

Objective 13

Apply Reactivity Principles to Electrophilic Addition

Reactions 2: Alkynes

Identify structural features (pi bond) and electrophiles

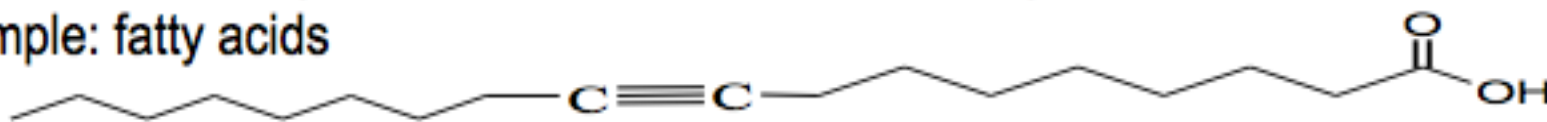
Use curved arrows to predict product

Alkynes Are Found in Natural Products

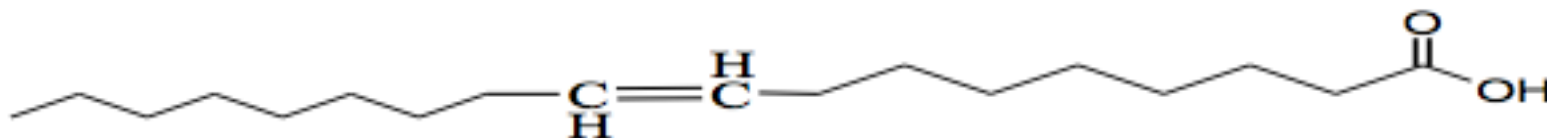
Over 1000 natural products contain carbon-carbon triple bonds.
(see Carey, "Organic Chemistry", 8th ed., p. 361)

Polyacetylenes in Ginseng root: panaxynol, ginsenoyne-A, panaxydol, 10-methoxy heptadeca-1-ene-4, 6-dyne-3, 9-diol, (3R, 9R, 10R)-panaxytriol, panaxyne, and ginsenoyne-C.

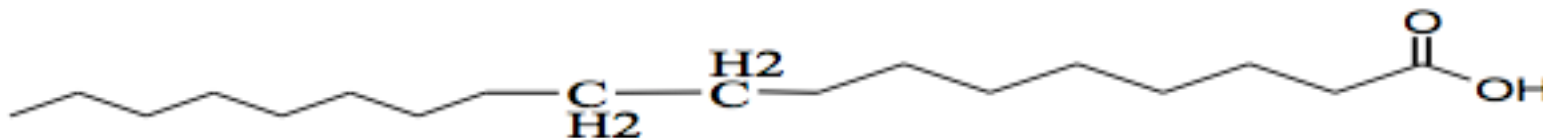
Example: fatty acids



Stearolic Acid



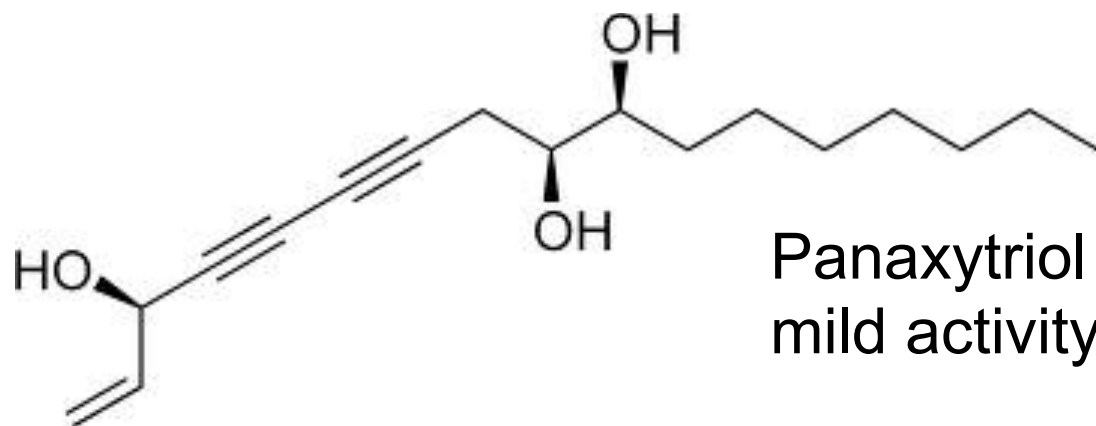
Oleic Acid (cis)/Elaidic Acid (trans)



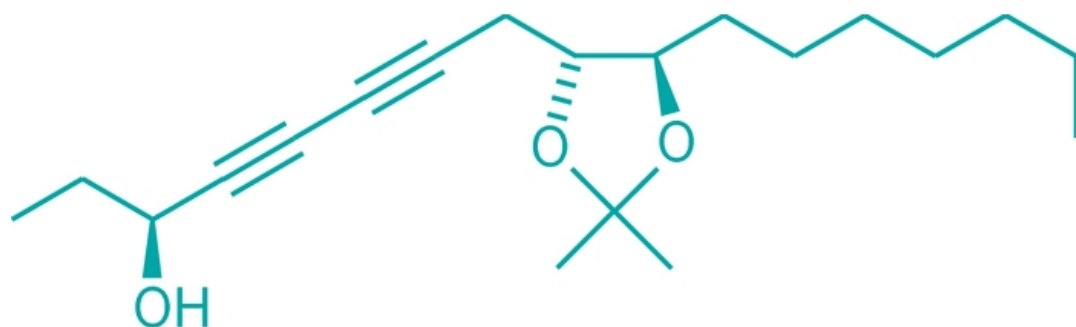
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<http://cen.acs.org/articles/89/i34/Ginseng-Compound-Curbs-Chemo-Effects.html>

8/22/11, CEN, p. 39 Ginseng Compound Curbs Chemo Effects



Panaxytriol (Asian Panax ginseng plant)
mild activity against tumors



Panaxytriol analog

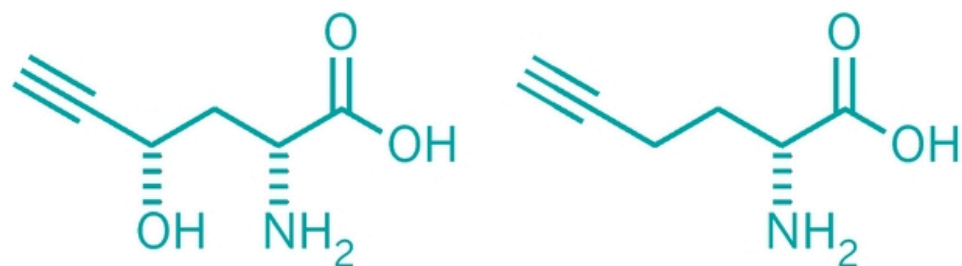
significantly alleviates
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nerve damage
associated with cancer
treatments in mice

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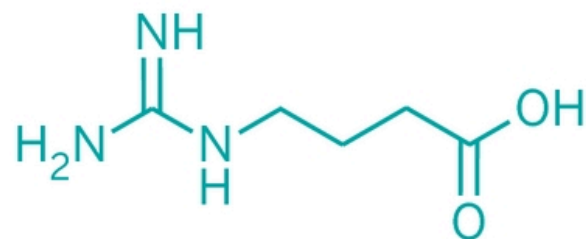
2/13/12, CEN, p. 41 “Behind A Mushroom Scourge: Scientists search for the compounds responsible for unexplained deaths”



The deadly mushroom *Trogia venenata* Zhu L. Yang may have claimed hundreds of lives.



