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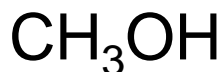


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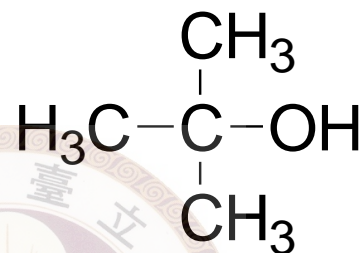
## Chapter 11

### Alcohols (醇類) and ethers (醚類)



methanol

(methyl alcohol)



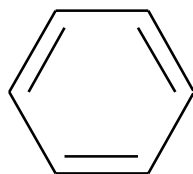
2-methyl-2-propanol

(*t*-butyl alcohol)

a 3° alcohol

-OH hydroxyl group

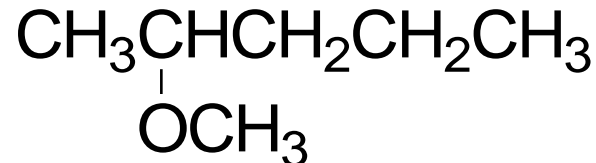
When attached to 1° carbon → 1° alcohol, etc.



phenol (酚)

Ethers: IUPAC → alkoxyalkanes

$\text{CH}_3\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_3$   
methoxyethane  
(ethyl methyl ether)



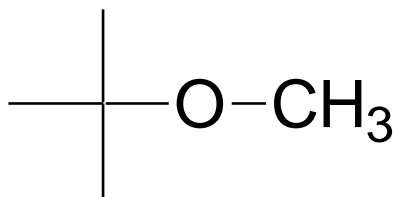
2-methoxypentane



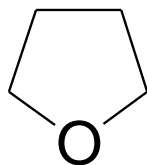
diethyl ether (or simply ether)  
very common solvent  
(bp 35 °C)



Other common ethereal solvent:



methyl *t*-butyl ether (MTBE)  
another common solvent (bp 55 °C)  
and anti-knocking agent



tetrahydrofuran (THF)  
IUPAC: oxacyclopentane

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\*These are polar aprotic solvents



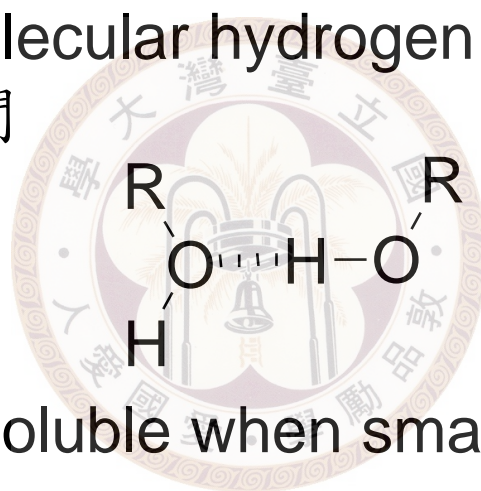
## ※ Structures and properties

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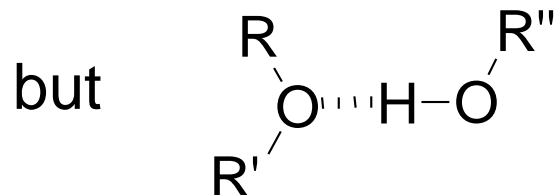
Alcohols: intermolecular hydrogen bonding

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water soluble when small

Ethers: no intermolecular H-bonding between itself

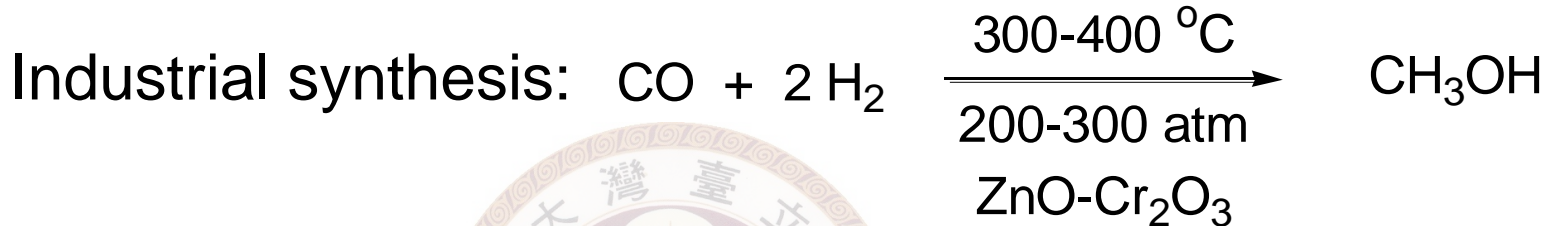


例 solubility of diethyl ether in water : 8 g/100 mL

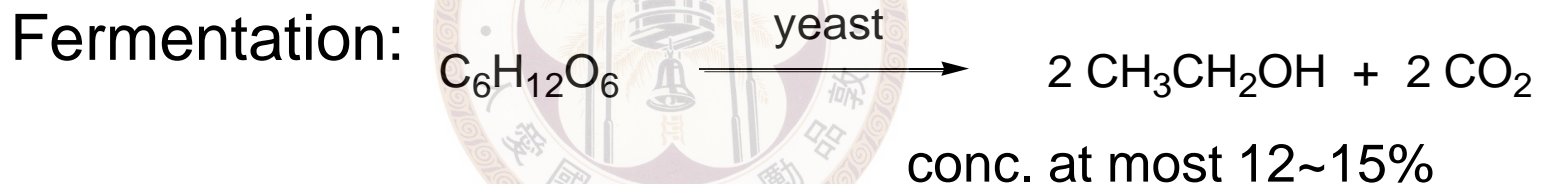


## ※ Some important alcohol and ethers

Methanol 甲醇，木精



Ethanol (bp 78.4 °C)



distillation → 95% ethanol

forms binary azeotrope (共沸物), bp 78.2 °C:

