General Reference:

Greene, T. W.; Wuts, P. G. M. *Protective Groups In Organic Synthesis, 4th ed.* John Wiley & Sons: New Jersey, **2007**.

Important Silyl Ether Protective Groups:

General methods for the formation of silyl ethers:

Triisopropylsilyl (TIPS) Tetraisopropyldisiloxanylidene (TIPDS)

Di-t-butylsilylene (DTBS)

Corey, E. J.; Venkateswarlu, A. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1972, 94, 6190.

ROH
$$\frac{R'_3SiOTf}{2,6-lutidine, CH_2Cl_2}$$
 ROSiR'₃

Corey, E. J.; Cho, H.; Rücker, C.; Hua, D. H. Tetrahedron Lett. 1981, 22, 3455.

· In general, the stability of silyl ethers towards acidic media increases as indicated:

TMS(1) < TES(64) < TBS(20,000) < TIPS(700,000) < TBDPS(5,000,000)

· In general, stability towards basic media increases in the following order:

TMS (1) < TES (10-100) < TBS ~ TBDPS (20,000) < TIPS (100,000)

Greene, T. W.; Wuts, P. G. M. *Protective Groups In Organic Synthesis, 3rd ed.* John Wiley & Sons: New York, **1991**.

Silyl Ether	Half Life (5% NaOH–95% MeOH)	Half Life (1% HCI–MeOH, 25 °C)
<i>n</i> -C ₆ H ₁₃ OTMS	≤1 min	≤1 min
n-C ₆ H ₁₃ OSi- i -Bu(CH ₃) ₂	2.5 min	≤1 min
n-C ₆ H ₁₃ OTBS	Stable for 24 h	≤1 min
n-C ₆ H ₁₃ OSiCH ₃ Ph ₂	≤1 min	14 min
n-C ₆ H ₁₃ OTIPS	Stable for 24 h	55 min
n-C ₆ H ₁₃ OTBDPS	Stable for 24 h	225 min

Davies, J. S.; Higginbotham, L. C. L.; Tremeer, E. J.; Brown, C.; Treadgold, *J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans*. 1 1992, 3043.

• A study comparing alkoxysilyl vs. trialkylsilyl groups has also been done:

Silyl Ether	Half Life Bu ₄ N ⁺ F ⁻ (0.06 M, 6 equiv)	Half Life HClO ₄ (0.01 M)
n-C ₁₂ H ₂₅ OTBS	140 h	1.4 h
n-C ₁₂ H ₂₅ OTBDPS	375 h	> 200 h
n-C ₁₂ H ₂₅ OSiPh ₂ (O <i>i</i> -Pr)	<0.03 h	0.7 h
n-C ₁₂ H ₂₅ OSiPh ₂ (Ot-Bu)	5.8 h	17.5 h
n-C ₁₂ H ₂₅ OSiPh(t-Bu)(OCH ₃) 22 h	200h

Gillard, J.W.; Fortin, R.; Morton, H. E.; Yoakim, C.; Quesnell, C. A.; Daignault, S.; Guindon, Y. *J. Org. Chem.* **1988**, *53*, 2602.

 Silyl groups are typically deprotected with a source of fluoride ion. The Si–F bond stength is about 30 kcal/mol stronger than the Si–O bond.

Fluoride sources:

Tetrabutylammonium fluoride, Bu₄N⁺F⁻ (TBAF)

Pyridine (HF)x

Triethylamine trihydrofluoride, Et₃N•3HF

Hydrofluoric acid

Tris(dimethylamino)sulfonium difluorotrimethylsilicate (TASF)

Ammonium fluoride, H₄N⁺F⁻

· Monosilylation of symmetrical diols is possible, and useful.

McDougal, P.G.; Rico, J.G.; Oh, Y.; Condon, B. D. J. Org. Chem. 1986, 51, 3388.

Hu, L.; Liu, B.; Yu, C. Tetrahedron Lett. 2000, 41, 4281.

OCH₃

Roush, W. R.; Gillis, H. R.; Essenfeld, A. P. J. Org. Chem. 1984, 49, 4674.

 Selective protection of alcohols is of great importance in synthesis. Conditions often must be determined empirically.

Evans, D. A.; Fitch, D. M. Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Engl. 2000, 39, 2536.

Phorboxazole B

 Selective deprotection of silyl ethers is also important, and is also subject to empirical determination.

Holton, R. A., et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc., 1994, 116, 1599.

Carreira, E. M.; Du Bois, J. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1995, 117, 8106.

Selective deprotections in organic synthesis have been reviewed: Nelson, T. D.;
 Crouch, R. D. Synthesis 1996, 1065.

Esters and Carbonates



Acetate (Ac)

Chloroacetate

Dichloroacetate

Trichloroacetate





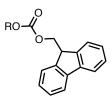
Trifluoroacetate (TFA)

Pivaloate (Piv)

Benzoate (Bz)







p-Bromobenzoate

Methyl Carbonate

9-(Fluorenylmethyl) Carbonate (Fmoc)

Allyl Carbonate (Alloc)



$$RO = \begin{pmatrix} O \\ O \\ - \\ Si(CH_3)_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

2,2,2-Trichloroethyl Carbonate (Troc)

Dimethylthiocarbamate (DMTC)

General methods used to form esters and carbonates:

DMAP = 4-Dimethylaminopyridine:
$$H_3C^{-N}CH_3$$
 $H_3C^{-N}CH_3$

Proposed intermediate

DMAP is used to accelerate reactions between nucleophiles and activated esters. Neises, B.; Steglich, W. *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Engl.* **1978**, *17*, 522.

• In general, the susceptibility of esters to base-catalyzed hydrolysis increases with the acidity of the product acid.

$$H_3C$$
 OCH_3 CI OCH_3 CI OCH_3 CI OCH_3 CI OCH_3 CI OCH_3

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Acetate Esters:

Several methods for forming and cleaving acetate esters have been developed. Lipases can often
be used for the enantioselective hydrolysis of acetate esters. The enantioselective hydrolysis of
meso diesters is an important synthetic transformation and racemic esters have been kinetically
resolved using lipases.

Deardorff, D. R.; Matthews, A. J.; McMeekin, D. S.; Craney, C. L. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1986**, *27*, 1255.

• Lipases can also be effective for deprotection under very mild conditions, as in the case shown below, where conventional methods were unsuccessful.