New toxic amino acids

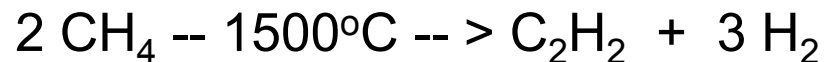


γ -Guanidinobutyric acid

Acetylene is Prepared by 3 Industrial Methods

<http://www.enotes.com/acetylene-reference/acetylene>

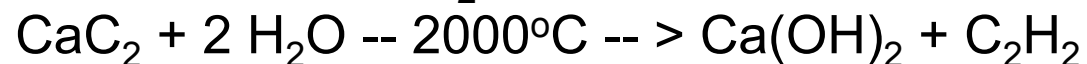
1. Thermal Cracking of Natural Gas (Methane)



2. Dehydrogenation of ethylene:



3. From Lime and Coke:



Acetylene is Used:

1. Welding (combustion of oxyacetylene flame = 3300°C; hottest burning fuel gas).

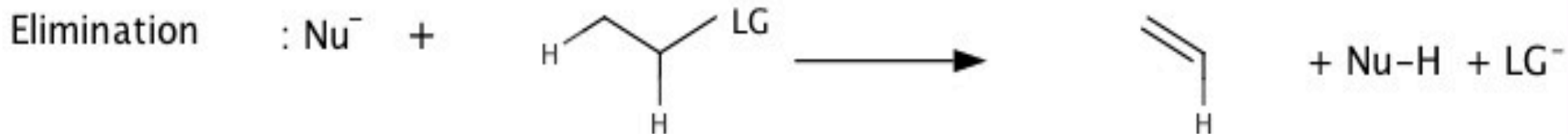
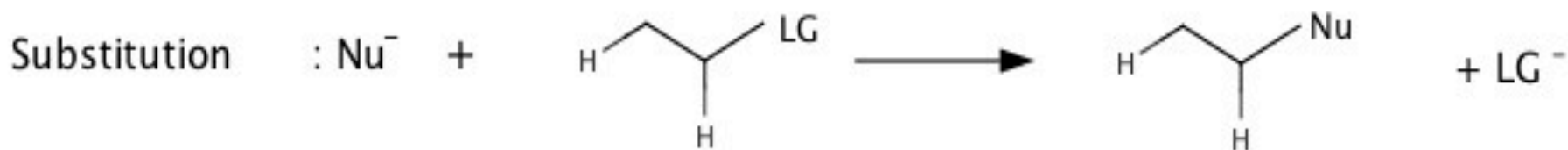
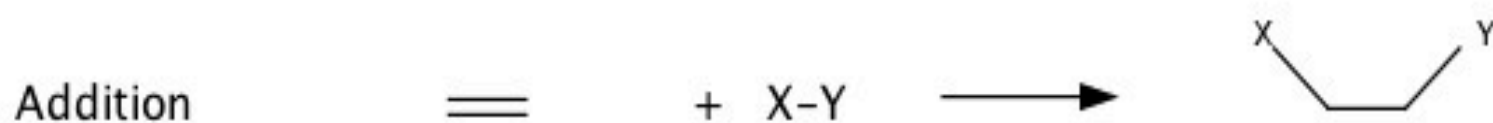
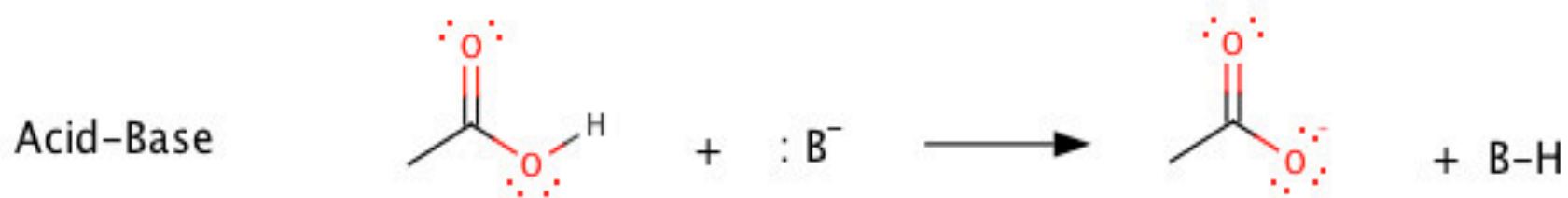
2. $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2 \rightarrow \text{C}_2\text{H}_4 \rightarrow \text{plastics}$

3. A Starting Material To Make Many Organic Compounds

Repppe Chemistry (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Acetylene>)

$\text{C}_2\text{H}_2 \rightarrow \text{vinyl compounds, acrylic acid/ester}$

4 Types of Organic Polar Reactions



Alkynes Have 2 π Bonds and Act Like Alkenes

Functional group/Bonding/Structure/Reactivity:



Reactions:

Acid-Base Reaction: Ethane, Ethylene, Acetylene can lose a H^+
Why is C_2H_2 the strongest acid? (Hint: see conjugate base stability)

Addition Reaction: ***Alkynes are More Reactive than Alkenes***

Alkyne π Bond is **more Nucleophilic** than Alkene π Bond. Why?

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Functional group/Bonding/Structure/Reactivity:



Compare **ethane** to **ethylene** to **acetylene**.

Longest carbon-carbon bond?

