Organic Chemistry

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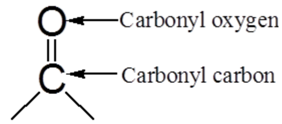
Aldehydes and Ketones

Structure of Aldehydes and Ketones

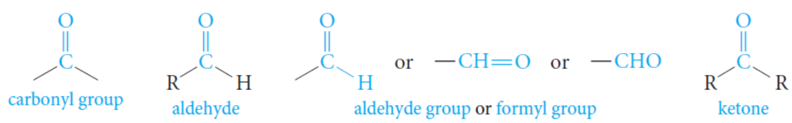
- Aldehydes and ketones are characterized by the presence of the **carbonyl group**.



The carbonyl group

- **Aldehydes** have at least one hydrogen atom attached to the carbonyl carbon atom.
  The remaining group may be another hydrogen atom or any aliphatic or aromatic organic group.
  The -CH=O group characteristic of aldehydes is often called a **formyl group**.

- In **ketones**, the carbonyl carbon atom is connected to two other carbon atoms.

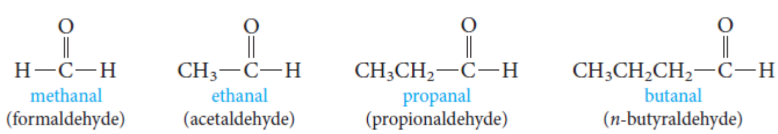


Nomenclature of Aldehydes

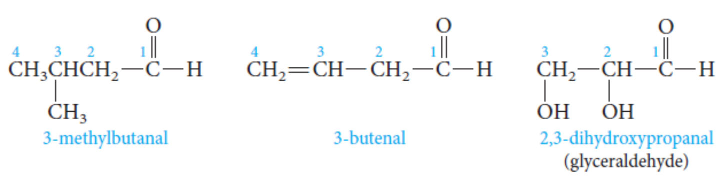
IUPAC System

- ***Aliphatic aldehydes*** *are named by dropping the suffix -e from the name of the hydrocarbon that has the same carbon skeleton as the aldehyde and replacing it with the suffix -al.*

Alkane - e+ *al = Alkanal*



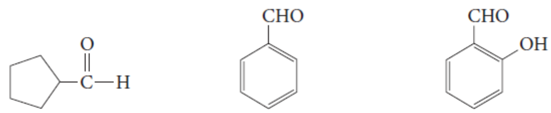
- ***Substituted aldehydes,*** *we number the chain starting with the aldehyde carbon.*
  - *-CH=O group is assigned the number 1 position.*
  - *Aldehyde group has priority over a double bond or hydroxyl group.*



Nomenclature of Aldehydes

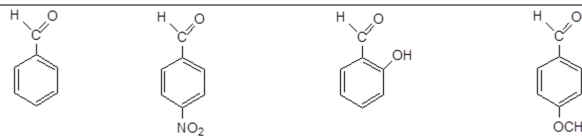
IUPAC System

- *Cyclic aldehydes, the suffix –carbaldehyde is used.*



cyclopentanecarbaldehyde (formylcyclopentane) | benzaldehyde (benzenecarbaldehyde) | salicylaldehyde (2-hydroxybenzenecarbaldehyde)

- *Aromatic aldehydes are usually designated as derivatives of the simplest aromatic aldehyde, benzaldehyde.*

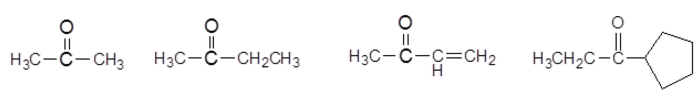


Benzaldehyde | *p*-Nitrobenzaldehyde | *o*-Hydroxybenzaldehyde (Salicylaldehyde) | *p*-Methoxybenzaldehyde (Anisaldehyde)

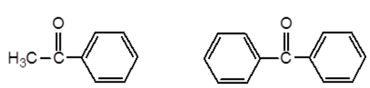
Nomenclature of Ketones

Common Names

- Common names of ketones are formed by adding the word *ketone* to the names of the alkyl or aryl groups attached to the carbonyl carbon. **Alkyl ketone**
- In still other cases, traditional names are used.



