



# Alcohols and Phenols

## Chapter 7

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## ► Reactions of Alcohols and Phenols:

### I. Alcohols and Phenols as acids: Salt Formation

### II. Oxidation

#### A. Oxidation of Alcohols

#### B. Oxidation of Phenols

### III. Reactions Involving Carbon-Hydroxyl Bond Breaking

#### A. Formation of ester

#### B. Replacement of the OH Group by Halide: Alkyl Halides

1- Reaction with Hydrogen halides HX

2- Reaction thionylhalide  $\text{SOX}_2$

3- Reaction with phosphorus trihalide  $\text{PX}_3$  or  $\text{PX}_5$

#### C. Dehydration of Alcohols: Formation of Alkenes

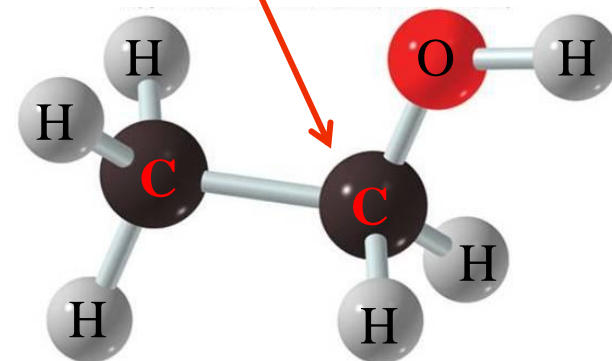
# Alcohols

## Introduction

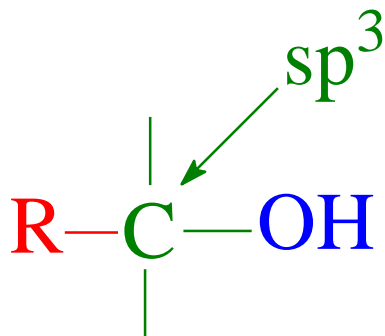
-Alcohols are characterized by *the hydroxyl group* -OH

-The general formula for Alcohols is  $\text{R}-\text{OH}$

Carbinol carbon



The C-OH group is called *the carbinol group*, and the carbon of this group is called “*carbinol carbon*”.

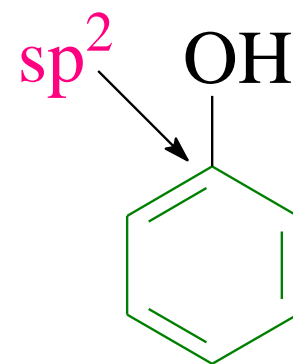
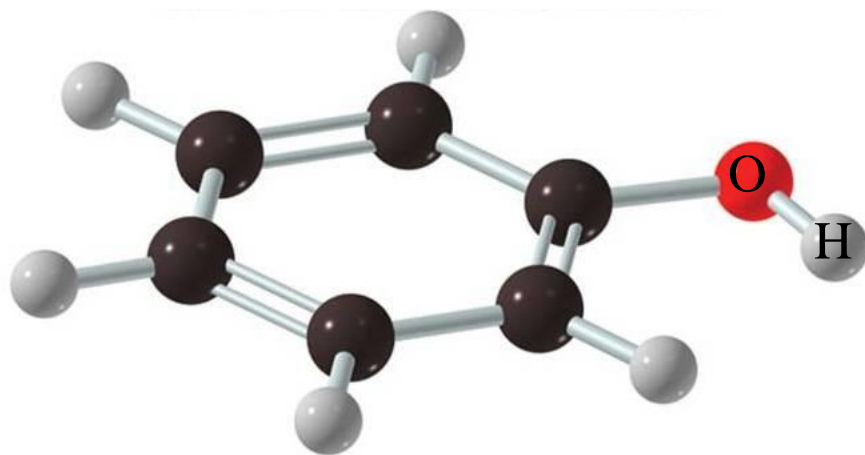


As all alcohols are the compounds containing hydroxyl group (-OH) attached to *the alkyl group*, so the *carbinol carbon* hybridization is  $sp^3$

# Phenols

Or, Aryl alcohols

- are hydroxyl derivatives of aromatic hydrocarbons, which are derived by replacing hydrogen atom attached to  $sp^2$  hybridized carbon atom(s) of benzene ring by hydroxyl group.

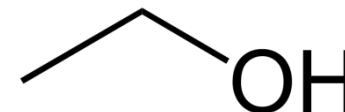
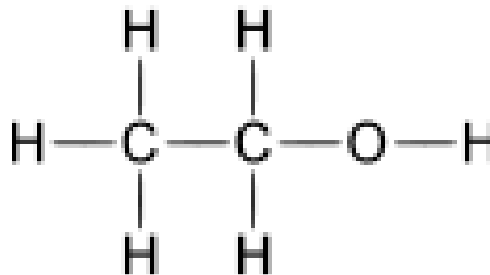


Phenols , ArOH

# Types Of Alcohols

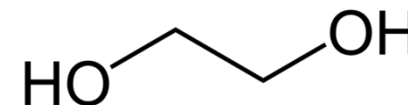
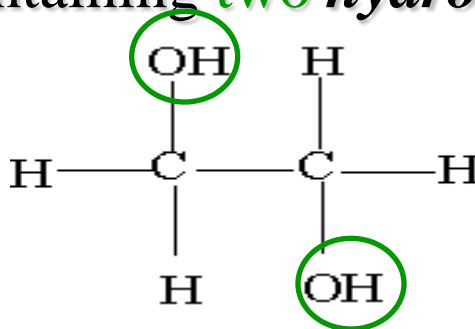
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**Example;** ethanol ( $C_2H_5OH$ )



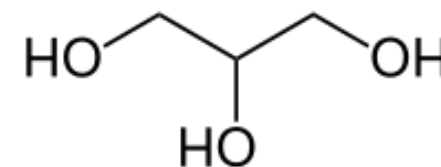
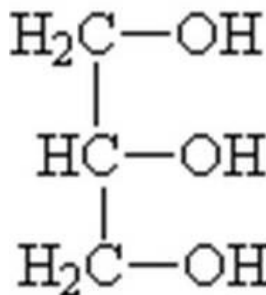
**2. Dihydroxyls (glycols):** containing **two hydroxyl groups** connected by different carbon atoms

**Example;** Ethylene glycol ( $CH_2OH-CH_2OH$ ).



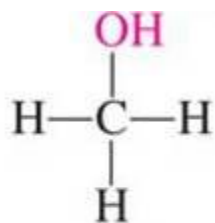
**3. Polyhydroxyls:** containing **more than two hydroxyl groups** on different carbon atoms

**Example;** 1,2,3-propanetriol ( $CH_2OH-CHOH-CH_2OH$ ).

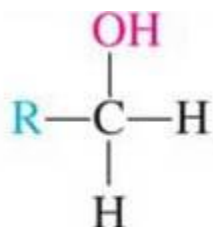


# Classification of Monohydroxyl Alcohols

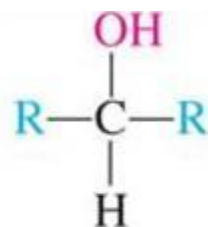
➤ *The mono hydroxyl alcohols* can be classified into three types according to the type of the carbon atom connected to *the hydroxyl group*:



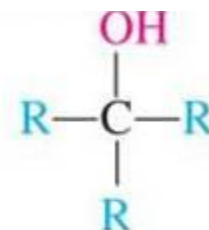
Methyl alcohol



1° Alcohol



2° Alcohol



3° Alcohol



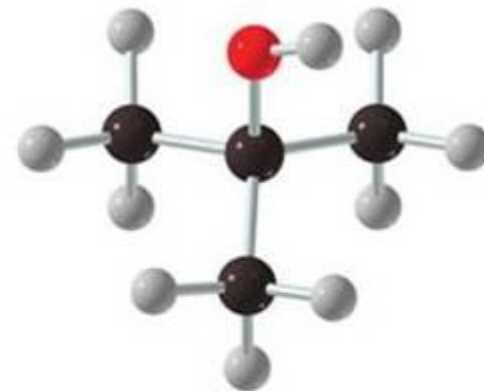
Methanol  
(methyl alcohol)



Ethanol  
(1° alcohol)



2-Propanol  
(2° alcohol)



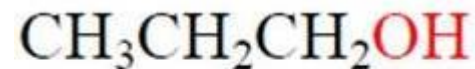
2-Methyl-2-propanol  
(3° alcohol)

# Nomenclature

## 1) Common Nomenclature (Alkyl + alcohol)

- You can use both **the common** and **IUPAC systems** to name **alcohols**.
- In ***the common system***, you **name an alcohol** by listing **the alkyl group** and adding the word ***alcohol***.

### -Some examples of alcohols and their common names:

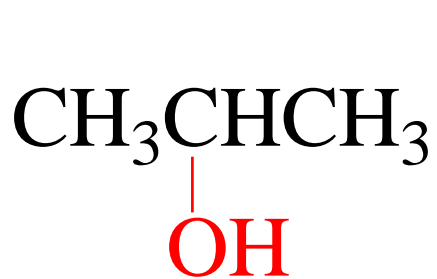


**Methyl alcohol**

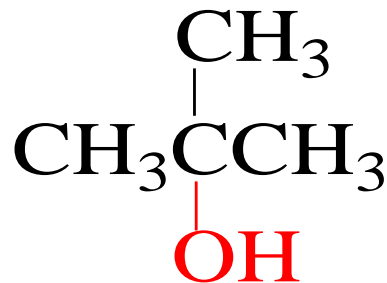
**Ethyl alcohol**

**propyl alcohol**

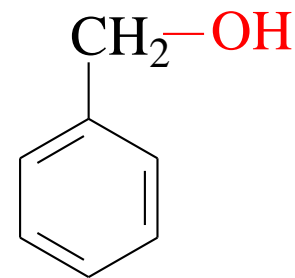




**Isopropyl alcohol**



**t-butyl alcohol**



**Benzyl alcohol**



**Vinyl alcohol**

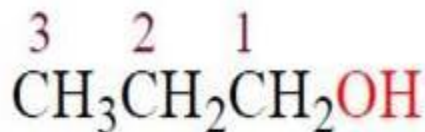


**Allyl alcohol**

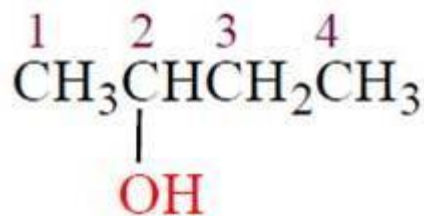
## 2) IUPAC Nomenclature

- 1) Select the **longest continuous carbon chain** *to which the hydroxyl is directly attached*.
- 2) Change the name of the **alkane** corresponding to this chain by dropping the final **-e** and adding the *suffix -ol*
- 3) Number the longest continuous carbon chain so as to give the carbon atom bearing the hydroxyl group the lower number.

