#### Chapter 20

#### Hydride reducing agents

- the reduction of this non-conjugated ketone gives different products depending on the method of reduction used
- the base strength of hydride anion is mitigated by forming a complex with a Lewis acid



### Table 20.1

|   | Reducing<br>Agent                      | Acronym<br>or<br>Trade<br>Name | R CI    | O<br>R H | O<br>R R'                | OR'     | R <sup>NR'2</sup> | OH<br>R O | N≣C-R           | NR"<br>R R'              | R<br>R       |
|---|--|--------------------------------|---------|----------|--------------------------|---------|-------------------|-----------|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------|
|   | LiAlH <sub>4</sub>                     | LAH                            | OH<br>R | OH<br>R  | OH<br>R <sup>∕</sup> R'  | OH<br>R | NR'2              | OH<br>R   | NH <sub>2</sub> | HNR"<br>R <sup></sup> R' |              |
|   | NaAl(OR) <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> * | Red-Al® or<br>Vitride™         | OH<br>R | OH<br>R  | OH<br>R∕⊂R'              | OH<br>R | NR'2<br>R         | OH<br>R   |                 | HNR"<br>R <sup></sup> R' | OH<br>A<br>R |
|   | LiAl(OBu <sup>t</sup> ) <sub>3</sub> H |                                | R H     | OH<br>R  | OH<br>R <sup>∕∕</sup> R' |         |                   |           |                 |                          |              |
|   | NaBH <sub>4</sub>                      |                                | OH<br>R | OH<br>R  | OH<br>R <sup>↓</sup> R'  |         |                   |           |                 |                          |              |
|   | LiBH <sub>4</sub>                      |                                | OH<br>R | OH<br>R  | OH<br>R└─R'              | OH<br>R |                   |           |                 | HNR"<br>R R'             |              |
| *R=CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OMe.                                 | Zn(BH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> **   |                                | OH<br>R | OH<br>R  | OH<br>R <sup>/</sup> R'  | OH<br>R |                   | OH<br>R   |                 |                          |              |
| **Not commercially<br>available.  | NaBH <sub>3</sub> CN***                |                                | OH<br>R | OH<br>R  | OH<br>R <sup>∕</sup> R'  |         |                   |           |                 | HNR"<br>R R'             |              |
| <pre>***Acidic conditions     usually required     for reduction.</pre> | LiEt <sub>3</sub> BH                   | Super<br>Hydride™              | OH<br>R | OH<br>R  | OH<br>R <sup>/</sup> R'  | OH<br>R |                   |           |                 |                          | OH<br>A<br>R |
|   | LiBu <sup>s</sup> <sub>3</sub> H       | L-<br>Selectride™              | OH<br>R | OH<br>R  | OH<br>R <sup>∕</sup> R'  | OH<br>R |                   |           | 0<br>R H        |                          | OH<br>A<br>R |

## Representative reductions with aluminum hydride reagents



- lithium tri-*tert*-butoxyaluminum hydride reduces acid chlorides and aldehydes, but not esters
- complexation of the aluminum of Red-Al<sup>®</sup> by exchange with the alcohol group in the glycidyl alcohol leads to preferred formation of the 1,3-diol by reduction of the epoxide

#### Representative borohydride reductions



#### Figure 20.1

Reduction of an intermediate in the total synthesis of (±)platensimycin



#### Figure 20.2

Putative mechanism for the reduction of  $\beta$ -hydroxyketones by triacetoxyborohydrides



### Representative reductions with modified borohydride reagents



#### Figure 20.3



Regiochemistry of reduction of representative conjugated aldehydes and ketones

## Representative reductions of enones with Ce (III) modified borohydride



• The reaction in this prostaglandin synthesis shows little diastereoselectivity

## Representative reductive amination reactions

- sodium cyanoborohydride is a reducing agent that is selective for iminium ions, and that can be used at lower pH.
- In Example 20.26, note that the less hindered carbonyl group reacts more rapidly
- The Eschweiler-Clark reaction gives a tertiary amine product with the nitrogen completely methylated



#### Figure 20.4



note how the complexation of the carbonyl oxygen with the metal simultaneously renders the carbonyl carbon more electrophilic and the metal hydride more nucleophilic

