

# Lecture 7

## Alcohols, Phenols, Ethers

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- **Alcohols and Phenols**

- Basic Properties of Alcohols and Phenols
- Preparation of Alcohols and Phenols
  - Using Substitution to do Preparing
  - Using Reduction to do Preparing
  - Using Grignard Reagent to Prepare Alcohols
  - Protection of Alcohols
  - Preparation of Phenols
- Reaction of Alcohols and Phenols
  - Substitution and Elimination of Alcohols
    - Drug Metabolism
  - Oxidation of Alcohols
    - Biological Redox Reactions
  - Oxidation of Phenols

- **Ethers**

- Basic Properties of Ethers
- Crown Ethers
- Preparation of Ethers
  - The Williamson Ether Synthesis
- Reaction of Ethers
- Preparation of Epoxides
- Ring-Opening Reactions of Epoxides
  - Ring-Opening with Strong Nucleophiles
  - Acid-Catalyzed Ring-Opening

- **Synthesis Strategies**

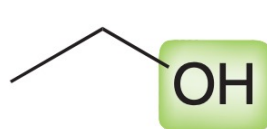
- Functional Group Interconversion
- Grignard Reagents: C-C Bond Formation

# Alcohols and Phenols

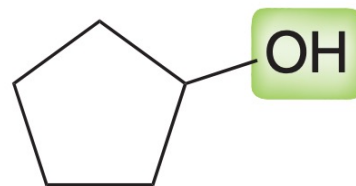
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Basic Physical & Chemical Properties, Preparations, Reactions

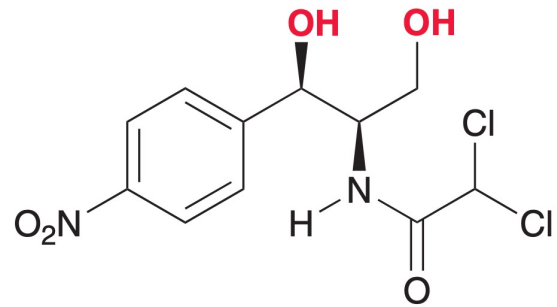
**Alcohols** are compounds that possess a **hydroxyl group** (OH) connected to an  $sp^3$ -hybridized carbon atom, and are characterized by names ending in “ol”:



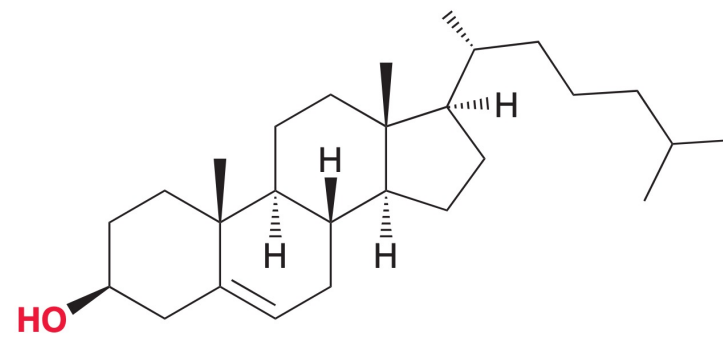
Ethanol



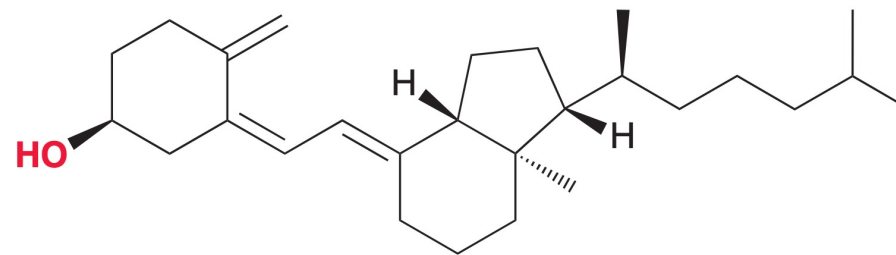
Cyclopentanol



**Chloramphenicol**  
An antibiotic isolated from the *Streptomyces venezuelae* bacterium.  
Potent against typhoid fever

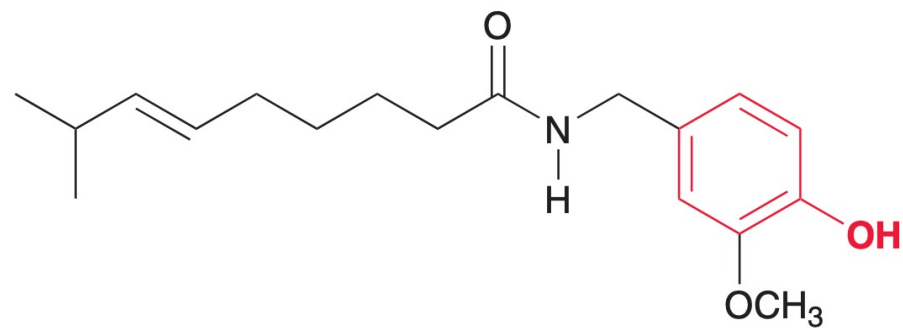
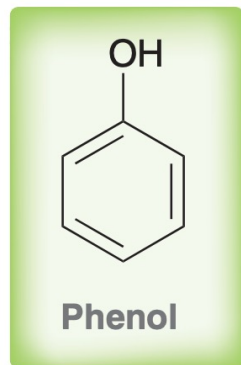


**Cholesterol**  
Plays a vital role in the biosynthesis of many steroids

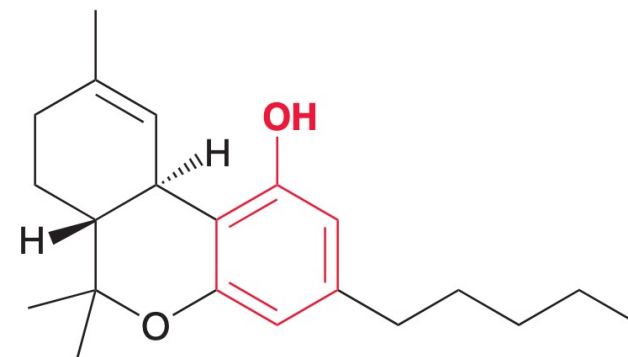


**Cholecalciferol (vitamin D<sub>3</sub>)**  
Regulates calcium levels and helps to form and maintain strong bones

**Phenol** is a compound that exhibits an OH group connected directly to a phenyl ring.

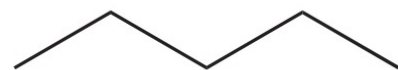


**Capsaicin**  
The compound responsible for the  
spicy hot flavor of chili peppers

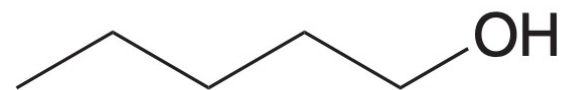


**Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC)**  
The psychoactive drug  
found in marijuana (cannabis)

- Nomenclature of alcohols
  - follow the rules of alkane nomenclature
  - replace the suffix “e” with “ol”



Pentane



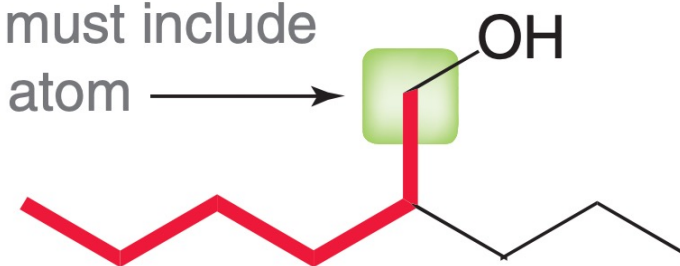
Pentanol

- Identify the longest chain with -OH



Parent = octane

The parent must include  
this carbon atom →

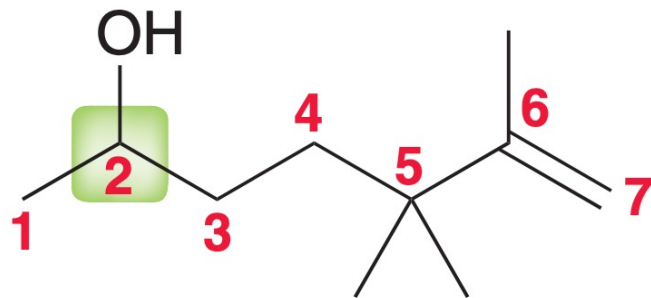


Parent = hexanol

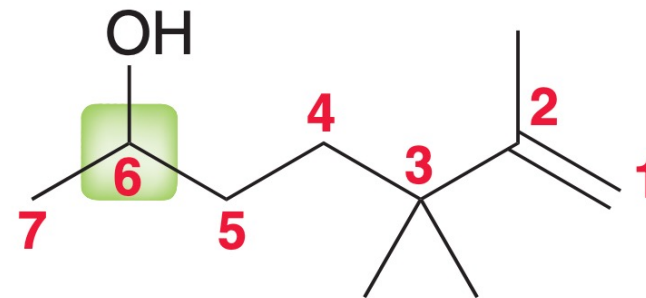


- -OH should receive the lowest number possible

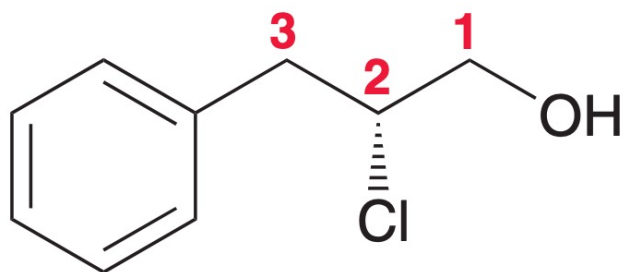
Correct



Incorrect

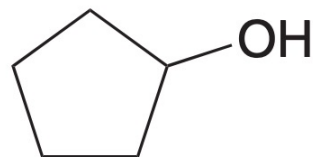


- The chiral center must be indicated

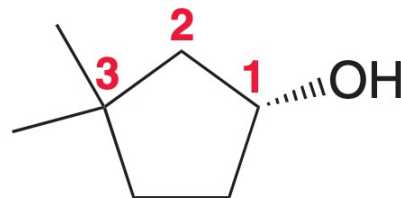


**(R)-2-Chloro-3-phenyl-1-propanol**

- Cyclic alcohol nomenclature



**Cyclopentanol**

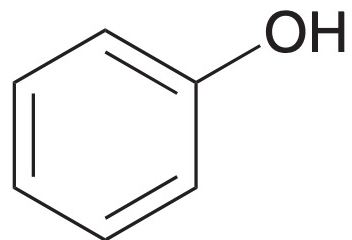


**(R)-3,3-Dimethylcyclopentanol**

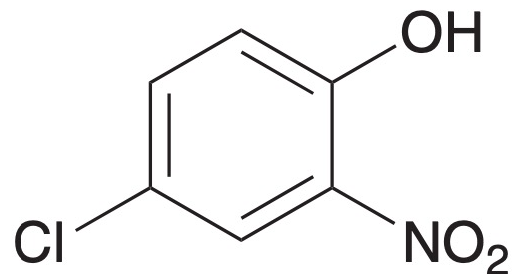
starting with the carbon bearing the hydroxyl group

no need for indicating the number of -OH (for monohydric alcohol)

- Phenols can be treated as parents

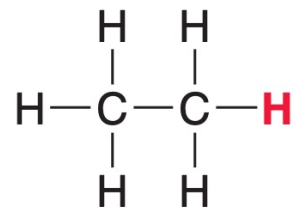


**Phenol**

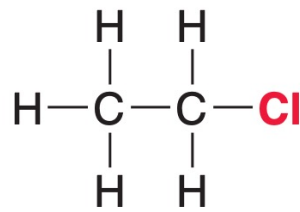


**4-Chloro-2-nitrophenol**

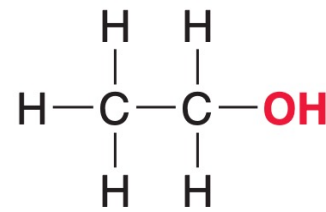
- B.P. of alcohols – IMF contributed



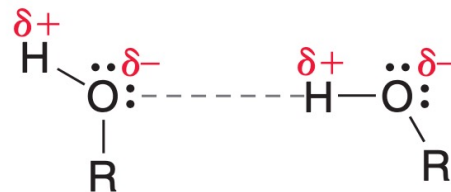
**Ethane**  
bp =  $-89^{\circ}\text{C}$



**Chloroethane**  
bp =  $12^{\circ}\text{C}$

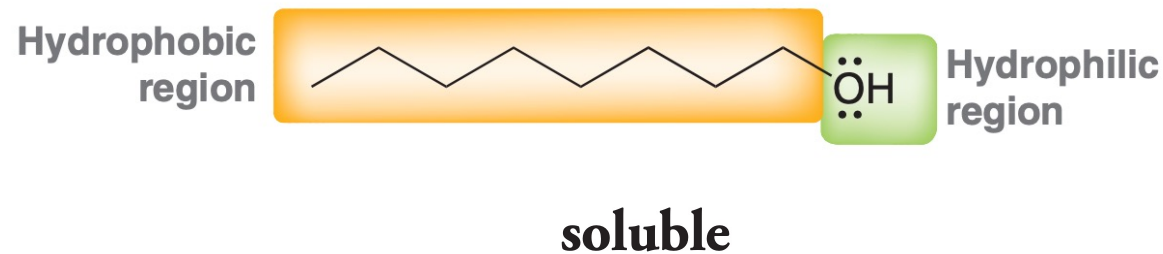
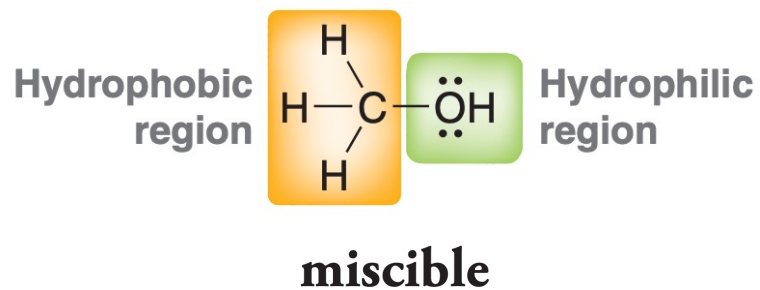


**Ethanol**  
bp =  $78^{\circ}\text{C}$

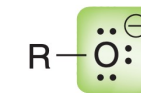
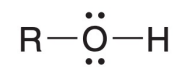


hydrogen bonding

- Solubility and carbon chain length



longer carbon chain – larger hydrophobic region – less soluble



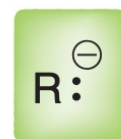
To evaluate the acidity of this compound...

...deprotonate...

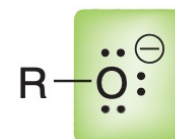
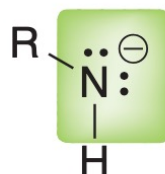
...and assess the stability of the conjugate base (an alkoxide ion)

- Acidity of alcohols

Increasing stability



Least stable

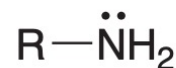


Most stable

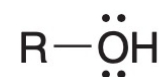
Increasing acidity



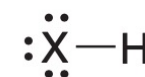
$pK_a$  between 45 and 50



$pK_a$  between 35 and 40



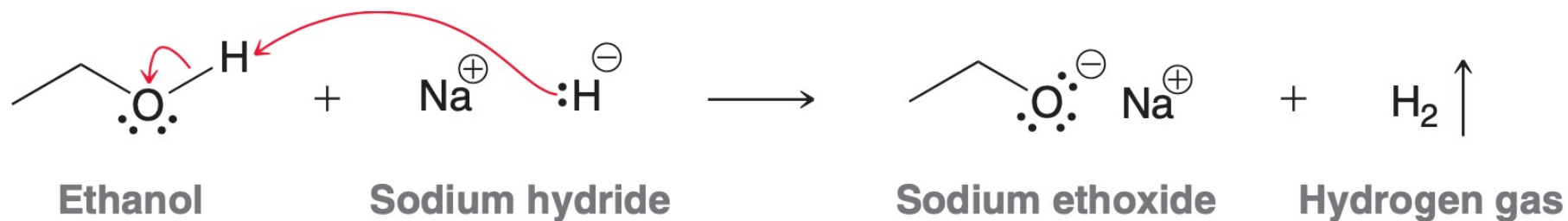
$pK_a$  between 15 and 18



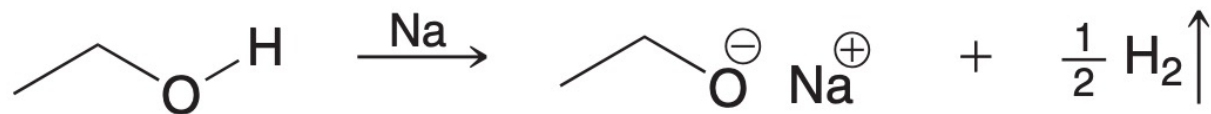
$pK_a$  between -10 and 3

- Reagents for deprotonating an alcohol

- either use a strong base...

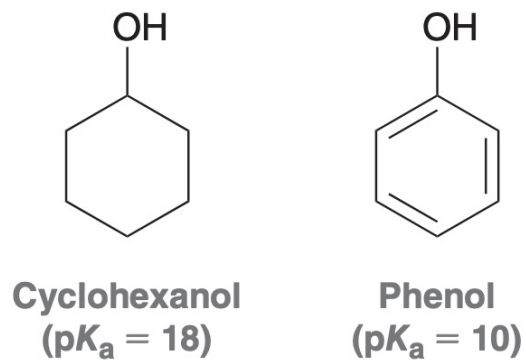


- ...or use metals directly

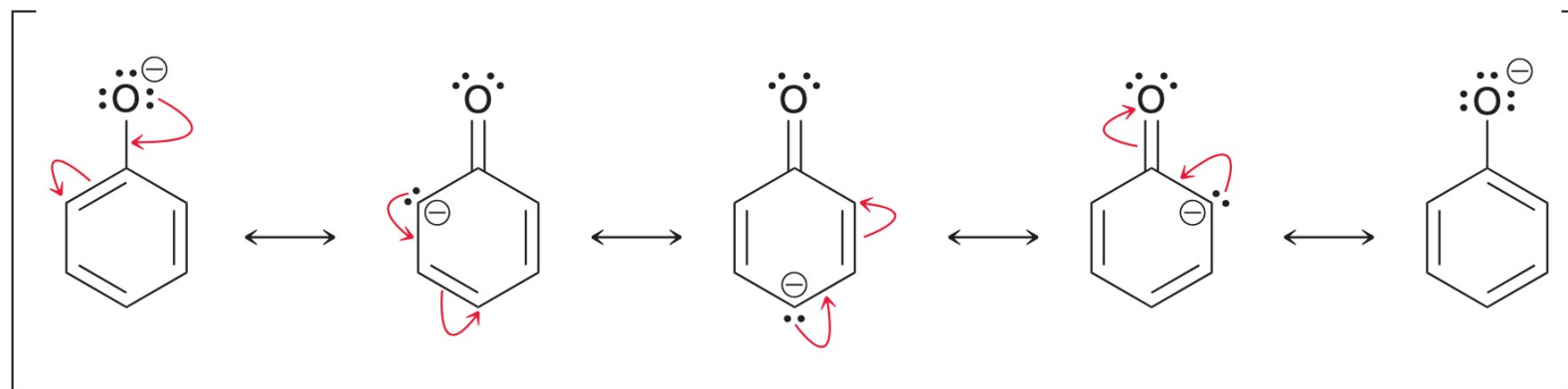


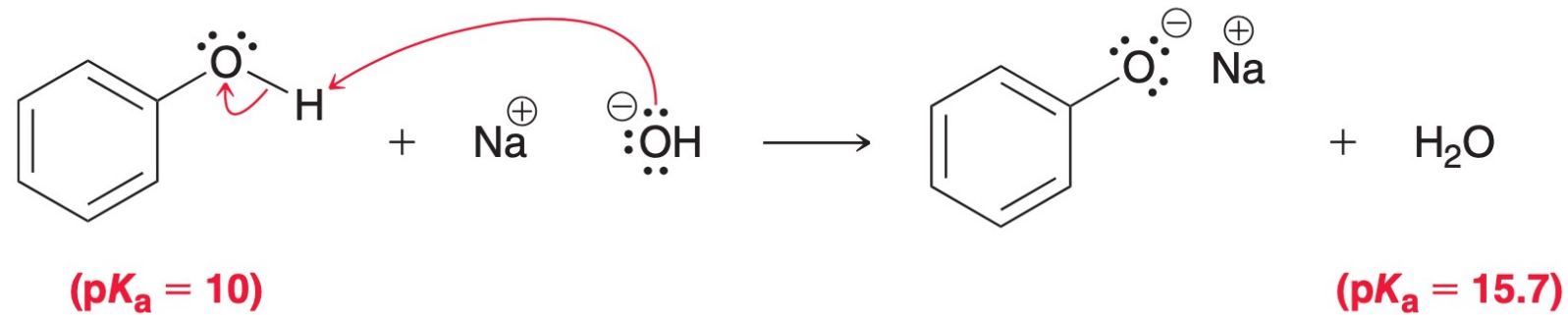


- Resonance stabilization



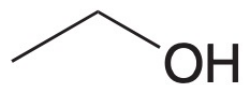
phenol is 100,000,000 times more acidic than cyclohexanol!



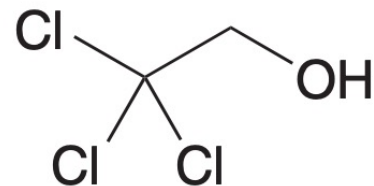


even using NaOH can deprotonate a phenol

- Induction effect



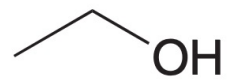
**Ethanol**  
**( $pK_a = 16$ )**



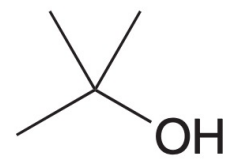
**Trichloroethanol**  
**( $pK_a = 12.2$ )**

an alcohol having more electron-withdrawing group (near the  $\alpha$  carbon of -OH)  
will have a greater acidity

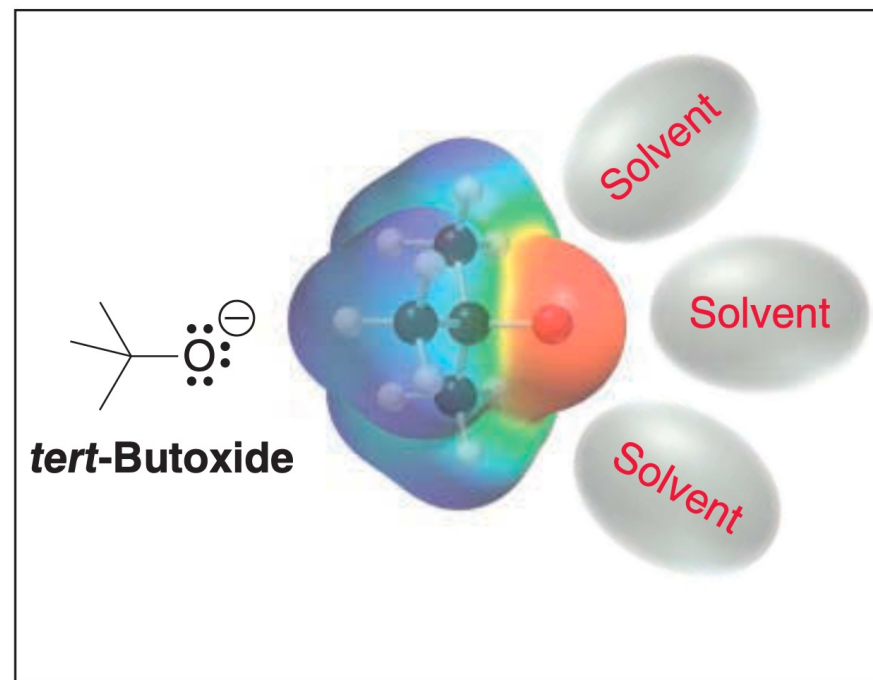
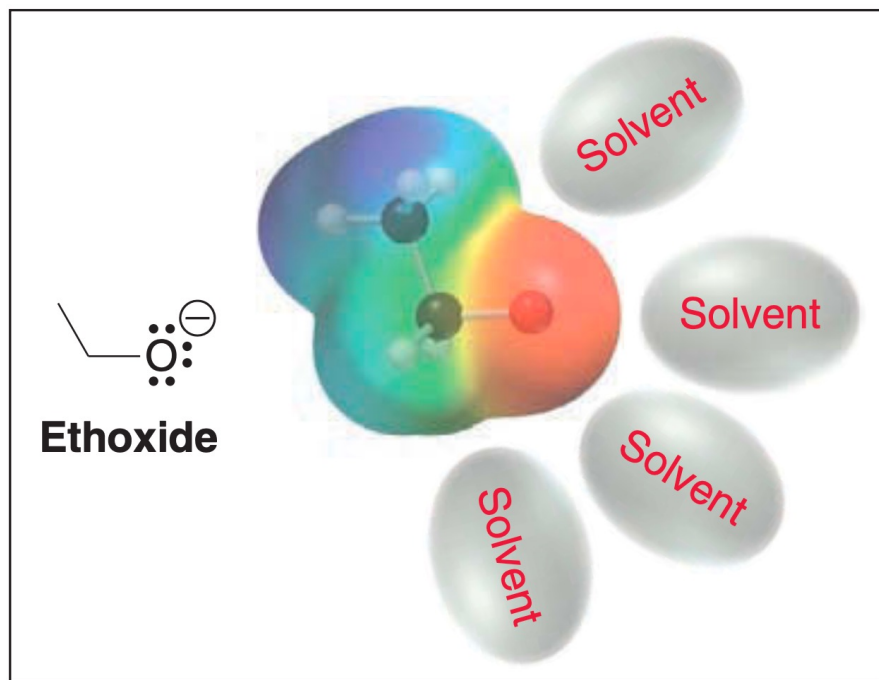
- Solvation effects



Ethanol  
( $pK_a = 16$ )



*tert*-Butanol  
( $pK_a = 18$ )



steric hinderance impede the solvation process, thus lowering the acidity

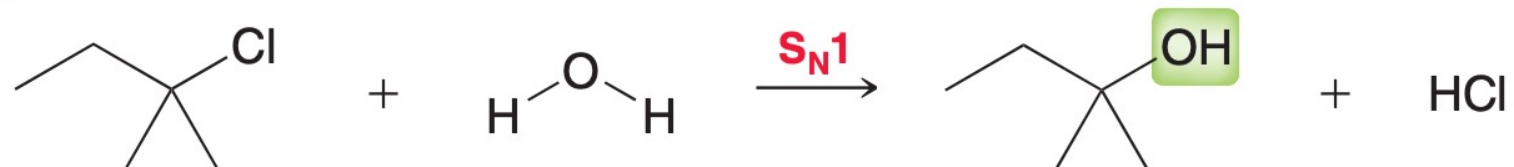
- Using substitution reactions



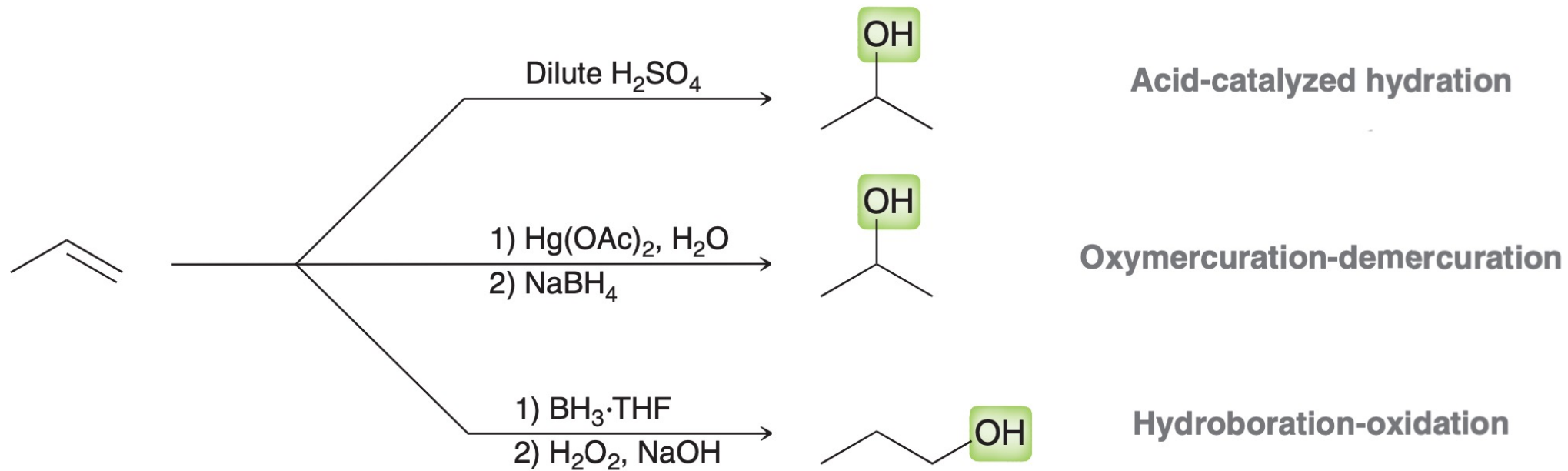
**Primary:**



**Tertiary:**



- Using addition reactions



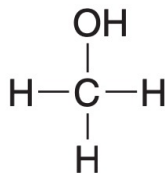
- Preparation via reduction

Recall the reduction reaction in your previous class...

What is the reduction reaction in organic chemistry?

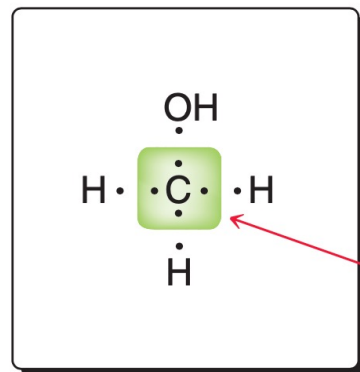
- Oxidation states in organic chemistry

Treat all bonds as **covalent**  
and break them homolytically



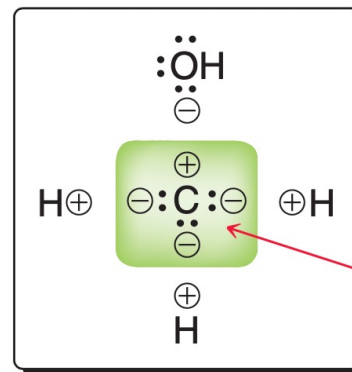
Treat all bonds as **ionic**  
and break them heterolytically

Formal charge



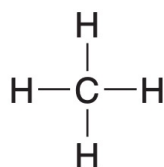
Four  
electrons

Oxidation state



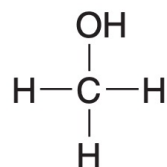
Six  
electrons

Methane



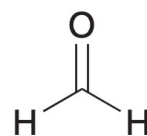
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Methanol



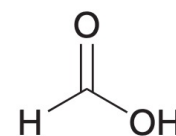
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Formaldehyde



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Formic  
acid



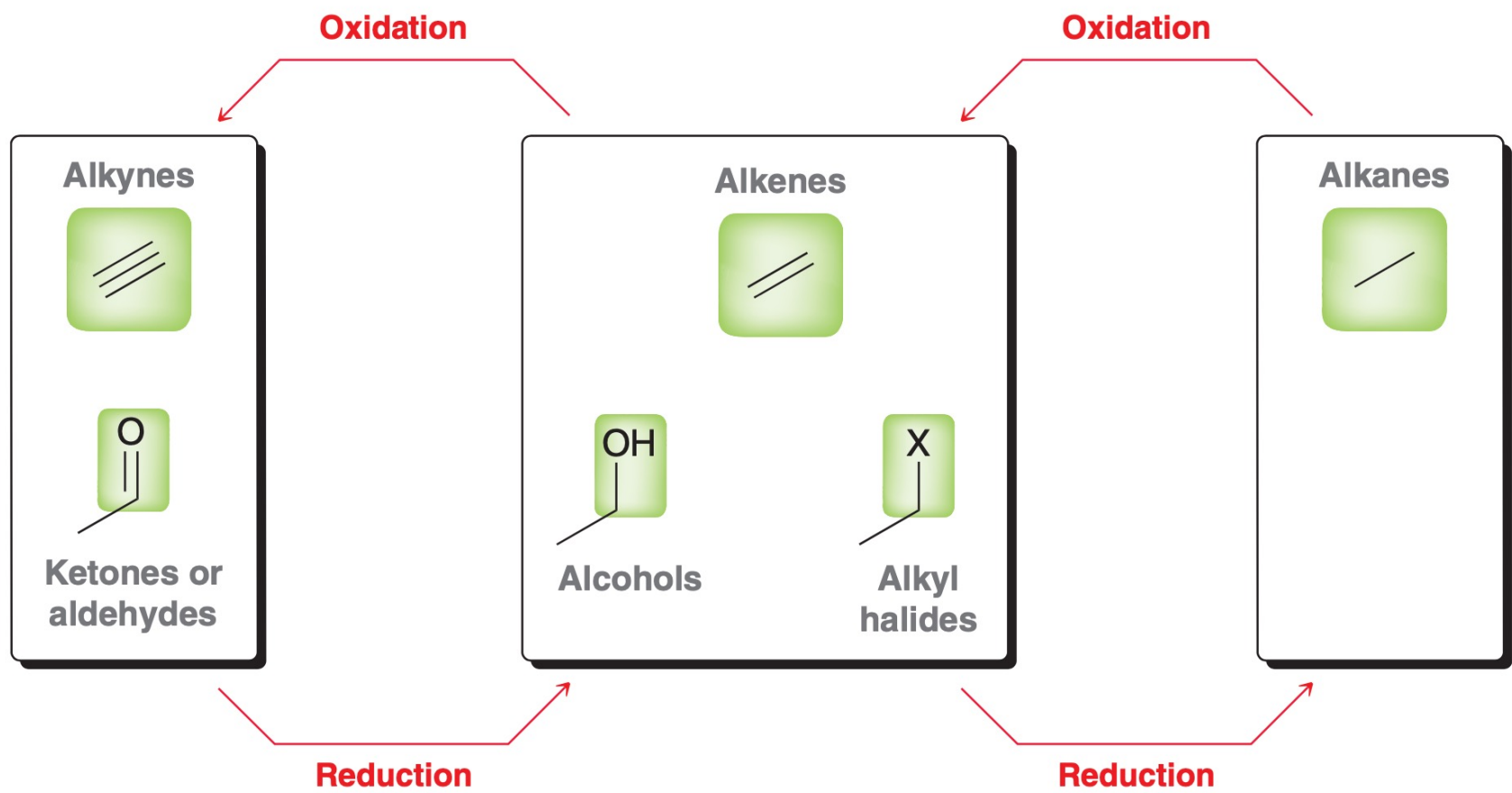
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Carbon  
dioxide