Sakaki, J.; Sakoda, H.; Sugita, Y.; Sato, M.; Kaneto, C. Tetrahedron: Asymmetry, 1991, 2, 343.

 A potentially general method for selectively acylating the primary hydroxyl group of a 1,2-diol makes use of stannylene acetals as intermediates:

Review: Hanessian, S.; David, S. Tetrahedron 1985, 41, 643.

· Good selectivity can often be achieved in the selective deprotection of different esters.

Neocarzinostatin Chromophore

Myers, A. G.; Liang, J.; Hammond, M.; Wu, Y.; Kuo, E. Y. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1998**, *120*, 5319.

• When one protective group is stable to conditions that cleave another and the converse is also true, these groups are often said to bear an **orthogonal** relationship. This concept is illustrated well in the context of carbonates (and carbamates).

Summary of methods for deprotecting carbonates:

Methyl Carbonate:

$$RO \xrightarrow{OCH_3} \xrightarrow{K_2CO_3, MeOH} ROH$$

Meyers, A. I.; Tomioka, K.; Roland, D. M.; Comins, D. Tetrahedron Lett. 1978, 19, 1375.

9-Fluorenylmethyl Carbonate:

• The pKa of fluorene is ≈ 10.3

Et₃N, pyr

ROH

fluorene =

Chattopadhyaya, J. B.; Gioeli, C. J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Comm. 1982, 672.

Trichloroethyl Carbonate:

Windholz, T. B.; Johnston, D. B. R. Tetrahedron Lett. 1988, 29, 2227.

Allyl Carbonate:

$$RO \xrightarrow{O} \qquad \xrightarrow{Pd_2(dba)_3, dppe, Et_2NH, THF} \qquad ROH$$

Genet, J.P.; Blart E.; Savignac, M.; Lemeune, S.; Lemaire-Audoire, S.; Bernard, J. *Synlett* **1993**, 680.

2-(Trimethylsilyl)ethyl Carbonate:

$$RO \xrightarrow{O}$$
 $Si(CH_3)_3$ $TBAF, THF$ ROH

Gioeli, C.; Balgobin, S.; Josephson, S.; Chattopadhyaya, J. B. Tetrahedron Lett. 1981, 22, 969.

Benzyl Carbonate:

$$RO \xrightarrow{O} \xrightarrow{H_2, Pd-C, EtOH} ROH$$

Daubert, B. F.; King, G. C. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1939, 61, 3328.

Dimethylthiocarbamate (DMTC):

- The DMTC group is stable to a variety of reagents and reaction conditions (PCC oxidations, Swern oxidations, chromium reagents, Grignard and alkyllithium reagents, phosphorous ylides, LAH, HF, TBAF, and borane).
- The protecting group is introduced using thiocarbonyldiimidazole followed by treatment with dimethylamine, or by reaction with commercially available CICSN(CH₃)₂

Barma, D. K.; Bandyopadhyay, A.; Capdevilla, J. H.; Falck, J. R. Org. Lett. 2003, 5, 4755.

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Acetals as Protective Groups:

General methods for forming acyclic, mixed acetals:

(SEM)

Base-solvent combinations are often diisopropylethylamine- CH_2CI_2 , NaH-THF, or NaH-DMF. Sometimes a source of iodide ion is added to enhance the reactivity of the alkylating reagent. Typical sources include $Bu_4N^+I^-$, LiI, or NaI.

(THP)

General methods for introducing 2-tetrahydropyranyl ethers:

PPTS = Pyridinium p-toluenesulfonate

Grieco, P. A.; Yoshikoshi, A.; Miyashita, M. *J. Org. Chem.* **1977**, *42*, 3772, and references cited therein.

Cleavage of acetal protective groups:

Methoxymethyl Ethers:

RO OCH₃ ROH

- 1. Conc. HCl, MeOH. Weinreb, S.; Auerbach, J. J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Comm. 1974, 889.
- 2. Bromocatechol borane. This reagent cleaves a number of protective groups in approximately the following order: MOMOR ≈ MEMOR > t-BuO₂CNHR > BnO₂CNHR > t-BuOR > BnOR > allylOR > t-BuO₂CR ≈ 2° alkylOR > BnO₂CR > 1° alkylOR >> alkylO₂CR. Boeckman Jr., R. K.; Potenza, J. C. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1985**, *26*, 1411.
- 3. LiBF₄, CH₃CN, H₂O. Ireland, R. E.; Varney, M. D. J. Org. Chem. 1986, 51, 635.

Benzyloxymethyl Ethers:

- 1. Na, NH₃. Stork, G.; Isobe, M. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1975, 97, 6260.
- 2. H₂, Pd-C. D. Tanner, D.; Somfai, P. Tetrahedron 1987, 43, 4395.
- 3. Dowex 50W–X8, acidic ion exchange resin. Roush, W. R.; Michaelidies, M. R.; Tai, D. F.; Chong, W. K. M. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1987, 109, 7575.

4-Methoxybenzyloxymethyl Ether:

1. DDQ, H₂O. Kozikowski, A. P.; Wu, J.-P. Tetrahedron Lett. 1987, 28, 5125.

2,2,2-Trichloroethoxymethyl Ether:



- 1. Zn-Cu or Zn-Ag, MeOH. Jacobson, R. M.; Clader, J. W. Synth. Commun. 1979, 9, 57.
- 6% Na(Hg), MeOH, THF. Evans, D. A.; Kaldor, S. W.; Jones, T. K.; Clardy, J.; Stout, T. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1990, 112, 7001.

2-Methoxyethoxymethyl Ether:

- 1. ZnBr₂, CH₂Cl₂. Corey, E. J.; Gras, J.-L.; Ulrich, P. Tetrahedron Lett. 1976, 809.
- 2. Bromocatechol borane. Refer to the section on MOM ethers.
- PPTS, *t*-BuOH, heat. Monti, H.; Leandri, G.; Klos-Ringuet, M.; Corriol, C. Synth. Comm. 1983, 13, 1021.

2-(Trimethylsilyl)ethoxymethyl Ether:

- 1. n-Bu₄N⁺F⁻, THF. Lipshutz, B. H.; Pegram, J. J. Tetrahedron Lett. 1980, 21, 3343.
- 2. TFA, CH₂Cl₂. Jansson, K.; Frejd, J.; Kihlberg, J.; Magnusson, G. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1988**, *29*, 361.

