#### Alkynes and Organohalides

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# Notes on Scheduling

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# Outline

- Alkyne nomenclature
- Review of elimination reactions
- Zaitsev's rule
- Alkyne halogenations (HX and X<sub>2</sub>)
- Alkyne preparation (from alkenes and alkyl halides)
- Alkyne oxidations (general, complimentary)
- Alkyne anions to make C-C bonds (pKa review)
- Organohalides (properties and reactions)
- Grignard chemistry
- Nucleophilic substitution (SN2) reaction mechanism
- Considerations for rate of reaction (nucleophile, leaving group, solvent effects)

#### Naming alkynes

- Number starts from end nearest the first multiple bond (double or triple) so that bond receives the lowest possible number/priority
- When there's a choice: "lower bond gets lower number"
- Compound's suffix name corresponds to lowest number priority multiple bond – e.g. (E)-4-methyl-7-nonen-1-yne *not* (E)-4-methyl-1-nonyn-7-ene



#### Alkane, Alkene and Alkyne Functional Group Nomenclature



#### Alkenes:

Dienes = 2 double bonds Trienes = 3 double bonds Tetraenes = 4 double bonds

#### Alkynes:

Diynes = 2 triple bonds Triynes = 3 triple bonds Tetraynes = 4 triple bonds

#### Calicheamicin: an "enediyne" antibiotic

- Isolated from Gram + bacterium *Micromonospora echinospora*
- Caliche clay soil in Texas by Lederle Labs (Pearl River)
- The most potent antibiotic known! MIC vs Staphylococcus aureus =  $\leq 0.000031 \, \mu g/mL$
- Formed by a Bergman cyclization from a benzyl diradical



#### **Alkyne Preparation**

- Alkene starting material forms:  $\begin{array}{cc} & X \\ X \end{array} = \begin{array}{cc} & X \\ & X \end{array}$ 
  - Vicinal dihalide (1, 2-dihaloalkane)
  - Geminal dihalide (1, 1-dihaloalkane)
  - Vinyl halides
- Alkynes formed via 1 and 2 step elimination reactions from dihalides

# Alkyne Preparation from Elimination of Vinyl Halide

- Strong base required NaNH<sub>2</sub> or NaOH + heat
- Vinyl halides are intermediates in two-fold eliminations of vicinal and geminal dihalides
- Can occur via E1, E1CB or E2 elimination depending on structure of starting material

$$H C - C H + NaOH H + HC = CH + NaBr + H_2O$$

bromoethene (vinyl bromide)

## Preparation of alkynes: Elimination of *vicinal* dihalides

- Similar base-catalyzed elimination reactions as for forming alkenes from alkyl halides
- Vicinal dihalides prepared from alkenes with Br<sub>2</sub> or Cl<sub>2</sub>
- Overall reaction is alkene to alkyne
- Two fold dehydrohalogenation with vinyl halide intermediate



# Alkyne synthesis from *geminal* dihalides or vinyl halides

- Sodium amide (NaNH<sub>2</sub>) or LDA (lithium diisopropylamide) = *strong base*
- NH<sub>2</sub>:<sup>-</sup> anion is the conjugate base of ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>)
- Weaker acid = strong congugate base
- pKa NH<sub>3</sub> = 38 (i.e. very weak acid)



#### Electrophilic Addition reactions of alkynes

- Electron rich carbon-carbon triple bond is strong and short (965 kJ/mol, 120 pm)
- Alkynes react as nucleophiles with HX and X<sub>2</sub> electrophiles
- Mechanistically similar to electrophilic additions of alkenes
- Carbocation stability determines regiochemistry of addition
- Typically proceed with *trans* stereochemistry

# Carbocation stability: Used to determine if a structure can appear in a mechanism



#### Electrophilic addition of X<sub>2</sub> to alkynes

- Trans vicinal dihalides form first (1 eq of X<sub>2</sub>)
- Tetrahalides are final (2 eq of X<sub>2</sub>)



