

# Analgesics, TLC Analysis



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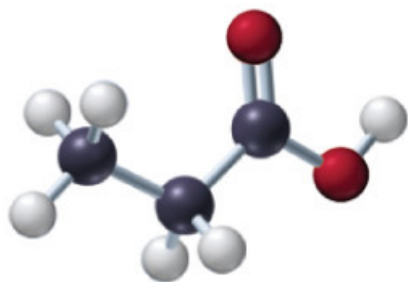
# Carboxylic Acids

- ▶ Carboxylic Acids have many interesting properties.
  - ▶ Many of the sharp flavors we enjoy in food (vinegar, grapefruit, lemon...) are produced by simple substances of the carboxylic acid family of organic substances.
  - ▶ These organic molecules are acids. Like the simple binary acids you're already familiar with (HCl, HBr) they release free protons ( $H^+$ ).
    - ▶ These substances have high acidity (low pH).
    - ▶ They neutralize bases like NaOH to form water.
  - ▶ Many toxins are simple carboxylic acids, like the formic acid in ant venom.
  - ▶ Salts formed from carboxylic acids cause food to be resistant to mold and microorganisms that cause spoilage.
  - ▶ They play important roles in how animals store and process energy.

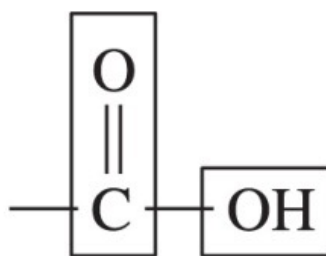


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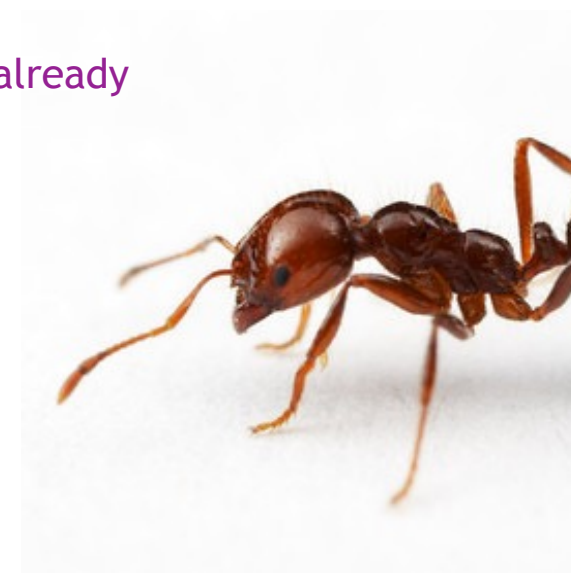
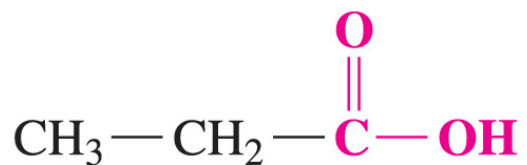