(i) ethane

(ii) ethylene

(iii) acetylene

Hybridization at each C?

ethane

(a) sp

(b) sp²

(c) sp³

ethylene

(d) sp

(e) sp²

(f) sp³

acetylene

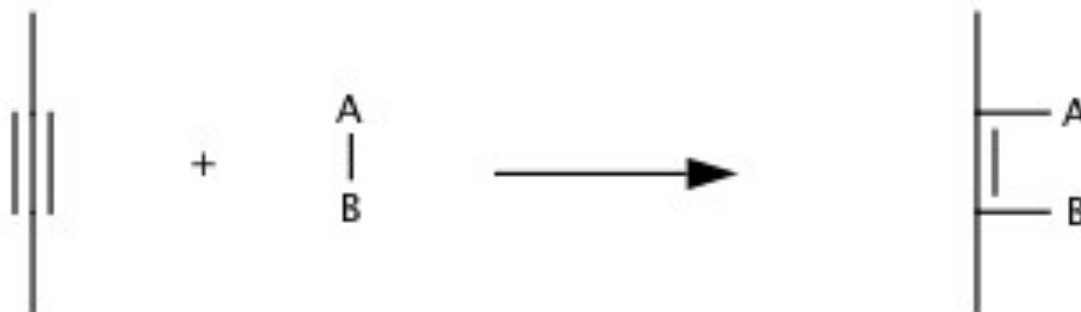
(g) sp

(h) sp²

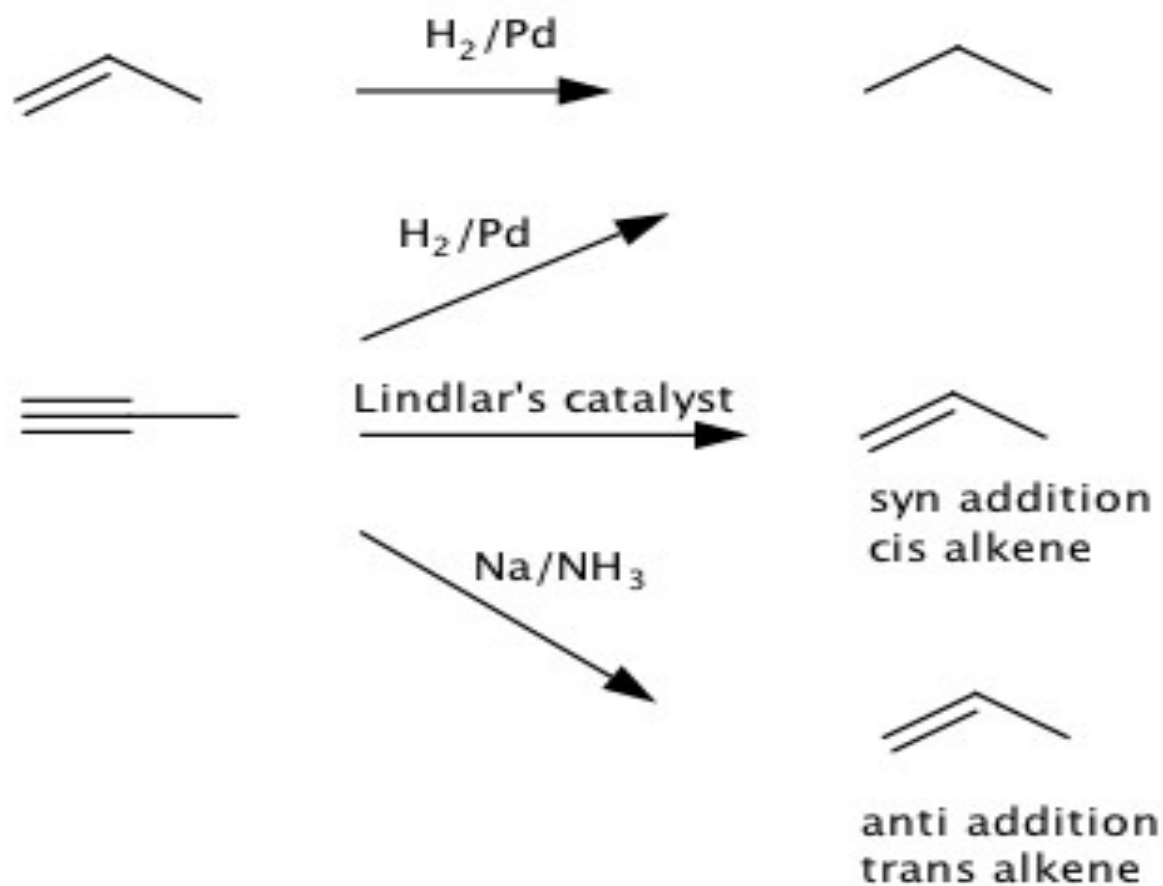
(i) sp³

Alkynes are Used as Starting Materials to Make Many Compounds

