

Fundamentals of Organic Chemistry CHEM 108

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Aldehydes & Ketones



Common Classes of Carbonyl Compounds

Class	General Formula	Class	General Formula
Ketones	R R'	Aldehydes	R H
Carboxylic acids	ROH	Acid Chlorides	R C CI
Esters	R O R'	Amides	R° NH ₂

Aldehydes & Ketones





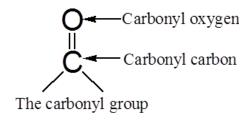
- Carbon is sp² hybridized.
- \circ C=O bond is shorter, stronger, and more polar than C=C bond in alkenes.

		length	energy
R :	ketone C=O bond	1.23 Å	178 kcal/mol (745 kJ/mol)
R 120°	alkene C=C bond	1.34 Å	146 kcal/mol (611 kJ/mol)

Structure of Aldehydes and Ketones



Aldehydes and ketones are characterized by the presence of 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.
- \circ In $\mathsf{ketones}$, the carbonyl carbon atom is connected to two other carbon atoms.



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.

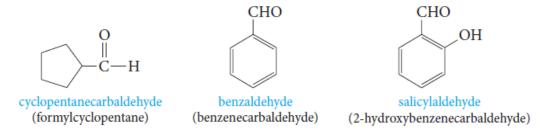
Alkane -e+al = Alkanal



IUPAC System

- O 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.

Cyclic aldehydes, the suffix -carbaldehyde is used.





IUPAC System

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



Common Names

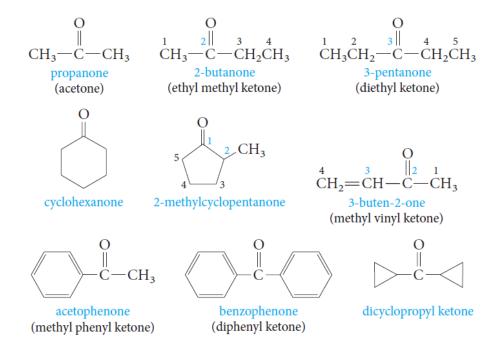
- Common names of ketones are formed by adding the word ketone to the names of the alkyl or aryl groups attached to the carbonyl carbon. Alkyl ketone.
- In still other cases, traditional names are used.

Nomenclature of Ketones



IUPAC System

- 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.



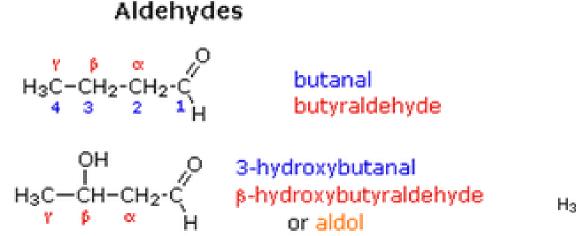
$$\begin{array}{ccc} CH_3-C-CH_2-CH_2-C-H_3\\ \parallel & \parallel \\ O & O\\ 4-oxopentanal \end{array}$$

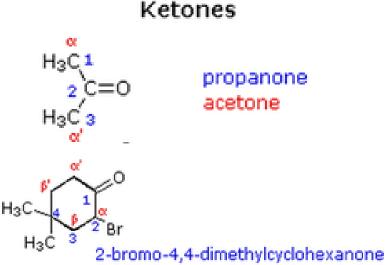
Nomenclature of Aldehydes Ketones



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.





The functional group priority order in nomenclature system is as following:

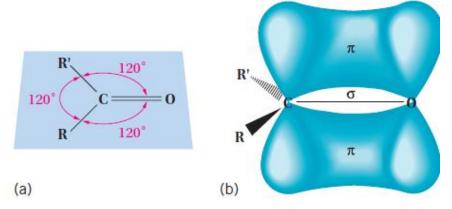
Acid and derivatives >aldehyde> ketone> alcoho > amine > alkene > alkyne > ether

The Carbonyl Group



The structure and properties of the carbonyl group.

- > The carbon-oxygen double bond consists of a sigma bond and a pi bond.
- \triangleright The carbon atom is sp²-hybridized. The three atoms attached to the carbonyl carbon lie in a plane with bond angles of 120°.
- \succ 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).

attack here by a
$$\longrightarrow$$
 $C=O$ \longleftarrow may react with a proton

Physical Properties of Aldehydes and Ketones saud University

Boiling Points

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

$$CH_3(CH_2)_4CH_3$$
 $CH_3(CH_2)_3CH$ $CH_3(CH_2)_3CH_2OH$ hexane (bp 69°C) pentanal (bp 102°C) $CH_3(CH_2)_3CH_2OH$

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

Dipole-dipole attractions among carbonyl compounds

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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.

$$C = O : \cdots H - O$$

1) Oxidation of Primary and Secondary Alcohols Aldehydes and Ketones

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

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

RCH₂OH
$$[O]$$
 R $-C$ H

1° alcohol Aldehyde

CH₃CH₂OH Cu/Δ or PCC CH

Ethanol Ethanal

1) Oxidation of Primary and Secondary Alcohols Aldehydes and Ketones

Oxidation of secondary alcohols yields ketones.

