Preparation of Aldehydes (Review)

• Aldehydes can be prepared by the hydroboration of terminal alkynes, which follows anti-Markovnikov addition of water across the triple bond.

• PCC Oxidation of 1° alcohols will provide aldehydes. Most other oxidation reagents are too powerful and will go directly to the carboxylic acid.

• DIBAL-H reduction of esters and acid chlorides provides aldehydes following an aqueous workup.

Preparation of Ketones (Review)

• Hydration of a terminal or internal alkyne provides the ketone product.



- Oxidation of secondary alcohols using  $M_2Cr_2O_7$  or  $CrO_3$  in the presence of aqueous sulfuric acid provides ketones.



Addition of Nitrogen Nucleophiles

- Addition of 1° amines to aldehydes and ketones provides imine products.
  - The reaction is usually carried in the presence of a trace acid.
    - Common acids include TsOH, HCl, H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>



- Addition of 2° amines provides an enamine product.
  - $\circ$   $\;$  The reaction is usually carried in the presence of a trace acid.
  - Common acids include TsOH, HCl, H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>

 $\begin{array}{c} O \\ HCl \\ R(H) \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} N \\ H \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c} HCl \\ R(H) \\ enamine \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} H_2O \\ R(H) \\ enamine \end{array}$ 

Addition of H<sub>2</sub>O – Hydration of Aldehydes and Ketones

- Addition of water to aldehydes and ketones is catalyzed by either acid or base.
- The reaction is an equilibrium process. Less stable carbonyl compounds, such as aldehydes favor the hydration product while more stable carbonyl compounds, such as ketones favor the carbonyl compound.



• Electron withdrawing groups on the carbonyl carbon will destabilize the carbonyl and result in a higher percentage of hydrate.

Addition of Alcohols to Aldehydes and Ketones

- The reaction is an equilibrium process.
- The reaction is catalyzed with acid.
- Removal of water during the course of the reaction or an excess of one of the reagents drives the reaction to favor products.
- Addition of the first equivalent of alcohol provides a hemiacetal. Addition of the second equivalent of alcohols gives the acetal.

 $\begin{array}{c} O \\ H^{+} \\ R(H) \end{array} \begin{array}{c} H^{+} \\ R' - OH \end{array} \begin{array}{c} HO \\ R(H) \\ hemiacetal \end{array} \begin{array}{c} H^{+} \\ R' - OH \end{array} \begin{array}{c} R'O \\ R' \\ R' - OH \end{array} \begin{array}{c} OR' \\ R' \\ R(H) \\ acetal \end{array}$ 

• Acetals can be hydrolyzed in the presence of acid and an excess of water.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} R'O & OR' & H^+ & O \\ \hline R(H) & H_2O & R(H) \end{array} + 2 HOR'$$

• Cyclic acetals are commonly used as carbonyl protecting groups.



## The Wittig Reaction

• The Wittig reaction is used to convert aldehydes and ketones to alkenes.

- The driving force of the Wittig reaction is formation of the Ph<sub>3</sub>P=O byproduct which has a strong phosphorus oxygen double bond.
- While there are ways to get selectivity in Wittig reactions, for this class we will just assume you get a mixture of *E* and *Z* double bonds.
- The Wittig reagent "ylide" is prepared from an alkyl halide and PPh<sub>3</sub> followed by treating with a base such as butyllithium.

 $R^{\land}X + PPh_3 \longrightarrow R^{\curvearrowleft}PPh_3 + X^{\ominus} \xrightarrow{BuLi} R^{\curvearrowleft}PPh_3$ 

• Methyl and primary alkyl halides work best. Secondary alkyl halides also work, but tertiary do not.