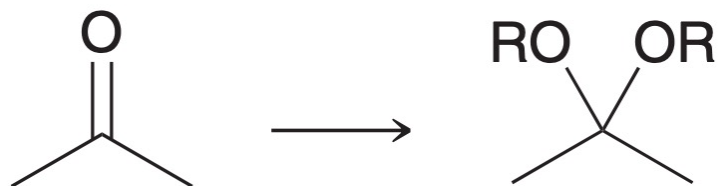


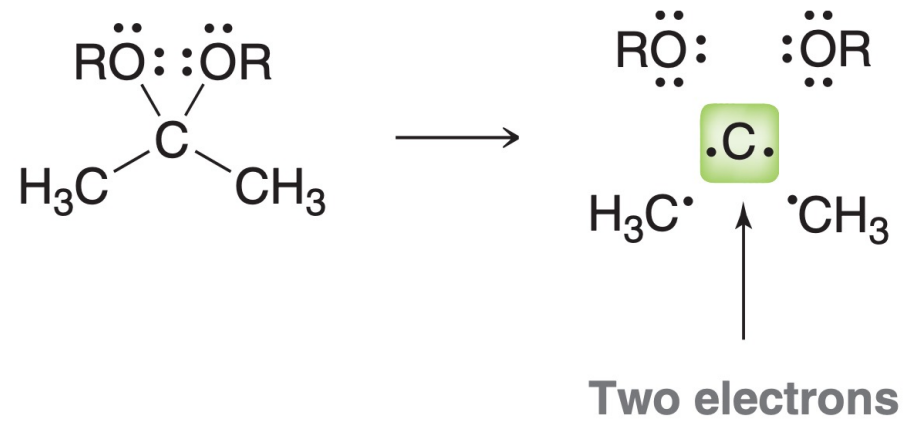
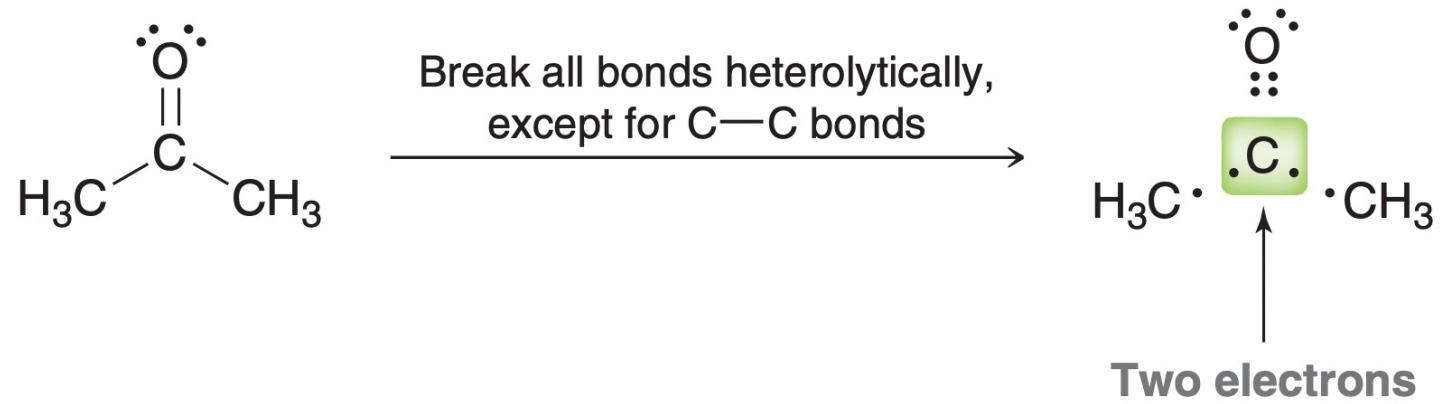
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- Practice: In the following transformation, identify whether the compound has been oxidized, reduced, or neither:

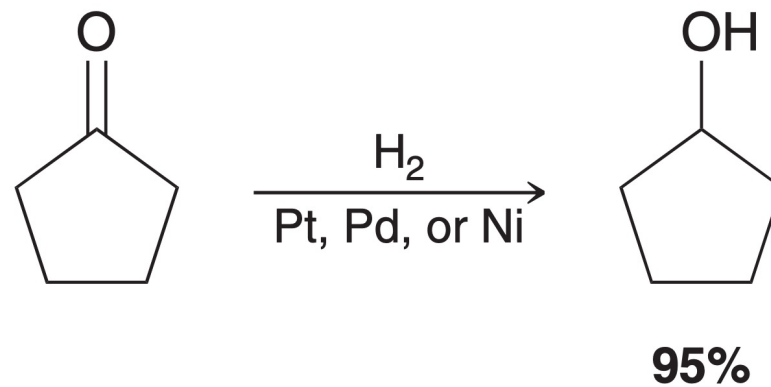




- Reduction of ketones (aldehydes)

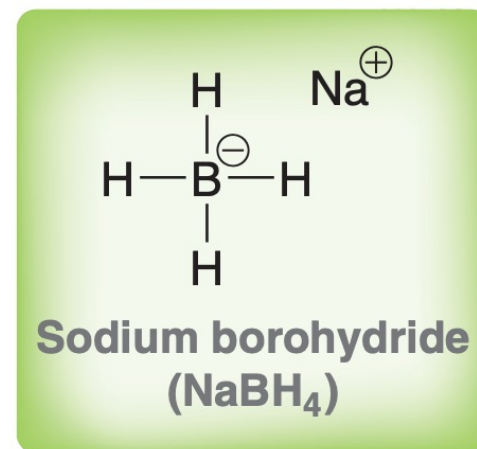
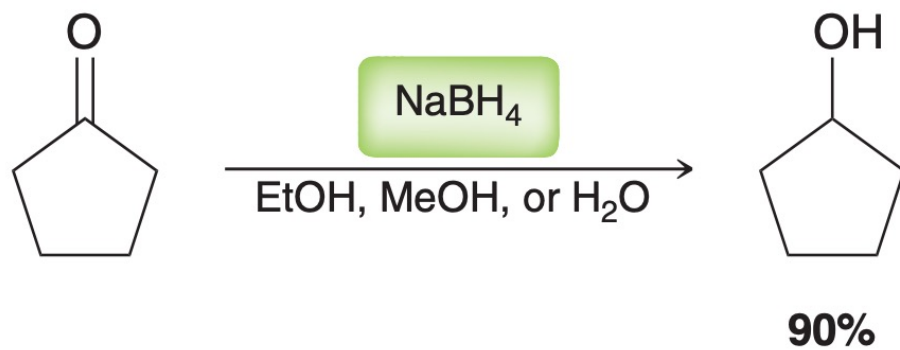


- Reducing agents: metal catalyst

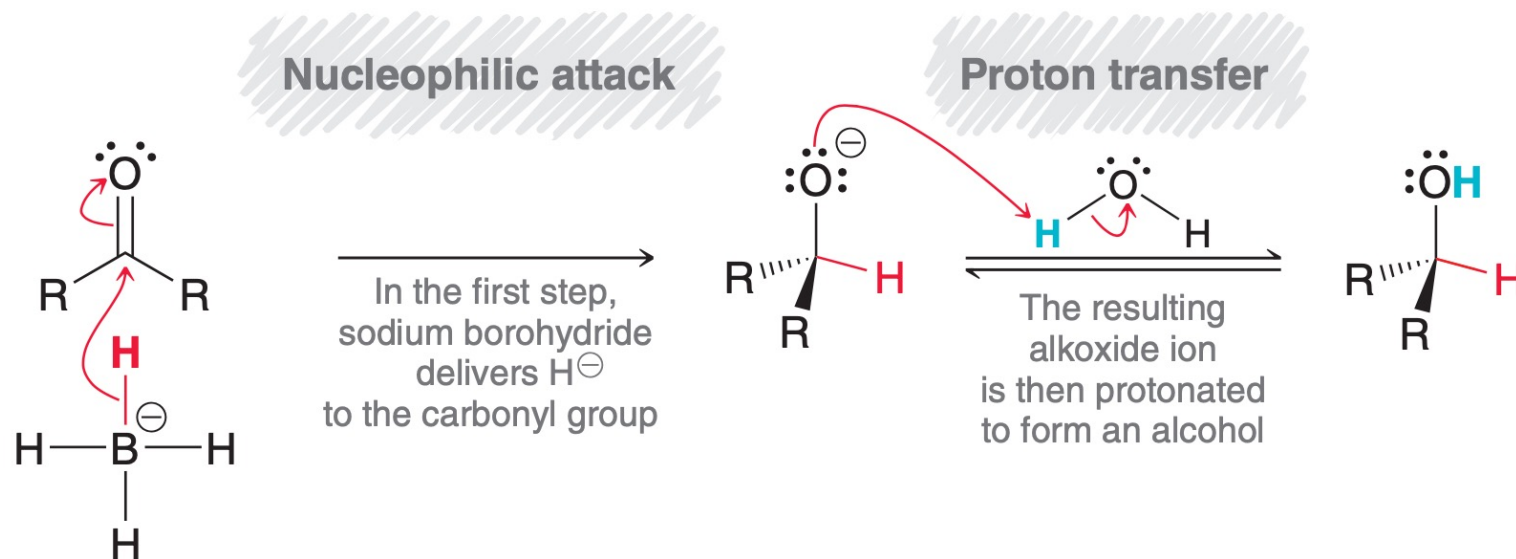


**higher temperature and pressure are required!**

- Reducing agents:  $\text{NaBH}_4$

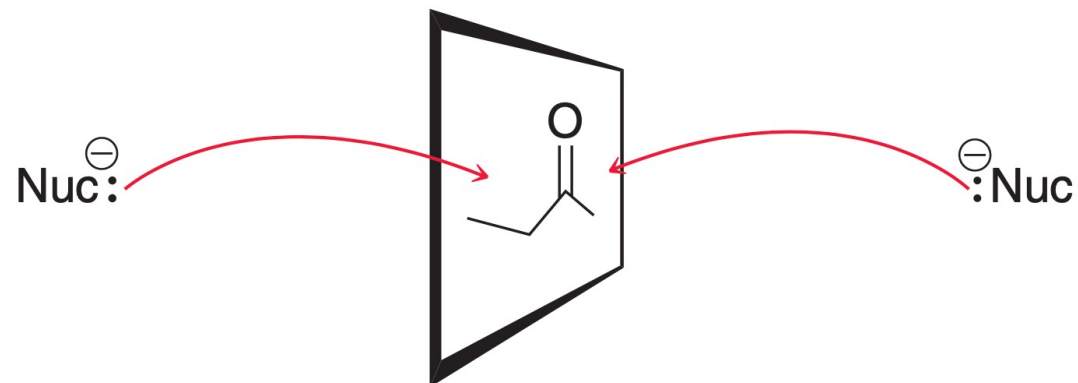
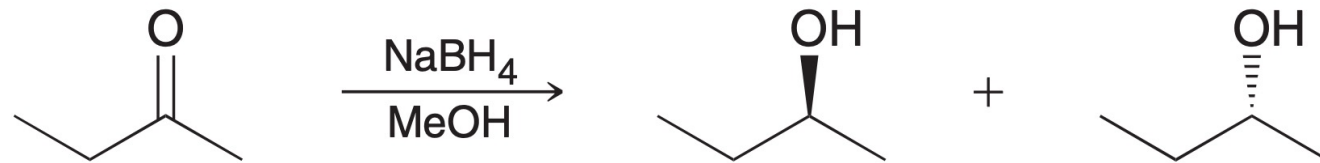


- Mechanism: Reduction of a Ketone or Aldehyde with NaBH<sub>4</sub>**



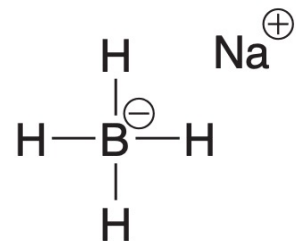
Why this H<sup>-</sup> can function as a nucleophile?

- Stereochemistry outcomes of reduction with  $\text{NaBH}_4$

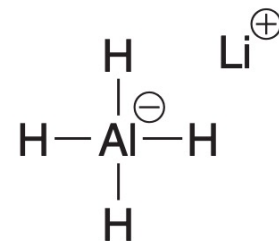




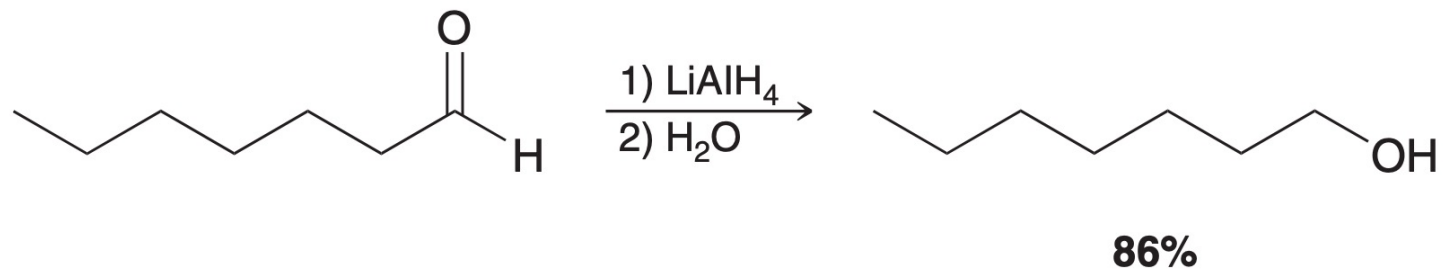
- Reducing agents:  $\text{LiAlH}_4$



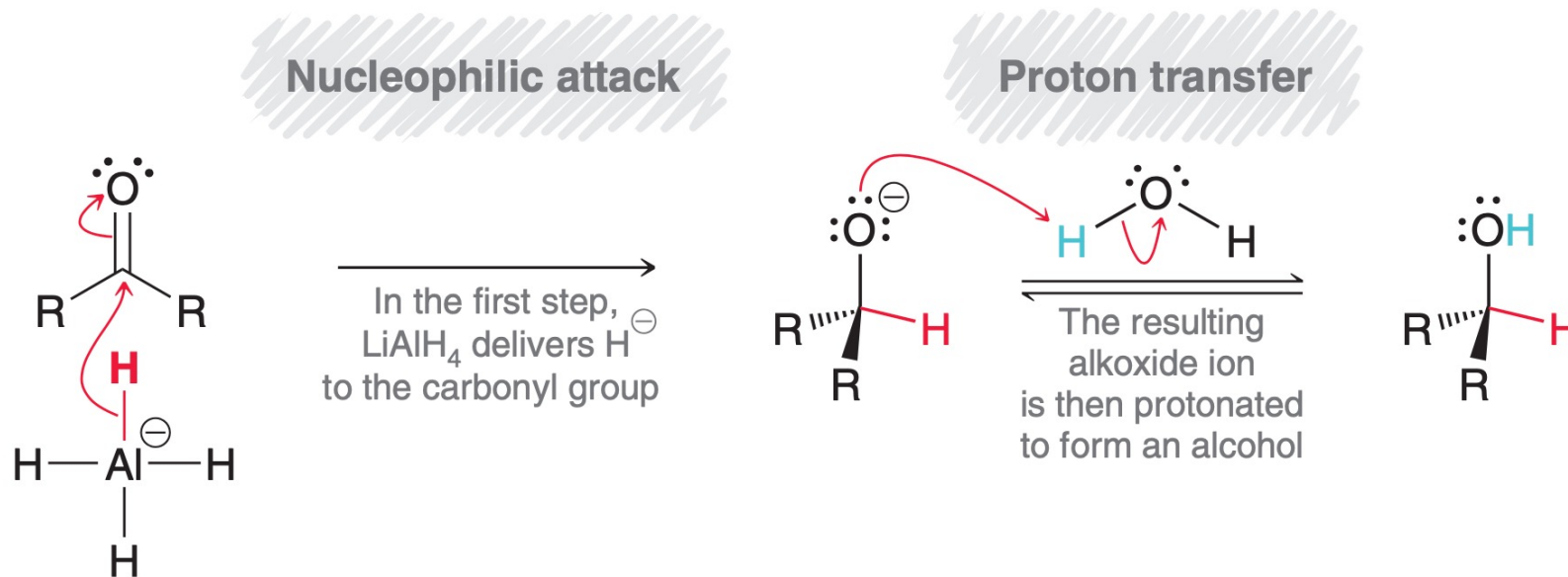
Sodium borohydride  
( $\text{NaBH}_4$ )



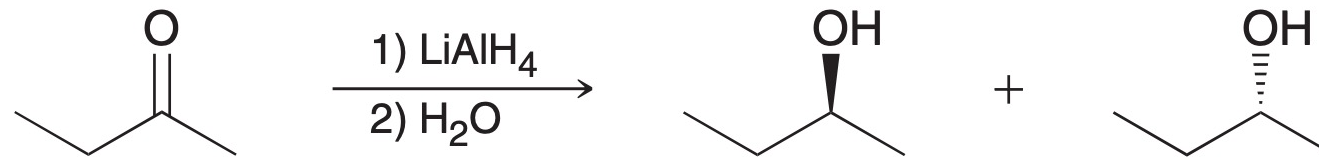
Lithium aluminum hydride  
( $\text{LiAlH}_4$ )  
abbreviated as LAH



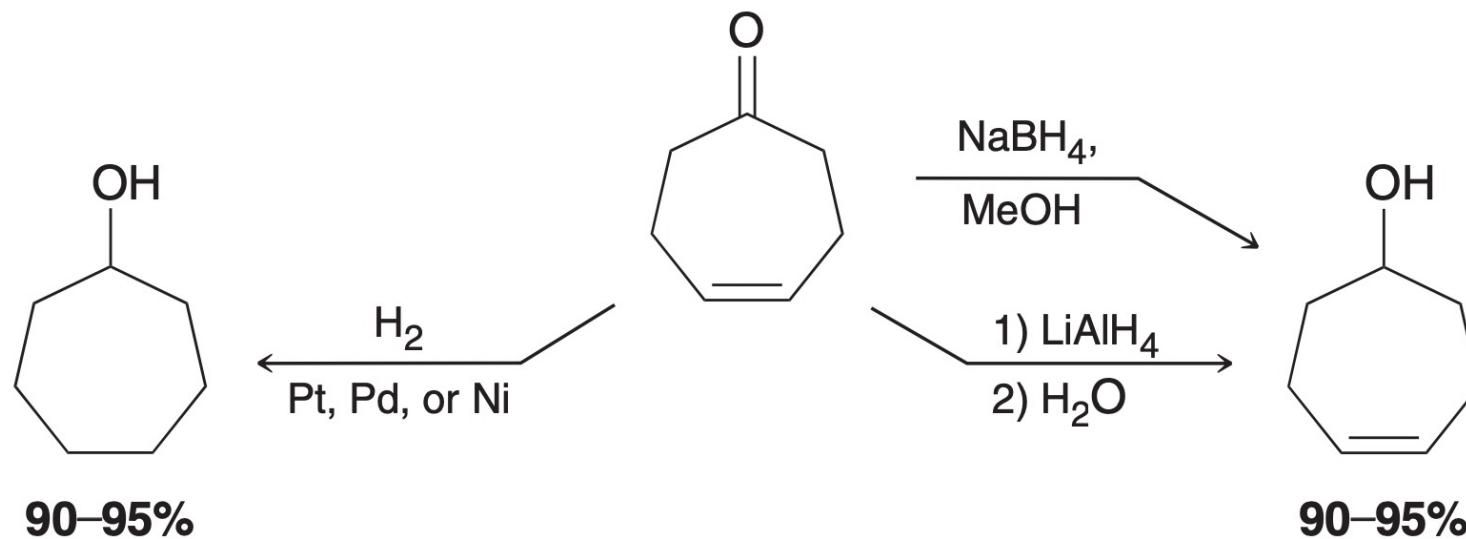
- Mechanism: Reduction of a Ketone or Aldehyde with  $\text{LiAlH}_4$**



- Stereochemistry outcomes of reduction with  $\text{LiAlH}_4$



- Selectivity of hydride reduction



metal-catalyzed reduction prefers to reduce non-polar double bond

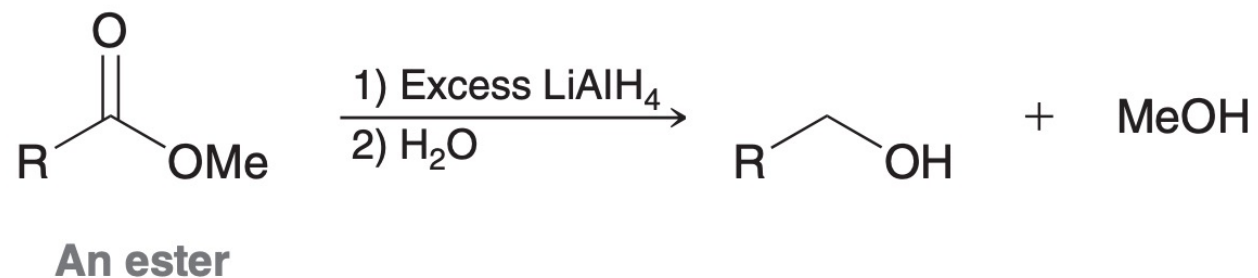
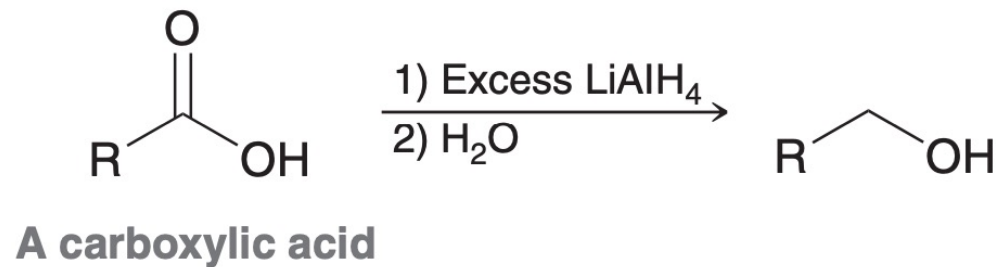
hydride reduction only reduces polar double bond

- Modified reducing agents

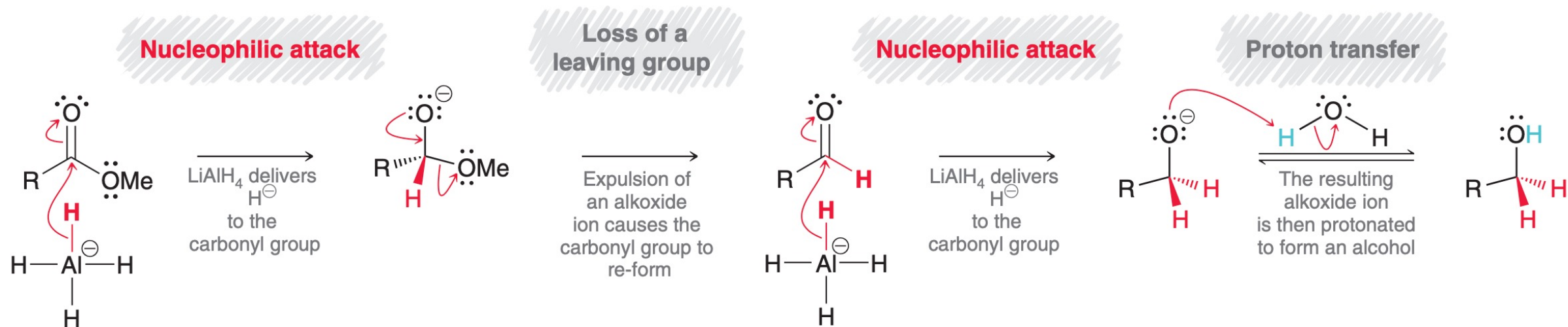


Change R group to...	
...an electron-donating group:	...an electron-withdrawing group:
alkyl group / amino group / alkoxy group...	cyano group / nitro group / acyl group...
...it will increase the reactivity of this reducing agent.	...it will decrease the reactivity of this reducing agent.

- Reduction of carboxylic acids and esters by using  $\text{LiAlH}_4$



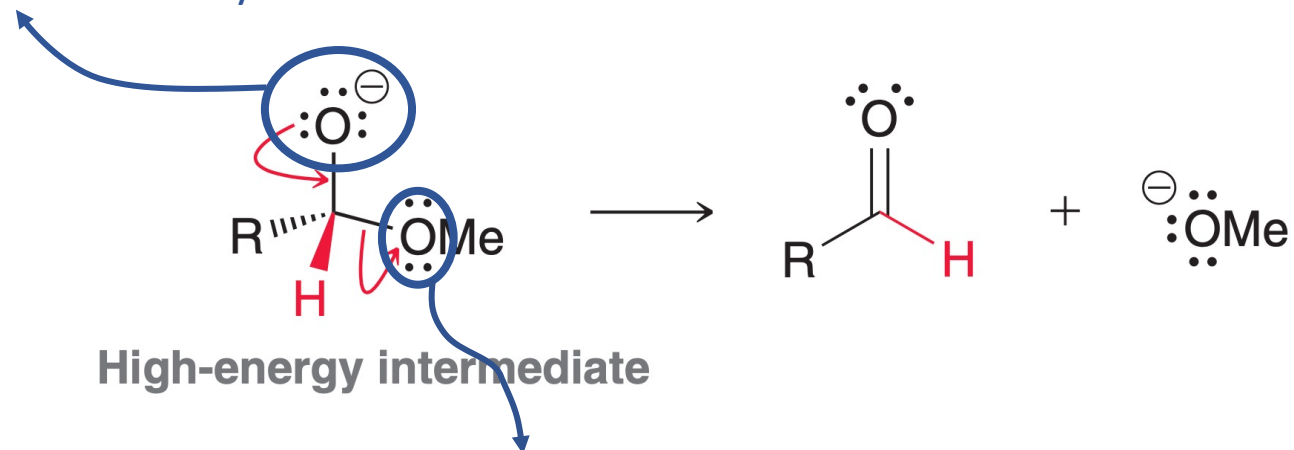
## • Mechanism: Reduction of an Ester or Aldehyde with $\text{LiAlH}_4$



- Why -OR can function as a leaving group?

this oxygen contains negative charge

the LG form is  $O^{2-}$ , which is very unstable!



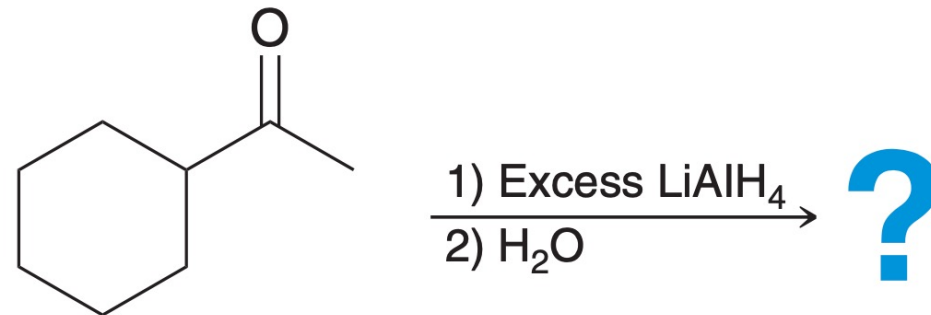
this oxygen links to an methyl group – it is neutral

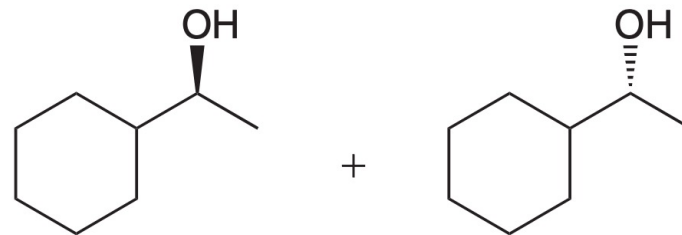
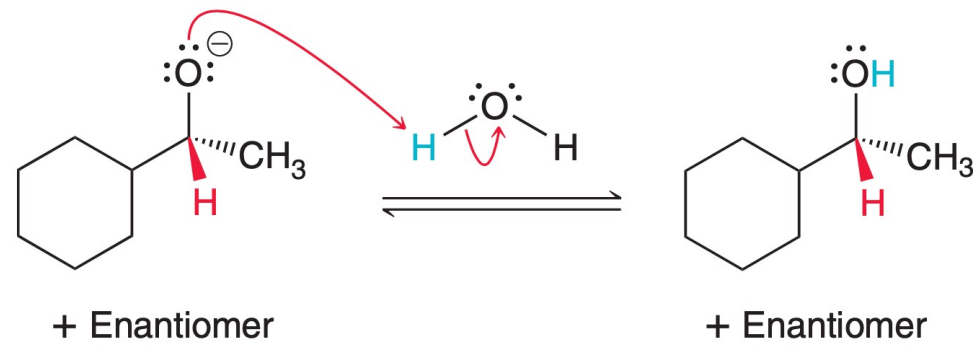
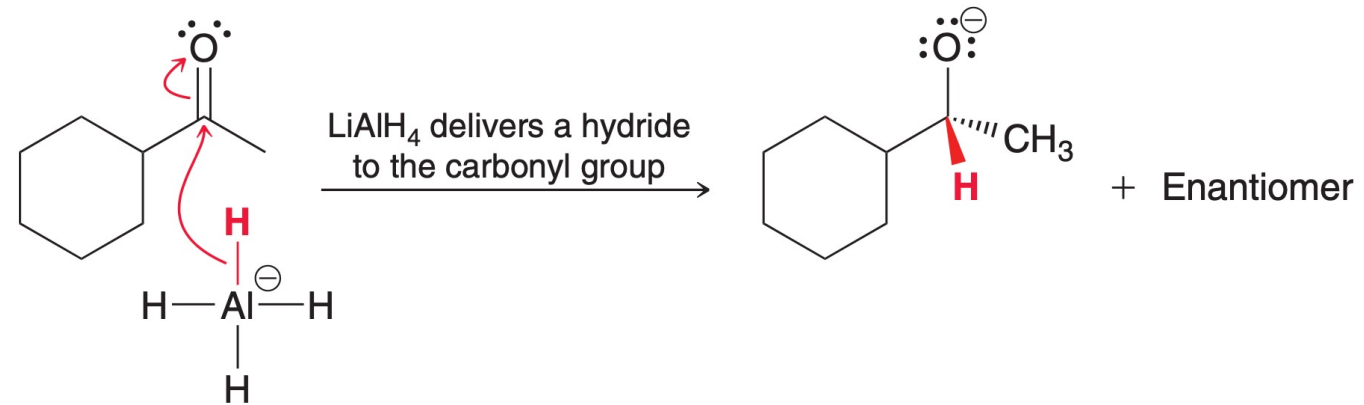
the LG is  $MeO^-$ , which is relatively stable (than  $O^{2-}$ )

thus, the negative charge will transfer to -OMe, causing a loss of a leaving group

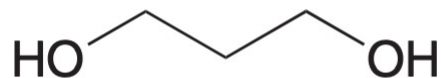


- Practice: draw a mechanism and predict the product for the following reaction:

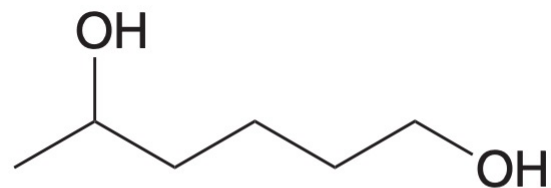




- Diols and their nomenclature
  - identify the position of both hydroxyl groups
  - add the suffix “diol” to the end of the name



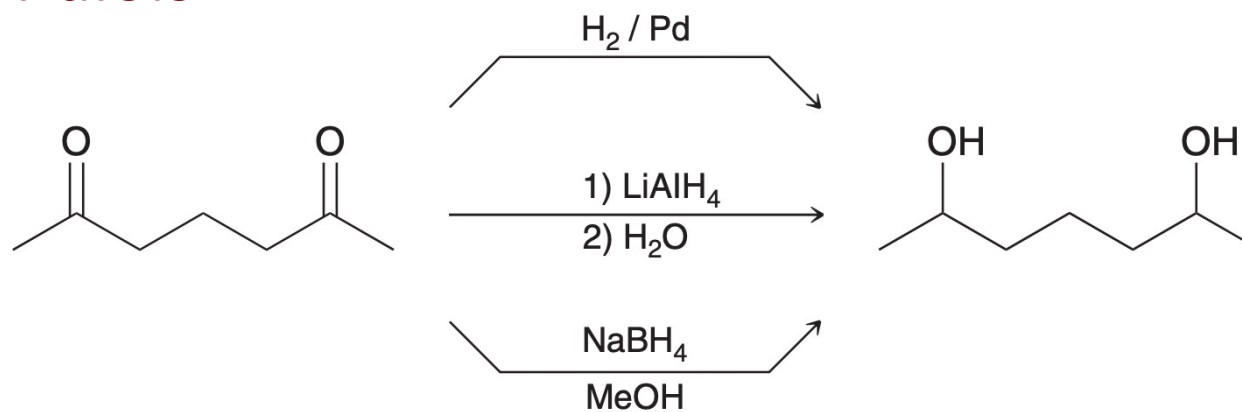
**1,3-Propanediol**



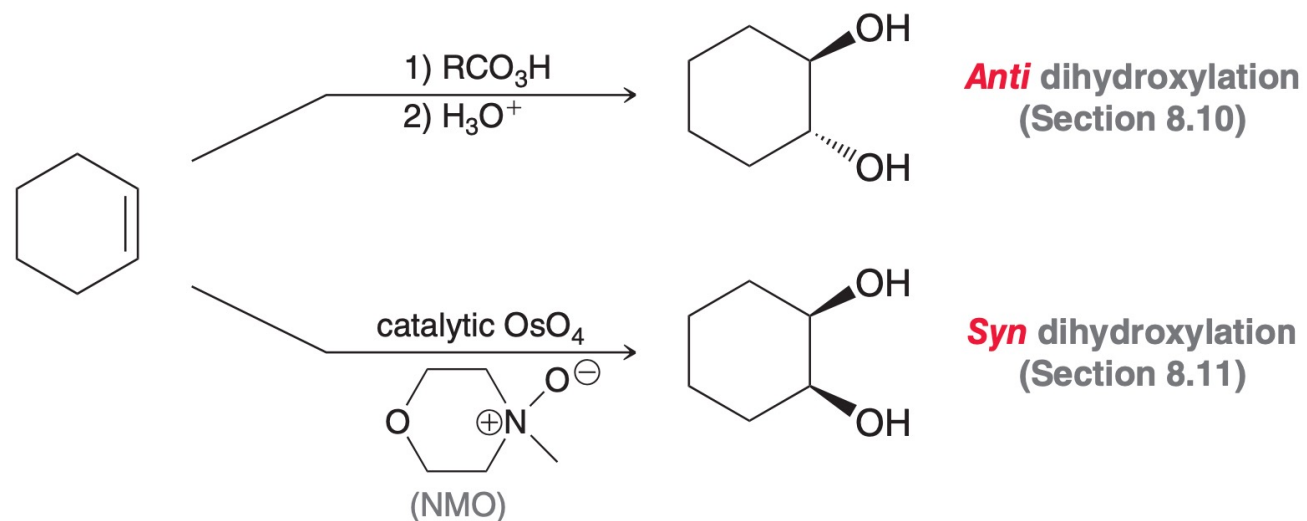
**1,5-Hexanediol**

- Preparation of diols

via reduction  
of diketones



via  
dihydroxylation of  
an alkene



- Grignard Reagents

A Grignard reagent is formed by the reaction between an alkyl halide and magnesium.



