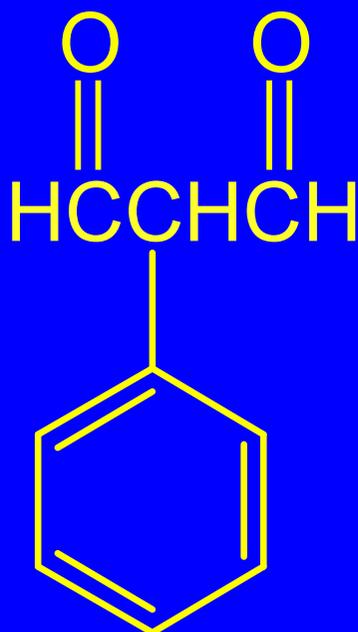
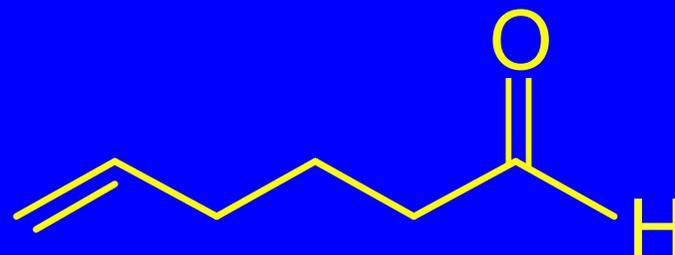
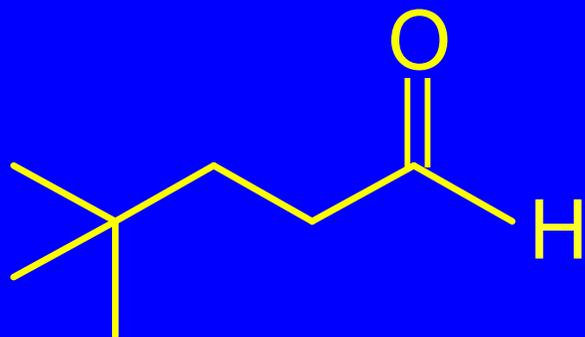


**Aldehydes and Ketones.  
Nucleophilic Addition  
to the  
Carbonyl Group**

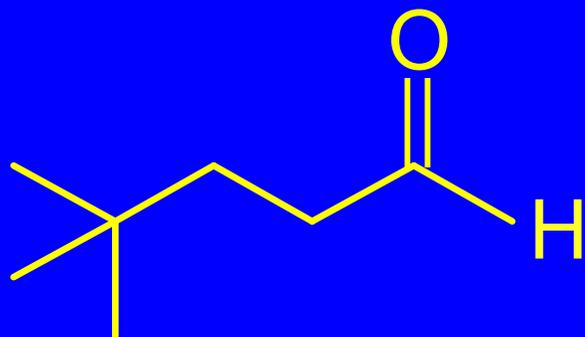
# Nomenclature

## IUPAC Nomenclature of Aldehydes

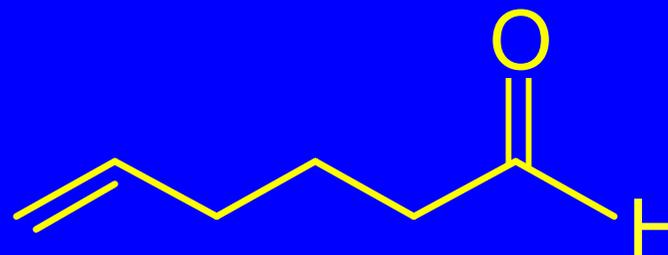


Base the name on the chain that contains the carbonyl group and replace the -e ending of the hydrocarbon by *-al*.

# IUPAC Nomenclature of Aldehydes



4,4-dimethylpentanal



5-hexenal

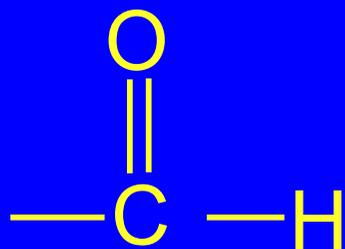


2-phenylpropanedial  
(keep the -e ending  
before -dial)

## *IUPAC Nomenclature of Aldehydes*

when named as  
a substituent

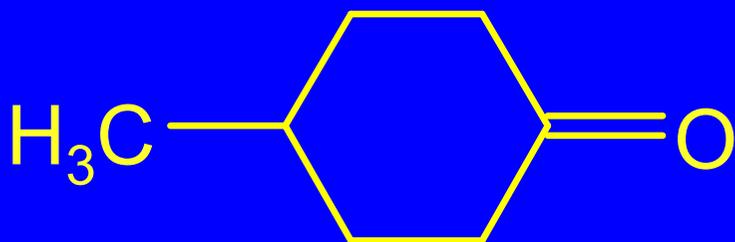
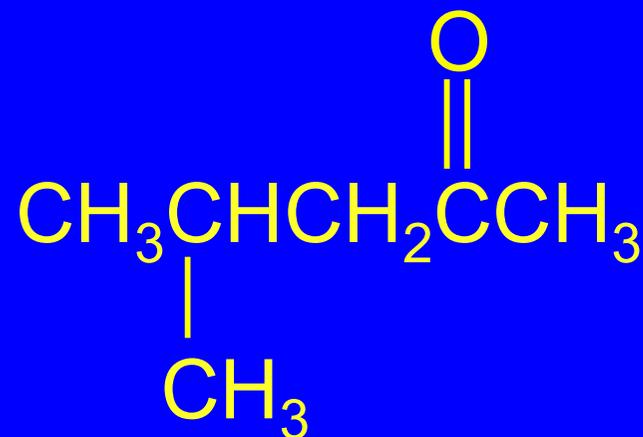
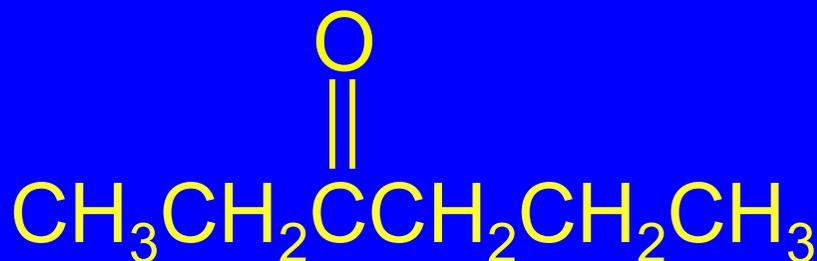
formyl group



when named  
as a suffix

carbaldehyde or  
carboxaldehyde

## Substitutive IUPAC Nomenclature of Ketones

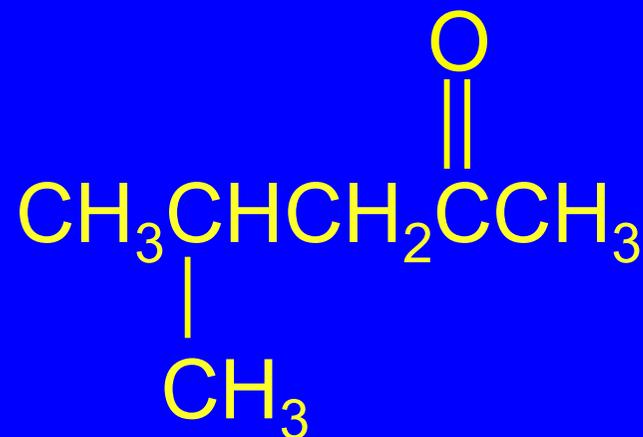


Base the name on the chain that contains the carbonyl group and replace *-e* by *-one*. Number the chain in the direction that gives the lowest number to the carbonyl carbon.

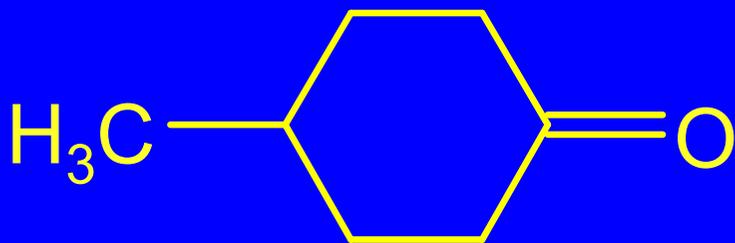
## Substitutive IUPAC Nomenclature of Ketones



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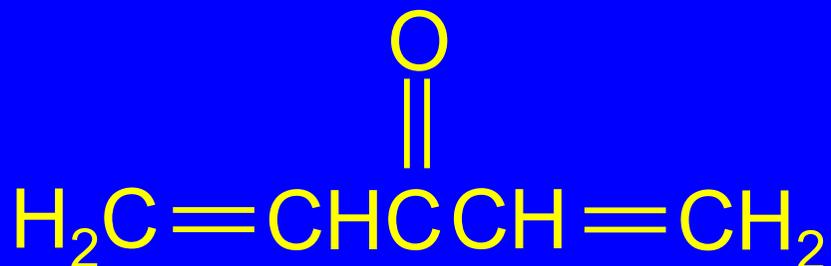
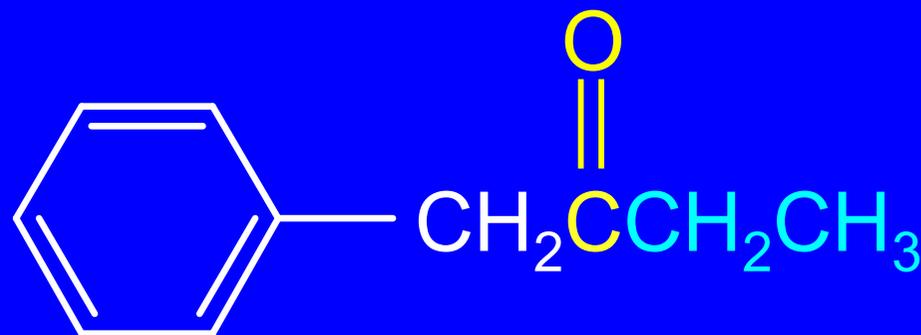
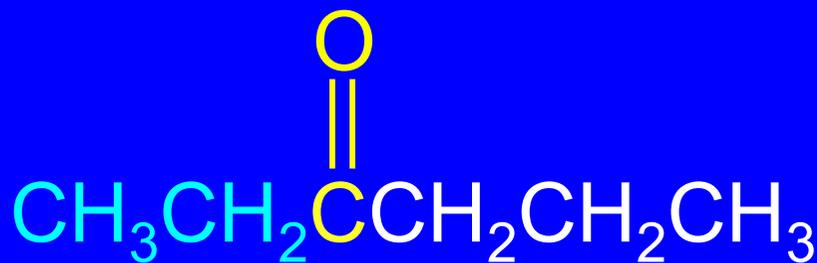


4-methyl-2-pentanone



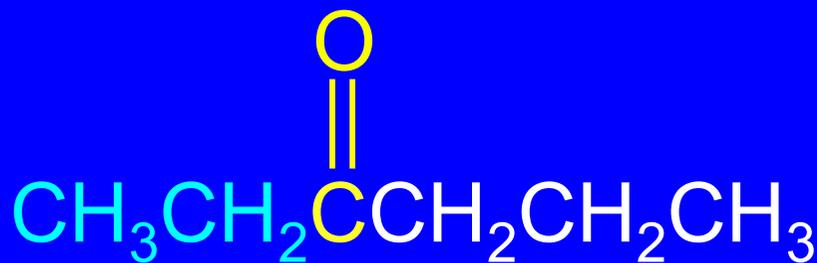
4-methylcyclohexanone

## Functional Class IUPAC Nomenclature of Ketones

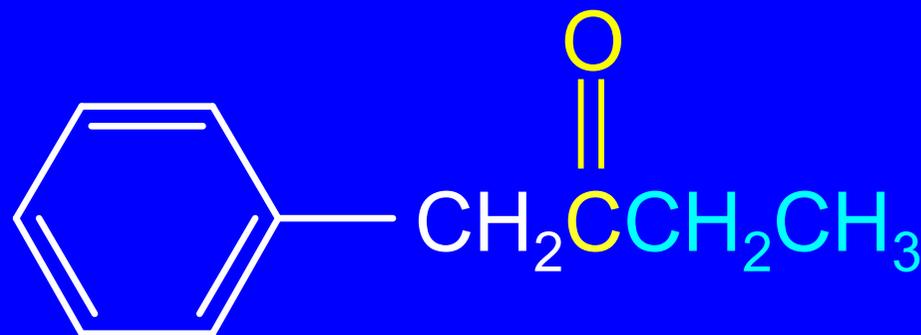


List the groups attached to the carbonyl separately in alphabetical order, and add the word *ketone*.

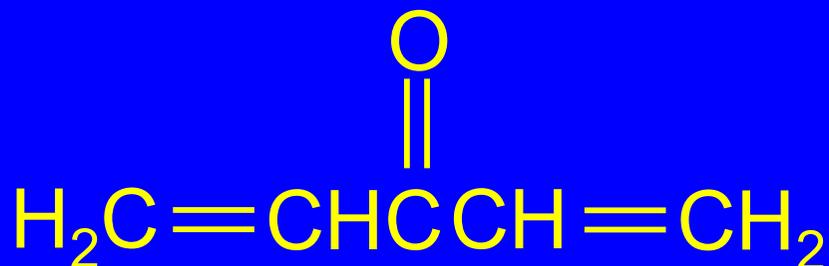
## Functional Class IUPAC Nomenclature of Ketones



ethyl propyl ketone



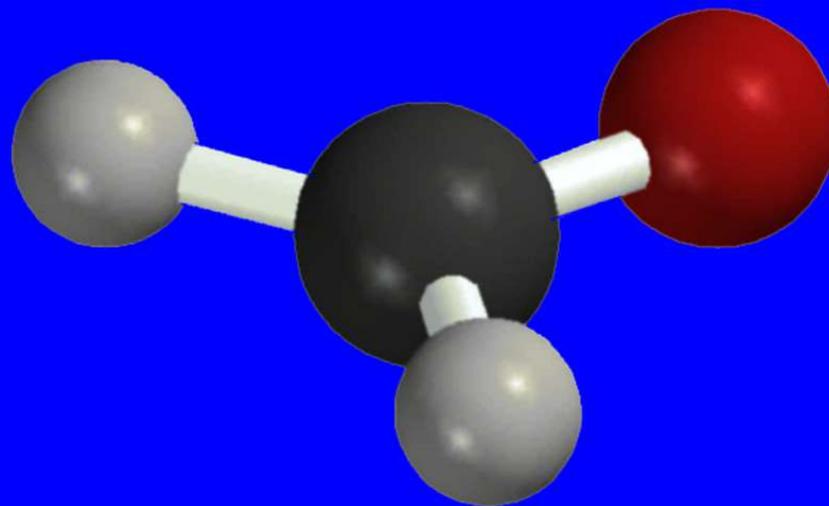
benzyl ethyl ketone



divinyl ketone

# Structure and Bonding: The Carbonyl Group

## *Structure of Formaldehyde*



planar

bond angles: close to  $120^\circ$

C=O bond distance: 122 pm

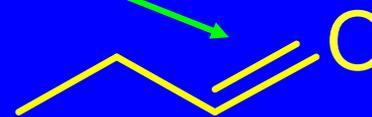
## *The Carbonyl Group*

very polar double bond



1-butene

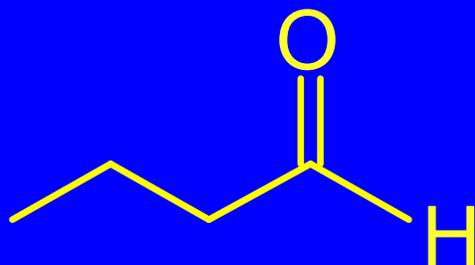
dipole moment = 0.3D



propanal

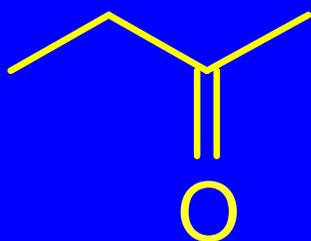
dipole moment = 2.5D

*Carbonyl group of a ketone is more stable than that of an aldehyde*



heat of combustion

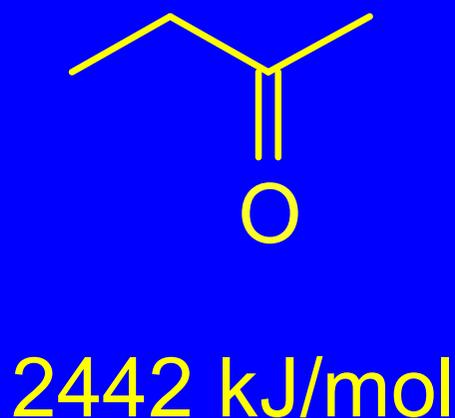
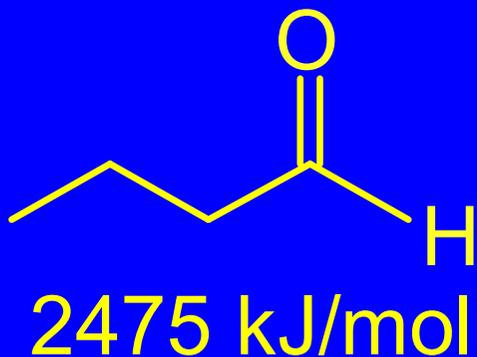
2475 kJ/mol



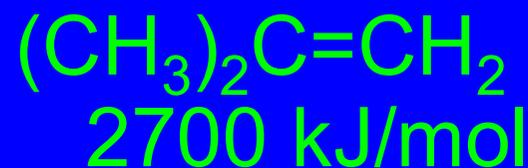
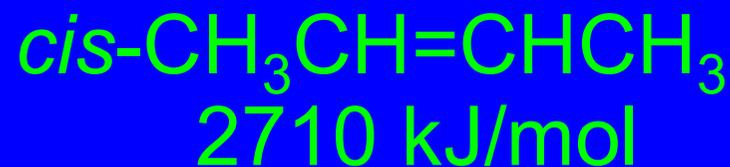
2442 kJ/mol

Alkyl groups stabilize carbonyl groups the same way they stabilize carbon-carbon double bonds, carbocations, and free radicals.

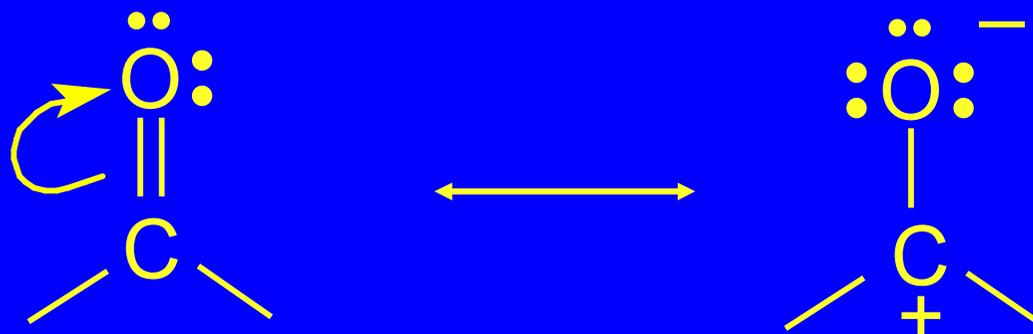
*Spread is greater for  
aldehydes and  
ketones than for alkenes*



Heats of combustion of  
 $C_4H_8$  isomeric alkenes

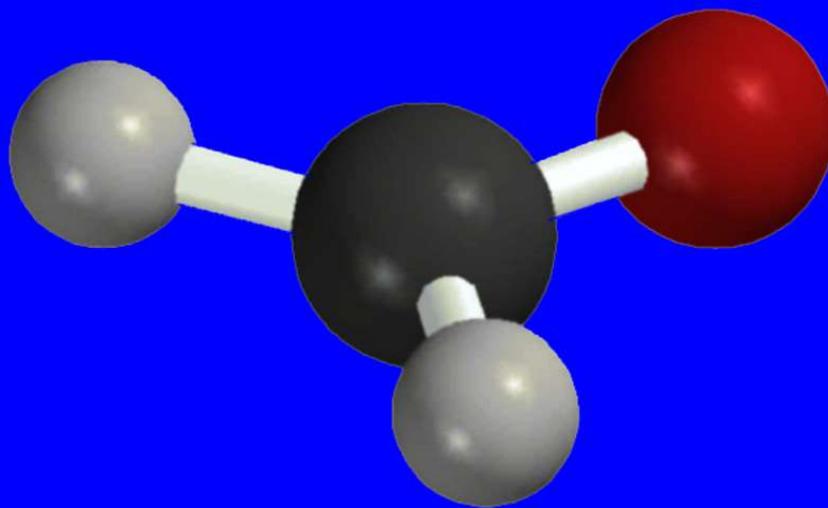


## *Resonance Description of Carbonyl Group*



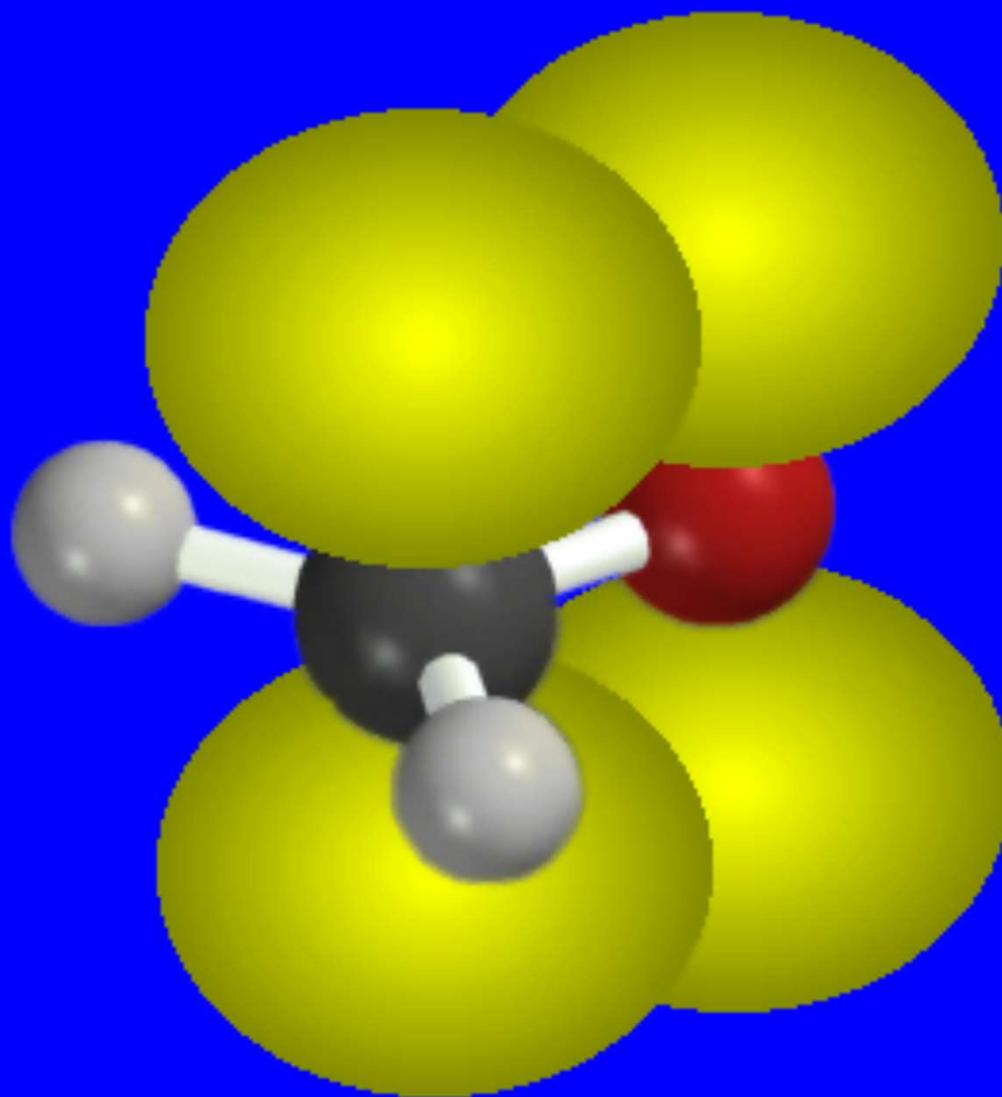
nucleophiles attack carbon;  
electrophiles attack oxygen

## *Bonding in Formaldehyde*



Carbon and oxygen are  $sp^2$  hybridized

## *Bonding in Formaldehyde*



The half-filled  $p$  orbitals on carbon and oxygen overlap to form a  $\pi$  bond

# **17.3**

## **Physical Properties**

*Aldehydes and ketones have higher boiling than alkenes, but lower boiling points than alcohols.*

boiling point



-6°C



49°C

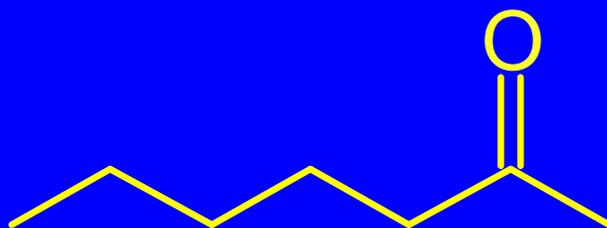


97°C

More polar than alkenes, but cannot form intermolecular hydrogen bonds to other carbonyl groups

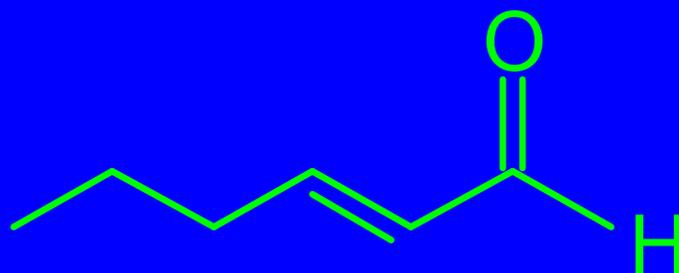
# Sources of Aldehydes and Ketones

*Many aldehydes and ketones occur naturally*



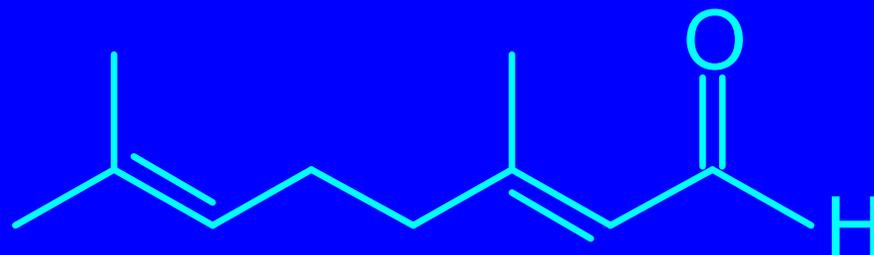
2-heptanone  
(component of alarm pheromone of bees)

*Many aldehydes and ketones occur naturally*



*trans-2-hexenal*  
(alarm pheromone of myrmicine ant)

*Many aldehydes and ketones occur naturally*



citral (from lemon grass oil)

# *Synthesis of Aldehydes and Ketones*

A number of reactions already studied provide efficient synthetic routes to aldehydes and ketones.

from alkenes

ozonolysis

from alkynes

hydration (via enol)

from arenes

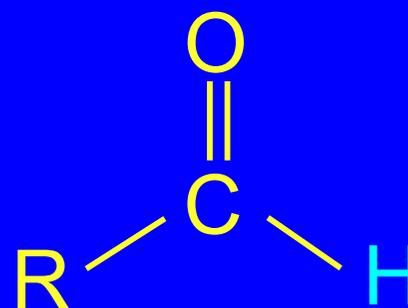
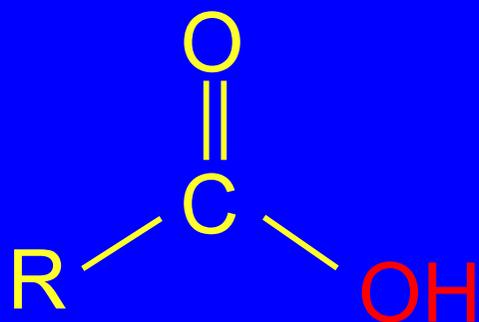
Friedel-Crafts acylation

from alcohols

oxidation

*What about..?*

aldehydes from carboxylic acids

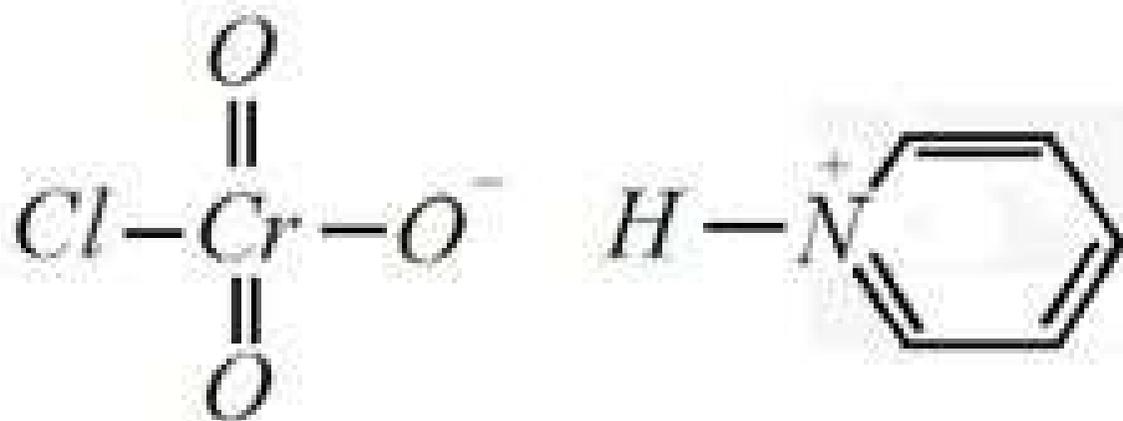


1.  $\text{LiAlH}_4$   
2.  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$



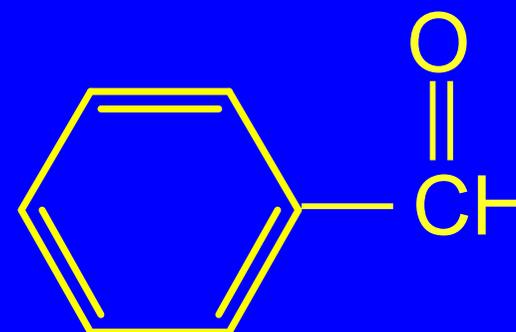
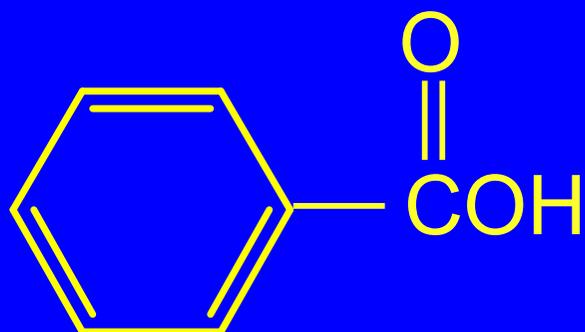
PDC,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$

Oxidação de Álcoois em aldeídos e cetonas. o dicromato de piridínio (também conhecido como Reagente de Cornforth e citado em algumas literaturas como Piridínio Dicromato - PDC) é um reagente que é muito usado devido a sua eficiência na oxidação seletiva de álcoois em aldeídos e cetc...