95% EtOH, 5% H<sub>2</sub>O

ternary azeotrope, bp 64.9 °C:

18.5% EtOH, 7.5 % H<sub>2</sub>O, 74% benzene

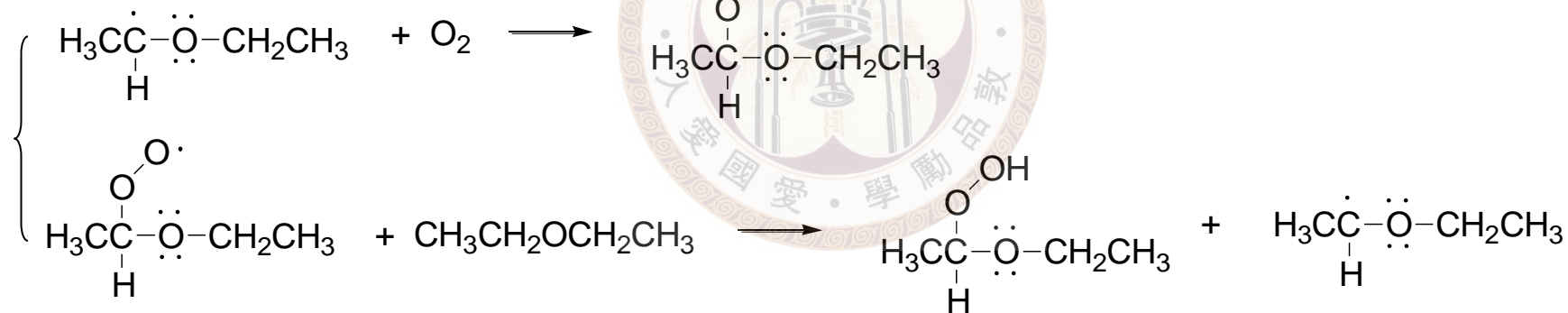
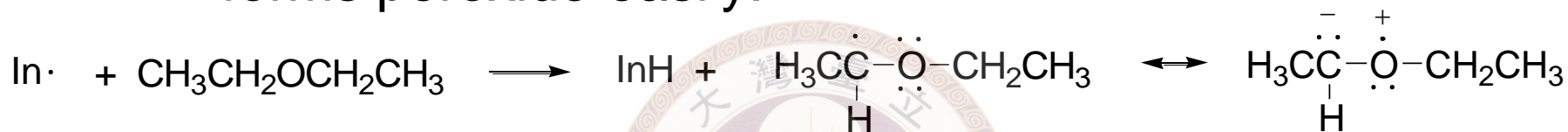
市售濃度單位: proof

100 proof = 50%

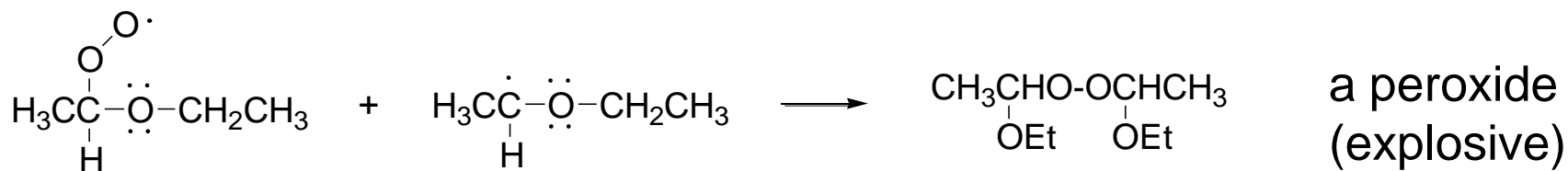
Ethylene glycol: common anti-freeze

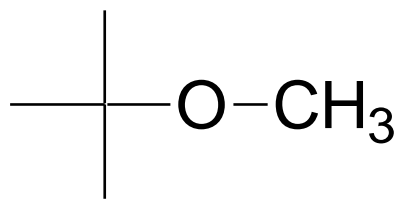
Diethyl ether: low bp  
common flammable solvent

forms peroxide easily:



a hydroperoxide  
(explosive)



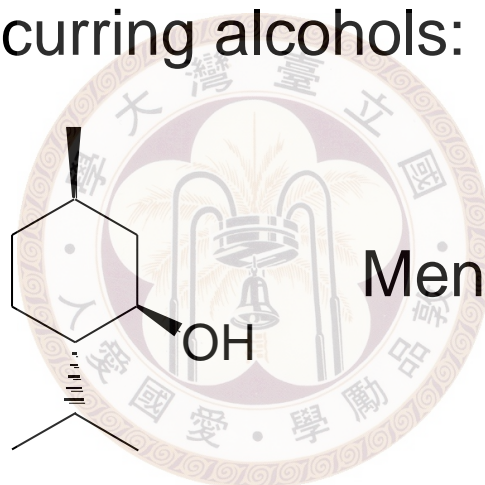


Methyl *t*-butyl ether (MTBE)

is very stable

Does not form peroxides (why?)

Many naturally occurring alcohols:

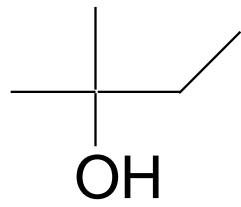


Menthol (薄荷醇)