 Reduction of carbonyl compounds with electrophilic reducing agents

# Representative reductions with DIBAL-H

- reductions of conjugated esters give allylic alcohols
- reductions of nitriles give imines from which aldehydes are liberated by hydrolysis
- reductions of lactones at low temperature give hemiacetals



#### Representative reductions with borane

- borane is a highly selective reducing agent that reacts rapidly with carboxylic acids to give primary alcohols and with amides or imides to give amines
- Other carbonyl functionalities are reduced only slowly by borane



### Representative hydroalumination reactions

- neutral alane reagents give syn addition to the triple bond; protonolysis gives the Z alkene.
- anionic aluminum hydrides give anti addition to the triple bond; protonolysis gives the E alkene.
- the vinylalane can be trapped with a suitable electrophilic agent other than protons; the trapping occurs with retention of configuration



### Reaction synopses: Hydride reduction of aldehydes and ketones



| Reagents: |  |  |
|-----------|--|--|
| or        |  |  |
| or        |  |  |
| or        |  |  |
| THF; etc. |  |  |

LiAlH<sub>4</sub>, Et<sub>2</sub>O (or THF); Red-Al®; etc. NaBH<sub>4</sub>, CH<sub>3</sub>OH; LiR<sub>3</sub>BH, THF; etc. DIBAL-H, hexane BH<sub>3</sub>•THF; BH<sub>3</sub>, oxazaborolidine,

## Reaction synopses: Hydride reductions of acyl compounds and nitriles

To alcohols:



Reagents: DIBAL-H, PhMe, 0°C, etc.

# Reaction synopses: Hydride reduction of conjugated carbonyl compounds

To Allylic Alcohols:



To Saturated Alcohols:



Reagents:

NaBH<sub>4</sub>/EtOH/extended time

### Reaction synopses: Reductive amination



Reagents: or

or

 $R''_{2}NH/HOAc/MeOH/NaBH_{3}CN$   $NH_{3}/HCO_{2}H/\Delta$  (Leuckart)  $R''_{2}NH/HCO_{2}H/\Delta$  (Wallach if R, R' = alkyl; Eschweiler-Clarke if R, R' = H)

# Reduction by hydrogen transfer from carbon

- hindered orgometallic reagents and similar species can transfer hydrogen from one carbon to another, leading to reduction of aldehydes and ketones
- active species include
  - trialkylboranes
  - trialkylalanes
  - hindered Grignard reagents
  - dialkylzinc reagents other than dimethyl and diethylzinc
  - aluminum alkoxides
  - magnesium alkoxides
- hydrogen transfer occurs through a six-membered cyclic transition state



#### **Reductions with Grignard reagents**



 reduction gives predominantly the product of kinetic control, but selectivity is not high

#### Representative Meerwein-Ponndorf-Verley reductions

- Unlike the lithium aluminum hydride reduction, this reaction is reversible, which leads to the predominant formation of the more stable alcohol
- when the energy difference between the two alcohol products is small, the ratios of the two isomers produced by the two methods are much more similar



#### Representative Cannizzarro and Tishchenko reactions



### Representative Evans-Tishchenko reactions



• This reaction results in reduction of the ketone and oxidation of the aldehyde to give the ester of an *anti*-1,3-diol. The more common product has the ester group bonded to the carbonyl oxygen (blue frame above)

### Reaction synopses: Reduction of aldehydes and ketones by hydrogen transfer



Reagents: $R_2$ CH-CR2-MgX;  $R_2$ CH-CR2-ZnX; etc.or $R_2$ CH-CR2-BR2;or $(R_2$ CH-O)3Al,  $R_2$ CHOH; SmI2, *i*-PrOH, THF; etc.or $H_2$ C=O, KOH (Cannizzarro)

Reduction with organometallic reagents occurs when the systems are hindered.

