Organic synthesis

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epoxides: typically, attack of H⁻ on less substituted C



J. Org. Chem. 1989, 54, 2620.

reduction of C=O: attack at less sterically hindered site

 α , β -unsaturated ketones: predominant 1,2-reduction



reduction of carbonyl compounds with LAH: typically no racemization (epimerization)



J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans. 1 1981, 909.









BH₃ : sold as BH₃.THF or BH₃.Me₂S

- reduction of *carboxylic acids* in the presence of esters and other functional groups
- hydroboration of alkenes



J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1980, 102, 2117.

Synlett. 2000, 1363.



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LiEt₃BH (Super Hydride)

Et⊖ Li Et−B−H

- donor of strongly nucleophilic hydride
- reduction of halides, sulfonates, opening of epoxides (attack on less sterically hindered C)



J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1983, 105, 6736.

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- bulky donors of hydride
- frequently used for diastereoselective reductions (substrate control)



J. Org. Chem. 1988, 53, 4006.



J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1993, 115, 4419.



Reduction

 $-c'_{R} \rightarrow \downarrow^{R}_{OH}$

enantioselective reduction

Corey-Bakshi-Shibata reduction (CBS reduction)





Reduction

enantioselective reduction

catalytic hydrogenation (of β-ketoesters)





(R)-BINAP





97% ee

J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1988, 110, 629.



DIBAL : i-Bu₂AIH

- formation of stable tetrahedral adduct after first reduction -> another reduction does not proceed
- reduction of esters to aldehydes (low temperature)



• reduction of nitriles to imines (which are hydrolyzed to aldehydes during work-up)



J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1993, 115, 3146.



• selective reductant: reduction of aldehydes, ketones and acid chlorides in the presence of other reducible

• compatible with alcoholic solvents



groups $(CO_2R, CN, NO_2, epoxides)$

J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1992, 114, 3162.

 α,β -unsaturated ketones: 1,2-reduction (in combination with lanthanide salts - *Luche reduction*)



note

Stryker reduction: 1,4-reduction

- complementary to 1,2-reduction of α , β -unsaturated ketones, aldehydes, nitriles, sulfones
- highly chemoselective: isolated C=C, C=O and many protecting groups typically not affected
- [(Ph₃P)CuH]₆ commercially available





Tetrahedron Lett. 1990, 31, 3237.

reductive amination: NaBH₄, NaBH(OAc)₃, NaBH₃CN

• selective reduction of imines and iminium salts; stable under mildly acidic conditions





J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1988, 110, 4329.



Tetrahedron Lett. **1984**, *25*, 5449.

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alkylative amination

- formally analogous to reductive amination -> complex tertiary amines (frequent motifs in medchem)
- but historically difficult to carry out







Staudinger reaction









"ionic hydrogenation"

- combination of proton donor (CF₃COOH) and hydride donor (Et₃SiH)
- typically selective with ketones, alkenes and lactoles







 Sml_2

• reduction of aldehydes and ketones in the presence of carb. acids and esters





Clemmensen reduction

• strongly acidic conditions; limited use



J. Org. Chem. **1969**, 34, 1109.

reduction of thioacetals (thioketals), also thiols, thioethers, sulfoxides and sulfones

• Ra-Ni (+ H₂)





Kizhner-Wolff reduction



traditional protocol:



Can. J. Chem. 1979, 57, 1064.

low temperature variant: t-BuOK, DMSO



Shapiro reaction

• ketones (aldehydes) -> tosylhydrazones -> alkenes



reduction of tosylhydrazones by hydrides

• mild & chemoselective (esters, amides, nitro, nitriles... tolerated) removal of O from carbonyl





Barton-McCombie deoxygenation



J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1986, 108, 3443.



radical dehalogenation

- radical source: Bu₃SnH
- Br a I more reactive than CI a F
- $\ensuremath{\,^\circ}$ also useful for removal of $\ensuremath{\mathsf{NO}}_2$



J. Am. Chem. Soc. **1991**, *113*, 8980.





J. Org. Chem. 1979, 44, 151.

dehalogenation with Zn/AcOH

• chemoselective reduction of α -haloketones, α , β -unsaturated ketones



J. Org. Chem. 1988, 53, 1100.



J. Org. Chem. **1989**, 54, 2781.



catalytic hydrogenation (of alkenes)

- substituted alkenes are typically less reactive
- syn- addition from sterically less hindered site

but: addition of H₂ can be directed using proper polar substituents

heterogenous: typically with Pd/C, $Pd(OH)_2$, Pt, PtO_2 etc.



Tetrahedron 1972, 28, 3583.



J. Chem. Soc. 1957, 3107.





homogenous

Wilkinson catalyst: RhCl(PPh₃)₃

- compatible with CO, COOR, CN, NO₂
- stereoselective *cis* hydrogenation





J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1985, 107, 4339.

Crabtree's catalyst:

• frequently used for directed hydrogenations





Organometallics 1987, 2, 681.





asymmetric catalytic hydrogenation (of olefins)

• complexes of metals with chiral phosphines



J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1987, 109, 1596.



reduction with diimide

- in situ generation
- selective cis- reduction of C=C
- tolerated: C=O, C=N, NO₂, OBn etc.







NΞN



J. Org. Chem. **1977**, 42, 3987.





Birch reduction

- Na, K, Li in liquid NH_3 -> reduction of aromatic rings
- product is generated from the corresponding radical-anion

(regioselectivity is given by its stabilization -> depends on substituents)





alkylation of the in situ formed radical-anion:



Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2021, 60, 9666.



visible light-driven Birch reduction

J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2020, 142, 13573.









trans: modern methods: Pd- or Ru-catalyzed semi-hydrogenation

Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2013, 52, 806.



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cyclic & acyclic alkynes

• tolerated: OH, OTs, NO₂, SMe, COOH etc.

elimination of H₂O