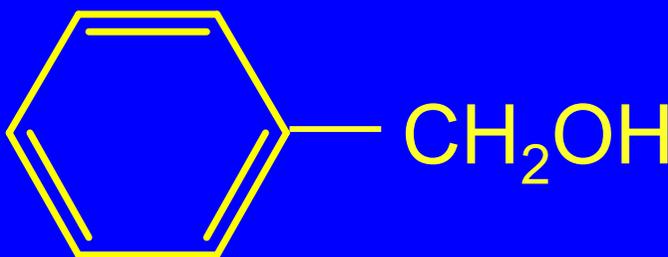
# Example

benzaldehyde from benzoic acid



1.  $\text{LiAlH}_4$   
2.  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$

(81%)

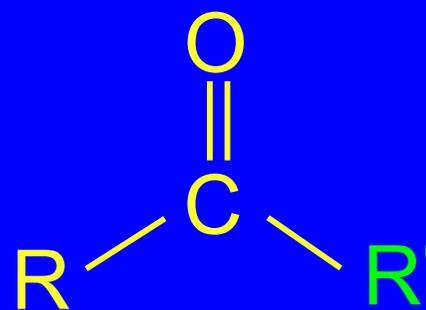
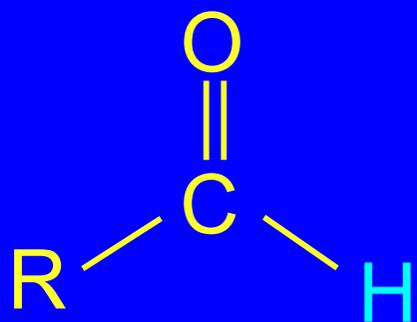


(83%)

PDC  
 $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$

*What about..?*

ketones from aldehydes



1.  $\text{R}'\text{MgX}$

2.  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$



PDC,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$

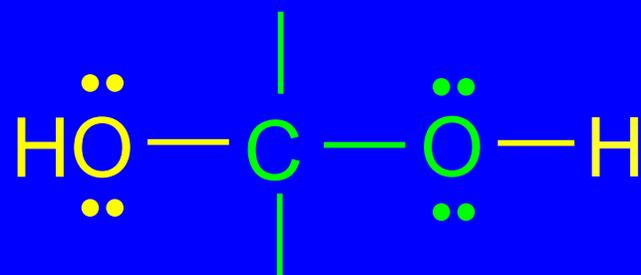
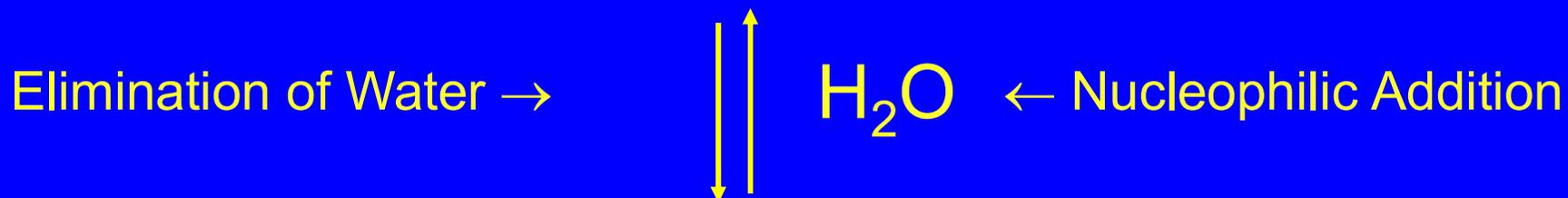
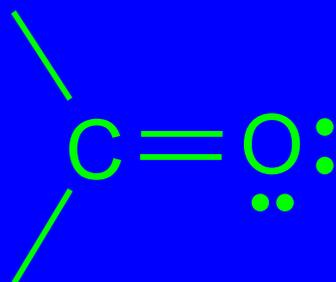
## Example

### 3-heptanone from propanal



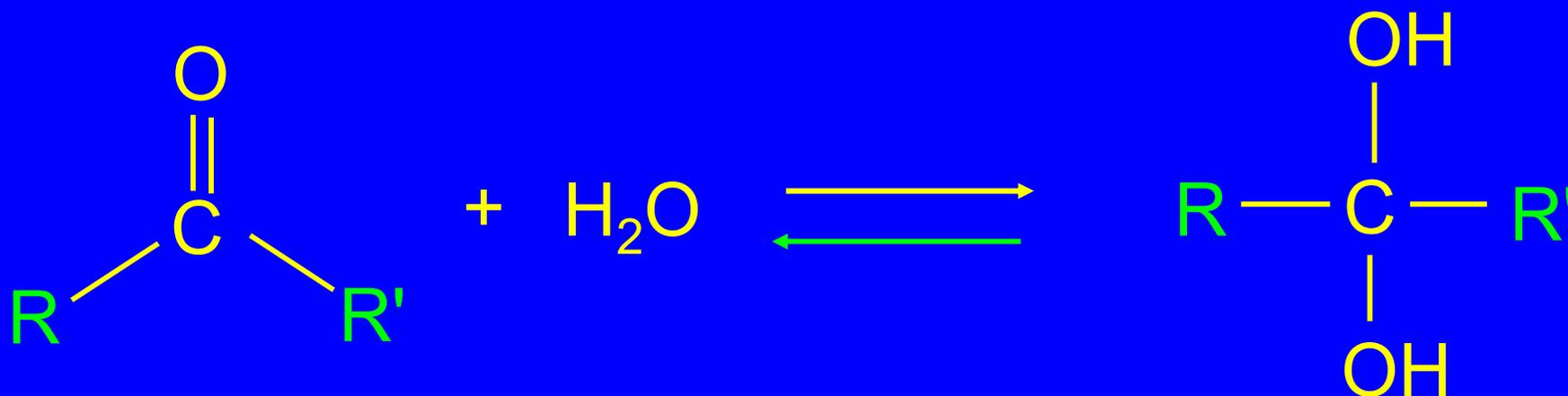
**Principles of Nucleophilic  
Addition to Carbonyl Groups:  
Hydration of Aldehydes and  
Ketones**

# Hydration of Aldehydes and Ketones



A Carbonyl Hydrate

## Substituent Effects on Hydration Equilibria



compared to H

electronic:

alkyl groups stabilize  
reactants

steric:

alkyl groups crowd  
product

## *Equilibrium Constants and Relative Rates of Hydration*

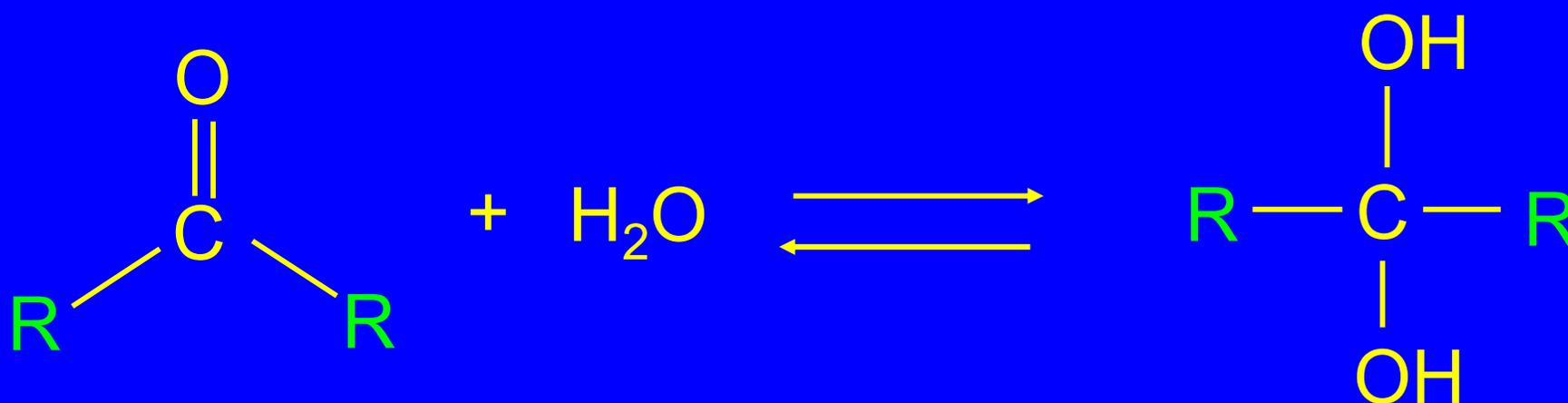
$C=O$	hydrate	$K$	%	Relative rate
$CH_2=O$	$CH_2(OH)_2$	2300	>99.9	2200
$CH_3CH=O$	$CH_3CH(OH)_2$	1.0	50	1.0
$(CH_3)_3CCH=O$	$(CH_3)_3CCH(OH)_2$	0.2	17	0.09
$(CH_3)_2C=O$	$(CH_3)_2C(OH)_2$	0.0014	0.14	0.0018

## *When does equilibrium favor hydrate?*

when carbonyl group is destabilized

- alkyl groups stabilize C=O
- electron-withdrawing groups destabilize C=O

## Substituent Effects on Hydration Equilibria

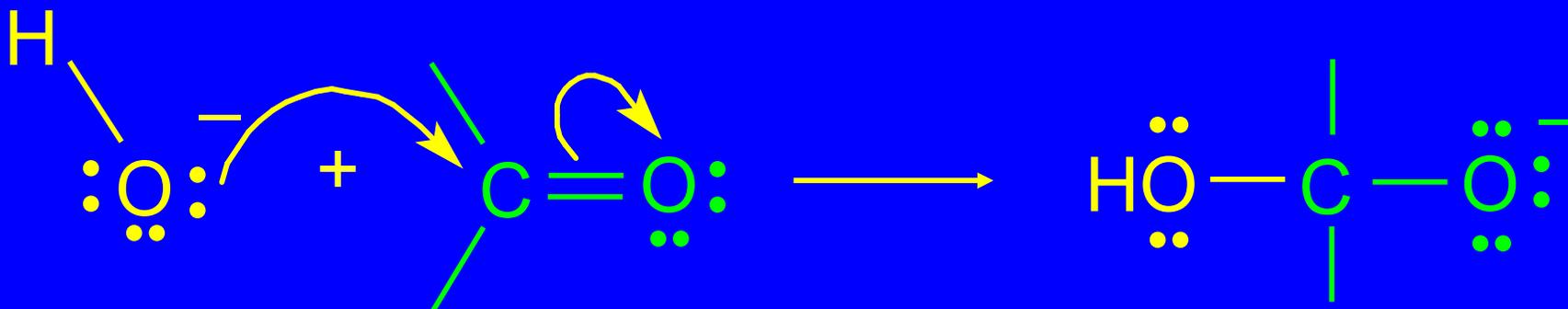


←  $\text{R} = \text{CH}_3: K = 0.000025$

$\text{R} = \text{CF}_3: K = 22,000$  →

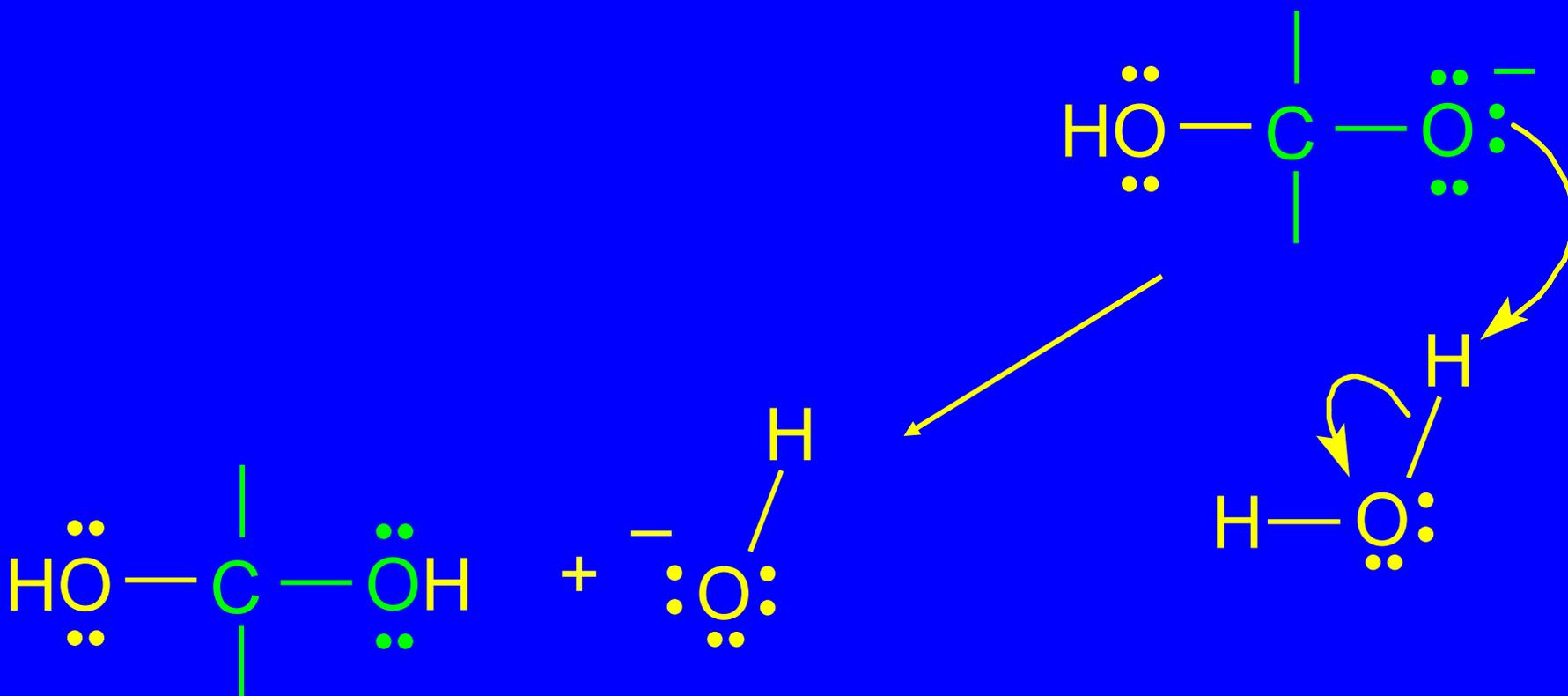
## *Mechanism of Hydration (base-catalyzed)*

Step 1:



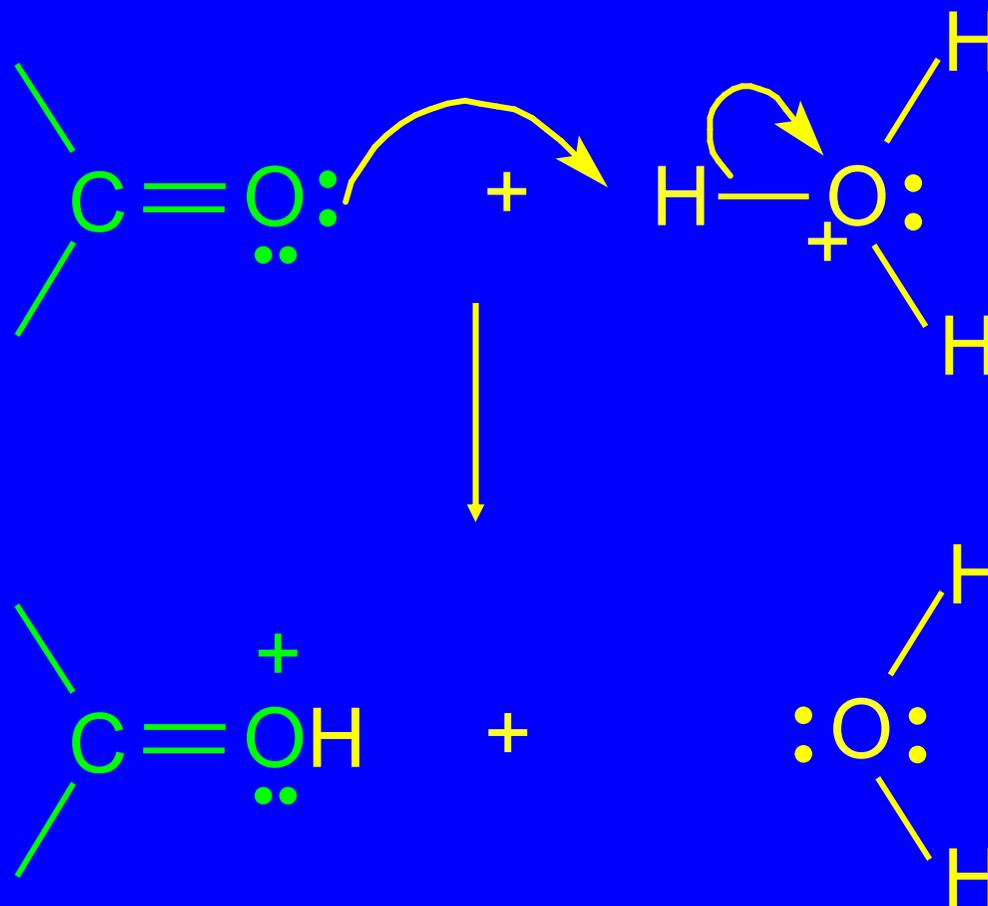
## Mechanism of Hydration (base)

Step 2:



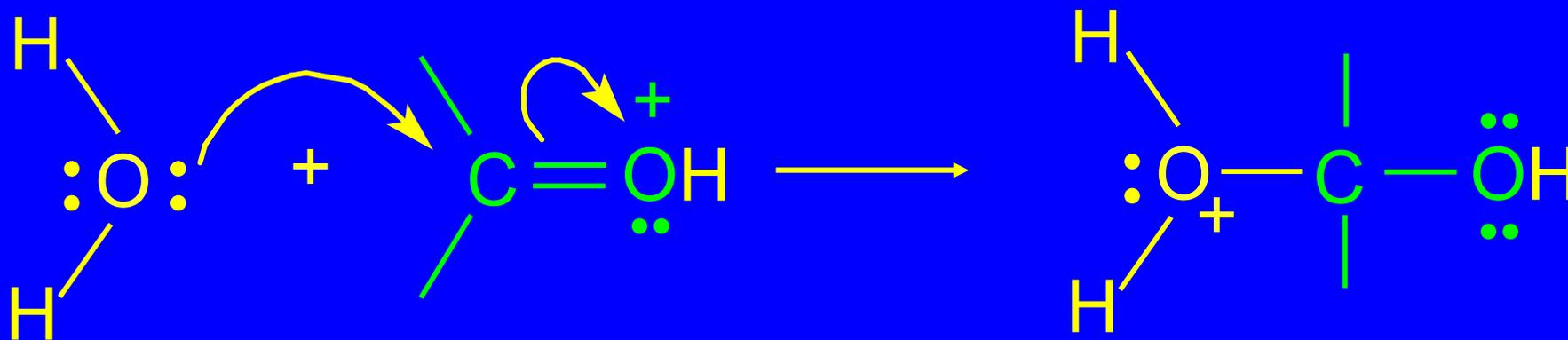
# Mechanism of Hydration (acid-catalyzed)

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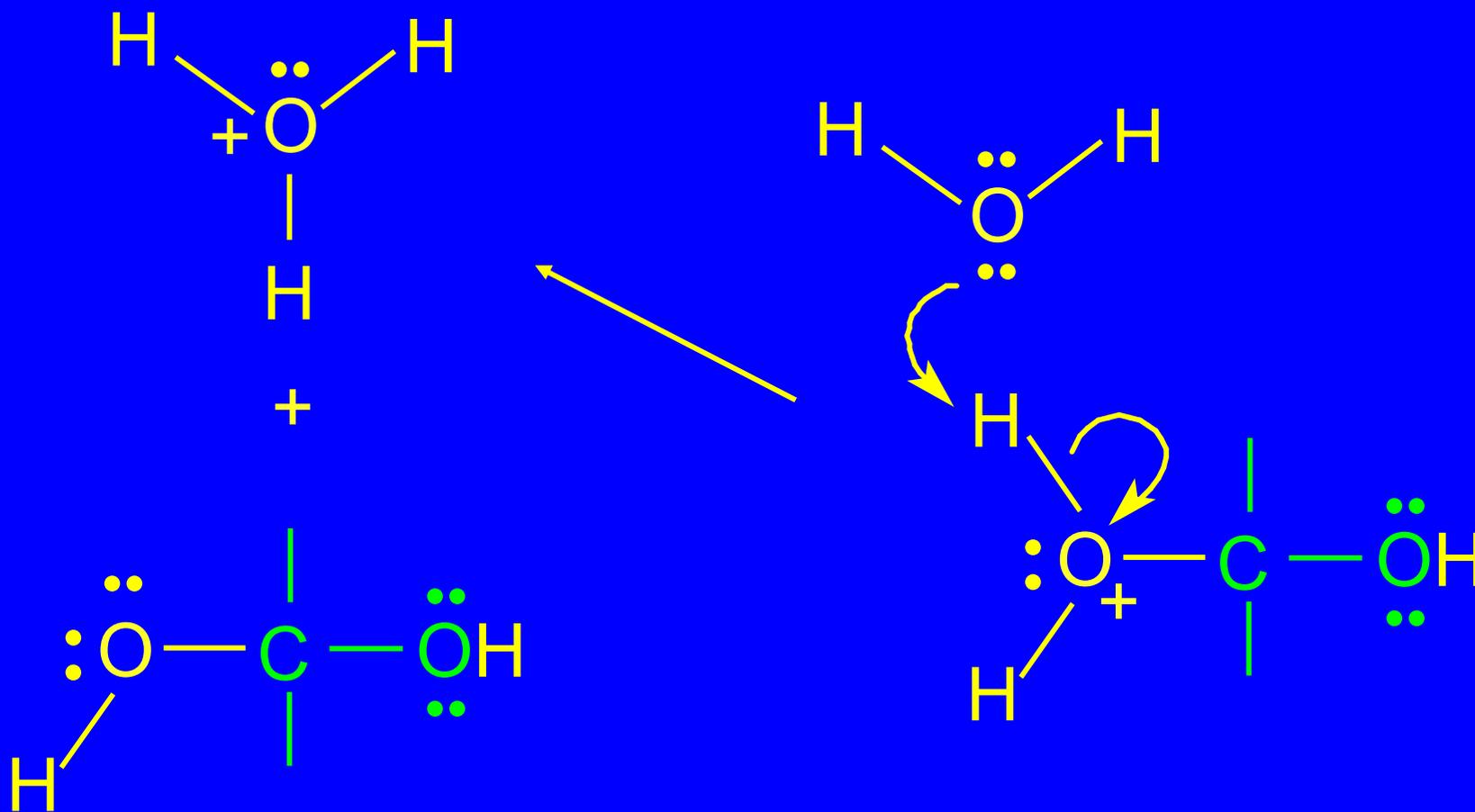
## *Mechanism of Hydration (acid-catalyzed)*

Step 2:



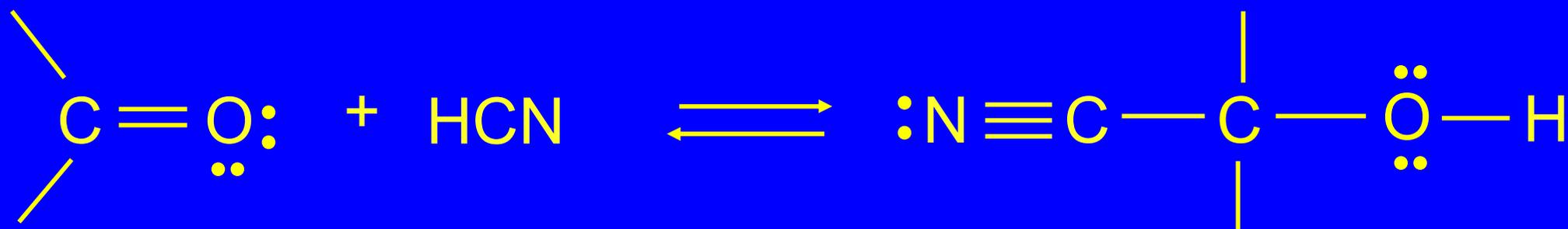
## Mechanism of Hydration (acid-catalyzed)

Step 3:

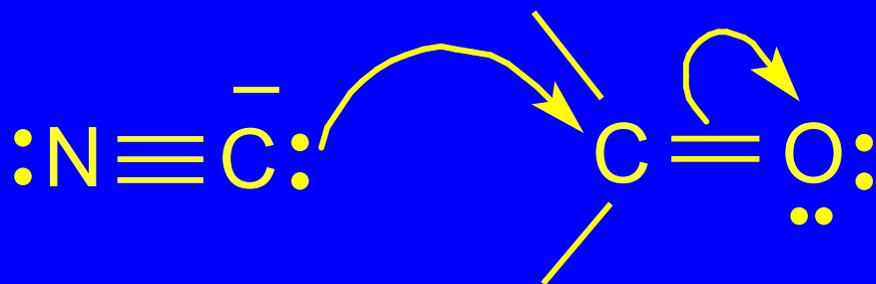


# Cyanohydrin Formation

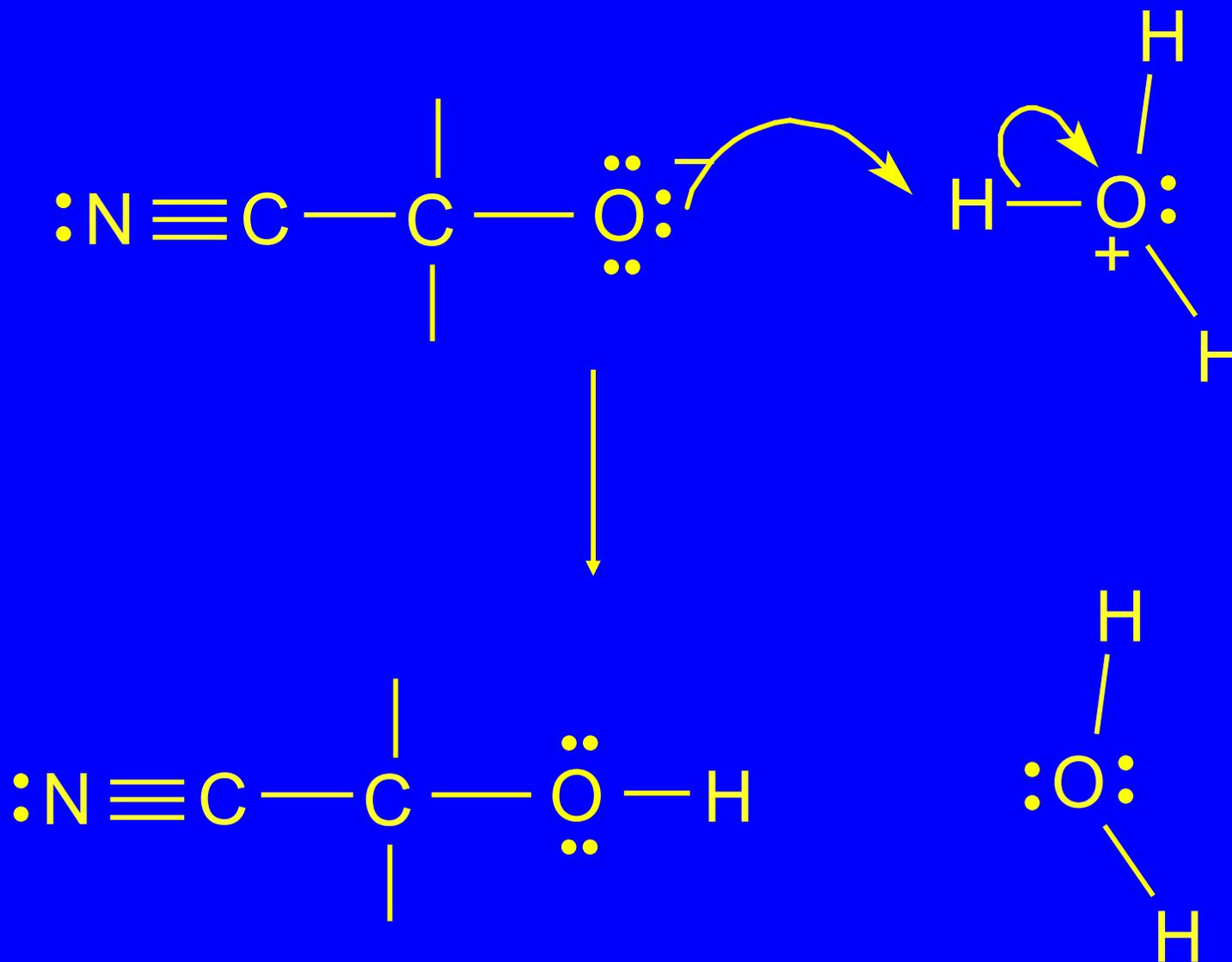
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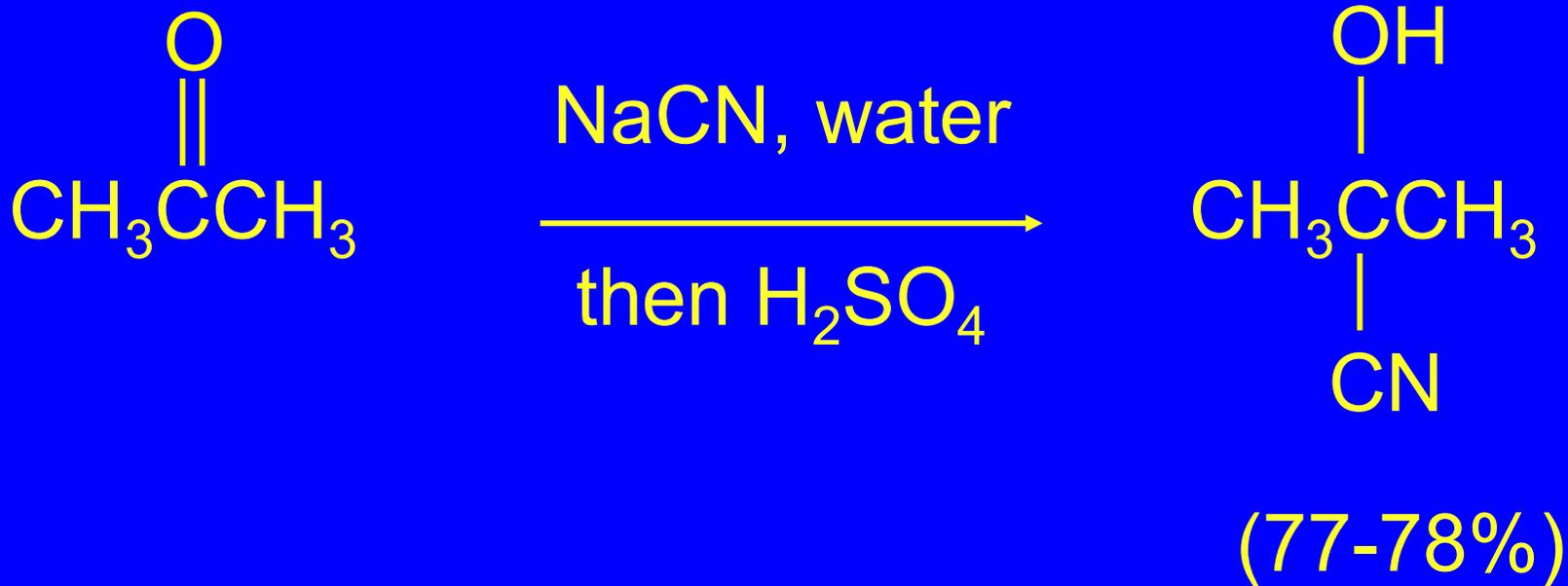


*Example*



2,4-Dichlorobenzaldehyde  
cyanohydrin (100%)

## Example



Acetone cyanohydrin is used in the synthesis of methacrylonitrile (see problem 17.7).

