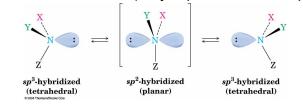
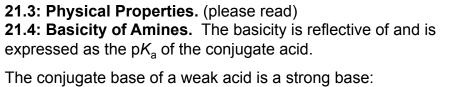


In principle an amine with three different substituents on the nitrogen is chiral with the lone pair of electrons being the fourth substituent; however, for most amines the *pyramidal inversion* of nitrogen is a racemization mechanism. The barrier to nitrogen inversion is about 25 KJ/mol (very rapid at room temperature).



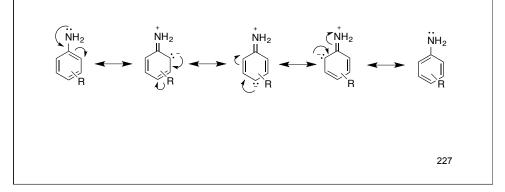


Higher pK_a = weaker acid = stronger conjugate base The conjugate base of a strong acid is a weak base Lower pK_a = stronger acid = weaker conjugate base

Table 21.1 (p. 964): pK_a values of ammonium ions Alkyl ammonium ions, $R_3NH^+X^-$, have pK_a values in the range of 10-11 (ammonium ion, $H_4N^+X^-$, has a p $K_a \sim 9.3$) The ammonium ions of aryl amines and heterocyclic aromatic amines are considerably more acidic than alkyl amines ($pK_a < 5$). The nitrogen lone pair is less basic if it is in an sp² hybridized orbital (versus an *sp*³) ^{√H}³ p*K*_a = 4.6 NH₄⁺ pK_a= 9.3 5.2 $(H_3CH_2C)NH_3^+$ 10.8 $(H_3CH_2C)_2NH_2^+$ 11.1 0.4 $(H_3CH_2C)_3NH^+$ 10.8 6.9 7.0 O ↓ NH₃ - 1.0 226

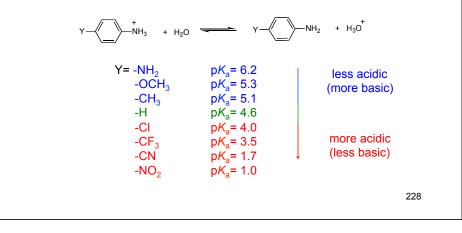
Arylamines are less basic than alkylamines. The lone pair of electrons on the nitrogen of aniline are conjugated to the π -electrons of the aromatic ring and are therefore less available for acid-base chemistry. Protonation disrupts the conjugation.

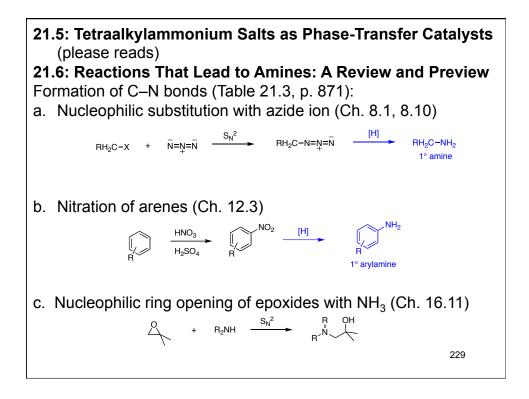
Substitutents can greatly influence the basicity of the aniline. The effect is dependent upon the nature and position of the substitutent.

