

#### 7. Maximize atom economy:

- Final product contains the maximum proportion of the starting materials. There should be few, if any, wasted atoms.
- Relation between atoms in the products and atoms in the reagents
  - Addition good atom efficiency
  - Elimination not so good…

### Atom Economy

- Concept introduced by Prof. Barry Trost, Stanford University
- Evaluate the efficiency of the chemical transformation

# "Because an Atom is a Terrible Thing to Waste"

### Atom Economy

How many of the atoms of the reactant are incorporated into the final product and how many are wasted?

# How a reactions efficiency is measured?

#### Reaction Yield

% yield = (actual quantity of product obtained) x 100 (theoretical quantity of product achievable)

#### Atom Economy\*

% atom economy = (MW of desired products) x 100 (MW of all products)

## Atom Economy

 $H_3C-CH_2-CH_2-CH_2-OH + Na-Br + H_2SO_4 \rightarrow H_3C-CH_2-CH_2-CH_2-Br + NaHSO_4 + H_2O_4$ 1 2 3 4 5 6

Reagents Formula	Reagents FW	Utilized Atoms	Weight of Utilized Atoms	Unutilized Atoms	Weight of Unutilized Atoms
H <sub>3</sub> C-CH <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub> -OH	74	4C, 9H	57	ОН	17
Na-Br	103	Br	80	Na	23
$H_2SO_4$	98		0	2H, 4O, S	98
<i>Total</i> 4C, 12H, 5O, Br, Na, S	275	4C, 9H, Br	137	3H, 5O, Na, S	138

% Atom Economy = (FW of atoms utilized/FW of all reactants) X 100 = (137/275) X 100 = 50%

### % Yield vs. atomic economy

- $\square$ % Yield = 43.7%
- □%Atomic Economy = 83.6%

### An Example: Hydrogen Production

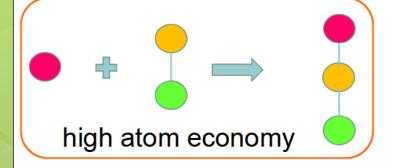
- For example, what is the atom economy for making hydrogen by reacting coal with steam?
- Write the balanced equation:
  - $\square$  C(s) + 2H<sub>2</sub>O(g)  $\rightarrow$  CO<sub>2</sub>(g) + 2H<sub>2</sub>(g)
- $\square$  Write out the A<sub>r</sub> and M<sub>r</sub> values underneath:
  - $\square$  C(s) + 2H<sub>2</sub>O(g)  $\rightarrow$  CO<sub>2</sub>(g) + 2H<sub>2</sub>(g)
  - □ 12 2 × 18 44
- $\square$  Remember that the A<sub>r</sub> or M<sub>r</sub> in grams is one mole, so:
  - □ total mass of products = 44 + 4 = 48g (note that this is the same as the reactants: 12 + 36 = 48g)

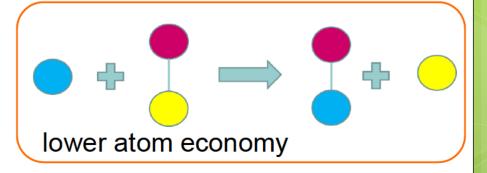
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- $\square$  mass of desired product (H<sub>2</sub>) = 4g
- $\square$  % atom economy =  $\frac{4}{48} \times 100 = 8.3\%$
- This process has a low atom economy and is therefore an inefficient way to make hydrogen. It also uses a nonrenewable resource: coal.