#### Figure 20.5

 Bürgi-Dunitz trajectory for the addition of borohydride anion to acetone



### Table 20.2

| Reducing agent                              | ketone | major (Cram) | minor<br>(anti-Cram) | major: minor | % yield |
|---|--------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|---------|
| LiAlH <sub>4</sub> , Et <sub>2</sub> O, 0°C |        | ОН           | ОН                   | 74:26        | 97      |
| L-Selectride                                |        | ОН           | ОН                   | >99:1        | 80      |
| LiAlH <sub>4</sub> , Et <sub>2</sub> O, 0°C |        | ОН           | ОН                   | 77:23        | 74      |
| L-Selectride                                |        | ОН           | ОН                   | >99:1        | 80      |
| LiAlH <sub>4</sub> , Et <sub>2</sub> O, 0°C |        | ОН           | ОН                   | 58:42        | 92      |
| LiAlH <sub>4</sub> , Et <sub>2</sub> O, 0°C |        | ОН           | ОН                   | 68:32        | 99      |
| LiAlH <sub>4</sub> , Et <sub>2</sub> O, 0°C |        | ОН           | ОН                   | 81:19        | 99      |

• Reduction of  $\alpha$ -substituted ketones with complex hydrides

### Dissolving metal reductions: ketyl radical anions



- single electron transfer to the  $\pi^*$  orbital of a carbonyl group gives a strongly stabilized ketyl radical anion
- This radical can react further to give dimeric products, or a strongly basic carbanion that can abstract a proton from the reaction medium

### Representative Bouveault-Blanc reductions

 the reduction with sodium in ethanol allows the selective reduction of esters in the presence of carboxylic acid groups

![](_page_28_Figure_2.jpeg)

 the reduction of conjugated enones under Bouveault-Blanc conditions results in the formation of the saturated alcohol

![](_page_28_Figure_4.jpeg)

#### Stereochemistry of representative Birch reductions of cyclohexenones

![](_page_29_Figure_1.jpeg)

 The protonation of the anions involved in this reaction (the enolate anion and the radical anions or dianion) occurs preferentially from the axial direction at both the α and β carbons, leading to the preferential formation of the *trans*fused cyclohexane

## Representative pinacol coupling reactions

- the diastereoselectivity of the traditional pinacol reaction is not high
- improved yields and stereochemical control are obtained when titanium-based reagents are used.

![](_page_30_Figure_3.jpeg)

### Representative McMurry and related reactions

- the McMurry reaction, with titanium instead of magnesium, gives the alkene by reductive dimerization of ketones.
- using the reagent from manganese metal and titanium tetrachloride gives mainly the anti-1,2diols from aldehydes

![](_page_31_Figure_3.jpeg)

### Table 20.3

![](_page_32_Figure_1.jpeg)

| Х       | Y                    | Reagent/Solvent                               |
|---------|----------------------|---|
| halogen | halogen              | Li, NH <sub>3</sub> ; Na, NH <sub>3</sub>     |
|         | OŘ                   | Na, ROH; Mg, ROH                              |
|         | OH (acid conditions) | Mg, Et <sub>2</sub> O; Li, Et <sub>2</sub> O  |
|         | NHCOR                | Zn, $CH_3CO_2H$ , $\Delta$ ; $C_4H_9Li$ , THF |
| OH      | OH                   | 1) MeLi; 2) $K_2WCl_6$ , THF, $\Delta$        |
| OH      | OH                   | 1) $Im_2C=S; 2) P(OR)_3, \Delta$              |
| OH      | OH                   | TsOH, NaI                                     |
| OH      | OH                   | Ti, THF                                       |
| OTs     | OTs                  | NaI, DMF                                      |

 Reactant and reagent combinations for reductive elimination

#### Representative reductive eliminations

- When the leaving group is a halogen, reductive elimination proceeds readily with anti stereochemistry by a mechanism that is basically the same as the E2 mechanism.
- As the leaving group becomes more difficult to remove, the reaction mechanism changes to E1cb, with the result that the stereochemistry becomes less rigidly defined.
- the formation of 1,2diiodoalkanes is always followed by attack of iodide ion to give iodine and the alkene

![](_page_33_Figure_4.jpeg)

### The Corey-Winter reductive elimination

![](_page_34_Figure_1.jpeg)

• This syn elimination involves a carbene intermediate

#### **Representative Wurtz couplings**

![](_page_35_Figure_1.jpeg)

 the intramolecular Wurtz coupling is an excellent method for the non-photochemical formation of highly strained ring systems

#### Figure 20.6

![](_page_36_Figure_1.jpeg)

• The mechanism of the Birch reduction of aromatic rings in the presence and absence of a proton source.

