

LECTURE 5 REACTIONS HYDROXYL GROUPS PART I

NOTHING NEW OR MYSTERIOUS

The complications arise only because of there are so many of them!!

As nucleophiles, analog to non-sugar alcohols

The majority of the chemistry is related to the formation of esters and ethers.

Carboxylate esters

Acetates $-\text{O}(\text{CO})\text{CH}_3$ or $-\text{OAc}$

Benzoates $-\text{O}(\text{CO})\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$ or $-\text{OBz}$

Sulfonate esters

Tosylate $-\text{O}(\text{SO}_2)\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{CH}_3$ or $-\text{OTs}$

Mesylate $-\text{O}(\text{SO}_2)\text{CH}_3$ or $-\text{OMs}$

Triflate $-\text{O}(\text{SO}_2)\text{CF}_3$ or $-\text{OTf}$

Ethers

Benzyl $-\text{OCH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$ or $-\text{OBn}$

Tryl $-\text{OC}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3$ or $-\text{OTr}$

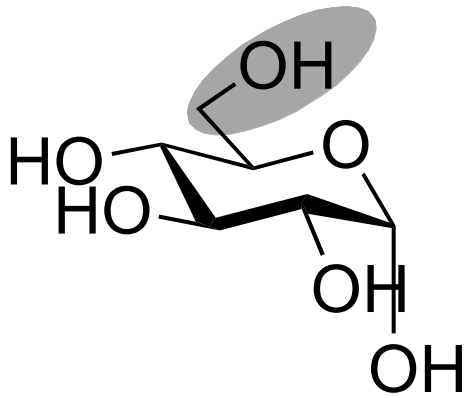
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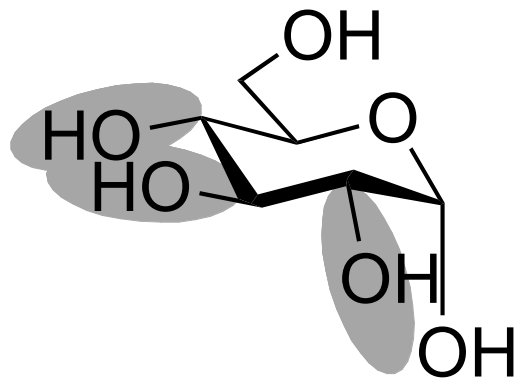
or $-\text{OSiMe}_2\text{Bu}^t$ or $-\text{OTBDMS}$

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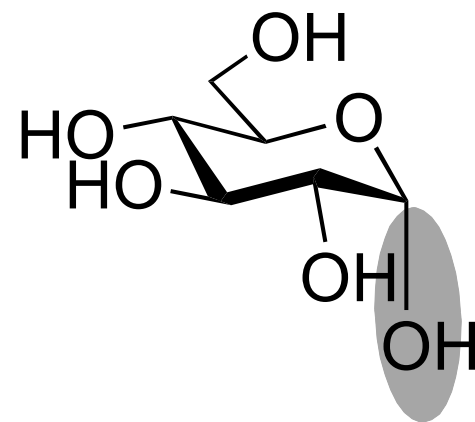
or $-\text{OSiPh}_2\text{Bu}^t$ or $-\text{OTBDPS}$



primary OH-6



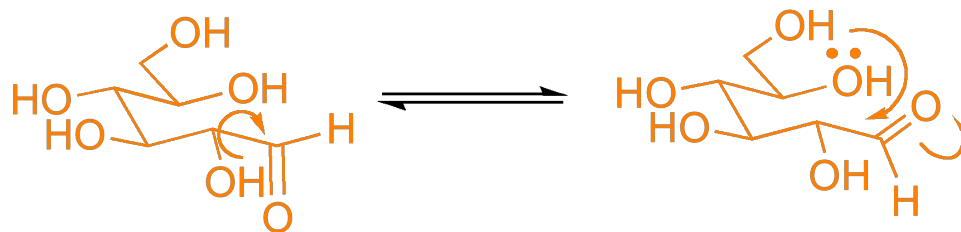
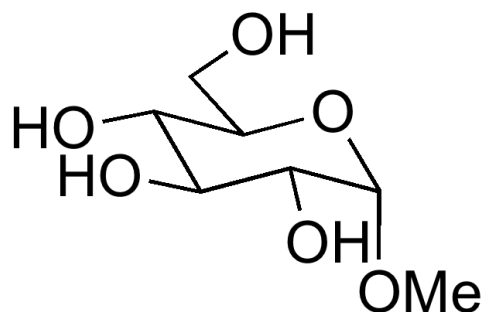
secondary OH-2,3,4



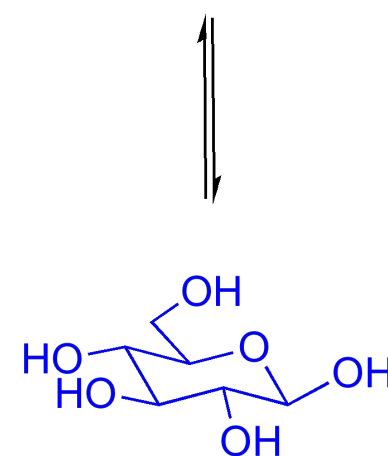
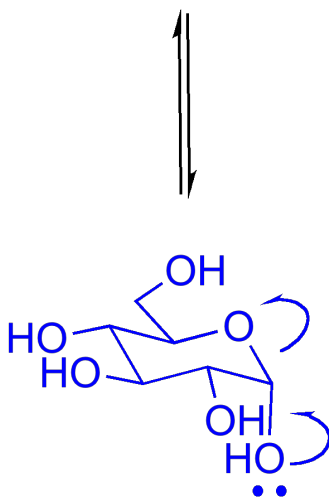
anomeric OH-1

The functionality at the anomeric center can react in two ways

as an alcohol or as an aldehyde



act as aldehyde to form acetal
Effectively protect the
anomeric center and prevents
further reactivity



Equilibrium of α - and β -hydroxyls at the anomeric position

Potential competing inter-conversion between α and β forms

inter-conversion between pyranose and **furanose** forms

Solubility: very polar in nature

**very soluble in polar solvents, especially
with possible H-bonding**

**Insoluble in non-polar solvents for organic
reactions, pdt purification and manipulation**

**Selective protection of particular
hydroxyl groups allows the regioselective
rxn of those unprotected**

**Common starting point: protect the
majority or even all of the free -OH**

Acetylation

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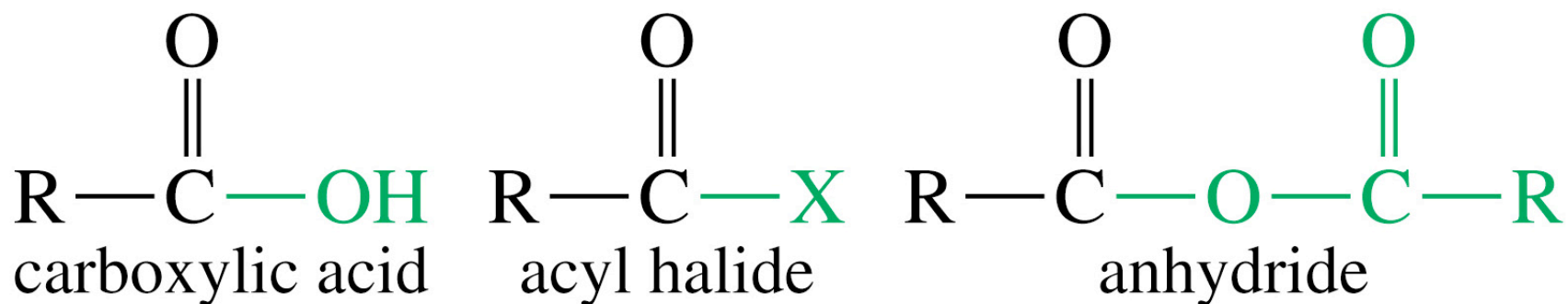
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Esters: non-nucleophilic and stable to a wide range of
Conditions

