# **Chapter 23: Amines**

[Chapter 23 Sections: 23.1-23.6, 23.11]



## **Properties of Amines**

boiling points



• anilines are fairly poor bases because their lone pairs are less available for protonation since they are tied up via resonance with the aromatic ring

 $NH_2$ 

ÓCH<sub>3</sub>

⊕NH<sub>3</sub>

OCH<sub>3</sub>

• pyridines are good bases since their lone pair is NOT part of the pi system or engaged in resonance • aromatic amines like pyrrole are poor bases since their lone pairs are part of the pi system required for resonance and are therefore not available for protonation Problems: 2

#### **Synthesis of Amines**



Nucleophilic Substitution Reactions to form 1° amines



• simple SN2 reactions of amines with alkyl halides are not often useful methods for the synthesis of amines since over-alkylation often results

• the Gabriel synthesis utilizes potassium phthalimide as a nucleophile since it will react only once

• hydrolysis of the Gabriel intermediate affords 1° amines in high yields

**Reductive Amination** 

$$\overbrace{\qquad \qquad }^{O} \qquad \underbrace{ \begin{array}{c} CH_{3}NH_{2}, H^{+} \\ \hline \\ NaBH_{3}CN, CH_{3}OH \end{array} }$$



• reductive amination affords  $1^\circ$ ,  $2^\circ$  or  $3^\circ$  amines when a ketone or aldehyde is treated with the appropriate amine

• *the intermediate in the process is an imine* 

• reduction of the imine takes place using the specialized borohydride reducing agent, sodium cyanoborohydride ( $NaBH_3CN$ )

### **Aniline Reactions**

Synthesis of Anilines



## Diazotization of Anilines





• diazotization of aniline occurs when anilines are treated with nitrous acid (HNO<sub>2</sub>) generated by mixing HCl with  $NaNO_2$  [NOTE: this is different than nitric acid (HNO<sub>3</sub>)] • treatment of the aryl diazonium salt with CuX results in a substitution reaction (Sandemeyer Reaction) • warming the aryl diazonium salt in water results in the formation of phenols