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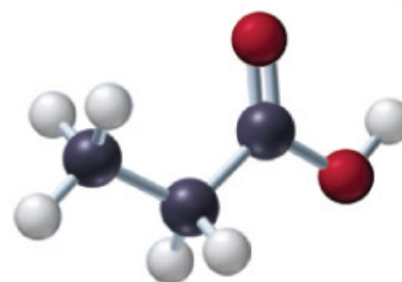
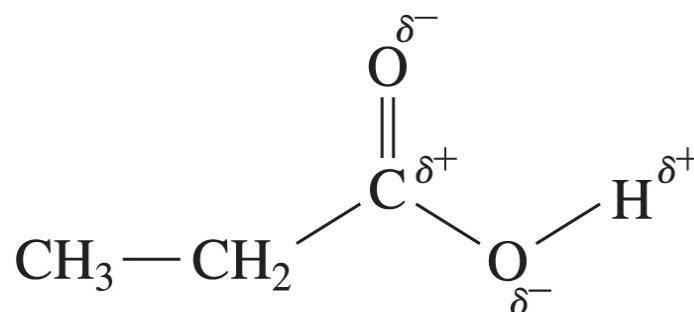
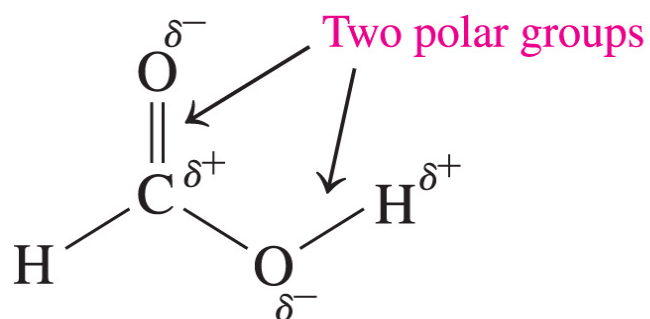
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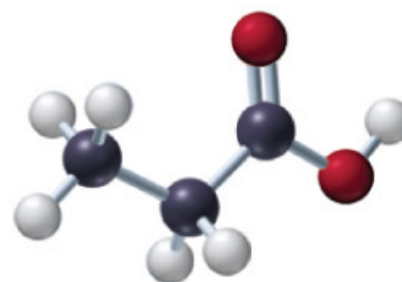
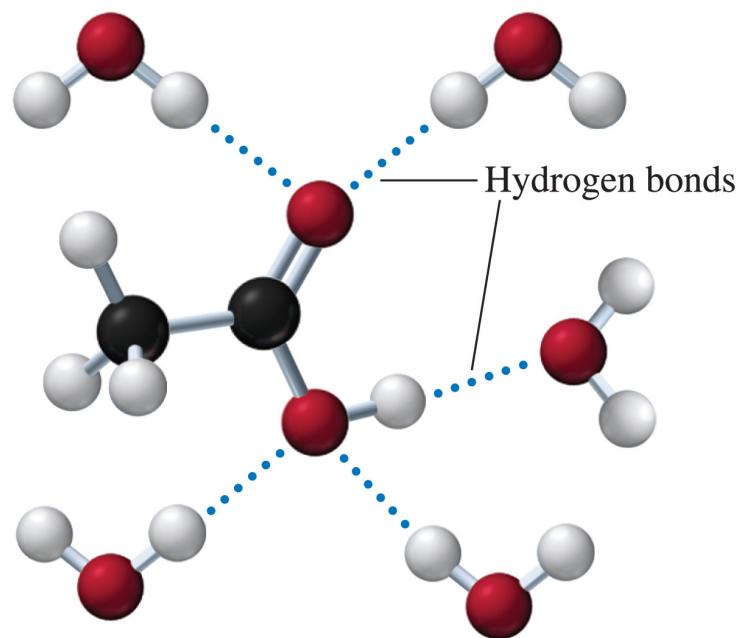
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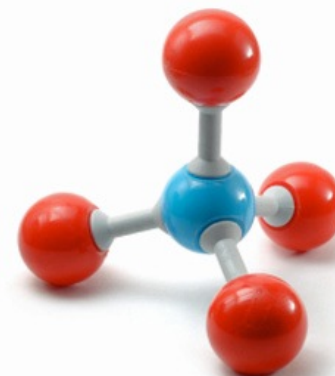
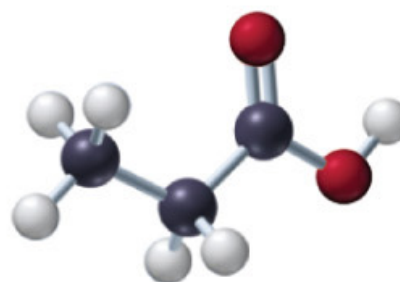
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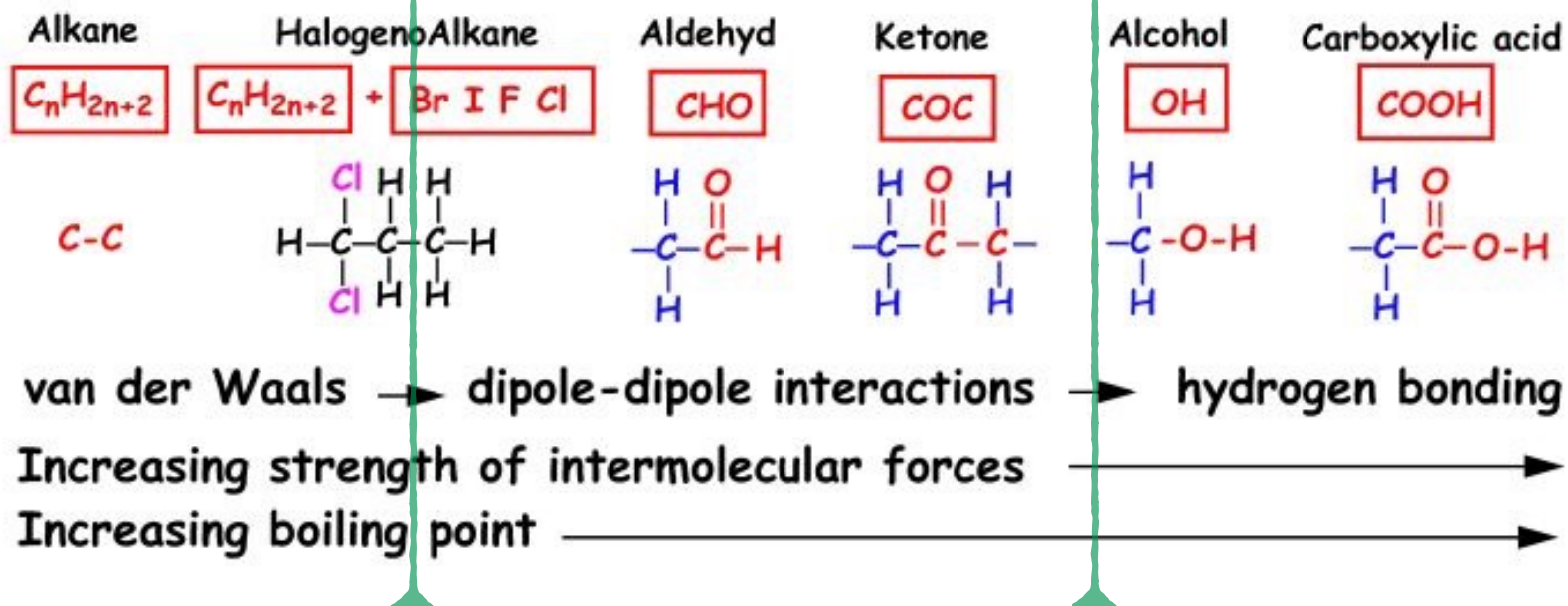
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Methanoic acid	$\text{H}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-\text{OH}$	Soluble
Ethanoic acid	$\text{CH}_3-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-\text{OH}$	Soluble
Propanoic acid	$\text{CH}_3-\text{CH}_2-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-\text{OH}$	Soluble
Butanoic acid	$\text{CH}_3-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-\text{OH}$	Soluble
Pentanoic acid	$\text{CH}_3-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-\text{OH}$	Soluble
Hexanoic acid	$\text{CH}_3-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-\text{OH}$	Slightly soluble
Benzoic acid	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-\text{OH}$	Slightly soluble



# Properties & Structure



▶ Carboxylic Acids experience all three kinds of intermolecular forces:

- ▶ Van der Waals Forces
- ▶ Dipole-Dipole Forces
- ▶ Hydrogen Bonding

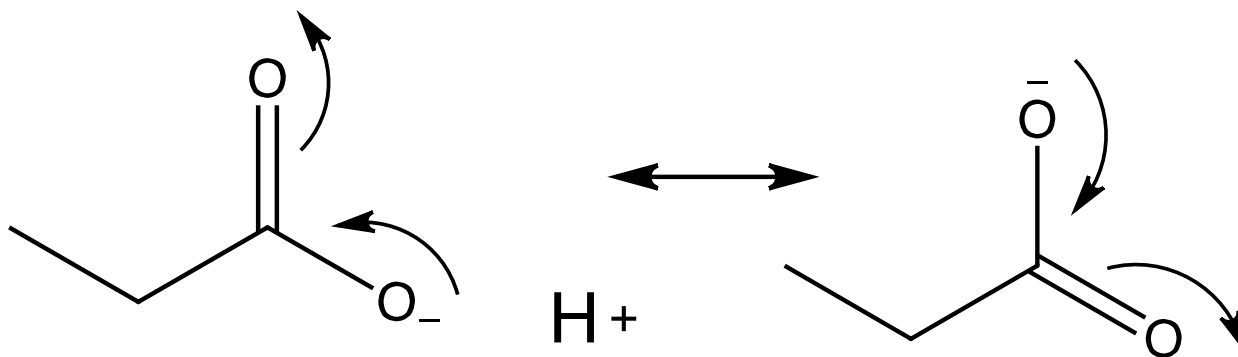
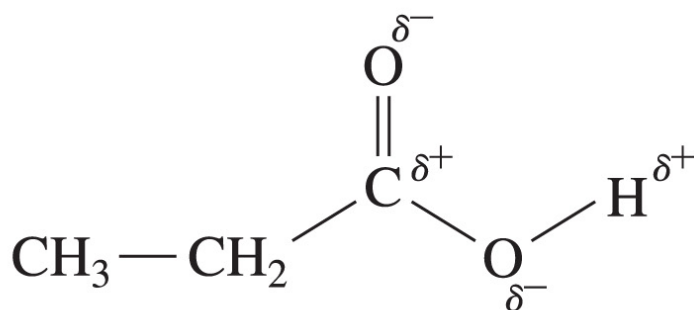
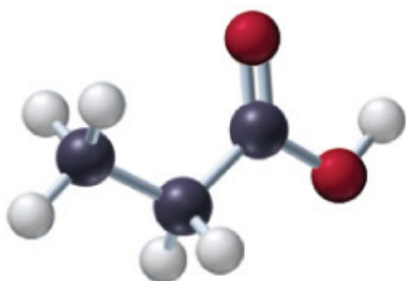
- ▶ Because carboxylic acids have both a hydroxyl and carbonyl group they form more hydrogen bonds than alcohols.
- ▶ Carboxylic Acids have higher boiling points and melting points than even alcohols.



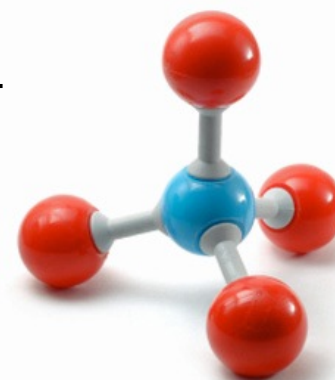


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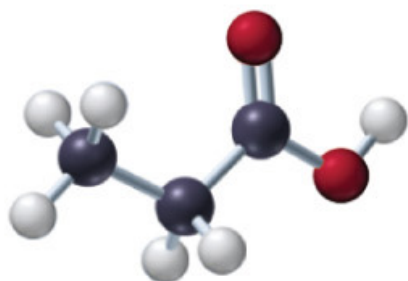


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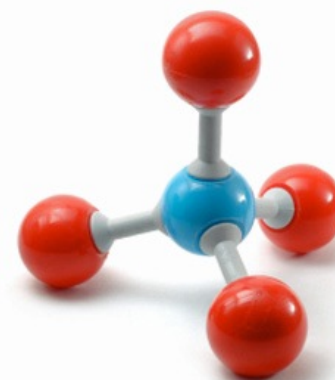


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Functional group	Example	pKa	Conjugate Base
Alkane	$\text{H}_3\text{C}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_3$	~50	$\text{H}_3\text{C}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2^\ominus$
Alkene	$\text{H}_2\text{C}=\text{CH}_2$	~43	$\text{H}_2\text{C}=\text{CH}^\ominus$
Ketone/ aldehyde	$\text{H}_3\text{C}-\text{C}(=\text{O})-\text{CH}_3$	20-24	$\text{H}_3\text{C}-\text{C}(=\text{O})-\text{CH}_2^\ominus$
Alcohol	$\text{H}_3\text{C}-\text{OH}$	17	$\text{H}_3\text{C}-\text{O}^\ominus$
Water	$\text{HO}-\text{H}$	16	$\text{HO}^\ominus$
Thiols	$\text{CH}_3\text{S}-\text{H}$	13	$\text{CH}_3\text{S}^\ominus$
Carboxylic acids	$\text{H}_3\text{C}-\text{C}(=\text{O})-\text{OH}$	4	$\text{H}_3\text{C}-\text{C}(=\text{O})-\text{O}^\ominus$
Sulfuric acid	$\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$	-3	$\text{HSO}_4^\ominus$
Hydrochloric acid	$\text{HCl}$	-6	$\text{Cl}^\ominus$



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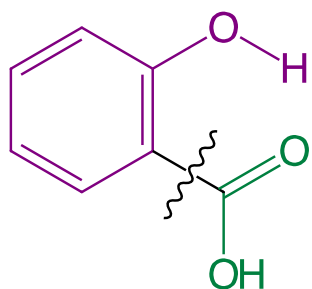
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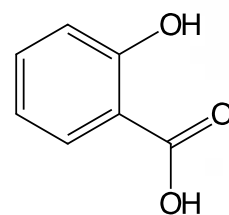
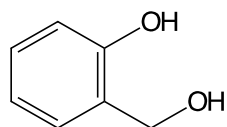
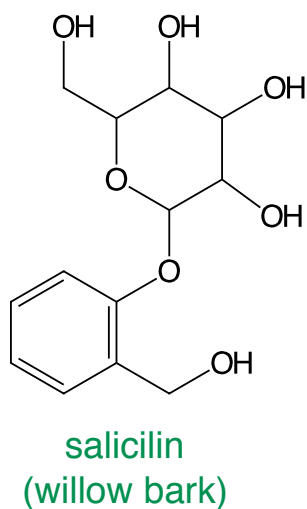


# Willow Bark

salicylic acid



- ▶ By the 1800s, chemists discovered that salicin from the willow tree bark and leaves was responsible for pain relief, fever reduction and reduced inflammation.
- ▶ The body converts salicin to salicylic acid by reducing the ether and then oxidizing the primary alcohol to a carboxylic acid.
- ▶ **Salicylic acid** is the substance that has analgesic, anti-inflammatory, and antipyretic properties.