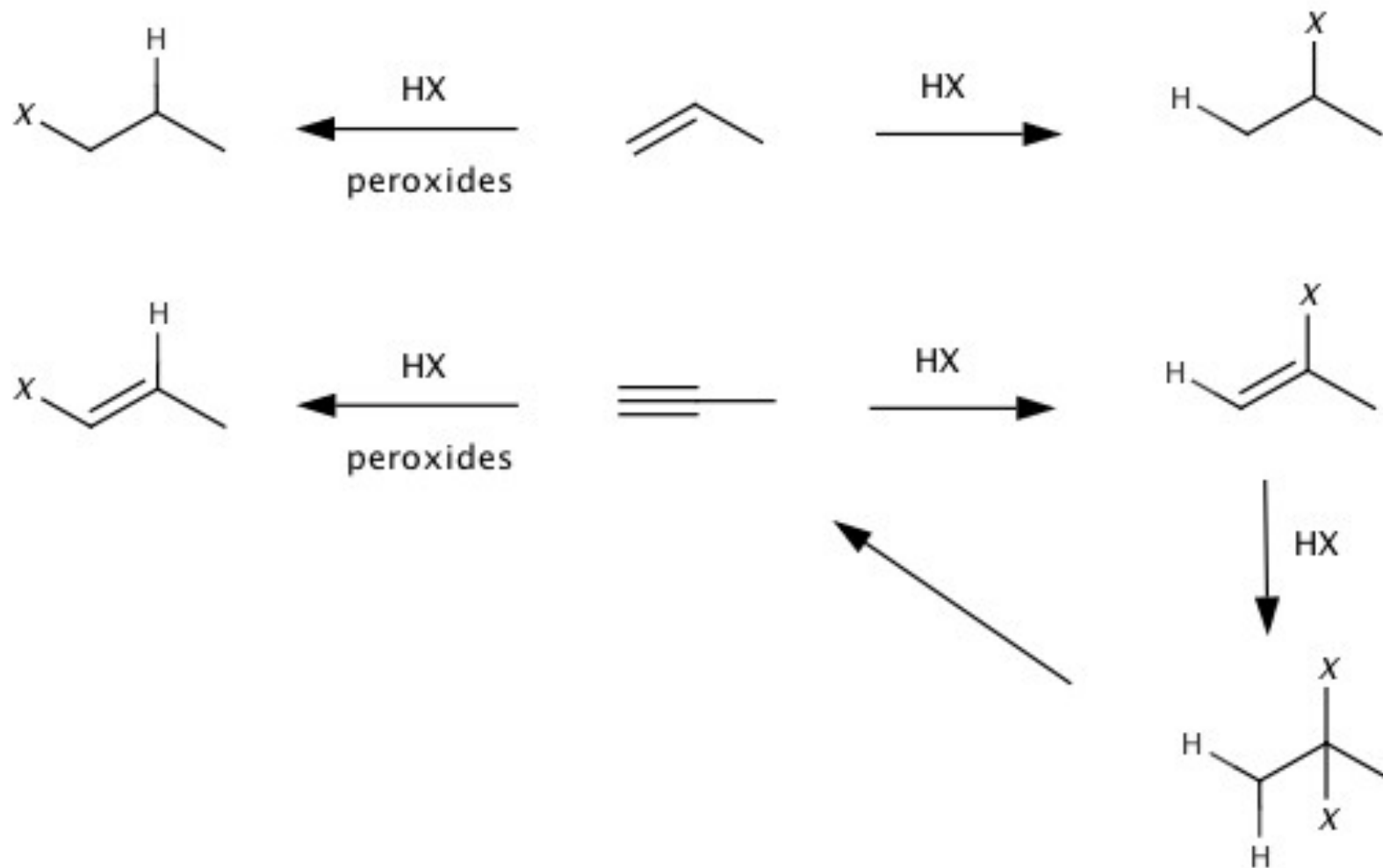
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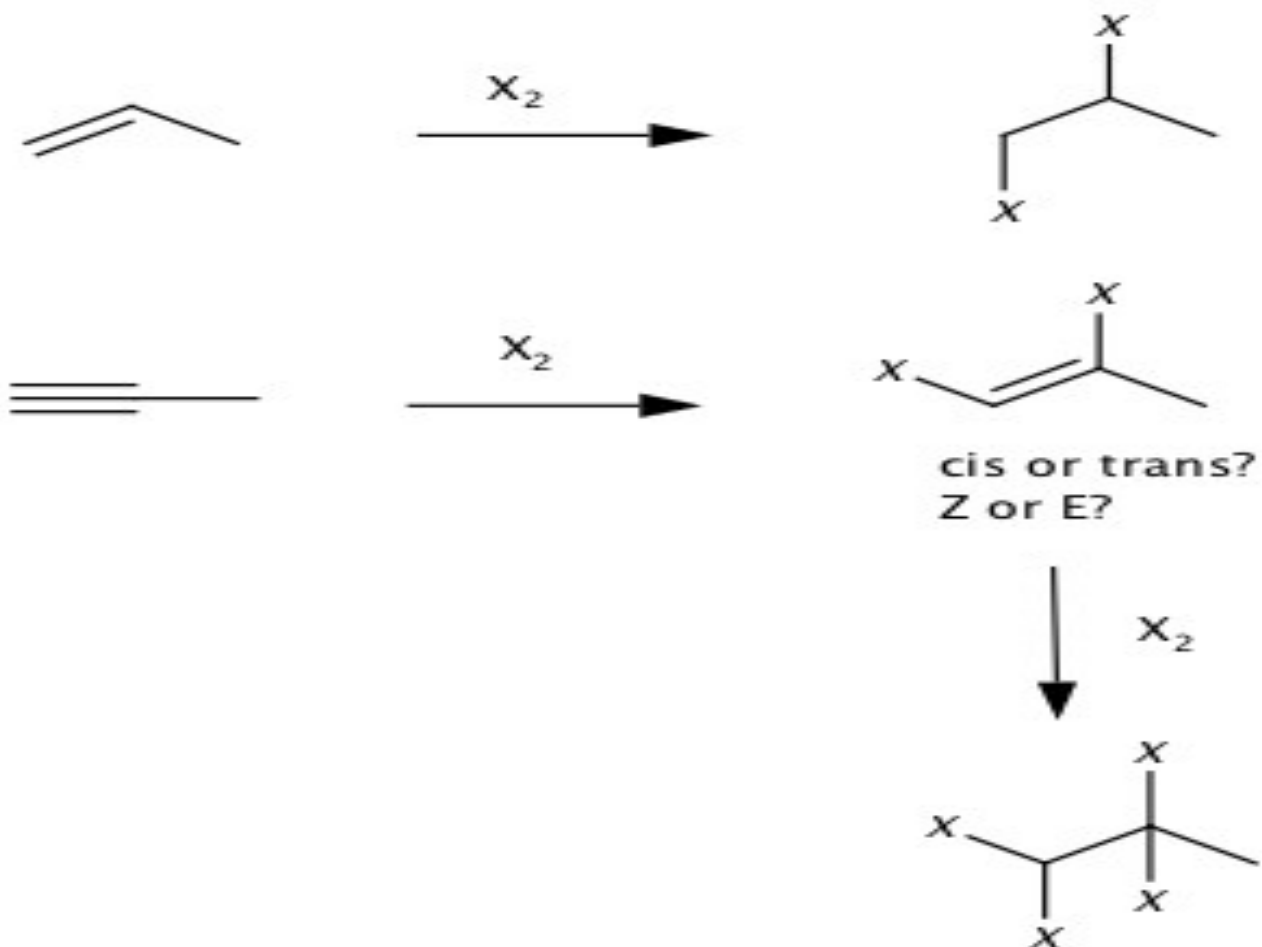
Addition of H₂: Hydrogenation of Alkyne Produces an Alkene or Alkane



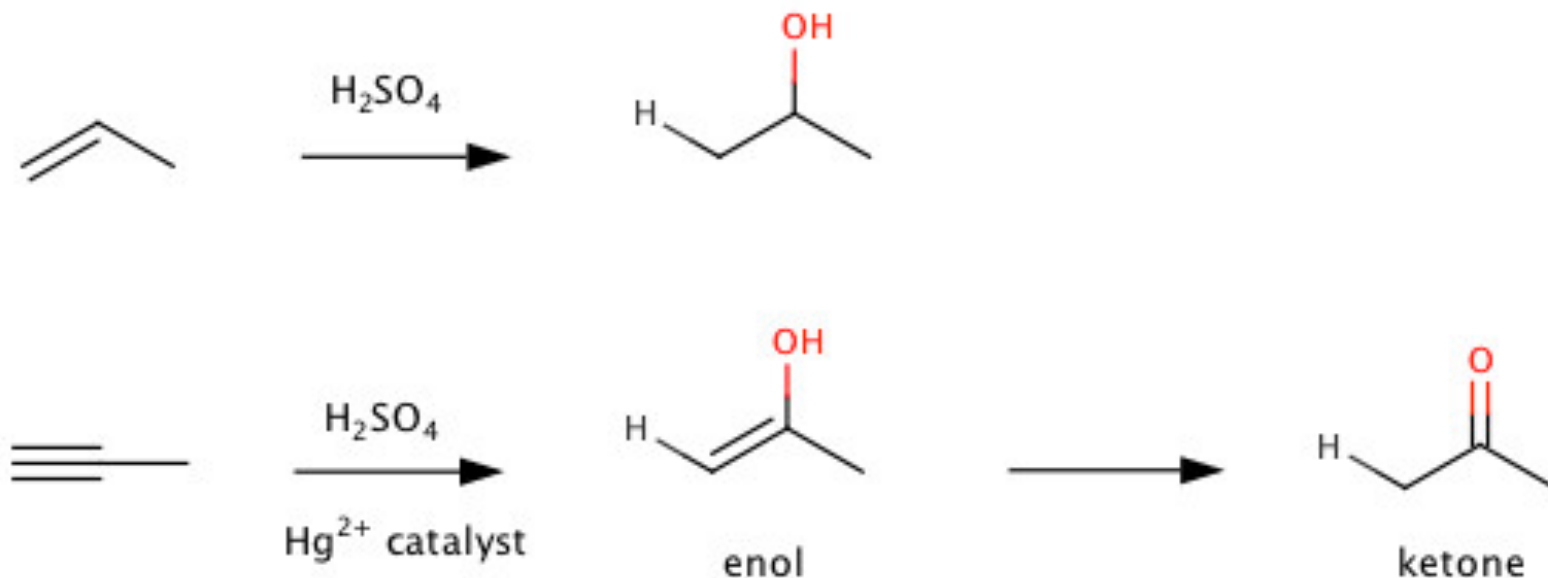
Addition of HX Produces Alkyl Halide or Dihalide with Excess HX



