



## Chem 233

# 7.5 and .6 Acidity of alcohols and phenols



# Alcohol and Phenols



# Naming of Alcohol and Phenols

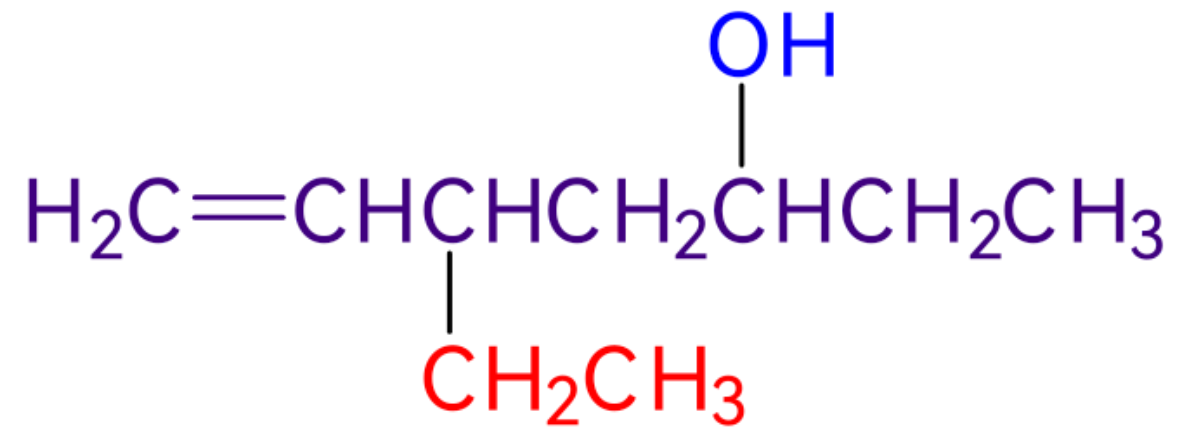


- Select the longest carbon chain containing the hydroxyl group, and derive the parent name by replacing the *-e* ending of the corresponding alkane with *-ol*
- Number the chain from the end nearer the hydroxyl group
- Number substituents according to position on chain, listing the substituents in alphabetical order



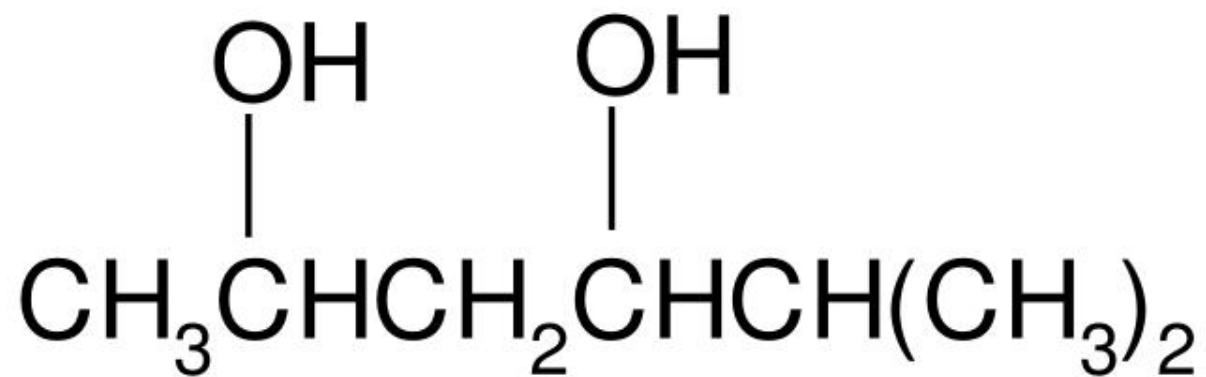






5-ethylhept-6-en-3-ol



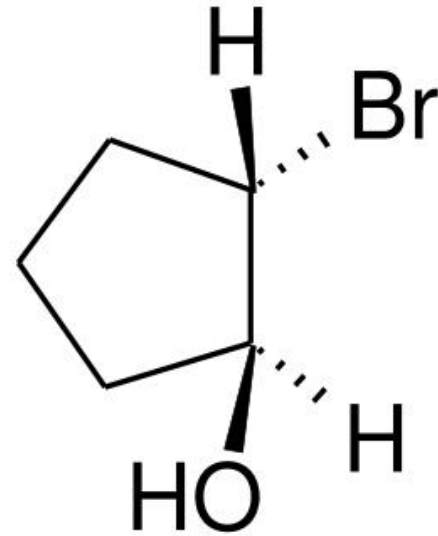


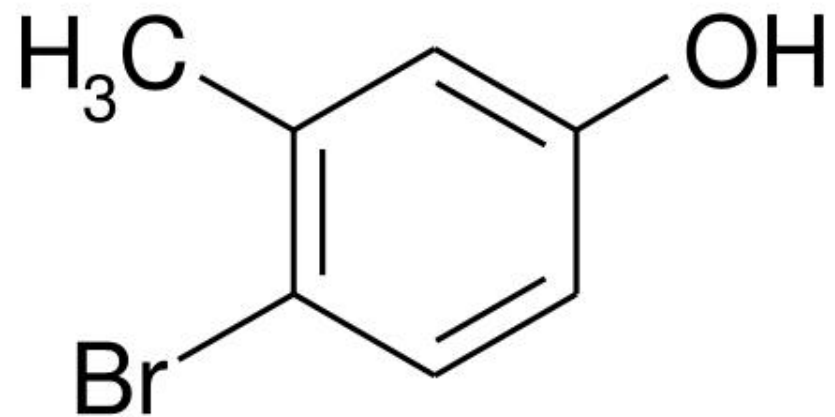
5-methyl-2,4-hexanediol





*trans*-2-Bromocyclopentanol





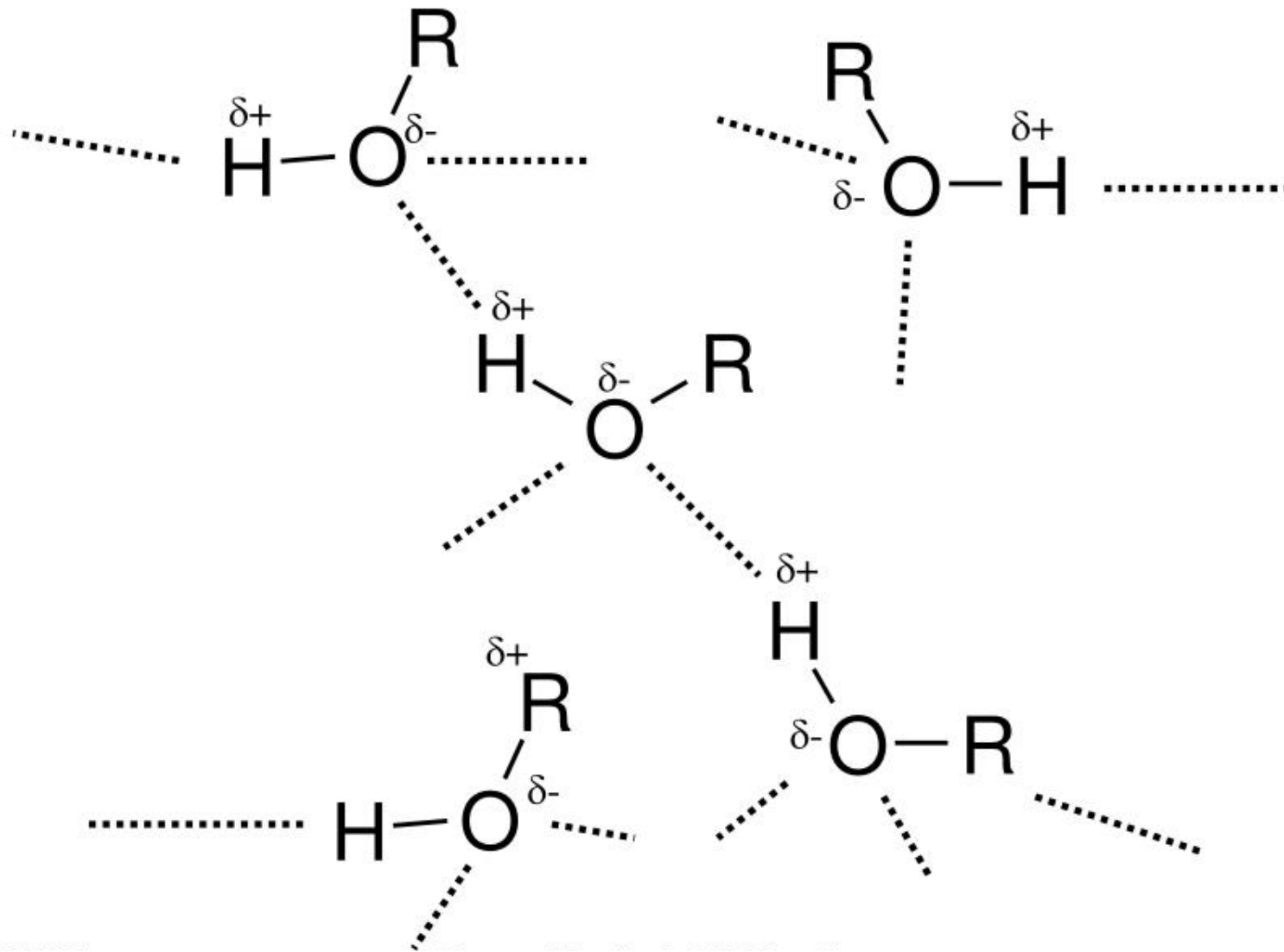
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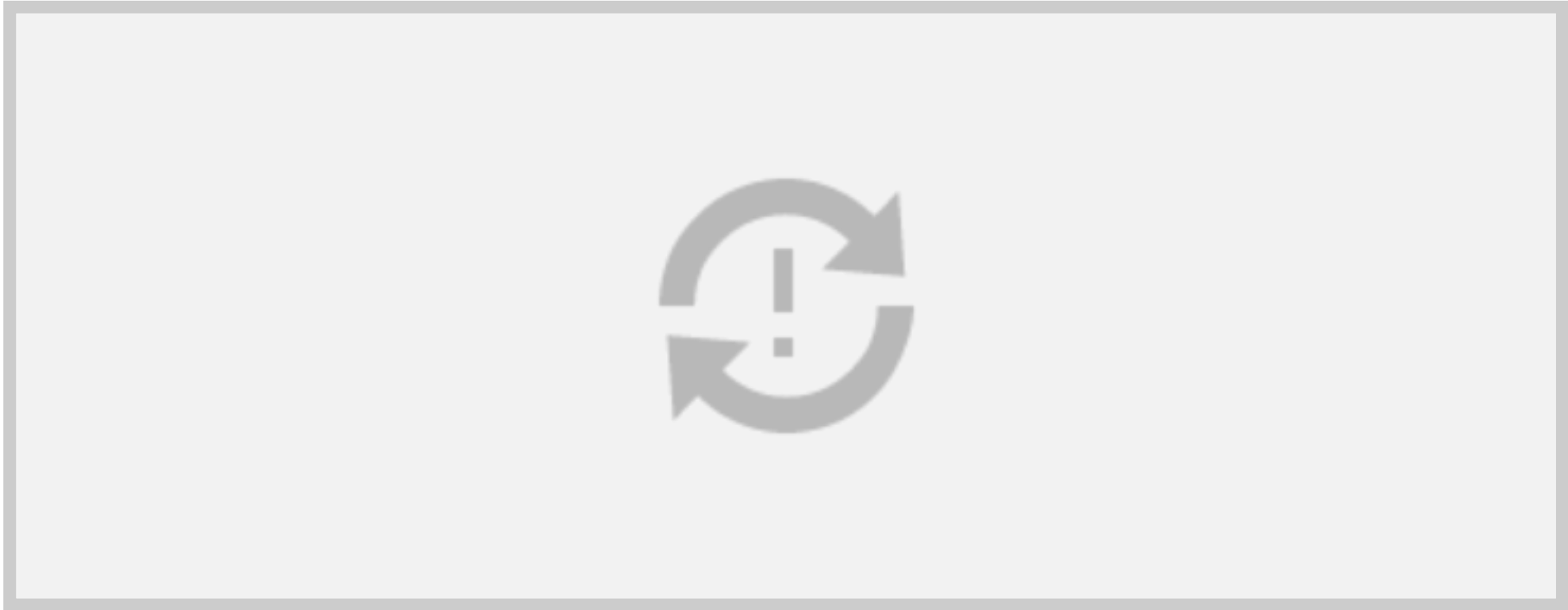


# Hydrogen bonding and physical properties of alcohols

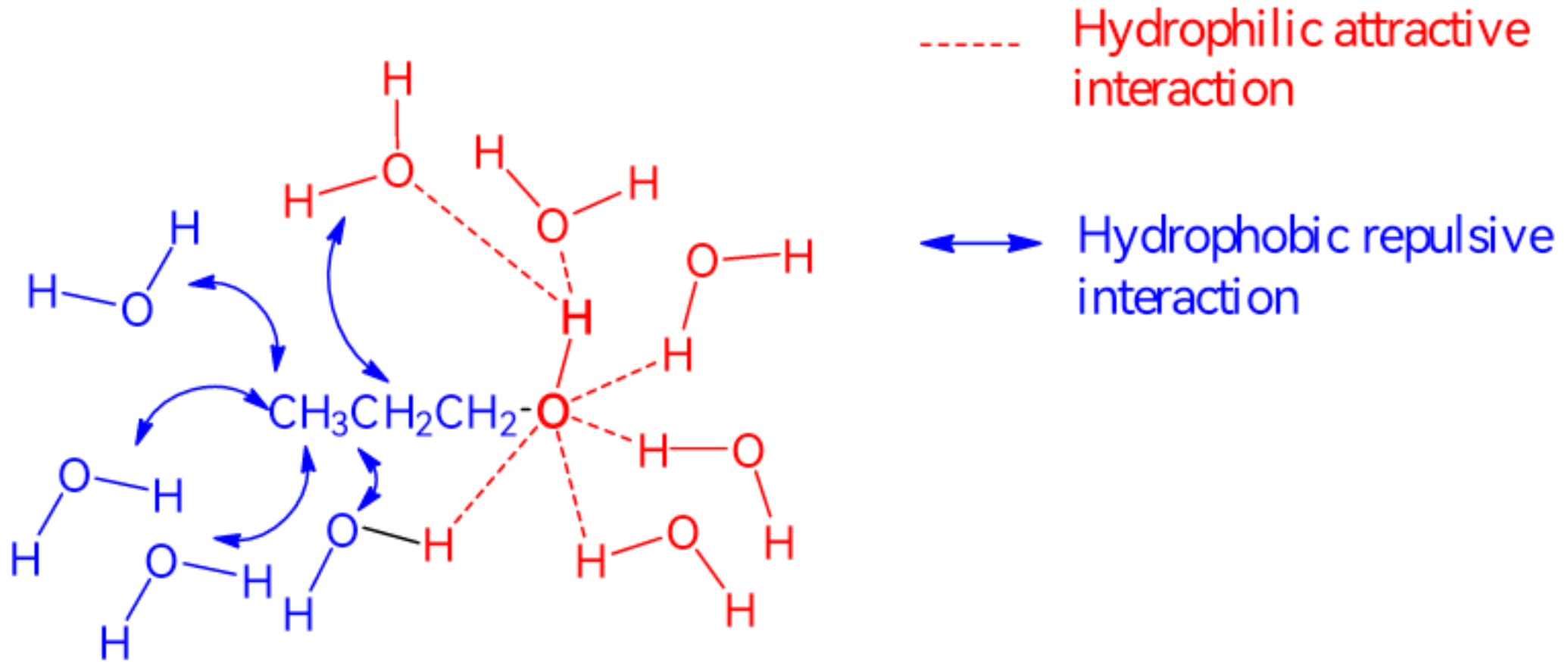


# Hydrogen Bonding in Alcohol

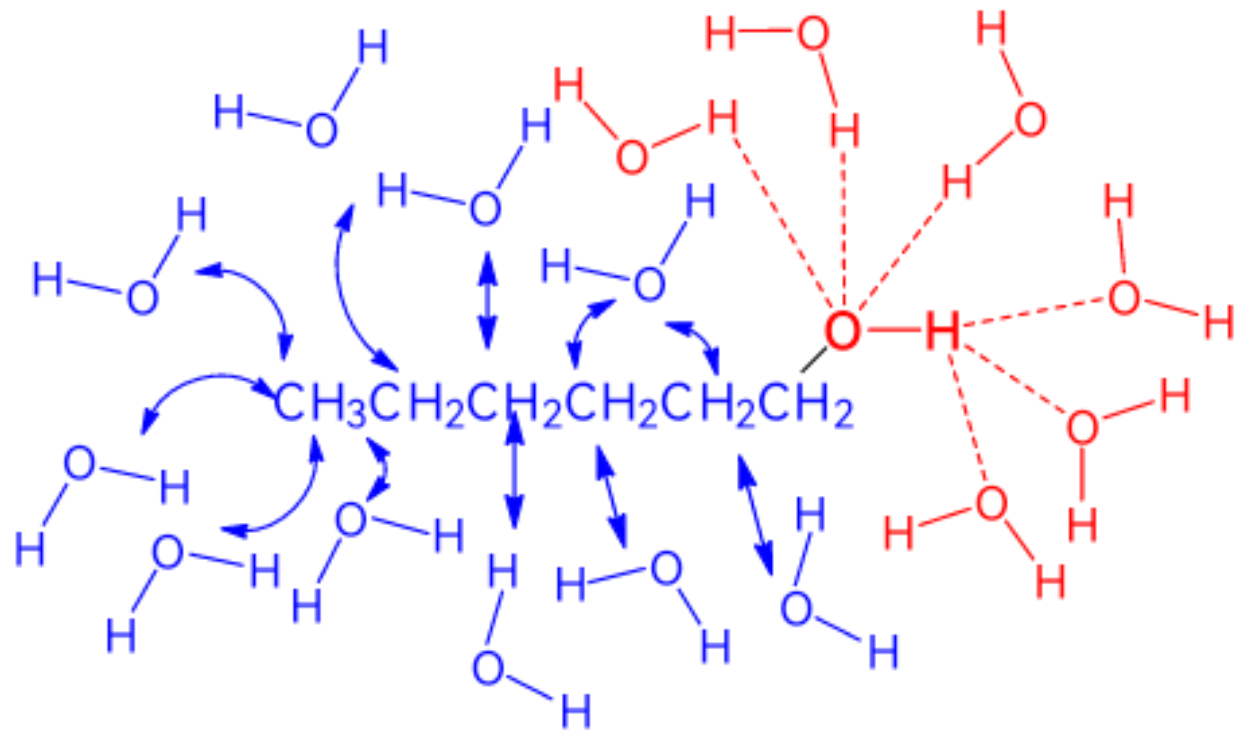




# Shorter hydrocarbon chain



# Longer hydrocarbon chain



----- Hydrophilic attractive interaction

↔ Hydrophobic repulsive interaction





# Acidity & Basicity



Strong

Weak

Weak

Strong

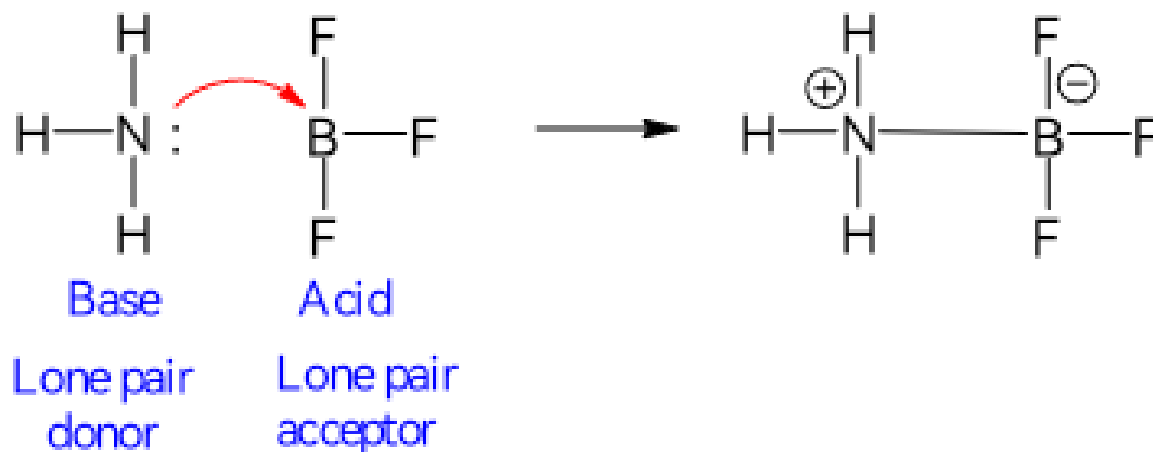
$$K_a = \frac{[\text{H}_3\text{O}^+][\text{A}^-]}{[\text{HA}]}$$

$$\text{p}K_a = -\log K_a$$

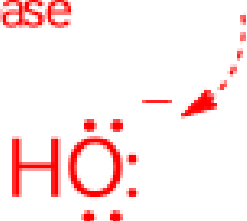
	$K_a$	$\text{p}K_a$
Stronger acid	$10^{-3}$	3
Weaker acid	$10^{-10}$	10