Acetone (Dimethyl ketone) | Methyl ethyl ketone | Methyl vinyl ketone | Ethyl cyclopentyl ketone

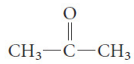


Methyl phenyl ketone (Acetophenone) | Diphenyl ketone (Benzophenone)

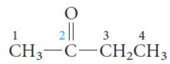
Nomenclature of Ketones

IUPAC Names

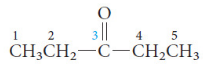
- In the IUPAC system, the ending for ketones is *-one*.
- The chain is numbered so that the carbonyl carbon has the lowest possible number.
- *For cyclic ketones, numbering always starts from the C=O group.*
- *The prefix "oxo" is used when the ketone is not the principal functional group.*



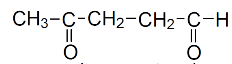
propanone
(acetone)



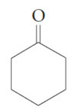
2-butanone
(ethyl methyl ketone)



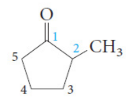
3-pentanone
(diethyl ketone)



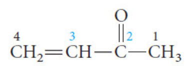
4-oxopentanal



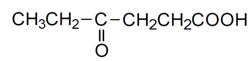
cyclohexanone



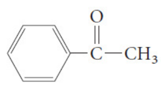
2-methylcyclopentanone



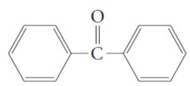
3-buten-2-one
(methyl vinyl ketone)



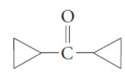
4-oxohexanoic acid



acetophenone
(methyl phenyl ketone)



benzophenone
(diphenyl ketone)



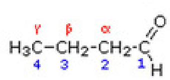
dicyclopropyl ketone

Nomenclature of Aldehydes Ketones

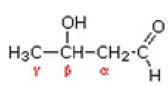
NOTES

- In common names carbon atoms near the carbonyl group are often designated by Greek letters.
- The atom adjacent to the function is *alpha* (α), the next removed is *beta* (β) and so on. Since ketones have two sets of neighboring atoms, one set is labeled α, β etc., and the other α', β' etc.

Aldehydes

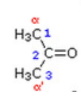


butanal
butyraldehyde



3-hydroxybutanal
β-hydroxybutyraldehyde
or aldol

Ketones



propanone
acetone

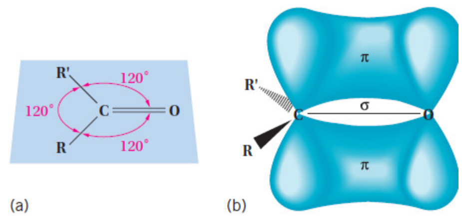
2-bromo-4,4-dimethylcyclohexanone

- The functional group priority order in nomenclature system is as following:
Acid and derivatives >aldehyde> ketone> alcoho > amine > alkene > alkyne > ether

The Carbonyl Group

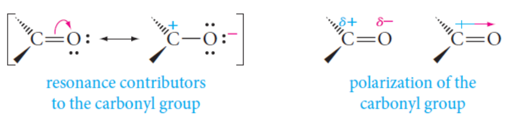
- To best understand the reactions of aldehydes, ketones, and other carbonyl compounds, we must first appreciate **the structure and properties of the carbonyl group**.

- The carbon–oxygen double bond consists of a sigma bond and a pi bond.
- The carbon atom is sp^2-hybridized. *The three atoms attached to the carbonyl carbon lie in a plane with bond angles of 120°.*
- The pi bond is formed by overlap of a *p* orbital on carbon with an oxygen *p* orbital.
- There are also two unshared electron pairs on the oxygen atom.
- The C=O bond distance is 1.24A, shorter than the C-O distance in alcohols and ethers (1.43A) .

