

Lecture 16-OCSP 2020

Today's Agenda

- SN2 and E1 reactions with alcohols
 - Making alcohols good LGs
 - Protonate alcohol, then attack (2 methods)
 - Tosylation / Mesylation

The problem with alcohols

- In 3570, alcohols are not considered good leaving groups
- Ways to convert alcohol into a good LG
 - Method 1: protonate the -OH
 - Method 2: tosylation / mesylation

Example Rxn 1:

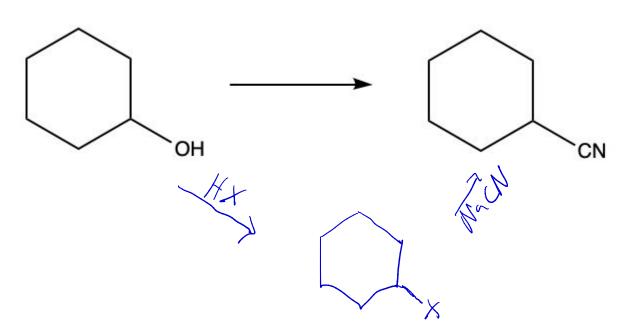
a HCI, HBC

• SN2 reaction with an alcohol and H-X (acid)

Example Rxn 2:

- E1 reaction using H₂SO₄
- Similar idea as before: protonate -OH
- Attached +OH₂ can leave on its own in E1 reaction

Practice Synthesis Problem:



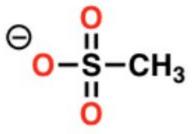
Tosylates and Mesylates

~ types of sulfonate ions:)

Tosylate (OTs)

O-S-CH₃

Mesylate (OMs)



Tosylation and Mesylation

a good LG1

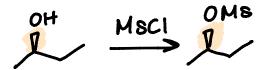
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Tosylation with tosyl chloride (TsCl) :

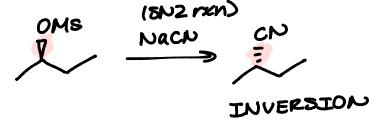
Mesylation with mesyl chloride (MsCl):

Characteristics of Tosylation and Mesylation

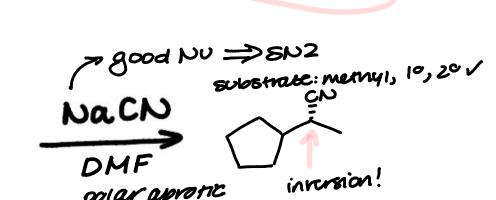
Formation step does not change stereochem



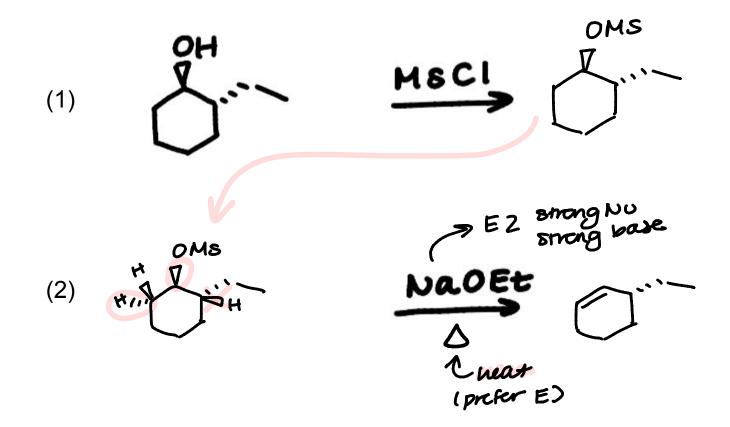
Stereochem can inverted if SN2 reaction occurs



Practice #1



Practice #2



Practice #3

