

# CHAPTER 8 LECTURE NOTES FOR ORGANIC CHEMISTRY ©MM 2011

## REACTIONS OF ALKENES AND ALKYNES

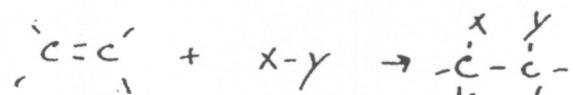
IN A WORD, ADDITION

ELECTROPHILES WILL ADD TO THE DOUBLE BOND TO FORM ADDITION PRODUCTS.

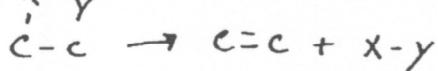
THE FORMATION OF 2 NEW  $\sigma$  BONDS IS EXOTHERMIC

IN MANY WAYS ADDITION IS THE REVERSE OF ELIMINATION

ADDITION



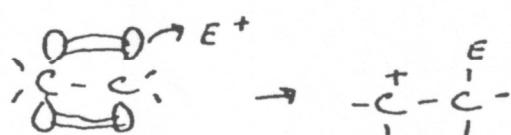
ELIMINATION



### ELECTROPHILIC ADDITION TO ALKENES

1) STRONG ELECTROPHILES PULL THE ELECTRONS OUT OF A  $\pi$  BOND TO FORM A NEW  $\sigma$  BOND

A CARBOCATION RESULTS



2) THE CARBOCATION THEN DOES WHAT CARBOCATIONS DO

REACT WITH A NUCLEOPHILE AS IN A  $S_N1$  REACTION

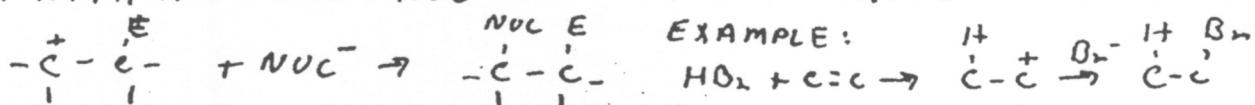


TABLE 8-1 Types of Additions to Alkenes

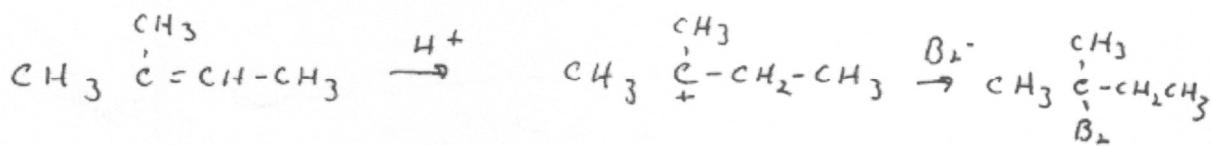
$\text{C}=\text{C}$	Type of Addition [Elements Added] <sup>a</sup>	Product
$\xrightarrow{\text{hydration}} \text{[H}_2\text{O]}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \quad \text{OH} \\   \quad   \\ \text{C}-\text{C} \end{array}$	$\xrightarrow{\text{halogenation}} \text{[X}_2\text{], an oxidation} \begin{array}{c} \text{X} \quad \text{X} \\   \quad   \\ \text{C}-\text{C} \end{array}$
$\xrightarrow{\text{hydrogenation}} \text{[H}_2\text{], a reduction}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \quad \text{H} \\   \quad   \\ \text{C}-\text{C} \end{array}$	$\xrightarrow{\text{halohydrin formation}} \text{[HOX], an oxidation} \begin{array}{c} \text{X} \quad \text{OH} \\   \quad   \\ \text{C}-\text{C} \end{array}$
$\xrightarrow{\text{hydroxylation}} \text{[HOOH], an oxidation}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{OH} \quad \text{OH} \\   \quad   \\ \text{C}-\text{C} \end{array}$	$\xrightarrow{\text{HX addition}} \text{[HX]} \begin{array}{c} \text{H} \quad \text{X} \\   \quad   \\ \text{C}-\text{C} \end{array}$
$\xrightarrow{\text{oxidative cleavage}} \text{[O}_2\text{], an oxidation}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{C}=\text{O} \quad \text{O}=\text{C} \\   \quad   \end{array}$	$\xrightarrow{\text{cyclopropanation}} \text{[CH}_2\text{]} \begin{array}{c} \text{H} \quad \text{H} \\   \quad   \\ \text{C} \quad \text{C} \end{array}$
$\xrightarrow{\text{epoxidation}} \text{[O], an oxidation}$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\   \\ \text{C}-\text{C} \end{array}$	

<sup>a</sup>These are not the reagents used but simply the groups that appear in the product.

## ADDITION OF HYDROGEN HALIDES

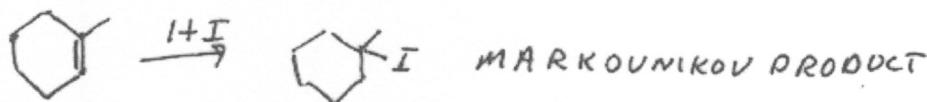
HYDROGEN HALIDES ADD TO DOUBLE BONDS REGIOSPECIFICALLY

A PROTON ADDS FIRST AND FORMS THE MOST STABLE CATION



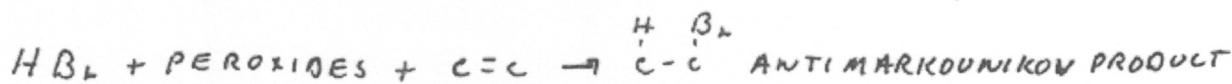
MARKOVNIKOV'S RULE SAYS THAT THE PROTON WILL ADD TO THE CARBON THAT ALREADY HAS THE MOST HYDROGENS - THIS LEAVES THE CATION ON THE CARBON WITH THE MOST CARBONS WHICH IS THE MOST STABLE CATION

HCl AND HI REACT THE SAME WAY

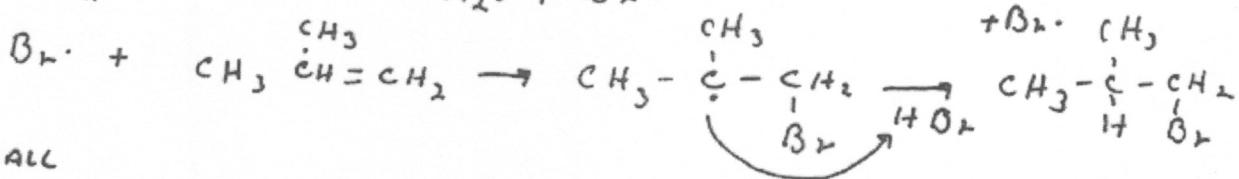
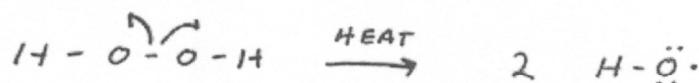