Frequently used protect groups

Less polar than the corresponding alcohols

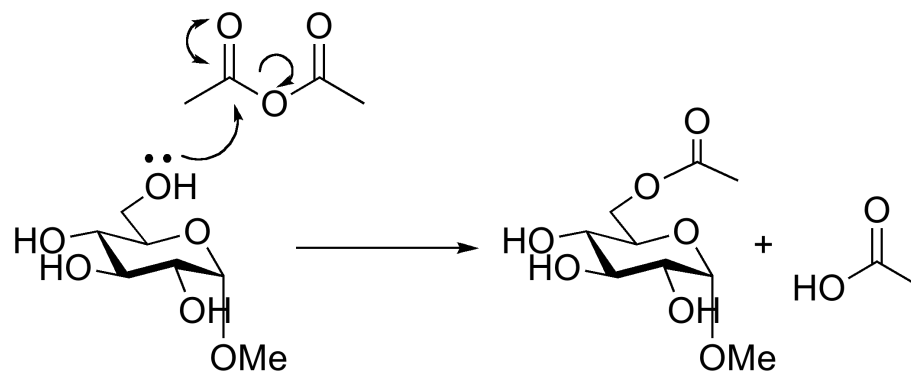
Acetylation

Most commonly used esters

Stirring the alcohol with acetic anhydride and a base

Base mop up the acetic acid generated, and catalyses the rxn itself

Nucleophilic catalysis and base



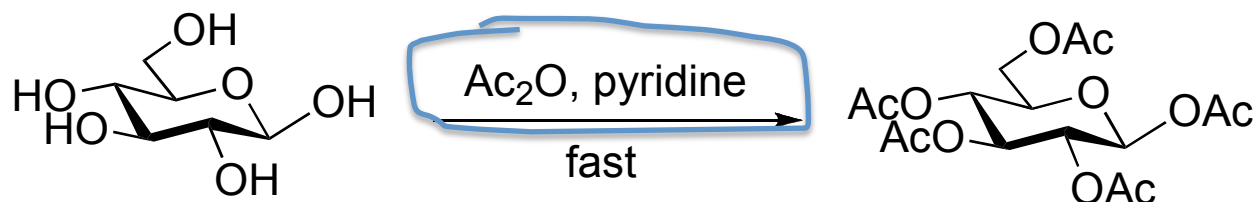
Uncatalysed rxn is very slow at rt

Lewis acid catalysis

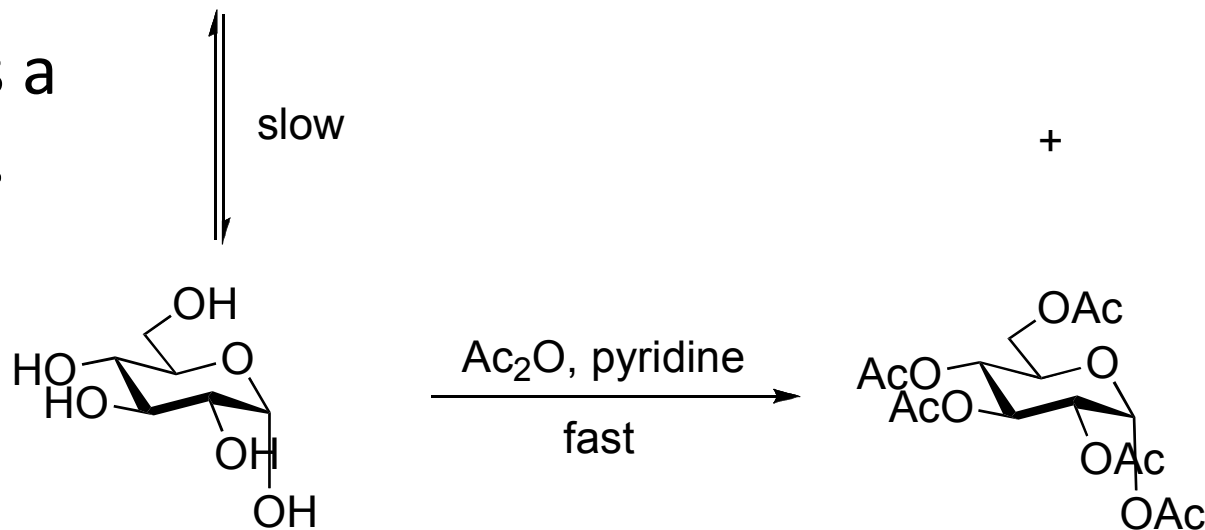
But with possible competing process of mutarotation

1. Acetylation with acetic anhydride/ pyridine

Equal proportions as solvents



Sugars in a bottle is a mixture of α and β .
/(py/fu)



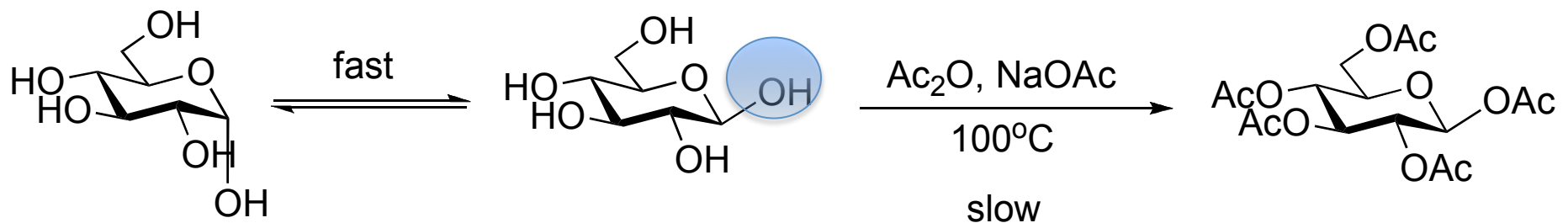
Ratio depends on particular sugars

2. Acetylation with acetic anhydride/ sodium acetate

Relatively weak base, sluggish rxn at rt

Carry out at 100°C, usually generate β -acetates

Mutarotation is much faster than the acetylation

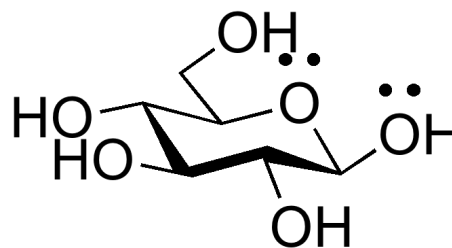


β Hydroxyl is more nucleophilic than the axial α one

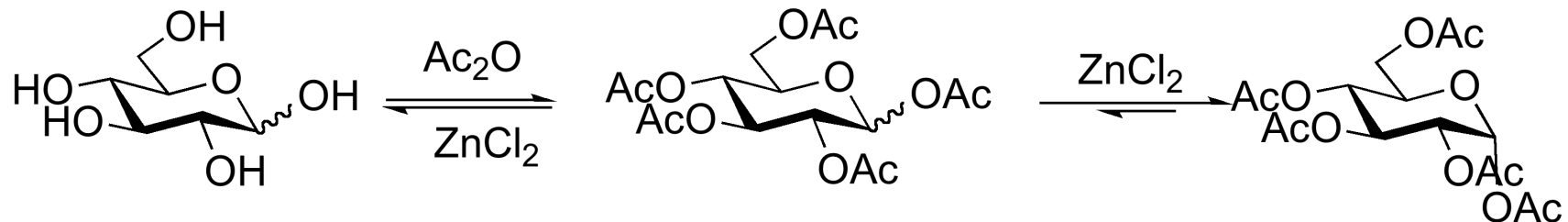
β - occupies a less hindered equatorial than the axial of α -

repulsive effect between the ring oxygen lone pair orbitals and the lone pair orbitals on the β -anomeric oxygen atom

Kinetic anomeric effect



3. Acetylation with acetic anhydride/ Lewis acid catalysis



Strong Lewis acid catalyses the equilibrium of α - and β -, after catalyses the rxn

Thus equilibrium of α - and β -acetates will occur after the rxn

Anomeric effect leads us α -acetates

Protecting groups

Satisfy several important criteria

- 1) They should be formed in good yield,
- 2) they should be stable to subsequent rxn conditions,
- 3) They should be readily removed under appropriate conditions

