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### MODERN METHODS OF ORGANIC SYNTHESIS

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### Introduction. Strategies of organic synthesis: Planning and control. Retrosynthesis.

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### INTRODUCTION

\* modern organic chemistry - a large number of new and complex molecules in the last few decades

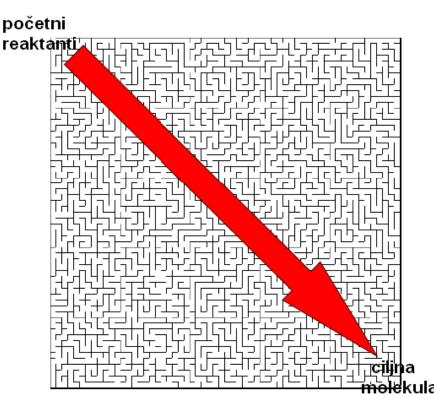
synthesis - the process of creating target molecules from the initial reactants using chemical reactions

 synthesis of complex molecules
several synthetic steps and reactions starting from the reactant to the target molecule

the goal of planning of synthesis - find the most efficient and shortest synthetic route

each of the synthetic steps can also give numerous side effects products which depends on the choice of the type of the reaction and reaction conditions

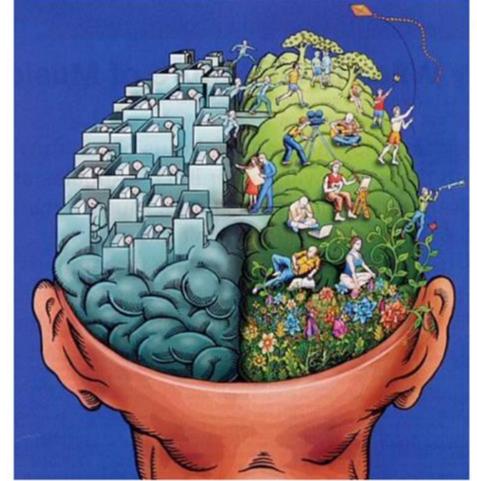
**\*control of synthesis** 



### INTRODUCTION

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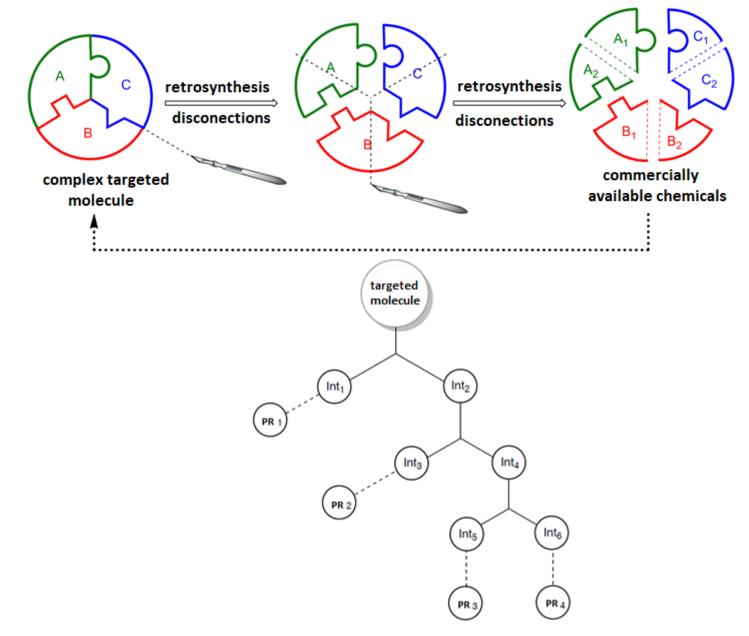




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#### INTRODUCTION



### **ORGANIC CHEMISTRY**

#### **PURPOSE:**

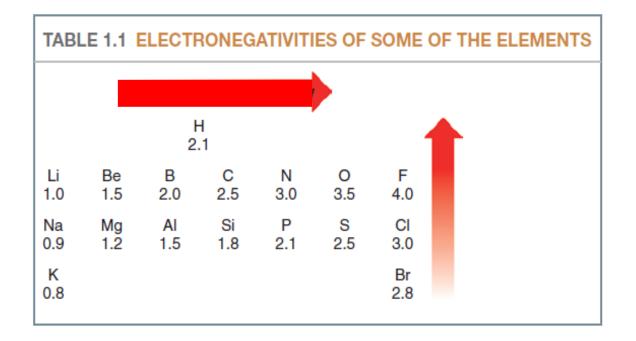
- prepare a new target molecule with appropriate chemical, physical or biological characteristic
- > prepare a target molecule of a certain purity for further testing
- plan a new synthetic pathway for existing molecules that will be simplified or more cost-effective

#### **IMPORTANCE:**

- > total synthesis of interesting and / or important natural products
- target molecules important for application and industry
- > molecules important for theoretical calculations
- > molecules important for structure confirmation (natural compounds)
- > development of new synthetic methodologies
- > application in other fields of science and technology
- for scientific research new problems provide new solutions and can lead to the development of new chemistry, reagents, etc.
- prepare a specific compound for studying the reaction mechanism or biological metabolism (eg labeled compounds)

#### ELECTRONEGATIVITY

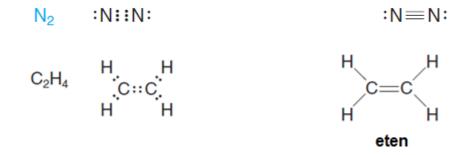
- the ability of an atom of an element to receive (attract) electrons (the property of an atom to attract electron density in a molecule from the bond by which it is attached to another atom)
- electronegativity increases from left to right in the period and upwards in individual group of the periodic table and from the lower left to the upper right corner of the periodic table
- the most electronegative atom is fluorine (F) which can best stabilize excess of electron density



#### **COVALENT BOND**

- occurs between atoms that have the same or similar electronegativity and are close to each other in the periodic table
- the two atoms that form a covalent bond share a common electron pair (divide valence electrons and thus satisfy the octet rule)
- valence electrons can be written in dots (Lewis structural formulas) and the usual way of marking electrons is a dash

\* atoms can split two or more electron pairs to form multiple bonds



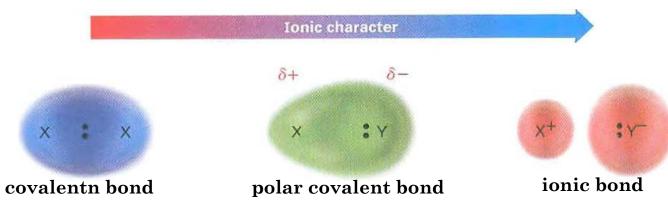
#### **POLAR COVALENT BOND**

Any diatomic molecule in which two atoms of different electronegativities are connected will have a dipole moment

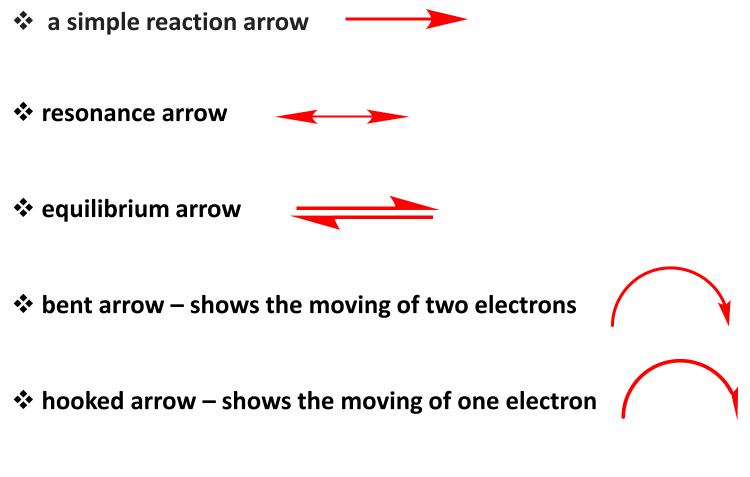
 $\$  in more complex molecules, the dipole moment is obtained by summing the individual dipole moments of the bonds  $\mu$ 

the electron distribution is not equal and the bond is polarized

Dipole moments of simple molecules				
Formula	μ (D)	Formula	μ (D)	
H <sub>2</sub>	0	CH <sub>4</sub>	0	
HF	1.83	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	1.55	
HCI	1.08	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	1.02	
HBr	0.80	CCl <sub>4</sub>	0	
HI	0.42	NH <sub>3</sub>	1.47	
BF3	0	NF <sub>3</sub>	0.24	
CO <sub>2</sub>	0	H <sub>2</sub> O	1.85	



