# Chemistry Notes for class 12 Chapter 10 Haloalkanes and Haloarenes

The replacement of hydrogen atom(s) in hydrocarbon, aliphatic or aromatic, by halogen atom(s) results in the formation of alkyl halide (haloalkane) and aryl halide (haloarene), respectively.

## **Classification of Halogen Derivatives**

On the basis of number of halogen atoms present, halogen derivatives are classified as mono, di, tri, tetra, etc., halogen derivatives, e.g.,

$$C_2H_5X$$
 $CH_2-X$ 
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On the basis of the nature of the carbon to which halogen atom is attached, halogen derivatives are classified as  $1^{\circ}$ ,  $2^{\circ}$ ,  $3^{\circ}$ , allylic, benzylic, vinylic and aryl derivatives, e.g.,

### General Methods of Preparation of Haloalkanes

## 1. From Alcohols

R—OH alcohol

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In Groove's method, ZnC1<sub>2</sub> is used to weaken the C-OH bond. In case of 3° alcohols, ZnC1<sub>2</sub> is not required.

The reactivity order of halogen acids is HI > HBr > HCl.

Darzen procedure is the best method for preparing alkyl halides from alcohols since both the by products (SO<sub>2</sub> and HCl) are gaseous and escape easily.

## 2. Free Radical Halogenation of Alkanes

## Addition of Hydrogen Halides on Alkenes

$$-C - C = C + HBr \longrightarrow -C - C - C$$
Br
2-bromopropane

Organic peroxide

C - C - Br

#### 1. Finkelstein Reaction

$$R \longrightarrow X + \text{NaI} \xrightarrow{\text{Acetone}} R \longrightarrow I + \text{NaX}$$
 $(X = \text{Cl, Br})$ 

#### 2. Swarts Reaction

$$H_3C - Br + AgF \rightarrow H_3C - F + AgBr$$

Hg<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub>, COF<sub>2</sub> and SbF<sub>3</sub> can also be used as a reagent for Swarts reaction.

#### 3. Hunsdiecker Reaction

$$CH_3COOAg + Br_2 \xrightarrow{CCl_4} CH_3Br + AgBr + CO_2$$

## Physical Properties of Haloalkanes

## 1. Boiling point orders

- 1. R I > R Br > R CI > R F
- 2.  $CH_3 (CH_2)_2 CH_2Br > (CH_3)_2 CHCH_2Br > (CH_3)_3CBr$
- 3.  $CH_3CH_2CH_2 > CH_3CH_2X > CH_3X$
- 2. Bond strength of haloalkanes decreases as the size of the halogen atom increases. Thus, the order of bond strength is

$$CH_3F > CR_3Cl > CR_3Br > CH_3I$$

- 3. Dipole moment decreases as the electronegativity of the halogen decreases.
- 4. Haloalkanes though polar but are insoluble in water as they do not form hydrogen bonding with water.
- 5. Density order is

RI > RBr > RCl > RF (For the same alkyl group)

$$CH_3I > C_2H_5I > C_3H_7I$$

#### **Chemical Reactions of Haloalkanes**

# 1. Nucleophilic Substitution Reactions (S<sub>N</sub> reactions)

$$\begin{array}{c} \bar{\text{Nu}} + -\bar{\text{C}} \xrightarrow{\delta + \delta -} \\ \bar{\text{Nu}} + -\bar{\text{C}} \xrightarrow{KOH (aq)} \\ -\bar{\text{C}} \xrightarrow{KOH 50H + KBr} \\ \hline \\ NH_3 + C_2H_5NH_2, (C_2H_5)_2NH, (C_2H_5)_3N \\ (C_2H_5)_4N^+Br^- \text{ (Hofmann ammonolysis)} \\ \hline \\ KCN + C_2H_5CN + KBr \\ \hline \\ AgCN + C_2H_5NC + AgBr \\ \hline \\ KNO_2 + C_2H_5-ONO + KBr \\ ethyl nitrite \\ \hline \\ AgNO_2 + C_2H_5NO_2 + AgBr \\ nitroethane \\ (Williamson's synthesis) \\ \hline \\ R'ONa, \Delta + C_2H_5-O-R' + NaBr \\ \hline \\ Na-C=C-H, \Delta + C_2H_5-C=CH + NaBr \\ \hline \\ O \\ R'COOAg, \Delta + C_2H_5-O-C-R' + AgBr \\ \hline \\ O \\ R'COOAg, \Delta + C_2H_5-O-C-R' + AgBr \\ \hline \\ O \\ R'COOAg, \Delta + C_2H_5-O-C-R' + AgBr \\ \hline \end{array}$$

kCN is predominantly ionic and provides cyanide ions in solution, which is ambident nucleophile and bind with carbon side to form as the major product, while AgCN is covalent and form isocyanide as the major product.

Like KCN, KNO<sub>2</sub> form R-ONO while AgNO<sub>2</sub> produces R-NO<sub>2</sub> as product. Vinyl chloride is less reactive towards nucleophilic substitution reactions due to resonance.

Nucleophilic substitution reactions are of two types

(a)  $S_N 1$  type (Unimolecular nucleophilic reactions proceed in two steps:

$$\begin{array}{c} CH_{3} & CH_{3} \\ CH_{3} & CH_{3} \\ CH_{3} & CH_{3} \\ \end{array} \xrightarrow[]{Step 1} CH_{3} & CH_{3} & CH_{3} \\ CH_{3} & CH_{3} & CH_{3} \\ \end{array}$$

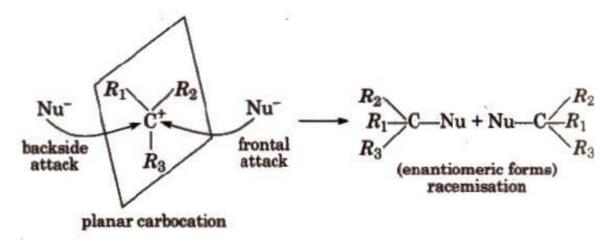
Rate, r = k [RX). It is a first order reaction.

Reactivity order of alkyl halide towards S<sub>N</sub>1 mechanism

$$3^{\circ} > 2^{\circ} > 1^{\circ}$$

Polar solvents, low concentration of nucleophiles and weak nucleophiles favour  $S_N1$  mechanism.

In  $S_N1$  reactions, partial racemisation occurs due to the possibility of frontal as well as backside attack on planar carbocation.



(b)  $S_N 2$  type (Bimolecular nucleophilic substitution) These reactions proceed in one step and is a second order reaction with r = k[RX][Nu].

During  $S_N$ 2 reaction, inversion of configuration occurs (Walden inversion) i.e., starting with dextrorotatory halide a laevo product is obtained and vice-versa, e.g.,