# Acetal Formation

*Some reactions of aldehydes and ketones progress beyond the nucleophilic addition stage*

Acetal formation

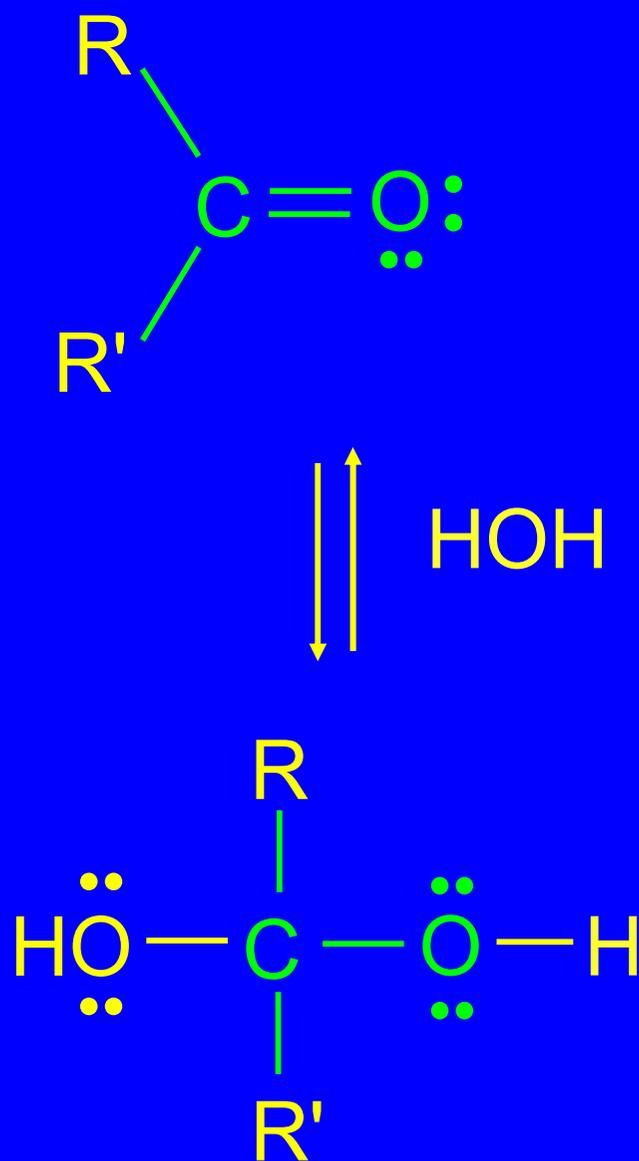
Imine formation

Enamine formation

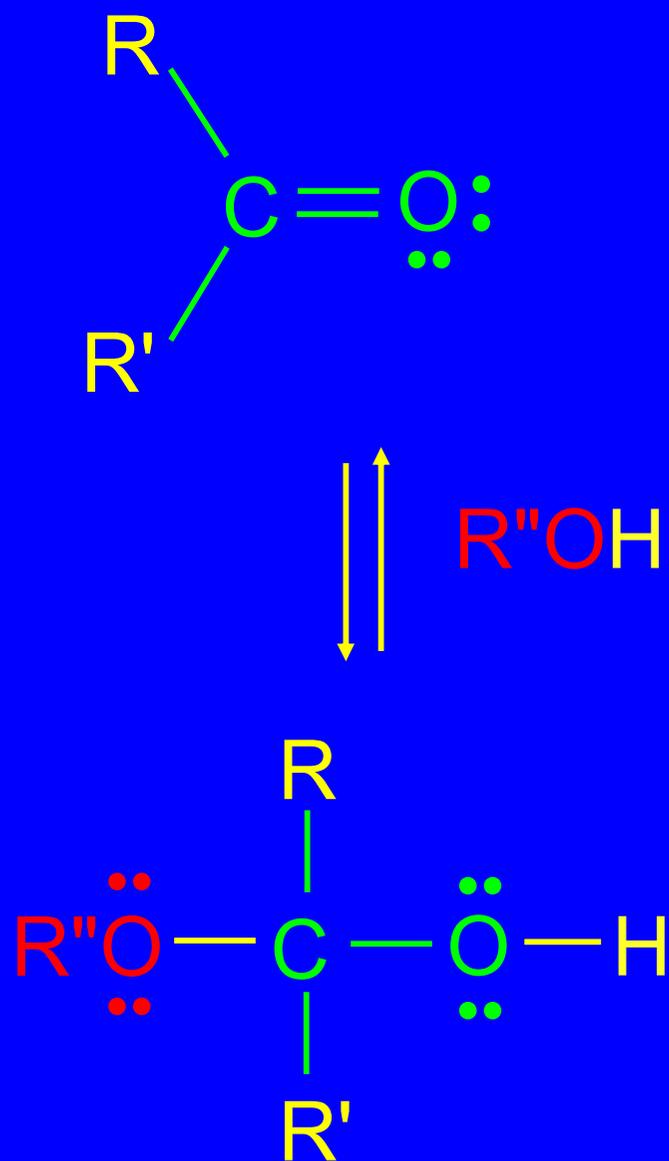
Compounds related to imines

The Wittig reaction

# Recall Hydration of Aldehydes and Ketones

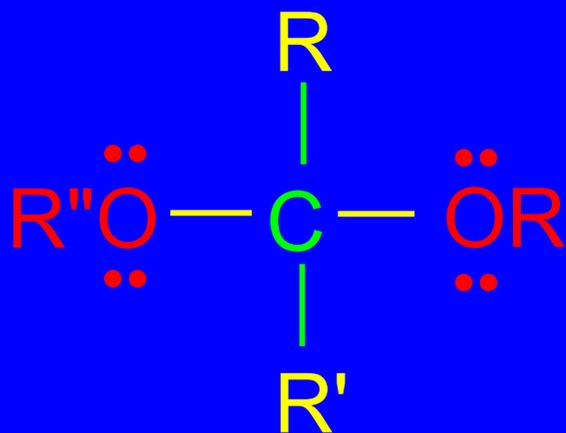


## Alcohols Under Analogous Reaction with Aldehydes and Ketones

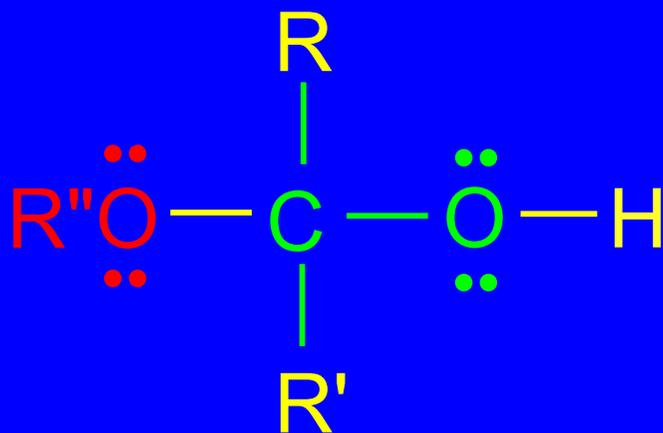


Product is called  
a *hemiacetal*.

*Hemiacetal reacts further in acid to yield an acetal*

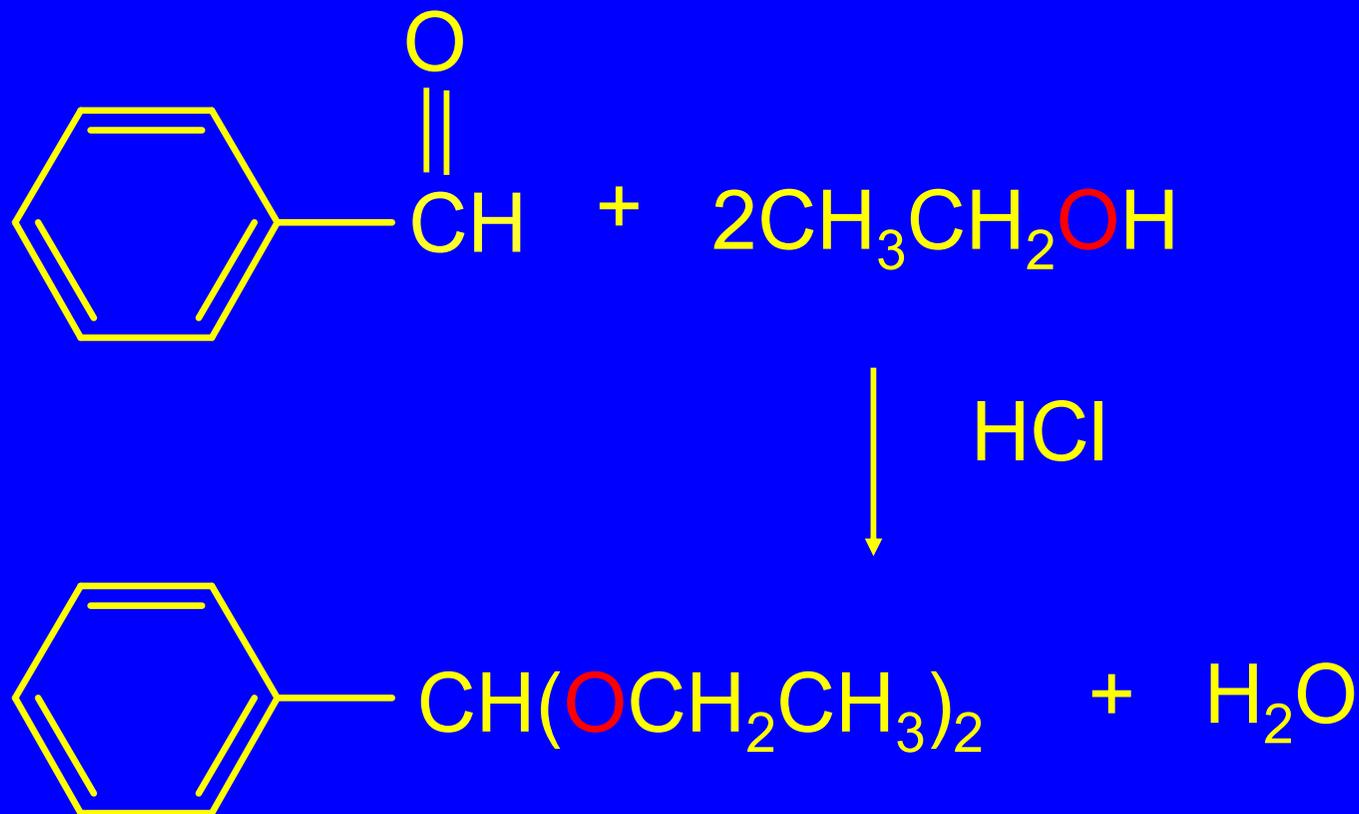


Product is called  
an *acetal*.



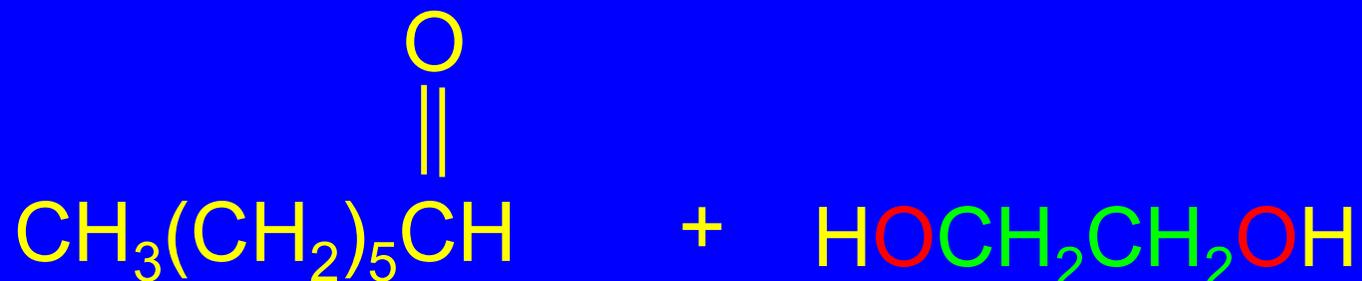
Product is called  
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## Example

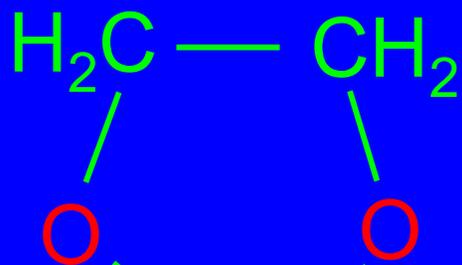


Benzaldehyde diethyl acetal (66%)

## Diols Form Cyclic Acetals



benzene  
*p*-toluenesulfonic acid



(81%)



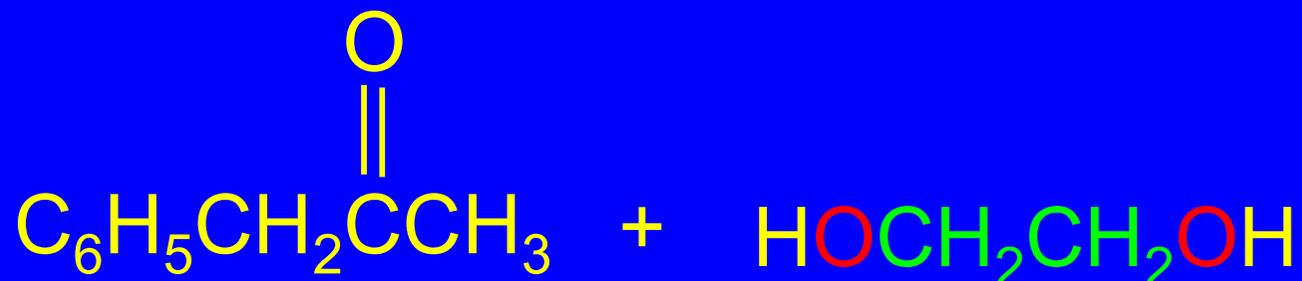
*In general:*

Position of equilibrium is usually unfavorable for acetal formation from ketones.

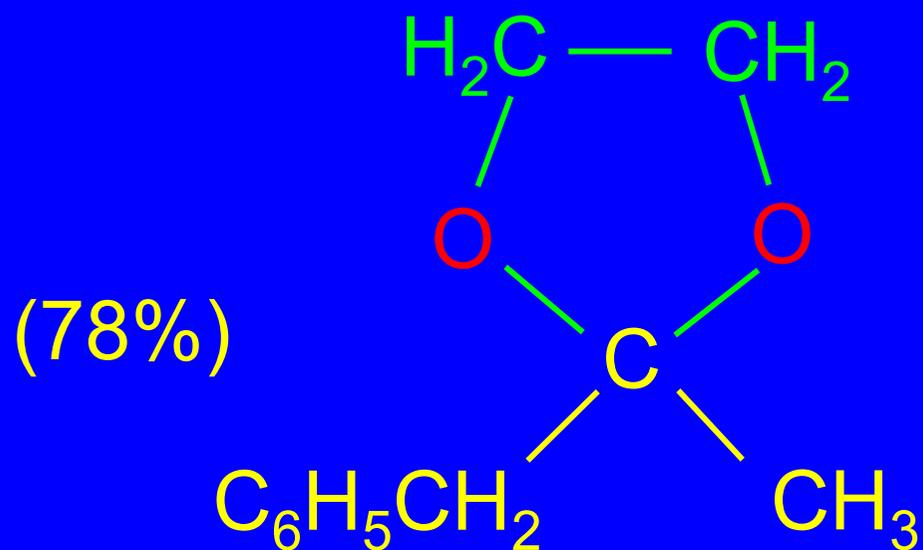
Important exception:

Cyclic acetals can be prepared from ketones.

# Example



benzene  
*p*-toluenesulfonic acid

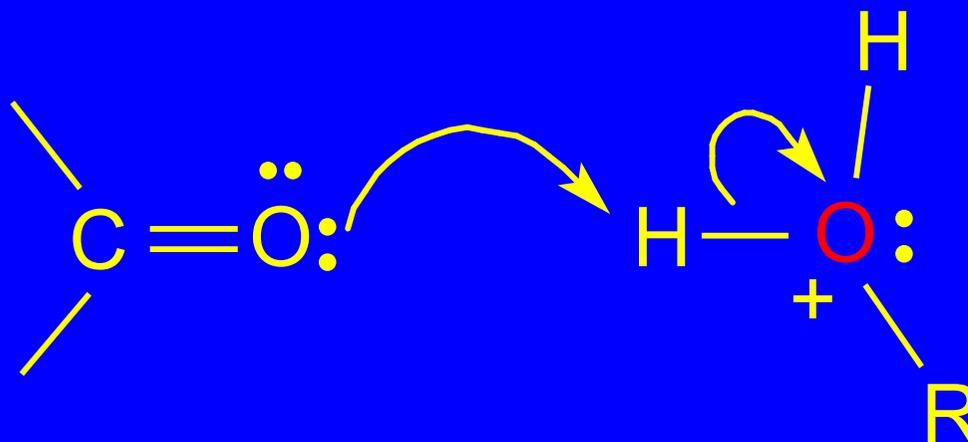


## *Mechanism of Acetal Formation*

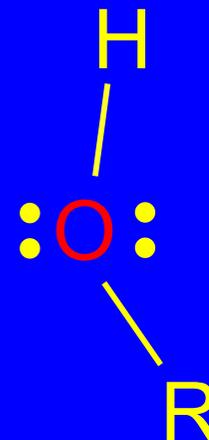
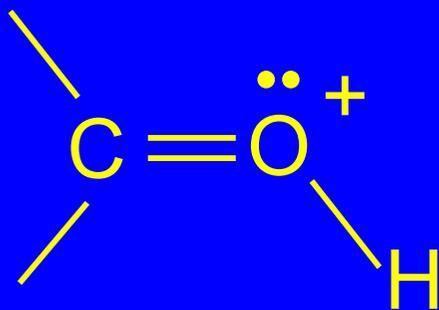
First stage is analogous to hydration and leads to hemiacetal

acid-catalyzed nucleophilic addition of alcohol to  $C=O$

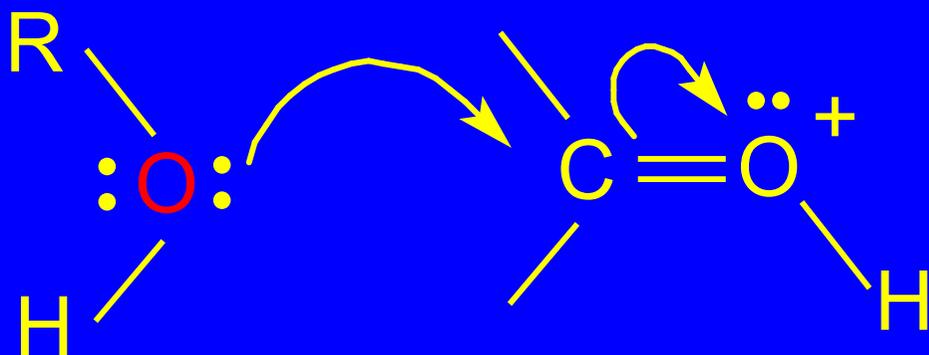
# Mechanism



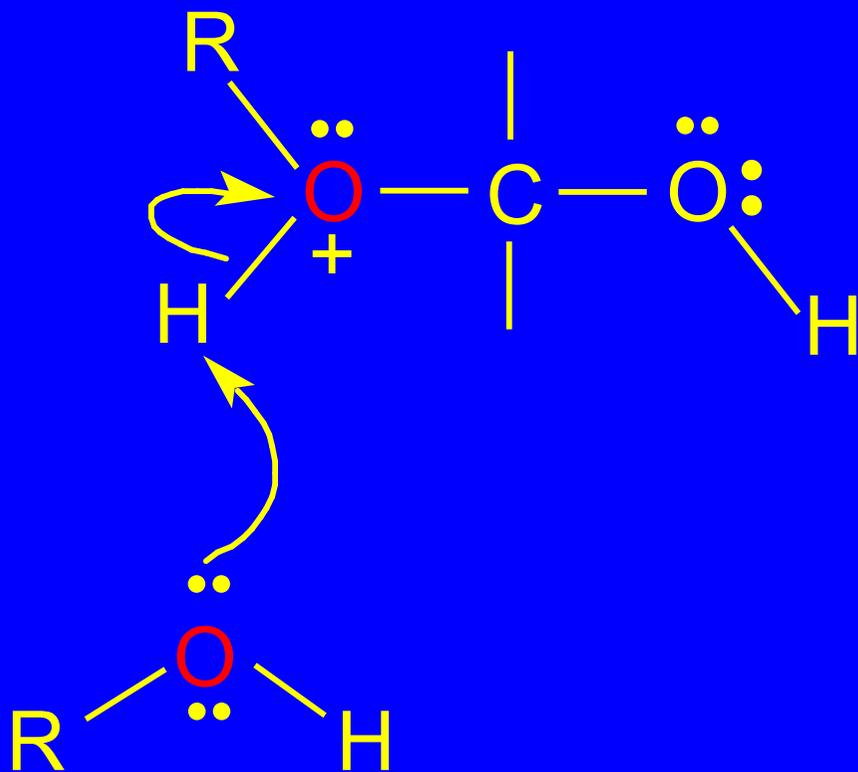
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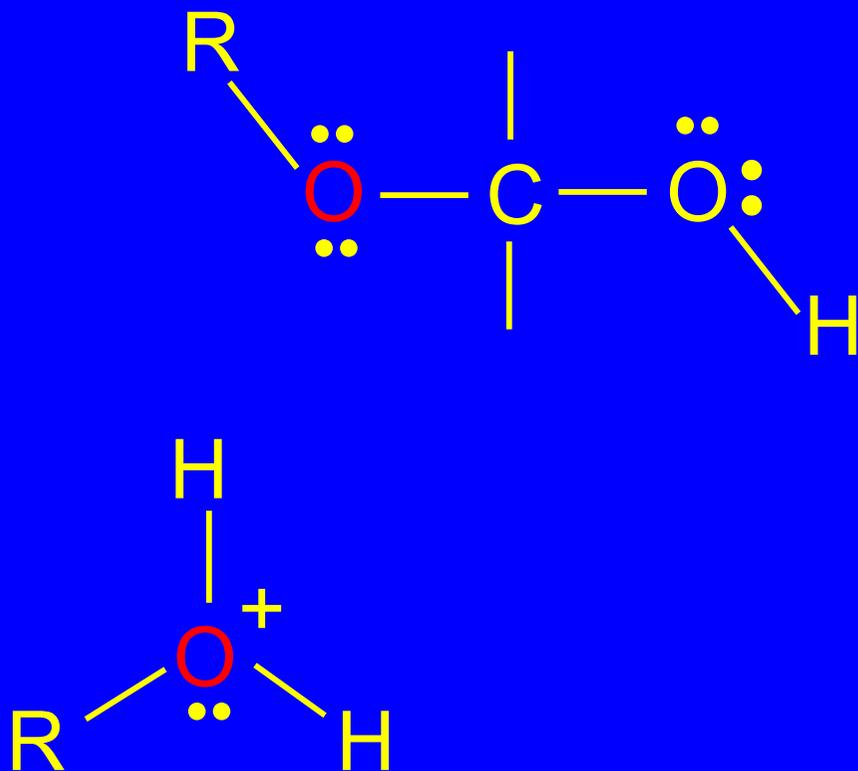
# Mechanism



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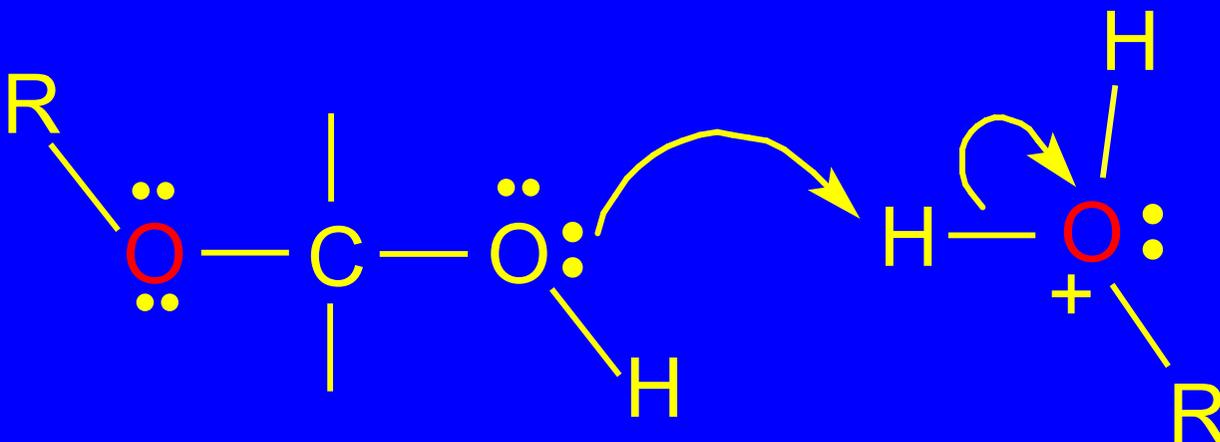


## *Mechanism of Acetal Formation*

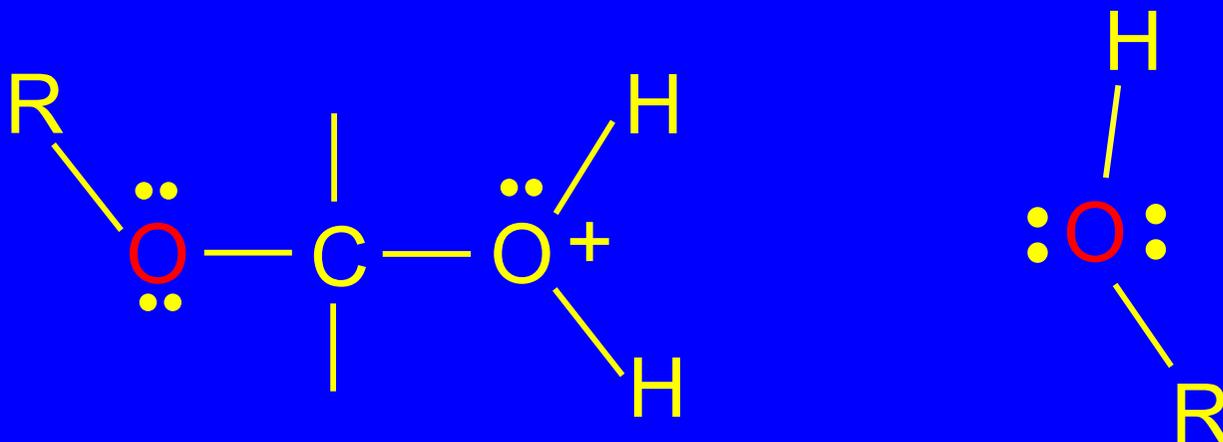
Second stage is hemiacetal-to-acetal conversion

involves carbocation chemistry

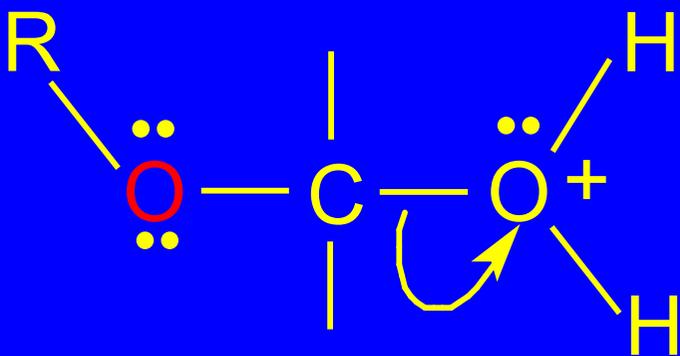
# *Hemiacetal-to-acetal Stage*



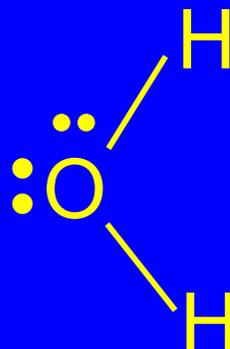
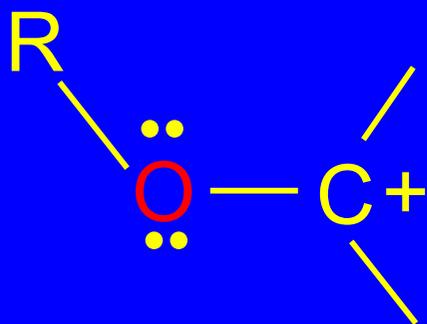
## *Hemiacetal-to-acetal Stage*



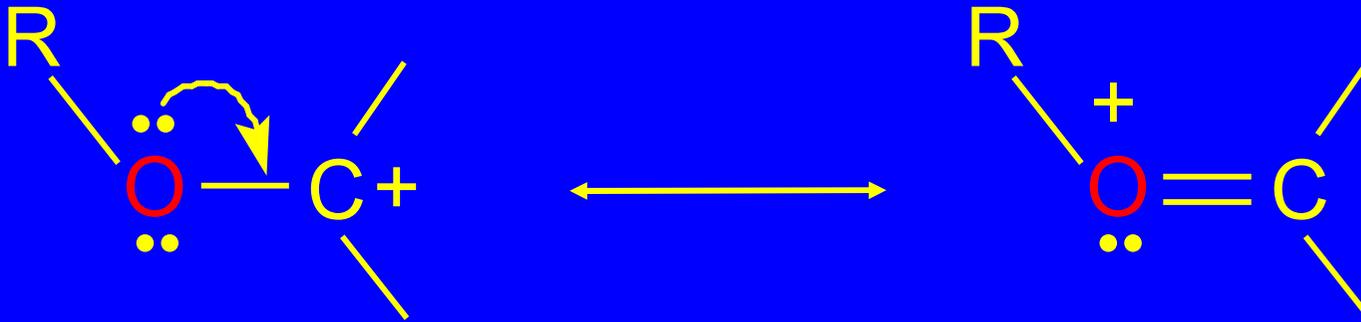
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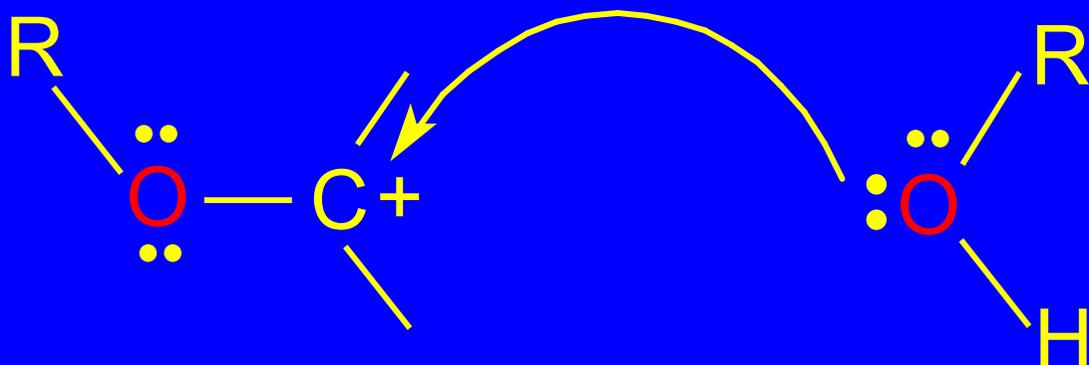