### **TYPES OF ARROWS IN ORGANIC SYNTHESIS**



retrosynthetic arrow

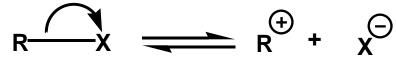


### **CURLY ARROWS**

- to show the moving of electron pairs in a reaction mechanism
- covalent bonds consist of pairs of electrons then the arrows show the bursting and / or formation of a covalent bond
- ✤ a bent arrow can only start in the high electron density range:
  - $\checkmark\,$  in the middle of covalent bond
  - $\checkmark\,$  at negative charge
  - $\checkmark$  at free electronic pair
- ✤ a bent arrow can only end in the low electron density range:

 $\checkmark$  on an uncharged atom or group  $\rightarrow$  results in cracking of the bond and creation of a negative charge on the atom or group

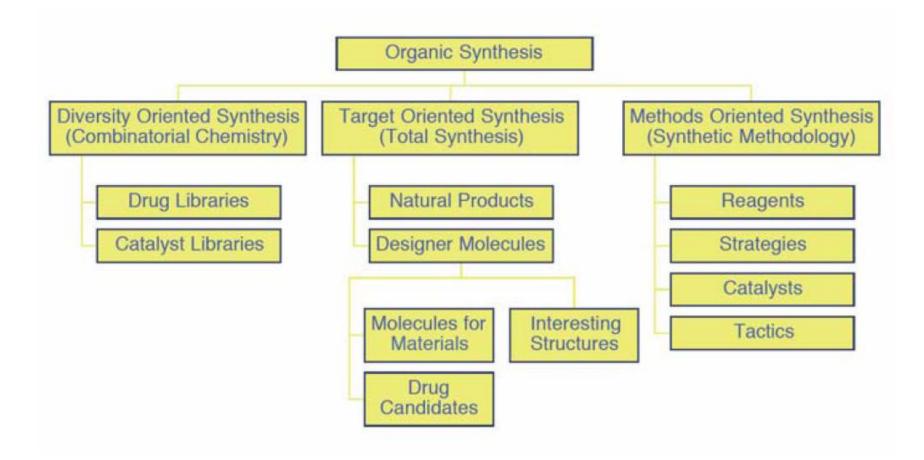
 $R \xrightarrow{/} X = R^{+} + X^{-}$ 



 $\checkmark$  on a positively charged atom or group  $\rightarrow$  results in the formation of a bond and the quenching of the positive charge

$$R^{+}$$
 + Nu + R-Nu

### **CLASSIFICATION F ORGANIC SYNTHESIS**



### **ORGANIC SYNTHESIS**

#### Synthetic methods

- 1. *Total synthesis* complete organic synthesis of a very complex molecule
- **2.** *Partial synthesis* starts with an available natural product and involves several synthetic steps
- 3. Biosynthesis

#### Synthesis efficiency

- try to choose the shortest possible synthetic route use reactions that do not give a mixture of products (chemoselectivity, regioselectivity, stereoselectivity)
- use a convergent synthetic pathway if possible with respect to a linear synthetic pathway
- mainly use already existing and optimized reactions, especially for the synthesis of molecules to be commercialized
- environmentally friendly synthetic routes green chemistry
- economically acceptable synthetic routes

### **ORGANIC SYNTHESIS**

#### Well-planned organic synthesis involves:

- starting from readily available and commercially acceptable reactants
- use of efficient and selective reactions avoiding extreme and hazardous reactants
- reaction conditions flexibility
- to have plan B if plan A fails
- very good knowledge of organic reactions and mechanisms
- adaptability commercially acceptable total synthetic route with respect to environmental criteria
- "green chemistry" innovation and creativity

#### Selectivity - the efficiency of the synthetic pathway

- 1. CHEMOSELECTIVITY reaction of only one functional group in relation to all existing functional groups in the structure of the molecule
- 2. REGIOSELECTIVITY formation of only one regioisomer in relation to all possible regioisomers
- 3. STEREOSELECTIVITY formation of one stereoisomer diastereoselectivity and enantioselectivity

#### **TYPES OF ORGANIC SYTHESIS**

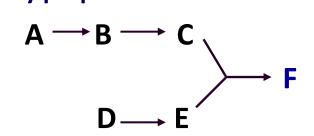
#### **LINEAR SYNTHESIS**

**\*** the target molecule is synthesized by a series of linear transformations

$$A \longrightarrow B \longrightarrow C \longrightarrow D \longrightarrow E \longrightarrow F$$

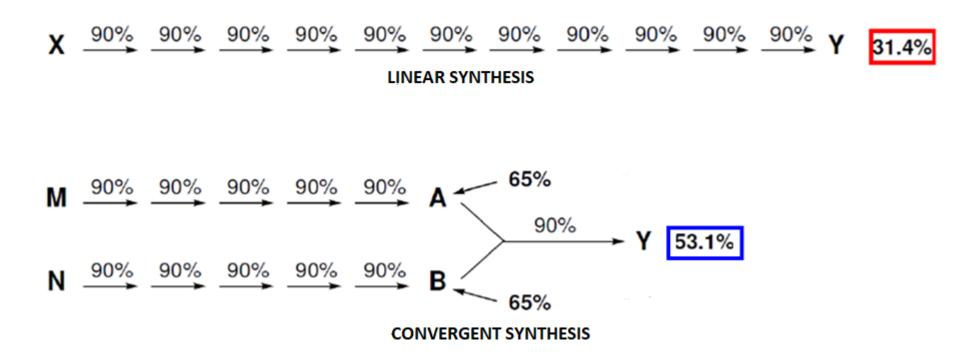
#### **CONVERGENT SYNTHESIS**

individually prepared molecules react to give the target molecule



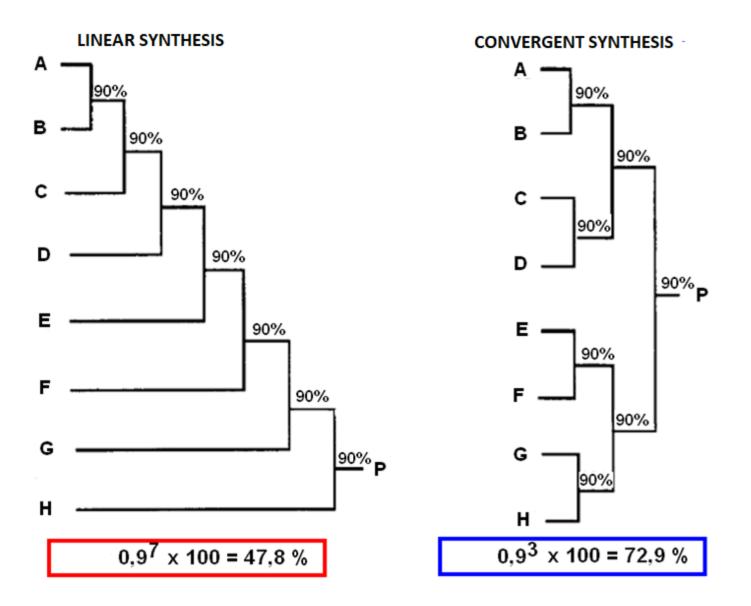
it is used in the synthesis of very complex molecules, and involves the independent synthesis of fragments and their fusion

#### **COMPARISON OF CONVERGENT AND LINEAR SYNTHESIS**

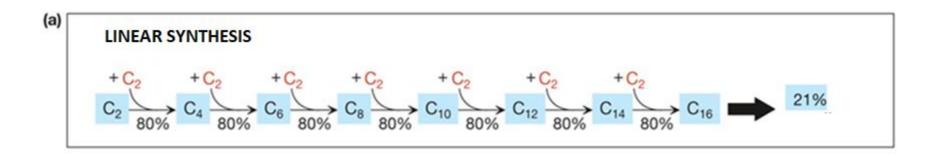


Inear synthesis involves 11 synthetic steps, while in convergent synthesis the longest linear path involves 6 synthetic steps - the total yield in convergent synthesis is higher

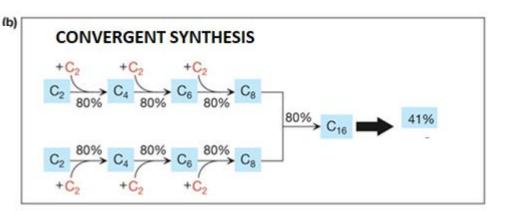
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THE NUMBER OF	YIELD	TOTAL YIELD	
5	90%	59%	
5	80%	33%	
5	70%	17%	
10	90%	35%	
10	80%	11%	
10	70%	2.8%	
20	90%	12%	
20	80%	1.1%	
20	70%	0.08%	