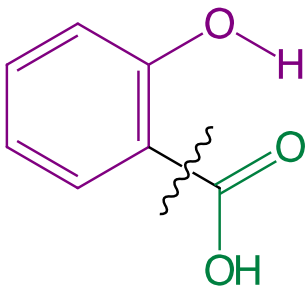
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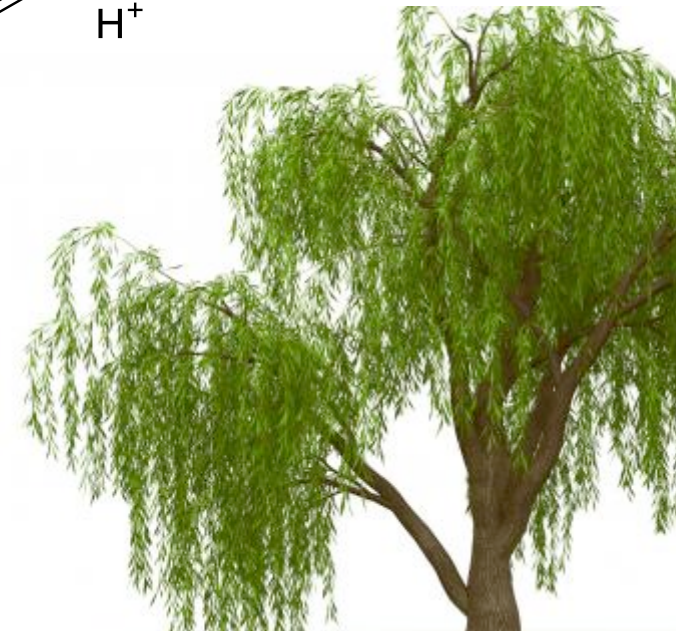
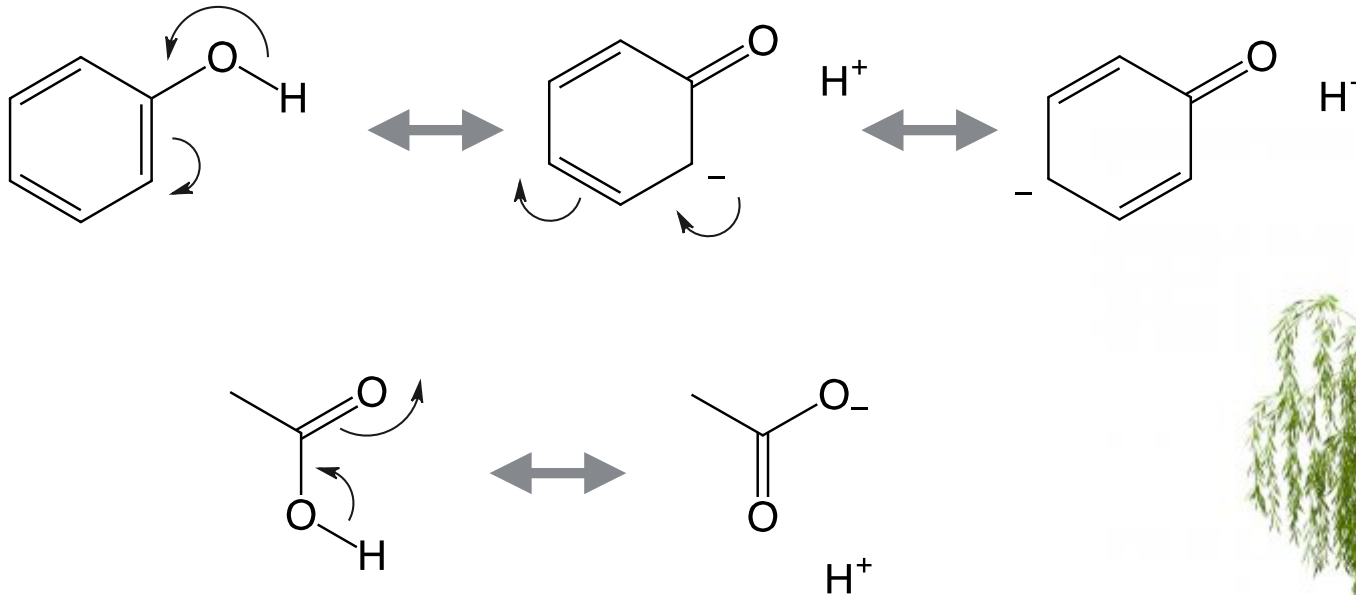


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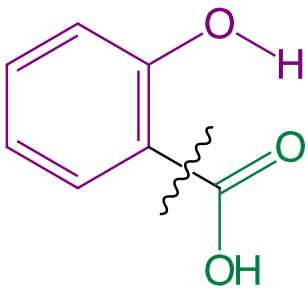


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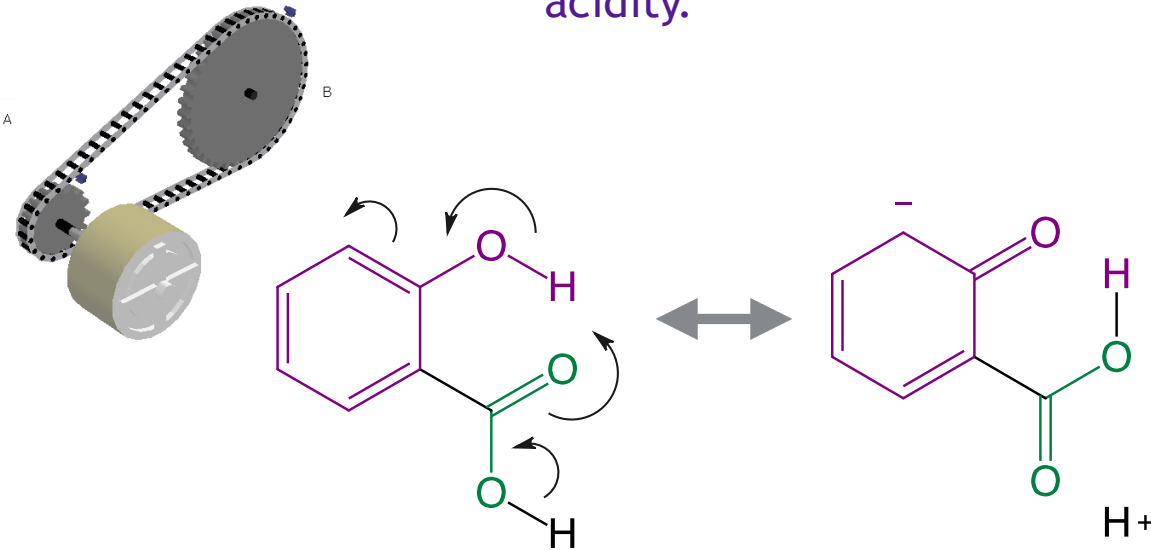


