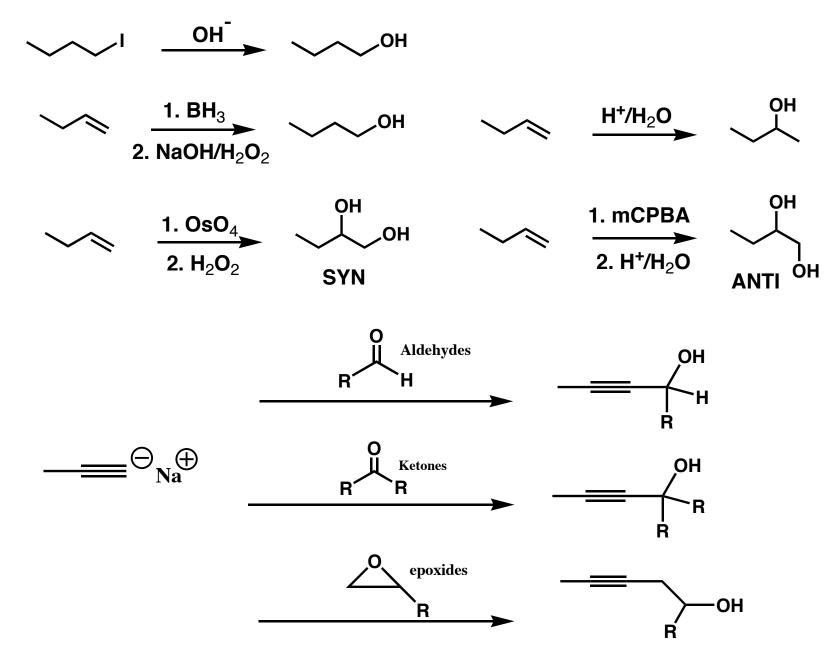
Table of K_a Values Acid-Dissociation Constants of Representative Alcohols

Alcohol	Structure	Ka	<i>pK</i> _a
methanol	CH ₃ —OH	3.2 x 10 ⁻¹⁶	15.5
ethanol	CH ₃ CH ₂ —OH	1.3 x 10 ⁻¹⁶	15.9
2-chloroethanol	Cl—CH ₂ —CH ₂ —OH	5.0 x 10 ⁻¹⁵	14.3
2,2,2-trichloroethanol	Cl ₃ C—CH ₂ —OH	6.3 x 10 ⁻¹³	12.2
isopropyl alcohol	(CH ₃) ₂ CH—OH	3.2 x 10 ⁻¹⁷	16.5
t-butyl alcohol	(CH ₃) ₃ C—OH	1.0 x 10 ⁻¹⁸	18.0
cyclohexanol	C ₆ H ₁₁ —OH	1.0 x 10 ⁻¹⁸	18.0
phenol	C ₆ H ₅ —OH	1.0 x 10 ⁻¹⁰	10.0
	Comparison with		
	other acids		
water	H ₂ O	1.8 x 10 ⁻¹⁶	15.7
acetic acid	CH ₃ COOH	1.6 x 10 ⁻⁵	4.8
hydrochloric acid	HC1	1.6 x 10 ⁺²	-2.2

METHODS FOR THE SYNTHESIS OF ALCOHOLS (to date)