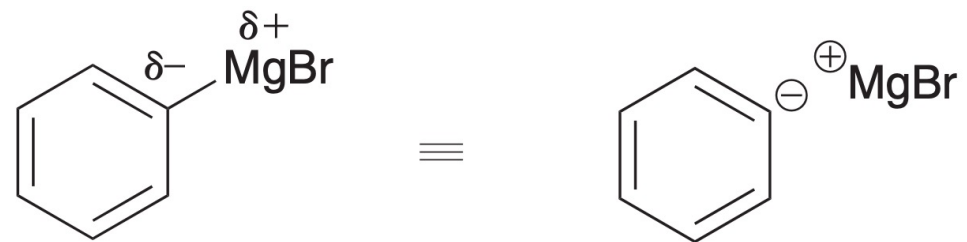
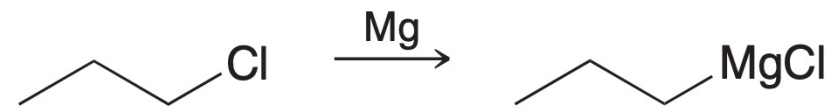
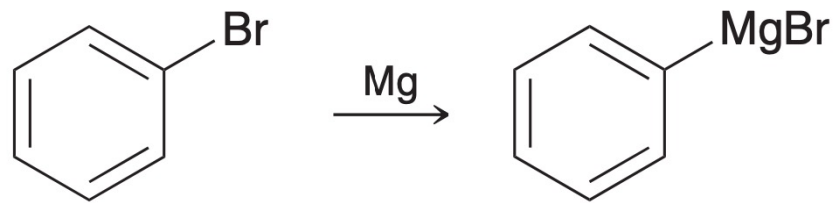
Nobel Prize in 1912



François Auguste Victor Grignard

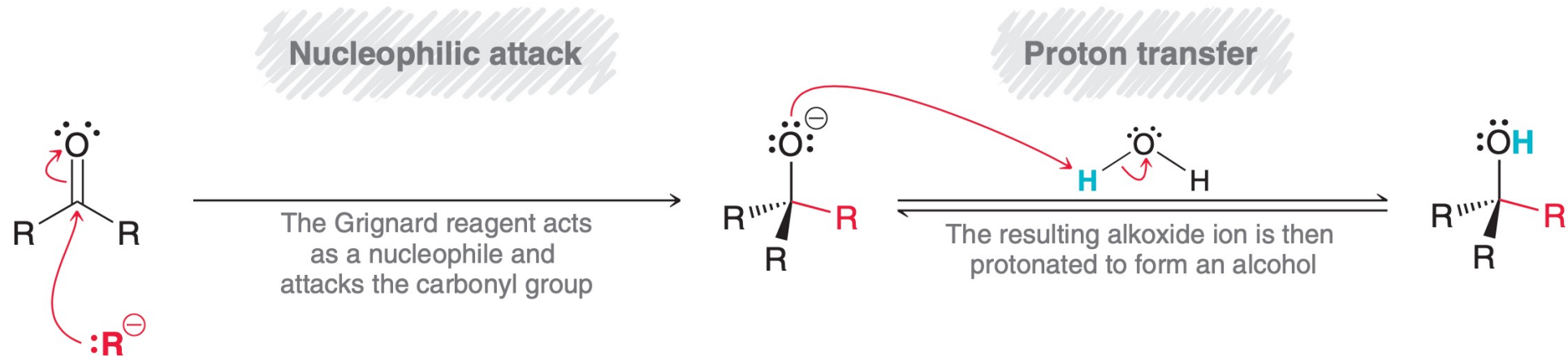
(1871-1935)

- Examples of Grignard reagents

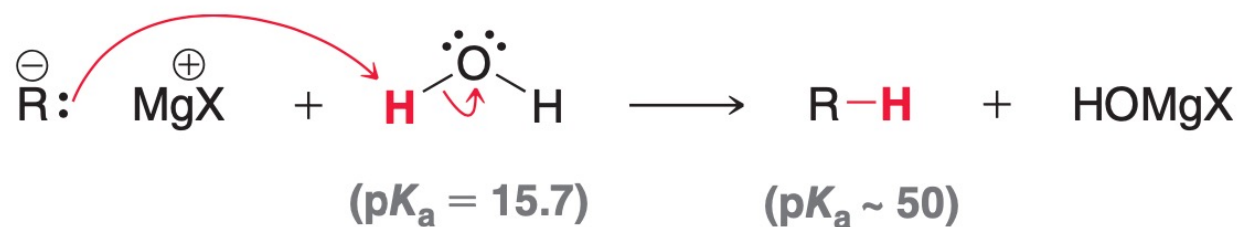
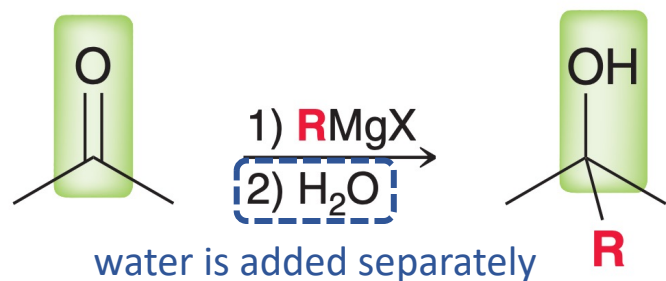


the bond between C and Mg can be represented by either covalent form or ionic form

- Mechanism: The Reaction between a Grignard Reagent and a Ketone or Aldehyde



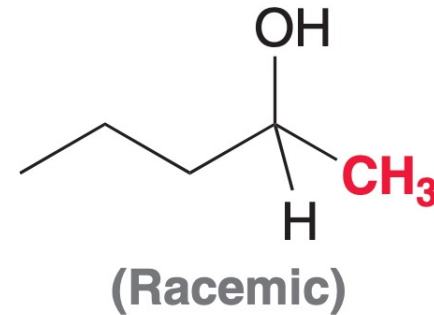
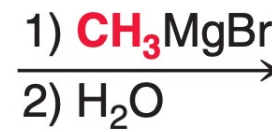
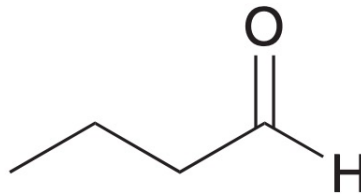
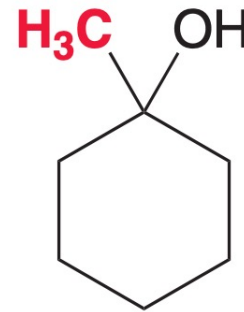
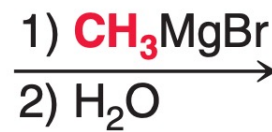
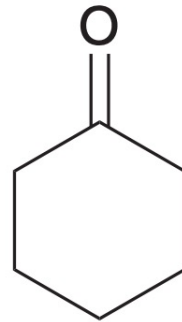
- Preparation via Grignard Reagents



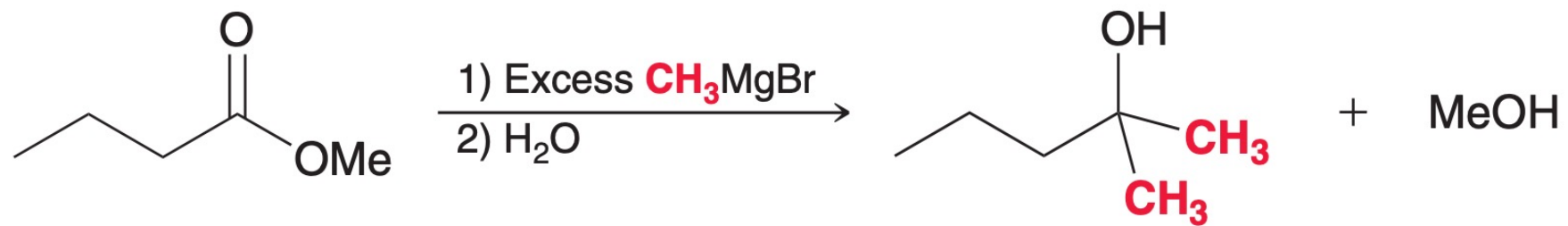
Grignard reagent is also a strong base and will deprotonate water!



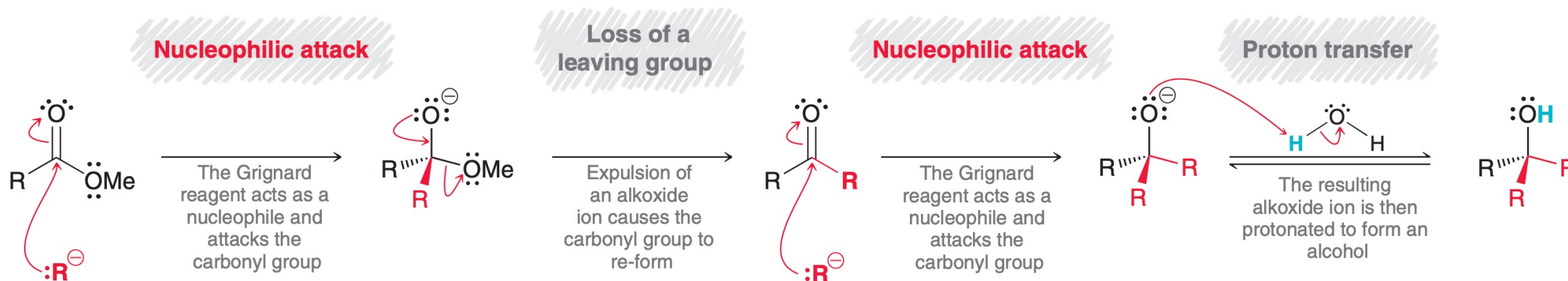
- More examples...



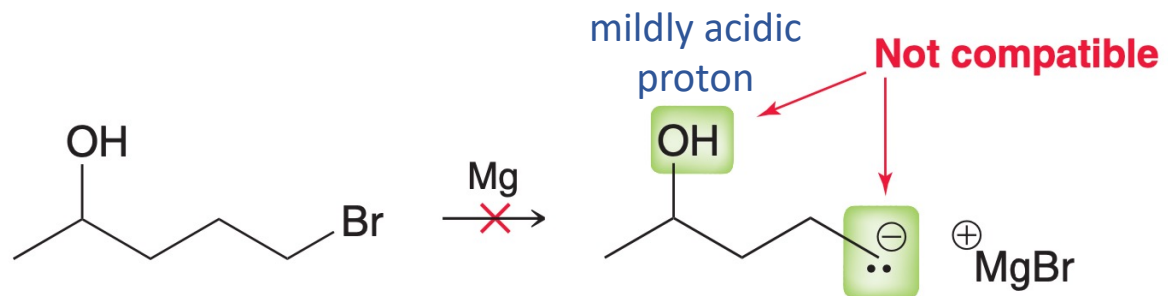
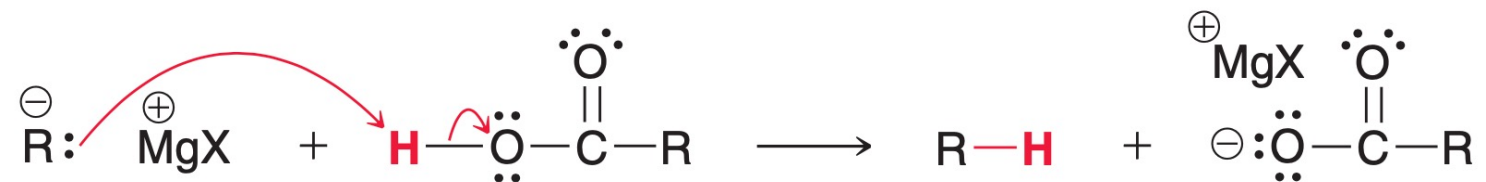
- Grignard reaction of esters



## • Mechanism: The Reaction between a Grignard Reagent and an Ester



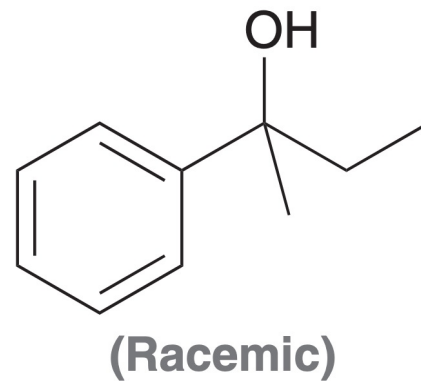
- Grignard reagents are incompatible with acidic protons

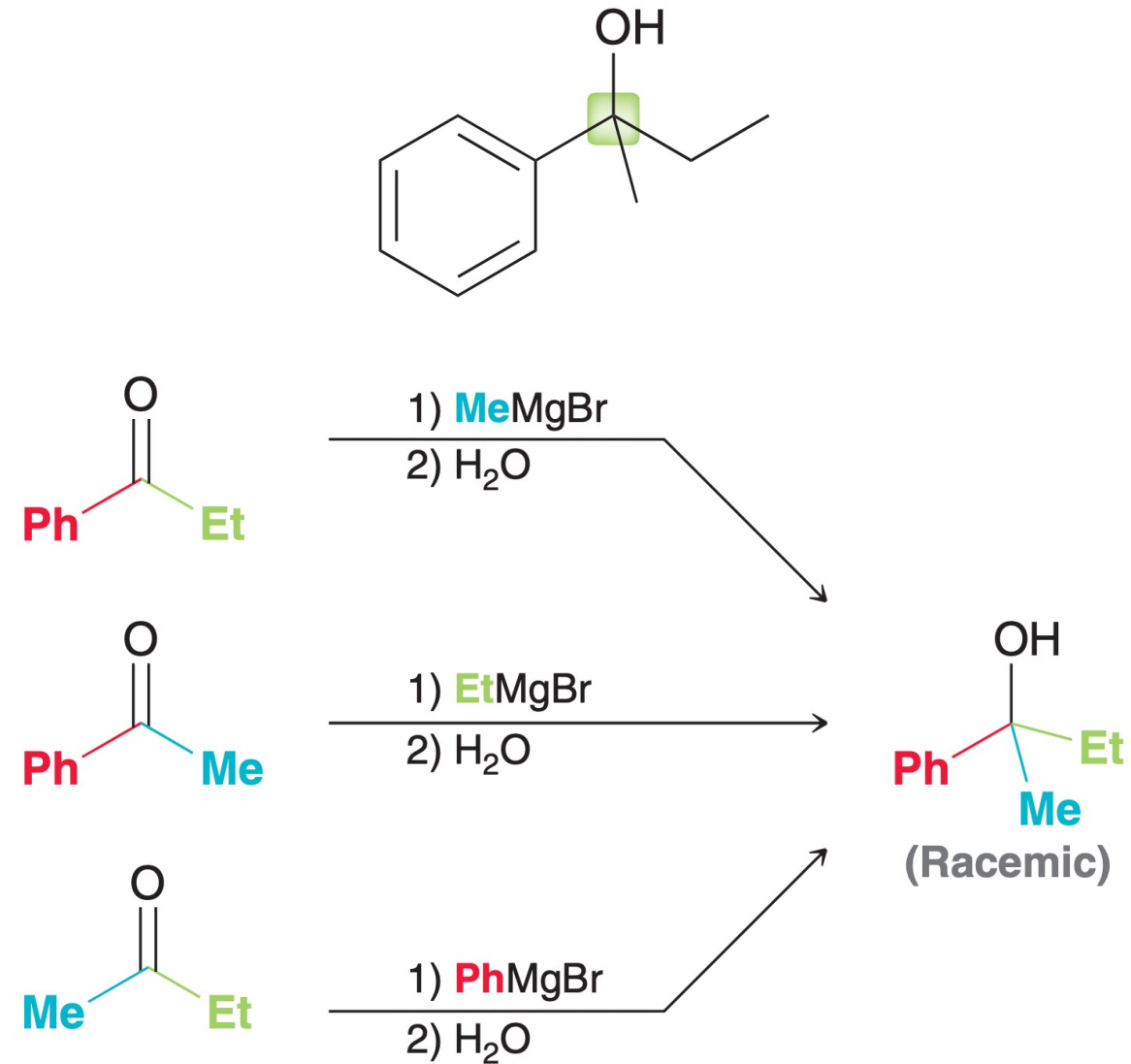


Cannot form this Grignard reagent

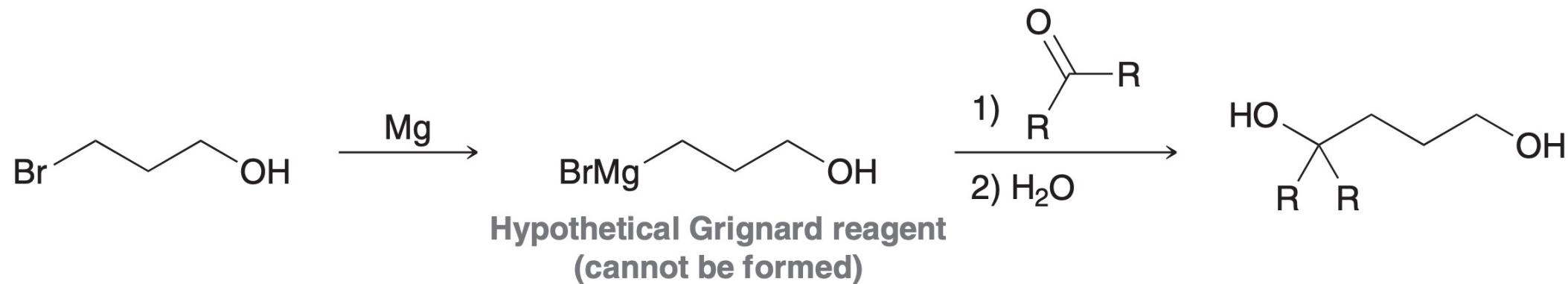
even mildly acidic protons are not compatible!

- Practice: show how you would use a Grignard reaction to prepare the following compound:

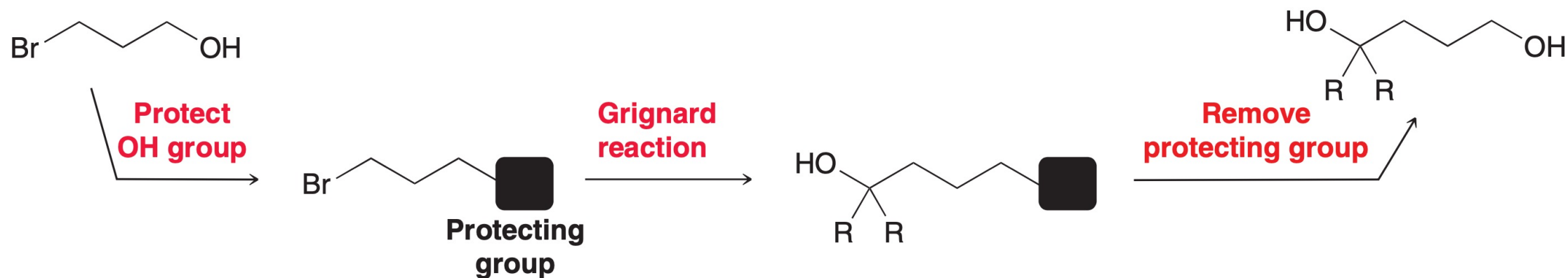




- How to make this reaction practical?

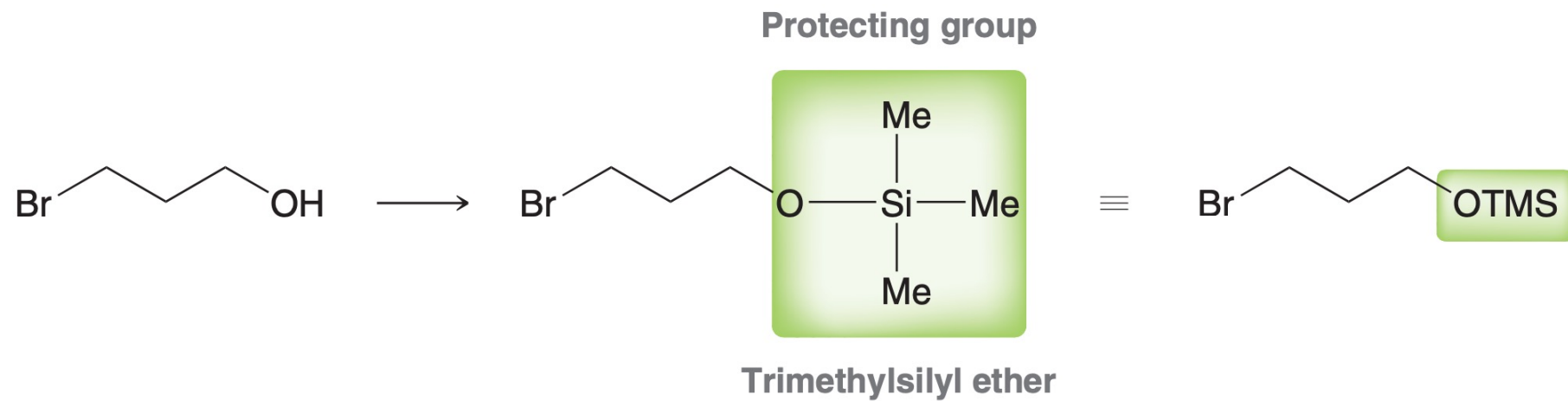


- Using protecting group to accomplish the reaction
  1. Protect the hydroxyl group by removing its proton and converting the hydroxyl group into a new group, called a **protecting group**, that is compatible with a Grignard reagent.
  2. Form the Grignard reagent and perform the desired Grignard reaction.
  3. Deprotect, by converting the protecting group back into a hydroxyl group.

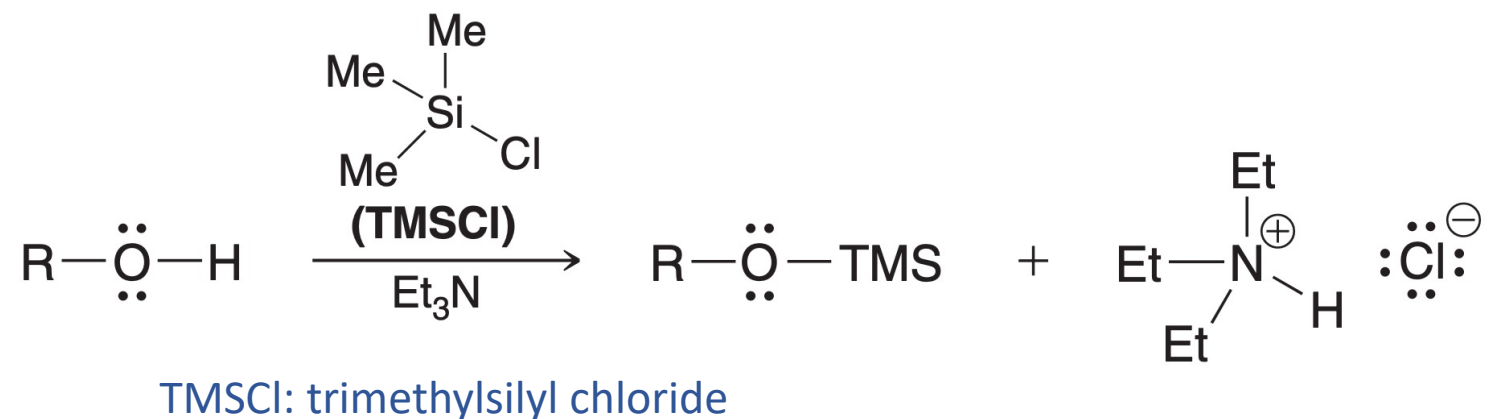




- Silyl ether protecting groups



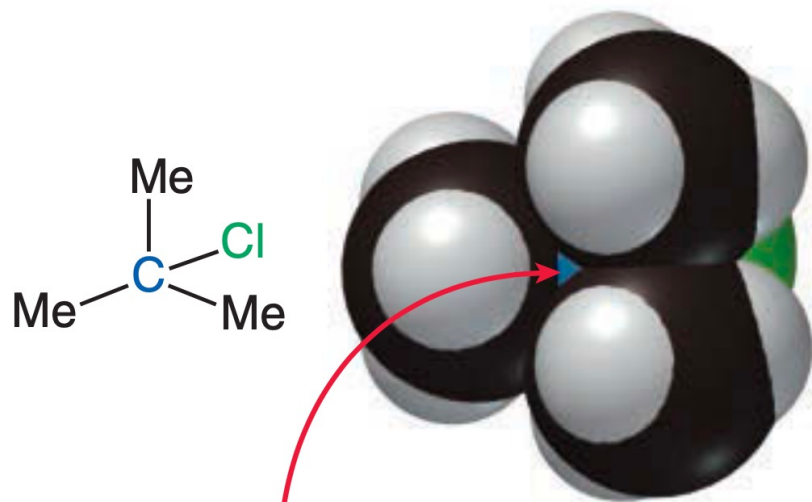
- Installation of the protecting group



This is a  $S_N2$ -like process (called  $S_N2$ -Si): OH is the nucleophile, Cl is the leaving group...

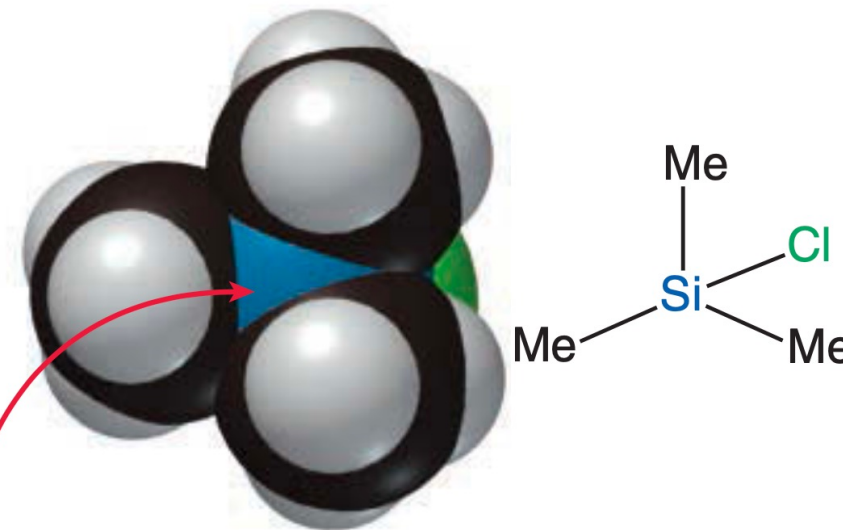
...but why  $S_N2$  can occur at a **tertiary substrate**?

**tert-Butyl chloride**



**Attack is too sterically hindered**

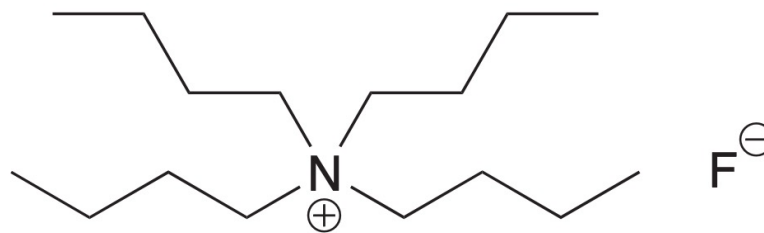
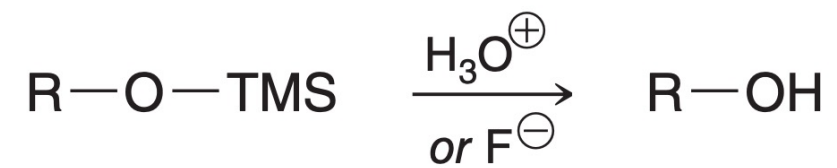
**Trimethylsilyl chloride**



**Attack is not sterically hindered**

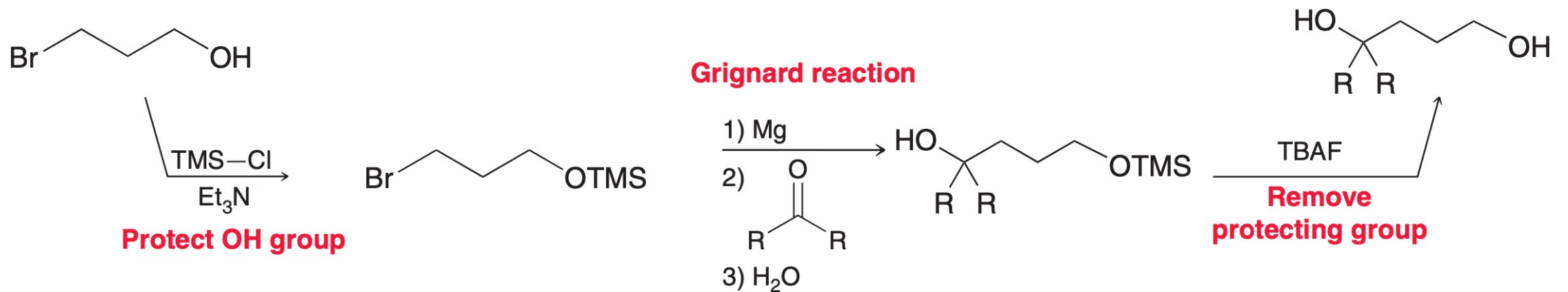
silicon atom is larger than carbon!

- Removal of the protecting group

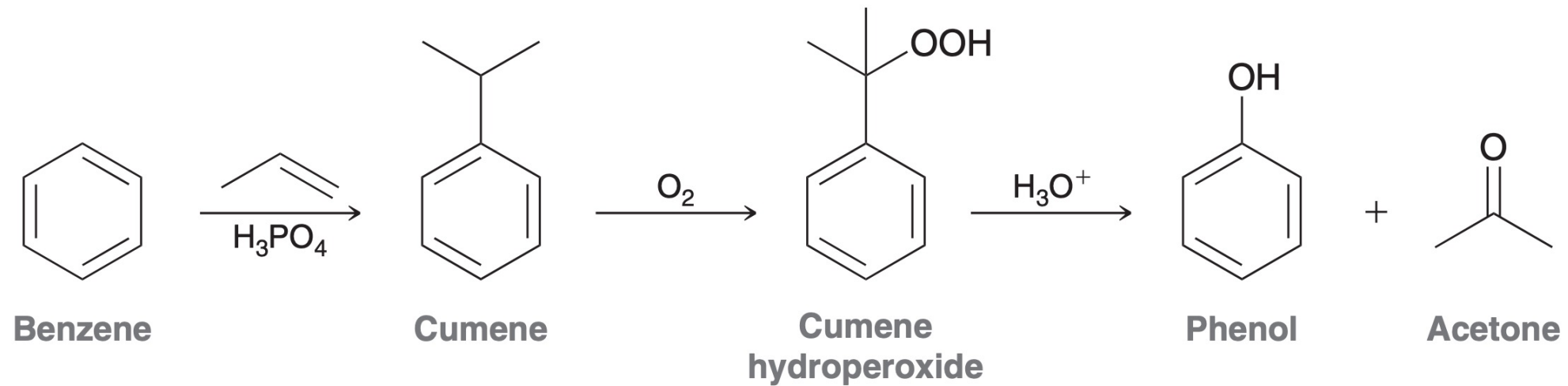


**Tetrabutylammonium fluoride (TBAF)**

- An overall process using hydroxyl-protecting strategy



- Industrial synthesis of phenols

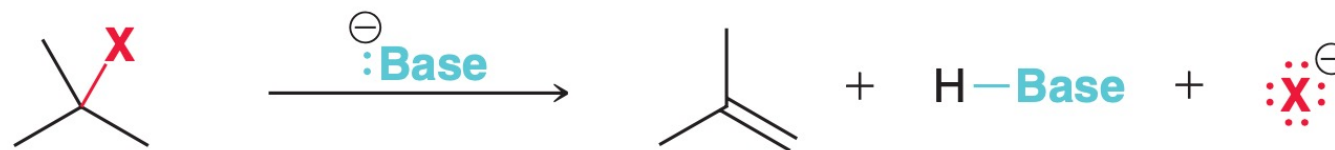


- Recall: substitutions and eliminations

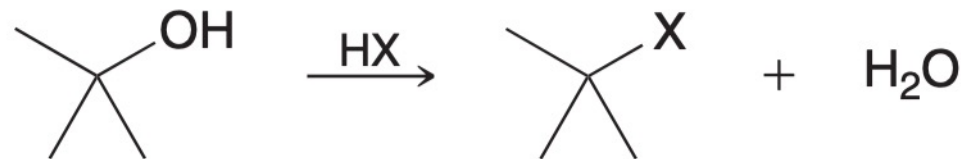
**Substitution**



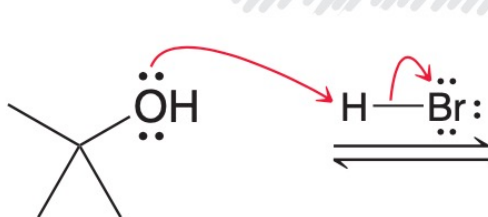
**Elimination**



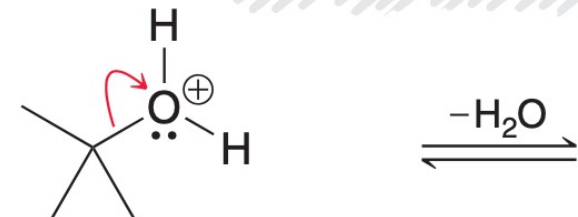
• S<sub>N</sub>1 Reactions with Alcohols



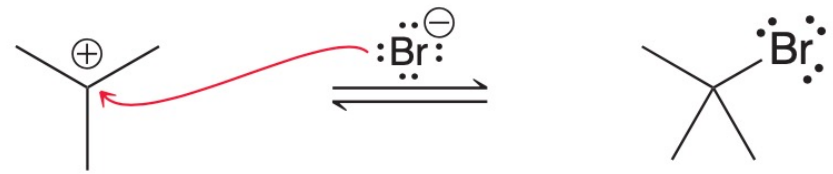
Proton transfer



Loss of a leaving group

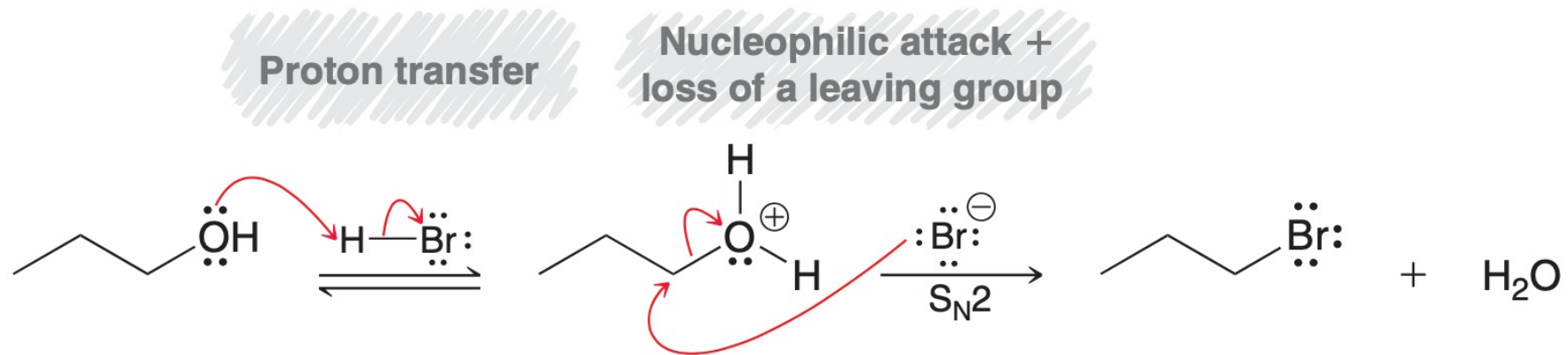


Nucleophilic attack





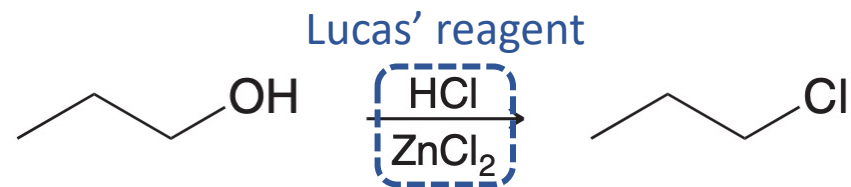
- $S_N2$  Reactions with Alcohols



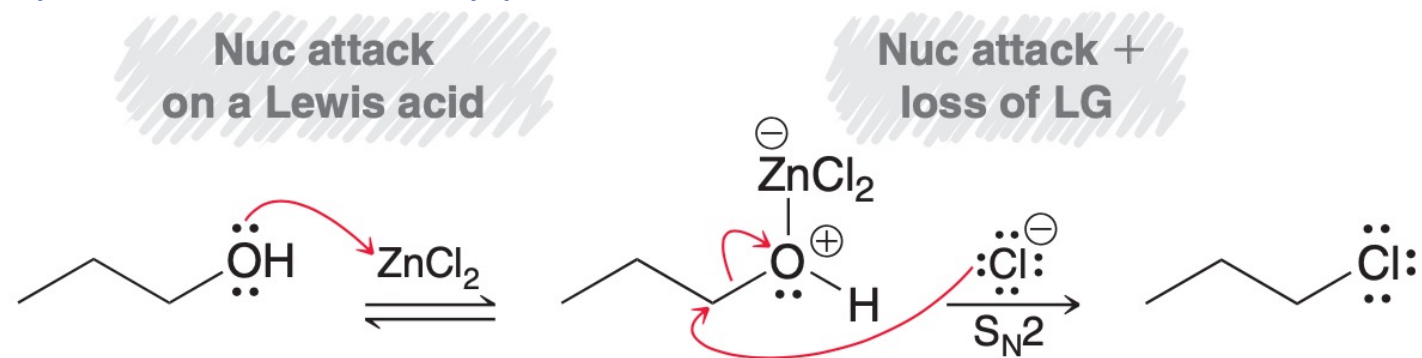
It does not work well for HCl...