Tetrahydropyranyl Ether:

- 1. PPTS, EtOH, 55 °C. Miyashita, M.; Yoshikoshi, A.; Grieco, P. A. J. Org. Chem., 1977, 44, 1438.
- 2. TsOH, MeOH, 25 °C. Corey, E. J.; Niwa, H.; Knolle, J. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1978, 100, 1942.

Methylthiomethyl Ether:

- 1. HgCl₂, CH₃CN, H₂O. Corey, E. J.; Bock, M. G. Tetrahedron Lett. 1976, 17, 3269.
- 2. AgNO₃, THF, H₂O, 2,6-lutidine. Corey, E. J.; Bock, M. G. Tetrahedron Lett. **1976**, *17*, 3269.
- 3. MgBr₂, n-BuSH, Et₂O. Kim, S.; Kee, I. S.; Park, Y. H.; Park, J. H. Synlett, 1992, 183.

Ethers as Protective Groups:

Allyl ether formation:

- 1. NaH, allyl bromide, benzene. Corey, E. J.; Suggs, W. J.; J. Org. Chem. 1973, 38, 3224.
- CH₂=CHCH₂OC(=NH)CCl₃, H⁺. This procedure is useful for base-sensitive substrates. Wessel, H.-P.; Iverson, T.; Bundle, D. R. J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans. 1 1985, 2247.

Allyl ether cleavage:

- The use of allyl ether protective groups in synthesis has been reviewed: Guibe, F. Tetrahedron 1998, 54, 2967.
- 2. Pd(Ph₃P)₄, RSO₂Na, CH₂Cl₂. Honda, M.; Morita, H.; Nagakura, I. J. Org. Chem. 1997, 62, 8932.

Formation of trityl ethers:

Chaudhary, S. K.; Hernandez, O. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1979**, *19*, 95. In general, selective protection of primary alcohols can be achieved.

Cleavage of trityl ethers:

- 1. Amberlyst 15-H, MeOH. Malanga, C. Chem. Ind. 1987, 856.
- 2. CF₃CO₂H, t-BuOH. MacCross, M.; Cameron, D. J. Carbohydr. Res. 1978, 60, 206.

Formation of benzyl ethers:

- NaH, benzyl bromide, THF. Czernecki, S.; Georgoulis, C.; Provelenghiou, C. Tetrahedron Lett. 1976, 17, 3535.
- p-CH₃OC₆H₄CH₂OC(=NH)CCl₃, H⁺. These are useful conditions for base-sensitive substrates. Horita, K.; Abe, R.; Yonemitsu, O. *Tetrahedron Lett.* 1988, 29, 4139. Similar conditions have been developed for benzyl ethers: White, J. D.; Reddy, G. N.; Spessard, G. O. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 1988, 110, 1624.
- 3. p-CH₃OC₆H₄CH₂CI, NaH, THF. Marco, J. L.; Hueso-Rodriguez, J. A. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1988**, *29*, 2459.

Cleavage of benzyl ethers:

H₂/ Pd-C, EtOH. Heathcock, C. H.; Ratcliffe, R. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1971, 93, 1746.
 Ammonium formate is often used as a source of H₂: Bieg, T.; Szeja, W. Synthesis 1985, 76.

Cleavage of 4-methoxybenzyl ethers:

 DDQ, CH₂Cl₂. Benzyl ethers are stable to these conditions. Horita, K.; Yoshioka, T.; Tanaka, T.; Oikawa, Y. Yonemitsu, O. *Tetrahedron* 1986, 42, 3021.

Protection of 1,2- and 1,3- Diols:

Benzylidene Acetal 4-Methoxybenzylidene Acetal

3,4-Dimethoxybenzylidene Acetal Cyclic Carbonate

General methods used to form acetals and ketals (illustrated for acetonides):

$$H_3C$$
 CH_3
 H_3C
 CH_3
 CH_3

The relative rates of hydrolysis of 1,2-O-alkylidene- α -glucofuranoses have been studied.

Van Heeswijk, W. A. R.; Goedhart, J. B.; Vliegenthart, J. F. G. Carbohydr. Res. 1977, 58, 337.

General methods of cleavage:

$$R' R''$$
 $R' H$
 $R'' H$
 R''

Selective protection of polyols:

 In general, acetonide formation with 1,2-diols occurs in preference to 1,3-diols; benzylidene acetals display reversed selectivity. It is often possible to discriminate between 1,2- and 1,3-diols of a triol group.

Williams, D. R.; Sit, S.-Y. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1984, 106, 2949.

[•] Generally, n = 0 or 1.

Mortlock, S. V.; Stacey, N. A.; Thomas, E. J. J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Comm. 1987, 880.

In the case of a 1,2,3-triol, careful analysis must be performed to accurately predict the site of
acetonide formation. The more substituted acetonide will be favored in cases where the substituents
on the resultant five-membered ring will be trans. If the substituents on the five-membered ring would
be oriented cis, then the alternative, less substituted acetonide may be favored.

Roush, W. R.; Coe, J. W. *J. Org. Chem.* **1989**, *54*, 915. See also, Mukai, C.; Miyakawa, M.; Hanaoka, M. *J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans.* **1 1997**, 913.

H

CSA,
$$H_2O$$
;

 P -(CH_3O) $C_6H_4CH(OCH_3)_2$
 67% over two steps

CSA = camphorsulfonic acid

 H_3C
 CH_3
 CH_3

Winkler, J. D.; Kim, S.; Harrison, S.; Lewin, N. E.; Blumberg, P. M. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1999**, *121*, 296.

Frankowski, A.; Deredas, D.; Le Noen, D.; Tschamber, T.; Strieth, J. Helv. Chim. Acta. 1995, 78, 1837.

Lampteroflavin, a source of bioluminescence.

Isobe, M.; Takahashi, H.; Goto, T. Tetrahedron Lett. 1990, 31, 717.

Selective protection methods are central to carbohydrate chemistry. The most common protective
groups in carbohydrate chemistry are acetonides, benzylidene acetals, and substituted benzylidene
acetals. This subject has been reviewed: Calinaud, P.; Gelas, J. in *Preparative Carbohydrate*Chemistry. Hanessian, S. Ed. Marcel Dekker, Inc.: New York, 1997.

Selective Protection: thermodynamic control

D-glucose 1,2:5,6-Di-O-isopropylidene-D-glucopyranose

Schmidt, O. T. Methods Carbohydr. Chem. 1963, 2, 318.

