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# C-C bond formation

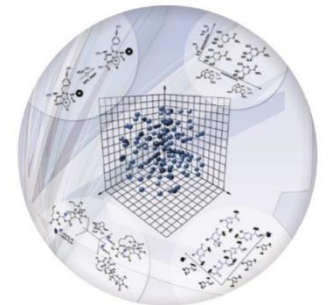
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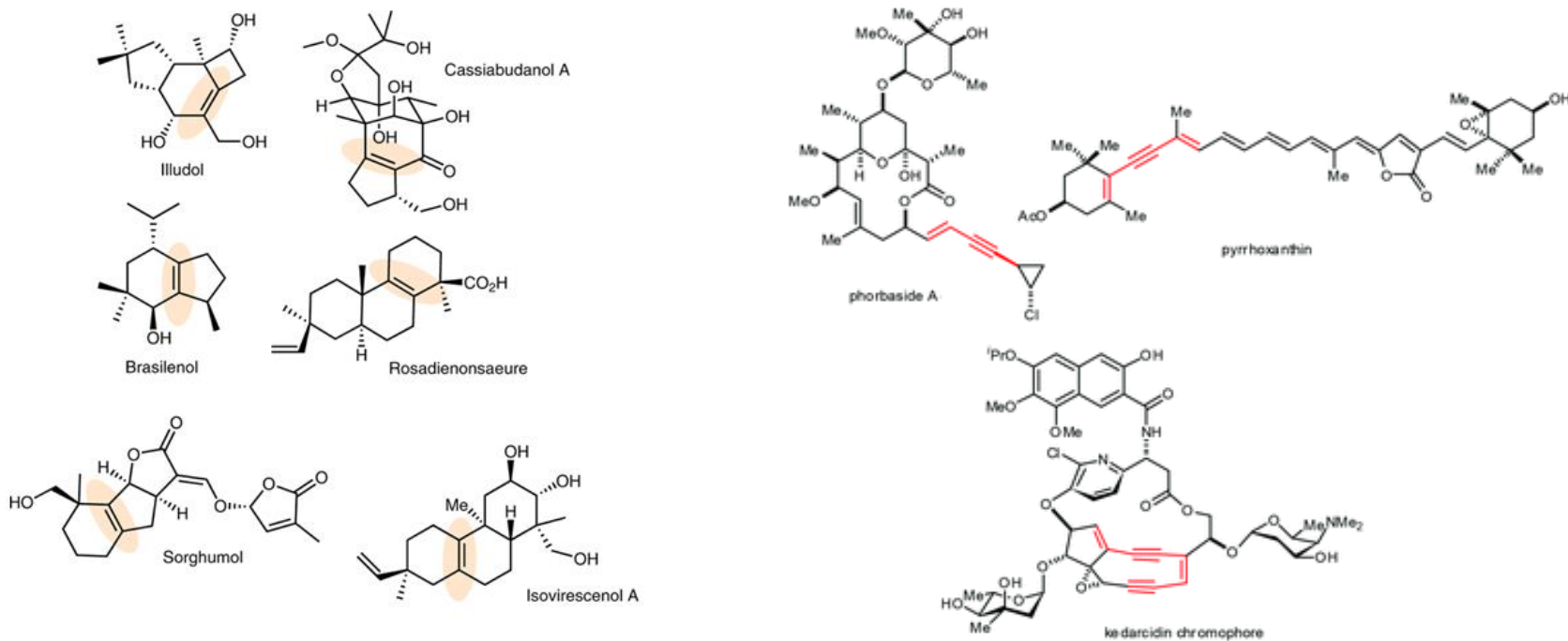
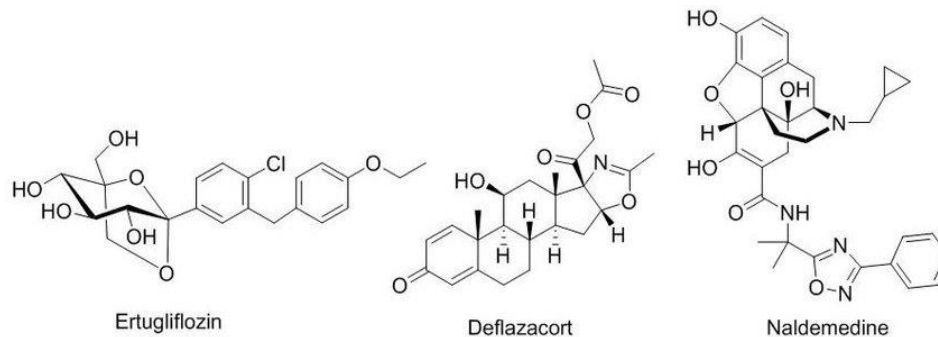
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# Carbon-carbon bonds...

✓ Carbon-carbon bonds are ubiquitous in natural products and drugs

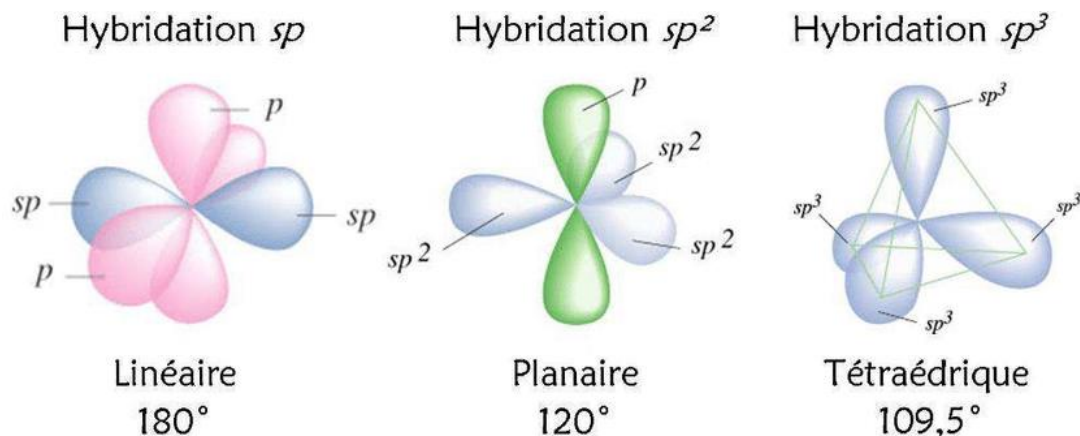
- C-C : alkane
- C=C : alkene
- C≡C : alkyne



# Carbon-carbon bonds...

✓ Some general information...

	C-C	C=C	C≡C
Bond lengths (Å)	1.53	1.32	1.18
Bond energies (kJ.mol <sup>-1</sup> )	345-355	610-630	835
Geometry	tetrahedral	planar trigonal	linear
Hybridization	sp <sup>3</sup>	sp <sup>2</sup>	sp



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# Chapter I

## *C-C bonds formation*

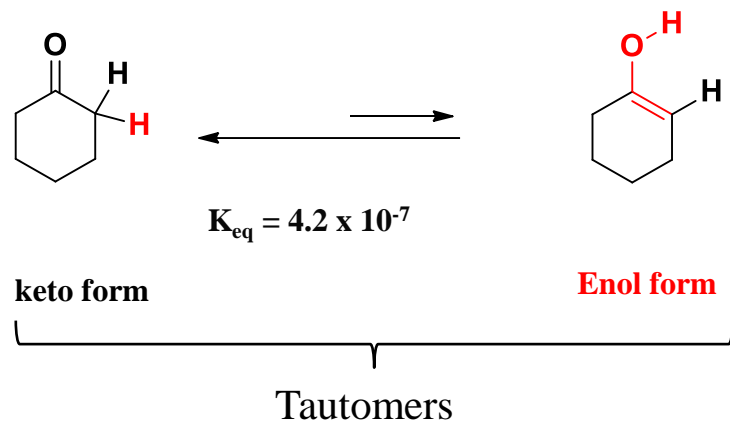
## ***I. Carbon-carbon bonds formation***

1. Enols, enolates and related compounds
  - a. Formation
  - b. Alkylation
  - c. Reactivity with carbonyl moities
2. Organometallic reagents
  - a. Organomagnesium compounds
  - b. Organolithium and related compounds
3. Pericyclic reactions
  - a. Definition
  - b. Diels-Alder reaction
  - c. Sigmatropic reaction
4. “One word” about cross-coupling reactions

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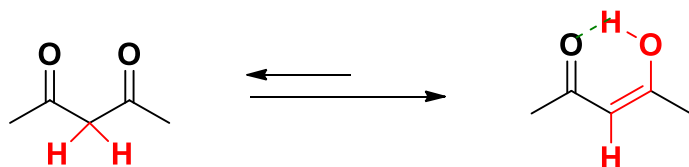
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Keto-enol equilibria



✓ The conversion of a carbonyl compound into its enol form : **enolization**

✓ Particular case of 1,3-dicarbonyl compounds ( $\beta$ -dicarbonyl compounds)



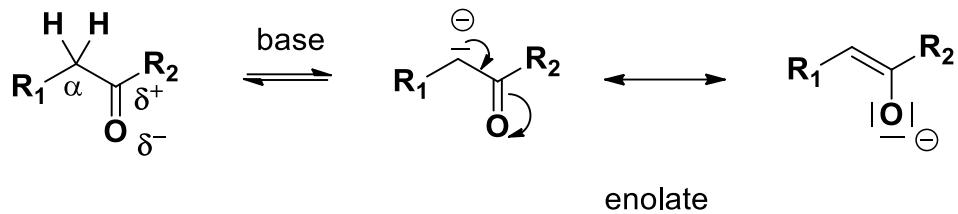
Stabilizing effects of the enol form :

- Conjugation, resonance
- Intramolecular hydrogen bond

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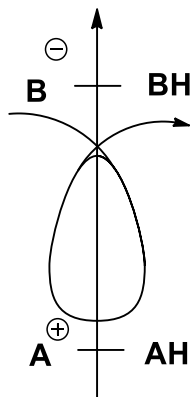
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### ➤ I. 1. a. Formation

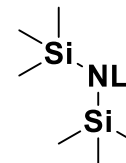
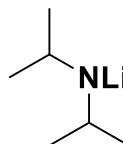


Usually : strong base

The pKa of the base must be stronger then the pKa of the removed H.