- \* High electron density on the donating atom
- \* High repulsive interaction on the donating atom
- \* Less stable substance
- \* Easier to donate a lone pair of electrons
- \* Stronger base

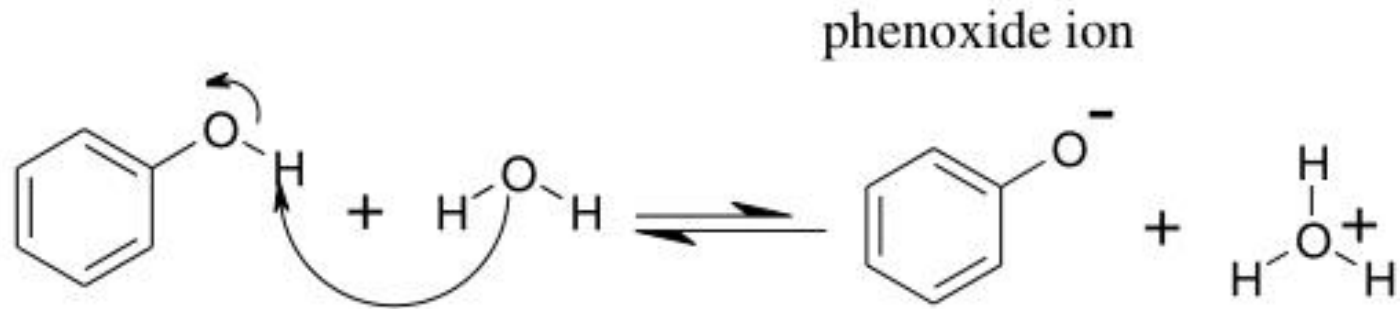
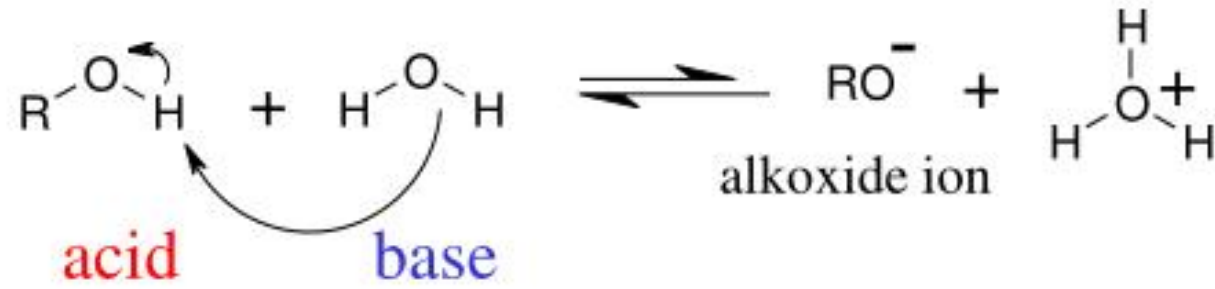


- \* Lower electron density on the donating atom
- \* Lower repulsive interaction on the donating atom
- \* Stable molecule
- \* No need to donate a lone pair of electrons
- \* Weaker base





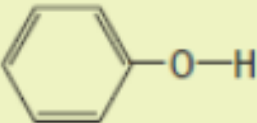
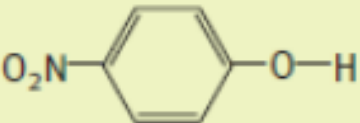
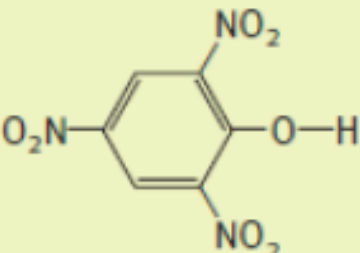
# Acidity of alcohols and phenols





# pK<sub>a</sub> Values for Typical OH Compounds

Table 7.2  $\color{yellow}\blacktriangleright$  pK<sub>a</sub>'s of Selected Alcohols and Phenols in Aqueous Aolution

Name	Formula	pK <sub>a</sub>
water	HO—H	15.7
methanol	CH <sub>3</sub> O—H	15.5
ethanol	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> O—H	15.9
<i>t</i> -butyl alcohol	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> CO—H	18
2,2,2-trifluoroethanol	CF <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> O—H	12.4
phenol		10.0
<i>p</i> -nitrophenol		7.2
picric acid		0.25





# Acidity of Alcohols

	$\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$	$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{OH} \\   \\ \text{CH}_3\text{CHCH}_3 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{OH} \\   \\ \text{CH}_3\text{CCH}_3 \\   \\ \text{CH}_3 \end{array}$
pKa =	15.5	15.9	16.5	18.0
Acidity	Methanol >	1° >	2° >	3°

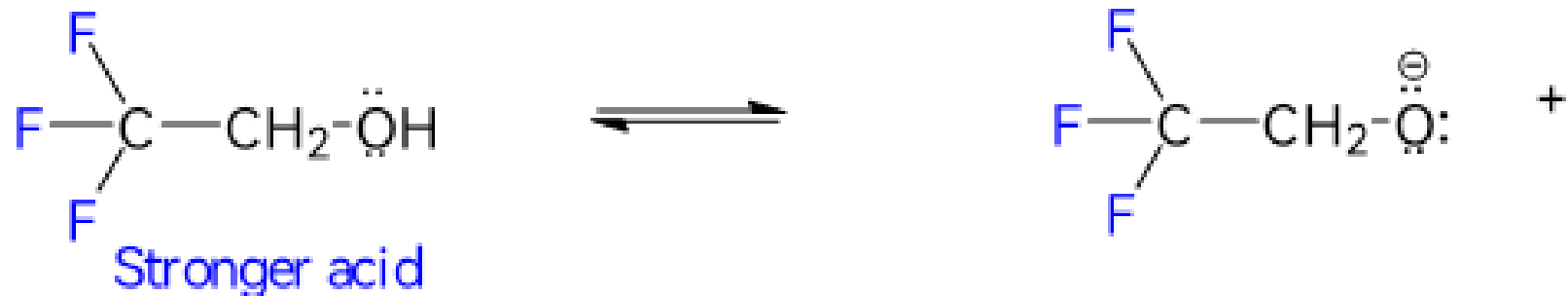




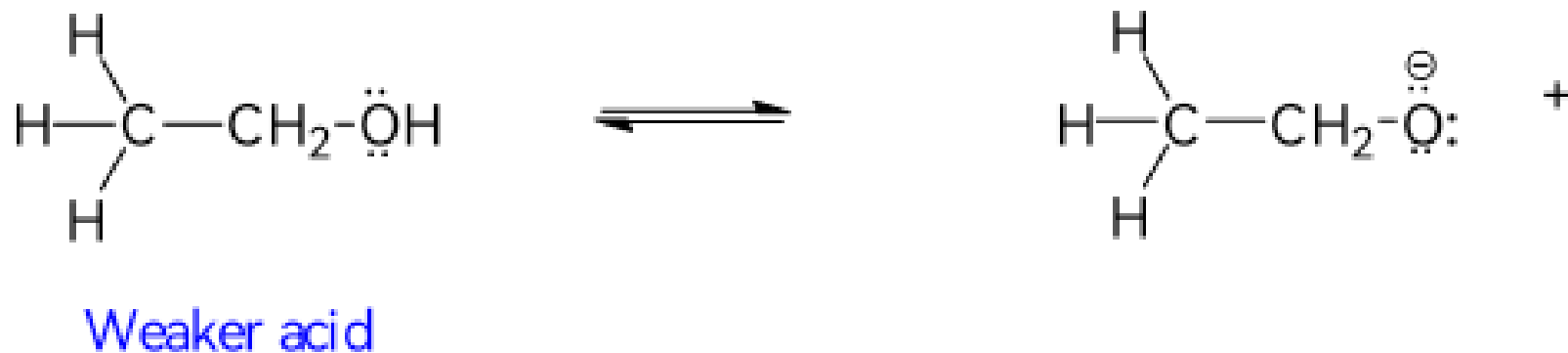
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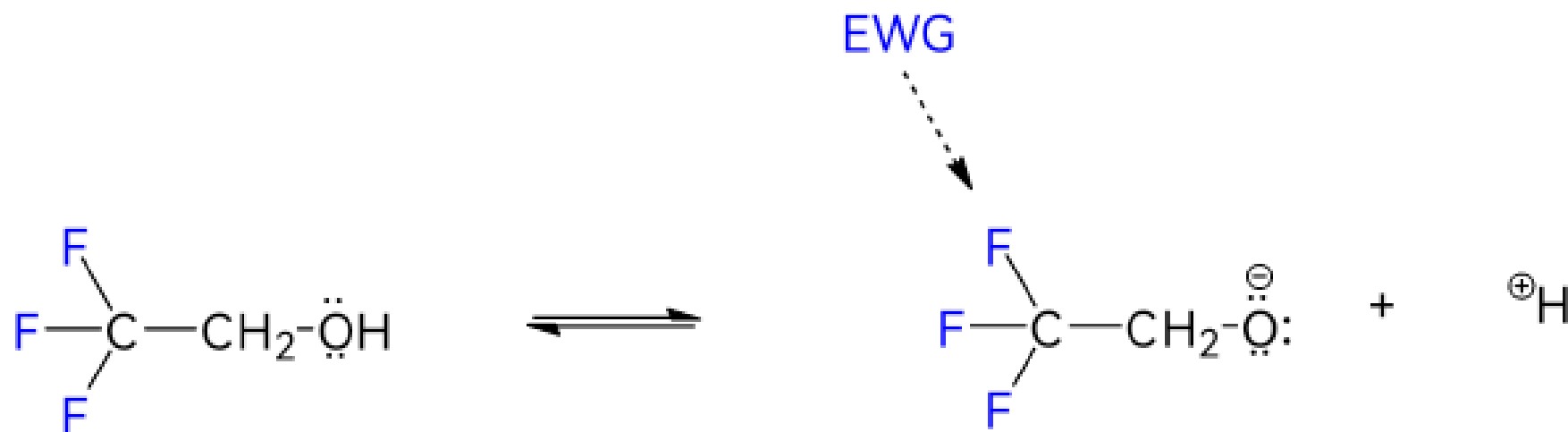




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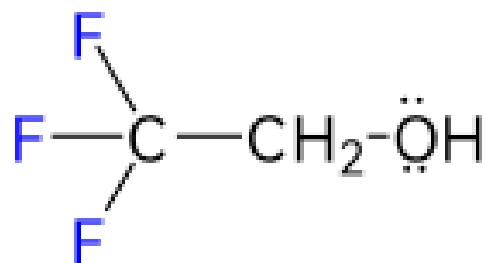




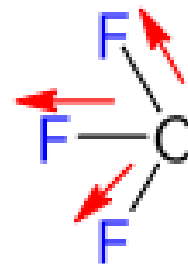
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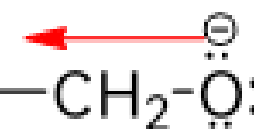
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EWG



Low Electron der



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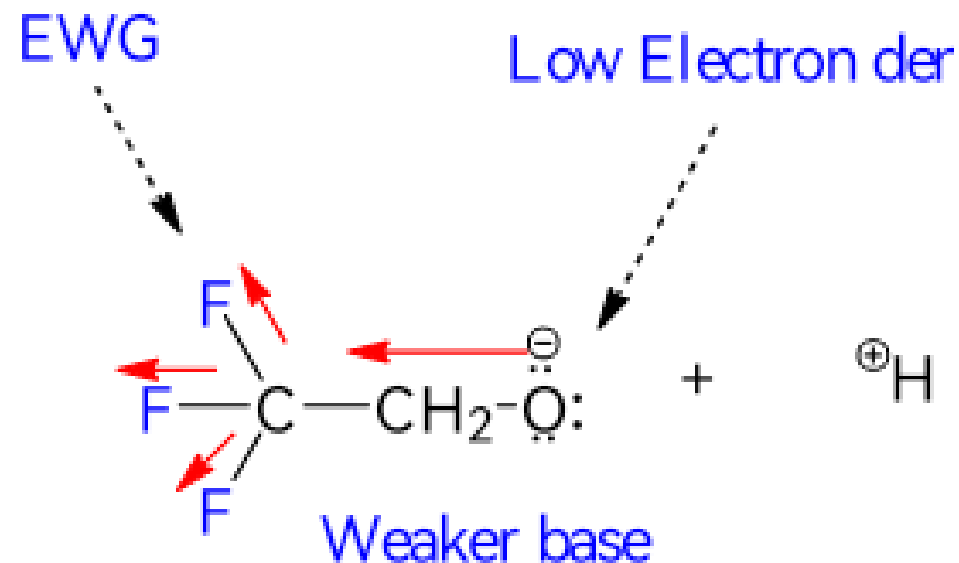
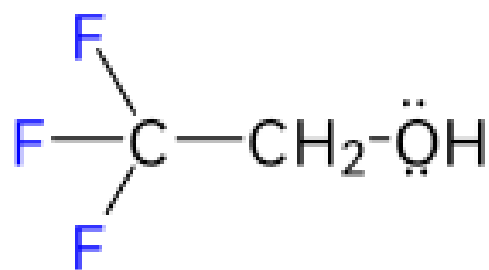




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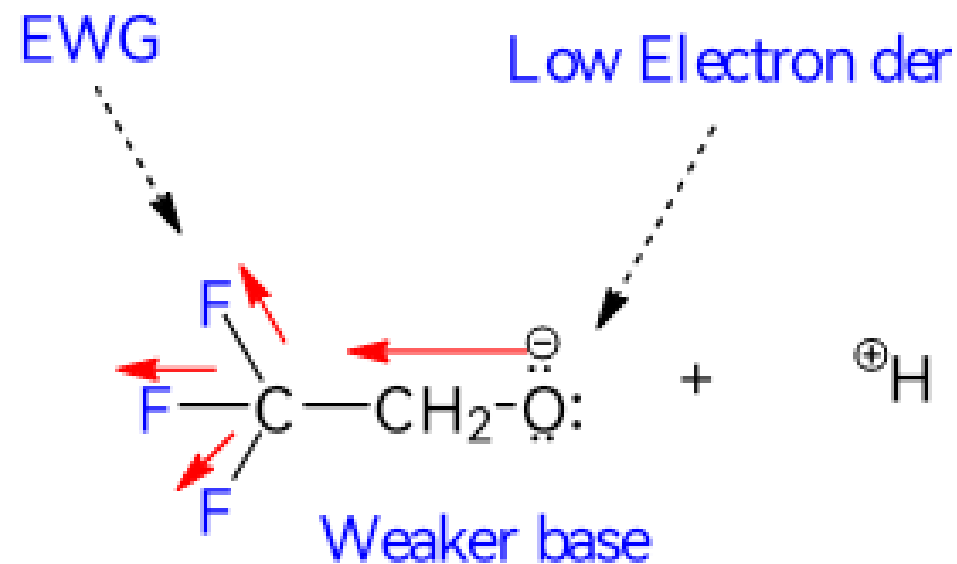
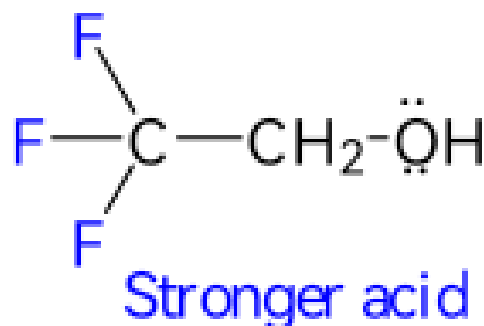




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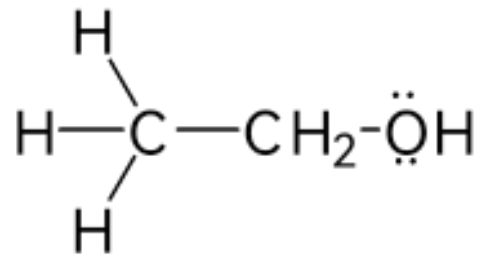


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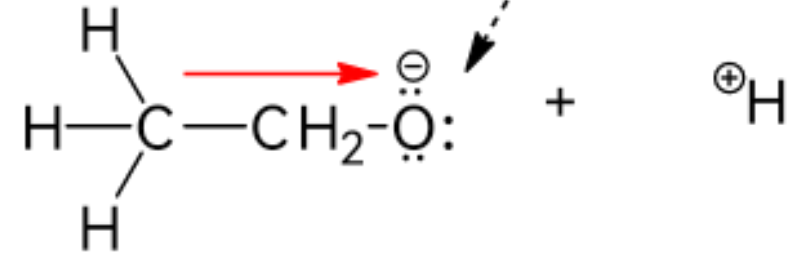




pKa=15.9



Weaker base



Stronger base

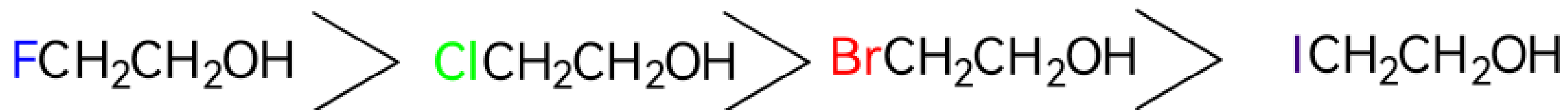
Higher Electron density





# Acidity of Alcohol

\* The strength of the EWG





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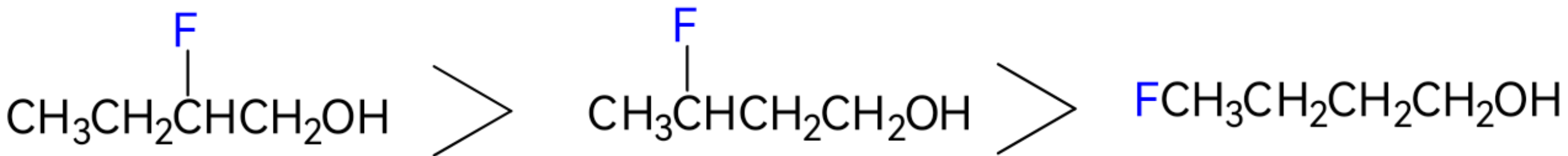
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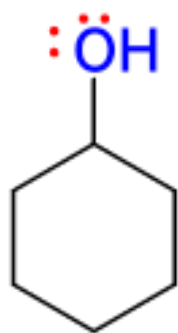
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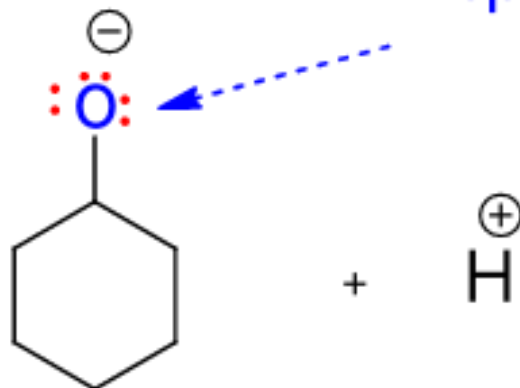


# Acidity of alcohol and phenol





Weaker acid



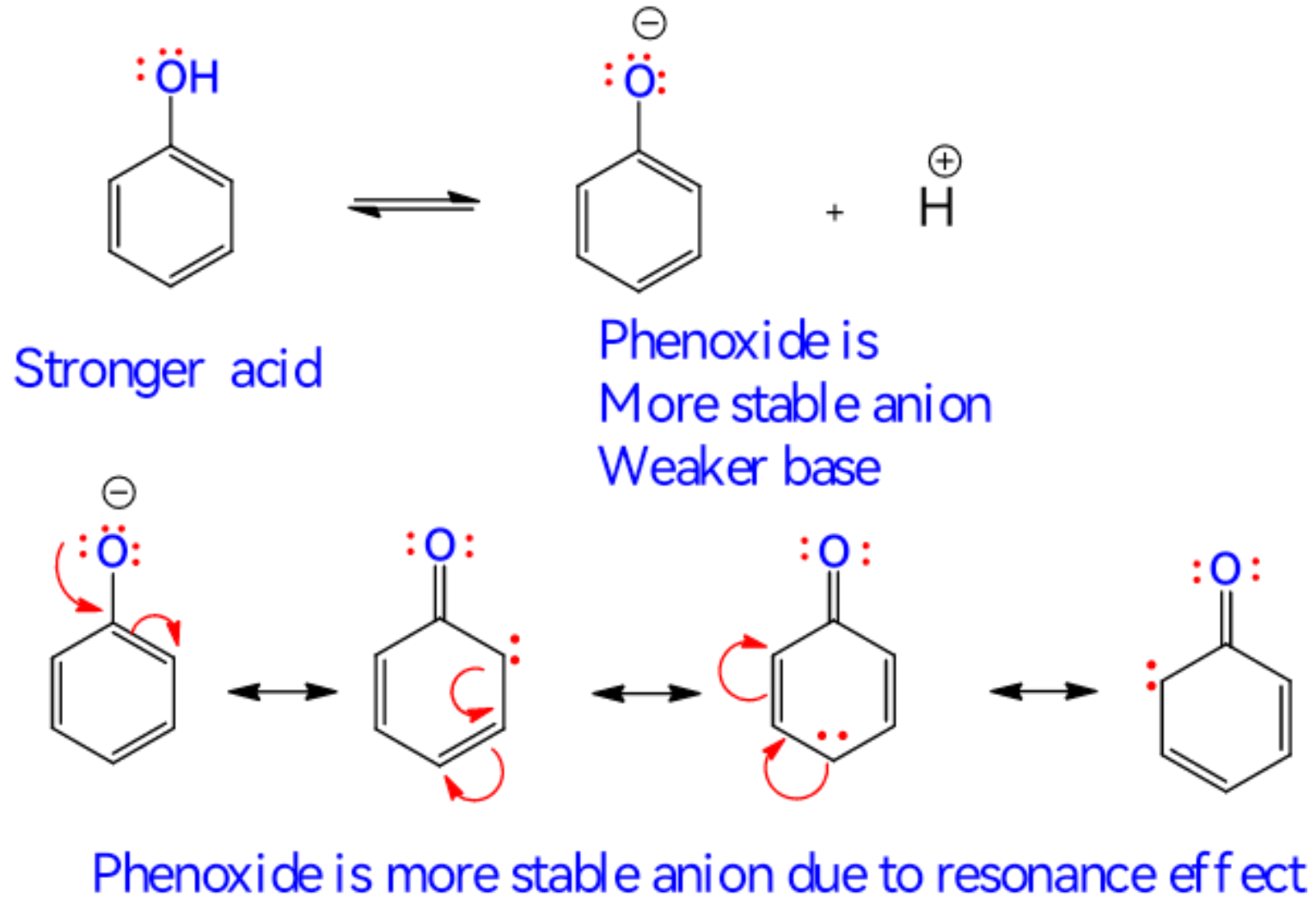
High Electron density with repulsive interaction