 Note the preference for 1,3-diol protection with the benzylidene acetal. The phenyl group is oriented exclusively as shown, in an equatorial orientation. methyl 4,6-benzylidene-α-D-glucopyranoside

Selective Protection: kinetic control

HO OCH₃

$$H_{2}C$$

$$CH_{3}$$

$$P-TSOH$$

$$95\%$$

$$D-glucose$$

$$H_{3}C$$

$$H_{3}C$$

$$H_{3}C$$

$$H_{3}C$$

$$H_{3}C$$

$$H_{3}C$$

$$H_{3}C$$

$$H_{3}C$$

Wolfrom, M. L.; Diwadkar, A. B.; Gelas, J.; Horton, D. Carbohydr. Res. 1974, 35, 87.

HO OCH3
$$H_2C$$
 CH3
 P -TsOH
 H_3C OCH3
 H_3C OCH3

Gelas, J.; Horton, D. Carbohydr. Res. 1979, 71, 103.

- Note that under kinetic control the most sterically accessible (primary) alcohol preferentially reacted.
- This reaction can be applied to many hexoses, including mannose, allose, and tallose

Kinetic vs. thermodynamic control with a pentose

Leonard, N. J.; Carraway, K. L. J. Heterocycl. Chem. 1966, 3, 485.

The major isomer in solution is the pyranose form ($\approx 80\%$). Under conditions that favor kinetic control, the least sterically encumbered alcohol in this form reacts preferentially. Isomerization is proposed to be slower than acetonide formation. This procedure also works well with arabinose:

Gelas, J.; Horton, D. Carbohydr. Res. 1975, 45, 181.

Protection of cis-vicinal diols:

Garegg, P. J.; Maron, L.; Swahn, C. G. Acta. Chem. Scand. 1972, 26, 518.

Formation of dispiroacetals as a protective group for vicinal trans diequatorial diols:

HO, CH₃

$$\frac{dl\text{-camphorsulfonic acid}}{76\%}$$
methyl- α - L -fucopyranoside (derived from L -fucose)

Ley, S. V.; Leslie, R.; Tiffin, P. D.; Woods, M. Tetrahedron Lett. 1992, 4767.

A cheaper alternative has also been developed:

Montchamp, J.-L.; Tian, F.; Hart, M. E.; Frost, J. W. J. Org. Chem. 1996, 61, 3897.

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{HO} \\ \text{HO} \\ \text{OH} \\ \text{OH} \\ \text{OH} \\ \text{OH} \\ \text{methyl-} \alpha\text{-}D\text{-mannopyranoside} \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} \text{H}_3\text{C} \\ \text{OCH}_3 \\ \text{CSA, CH(OCH}_3)_3, \text{MeOH, reflux.} \\ \text{95\%} \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} \text{OCH}_3 \\ \text{H}_3\text{C} \\ \text{OCH}_3 \\ \text{$$

BF3 OEt2 is also an effective catalyst at 23 °C.

Hense, A.; Ley, S. V.; Osborn, H. M. I.; Owen, R. D.; Poisson, J.-F.; Warriner, S. L.; Wesson., K. E. *J. Chem. Soc., Perkins Trans.* 1 1997, 2023.

Generalities concerning the selective removal of acetals and ketals:

 Hydrolysis of the less substituted dioxane or dioxolane ring occurs preferentially in substrates bearing two such groups.

Kishi, Y.; Stamos, D.P. Tetrahedron Lett. 1996, 37, 8643

Schmidt, O. T. Methods Carbohydr. Chem. 1963, 2, 318.

• 2,2-disubstituted 1,3-dioxanes (6-membered rings) are generally hydrolyzed faster than the corresponding dioxolanes (5-membered rings).

Horton, D.; Gelas, J. Carbohydr. Res. 1978, 45, 181.

Special properties of benzylidene and substituted benzylidene acetals:

• In general, substitution of the ring of a benzylidene acetal with a *p*-methoxy substituent increases the rate of hydrolysis by about an order of magnitude.

oCH₃
is more rapidly hydrolyzed than
$$R' + \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} R$$

Smith, M.; Rammler, D. H.; Goldberg, I. H.; Khorana, H. G. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1962, 84, 430.

· Benzylidene acetals can also be cleaved from the diol reductively.

 Methods have also been developed to cleave only one carbon-oxygen bond resulting in the formation of a benzyl ether. This reaction has been extensively studied in the context of carbohydrate chemistry.

R'	R'	Lewis acid	hydride donor	yield (regioisomer)
Ac	Ac	TFA	Et ₃ SiH	95% (A)
Bn	Bn	TFA	Et ₃ SiH	80% (A)
Bn	Bn	Bu ₂ BOTf	BH ₃ •THF	87% (B)
Bn	Bn	AICI ₃	BH ₃ •N(CH ₃) ₃	72% (A)
Bn	Bn	HCI, THF	NaBH₃CN	82% (A)

 The trifluoroacetic acid/triethylsilane reagent was ineffective with a galactose derivative, however the others appear to be general methods. Acetonides and other ketals and acetals can also be reduced, so care in synthetic planning must be exercised.

Trifluoroacetic acid, triethylsilane:

DeNinno, M. P.; Etienne, J. B.; Duplantier, K. C. Tetrahedron Lett. 1995, 5, 669.

Dibutylboron triflate, borane:

Chan, T. H.; Lu, J. Tetrahedron Lett., 1998, 39, 355.

Aluminum trichloride, borane trimethylamine complex; Garegg, P. J. *Pure. Appl. Chem.* **1984**, *56*, 845.

HCI, sodium cyanoborohydride:

Qiao, L.; Vederas, J. C. J. Org. Chem. 1993, 58, 3480.

TfOH, sodium cyanoborohydride

Kiessling, L. L.; Pohl, N. L. Tetrahedron Lett. 1997, 38, 6985.

Diisobutyl aluminum hydride is also an effective reagent for regioselective reduction of benzylidene acetals. This reagent gives the more hindered ether.

Takano, S.; Akiyama, M.; Sato, S.; Ogasawara, K. Chem. Lett. 1983, 1593.

Oxidation of benzylidene and substituted benzylidene acetals:

 Acetals containing a methine group may be oxidized at that position resulting in the formation of hydroxy esters.

• This transformation can be effected under a variety of conditions, and some variants can be used to further functionalize a substrate.

General Reactions:

In the methyl 4,6-*O*-benzylidenehexopyranoside series, the oxidative formation of bromo benzoates is a general reaction:

Hanessian, S.; Plessas, N. R. J. Org. Chem. 1969, 34, 1035, 1045, and 1053.