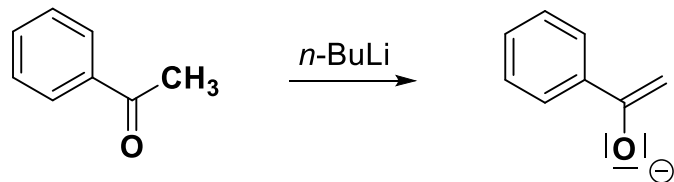
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50	38	36	35	35



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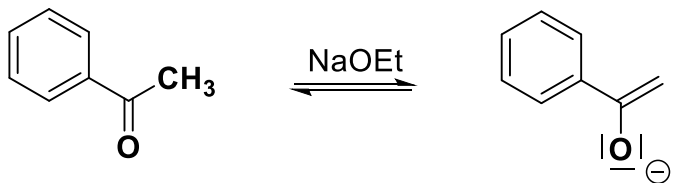
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Base effect :

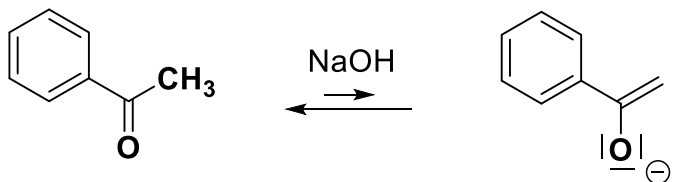


pKa

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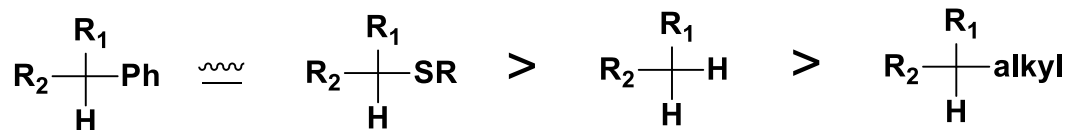
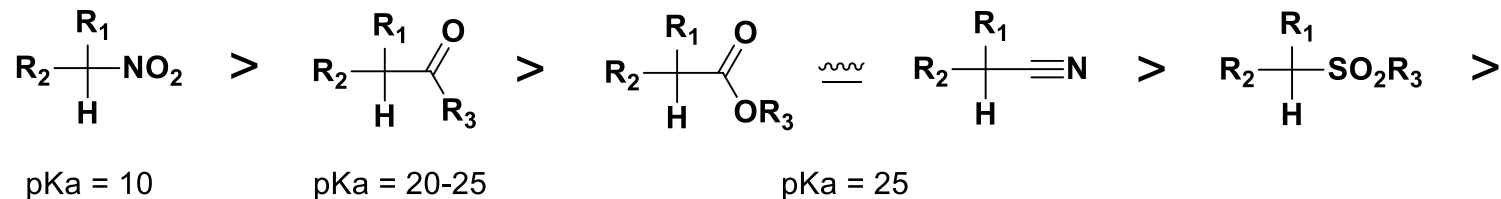


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Acidity scale:

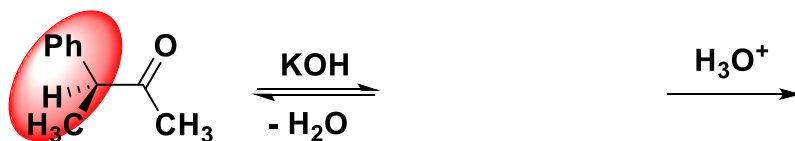




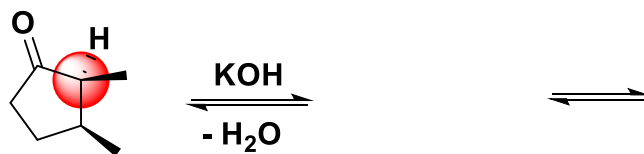
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Racemization :



Isomerization :

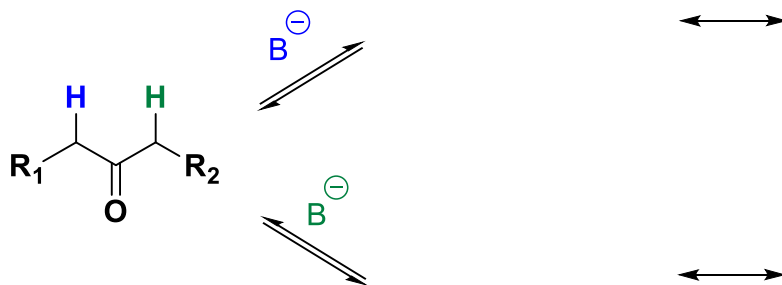


thermodynamic ketone

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Unsymmetrical substrates, selectivity ?



The selectivity depends on reaction conditions :  
**kinetic *versus* thermodynamic control**

### **Kinetic control :**

the more acidic and accessible H

- Low temperature
- Base excess
- Short reaction time
- Strong base
- Aprotic solvent

### **Thermodynamic control :**

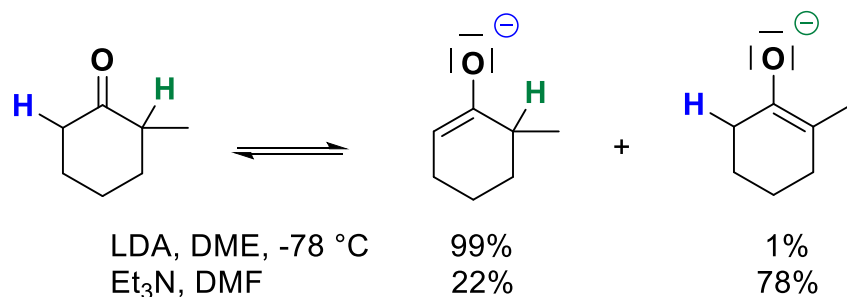
the less acidic and accessible H

- Higher temperature
- Ketone excess
- Long reaction time
- Mild base
- Protic solvent

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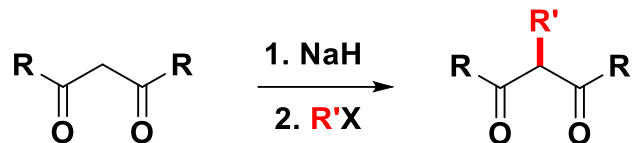
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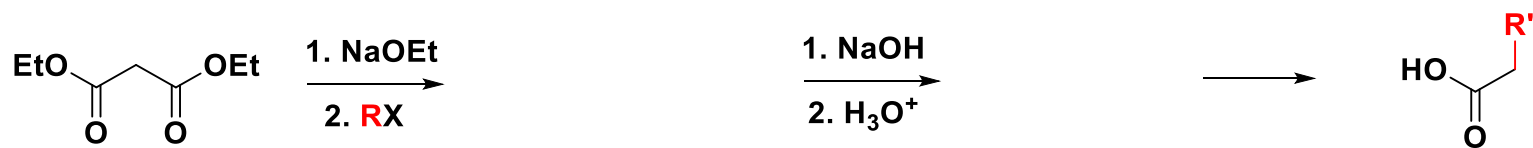
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➤ I. 1. b. Alkylation

Bis-activated reagent



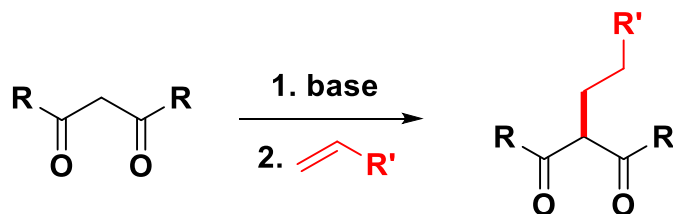
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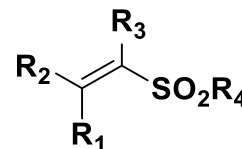
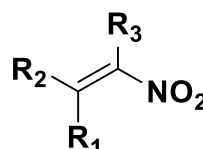
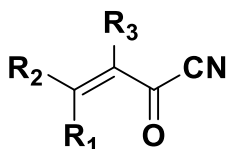
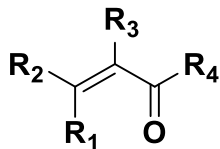
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### Nucleophilic conjugate addition = Michael addition



Electrophile :



Mechanism :



Arthur Michael  
(1853-1942)  
American chemist

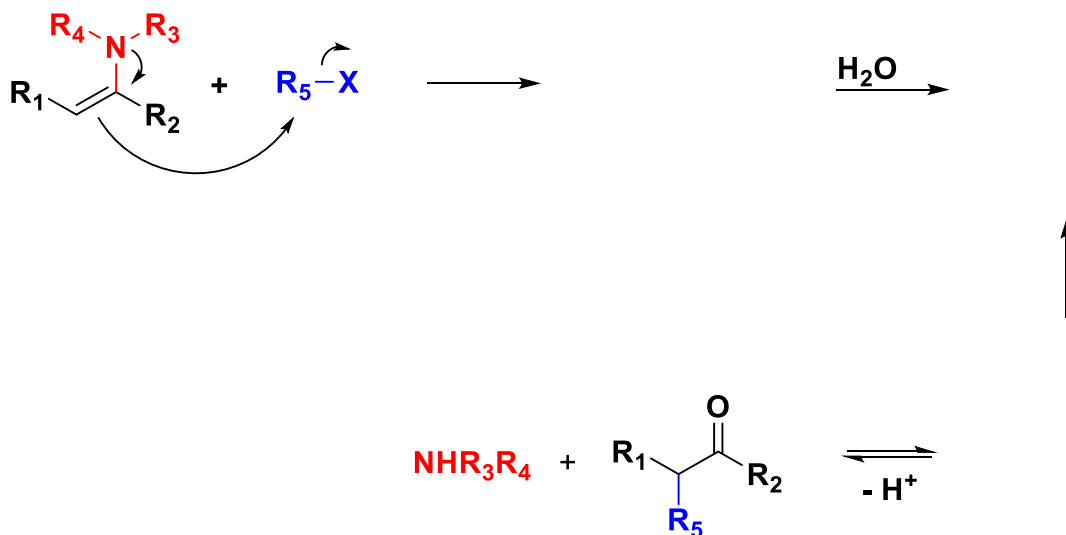


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### Enamine alkylation

Alkylation :



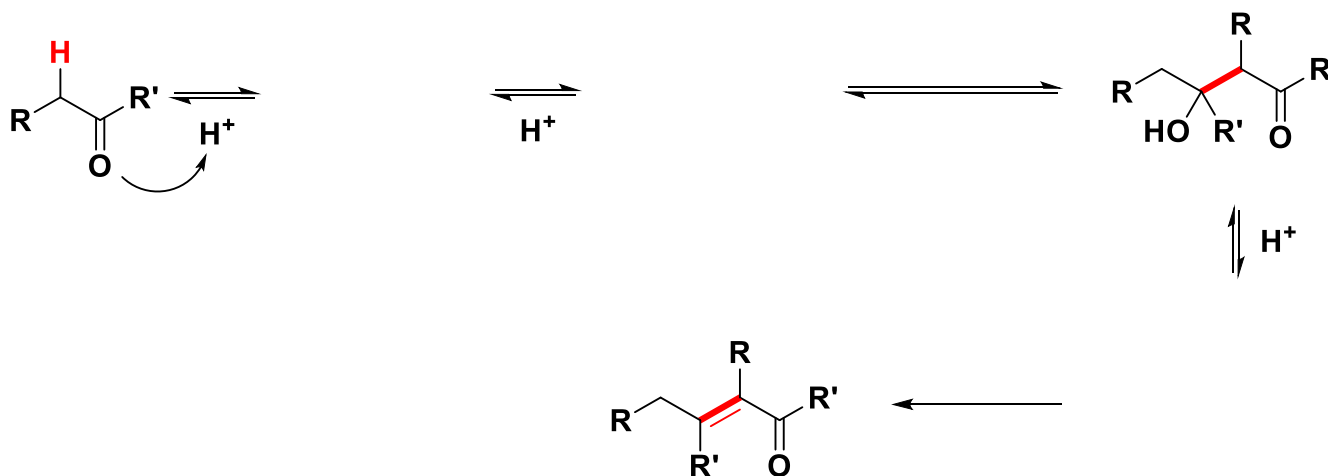
The enamine is more nucleophilic than the enol.

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➤ I. 1. c. Reactivity with carbonyl moities

Aldol addition / condensation : acid catalyzed



The formation of the conjugated system is the driving force for this spontaneous dehydration.

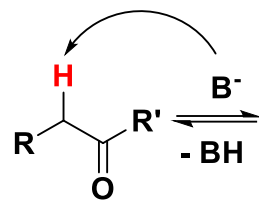


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Aldol addition / condensation : based catalyzed



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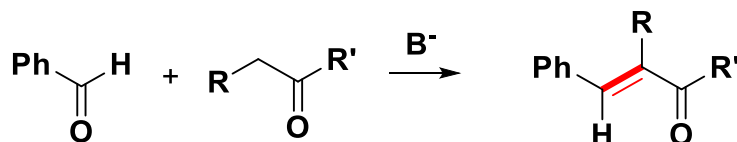
## Mixed condensation

2 ketones under basic conditions = 4 products !