Addition of X_2 Produces 1, 2-dihaloalkene
Is cis or trans alkene formed?



Addition of HOH (H_2SO_4 (aq) and Hg^{2+} catalyst) Produces an Enol



Alkyne Addition with a twist:

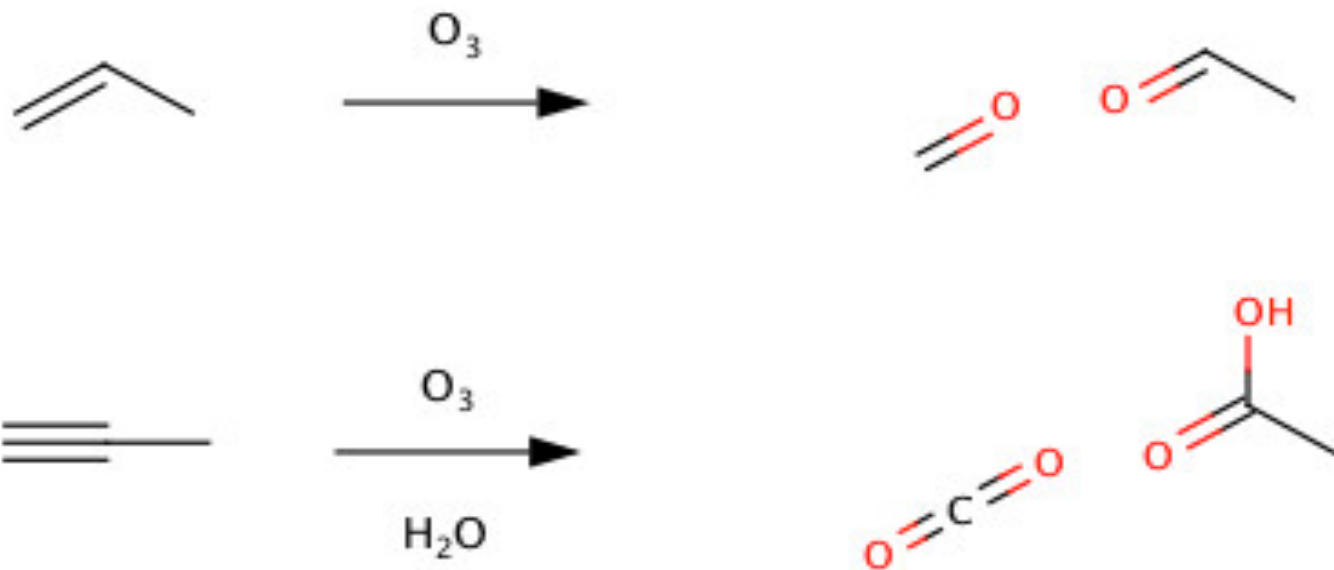
Enol Tautomerizes into a Ketone

Draw resonance structure of enol.

Ozonolysis Produces Carbonyl Compound (C=O)

Alkene + O₃ --> Aldehyde/Ketone

Alkyne + O₃ --> Acid or CO₂ from terminal alkyne

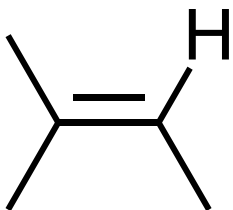


Use in Synthesis: **reduce** chain length, make carbonyl

Alkyne Addition Reactions Are Similar to Alkene Addition Reactions

Predict the product(s) of the following reactions:

Reaction Conditions	Alkene: Propylene	Alkyne: Propyne
H ₂ /catalyst		
HX		
X ₂		
H ₂ O/H ⁺ catalyst		
O ₃ / H ₂ O		

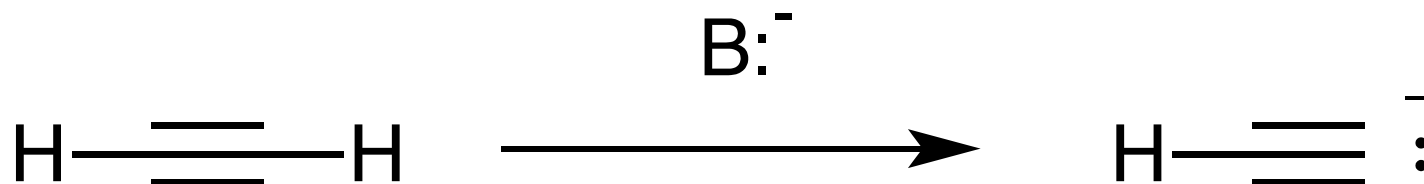


Ethylene has a pK_a of 44; acetylene has a pK_a of 25.

Acetylene is a _____ acid than ethylene; the conjugate base of acetylene is a _____ base than the conjugate base of ethylene.

- a. stronger/stronger
- b. stronger/weaker
- c. weaker/stronger
- d. weaker/weaker

Acetylene is a Very Weak Acid
Acetylene is a Stronger Acid than Ethylene
Acetylide Ion is a Very Strong Nucleophile



Acid-base: ***Acetylene is Weakly Acidic.***

pK_a of acetylene = 25

pK_a of ethylene = 44

pK_a of ethane = 50

Which base reacts with acetylene?

Which base reacts with acetylene?

Draw the structure of the products of the reaction.