## FREE RADICAL ADDITION

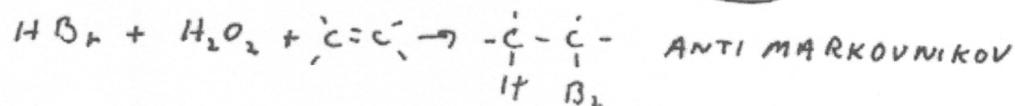
WITH FREE RADICAL ADDITION OF HBr, THE ELECTROPHILE IS Br<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>. IT ADDS THE SAME WAY, BUT IT ADDS FIRST, A H· SECOND. THIS RESULTS IN THE ANTI-MARKOVNIKOV PRODUCT (ONLY HBr DOES THIS)



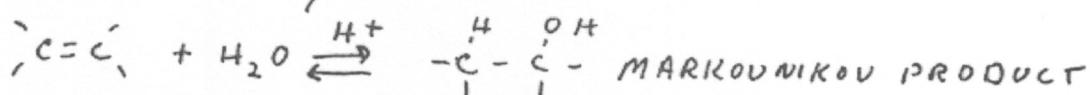
PEROXIDES ARE OFTEN USED AS FREE RADICAL INITIATORS



OVERALL



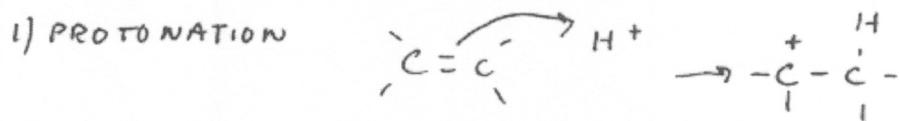
## ADDITION OF WATER: HYDRATION



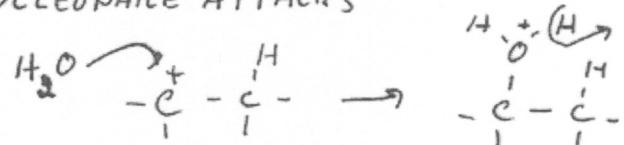
HYDRATION

DEHYDRATION

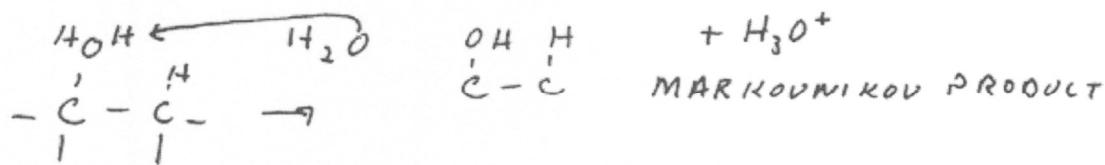
HYDRATION AND DEHYDRATION REALLY ARE REVERSIBLE  
THE MECHANISM IS THE REVERSE OF CHAPTER 7



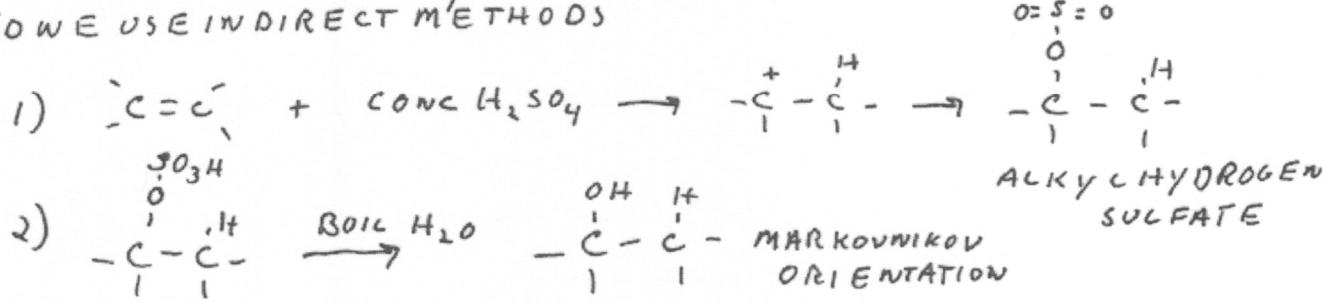
2) NEAREST NUCLEOPHILE ATTACKS



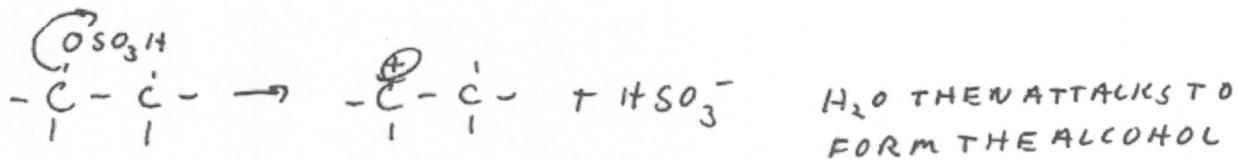
3) LOSS OF A H<sup>+</sup> TO WATER



HOWEVER, MANY ALKENES ARE INSOLUBLE IN H<sub>2</sub>O, OR THE EQUILIBRIUM STRONGLY DISFAVORS THE ALCOHOL  
SO WE USE INDIRECT METHODS



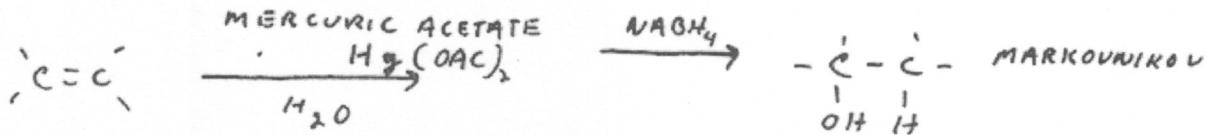
THIS STEP IS AN S<sub>N</sub>1 REACTION, HSO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> IS THE LEAVING GROUP