#### **Representative Birch reductions**

![](_page_37_Figure_1.jpeg)

• the regiochemistry of the reduction is determined by the electronic nature of the substituent group

#### Birch reduction in synthesis

- Birch reduction of carboxylic acids in the absence of a proton source gives carboxylate dianions that can be alkylated *in situ*
- in this Birch reduction from Johnson's steroid synthesis, spectacular advantage is taken of the reaction's propensity to lead to trans-diaxial addition of hydrogen to incorporate up to 5 new chiral centers with the correct relative stereochemistry
- Birch reduction of allkynes gives predominantly *E* alkenes

![](_page_38_Figure_4.jpeg)

#### **Benkeser reduction**

![](_page_39_Figure_1.jpeg)

- this variant of the Birch reduction uses calcium metal in a low-boiling amine solvent
- its better reproducibility has made it popular in largescale syntheses

#### **Reaction synopses: Reductive** elimination

X, Y: Cl, Br, I, OSO<sub>2</sub>R, NR<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>, etc.

Li, NH<sub>3</sub>; Mg, Et<sub>2</sub>O; Zn, EtOH,  $\Delta$ ; Zn, CH<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>H,  $\Delta$ ; Reagents: or BuLi, Et<sub>2</sub>O; etc.

> NaI, DMF,  $\Delta$ ; etc. or

Mechanism: E1cb or E2.

Stereochemistry: anti (E2); mainly anti (E1cb).

### Reaction synopses: Birch and Benkeser reductions

![](_page_41_Figure_1.jpeg)

M: Li, Na, K, etc.; ROH: EtOH, Me<sub>3</sub>COH, etc.

Reagents: Li, NH<sub>3</sub>, Me<sub>3</sub>COH, THF; etc. (Birch reduction) or Ca, MeNH<sub>2</sub>, (CH<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>; etc. (Benkeser)

#### Reaction synopses: Reduction of conjugated carbonyl compounds

(a) To Saturated Ketones

![](_page_42_Figure_2.jpeg)

Reagents:  $H_2$ , Pd-C; etc. or

Li,  $NH_3$  (no proton source); etc.

*(b) To Saturated Alcohols* 

![](_page_42_Figure_6.jpeg)

or

Reagents: Li, NH<sub>3</sub>, ROH; etc. NaBH<sub>4</sub>, CH<sub>3</sub>OH; LiAlH<sub>4</sub>, Et<sub>2</sub>O, extended time

### Reaction synopses: Pinacol and McMurry reactions

![](_page_43_Figure_1.jpeg)

Reagents:Mg(Hg),  $Et_2O$ ; Zn(Hg),  $Et_2O$ ; Al(Hg),  $Et_2O$ ; etc.orTi, THF, TiCl<sub>3</sub>, K, THF; etc. (gives diol if alkene<br/>would violate Bredt's rule)orMn, TiCl<sub>4</sub>, THF; etc. (allows the diastereoselective<br/>crossed pinacol reaction of aromatic aldehydes)

#### Figure 20.7

![](_page_44_Figure_1.jpeg)

• The generally accepted mechanism of the Wolff-Kishner reduction of aldehydes and ketones.

### Representative Wolff-Kishner-type reductions

![](_page_45_Figure_1.jpeg)

- These reactions are Huang-Minlon modifications of the Wolff-Kishner reduction, which are the most widely used variant of the reaction
- These variants of the reduction use tosylhydrazones instead of the hydrazones; reduction with sodium cyanoborohydride completes the reaction without the need for strong bases

# Wolff-Kishner reduction of $\alpha$ -haloketones and the Wharton reaction

![](_page_46_Figure_1.jpeg)

- Wolff-Kishner reduction of  $\alpha\mbox{-haloketones}$  and similar compounds gives alkenes
- the same reaction with an  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ -epoxyketone is known as the Wharton reaction, and gives the allylic alcohol

# Fragmentation of tosylhydrazones with methyllithium: the Shapiro reaction

![](_page_47_Figure_1.jpeg)

 the treatment of a tosylhydrazone with methyllithium produces a vinyl anion; the reaction is known as the Shapiro reaction