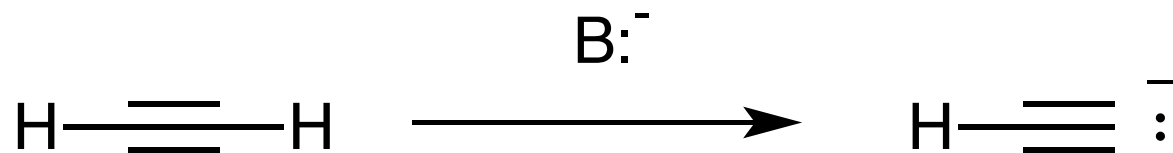
a. H_2O

b. OEt^-

c. NH_2^-

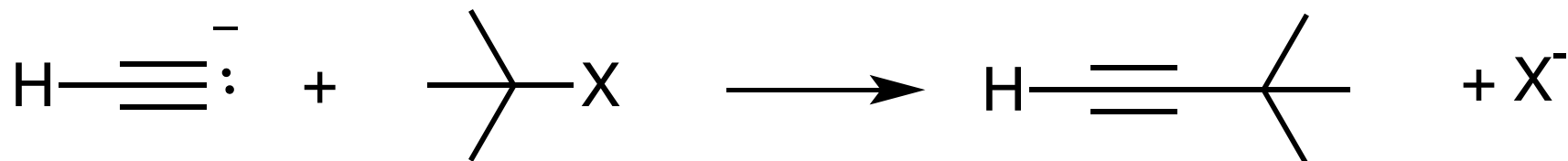


The Acetylide Ion ($\text{HC}\equiv\text{C}^-$) is a Very Strong Nu:



Acetylide ion is used in Synthesis:

Acetylide Ion reacts with R-X in a Substitution Reaction



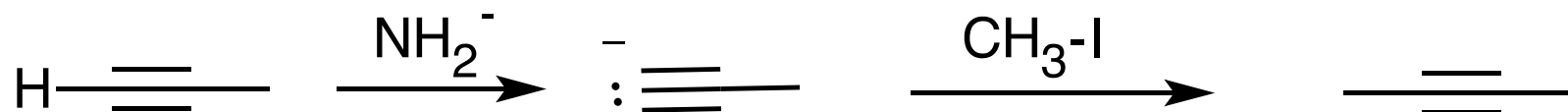
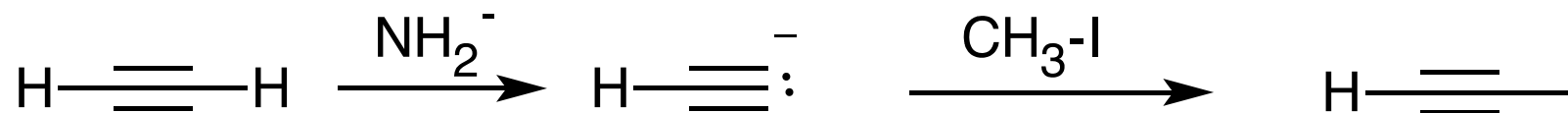
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The Acetylide Ion is Used to Make C-C Bonds

Synthesis: Acetylide as an Alkylating Agent to Lengthen Chain

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Acetylide ion undergoes substitution with:

(i) 1° RX

(ii) 2° RX

(iii) 3° RX

What is the mechanism type?

(iv) S_N1

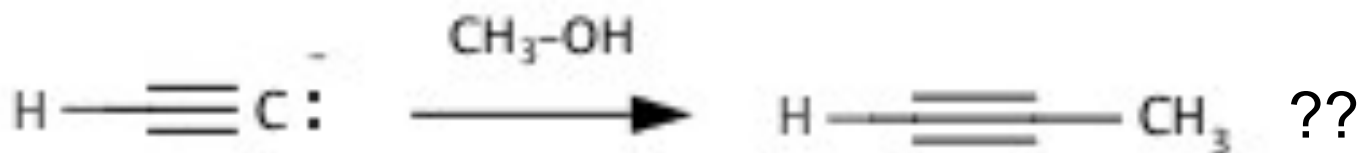
(v) S_N2

The Acetylide Ion is Used to Make C-C Bonds

Synthesis: Acetylide as an Alkylating Agent to Lengthen Chain

Acetylide reacts with 1° RX via S_N2 mechanism.

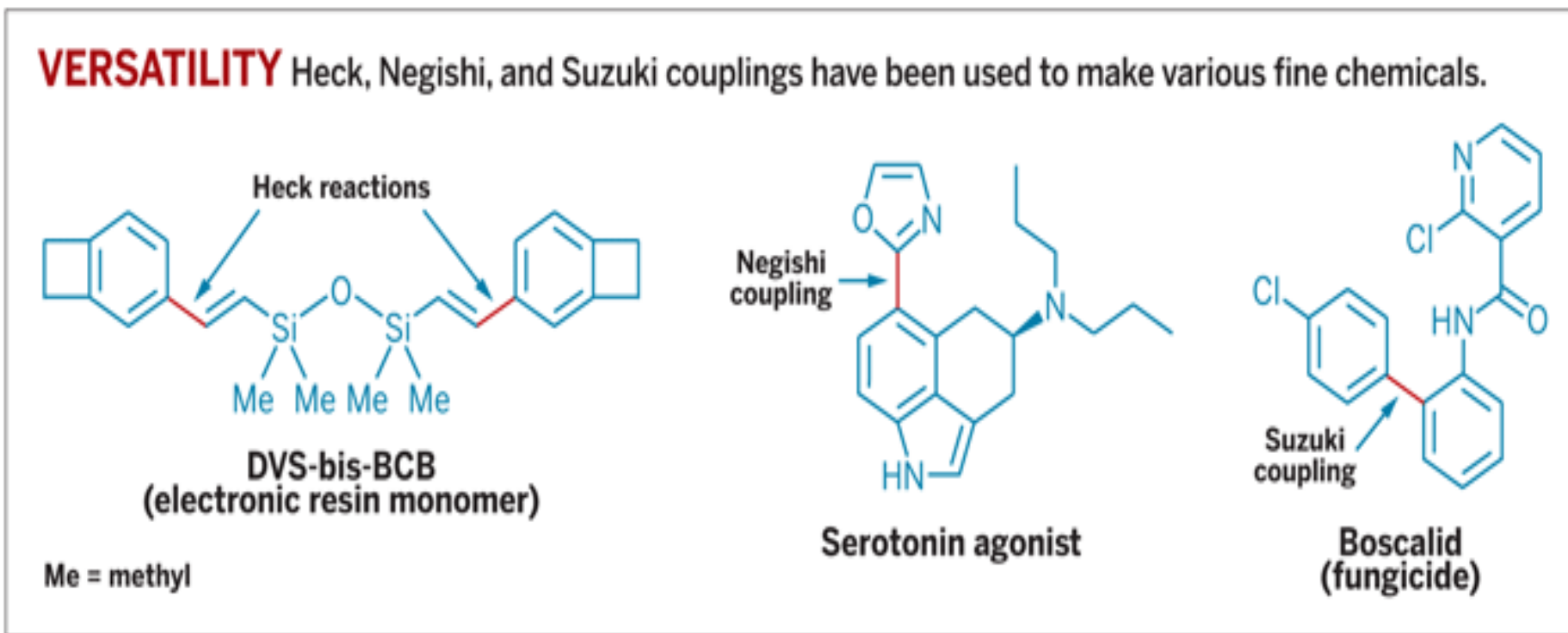
Use CH₃OH instead of CH₃I. Will same product form? Give reasons.