· This reaction has also been used to generate glycosylating reagents

Collins, J. M.; Manro, A.; Opara-Mottah, E. C.; Ali, M. H. J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Comm. 1988, 272.

Proposed Mechanism:

Ozonolysis also cleaves acetals to hydroxy esters efficiently. This reaction has been reviewed: Deslongchamps, P.; Atlani, P.; Frehel, D.; Malaval, A.; Moreau, C. *Can. J. Chem.* **1974**, *52*, 3651.

- · Hydroxy benzoates are obtained in the presence of water.
- · The axial benzoate is usually obtained.

Binkley, R. W.; Goewey, G. S.; Johnston, J. C. J. Org. Chem. 1984, 49, 992

King, J. F.; Allbutt, A. D. Can. J. Chem. 1970, 48, 1754.

· Oxidation of 4-methoxybenzylidene acetals has also been studied:

79% (19% of regioisomer)

Zhang, Z.; Magnusson, G. J. Org. Chem. 1996, 61, 2394.

- 2-electron oxidation of 4-methoxybenzyl groups with DDQ is a general reaction.
- This has been used extensively to remove 4-methoxybenzyl ethers, and also to form 4-methoxybenzylidene acetals.

Jones, A. B.; Yamaguchi, M.; Patten, S.; Danishefsky, S. J.; Ragan, J. A.; Smith, D. B.; Schreiber, S. L. *J. Org. Chem.* **1989**, *54*, 17.

A useful extension of this reaction has been developed to protect diols directly:

Oikawa, Y.; Nishi, T.; Yonemitsu, O. Tetrahedron Lett. 1983, 24, 4037.

Phenolic Protective Groups:

Si t-Bu

t-Butyldiphenylsilylethyl Ether

Methyl Ether Formation:

$$\bigcirc$$
_{OCH} \longrightarrow \bigcirc _{OCH}

- 1. Mel, K₂CO₃, acetone. Vyas, G. N.; Shah, N. M. Org Synth., Collect. Vol. IV 1963, 836.
- 2. Diazomethane, Et₂O. Bracher, F.; Schulte, B. J. Chem. Soc., Perkin Trans. 1 1996, 2619.

Methyl Ether Cleavage:

- Me₃Sil, CHCl₃, 25-50 °C. This reagent also cleaves benzyl, trityl, and t-butyl ethers rapidly. Jung, M. E.; Lyster, M. A. J. Org. Chem. 1977, 42, 3761.
- 2. EtSNa, DMF, reflux. Ahmad, R.; Saa, J. M.; Cava, M. P. J. Org. Chem. 1977, 42, 1228.
- 9-Bromo-9-borabicyclo[3.3.0]nonane, CH₂Cl₂. Bhatt, M. V. J. Organomet. Chem. 1978, 156, 221.

t-Butyl Ether Formation:

- 1. Isobutylene, CF₃SO₃H, CH₂Cl₂, –78 °C. Holcombe, J. L.; Livinghouse, T. *J. Org. Chem.* **1986**, *51*, 11.
- 2. t-Butyl halide, pyr. Masada, H.; Oishi, Y. Chem. Lett. 1978, 57.

t-Butyl Ether Cleavage:

- CF₃CO₂H, 25 °C. Beyerman, H. C.; Bontekoe, J. S. Recl. Trav. Chim. Pays-Bas. 1962, 81, 691.
- For the other phenol protective groups, the sections describing these groups in the context of
 alcohols should be consulted. Most of the preparations used for alcohols are applicable to
 phenols. Hydroxyl protective groups that are cleaved with base are generally more labile with
 phenols.

t-Butyldiphenylsilylethyl (TBDPSE) ether formation:

- The TBDPSE group is stable to 5% TFA-CH₂Cl₂, 20% piperidine-CH₂Cl₂, catalytic hydrogenation, n-BuLi, and lead tetraacetate.
- The TBDPSE group has been cleaved using TBAF (2.0 equiv, 40 °C, overnight) or 50% TFA^ $\rm CH_2Cl_2$

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Carbonyl protective groups:

dimethyl acetal

1,3-dioxane

1,3-dioxolane



S,S'-dimethylthioacetal

1,3-dithiane

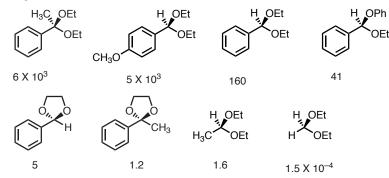
1,3-dithiolane

1,3-oxathiolane

General order of reactivity of carbonyl groups towards nucleophiles:

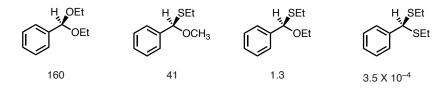
aldehydes (aliphatic > aromatic) > acylic ketones \approx cyclohexanones > cyclopentanones > α, β -unsaturated ketones $\approx \alpha, \alpha$ disubstituted ketones >> aromatic ketones.

Approximate rates (L mol ⁻¹s⁻¹ at 25-30 °C) for proton-catalyzed (HCl, water or dioxane-water) cleavage of acetals and ketals.



- · In general, cyclic acetals are cleaved more slowly than their open chain analogs
- · In general, dithio acetals are not cleaved by Brønsted acids.

Rates of acid-catalyzed cleavage of mono thioacetals and acetals have been determined:



Satchell, D. P. N.; Satchell, R. S. Chem. Soc. Rev. 1990, 19, 55.

Preparation of dimethyl acetals and ketals:

- MeOH, dry HCl. Cameron, A. F. B.; Hunt, J. S.; Oughton, J. F.; Wilkinson, P. A.; Wilson, B. M. J. Chem. Soc. 1953, 3864.
- MeOH, LaCl₃, (MeO)₃CH. Acetals are formed efficiently, but ketalization is unpredictable. Gemal, A. L.; Luche, J.-L. *J. Org. Chem.* 1979, 44, 4187.
- Me₃SiOCH₃, Me₃SiOTf, CH₂Cl₂, -78 °C. Lipshutz, B. H.; Burgess-Henry, J.; Roth, G. P. Tetrahedron Lett. 1993, 34, 995.
- Sc(OTf)₃, (MeO)₃CH, toluene, 0 °C. Ishihara, K.; Karumi, Y.; Kubota, M.; Yamamoto, H. Synlett 1996, 839.
- · Other dialkyl acetals are formed similarly.