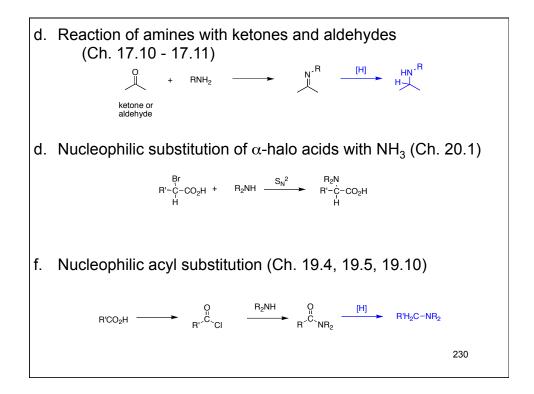


Electron-donating substituents (-CH₃, -OH, -OCH₃) make the substituted aniline more basic than aniline itself (the pK_a of the substituted anilinium ion is higher than 4.6)

Electron-withdrawing substituents (-CI, -NO₂) make the substituted aniline less basic than aniline itself (the pK_a of the substituted anilinium ion is lower than 4.6)





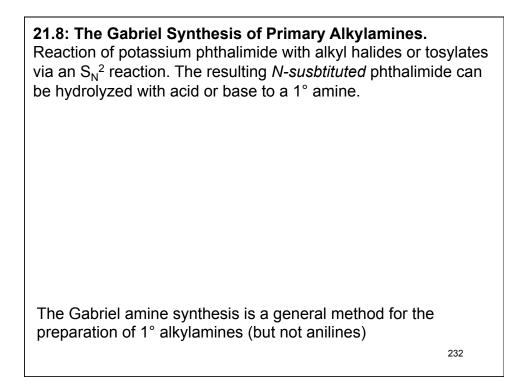


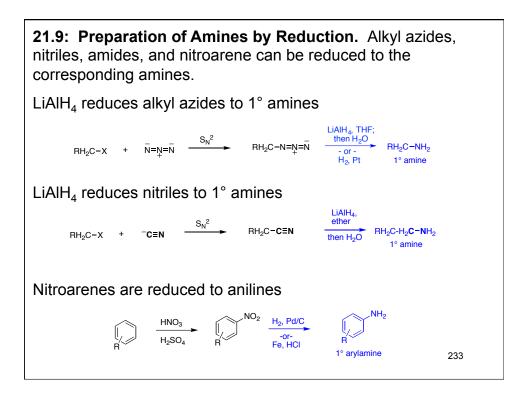
21.7: Preparation of Amines by Alkylation of Ammonia Ammonia and other alkylamines are good nucleophiles and react with 1° and 2° alkyl halides or tosylates via an S_N^2 reaction yielding alkyl amines.

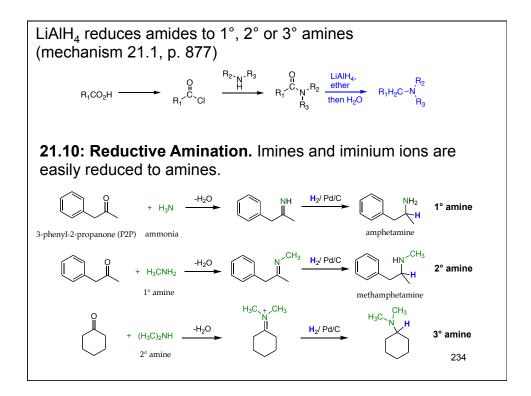
 $\begin{array}{ccc} \mathrm{CH}_3(\mathrm{CH}_2)_6\mathrm{CH}_2\mathrm{Br} \ +: \mathrm{NH}_3 & \longrightarrow & \mathrm{CH}_3(\mathrm{CH}_2)_6\mathrm{CH}_2\mathrm{NH}_2 \ + \ [\mathrm{CH}_3(\mathrm{CH}_2)_6\mathrm{CH}_2]_2\mathrm{\overset{\circ}{\mathrm{NH}}} \\ \mathbf{1}\text{-Bromooctane} & & \mathbf{Octylamine} \ (\mathbf{45\%}) & \mathbf{Dioctylamine} \ (\mathbf{43\%}) \\ & + \ [\mathrm{CH}_3(\mathrm{CH}_2)_6\mathrm{CH}_2]_3\mathrm{N} \ + \ [\mathrm{CH}_3(\mathrm{CH}_2)_6\mathrm{CH}_2]_4\mathrm{\overset{\circ}{\mathrm{N}}} \ \bar{\mathrm{Br}} \\ & \mathbf{Trace} & \mathbf{Trace} \end{array}$

1°, 2°, and 3° amines all have similar reactivity; the initially formed monoalkylation product can undergo further reaction to yield a mixture of alkylated products.