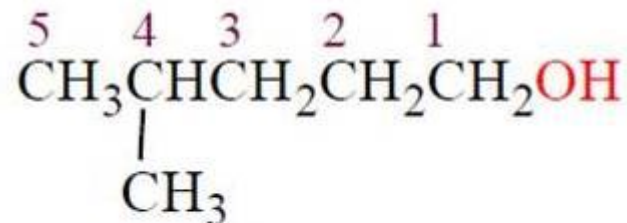
### *Examples*



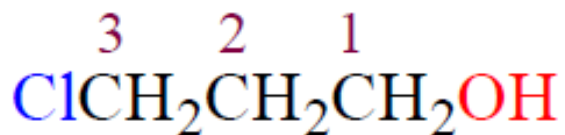
**1-Propanol**



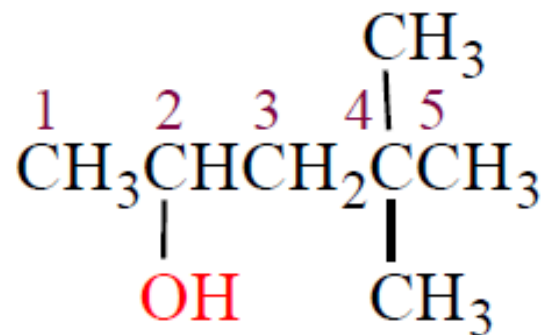
**2-Butanol**



**4-Methyl-1-pentanol**  
(not 2-methyl-5-pentanol)

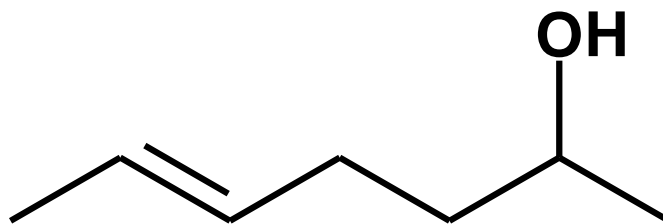


**3-Chloro-1-propanol**



**4,4-Dimethyl-2-pentanol**

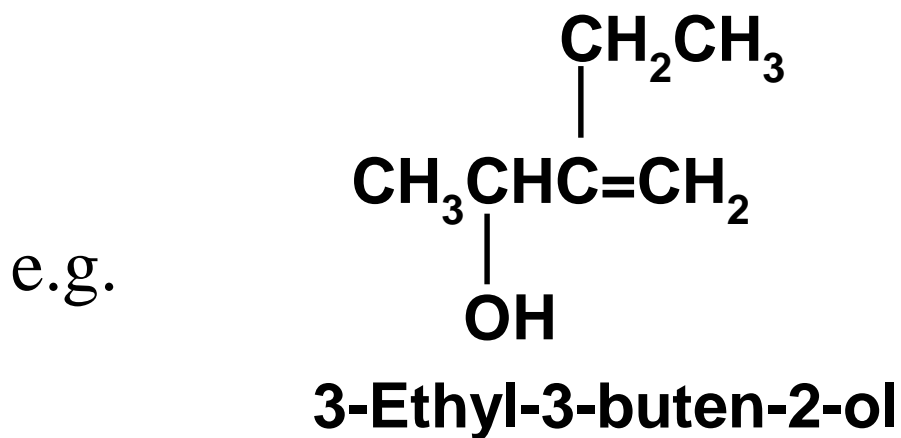
4) **OH group** is preferred over the **double** or **triple bond** in numbering.

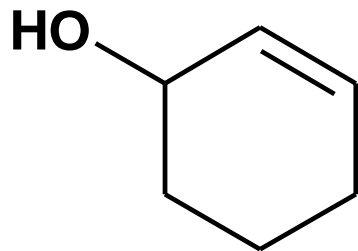


**5-Hepten-2-ol**

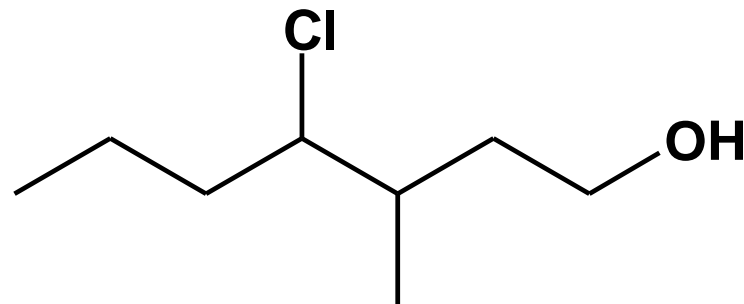
notice the removal of the (e)

5) If a compound contains both **OH** and a **double** or **triple bond**, choose the chain that *include them both* even if this is not the longest chain.

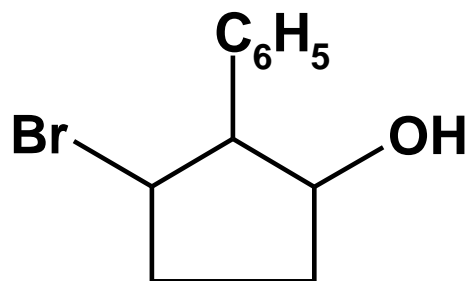




2-Cyclohexenol



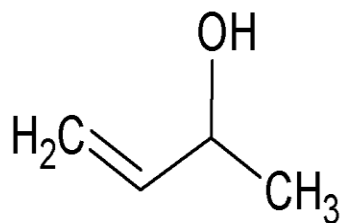
4-Chloro-3-methyl-heptan-1-ol



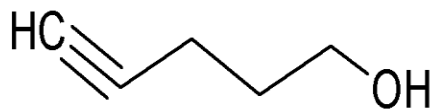
3-Bromo-2-phenyl cyclopentanol



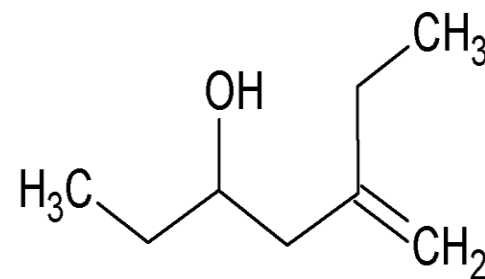
3-Butyn-2-ol



3-buten-2-ol

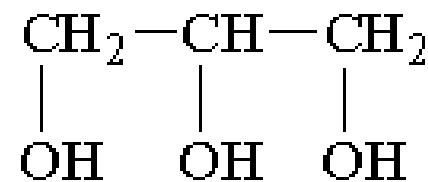
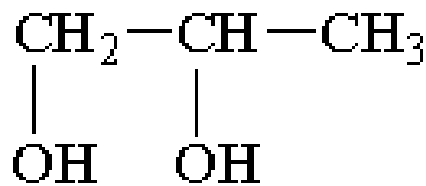
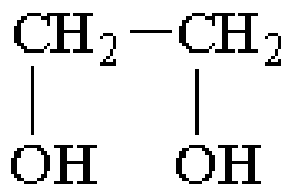


4-Pentyn-1-ol



5-Ethyl-5-hexen-3-ol

- In the IUPAC system, the suffix **diol** is added to the name of the parent hydrocarbon when **two hydroxyl groups** are present, and the suffix **triol** is added when there are **three OH** groups.
- Common names, **two OH groups** on adjacent carbons are known as **1,2-glycols**.



**IUPAC**      **1,2-Ethandiol**

**1,2-Propanediol**

**1,2,3-Propanetriol**

**Common**    **Ethylene glycol**

**propylene glycol**

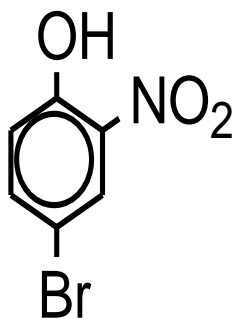
**glycerol or glycerin**

# Nomenclature Of Phenols

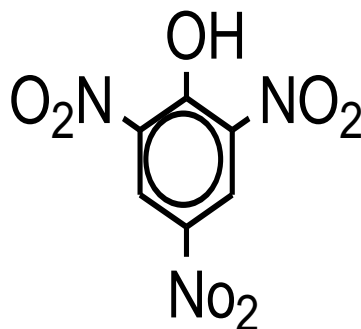
- Compounds that have a **hydroxyl group** attached directly to a **benzene ring** are called **phenols**.
- The **ortho**, **meta**, **para** system is **used in common names**.
- While the numbering system is employed in IUPAC names and in this case numbering of the ring begins at the hydroxyl-substituted carbon and proceeds in **the direction of the next substituted carbon that possesses the lower number**.