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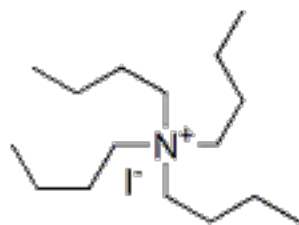
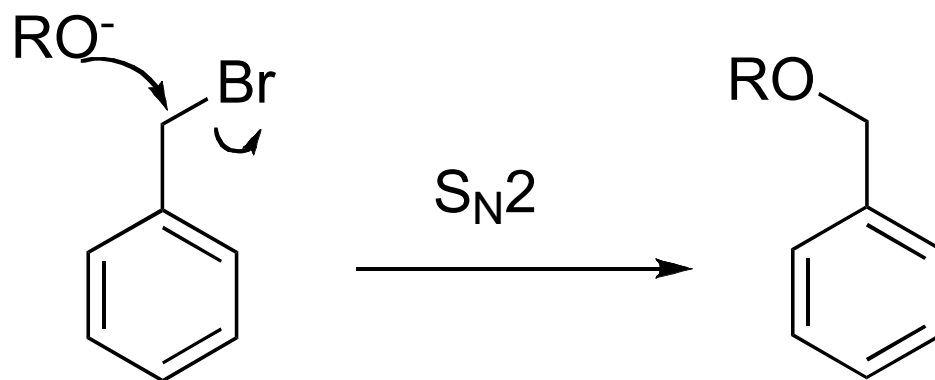
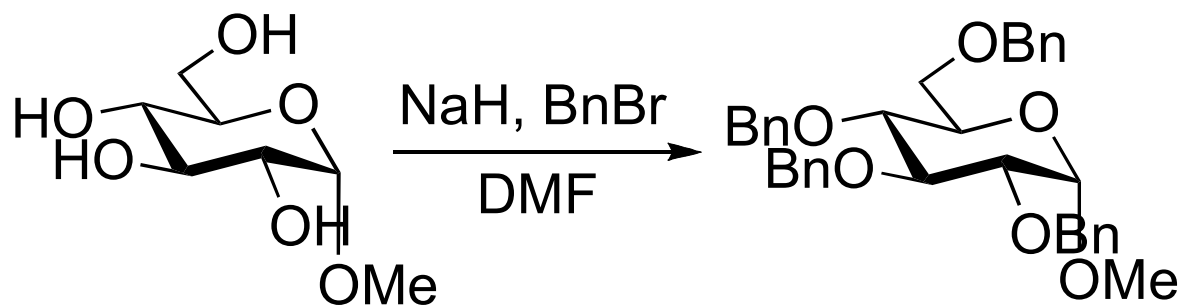
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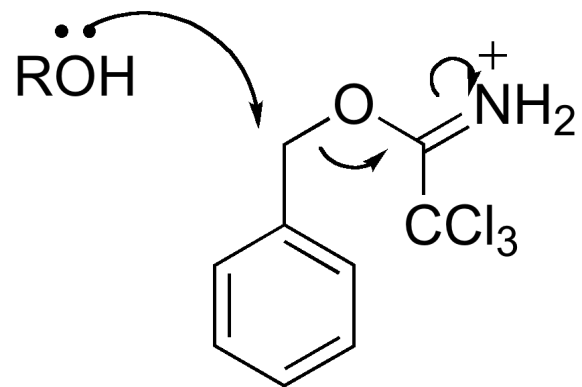
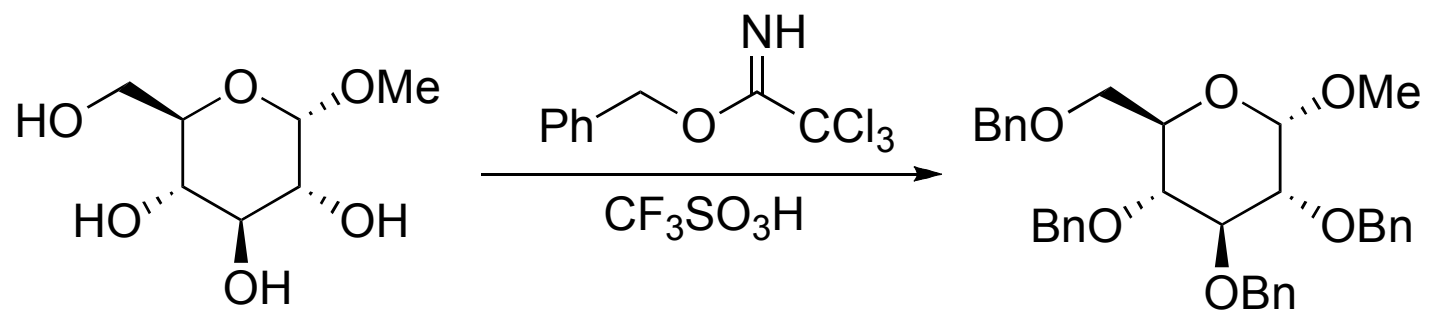
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Benzyl ethers (ROBn)



Tetrabutylammonium iodide



Cleavage

Catalytic hydrogenation

Heterogeneous catalyst

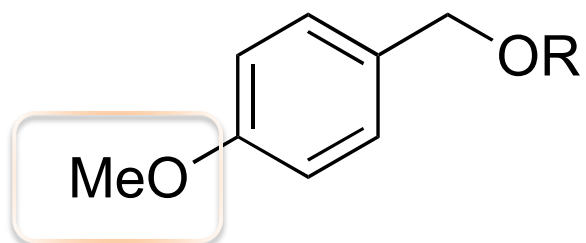
Palladium on carbon (Pd/C)

When the metal is distributed over finely-divided carbon, the surface area is larger and the catalyst is more reactive.

Palladium hydroxide (Pearlman's catalyst)

For the removal of sterically inaccessible/multiple benzyl groups



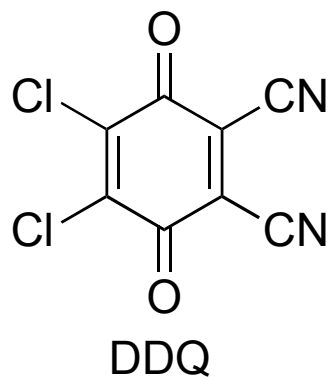


para-methoxybenzyl (PMB)

Single electron oxidising reagent



Ceric ammonium nitrate (CAN)



