

# CHEM 222 section 01

## LECTURE #04

Thurs., Sept.13, 2007

### Lecture topics & readings

#### Today's class

- continue reactions of alcohols: elimination, oxidation

#### Before next class

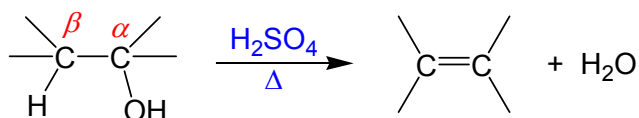
- read all of Ch.10
- **practice** in-chapter examples  
end-of-chapter problems (#43a-h,44,49,52,57,61,71)

#### Next class

- finish Ch.10 rxns
- on your own: work on rest of problems listed in syllabus

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### ROH rxn type 3: Elimination rxns of alcohols (Bruice 10.4)



#### Reagents:

- $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  or  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$  (conc. strong acid with non-Nu anion) OR
- $\text{POCl}_3$  / amine (*special: for acid-sensitive compounds*)

#### Trends:

- Substitution rxns compete: yielding ether products...
  1. avoid good Nu's in rxn mixture (e.g.,  $\text{HBr}$ )
- To drive elimination rxn forward:
  1. HEAT IT UP: entropy-favoured reaction!
  2. REMOVE PRODUCT:  $\text{bp}_{\text{alkenes}} < \text{bp}_{\text{ROH}} \Rightarrow$  distill
- Rxn involves converting OH to good LG
- More highly substituted ROH dehydrate more easily:  $3^\circ > 2^\circ > 1^\circ$

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3a) for 2° & 3° ROH: E1 pathway

Review 221; on board...

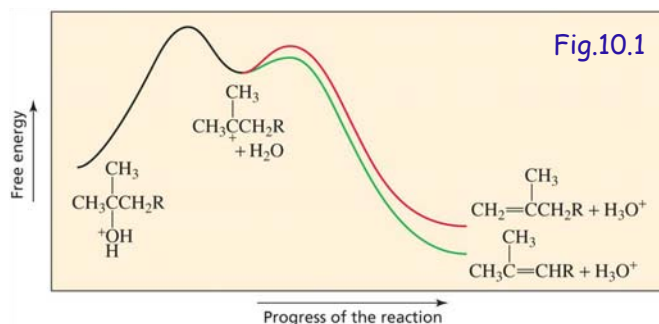
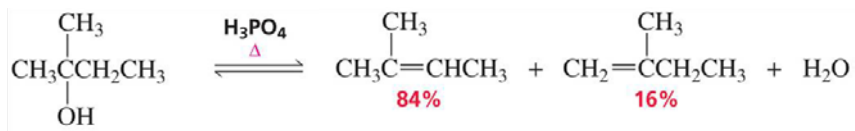
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### Regiochemistry for alcohol dehydration

Review 221: Ch.9

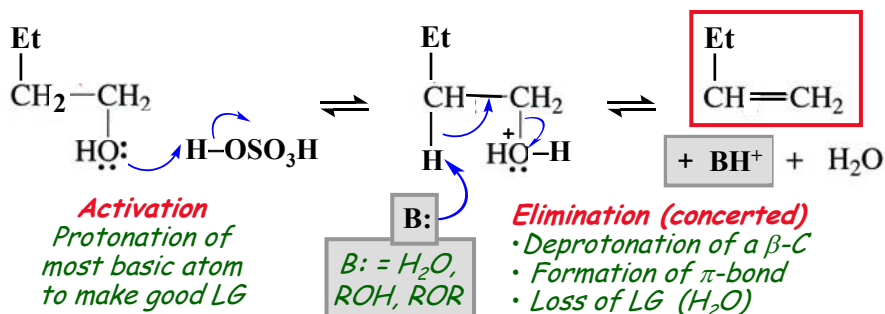
**Zaitsev's rule: more highly substituted alkene product dominates**

- When >1 alkene could form: major product = most stable alkene
- Recall:
  - more stable alkene  $\Rightarrow$   $\ddagger$  leading to it is more stable (*resembles it...*)

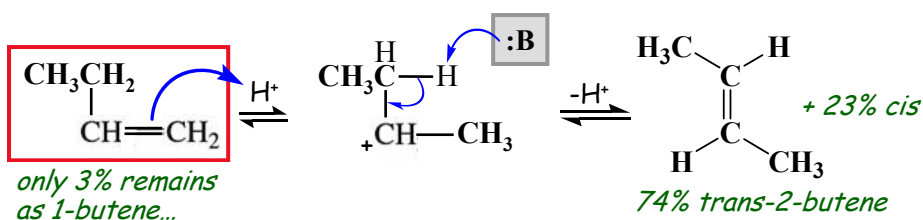


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3b) for 1° ROH: starts via E2 pathway (1° C+ too unstable)

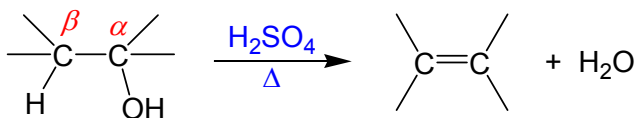


BUT THEN, because acid present  $\Rightarrow$  subsequent H<sup>+</sup>n & re-H<sup>+</sup>n...