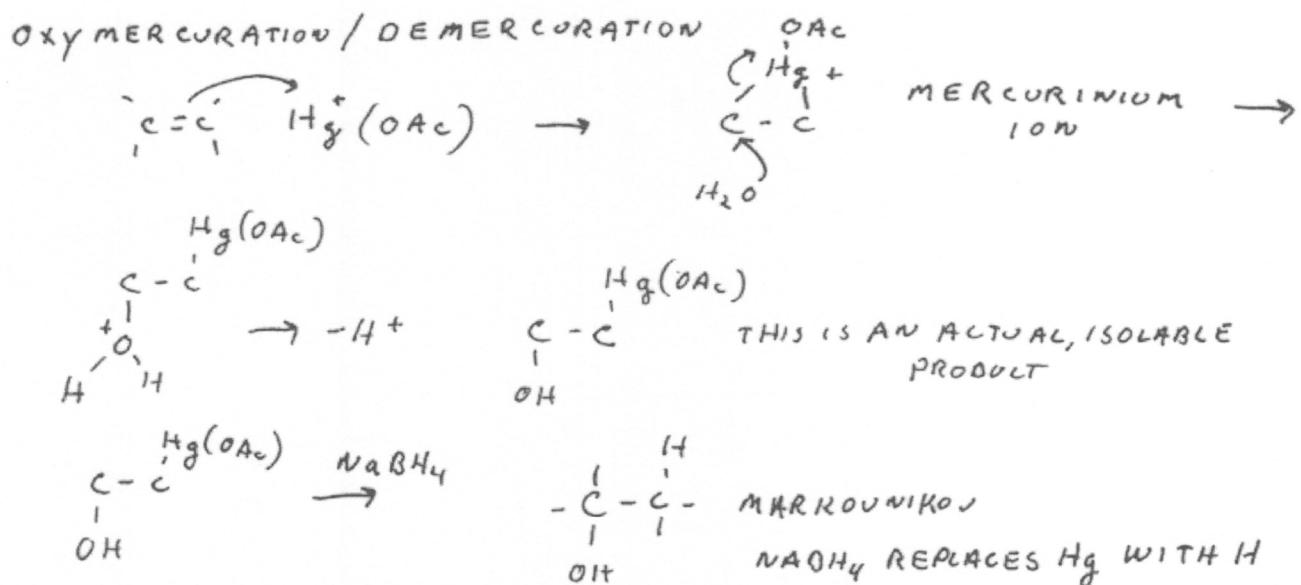
MOST USEFUL OF ALL (HIGH YIELD, NO C<sup>+</sup> RERARRANGEMENTS)

IS OXY MERCURATION/DEMERCURATION

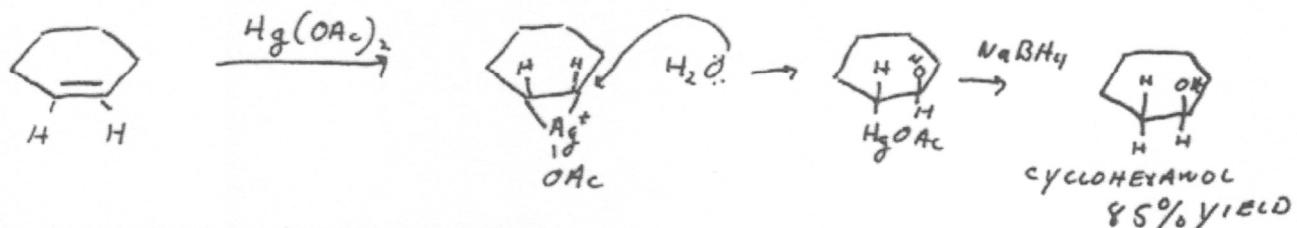
ITS A TWO STEP REACTION WITH SOME EXOTIC REAGENTS, INTERMEDIATES THAT PRODUCES A MARKOVNIKOV PRODUCT WITHOUT REARRANGEMENTS



NaBH<sub>4</sub> IS SODIUM BOROHYDROIDE, A REDUCING AGENT

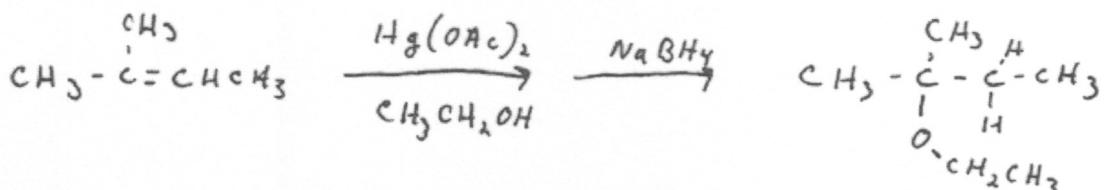


THIS REACTION IS STEREO SPECIFIC  
THE CYCLIC STRUCTURE OF THE MERCURY ADDUCT FORCES "ANTI"  
ADDITION OF OH



### ALKOXY MERCURATION/DEMERCURATION

JUST PICTURE THE ABOVE REACTION IN AN ALCOHOLIC SOLVENT R-OH  
INSTEAD OF WATER  
YOU GET THE SAME TYPE OF PRODUCT WITH A CARBON GROUP ATTACHED  
TO THE OXYGEN - AN ETHER  
THIS IS ADDITION OF AN ALCOHOL TO THE DOUBLE BOND RO-H

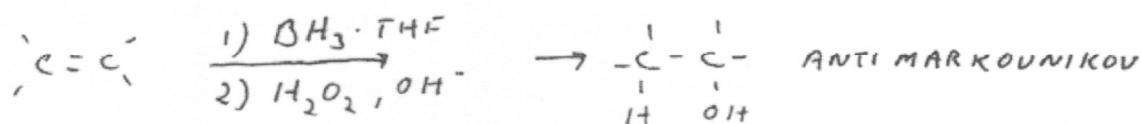


AS ALWAYS, IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE  
THE DANGER FROM MERCURY TOXICITY

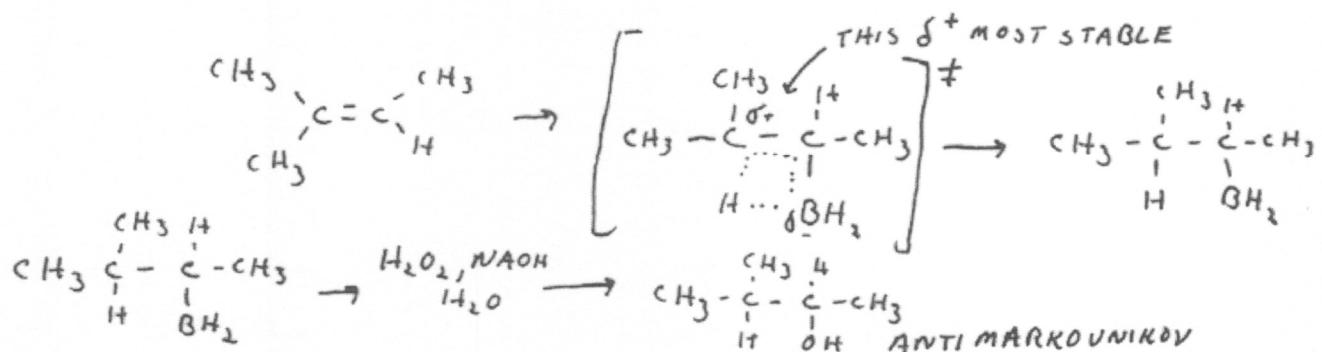
IN ALL ITS FORMS, METAL, ALKYL MERCURY ( $\text{Hg}(\text{CH}_3)_2$ ) OR MERCURIC  
SALTS LIKE  $\text{Hg}(\text{OAc})_2$ , MERCURY IS DANGEROUSLY TOXIC  
 $\text{Hg}(\text{CH}_3)_2$  EVEN PENETRATES LATEX GLOVES!