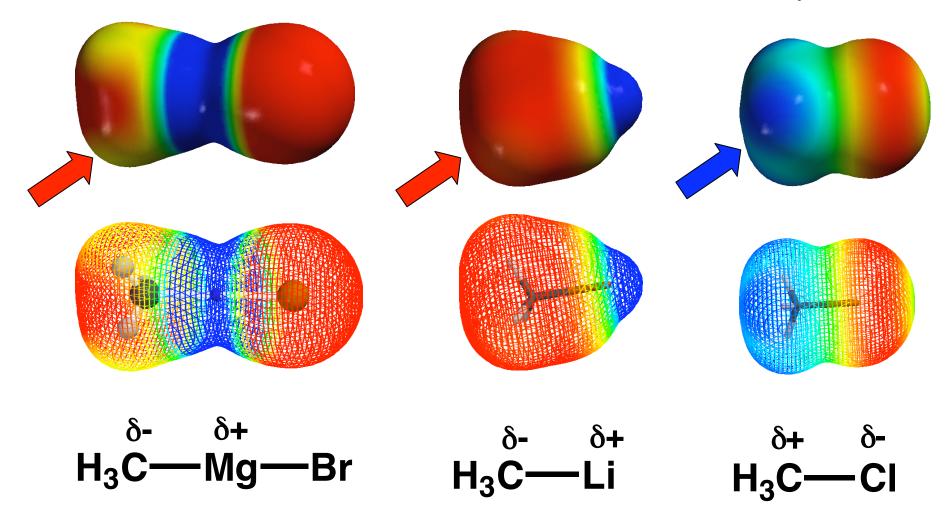


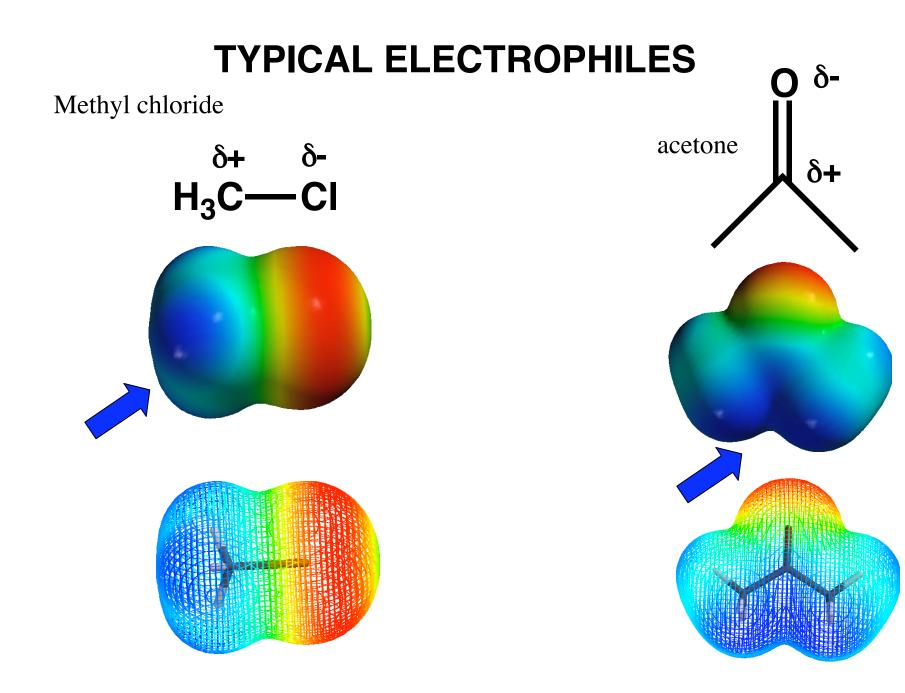
ELECTROPHILIC AND NUCLEOPHIC CARBON

Methylmagnesium bromide

Methyl lithium

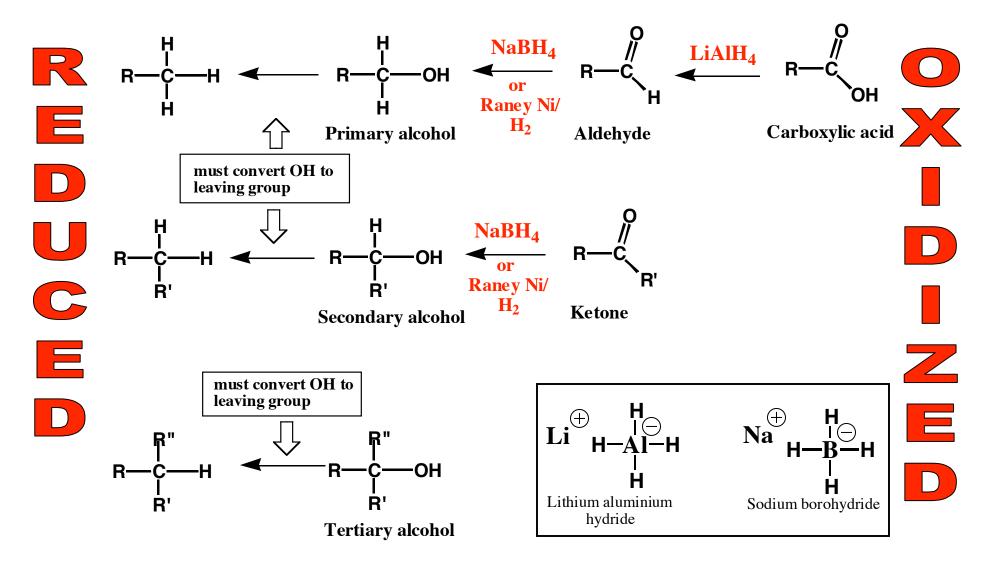
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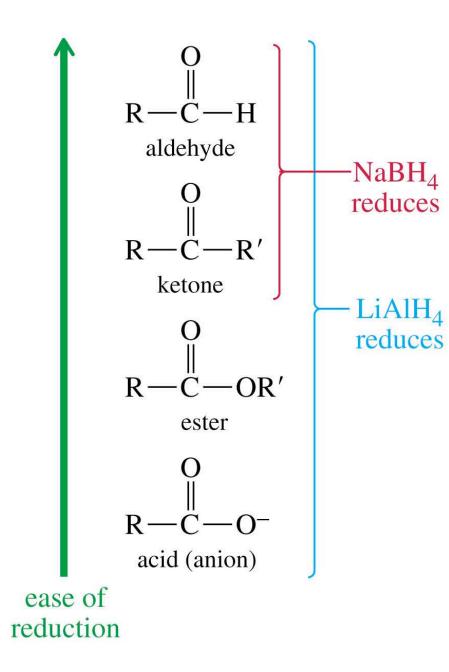




Alcohols, carbonyl compounds and carboxylic acids: REDUCTION

Reduction: Addition of H₂ (or H⁻), loss of O or O₂; loss of X₂