Do we have any substituents to HCl?

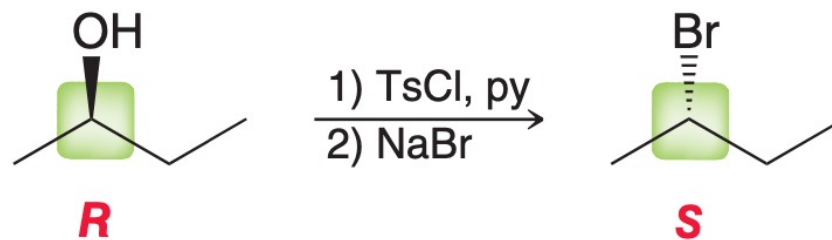
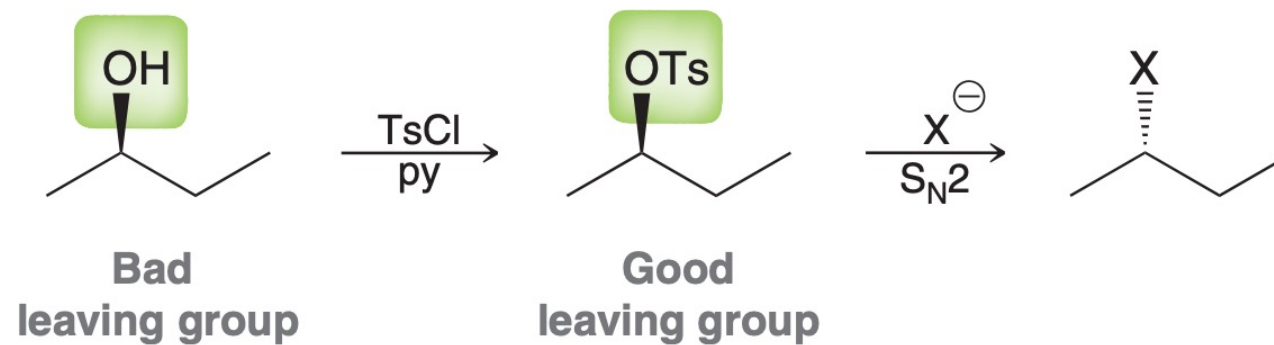
- For alcohol chlorination...



a proton transfer-likely process

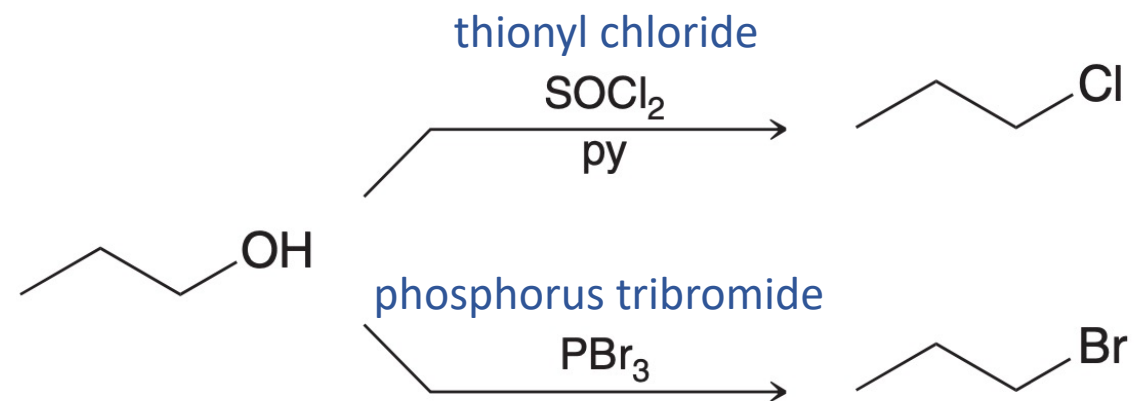


- Convert to tosylate – a good LG

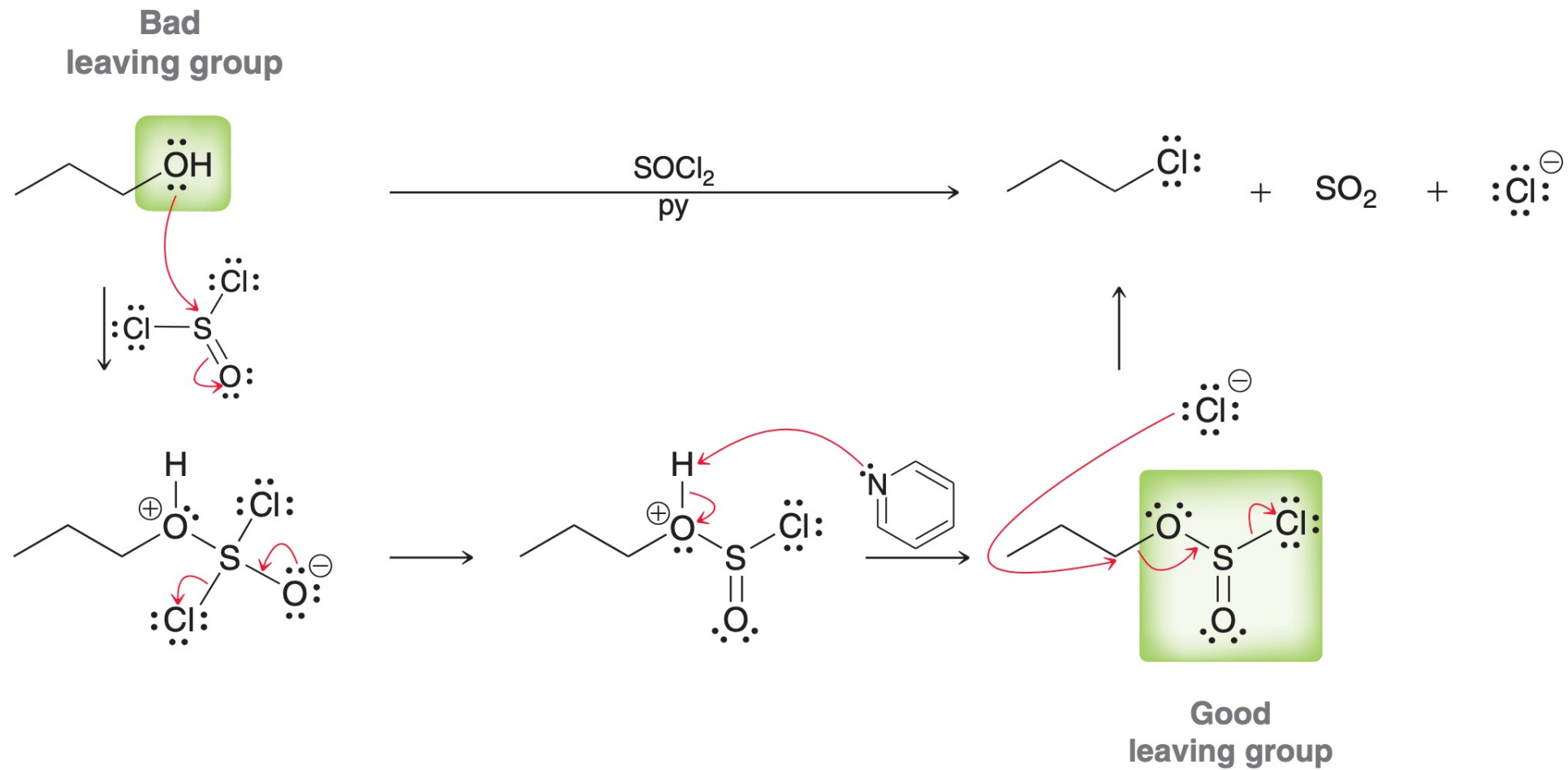


S<sub>N</sub>2 – inversion of configuration

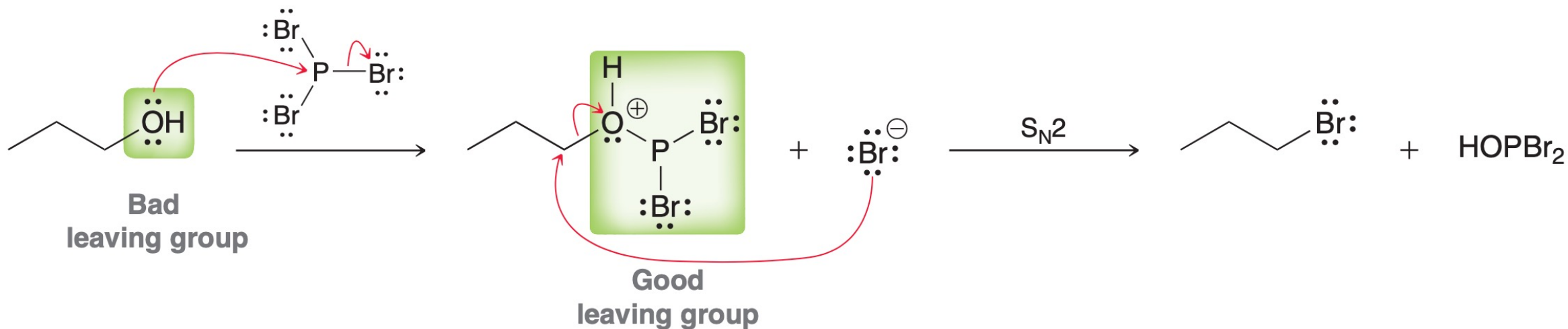
- Use  $\text{SOCl}_2$  or  $\text{PBr}_3$  to do halogenation



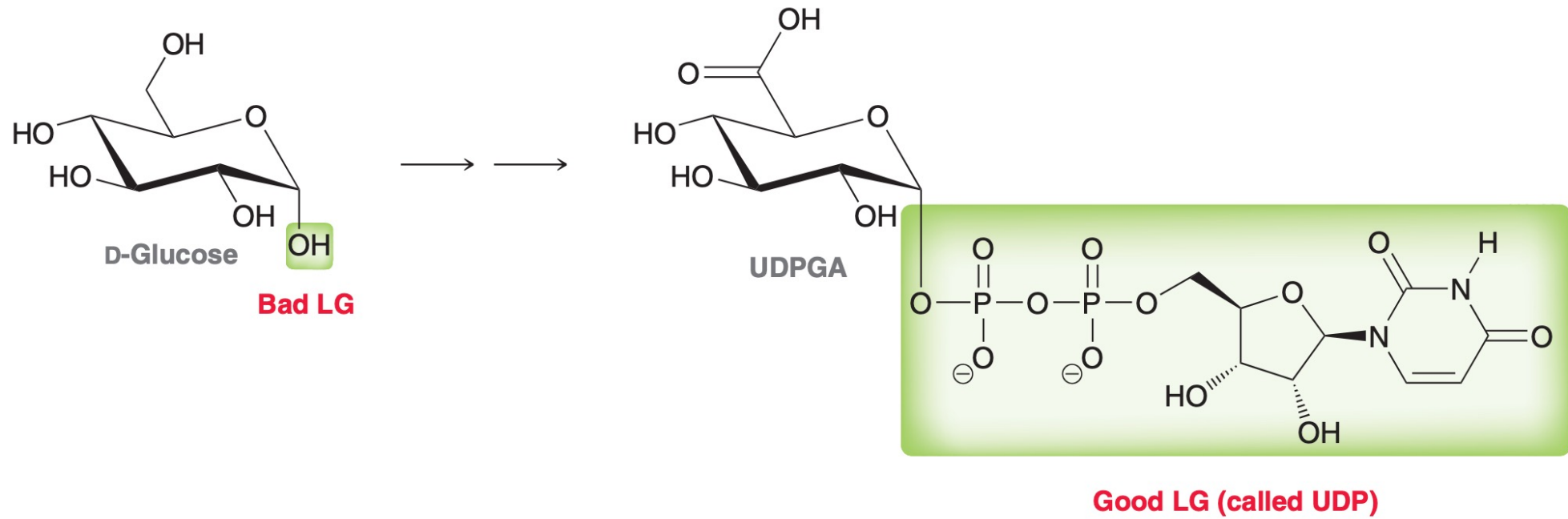
# • Mechanism: the Reaction between $\text{SOCl}_2$ and Alcohols

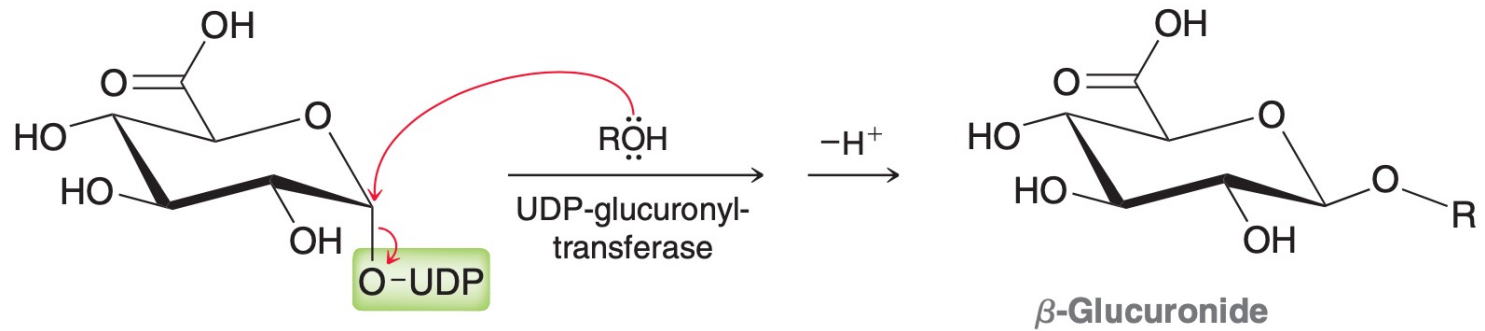


• Mechanism: the Reaction between  $\text{PBr}_3$  and Alcohols

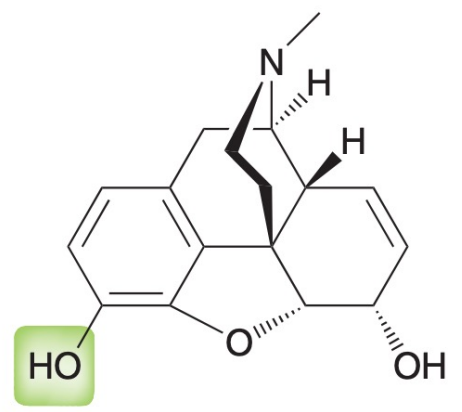


- Drug metabolism – glucuronic acid conjugation (glucuronidation)

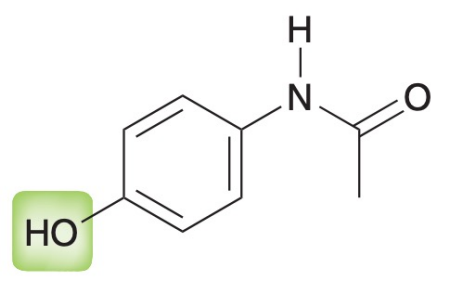




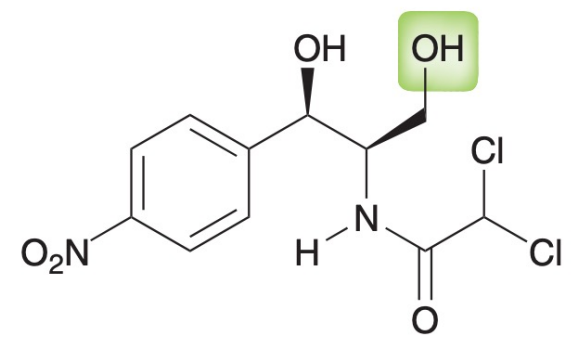
$\beta$ -glucuronide is highly water soluble



**Morphine**  
An opiate analgesic used to treat severe pain



**Acetaminophen**  
An analgesic (pain-relieving) and antipyretic (fever-reducing) agent, sold under the trade name Tylenol

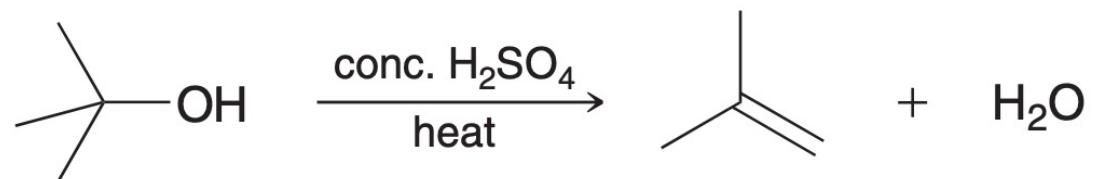


**Chloramphenicol**  
An antibiotic used in eye drops to treat bacterial conjunctivitis

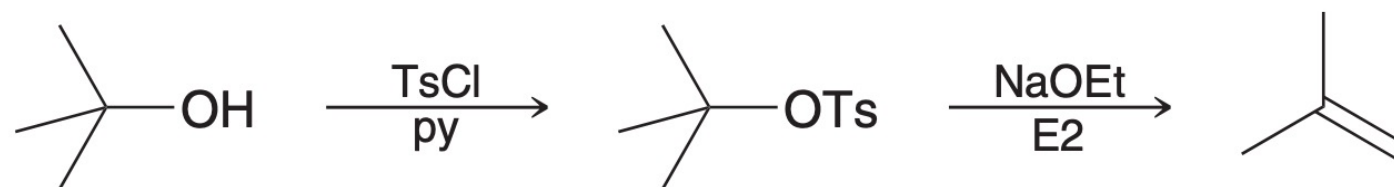


- E1 and E2 reactions with alcohols

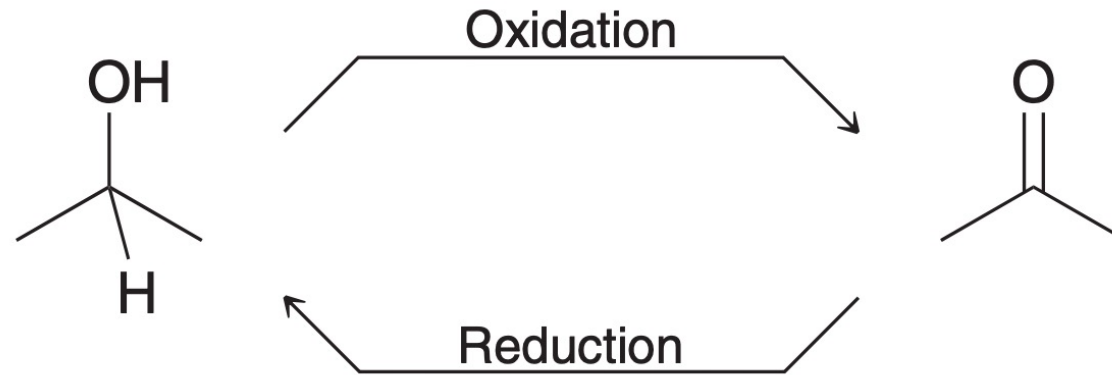
E1 process



E2 process

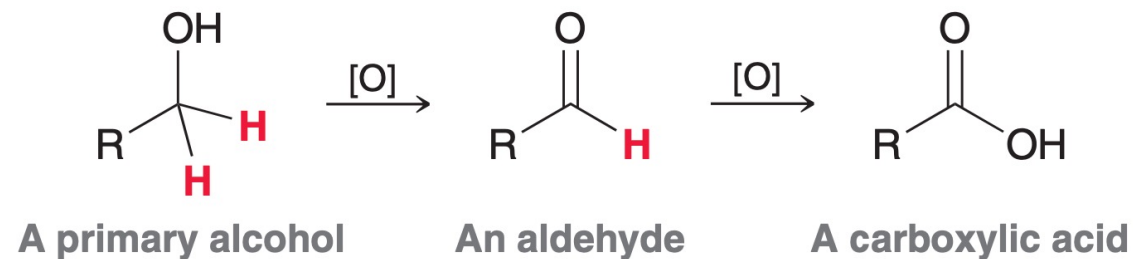


- Oxidation of alcohols

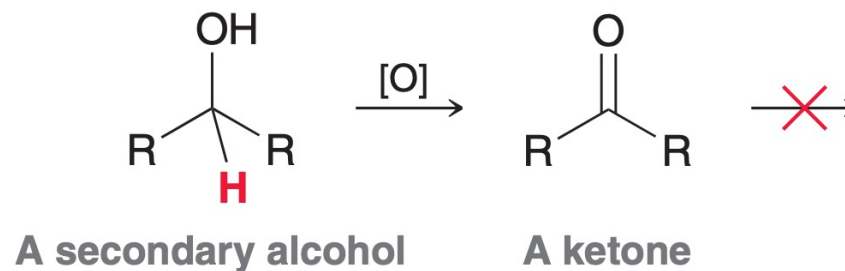


- The final product depends on the number of  $\alpha$ -H

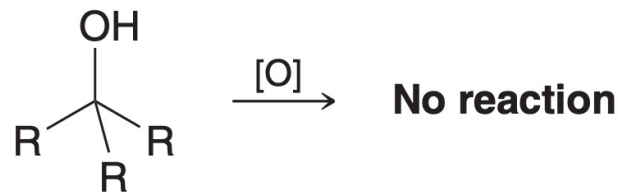
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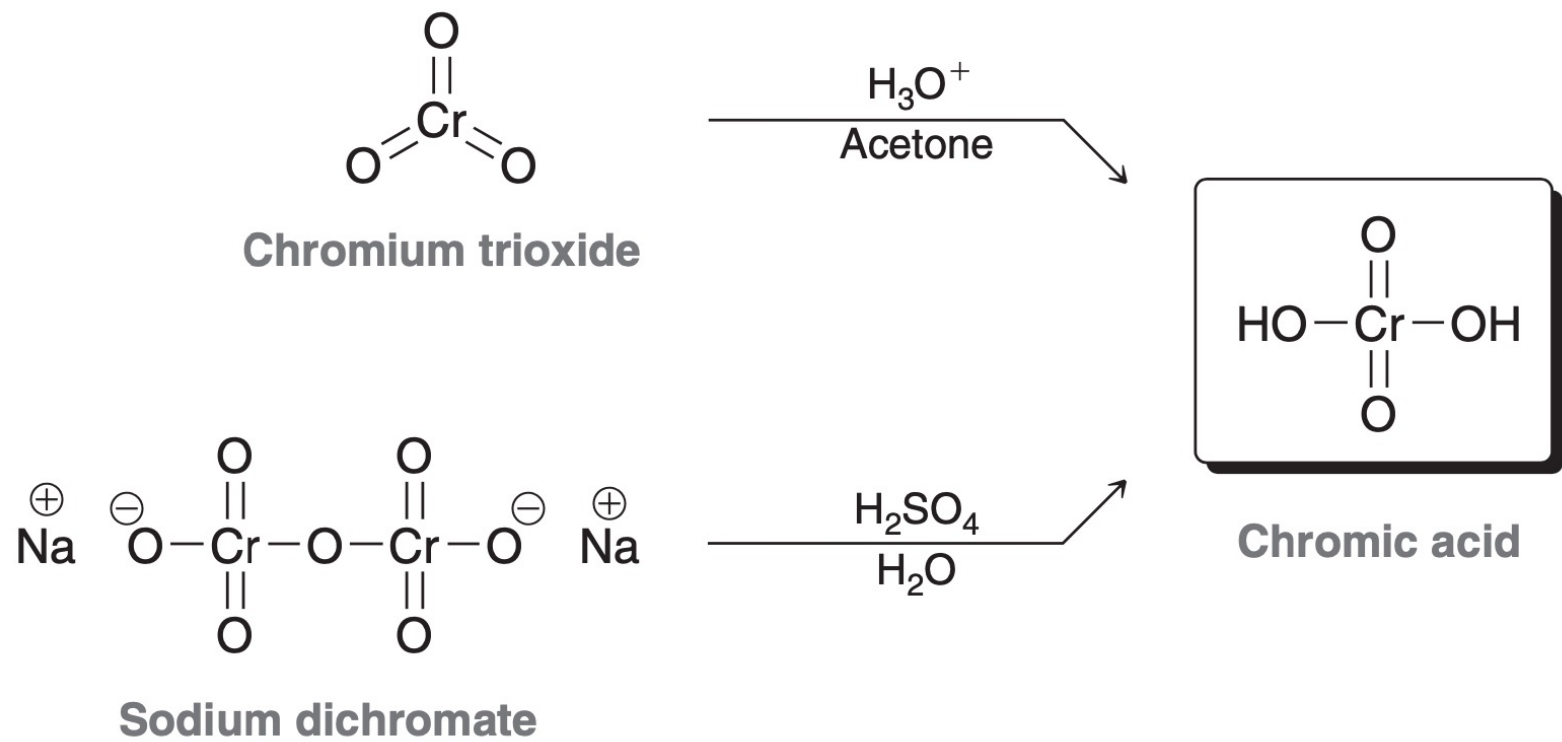
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tertiary



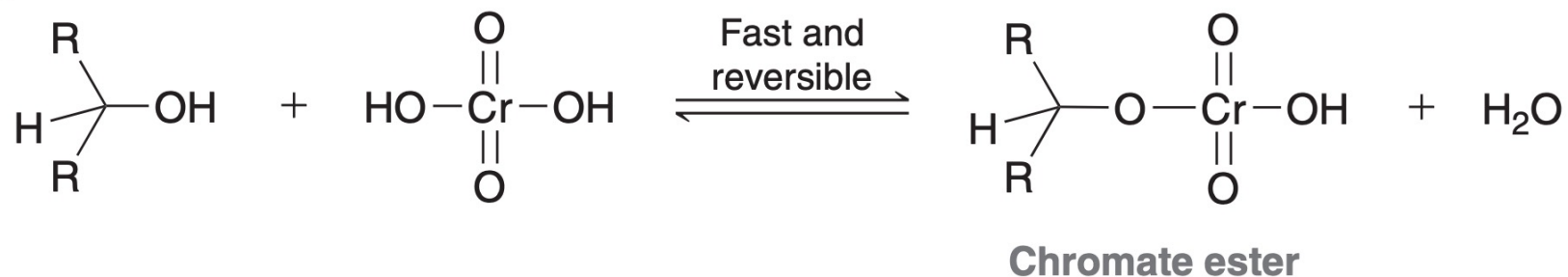
- Oxidizing agents: chromic acid ( $\text{H}_2\text{CrO}_4$ )



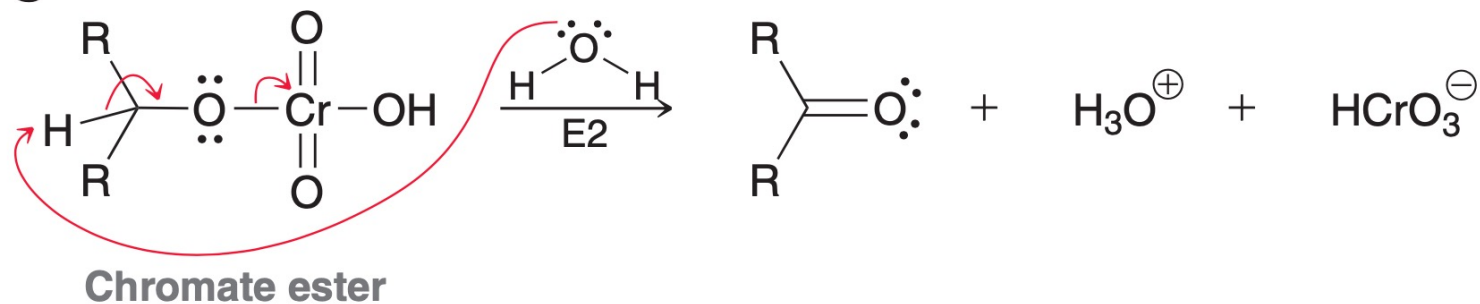
preparation of  $\text{H}_2\text{CrO}_4$ : using  $\text{CrO}_3$  or  $\text{Na}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$

- Mechanism: Oxidation of an Alcohol with Chromic Acid

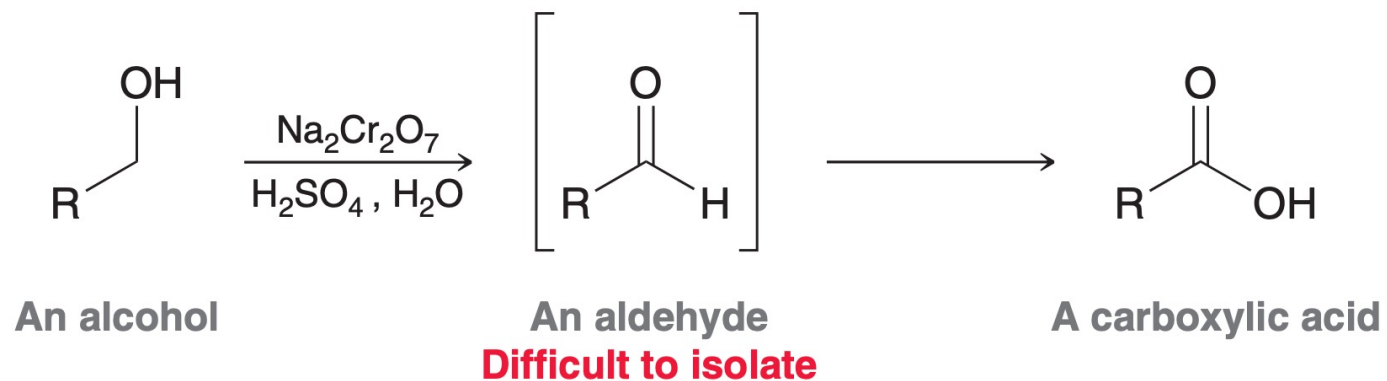
**Stage 1**



**Stage 2**

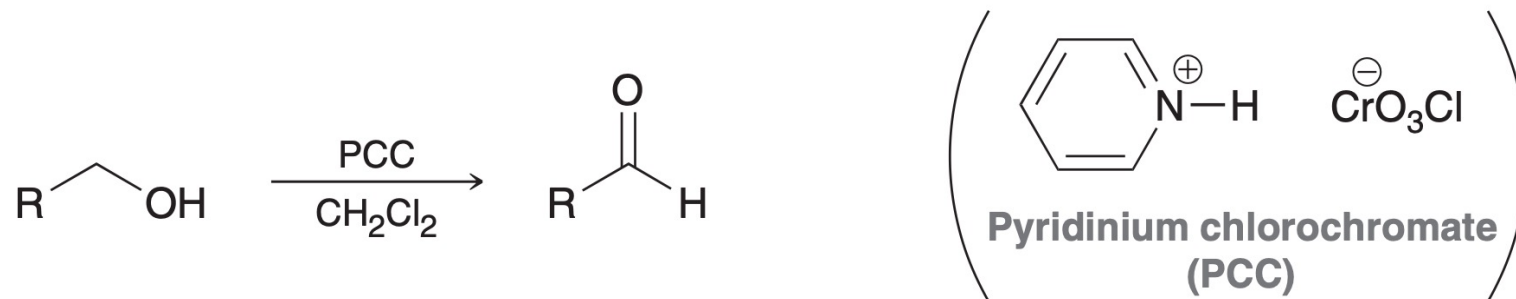


- Selective oxidation: pyridinium chlorochromate (PCC)

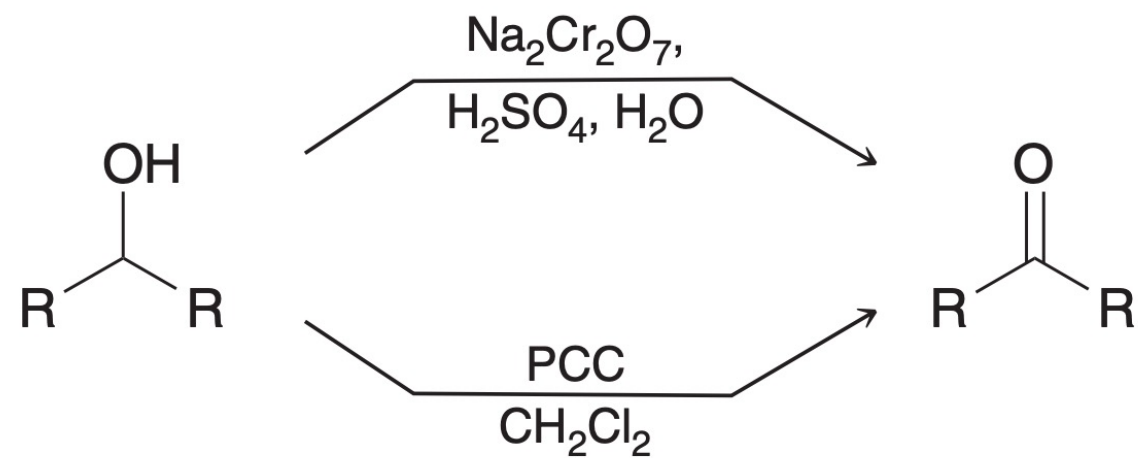


for primary alcohol, chromic acid often causes further oxidation (to carboxylic acid)

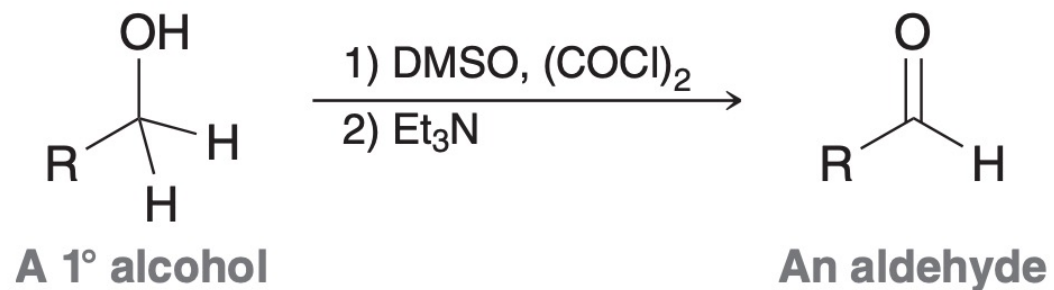
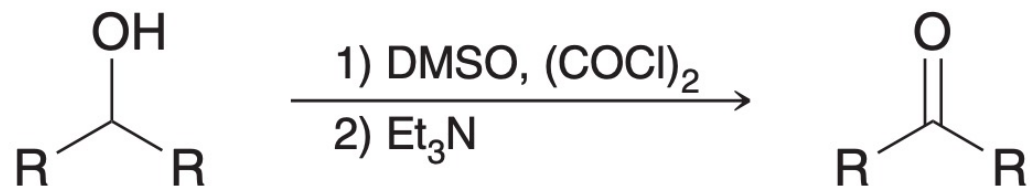
if we want an aldehyde...



