Alcohols Phenols

Chemical nomenclature

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δ+'

 δ_{+}

basic reactivity of alcohols:

1. formation of alcoholates (salts)

- for removal of proton a stronger base is needed than is basicity of the alcoxide anion

formation of alcoxide

 $CH_3CH_2-OH \longrightarrow CH_3CH_2-O^- Na^+ + H$ sodium ethoxide

- BH

 $CH_3CH_2CH_2-OH + CH_3CH_2-Mg-CI \longrightarrow CH_3CH_2CH_2-O^- MgCl^+ + CH_3CH_3$

 $CH_3CH_2-OH + NaH \longrightarrow CH_3CH_2-O^- Na^+ + H_2$

propoxide magnesium chloride

Acidity of alcohols

Alkohol	pK _a
methanol	15,1
ethanol	15,9
propanol	16,1
<i>i</i> - propanol	17,1
<i>t</i> - butanol	19,2

The lower is pK_a , the stronger is the acid

Acidity is influenced by the structure of the alcohol

Alcohols are relatively week acids, less acidic than water

Compare the acidity with other acids and take to considation, that the more acidic is the acid, the less acidic is its conjugated base

acidity is growing

Physical properties of alcohols and comparison with hydrocarbons

Uhlovodík	Teplota varu [°C]	Alkohol	Teplota varu [°C]
methan	- 161	methanol	64
ethan	- 88	ethanol	78
propan	- 42	propanol	79
butan	- 0,5	butanol	118
pentan	36	pentanol	138
hexan	68	hexanol	156
heptan	98	heptanol	176

Formation of hydrogen bonding (various types)





formation of agregates

Spektral analysis – Infrared spectrum

During measurement of the spectrum the compound is irradiated and interaction with the radiation is observed. The way the energy interacts with the matter depends upon the wavelength. Relation between wavelenght and energy is given by Planck equation:

$$\mathsf{E} = \mathsf{h} \cdot \mathsf{v} = \mathsf{h} \cdot \frac{\mathsf{c}}{\lambda} -$$

E is energy

- h Planck constant
- c rate of light in vacuum
- v frequence of radiation
- λ wavelength

Spectrum is record of absorbance dependence upon the wavelength of radiation

$$A = -\log \frac{I}{I_0} = \varepsilon \cdot c .$$

$$A = -\log \frac{I}{I_0} = -\log T$$

$$T = \frac{I}{I_0}$$

- A is absorbance I_o,I intensities of light before and after passing the measured matter
- ϵ molar extinction coeficient
- c molar concentration of measured matter
- I thickness of the meassured layer in cm
- T transmittance

Dependence of energy upon the wavelenght and possible spectra in shown regions



Energy of infrared wavelenght is small (between 4-40 kJ/mol) and corresponding is also small interaction of waves with molecules.

After irradiation molecules are exicitated from their basic vibration states to excitated states. Different energy difference corresponds to various bonds, which shows absorption at different wavelength.



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basic reactivity of alcohols:

nucleophilic substitution of hydroxy group
 for the substitution acid catalyst is needed

 $CH_3CH_2-OH + Na^+I^- \longrightarrow CH_3CH_2-I + Na^+OH^-$

even strong iodide anion is not able to substitute OH group, because strong leaving nucleophile is pushing the reaction back

 $CH_{3}CH_{2}-OH + HI \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} CH_{3}CH_{2} \rightarrow O - H \\ H \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{-H_{2}O} CH_{3}CH_{2}-I$ The nucle

As an acid may serve also Lewis acid:

 AI_2O_3 , $ZnCI_2$, BF_3

The nucleophility of the leaving OH anion was neutralized by acid (leaving water is a weak

nucleophile)



basic reactivity of alcohols:

2. nucleophilic substitution of OH

into an easy leaving group



For the substitution of hydroxy group for a halogen serve very often halogenides of sulfur and phosphorus (these at first are forming esters with alcohols and released halogen anion). The ester group in the form of anion belong to the very good leaving groups and therefore are substituted by mentioned halogen anion.





basic ways of transformation:

3. water elimination

acid catalysed reactions are characteristic for *t*-alcohols (here they compet with substitution), secondary and primarily need harsh conditions

they obey Saytzeff rule (thermodynamical^colefines are formed)





basic ways of transformation:

3. water elimination

acid catalysed dehydratations are characteristic also for the compounds where by elimination can be create a double bond in conjugation with already existing double bond



Hydroxy compounds

OXIDATION OF ALCOHOL



Oxidation agents:

Na₂Cr₂O₇ / acetic acid / water (cheap oxid.agent),

CrO₃/ H₂SO₄ / water

PCC (pyridinium-chlorchromate) / dichlormethane (very good agent)

Hydroxy compounds

Dioles

1,2 – dioles = glycoles

Reactive compound, which under various conditions can create several types of products:

formation of epoxides



glycoles with *t*-carbon atoms can undergo in an acidic medium pinacol rearrangement





PHENOLES



reactivity of phenols:

- 1. acidity of hydrogen atom
- 2. ability to react in *o* and *p* position activated for S_EAr
- ability to react with nucleophile in neigbourhood of oxygen atom is very limited

Phenoles are able to form salts – phenolates even with weak bases and in water



Phenol	pK _a
phenol	9,88
p-cresol	10,17
o-cresol	10,20
p-methoxyphenol	10,21
p-cyanophenol	7,95
p-chlorophenol	9,20
p-nitrophenol	7,15
2,4-dinitrophenol	3,95
2,4,6-trinitrophenol	0,37
1-naphtol	9,30
2-naphtol	9,55

!!! compare acidity with alcohol !!!

pK _a ethanol 15,9

Acidity of phenols

INFLUENCE OF SUBSTITUTION



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Donating group is directing entrance of electrophile to *ortho-* or *para*-position

Hydroxy group, in comparison with donating methyl group is stronger donor. You can notice –I efect, but +M efect is prevailing for stabilization σ –complex in ortho and para pozition and therefore is directing to these positions.

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Proof



the bond between carbon atom of alifatic system undergoes splitting (but no bond between oxygen and sp² carbon atom)



very easy proceeds oxidation of dihydroxy compounds under formation of **QUINONES**



Quinones are important also in biological systems

Their redox properties are playing important role in cells; they are biochemical oxidation agents (they transfer electrones during energy creation)



Ethers

Nomenclature

alkylalkylether dimethylether

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diethylether CH_3-CH_2-O-CH_2CH_3
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prefix **alkoxy-** (the base for the name is the bigger part of molecule)

 $CH_3 - O - CH_2CH_2CH_2COOCH_2CH_3$

ethyl-4-methoxybutanoate



Ethery

Ethery jsou těkavé látky: srovnej teplotu varu s teplotou varu alkoholu



Ethers



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ethers belong to **low reactive compounds** and therefore are often used as solvents

expected reactivity :

- 1. interaction of free electron pairs with electrophiles
- elektron gap at C atom in the neigbourhood of oxygen offers possibility of nucleophilic atack
- 3. hydrogen atom in β -position may be attacked by a base in elimination reactions