Alkyl oxide anion is  
Less stable  
Stronger base





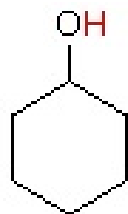
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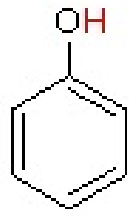




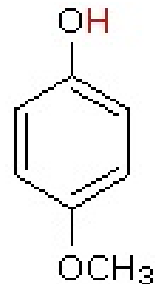
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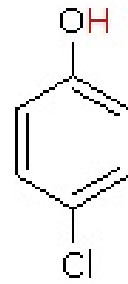
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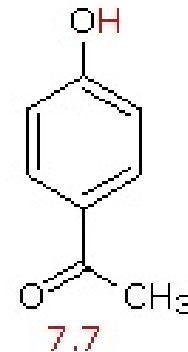
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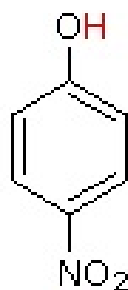
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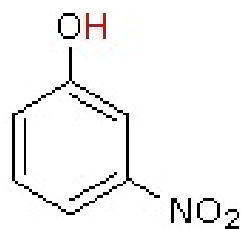
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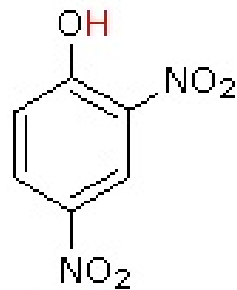
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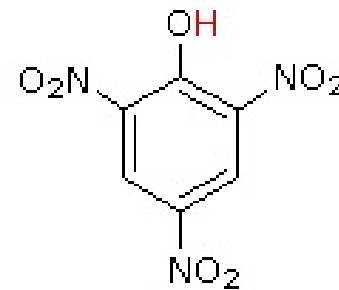
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4.1



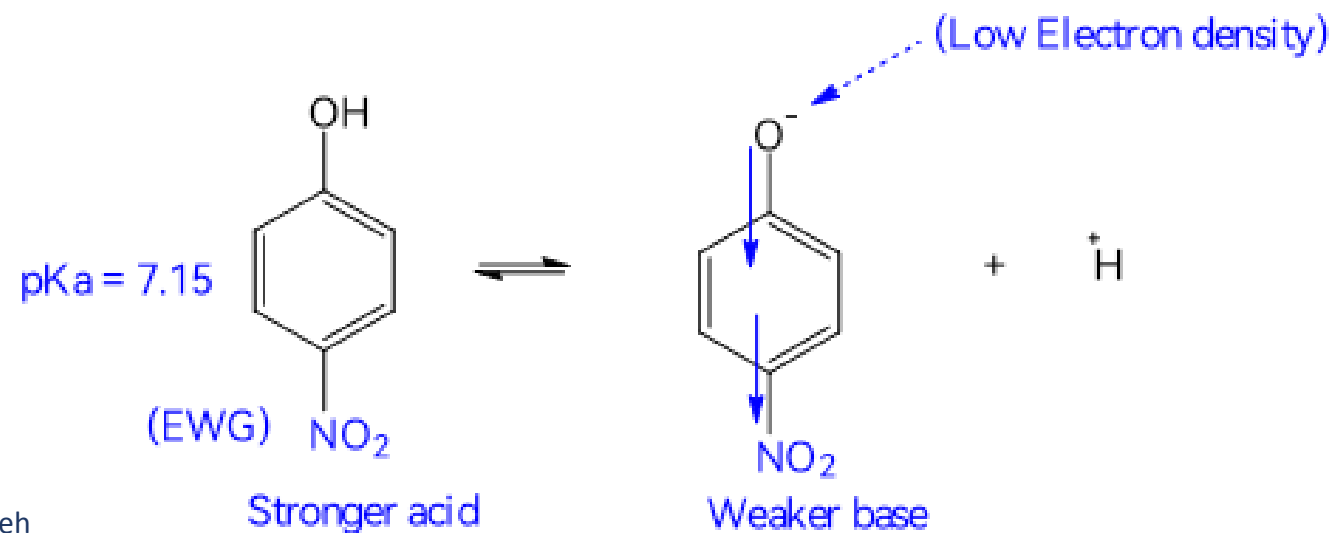
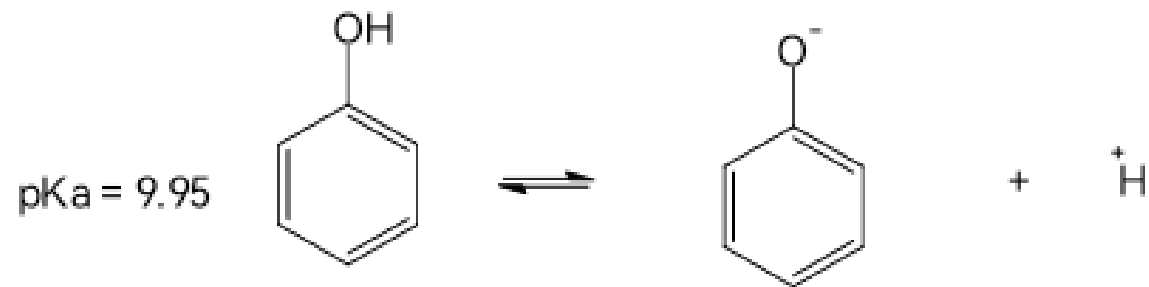
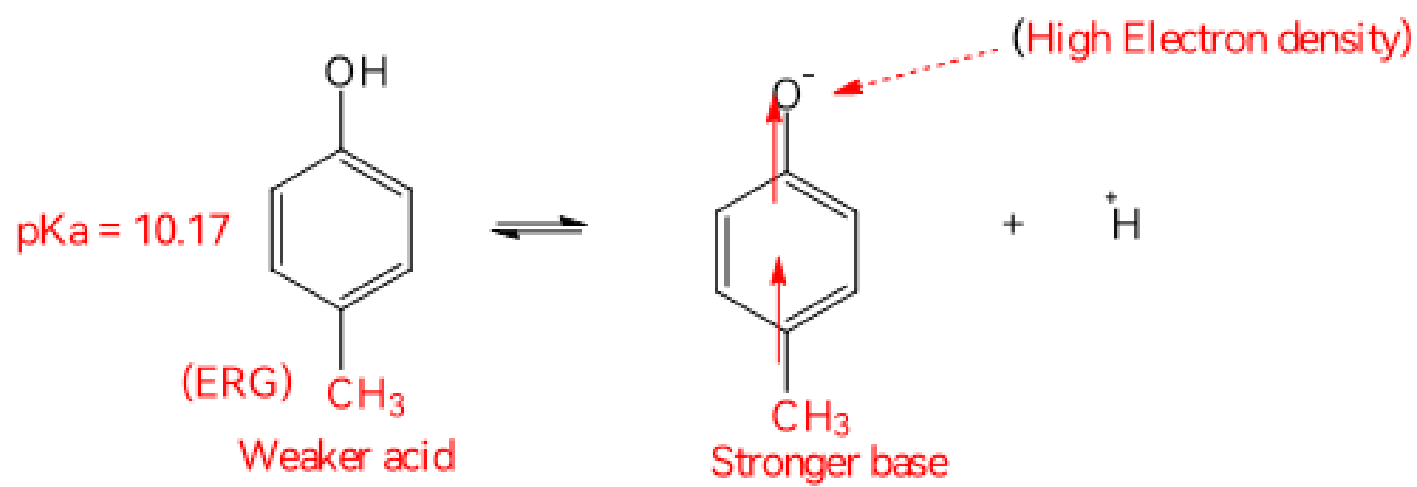
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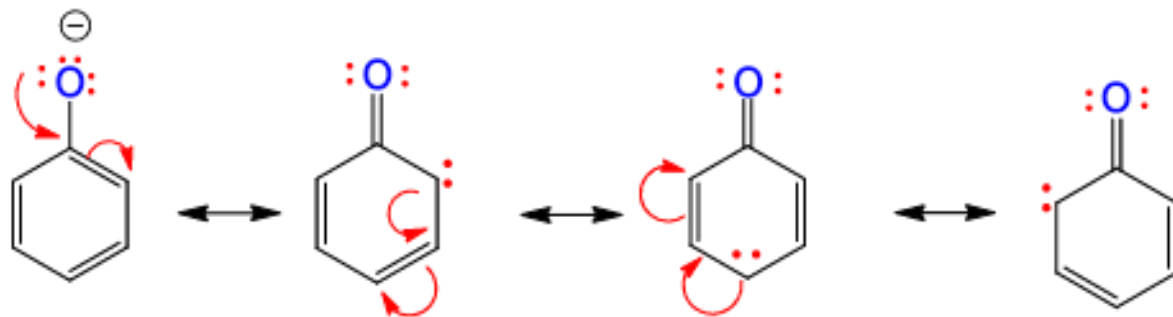
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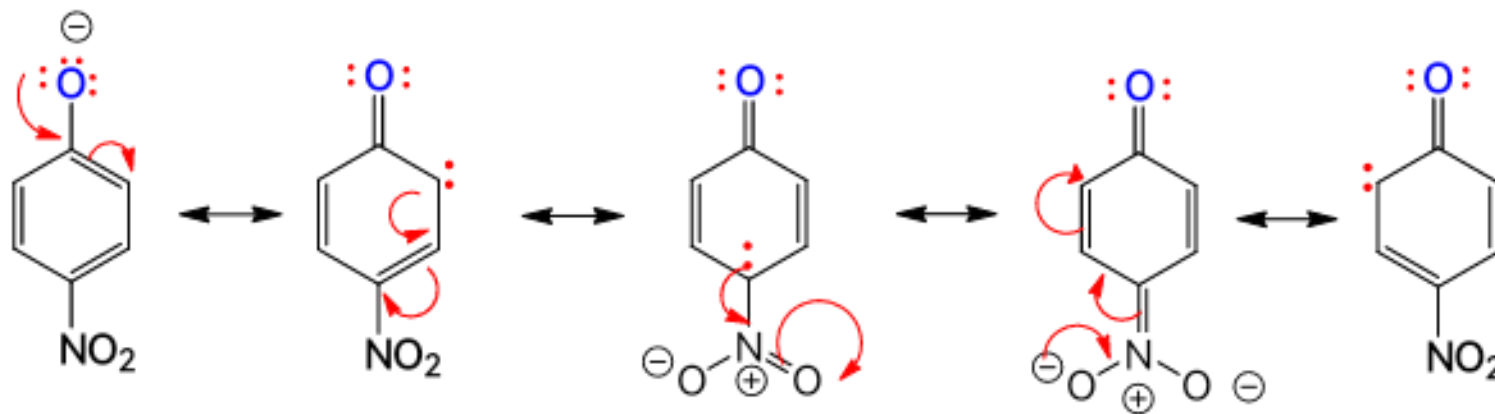




# Resonance effect of the substituent on the acidity of phenol



Four resonance structures: less stable phenoxide anion: stronger base

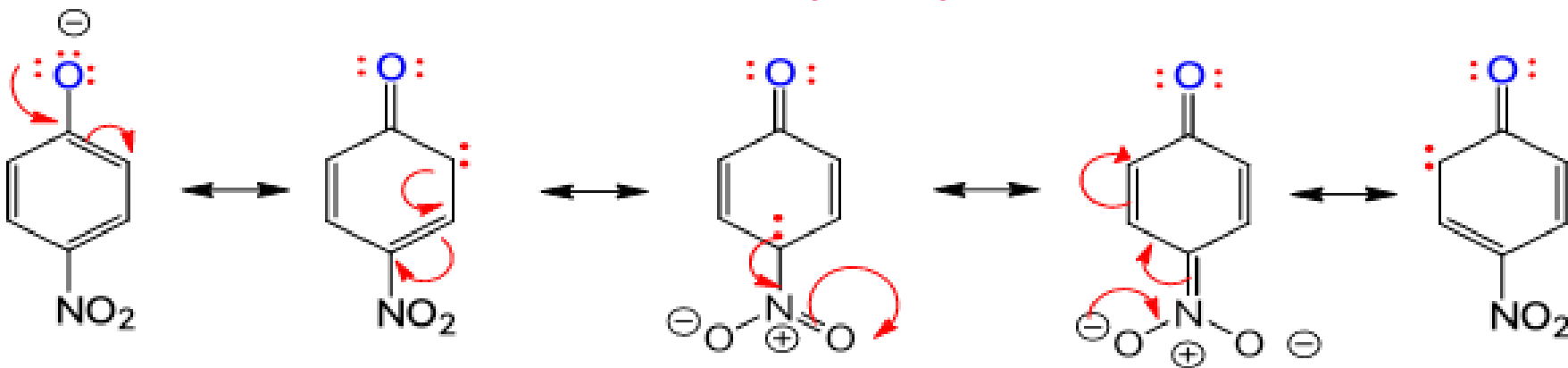


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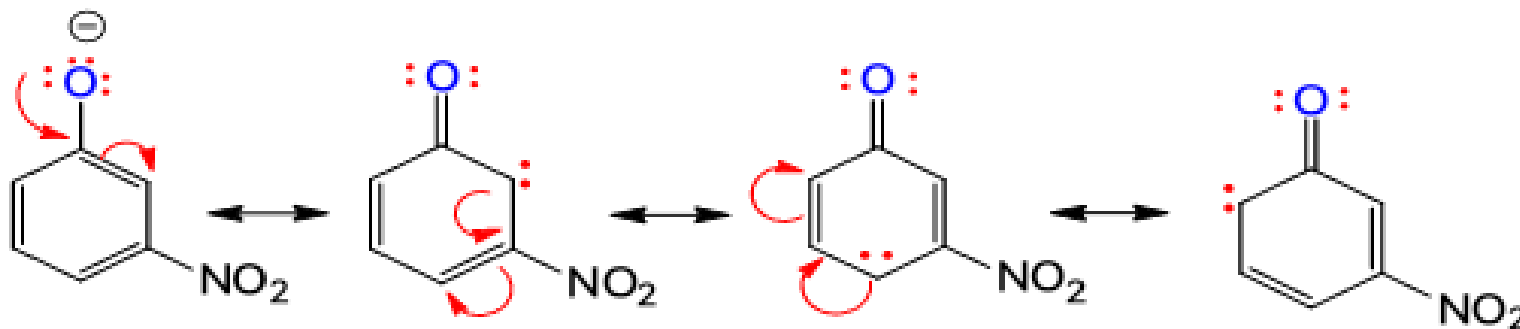




# The effect of the position of the substituent on the acidity of phenol



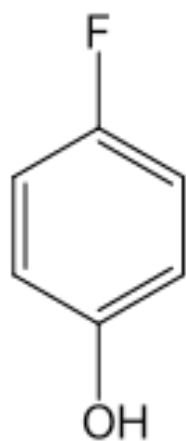
Phenoxide is stabilized by the presence of nitro group at position **para** due to resonance effect



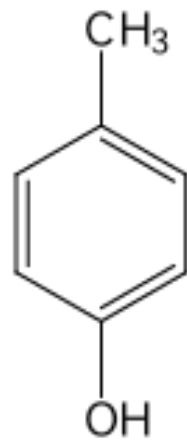


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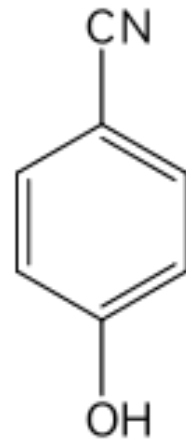
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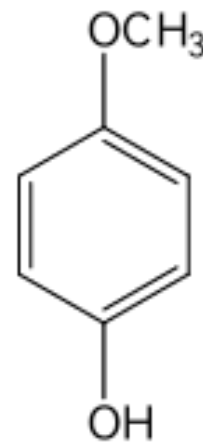
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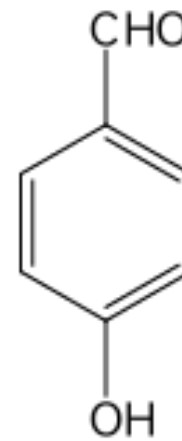
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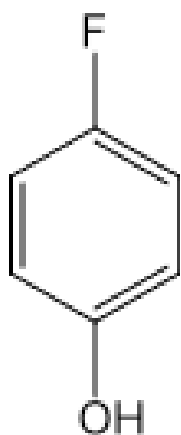
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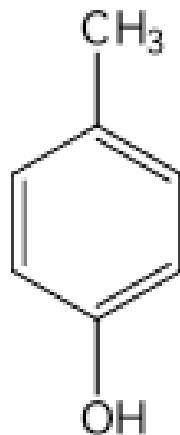


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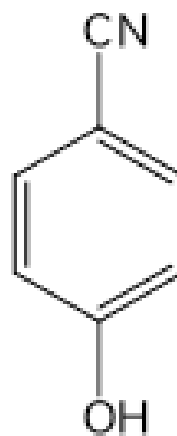
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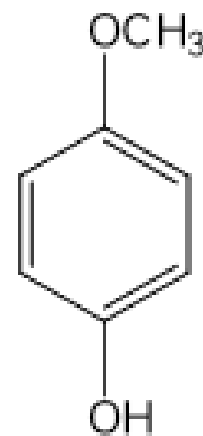
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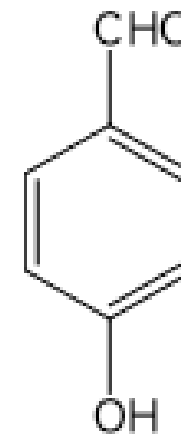
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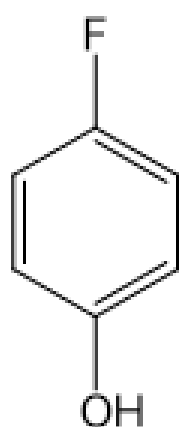
Classify each group substituted on benzene wither is it  
Activation or Deactivation



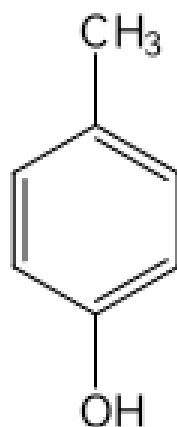


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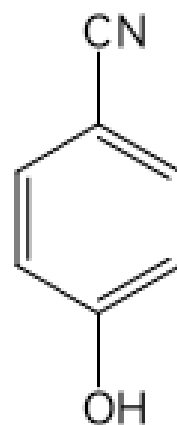
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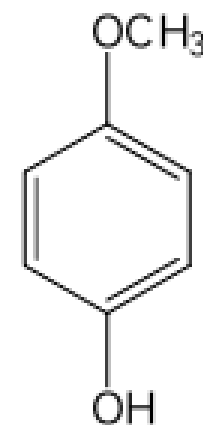
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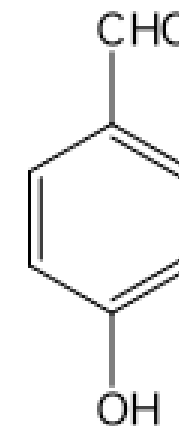
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Stronger deactivating group stronger acid