## HYDROBORATION / OXIDATION

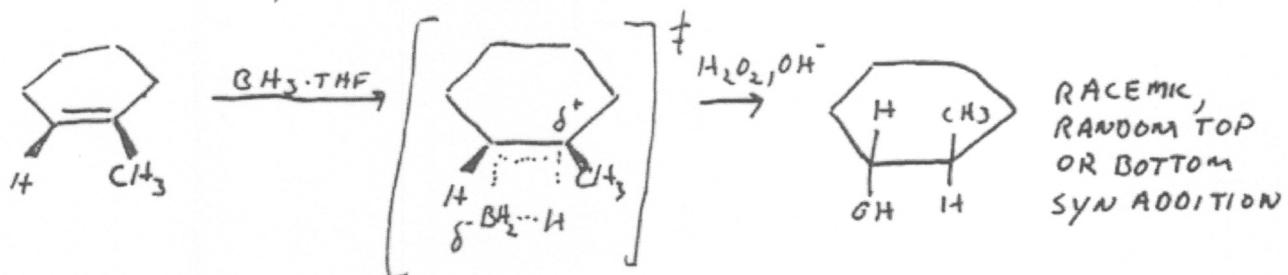
MAKE ANTI-MARKOVNIKOV ALCOHOLS FROM ALKENES



THIS REACTION INVOLVES A CYCLIC INTERMEDIATE:



THE STEREO SPECIFICITY OF THE REACTION IS SYN ADDITION



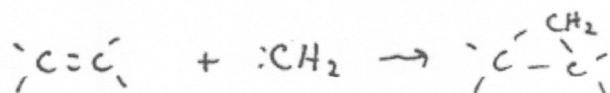
## HYDROGENATION

REDUCTION OF AN ALKENE (ALKYNE, C=O) WITH H<sub>2</sub>/CATALYST

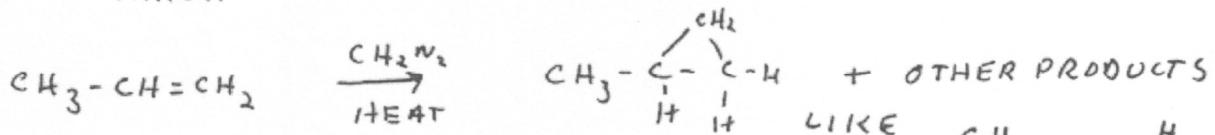
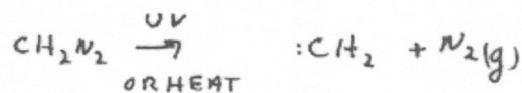
HYDROGEN ABSORBED ON A METAL SURFACE ADDS TO ONE "FACE" OF THE DOUBLE BOND, USUALLY RANDOM "FACE", BUT OCCASIONALLY ONE FACE IS PREFERRED FIG 5-23  
IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE TO USE CHIRAL CATALYSTS FOR ASYMMETRIC INDUCTION Pg 219

## CARBENES

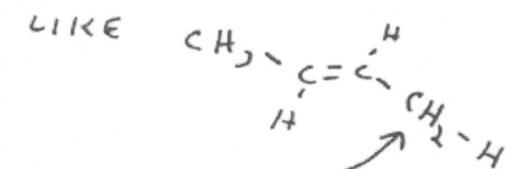
:CH<sub>2</sub> IS METHYLENE, THE SIMPLEST CARBENE. IT ADDS TO DOUBLE BONDS TO MAKE CYCLOPROPANES



THE ORIGINAL CARBENE REACTION USES DIAZOMETHANE  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}_2$

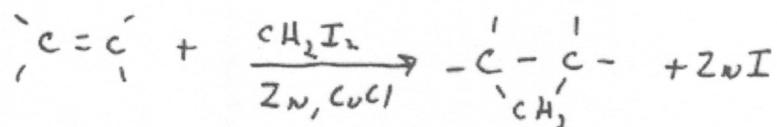


THIS, PLUS THE TOXIC, EXPLOSIVENESS OF  $\text{CH}_2\text{N}_2$   
LIMITS ITS USEFULNESS



:  $\text{CH}_2$  INSERTION INTO SINGLE BOND

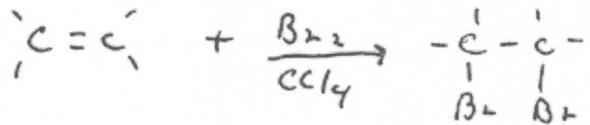
A BETTER REACTION IS THE SIMMONS-SMITH REACTION



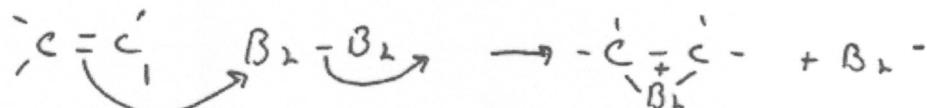
THIS IS THE PREFERRED METHOD  
FOR MAKING CYCLOPROPANES

### ADDITION OF HALOGENS

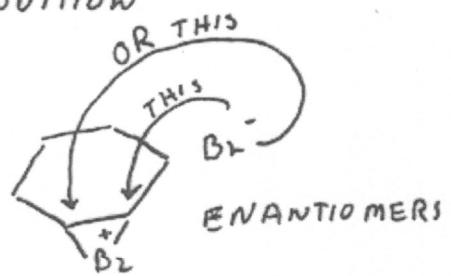
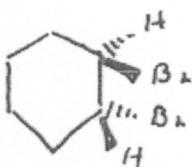
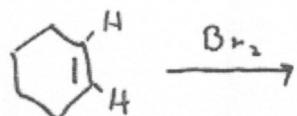
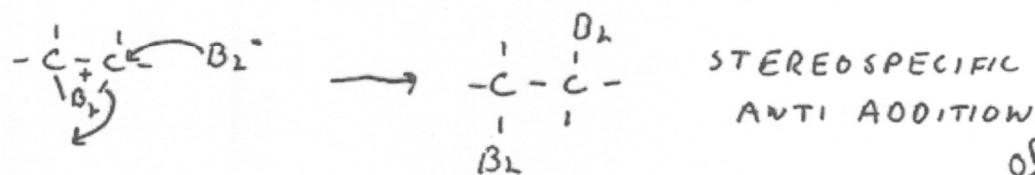
$\text{Br}_2$  BEING "DECOLORIZED" BY AN ALKENE



