Organic Chemistry

Aromatic Rearrangements

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FRIES REARRANGEMENT

- 1. Intra molecular Friedal Craft Acylation
- 2. Rearrangement of phenolic ester by heating it with Friedal –Craft catalyst.
- 3. The reaction is catalyzed by Brønsted or Lewis acids such as HF, AlCl₃, BF₃, TiCl₄ or SnCl₄. The acids are used in excess of the stoichiometric amount, especially the Lewis acids, since they form complexes with both the starting materials and products.

REIMER-TIEMANN REACTION (FROMYLATION)

The Reimer-Tiemann reaction is an organic reaction used for ortho- formylation of phenol. In the reaction a phenol is converted to an ohydroxy benzaldehyde (salicyldehyde) using chloroform in basic medium.





- <u>Chloroform</u> is deprotonated by strong base (normally <u>hydroxide</u>) to form the chloroform carbanion. which will quickly alpha-eliminate to give<u>dichlorocarbene</u> which is principle reactive species.
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- The hydroxide deprotonates the phenol to give a negatively charged phenolate.
- The negative charge is delocalised into the aromatic ring, making it far more <u>nucleophilic</u> and increases its <u>ortho selectivity</u>.
- •Nucelophilic attack of the dichlorocarbene from the ortho position gives an intermediate dichloromethyl substituted phenol.
- •After basic hydrolysis, the desired product is formed.

<u>GATTERMANN – KOCH REACTION</u> (FROMYLATION)

Formylation of aromatic hydrocarbon or polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon with carbon monoxide and hydrogen chloride in the presence of AlCl₃ at high pressure is known as Gattermann-Koch reaction. The other catalysts used are cuprous chloride, HF, BF₃, trifluoro methane sulphonic acid. The reaction is less accessible due to toxicity of carbon monoxide and high pressure.



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$$\langle \rangle + CO + HCl \xrightarrow{AlCl_3, Cu_2Cl_2} \langle \rangle - CHO$$

The catalyst commonly used is aluminum chloride with cuprous chloride as a carrier. The carrier is not necessary when high pressure is used

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<u>GATTERMANN-ALDEHYDE SYNTHESIS</u> (FROMYLATION)

The preparation of aromatic aldehydes containing hydroxyl or alkyloxyl groups on the aromatic ring by treatment of the aromatics with hydrogen cyanide and hydrogen chloride in anhydrous solvent (e.g., ether) with or without the presence of a Lewis acid (e.g., ZnCl₂, AlCl₃) as a catalyst, in which aldimine hydrochloride functions as an intermediate, is generally referred to as the Gattermann aldehyde synthesis or simply as the Gatterman synthesis

This is an alternative to Gattermann – Koch Reaction in which HCN in used instead of CO.

This reaction is useful in the preparation of aromatic aldehydes with hydroxy, alkoxy, and even mutli-alkyl groups, such as mesitaldehyde (2,4,6-tri methyl – benzaldehyde)





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