III

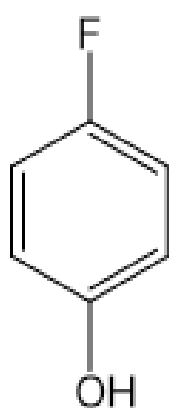




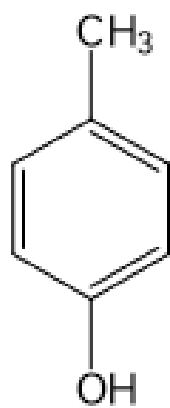


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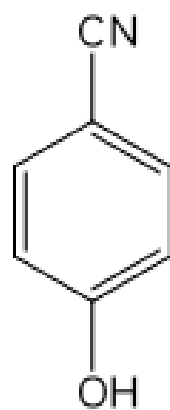
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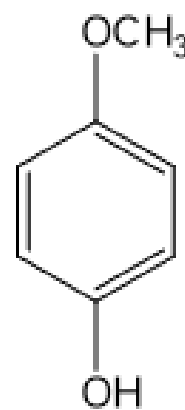
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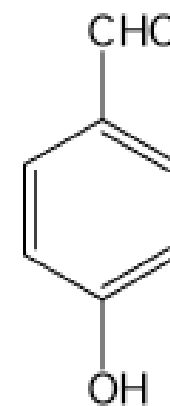
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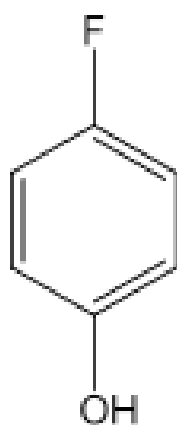
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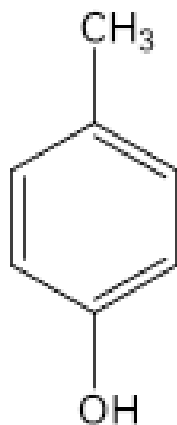


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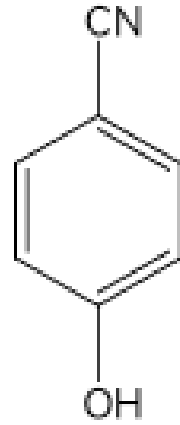
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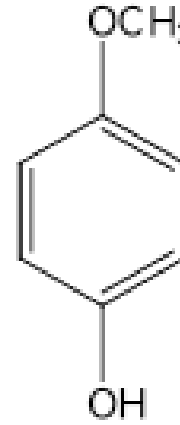
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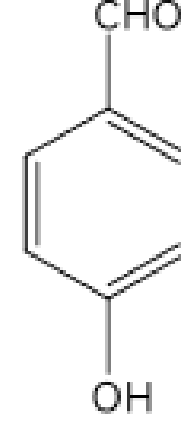
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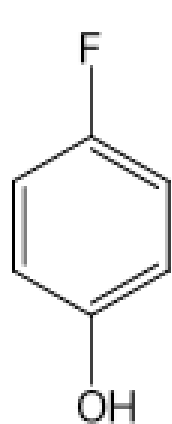
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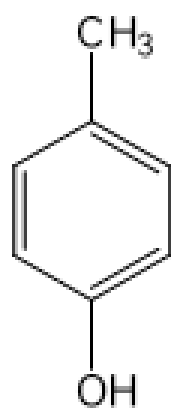


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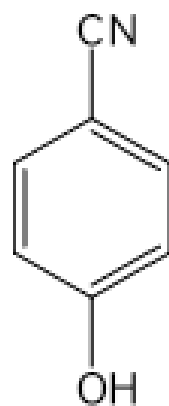
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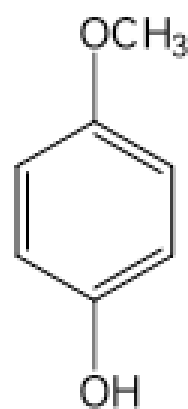
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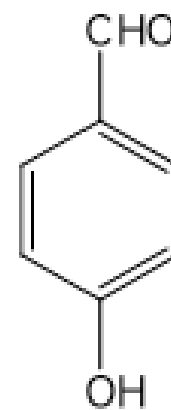
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III  
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IV  
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V  
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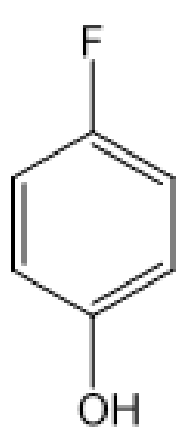
Weaker activating group stronger acid



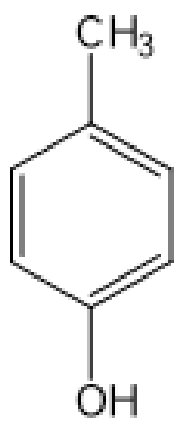


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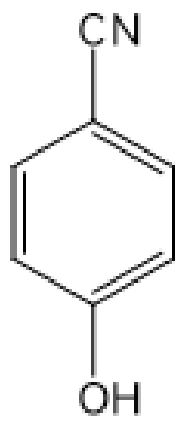
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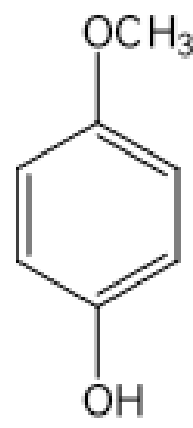
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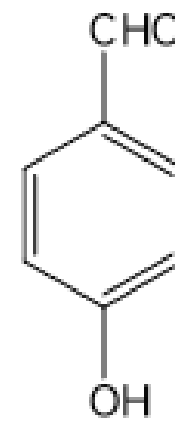
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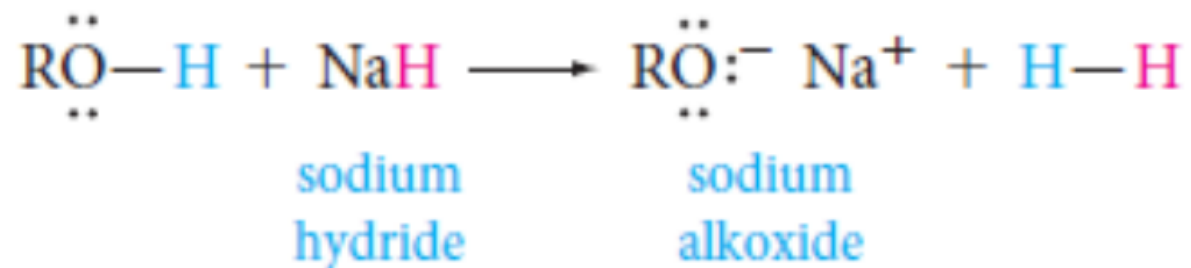
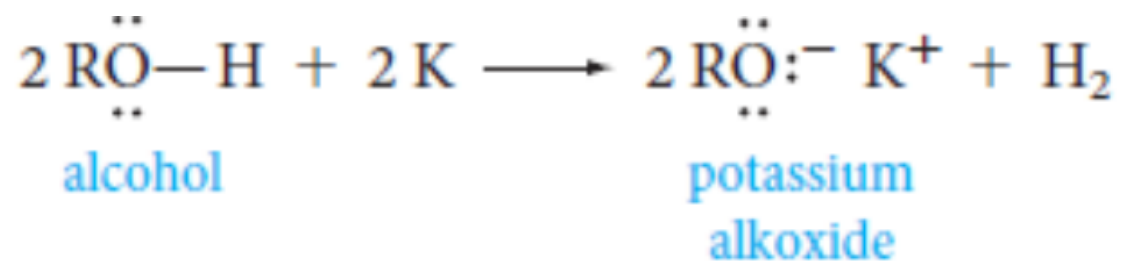
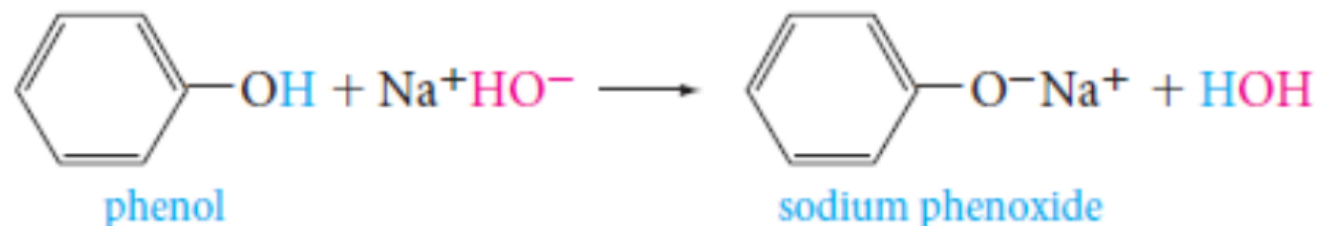
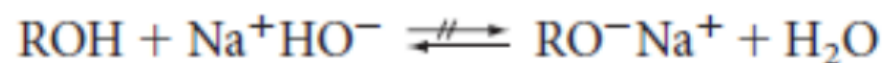
V  
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Weaker activating group stronger acid





# Deprotonating of alcohols and phenols

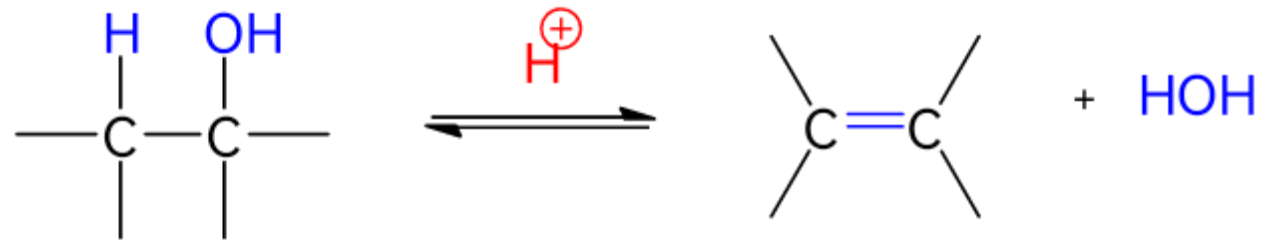


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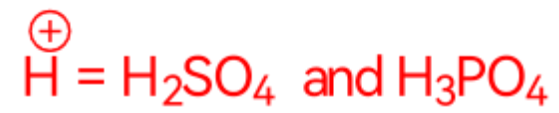
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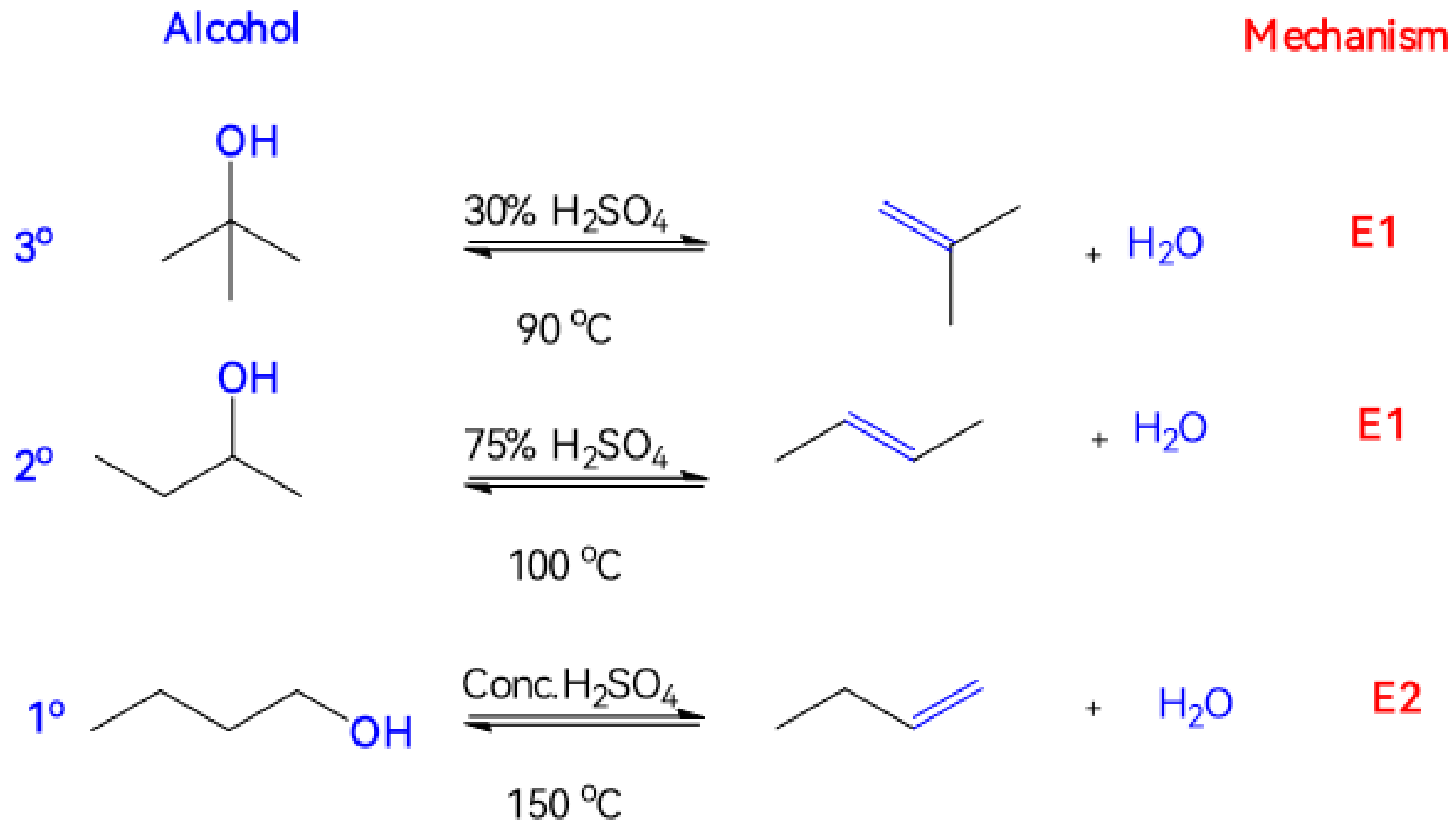
# Dehydration of Alcohol



Acid Catalyzed reaction

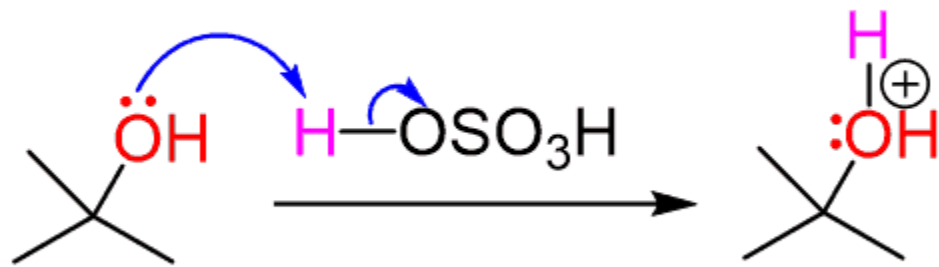


# Dehydration of Alcohols





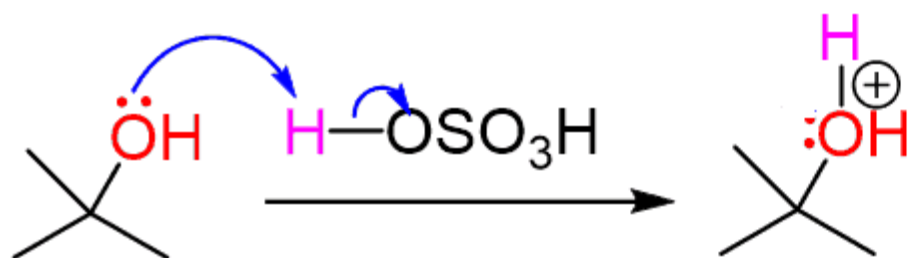
*protonation of OH*



**OH has been converted  
into a good LG**



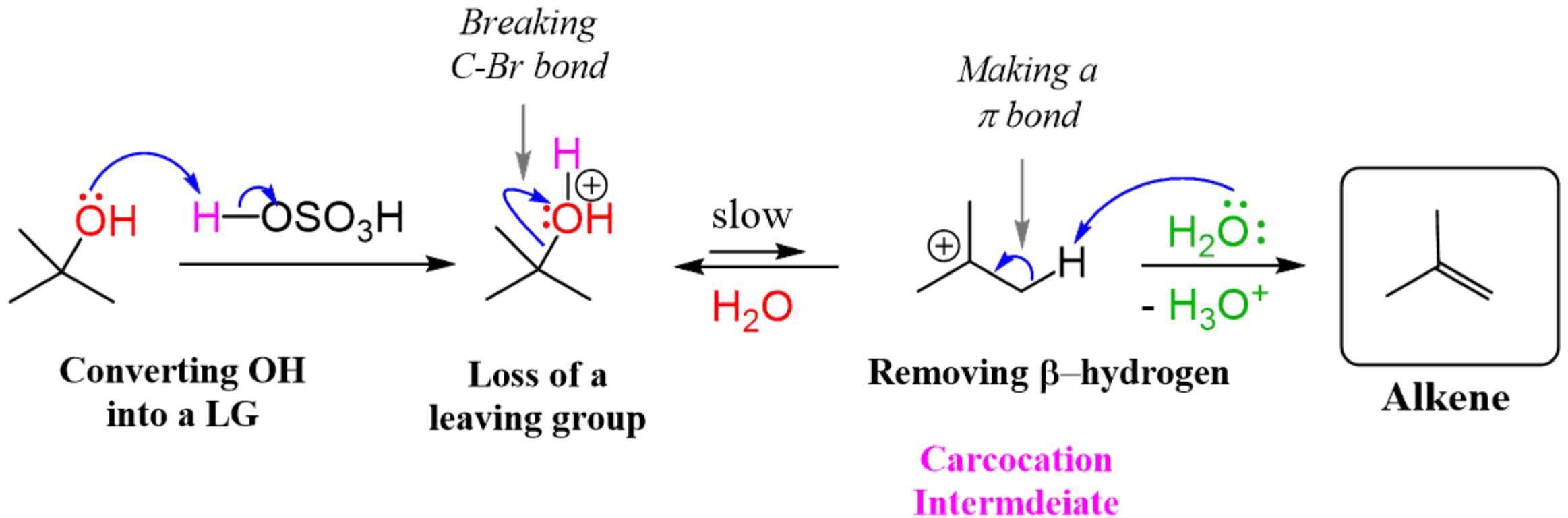
## Dehydration of a Tertiary Alcohol through a E1 mechanism