THE MECHANISM OF THIS REACTION INVOLVES A CYCLIC BROMONIUM  
OR CYCLIC "HALONIUM" ION IF  $\text{Cl}_2$  OR  $\text{I}_2$  ARE USED

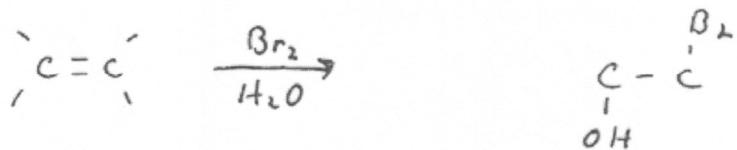


THIS CYCLIC ION IS OPENED BY BROMIDE

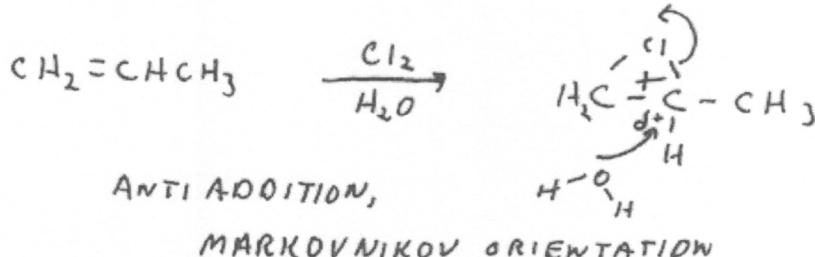


## HALOHYDRINS

HALOGENS PLUS WATER ADD TO ALKENES TO FORM HALOHYDRINS



A HALONIUM ION IS INVOLVED, SO STEREOCHEMISTRY IS ANTI  
MARKOVNIKOV ORIENTATION IS ALSO OBSERVED

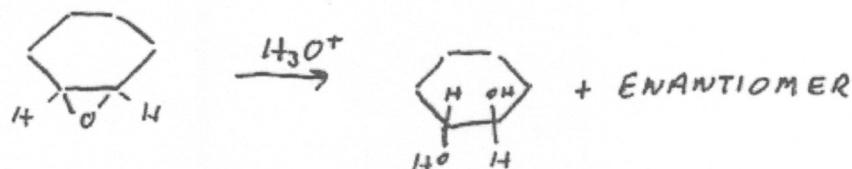
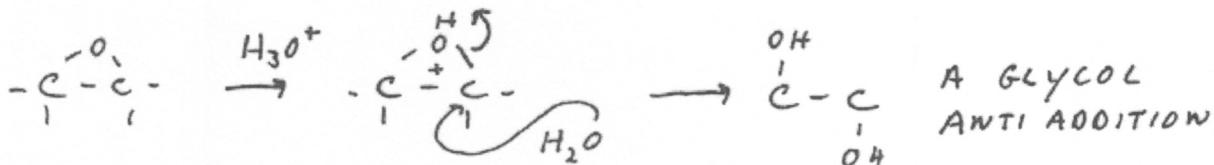


WHILE THE WHOLE RING BEARS A + CHARGE,  
MORE PARTIAL + IS ON THE MORE SUBSTITUTED CARBON

## EPOXIDATION

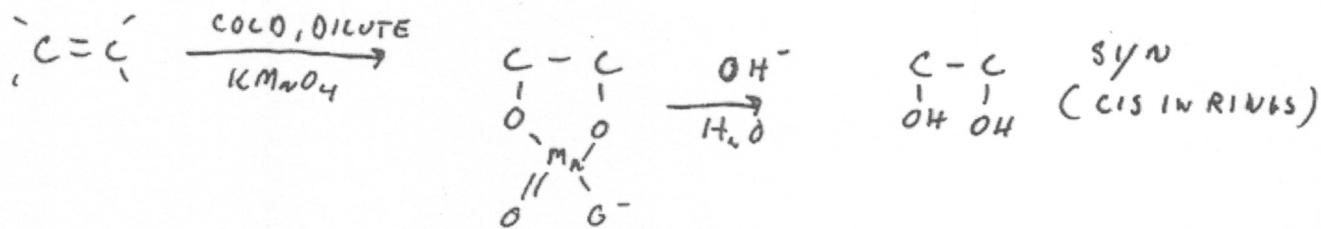


## ACID CATALYSED OPENING OF EPOXIDES

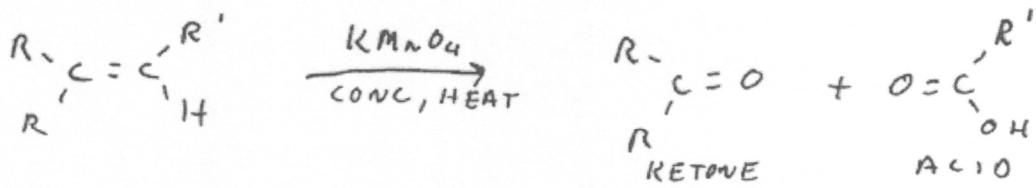


WE CAN ALSO MAKE SYN GLYCOLS WITH  $\text{OsO}_4$ , OSMIUM TETROXIDE OR  $\text{KMnO}_4$  (COLD, DILUTE) POTASSIUM PERMANGANATE

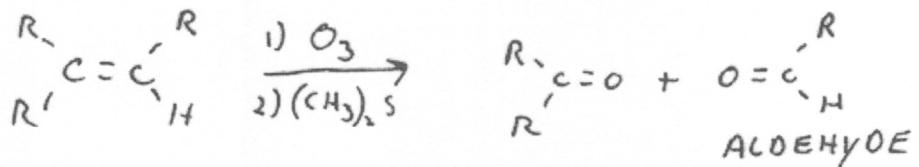
A CYCLIC INTERMEDIATE ENSURES SYN HYDROXYLATION



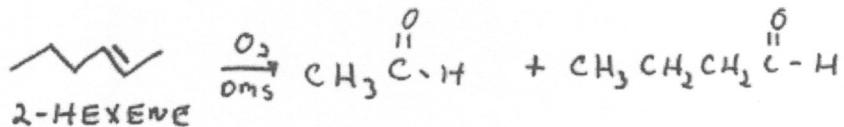
OXIDATIVE CLEAVAGE  $C=C \rightarrow C=O + O=C$