The most reactive enolate will react with the most electrophilic carbonyl.

One solution : 1 aldehyde (with no enolization) + 1 ketone = **Claisen-Schmidt condensation**

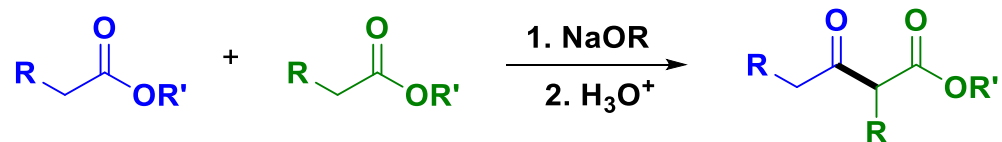
- The C=O from the aldehyde is the most electrophilic moiety.
- The enolate from the keton is the most nucleophilic moiety.



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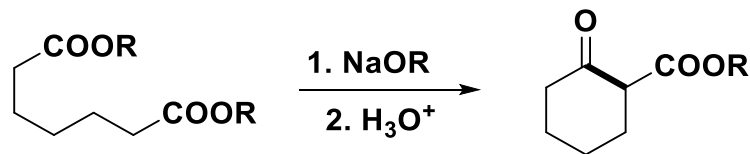
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### Claisen condensation



Ludwig Claisen  
(1851-1930)  
German chemist

### Dieckmann condensation



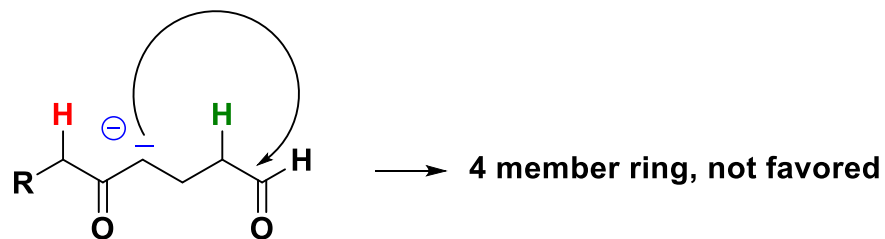
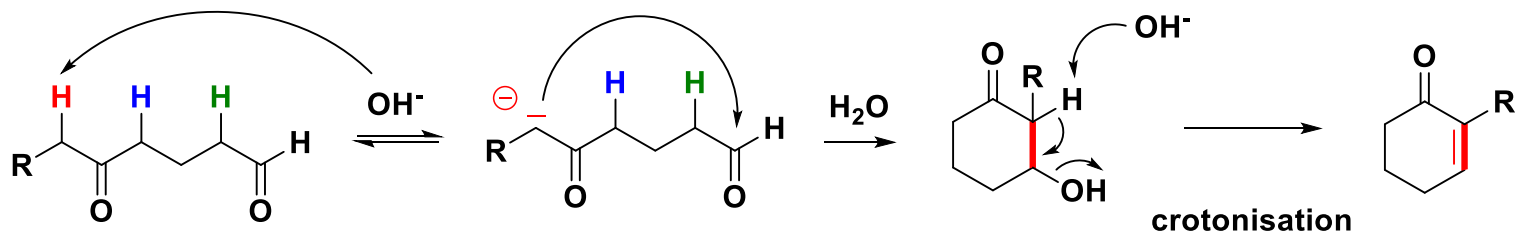
Walter Dieckmann  
(1869-1925)  
German chemist

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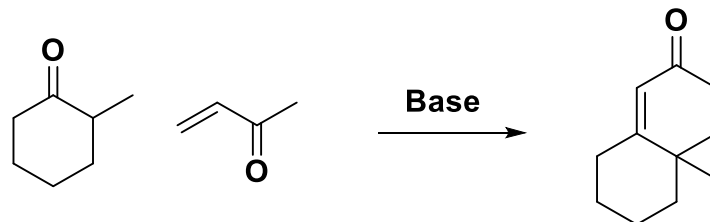
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### Intramolecular condensation

5 or 6 member rings formation



### Robinson annelation

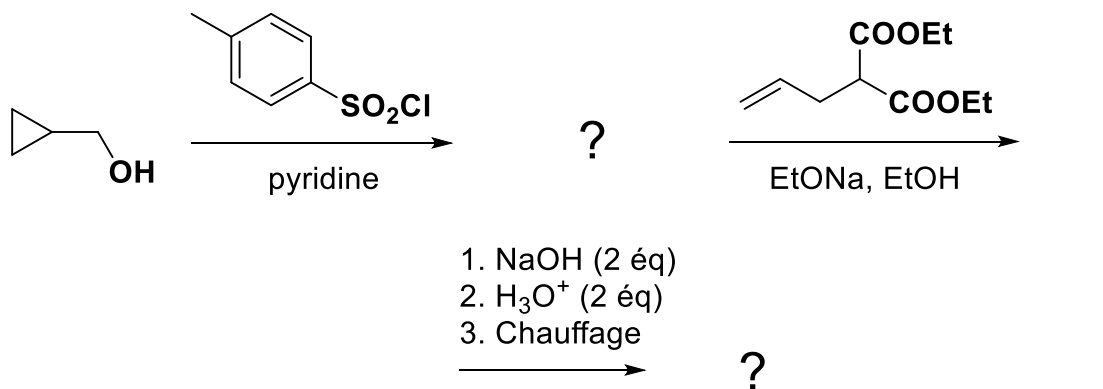


Sir Robert Robinson  
(1886-1975)  
English chemist

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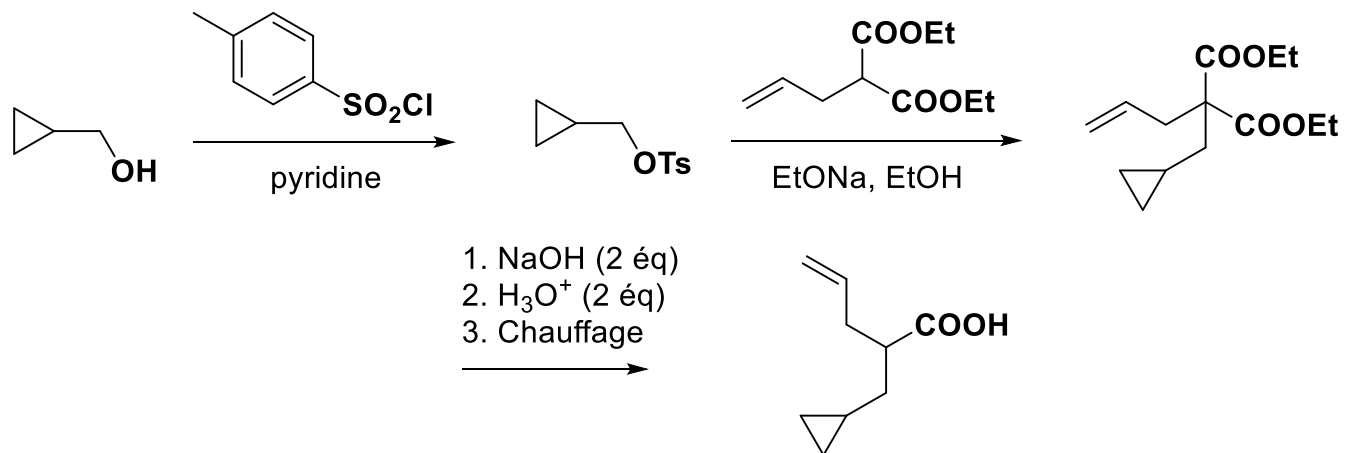
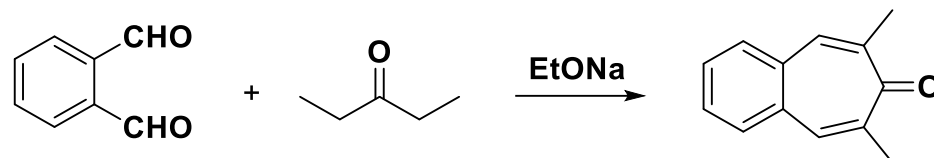
Application:



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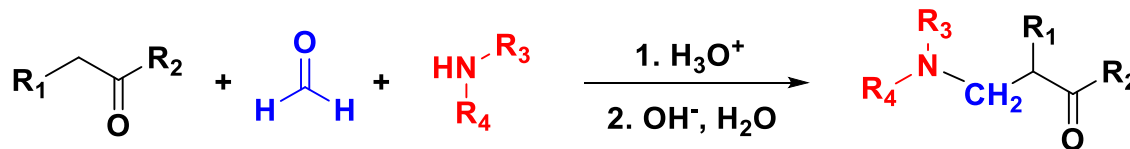


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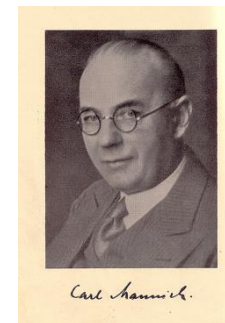
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## Mannich reaction

Aminomethylation: “-CH<sub>2</sub>-NR<sub>2</sub>”



Mechanism :

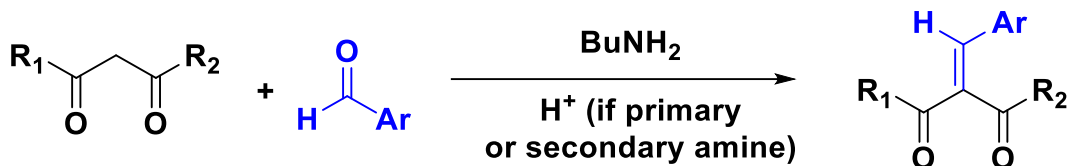


Carl Mannich  
(1877-1947)  
German chemist

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## Knoevenagel Condensation



Only with bis-activated substrate

Mechanism :



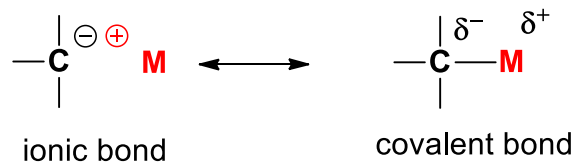
Emil Knoevenagel  
(1865-1921)  
German chemist



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- ✓ I. 2. Organometallic reagents
  - I. 2. 1. Organomagnesium compounds

**organometallic compound**  
=  
**compound with a metal-carbon bond**



- ✓ The carbon bears a negative charge
- ✓ Basic and nucleophilic reagent

There is a huge amount of organometallic compounds

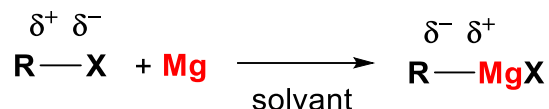
Metal	K	Na	Li	Mg	Zn	Cd	Cu
Electronegativity	0,82	0,93	0,98	1,31	1,65	1,69	2,5
% ionic character	51	47	43	35	18	15	0

# I. Carbon-carbon bonds formation

- ✓ 1<sup>er</sup> example in 1901 from Victor Grignard, Nobel Prize in chemistry 1912 :



- ✓ General reaction :



- ✓ The carbon polarization is reverse : « umpolung » phenomenon in German
- ✓ Solvent : no trace of water, anhydrous conditions
- ✓ Solvent : ether to stabilize the species : Et<sub>2</sub>O, THF
- ✓ Leaving group reactivity : RI > RBr > RCl >> R