- Secondary alcohols can use either  $\text{H}_2\text{CrO}_4$  or PCC



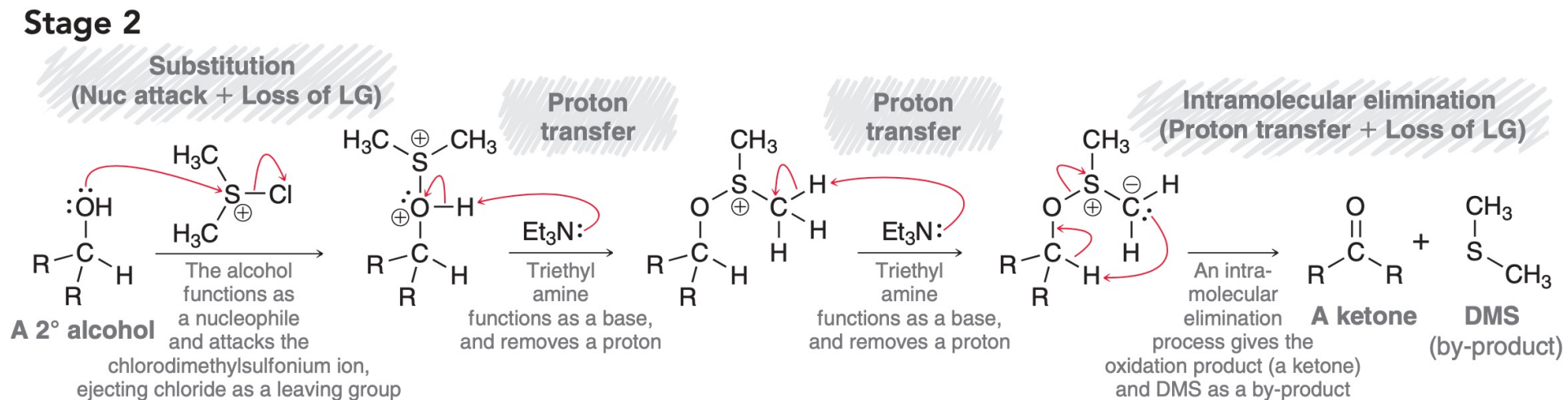
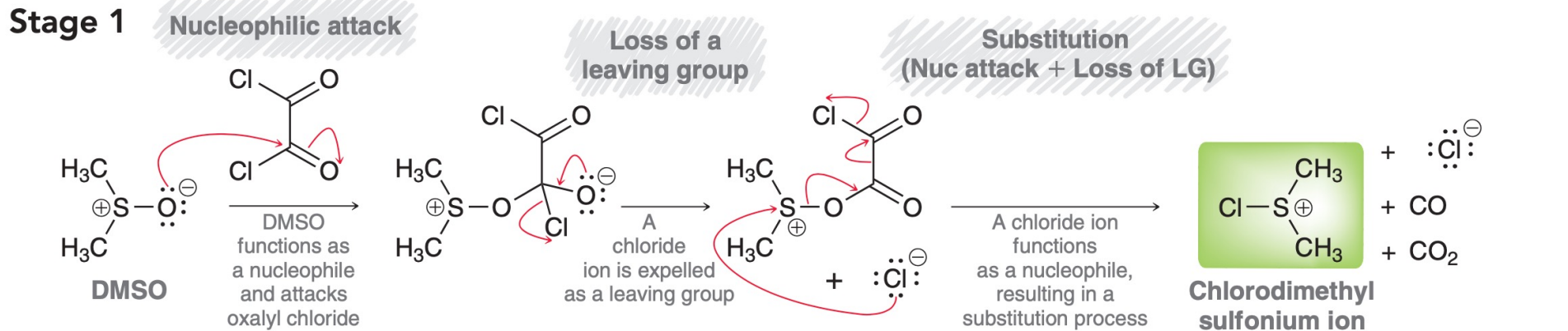
- Greener oxidation: *Swern* oxidation



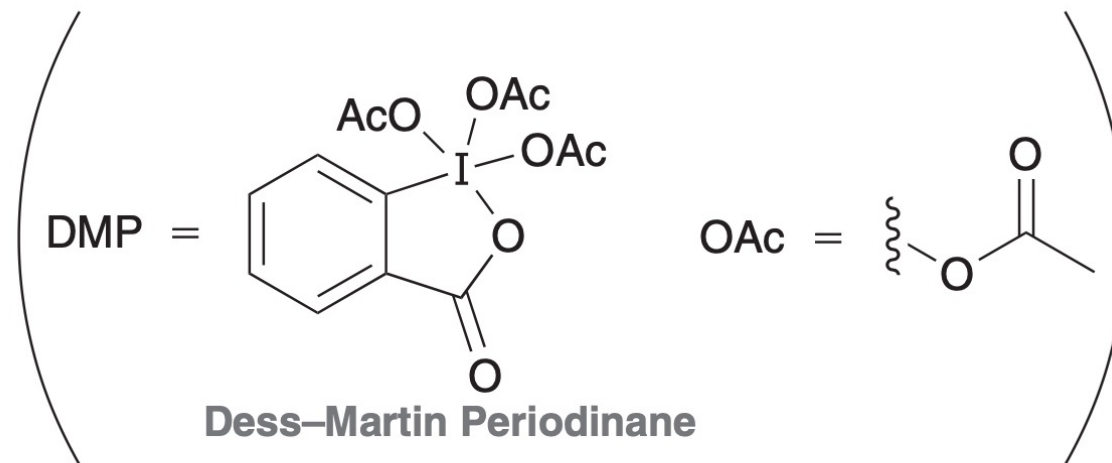
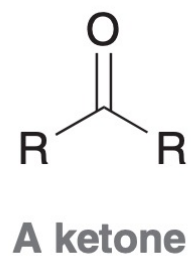
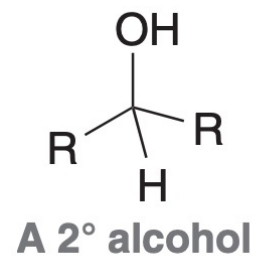
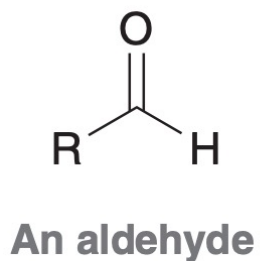
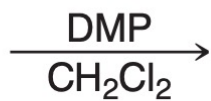
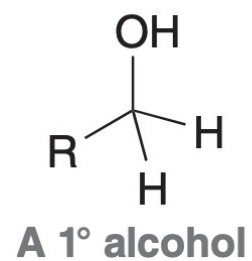
does not have further oxidations!



• Mechanism: Swern Oxidation



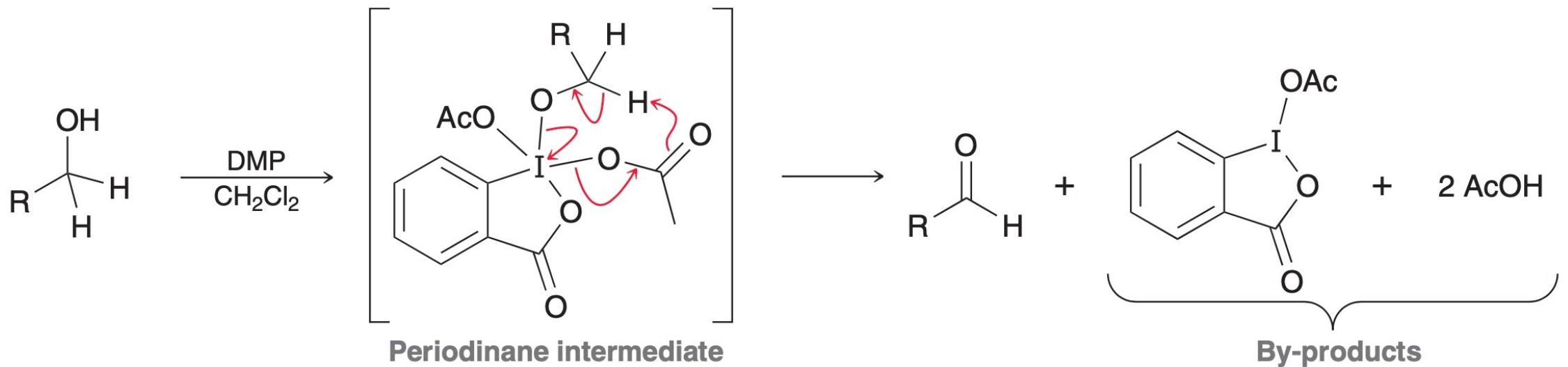
- Greener oxidation: *Dess-Martin* (DMP) oxidation



also, does not have further oxidations:)

neutral pH compared to Cr-based oxidations

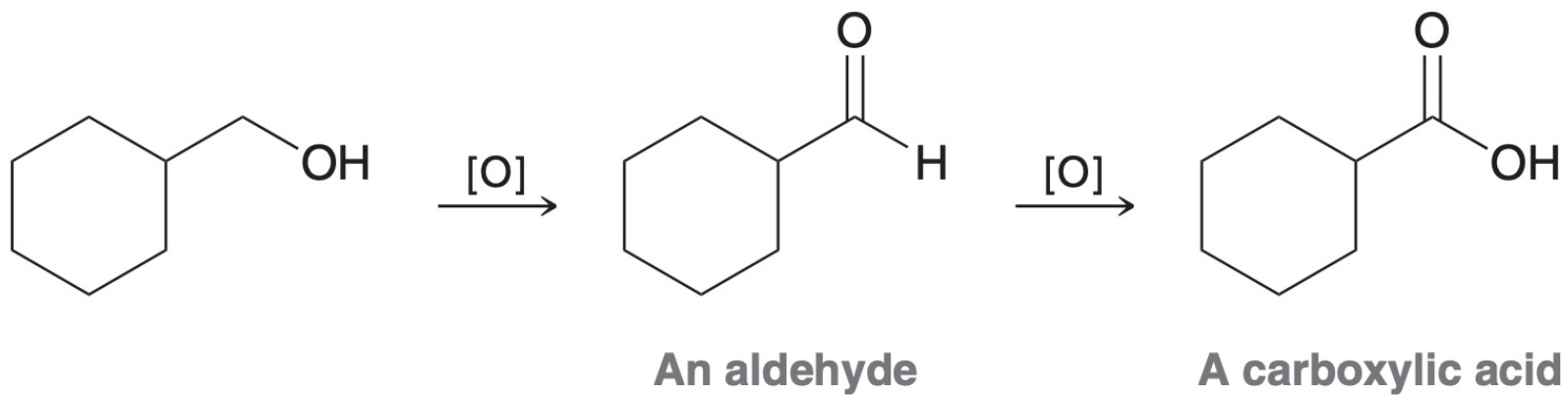
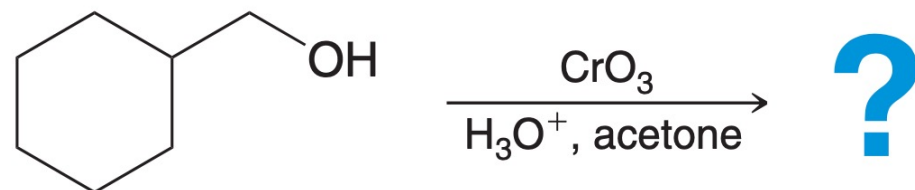
- DMP includes a periodinane intermediate



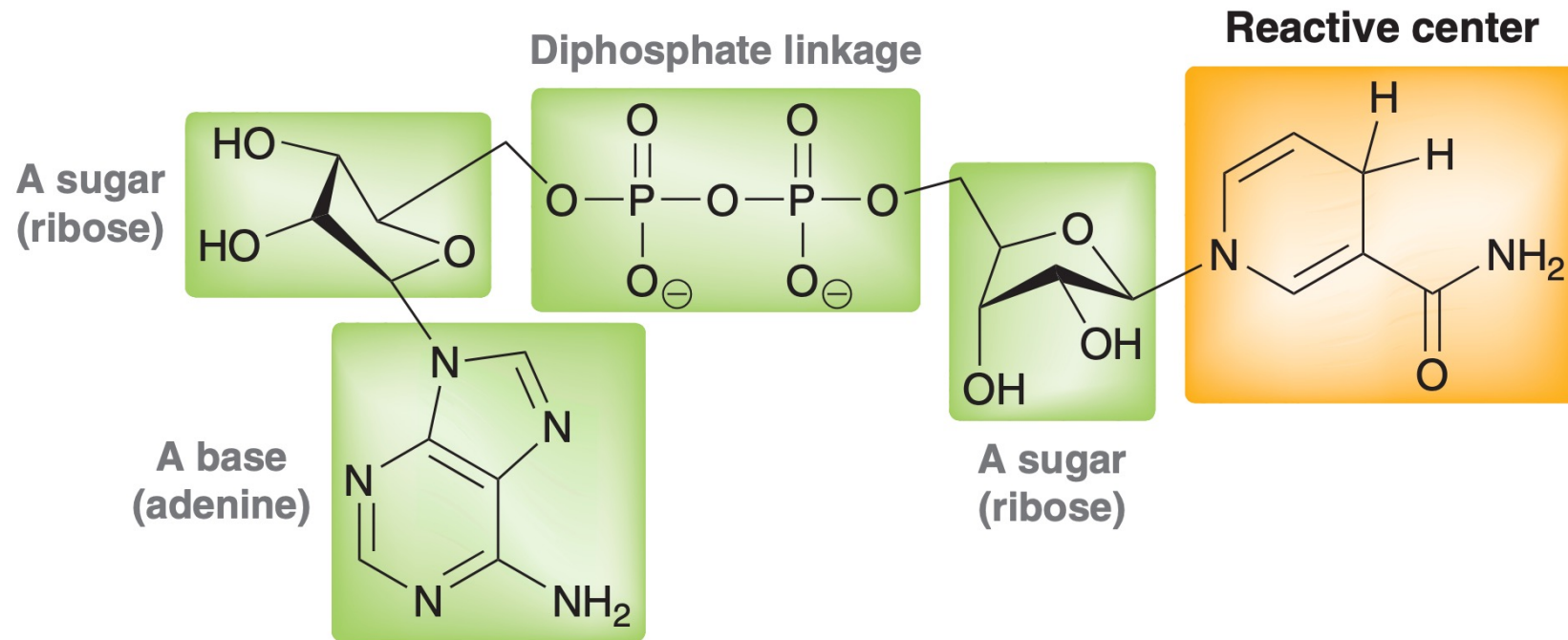
- Comparison of Alcohol Oxidations

Type	Reagents	“Greenness”	Additional Information
Chromium-based Oxidation	$\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$ , $\text{CrO}_3$ or $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$ , $\text{Na}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$	<b>NOT</b> green (chromium remaining – heavy metals)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• acidic environment needed</li> <li>• relatively higher atomic economy</li> </ul>
Swern Oxidation	1) $\text{DMSO}$ , $(\text{COCl})_2$ 2) $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$	greener (no heavy metals)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• produce foul-odored by-product (DMS)</li> <li>• poor atomic economy</li> </ul>
DMP-based Oxidation	DMP, $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$	greener (no heavy metals)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• neutral reaction pH</li> <li>• DMP is explosive</li> <li>• poor atomic economy</li> </ul>

- Practice: predict the major organic product of the following reaction:

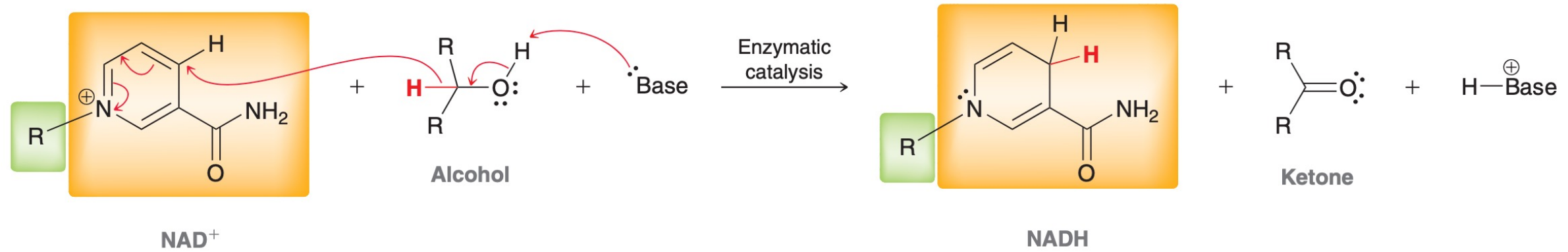
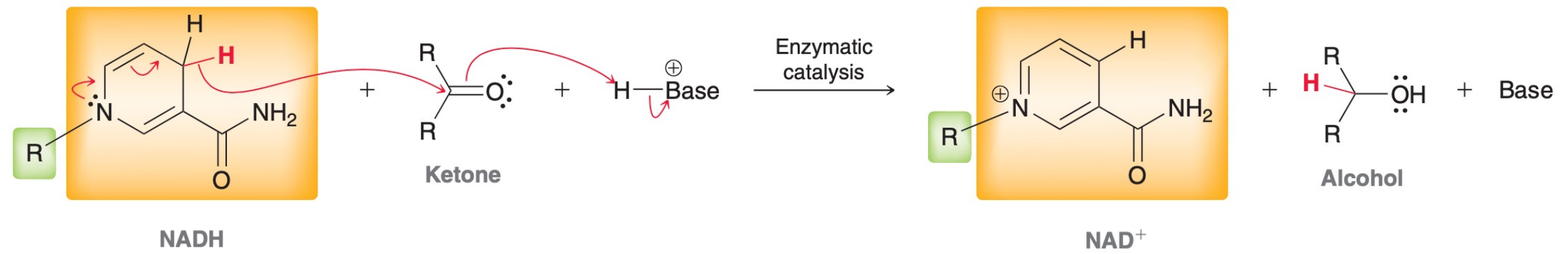
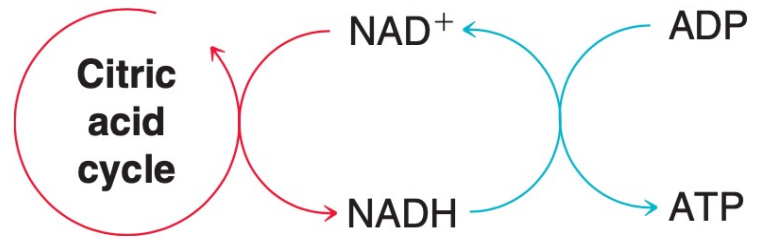


- Biological redox reactions

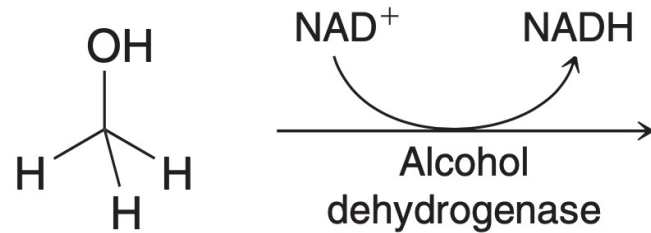


NADH

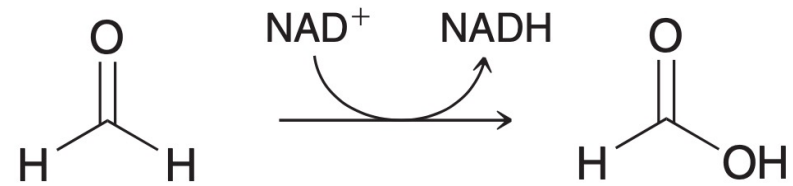
# Reactions of Alcohols



- Biological oxidation of methanol and ethanol

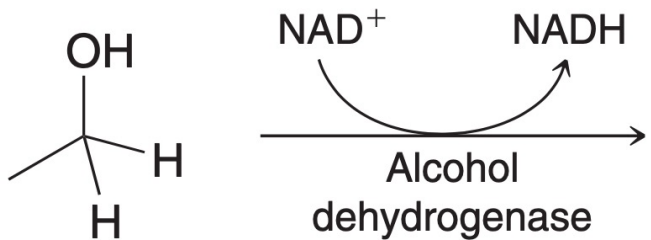


**Methanol**

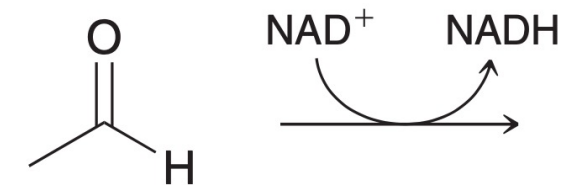


**Formaldehyde**

**Formic acid**



**Ethanol**

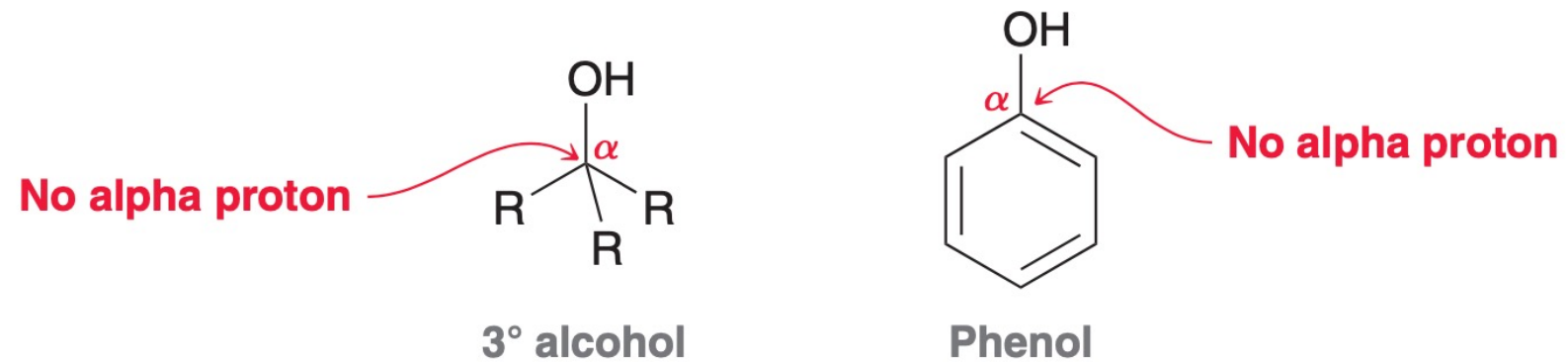


**Acetaldehyde**

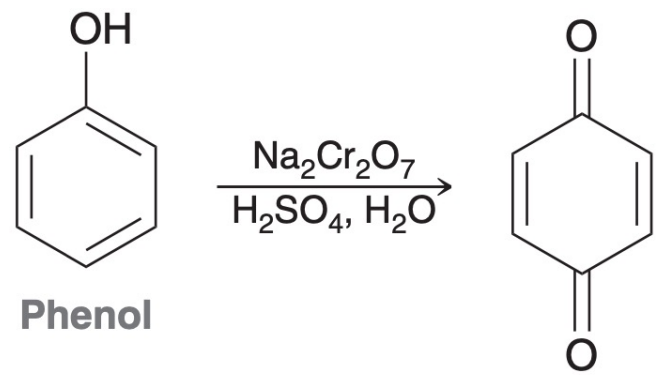
**Acetic acid**



- Oxidation of phenol

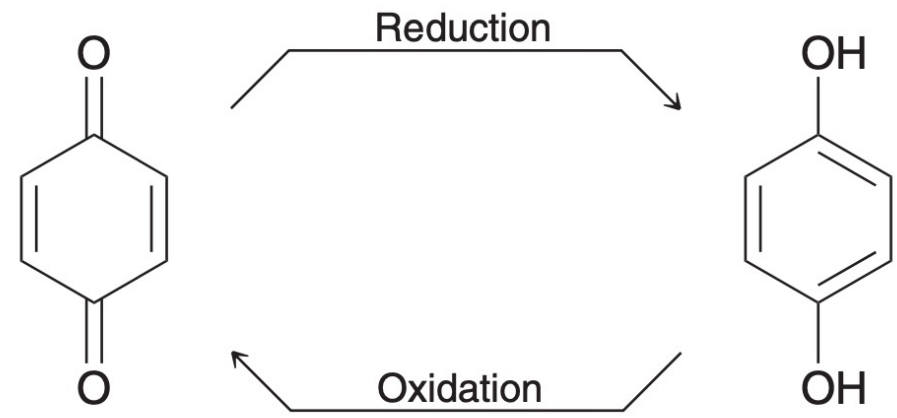


Can phenol be oxidized?



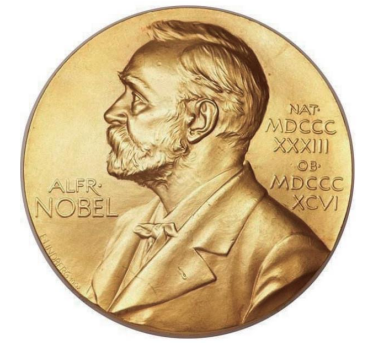
Phenol

Benzoquinone



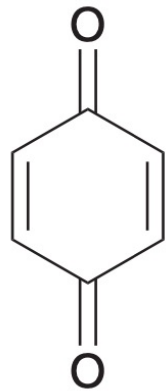
Benzoquinone

Hydroquinone

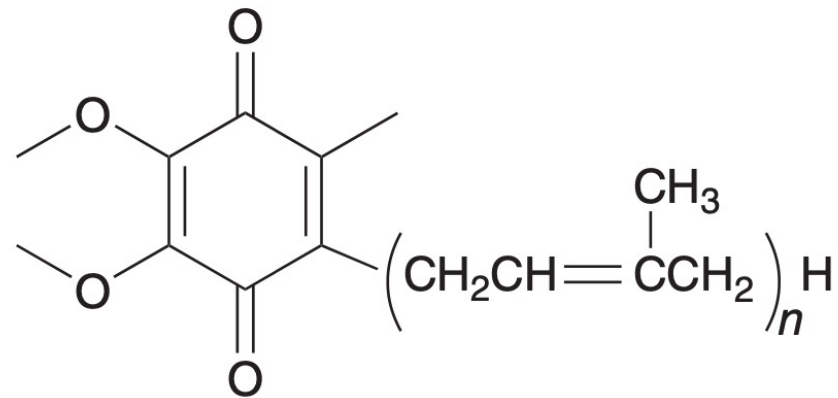


Nobel Prize in 1978

- Biological quinones: ubiquinones



**Benzoquinone**

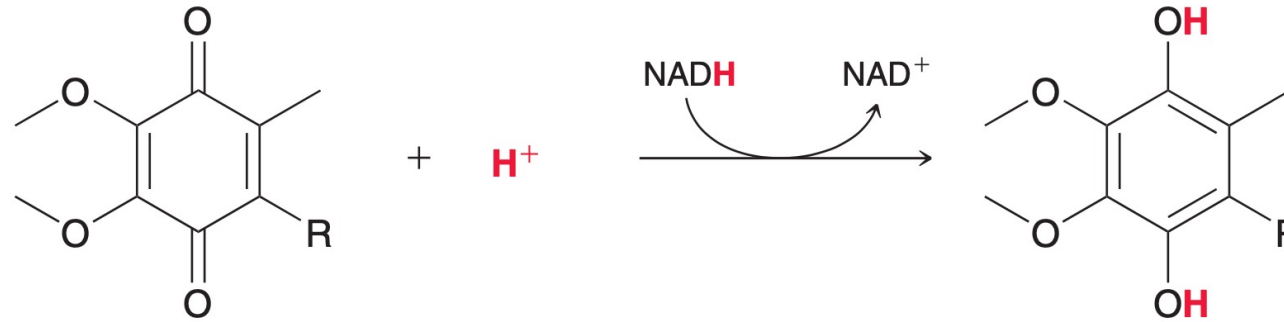


**Ubiquinones**

$n = 6-10$

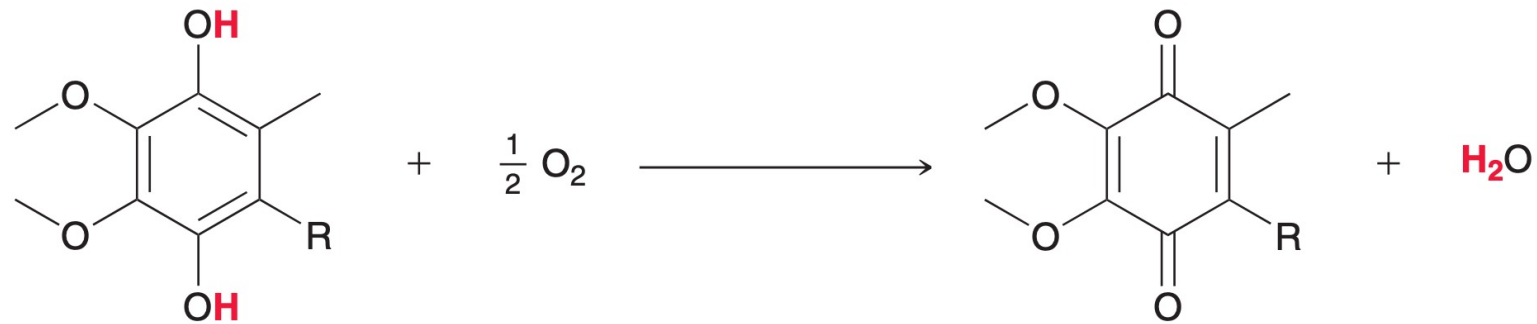
- Cellular respirations

Step 1:



Ubiquinone

Step 2:



Ubiquinone

Net reaction:

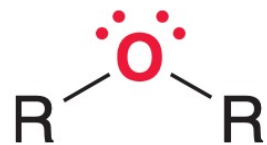


# Ethers

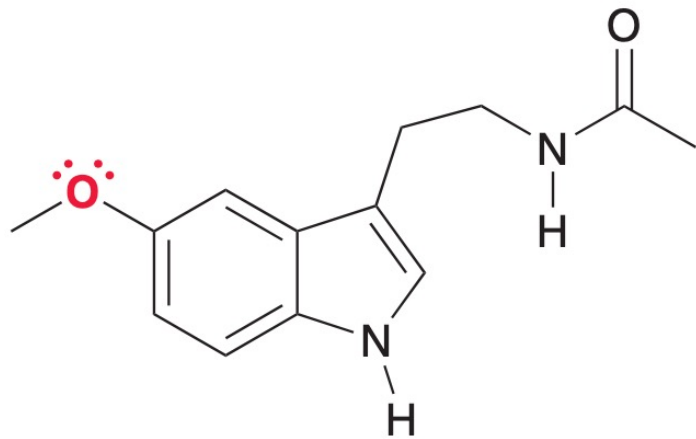
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Basic Physical & Chemical Properties, Preparations, Reactions

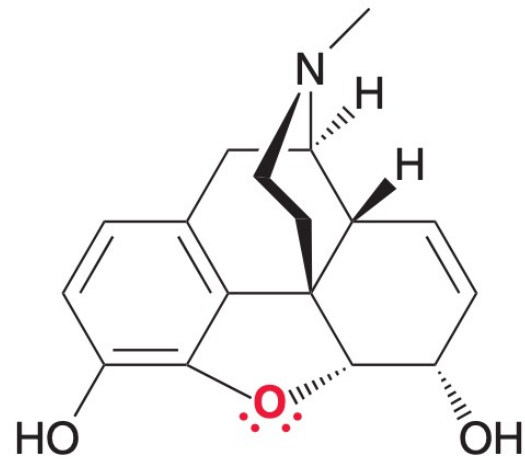
**Ethers** are compounds that exhibit an oxygen atom bonded to two R groups, where each R group can be an alkyl, aryl, or vinyl group:



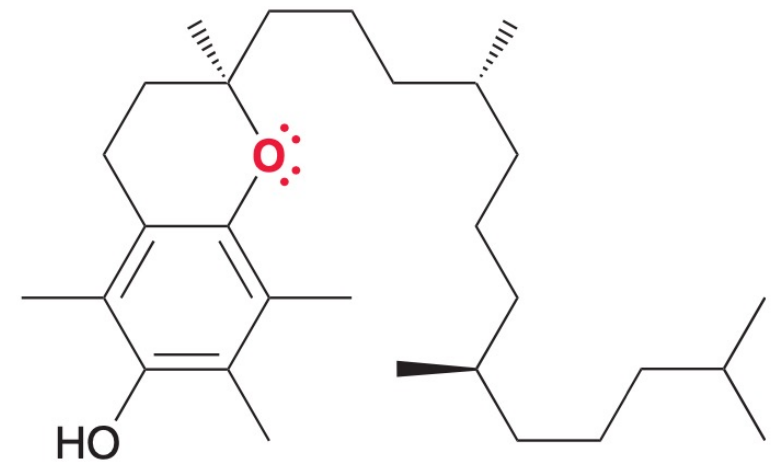
**An ether**



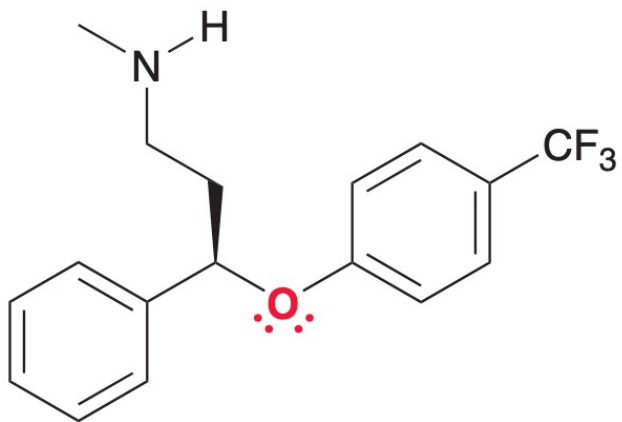
**Melatonin**  
A hormone that is believed to regulate the sleep cycle