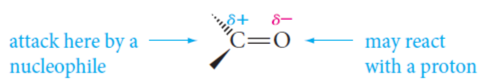


The Carbonyl Group

- Oxygen is much more electronegative than carbon. Therefore, the electrons in the C=O bond are attracted to the oxygen, producing a highly polarized bond.



- As a consequence of this polarization, *most carbonyl reactions involve* nucleophilic attack *at the carbonyl carbon,* often accompanied by addition of a proton to the oxygen (electron rich).



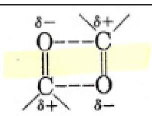
Physical Properties of Aldehydes and Ketones

- Boiling Points

- Carbonyl compounds boil at higher temperatures than hydrocarbons, but at lower temperatures than alcohols of comparable molecular weight.

$CH_3(CH_2)_4CH_3$	$CH_3(CH_2)_3CH{=}O$	$CH_3(CH_2)_3CH_2OH$
hexane (bp 69°C)	pentanal (bp 102°C)	pentanol (bp 118°C)

- This is due to the intermolecular forces of attraction, called dipole-dipole interactions, which is stronger than van der Waals attractions but not as strong as hydrogen bonds.

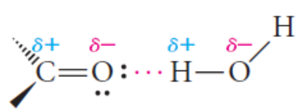


Dipole-dipole attractions among carbonyl compounds

Physical Properties of Aldehydes and Ketones

- Solubility

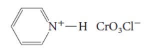
- Carbonyl compounds as aldehydes and ketones have a C=O bond, but no O-H bond, cannot form hydrogen bonds with themselves.
- The polarity of the carbonyl group also affects the solubility properties of aldehydes and ketones.
- Carbonyl compounds with low molecular weights are soluble in water as they can form hydrogen bonds with O-H or N-H compounds.



Preparation of Aldehydes and Ketones

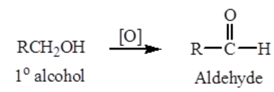
1) Oxidation of Primary and Secondary Alcohols

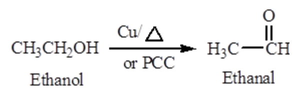
- Chromium reagents, such as pyridinium chlorochromate (PCC), are commonly used in the laboratory.



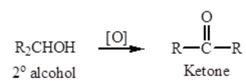
pyridinium chlorochromate (PCC)

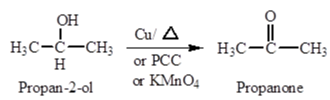
- Oxidation of primary alcohols, under controlled conditions, yields aldehydes.





- Oxidation of secondary alcohols yields ketones.

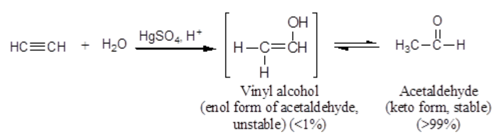




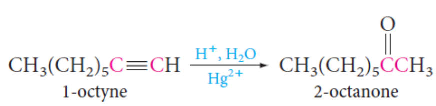
Preparation of Aldehydes and Ketones

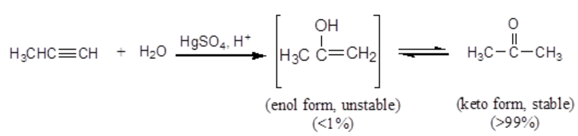
2) Hydration of Alkynes

- Hydration of acetylene yields acetaldehyde (catalyzed by acid and mercuric).



- Hydration of terminal alkynes EXCEPT acetylene yields ketones (catalyzed by acid and mercuric).





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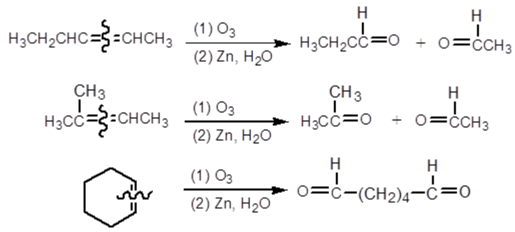
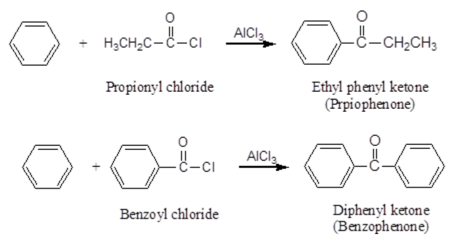
3) Ozonolysis of Alkenes

- Product (aldehyde or ketone) depends on the structure of alkene.