Cleavage of dimethyl acetals and ketals:

- TFA, CHCl₃, H₂O. These conditions cleaved a dimethyl acetal in the presence of a 1,3-dithiane and a dioxolane acetal. Ellison, R. A.; Lukenbach, E. R.; Chiu, C.-W. Tetrahedron Lett. 1975, 499.
- TsOH, acetone. Colvin, E. W.; Raphael, R. A.; Roberts, J. S. J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun. 1971, 858.
- 70% H₂O₂, Cl₃CCO₂H, CH₂Cl₂, t-BuOH; dimethyl sulfide. Myers, A. G.; Fundy, M. A. M.; Lindstrom, Jr. P. A. Tetrahedron Lett. 1988, 29, 5609.

· Other methods resulted in cleavage of the epoxide.

Cyclic acetals and ketals:

Relative rates of ketalization with common diols:

$$^{\text{H}_3\text{C}}$$
 $^{\text{CH}_3}$ $^{\text{OH}}$ $^{\text{OH}}$ $^{\text{OH}}$ $^{\text{OH}}$

Cleavage of 1,3-dioxolanes vs. 1,3-dioxanes:

Relative rates of cleavage for 1,3-dioxolanes:

Okawara, H.; Nakai, H.; Ohno, M. Tetrahedron Lett. 1982, 23, 1087.

• In general, saturated ketones can be selectively protected in the presence of α,β -unsaturated ketones

Bosch, M. P.; Camps, F.; Coll, J.; Guerrero, T.; Tatsuoka, T.; Meinwald, J. *J. Org. Chem.* **1986**, *51*, 773.

• Conditions have been developed to protect α , β -unsaturated ketones selectively.

Tsunoda, T.; Suzuki, M.; Noyori, R. Tetrahedron Lett. 1980, 21, 1357.

• When protecting α , β -unsaturated ketones, olefin isomerization is common.

Strong acids (pK_a \approx 1) tend to favor isomerization, while weaker acids (pK_a \geq 3) favor isomerization much less so, or not at all.

acid	pK _a	%A	%B	% conversion
fumaric acid	3.03	100	0	90
phthalic acid	2.89	70	30	90
oxalic acid	1.23	80	20	93
TsOH	< 1.0	0	100	100

De Leeuw, J. W.; De Waard, E. R.; Beetz, T.; Huisman, H. O. *Recl. Trav. Chim. Pays-Bas.* **1973**, *92*, 1047.

 Generally, methods used for formation of 1,3-dioxolanes are also useful for formation of 1,3-dioxanes.

Cleavage of 1,3-dioxanes and 1,3-dioxolanes:

- 1. PPTS, acetone, H₂O, heat. Hagiwara, H.; Uda, H. *J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.* **1987**, 1351.
- 1M HCl, THF. Grieco, P. A.; Nishizawa, M.; Oguri, T. Burke, S. D.; Marinovic, N. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1977, 43, 4178.
- Me₂BBr, CH₂Cl₂, –78 °C. This reagent also cleaves MEM and MOM ethers. Guindon, Y.; Morton, H. E.; Yoakim, C. Tetrahedron Lett. 1983, 24, 3969.
- 4. Nal, CeCl_{3*}7H₂O, CH₃CN. Marcantoni, E.; Nobili, F.; Bartoli, G.; Bosco, M.; Sambri, L. *J. Org. Chem.* 1997, 62, 4183. This method is selective for cleavage of ketals in the presence of acetals. It is also selective for ketals of α,β-unsaturated ketones over ketals of saturated ketones.

Dithioacetals:

General methods of formation of S,S"-dialkyl acetals:

- 1. RSH, HCl, 20 °C. Zinner, H. Chem. Ber. 1950, 83, 275.
- RSSi(CH₃)₃, ZnI₂, Et₂O. Evans, D. A.; Truesdale, L. K.; Grimm, K. G.; Nesbitt, S. L. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 1977, *99*, 5009.
- 3. RSH, BF₃*Et₂O, CH₂Cl₂. Marshall, J. A.; Belletire, J. L. Tetrahedron Lett. 1971, 871. See also Hatch, R. P.; Shringarpure, J.; Weinreb, S. M. J. Org. Chem. 1978, 43, 4172. α,β-Unsaturated ketones are reported not to isomerize under these conditions. However, with any of the above mentioned conditions conjugate addition is a concern.
- A variety of methods has been developed for the cleavage of S,S"-dialkyl acetals, largely
 due to the fact that these functional groups are often difficult to remove.

General methods of cleavage of S,S"-dialkyl acetals:

- Hg(ClO₄)₂, MeOH, CHCl₃. Lipshutz, B. H.; Moretti, R.; Crow, R. Tetrahedron Lett. 1989, 30, 15, and references therein.
- 2. CuCl₂, CuO, acetone, reflux. Stutz, P.; Stadler, P. A. Org. Synth. Collect. Vol. 1988, 6, 109.
- 3. *m*-CPBA; Et₃N Ac₂O, H₂O. Kishi, Y.; Fukuyama, T.; Natatsuka, S. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1973**, *95*, 6490.
- 4. (CF₃CO₂)₂IPh, H₂O, CH₃CN. Stork, G.; Zhao, K. Tetrahedron Lett. 1989, 30, 287.

In addition to serving as a protective group, S, S'-dialkyl acetals serve as an umpolung synthon in the construction of carbon-carbon bonds.

$$\begin{array}{c}
O \\
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$$\begin{array}{c} \text{CH}_3\text{O} \\ \text{CH}_3\text{O} \\ \text{CH}_2 \\ \text{CH}_2 \\ \text{CH}_3\text{O} \\ \text{C$$

Radicicol dimethyl ether

Garbaccio, R. M.; Danishefsky, S. J. Org. Lett. 2000, 2, 3127.

Carboxyl Protective Groups:

Specific to α - and β -hydroxy acids

General preparations of esters:

EDC•HCl = 1-[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]-3-ethyl carbodiimide hydrochloride

DCC = dicyclohexylcarbodiimide

EDC•HCl is more expensive, but the urea by-product is water soluble and simplifies the purification of products

Diago-Meseguer, J.; Palomo-Coll, A. L.; Fernandez-Lizarbe, J. R.; Zugaza-Bilbao, A. Synthesis, 1980, 547.