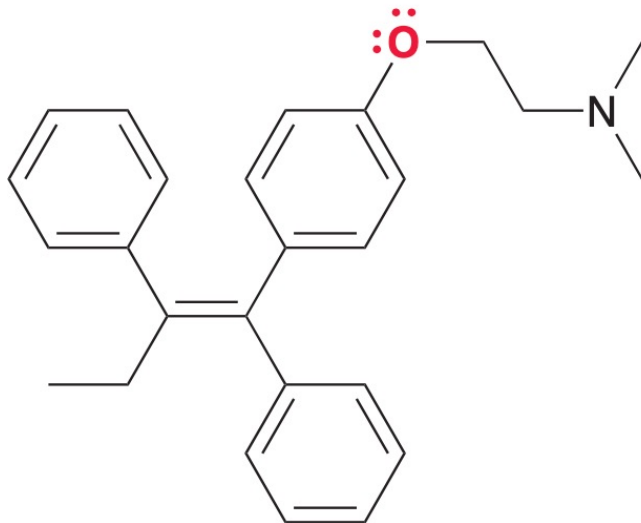
**Morphine**  
An opiate analgesic used to treat severe pain



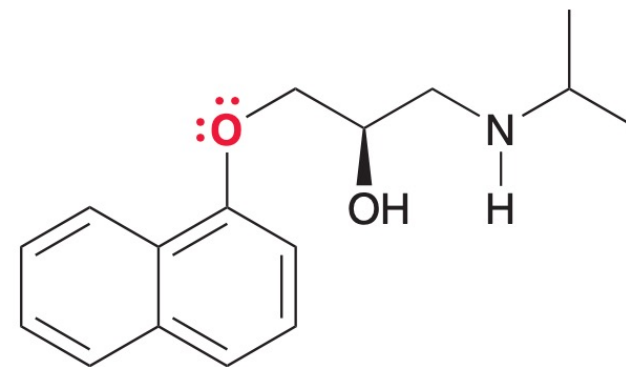
**Vitamin E**  
An antioxidant



**(R)-Fluoxetine**  
A powerful antidepressant  
sold under the trade name Prozac



**Tamoxifen**  
Inhibits the growth  
of some breast tumors

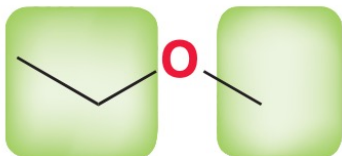


**Propranolol**  
Used in the treatment  
of high blood pressure



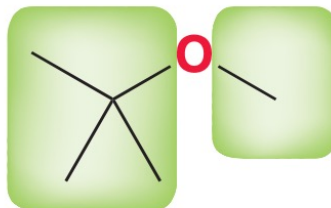
- Common nomenclature

ethyl    methyl



Ethyl methyl ether

*tert*-butyl    methyl



*tert*-Butyl methyl ether

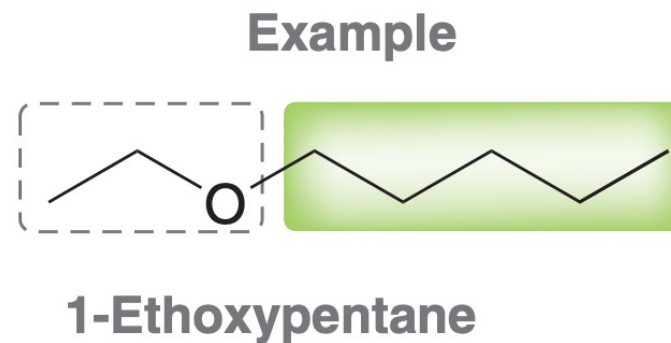
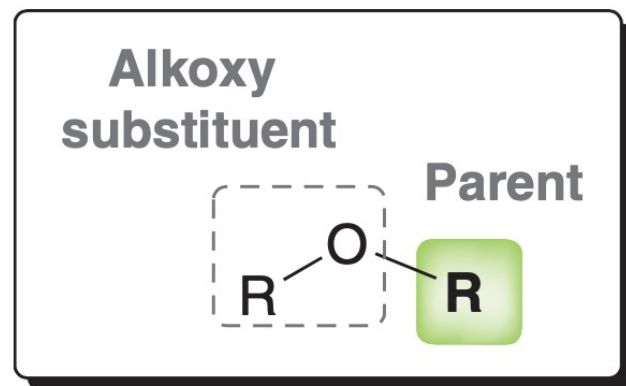
**unsymmetrical ether**



diethyl ether

**symmetrical ether**

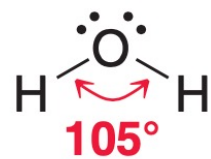
- Systematic nomenclature



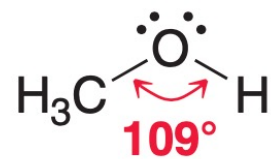
choose the larger part as the parent

the remaining part is the **alkoxy substituent**

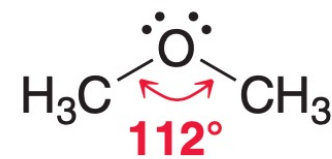
- Bond angle



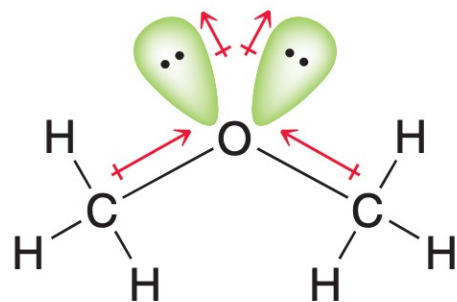
Water



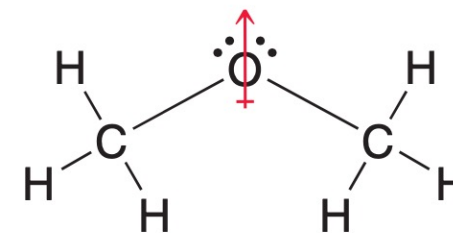
Methanol



Dimethyl ether

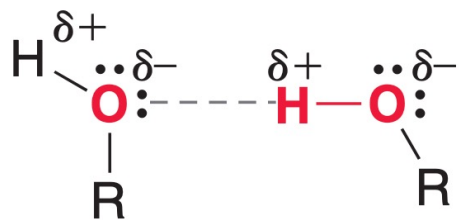


These individual dipole moments  
produce a net dipole moment



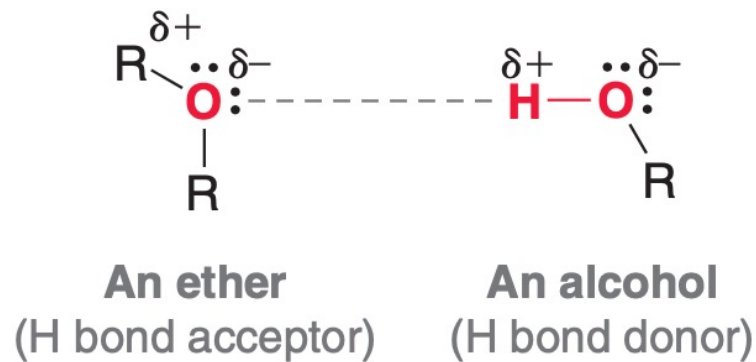
polar molecules

- Hydrogen bonding



hydrogen bonding  
between alcohols

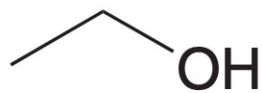
*ethers can only function as  
hydrogen bonding **acceptors!***



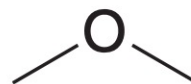
hydrogen bonding  
between ethers and alcohols

- B.P of ethers are lower than their *isomeric alcohols*

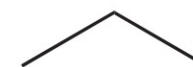
**Boiling point**



**Ethanol**  
**78°C**

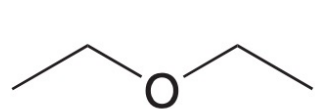


**Dimethyl ether**  
**-25°C**



**Propane**  
**-42°C**

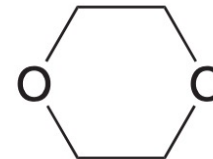
- Ethers as solvents



Diethyl ether



Tetrahydrofuran

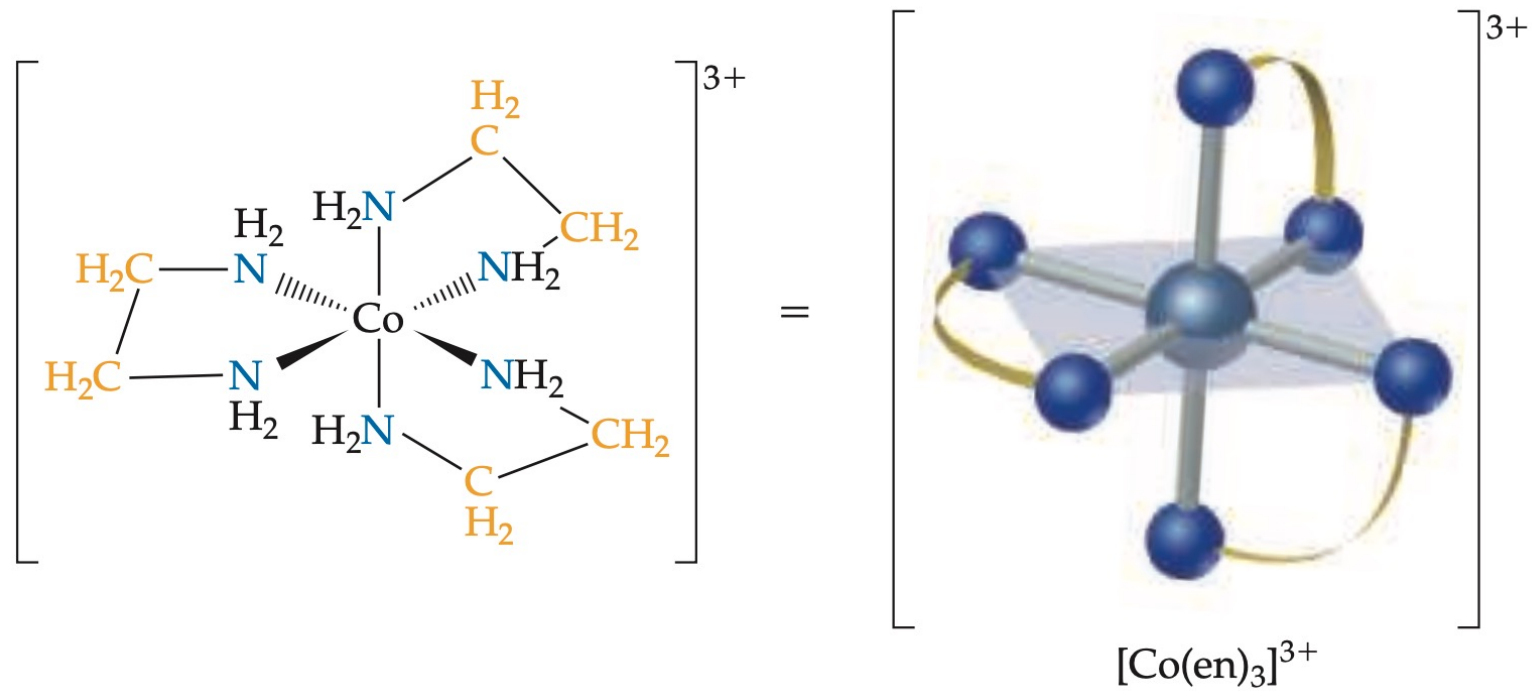


1,4-Dioxane

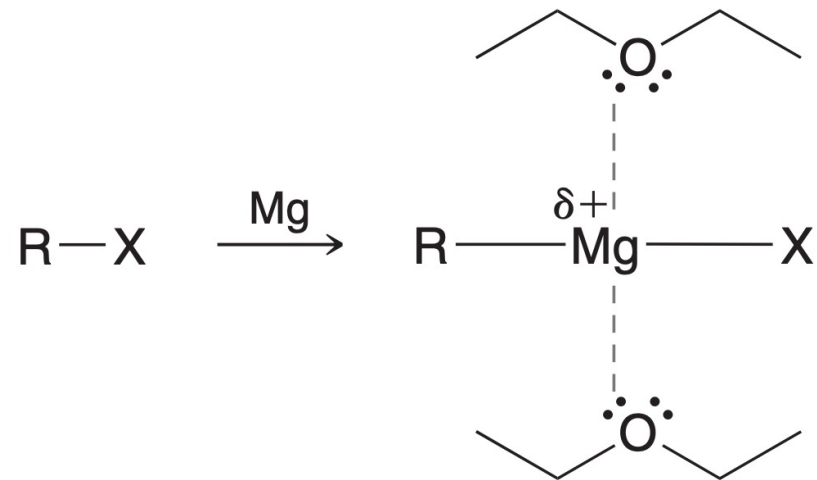
Ethers are good solvents because:

- fairly unreactive
- good dissolving ability
- low B.P

- Coordinate effect and coordinate bond



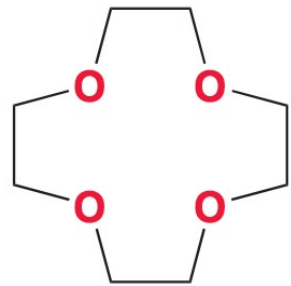
- Coordinate effect in solvation process



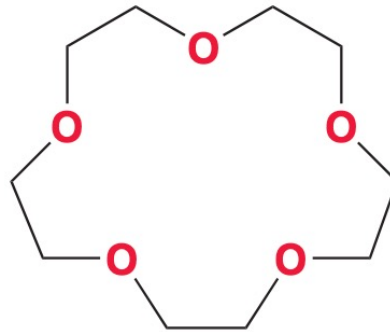
dimethyl ether is used as the solvent for Grignard reaction  
to stabilize the Mg atom



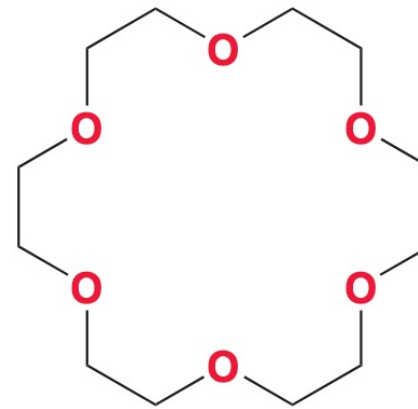
- Crown ethers



**12-Crown-4**

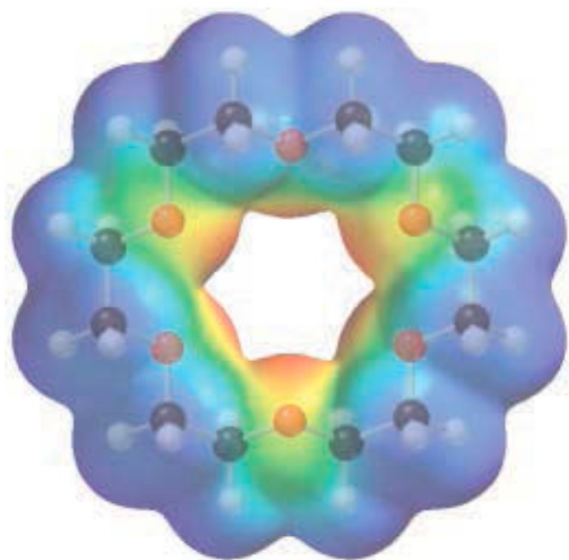


**15-Crown-5**

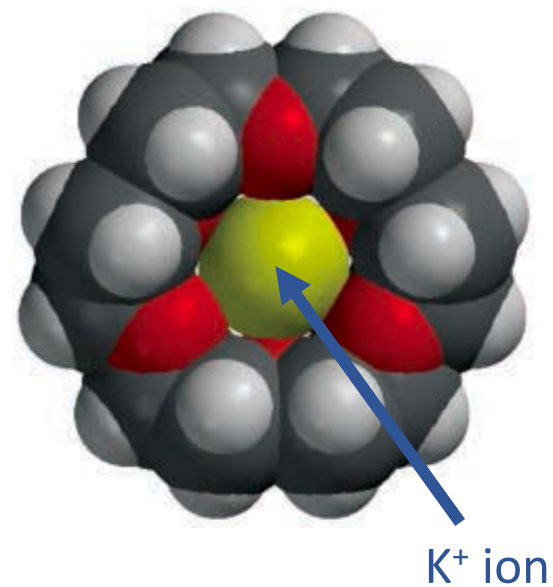


**18-Crown-6**

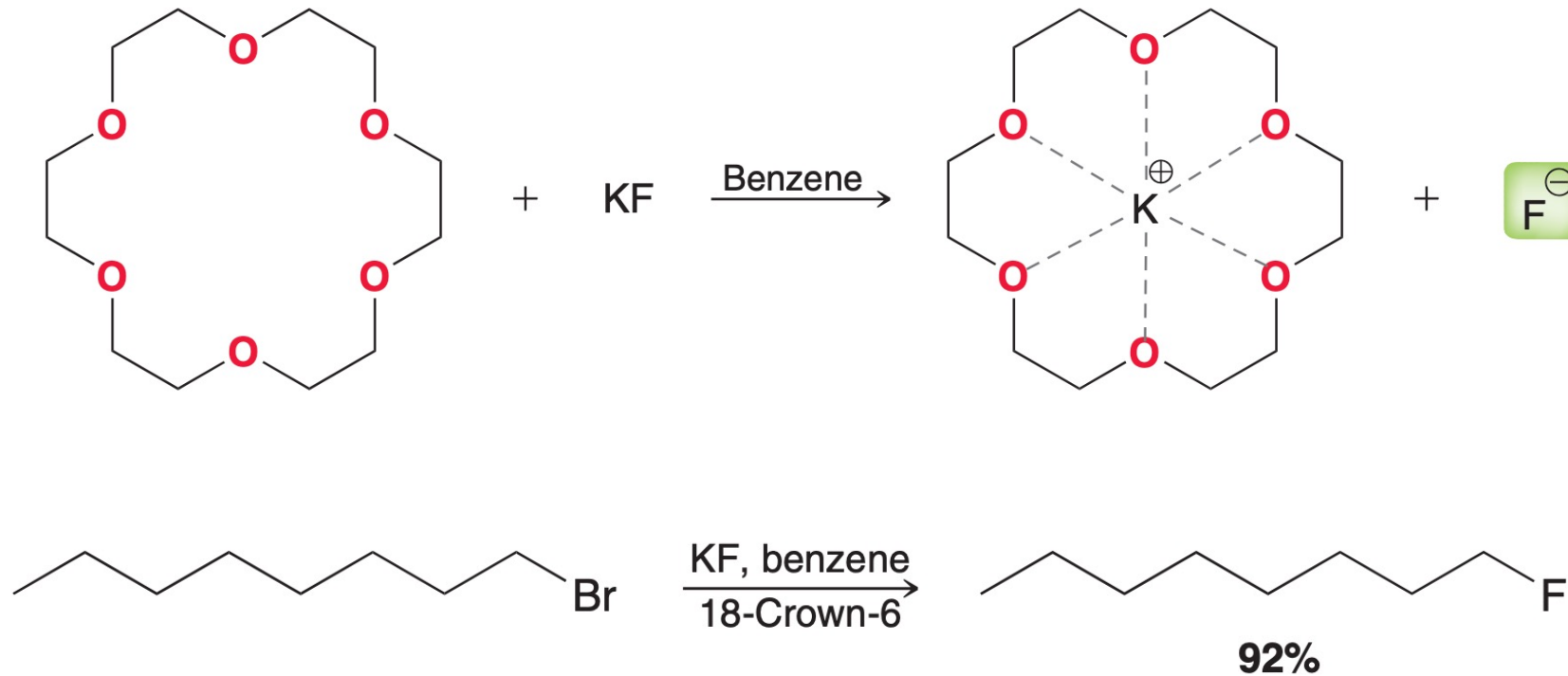
- “The natural container”



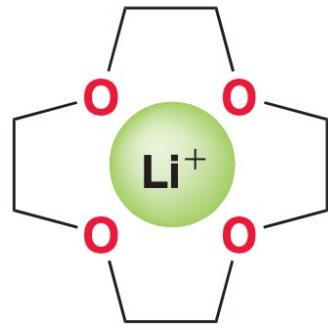
the electrostatic potential map  
of 18-crown-6



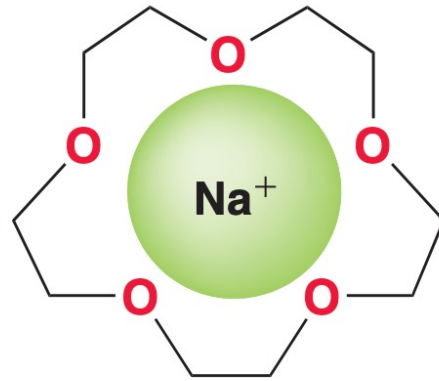
- $K^+$  ion can be coordinated at the center of 18-crown-6



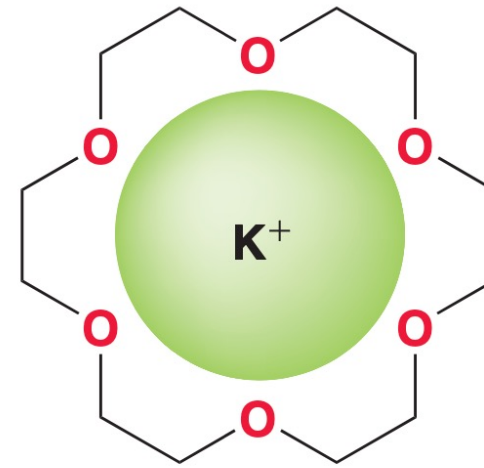
- Relative size comparison



**12-Crown-4**  
**Solvates Li<sup>+</sup>**

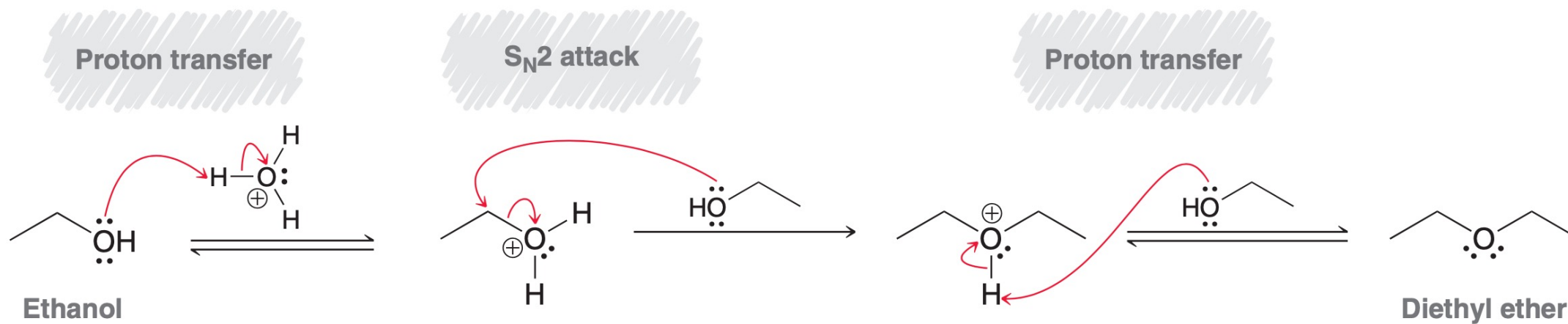


**15-Crown-5**  
**Solvates Na<sup>+</sup>**



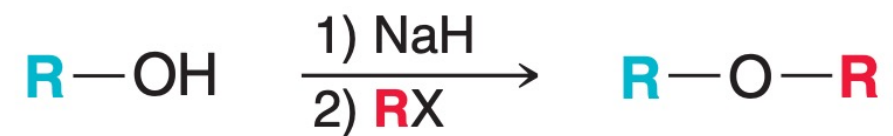
**18-Crown-6**  
**Solvates K<sup>+</sup>**

- Industrial preparation of Et<sub>2</sub>O

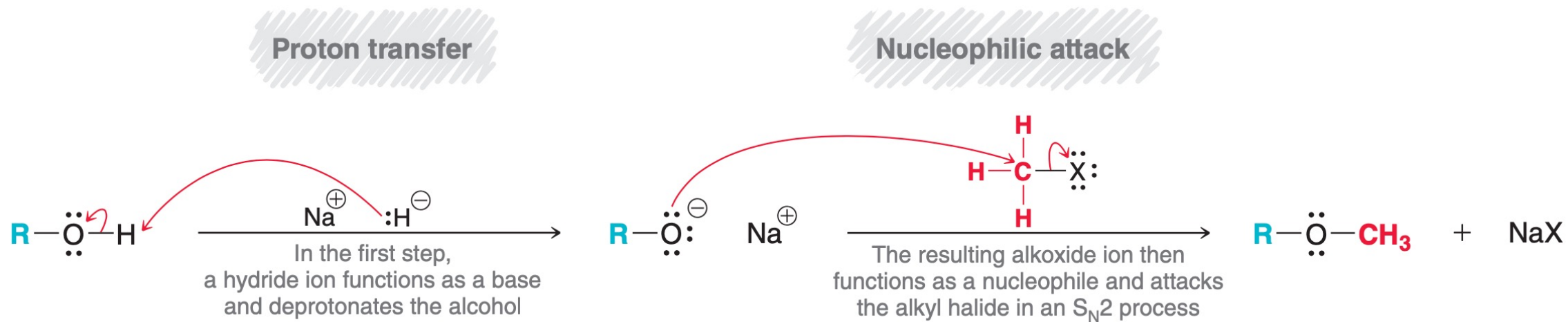


an S<sub>N</sub>2 process

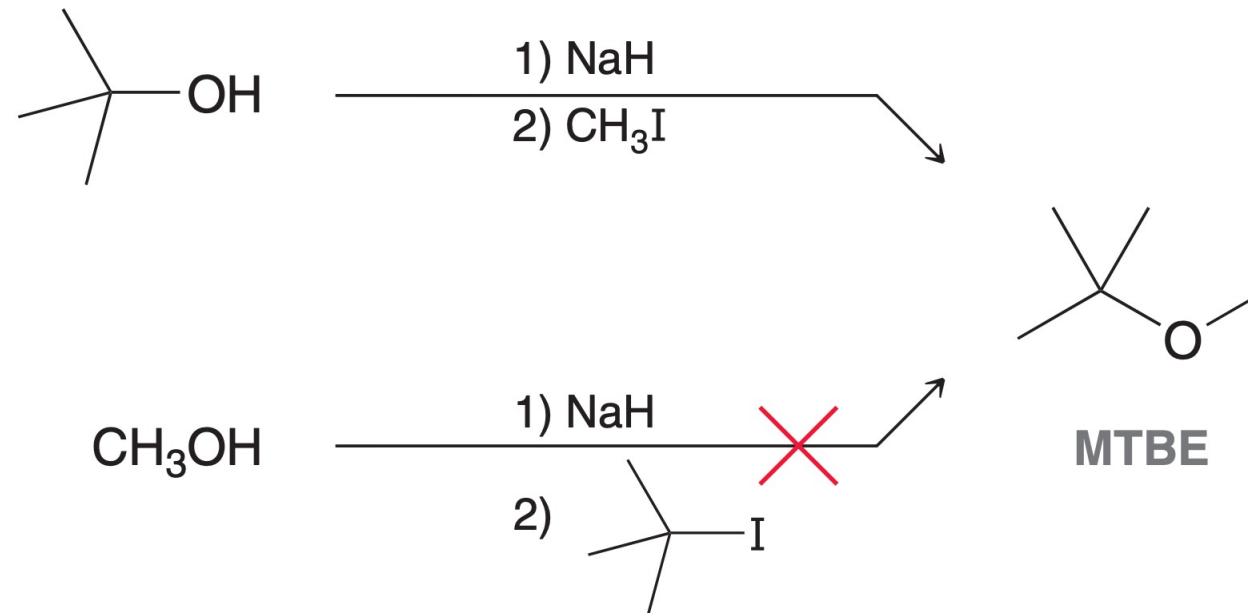
- Williamson Ether Synthesis



- Mechanism: the Williamson Ether Synthesis**

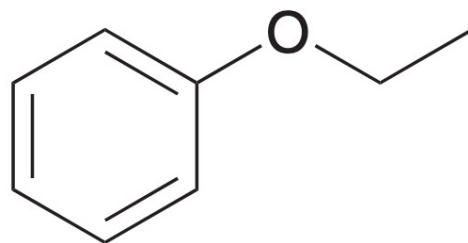


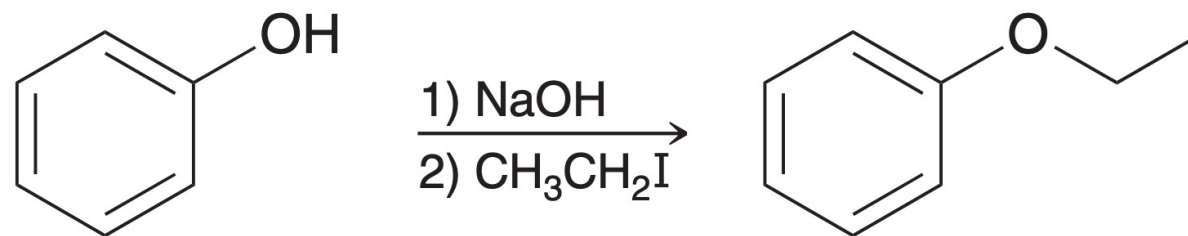
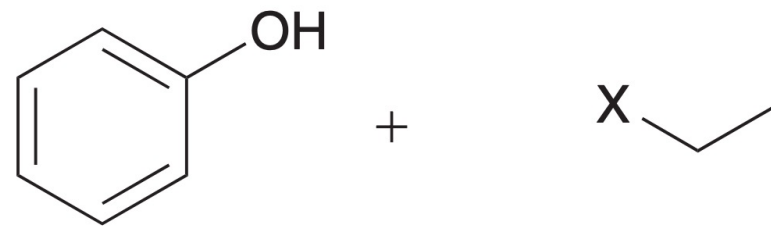
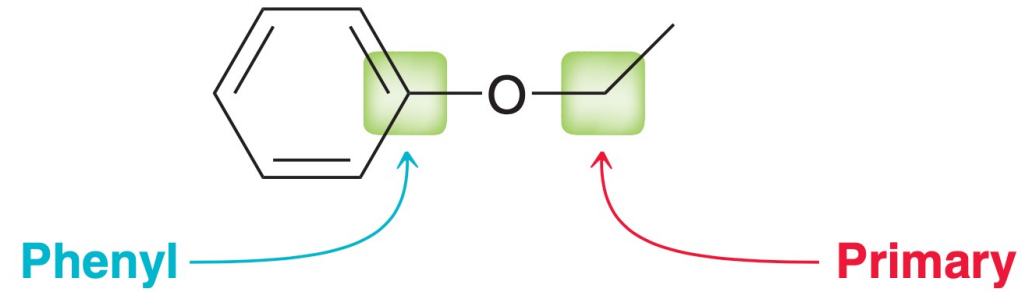
- Tertiary substrate is not applicable!



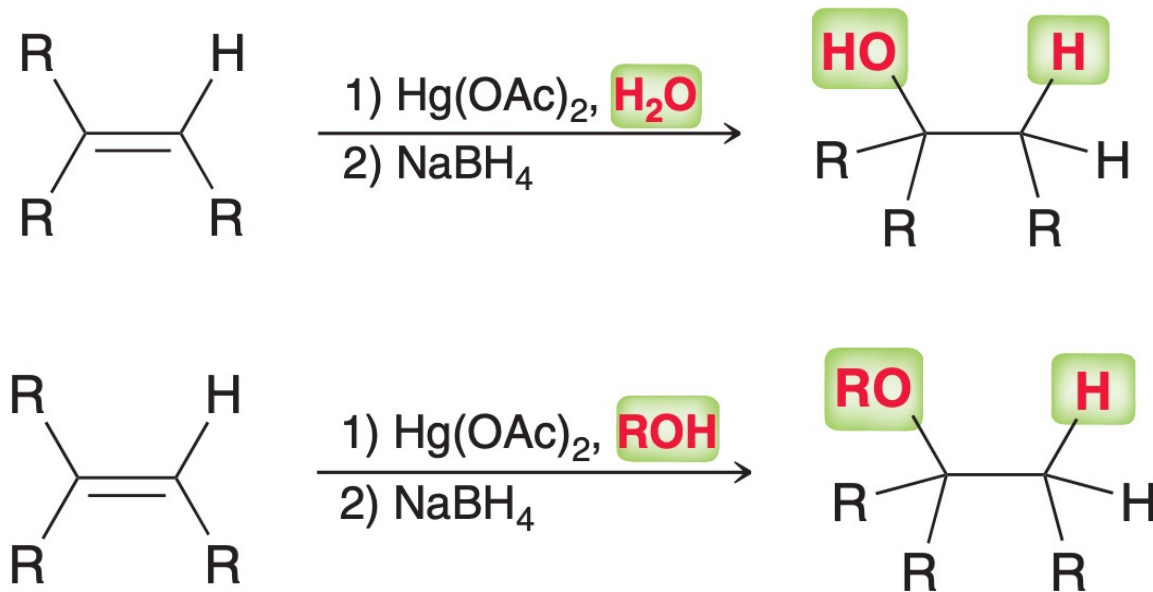


- Practice: show reagents that you could use to prepare the following ether via a Williamson ether synthesis:





- Alkoxymercuration-demercuration

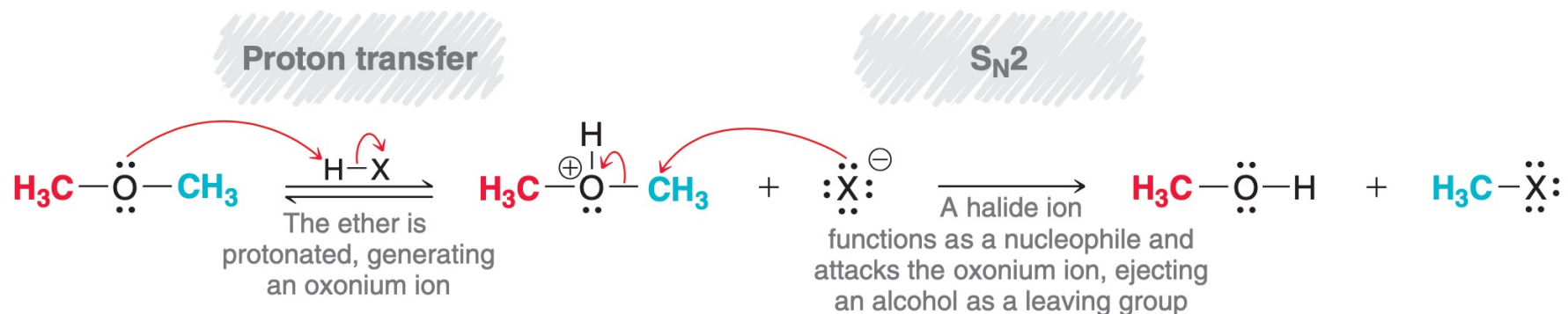


- Acidic cleavage

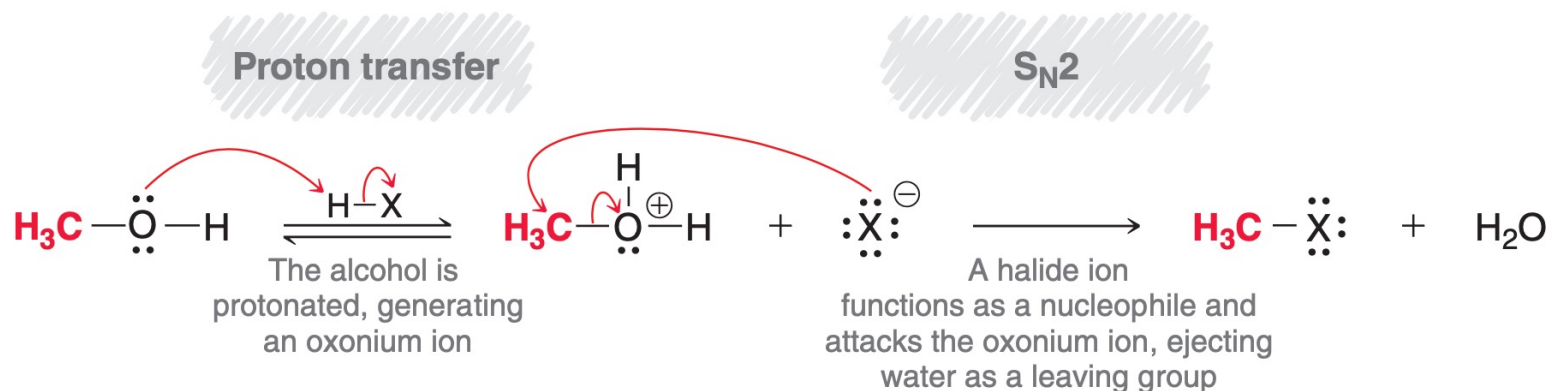


## • Mechanism: Acidic Cleavage of An Ether

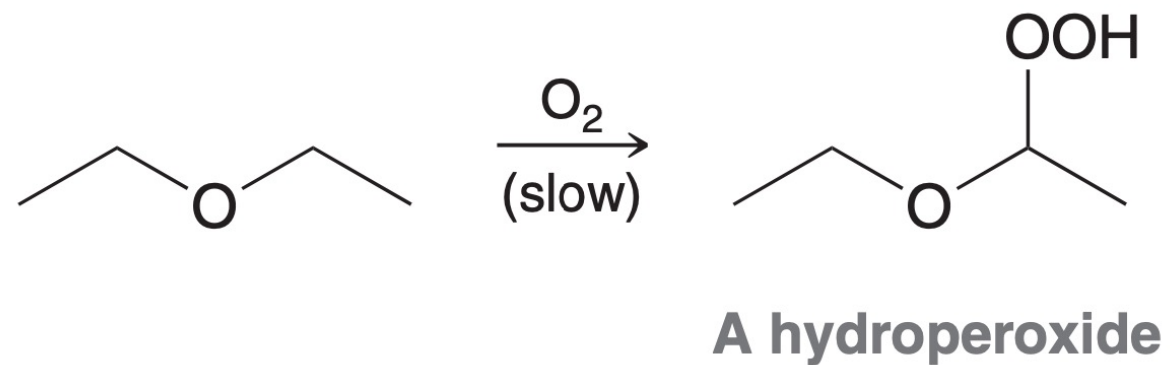
### FORMATION OF FIRST ALKYL HALIDE



### FORMATION OF SECOND ALKYL HALIDE



- Autooxidation



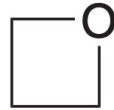
this is a free-radical reaction

we will talk about the mechanism later...