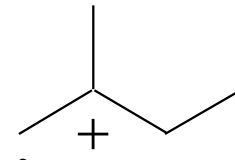
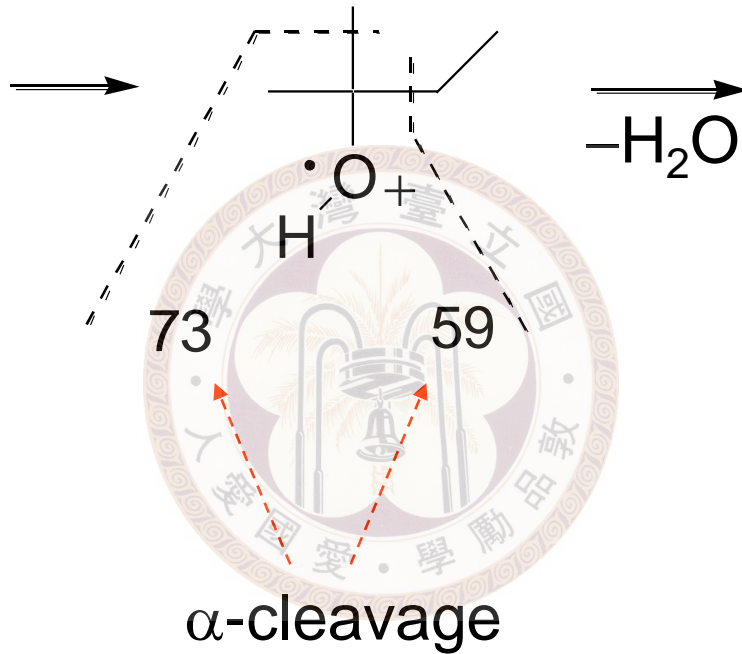




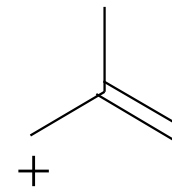
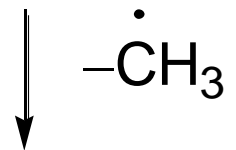
# ※ Mass spectroscopy



MW = 88



$m/z = 70$



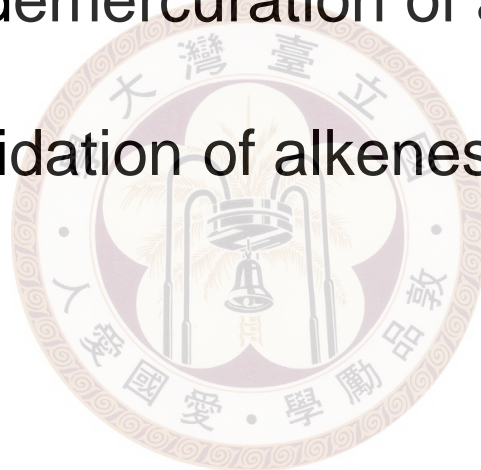
$m/z = 55$



## ※ Preparation of alcohols

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- ✓ Hydration of alkenes
- ✓ Oxymercuration-demercuration of alkenes
- ✓ Hydroboration-oxidation of alkenes

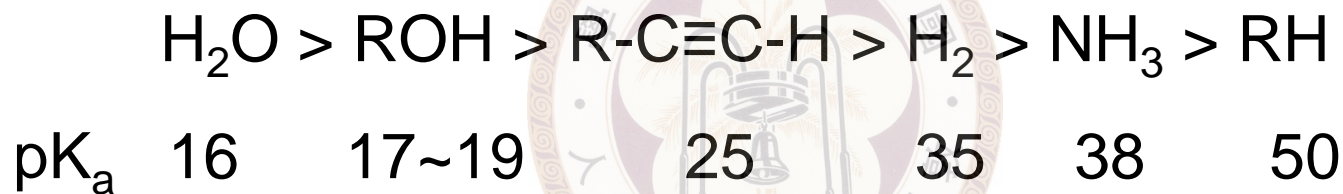




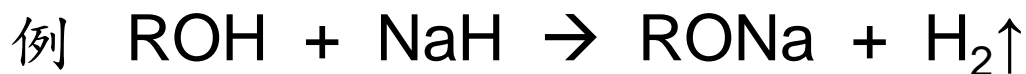
## ※ Reactions of alcohols

◎ As an acid  
weaker acid than H<sub>2</sub>O

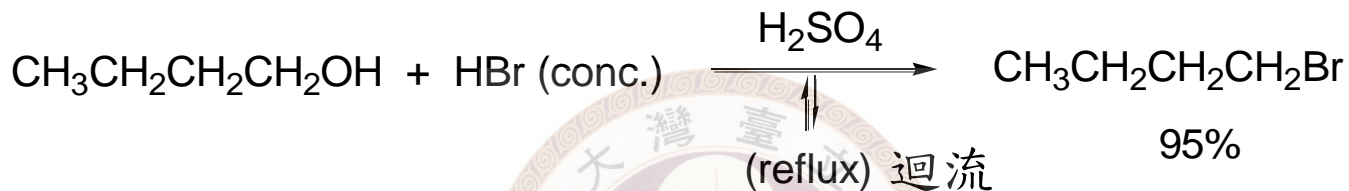
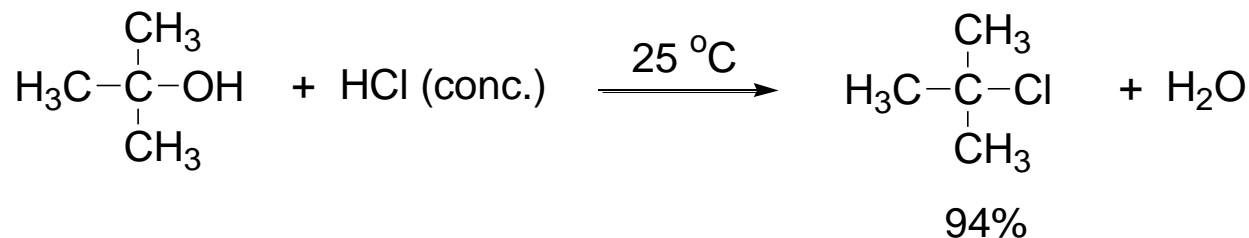
relative acidity:



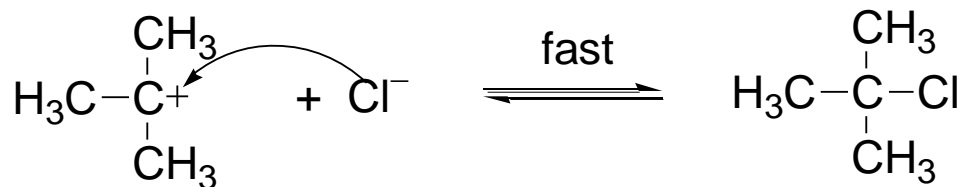
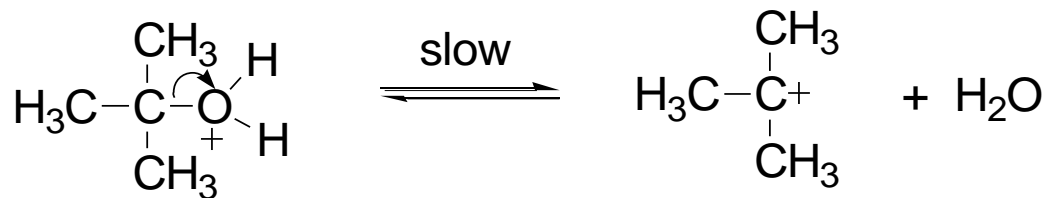
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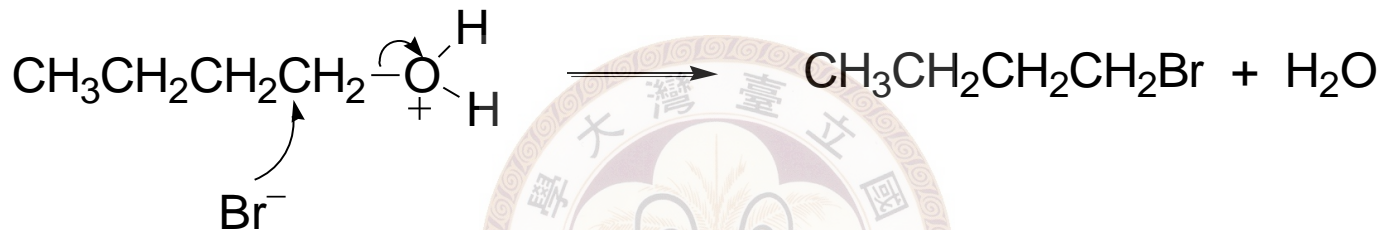
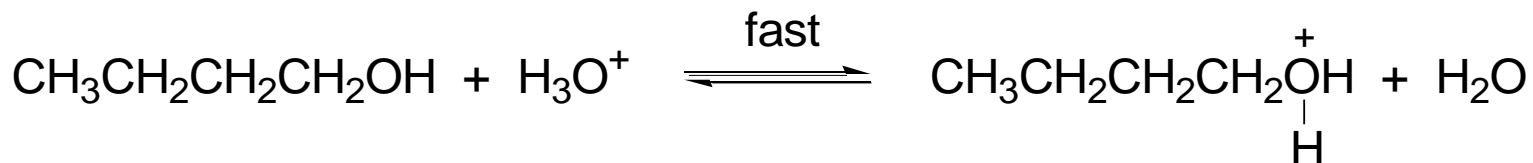
# ◎ ROH → RX



Mechanism: ✓ S<sub>N</sub>1 type for 3° and 2° halides



✓ S<sub>N</sub>2 type for 1° and methyl halides

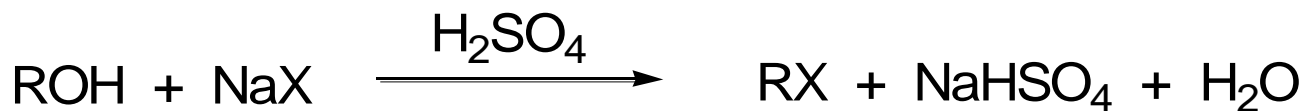


✓ Order of reactivity

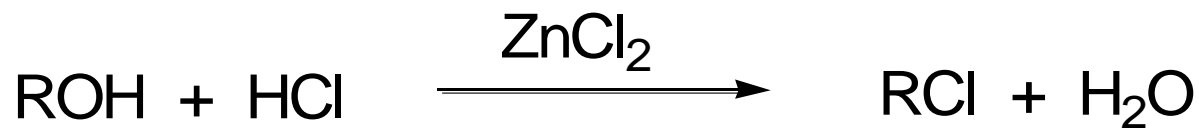


↑  
Stronger acid and stronger nucleophile (I<sup>-</sup>)

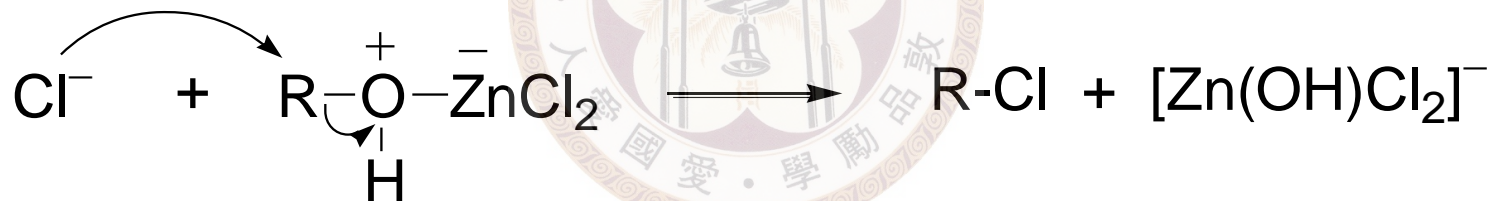
例



✓ Catalyzed by Lewis acids



Mechanism:

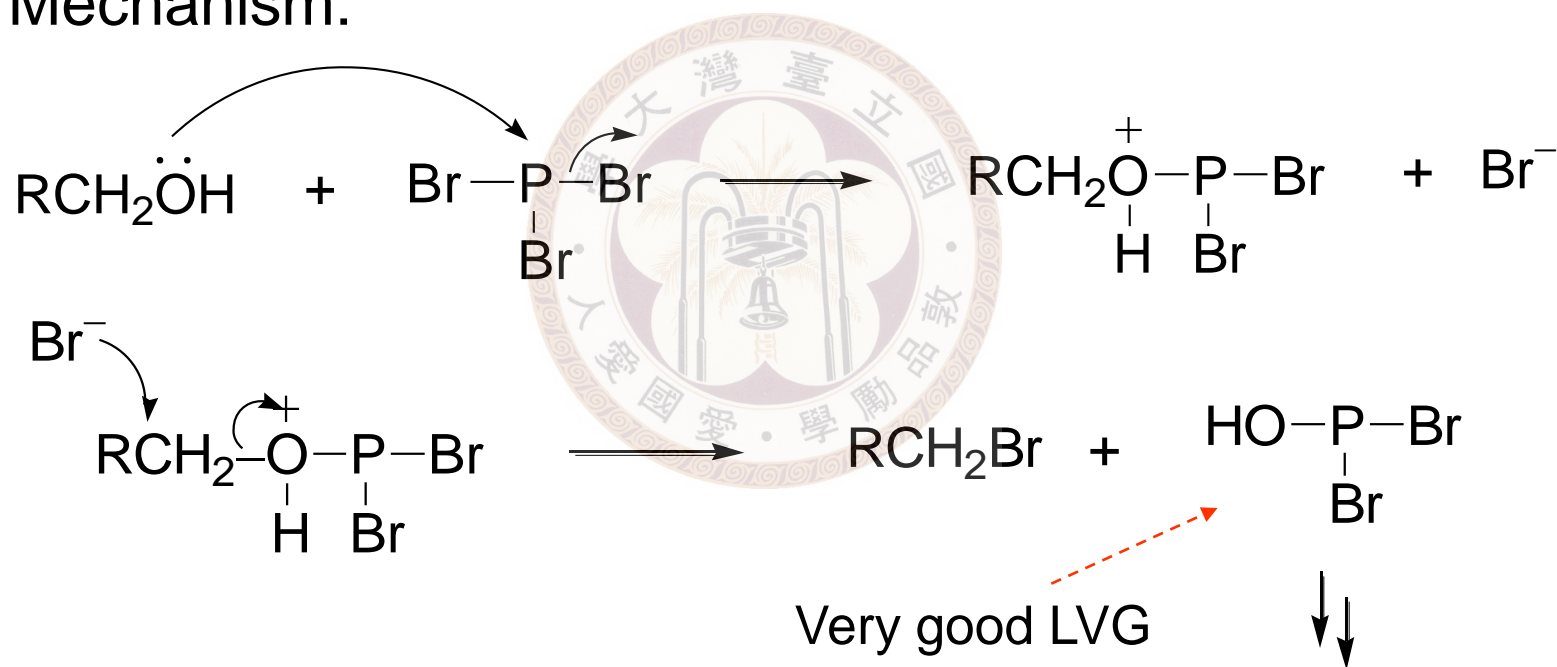


✓ The use of  $\text{PBr}_3$



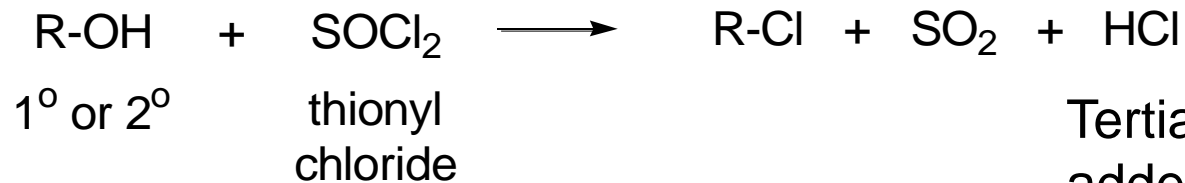
$1^\circ$  or  $2^\circ$  phosphorous  
tribromide

Mechanism:



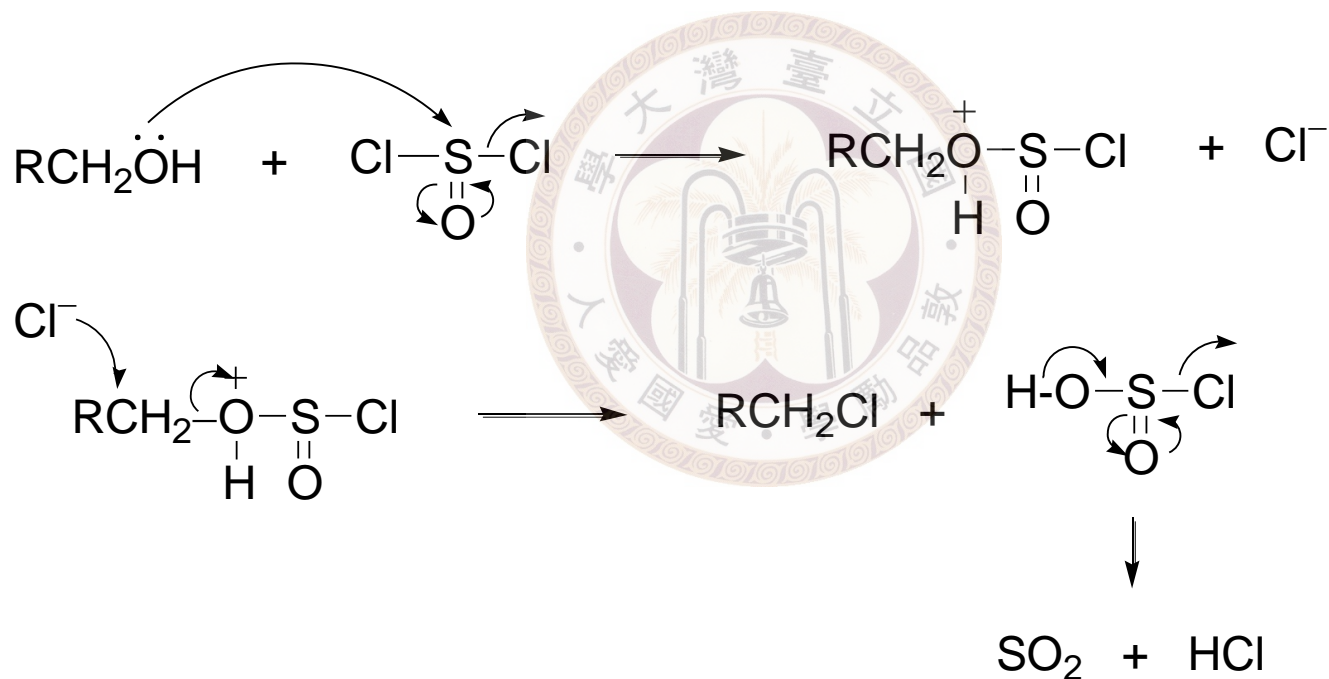
No carbocation formation  
→ No rearrangement