OVERALL: obtain same regio- & stereo-chemistry as E1 pathway!

### Summary: Elimination rxns of alcohols



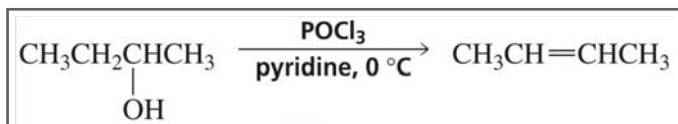
**Most common reagents:**

- $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  or  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$  (conc. strong acid with non-Nu anion)

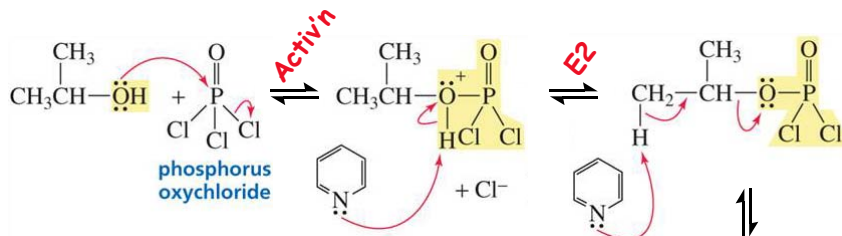
**Summary of outcome:**

- Substitution rxns compete: yielding ether products...
- More highly substituted ROH dehydrate more easily:  $3^\circ > 2^\circ > 1^\circ$
- RXN UNDER THERMODYNAMIC CONTROL:
  - Rxn done at elevated temperature for long period of time
    - $\Rightarrow$  Rearrangements, re-protonation/de-protonation, etc...
    - $\Rightarrow$  System reaches equilibrium
    - $\Rightarrow$  **Most stable alkene product dominates**

### 3c) Milder conditions alternative: using POCl<sub>3</sub> & pyridine



Mechanism:  
Similar to PCl<sub>3</sub>,  
but yields E2...

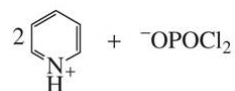
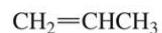


#### Advantages:

- Non-acidic conditions (& py removes "HCl")
- E2 pathway for elimination
- No danger of rearrangements

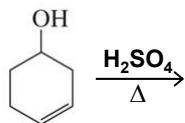
#### Disadvantages:

- More expensive
- POCl<sub>3</sub> requires dry conditions (*i.e.*, anhydrous)

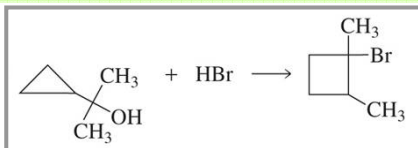


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### Bruice Problem 15c: Give the major product for...



### Bruice Problem 14c: Propose a mechanism for...

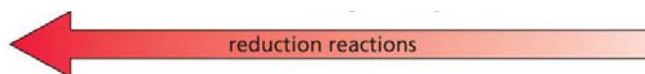
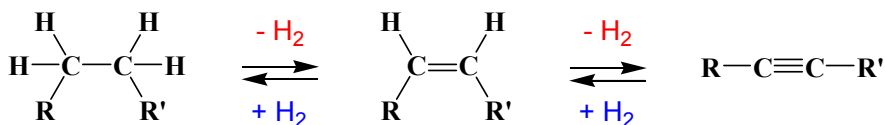
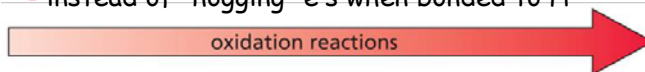


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## Organic Oxidation-Reduction reactions (Bruice 19.2)

**ORGANIC OXIDATIONS:** "Loss" of e<sup>-</sup>s...

- C forced to share ~equally with other Cs or become δ<sup>+</sup> by bonding to heteroatoms
- instead of "hogging" e<sup>-</sup>s when bonded to H



**ORGANIC REDUCTIONS:** "Gain" of e<sup>-</sup>s...

- C permitted to "hog" e<sup>-</sup>s by bonding to more Hs

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## Organic Oxidation-Reduction reactions (Bruice 19.2)

OXIDATION STATE OF C	-4	-2	0	+2	+4
OXIDATION LEVEL =# BONDS to O,N,X	0	1	2	3	4



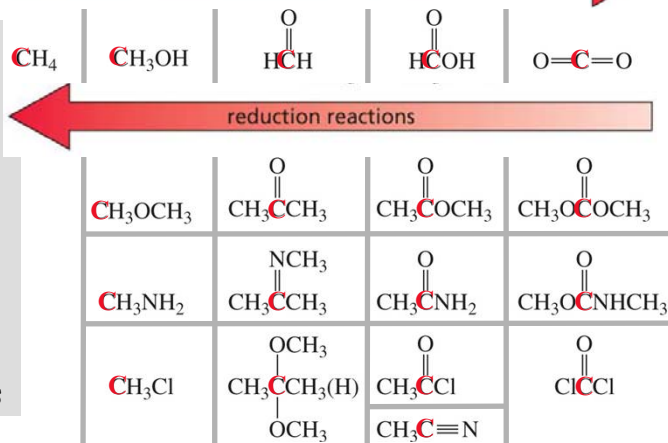
### TRENDS:

#### Oxidation rxns:

- ↓ # e<sup>-</sup>s AND Hs via
  - making bonds to heteroatoms "Z"
  - making π-bonds

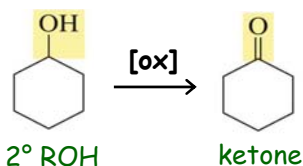
#### Reduction rxns:

- ↑ # e<sup>-</sup>s AND Hs via
  - losing bonds to heteroatoms
  - saturating π-bonds



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ROH rxn type 4: Oxidation of alcohols (Bruice 10.5)



<p><b>Not 3° ROHs</b></p> $\begin{array}{c} \text{CH}_3 \\   \\ \text{CH}_3-\text{C}-\text{OH} \\   \\ \text{CH}_3 \end{array}$	<p>1° ROHs ?</p> <p><i>More details coming soon.</i></p>
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[ox] = Oxidizing agent

typical

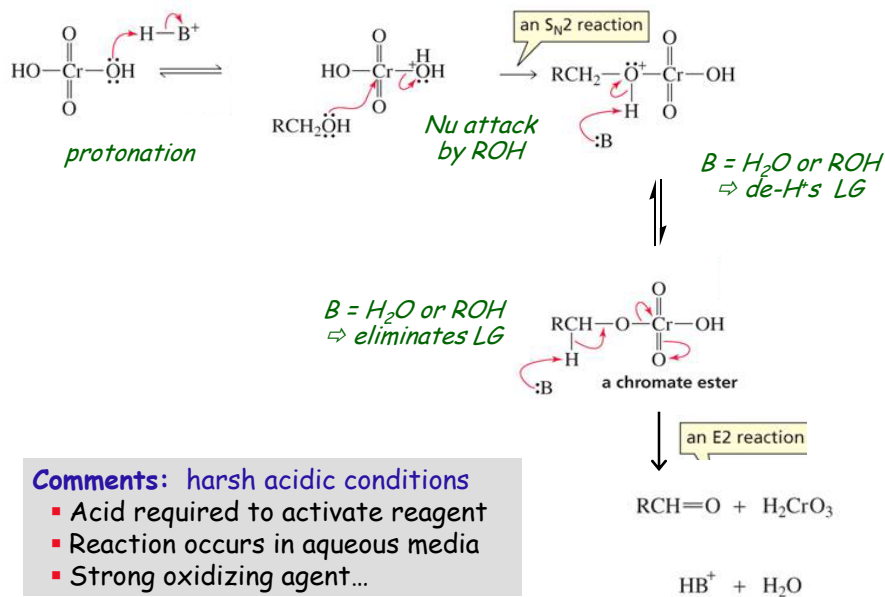
- Containing a reactive M-O bond:
- Dichromates:  $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7 / \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$   
 $\text{Na}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7 / \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$
  - Chromic acid:  $\text{H}_2\text{CrO}_4$
  - Jones' reagent:  $\text{CrO}_3 / \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$
  - Collins' reagent: "PCC" (*soon*)

...Reactive O-O bond:

- Peroxyacids (*see later*)

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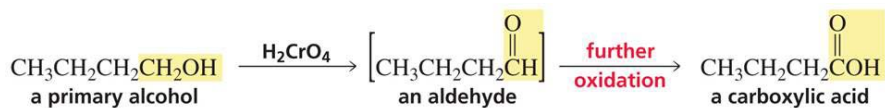
Mechanism of oxidation by chromic acid



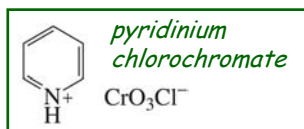
- Comments:** harsh acidic conditions
- Acid required to activate reagent
  - Reaction occurs in aqueous media
  - Strong oxidizing agent...

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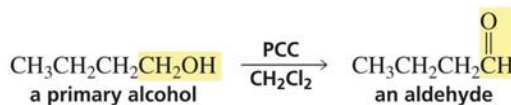
**Primary alcohols are oxidized to aldehydes...**



**Milder oxidant stops at aldehyde level:  
Collins' reagent, "PCC"**

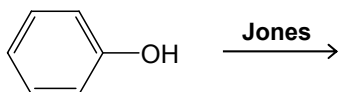
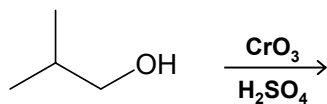
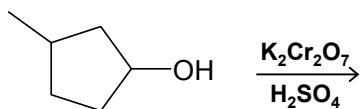


*soluble in organic solvents  
(cf: aqueous Cr reagents)*



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**Give the major product for...**



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