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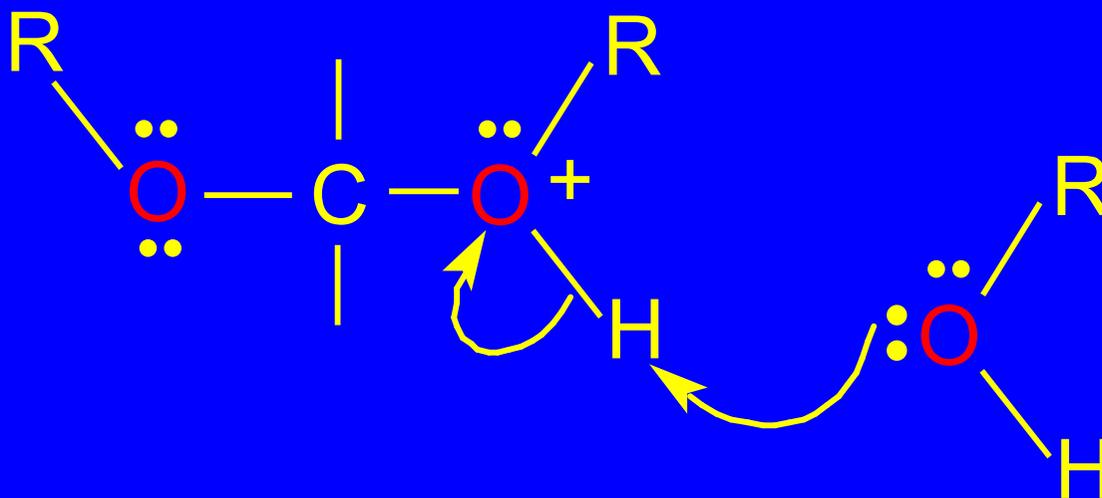


Carbocation is stabilized by delocalization of unshared electron pair of oxygen

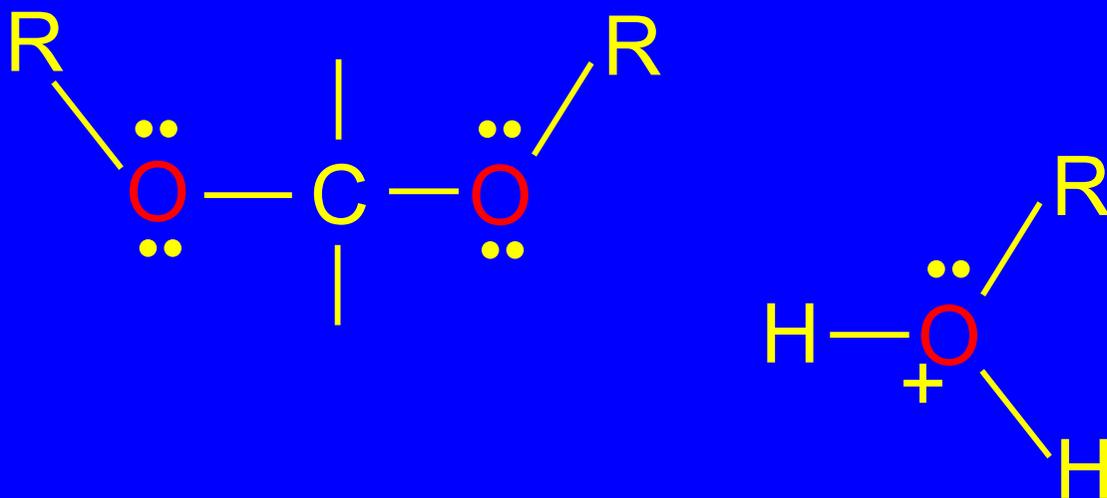
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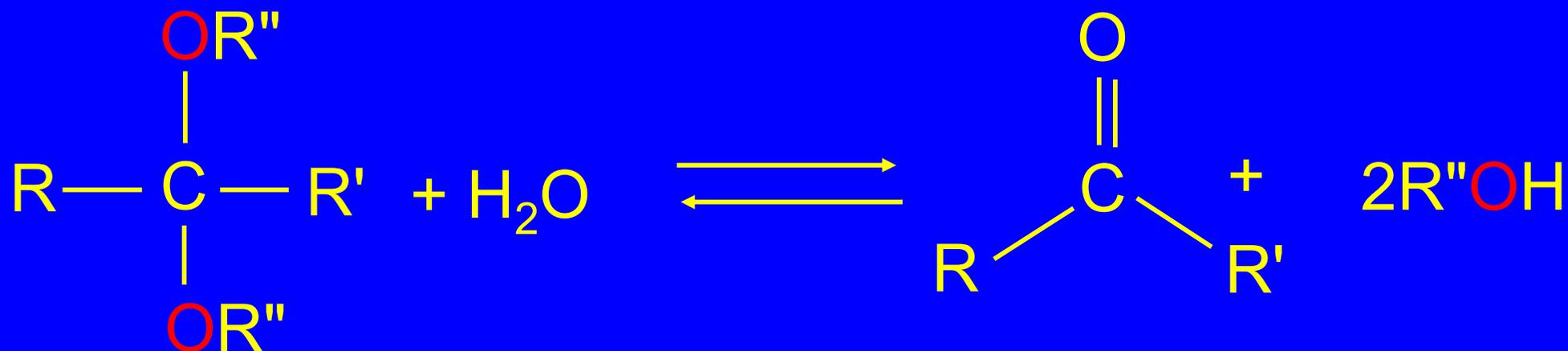
## *Hemiacetal-to-acetal Stage*



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## Hydrolysis of Acetals



*mechanism:*

reverse of acetal formation;  
hemiacetal is intermediate

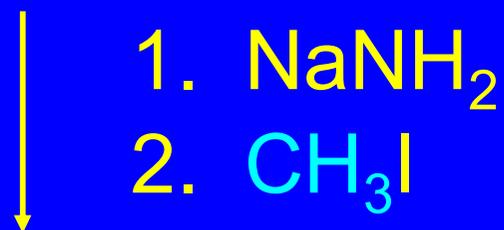
*application:*

aldehydes and ketones can be  
"protected" as acetals.

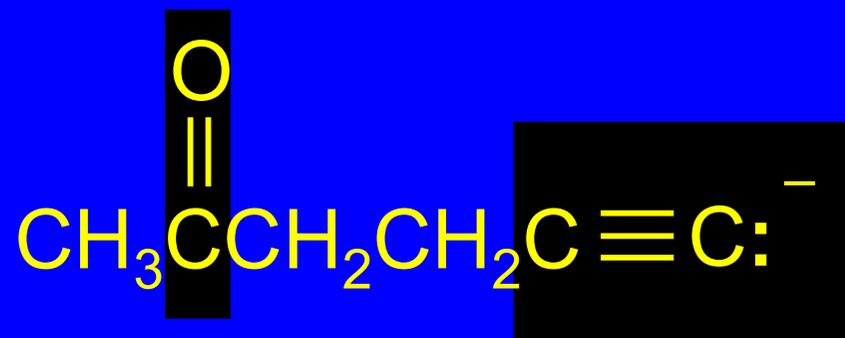
# Acetals as Protecting Groups

## Example

The conversion shown cannot be carried out directly...



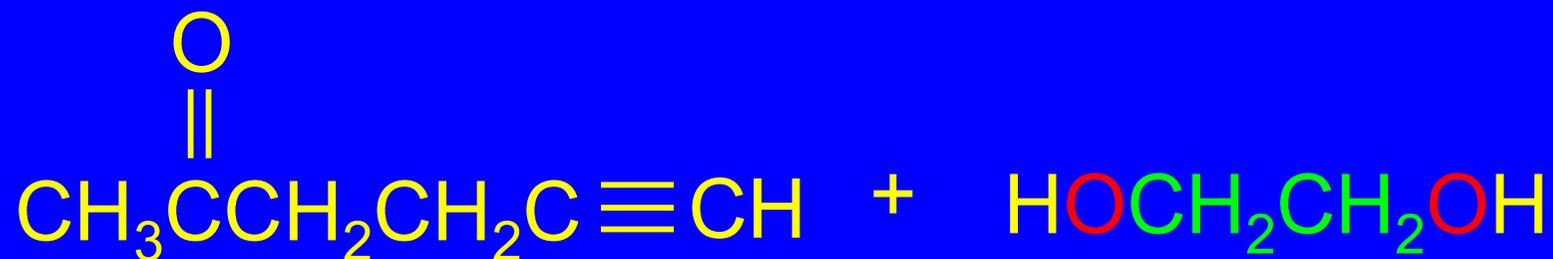
because the carbonyl group and the carbanion are incompatible functional groups.



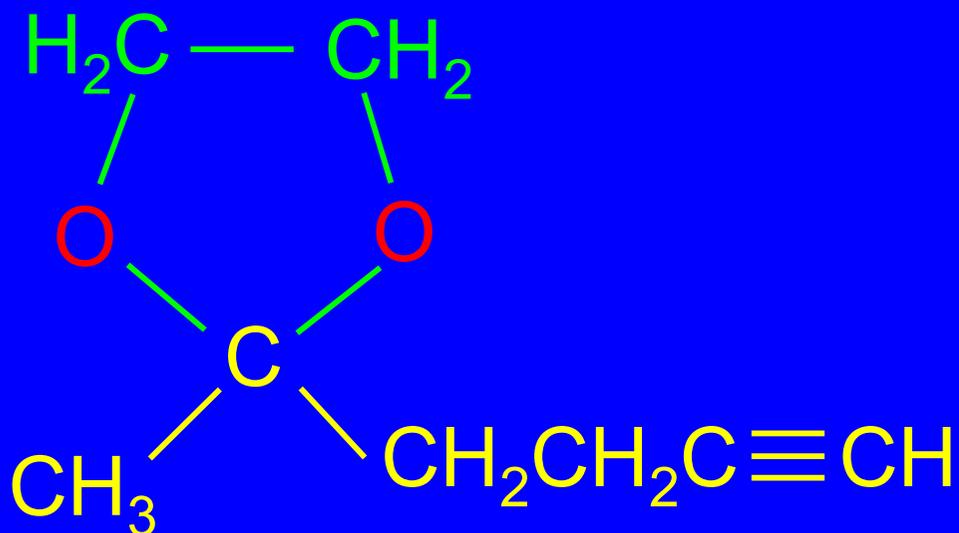
## *Strategy*

- 1) protect C=O
- 2) alkylate
- 3) restore C=O

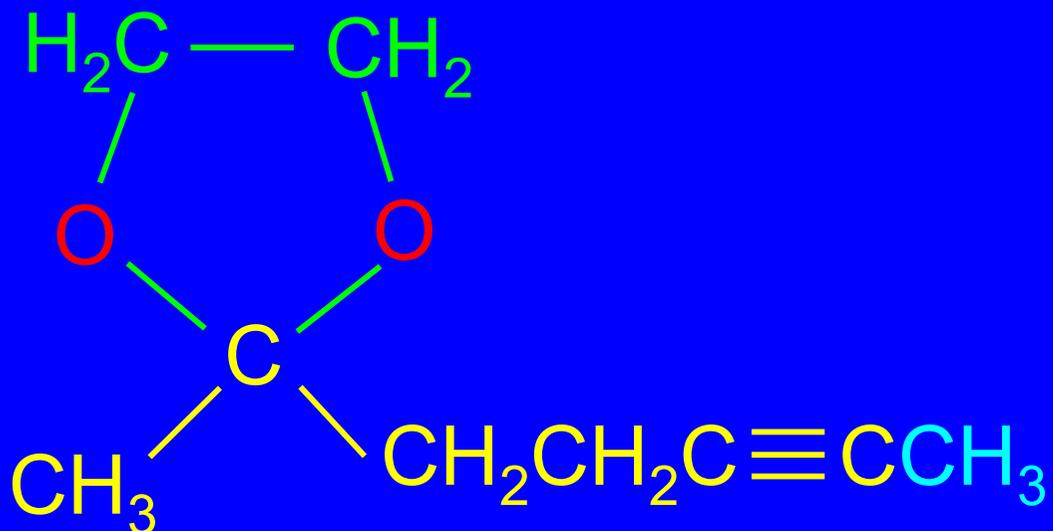
*Example: Protect*



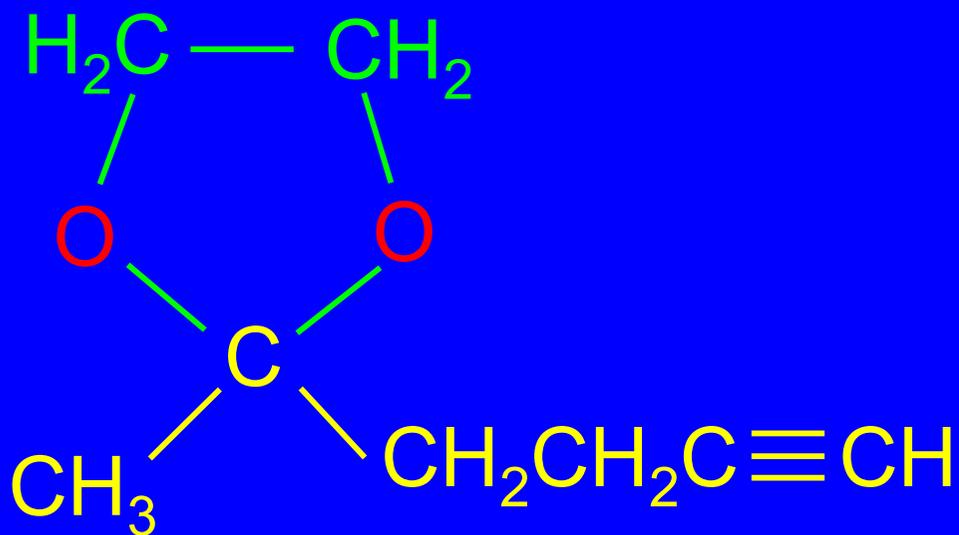
benzene  
*p*-toluenesulfonic acid



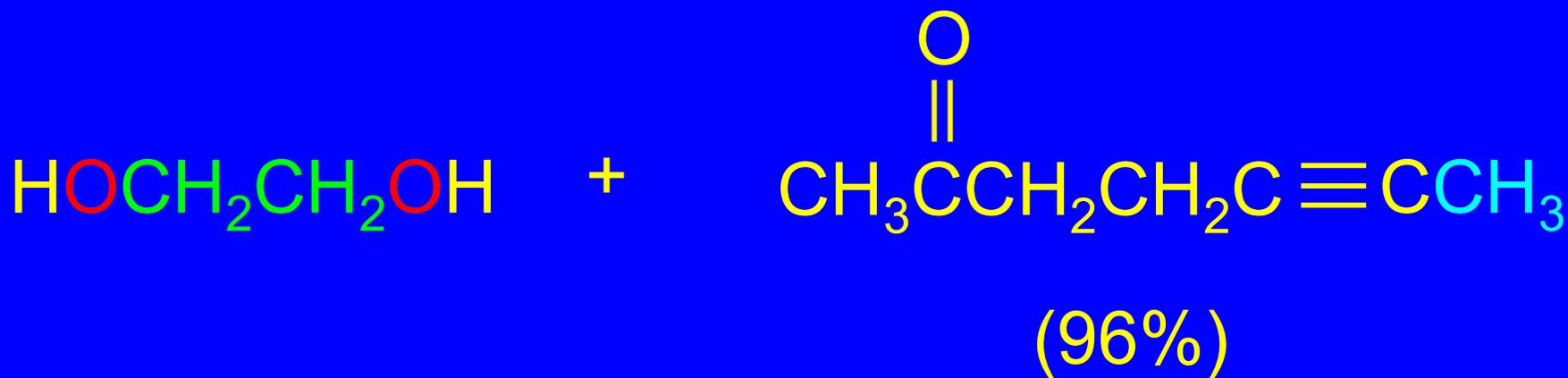
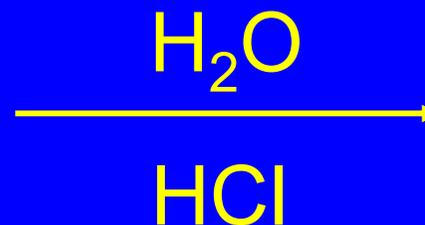
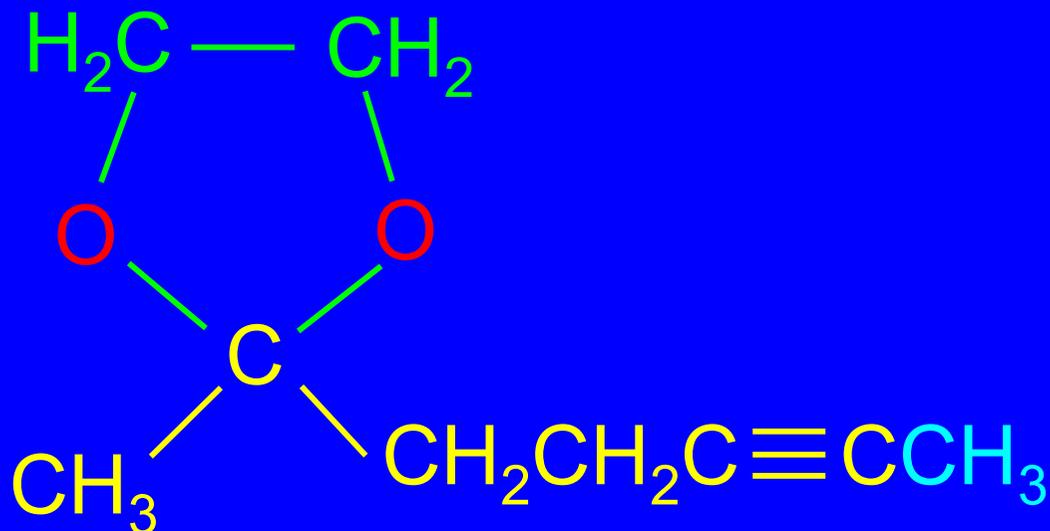
## Example: Alkylate



1.  $\text{NaNH}_2$
2.  $\text{CH}_3\text{I}$



*Example: Deprotect*



**Reaction with Primary Amines:**  
**Imines**

*Some reactions of aldehydes and ketones progress beyond the nucleophilic addition stage*

Acetal formation

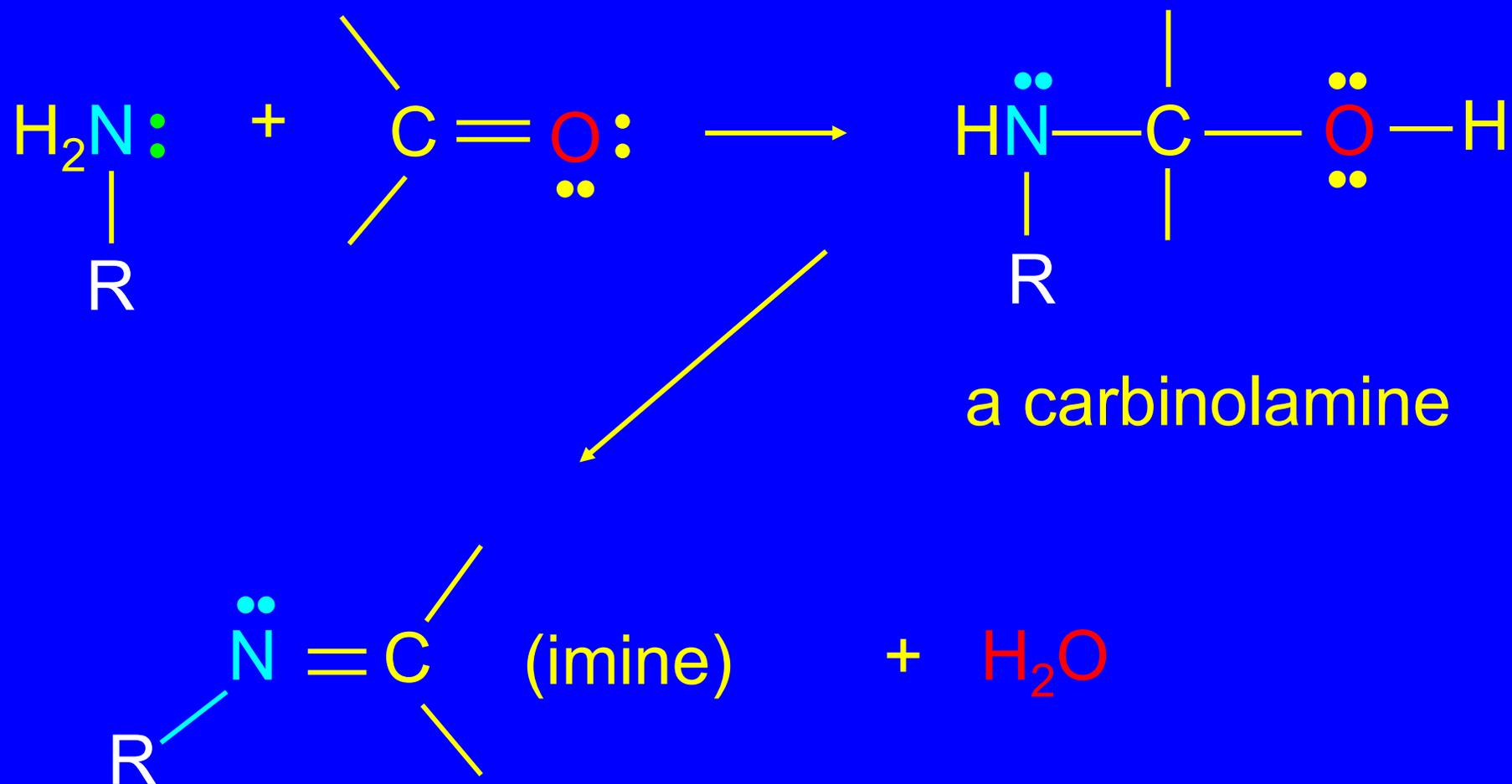
**Imine formation**

Compounds related to imines

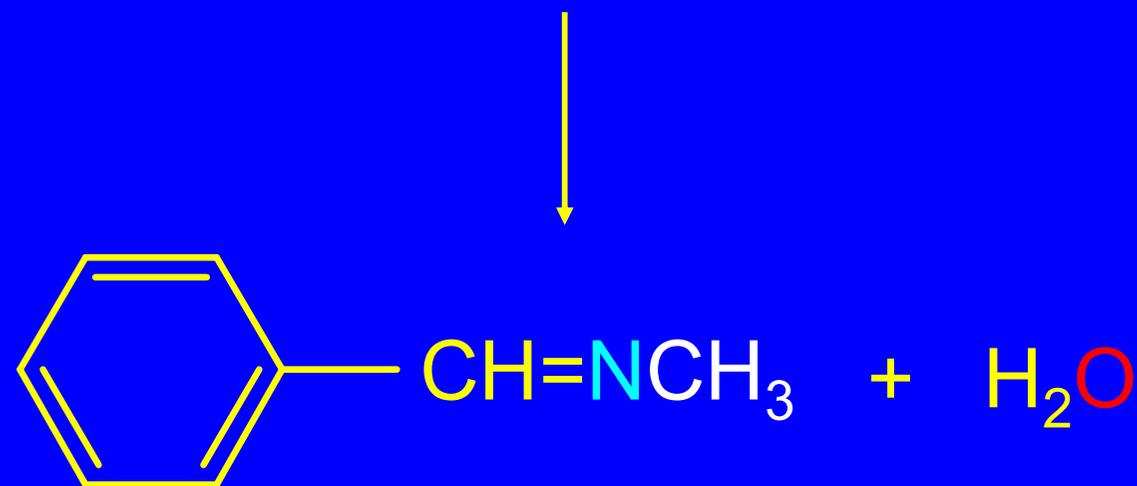
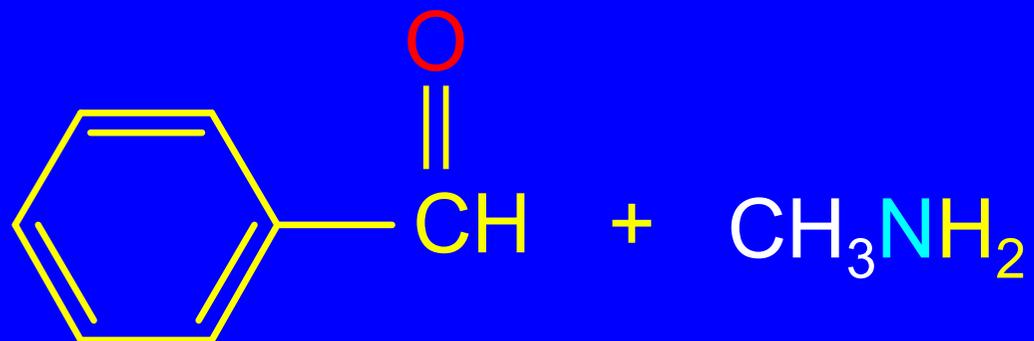
Enamines

The Wittig reaction

## Imine (Schiff's Base) Formation

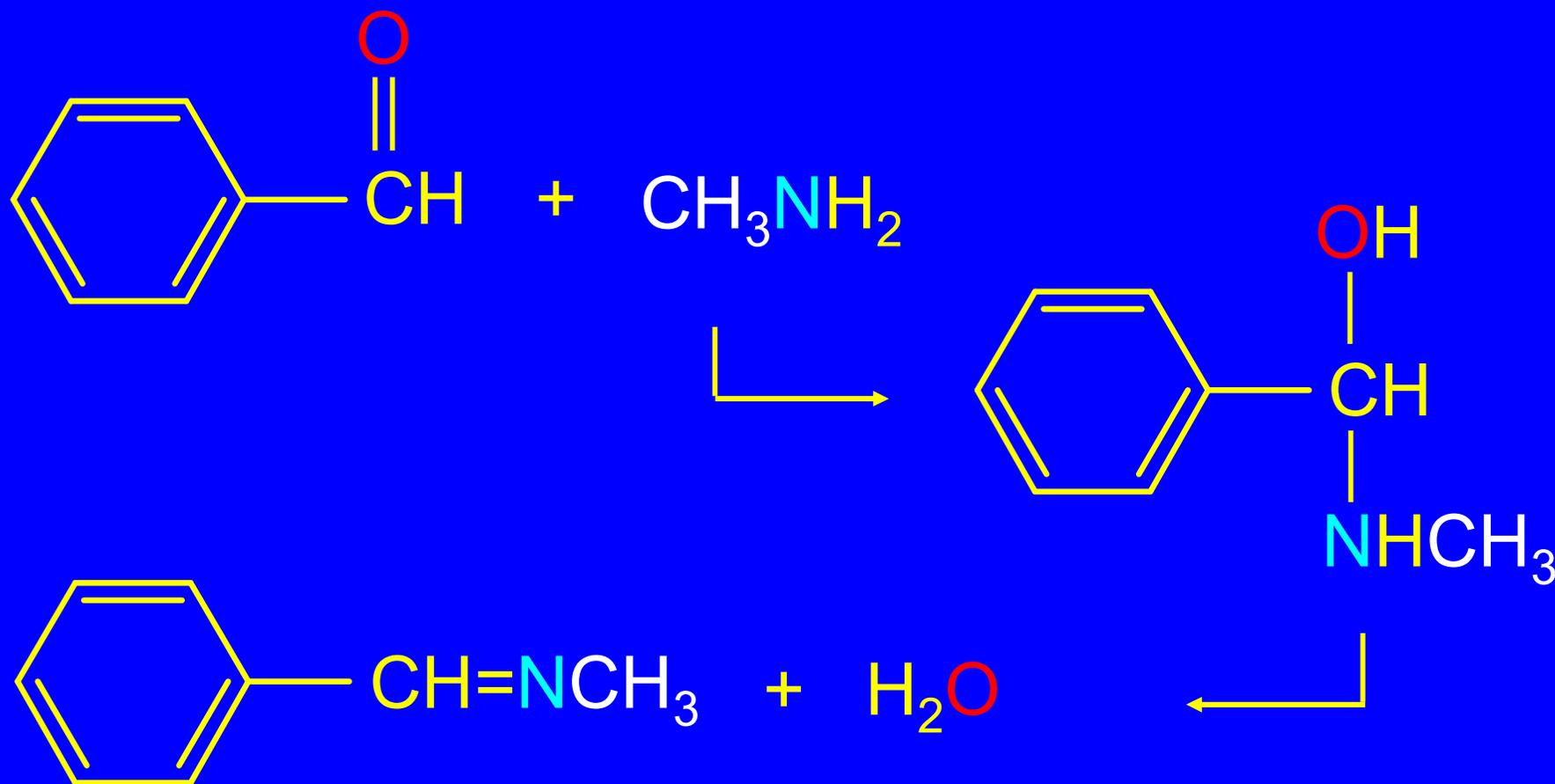


*Example*



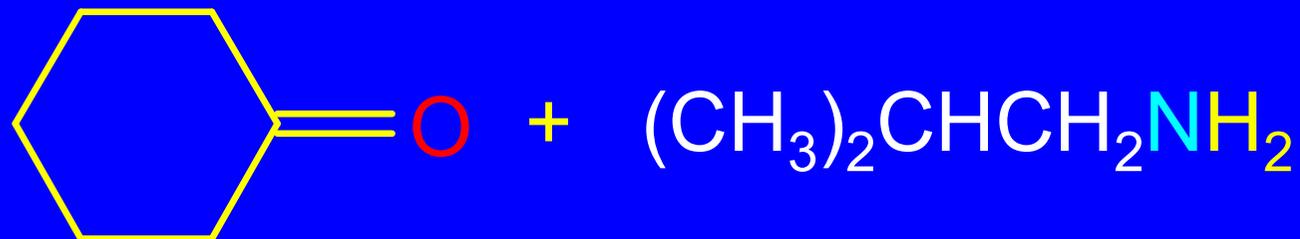
*N*-Benzylidenemethylamine (70%)

*Example*



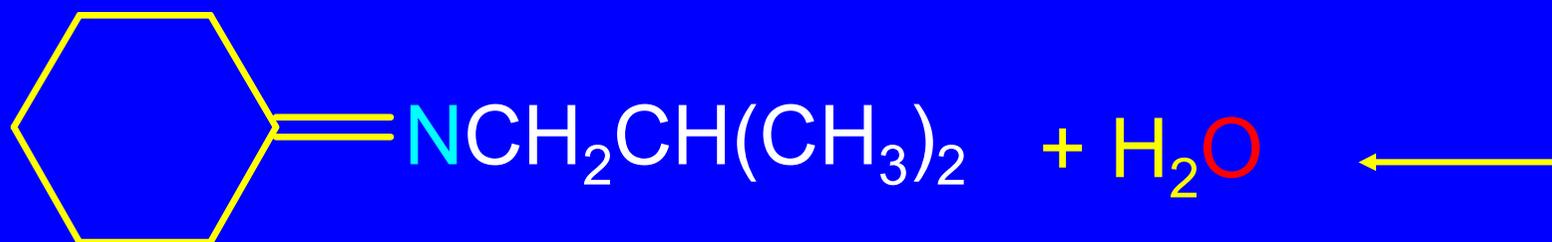
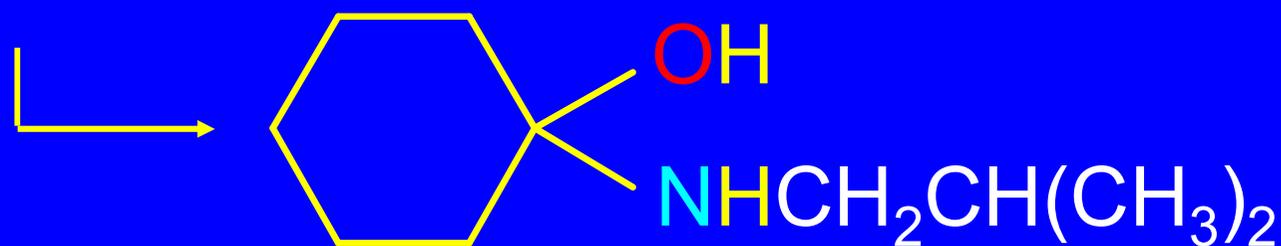
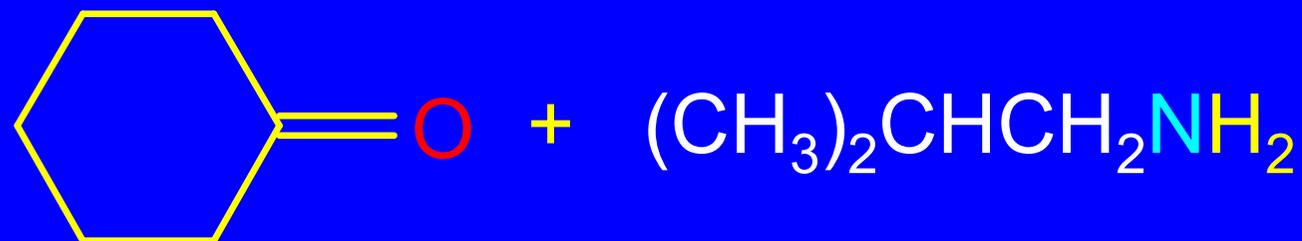
*N*-Benzylidenemethylamine (70%)