## ✓ The use of $\text{SOCl}_2$



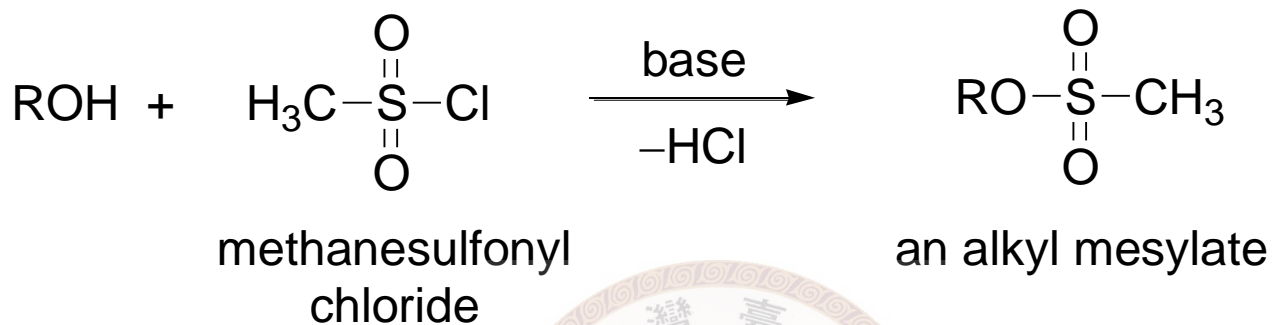
Tertiary amine can be added to remove HCl (such as  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$ )

Mechanism:

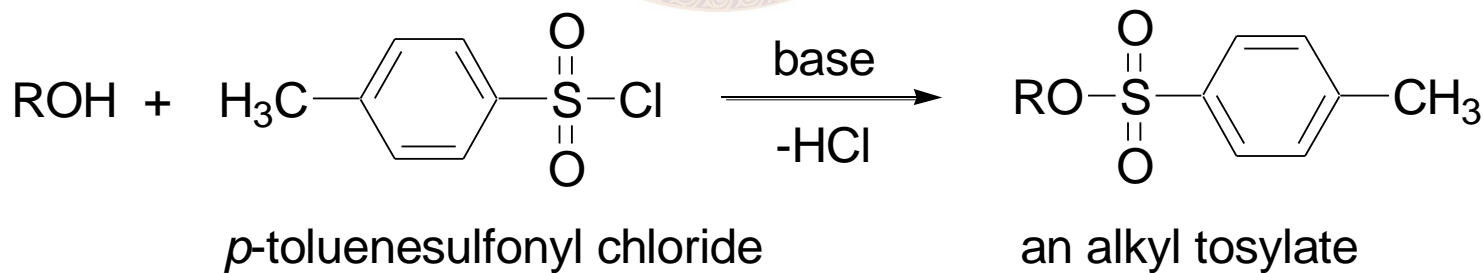
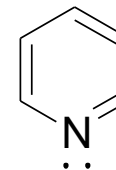