2,3-Dichloro-5,6-Dicyanobenzoquinone

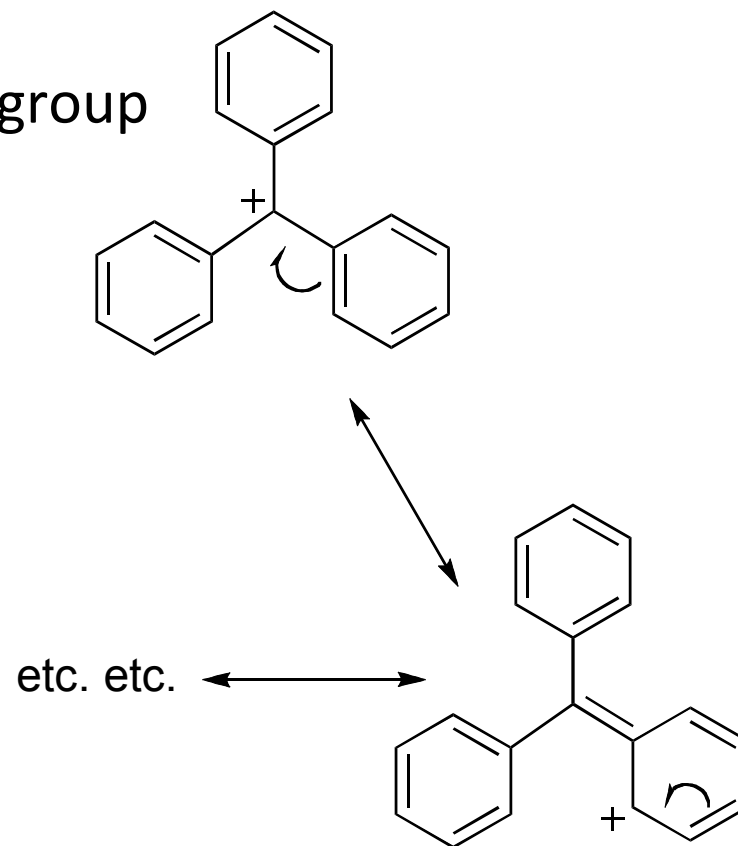
Trityl ethers

Triphenylmethyl ether

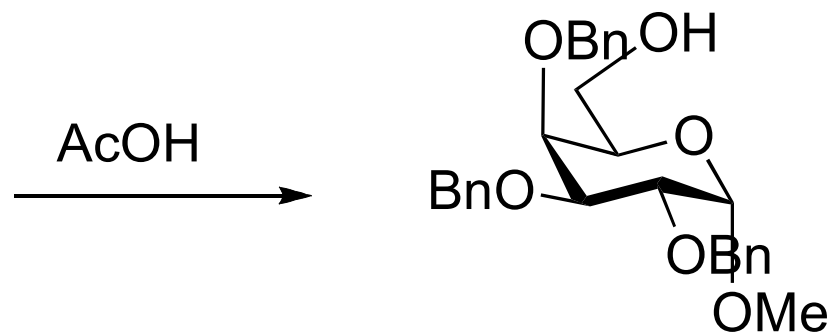
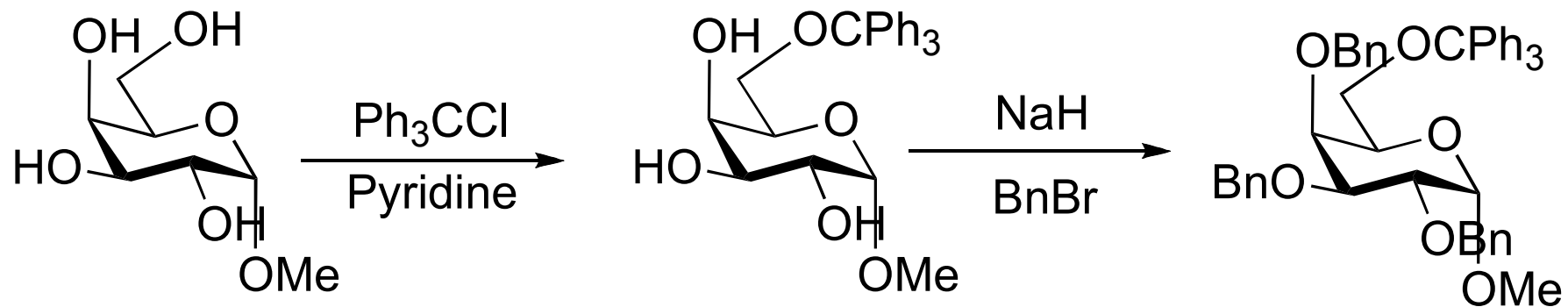
Very selective for the primary hydroxyl group

Formation via an SN1 type process

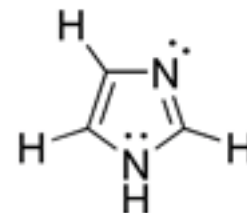
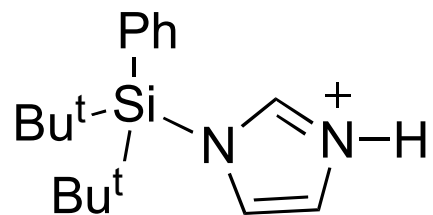
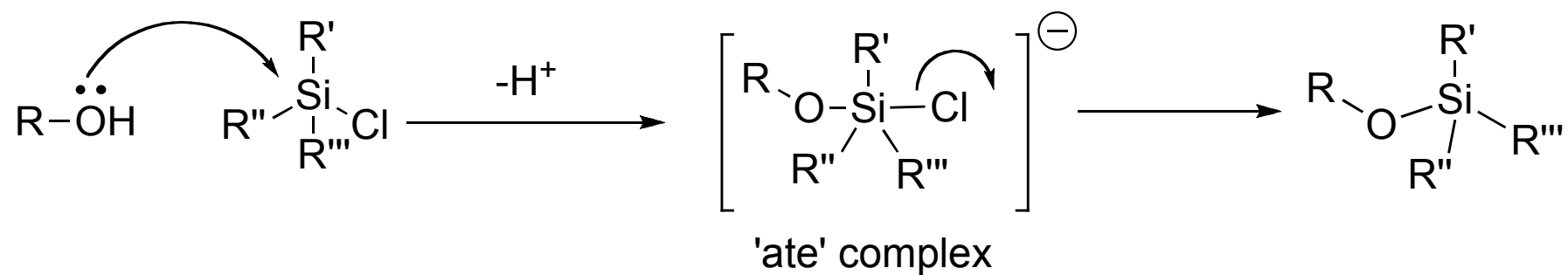
By treatment of unprotected sugar



Resonance stabilisation
of the trityl cation

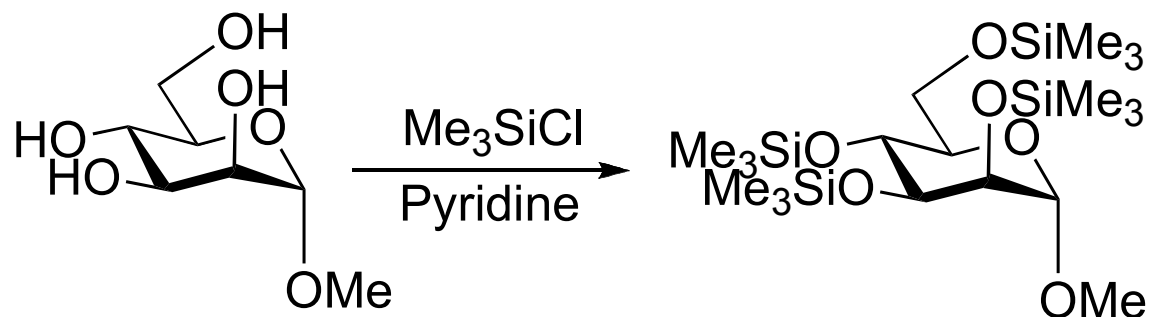


Silyl ethers

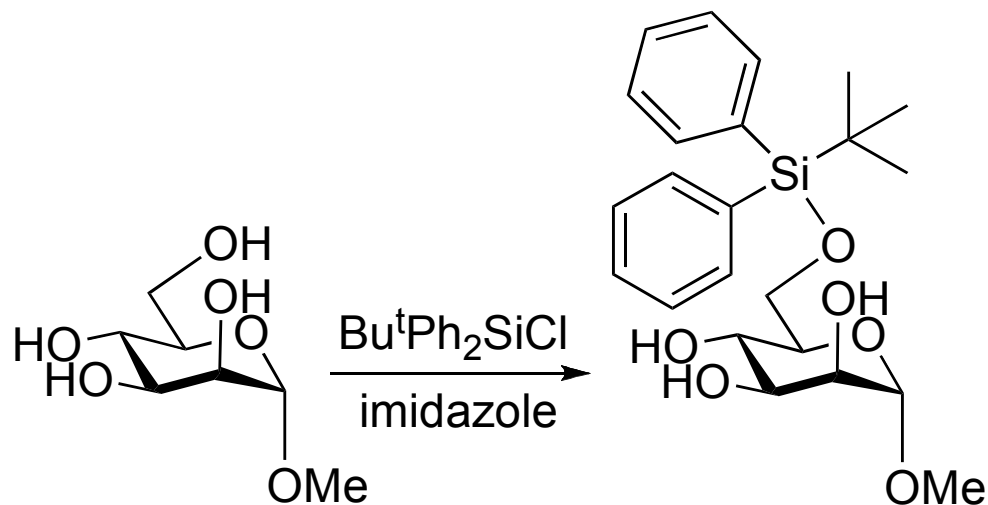


Imidazole acts as a nucleophilic catalyst and forms intermediates, e.g.

Trimethylsilyl (TMS)



Tert-Butyldimethylsilyl (TBDMS or TBS)



cleavage

acid, may also cause removal of other acid labile protecting groups

Tetrabutylammonium fluoride (TBAF)

Relative rate of acid hydrolysis (stability increase in order)

R-OSiMe ₃	1
R-OSiMe ₂ Bu ^t	1E-3
R-OSiPh ₂ Bu ^t	1E-5

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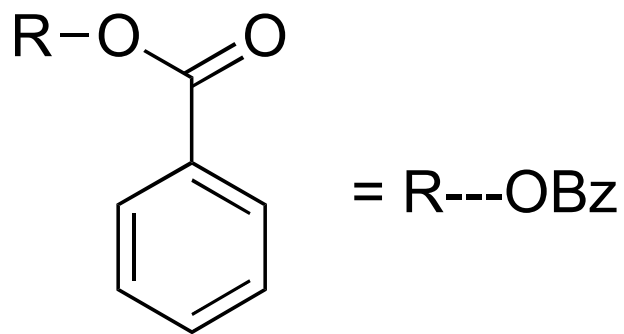
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Acetate, and