*Example*



*N*-Cyclohexylideneisobutylamine  
(79%)

*Example*



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(79%)

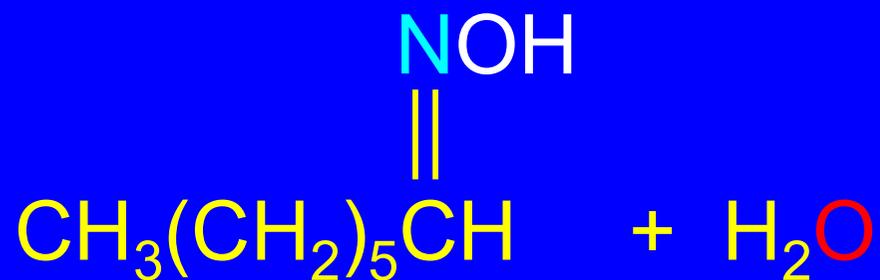
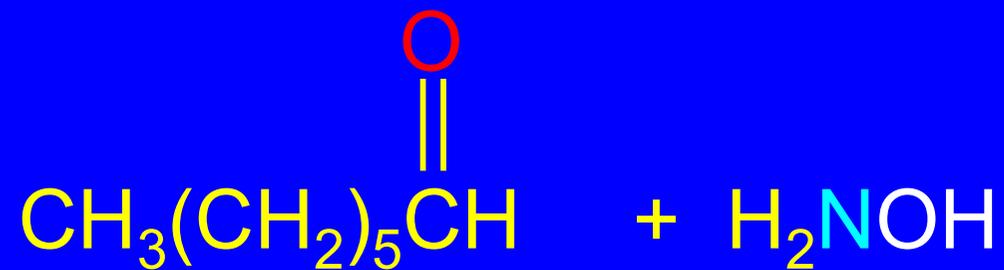
## *Reaction with Derivatives of Ammonia*



hydroxylamine

oxime

*Example*



(81-93%)

## Reaction with Derivatives of Ammonia



hydroxylamine

oxime

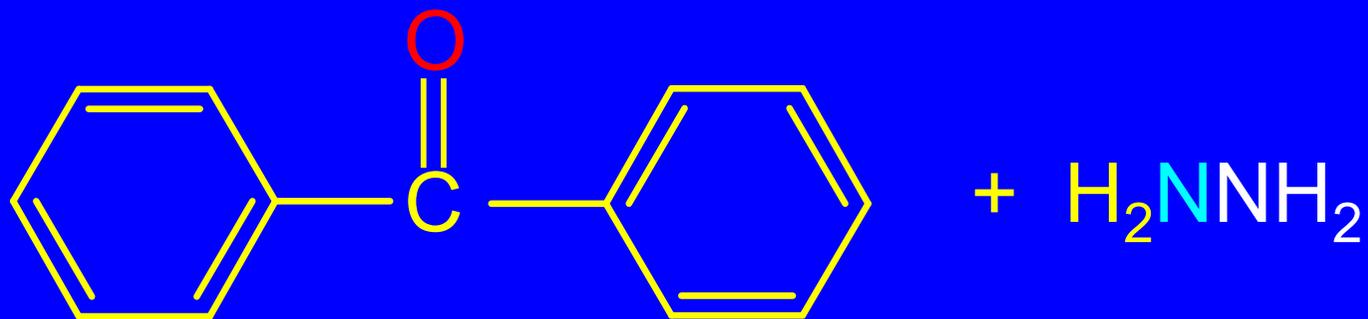


hydrazine

hydrazone

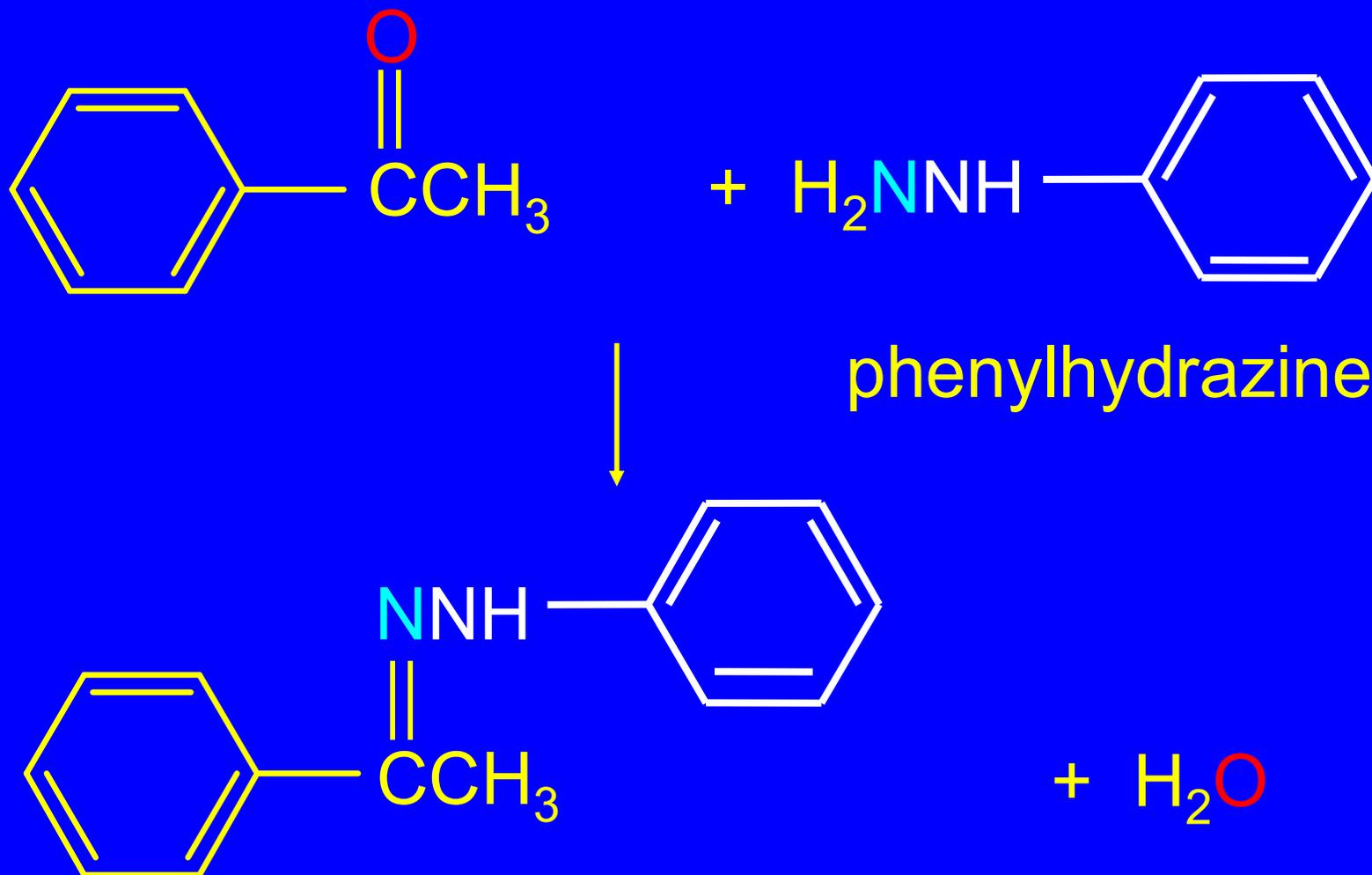
etc.

*Example*



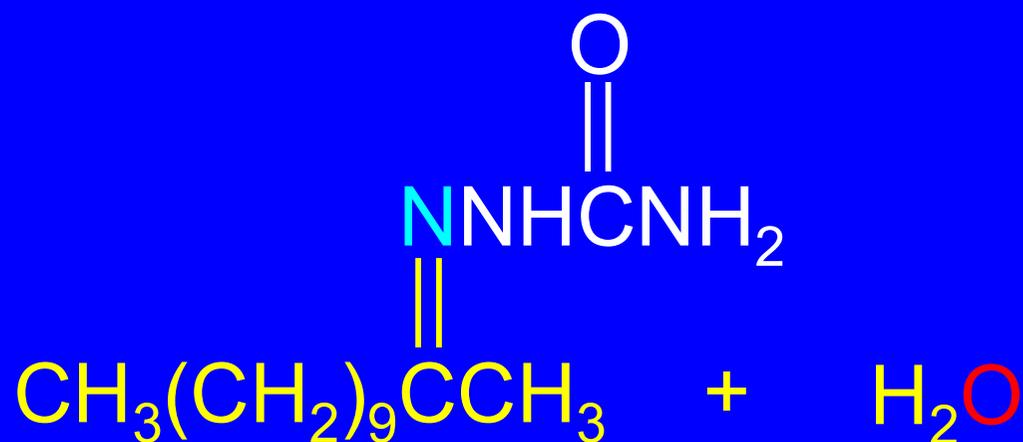
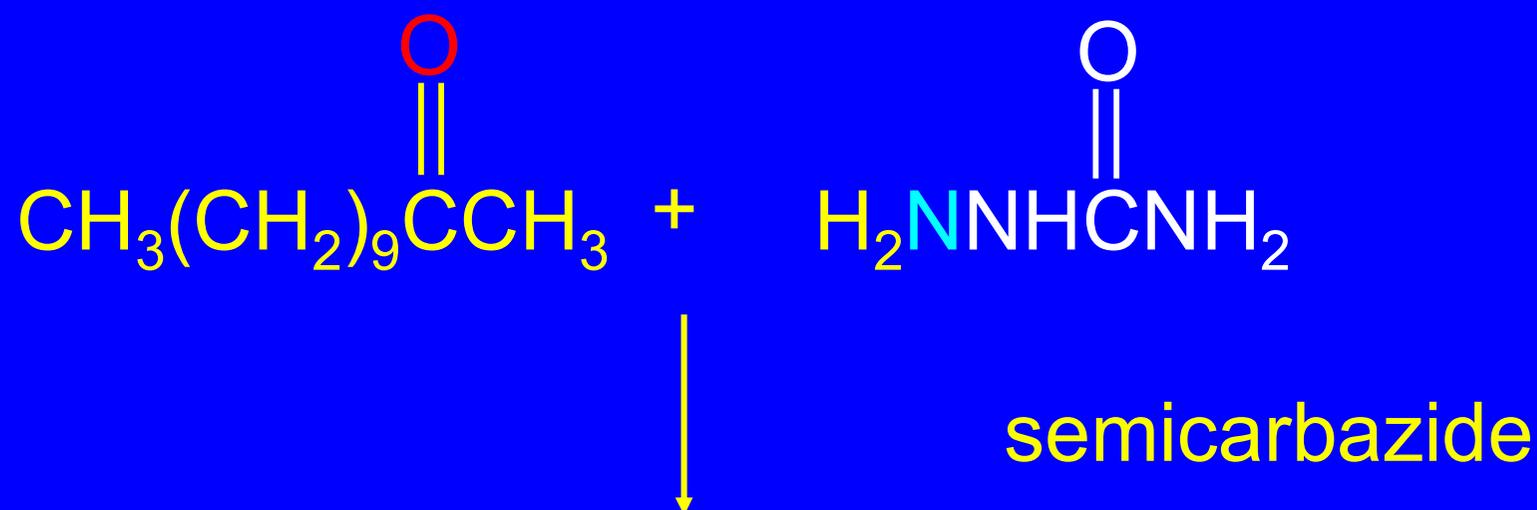
(73%)

*Example*



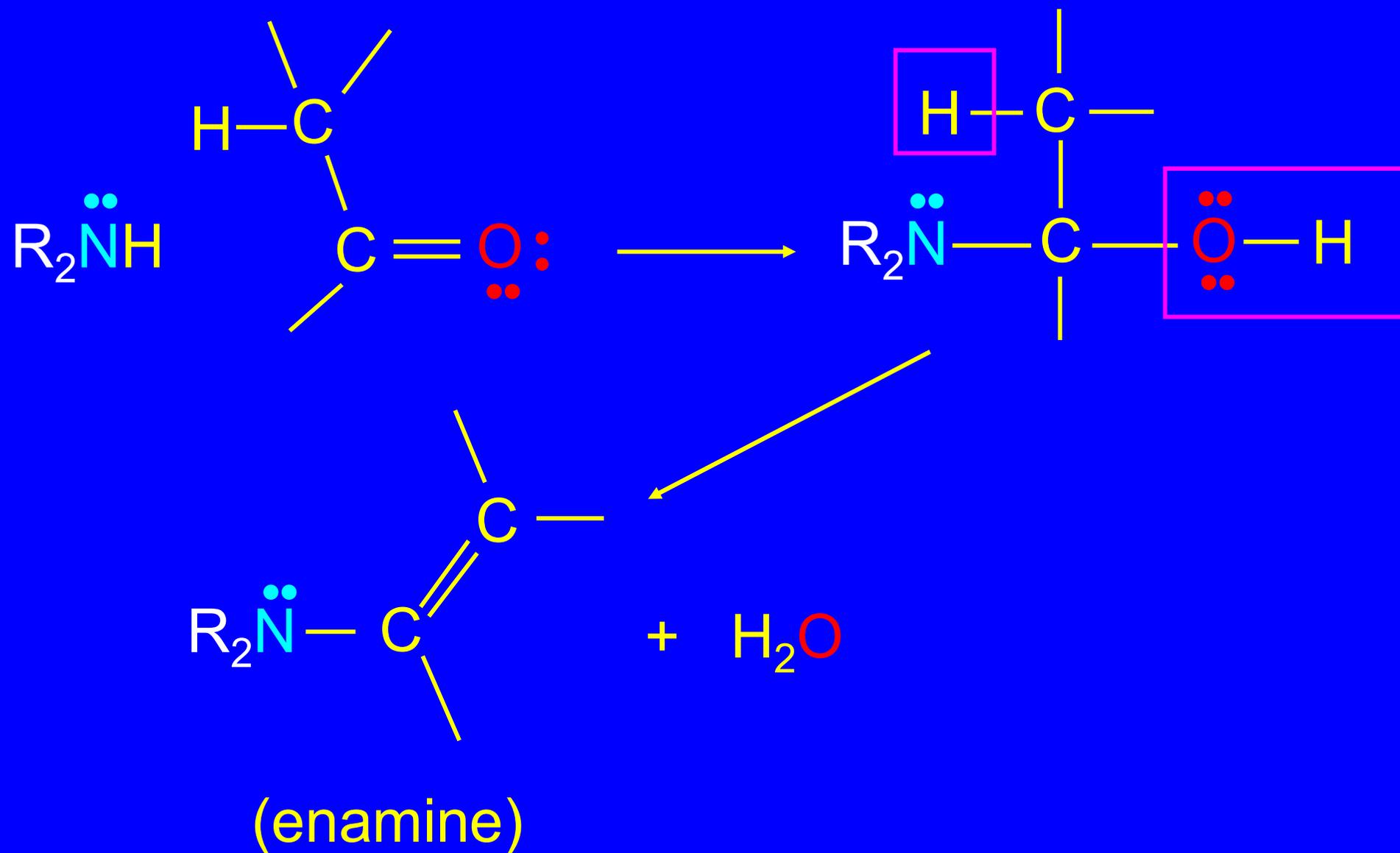
a phenylhydrazone (87-91%)

*Example*

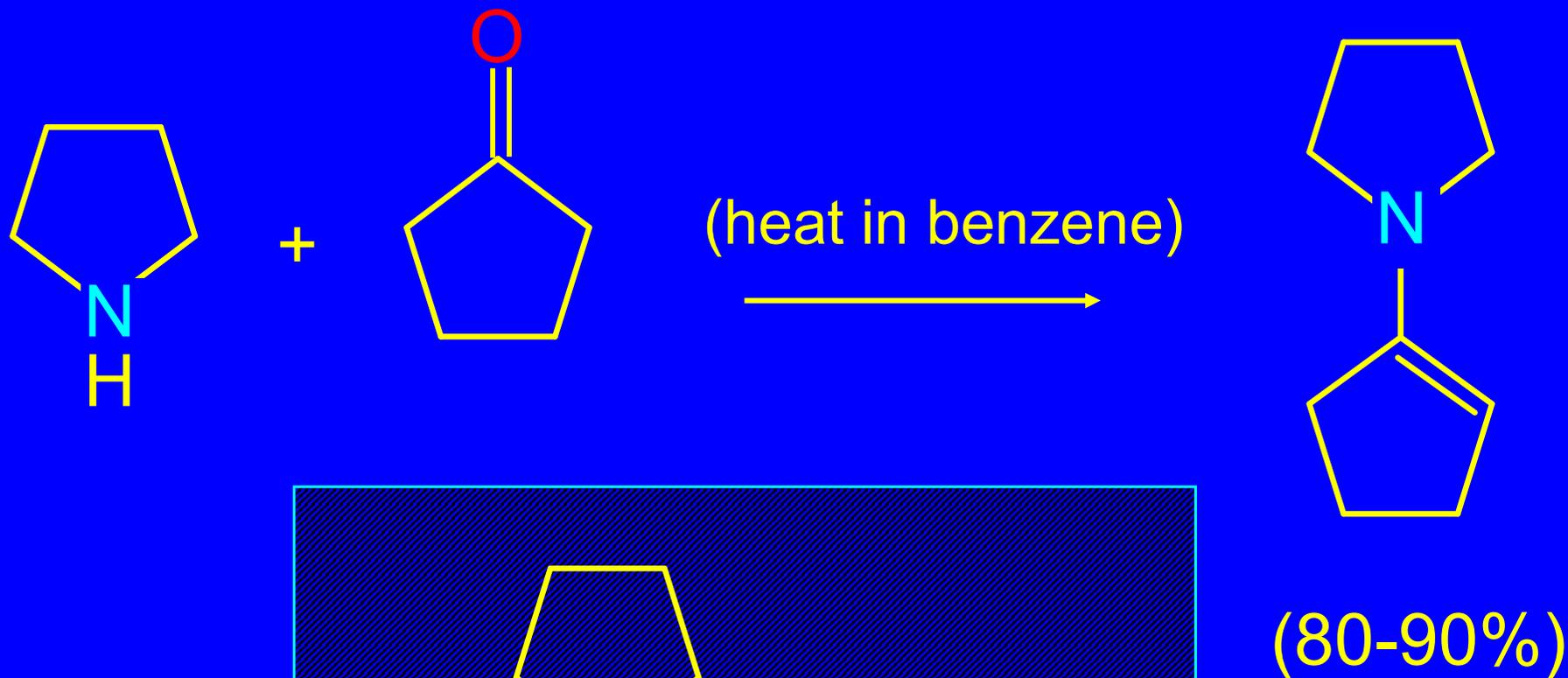


**Reaction with Secondary Amines:  
Enamines**

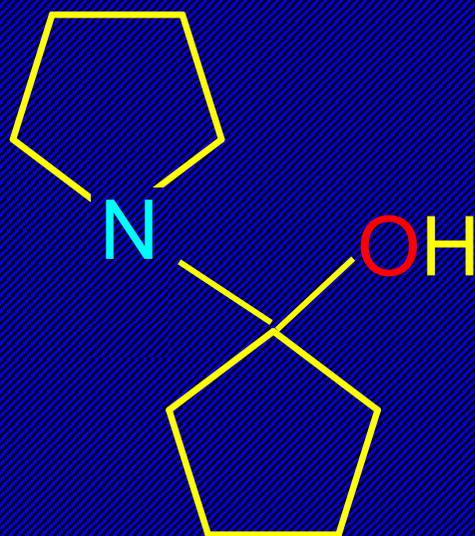
# Enamine Formation



# Example



via



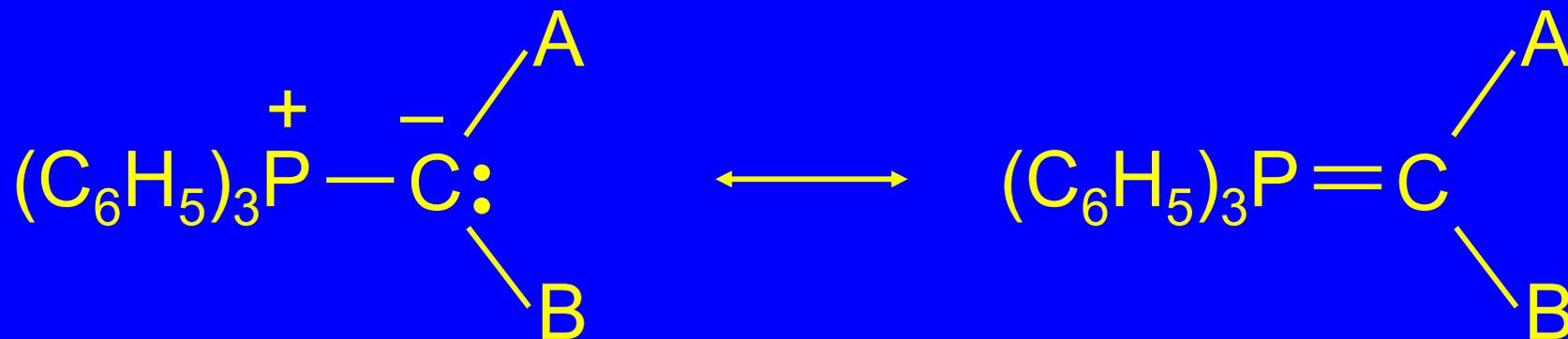
# The Wittig Reaction

## *The Wittig Reaction*

Synthetic method for preparing alkenes.

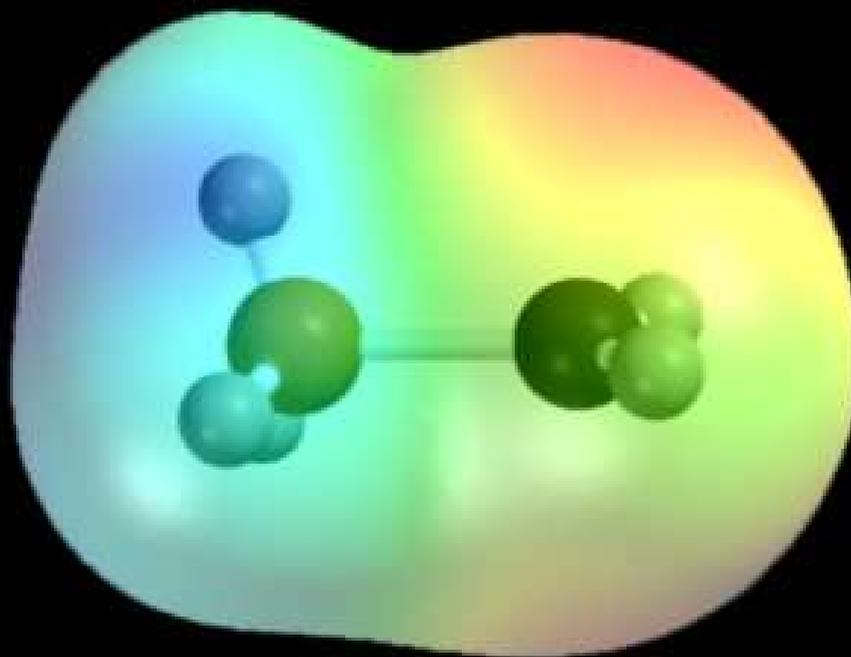
One of the reactants is an aldehyde or ketone.

The other reactant is a phosphorus ylide.

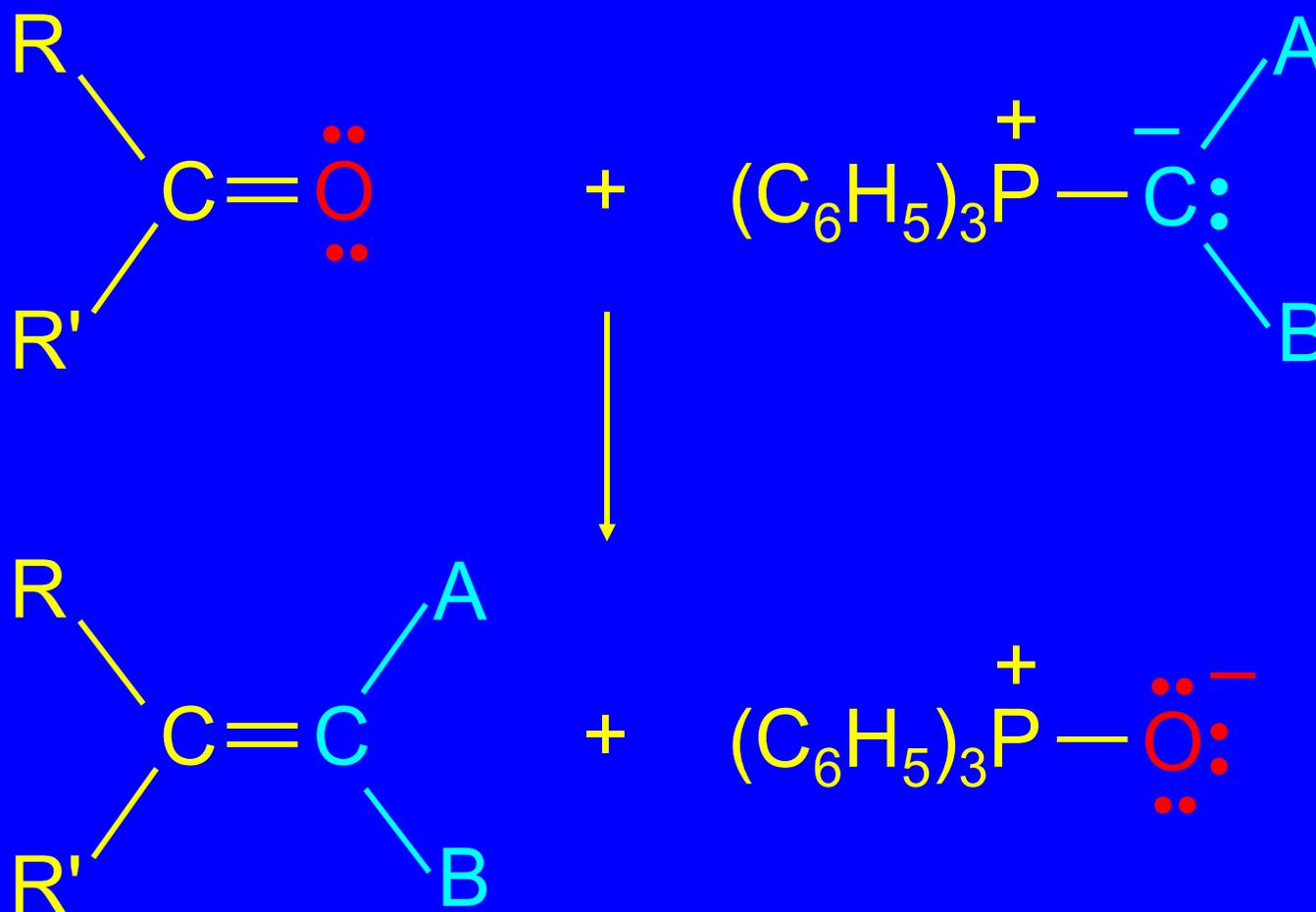


A key property of ylides is that they have a negatively polarized carbon and are nucleophilic.

