#### Chapter 19

#### Figure 19.1

 Major classes of reduction reactions in organic chemistry



## Hydrogenation and catalysts

- the most active (and widely used) catalysts are Ni, Pd and Pt, in increasing order of reactivity
- chiral ruthenium and rhodium catalysts are very useful in asymmetric hydrogenations





# Reactivity of substrates in catalytic hydrogenation

- alkynes are most reactive; carboxylic acids and amides are essentially inert
- catalyst activity can be modulated by appropriate use of catalyst poisons (e.g. diphenyl sulfide)



## Figure 19.2

The initial step of catalytic hydrogenation is the chemisorption of the alkene on the catalyst surface. If one face of the double bond is blocked from close approach to the metal surface so efficient orbital overlap between the  $\pi$  bond and the metal atoms cannot occur, hydrogenation will occur from the other side.





## Hydrogenation where the two faces of the $\pi$ bond are not equivalent





## Table 19.1: Hydrogenations over Pd



## Table 19.1: Hydrogenations over Pt



## Table 19.1: Hydrogenations over Ni



## Table 19.1: Hydrogenations over Rh and Ru



# Figure 19.3: Accepted mechanism for hydrogenation

- 1) chemisorption of hydrogen on the metal surface to give metal-hydrogen bonds (**19.11**).
- chemisorption of the alkene on the surface to give metal-carbon bonds by syn addition to the p bond (this also anchors the alkene to the metal so that the two faces of the alkene are differentiated) (19.12).
- 3) stereospecific replacement of the metal in one metal-carbon bond by hydrogen to give a carbon-hydrogen bond with retention of configuration at carbon (**19.13**).
- 4) stereospecific replacement of the metal in the other metal-carbon bond by hydrogen with retention of configuration at carbon (**19.14**).







- Mechanism whereby isomerization of the  $\pi$  bond regiochemistry or stereochemistry may occur

## Stereochemistry of hydrogenation



 the addition of hydrogen is either stereospecific, and suprafacial (*syn*), or highly stereoselective in favor of suprafacial addition of H<sub>2</sub>.

# Table 19.2: Relative ease of hydrogenation of functional groups

Approx. Rank	Functional Group	Reduction Product	Approx. Rank	Functional Group	Reduction Product
1	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	∽∽−-{⊂ H	7	ArOR	Ar — H
2	-NO <sub>2</sub>	-NH <sub>2</sub>	8	North Contraction	OH
3 <sup>b</sup>		H H	9		
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5°	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	OH ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	11	0 ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	H HN HN
6	~~−C≡N	H MH <sub>2</sub> H	12		$\bigcirc$

<sup>a</sup>The order is catalyst-dependent. Functional groups not listed (e.g. carboxylate anions) are considered resistant to hydrogenation. <sup>b</sup>The high level of reactivity of alkynes is due to the much stronger chemisorption of the alkyne on the catalyst surface. <sup>c</sup>Fe<sup>2+</sup> or Fe<sup>3+</sup> is required as an accelerator with Pt. Pd often leads to decarbonylation competing with hydrogenation

### Figure 19.5





 The proposed catalytic cycle for homogeneous hydrogenation over Wilkinson's catalyst



• catalyst is highly efficient at hydrogenating tetrasubstituted double bonds

## Reaction Synopses: Catalytic hydrogenation



[H]:  $H_2$ ;  $NH_4OCHO$ ,  $HCO_2H$ ; cyclohexene;  $R_2CHOH$ ; etc.

catalyst: Ni; PtO<sub>2</sub>; Pd; Os; Ru; etc; heterogeneous catalysts may be powders or supported metals (on C, BaSO<sub>4</sub>, CaCO<sub>3</sub>, etc) (Ph<sub>3</sub>P)<sub>3</sub>RhCl; etc. Stereochemistry: *syn* (suprafacial).

#### Hydrogenation of alkynes to alkenes

- a poisoned palladium catalyst is used
- the most common poisons are lead and the aromatic amine, quinoline
- a modern "green" alternative relies on poly(ethyleneimine), PEI, as the catalyst poison, and does not require lead compounds



#### **Rosenmund reduction**



 the palladium catalyst is frequently modified by a sulfur compound

## More Rosenmund reductions

- the reduction generates HCl as a by-product
- this leads to variable results
- replacement of the quinoline-sulfur poison by tertiary amines allows the HCl to be intercepted, and also allows the quinolinesulfur to be replaced: this "greens" the reaction
- the palladium catalyst itself may also be modified by heating at 140°C prior to use



#### Hydrogenation to amines

- amines can be obtained by hydrogenation of
  - oximes
  - nitro groups
  - azides
  - nitriles
  - imines
- hydrogenation of nitriles is frequently complicated by the formation of primary, secondary, or tertiary amines from the nitrile, depenmding on the catalyst and exact reaction conditions