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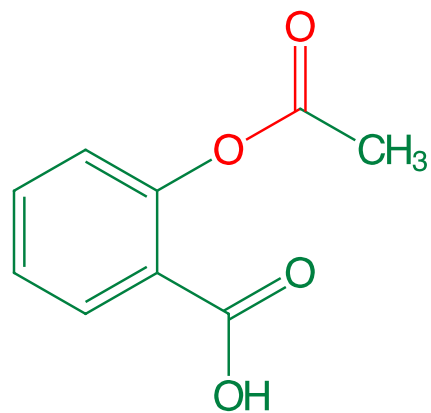
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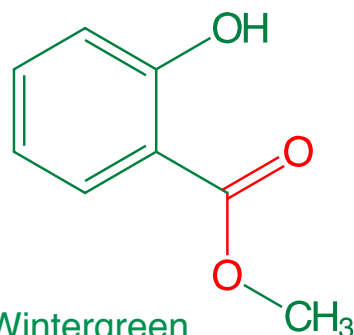


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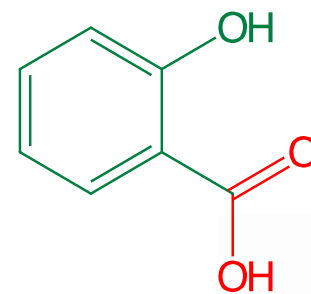
- ▶ Both oil of wintergreen and aspirin are examples of another family of organic compounds.
- ▶ **Esters** are substances derived from an acid (organic or inorganic) in which at least one -OH (hydroxyl) group is replaced by an -O-alkyl or -O-aryl group.
- ▶ Usually, esters are derived from a carboxylic acid and an alcohol.
- ▶ Esters comprise most naturally occurring fats and oils.



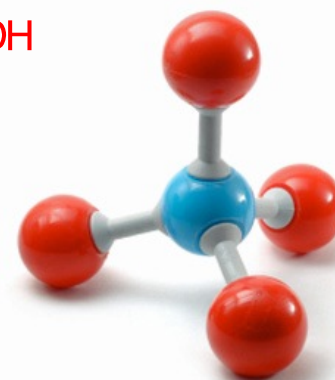
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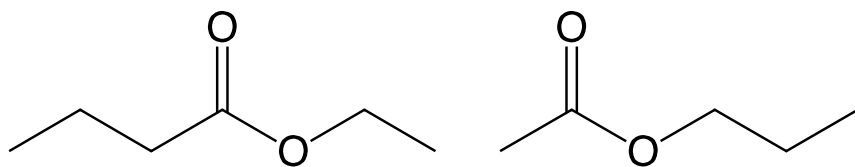
Salicylic acid  
A Carboxylic Acid





# Esters

- ▶ Many of the fragrances of perfumes and flowers and the flavors of fruits are due to esters.
- ▶ Simple esters are volatile, so we can smell them, and they are soluble in water, so we can taste them.
  - ▶ Being a hydrogen bond accepter esters are reasonably water soluble.
  - ▶ Having no hydroxy group, they cannot be a hydrogen bond donator, so they have a lower boiling point (more volatile).

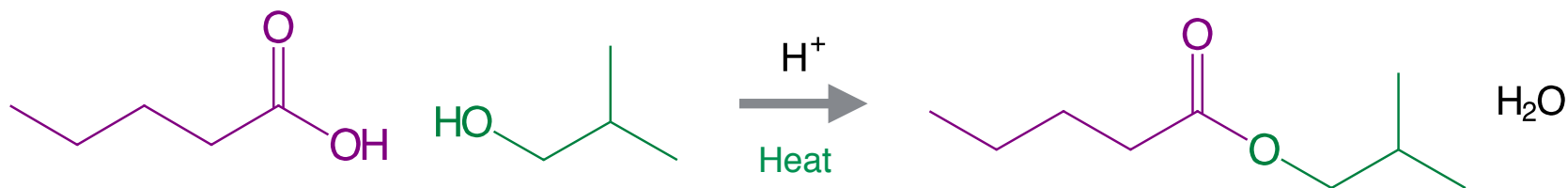


Condensed Structural Formula and Name	Flavor/Odor
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$\text{CH}_3-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-\text{O}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_3$ Ethyl butanoate (ethyl butyrate)	Pineapples
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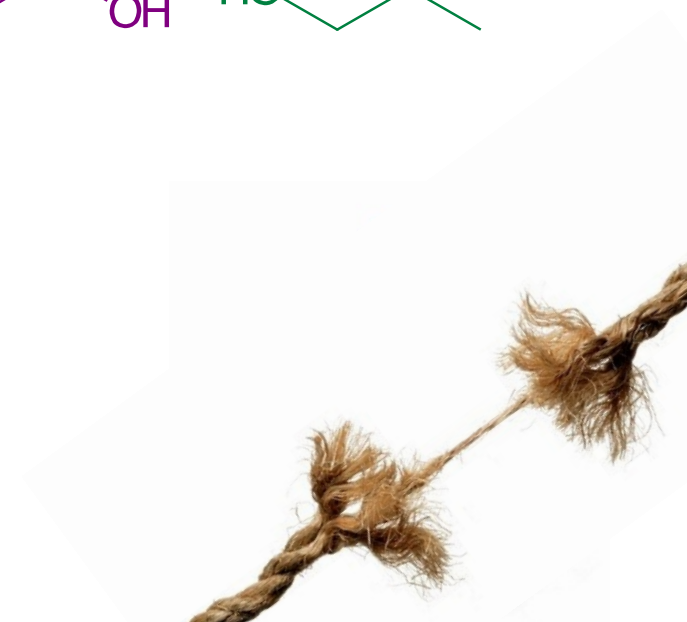
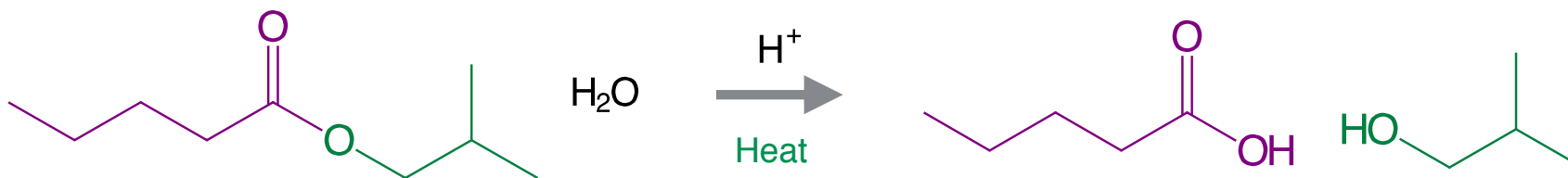
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- ▶ Esters are formed by condensing an alcohol and a carboxylic acid.
- ▶ The reaction is also called an **esterification** of a carboxylic acid.
- ▶ It's an equilibrium reaction, but driven forward by using a large excess of the alcohol.



