Step 2 Add a proton

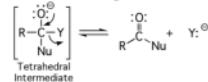


MECHANISM B: Reaction with a Strong Nucleophile When "Y" is a Good Leaving Group (-OR, -Cl, etc.).

Step 1 Make a new bond between a nucleophile and electrophile

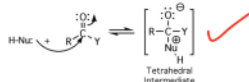


Step 2 Break a bond to give stable molecules or ions

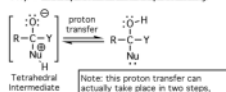


MECHANISM C: Reaction with a Weak Nucleophile

Step 1 Make a new bond between a nucleophile and electrophile



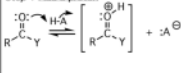
Step 2 Add a proton and Take a proton away



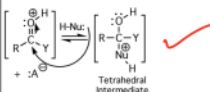
Note: this proton transfer can actually take place in two steps, i.e. Add a proton then Take a proton away or vice versa.

MECHANISM D: Reaction with a Weak Nucleophile in the Presence of Acid (H-A)

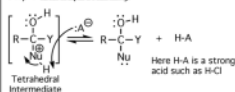
Step 1 Add a proton



Step 2 Make a new bond between a nucleophile and electrophile



Step 3 Take a proton away



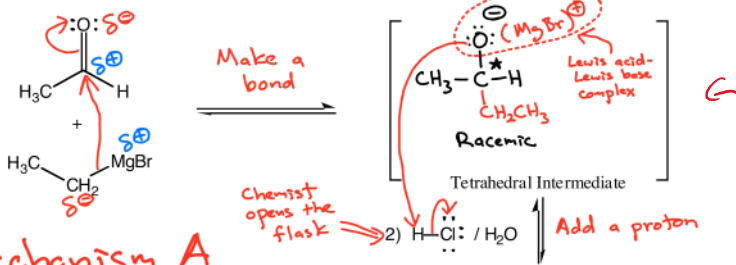
Here H-A is a strong acid such as HCl

All of these mechanisms have a tetrahedral intermediate ✓

Mechanism A → Use this mechanism with strong nucleophiles

- 1) Make a bond
- 2) Add a proton

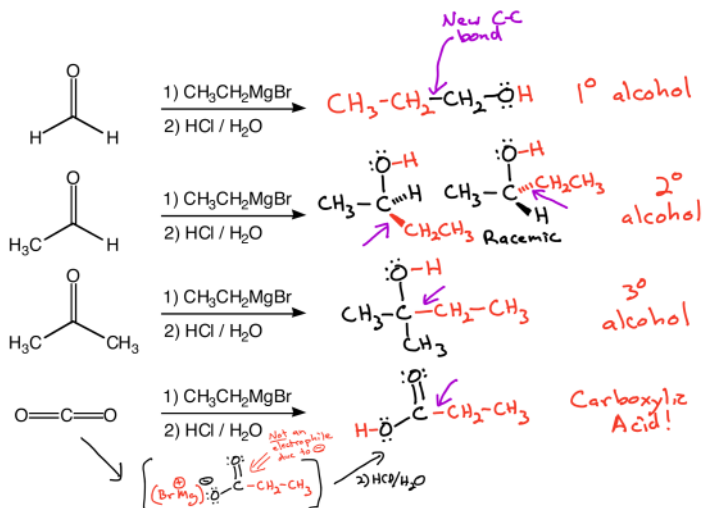
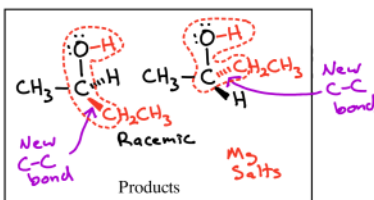
Grignard Reagent Reacting with an Aldehyde or Ketone



Mechanism A

Key Recognition Element (KRE):

-OH group attached the same C atom as a new C-C bond



VOLUNTEER!

Tutoring Refugees to Understand English

T.R.U.E is a service organization that tutors English to refugees for one hour every week.