OR OZONOLYSIS (MILDER)

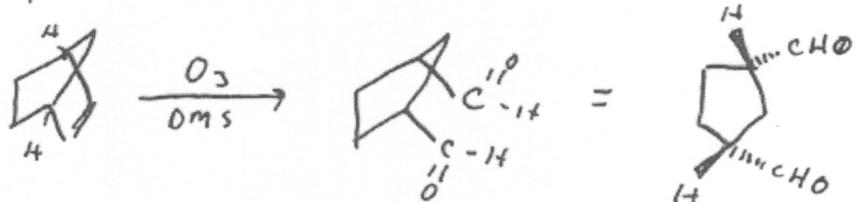


EXAMPLES



Any  $C=C$  is replaced by  $C=O$  and  $C=O$

THE OZONOLYSIS INTERMEDIATE IS CYCLIC, SYN PRODUCTS RESULT

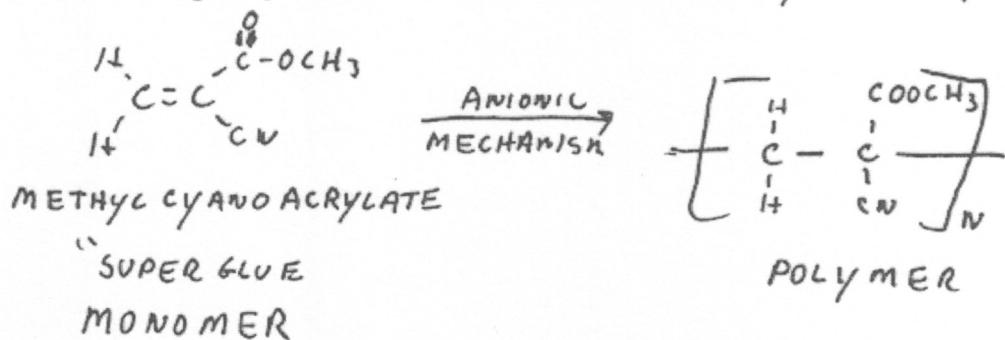


POLYMERIZATION

IT'S ARGUABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT REACTION OF ALKENES / EPOXIDES

POLYMERS ARE LARGE ( $MW 10,000 \rightarrow >1,000,000$ ) MOLECULES  
MADE FROM REPEATING UNITS (MONOMERS)

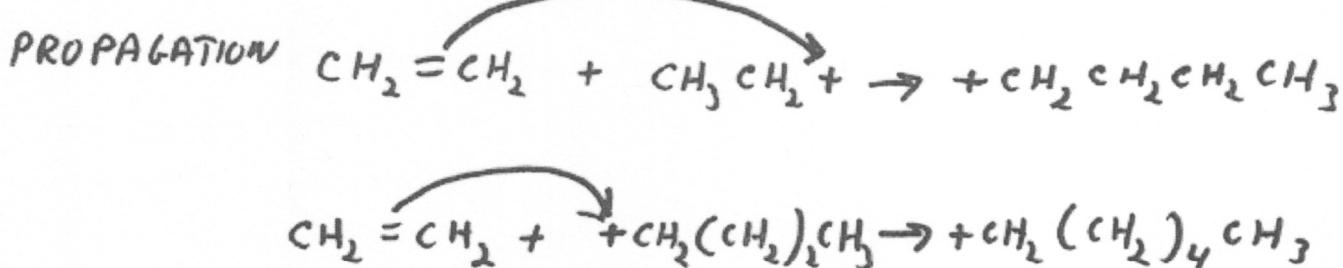
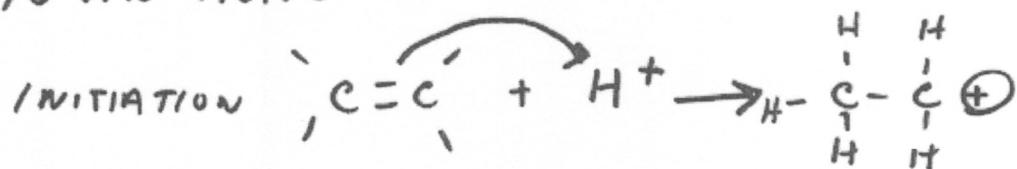
MECHANISMS ARE CHAIN REACTIONS, ANIONIC, CATIONIC, FREE RADICAL



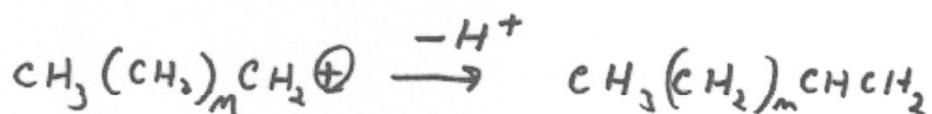
# CATIONIC POLYMERIZATION

ACID CATALYSED, CATIONIC INTERMEDIATES

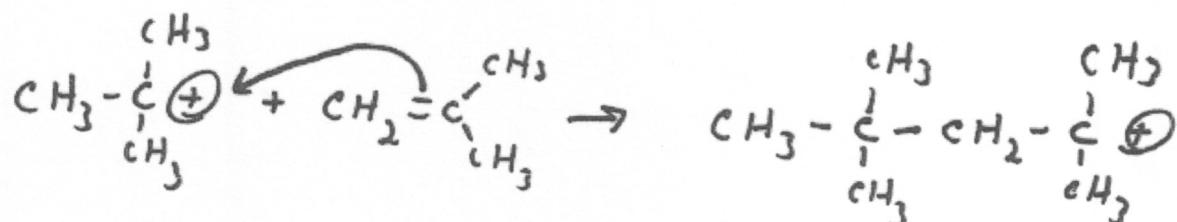
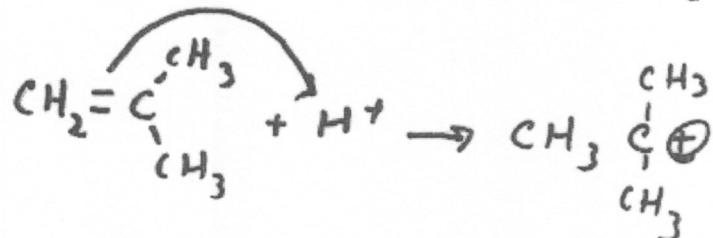
ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF ELECTROPHILIC ADDITION  
TO AN ALKENE :