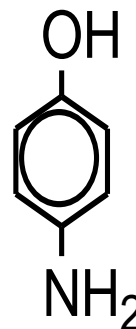
Phenol



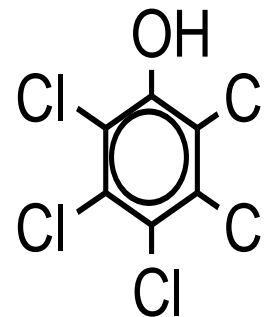
4-Bromo-2-nitrophenol



2,4,6-Trinitrophenol



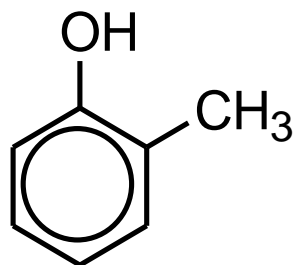
4-Aminophenol



2,3,4,5,6-Pentachlorophenol

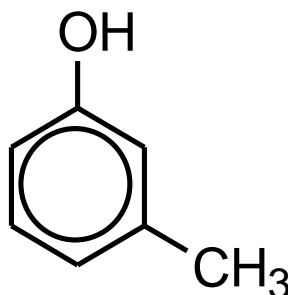
**Common name: Picric acid**

➤ Some phenols have **common names** as shown in the following examples



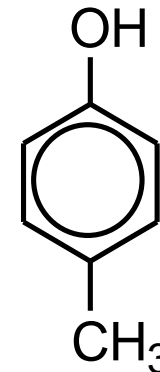
**IUPAC:** 2-Methyl-phenol

**Common:** *o*-Cresol



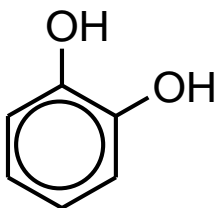
**IUPAC:** 3-Methyl-phenol

**Common:** *m*-Cresol



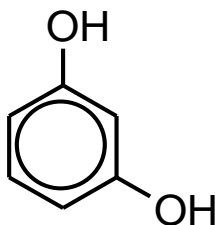
**IUPAC:** 4-Methyl-phenol

**Common:** *p*-Cresol



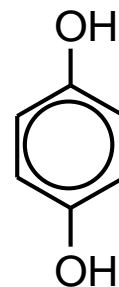
**IUPAC:** 2-Hydroxyphenol  
or 1,2-Benzenediol

**Common:** Catechol



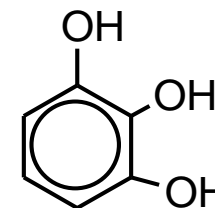
**IUPAC:** 3,4-Dihydroxyphenol

**Common:** Resorcinol



**IUPAC:** 1,4-Dihydroxybenzene

**Common:** Hydroquinone



**IUPAC:** 1,2,3-Trihydroxybenzene

**Common:** Pyrogallol

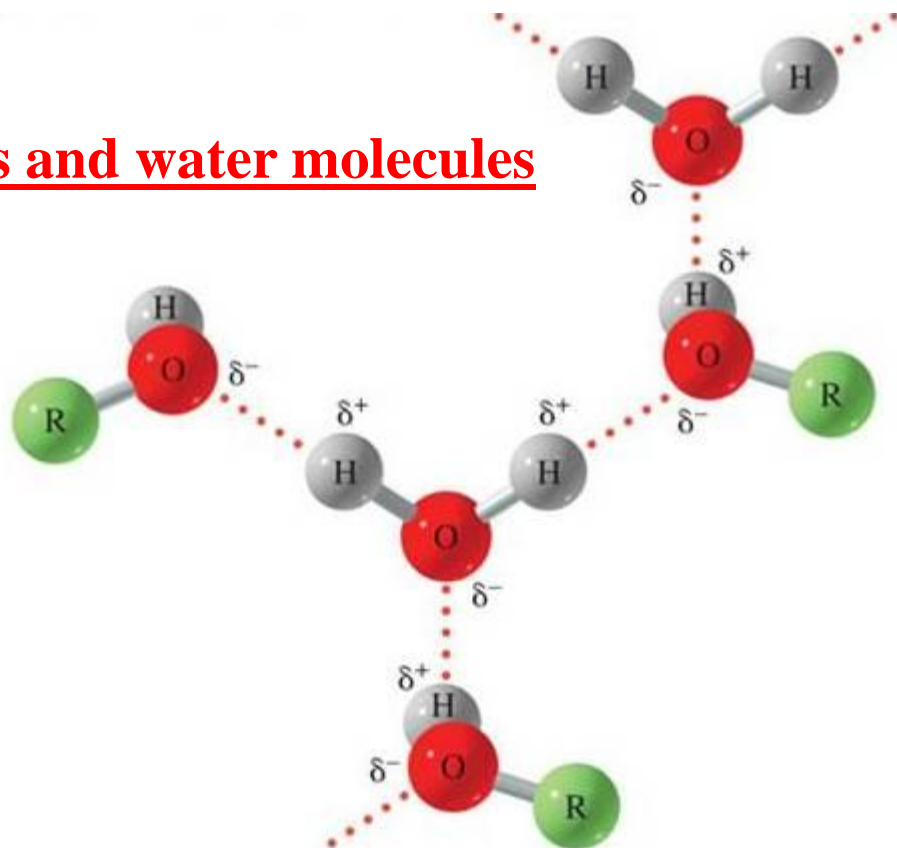
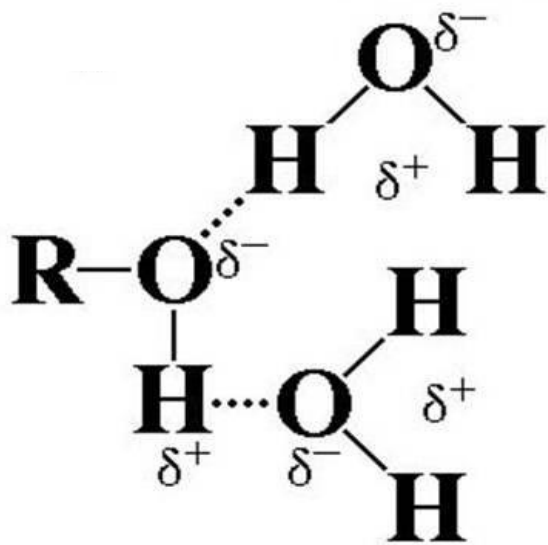


# Physical Properties of Alcohols & Phenols

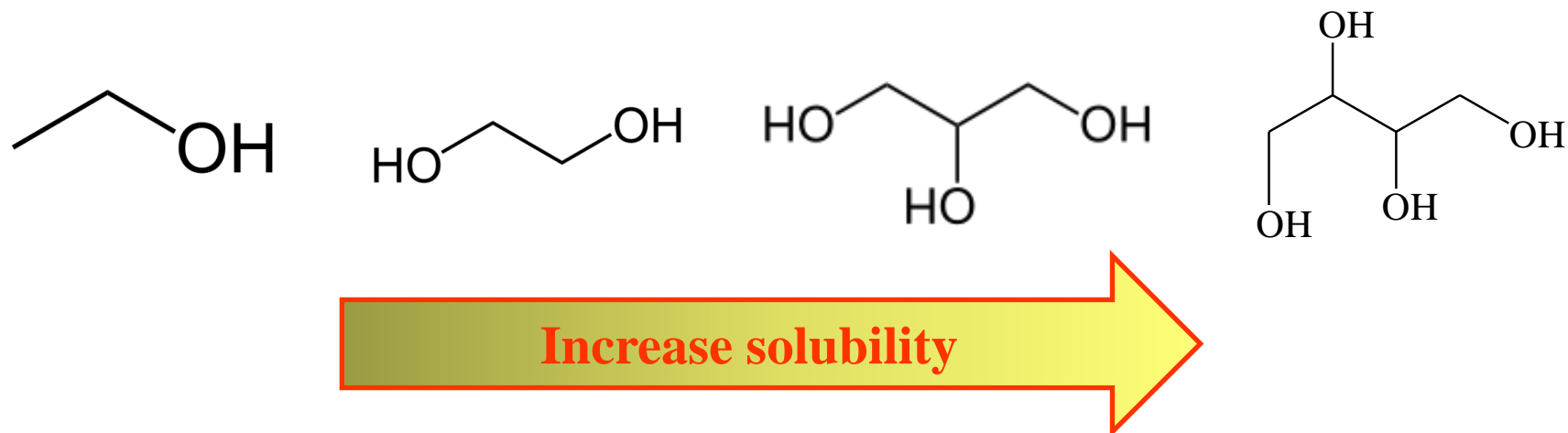
- The lower members of **alcohols** are colorless, **volatile liquids** with a **characteristic alcoholic smell** and **burning taste** whereas **higher alcohols** are **odorless** and **tasteless**.  
Higher alcohols having 12 or more carbon atoms are colorless waxy solids.
- **Phenols** are **colorless**, **crystalline solids** or **liquids**.
- **Solubility of alcohols** The first three members are completely **miscible** with **water**. The solubility rapidly **decreases** with **increase in molecular mass**. The **higher members** are almost **insoluble** in **water** but are soluble in organic solvents like **benzene**, ether etc.

•The solubility of lower alcohols is due to the existence of **hydrogen bonds** between **water** and **polar -OH group** of alcohol molecules. **Phenols** too are sparingly soluble in **water**. The **-OH group** in **alcohols** and **phenols** contain a hydrogen bonded to an electronegative oxygen atom. Thus they form hydrogen bonds with water molecules.

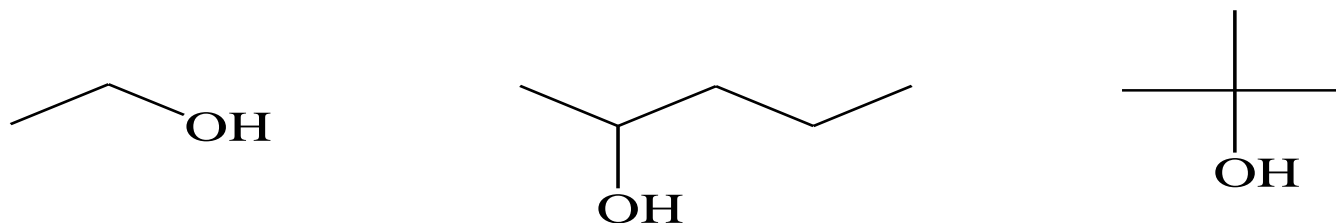
### Hydrogen bonding between alcohols and water molecules



- The number of **hydroxyl groups** increases the solubility.



- The solubility **increases** with **branching of chain**.



- **Phenols** are sparingly soluble in **water** but readily **soluble in organic solvents** ..