4) Friedel-Crafts Acylation

- Preparing ketones that contain an aromatic ring.

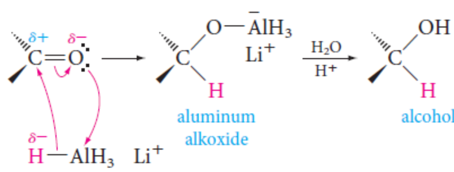


Reactions of Aldehydes and Ketones

A) Reduction of Carbonyl Compounds

- Aldehydes and ketones are easily reduced to primary and secondary alcohols, respectively.

- The most common metal hydrides used to reduce carbonyl compounds are lithium aluminum hydride ($LiAlH_4$) and sodium borohydride ($NaBH_4$).



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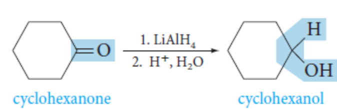
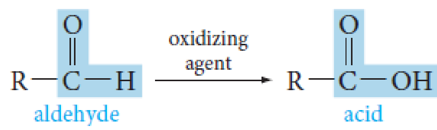


Reactions of Aldehydes and Ketones

B) Oxidation of Carbonyl Compounds

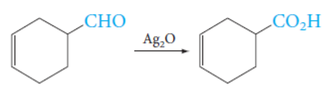
- Oxidation of aldehydes gives a carboxylic acid with the same number of carbon atoms.

- Because the reaction occurs easily, many oxidizing agents, such as KmNO4, CrO3, Ag2O and peracids will work.



- Examples:

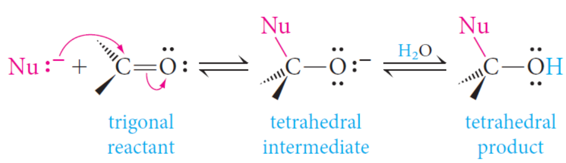
$$CH_3(CH_2)_5CH{=}O \xrightarrow[\text{(Jones' reagent)}]{CrO_3,\ H^+} CH_3(CH_2)_5CO_2H$$



Reactions of Aldehydes and Ketones

C) Nucleophilic Addition Reactions

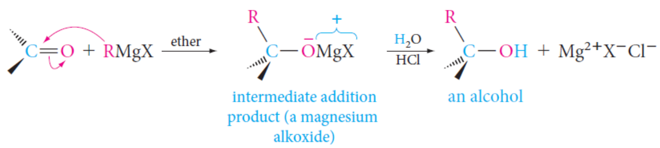
- Nucleophiles attack the carbon atom of a carbon-oxygen double bond because that carbon has a partial positive charge.
- The overall reaction involves addition of a nucleophile and a proton across the pi bond of the carbonyl group (when carried out in alcohol or water).

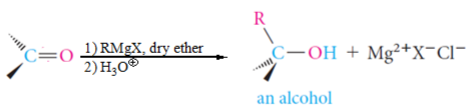


Reactions of Aldehydes and Ketones

1) Addition of Grignard Reagents: Formation of Alcohols

- *Grignard reagents act as carbon nucleophiles toward carbonyl compounds.*
- The reaction of a Grignard reagent with a carbonyl compound provides a useful route to alcohols.

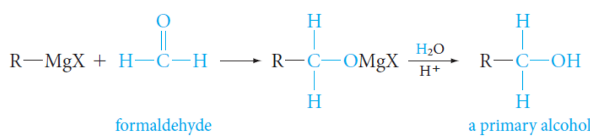




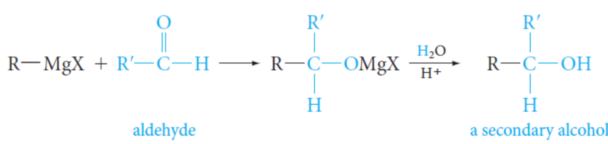
- The type of carbonyl compound chosen determines the class of alcohol produced.