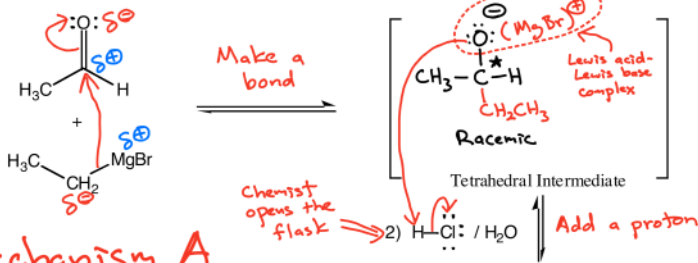
**SCAN TO
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TODAY!**

Lesson for Today:
"The Song"

Strong nucleophiles react directly at the electrophilic C atom of carbonyls to make a bond as the carbonyl π bond breaks. A proton is added to the O atom.

MECHANISM A!

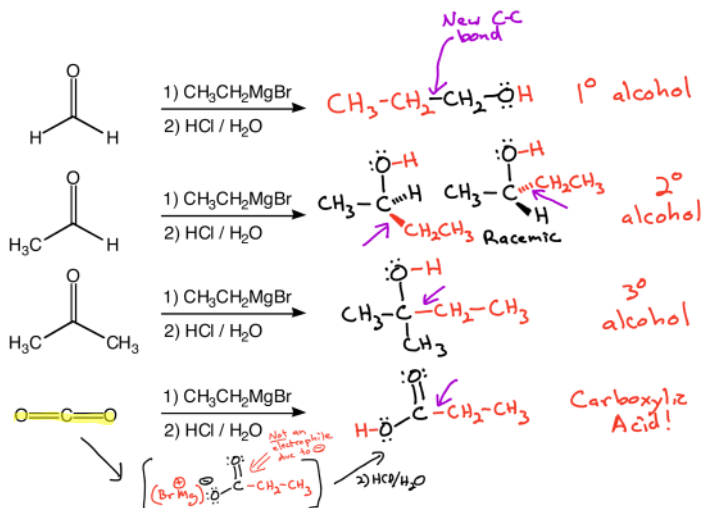
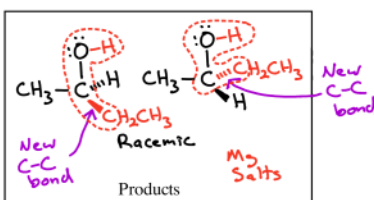
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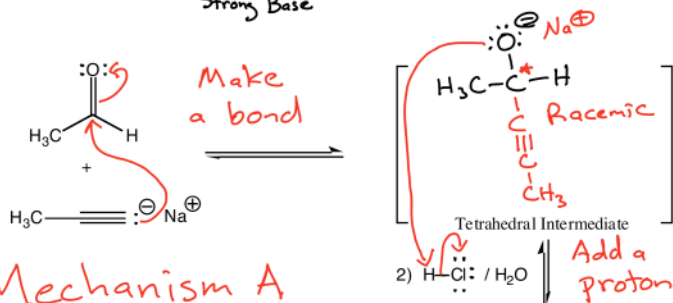
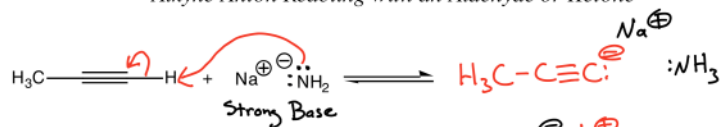
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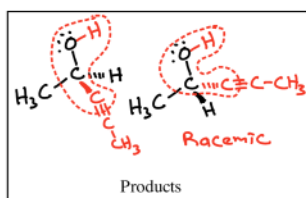
Alkyne Anion Reacting with an Aldehyde or Ketone



Mechanism A

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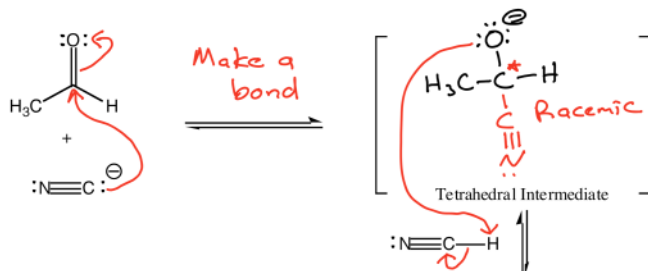
OH group on the carbon that makes a new C-C bond to an sp C atom (alkyne)