Methyl esters:

Formation:

- 1. TMSCHN₂, MeOH, benzene. Hashimoto, N.; Aoyama, T.; Shioiri, T. *Chem. Pharm. Bull.* **1981**, 29, 1475. This is considered a safe alternative to using diazomethane.
- MeOH, H₂SO₄ Danishefsky, S.; Hirama, M.; Gombatz, K.; Harayama, T.; Berman, E.; Schuda, P. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1978, 100, 6536.

Cleavage:

- 1. LiOH, MeOH, 5 °C. Corey, E. J.; Szekely, I.; Shiner, C. S. Tetrahedron Lett. 1977, 3529.
- Pig liver esterase. This enzyme is often effective for the enantioselective cleavage of a meso diester.

OCH₃
$$PLE$$
 OH OCH

 $pH = 6.8$
 $98\%, 96\% \text{ ee}$

Kobayashi, S.; Kamiyama, K.; Iimori, T.; Ohno, M. Tetrahedron Lett. 1984, 25, 2557.

$$CH_3O$$
 OCH_3
 $OCH_$

Mohr, P.; Rosslein, L.; Tamm, C. Tetrahedron Lett. 1989, 30, 2513.

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t-Butyl esters

Formation:

- Isobutylene, H₂SO₄, Et₂O, 25 °C. McCloskey, A. L.; Fonken, G. S.; Kluiber, R. W.; Johnson, W. S. Org. Synth., Collect. Vol. IV. 1963, 261.
- 2. 2,4,6-trichlorobenzoyl chloride, Et₃N, THF; t-BuOH, DMAP, benzene, 20 °C. Inanaga, J.; Hirata, K.; Saeki, H.; Katsuki, T.; Yamaguchi, M. Bull. Chem. Soc. Jpn. 1979, 52, 1989.
- t-BuOH, EDC•HCI, DMAP, CH₂Cl₂. Dhaon, M. K.; Olsen, R. K.; Ramasamy, K. J. Org. Chem. 1982, 47, 1962.
- 4. *i*-PrN=C(O-tBu)NH-*i*-Pr, toluene, 60 °C. Burk, R. M.; Berger, G. D.; Bugianesi, R. L.; Girotra, N. N.; Parsons, W. H.; Ponpipom, M. M. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1993**, 34, 975.

Cleavage:

- CF₃CO₂H, CH₂Cl₂. Bryan, D. B.; Hall, R. F.; Holden, K. G.; Huffman, W. F.; Gleason, J. G. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1977, 99, 2353.
- 2. Bromocatechol borane. Boeckman Jr., R. K.; Potenza, J. C. Tetrahedron Lett. 1985, 26, 1411.

Allyl esters

Formation:

- Allyl bromide, Cs₂CO₃, DMF. Kunz, H.; Waldmann, H.; Unverzagt, C. Int. J. Pept. Protein Res. 1985, 26, 493.
- Allyl alcohol, TsOH, benzene, (-H₂O). Wladmann, H.; Kunz, H. Liebigs Ann. Chem. 1983, 1712.

Cleavage:

- The use of allyl esters in synthesis has been reviewed. Guibe, F.: Tetrahedron 1998, 54, 2967.
- Pd(Ph₃P)₄, RSO₂Na, CH₂Cl₂. Honda, M.; Morita, H.; Nagakura, I. *J. Org. Chem.* 1997, 62, 8932.

1,1-Dimethylallyl esters

Formation:

1.
$$CH_3$$
 CH_3 CI

O

R

OH

 CUI, CS_2CO_3

O $CH_3 CH_3$
 CI
 CII

O $CH_3 CH_3$
 CII

O $CH_3 CH_3$

• The 1,1-dimethylallyl ester is removed under the same conditions as an allyl ester, but is less susceptible to nucleophilic attack at the acyl carbon.

Sedighi, M.; Lipton, M. A. Org. Lett. 2005, 7, 1473.

Benzyl esters

Benzyl esters are typically prepared by the methods outlined in the general methods section.

Cleavage:

H₂, Pd–C. Hartung, W. H.; Simonoff, R. Org. React. 1953, 7, 263.
 BCl₃, CH₂Cl₂ Schmidt, U.; Kroner, M.; Griesser, H. Synthesis 1991, 294.

Phenyl esters

Formation:

Phenyl esters are typically prepared by the methods outlined in the general methods section. They have the advantage of being cleaved under mild, basic conditions.

 H₂O₂, H₂O, DMF, pH = 10.5. Kenner, G. W.; Seely, J. H. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1972, 94, 3259.

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Ortho Esters:

The synthesis of simple ortho esters has been reviewed: Dewolfe, R. H. Synthesis, 1974, 153.

OBO ester

Corey, E. J.; Raju, N. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1983**, 24, 5571.

Alternatively, ortho esters can be prepared from a nitrile:

Voss, G.; Gerlach, H. Helv. Chim. Acta. 1983, 66, 2294.

Special Carboxylates, α -Hydroxy and β -Hydroxy:

Formation:

- Ketone or aldehyde, Sc(NTf₂)₃, CH₂Cl₂, MgSO₄. Ishihara, K.; Karumi, Y.; Kubota, M.; Yamamoto, H. Synlett 1996, 839.
- Pivaldehyde, acid catalyst. Seebach, D.; Imwinkelried, R.; Stucky, G. Helv. Chim. Acta. 1986, 70, 448, and references cited therein.

Protection of amines:

9-Fluorenyimetri Mothyl Carbamata Carbamata

Methyl Carbamate Carbamate (Fmoc)

2,2,2-trichloroethyl Carbamate *t*-Butyl Carbamate (Troc) (Boc)

$$RR'N \stackrel{\bigcirc{}}{\longleftarrow} Si(CH_3)_3$$

$$RR'N \stackrel{\bigcirc{}}{\longleftarrow} RR'N \stackrel{\bigcirc{}}{\longleftarrow} RR'N \stackrel{\bigcirc{}}{\longleftarrow} RR'N \stackrel{\bigcirc{}}{\longleftarrow} CF_3$$

2-(Trimethylsilyl)ethyl Carbamate Allyl Carbamate Benzyl carbamate Trifluoroacetamide
(Teoc) (Alloc) (Cbz)

Tritylamine

Allylamine

General preparation of carbamates:

Benzylamine

Bases that are typically employed are tertiary amines or aqueous hydroxide.

Formation of benzylamines:

RR'NH X = Cl, Br

If primary amines are the starting materials, dibenzylamines are the products.

Formation of allylamines:

If primary amines are the starting materials, diallylamines are the products.