Reactions of Aldehydes and Ketones

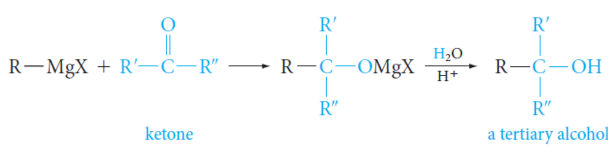
- ***Formaldehyde gives primary alcohols.***



- ***Other aldehydes give secondary alcohols***



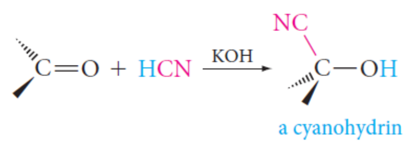
- ***Ketones give tertiary alcohols.***



Reactions of Aldehydes and Ketones

2) Addition of Hydrogen Cyanide: Formation of Cyanohydrins

- Hydrogen cyanide adds to the carbonyl group of aldehydes and ketones to form cyanohydrins, compounds with a hydroxyl and a cyano group attached to the same carbon.



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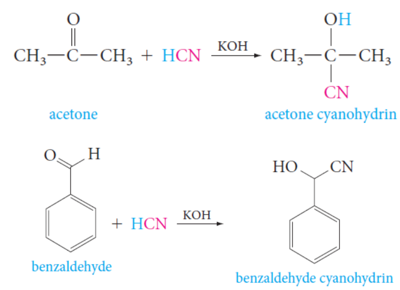
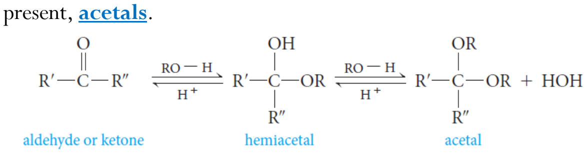


Reactions of Aldehydes and Ketones

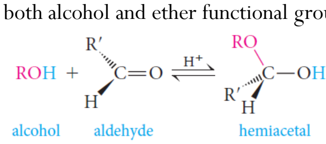
3) Addition of Alcohols: Formation of Hemiacetals and Acetals

- *Alcohols add to the C=O bond, the OR group becoming attached to the carbon and the proton becoming attached to the oxygen.*

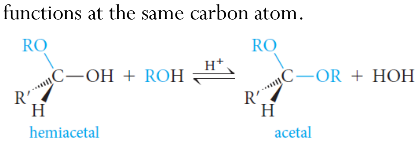
- Aldehydes and ketones react with alcohols to form, first, **hemiacetals** and then, if excess alcohol is present, **acetals**.



- **Hemiacetals;** it contains both alcohol and ether functional groups on the same carbon atom.



- **Acetals** have two ether functions at the same carbon atom.



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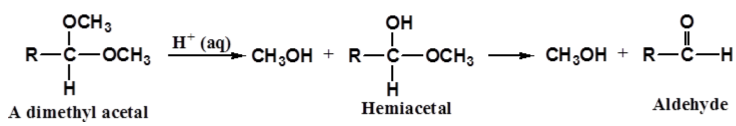
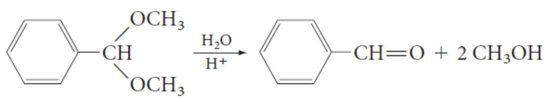
3) Addition of Alcohols: Formation of Hemiacetals and Acetals

- The reverse of acetal formation, called acetal hydrolysis.
- Acetal can be hydrolyzed to its aldehyde or ketone and alcohol components by treatment with excess water in the presence of an acid catalyst.





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4) Addition of Ammonia and Ammonia Derivatives

- The addition of nitrogen nucleophile, such as ammonia(NH_3) and substituted ammonia (NH_2-Y).