# Fragmentation of tosylhydrazones with oxyanion bases: the Bamford-Stevens reaction

![](_page_48_Figure_1.jpeg)

 the treatment of a tosylhydrazone with an oxyanion base produces a carbene; the reaction is known as the Bamford-Stevens reaction

#### **Eschenmoser-Tanabe fragmentation**

![](_page_49_Figure_1.jpeg)

- Heating an α, β-epoxyketone with tosylhydrazine leads to formation of the tosylhydrazone, followed by fragmentation to give an alkynyl ketone.
- This reaction requires that the  $\beta$  carbon of the epoxyketone not carry a hydrogen atom

### Representative Clemmensen reductions

- when an aldehyde or ketone is heated with concentrated hydrochloric acid and zinc amalgam, the carbonyl group is deoxygenated
- rearrangements do occur during some Clemmensen reductions, suggesting that carbocation intermediates may be involved.
- an alternative procedure, using zinc and hydrogen chloride gas, can be used when acid-catalyzed hydrolysis of functional groups is to be avoided

![](_page_50_Figure_4.jpeg)

# Reductive desulfurization (Birch reduction)

![](_page_51_Figure_1.jpeg)

- dithioketals can be readily reduced under Birch or Bouveault-Blanc conditions
- the product is the alkane

#### Deoxygenation with silane reagents

- butylsilane reduces carbonyl groups to the level of the hydrocarbon in the presence of tri(pentafluorophenyl)bo rane as a Lewis acid activator.
- aldehydes and ketones are reduced to the corresponding alkanes
- unexpectedly, this reagent also reduces carboxyl groups to methyl groups

![](_page_52_Figure_4.jpeg)

#### Figure 20.8

![](_page_53_Figure_1.jpeg)

 The free radical chain reaction for reduction of halides (left) or thioesters (right) with tributylstannane.

### Representative Barton-McCombie deoxygenation reactions

![](_page_54_Figure_1.jpeg)

### Reaction synopses: Deoxygenation to alkanes

![](_page_55_Figure_1.jpeg)

#### X: Ar, R, SR, imidazole, ArO, etc.

### Reaction synopses: Deoxygenation to alkenes

![](_page_56_Figure_1.jpeg)

Reagents:1) TsNHNH2, MeOH,  $\Delta$ , 2) MeLi, THF (Shapiro)or1) TsNHNH2, MeOH,  $\Delta$ , 2) NaOR, THF (Bamford-Stevens)Regiochemistry: Shapiro reaction gives less substituted alkene;<br/>Bamford-Stevens reaction gives more substituted alkene.

#### **Reaction synopses: Wharton reaction**

![](_page_57_Figure_1.jpeg)

Reagents: 1) TsNHNH<sub>2</sub>, MeOH,  $\Delta$ , 2) base.

#### Reaction synopses: Eschenmoser-Tanabe fragmentation

![](_page_58_Figure_1.jpeg)

Reagents: TsNHNH<sub>2</sub>, ROH,  $\Delta$ .

Restrictions: The  $\beta$  position may not carry a hydrogen.

### Reaction synopses: Barton-McCombie deoxygenation

![](_page_59_Figure_1.jpeg)

X: Ar, R, SR, imidazole, ArO, etc.