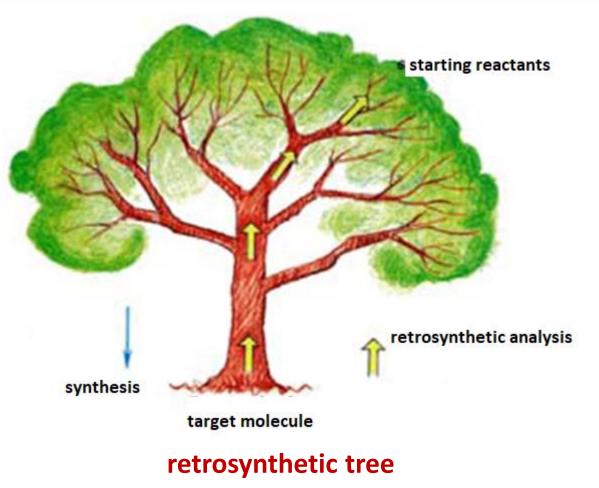


### TERMS IMPORTANT FOR PLANNING ORGANIC SYNTHESIS

- retrosynthetic analysis meaningful cleavage of the structure of the target molecule to determine possible synthetic pathways
- disconnection a term opposite to synthesis, meaningful breaking of chemical bonds that leads to the definition of possible initial reactants in the synthesis of the target molecule
- IFS functional group interconversion (FGI) the process of converting one function group to another to make disconnection possible
- synthon an ideal fragment formed by the disconnection of chemical bonds, most often a cation or anion
- synthetic equivalent a reagent that has the function of a synton that is most often unstable to use on its own target molecule CM

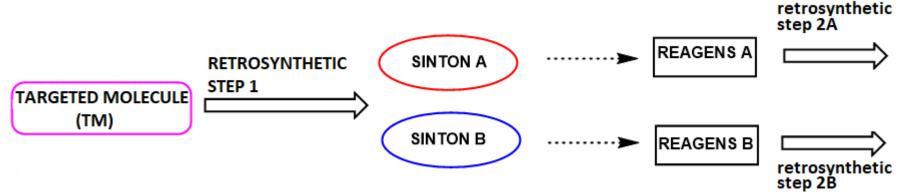
### RETROSYNTHESIS

 cleavage of the structure of the target molecule in order to obtain meaningful possible synthetic pathways
disconnection - the result of disconnection should be reactions that are feasible and have high yields



### RETROSYTHESIS

- mental cleavage of the structure (disconnection) of the target molecule (CM) into simplier structures (easily accessible compounds)
- by disconnection obtained simplier structures that can be synthesized by meaningful synthetic pathways
- the result of disconnection should be the reactions that are feasible and have a high yields



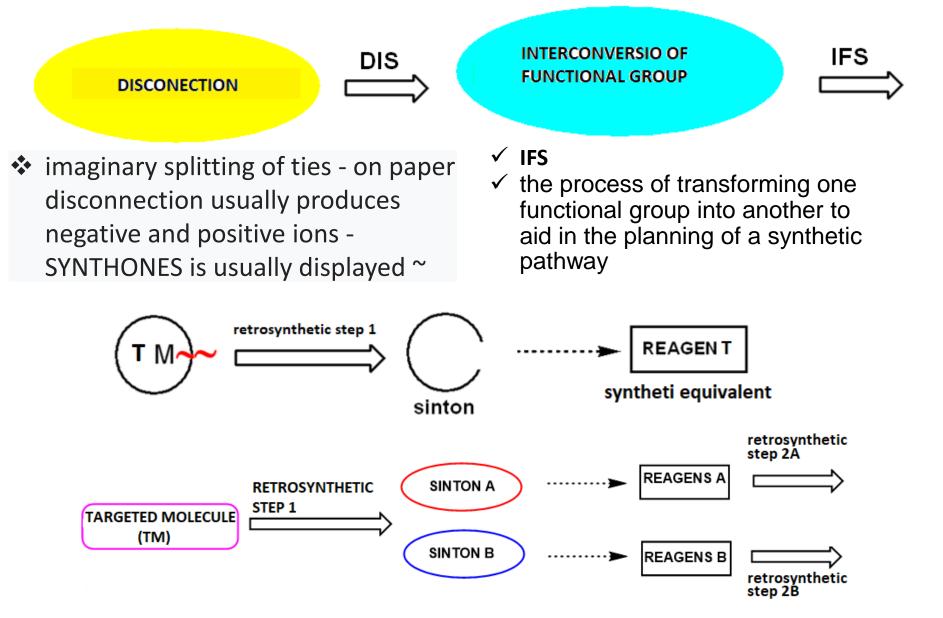
#### **Synthones**

- anionic, cationic or radical fragments
- shows with + or -
- could be or do not have to be intermediers in the reactions

#### Synthetic equivalents

- reagens, neutral molecules
- real molecules which stand behind the syntons

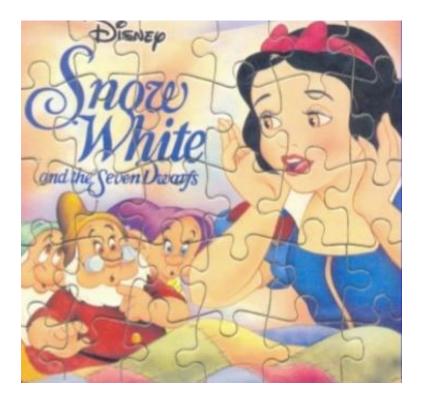
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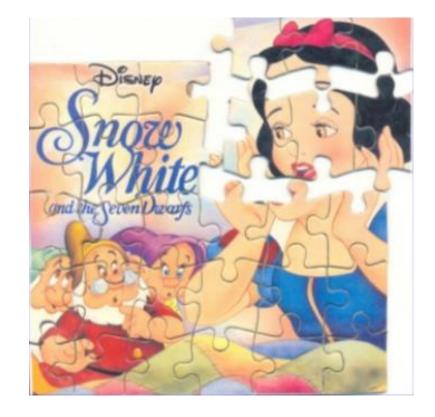


#### DISCONECTION

#### finished puzzle (targeted molecule)

#### puzzle (disconection)

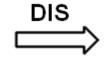




### **DISCONECTION OF C-C BOND**

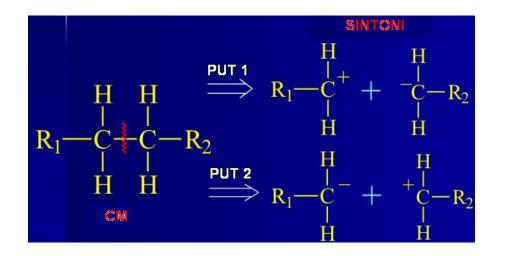
#### LOGIC

UNLOGIC



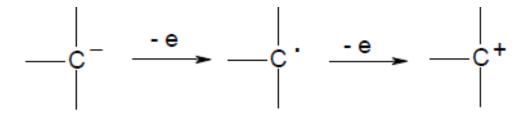
- when the disconnection of the C-C bond is performed so that the charges on the synthons are stabilized by adjacent groups, disconnection is following the correct mechanism
- synthons have a stabilized charge (+ or -), an electronic sextet in carbines or are neutral molecules

- by disconnection of the C-C bond the synthons obtained do not have a stabilized charge
- the disconnection does not follow the correct mechanism

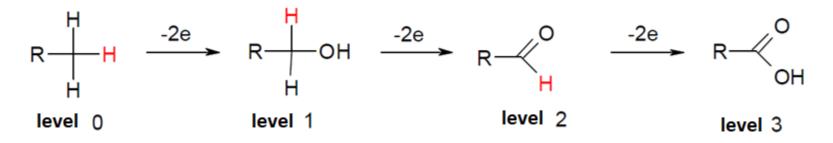


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- one of the ways to transform a functional group, by changing its oxidation state or by changing the heteroatom in the group
- ☆ change of oxidation state → eg interconversion of an ester group by reduction to an aldehyde or a primary alcohol; oxidation of secondary alcohol to a ketone, change of heteroatoms in a functional group
- ★ a disconnection of a C-heteroatom bond within a group is characteristic → eg conversion of ester to amide, ketone to thioketone, haloalkane to alcohol
  - ✤ adition
  - ✓ substitution
  - ✓ elimination
  - ✓ oxidation/reduction
  - ✓ reactions of free radicals