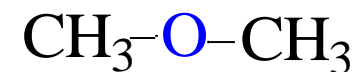
- **Boiling points of alcohols** Boiling point of alcohols are **much higher** than those of **alkenes**, **halo alkenes** or **ethers** of comparable molecular masses.



Eyhanol



*n*-propane



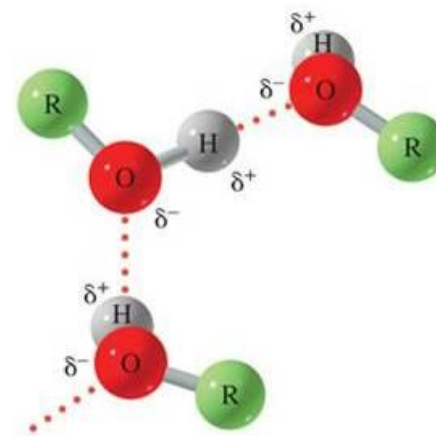
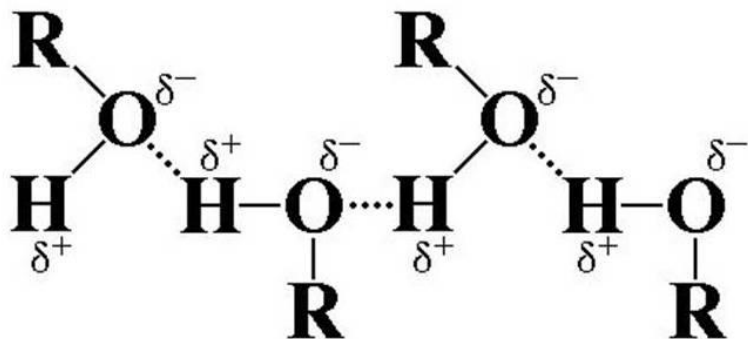
Dimethylether

Mol wt = 46; bp= 78°C

Mol wt = 44; bp= -42°C

Mol wt = 46; bp= -24°C

- This is because in **alcohols intermolecular hydrogen bonding** exists due to which a **large amount of energy** is required to break these bonds.

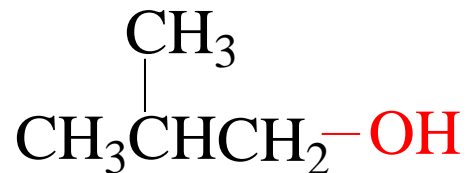


- Among isomeric alcohols, the boiling point decreases with increase in branching in the alkyl group.



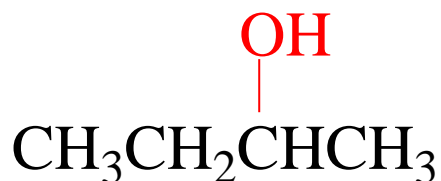
1-Butanol

(mol wt = 74; bp = 118°C)



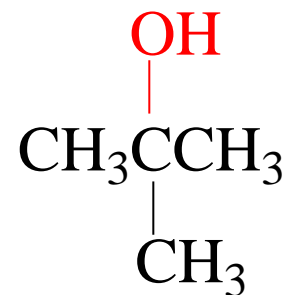
2-Methyl-1-propanol

(mol wt = 74; bp = 108°C)



2-Butanol

(mol wt = 74; bp = 99.5°C)



2-Methyl-2-propanol

(mol wt = 74; bp = 83°C)

- Boiling points of 1° alcohol > 2° alcohol > 3° alcohol
- boiling points increase with the increase of number of hydroxyl groups .

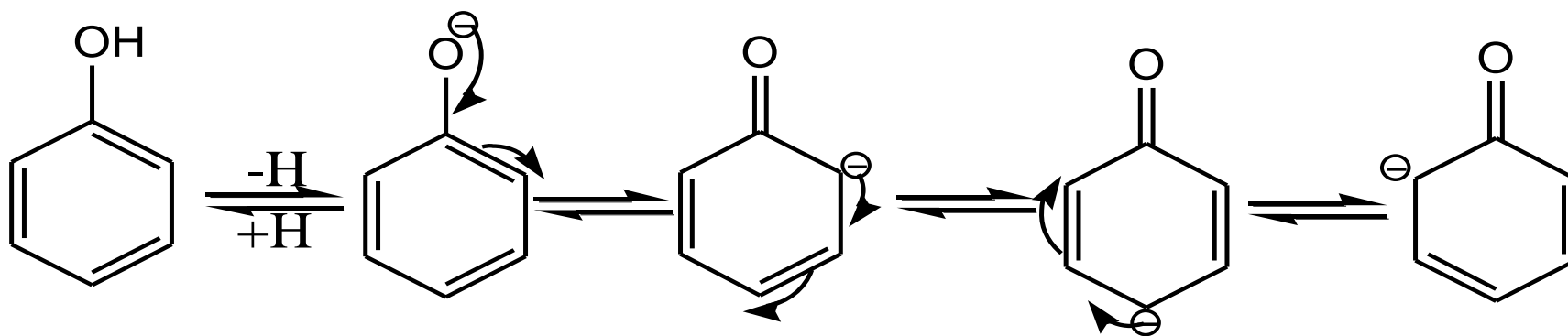
# Acidity of Alcohols & Phenols

- Due to the electronegativity of the O atoms, alcohols are *slightly acidic* (pKa 16-18)
- The anion derived by the deprotonation of an alcohol is the **alkoxide**.
- Alcohols and phenols have weak acidic properties.

- Phenols are **much stronger acids** than alcohols.

Why ??

Because the negative charge in oxygen is dispersed by resonance through the benzene ring.

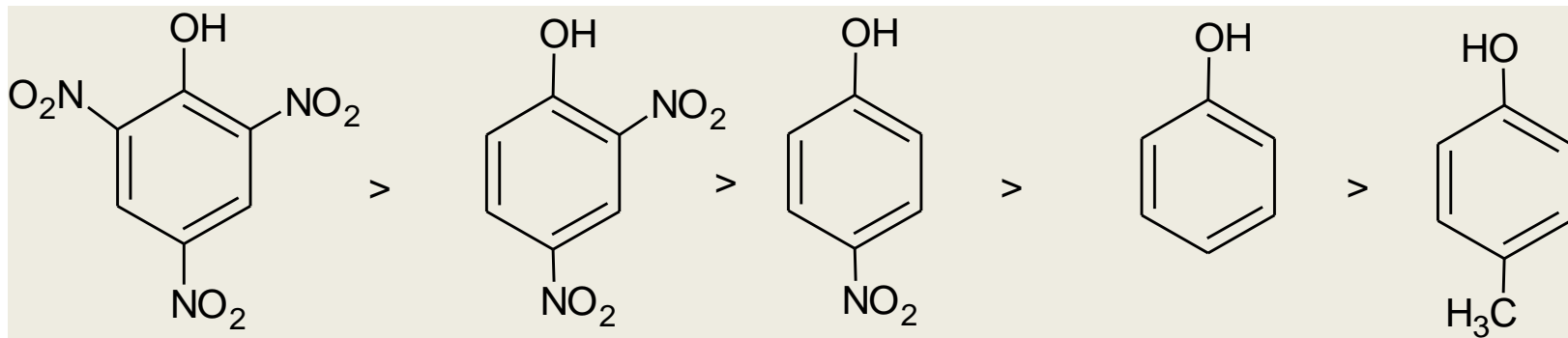


**Resonance structures of phenoxide anion**

# Effect of substituents on the acidity of phenols

- Introduction of **electron-withdrawing groups (EWG)**, such as  $\text{NO}_2$  or  $\text{CN}$ ,  $\text{X}$  on the ring **increases the acidity** of phenol.
- Also, introducing **electron-donating groups (EDG)**, such as  $\text{NH}_2$ ,  $\text{R}$ ,  $\text{OR}$  **decrease the acidity** of phenols.
- The electron **donating** or **withdrawing** effect is generally more pronounced if **the substituted** is **present at o- and p- position**.
- The **greater the number of electron withdrawing at o- and p- position**, **more in the acidic character** of phenol.

## Acidity order





Example: In each of the following pairs of compounds, indicate which is more acidic.