benzoyl ester

Removed by nucleophile

Most commonly methoxide
in trans-esterification rxn

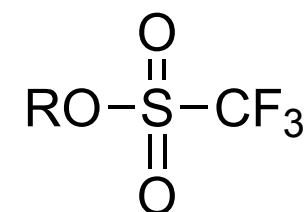
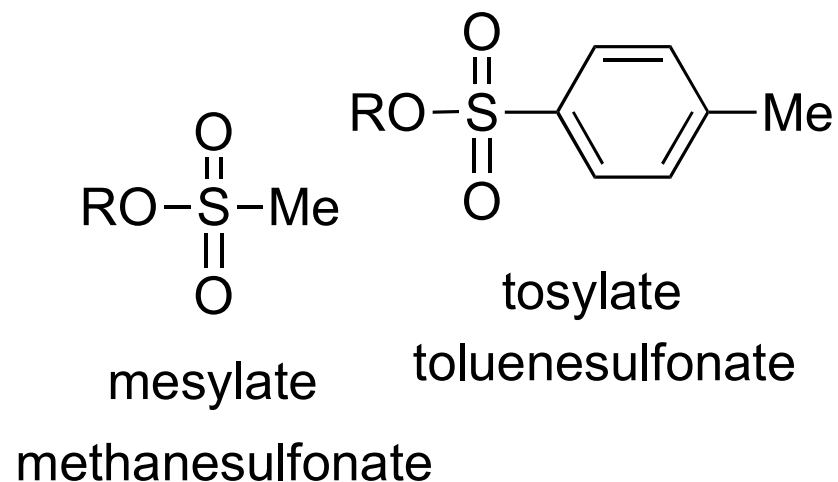
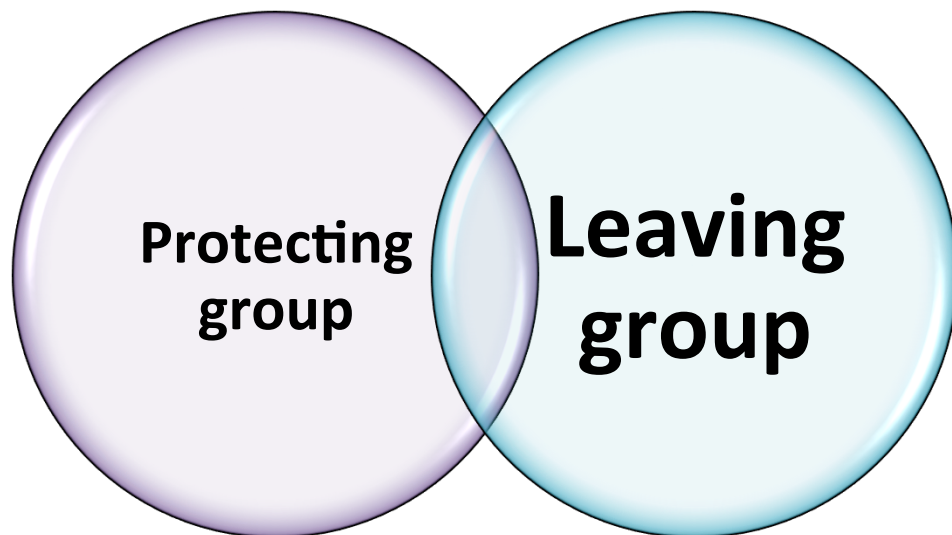
Potassium carbonate in methanol

Sodium methoxide in methanol (zémplen deacetylation)

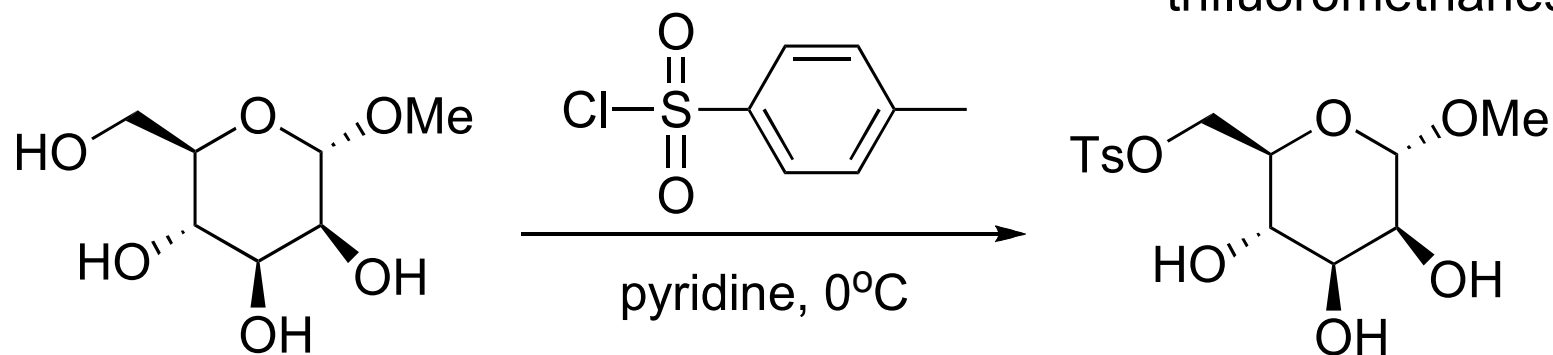
In both cases, methoxide in catalytic

Milder conditions, such as treatment with primary amines, are also effective for the removal of certain esters, and can do selective deprotection rxn

Sulfonate esters



triflate
trifluoromethanesulfonate



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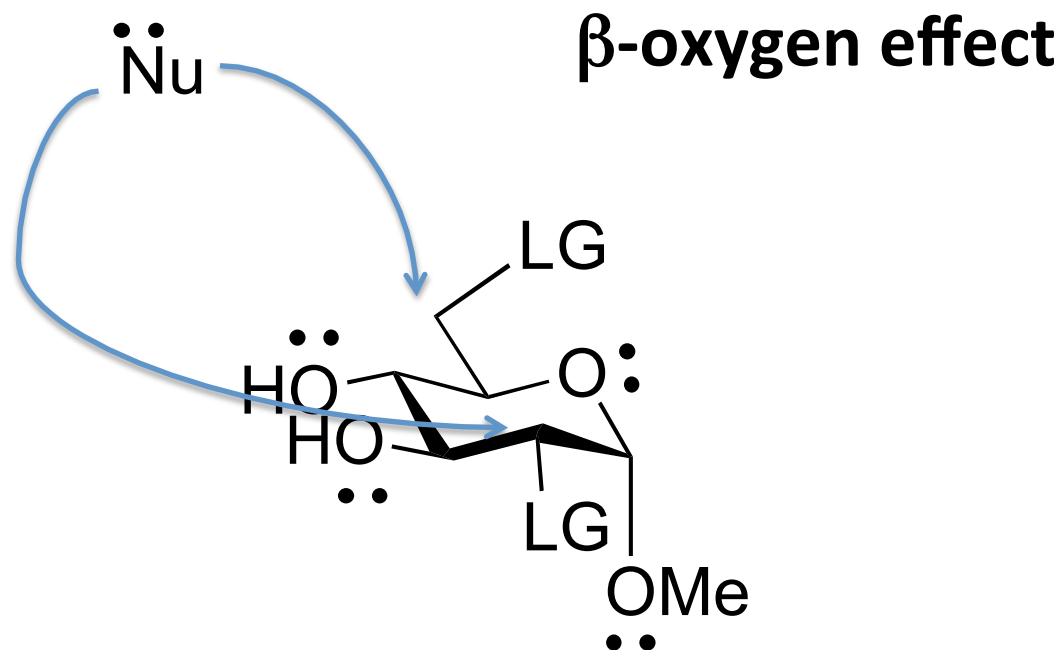
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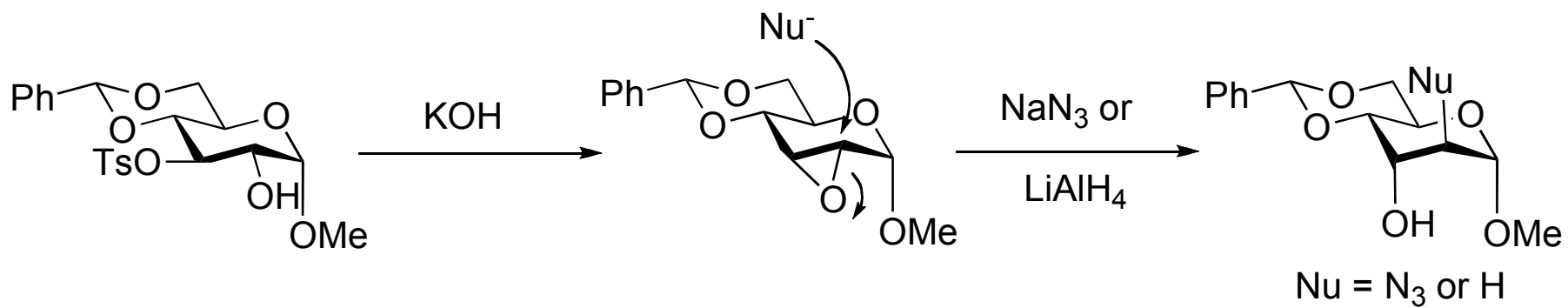
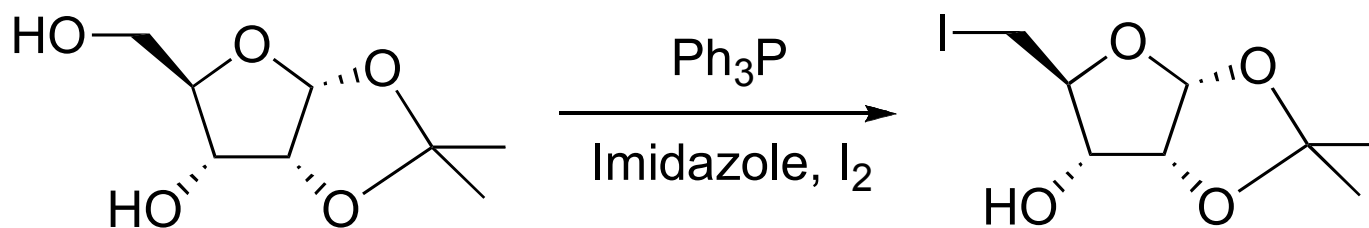
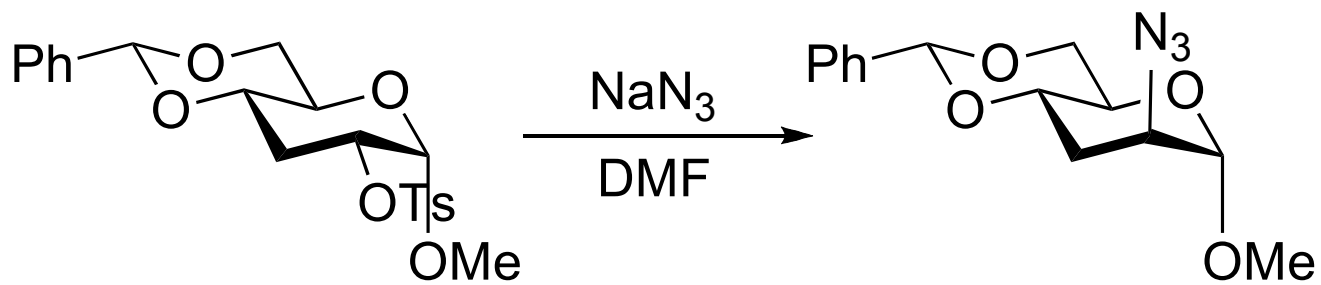
Nucleophilic substitution RXN