| Transformation  | Reagents  | Incompatible Functional Groups;<br>Other Limitations or Features                                      |  |
|---|---|---|--|
|   | H <sub>2</sub> , PtO <sub>2</sub> ; H <sub>2</sub> , Pd-C; H <sub>2</sub> ,<br>Ra-Ni; H <sub>2</sub> , Ru | alkynes, C=N bonds; addition of H—<br>H is syn. Pt and Pd catalysts can<br>cause $\pi$ bond migration |  |
| $\rightarrow$ $\rightarrow$ $\checkmark$  | H <sub>2</sub> , (Ph <sub>3</sub> P) <sub>3</sub> RhCl, and<br>similar Rh, Ru, Ir<br>compounds            | chiral diphosphine ligands on<br>catalyst allow enantioselective<br>reduction                         |  |
| $\succ\!$ | R <sub>3</sub> SiH, CF <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> H;  | alkene must be able to give a stable carbocation (3°, allyl, benzyl)                                  |  |
|   | HCO <sub>2</sub> H, Pd-C; 1,4-<br>cyclohexadiene, Pd-C;<br>NH <sub>4</sub> OCHO, Pd-C; etc.               | transfer hydrogenation; tolerates a wide range of functional groups                                   |  |
| —≡— —► -нс=сн-  | H <sub>2</sub> , Pd-BaSO <sub>4</sub> , Pb,<br>quinoline  | gives Z alkene  |  |
|   | Li, NH <sub>3</sub> , ROH   | gives E alkene  |  |
|   | Hantzsch ester, Brønsted<br>acid  |   |  |
| $\not \to \not \to$   | Li, NH <sub>3</sub> , THF; Na, EtOH;<br>etc.  | saturated aldehydes, esters, ketones,<br>nitriles; conjugated dienes; benzyl<br>derivatives           |  |
|   | H <sub>2</sub> , catalyst   | alkenes, alkynes, benzyl derivatives  |  |

| Transformation | Reagents   | Incompatible Functional Groups; Other<br>Limitations or Features                 |  |  |
|----------------|--|--|--|--|
|                | LiAlH <sub>4</sub> ; Red-Al®; etc.                     | reduces esters to primary alcohols   |  |  |
|                | NaBH4  | does not reduce esters; reduces<br>conjugated ketones very slowly                |  |  |
|                | Al(O- <i>i</i> -Pr) <sub>3</sub> , <i>i</i> -PrOH, Δ   | reaction is reversible;<br>thermodynamically most stable<br>alcohol predominates |  |  |
|                | Na, EtOH; Li, NH <sub>3</sub> , ROH;<br>etc.           | conjugated carbonyl compounds  |  |  |
| L → L          | Et <sub>3</sub> SiH, CF <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> H | if conjugated with alkene, alkene $\pi$ bond reacts first                        |  |  |
|                | HCO <sub>2</sub> Na, Ru-TsDPEN                         | alkenes in conjugated systems; allows enantioselective reduction                 |  |  |
|                | DIBAL-H etc.   | reduces esters to hemiacetals at low temperature                                 |  |  |

| Transformation                               | Reagents  | Incompatible Functional Groups;<br>Other Limitations or Features |
|--|---|--|
|  | DIBAL-H   | other carbonyl compounds, nitriles                               |
| $ \rightarrow  \rightarrow$                  | NaBH4, CeCl3  | can also be used to reduce nitriles to primary amines            |
| ×_>=< → "_>=<                                | H <sub>2</sub> , Pd-C; H <sub>2</sub> , Ni; etc.  | stereochemistry depends on metal catalyst                        |
|  | Li, NH <sub>3</sub> , ROH   | carbonyl compounds; conjugated systems                           |
|  | NH <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> , KOH,<br>HOCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OH, Δ   | groups susceptible to strong bases                               |
|  |   | TsNHNH <sub>2</sub> , NaBH <sub>3</sub> CN, HOAc-<br>MeOH        |
| $\succ \circ \longrightarrow \times_{H}^{H}$ | Zn(Hg), HCl, Δ  | groups susceptible to strong acids                               |
|  | BuSiH <sub>3</sub> , B(C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>   |  |
|  | <ol> <li>HSCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>SH, BF<sub>3</sub>; 2)</li> <li>H<sub>2</sub>, Ni or Li, NH<sub>3</sub></li> </ol> |  |

