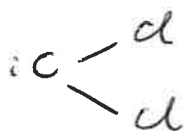


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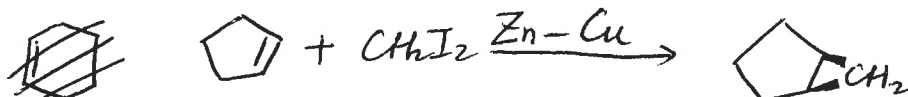
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Recall: Carbenes.

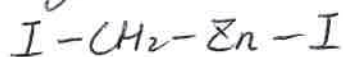


6e<sup>-</sup> on carbon: very reactive!

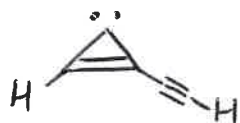
Simmons-Smith reagent: Use a metal atom to "tame"  
a carbene (:CH<sub>2</sub>)



Reagent:



Interstellar Carbenes:



etc.

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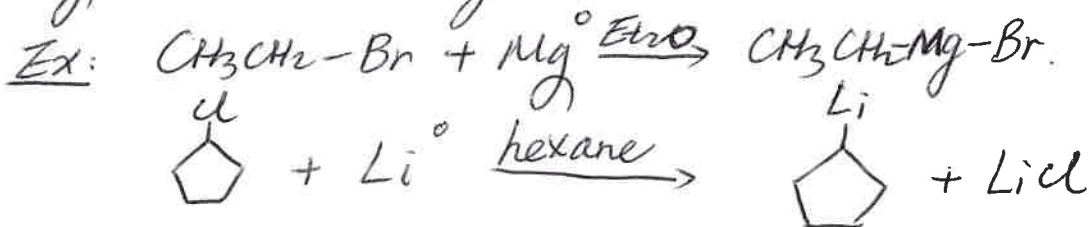
Alkyl halides as precursor for organometallic species  
with carbanion-like reactivity.

↓  
nucleophilic & basic @ C.

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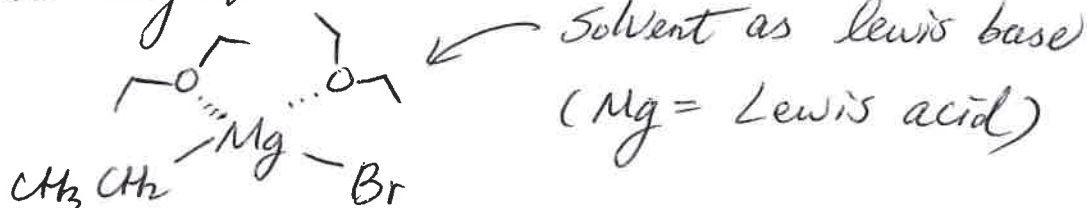
Two families:

Grignard Reagents (Mg)  
 Organolithium Reagents (Li).

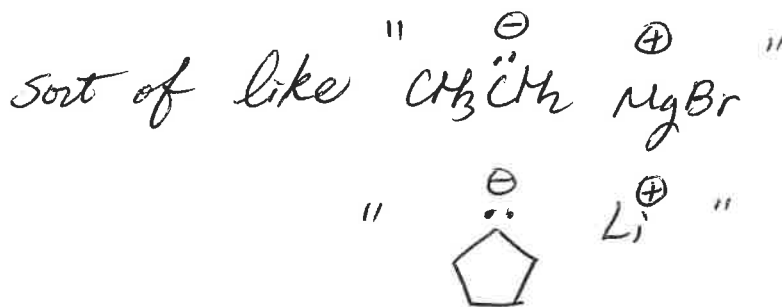
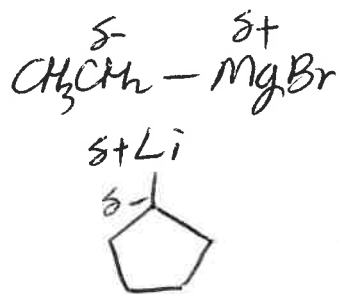


Role of Solvent

Ethers serve as Lewis bases, can stabilize organo-metallic reagent.