# Electrophilic addition of HX to terminal alkyne

- Vinyl halides form first from 1 eq of HX
- This is due to carbocation stability (2° vs 1° vinyl)
- Geminal dihalides are final product (2 eq of HX)
- Also due to carbocation stability (3° vs 1° vinyl)



### Oxymercuration/Demercuration with Terminal Alkynes

 Terminal alkynes are best candidates for hydration because they produce a single product – methyl ketones



### Hydration of Alkynes via Oxymercuration/Demercuration

- Very similar to hydration of alkenes
- Markovnikov addition of water by Hg (II) ion gives product
- Keto-enol *tautomer* product (isomers that spontaneously interconvert by moving a electrons and a hydrogen atom)
- Unsymmetrical internal alkynes give mixtures of ketones
- Terminal alkynes give only methyl ketones



# Unsymmetrically substituted internal alkynes give a mixture of ketones



Since oxidation can occur at both ends of triple bond, 2 products result from unsymmetrical alkynes

# **Keto-Enol Tautomers**

- Keto-enols are "tautomers"
- Tautomers are constitutional isomers that interconvert via migration of a proton
- Very important in mechanism of many reactions



# Enolates

- Enolates are formed from deprotonation of a keto-enol system
- Protons alpha to a carbonyl are slightly acidic
- Must form in Brønsted acid free conditions since they are very basic
- Can modulate regiochemistry with temperature and base selection



#### Hydroboration/Oxidation of Alkynes

- Borane adds rapidly to alkynes (mechanism similar to addition to alkenes)
- Markovnikov rules are not applicable to internal alkynes
- Internal alkynes give ketones (keto-enol tautomer product)
- Terminal alkynes give aldehydes ("Anti-Markovnikov")



## Internal alkyne oxidation

- Give ketone products using <u>either</u> oxymercuration/demercuration or hydroboration/oxidation
- If alkyne is symmetrically substituted = one ketone product results
- If alkyne is asymmetrically substituted = mixture of products





# Complimentary Alkyne Reduction to form *cis* or *trans* Alkenes and Alkanes

- Alkynes are reduced to alkenes and alkanes depending on catalyst selection
- Two step, non-degenerate process involving H<sub>2</sub> with Lindlar's catalyst (-176 kJ/mol) followed by H<sub>2</sub> with Pd/C (-137 kJ/mol)
- Hydrogenation of alkynes occurs with syn stereochemistry to give cis alkene product using Lindlar catalyst
- Hydrogenation of alkynes occurs with anti stereochemistry to give trans alkene product using Li or Na catalyst with liquid ammonia as proton donor (radical anion mechanism with amide ion stabilized by metal)



## **Oxidative Cleavage of Alkynes**

- Powerful oxidants such as O<sub>3</sub> and KMnO<sub>4</sub> can be used to cleave alkynes (similar to alkene mechanism)
- Yields typically low due to alkyne stabilities
- Internal alkynes give 2 carboxylic acids
- Terminal alkynes give 1 carboxylic acid + 1 CO<sub>2</sub>



## Alkyne Acidity: Formation of Acetylide Anions

- As compared to alkenes, alkynes are relatively acidic
- Treatment with strong base (i.e. sodium amide, Na<sup>+</sup>:NH<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>) will remove terminal proton



#### Review of pKa for use in Organic Reactions

• An acid can be deprotonated by the conjugate base of another acid that has a larger pKa

Family	Example	Ka	p <i>K</i> a		
Alkyne	CHCH (acetylene)	<b>10</b> <sup>-25</sup>	25		
Alkene	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> (ethylene)	10 <sup>-44</sup>	44		
Alkane	CH <sub>4</sub> (methane)	10 <sup>-60</sup>	60		
$H = \frac{Na \text{ metal}}{H} + H_2$ $H = H = H = H$ $H = H$ $H$ $H = H$ $H$ $H = H$ $H$ $H = H$ $H$ $H$ $H$ $H$ $H$ $H$ $H$ $H$ $H$					