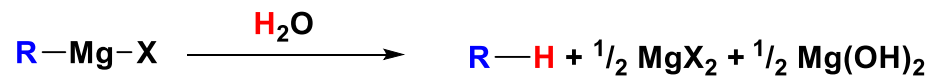


Victor Grignard  
1871-1935  
Nobel Prize 1912  
French chemist



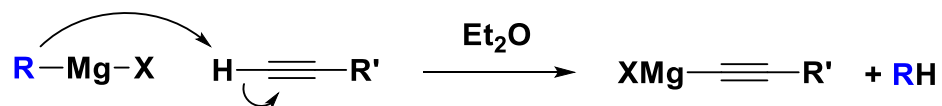
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✓ Hydrolysis :



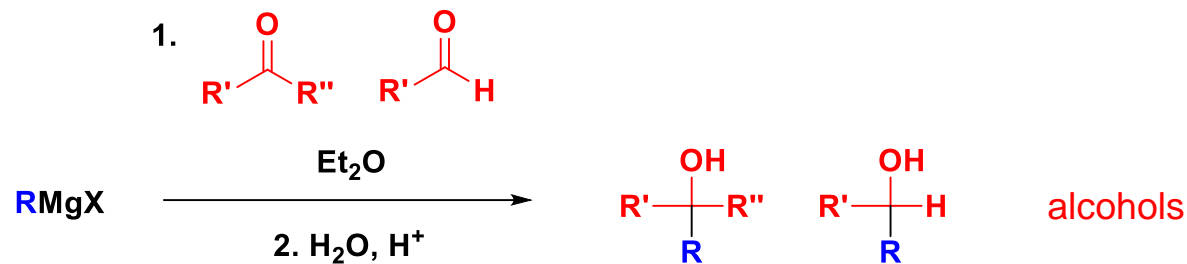
✓ Basic reagents : deprotonation of carboxylic acids, phenols, amines ... and alkynes

✓ Important case with alkynes :



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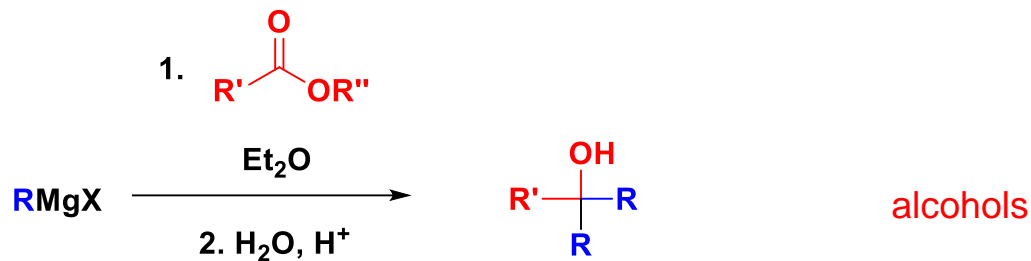
- ✓ Reactivity with ketones et aldehydes



- ✓ Mechanism :

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- ✓ Reactivity with esters

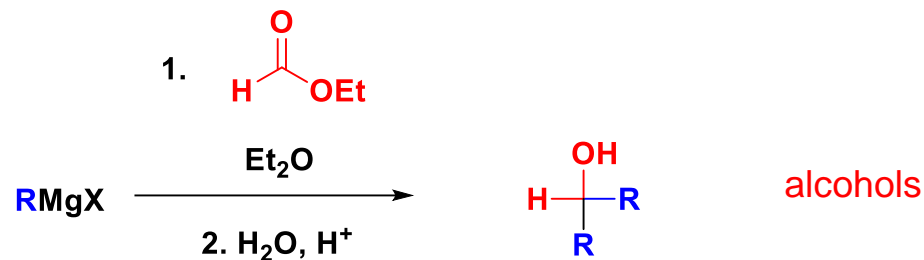


- ✓ Mechanism :

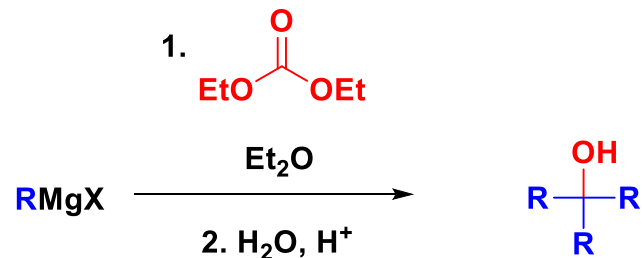
No mono-addition

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- ✓ Reactivity with ethyl formiate



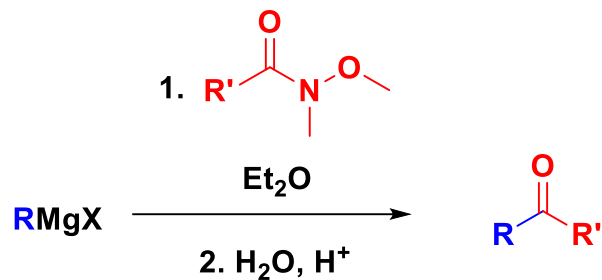
- ✓ Reactivity with carbonate esters :



No possibility to create a carbonyl moiety...

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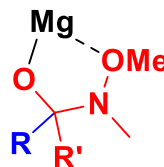
- ✓ The solution : Weinreb amides



ketones



Steven M. Weinreb  
(1941)  
American chemist

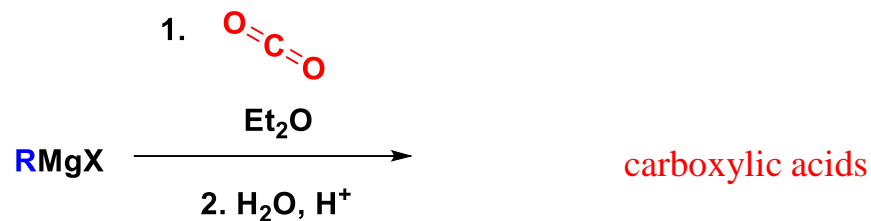


Key intermediate

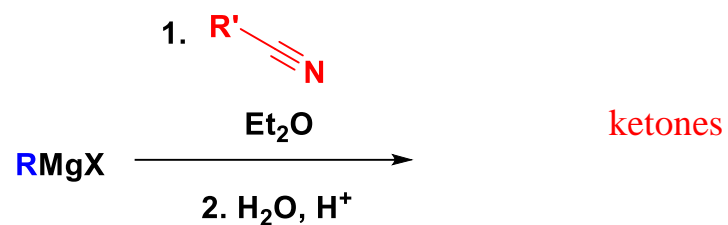
One limitation : demethoxylation

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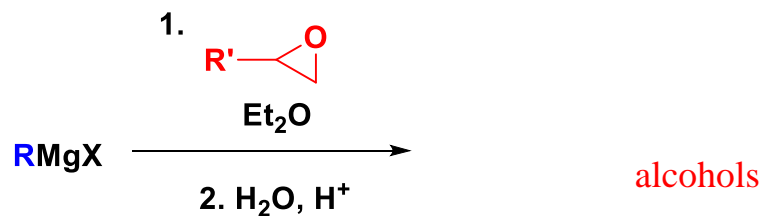
- ✓ Reactivity with carbon dioxide



- ✓ Reactivity with nitriles :



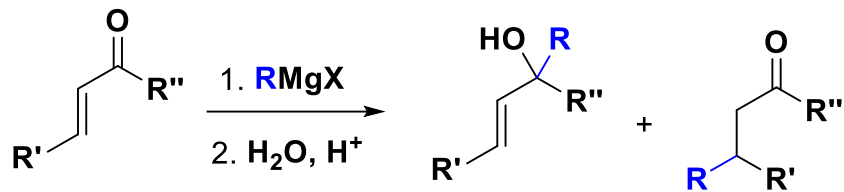
- ✓ Reactivity with epoxydes :





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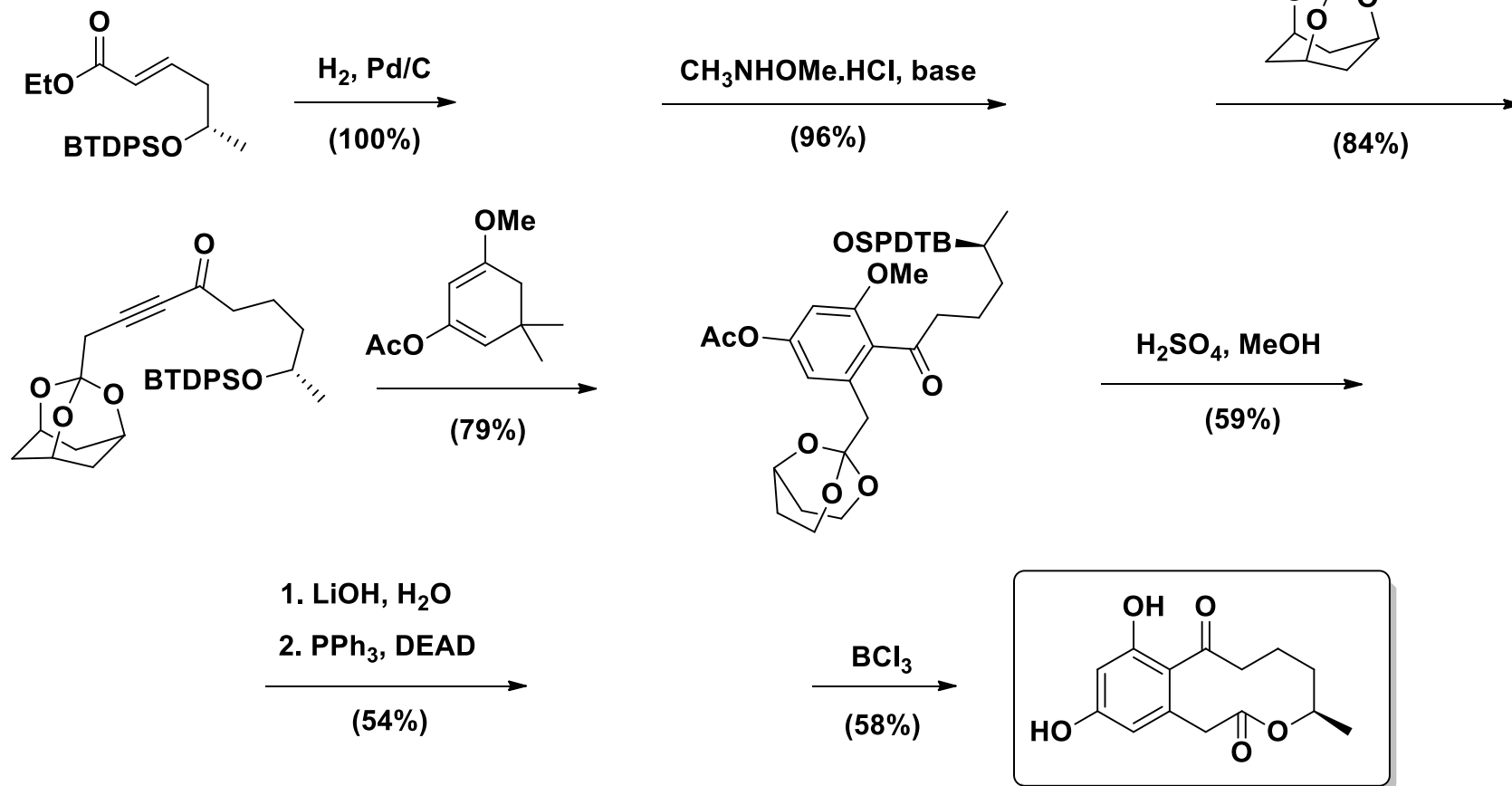
✓ Conjugate additions :