$\delta^-$ -rich carbene

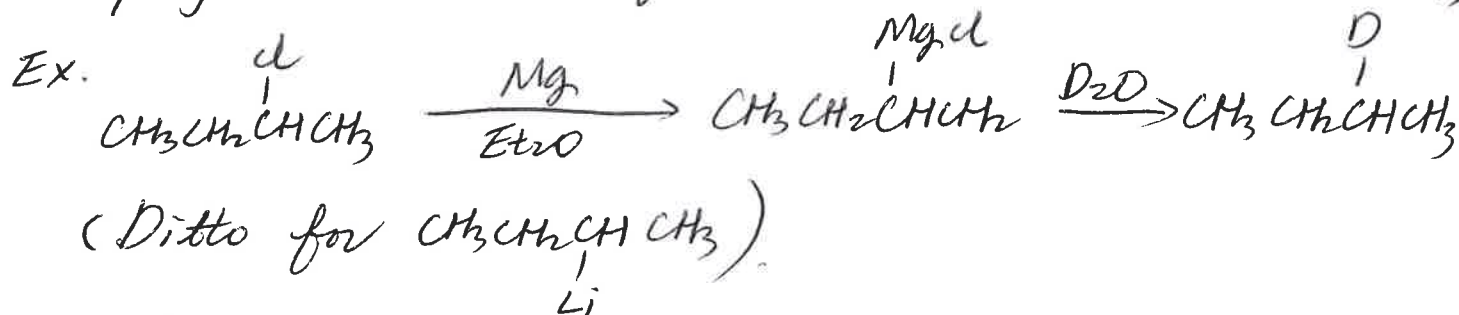


Explain why the carbon atoms are nucleophilic (stay tuned...) & strongly basic.

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Rapid rxn of  $\text{RMgX}$  or  $\text{RLi}$  with even relatively weak acids, eg.,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . Use this reactivity for ~~the~~ sitespecific introduction of D. (D = deuterium (H isotope))

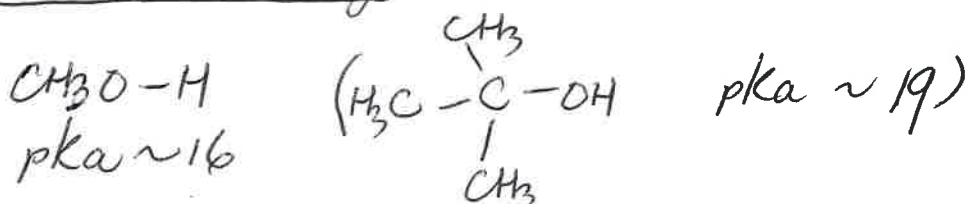


Usually we try to avoid acid-base reactivity of  $\text{R-Li}$  or  $\text{RMgX}$  in order to harness nucleophilic reactivity

Chap. 10 - Alcohol ( $\text{R-OH}$ ) & Thiols ( $\text{R-SH}$ )

Rec. Problems: 1, 3-28, 30, 31, 38-41, 43-51, 57-59, 66, 68 a, b.

Acid-base chemistry



Format<sup>n</sup> of alkoxides

"quantitative deprotonation" (i.e., complete deprotonation)?

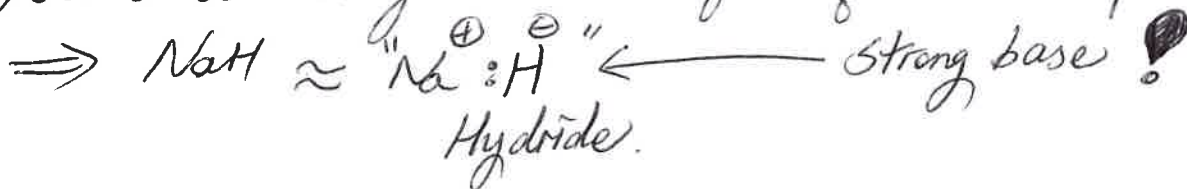
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Note: NaOH, KOH inadequate!



NOT quantitative - expect substantial quantities of both  $\text{EtO}^{\ominus}$  &  $\text{OH}^{\ominus}$ .

Need a stronger base for quant. deprotonation.

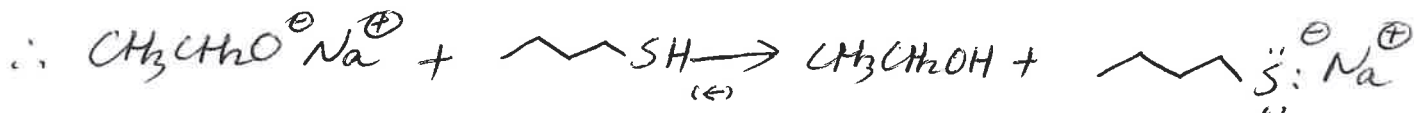


pKa H-H? ~ 37.