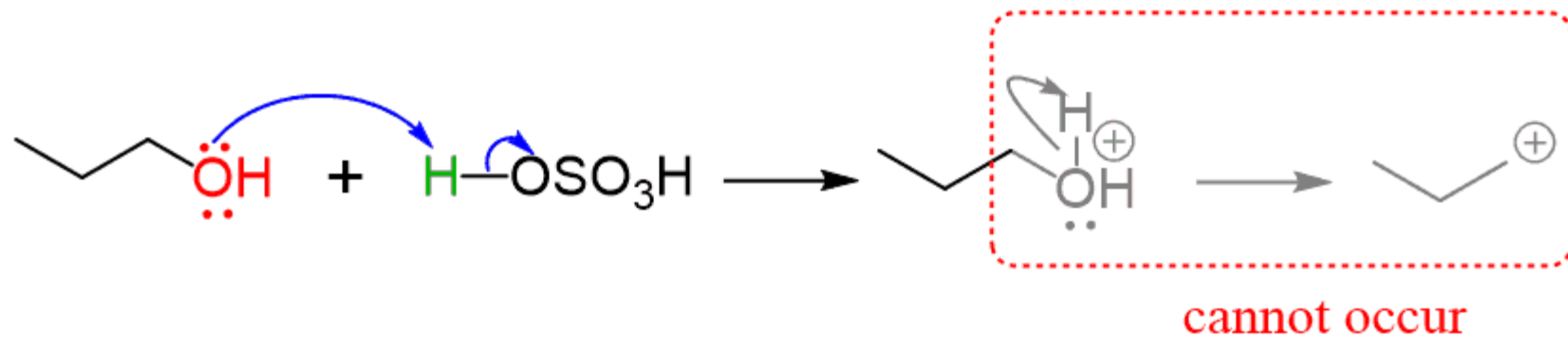
**Converting OH  
into a LG**



# Dehydration of a Tertiary Alcohol thorough a E1 mechanism

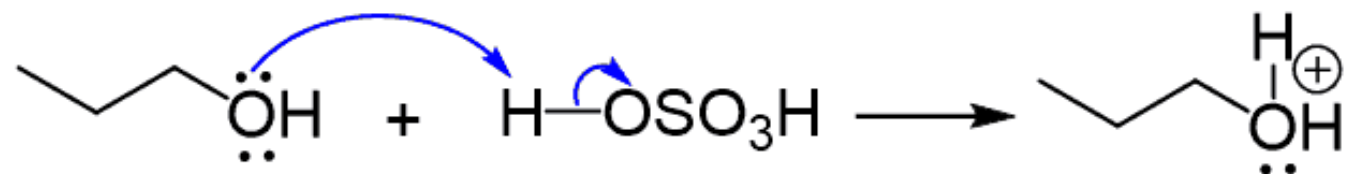


# Protonation of Primary Alcohols

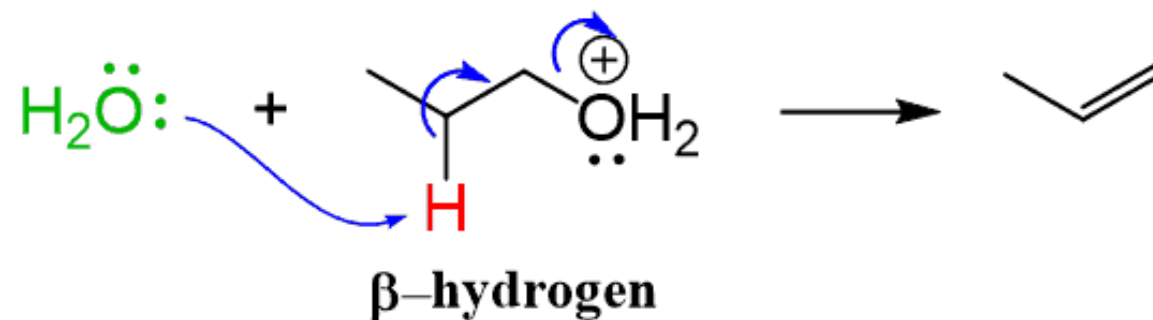


## Dehydration of Primary Alcohols by E2 mechanism

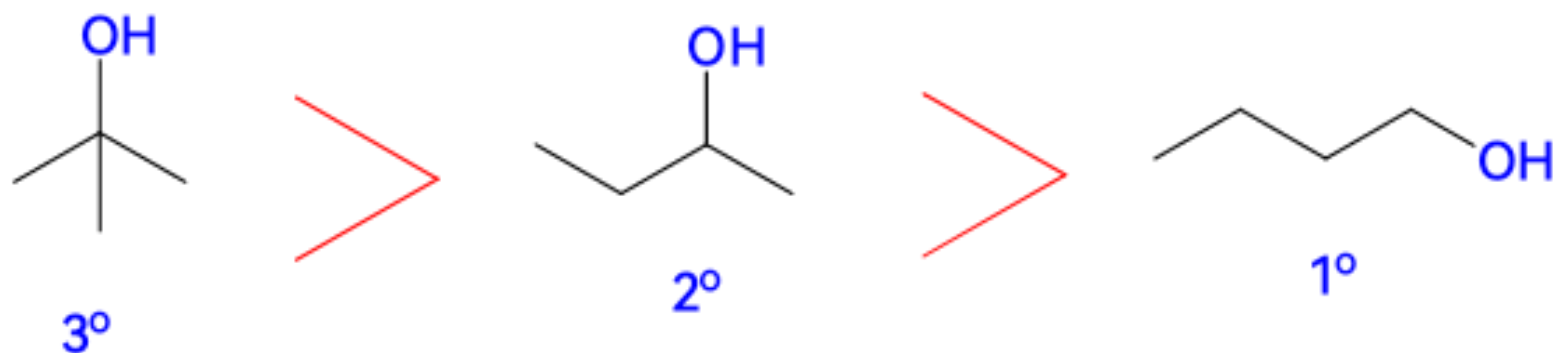
*Step 1. Protonation of the hydroxyl group*



*Step 2. Dehydration of alcohol by E2 mechanism*



# Reactivity of Alcohols toward Dehydration reaction



Mechanism

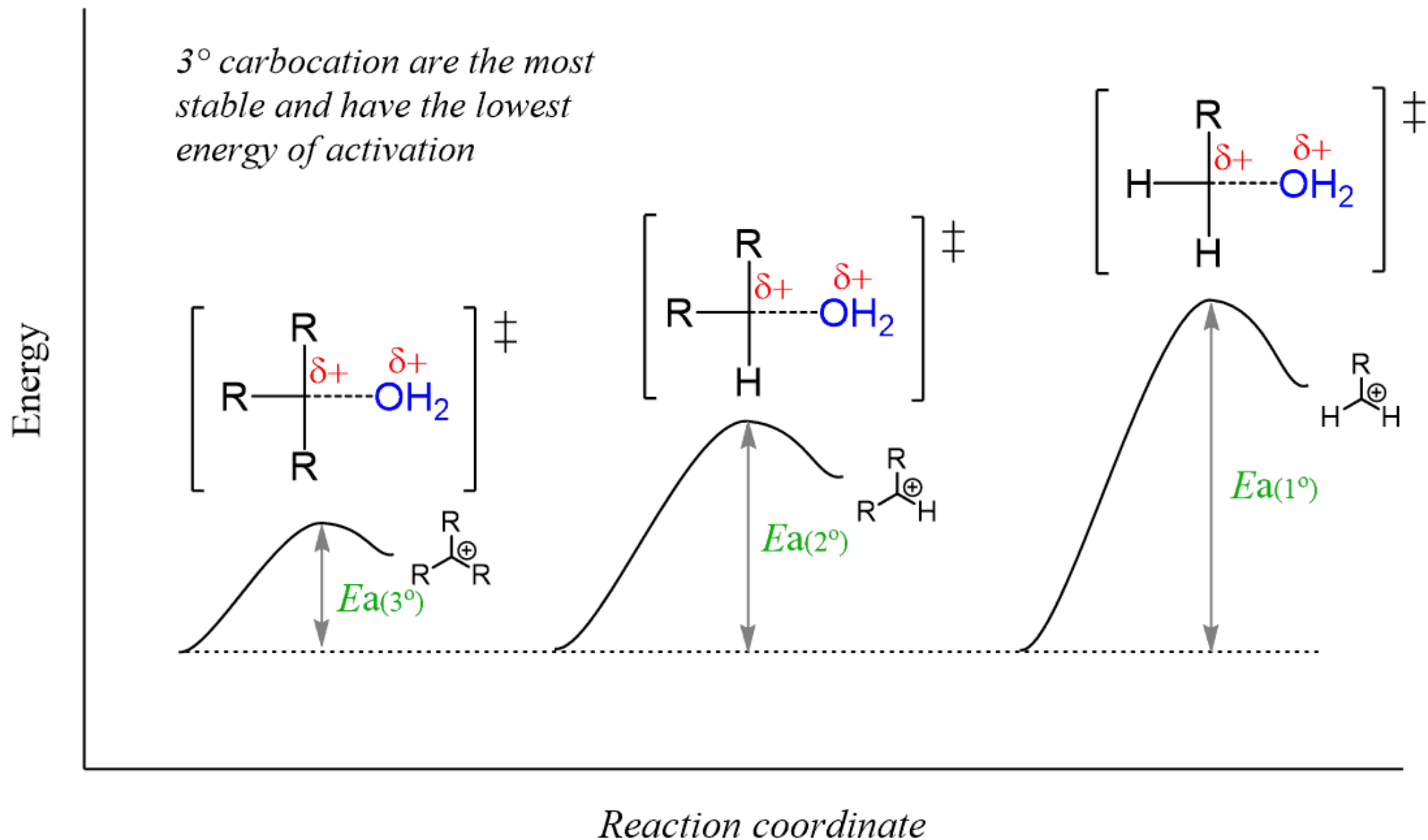
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E1

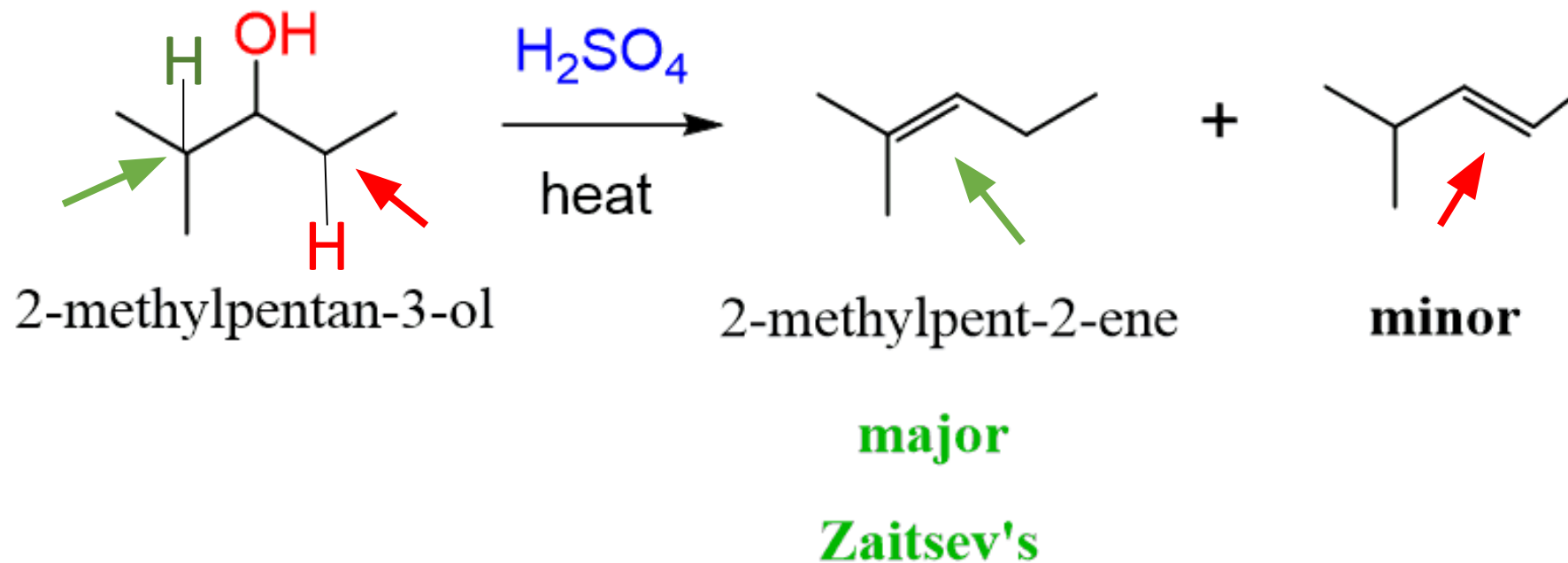
E2



# Formation of carbocations from tertiary, secondary, and primary alcohols.

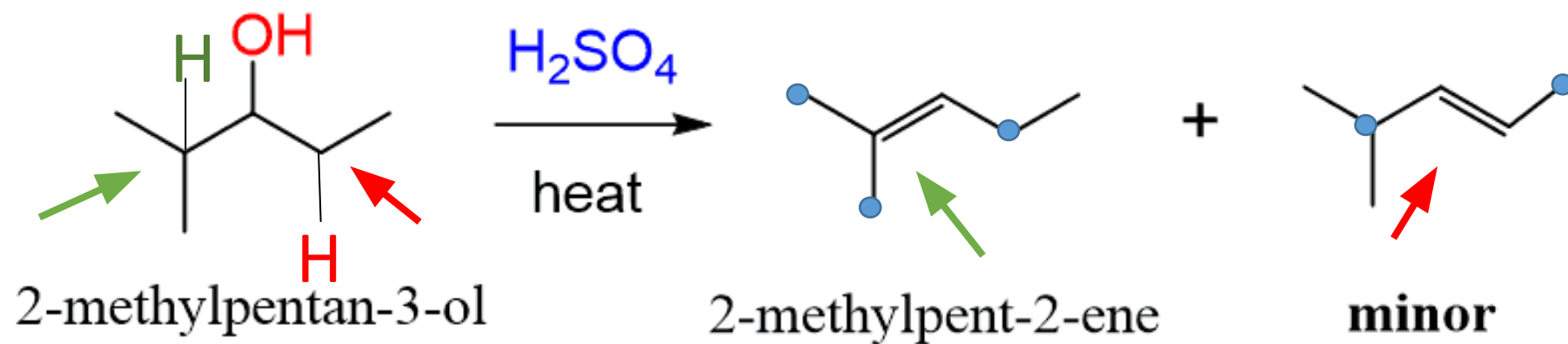


## Dehydration is a Regioselective Reaction and it Follows the Zaitsev rule





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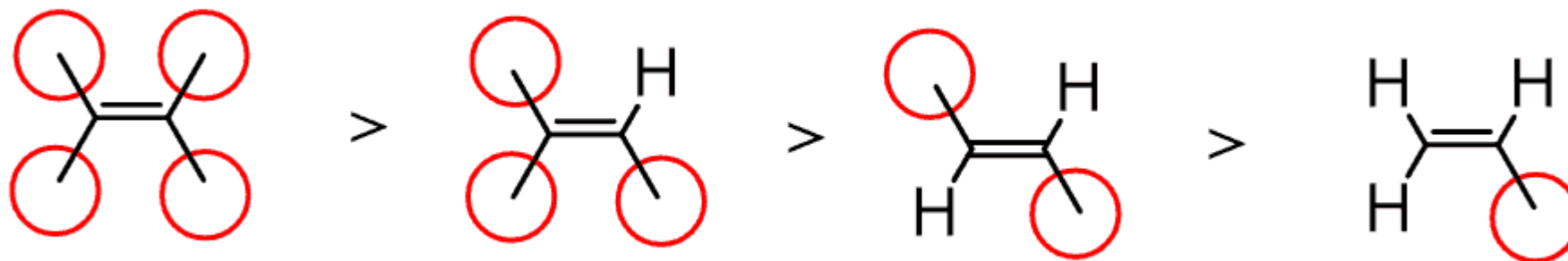


**major**

**Zaitsev's**



**The more substituted alkenes are more stable**



**Tetra**substituted

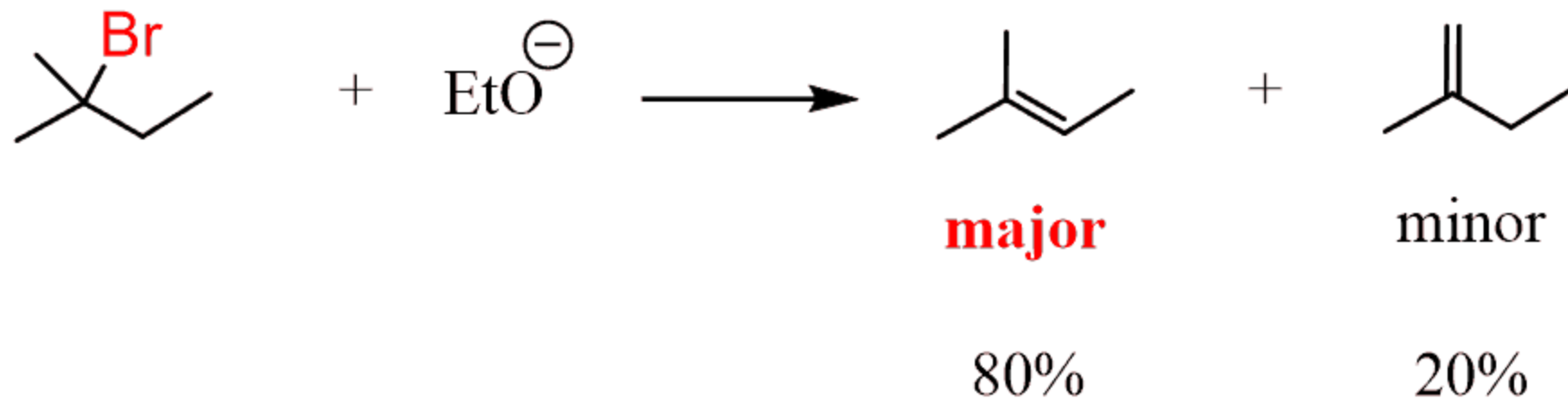
**Tri**substituted

**Di**substituted

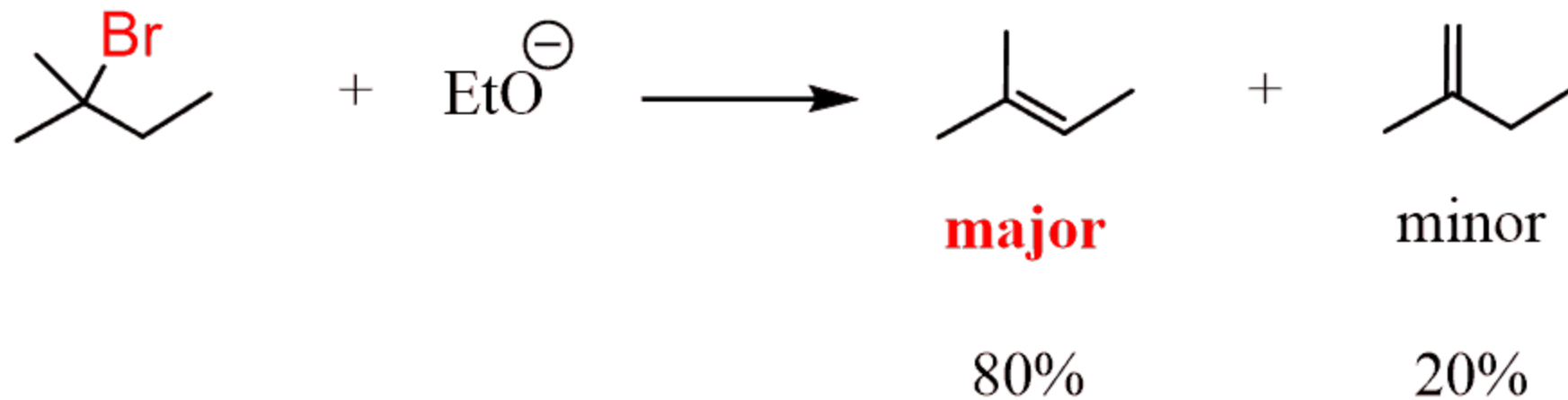
**Mono**substituted



# Elimination of Alkyl halide and Zaitsev rule

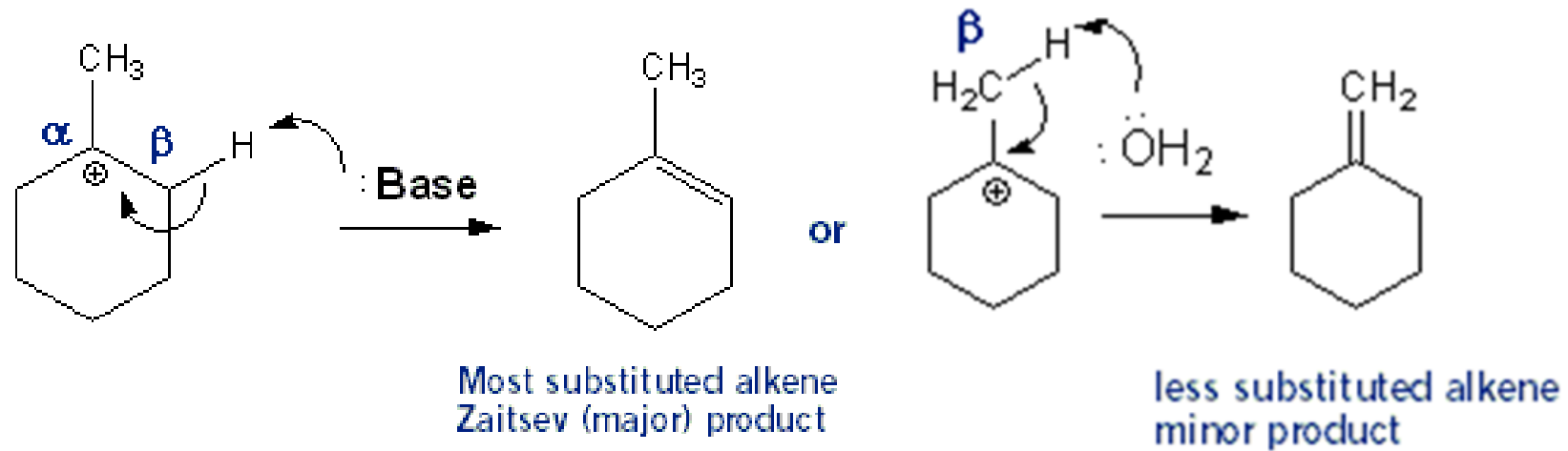


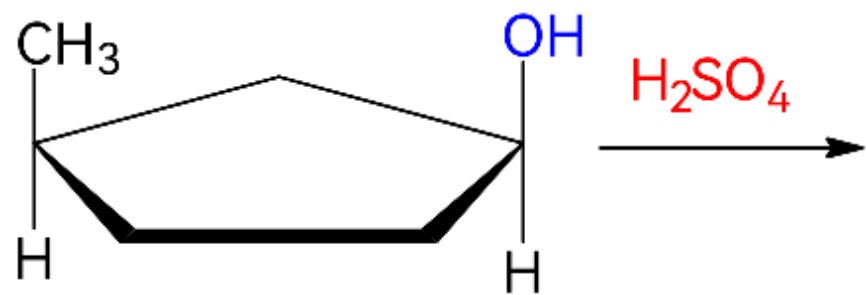
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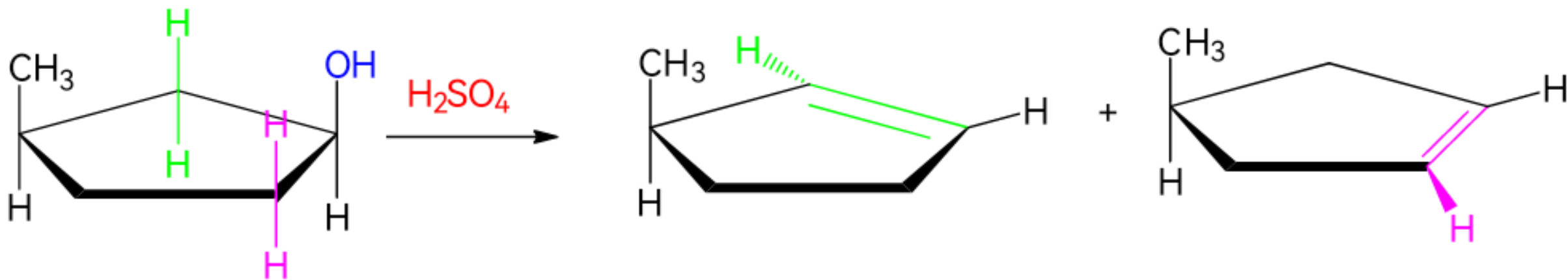