- FGC combination of functional groups
- FGA adition of functional group
- the conversion of one functional group to another can occur without a change in the oxidation state or with a change in the oxidation state



#### **Oxidation level 1:**

C-X (X = Hal, OH, OR, OAc, OTs,  $NR_2$ ,  $NO_2$ , SR, *etc*); Oxidation level 2:

C=X (X = O, NR); CXY (X, Y = Hal, OR, SR);

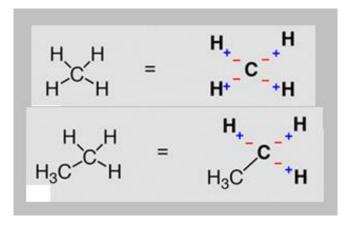
C=C-X (X = Hal, OR, OSiR<sub>3</sub>); C=C; X-C-C-Y

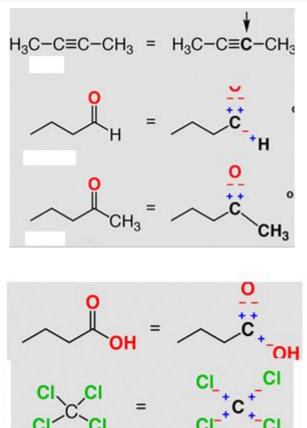
#### **Oxidation level 3:**

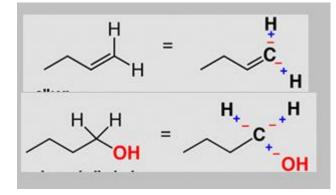
COOH, COX (X = OR, Hal, OCOR, NR<sub>2</sub>); C=N, C=C-C=O, C=C-C=C

### **OXIDATION LEVELS OF CARBON**

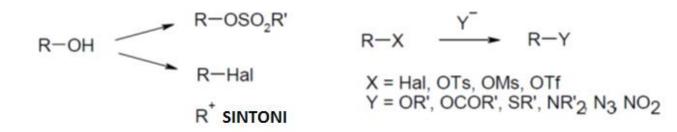
- any bond between C and C does not change the oxidation state
- each bond between C and H reduces the oxidation state by 1
- each bond between a C and a more electronegative atom (O, N, Hal) increases the oxidation state by 1



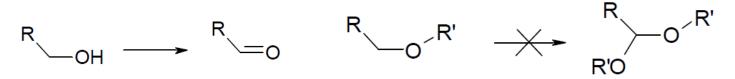




interconversion of functional groups that are at the same oxidation level usually takes place slowly - these are synthetic equivalents

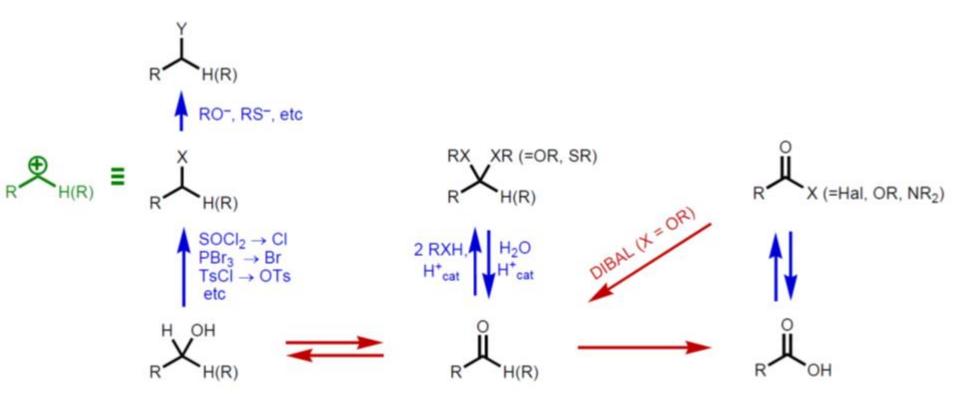


interconversion of functional groups that are not at the same oxidation level can take place only in some cases



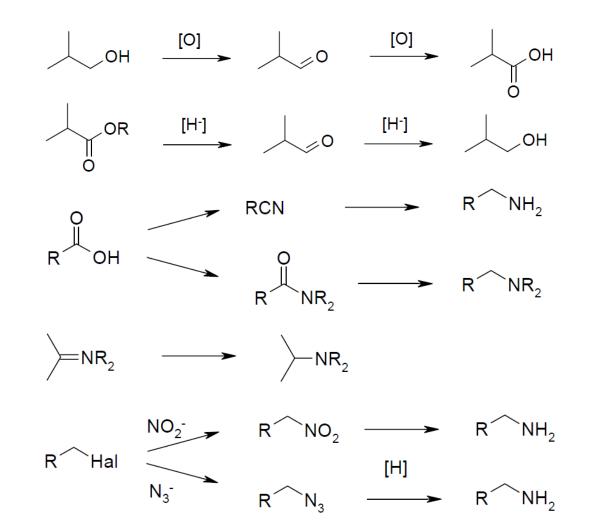
- OH (hydroxy group) oxygen functional group with the lowest oxidation state (-1); COOH (carboxyl group) - oxygen functional group with the highest oxidation state (+3); CO (carbonyl group) - oxidation state +1 for aldehydes and +2 for ketones
- oxidation of alcohol to carboxylic acid changes the oxidation state of carbon from -1 to +3

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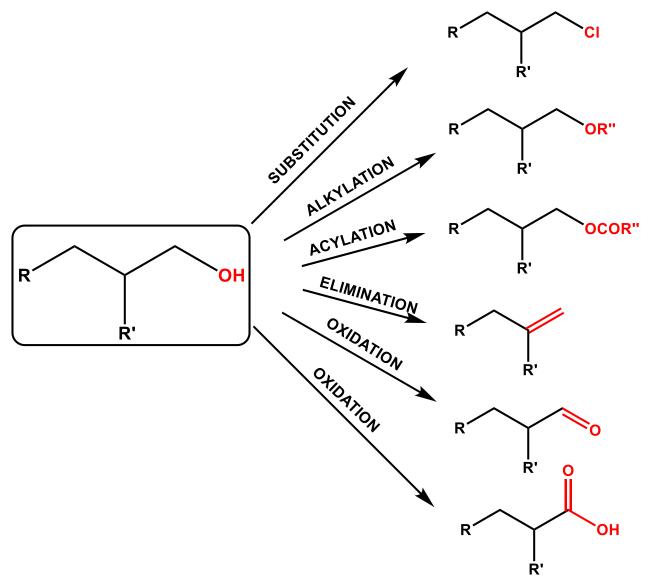


functional groups obtained without changing the oxidation state are prepared from precursors with the same number of C-heteroatom bonds

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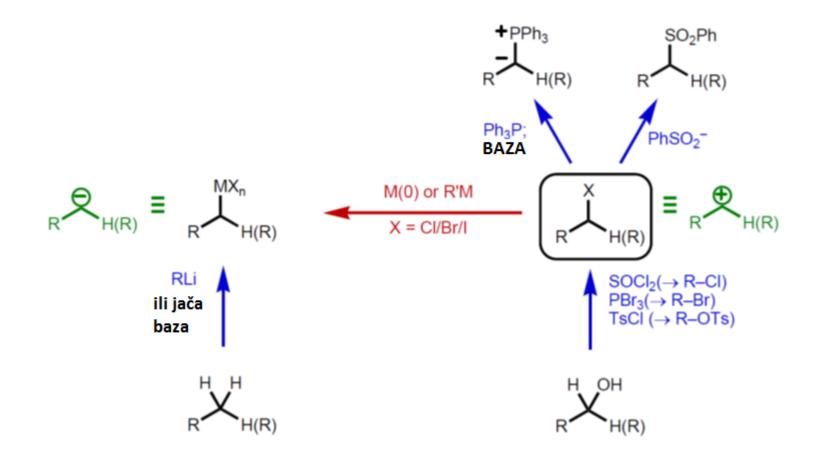