HCN Reacting with an Aldehyde or Ketone

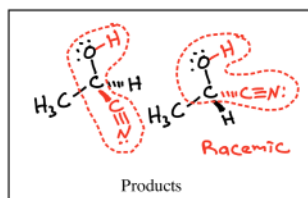


Reacts on the C atom because that makes stronger bonds



Key Recognition Element (KRE):

Cyanohydrin \rightarrow OH
on a C atom that
made a new C-C
bond to $-\text{C}\equiv\text{N}$:



Time capsule \rightarrow cyanohydrins can be
hydrolyzed in $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4/\text{H}_2\text{O}$ to
give α -hydroxyacids
"alpha"

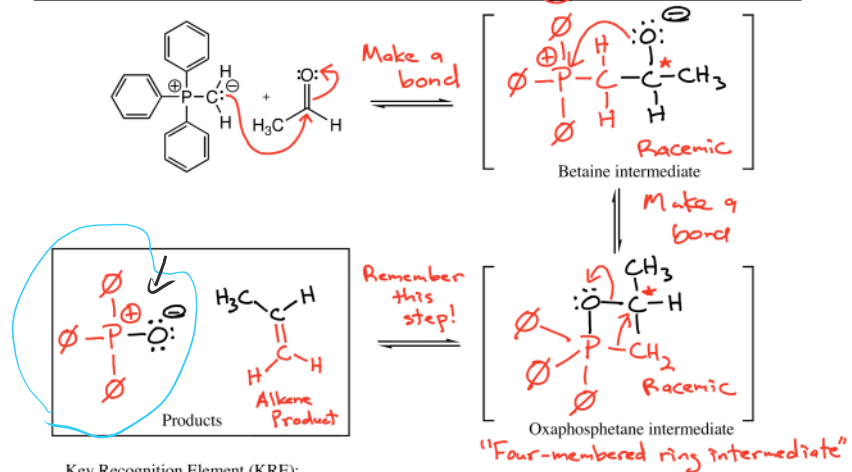
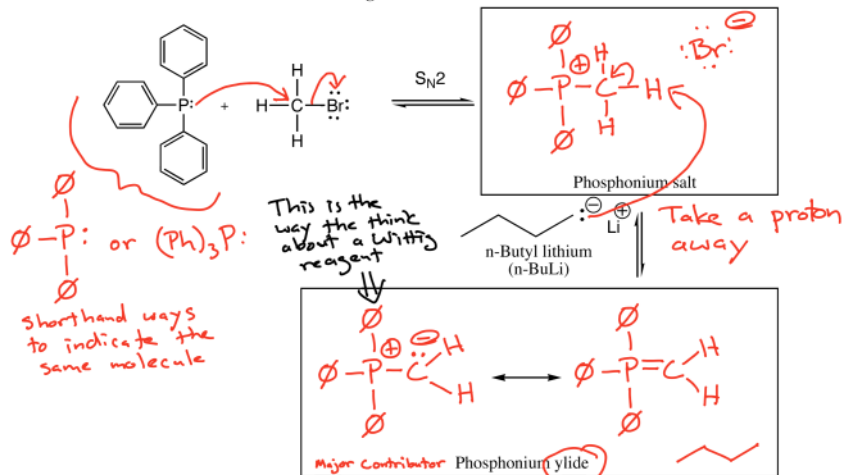
This is getting boring.