# Dehydration of 1-Methylcyclohexanol







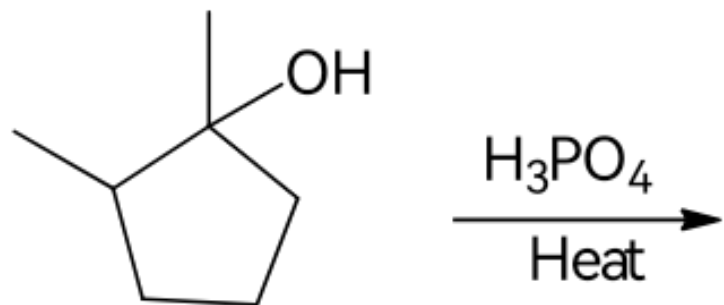


2° Alcohol  
E1 Mechanism

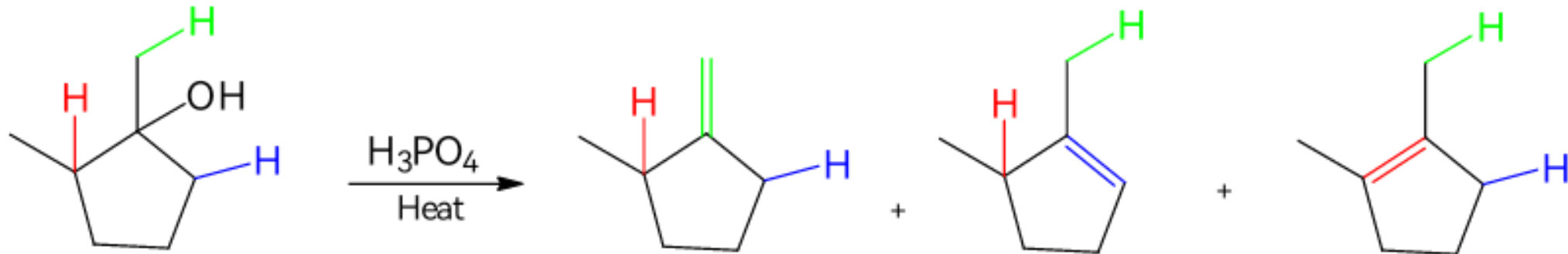




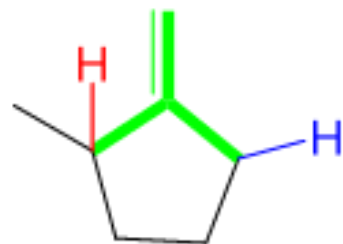
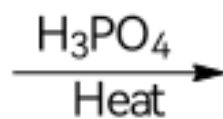
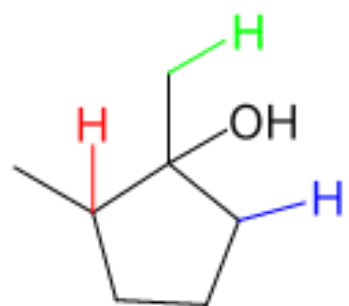
# Dehydration of 1,2-Dimethylcyclopentanol



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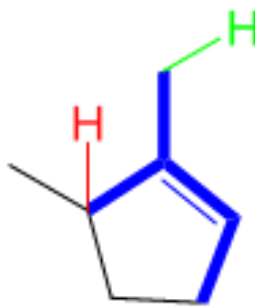


## Dehydration of 1,2-Dimethylcyclopentanol



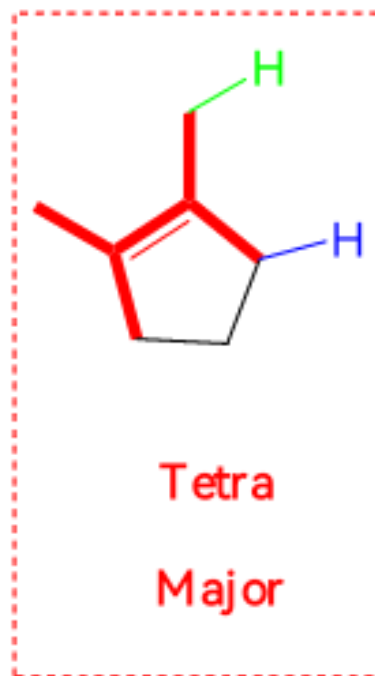
Di

+



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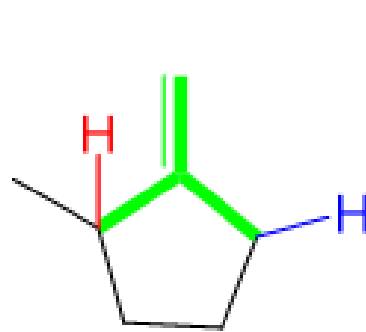
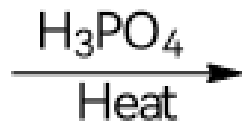
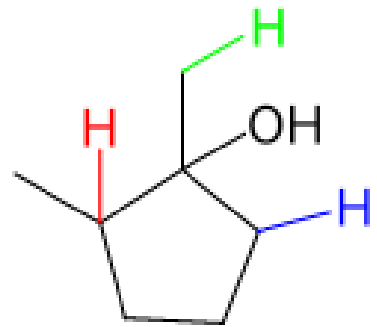
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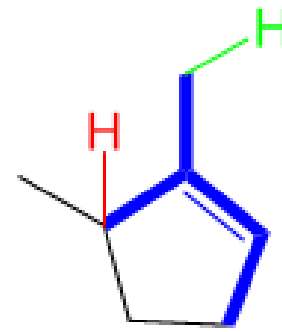
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Major



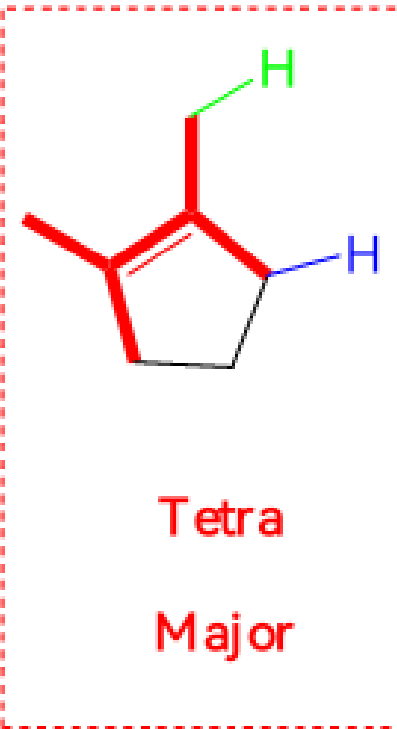
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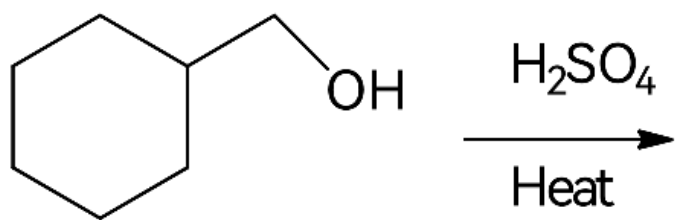
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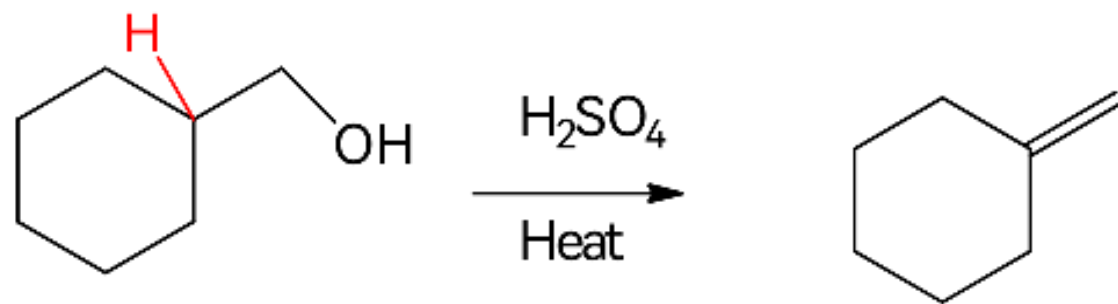


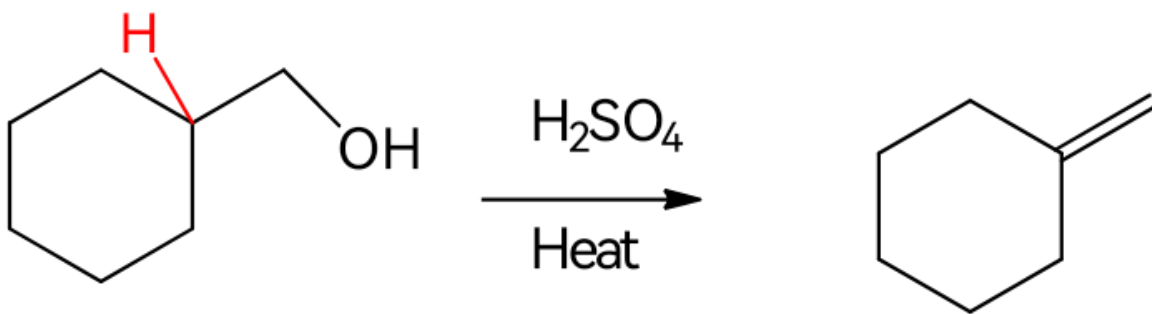
Tetra  
Major

3° Alcohol  
E1  
Mechanism









1° Alcohol  
E2  
Mechanism



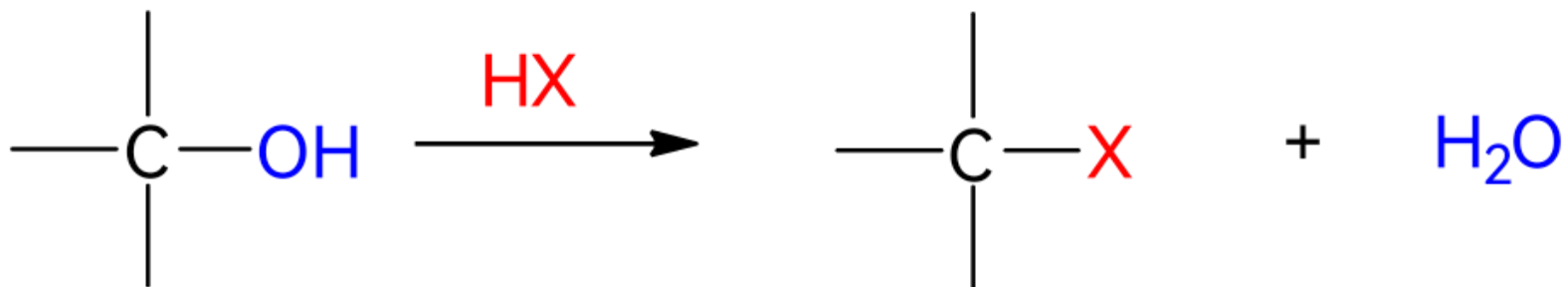
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## 7.9 The Reaction of Alcohols with Hydrogen Halides





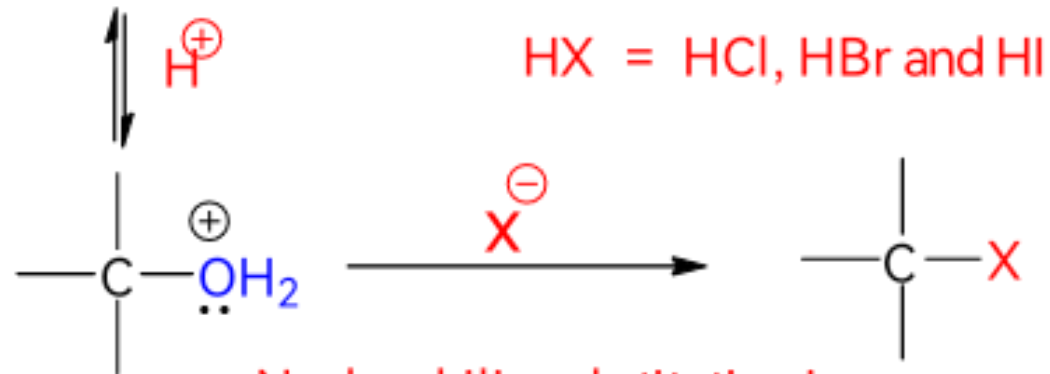
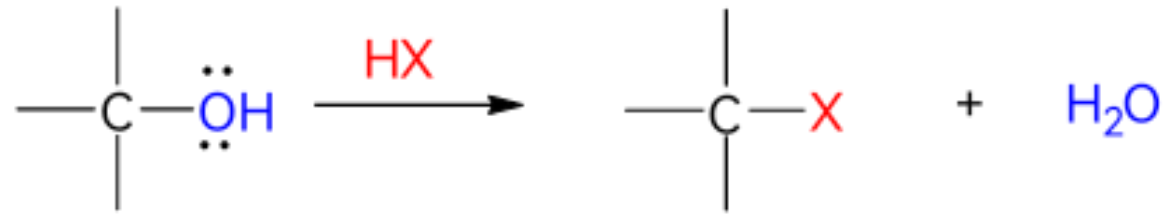
## Conversion of Alcohols into Alkyl Halides



HX = HCl, HBr and HI



# Nucleophilic substitution of alcohols by a halide



Nucleophilic substitution in:  
3° and 2° alcohol *via* S<sub>N</sub>1  
1° alcohol *via* S<sub>N</sub>2

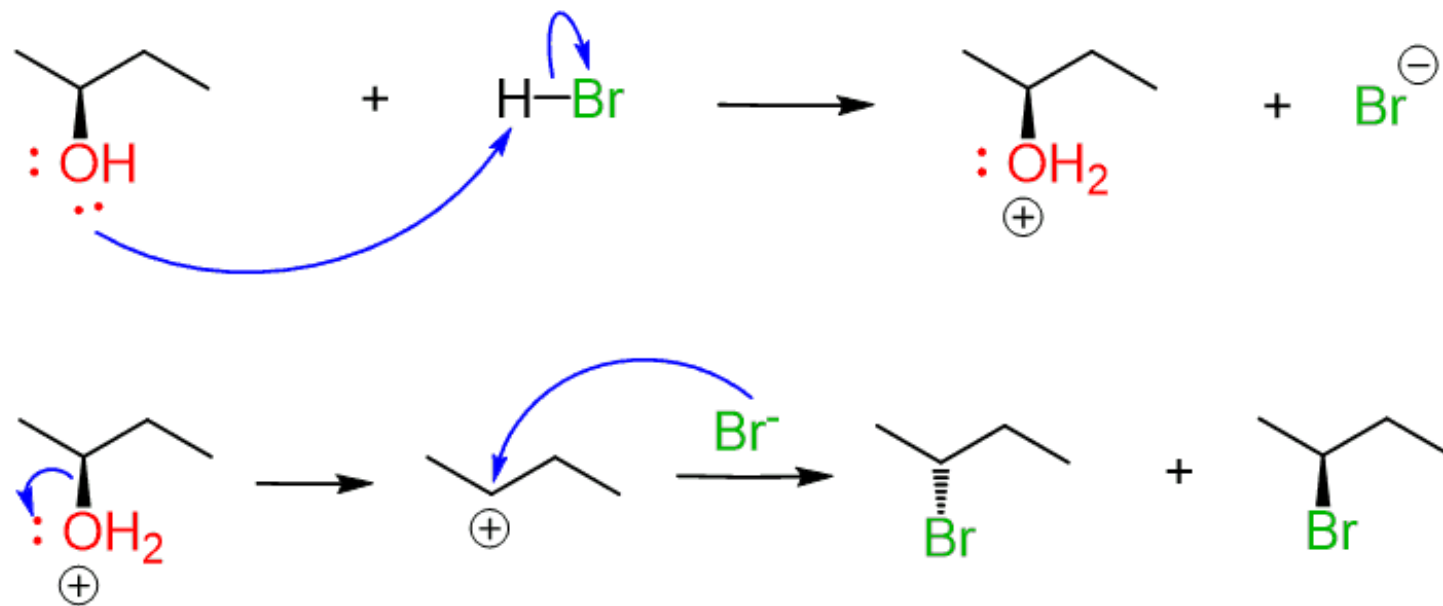
-OH Group is not good leaving group

-OH Group is protonated in acidic medium to form a better leaving group (H<sub>2</sub>O)





# Stereochemistry is not controlled in $S_N1$ reactions



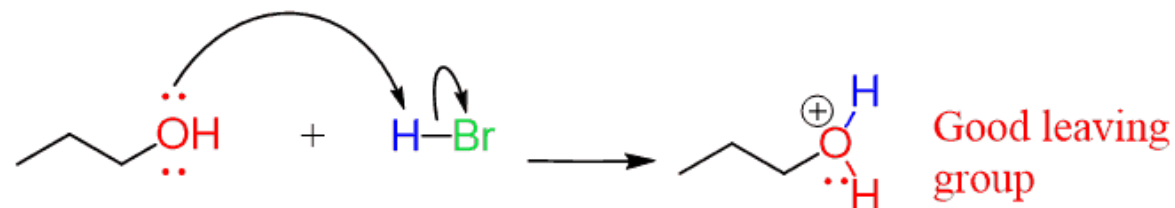
Racemic mixture

**Stereochemistry lost**

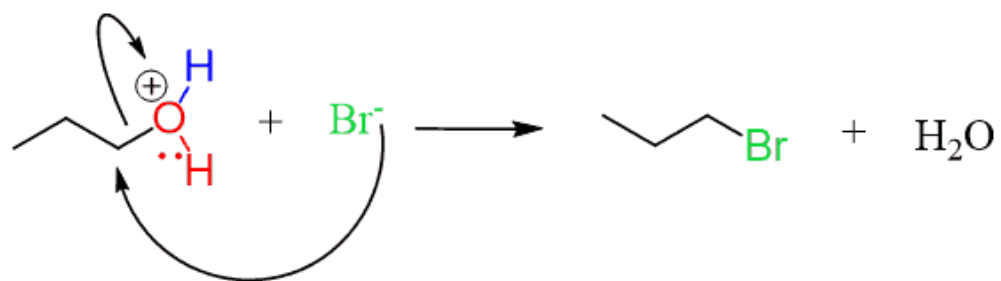


# Conversion of Primary Alcohols to Alkyl Halides with HX Acids

**Step 1:** Protonation of OH



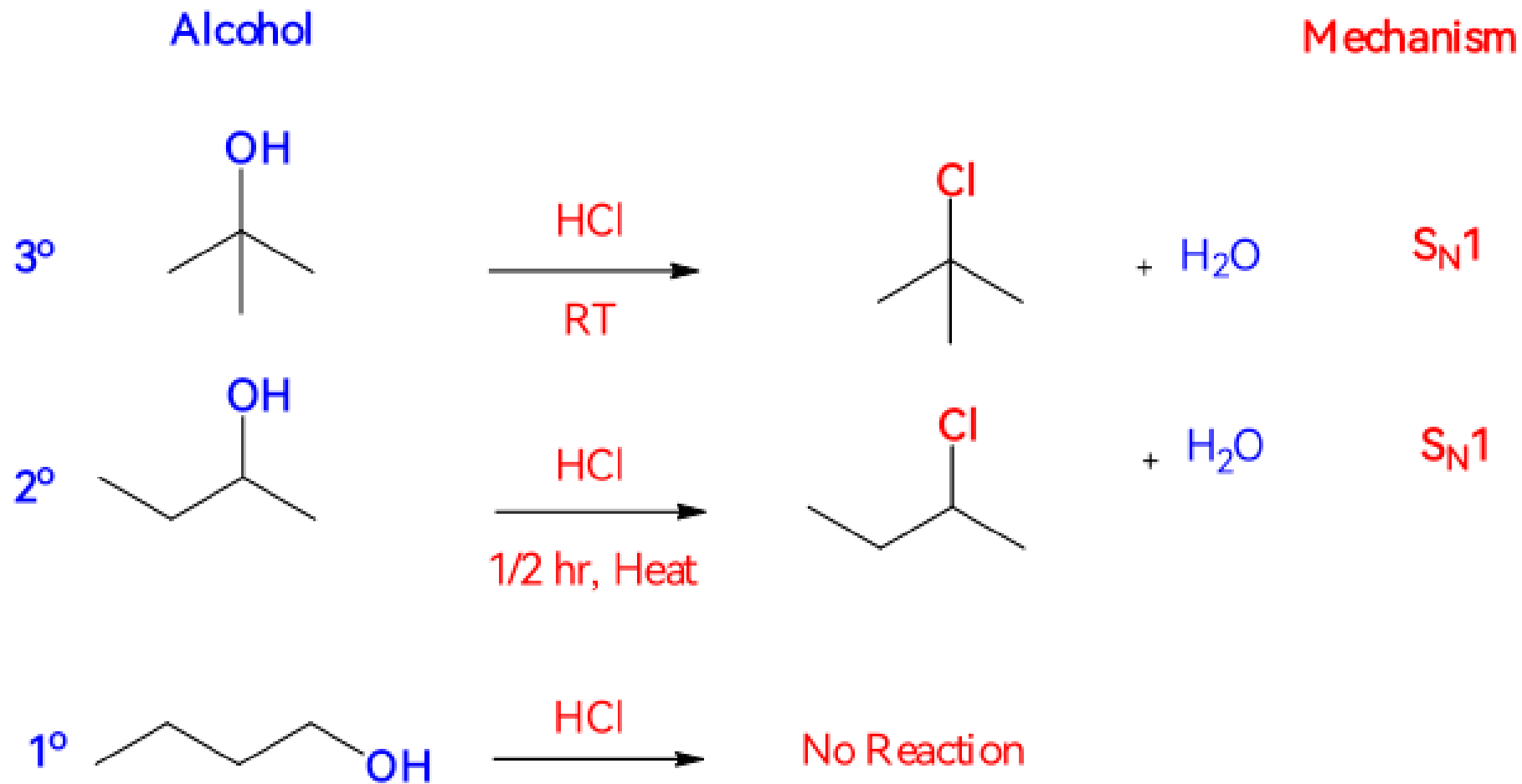
**Step 2:** Nucleophilic attack of Br<sup>-</sup>