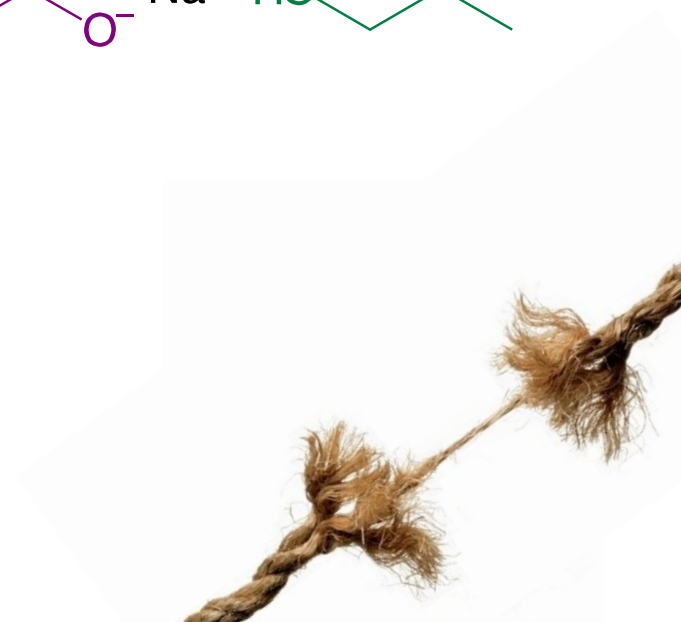
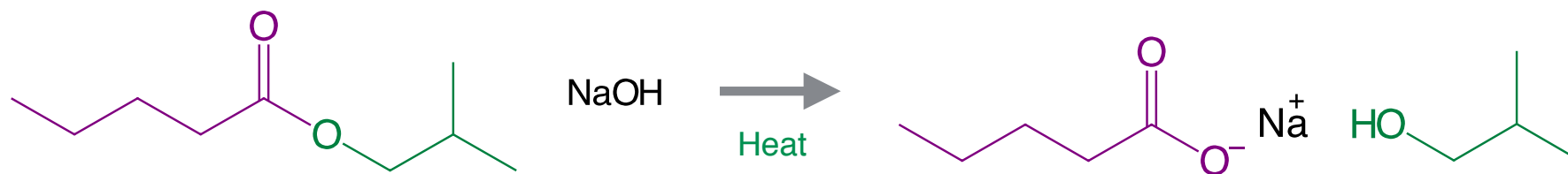
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  - ▶ It's the reverse of esterification.



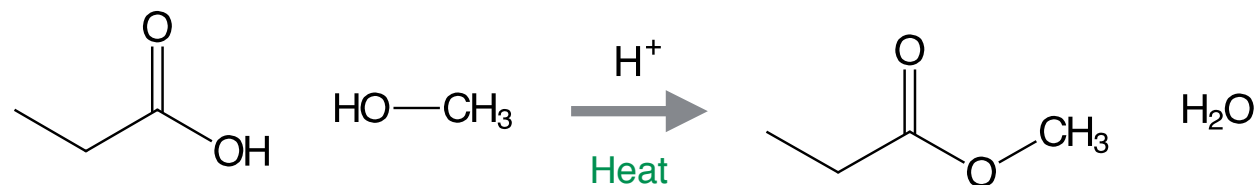
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- ▶ Hydrolysis can also be accomplished with strong base.
- ▶ This type of hydrolysis is called saponification (soap making).
- ▶ It produces carboxylic acid salts instead of acids.