Very often : mixture of « 1,2 » vs « 1,4 » additions

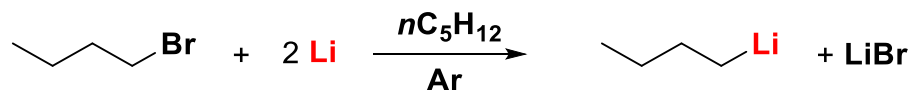
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✓ Synthesis of Xestodecalactone A:

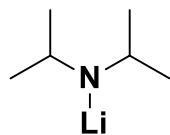


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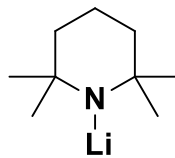
- ✓ I. 2. Organometallic reagents
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- ✓ The most simple : metal + halogenated derivatives



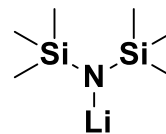
- ✓ Very reactive reagent : anhydrous conditions, no oxygen
- ✓ Nucleophile and base
- ✓ The most used reagent : the *n*-butyllithium, pKa = 50
- ✓ Bulky and non-nucleophilic bases



LDA  
pKa = 35



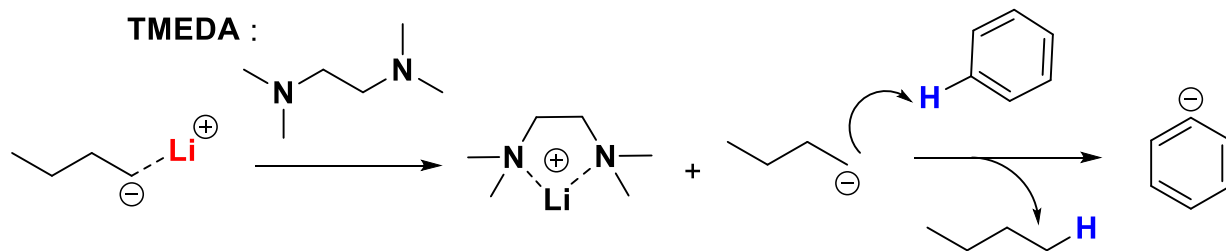
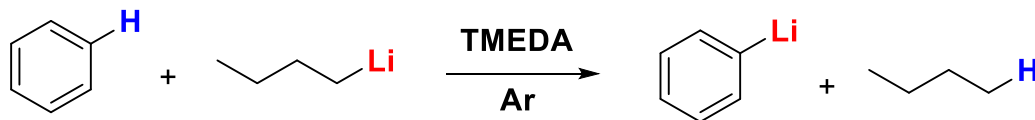
LTMP  
pKa = 37



LiHMDS  
pKa = 26

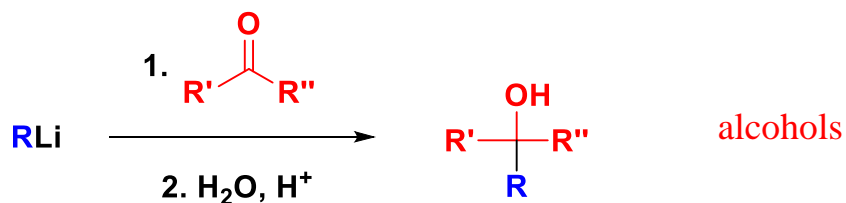
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✓ Strong base : metallation :

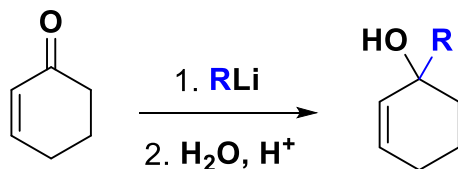


TMEDA = increase the reaction rate

✓ Reactivity :

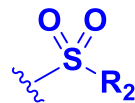
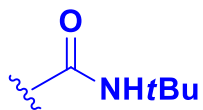
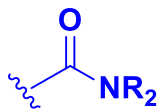
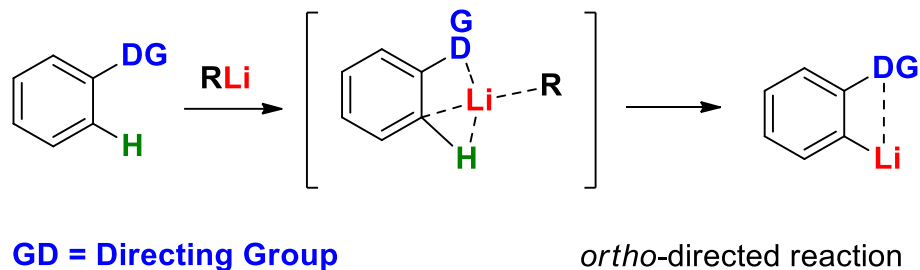


✓ « 1,2 » conjugate addition :

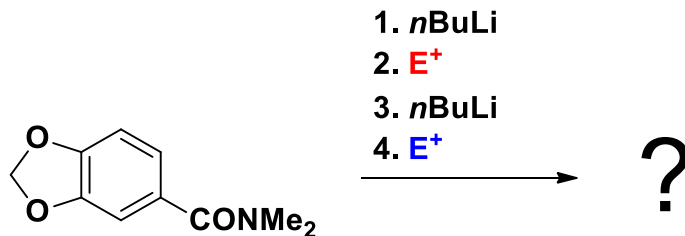


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✓ *ortho*-metallation :

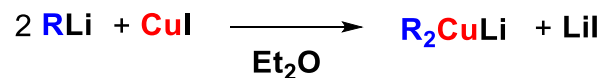


✓ One application :



# I. Carbon-carbon bonds formation

- ✓ Organocuprate compounds :



Gilman reagent

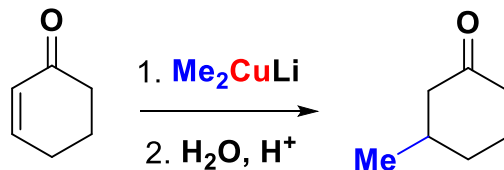
- ✓ Oligomers formation :  $(\text{R}_2\text{CuLi})_n$

- ✓  $\text{S}_{\text{N}}2$  type addition



X = halogens

- ✓ « 1,4 » conjugate addition:



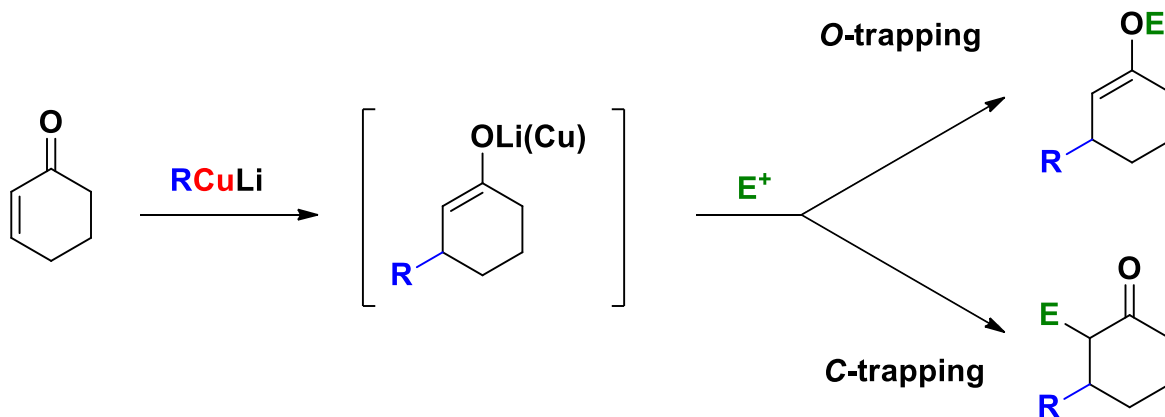
# I. Carbon-carbon bonds formation

✓ Reactivity :

Compatible with  $\text{RCOCl}$  with competition with other carbonyl groups

Reactivity order :  $\text{RCOCl} > \text{RCHO} > \text{I, OTs} > \text{epoxides} > \text{Br} \gg \text{ketones} > \text{esters} > \text{nitriles}$

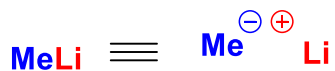
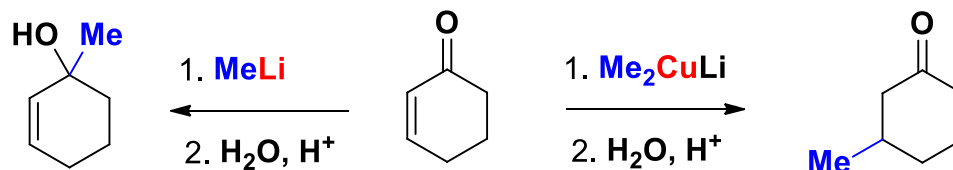
✓ Tandem reaction :



O-trapping,  $\text{E} = \text{R}_3\text{SiCl}, ((\text{RO})_2\text{P}(\text{O})\text{Cl})$   
C-trapping,  $\text{E} = \text{RX}, \text{Br}, \text{I}, \text{Cl}, \text{aldehyds}$

# I. Carbon-carbon bonds formation

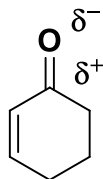
✓ Come-back : « 1,2 » versus « 1,4 » conjugate additions :



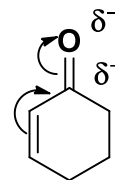
"strong" nucleophile



"weak" nucleophile



"strong" electrophile



"weak" electrophile

Finally : « strong » reacts with « strong » and  
« weak » reacts with « weak »



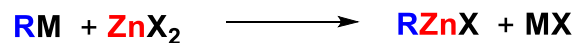
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✓ Organocinetic compounds :

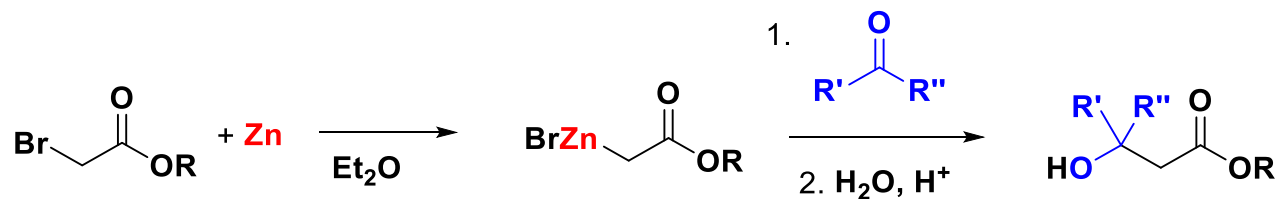
✓ 1<sup>st</sup> method :



✓ 2<sup>nd</sup> method :



✓ Reformatsky reaction (1887)

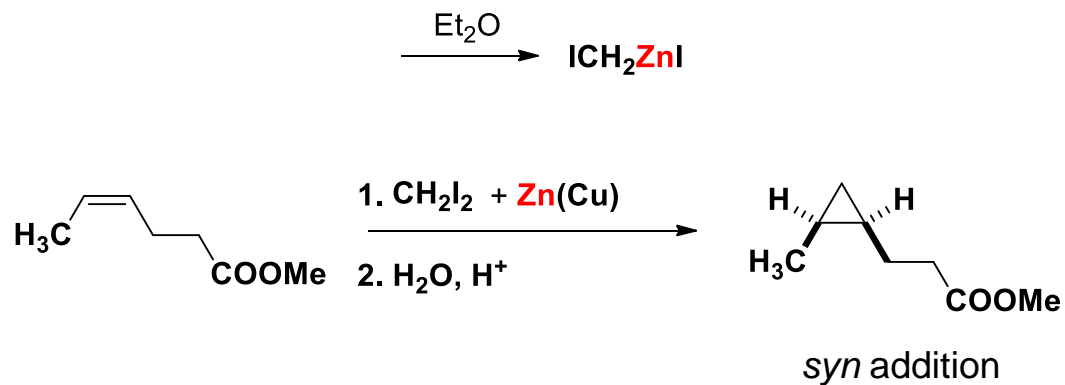


+ aldehyds or ketones  
- No reactivity with esters

Crotonisation possible

# I. Carbon-carbon bonds formation

- ✓ Simmons and Smith cyclopropanation (1958)



