## Alcohols, Ethers, Carbohydrates

#### Nomenclature

Alcohol R-OH -OH is Hydroxy or Hydroxyl

$$R-O-R'$$
 Ether  $R, R' = /= H$ 

#### Alcohol Nomenclature

CH<sub>3</sub>OH - methanol (wood alcohol, or methyl alcohol) Toxic

formaldehyde

CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH - ethanol (grain alcohol or ethyl alcohol)

#### **Rules:**

Find the longest chain with the OH and Number from end to give –OH the lowest number. Drop "e" of alkane, and add "ol" CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH - propanol (propan-1-ol, n-propanol, or n-propyl alcohol)



- 2-propanol (iso-propyl alcohol ), rubbing alcohol

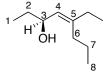
1-butanol butan-1-ol n-butanol

2-butanol

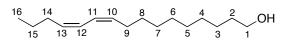
$$CH_3$$
  $1$ 
 $H_3C-C-OH$   $2$ 
 $CH_3$   $3$ 

tert-butyl alcohol 2-methyl-2-propanol 2-methyl propan-2-ol

2-cyclohexen-1-ol or cyclohex-2-en-1-ol



3-(s)-5-ethyl-4(Z)-octen-3-ol



16C = hexadecane 10,12 = Diene 1 = ol

Hexadeca-10(Z)-12(Z)-dien-1-ol

#### Phenols (aromatic alcohols)

resonance forms

C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub> phenyl

not recommended

benezene C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>

dihydroxybenzene (catechol)

Common alcohols one needs to recognize:

Ethylene glycol (antifreezer) 1,2-dihydroxyethane ethane-1,2-diol

# OH OH

glycerol glycerine

1,2,3-trihydroxypropane

12,3-propanetriol

## **Ether nomenclature**

Rules: name both alkyl groups and add "ether"

$$H_2$$
 $H_3C$ 
 $C$ 
 $O$ 
 $CH_3$ 

$$H_2$$
  $H_2$   $O$ 

dimethyl ether methyl ether

ethyl methyl ether

diethyl ether, ethyl ether, ether

alkene alcohol 
$$7$$
  $5$   $0$   $CH_3$  ether

3-methoxy-3(Z)-hepten-1-ol

3-methoxy-(Z)-hept- 3-en-1-ol

tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) CANNABIS SATIVA (HEMP)

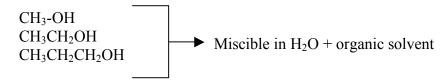
# • 2-stereogenic centers

H<sub>2</sub>, Pd

## **Physical Properties of Alcohols**

R-O-H - can donate and accept hydrogen bonds

- polar, good solvents



- longer alcohols are generally not miscible with water.

e.g. CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH soluble in H<sub>2</sub>O, but not fully miscible in all amounts

- less dense than water  $\rho < 1.0$
- good solvents for polar + non-polar compounds

$$R-O-H----O-R$$
 H-bonding results in high B.P and M.P.

$$CH_3OH CH_3CH_3$$
 $MW 32 30$ 
 $BP + 65^{\circ}C - 88^{\circ}C$ 

## **Properties of Ethers**

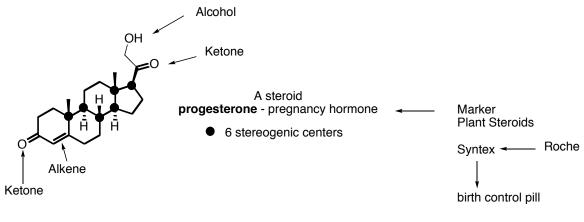
- non-polar (relatively), generally unreactive, especially to base
  - have dipole-dipole interactions,

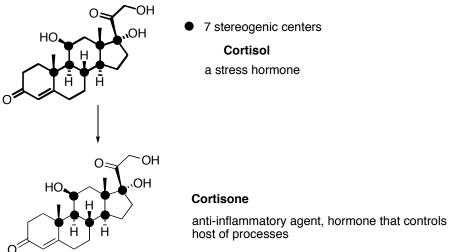
ethyl ether

- H-bond acceptors but NOT H-bond donors,
- not miscible with water, good solvents for organic compounds.
- low B.P. and M.P. than alcohols but higher than hydrocarbons.

eg. 
$$CH_3CH_2OCH_2CH_3$$
 BP = 35 °C

# Some interesting examples – Functional Group & Structure Analysis





Structure elucidated by Prof. Reichstein (Nobel Prize)

and Dr. Von Euw

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