Retarded by the presence of electron withdrawing oxygen which are β to the carbon atom at which the displacement is taking place

S_N2 not S_N1

Electron withdrawing effect greatly destabilises any carbonium ion in S_N1





$\text{S}_{\text{N}}2$ trans

trans

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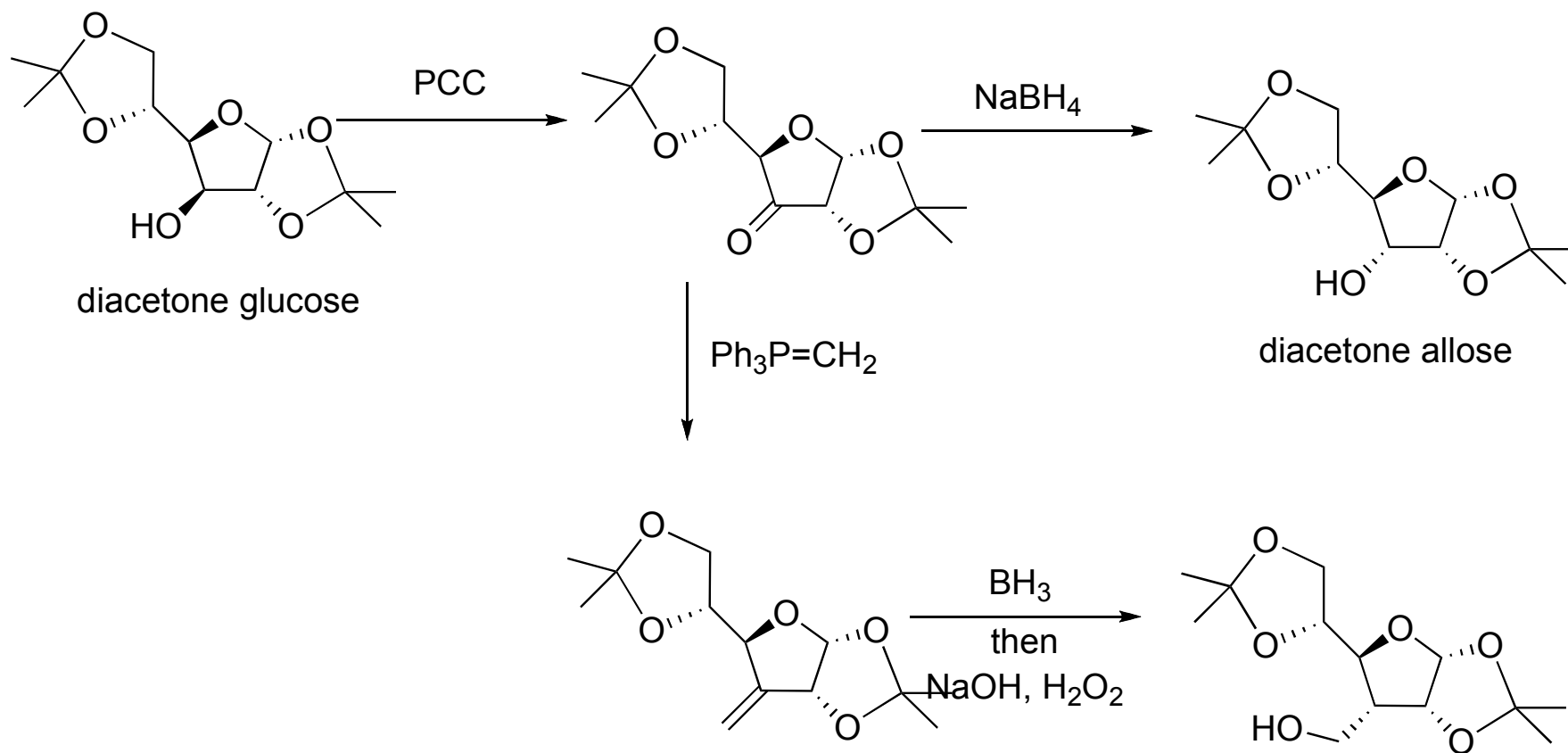
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The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 1990
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PCC Oxidation

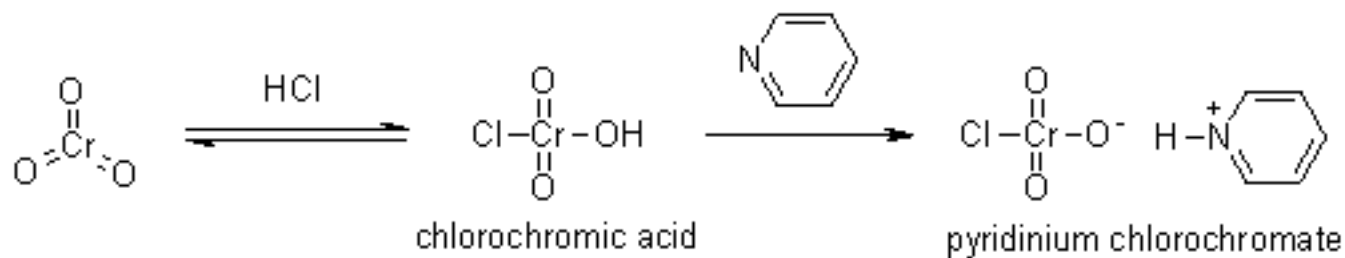
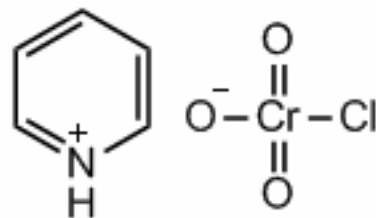
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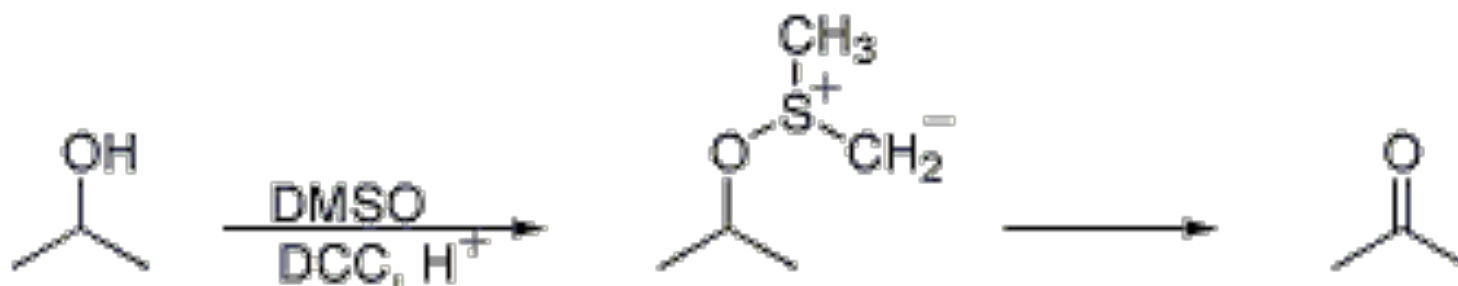
Affiliation at the time of the award:
Harvard University, Cambridge, MA,
USA