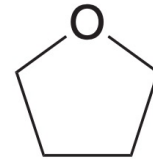
- Epoxides – cyclic ethers



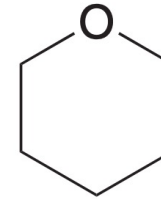
**Oxirane**  
ring system



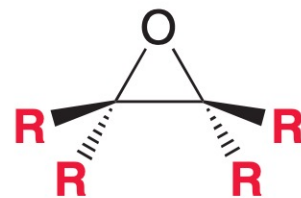
**Oxetane**  
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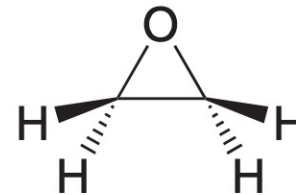
**Oxolane**  
ring system



**Oxane**  
ring system

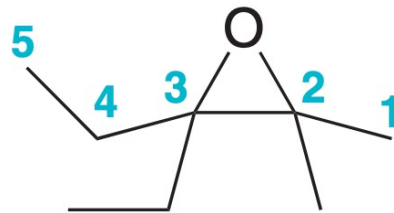


**A substituted oxirane**  
(an epoxide)



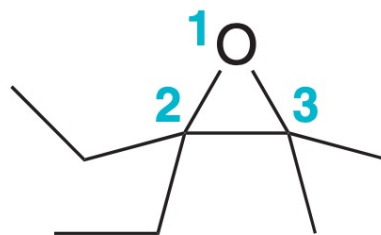
**Ethylene oxide**  
(the simplest epoxide)

- O as a substituent



3-Ethyl-2-methyl-**2,3-epoxy**pentane

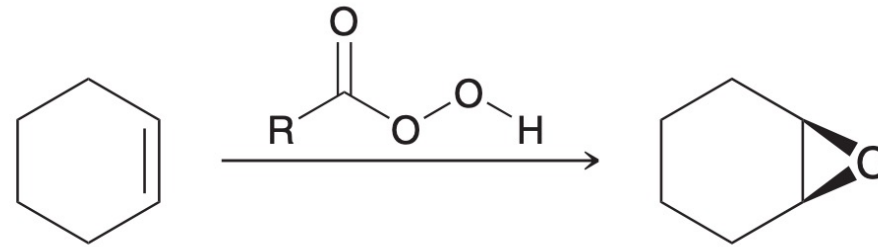
- Oxirane as the parent



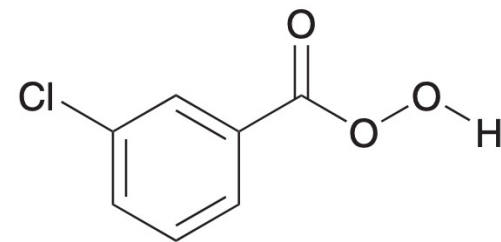
2,2-Diethyl-3,3-dimethyl**oxirane**



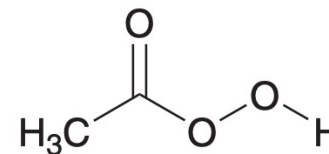
- Preparation with peroxy acids



commonly used peroxy acids:

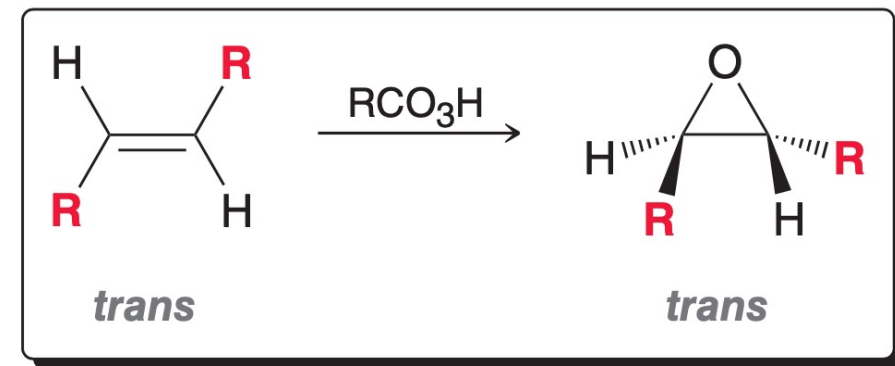
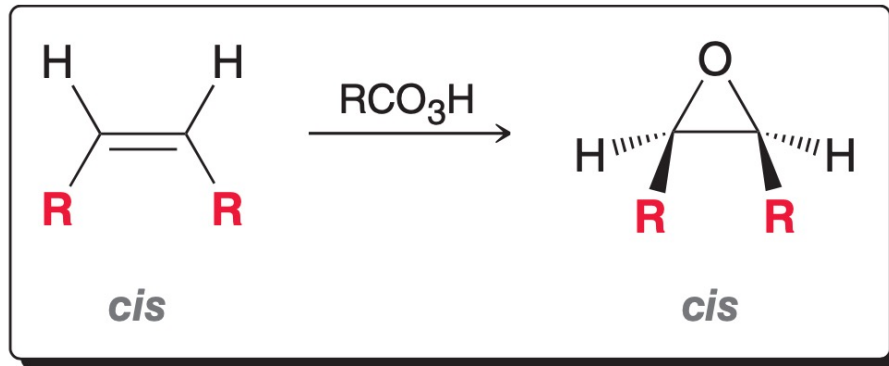


*meta*-Chloroperoxybenzoic acid  
(MCPBA)



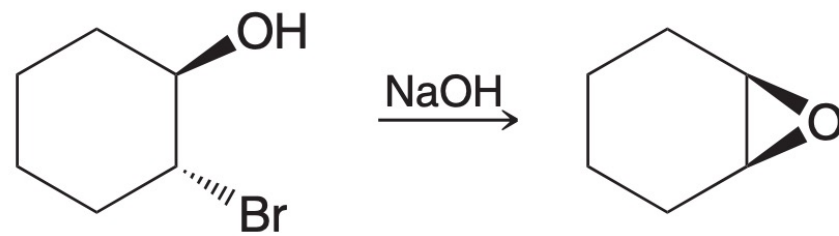
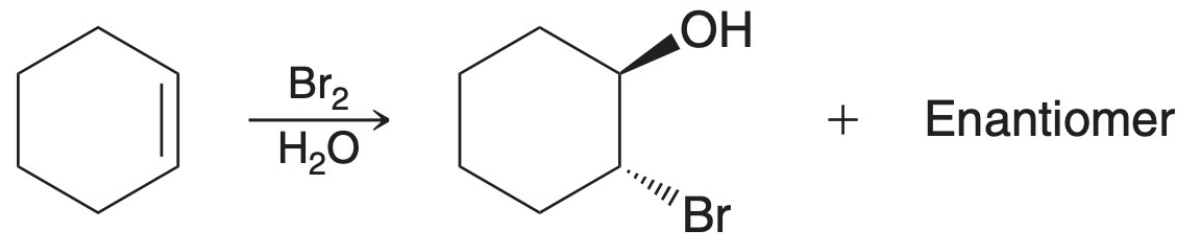
Peroxyacetic acid

- Stereospecificity considerations

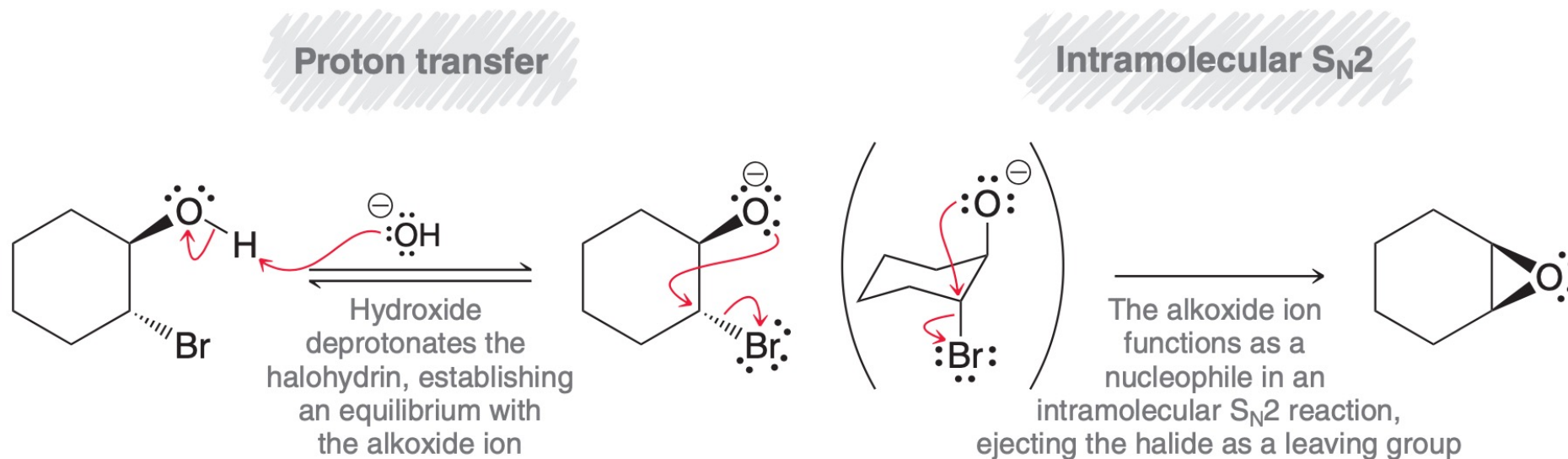


retention of configuration

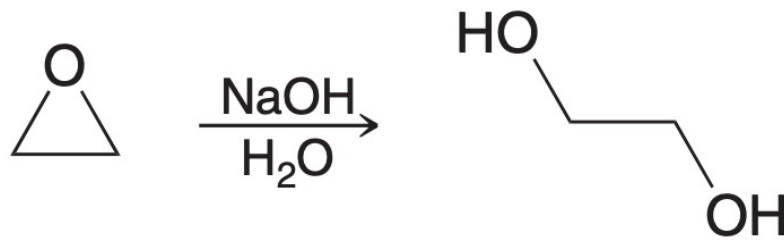
- Preparation from halohydrins



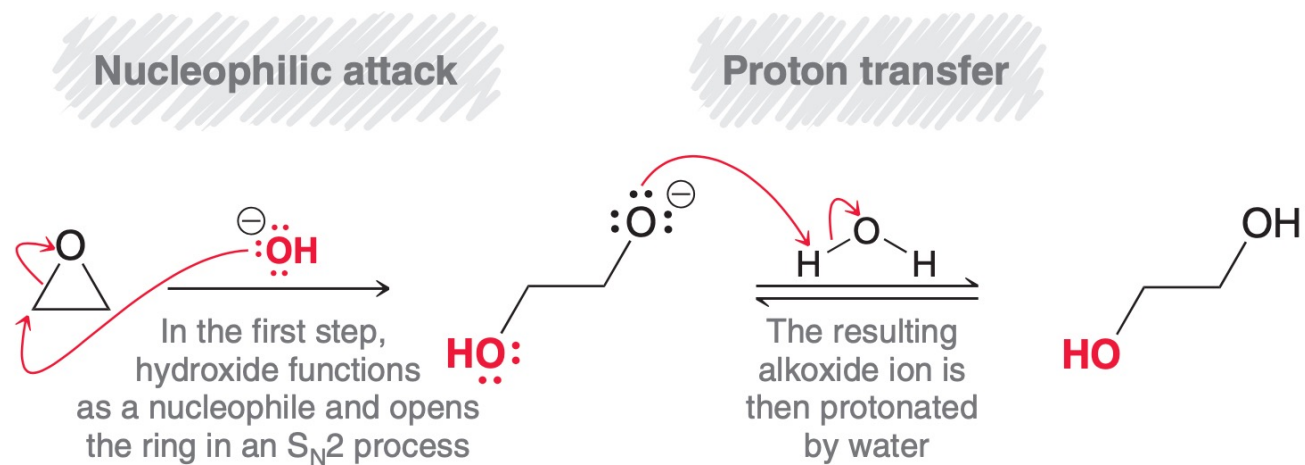
- **Mechanism: Epoxide Formation from Halohydrins**



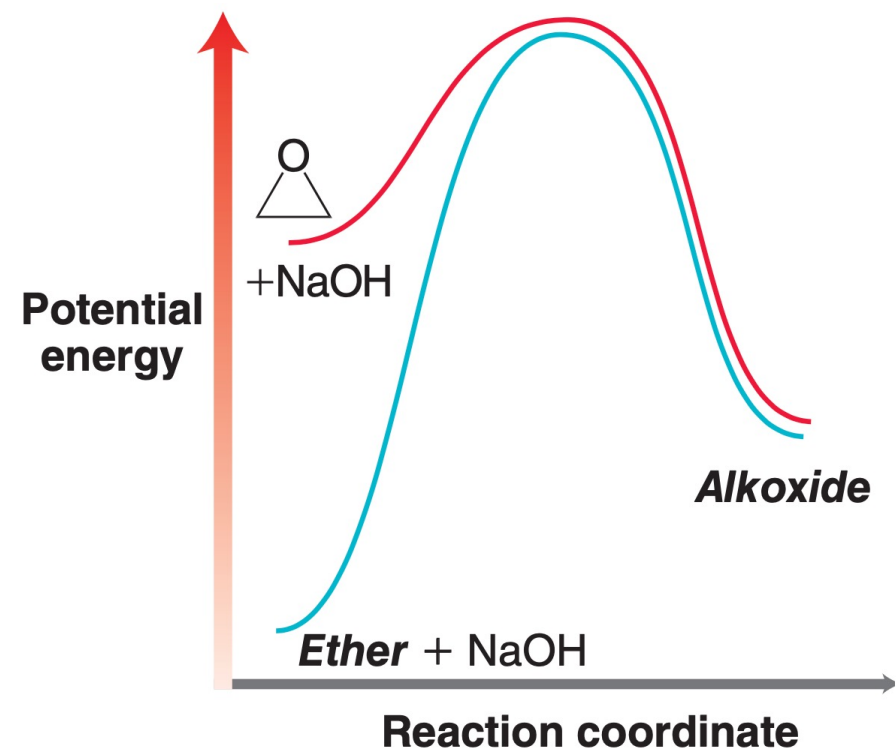
- Reactions of Epoxides with Strong Nucleophiles



- Mechanism: Epoxide Ring Opening with a Strong Nucleophile

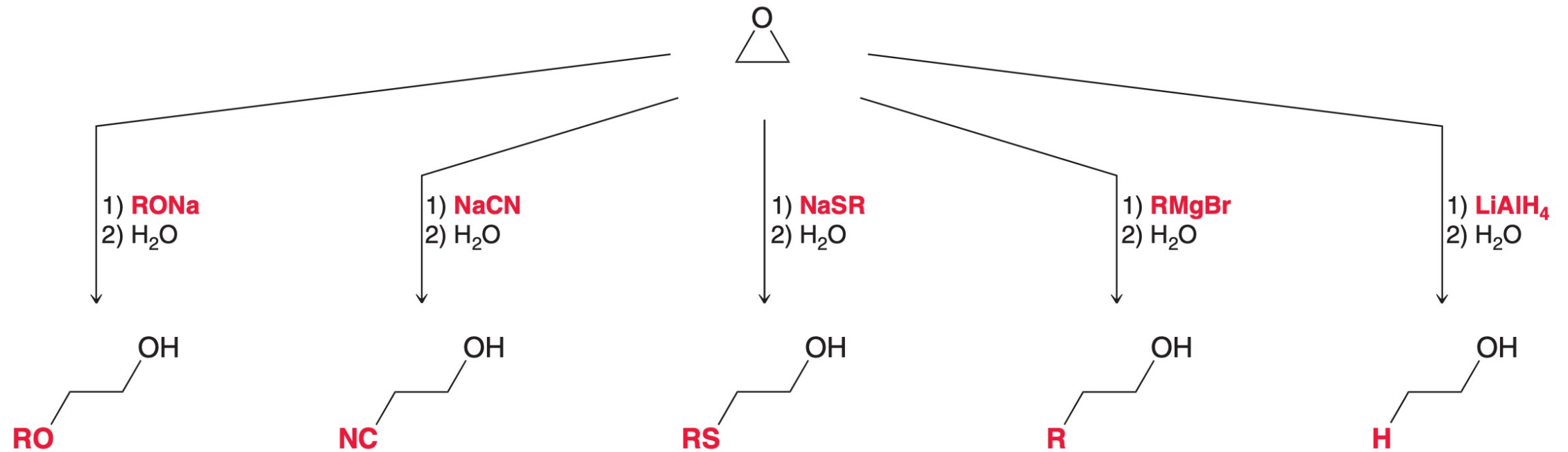


- Why alkoxide can function as a good LG?



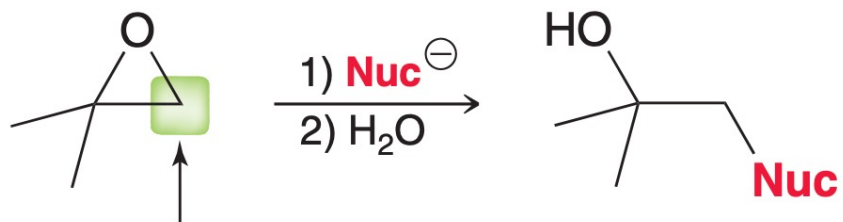
ring strain causes an extremely high energy

- Typical reagents



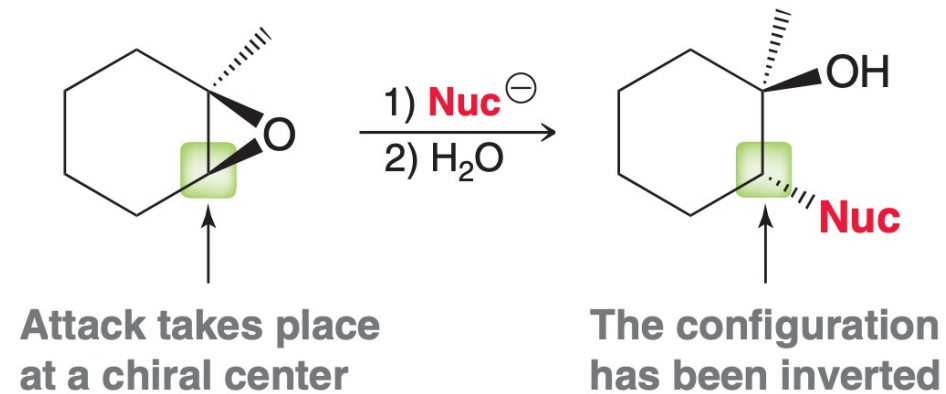


- **Regiochemical outcome:** attacks at the less substituted (less hindered) position

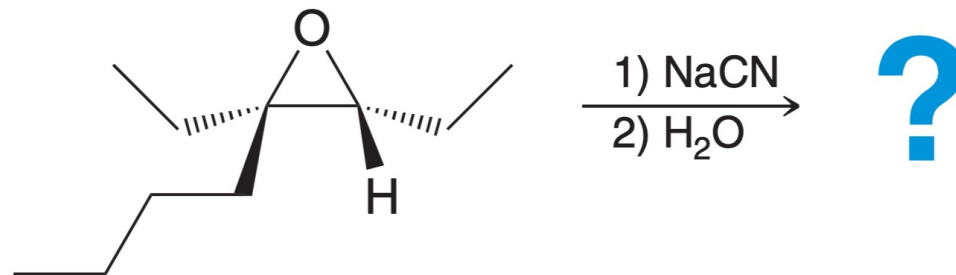


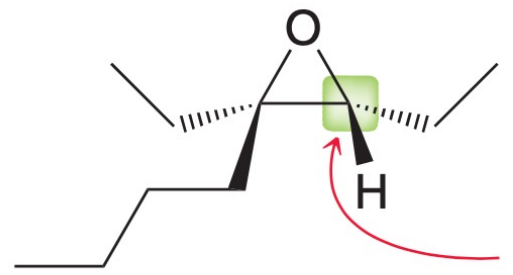
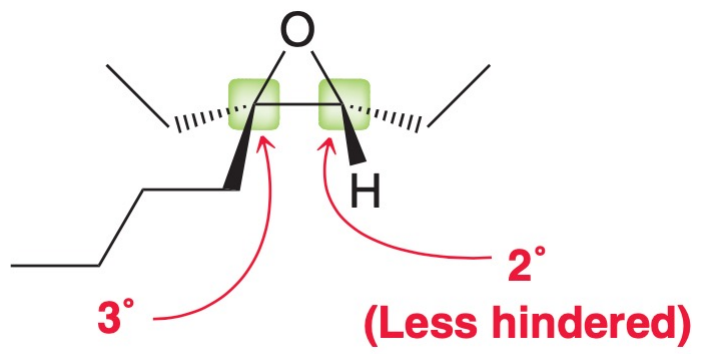
This position is less hindered,  
so the nucleophile attacks here

- Stereochemical outcome: inversion of configuration ( $S_N2$ )



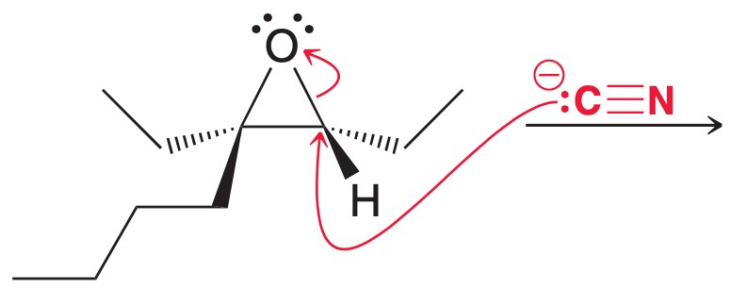
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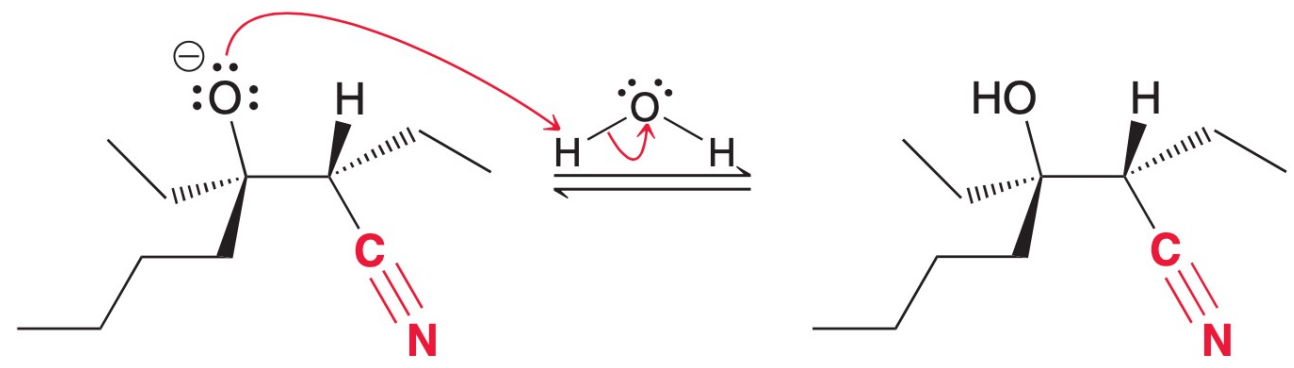


**This chiral center will be inverted**

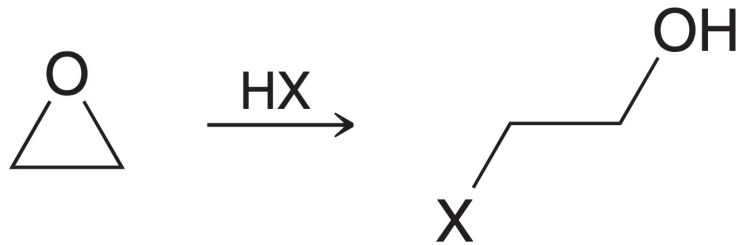
**Nucleophilic attack**



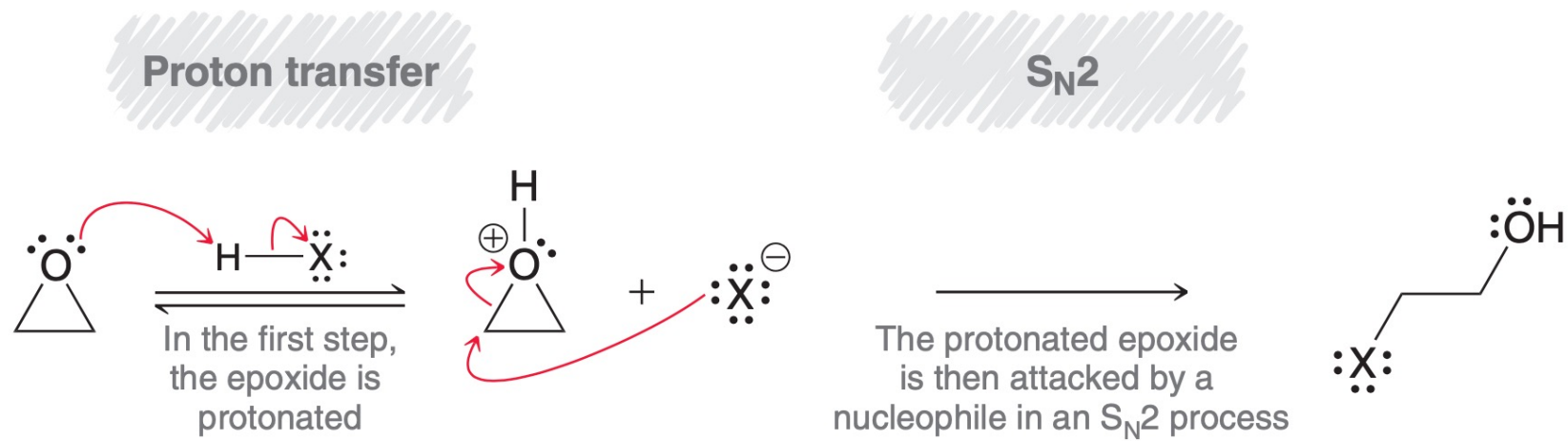
**Proton transfer**



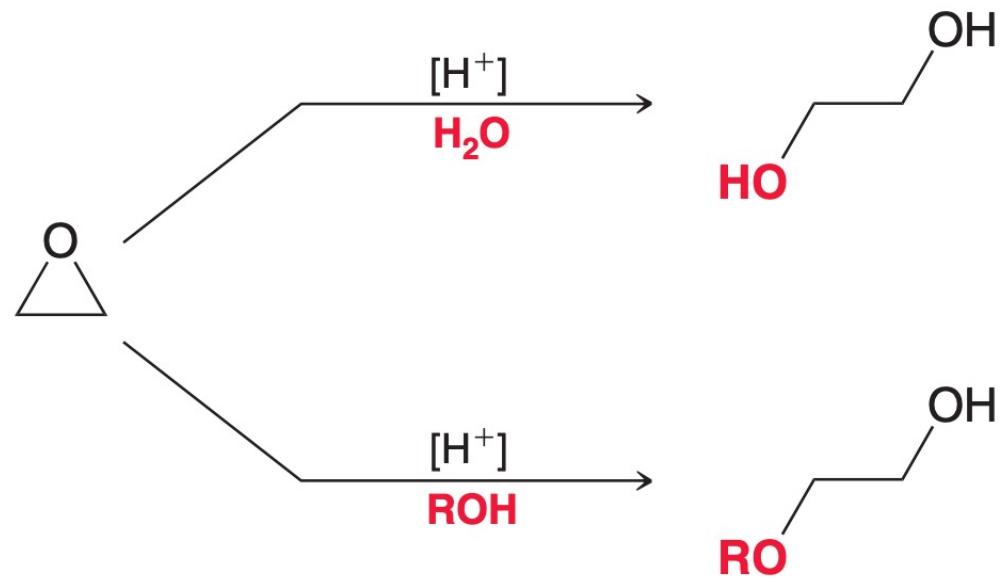
- Acid-catalyzed ring opening



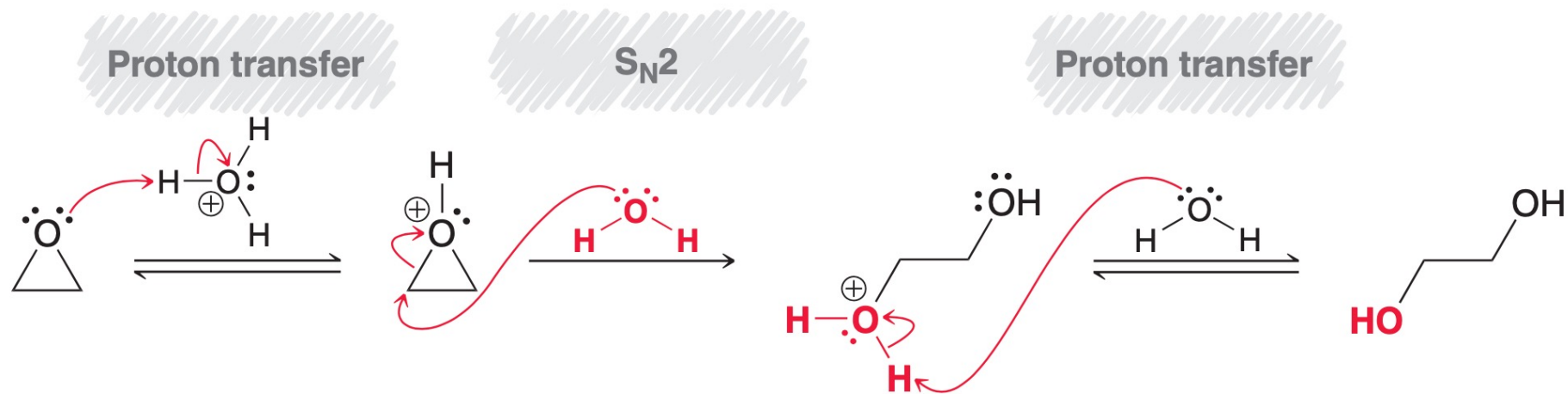
• Mechanism: Acid-Catalyzed Ring Opening of an Epoxide



- Using water or alcohol as nucleophiles

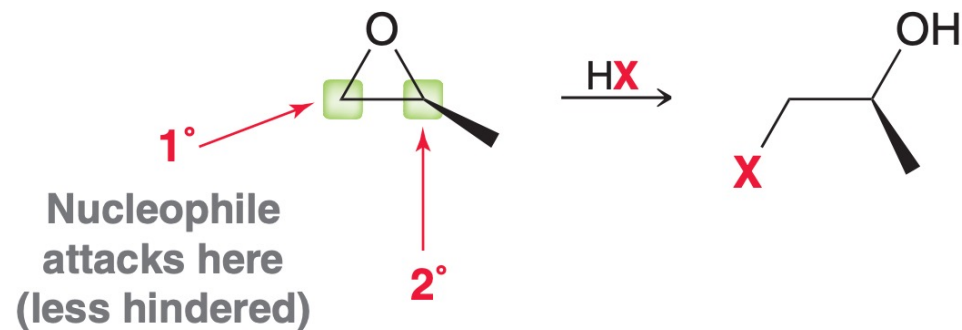


- Proton transfer is needed when a neutral nucleophile is used

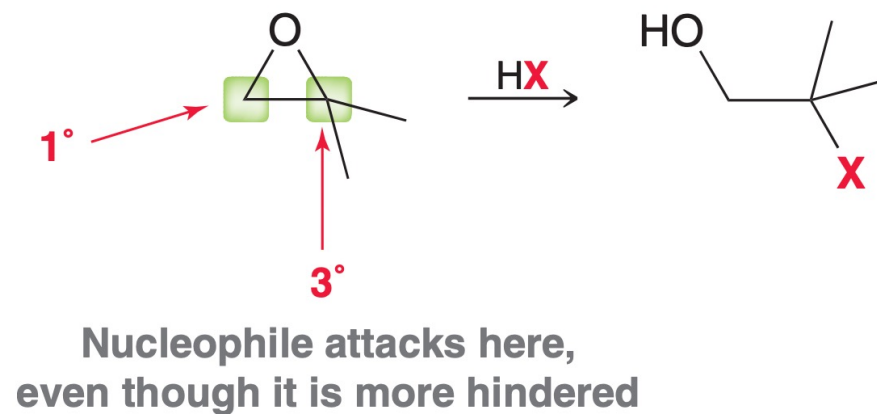




- Regiochemical outcome

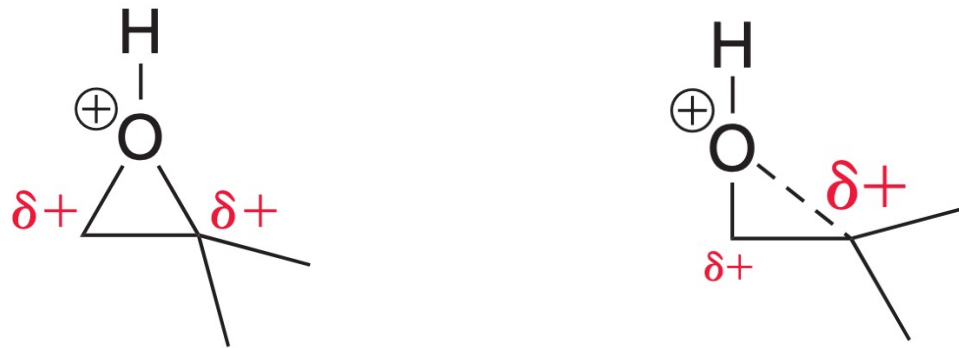


that looks all right...