Garro-Helion, F.; Merzouk, A.; Guibe, F. J. Org. Chem. 1993, 58, 6109.

Formation of tritylamines:

Mutter, M.; Hersperger, R. Synthesis 1989, 198.

Cleavage of carbamates:

Methyl Carbamate:

- 1. TMSI, CH₂Cl₂. Raucher, S.; Bray, B. L.; Lawrence, R. F. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1987, 109, 442.
- 2. MeLi, THF. Tius, M.; Keer, M. A. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1992, 114, 5959.
- 9-Fluorenylmethyl Carbamate:

 Amine base. The half-lives for the deprotection of Fmoc-ValOH have been studied: Atherton, E.; Sheppard R. C. in *The Peptides*, Udenfriend, S. and Meienhefer Eds., Academic Press: New York, 1987, Vol. 9, p. 1.

Amine base in DMF	Half-Life
20% piperidine	6 s
5% piperidine	20 s
50% morpholine	1 min
50% dicyclohexylamine	35 min
10% p-dimethylaminopyridine	85 min
50% diisopropylethylamine	10.1 h

- 2. Bu₄NF, DMF. Ueki, M.; Amemiya, M. Tetrahedron Lett. 1987, 28, 6617.
- 3. Bu₄NF, *n*-C₈H₁₇SH. Thiols can be used to scavenge liberated fulvene. Ueki, M.; Nishiqaki, N.; Aoki, H.; Tsurusaki, T.; Katoh, T. *Chem. Lett.* **1993**, 721.

2,2,2-Trichloroethyl Carbamate:

- 1. Zn, H₂O, THF, pH = 4.2. Just. G.; Grozinger, K. *Synthesis*, **1976**, 457.
- 2. Cd, AcOH. Hancock, G.; Galpin, I. J.; Morgan, B. A. Tetrahedron Lett. 1982, 23, 249.
- 2-Trimethylsilylethyl Carbamate:

- Bu₄NF, KF•H₂O, CH₃CN, 50 °C. Carpino, L. A.; Sau, A. C. *J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun.* 1979, 514.
- CF₃COOH, 0 °C. Carpino, L. A.; Tsao, J. H.; Ringsdorf, H.; Fell, E.; Hettrich, G. J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun. 1978, 358.
- 3. Tris(dimethylamino)sulfonium difluorotrimethylsilicate (TASF), DMF. Roush, W. R.; Coffey, D.S.; Madar, D. J. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1997**, *49*, 2325.

t-Butyl Carbamate

- CF₃COOH, PhSH. Thiophenol is used to scavenge t-butyl cations. TBS and TBDMS ethers are reported to be stable under these conditions. Jacobi, P, A.; Murphree, F.; Rupprecht, F.; Zheng, W. J. Org. Chem. 1996, 61, 2413.
- 2. Bromocatecholborane. Boeckman Jr., R. K.; Potenza, J. C. Tetrahedron Lett. 1985, 26, 1411.

Allyl Carbamate:



- Pd(PPh₃)₄, Bu₃SnH, AcOH, 70–100% yield. Dangles, O.; Guibe, F.; Balavoin, G.; Lavielle, S.; Marquet, A. J. Org. Chem. 1987, 52, 4984.
- 2. $Pd(Ph_3P)_4$, $(CH_3)_2NTMS$, 89 100% yield. Merzouk A.; Guibe, F. *Tetrahedron Lett.* **1992**, 33, 477.

Benzyl Carbamate:



- 1. H₂/Pd-C. Bergmann, M.; Zervas, L. Chem. Ber. 1932, 65, 1192.
- H₂/Pd–C, NH₃. These conditions cleave the benzyl carbamate in the presence of a benzyl ether. Sajiki, H. Tetrahedron Lett. 1995, 36, 3465.
- 3. BBr₃, CH₂Cl₂. Felix, A. M. J. Org. Chem. 1974, 39, 1427.
- Bromocatecholborane. This reagent is reported to cleave benzyl carbamates in the presence of benzyl ethers and TBS ethers. Boeckman Jr., R. K.; Potenza, J. C. *Tetrahedron Lett.* 1985, 26, 1411.

Trifluoroacetamide:

1. K₂CO₃, MeOH. Bergeron, R. J.; McManis, J. J. J. Org. Chem. 1988, 53, 3108.

Benzylamine:



- 1. Pd-C, ROH, HCO₂NH₄. Ram, S.; Spicer, L. D. Tetrahedron Lett. 1987, 28, 515.
- 2. Na, NH₃. Bernotas, R. C.; Cube, R. V. Synth. Comm. 1990, 20, 1209.

Allylamine:



1. Pd(Ph₃P)₄, RSO₂Na, CH₂Cl₂. Most allyl groups are cleaved by this method, including allyl ethers and esters. Honda, M.; Morita, H.; Nagakura, I. *J. Org. Chem.* **1997**, *62*, 8932.

Tritylamine:



 0.2% TFA, 1% H₂O, CH₂Cl₂. Alsina, J.; Giralt, E.; Albericio, F. Tetrahedron Lett. 1996, 37, 4195.

Alkyne protecting groups:

trialkylsilylalkyne

 Typical silyl groups include TMS, TES, TBS, TIPS, and TBDPS. Many silyl acetylenes are commercially available, and are useful acetylene equivalents.

General preparation of silyl acetylenes:

$$R = M$$

$$R'_3SiX$$

$$R = SiR'_3SiX$$

$$M = Li, Mg$$

$$X = Cl, OTf$$

- Silyl chorides are suitable for smaller silyl groups, but the preparation of more hindered silyl
 acetylenes may require the use of the more reactive silyl triflate.
- In general, a strong fluoride source such as TBAF is used to cleave silylalkynes. In the case
 of trimethylsilylalkynes, milder conditions can be used.

Cleavage of trimethysilylalkynes:

- KF, MeOH, 50 °C. Myers, A. G.; Harrington, P. M.; Kuo, E. Y. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1991, 113, 694.
- 2. AgNO₃, 2,6-lutidine. Carreira, E. M.; Du Bois, J. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1995, 117, 8106.
- 3. K₂CO₃, MeOH. Cai, C.; Vasella, A. Helv. Chim. Acta. 1995, 78, 732.

 Buffered TBAF was used to deprotect the silylalkynes in the example shown below to prevent elimination of the sensitive vinyl bromide.

Myers, A. G.; Goldberg, S. D. Angew. Chem., Int. Ed. Engl. 2000, 39, 2732.