#### Alkyne Acidity: Explained with Atomic Orbitals

- Acetylide anion has 50% "s-character"
- s-orbitals are physically closer to positively charged nucleus and lower in energy than p-orbitals
- Negative charge of anion thus has greater stability in an orbital with greater s-character because electrons are closer to nucleus and thus stabilized, lower energy

Family	Example	Hybridization	% "s-character"
Alkyne	CHCH (acetylene)	sp	50
Alkene	CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> (ethylene)	sp2	33
Alkane	$CH_4$ (methane)	sp3	25

# Alkylation of Acetylide Anions

- Acetylide = Always terminal = linear unhindered geometry, negative charge and electron lone pair make alkyne anions great nucleophiles
- Can react with alkyl halide (electrophiles) to make new C-C bond!



### Limitations to Alkylation using an Alkyne Anion

- The reaction is limited to use with primary alkyl bromides and alkyl iodides
- Because of alkyne anion's basicity, it causes elimination with 2° and 3° alkyl halides



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# Organohalides

- Organic compounds with 1+ halogen atom
- Widespread in nature over 5000 organohalides described
- Chloromethane (kelp, forest fires, volcanoes)
- Industrial use (solvents, anesthetics, refrigerants, pesticides)



# Why Study Organohalides?

- Many alkynyl halides and alkenyl halides are known
- We are primarily concerned with alkyl halides because of the similarity in their reactivity (lab) as compared to alcohols (nature)
- Substitution and elimination reactions of alkyl halides thus provide a model for analogous biological reactions (occurring with alcohols)

# Naming Linear Alkylhalides

- Number longest chain starting at the end nearest the first substituent (either halo or alkyl)
- Name compound as a substituted alkane (i.e. bromo-methylheptane, not methylbromoheptane)



5-bromo-2,4-dimethylheptane 2-bromo-4,5-dimethylheptane 1-bromo-3-chloro-4-methylpentane

# Naming Linear Alkylhalides, cntd

 If the parent chain can be properly numbered at either end, begin at the end nearer the substituent that has alphabetical priority



2-bromo-5-methylhexane (not 5-bromo-2-methylhexane)

# Cyclic Alkyl Halide Nomenclature

 Name as "cycloalkane" which allows for movement of halide portion of name (it's not always first)



(1*R*)-1-bromo-2-ethylcyclohexane



(2R)-1-ethyl-2-iodocyclohexane

# **Physical Properties of Alkylhalides**

- Longer the bond length, the weaker the C-X bond
- Higher the dipole moment of C-X bond the better the electrophilicity of alkylhalide carbon atom
- The C-Br bond represents "best of both worlds"

Halomethane	Bond Length (pm)	Bond Strength (kJ/mol)	Dipole moment ( <i>D</i> )
CH <sub>3</sub> F	139	460	1.85
CH <sub>3</sub> Cl	178	350	1.87
CH₃Br	193	294	1.81
CH <sub>3</sub> I	214	239	1.62

# **Allylic Bromination**

- Alkenes typically undergo anti addition with Br<sub>2</sub> (through halonium ion intermediates) to give trans products
- However, a free radical mechanism can give selective "allylic" bromination using NBS



# Bond Dissociation Energy, Resonance and Resulting Stability of Allylic Radicals





- All *conjugated* carbon atoms adopt sp<sup>2</sup> hybridization
- Leads to electronic symmetry and bonding electrons spread over more nuclei
- This increases molecule's stability
- However, electron *delocalization* leads to product mixtures...



resonance stabilization





NBS reacts with HBr product from Propagation Step 1 to form Br<sub>2</sub> effectively controlling the reaction rate



#### Pros and Cons of Allylic Bromination

• Pros: Products are useful for preparing dienes



• Cons: Unsymmetrical alkenes give product mixtures (*via* allylic rearrangement)



## Preparation of Alkyl Halides from Alcohols

- Converting alcohols to alkyl halides is important transformation
- Order of alcohol reactivity: methyl (slowest) < 1° < 2° < 3° (fastest) alkoxide anion is stabilized by induction from R groups



R = H or alkyl

Nucleophilic substitution mechanism: - Methyl and 1° alcohols (SN1) - 2° and 3° alcohols (SN2) Milder Reagents for Alkyl Halide Preparation from Alcohols