THE GROWING CHAIN TERMINATES WHEN A CATION  
ELIMINATES A PROTON



WORKS BEST WITH  $3^\circ$  CATIONS



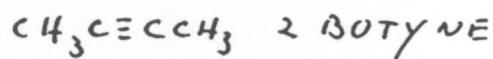
THIS POLYMER IS CALLED BUTYL RUBBER

## ALKYNES

ALKYNES CONTAIN THE TRIPLE BOND  $-C\equiv C-$  2<sup>o</sup> UNSATURATION  
OFTEN NAMED AS ACETYLENES (COMMON NAMES)

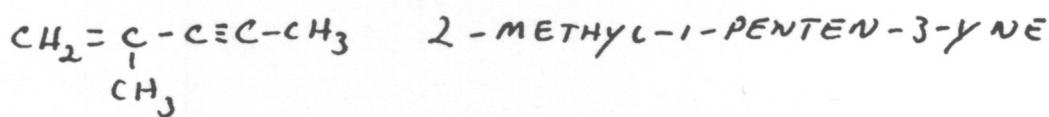
$R-C\equiv C-R \rightarrow$  A DIALKYL ACETYLENE

OR AS ALKYNES



NUMBERED AS BEFORE, FROM THE END OF THE CHAIN CLOSEST TO  
THE TRIPLE BOND

WHEN ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONAL GROUPS ARE PRESENT, SUFFIXES  
MAY BE COMBINED



ACETYLENE  $H-C\equiv C-H$  IS THE MOST COMMON ALKYNE, USED IN  
OXY ACETYLENE TORCHES

IT'S MADE FROM NATURAL GAS:  $CH_4 \xrightarrow[1500^\circ]{\text{Hg}} H-C\equiv C-H + 3H_2$ ,  
IT ALSO COMES FROM CALCIUM 0.01 SEC  
CARBIDE,  $C_2C_2 + 2H_2O \rightarrow H-C\equiv C-H + Ca(OH)_2$ .

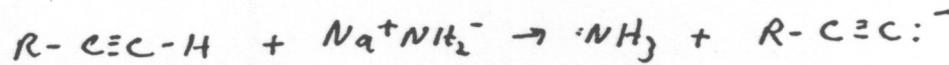
HYBRIDIZATION IS SP, LINEAR GEOMETRY  
AND A "CYLINDER" OF  $\pi$  ELECTRONS

MANY IMPORTANT REACTIONS OF ACETYLENES INVOLVE THE  
ACIDITY OF ACETYLENIC HYDROGENS:  $H-C\equiv C-H \rightarrow H-C\equiv C:\ddot{\ominus} + H^+$

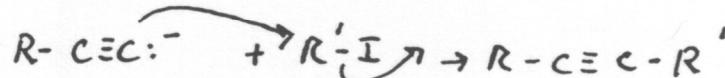
SO IT'S A VERY WEAK ACID, BUT  $pK_a \approx 25$

STILL STRONGER THAN OTHER  
ALKANES OR ALKENES ( $pK_a = 50, 40$  RESPECTIVELY)

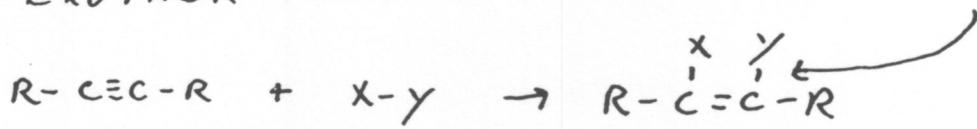
VERY STRONG BASES LIKE  $NH_2^-$  DEPROTONATE



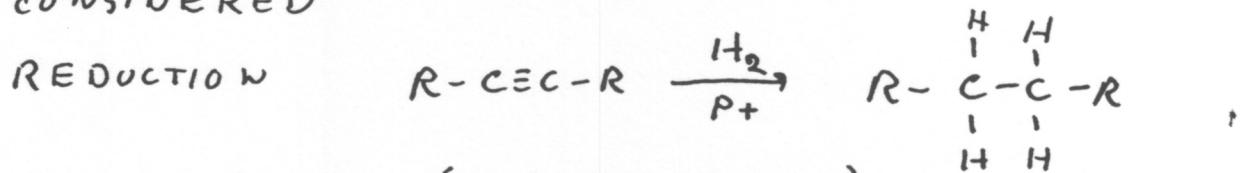
ACETYLIDES ARE STRONG NUCLEOPHILES



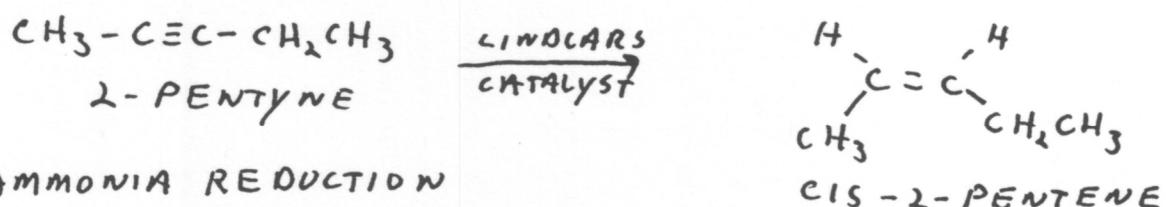
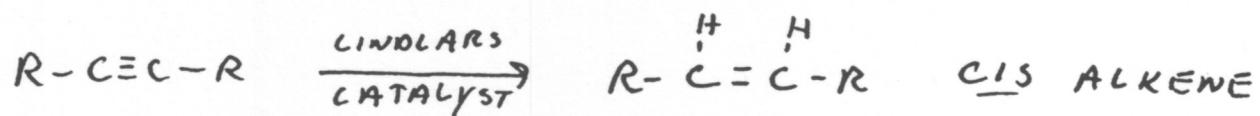
LIKE ALKENES, ALKYNES DO ADDITION REACTIONS  
THIS EXOTHERMIC REACTION PRODUCES NEW  $\sigma$  BONDS