...but why this???

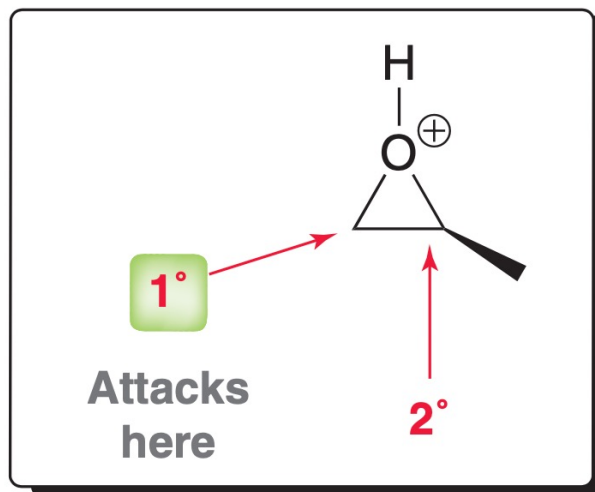
- Tertiary carbon: *electronic effect*



the more substituted carbon has significant carbocationic character  
 $sp^2$ -hybridized-likely, geometry somewhere between tetrahedral & trigonal planar  
 also, a more stable transition state

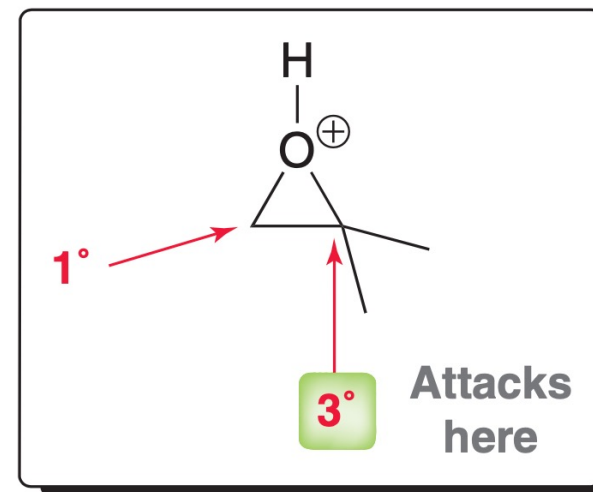
- Summary of regiochemistry

Primary vs. secondary



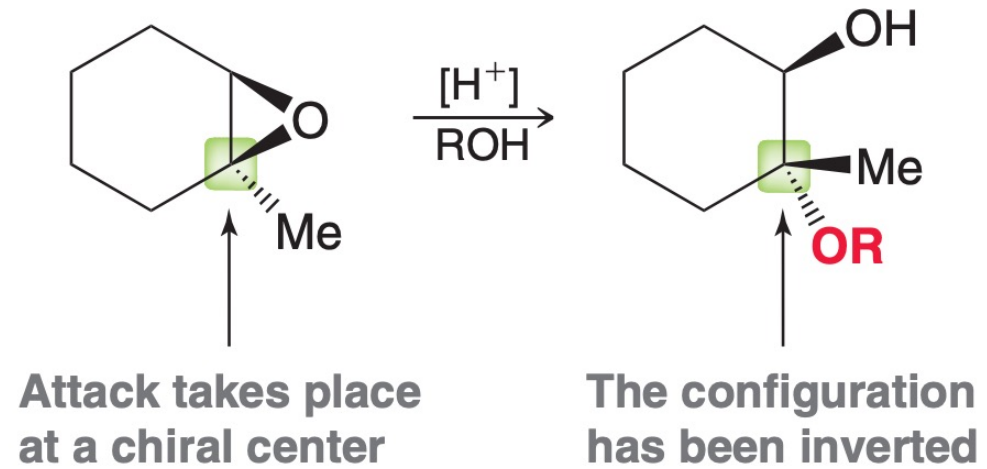
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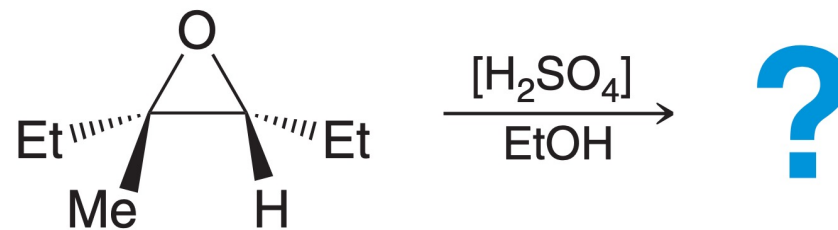


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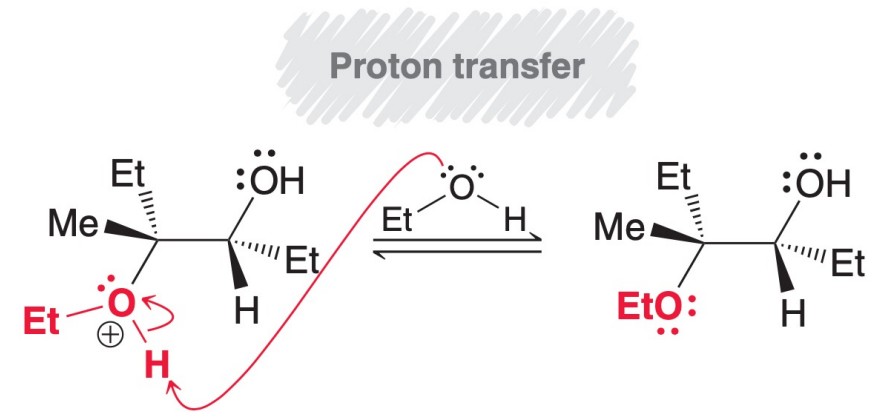
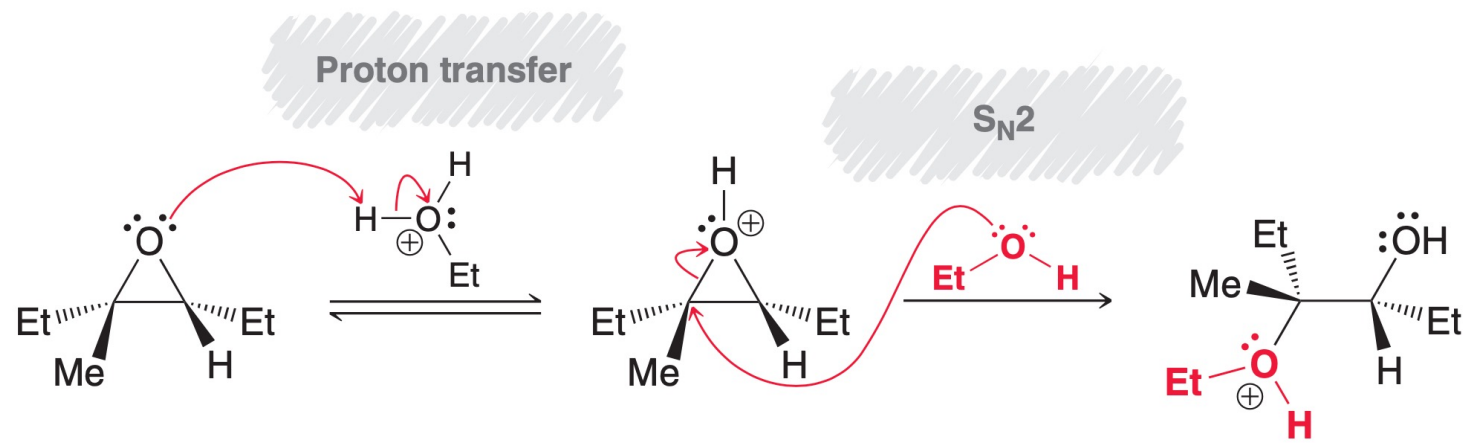
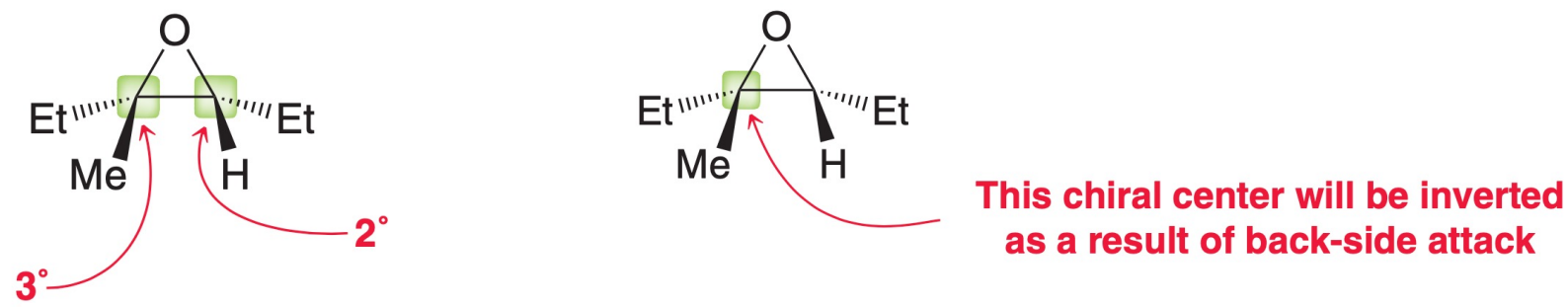
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# Ring-Opening Reactions

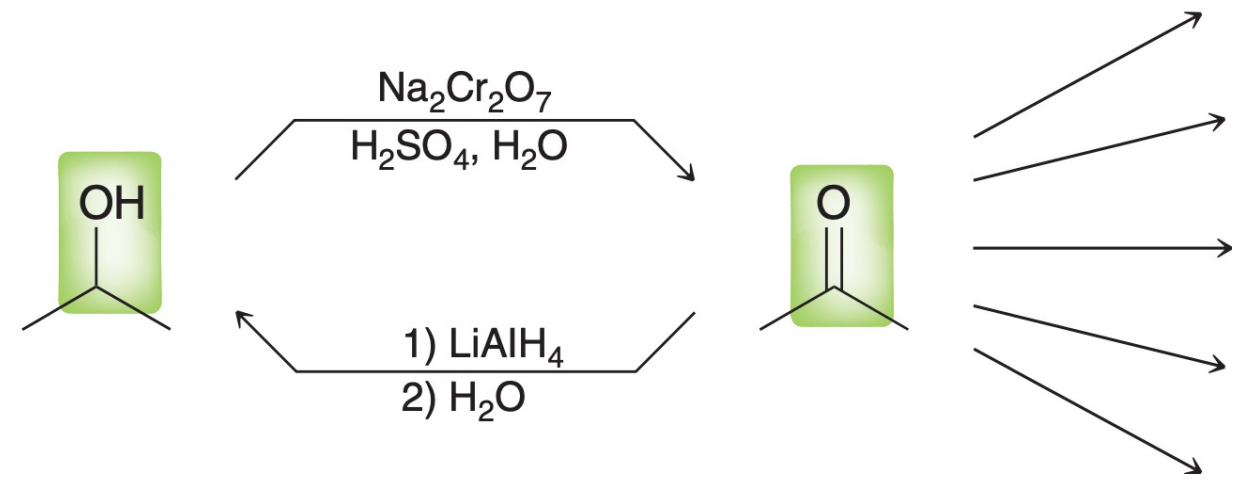


# Synthesis Strategies

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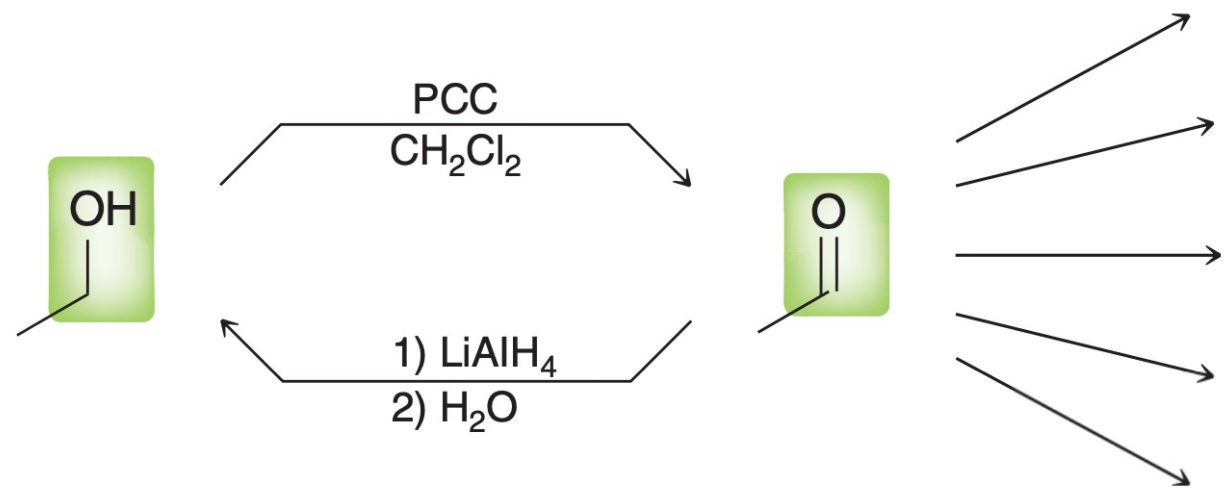
Functional Group Interconversion, Grignard Reagents: C-C Bond Formation

- Secondary alcohol-ketone interconversions

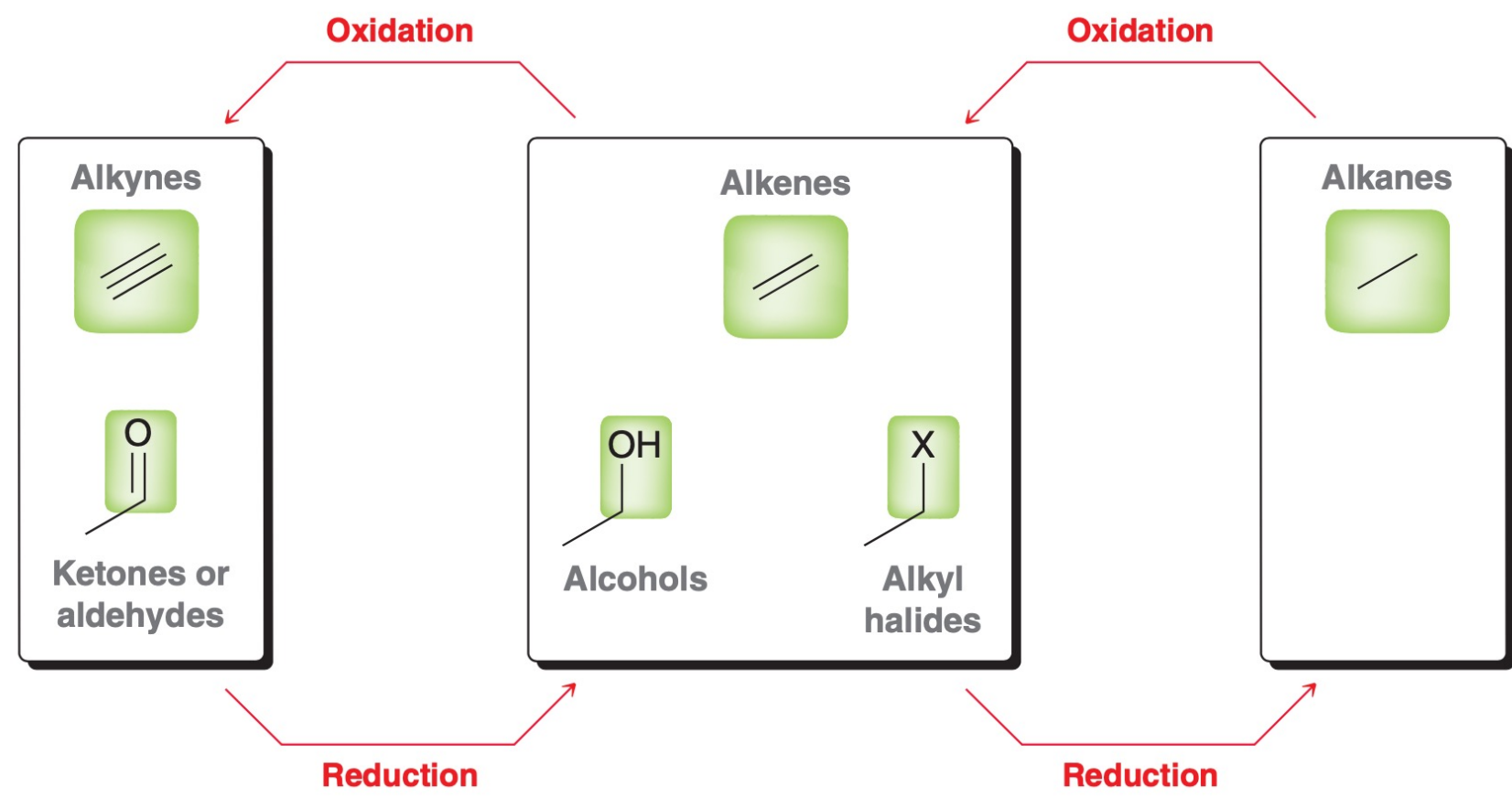




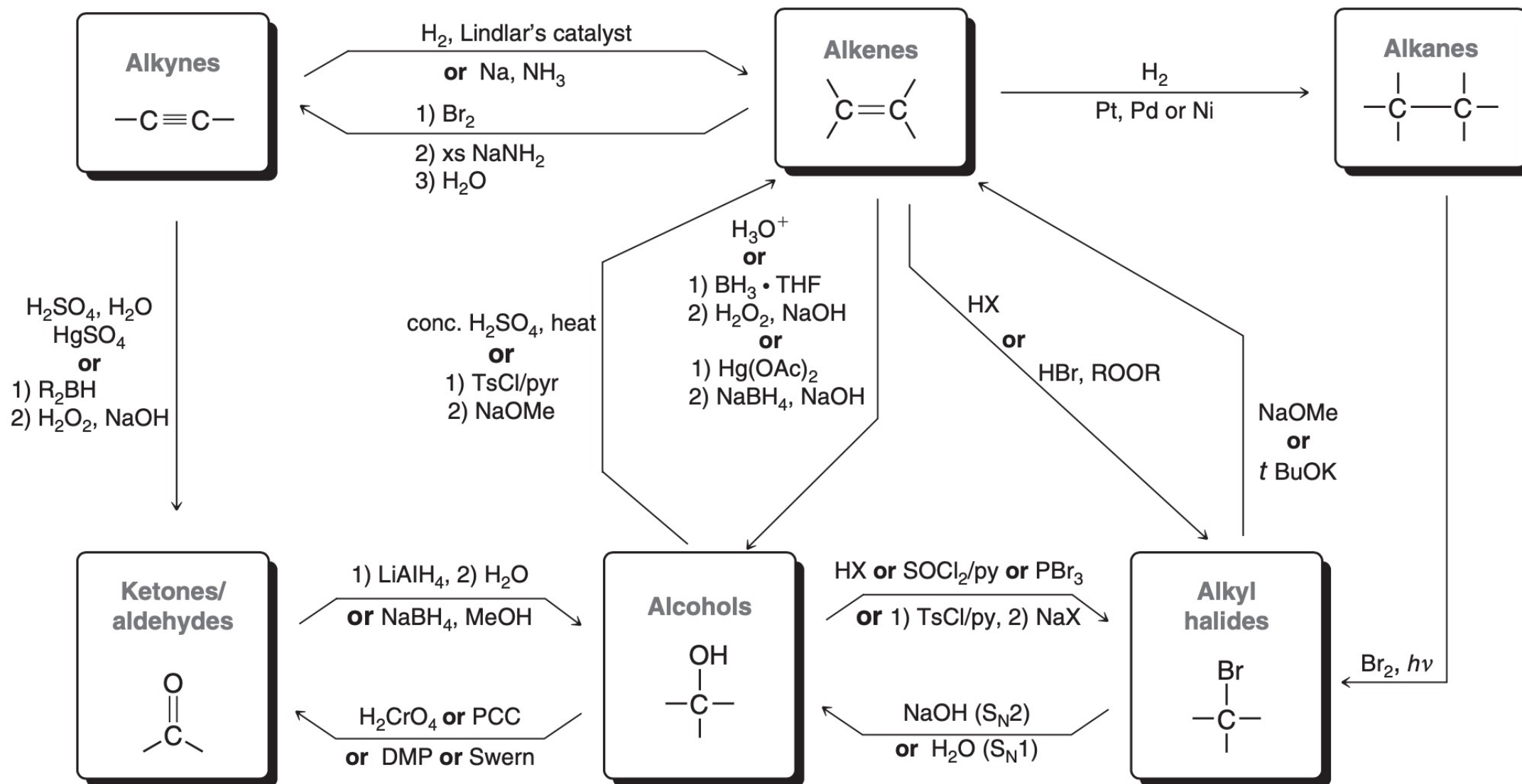
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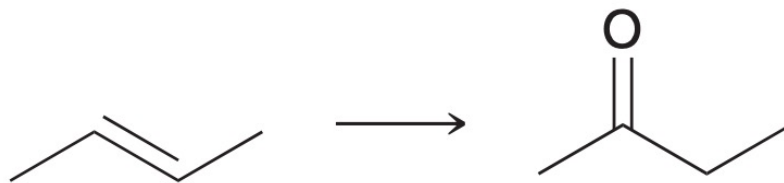
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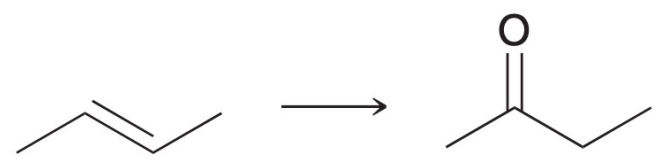
# Functional Group Interconversion



- Practice: propose an efficient synthesis for the following transformation:

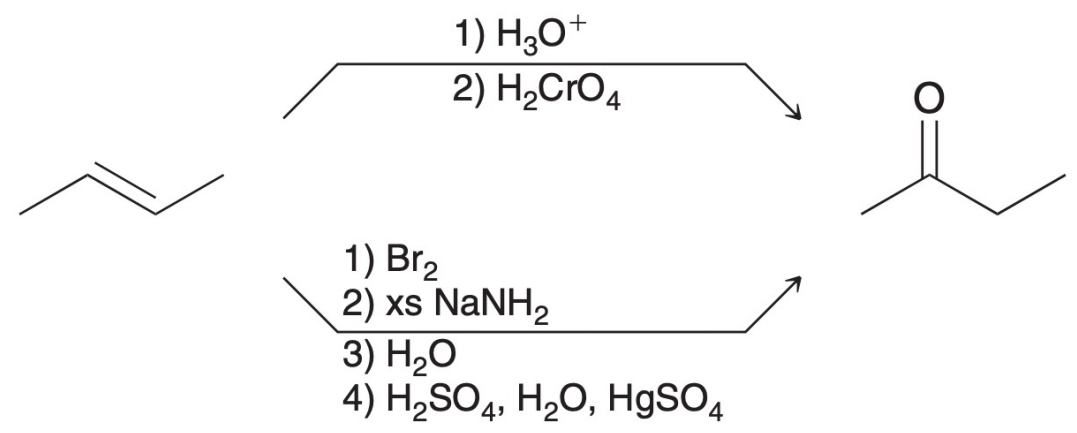
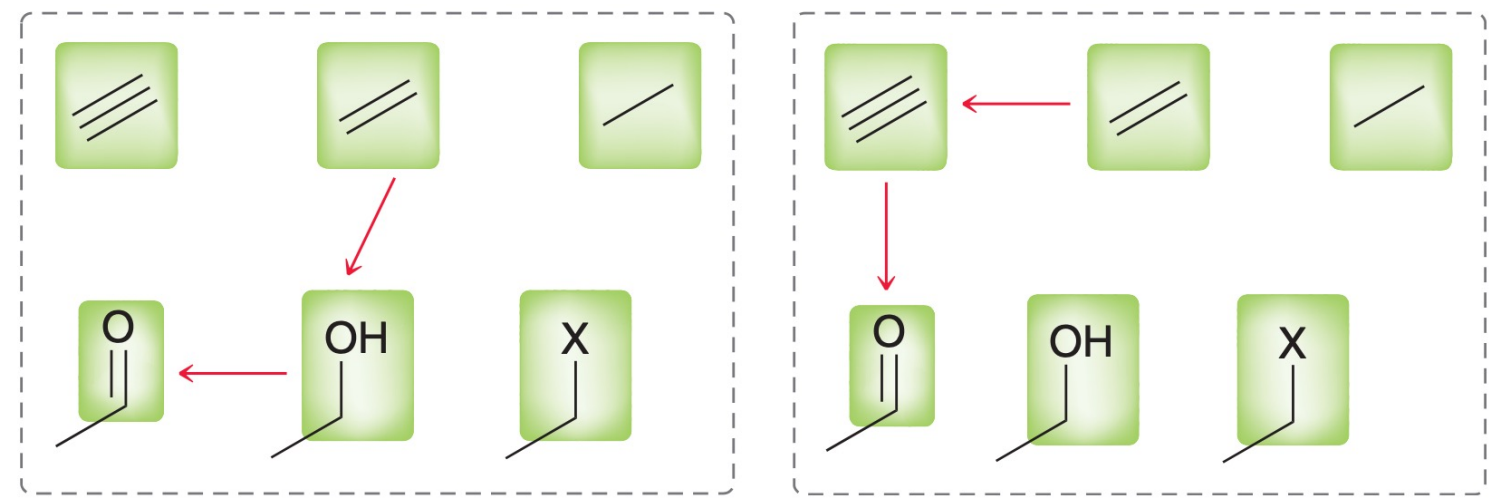


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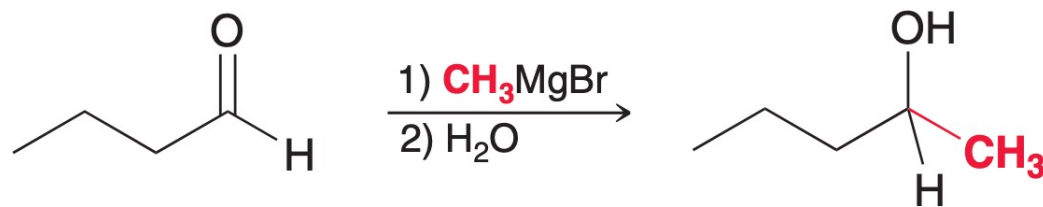
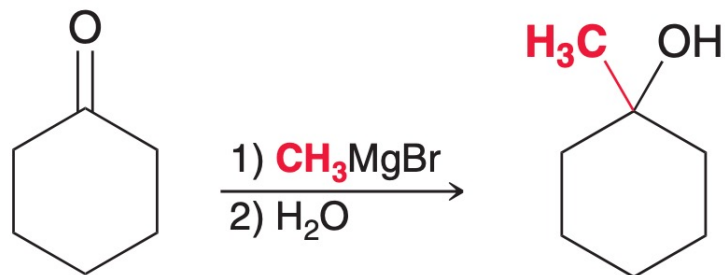


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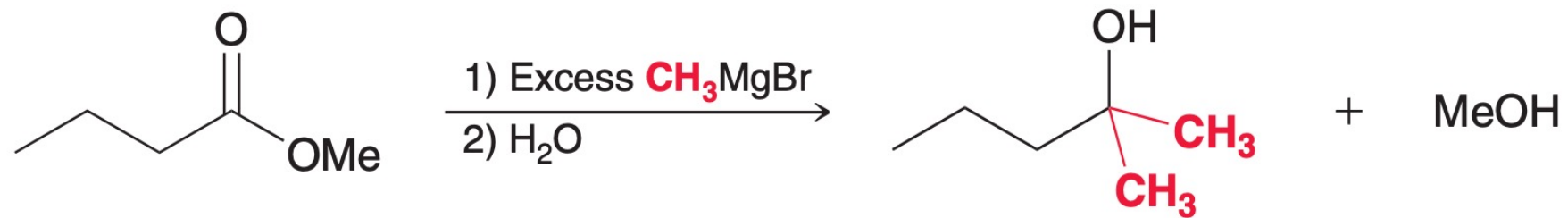
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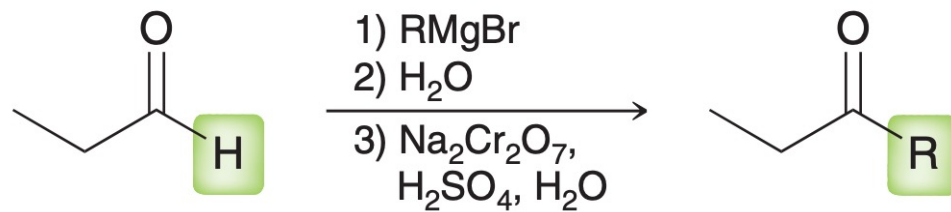
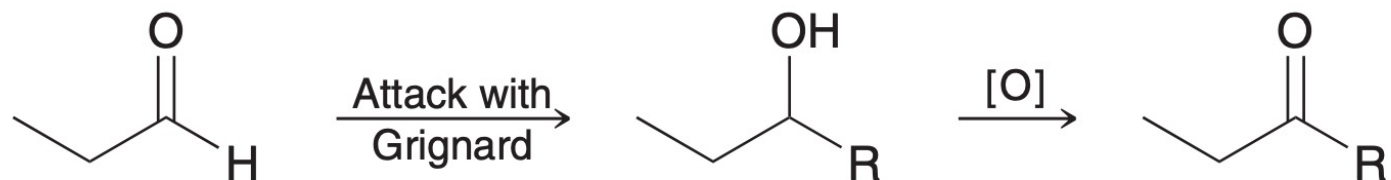
- Grignard reagents: C-C bond formation



- Grignard reagents with esters



- Grignard reagents: convert aldehydes into ketones

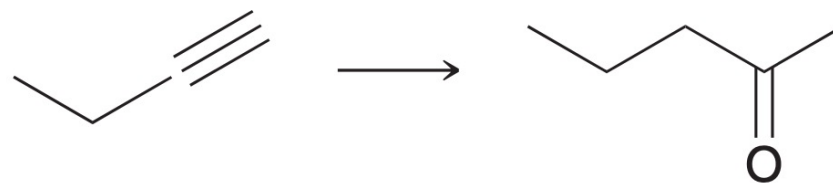




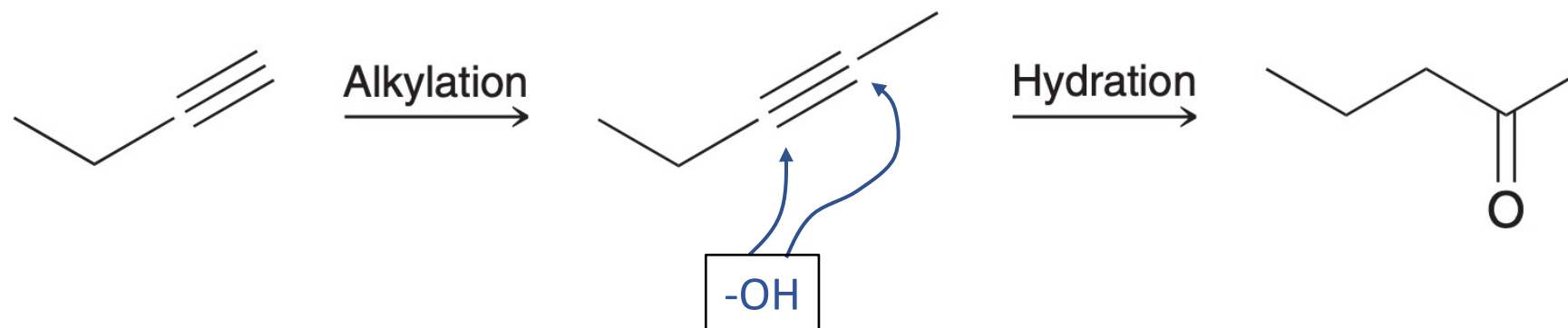
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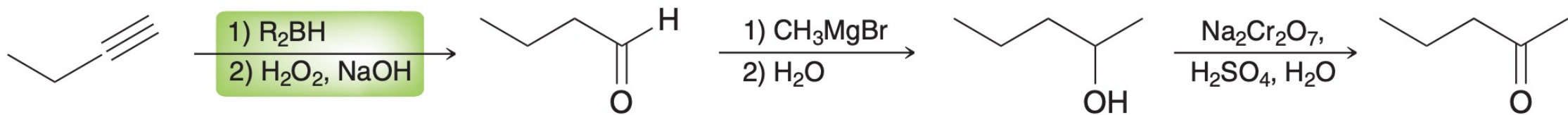
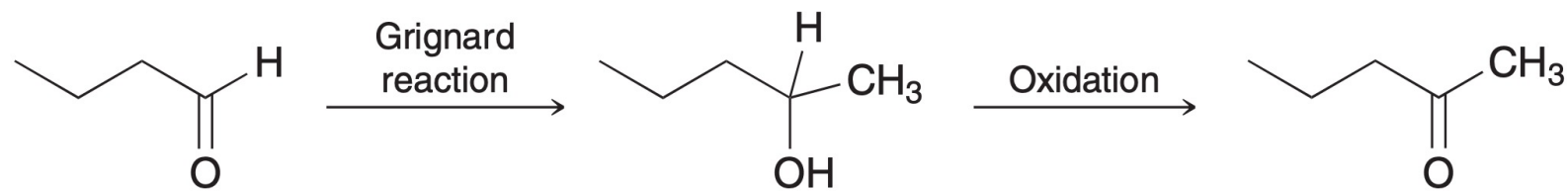
- Always approach a synthesis problem by initially asking two questions:
  - Is there a change in the carbon skeleton?
    - Yes, the carbon skeleton is increasing in size by one carbon atom.
  - Is there a change in the functional groups?
    - Yes, the starting material has a triple bond, and the product has a carbonyl group.



- Alkylation, followed by hydration...?



problematic regiochemical outcome: -OH can be installed at both side!



- The complete route