(a) *p*-chlorophenol or *p*-nitrophenol

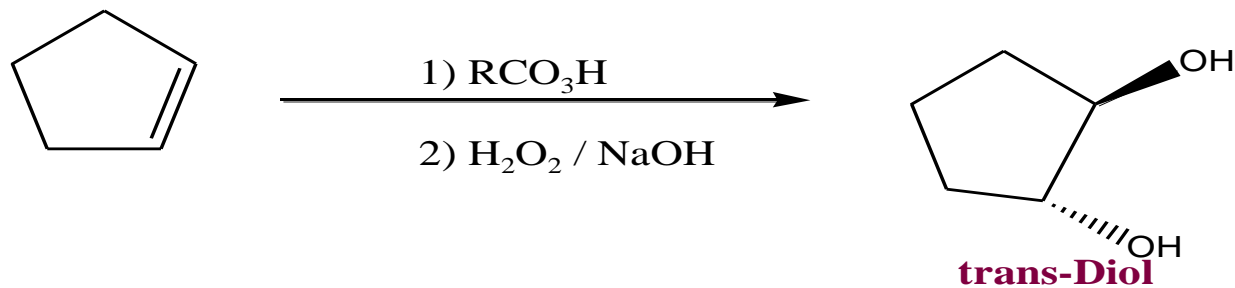
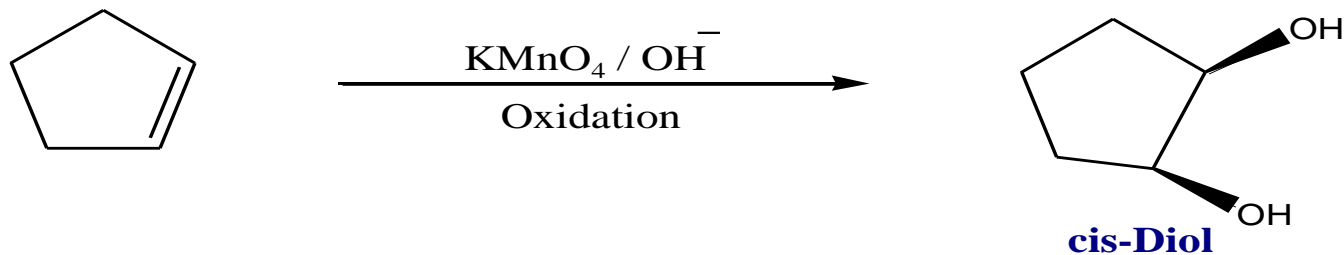
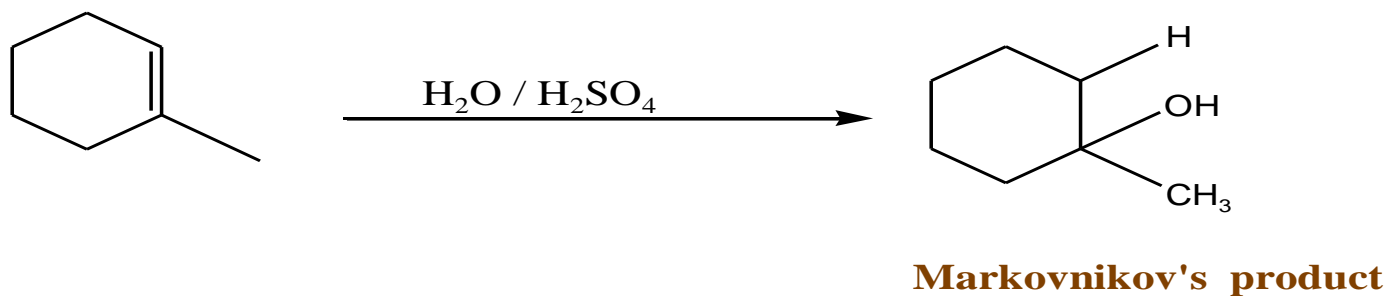
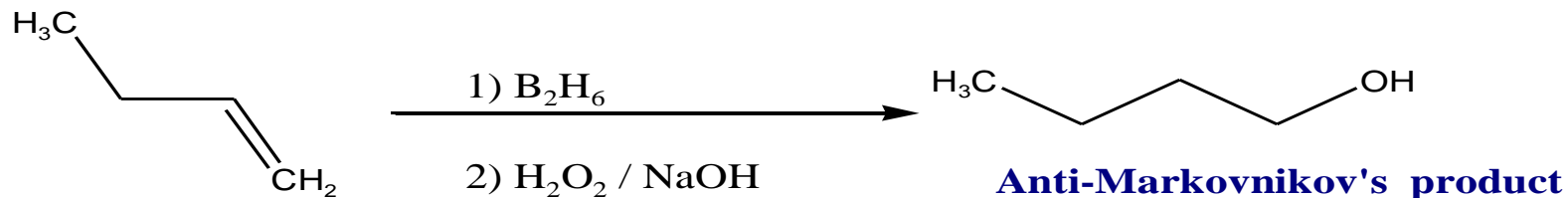
(b) *o*-Iodophenol or *p*-Iodophenol