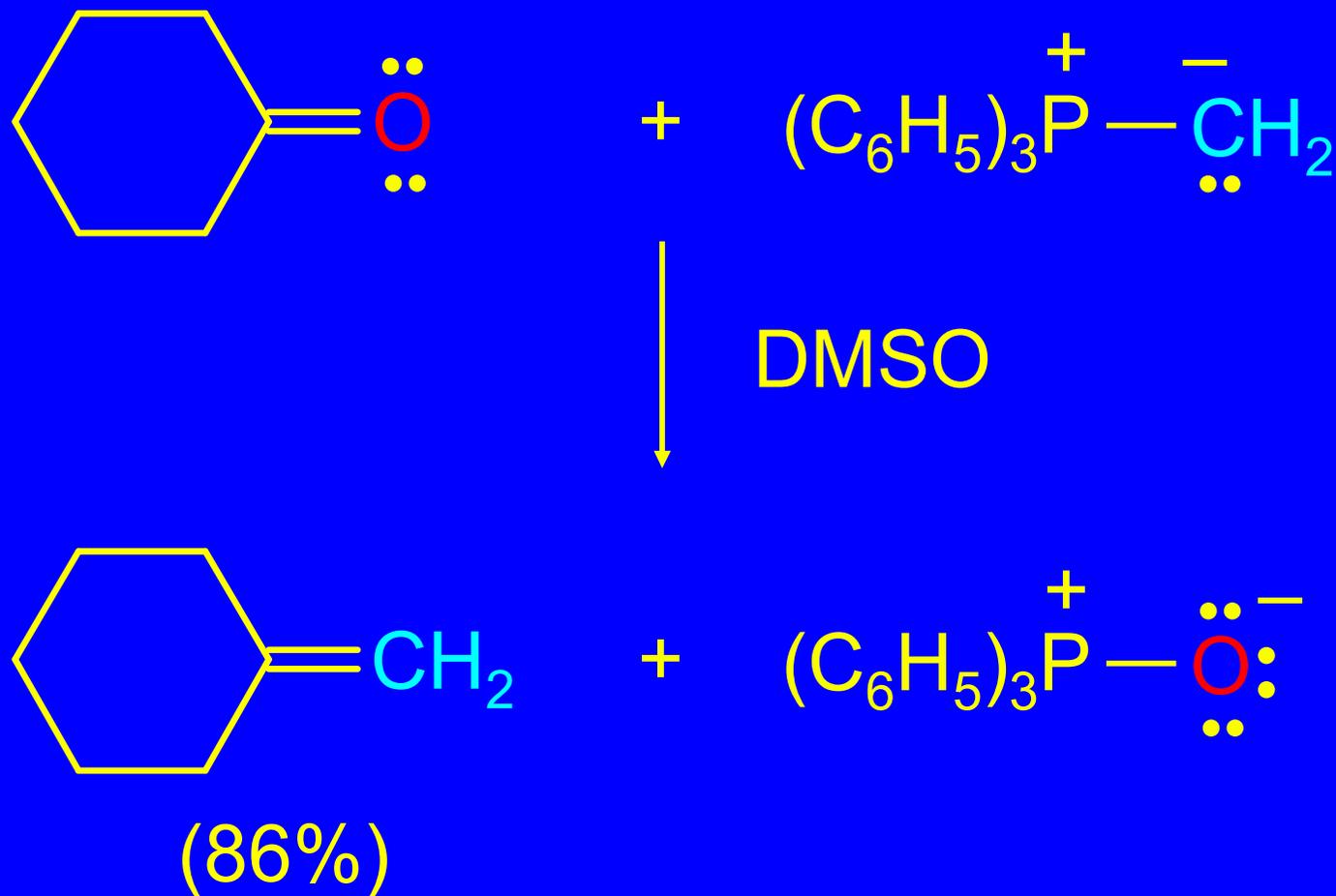
*Figure 17.12 Charge distribution in a ylide*



# The Wittig Reaction



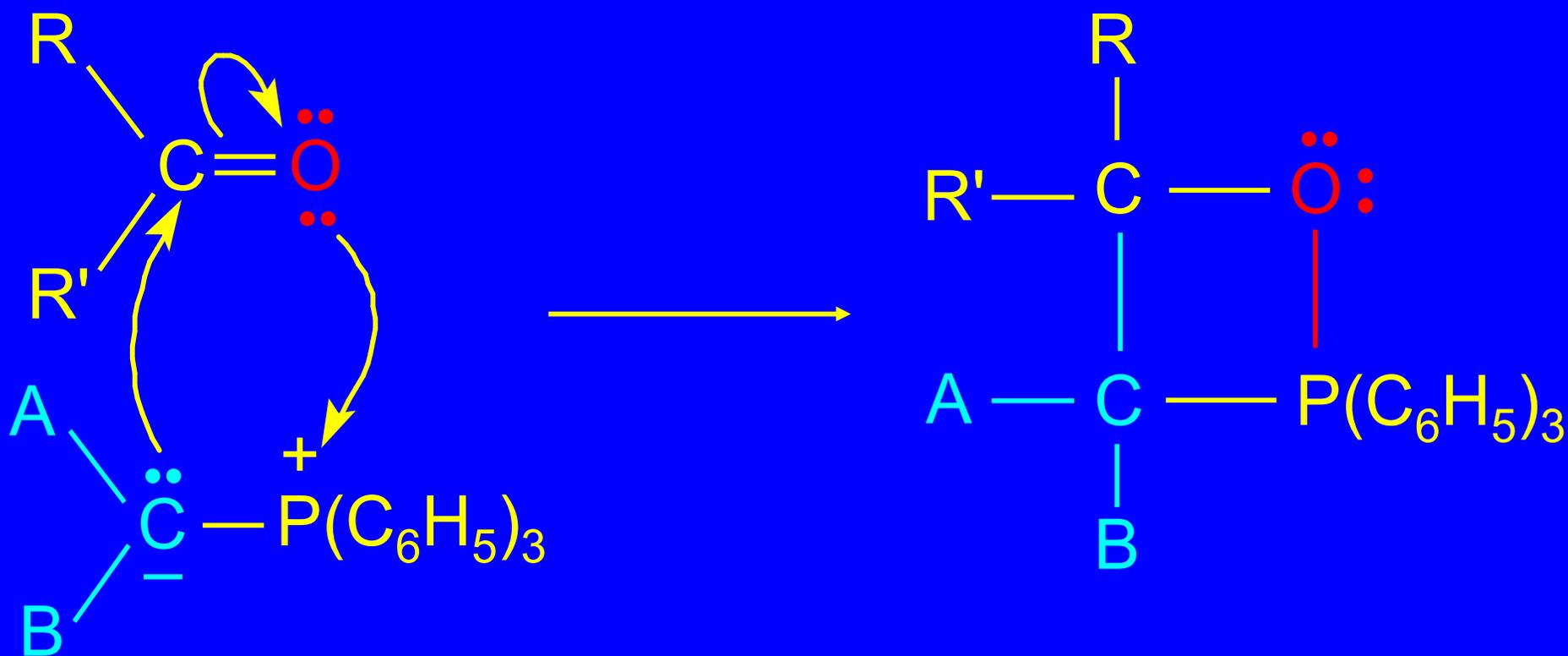
## Example



dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) or tetrahydrofuran (THF) is the customary solvent

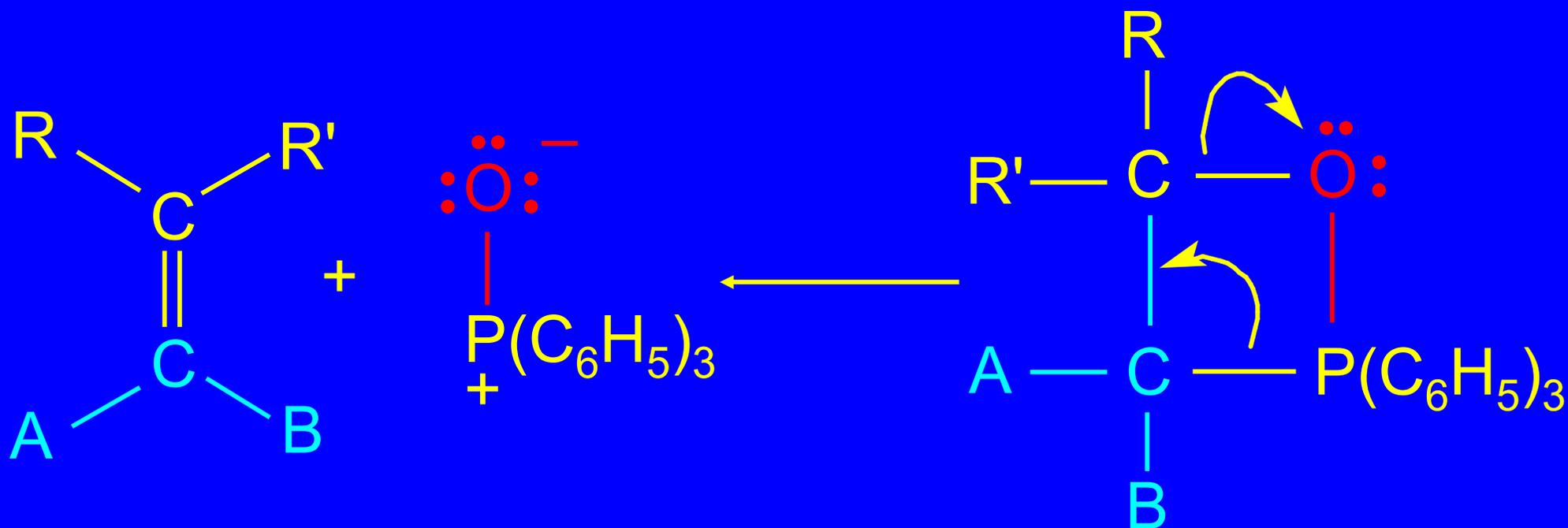
# Mechanism

Step 1



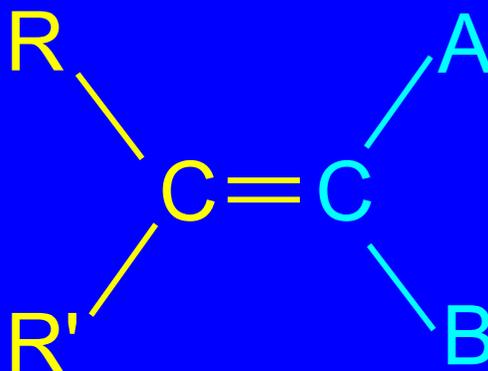
# Mechanism

## Step 2



# Planning an Alkene Synthesis via the Wittig Reaction

## *Retrosynthetic Analysis*

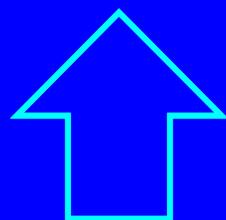
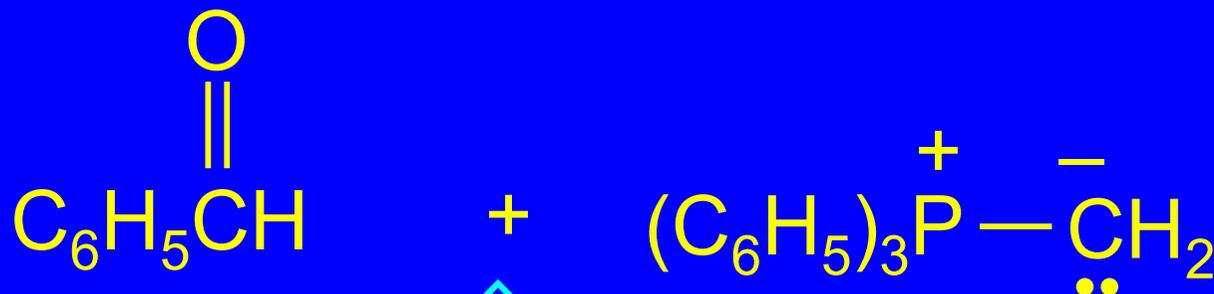


There will be two possible Wittig routes to an alkene.

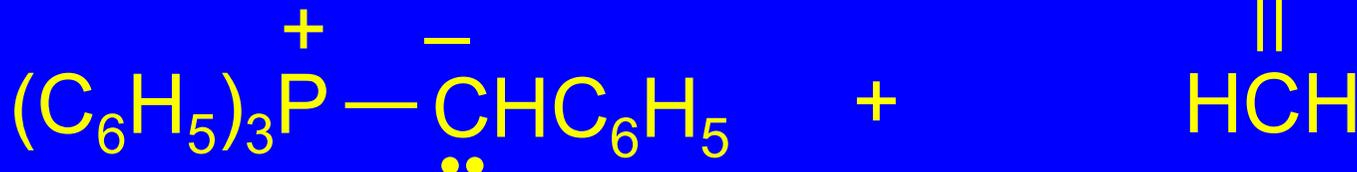
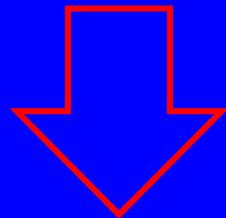
Analyze the structure retrosynthetically.

Disconnect the doubly bonded carbons. One will come from the aldehyde or ketone, the other from the ylide.

# Retrosynthetic Analysis of Styrene



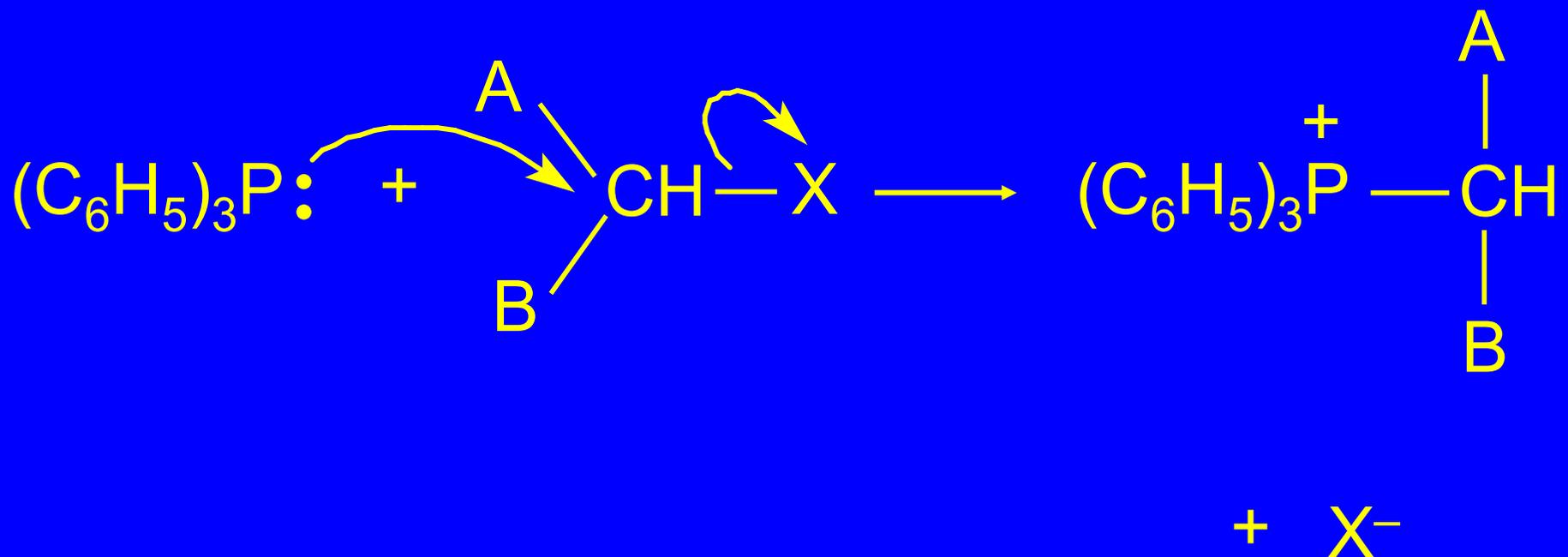
Both routes  
are acceptable.



## Preparation of Ylides

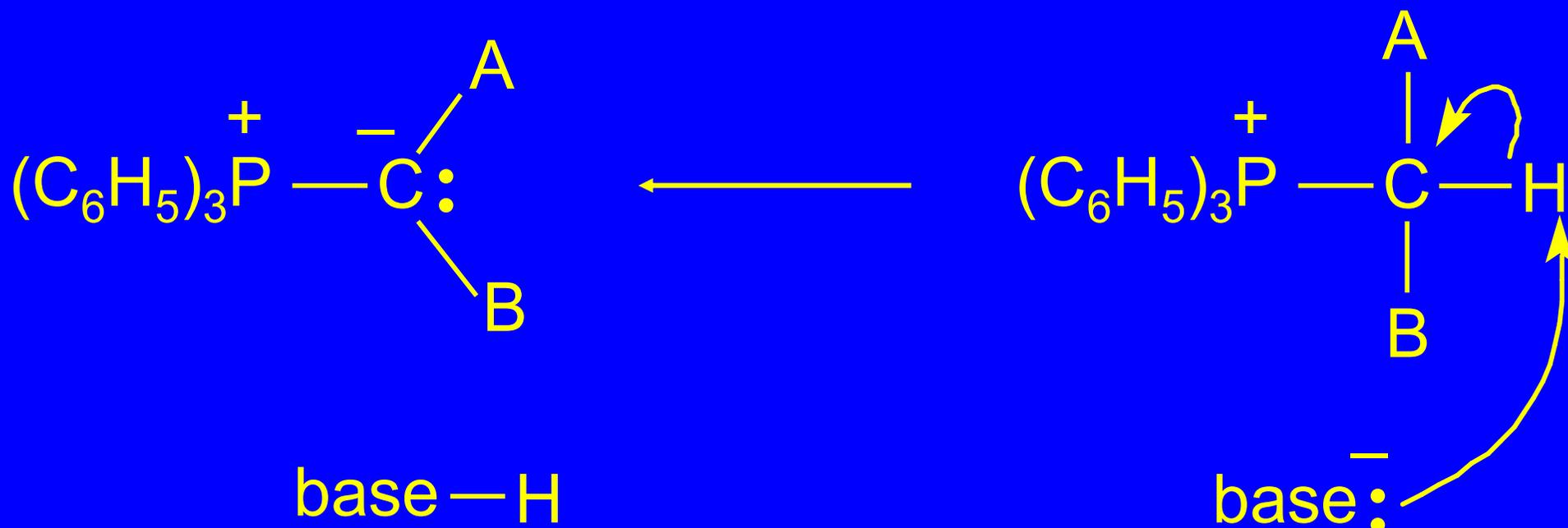
Ylides are prepared from alkyl halides by a two-stage process.

The first step is a nucleophilic substitution. Triphenylphosphine is the nucleophile.



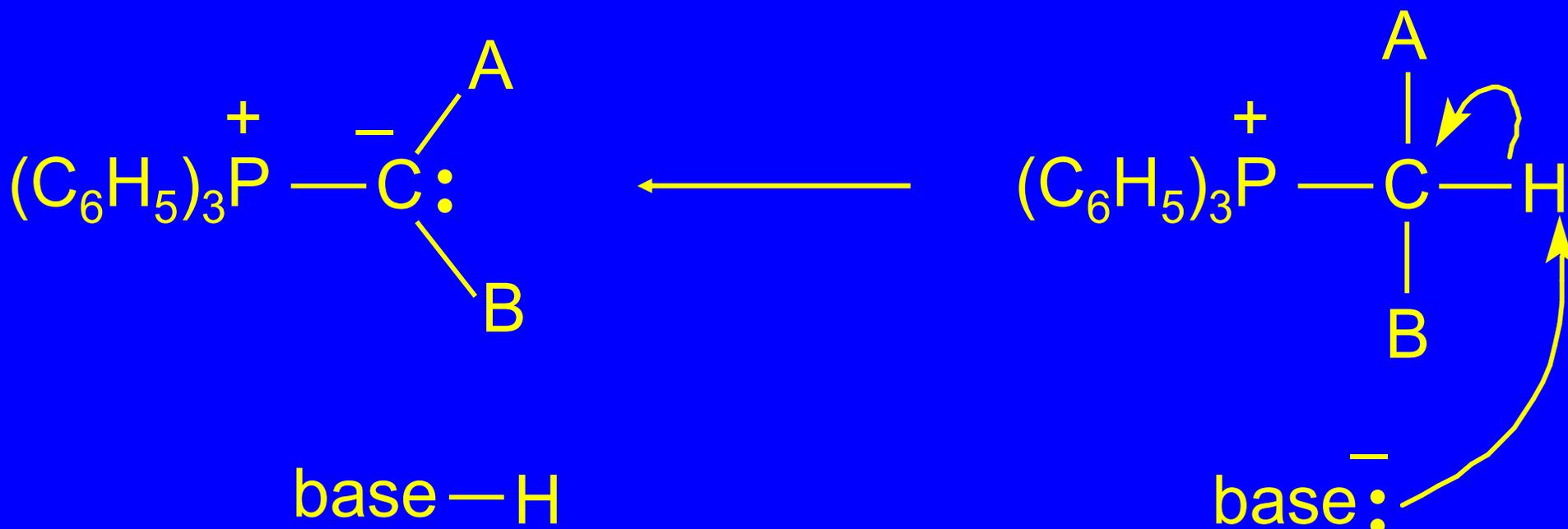
## Preparation of Ylides

In the second step, the phosphonium salt is treated with a strong base in order to remove a proton from the carbon bonded to phosphorus.



## Preparation of Ylides

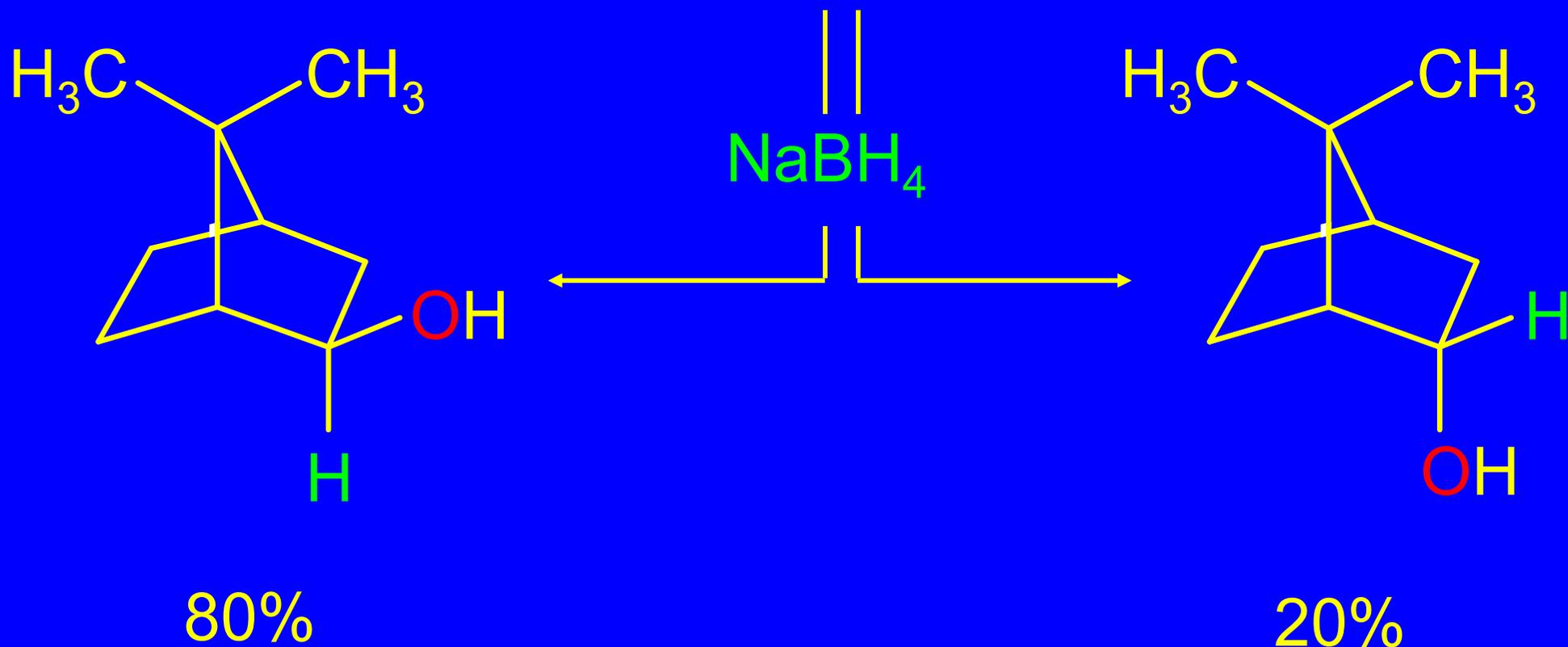
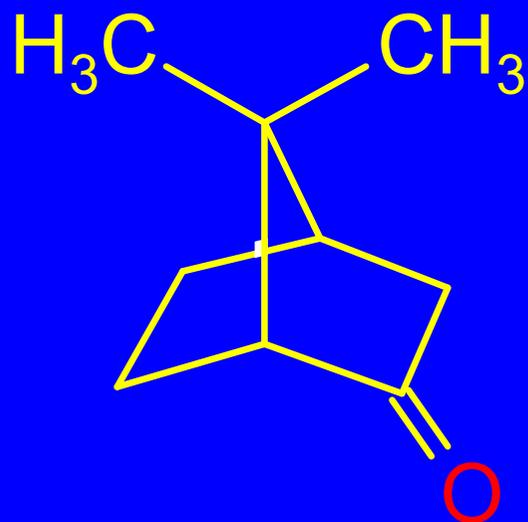
Typical strong bases include organolithium reagents (RLi), and the conjugate base of dimethyl sulfoxide as its sodium salt [NaCH<sub>2</sub>S(O)CH<sub>3</sub>].



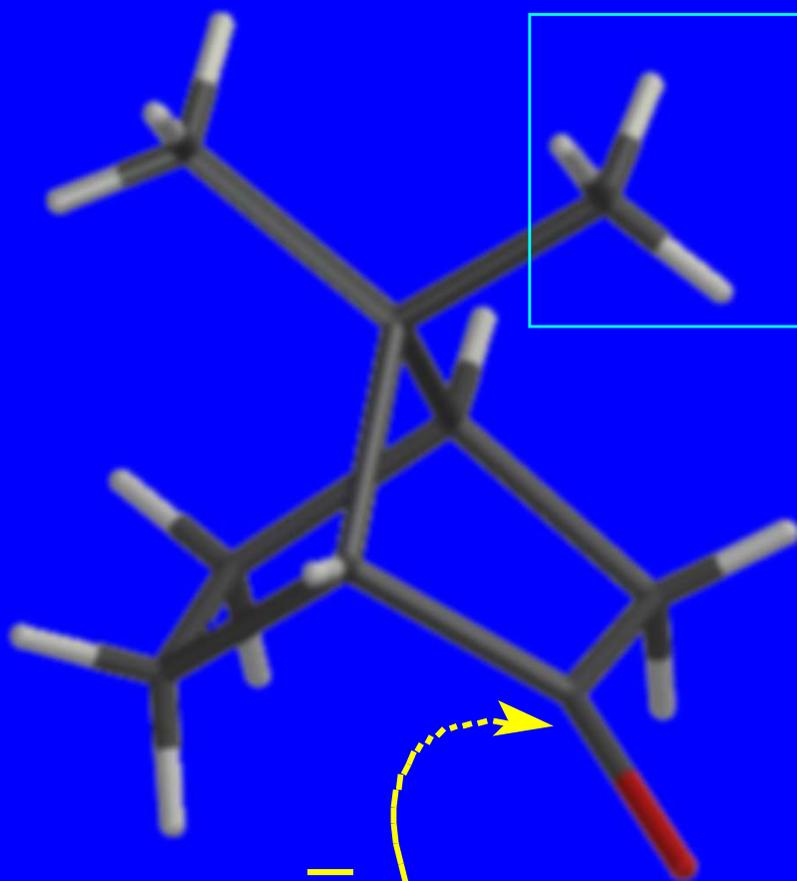
## **Stereoselective Addition to Carbonyl Groups**

Nucleophilic addition to carbonyl groups sometimes leads to a mixture of stereoisomeric products.

*Example*



## Steric Hindrance to Approach of Reagent



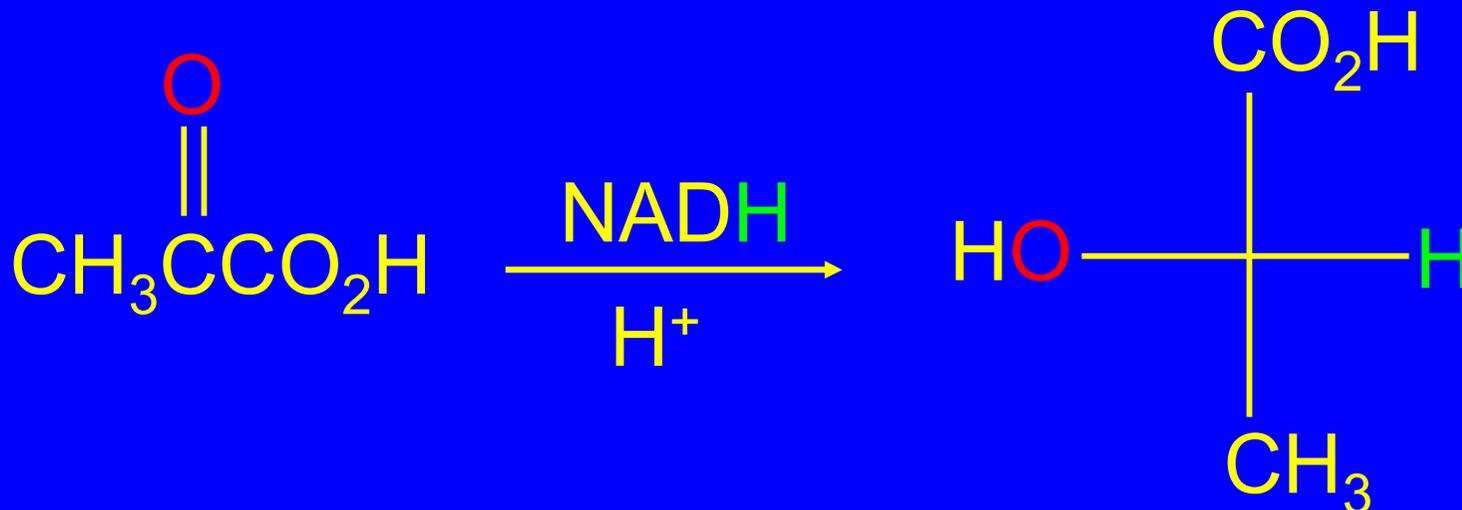
this methyl group hinders approach of nucleophile from top



preferred direction of approach is to less hindered (bottom) face of carbonyl group

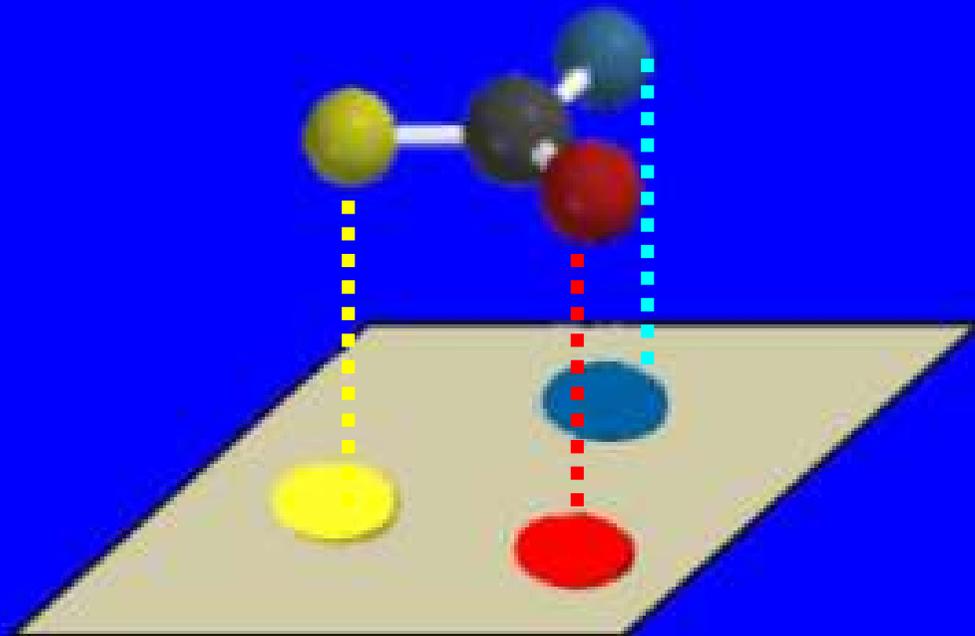
*Biological reductions are highly stereoselective*

pyruvic acid  $\rightarrow$  *S*-(+)-lactic acid



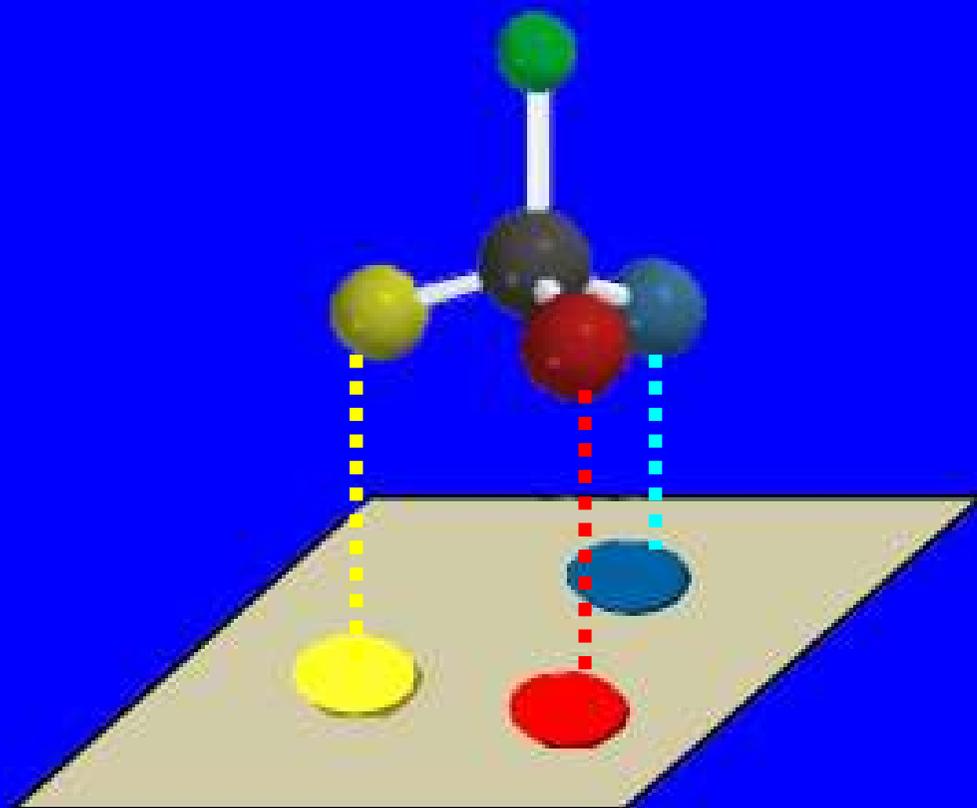
enzyme is *lactate dehydrogenase*

Figure 17.14



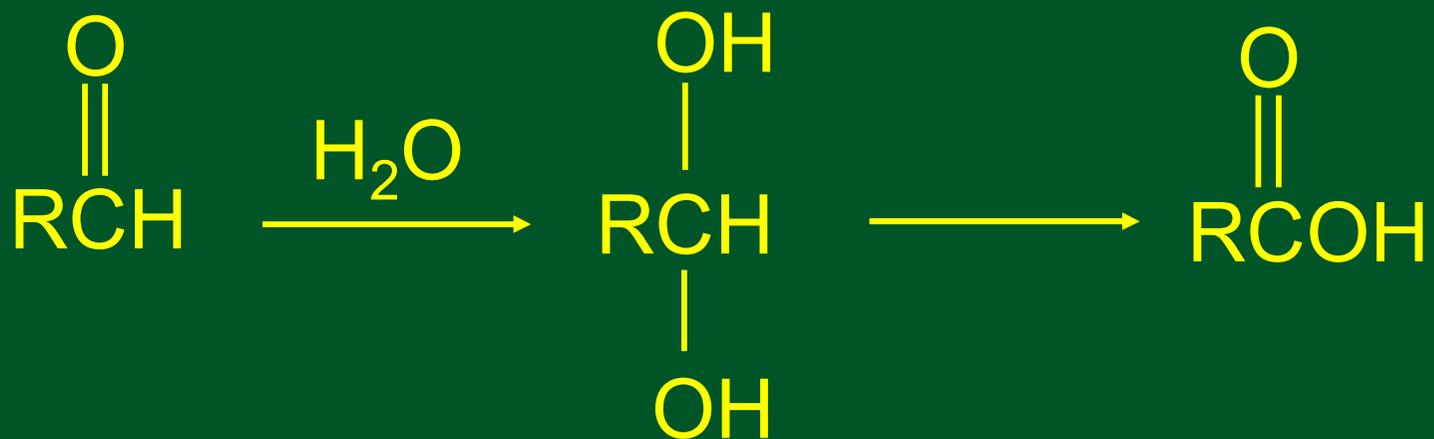
One face of the substrate can bind to the enzyme better than the other.