Prize motivation: "for his
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methodology of organic synthesis"

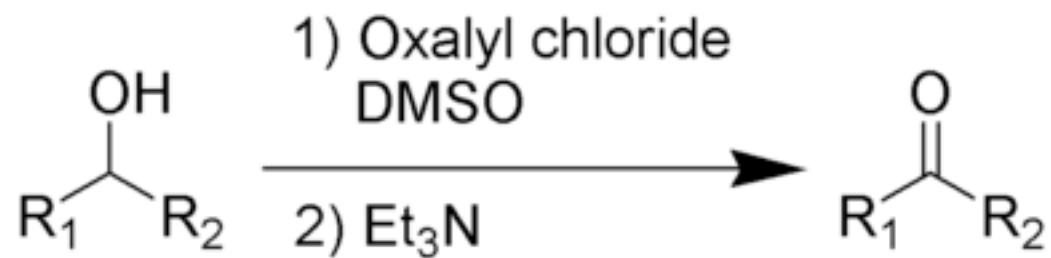
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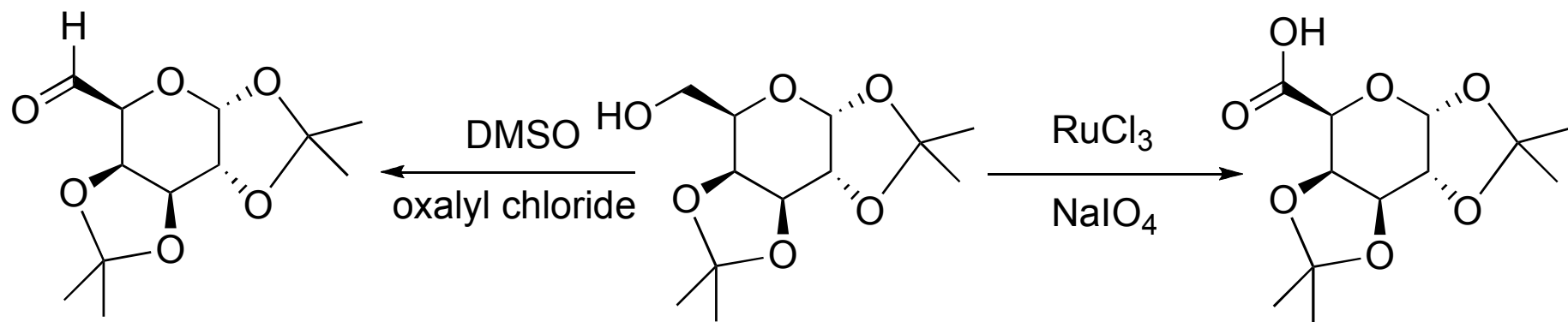