- ✓ Today, Furukawa reagent :  $\text{Et}_2\text{Zn} + \text{CH}_2\text{I}_2$

# I. Carbon-carbon bonds formation

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## ✓ I. 3. Pericyclic reactions

### ➤ I. 3. a. Definition

Pericyclic reaction:

- The transition state of the molecule has a cyclic geometry
- Reaction progresses in a concerted fashion
- The bond orbitals involved in the reaction overlap in a continuous cycle at the transition state

Cycloaddition: if  $p$  and  $q$  are conjugated polyenes,  $p + q$  cycloaddition is :

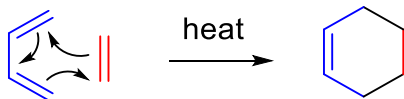
- A pericyclic reaction giving a cyclic adduct
- 2 simple bonds are created
- 2 double bonds are broken

# I. Carbon-carbon bonds formation

## ✓ I. 3. Pericyclic reactions

### ➤ I. 3. b. Diels-Alder reaction

The Diels-Alder reaction is a conjugate addition reaction of a conjugated diene to an alkene or alkyne (the dienophile) to produce a cyclohexene



Otto Diels  
(1876-1954)  
German Chemist



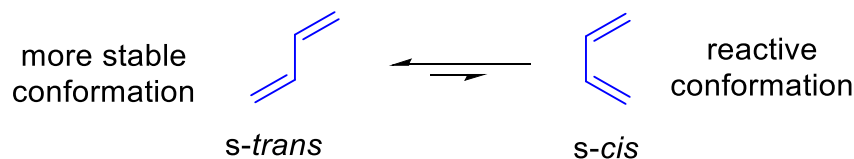
Kurt Alder  
(1902-1958)  
German Chemist



1950

Cycloaddition: if  $p$  and  $q$  are conjugated polyenes,  $p + q$  cycloaddition is :

- The reaction is usually thermodynamically favorable
- High degree of both regio- and stereoselectivity



# I. Carbon-carbon bonds formation

## ✓ I. 4. "One word" about cross-coupling reactions

A cross-coupling reaction = creation of a C-C bond thanks to a metal catalysts

### The Periodic Table of the Elements

The periodic table is color-coded by groups: Alkali metals (red), Alkaline metals (orange), Other metals (yellow), Transition metals (green), Lanthanoids (light green), Actinoids (dark green), Metalloids (teal), Nonmetals (blue), Halogens (purple), and Noble gases (light blue).

**Callout box for Hydrogen (H):**

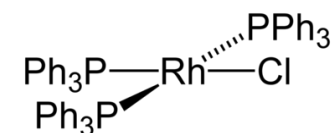
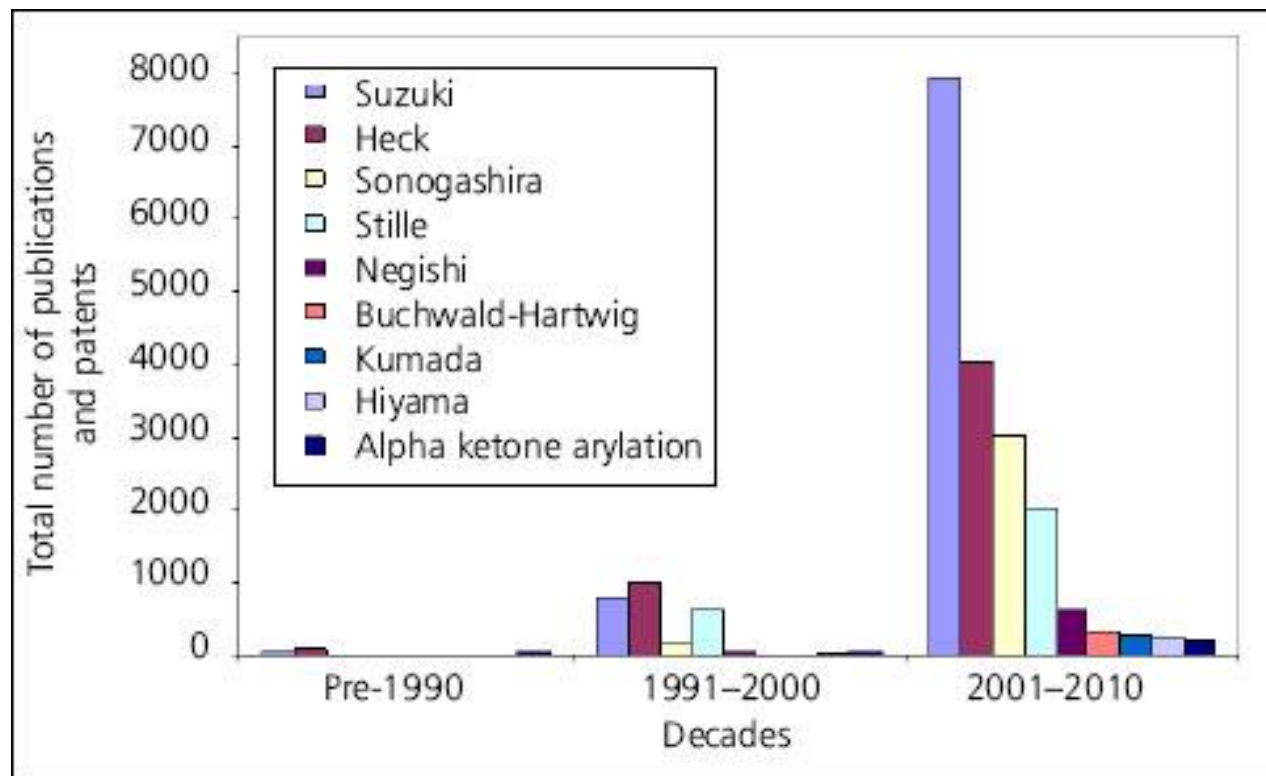
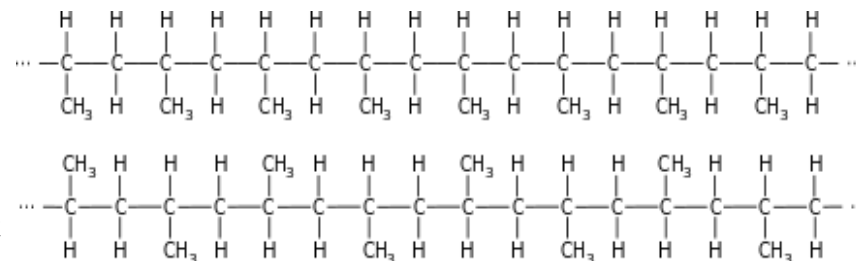
- Atomic mass: 1.00794
- Atomic number: 1
- Chemical symbol: H
- Name: Hydrogen
- Electronegativity: 2.20
- First ionization energy: 1312.0

1 IA 11A	1 1 H Hydrogen 1.00794 1312.0 2.20	2 IIA 2A											13 IIIA 3A	14 IVA 4A	15 VA 5A	16 VIA 6A	17 VIIA 7A	18 VIII 8A	2 He Helium 4.002602 2372.3
2	3 Li Lithium 6.941 520.2 0.98	4 Be Beryllium 9.012182 899.5 1.57											5 B Boron 10.811 800.6 2.04	6 C Carbon 12.0107 1086.5 2.55	7 N Nitrogen 14.0067 1402.3 3.04	8 O Oxygen 15.9994 1313.9 3.44	9 F Fluorine 18.998403 988.1 3.98	10 Ne Neon 20.1797 2080.7	
3	11 Na Sodium 22.98976 495.8 0.93	12 Mg Magnesium 24.3050 737.7 1.31	3 IIIB 3B	4 IVB 4B	5 VB 5B	6 VIB 6B	7 VIIB 7B	8 VIII 8	9 VIII 8	10 VIII 8	11 IB 1B	12 IIB 2B	13 Al Aluminium 26.98153 577.5 1.61	14 Si Silicon 28.0855 786.5 1.90	15 P Phosphorus 30.97396 1011.8 2.19	16 S Sulfur 32.065 999.6 2.58	17 Cl Chlorine 35.453 1251.3 3.16	18 Ar Iron 39.948 1520.6	
4	19 K Potassium 39.0983 418.8 0.82	20 Ca Calcium 40.078 599.8 1.00	21 Sc Scandium 44.95591 633.1 1.36	22 Ti Titanium 47.867 658.8 1.54	23 V Vanadium 50.9415 650.9 1.63	24 Cr Chromium 51.9962 652.9 1.66	25 Mn Manganese 54.93804 717.3 1.55	26 Fe Iron 55.845 762.5 1.83	27 Co Cobalt 58.93319 700.4 1.91	28 Ni Nickel 58.6934 737.1 1.86	29 Cu Copper 63.546 765.5 1.90	30 Zn Zinc 65.38 906.4 1.65	31 Ga Gallium 69.723 578.8 1.81	32 Ge Germanium 72.64 762 2.03	33 As Arsenic 74.92160 947 2.18	34 Se Selenium 78.96 941 2.55	35 Br Bromine 79.904 1187.9 2.96	36 Kr Krypton 83.798 1520.6	
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7	87 Fr Francium 223	88 Ra Radium (226)	89 Ac Actinium (227)	90 Th Thorium 232.0380	91 Pa Protactinium (231)	92 U Uranium 238.0289	93 Np Neptunium (237)	94 Pu Plutonium (244)	95 Am Americium (243)	96 Cm Curium (247)	97 Bk Berkelium (247)	98 Cf Californium (251)	99 Es Einsteinium (252)	100 Fm Fermium (257)	101 Md Mendelevium (258)	102 No Nobelium (259)			

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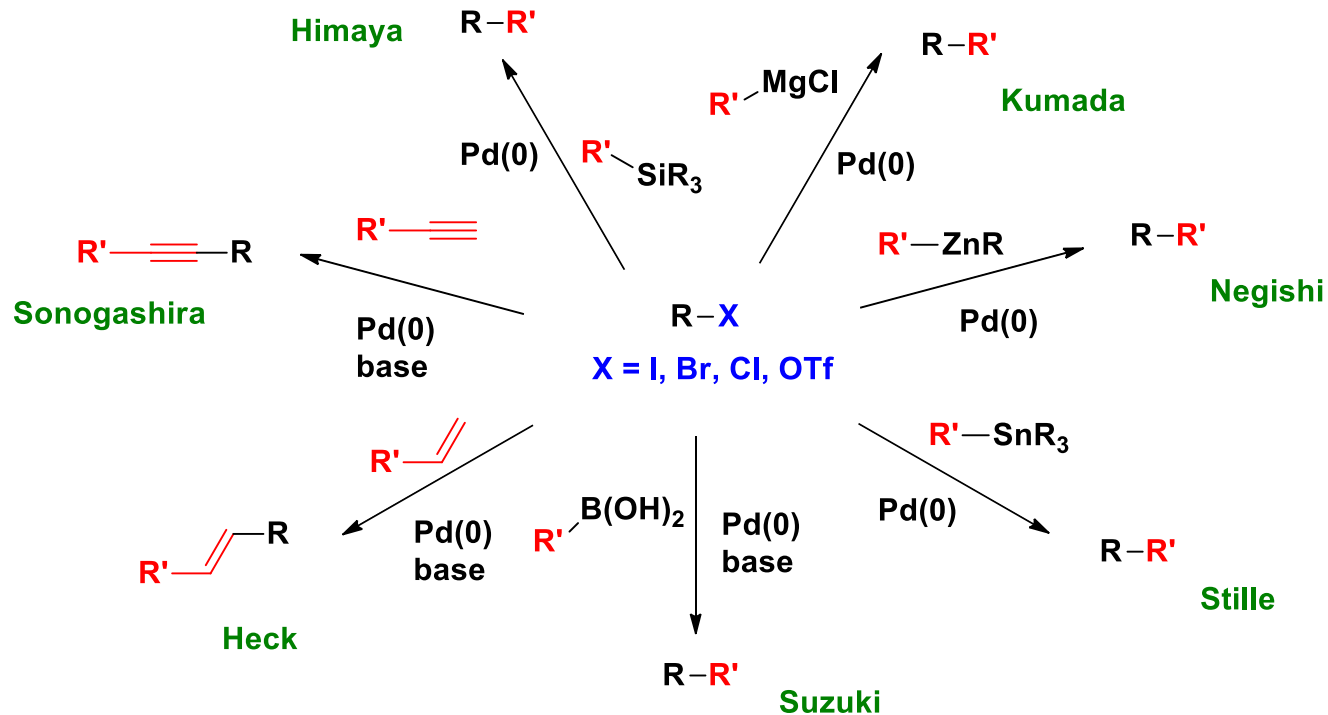
✓ So many Nobel Prize in Chemistry !