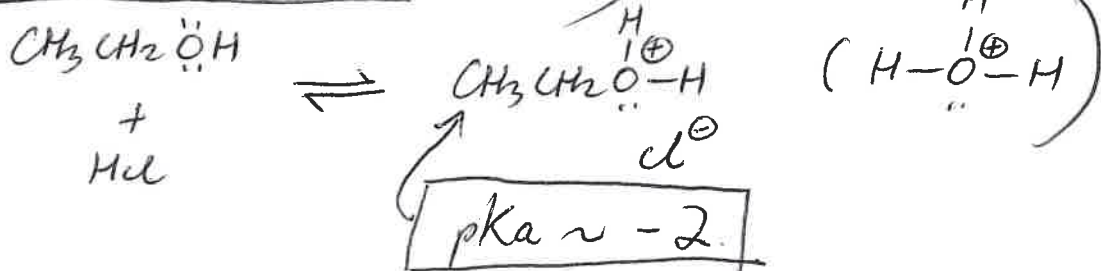
This:



This, pKa ~ 10.



Alcohols as bases (weak)



Ditto for ethers.

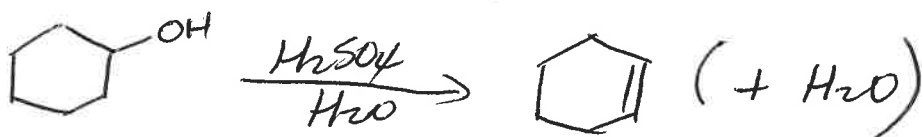




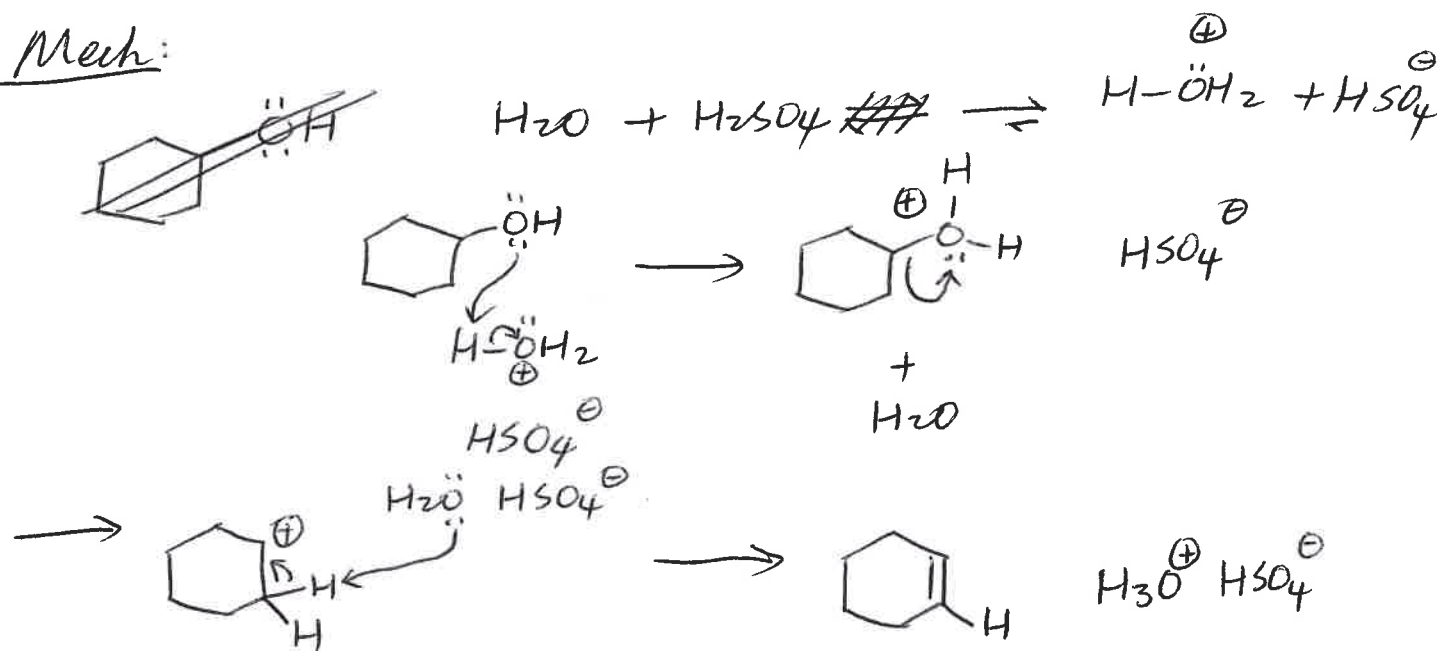
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Acid catalyzed dehydration of alcohols (to form alkene)

Ex.



Mech:



E1