THE POSSIBILITY OF DOUBLE ADDITION REACTIONS MUST BE CONSIDERED



SPECIAL CATALYSTS (LINDLARS CATALYST)  
ARE LESS EFFICIENT, STOP AT THE ALKENE



METAL-AMMONIA REDUCTION

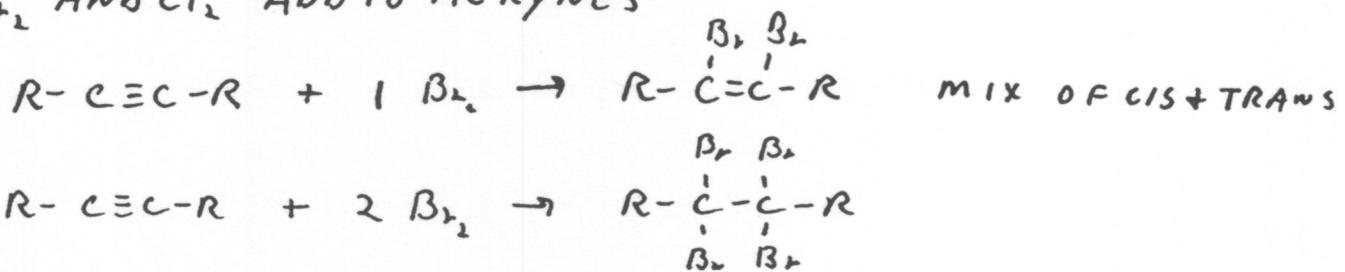
TRANS ALKENES ARE MADE WITH  $\text{Na}/\text{NH}_3$



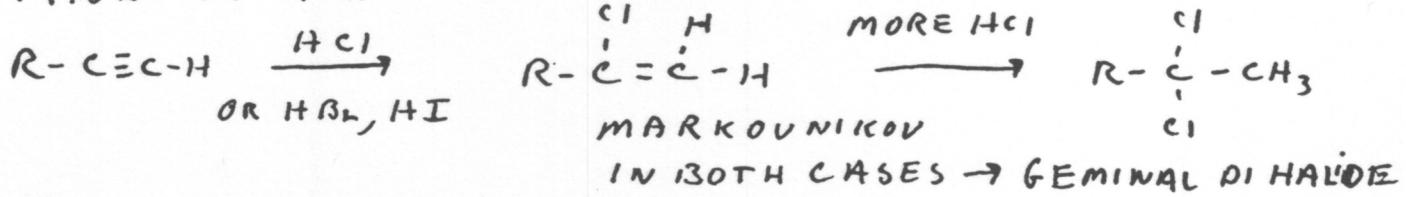
THE "SOLVATED ELECTRON", IT HAS A DEEP BLUE COLOR

ADDITION OF HALOGENS

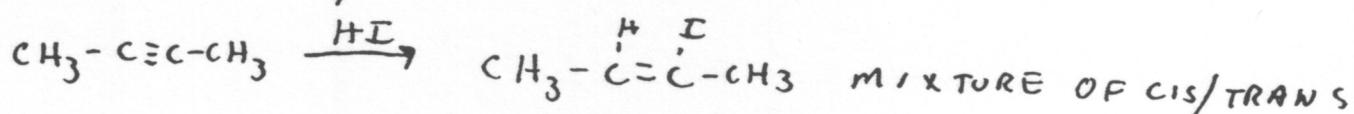
$\text{Br}_2$  AND  $\text{Cl}_2$  ADD TO ALKYNES



ADDITION OF  $\text{HX}$



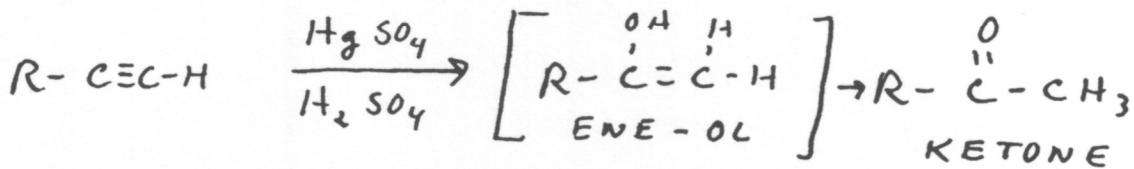
INTERNAL ALKYNES GIVE MIXTURES



## HYDRATION OF ALKYNES

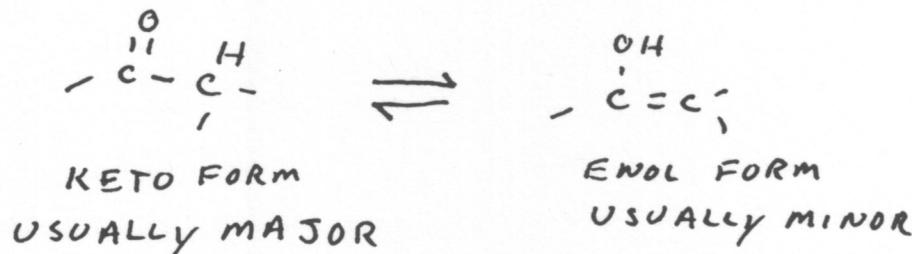
ACID CATALYSED ADDITION OF H-OH TO ALKYNES

MERCURIC ION IS USED AS A CATALYST

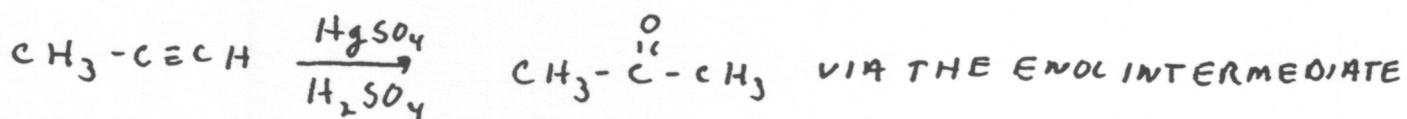


THIS IS KETO-ENOL TAUTOMERISM (CHAPTERS 18 AND 22)

TAUTOMERISM IS A REVERSIBLE EQUILIBRIUM  
BETWEEN TWO ISOMERS (CALLED TAUTOMERS)

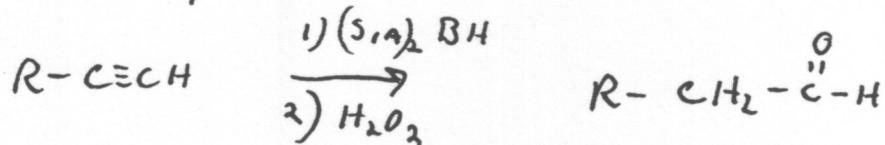


THE PRODUCTS OF ADDITION OF H<sub>2</sub>O TO C≡C ARE KETONES



AS WITH ALKENES, HYDROBORATION/OXIDATION ADDS H-OH  
IN AN ANTI MARKOVNIKOV SENSE

TERMINAL ALKYNES ARE CONVERTED TO ALCOHOLS USING (SiR)<sub>2</sub>BH



## OXIDATIONS

WITH ALKENES, KMNO<sub>4</sub> MAKES DIOLS

WITH ALKYNES, NEUTRAL PH KMNO<sub>4</sub> MAKES DIONES