Figure 17.14



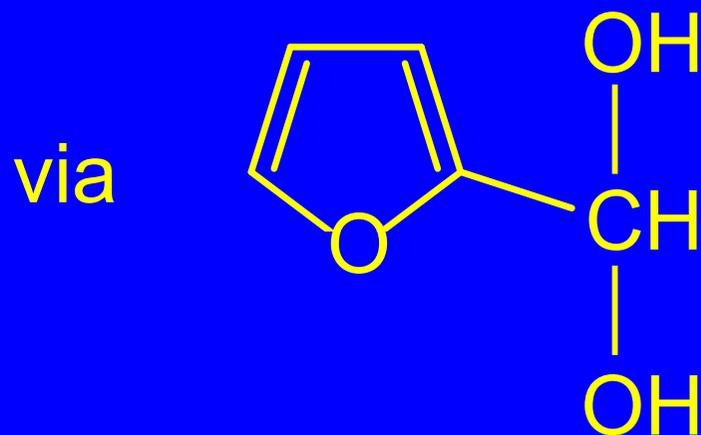
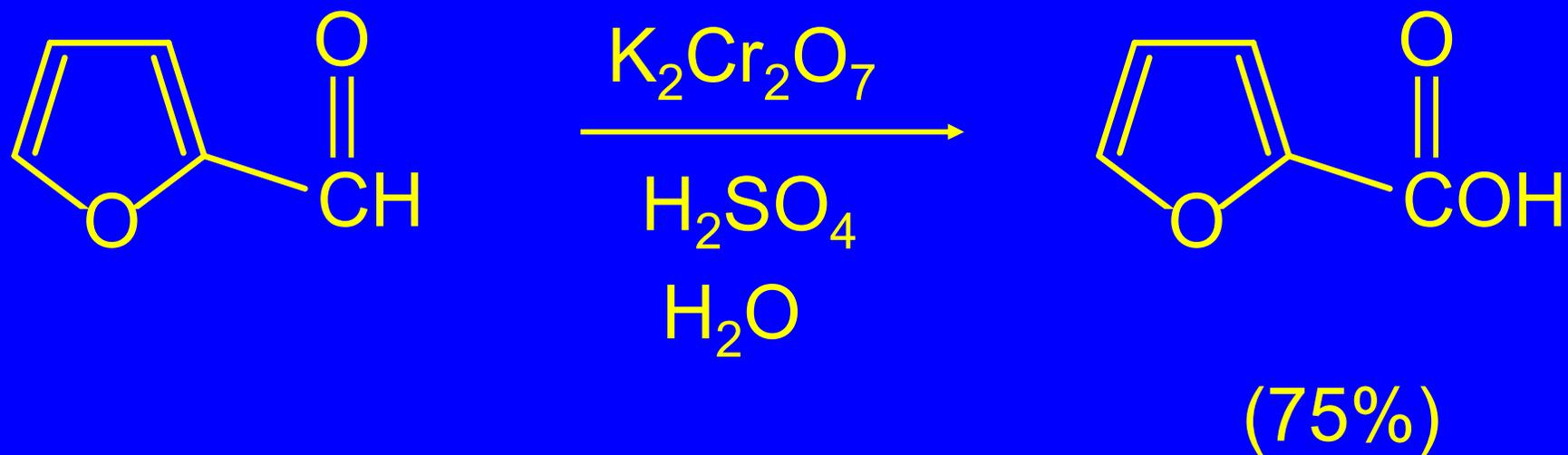
Change in geometry from trigonal to tetrahedral is stereoselective. Bond formation occurs preferentially from one side rather than the other.

## Oxidation of Aldehydes



in aqueous solution

Example

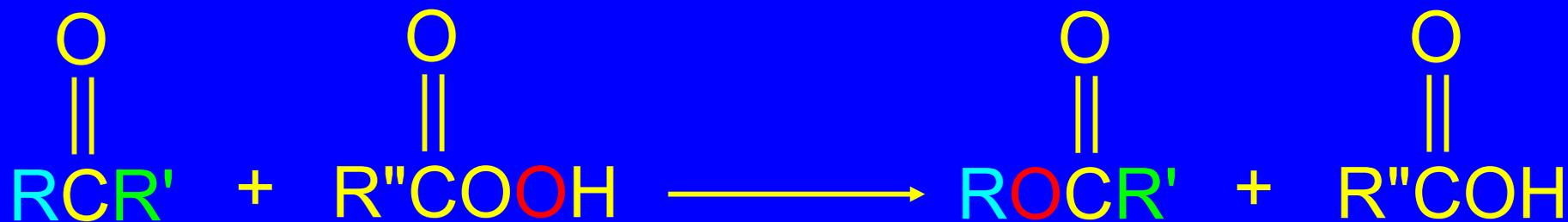


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**Baeyer-Villiger Oxidation  
of Ketones**

Oxidation of ketones with peroxy acids gives esters by a novel rearrangement.

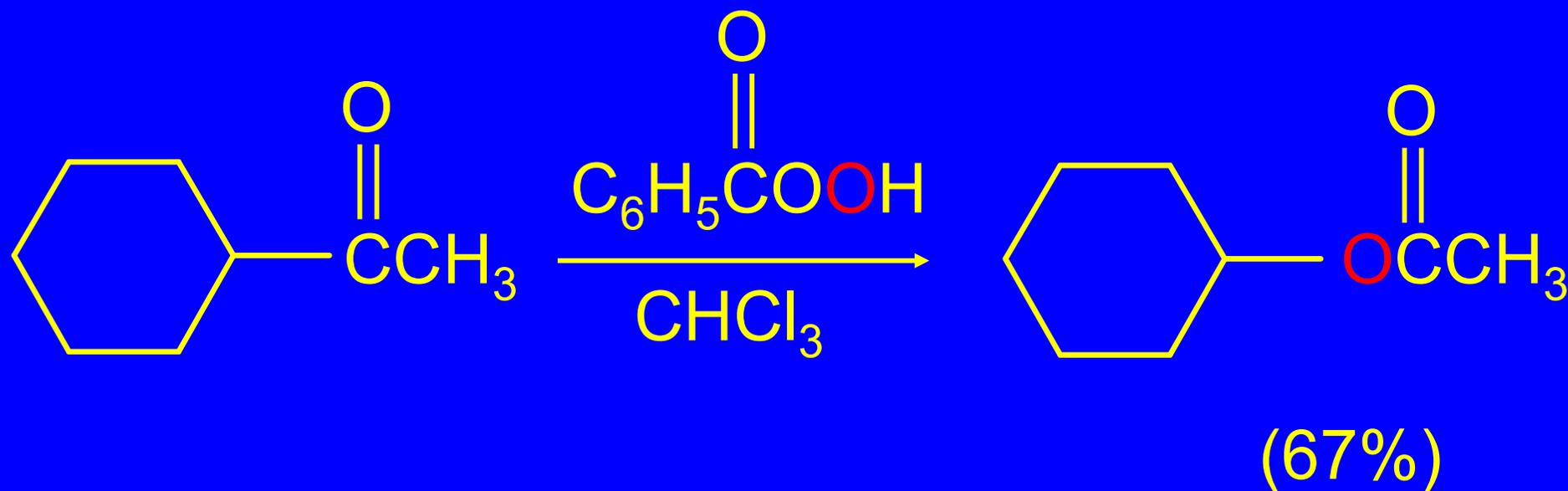
*General*



Ketone

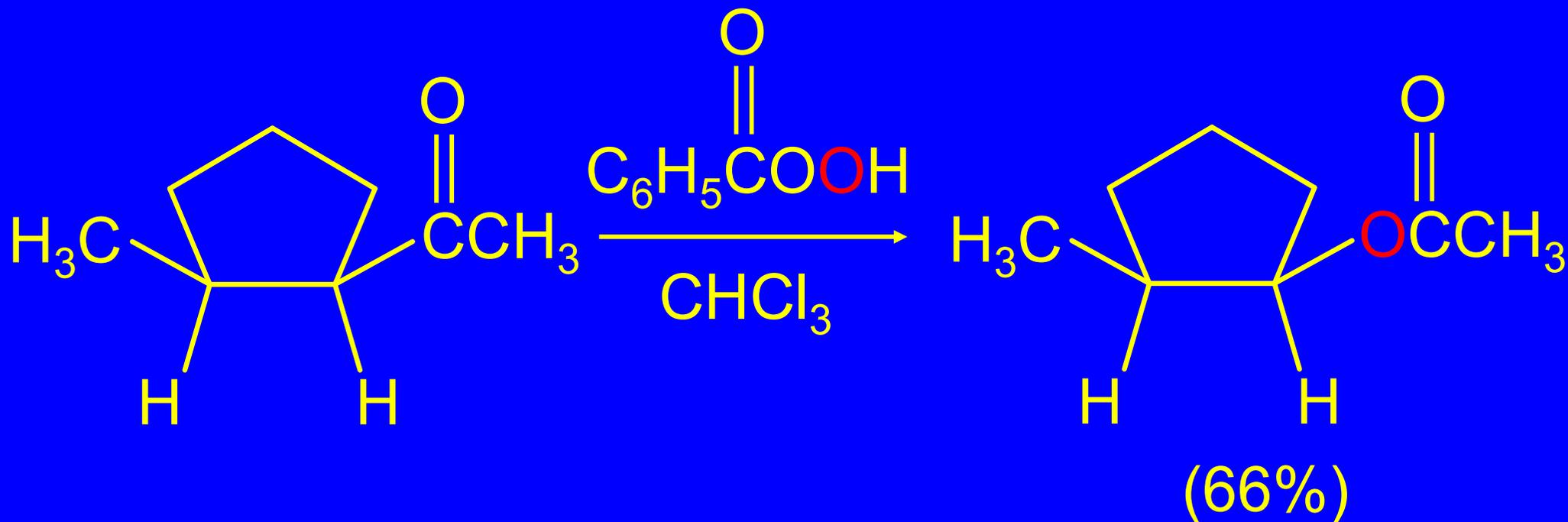
Ester

*Example*



Oxygen insertion occurs between  
carbonyl carbon and larger group.  
Methyl ketones give acetate esters.

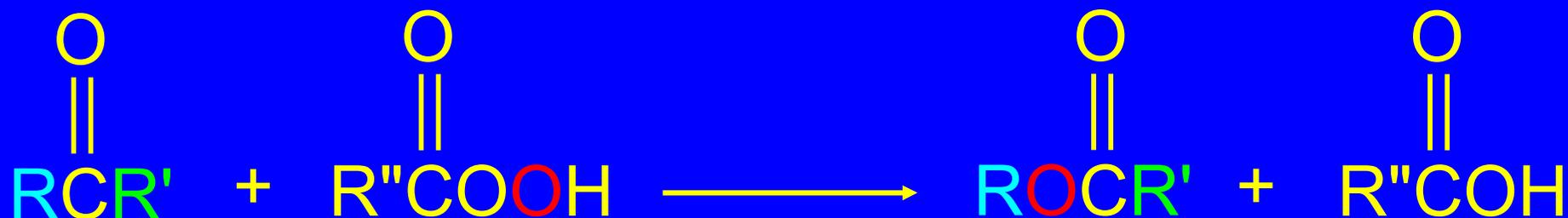
## Stereochemistry



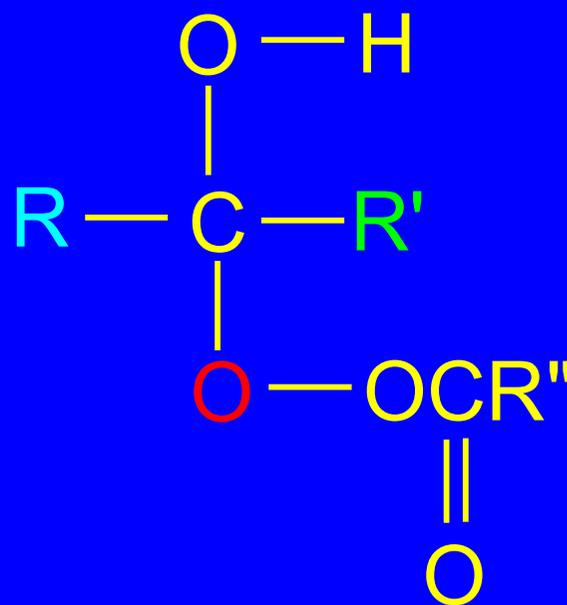
Reaction is stereospecific.

Oxygen insertion occurs with retention of configuration.

## Mechanism



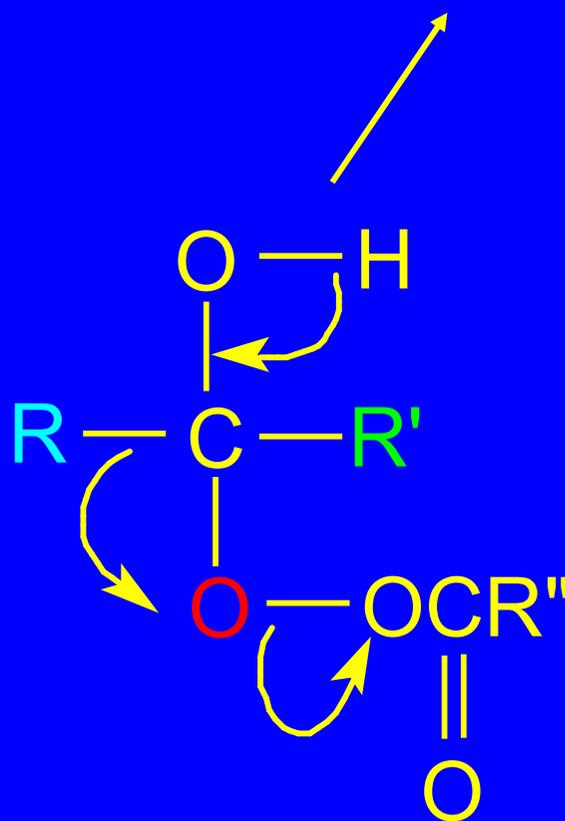
First step is nucleophilic addition of peroxy acid to the carbonyl group of the ketone.



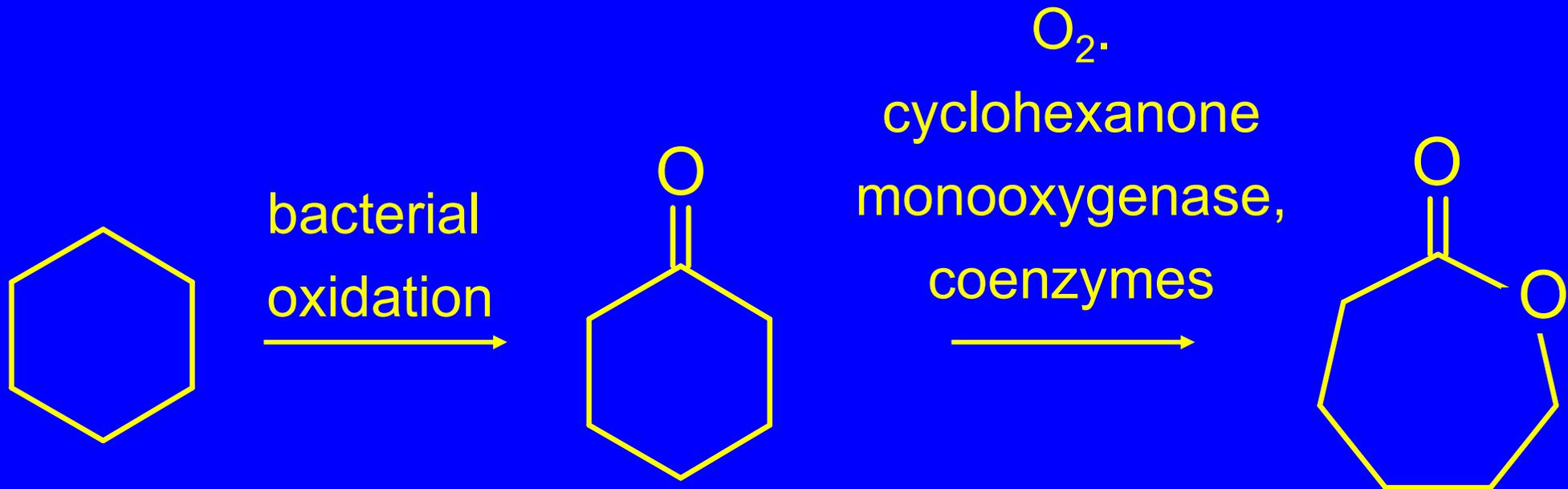
## Mechanism



Second step is migration of group **R** from carbon to oxygen. The weak **O—O** bond breaks in this step.



## Biological Baeyer-Villiger Oxidation



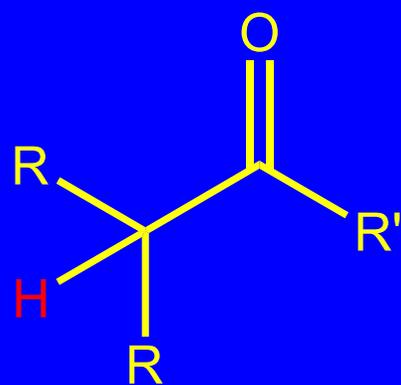
Certain bacteria use hydrocarbons as a source of carbon. Oxidation proceeds via ketones, which then undergo oxidation of the Baeyer-Villiger type.

**Base-Catalyzed Enolization:  
Enolate Anions and the Aldol Reaction**

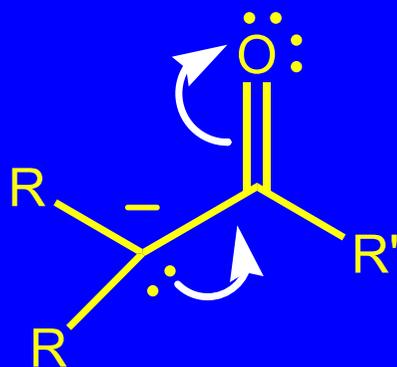
**18.6**

**Base-Catalyzed Enolization:  
Enolate Anions**

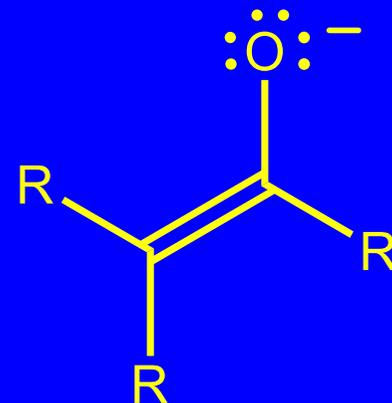
# *$\alpha$ -Hydrogens are Acidic*



**pKa = 10-20**

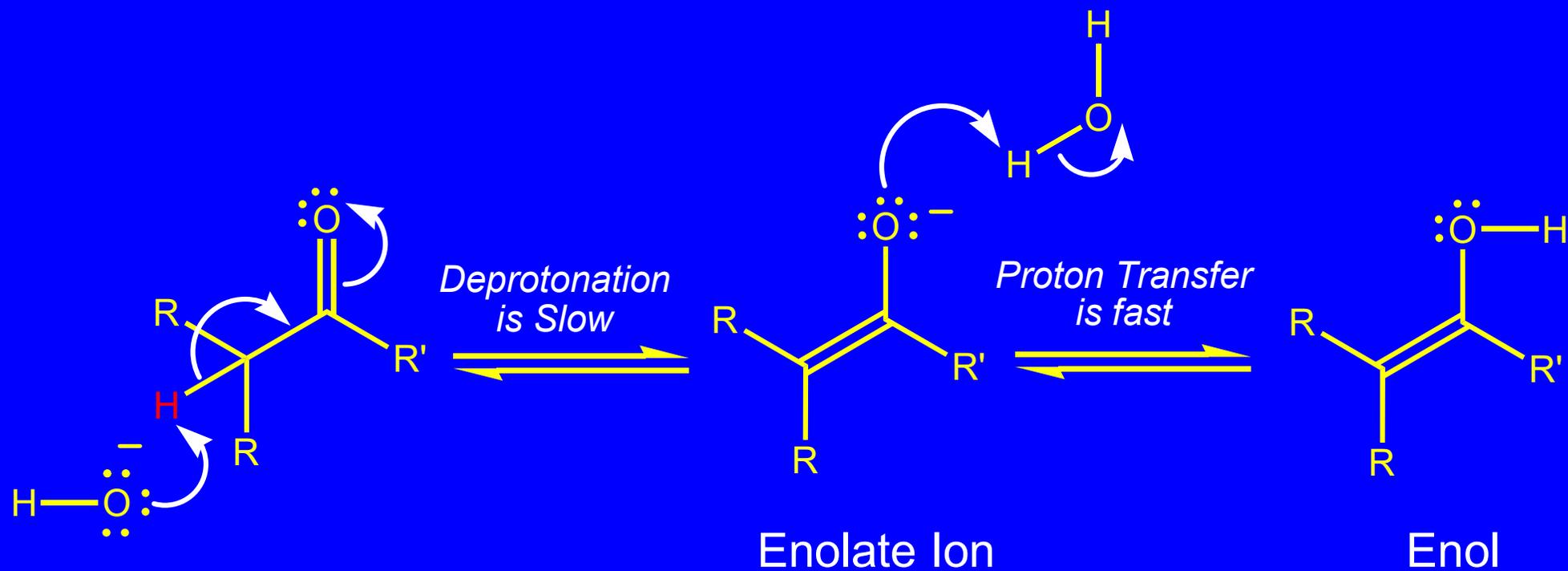


Enolate Anion

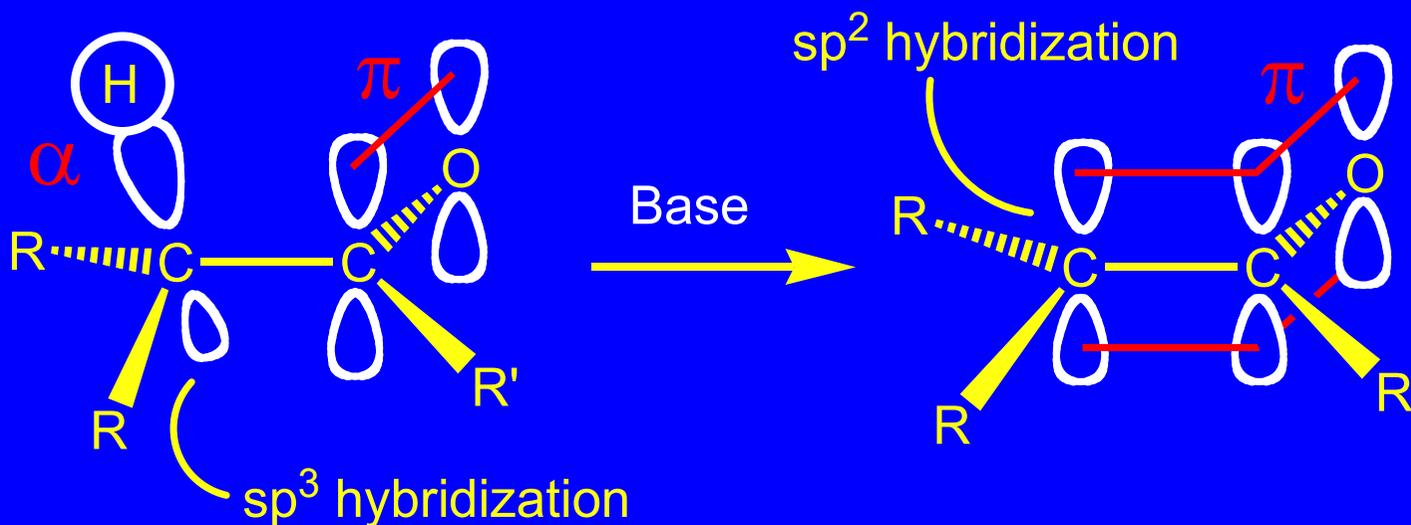


major  
resonance  
contributor

# Mechanism of Enolization (Base-catalyzed)



# Orbital Picture of Base-catalyzed Enolization

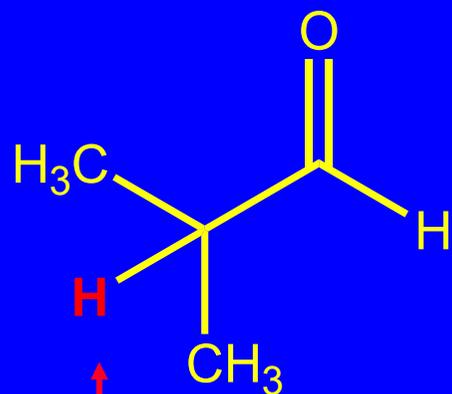


The more stable this ion, the  
more favorable this process  
becomes

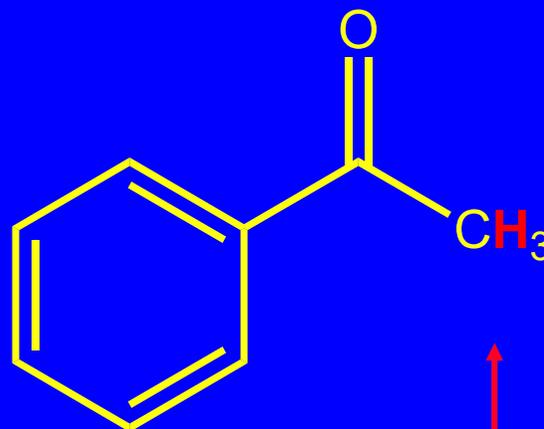


What stabilizes enolate ions?

## Acidity of Typical Aldehydes and Ketones

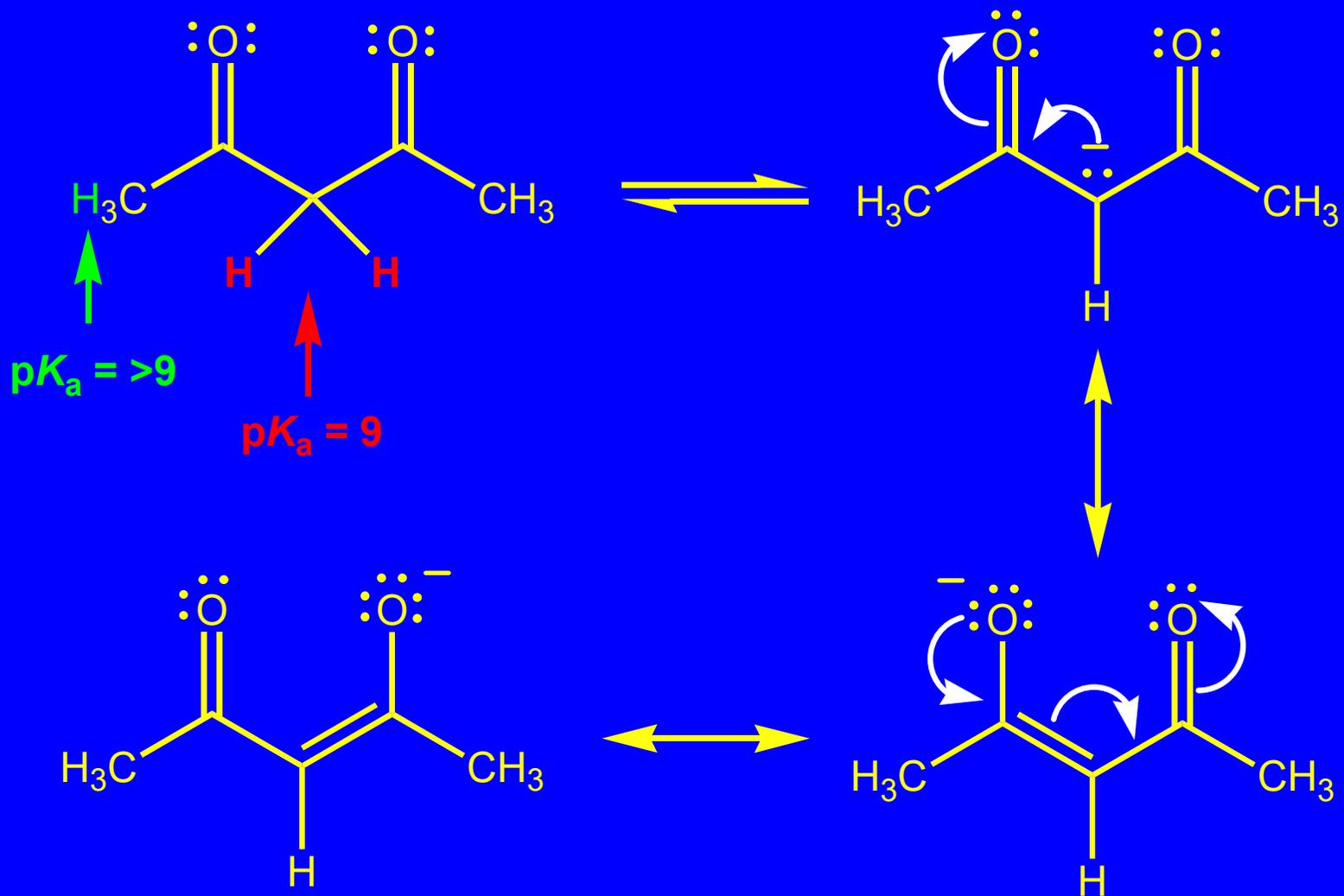


$pK_a = 15.5$



$pK_a = 18.3$

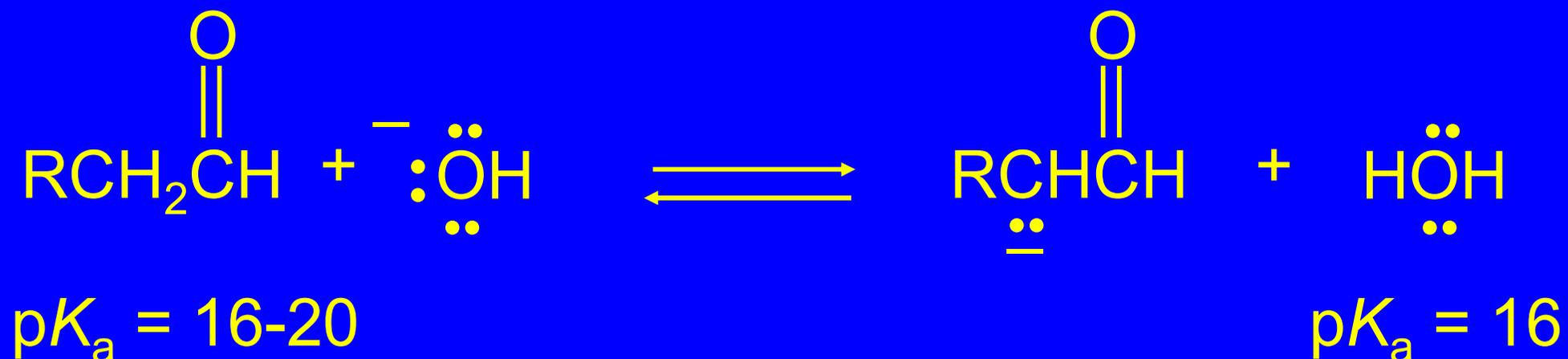
*$\beta$ -Diketones are much more acidic*



The enolates of  $\beta$ -diketones are stabilized; negative charge is shared by both oxygens

# The Aldol Condensation

## Some thoughts...

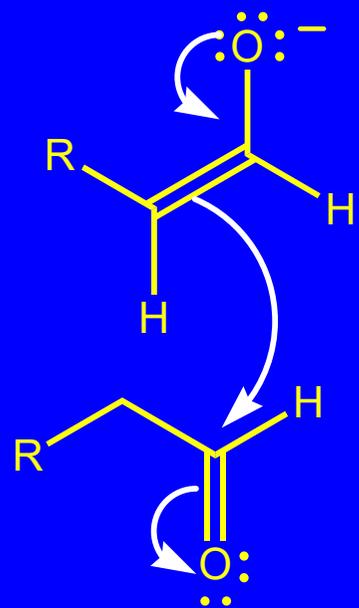


A basic solution contains comparable amounts of the aldehyde and its enolate.