# Chemical Reactions and Atomic Economy

Addition > Substitutions > Eliminations (decreasing order of atom economy)





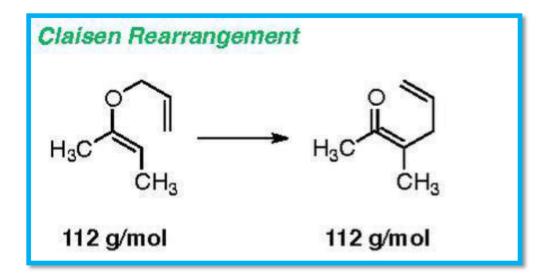
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  - Example: Diels-Alder

#### Chemical Reactions and Atomic Economy

e.g Wittig reaction:

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Ph_3P-CH_2 & & \\
\end{array}$$
+ Ph\_3P=O

Atom economy = 
$$\frac{96}{98 + 276}$$
 = 25.7 %



Atom economy = 
$$\frac{112}{112}$$
 = 100 %

#### Chemical Reactions and Atomic Economy

□ Rearrangements (100% atom economy)

Claisen rearrangement

□ Additions (100 % atom economy)

Hydrogenation

Carbonylation

☐ Other examples include: additions to alkenes, Michael additions etc

#### □ Atom efficient reaction classes

Cycloadditions, e.g. Diels-Alder (100% atom economy)

Atom economy = 
$$120 / (122 + 16) = 87.0 \%$$

#### ☐ Atom inefficient reaction classes

#### Substitutions

#### Eliminations

#### Wittig reaction

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- Some transformations can be atom efficient if performed under different conditions
- 1. Stoichiometric oxidation (Jones Reagent)

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$$\stackrel{\text{OH}}{\stackrel{\text{He}}{\longrightarrow}}$$
 + 2 CrO<sub>3</sub> + 3 H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>  $\stackrel{\text{O}}{\longrightarrow}$   $\stackrel{\text{O}}{\stackrel{\text{He}}{\longrightarrow}}$  + Cr<sub>2</sub>(SO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub> + 6 H<sub>2</sub>O

atom economy = 42 %

■ 2. Catalytic oxidation

$$3 \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} OH \\ Ph \end{array}}_{Me} + 0.5 O_2 \qquad \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} catalyst \\ Ph \end{array}}_{Ph} \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} O \\ Me \end{array}}_{Me} + H_2O \qquad \boxed{ atom economy = 87 \%}$$

- •We will later that this uses another principle of Green Chemistry
  - Principles of Green Chemistry: No. 9:
  - •"Catalytic reagents are superior to stoichiometric ones."

## 8. Use safer solvents and reaction conditions

- Avoid:
  - solvents,
  - separation agents,
  - other auxiliary chemicals.
- USE: innocuous chemicals.

#### Solvents

- Organic solvents = high VOC's
- Alternatives
  - Synthesis without solvents
  - Water
  - □ Supercritical fluids (CO<sub>2</sub>)
  - □ Ionic Liquids

## Dry Cleaning – Greener...

- Initially gasoline and kerosene were used
- Now use PERC
- □ Future use
   Supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> and
   CO<sub>2</sub> surfactants



### 9. Increase energy efficiency:

 Run chemical reactions at ambient temperature and pressure whenever possible. (Avoid reactions that involve excessive heating and cooling as it requires energy and also increases cost)

# Twelve Principles of Green Chemistry: 10. Design chemicals and products to degrade after use:

Design chemical products to break down to innocuous substances after use so that they do not accumulate in the environment.

# 11. Analyze in real time to prevent pollution:

 Include in-process real-time monitoring and control during syntheses to minimize or eliminate the formation of byproducts.

# PAT: Process Analytical Technologies

- Measure quality and execution properties DURING manufacturing
- Information is gather continuously to improve process

#### Pre - PAT

- Analysis of raw materials, intermediates and final products
- □ In case of problems identified at a later stage, the WHOLE lot will be rejected = A LOT OF WASTE!... A LOT OF \$\$\$\$!!

# PAT: Process Analytical Technologies

- □Helps to:
  - Understand the process
  - Make corrections in the moment, without waiting for the final product
  - Develop mitigation strategies.

## 12. Minimize the potential for accidents:

- Design chemicals and their forms (solid, liquid, or gas) to minimize the potential for chemical accidents:
  - explosions,
  - fires, and
  - Release of chemicals to the environment.