# Reactivities Of Acylation Agents

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# A. Introduction

# **B. Acylation Reactions**

**RCO** 

# C. pH Dependence

### **Acylations Under Basic Conditions**

readily receive displaced

does good (eg OMe<sup>-</sup>) bad (eg Cl ).

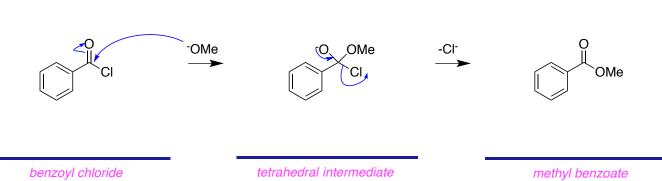
Cl<sup>-</sup>, NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, HSO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>, H<sub>2</sub>O, Br<sup>-</sup> (add some more)

Me<sub>2</sub>N<sup>-</sup>, HO<sup>-</sup>, HS<sup>-</sup>, OMe, CN<sup>-</sup> (add some)

best

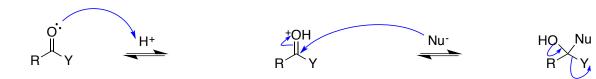
#### tetrahedral

# moderately more



# **Acylations Under Acidic Conditions**

increases



# D. Reactivities Of Acylation Agents

#### **Chemical Intuition**

unreactive.

reactive

activate

reactive

cannot

less

more

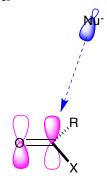
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unfavorable

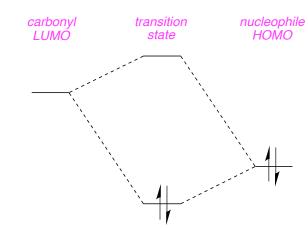
faster

# **Molecular Orbital Description Of Acylation**

a



b



increase *lower* its LUMO energy. reactive low energy LUMOs. more stable less reactive

high good

lower excellent

# **Relative Reactivities Of Functional Groups In Acylation Reactions**

Carbonyl Halides (Acid Halides) Are Hot

#### basic

acid conditions.

# Carboxylic Acid Anhydrides Are Very Reactive lower

excellent leaving groups.

#### under basic conditions .....

#### under acidic conditions .....

2 carboxylic an electrophile carboxylate leaving group.

# Esters Are Not Very Reactive

raises inferior

under basic conditions .....

under acidic conditions .....

ester hydrolysis transesterification

do not tend

# Thioesters, Gentle Chemoselective Acylating Agents better

under basic conditions .....

tetrahedral intermediate

#### under acidic conditions .....

do tend to

# Amides, Poor Acylating Agents

worse

poor

more

#### under basic conditions .....

#### tetrahedral intermediate

#### under acidic conditions .....

### Carboxylic Acids Are Not Acylating Agents

(pKa = 3 - 5)

# extremely basic and a very poor

# Synopsis

cannot

O 
$$\times$$
 X = OAc OMe O NH<sub>2</sub> CI OPh

 $\mathrm{NH}_2$ OMe CI OPh O-OAc

most reactive least reactive

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