- 1963 : Ziegler and Natta, olefins polymerization
- 1973 : Wilkinson, Wilkinson catalyst
- 2001 : Knowles, Sharpless and Noyori, asymmetric catalyst
- 2005 : Grubbs, Schrock et Chauvin, metathesis
- 2010 : Negishi, Heck, Suzuki, cross-coupling reaction



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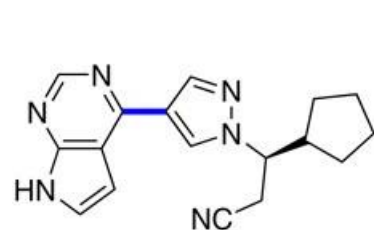
- ✓ These reaction are catalyzed !
- ✓  $sp$  or  $sp^2$  carbon are often involved
- ✓ Applied everywhere : natural products, industry, materials, electronic,...



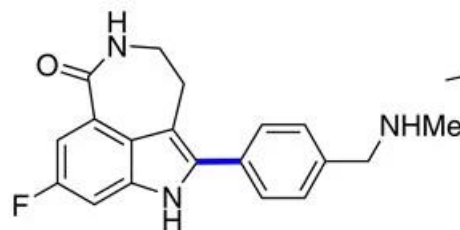
You will see mechanism in the future...

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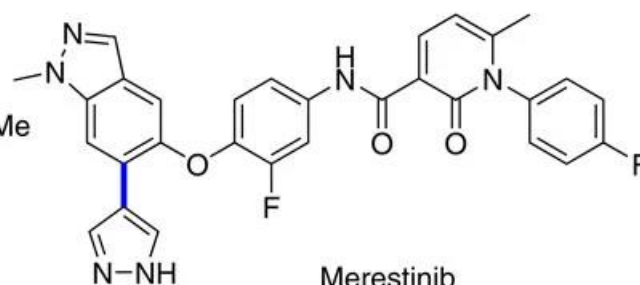
- ✓ Some examples using a Suzuki cross-coupling...



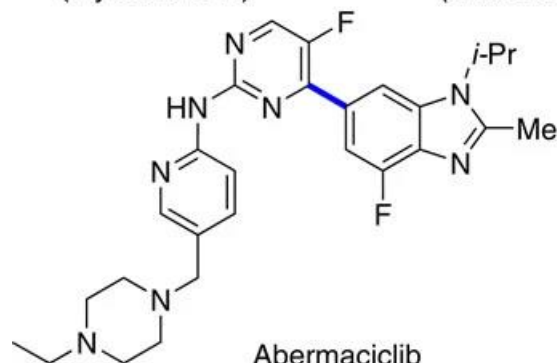
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Rucaparib  
(anticancer, in Phase III)



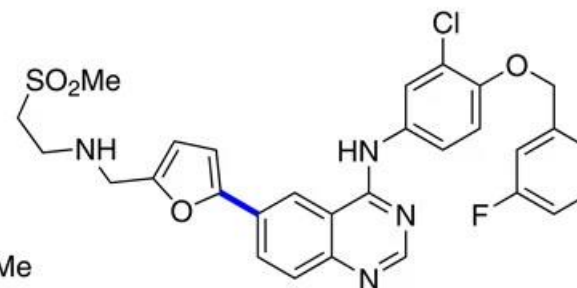
Merestinib  
(anticancer, in Phase II)



Abermaciclib  
(anticancer, in Phase III)



Etoricoxib  
(antiinflammatory)



Lapatinib  
(anticancer)



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# Chapter II

## *C=C bonds formation*

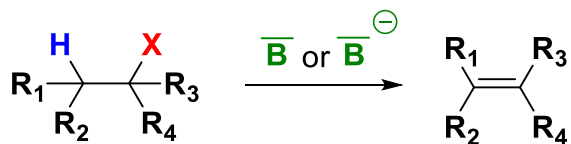
## II. C=C bonds formation

1.  $\beta$ -H elimination
2. Phosphorus ylides and related compounds
  - a. Wittig reaction
  - b. Horner-Wadsworth-Emmons reaction
  - c. Peterson Olefination
  - d. Julia Olefination
3. Shapiro reaction
4. “One word” about the Heck reaction

## II. C=C bonds formation

### ✓ II. 1. $\beta$ -H elimination

#### ➤ II. 1. a. Generality



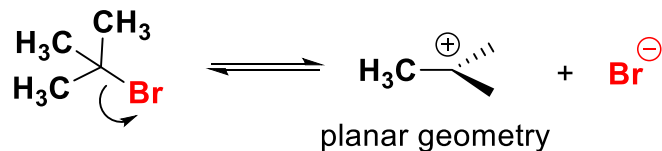
**B** : Lewis base and/or nucleophile

competition between E and  $\text{S}_\text{N}$

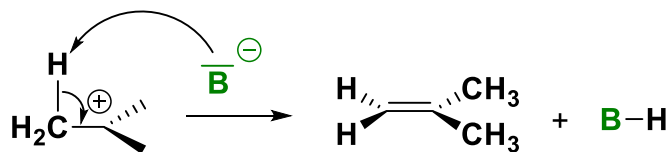
#### ➤ II. 1. b. Elimination E1, first order, 2 steps

The formed carbocation must be stable

##### 1. Slow step : halogen ionization



##### 2. Fast step : nucleophilic reaction

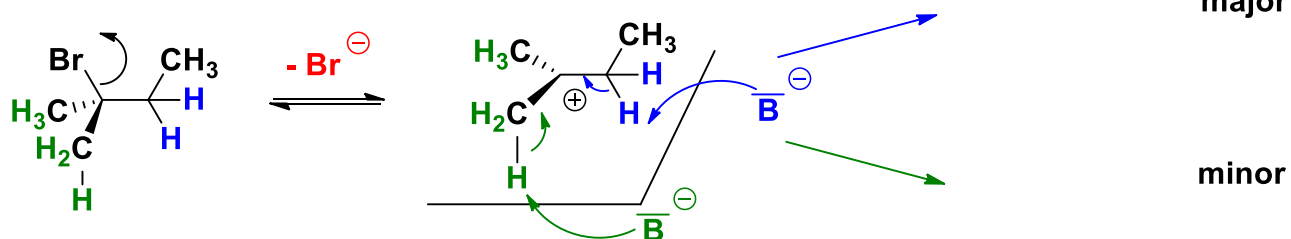


## II. C=C bonds formation

### ✓ II. 1. $\beta$ -H elimination

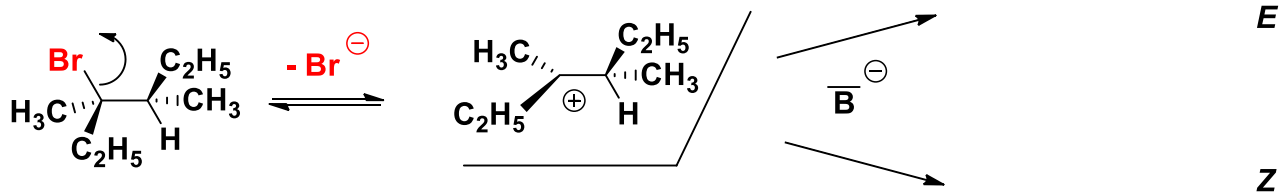
#### ➤ Zaitsev Rule

The most substituted product will be the most stable



#### ➤ No stereospecificity

Carbocation : planar geometry



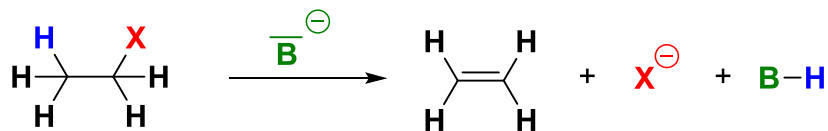
mixture

## II. C=C bonds formation

### ✓ II. 1. $\beta$ -H elimination

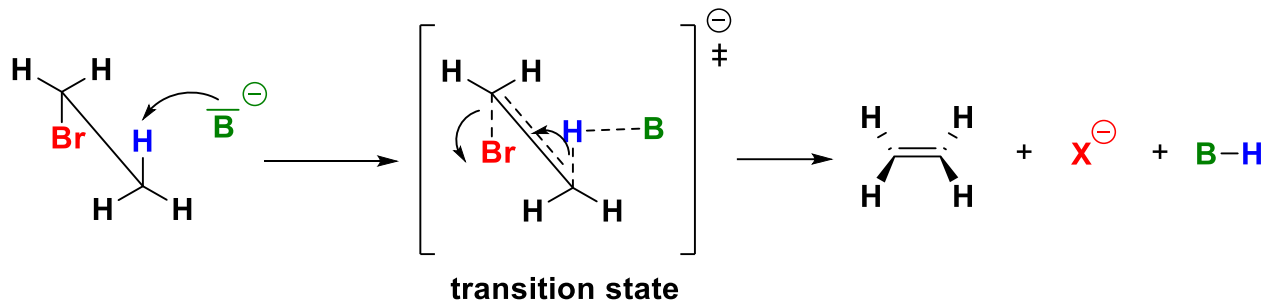
➤ II. 1. c. Elimination E2, second order, 1 step

No carbocation



competition between E and  $\text{S}_{\text{N}}$

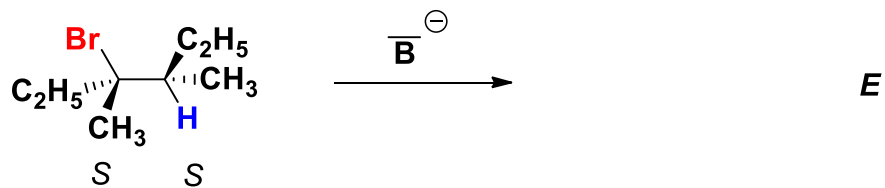
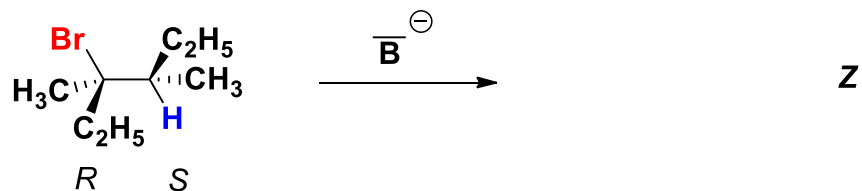
Mechanism : H and Br antiperiplanar