(c) *o*-Creasol or *o*-Nitrophenol

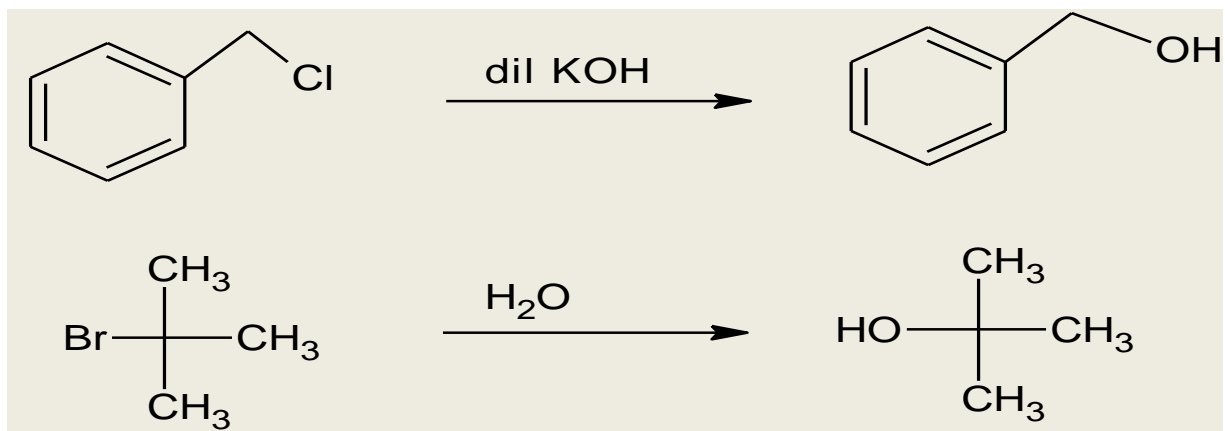
(d) *o*-Nitrophenol or *m*-Nitrophenol

# A. Preparation of alcohols:

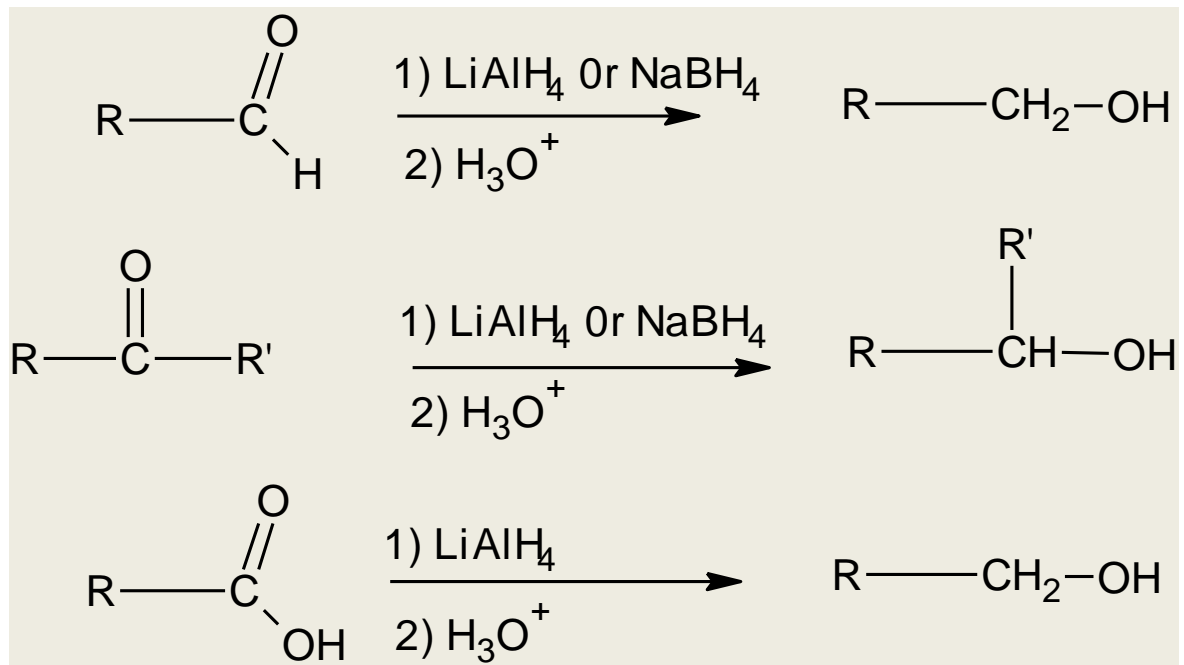
## 1- From alkenes



## 2- From alkyl halide

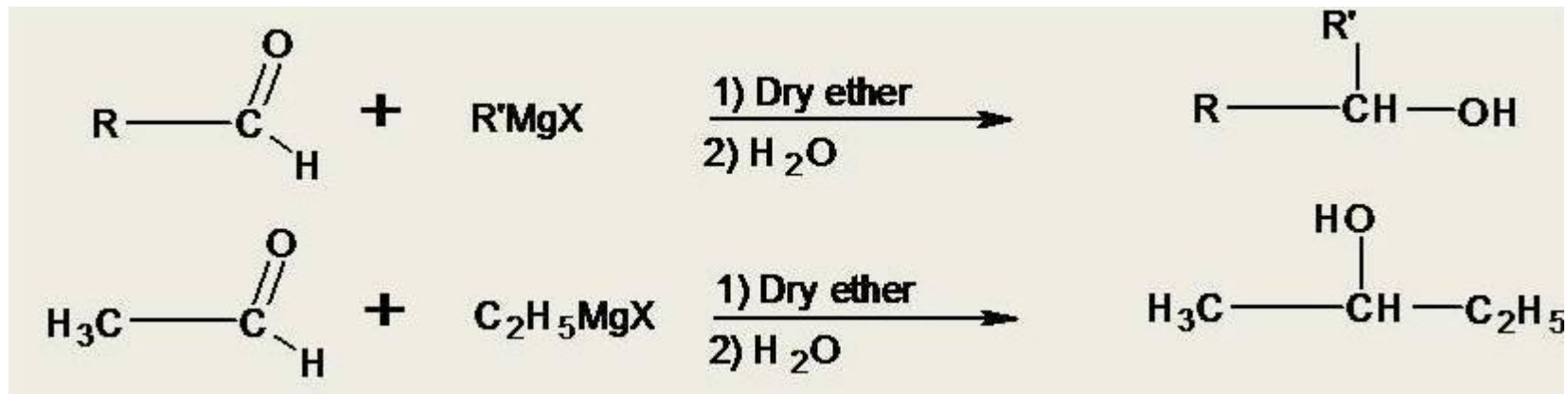


## 3- From aldehyde, ketone and carboxylic acid (Reduction reaction)

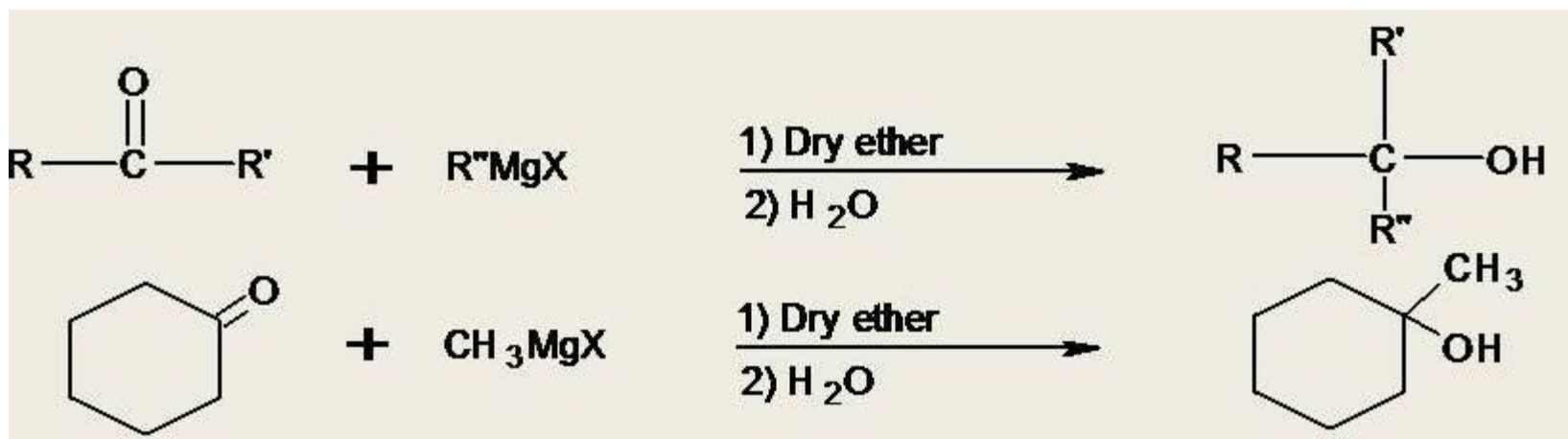


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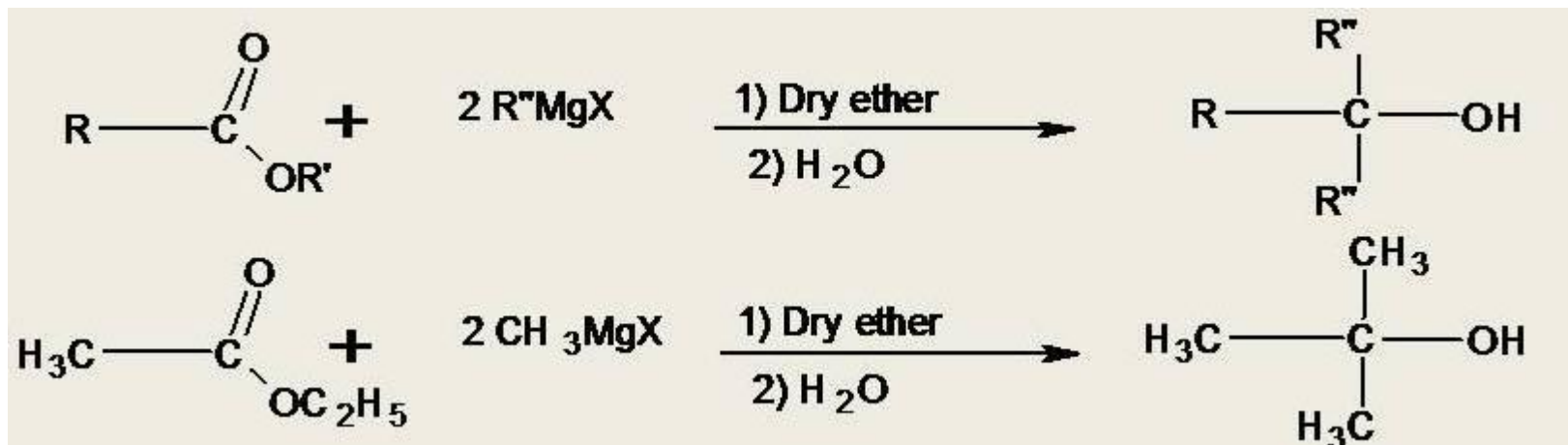
### Reaction with Aldehyde



### Reaction with ketone

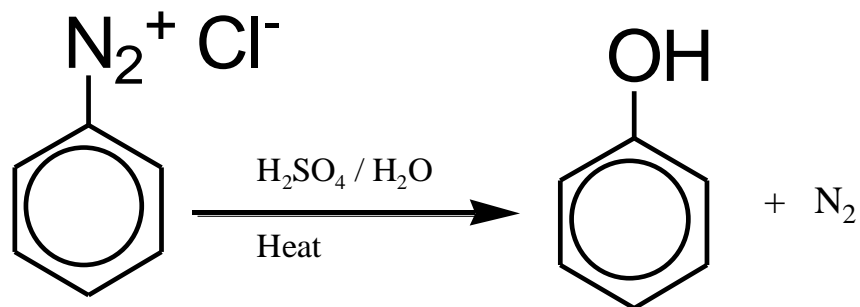


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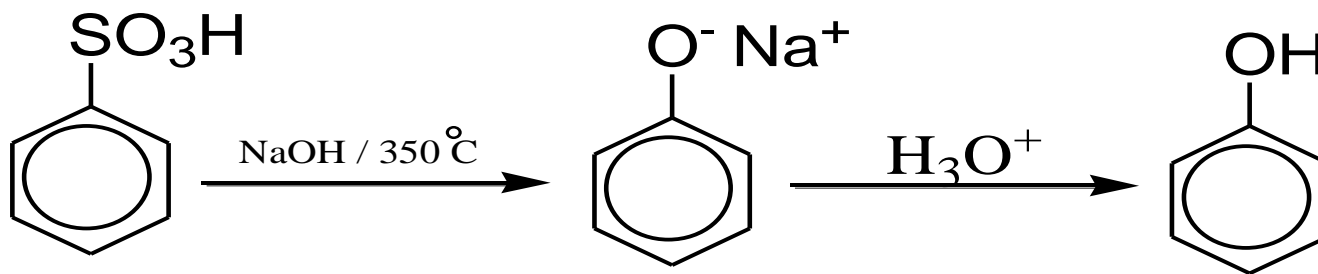


