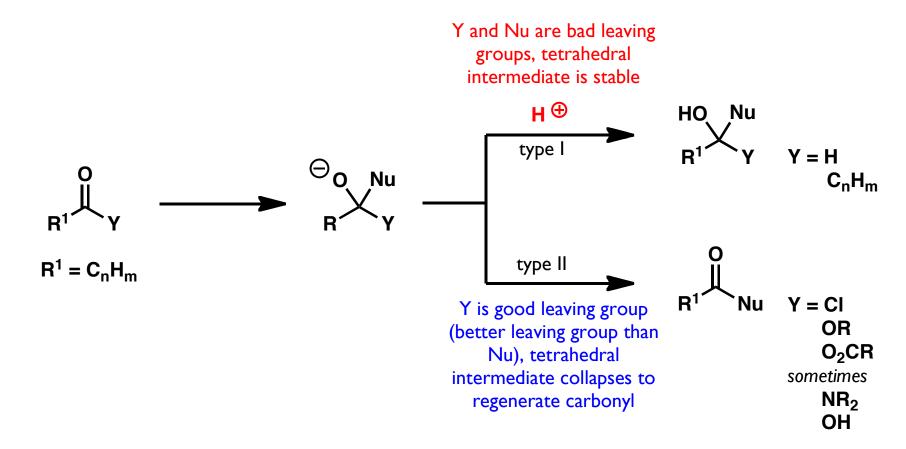
From Last Time

Organometallic reagents: when carbon is bound to electropositive metals (such as Mg or Li), the covalent bond is highly polarized. It reacts as a carbanion, and is both nucleophilic and basic.

• Remember: organometallic reagents are strong bases, and will **deprotonate** acidic protons (particularly O-H, N-H, and S-H bonds).

Divergent Reactivity in Carbonyl Addition Reactions

All carbonyl addition reactions can roughly be divided into two categories:



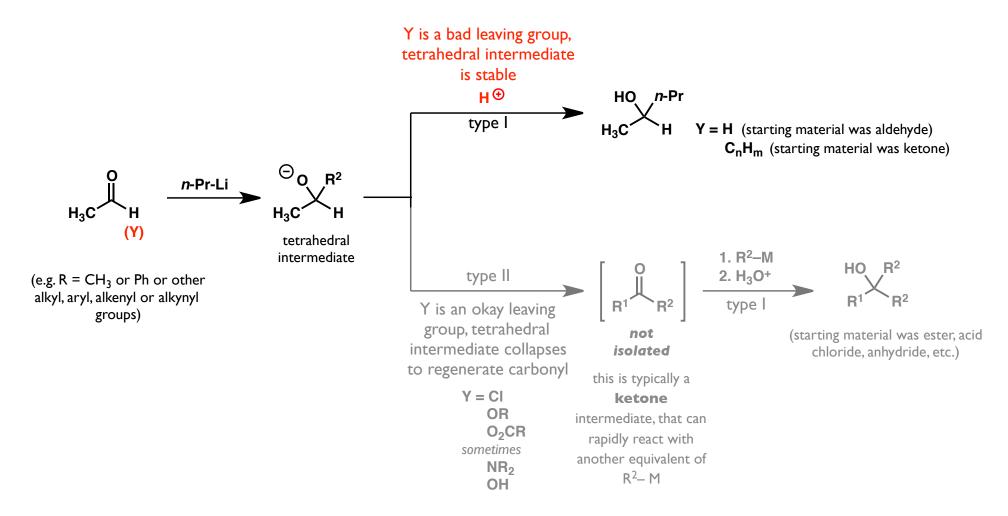
the fate of carbonyl additions depends on both:

- the nature of the carbonyl electrophile
- the nature of the nucleophile

Divergent Reactivity in Carbonyl Addition Reactions: Organometallic Nucleophiles

Guide to organometallic reactions

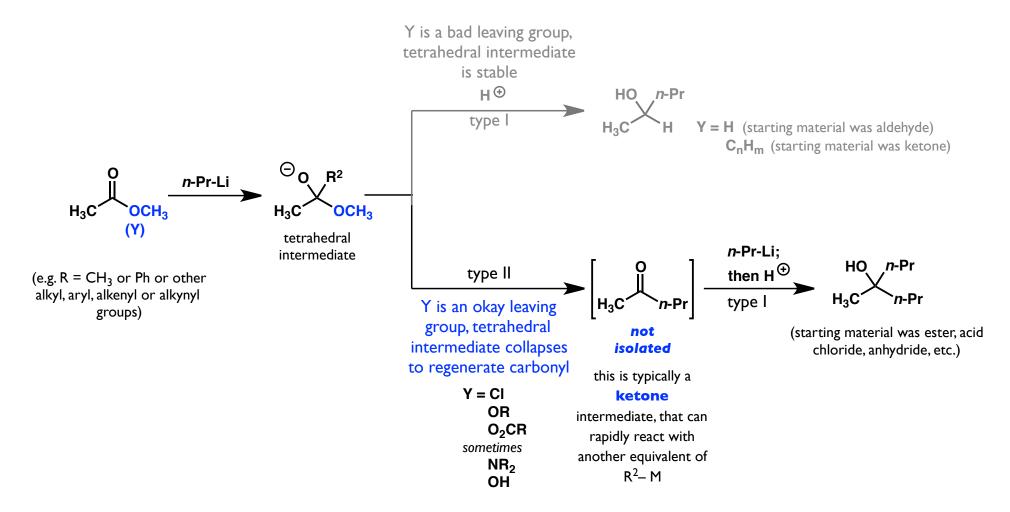
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Follow Up Slide: Reactivity of Carbonyl Compounds

Recall from Lecture 20: substituent effects that influence the electrophilicity of carbonyl compounds

- resonance donation
- inductive effects

Formation of Esters and Amides from Acid Chlorides

Acid chlorides react rapidly with alcohols or amines

• the reaction proceeds by formation of a tetrahedral intermediate

Ph CI + CH₃OH
$$\xrightarrow{\Theta_{\text{base}}}$$
 Ph OCH₃ + H-base + $\xrightarrow{\Theta_{\text{CI}}}$

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A General Mechanism for Addition of Nucleophiles to Acid Chlorides

Hey points:

- these are "Type II" carbonyl addition reactions
- initial addition of nucleophile is reversible
- proceeds through a "tetrahedral intermediate"
- the better "leaving group" is eliminated

What other carboxylic acids undergo addition/elimination reactions?

The Hierarchy of Carboxylic Acid Derivatives

Lets consider some additional carboxylic acid derivatives:

• electrophilicity and leaving group ability follow approximately the same trend

Acid Catalyzes the Formation of Esters from Carboxylic Acids

Acid also Catalyzes the Formation of Carboxylic Acids from Esters

You Now Know How to Make Polyester

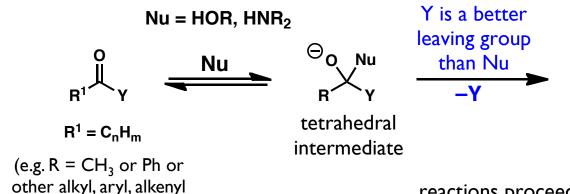
"terephthalic acid"

p-phthalic acid benzene-1,4-dicarboxylic acid

Recap: Nucleophilic Substitution at the Carbonyl

Guide to addition/elimination reactions

• note: HOR, HNR₂ are relatively weak nucleophiles



Must meet the following 3 conditions for reaction to occur:

or alkynyl groups)

- Y must be a better leaving group than Nu (otherwise the reverse reaction will dominate)
- Nu must be nucleophilic enough to attack R¹C(O)Y
- R^IC(O)Y must be electrophilic enough to react with Nu

reactions proceed down the hierarcy of carboxylic acid derivatives