## II. C=C bonds formation

### ✓ II. 1. $\beta$ -H elimination

#### ➤ Stereospecificity



## II. C=C bonds formation

### ✓ II. 1. $\beta$ -H elimination

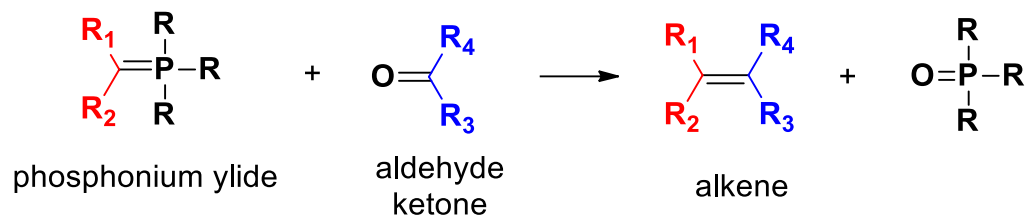
#### ➤ Summary

<b>E1</b>	<b>E2</b>
First order	Second Order
2 steps, 1 intermediate	1 step
Stable carbocation	No carbocation
Protic polar solvent	Aprotic polar solvent
Neutral bases	Strong and charged bases
No stereospecific reaction	Stereospecific reaction (H and Br antiperiplanar)
The most substituted alkene (Zaitsev Rule)	It depends

## II. C=C bonds formation

### ✓ II. 2. Phosphorus ylides and related compounds

#### ➤ II. 2. a. Wittig reaction



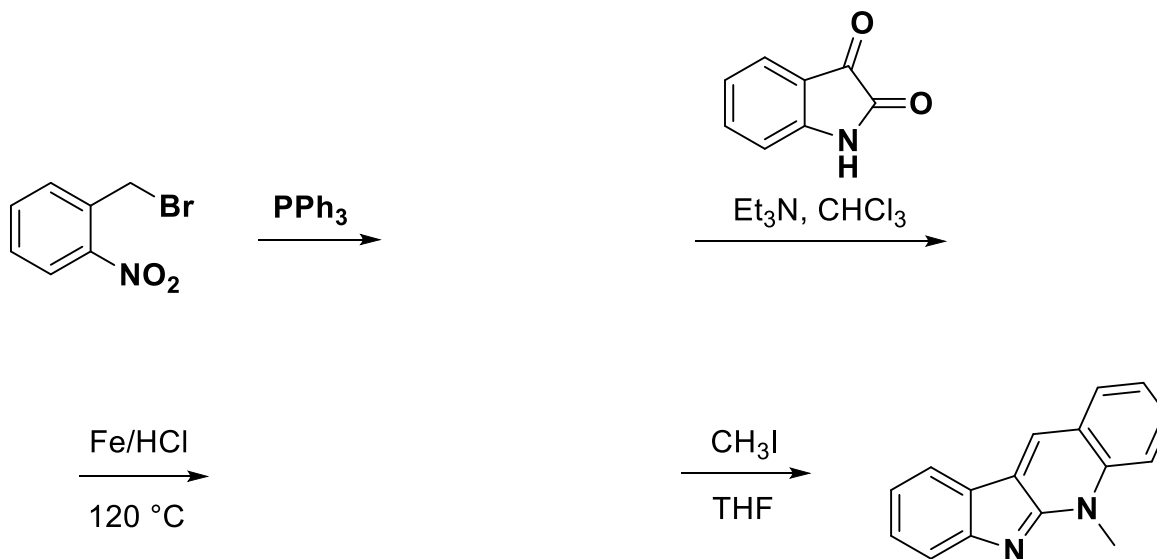
Nobel Prize in Chemistry  
in 1979

Mechanism :



## II. C=C bonds formation

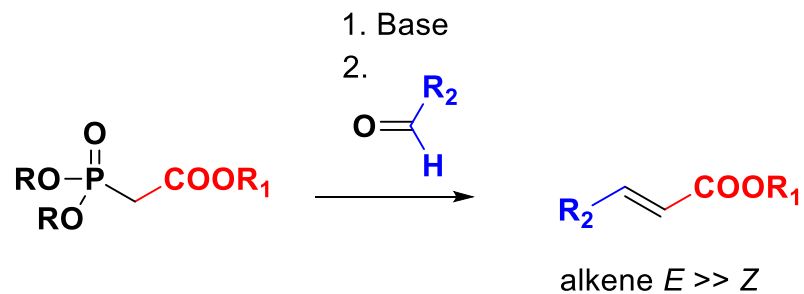
Exercise : total synthesis of (+)-neocryptolepine



*antimicrobial and cytotoxic activity*

## II. C=C bonds formation

- ✓ II. 2. Phosphorus ylides and related compounds
  - II. 2. b. Horner-Wadsworth-Emmons reaction



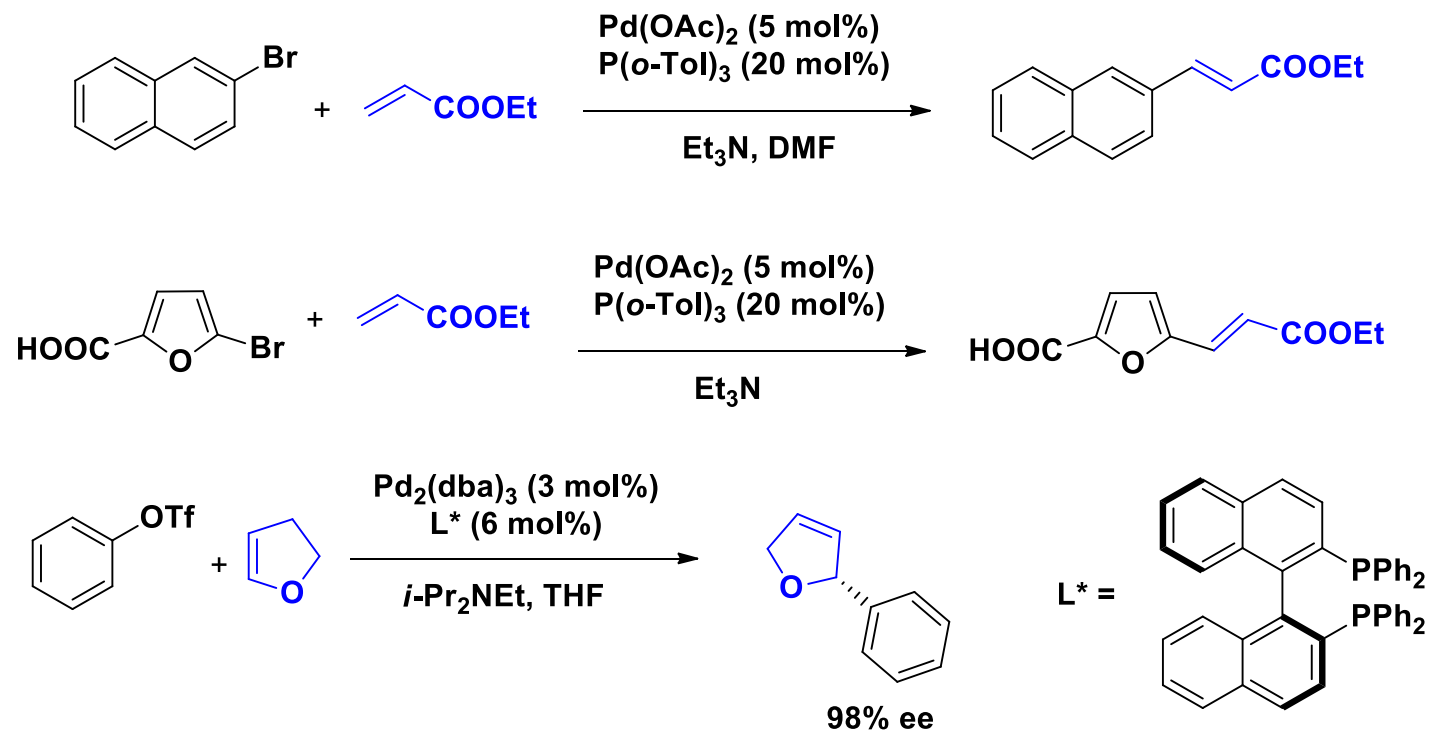
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- ✓ I. 4. “One word” about the Heck reaction



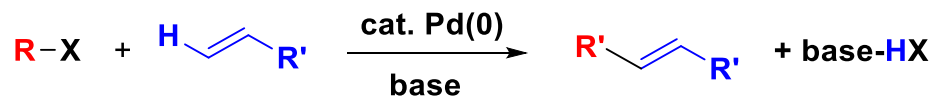
Nobel Prize in Chemistry  
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- ✓ Mizoroki-Heck coupling (1971-1972) – historical examples

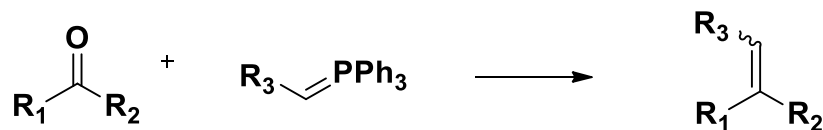


## II. C=C bonds formation

### ✓ Heck reaction



### ✓ Wittig reaction



A short comparison... The Heck reaction :

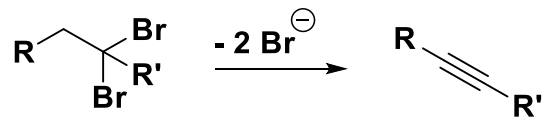
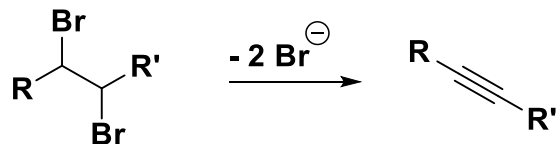
- is often more stereoselective
- requires only one step
- involves simple reagents
- generates less by-products

# Chapter III

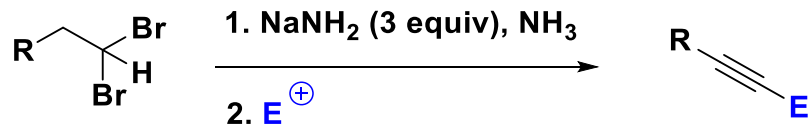
## ***C≡C bonds formation***

### III. $C\equiv C$ bonds formation

✓ III. 1. Dihalalkane elimination

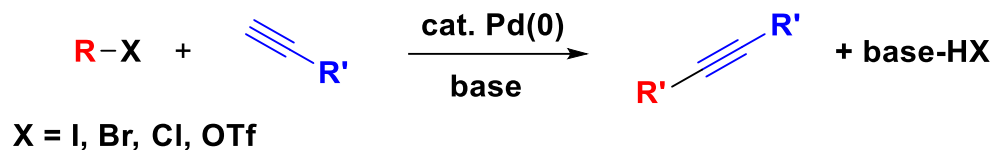


E2 elimination, usually in the presence of a strong base such as  $\text{NaNH}_2$ .



### III. C≡C bonds formation

- ✓ III. 3. “One word” about the Sonogashira reaction



- ✓ Extremely versatile reaction, broad scope and potential synthetic transformations...

Total synthesis of natural products involving Sonogashira coupling