# Preparation of Phenols

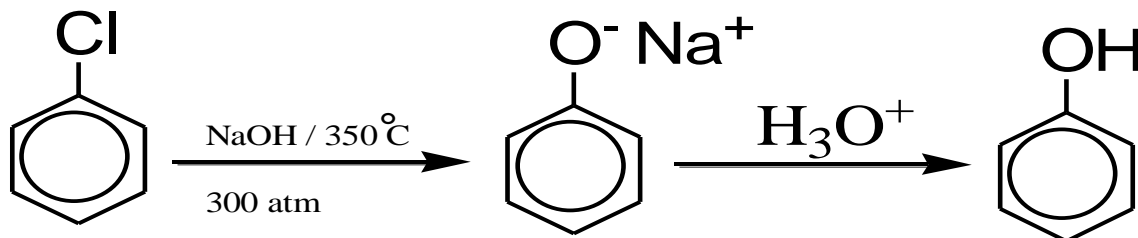
## 1- Hydrolysis of Diazonium salts



## 2- Fusion of sodium with benzene-sulfonates:

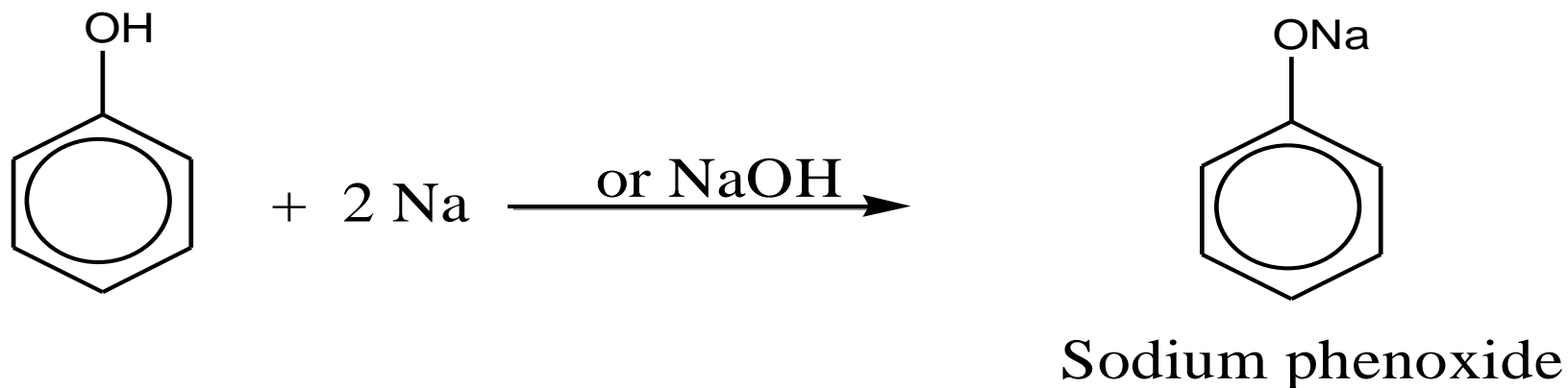


## 3- From alkyl halide:



# Reaction of Alcohols and Phenols

## 1) Salt Formation By Reaction With Active Metals



## 2) Elimination Of Water (Dehydration)

Reagent/catalyst

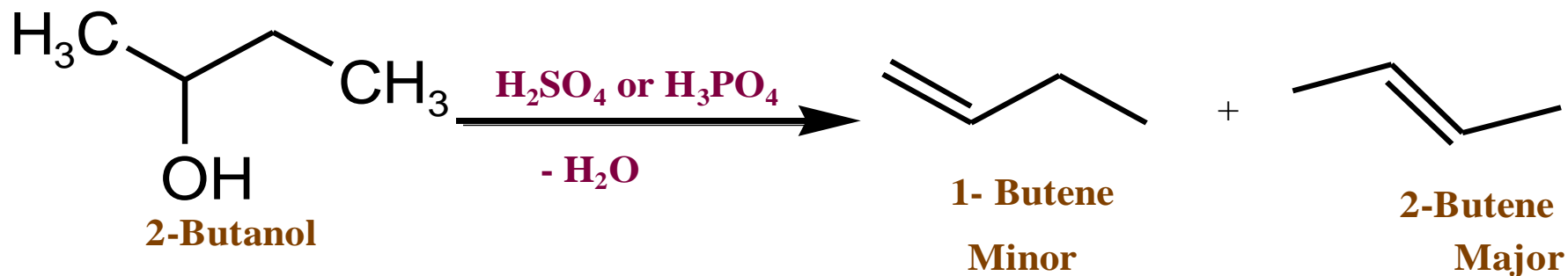
Conditions

Product

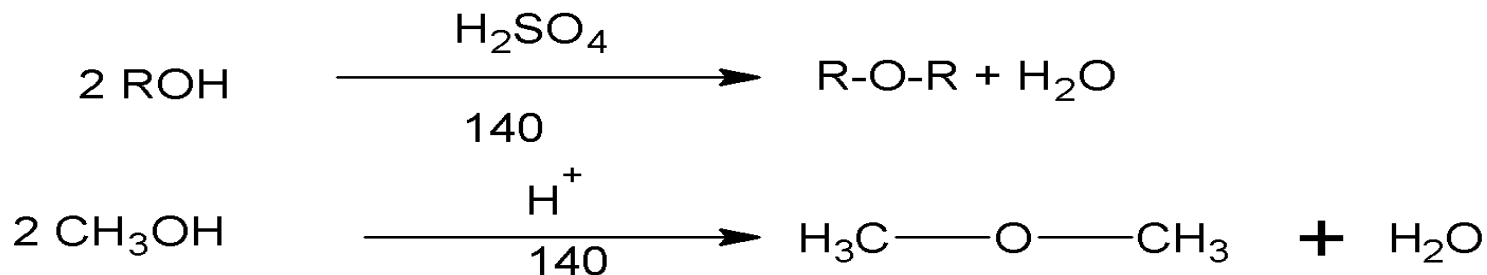
conc. sulphuric acid ( $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ )

reflux at  $180^\circ\text{C}$

alkene



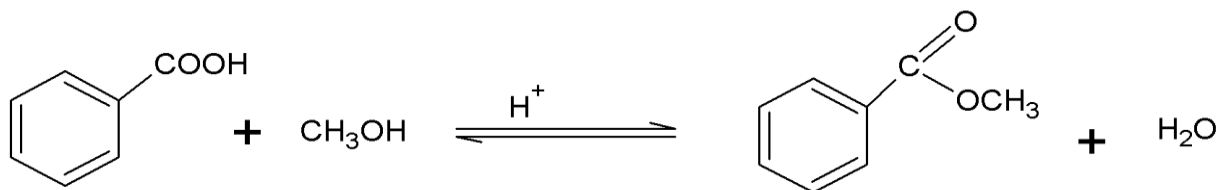
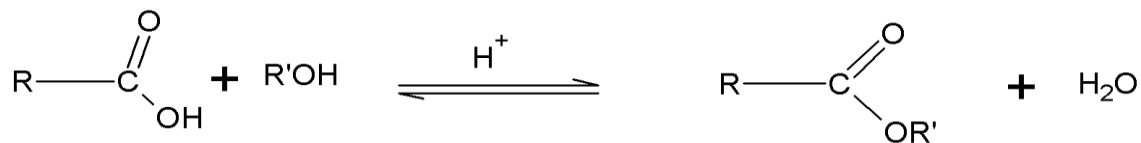
While dehydration of alcohols at lower temperature will give ethers





### 3) Ester Formation

- Carboxylic acid + alcohol in presence of strong acid catalyst (e.g. conc.  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ ) produces esters



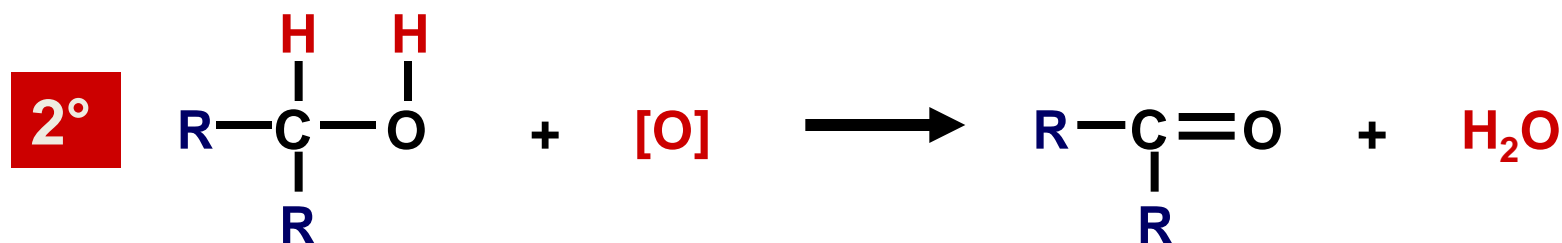
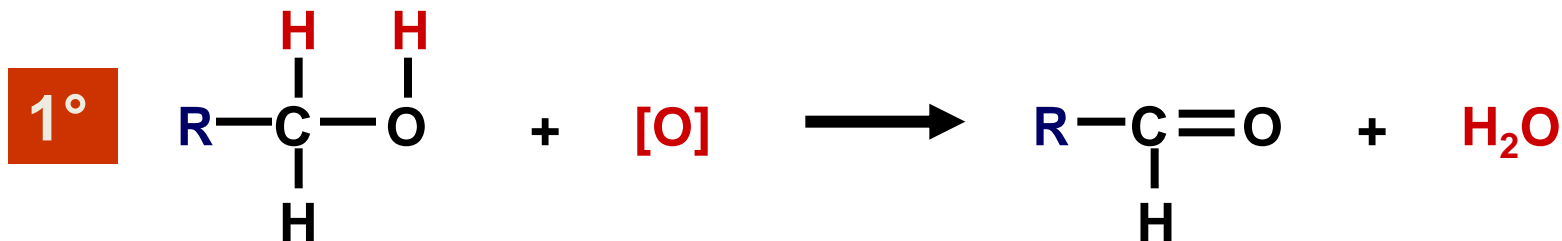
### 4) Alkyl Halides Formation



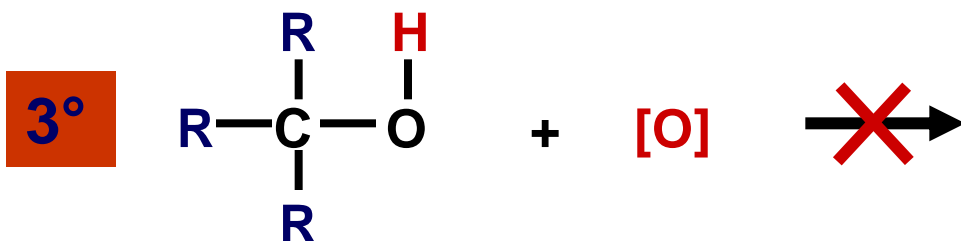
## 5) Oxidation Of Alcohols

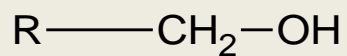
**Alcohols can be oxidised depending on their class**

➤ For oxidation to take place easily you must have two hydrogen atoms on adjacent C and O atoms.

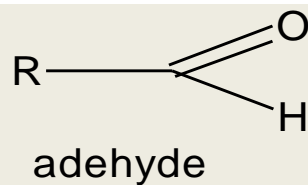
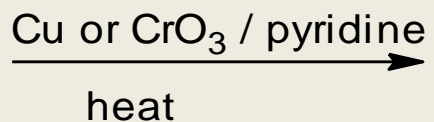


This is possible in **1°** and **2°** alcohols but not in **3°** alcohols.

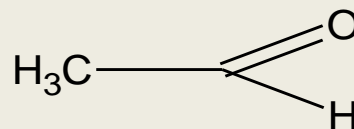
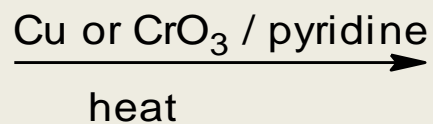
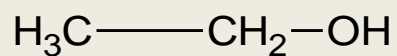