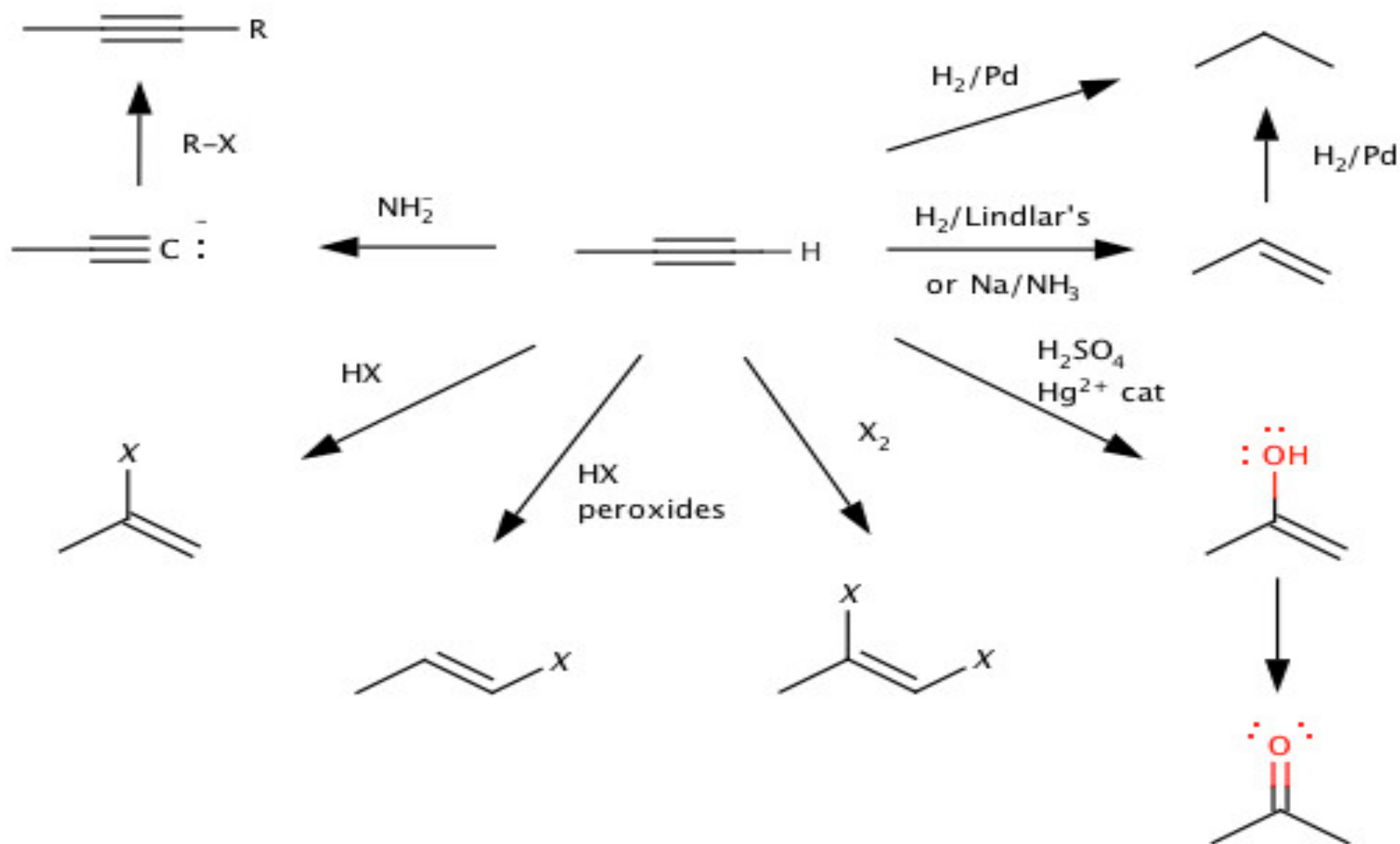
Carey, "Organic Chemistry", 8th ed., #9.25d and e, 29a and d.

Making C-C Bonds Is Important in Synthesis

1. Acetylide ion: $\text{HCC}^- + \text{R-X} \rightarrow$
2. 1912 Nobel Prize in Chemistry: Grignard reagent (Chem 12B)
 $\text{RMgX} + \text{aldehyde/ketone} \rightarrow$
3. 2010 Nobel Prize in Chemistry: Pd catalyzed cross coupling



Acetylide Ion is Used to Form C-C Bonds (Lengthen Chain) Alkynes Undergo Addition Reactions



Acetylene or Ethylene is Often used as a Starting Material in Synthesis

Alkynes can be Converted to Alkenes which can be converted to Alkanes

Many Syntheses Start from an Alkene or Go Through an Alkene to make the Target compound (alkene as “hub”)

Acetylene is used to Lengthen a Carbon Chain (via Substitution Rxn)

Klein, Ch. 10#53

Alkynes Are Like Alkenes

Alkynes, like Alkenes, are Prepared via ***Elimination*** Reaction

Alkynes, like Alkenes, undergo ***Addition*** Reactions

Alkynes are ***Stronger Acids*** than Alkenes



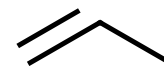
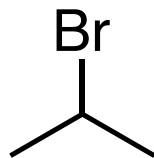
The Acetylide ion (HC≡C:⁻) is a very good Nu:⁻

====> used in Substitution reactions

====> used to make C-C bonds

Alkynes are Like Alkenes

How do you make an alkene?

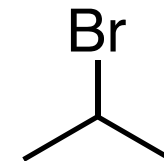
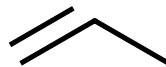


How do you make an alkyne? ??

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What is the alkene addition product?



What is the alkyne addition product?



HBr



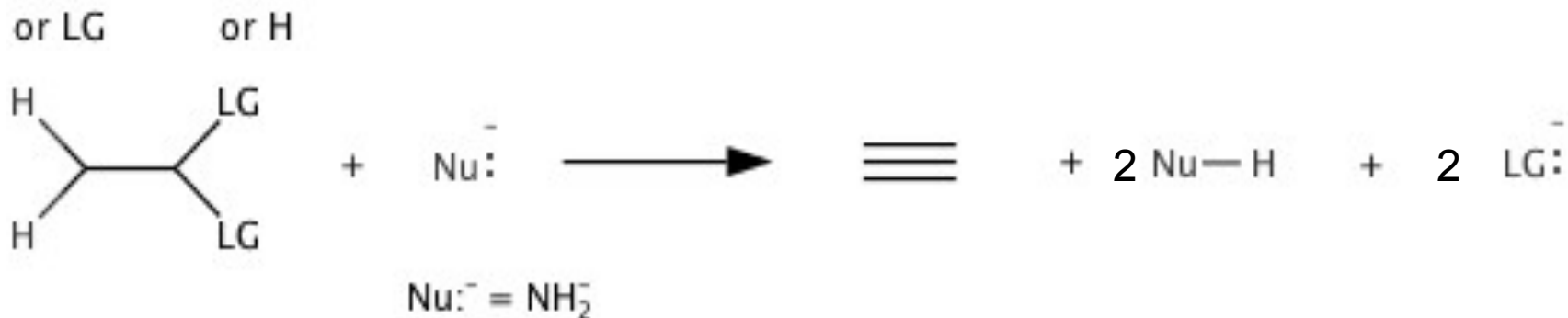
Lab: Alkynes are Prepared by an Elimination Reaction from a Dihalide

Elimination Reaction: $R-LG + Nu:^- \rightarrow \text{alkene} + Nu-H + LG^-$

What LG is used?