2) Hydration of Alkynes

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

2) Hydration of Alkynes

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

CH₃(CH₂)₅C
$$\equiv$$
CH $\xrightarrow{H^+, H_2O}$ CH₃(CH₂)₅CCH₃
1-octyne 2-octanone

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.

$$+ H_3CH_2C - C - CI \xrightarrow{AICI_3} C - CH_2CH_3$$
Propionyl chloride
$$+ C - CI \xrightarrow{AICI_3} C - CH_2CH_3$$
Ethyl phenyl ketone (Prpiophenone)
$$+ C - CI \xrightarrow{AICI_3} C - CI$$
Benzoyl chloride
$$- C - CI \xrightarrow{AICI_3} C - CI$$
Diphenyl ketone (Benzophenone)

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 (LiAlH₄) and sodium borohydride (NaBH₄).

• Example:

B) Oxidation of Carbonyl Compounds

- Oxidation of aldehydes gives a carboxylic acid with the same number of carbon atoms.
- \circ Because the reaction occurs easily, many oxidizing agents, such as KMnO₄, CrO₃, Ag₂O and peracids will work.

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
C & \text{oxidizing} \\
R - C - H & \xrightarrow{\text{agent}} & R - C - OH \\
\text{aldehyde} & \text{acid}
\end{array}$$

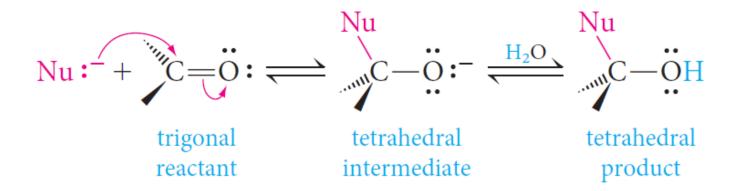
Example:

$$CH_{3}(CH_{2})_{5}CH = O \xrightarrow{CrO_{3}, H^{+}} CH_{3}(CH_{2})_{5}CO_{2}H$$

$$CHO \xrightarrow{Ag_{2}O} CO_{2}H$$

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).



C) Nucleophilic Addition Reactions

1) Addition of Grignard Reagents: Formation of Alcohols

- o 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.

C) Nucleophilic Addition Reactions

1) Addition of Grignard Reagents: Formation of Alcohols

Formaldehyde gives primary alcohols.

$$R - MgX + H - C - H \longrightarrow R - C - OMgX \xrightarrow[H_2O]{H_2O} R - C - OH$$
formaldehyde
$$R - MgX \xrightarrow[H_2O]{H_2O} R - C - OH$$

$$R - C - OH$$

Other aldehydes give secondary alcohols

Ketones give tertiary alcohols.

$$R-MgX + R'-C-R'' \longrightarrow R-C-OMgX \xrightarrow{H_2O} R-C-OH$$

$$R''$$

$$R$$

C) Nucleophilic Addition Reactions

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.

$$C = O + HCN \xrightarrow{KOH} C - OH$$

a cyanohydrin

Example

$$\begin{array}{c} O \\ CH_3-C-CH_3 + HCN & \xrightarrow{KOH} CH_3-C-CH_3 \\ \\ acetone & acetone cyanohydrin \\ O \longrightarrow H & HO \longrightarrow CN \\ \\ benzaldehyde & benzaldehyde cyanohydrin \\ \end{array}$$

C) Nucleophilic Addition Reactions

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, <u>hemiacetals</u> and then, if excess alcohol is present, <u>acetals</u>.

C) Nucleophilic Addition Reactions

3) Addition of Alcohols: Formation of Hemiacetals and Acetals

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

$$\begin{array}{c} ROH + R' \\ H \end{array} = C = O \xrightarrow{H^+} RO \\ R' H \end{array}$$
alcohol aldehyde hemiacetal

Acetals have two ether functions at the same carbon atom.

$$RO$$
 $C-OH + ROH \xrightarrow{H^+} RO$
 $R'H$
 $R'H$

C) Nucleophilic Addition Reactions

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.

$$CH_3$$
 H_2O
 $CH = O + 2 CH_3OH$
 OCH_3

C) Nucleophilic Addition Reactions

4) Addition of Ammonia and Ammonia Derivatives

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

$$c=0 + H_2N-Y \xrightarrow{H^+} c=N-Y + H_2O$$