It is time for a TWIST

Best
Plot Twist
Ever



Wittig Reaction

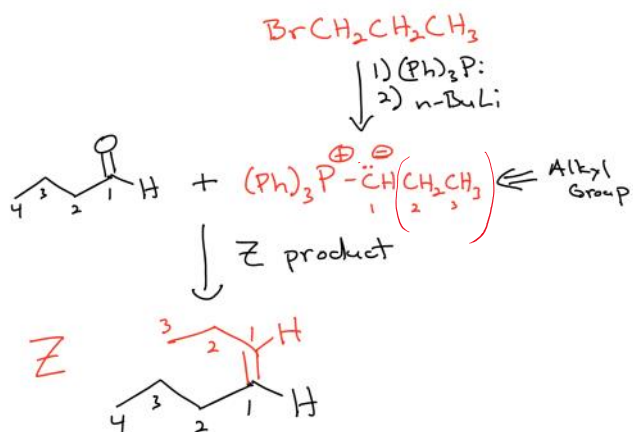


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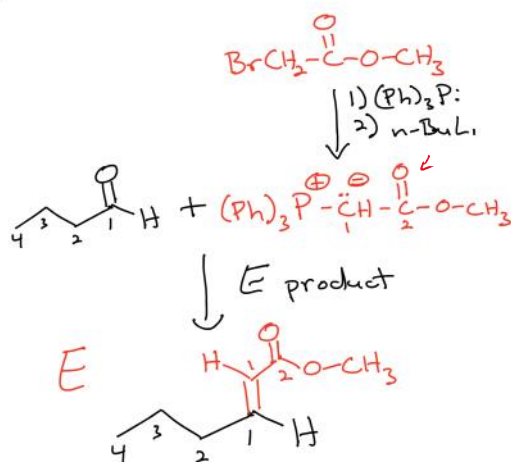
Alkene \rightarrow New $\text{C}=\text{C}$ where the $\text{C}=\text{O}$ was!

E vs. Z → Which product alkene?

1) With alkyl Wittig reagents, the Z alkene product predominates



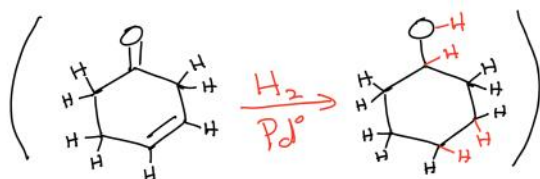
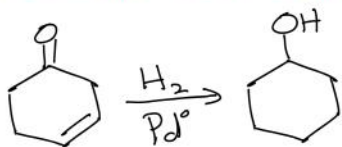
2) When using Wittig reagents that have a carbonyl attached to the C atom that is bonded to the P[⊕] atom — E alkenes predominate



Detour - Hydrogenation of aldehydes and

ketones

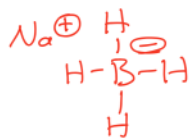
H_2 with Pd^0 , Pt^0 or Ni^0 reduces aldehydes and ketones to alcohols \rightarrow the π bond reacts the same in $C=C$ and $C=O$



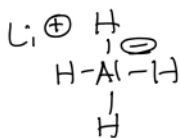
We now return to our regularly scheduled discussion of Mechanism A

Metal Hydride Reduction

⇒ Reduce C=O but not C=C

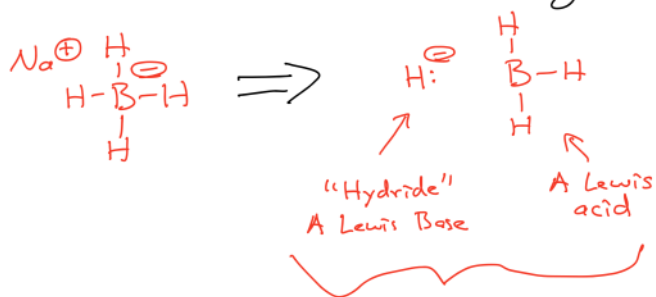


NaBH₄



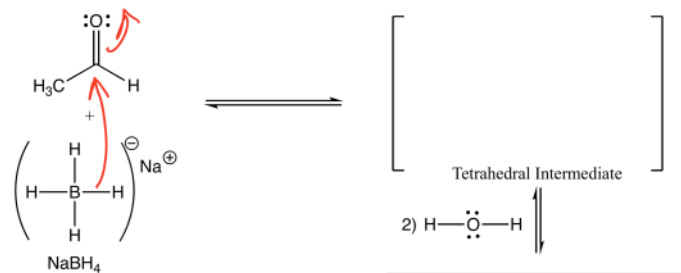
LiAlH₄

How to think about the reagent:



You can think of NaBH₄ as a Lewis base-Lewis acid complex between hydride (H[⊖]) and BH₃

Sodium Borohydride Reacting with an Aldehyde or Ketone



Key Recognition Element (KRE):