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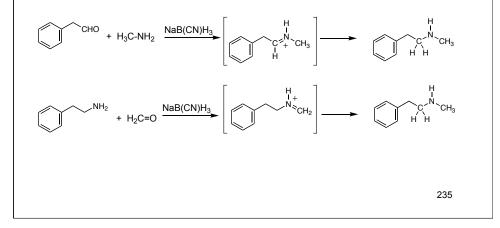


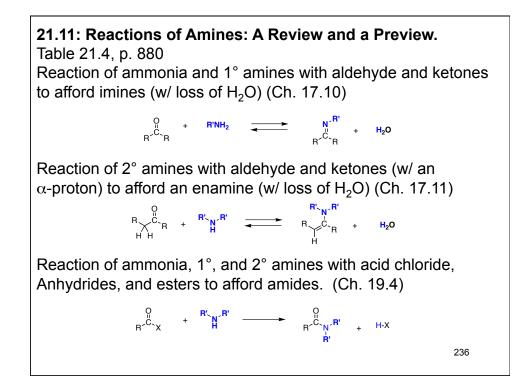


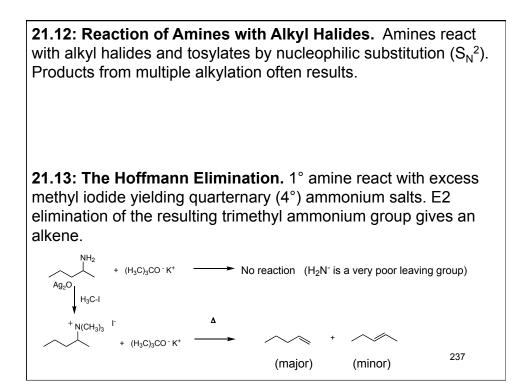


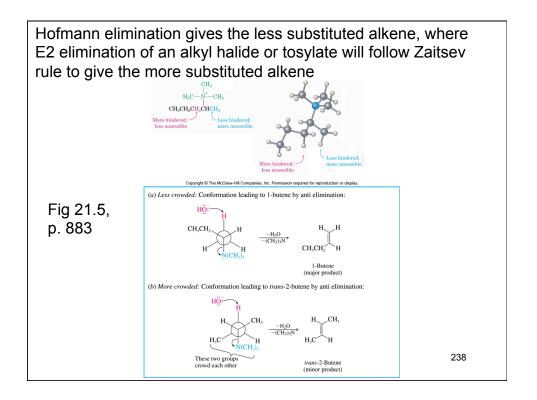
Sodium cyanoborohydride, Na⁺ N=C-BH₃⁻: the cyano ligand makes cyanoborohydride a weak hydride source and it will react with only the most easily reduced functional groups, such as an iminium ion. NaB(CN)H₃ reduces ketones and aldehydes slowly.

Reductive amination with NaB(CN)H₃ is a one-pot reaction



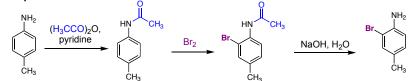






21.14: Electrophilic Aromatic Substitution in Arylamines. The amino group is a strongly activating, ortho/para director; however, it is largely incompatible with Friedel-Crafts reactions.

Electrophilic aromatic substitution of phenyl acetamides (amides of aniline): The acetamide group is still activating and an ortho/para director.



The acetamides acts as a protecting group for the arylamine.

Anilines are so activated that multiple substitution reactions can be a problem. The reactivity of the acetamide is attenuated so that mono-substitution is achieved.

The acetamide group is compatable with Friedel-Crafts reactions. $$^{\rm 239}$$