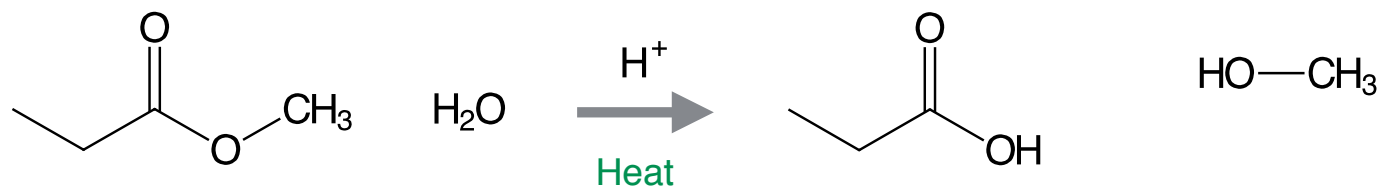


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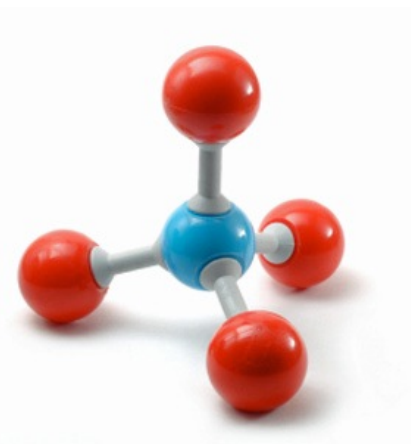
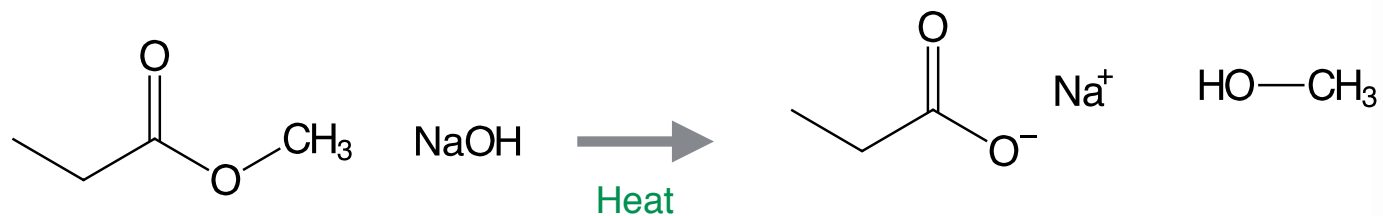
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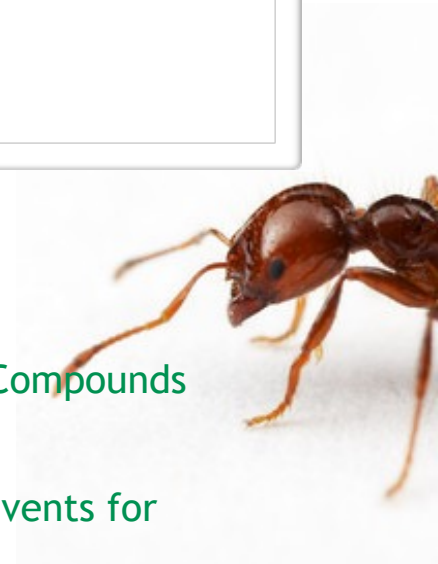
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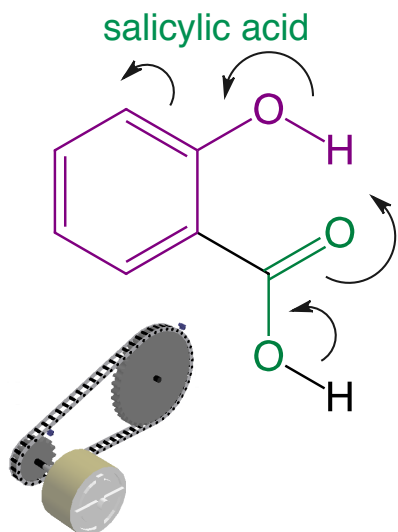
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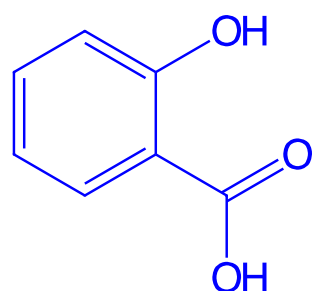
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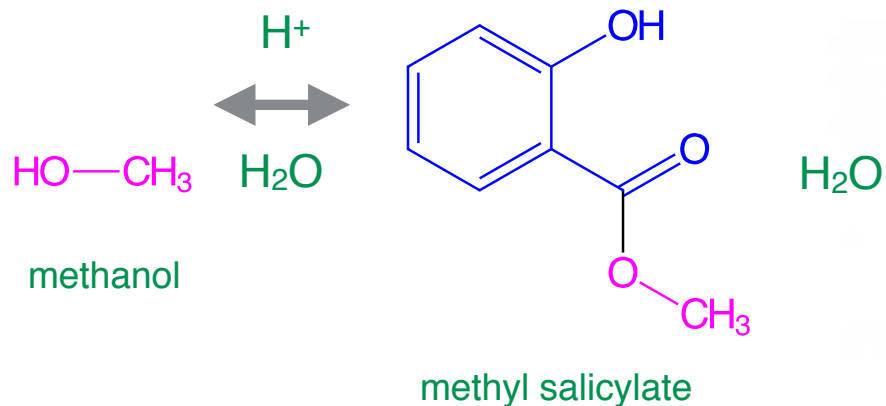
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- ▶ Chemists tried to improve on salicylic acid to reduce that side effect while retaining its other useful properties.
- ▶ The first thing they tried was replacing the hydrogen in the carboxylic acid with a methyl group.
- ▶ Carboxylic Acids and alcohols can react in acid and water to combine. This is a reversible reaction.
- ▶ This is a **condensation** or **esterification** reaction.



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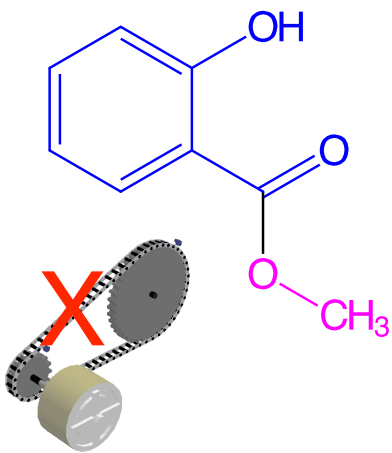
methanol

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# Oil of Wintergreen

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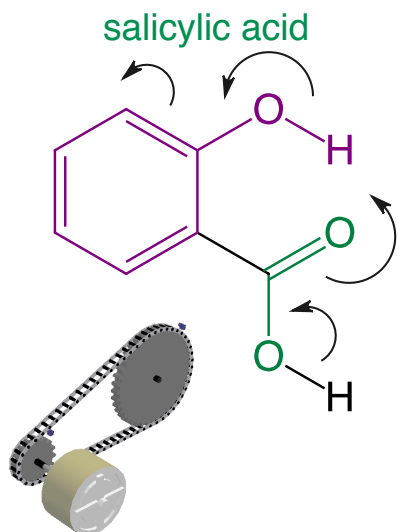


- ▶ Methyl salicylate (oil of wintergreen) retained many of the properties of salicylic acid.
  - ▶ It's still an analgesic (pain reliever).
- ▶ It lost other properties.
  - ▶ Without the carboxylic acid group it is less acidic.
    - ▶ It's also less water soluble, more greasy.
  - ▶ It's not easily consumed.
- ▶ It has other properties all it's own.
  - ▶ In small quantities it's used as food flavoring, it's responsible for the mint taste in spearmint gum.
  - ▶ It can be absorbed through the skin. It's the active ingredient in Tiger Balm, Icy Hot, and Bengay ointments.
  - ▶ It has a high toxicity. One spoonful is three times a lethal dose.
    - ▶ In 2007 a professional runner died from excessive application of Bengay.

