

### Nucleophilic addition reactions: Addition with aldehydes and ketones:

Aldehyde reacts with Grignard reagent to give addition products which on hydrolysis give primary alcohols.

$$\begin{array}{c} \bigcirc \\ \parallel \\ \mathsf{R}-\mathsf{C}-\mathsf{H} \\ + \\ \mathsf{C}\mathsf{H}_3^{-} \\ \mathsf{M}g^{2+} \\ \mathsf{I}^{-} \end{array} \xrightarrow{\mathsf{O}^{-} \\ \mathsf{M}g^{2+} \\ \mathsf{H}_2 \\ \mathsf{O} \\ \mathsf{H}_3 \end{array} \xrightarrow{\mathsf{O}^{+} \\ \mathsf{H}_2 \\ \mathsf{H}_2 \\ \mathsf{H}_3 \end{array} \xrightarrow{\mathsf{O}^{+} \\ \mathsf{H}_2 \\ \mathsf{H}_3 \\ \mathsf{H}_3 \xrightarrow{\mathsf{O}^{+} \\ \mathsf{H}_3 \\ \mathsf{H}_3$$

Where, R = H, alkyl, aryl



#### **Reaction with Ketone:**



## Effect of steric hindrance:

Grignard additions are influenced by the presence of bulky groups around the keto group or in Grignard reagent or in both.



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# **Reaction with cyclic ketones:**

Reaction occurs through the less hindered side of the cyclic ketone.

## Example:





### **Reaction with CO<sub>2</sub>:**

Grignard reagent react with CO<sub>2</sub> to give addition products which on hydrolysis yield carboxylic acids.

$$R - Mg^{2+}X^{-} + O = C - O - R - C - O^{-}Mg^{2+}Br^{-} - H^{+/H_2O} R - C - OH + Mg(OH)Br$$

#### **Reaction with inorganic halides:**

(1)  $4C_2H_5MgBr + 2PbCl_2 \longrightarrow (C_2H_5)_4Pb + Pb + 4MgBr(Cl)$ Ethyl magnesium bromide

(2) 
$$4CH_3MgI + SiCl_4 \longrightarrow (CH_3)_4 Si + 4MgI(Cl)$$

 $\begin{array}{rcl} & 2C_2H_5MgI + HgCl_2 \longrightarrow (C_2H_5)_2Hg + 2MgICl \\ (3) & & \text{Ethyl magnesium} \\ & & \text{Iodide} \end{array}$ 

#### **Reaction with epoxide:**



Note: Nucleophilic attack generally occur at the less hindered carbon atom as the epoxide.

Reaction with acid chloride: Grignard reagents react with acid chlorides to form ketones.

For example:

$$H_{3}C - C - CI + H_{3}C - MgBr \longrightarrow H_{3}C - CH_{3} \xrightarrow{Mg^{2+}Br^{-}} MgBrCl + H_{3}C - C - CH_{3}$$

Reaction with Amids: Amids reaction with Grignard reagent yield ketones. Mechanism:





**Reaction with CS<sub>2</sub>:** 





## Reaction with $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated aldehyde and ketones:

Grignard reagents readily add to  $\alpha$ -,  $\beta$ -unsaturated aldehyde and ketones, in such a reaction both 1, 2 and 1, 4-addition products are formed.

In general  $\alpha$ -,  $\beta$ -unsaturated aldehydes give predominantly 1, 2-addition product and  $\alpha$ -,  $\beta$ -unsaturated ketones give 1, 4-addition product as the major product.

## **Example:**



**Remark:** If addition to  $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -unsaturated ketones are carried out in the presence of Cu<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> then only 1, 4-addition takes place.

## **Examples:**



Grignard reagents can give either or both 1, 2 and 1, 4-addition products on reaction with  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ -unsaturated system. The extent of conjugate (1, 4) addition depends mostly on the nature of the substituents attached to the unsaturated carbonyl electrophile. In the absence of significant steric interactions, 1, 2addition takes place using substrates such as  $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -unsaturated aldehydes or unhindered  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ -unsaturated ketones.