| Transformation                                      | Reagents   | Incompatible Functional Groups;<br>Other Limitations or Features                   |
|---|--|--|
| _>>   | 1) TsNHNH <sub>2</sub> , 2) MeLi; or<br>1) TsNHNH <sub>2</sub> ; 2) KOBu <sup>!</sup>    | MeLi gives vinyl anion; carbenes<br>may be involved when KOBu' is<br>used as base. |
|   | H <sub>2</sub> , Pd-C  | X=halogen  |
| $\stackrel{x}{\searrow} \to \stackrel{H}{\searrow}$ | Bu <sub>3</sub> SnH, AIBN, hv  | X=halogen, OC(S)SMe  |
|   | L-Selectride®; Super-<br>Hydride <sup>™</sup> ; etc.                                     | X=halogen, OSO <sub>2</sub> R; reaction occurs with inversion.                     |
| ≽о → но≻-{он  | Ti, THF; TiCl <sub>3</sub> , K, THF; etc.  |  |
| $\succ \bullet \succ$                               | Mg(Hg), Et <sub>2</sub> O; Zn(Hg),<br>Et <sub>2</sub> O; Al(Hg), Et <sub>2</sub> O; etc. |  |
|   | Mn, TiCl4, THF   |  |
|   | 1) TsNHNH <sub>2</sub> , 2) MeLi; or<br>1) TsNHNH <sub>2</sub> ; 2) KOBu <sup>†</sup>    | MeLi gives vinyl anion; carbenes<br>may be involved when KOBu' is<br>used as base. |
| R−X → R<br>R−X Å                                    | Na, THF; Na-K, THF   | carbonyl compounds   |

| Transformation                       | Reagents   | Incompatible Functional Groups;<br>Other Limitations or Features     |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|
|                                      | R <sub>2</sub> NH, NaBH <sub>3</sub> CN, HOAc;<br>R <sub>2</sub> NH, Na (OAc) <sub>3</sub> BH, | reduction works best under acidic conditions                         |
|                                      | 1) NH <sub>2</sub> OH; H <sub>2</sub> , Ra-Ni  |  |
| $\geq 0 \longrightarrow \sum_{NR_2}$ | R <sub>2</sub> NH, HCO <sub>2</sub> H, Pd-C; etc.  | ammonium formate may also be<br>used                                 |
|                                      | HCHO, $HCO_2NH_4$ , $\Delta$ ; etc.  | gives product where R=Me   |
|                                      | LiAlH₄, Et₂O, Δ; etc.  | $X=CN \rightarrow G=CH_2NH_2;$<br>$X=CONR_2 \rightarrow G=CH_2NR_2;$ |
| \_x → \_g                            | H <sub>2</sub> , Pd-C; etc.  | $\begin{array}{llllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllll$                 |
|                                      | BH₃•THF; etc.  | $X=CN \rightarrow G=CH_2NH_2$  |
|                                      | NaBH <sub>4</sub> , CeCl <sub>3</sub>  | $X=CN \rightarrow G=CH_2NH_2$  |
|                                      | H <sub>2</sub> Pd-C; etc.  |  |
| $\land \rightarrow " "$              | Li, NH3, f-BuOH; etc.  | carbonyl compounds, conjugated<br>compounds, alkynes                 |

| Transformation   | Reagents  | Incompatible Functional Groups;<br>Other Limitations or Features     |
|--|---|--|
| °↓↓ → ſ∖   | 1) TsNHNH <sub>2</sub> , 2) base  |  |
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| R <sup>⊥</sup> H → R <sup>⊥</sup> O <sup>R</sup>   | Al(OR) <sub>3</sub> ; SmI <sub>2</sub> ; Shvo's Ru<br>catalyst, ROH; etc.                             |  |
| $_{R}\overset{\circ}{\downarrow}_{H} \longrightarrow _{R}\overset{\circ}{\downarrow}_{OH} * _{R}\overset{OH}{\checkmark}$  | NaOH; H2CO, NaOH; etc.  |  |
| $\stackrel{O}{}_{R}^{X} \longrightarrow \stackrel{O}{}_{R}^{H}$  | DIBAL-H, -78°C (ester);<br>DIBAL-H, 0°C (nitrile)   | aldehdyes, ketones, acid chlorides                                   |
| $\mathbb{N}_{R} \longrightarrow \mathbb{N}_{R}^{O} \mathbb{N}_{R}^{H}$   | (X=Cl): LiAl(OBu <sup>†</sup> ) <sub>3</sub> ; H <sub>2</sub> ,<br>Pd-BaSO <sub>4</sub> , quinoline-S |  |
| °↓ OH<br>R → R   | BH₃•THF   | alkenes, amides, nitriles; reaction with carboxylic acids is fastest |
|  | LiAlH₄, Et₂O, Δ; etc.   | any other carbonyl compound or<br>nitrile                            |