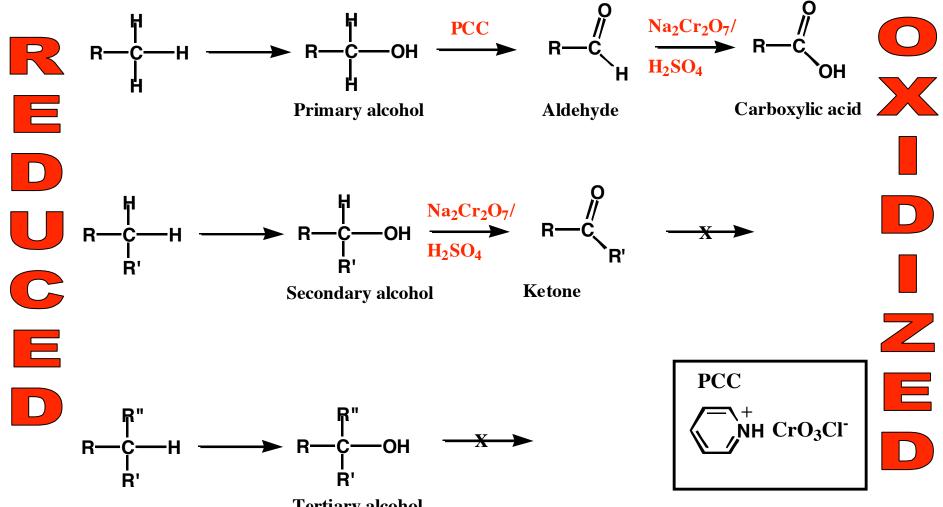
Comparison of Reducing Agents

- LiAlH₄ is stronger.
- LiAlH₄ reduces more stable compounds which are resistant to reduction.

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Alcohols, carbonyl compounds and carboxylic acids: OXIDATION

Oxidation: loss of H₂, addition of O or O2, addition of X₂ (halogens)



Tertiary alcohol