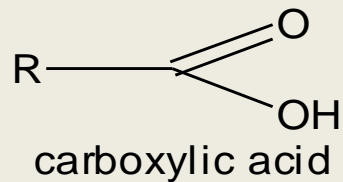
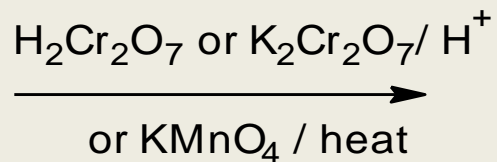
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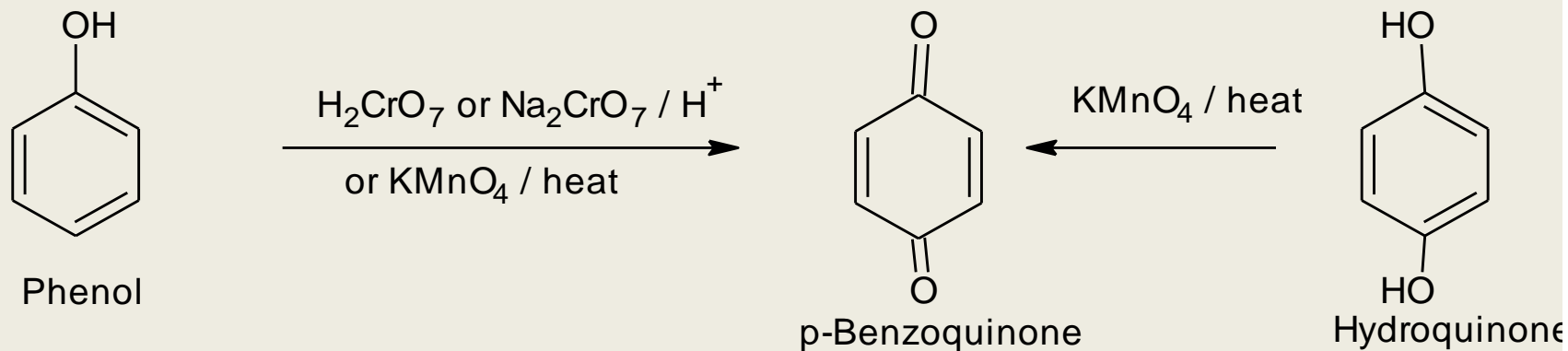
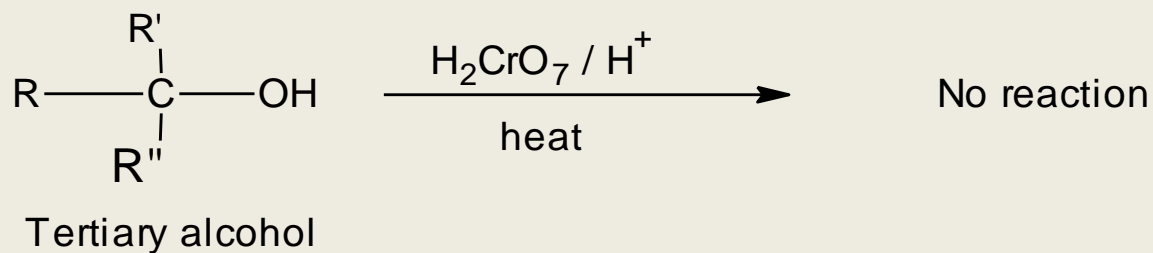
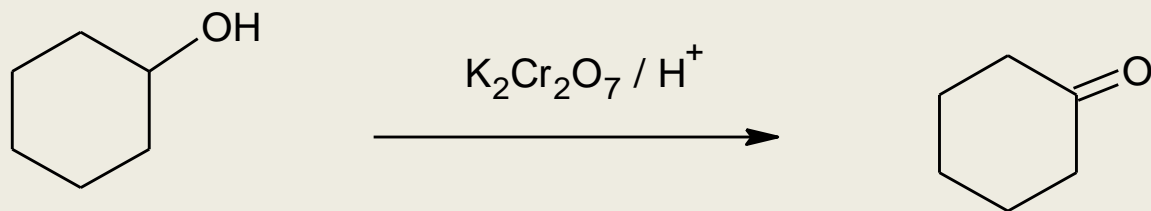
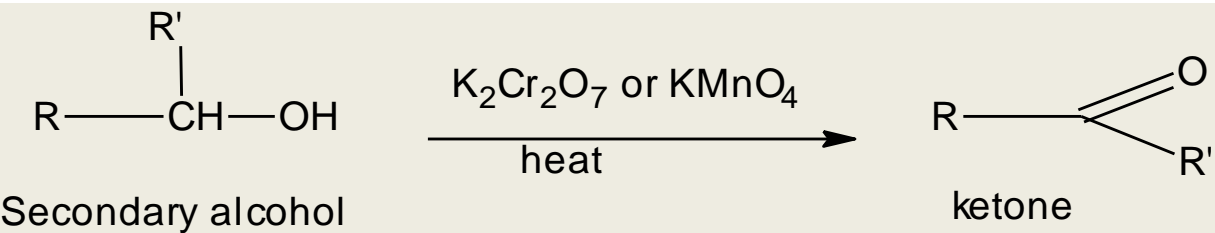


weak oxidizing reagent

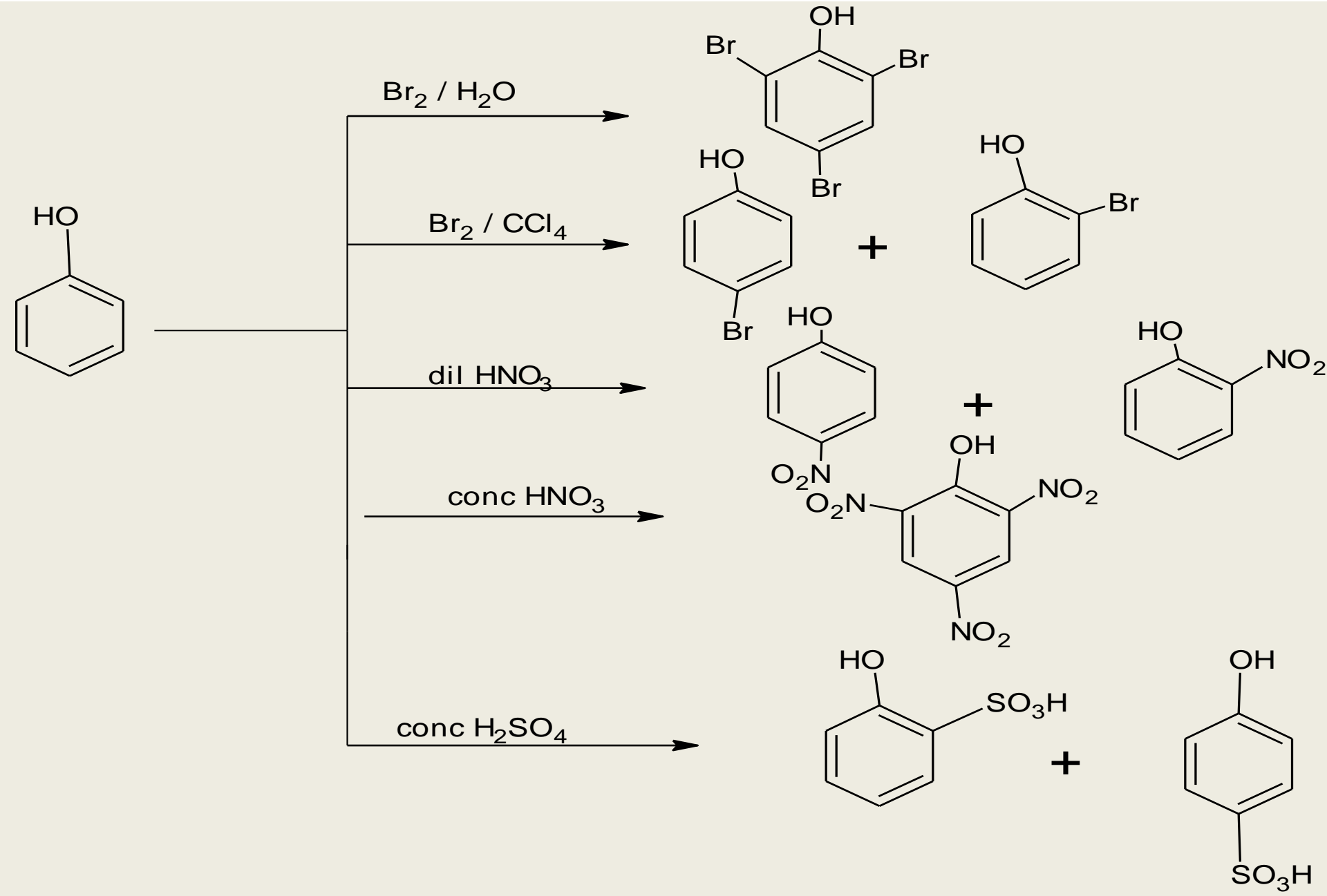


Primary alcohol



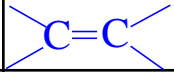

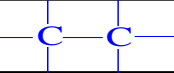


# 6- Reaction of aromatic ring of phenols



# Functional Group Precedence in IUPAC nomenclature

When **two or more functional groups** are present in a molecule, that group highest in the table is used as the parent (suffix) in the IUPAC name and all others are cited as substituents (prefixes).

	Function Group Name	Formula	Suffix	Prefix
1-	Carboxyl	-COOH	carboxy-	-oic acid
2-	Ester	-COOR	R-oxycarbonyl-	-R-oate
3-	Aldehyde	-CHO	Formyl-	-al
4-	Ketone	$>C=O$	oxo-	-one
5-	Alcohol	-OH	hydroxy-	-ol
6-	Amine	-NH <sub>2</sub>	Amino-	-Amine
7-	Alkene		-----	-ene
8-	Alkyne		-----	-yne
9-	Alkane		Alkyl-	-----
10-	Ethers	R-O-	Alkoxy-	-----
11-	Halides	F, Cl, Br, I-	Halo-	-----

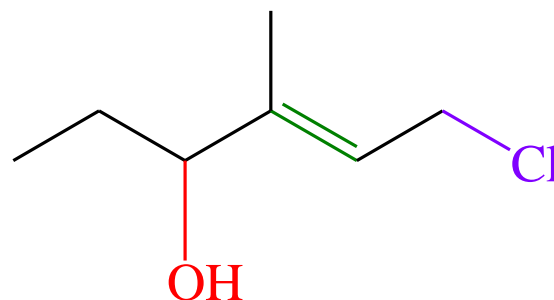


Priority Order

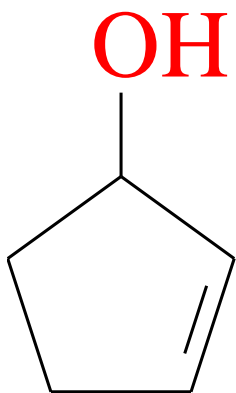
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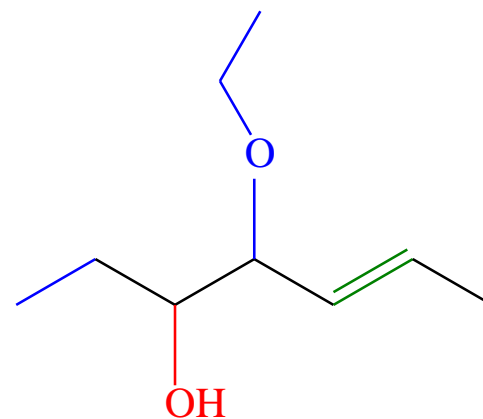
3-penten-1-yne



6-chloro-4-methyl-hexa-4-en-3-ol



2-cyclopent-1-ol



4-Ethoxyhept-5-en-3-ol

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