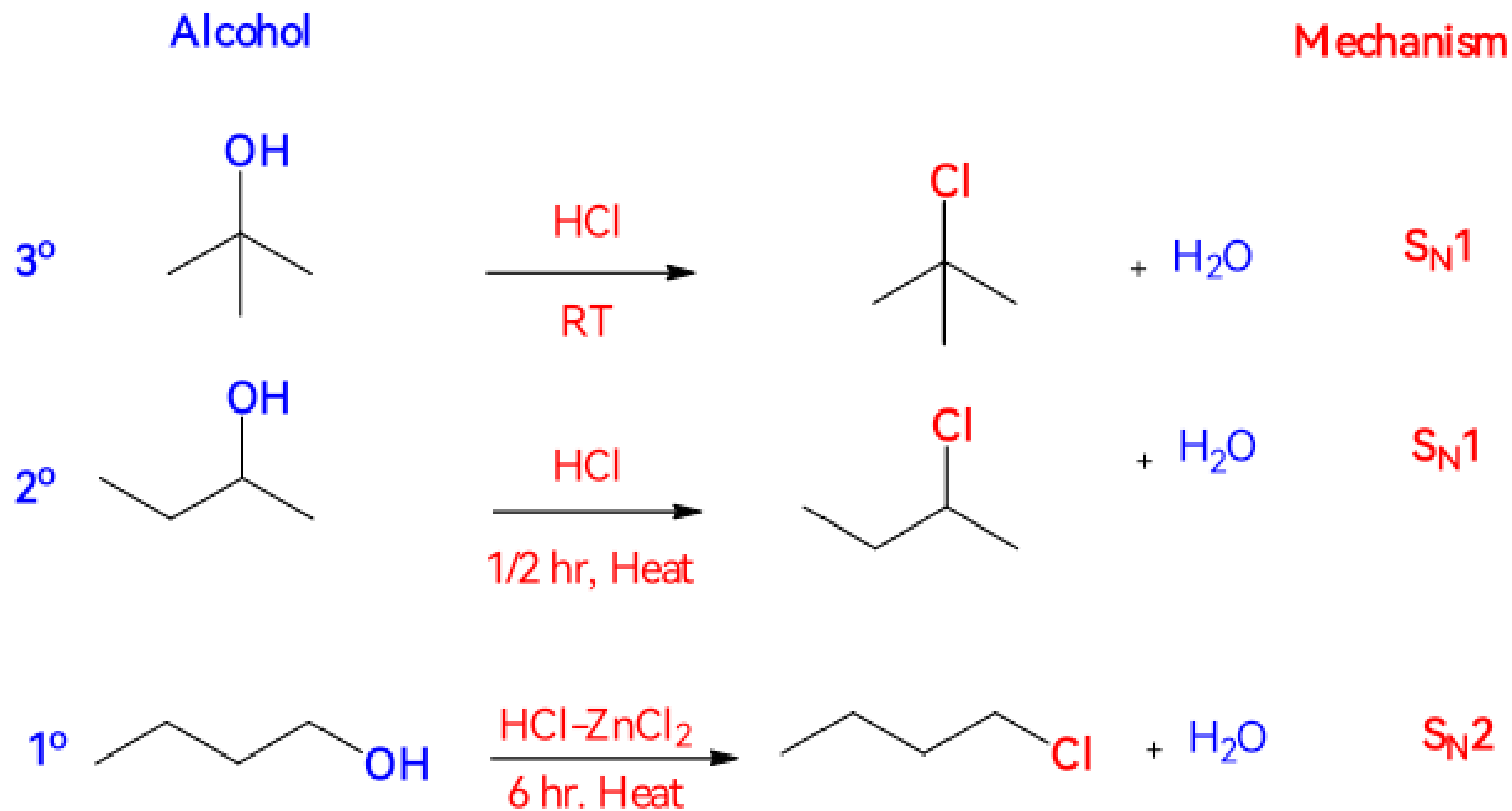
*Same for HI and HCl:*

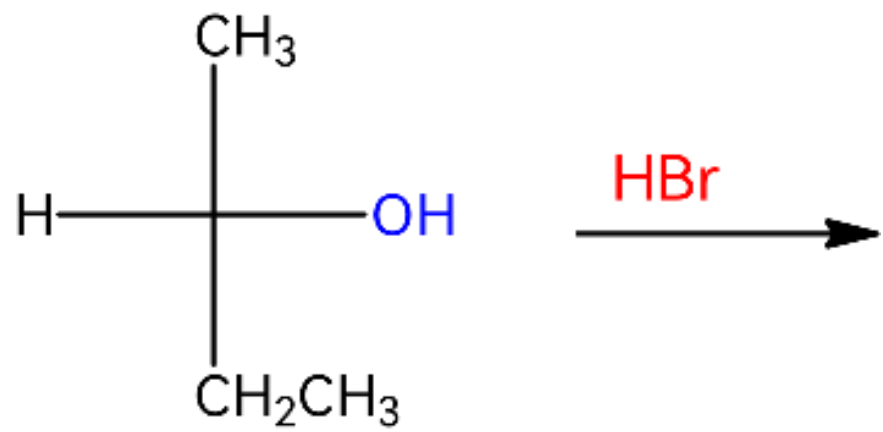


# Reactivity of Alcohols toward substitution reaction with hydrogen halide

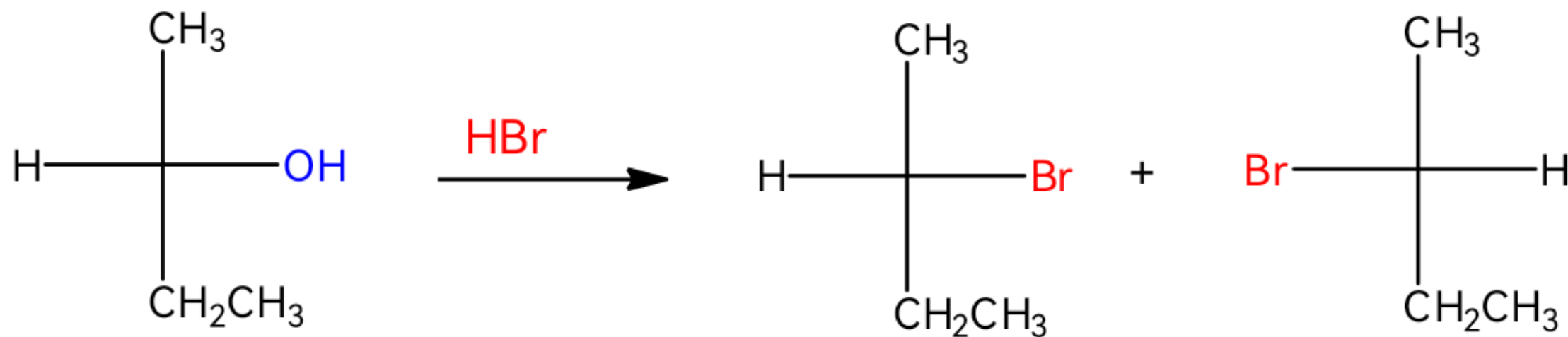


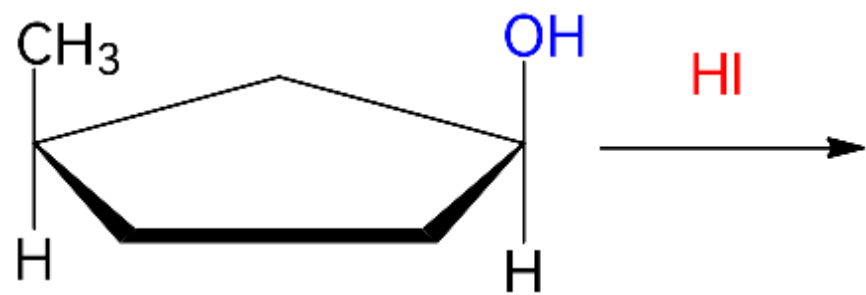
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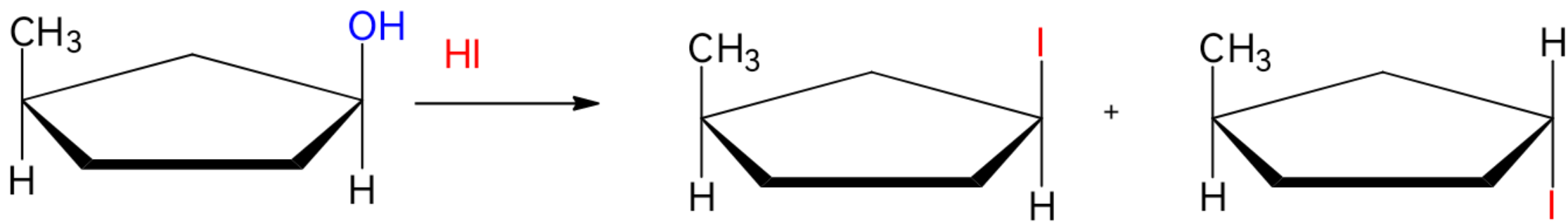


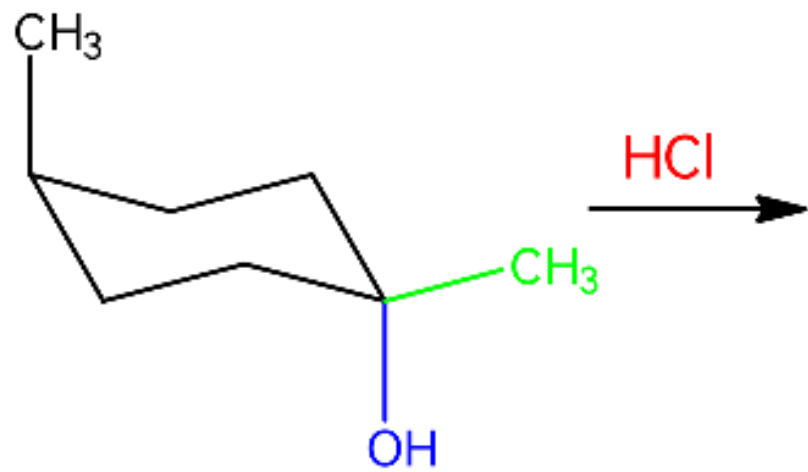


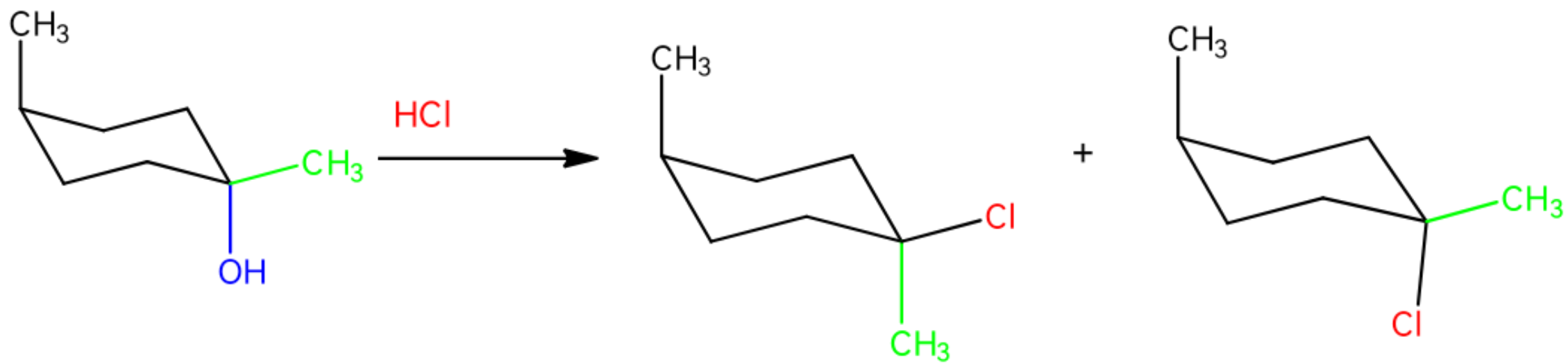




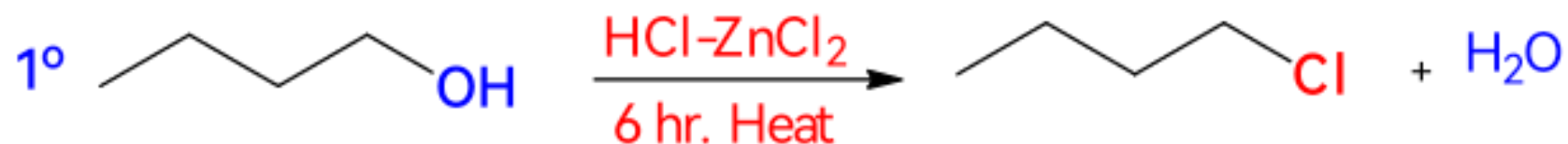








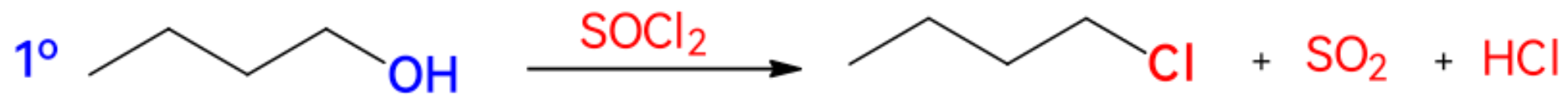
# Substitution of primary alcohols by Chloride



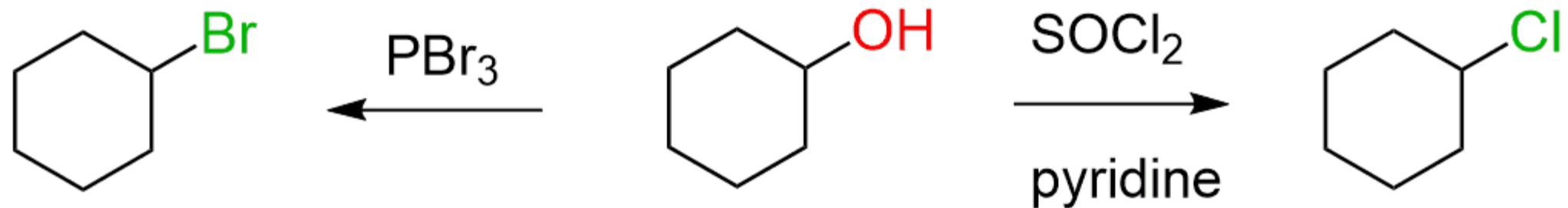
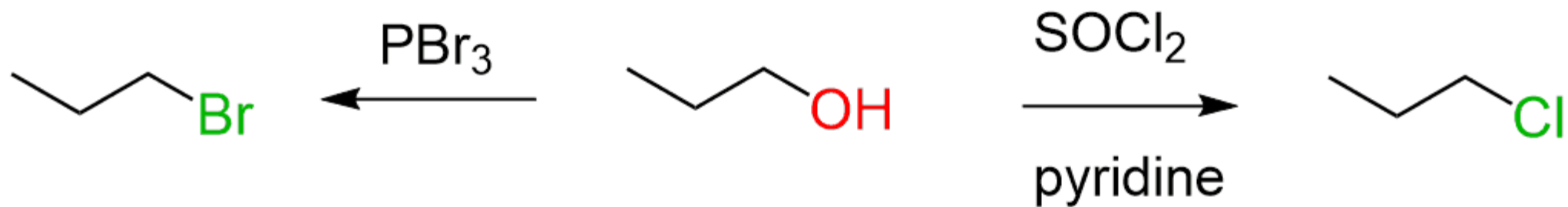
Sevier conditions are used to prepare primary chloroalkane from primary alcohol