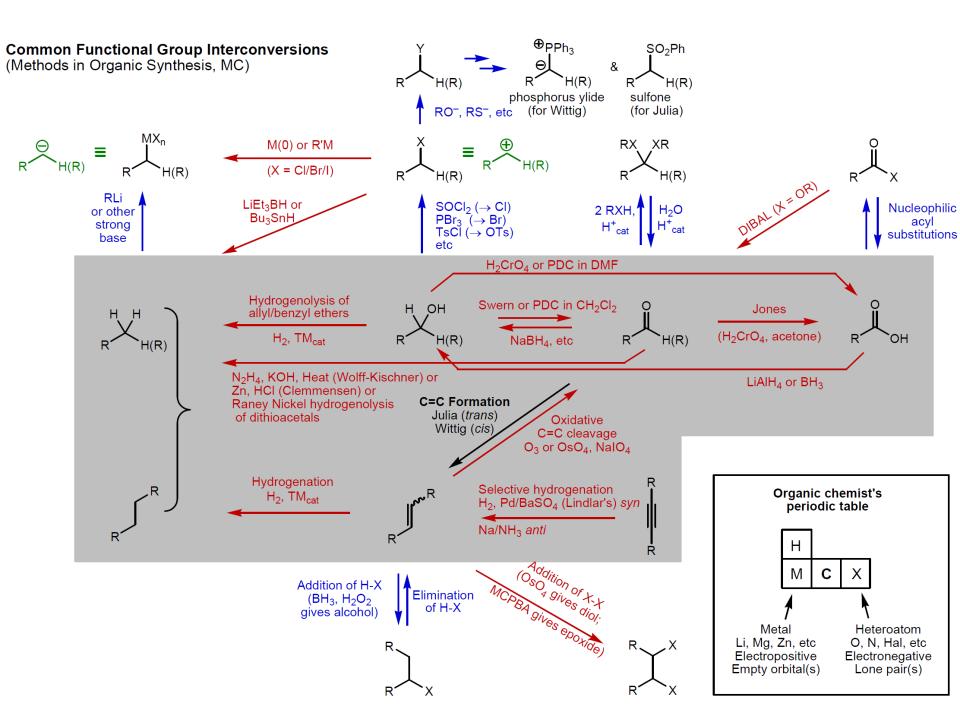
#### SYNTHETIC TRANSFORMATIONS OF ALCOHOLS IN ONE STEP



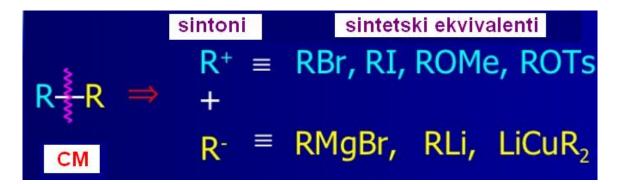
#### THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ALKYL-HALOGENIDES

- alkyl halides are very important because R+ are synthetic equivalents and precursors for obtaining R- synthons
- they are also important for the preparation of ylides or sulfones which are the main precursors for the synthesis of C = C bonds



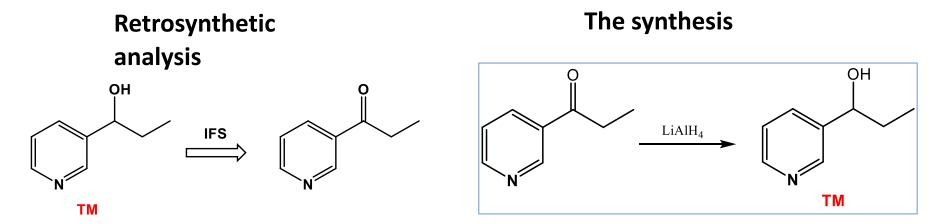


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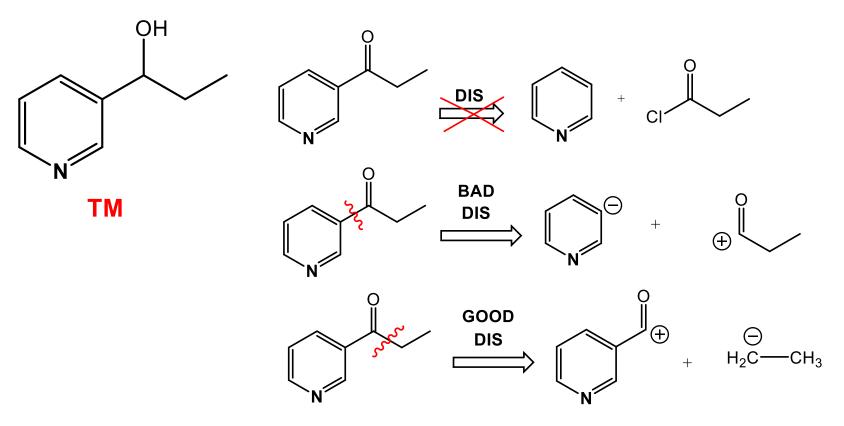


#### **Planning of the organic synthesis**

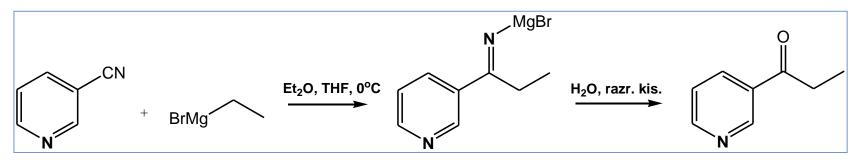
- determine the functional groups in the target molecule
- make an appropriate disconnection
- suggest reagents, conditions and synthetic route



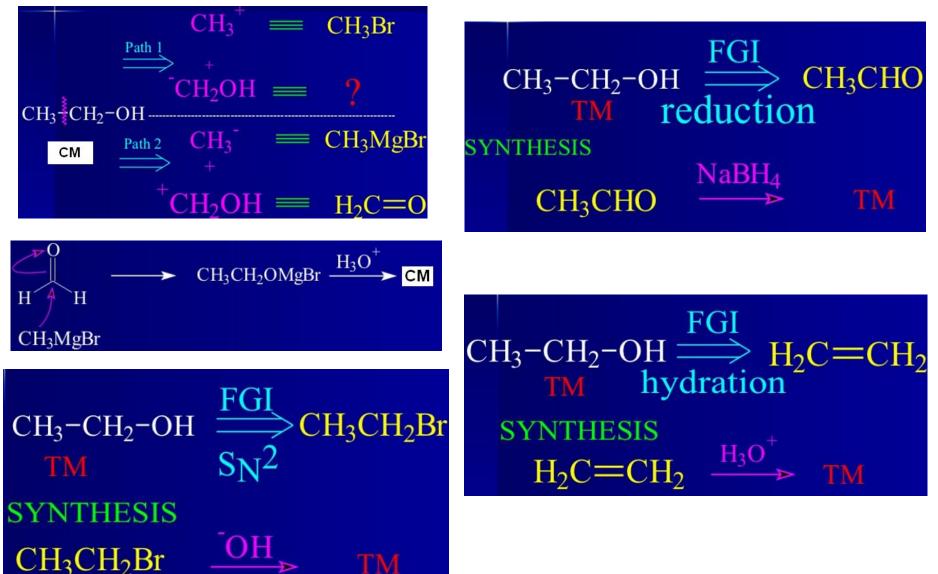
#### THE EXAMPLE OF THE RETROSYNTHETIC ANALYSIS



#### **PROPOSAL OF THE SYNTHESIS**



# THE EXAMPLE OF THE RETROSYNTHETIC ANALYSISCH\_CH\_OHOF ETHANOL

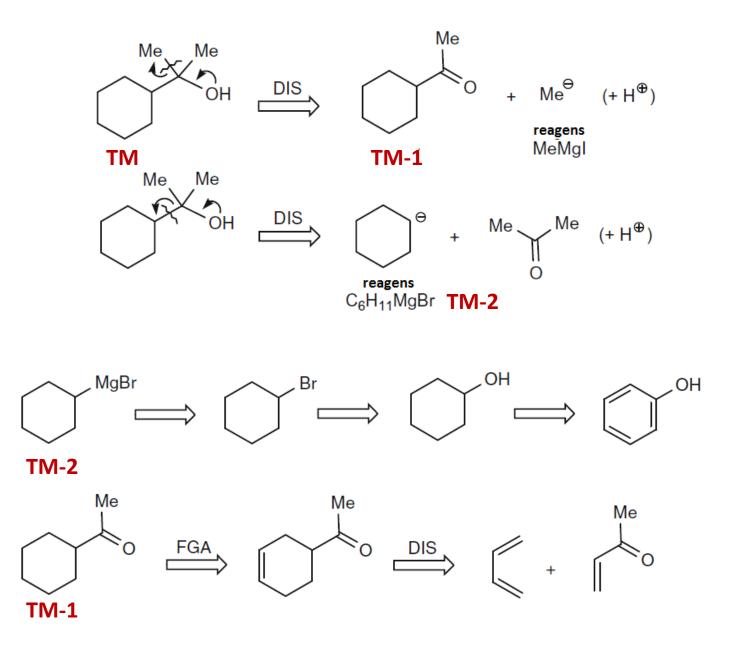


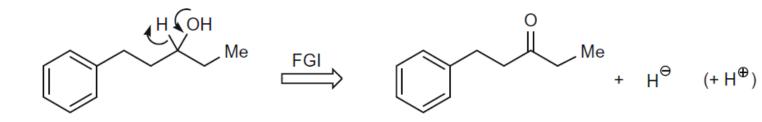
# Functional groups bonded with the single bond to the heteroatome