### Reaction synopses: Hydrogenation of alkynes

(*a*) To saturated systems

 $R \longrightarrow R \xrightarrow{[H]} R \xrightarrow{[H]} R$ 

Reagents: see hydrogenation of alkenes

(b) To Z-alkenes

catalyst: Pd-CaCO<sub>3</sub>, PbCO<sub>3</sub>; Pd-CaCO<sub>3</sub>, PbSO<sub>4</sub>; Pd-Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, PbSO<sub>4</sub>; etc. H<sub>2</sub>, Pd-BaSO<sub>4</sub>, PbSO<sub>4</sub>, quinoline (Lindlar Pd);  $H_{2}$ , Pd-CaCO<sub>3</sub>, PbSO<sub>4</sub>, quinoline (Lindlar Pd); Pd-PEI, MeOH/dioxane is a green alternative.

## Reaction synopses: Rosenmund reduction



Reagent:  $X=Cl, H_2, Pd-BaSO_4, S, quinoline;$  $H_2, Pd-C, R_3N; H_2, Pd-C^*; etc.$ X=triazine ester,  $H_2$ , Pd-BaSO<sub>4</sub>; etc.

## Transfer hydrogenation



- common hydrogen donors: isopropyl alcohol, cyclohexene and cyclohexadiene, ammonium formate, formic acid, boranes
- popular in industry because it does not require gaseous hydrogen, and thus reduces a major hazard for fire or explosion

#### **Reductive** amination



#### Figure 19.6



• Ionic hydrogenation of representative alkenes shows that only those alkenes that can give relatively unreactive carbocations on protonation will give hydrogenation products.

## Ionic hydrogenation

- reaction requires initial protonation of the π bond, or complexation with a strong Lewis acid catalyst
- hydride donors may be silanes or Hantzsch esters



## Reaction synopses: Transfer hydrogenation



Reagents: H-donor: cyclohexene, cyclohexadiene, phellandrene, etc; *i*-PrOH, etc.; HCO<sub>2</sub>H, HCO<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>4</sub>, etc.; Catalyst: Heterogeneous: Pd-C preferred; Cozeolites; etc. Homogeneous: Ru, Rh, Pd complexes; etc.

# Reaction synopses: lonic hydrogenation

X: NR<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>, CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>> OH<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> > OAc > OR > OH  $\approx$  NR<sub>2</sub>

catalyst: Pd preferred; Ni, Pt may be used To suppress hydrogenolysis, use Rh, Ru. regiochemistry of hydrogenolysis of cyclopropane contre substituent groups on ring stereochemistry: inversion with Pd, retention Ni; Pt varie

## Hydrogenolysis

- allylic, benzylic, and a substituents of carbonyl compounds are all susceptible to cleavage with hydrogen
- Pd is the preferred catalyst
- activity of leaving groups is as shown below:

 $NR_3 > OR > NR_2$ 



[H] = H<sub>2</sub>, Pd-C; H<sub>2</sub>, Ni; etc.

$$HO - Ph < BO - Ph < ArO - Ph < BO - Ph < BO$$

# Hydrogenolysis: Reactivity and stereochemistry

- Hydrogenolysis of quaternary benzylammonium ion proceeds much more rapidly than hydrogenolysis of the benzyl ether
- hydrogenolysis over nickel occurs with retention of configuration
- hydrogenolysis over palladium results in predominant (but not exclusive) inversion of configuration



# Table 19.3: Stereochemical outcome of hydrogenolysis experiments

X	×	catalyst	→ () , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	→ → H
X=OH		Pt	76	24
	X=OH	Pt	74	26
X=OH		10% Pd-C	80	20
	X=OH	10% Pd-C	90	10
X=OH		Ra-Ni	100	0
	X=OH	Ra-Ni	0	100
X=OAc		Pt	0	100
	X=OAc	Pt	100	0
X=OAc		10% Pd-C	0	100
	X=OAc	10% Pd-C	100	0
X=OAc		Ra-Ni	0	100
	X=OAc	Ra-Ni	100	0
X=OMe		Ra-Ni	100	0
6 <u></u>	X=OMe	Ra-Ni	0	100

## Figure 19.7



 Chemisorption of a cyclopropane onto a metal surface

## Representative hydrogenolysis reactions

- Hydrogenolysis of cyclopropanes most probably occurs through an intermediate metallocyclobutane
- Hydrogenolysis of threemembered rings in propellanes is almost stereorandom
- Hydrogenolysis of the threemembered ring in polycyclic cyclopropyl ketones and acid derivatives leads to cleavage of the axial C—C bond at the α carbon



## **Reductive desulfurization**



- W2 Raney nickel is the best reagent for carrying out this reaction
- nickel boride also serves as a suitable catalyst
- this reaction serves as a non-basic alternative to the Wolff-Kishner reduction

#### Reaction synopses: Hydrogenolysis



X: NR<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>, CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>>OH<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>>OAc>OR>OH $\approx$ NR<sub>2</sub>

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