Less acidic and less likely to cause acid-catalyzed rearrangements:

R-Cl = Thionyl chloride  $(SOCl_2)$  in pyridine R-Br = Phosphorus tribromide  $(PBr_3)$  in ether at 35°C R-F = Hydrofluoric acid (HF) in pyridine

Works with secondary and tertiary alcohols only

# Grignard Reagents for the Preparation of C-C Bonds

- Alkyl halides (RX) react with Mg metal in ether or THF to produce alkyl magnesium halides (RMgX).
- Product is a "Grignard Reagent" which is good nucleophile (it's a carbanion salt of Mg<sup>+</sup>)
- Since the acidity of hydrocarbons so low (pKa = 44-60), the anions are strong conjugate bases
- Must be protected from moisture or will quickly convert back to hydrocarbon (thus the Grignard reaction has limited utility)
- Large scope of alkyl and halo substrates
  - 1°, 2°, 3° alkyl, alkenyl, aryl
  - Cl (slow), Br, I

#### **The Grignard Reaction**



R = 1°, 2°, 3° alkyl, alkenyl or aryl X = Cl, Br or l



# **Alkyl Halides are Electrophiles**



 Upon treatment with base or nucleophiles alkyl halides will undergo:

Substitution



### Two Types of Nucleophilic Substitution Reactions

S<sub>N</sub>2

<u>Substitution</u> <u>N</u>ucleophilic Bimolecular (2)

Rate = k [RX] [Nuc:]

Complete inversion of configuration of electrophile (concerted mechanism)

#### $S_N 1$

<u>S</u>ubstitution <u>N</u>ucleophilic Unimolecular (<u>1</u>)

Rate = k [RX]

*Mixtures of stereoisomers produced* (planar carbocation intermediate)

# **Nucleophilic Substitution Reaction**

- Discovered by Paul Walden (1896) by observing SM and product optical rotations
- Reactions occur with inversion of configuration
- SN2 and SN1 reactions occuring



## The $S_N 2$ Reaction Mechanism

δ-

<sup>····</sup>Br

δ-

OH



(S)-2-bromobutane



bimolecular transition state accounts for kinetics and stereochemical inversion

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#### Kinetics of Nucleophilic Substitutions

- Kinetics = Reaction Rate = how fast (or slow) reactants are converted to products
- Because reactions rely on molecular collisions, rates are determined by reactant concentrations



- At a given temperature and solvent:
  - If [OH<sup>-</sup>] is doubled, the rate may double
  - If [alkyl bromide] is doubled, the rate may double

# $S_N 2 =$ Second order kinetics = when the rate has a linear dependence on two reactants

# Mathematics of Kinetics

**Reaction rate** = rate of disappearance of reactant (or appearance of products). This is what is measured/ determined experimentally

Rate = k [RX] x [OH<sup>-</sup>]

Units = Liter/mol x second

Where:

[RX] = Molar concentration of alkyl bromide electrophile

[OH<sup>-</sup>] = Molar concentration of OH<sup>-</sup> nucleophile

k = rate constant

#### **Kinetics to Measure Biodiesel Production**



#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Order Kinetics for Biodiesel Production



#### Sterics Affect the Rate of $S_N 2$ reactions

- Nucleophile approaches electrophilic carbon atom at 180° from the leaving group (i.e. backside attack)
- The rate of S<sub>N</sub>2 reactions decrease with increasing substitution (steric hindrance) on electrophile
- Therefore, methyl and 1° alkyl halides are more common substrates for S<sub>N</sub>2 reactions



#### Vinyl and Aryl Halides *do not* React *via* Nucleophilic Substitution



# Strength of Nucleophile Affects the Rate of S<sub>N</sub>2 Reactions

- Nucleophilicity:
  - Imprecise measurement
  - Charged nucleophiles (nuc:-) are often more reactive than neutral nucleophiles (nuc:)

Anionic Nu: - + R-X  $\longrightarrow$  Nu-R + X: -Neutral Nu: + R-X  $\longrightarrow$  Nu-R + X: -