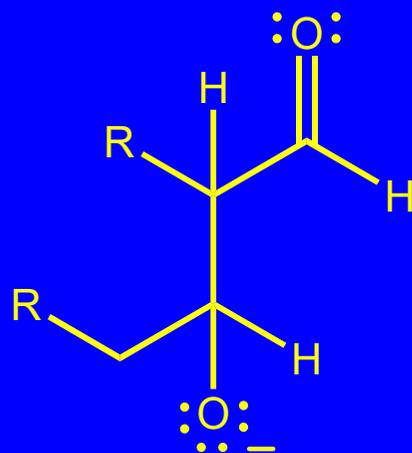
Aldehydes undergo nucleophilic addition.

Enolate ions are nucleophiles.

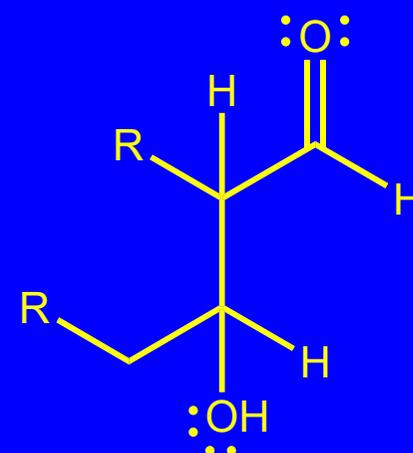
What about nucleophilic addition of enolate to aldehyde?



*Nucleophilic  
1,2-Addition*



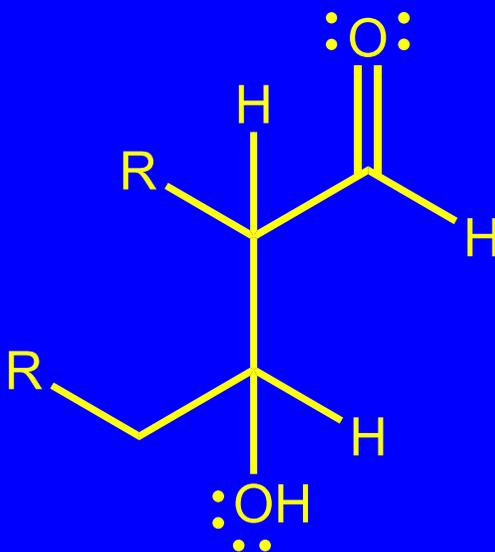
*Protonation*



**Aldol Product**

( $\beta$ -Hydroxy Carbonyl Compound)

## *Aldol Addition*

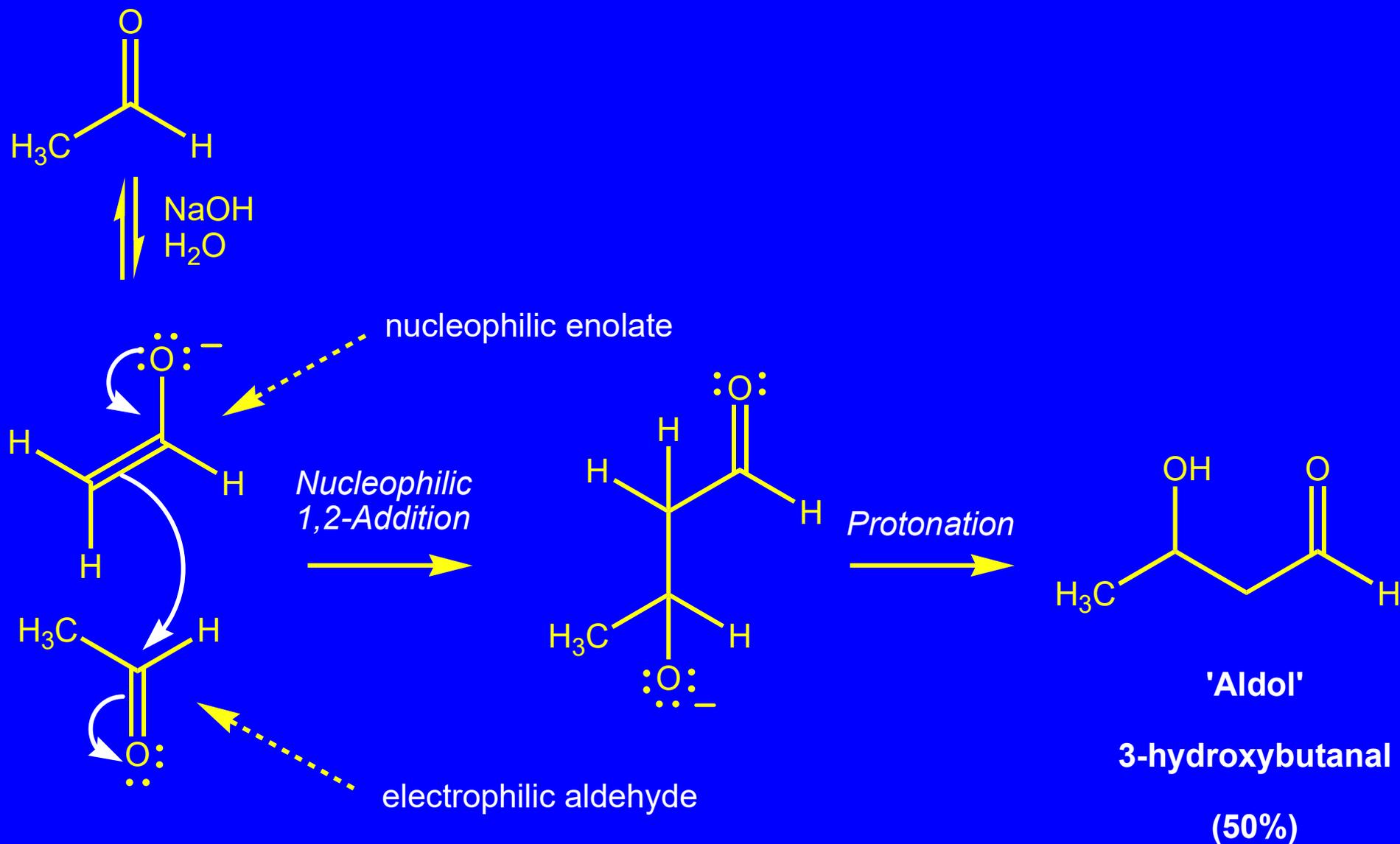


### **Aldol Product**

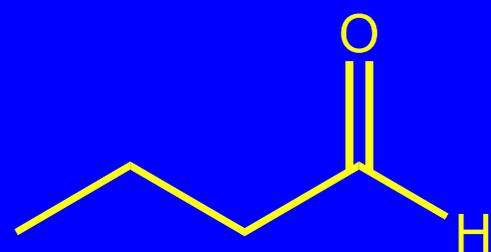
( $\beta$ -Hydroxy Carbonyl Compound)

This product is called an "aldol" because it is both an aldehyde and an alcohol

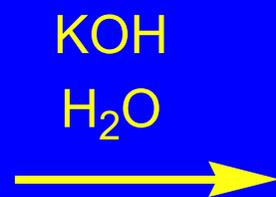
# Aldol Addition of Acetaldehyde



# Aldol Addition of *n*-Butanal



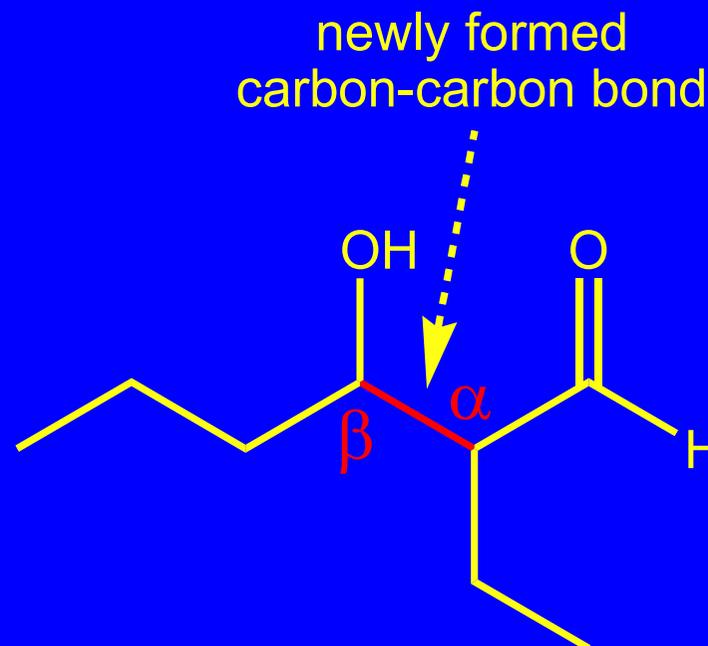
2 x *n*-Butanal



KOH  
H<sub>2</sub>O

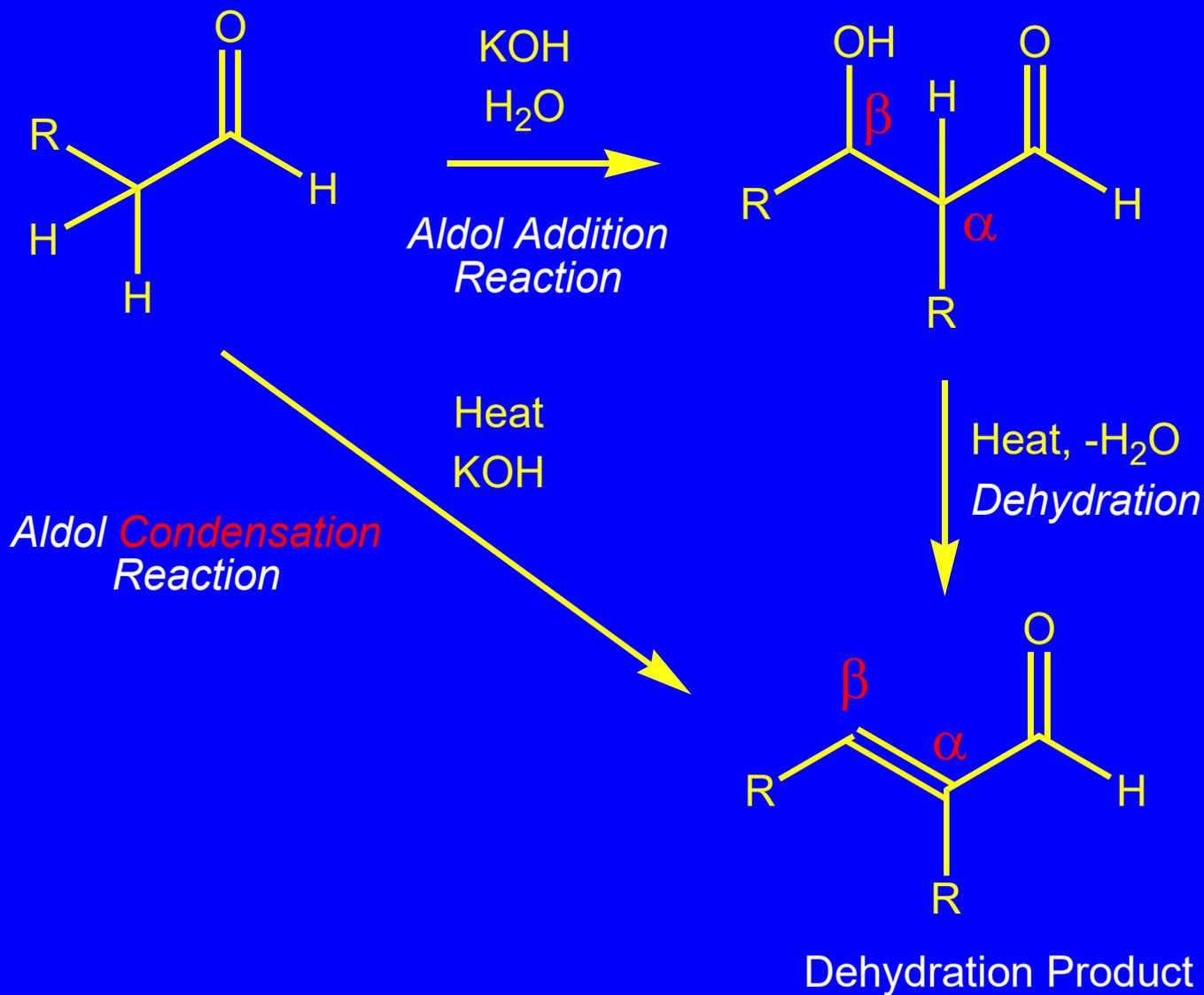
6 °C  
(75%)

*Aldol Addition  
Reaction*

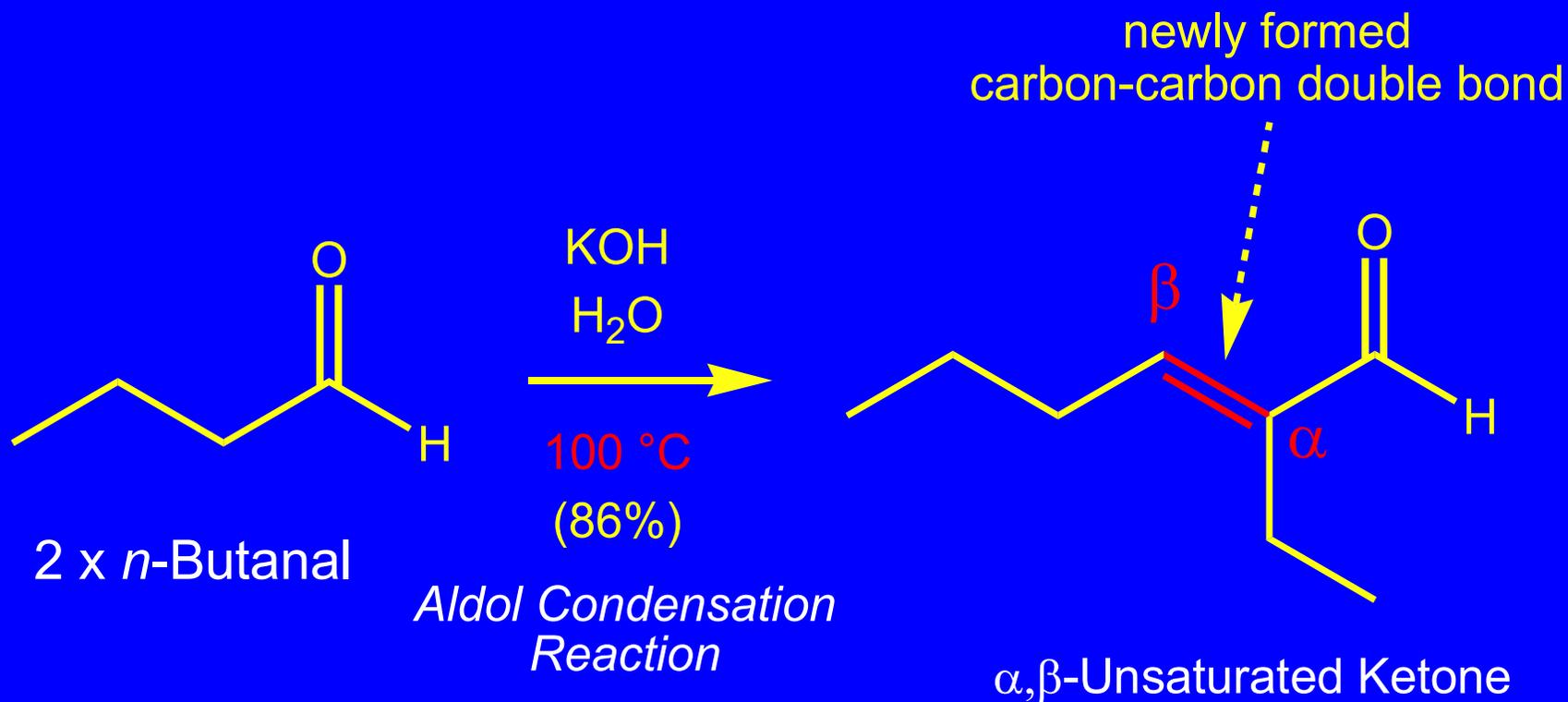


Aldol Product  
(β-Hydroxy ketone)

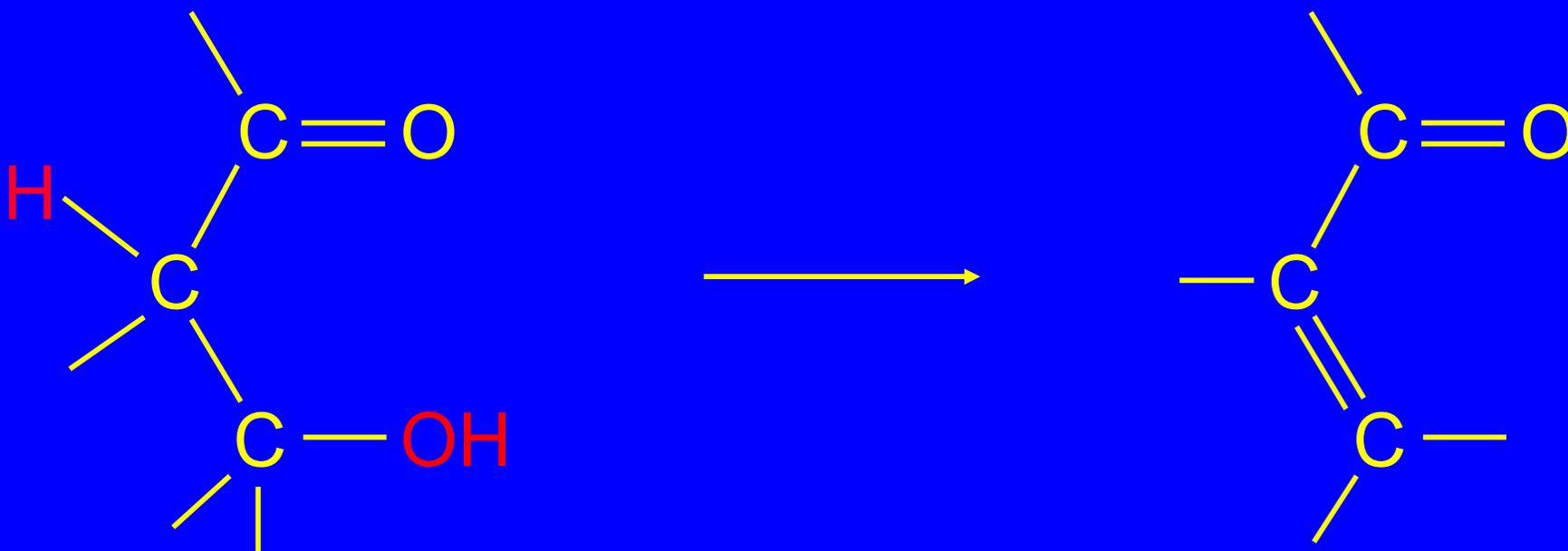
# Aldol Condensation



# Aldol Condensation of Butanal

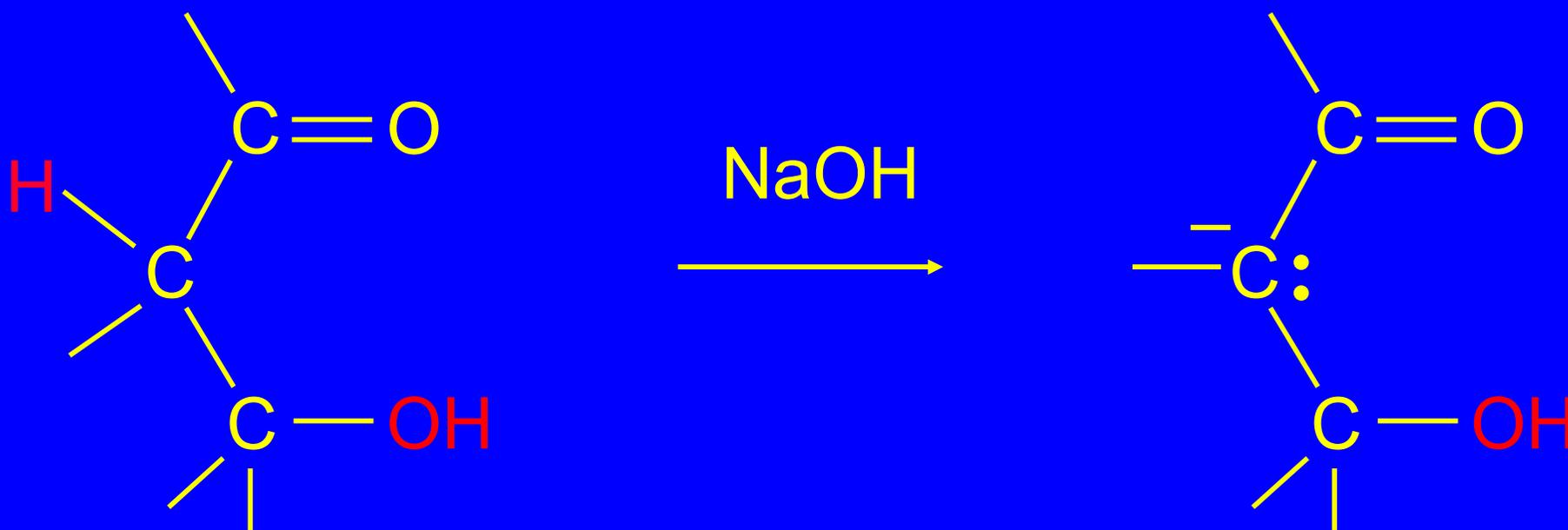


## Dehydration of Aldol Addition Product



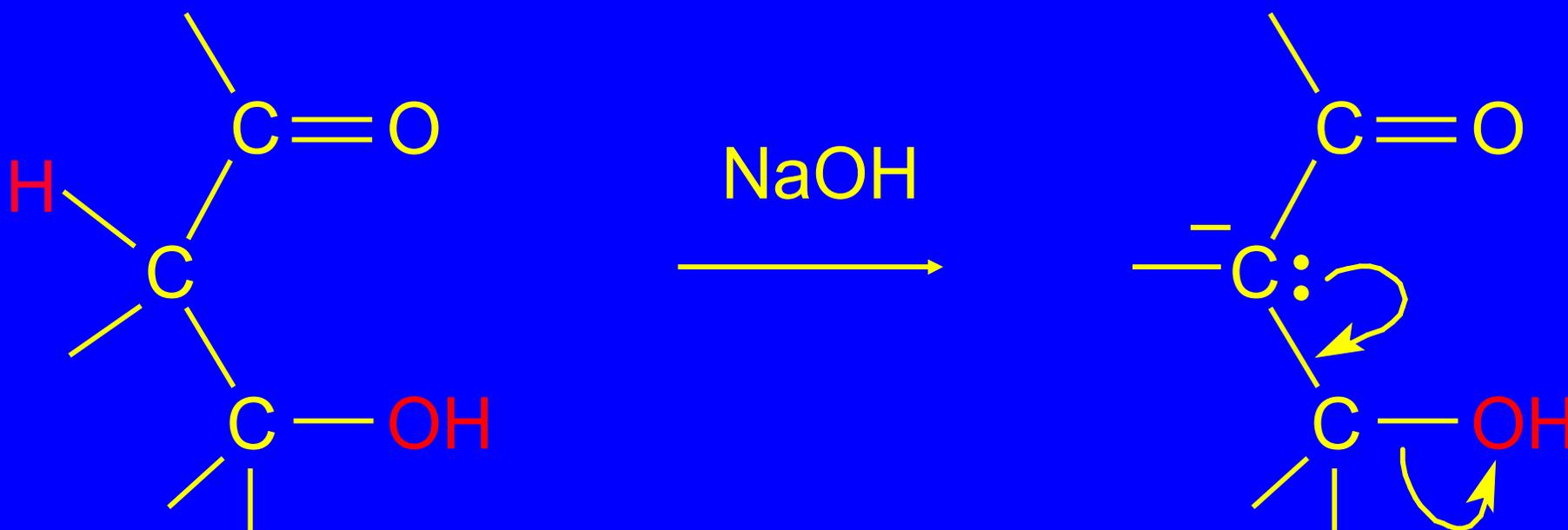
dehydration of  $\beta$ -hydroxy aldehyde can be catalyzed by either acids or bases

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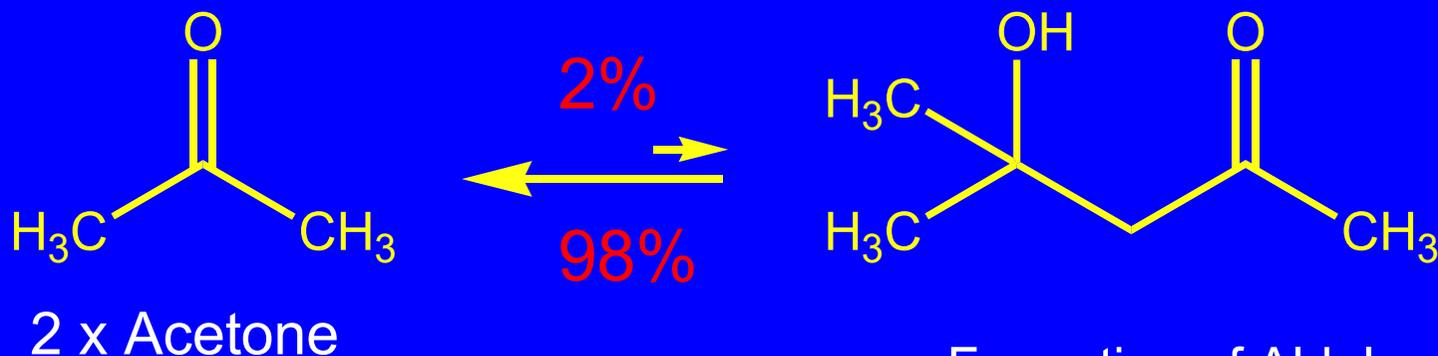
in base, the enolate is formed

## Dehydration of Aldol Addition Product



the enolate loses hydroxide to form the  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated aldehyde

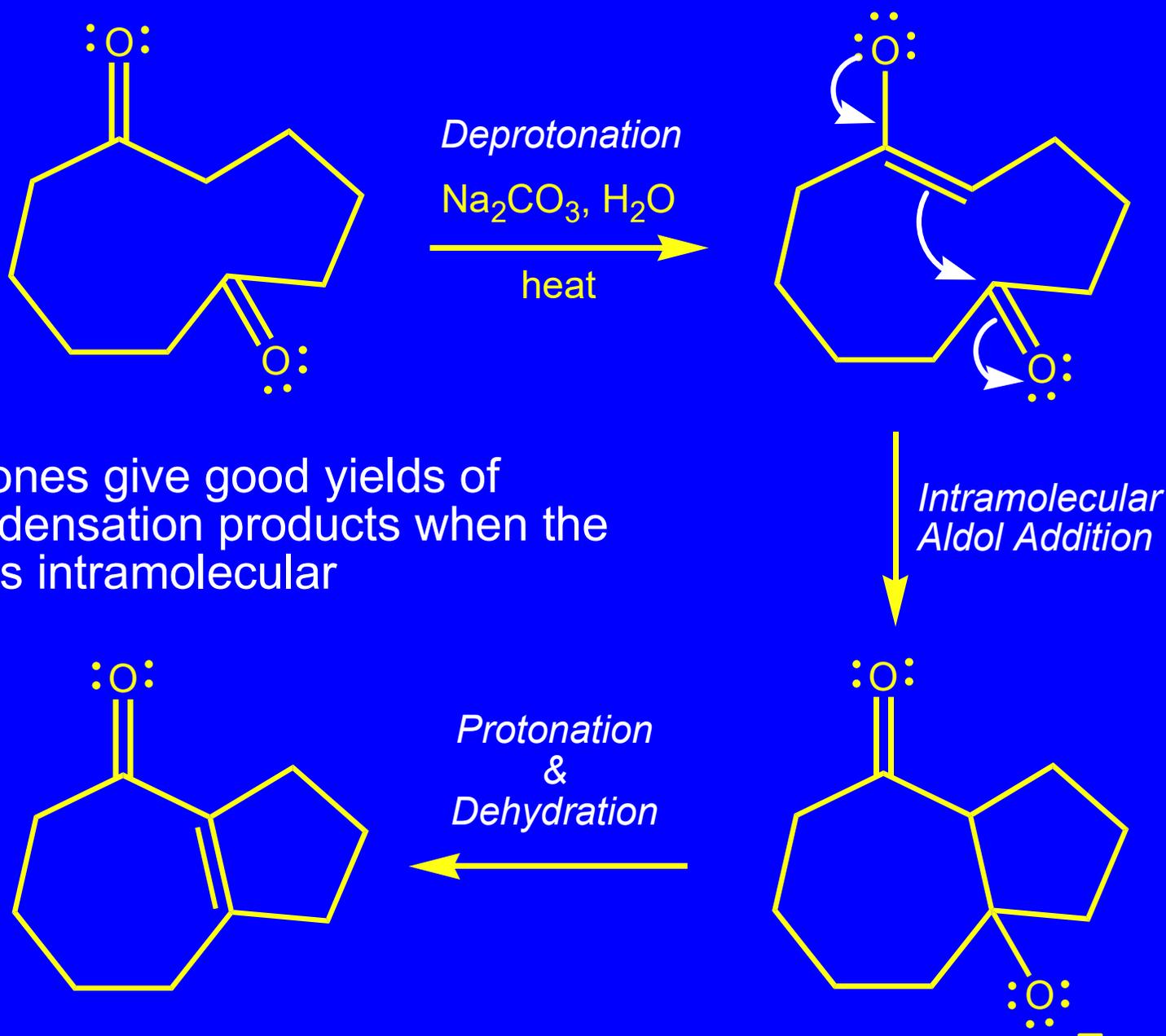
## Aldol reactions of ketones



Formation of Aldol Product from Acetone is not thermodynamically favorable: *cf.* hydration of acetone [4-hydroxy-4-methylpentan-2-one]

the equilibrium constant for aldol addition reactions of ketones is usually unfavorable

# Intramolecular Aldol Condensation



even ketones give good yields of aldol condensation products when the reaction is intramolecular