# Mild conditions of Thionyl chloride to prepare Alkyl chloride

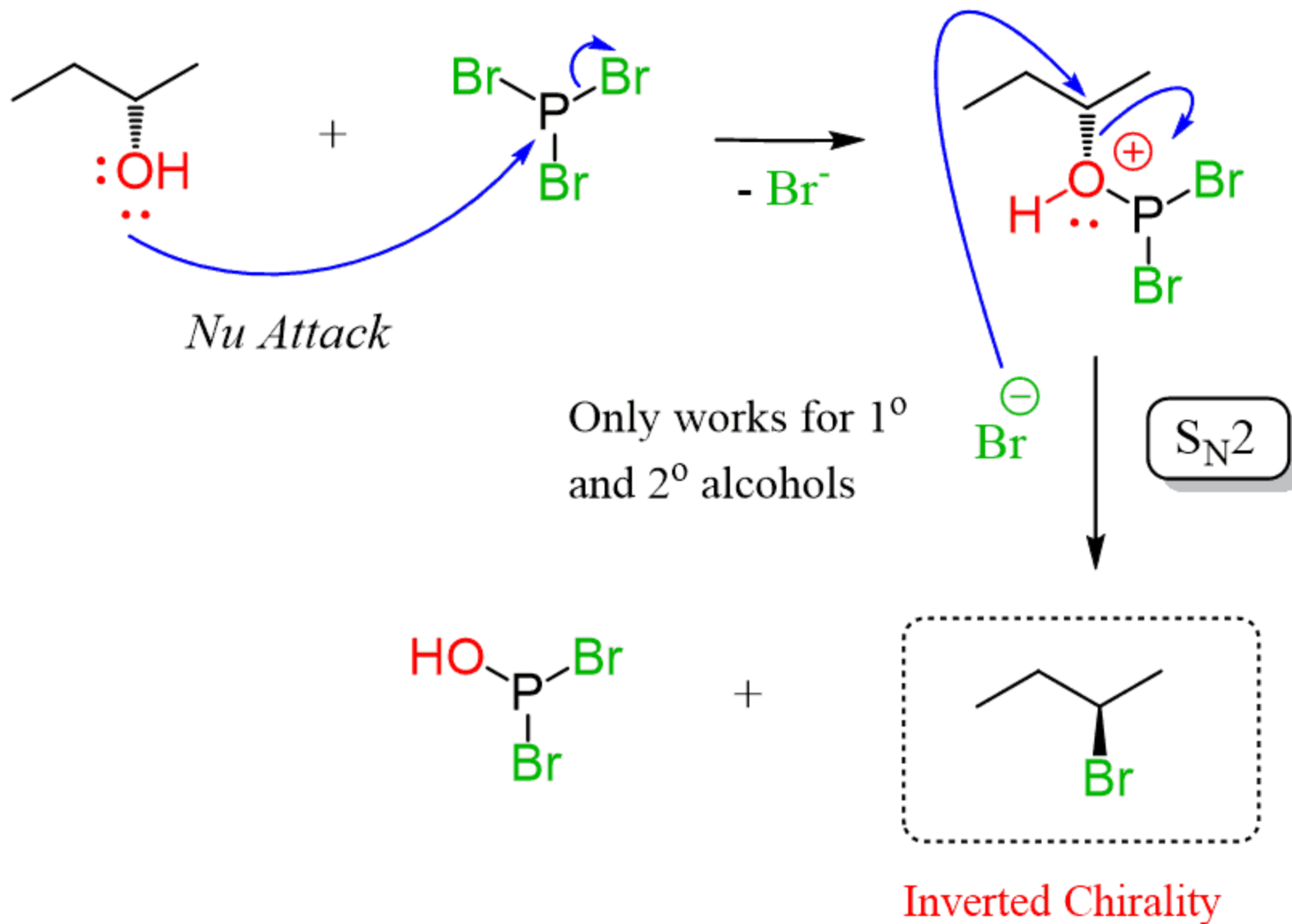


**1° and 2° alcohols can be converted to alkyl halides with  $\text{SOCl}_2$  and  $\text{PBr}_3$**



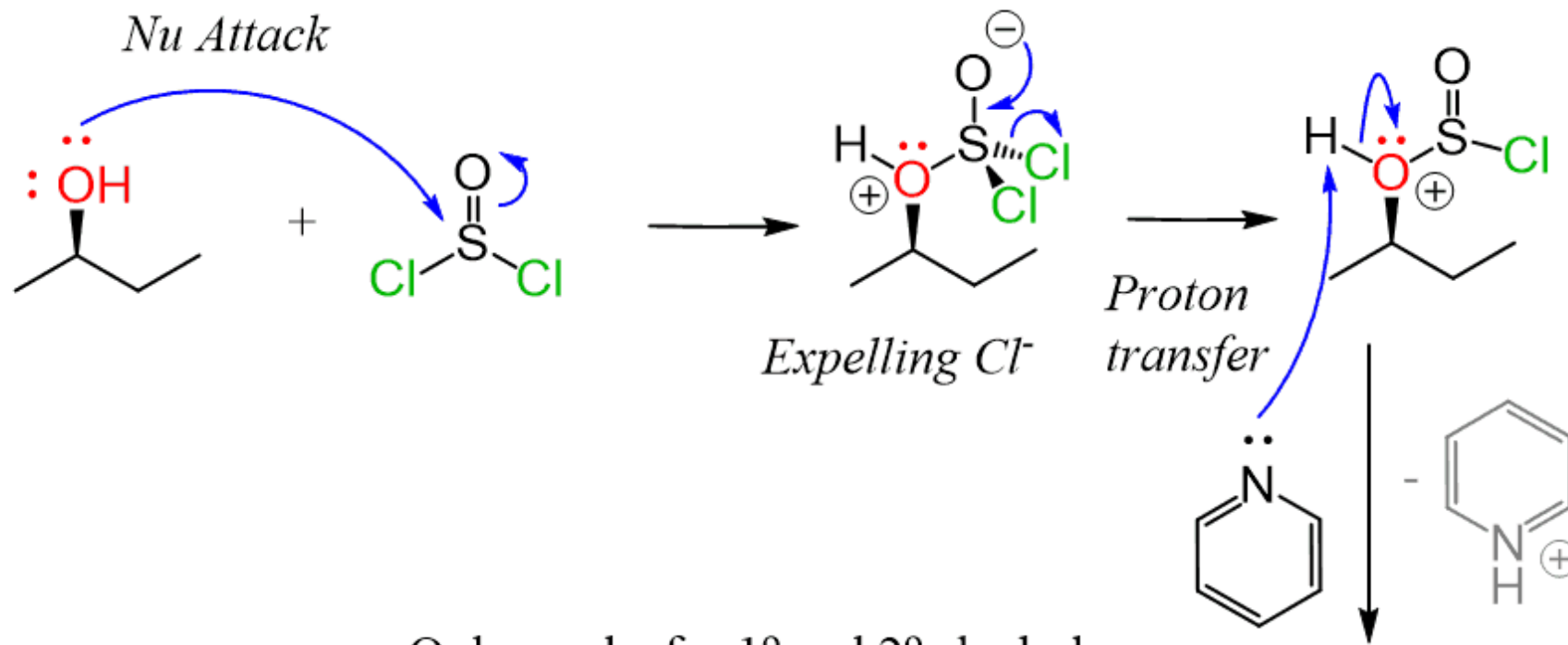


## Reaction of Alcohols with PBr<sub>3</sub> via S<sub>N</sub>2 Mechanism

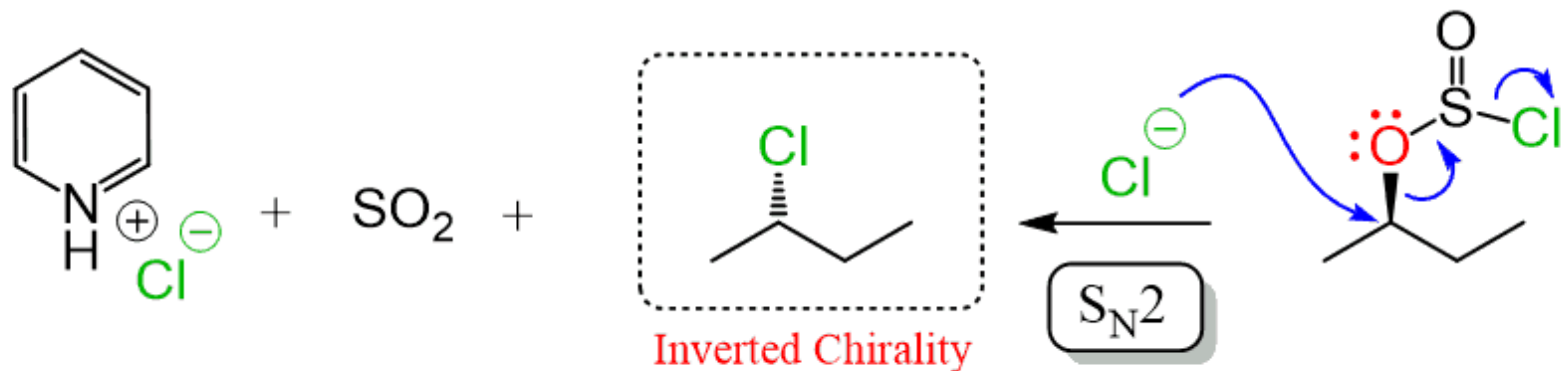


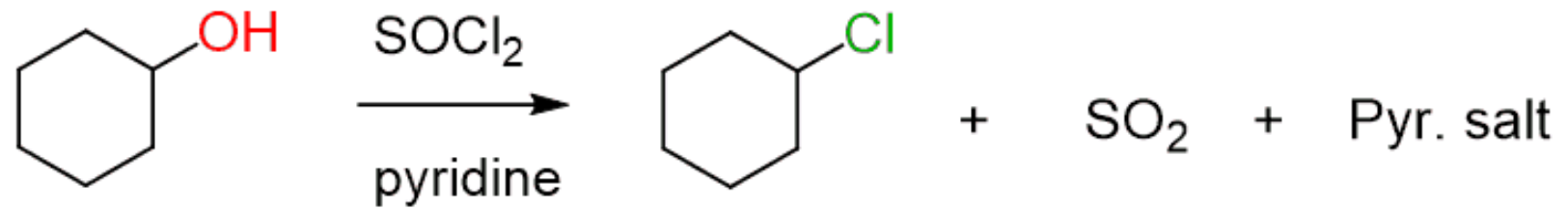
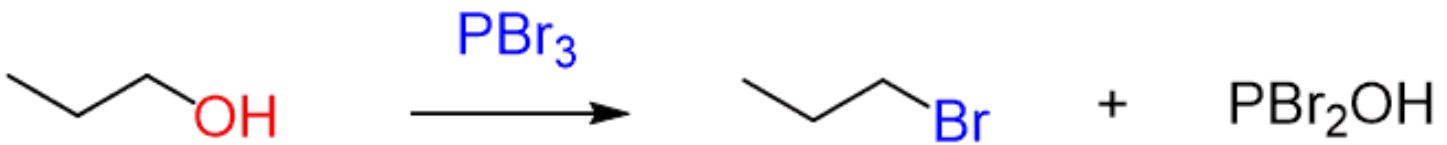


## Reaction of Alcohols with $\text{SOCl}_2$ and Pyridine via an $\text{S}_{\text{N}}2$ Mechanism



Only works for  $1^\circ$  and  $2^\circ$  alcohols





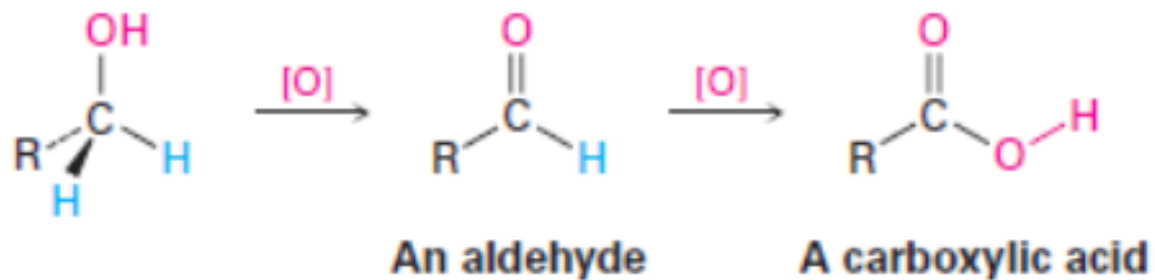
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## 7.12 Oxidation of Alcohols

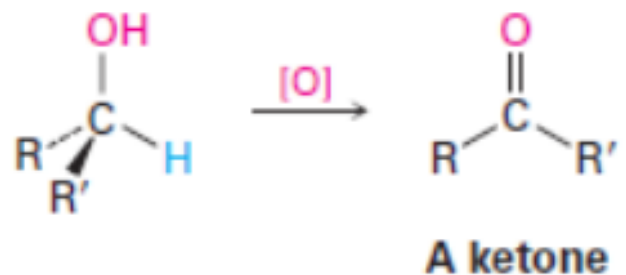


# Oxidation of Alcohols

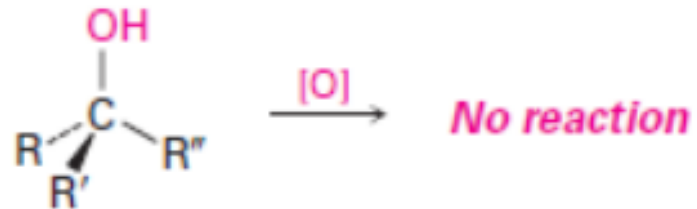
Primary alcohol



Secondary alcohol



Tertiary alcohol

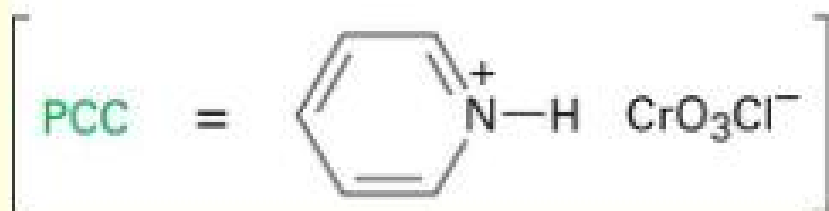


# PCC Oxidation



**Citronellol (from rose oil)**

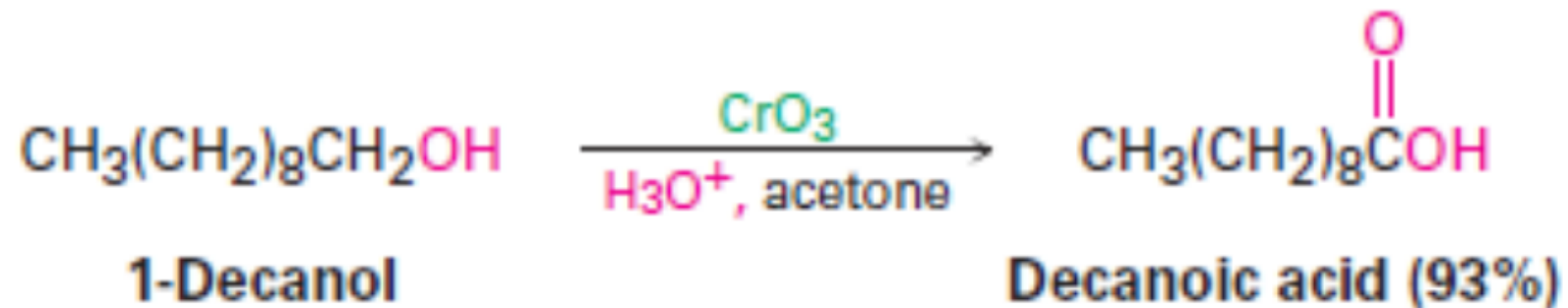
**Citronellal (82%)**



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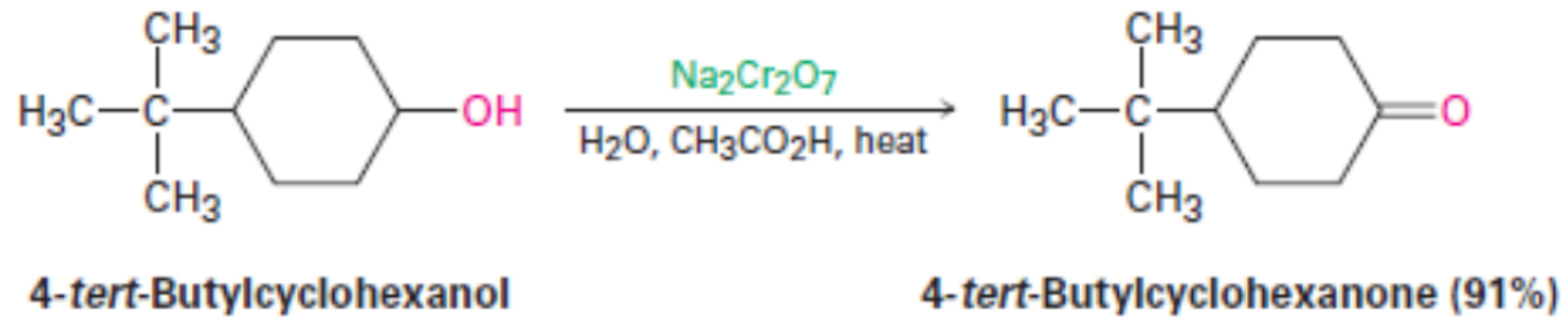


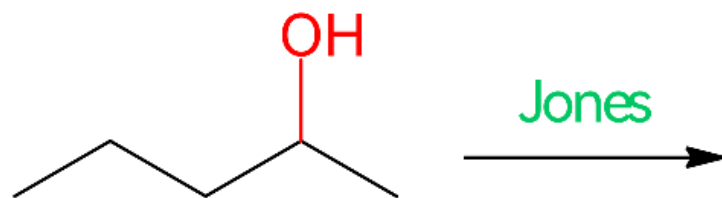
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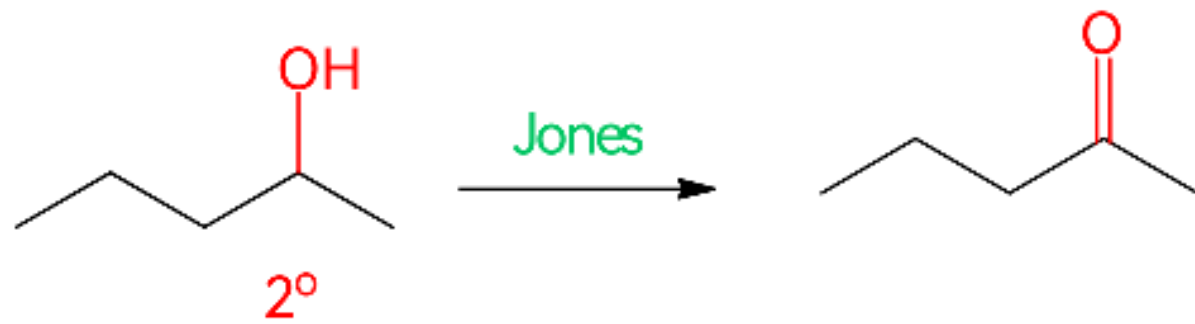


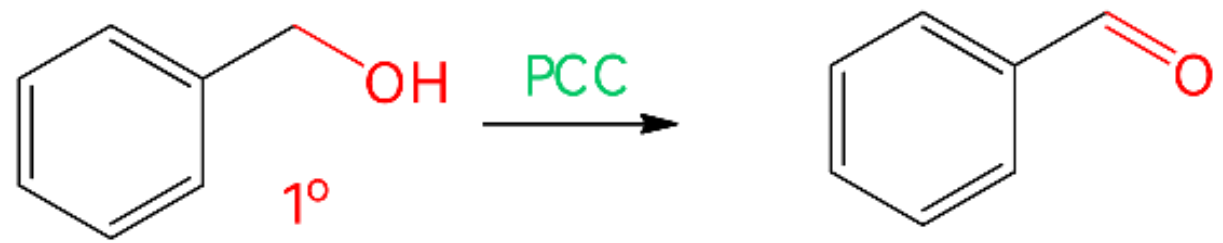


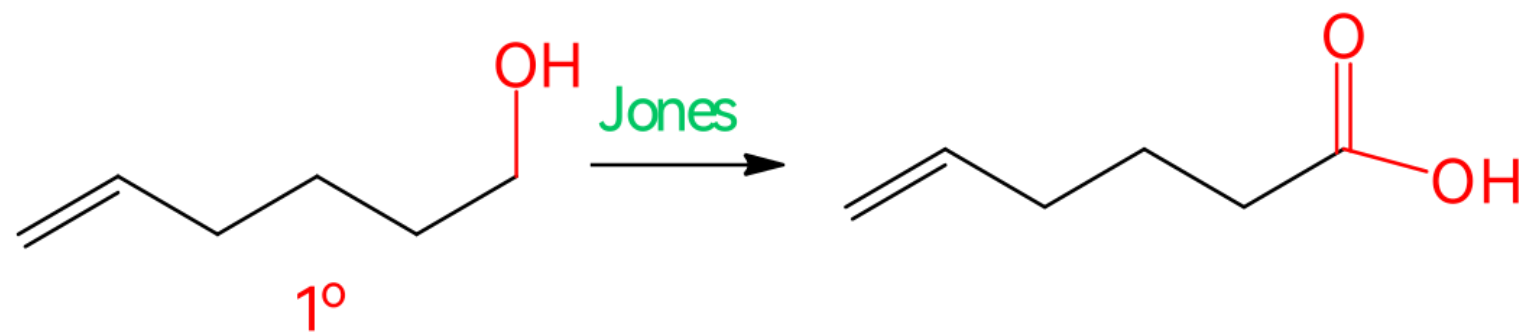
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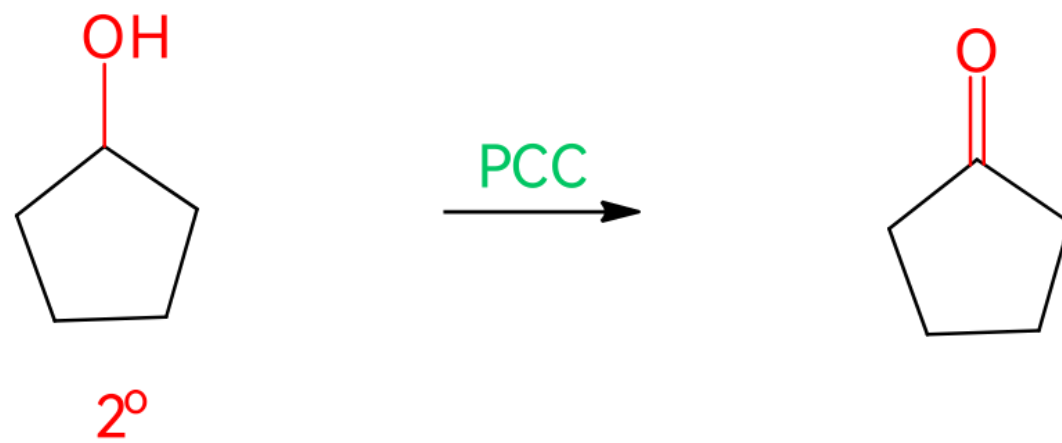




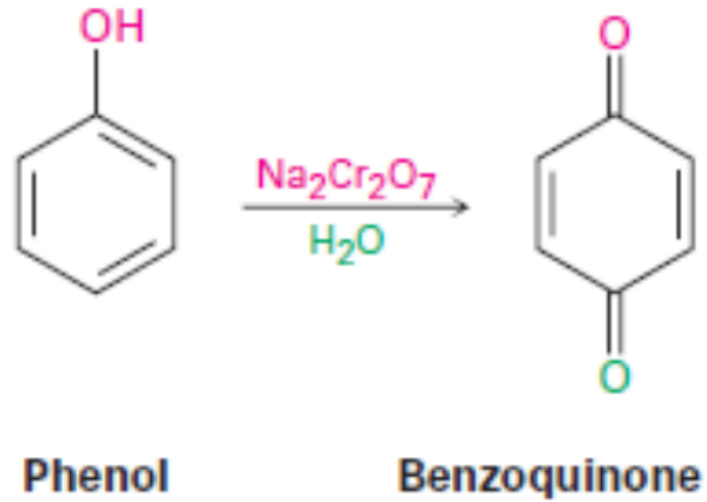








# Oxidation of Phenols: Quinones



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