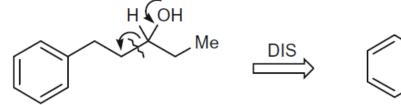
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C− <mark>X</mark> :	Halides Alkyl-halogenides	H <sub>3</sub> C-I	lodomethane
C-OH	Alcoholes	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OH	Ethanol
C− <mark>Ŏ</mark> −C	Ethers	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	<b>Diethyl-ether</b>
c- <mark>n</mark> :	Amines	H <sub>3</sub> C-NH <sub>2</sub>	Aminomethane
	Nitro compounds	H <sub>3</sub> C-NO <sub>2</sub>	Nitromethane
: <u>О</u> :⊜ С— <mark>≦</mark> Н	Tioles	H <sub>3</sub> C-SH	Metanthiole
C— <mark>S</mark> —C	Sulfides	H <sub>3</sub> C-S-CH <sub>3</sub>	Dimethyl-sulfide

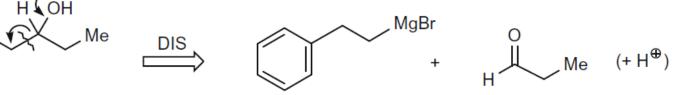
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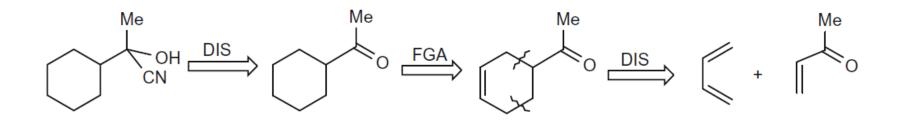
Formula	Class	Example	IUPAC	Trivijal name
$C-C\equiv N$ :	Nitriles	H <sub>3</sub> C-CN	Ethanenitrile	Acetonitrile
C-CH	Aldehides	H <sub>3</sub> CCHO	Ethanal	Acetaldehide
c— <mark>c</mark> —c	Ketones	H <sub>3</sub> CCOCH <sub>3</sub>	Propanon	Acetone
C-C	Carboxilyc acids	H₃CCO₂H	Ethan acid	Acidic acid
c-c	Esters	H <sub>3</sub> CCO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	Ethyl-etanoate	Ethyl-acetate
c-c <sup>2</sup> X:	Acyl- halogenides	H <sub>3</sub> CCOCI	Ethanoil-chloride	Acethyl-chloride
c-c N:	Amides	H <sub>3</sub> CCON(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	<u>N,N</u> -Dimehyilethanamide	<i>N,N</i> -Dimethylacetamide
C-C	Anhidrides	(H <sub>3</sub> CCO) <sub>2</sub> O	Acidic acid anhydride	Acetanhidride

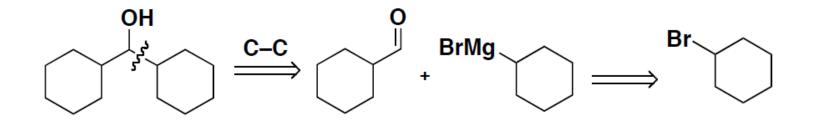


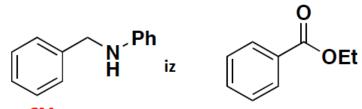




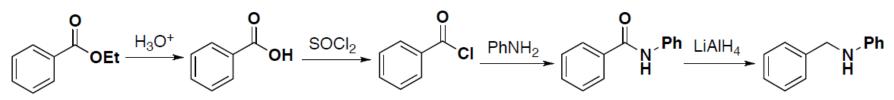




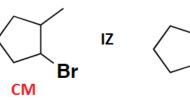




CM



OH

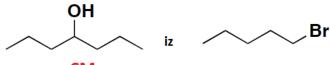


acid catalyzed

dehidratation

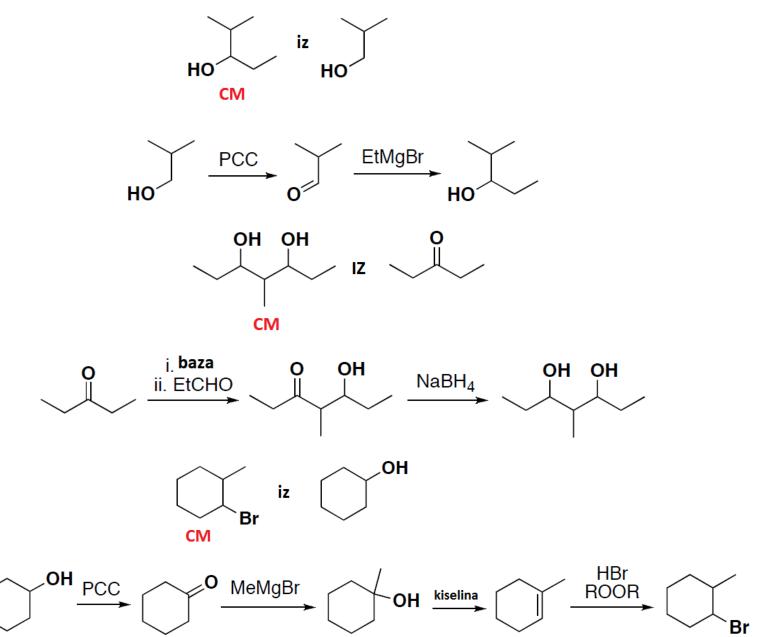
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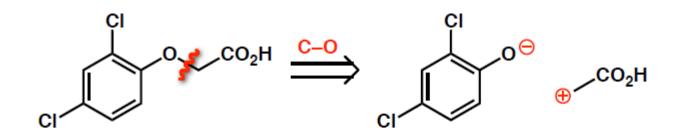