$R-LG_2 + NaNH_2 \rightarrow \text{alkyne} + Nu-H + LG^-$ where $LG = X$

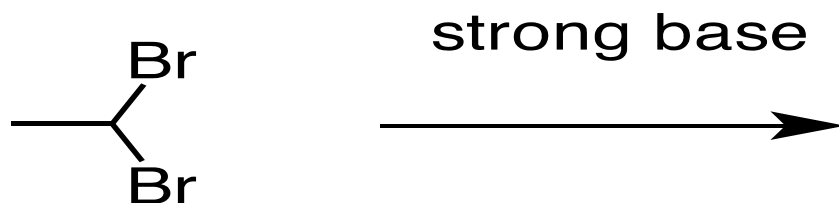
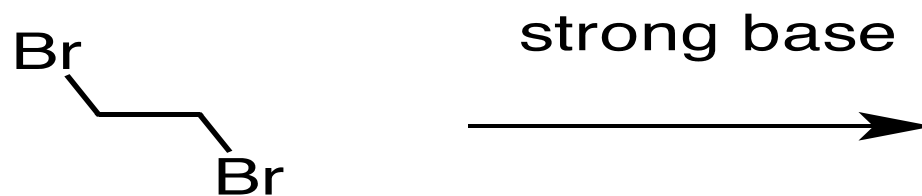
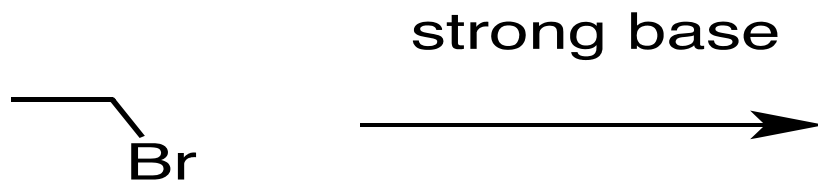


Vicinal dihalide = X on adjacent C

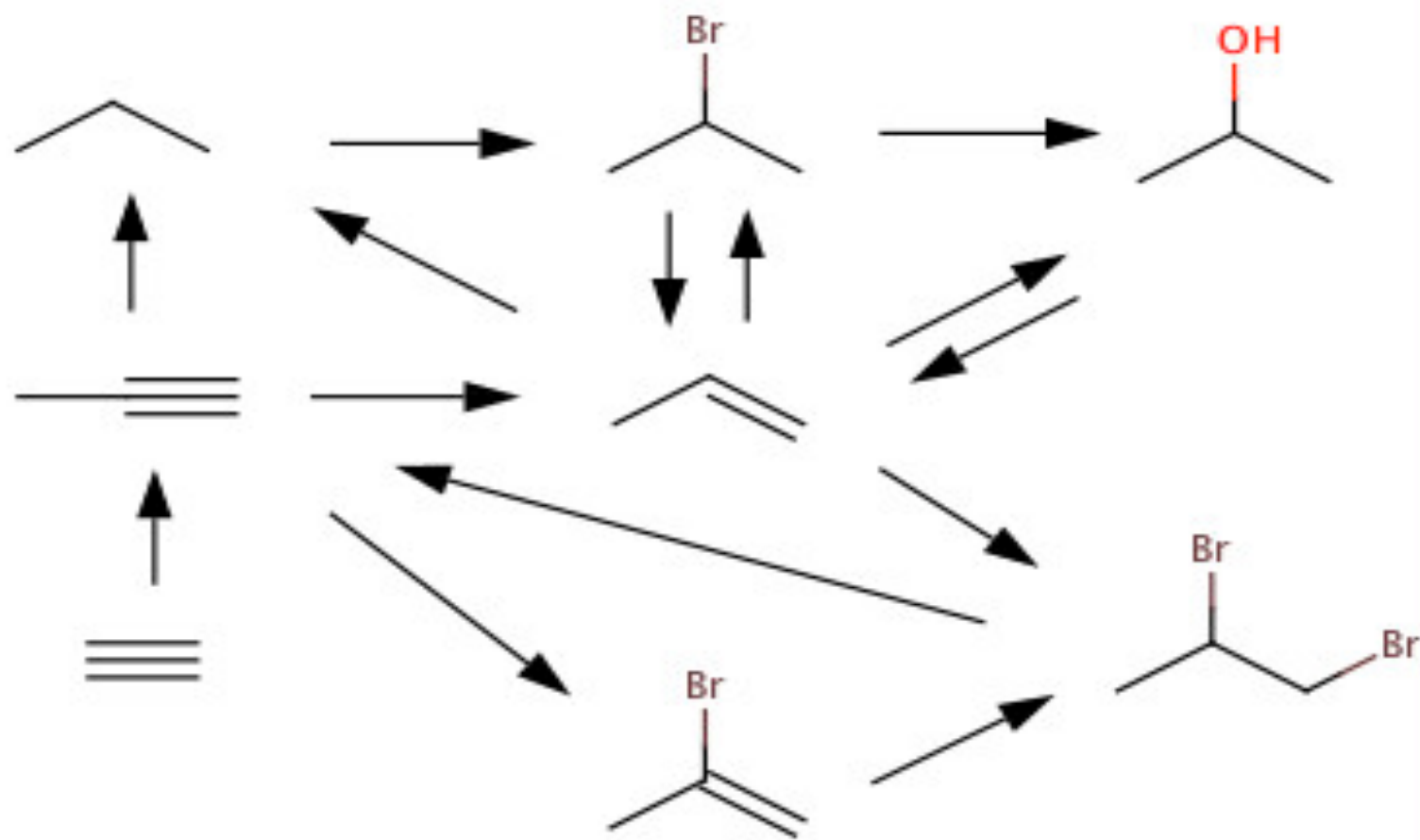
Geminal (“twins”) dihalide = X on same C

Carey, “Organic Chemistry”, 8th ed., #9.22a, 29b and c

Which method does not work to make acetylene?



Add Alkyne Reactions to your Organic Reaction Map
Note: Alkenes are the “hub” to make different groups



Klein, 1st ed., #10.40 and 41 and 46 and 52

Carey, 8th ed., #9.21, 22b, 23c, 24, 31, 33, 34, 36