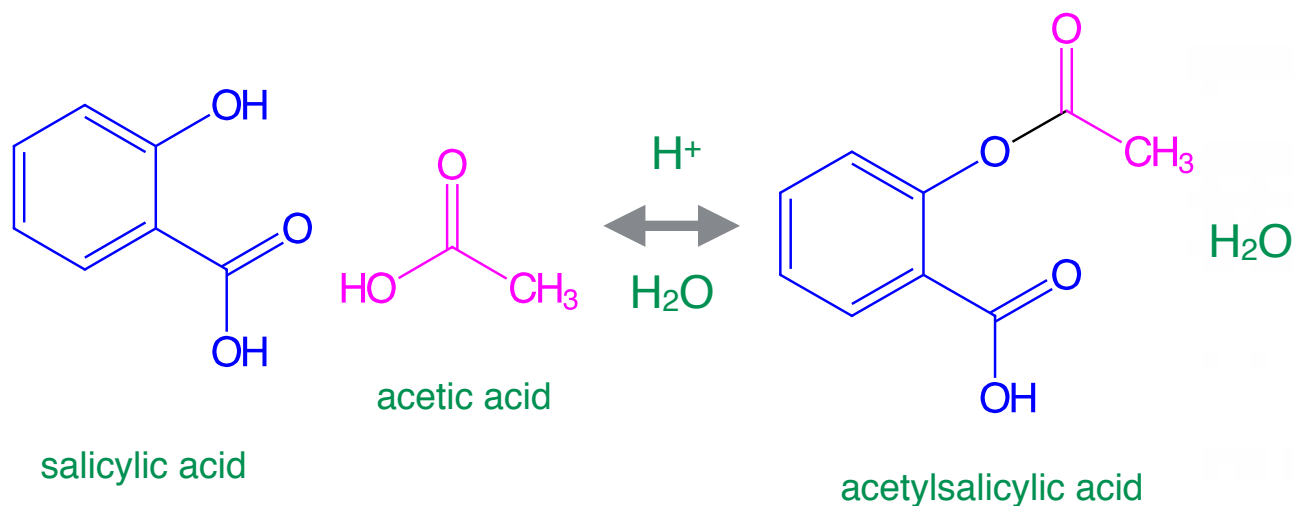




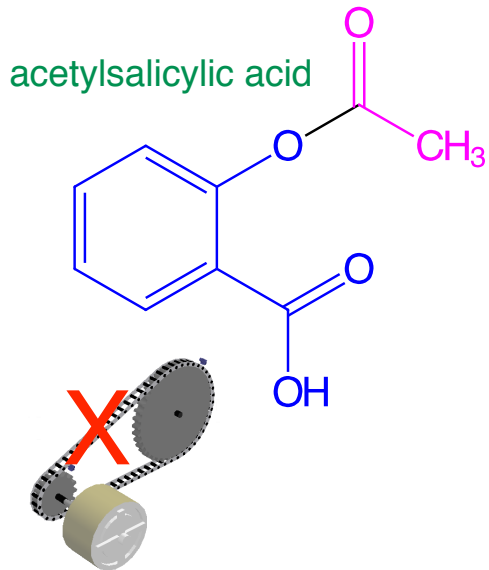
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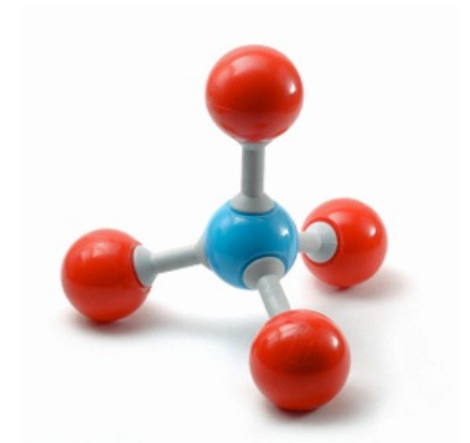
- ▶ Chemists tried to improve on salicylic acid to reduce that side effect while retaining its other useful properties.
- ▶ The next thing they tried was replacing the hydrogen in the phenol with an acetal group.
- ▶ Carboxylic Acids and alcohols can react in acid and water to combine. This is a reversible reaction.
- ▶ They used the same esterification reaction to disrupt the phenol's contribution to salicylic acid's high acidity.



# Aspirin



- ▶ Acetylsalicylic acid (aspirin) retained many of the properties of salicylic acid.
  - ▶ It's still an analgesic (pain reliever)
  - ▶ It's also an antipyretic (fever reducer)
  - ▶ It's an anti-inflammatory agent
- ▶ It lost other properties.
  - ▶ It doesn't have the same disruptive effect on the stomach.
- ▶ Bayer chemicals introduced aspirin as a product in 1897 and has been primary supplier aspirin for over 100 years.



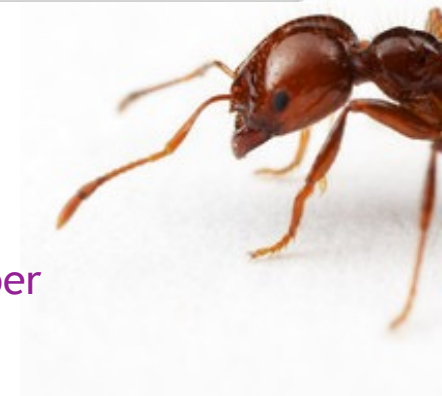
# Analgesics, TLC Analysis

- ▶ Analgesics
  - ▶ Carboxylic Acids
    - ▶ Structure
    - ▶ Properties
  - ▶ Willow Bark
  - ▶ Aspirin



## The Experiment

- ▶ A - Preparations
- ▶ B - Reference Plate
- ▶ C - Development Chamber
- ▶ D



- ▶ For Next Week



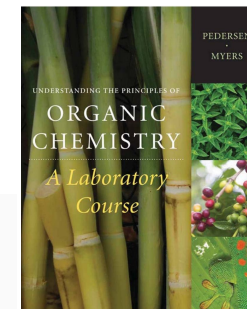
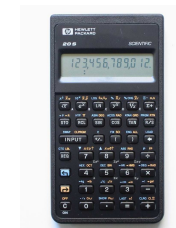
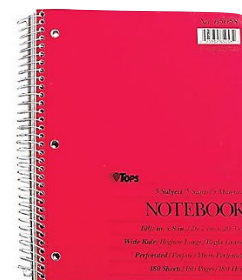
# Next Meeting

► For next Meeting:

Review: Technique 7 - Reaction Methods  
Technique 12 - Extractions & Separations  
section 12.5  
section 12.9

Read: Experiment 17 (page 144)  
Technique 19 - Column Chromatography

Do: Identify Objectives  
List Materials w/ Properties  
Organize Procedures



We will start  
with a quiz about  
the experiment and  
reading.



# Questions?