# Nucleophilicity and Basicity

- Nucleophiles are Lewis Bases (e- donors)
- Nucleophilicity parallels Brønsted basicity when comparing those with same attacking atom (stronger base = weaker conjugate acid)
- Nucleophilicity increases going down a column of the periodic table (larger  $e^{-1}$  cloud =  $e^{-1}$ s less bound to nucleus) e.g. HS<sup>-</sup> is 7.8x more reactive of a nucleophile as compared to HO<sup>-</sup> Nu: CH<sub>3</sub>O HO-CH<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>- $H_{2}O$ relative reactivity: 25,000 16,000 500 pKa of the conj. acid: 15.5 15.7 4.7

#### Relative Reactivity of Selected Nucleophiles

 $Nu + H_3C-Br \longrightarrow Nu-CH_3 + Br^$ relative reactivity=  $Nu = H_2O$ 1 CH<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>-500  $NH_3$ 700 Cl-1,000 16,000 HO-25,000 CH<sub>3</sub>O<sup>-</sup> 100,000 I-125,000 N≡C⁻ 125,000 HS-

# The Role of the Leaving Group in S<sub>N</sub>2 Reactions

- Leaving group is displaced by incoming nucleophile and can be neutral or carry a negative charge
- Best leaving groups are those that can stabilize the negative charge (i.e. *via* resonance)
- Good leaving groups are the weak conjugate bases of strong acids (e.g. Cl<sup>-</sup>, Br<sup>-</sup>, l<sup>-</sup>, TsO<sup>-</sup>).
- Poor leaving groups are strong conjugate bases of weak acids (e.g. F<sup>-</sup>, OH<sup>-</sup>, OR<sup>-</sup>, H<sub>2</sub>N<sup>-</sup>) and must be chemically converted to better leaving groups (e.g. OH to OTos or OH to OH<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>)



# Leaving Group Conversion

Convert a poor leaving group to a good one with acid catalyst



Increasing reactivity in  $S_N^2$  reaction

# **Building a Better Electrophile**



- *p*-toluenesulfonate esters or "tosylates" are prepared from alcohols
- They are excellent leaving groups for nucleophilic substitution reactions







# Solvent's Role in S<sub>N</sub>2 Reactions

- Polar vs. Non-Polar Solvents
  - Polar = High dipole moment (water, alcohols, DMSO, etc.)



Non-polar = Low dipole moment (hexanes, dichloromethane, benzene, etc.)

#### Protic vs. Aprotic Solvents

- *Protic* = have acidic hydrogen atoms that form H-bonds (water, alcohols)
- Aprotic = no acidic hydrogen atoms



# Solvation in $S_N 2$ Reactions

- Solvent molecules form a "cage" around reactants and greatly influence their reactivity
- **Protic Solvents:** Selectively solvate and stabilize anion (nucleophile) thus lowering its Free Energy (G) and raising the overall Activation Energy ( $\Delta G^{\ddagger}$ ) of the reaction. *Do not favor S<sub>N</sub>2 reactions.*
- Polar Aprotic Solvents: Selectively solvate and stabilize cation (electrophile), allowing easier reaction with the nucleophile. . Favor S<sub>N</sub>2 reactions.

H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> lowering energy, and thus stabilizing, the anion (*nucleophile*) by H-bond donation

 $H^{O} H^{O} h^{0} h^{+} H^{O} h^{-} h^{+} h^{+} h^{-} h^{-$ 

HMPA stabilizing charge of cation (*electrophile*), easing nucleophilic attack

### Solvent Effects on S<sub>N</sub>2 Reaction



### Organometallic Reagents and Reactions

- Alkyl lithium Reagents
- Gilman Reagents
  - Vinyl coupling
  - Aryl coupling
- Suzuki-Miyuara coupling



# Gilman Reagents for Vinyl and Aryl Coupling



#### Homework

- Chapter 9 (in chapter problems only):
  1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11
- Chapter 10 (in chapter problems only):
  1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11

Chapter 11: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20