Pfitzner–Moffatt oxidation

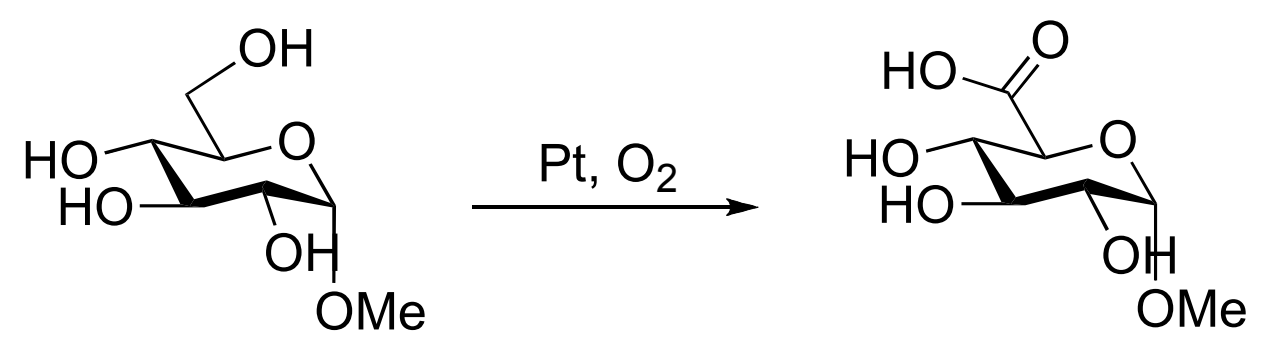


Swern oxidation

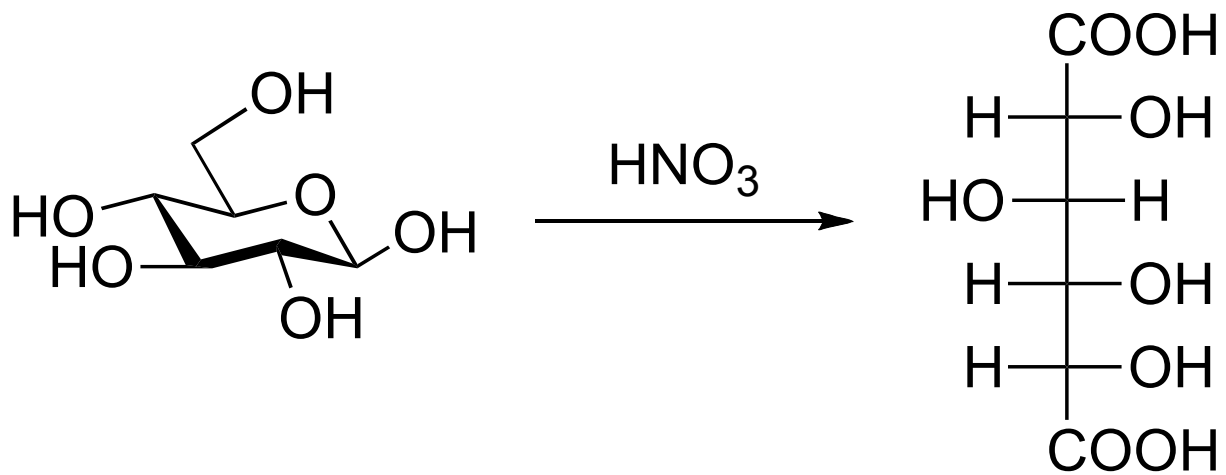




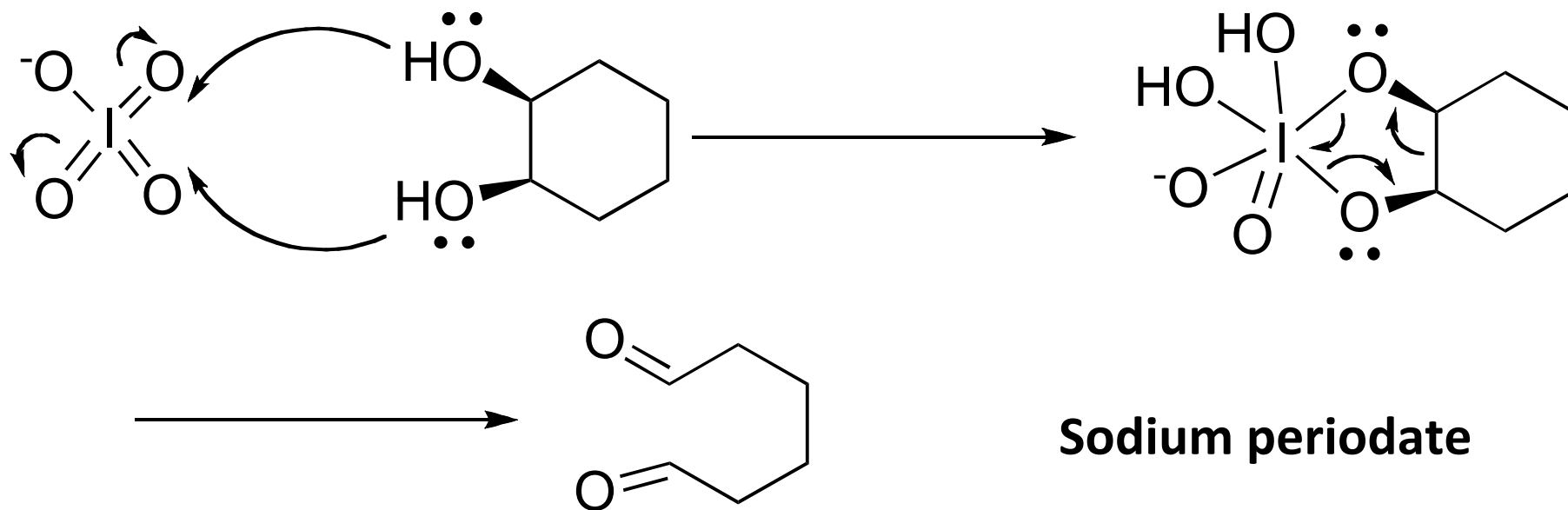
uronic acid



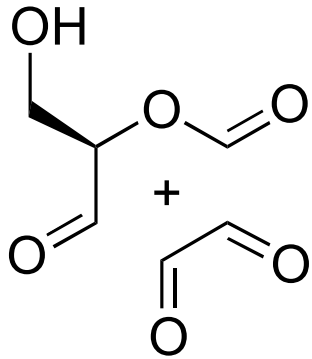
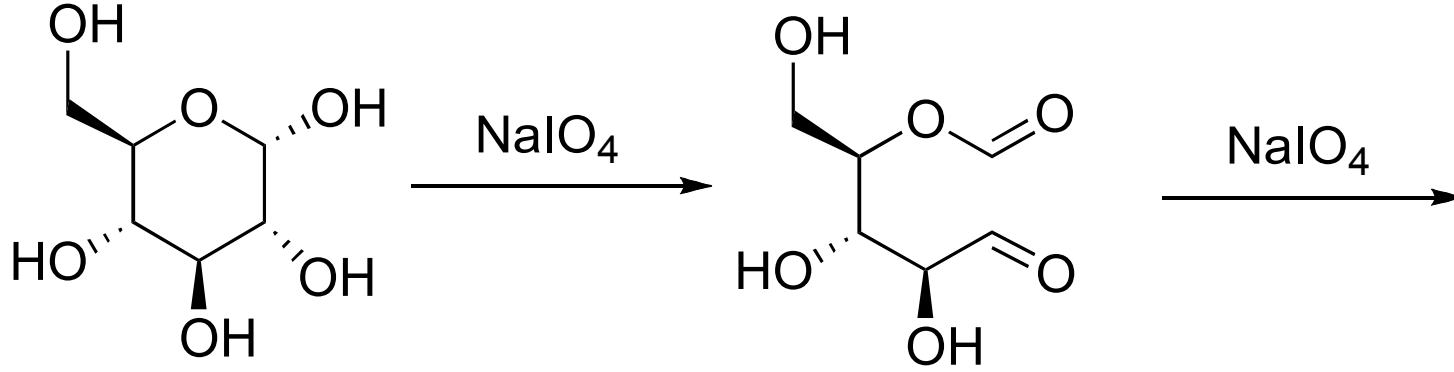
Selective oxidation to primary hydroxyl group



aldaric acid



Sodium periodate



Particularly useful for cleavage of the carbohydrate backbone at a specific point

Since the reagent will only cleave between two **cis** alcohol groups

Also useful for shortening of the carbohydrate chain

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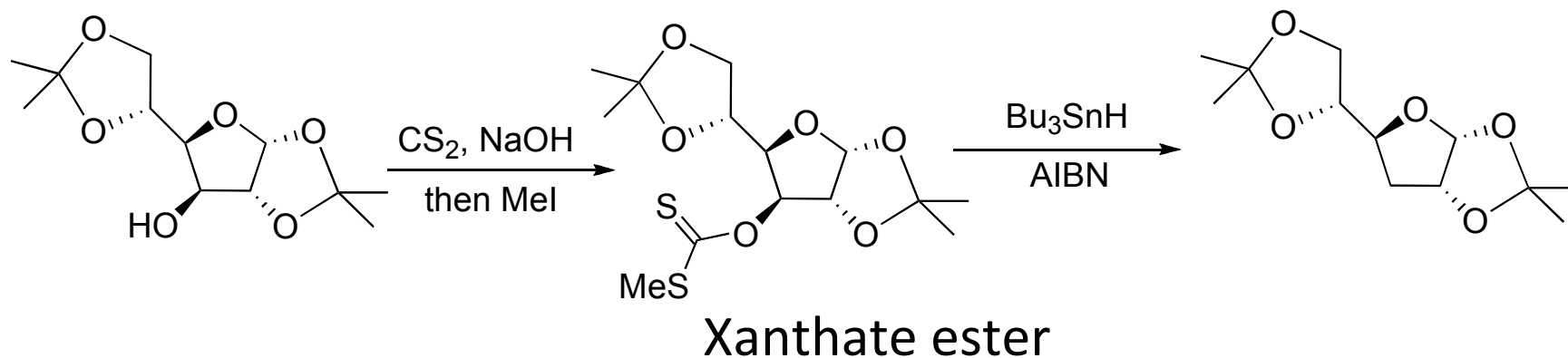
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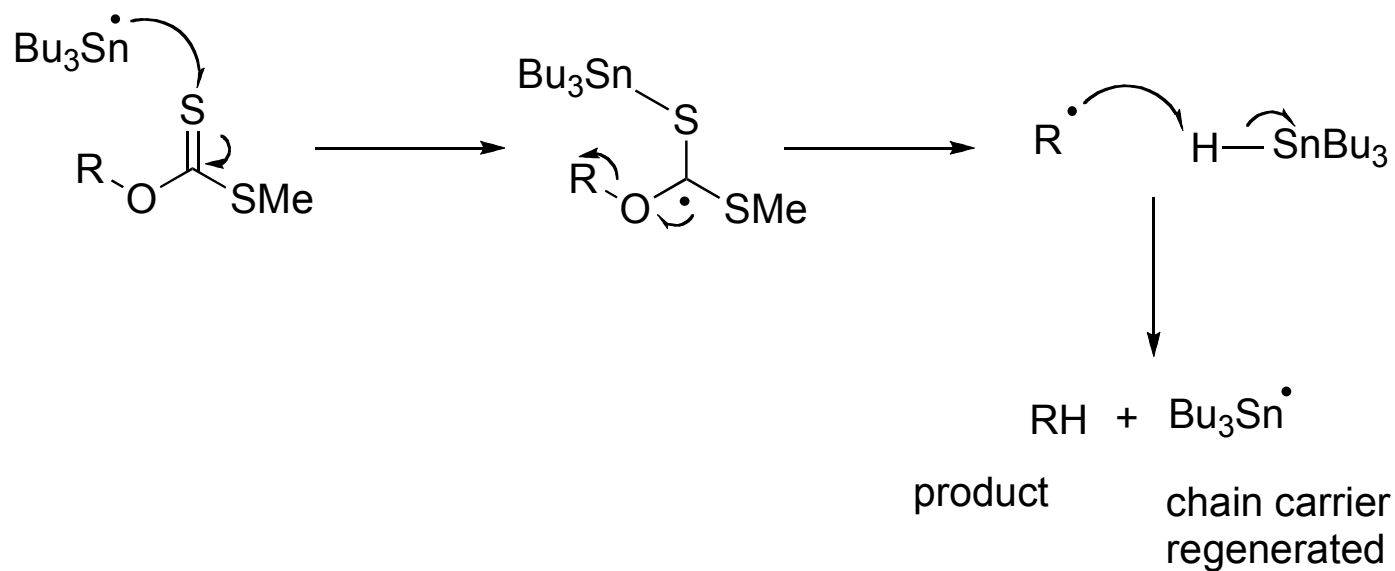
oxidation

Reduction

Reduction to prepare **deoxy sugars**



Barton-McCombie deoxygenation



Other possible ways

Nucleophilic displacement of leaving groups, e.g. OMs or OTs, with hydride from reducing agents such as LiAlH_4 is not generally a good route

Nucleophilic substitution is much slower in carbohydrates due to the β -oxygen effect

Under basic conditions, side reactions such as elimination rxns occur preferentially with reducing agents

Hydrogenolysis of halides in the presence of mild base is preferred.

summary

Describe the three types of hydroxyl groups found in sugars

Remember anomeric center acts as an alcohol or aldehyde

Describe the three types of hydroxyl groups found in sugars

Realize the importance of protection to allow regioselective rxns of those unprotected

Explain the pdts of acetylations under different conditions

Know how to selectively protect the primary hydroxyl group

Recall the method in forming and cleaving ethers and esters