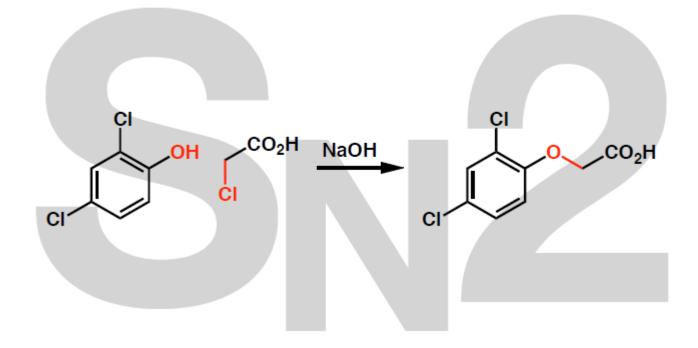


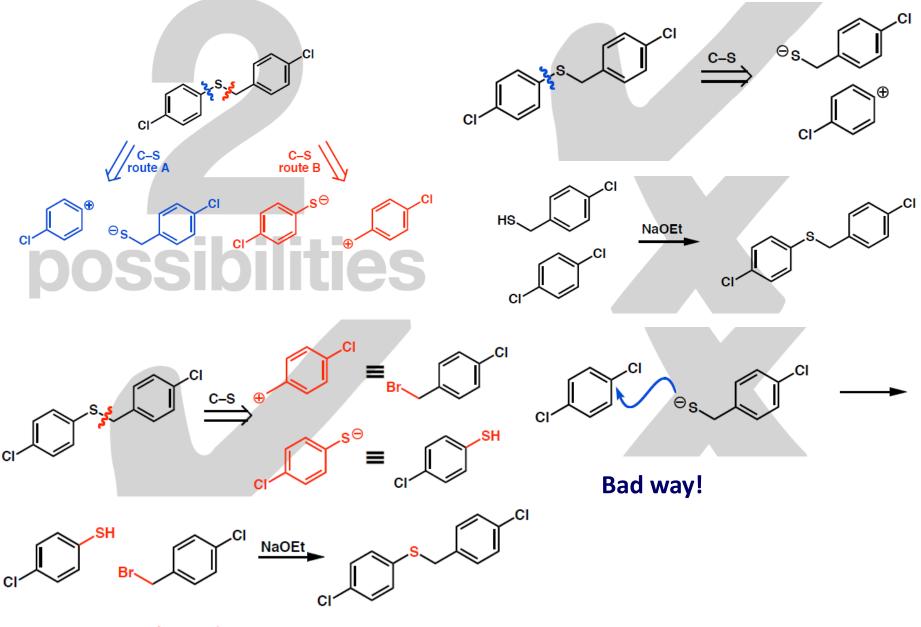
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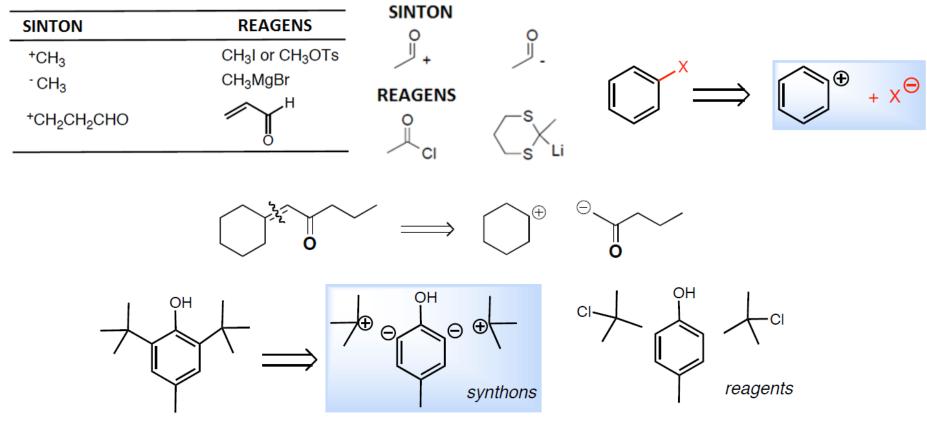




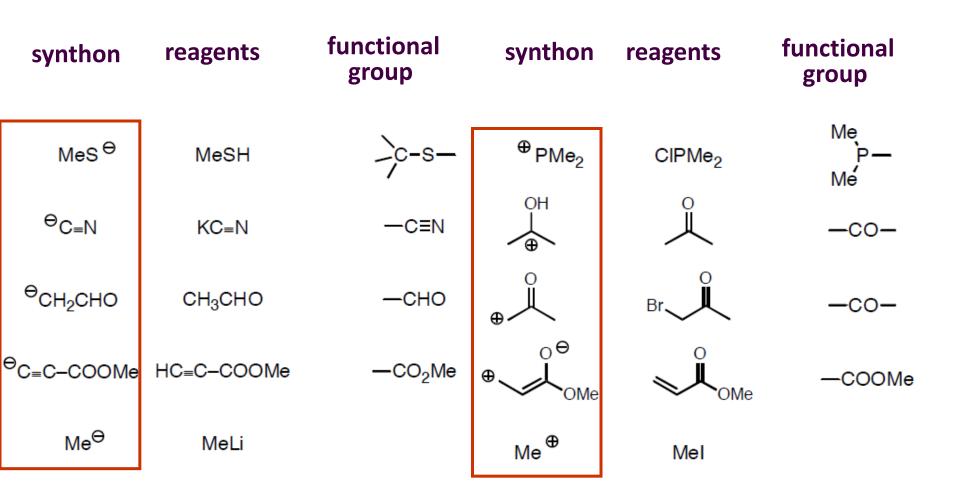
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# **SYNTHONS**

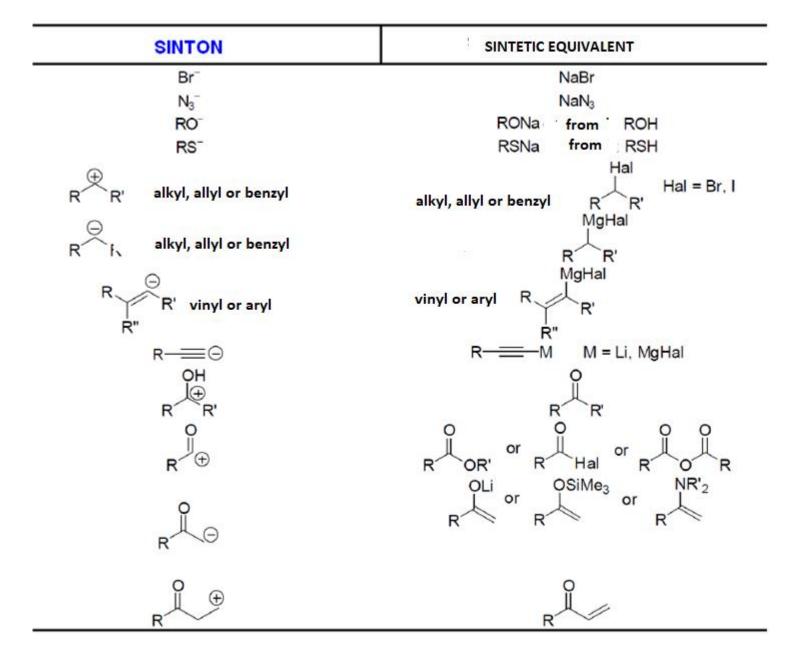
- SYNTHON is an ideal fragment obtained by retrosynthesis that can be incorporated into the structure of the target molecule - usually a cation or anion
- Synthon can be cut from the target molecule so as to obtain a meaningful chemical burst of the bond
- reagents are chemical compounds that are actually used instead of synthons



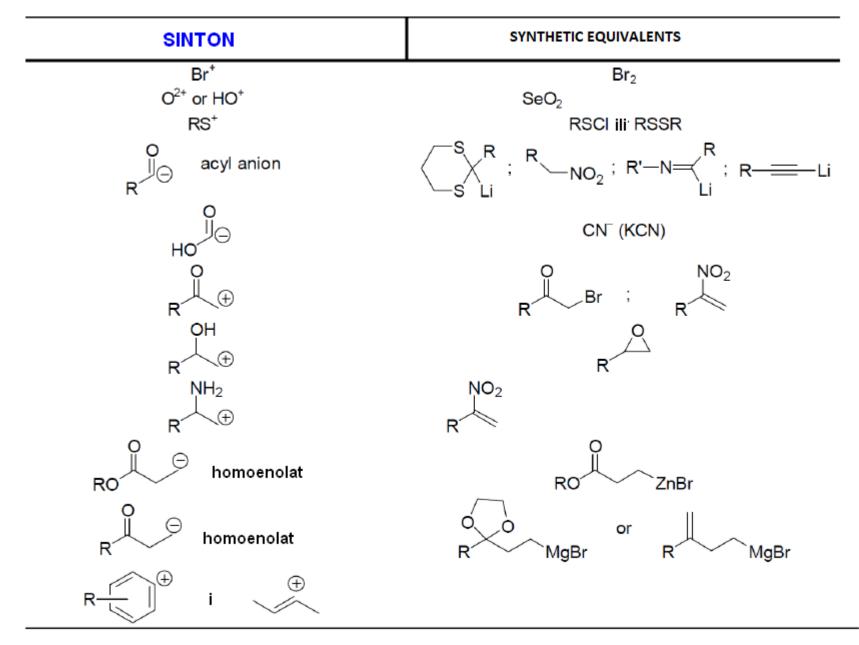
# **EXAMPLES OF SYNTHONS**



#### **NATURAL SYNTHONS**



### **UNNATURAL SYNTHONS**

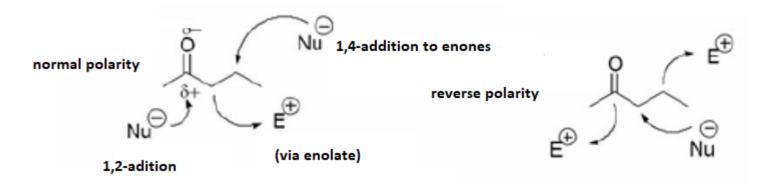


#### DISCONNECTION OF THE MOLECULE WITH REGARD TO PRESENT FUNCTION GROUP

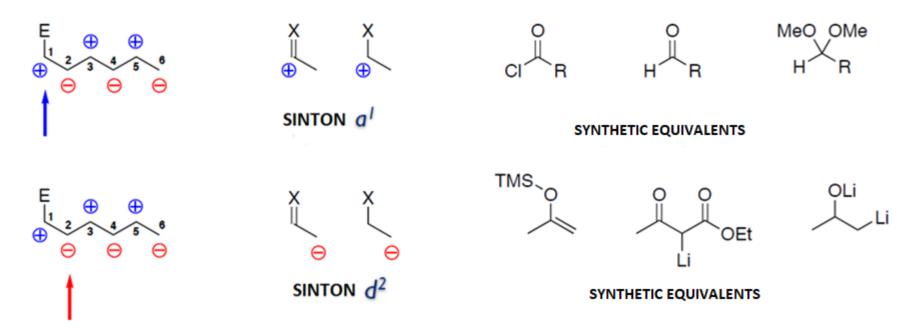
- as the reactions are most often polar, the formation of a bond (and corresponding transformations) can be considered as a combination of donor (d) and acceptor (a) synthons
- the molecule can be viewed as an ionic aggregate of carbon atoms with functional groups present



**Possibilities of carbonyl group:** 



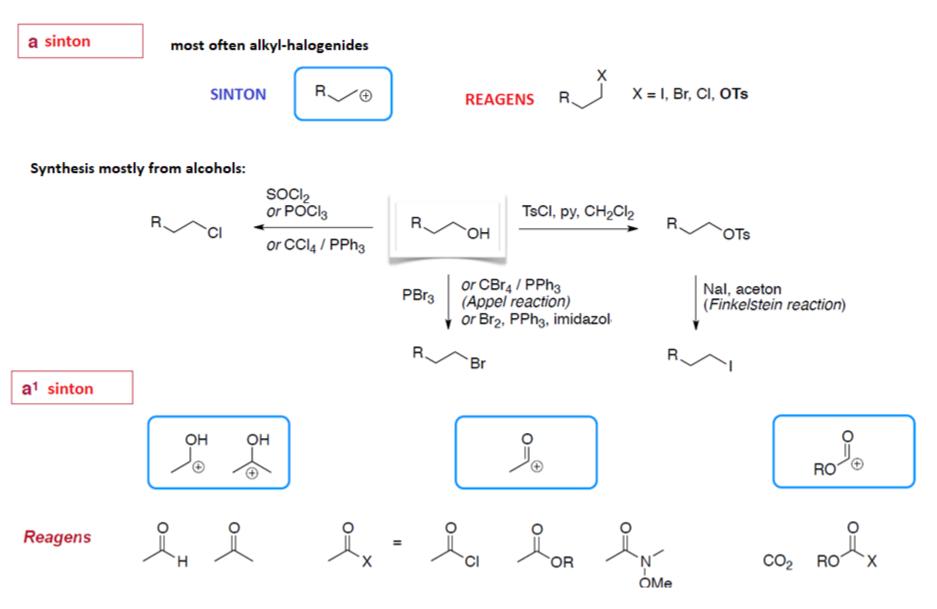
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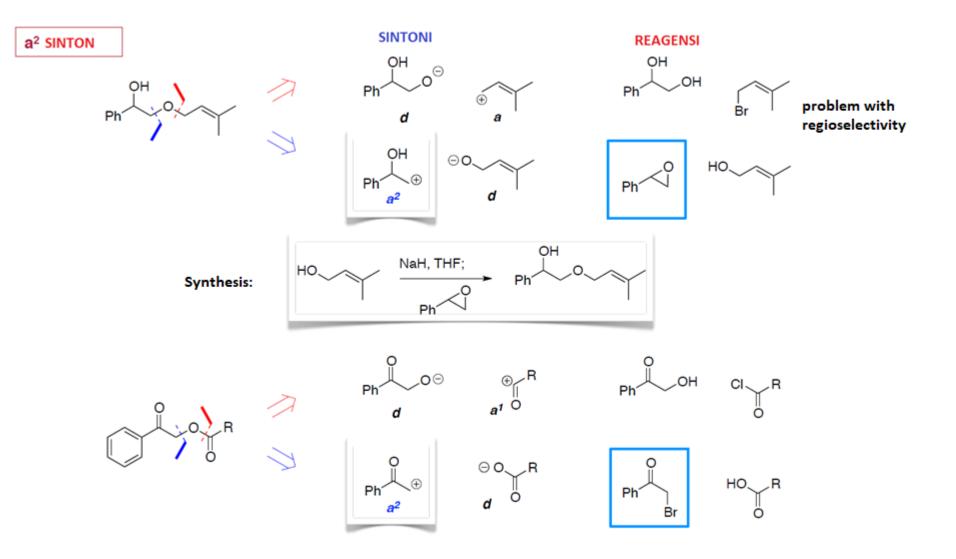


to a and d syntons the numbers are given with respect to the relative position relative to the functional group and the reactive carbon atom

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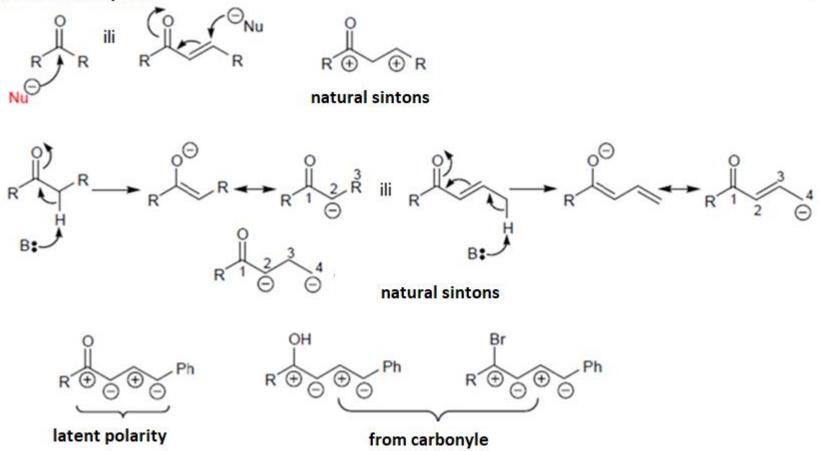




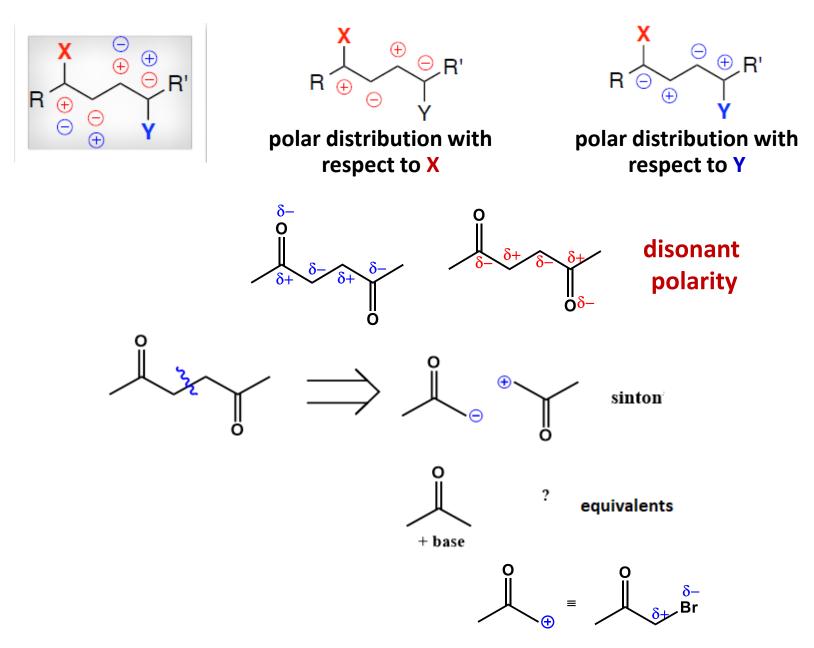
#### LATENT POLARITY

 ★ imagined alternating positive and negative charges in the molecule used to facilitate the selection of disconnection and synthons → usually gives the most favorable synthons - not always possible

Addition of nucleophile:



#### **DISONANT POLARITY**





#### Learning outcomes of the teaching unit

- know the basic concepts related to the retrosynthetic approach
- understand the principle of retrosynthesis
- be able to present a retrosynthetic analysis of the target molecule
- understand interconversions of functional groups
- understand meaningful disconnections
- know oxidation levels and degrees of compounds
- be able to assess whether the retrosynthetic pathway makes sense or not
- be able to draw the retrosynthesis of simple target molecules
- be able to draw the synthesis of simple target molecules according to retrosynthetic analysis