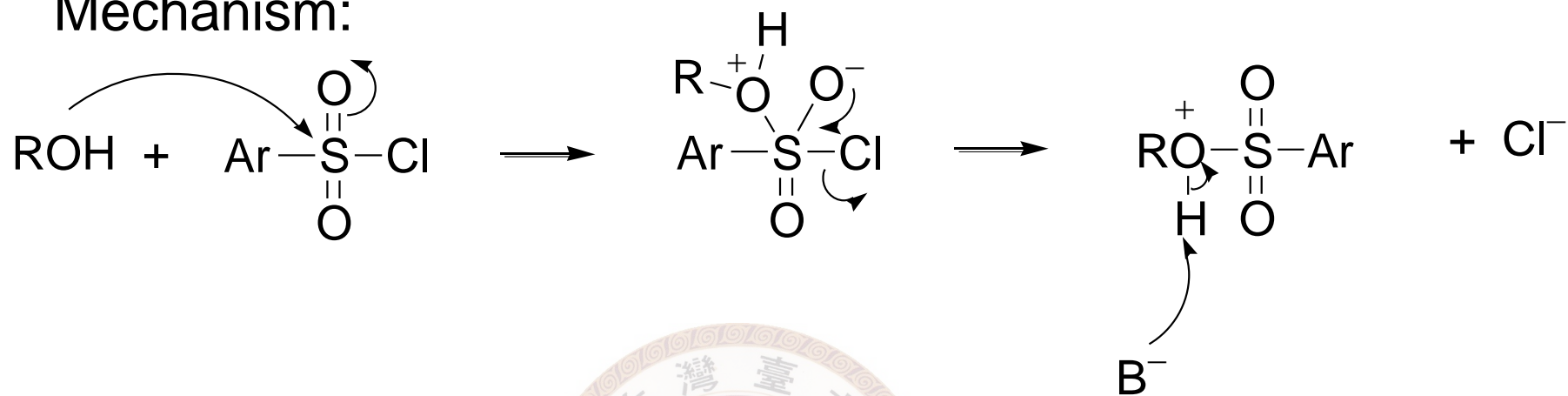
## ◎ Formation of mesylate and tosylate



\*Base: to remove HCl  
often use amine base: Et<sub>3</sub>N or pyridine

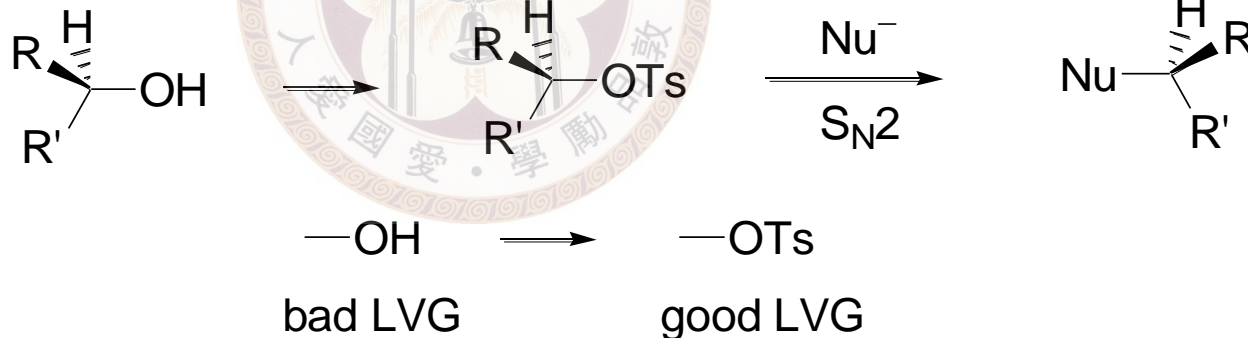


Mechanism:



✓ Mesylate and tosylate are good LVGs

✓ Overall:



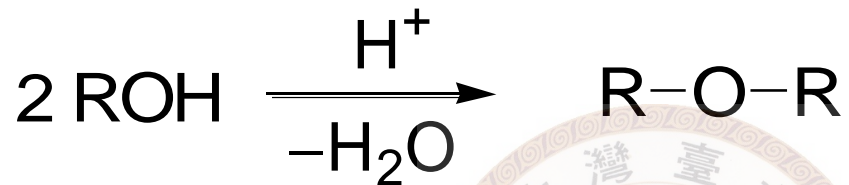
✓ Biological system

Triphosphate is often used as LVG

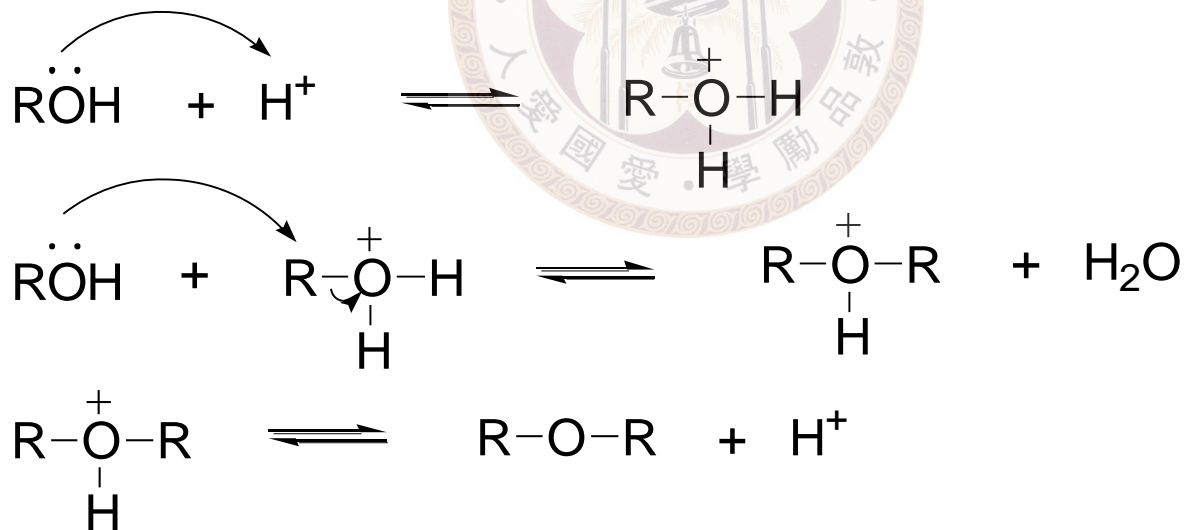


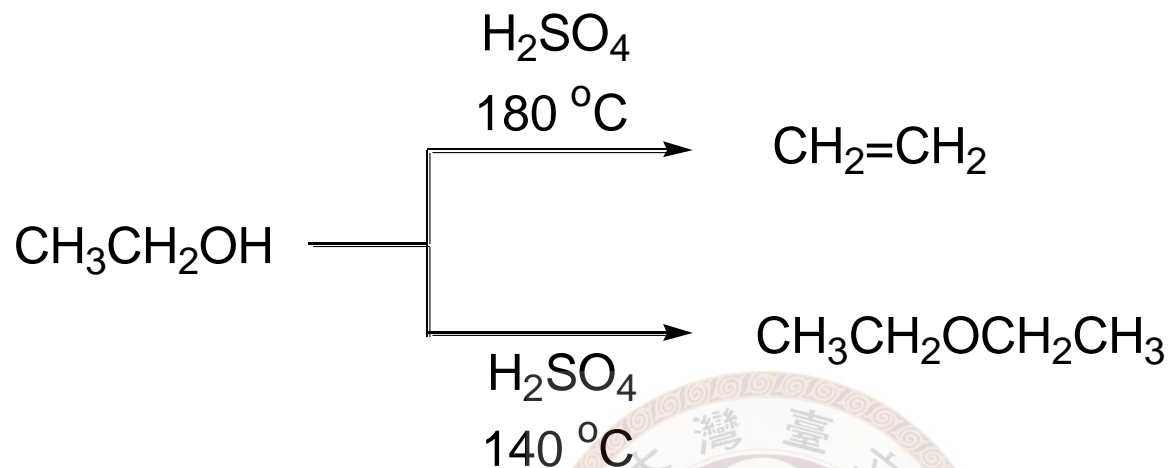
## ※ Synthesis of ethers

### ◎ Dehydration of alcohols



Mechanism:

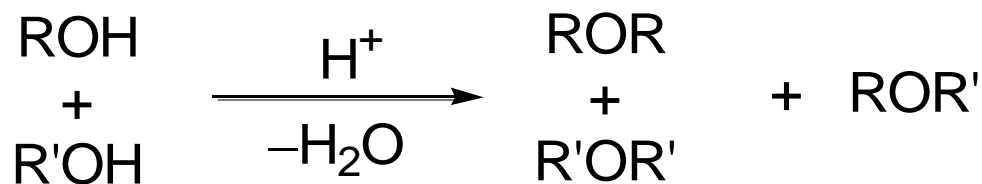




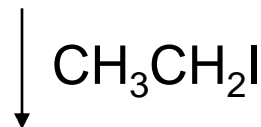
Problems:

✓ For 2° and 3° alcohols → elimination dominates

✓ Not useful for unsymmetrical ethers

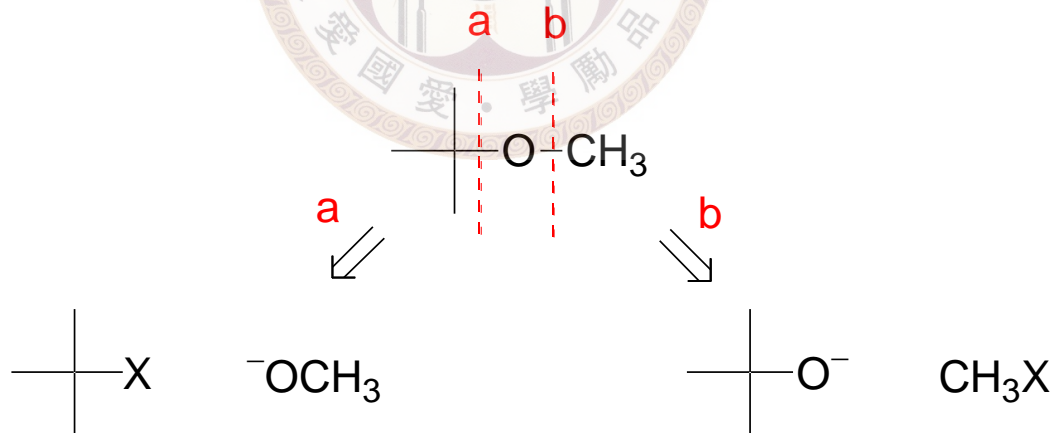


© Williamson synthesis of ethers



70%

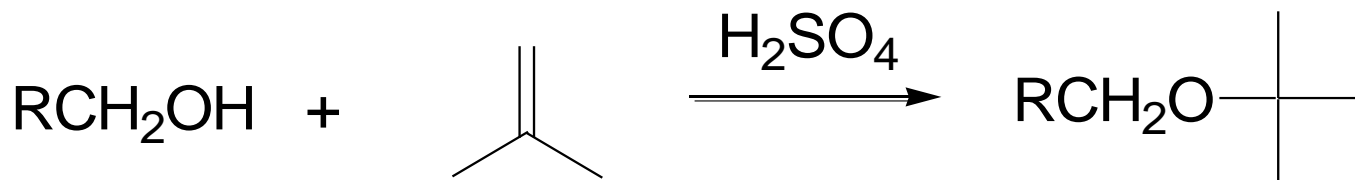
Q: synthesis of MTBE?



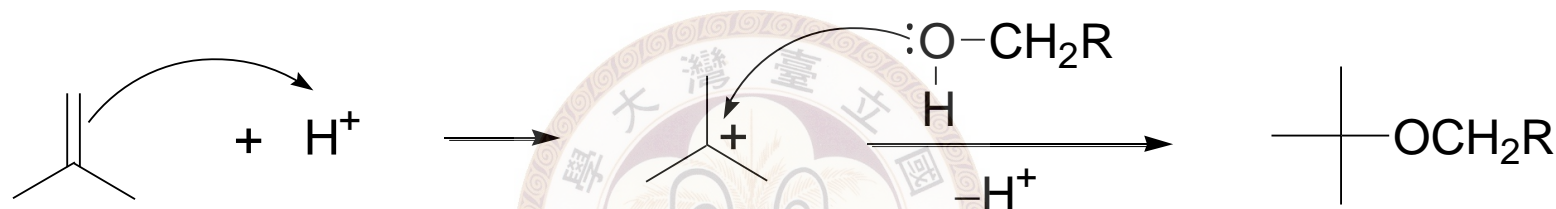
elimination will be a problem

better

◎ *t*-Butyl ethers from alkenes



Mechanism:

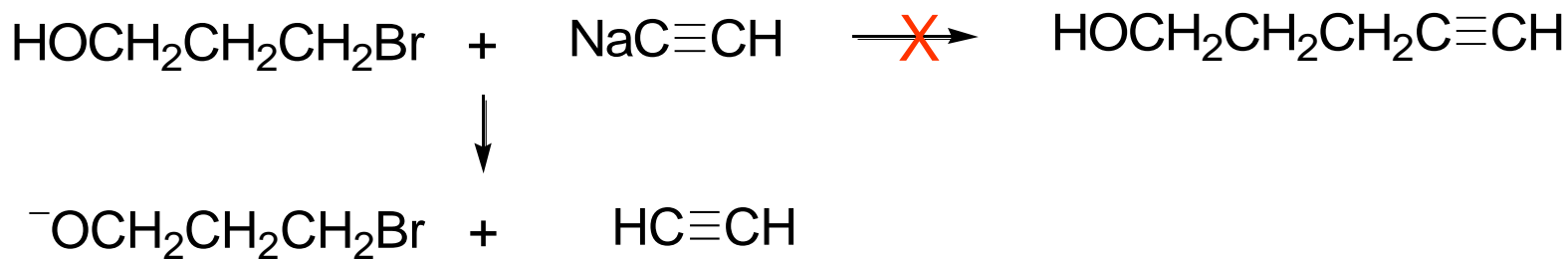


Application:

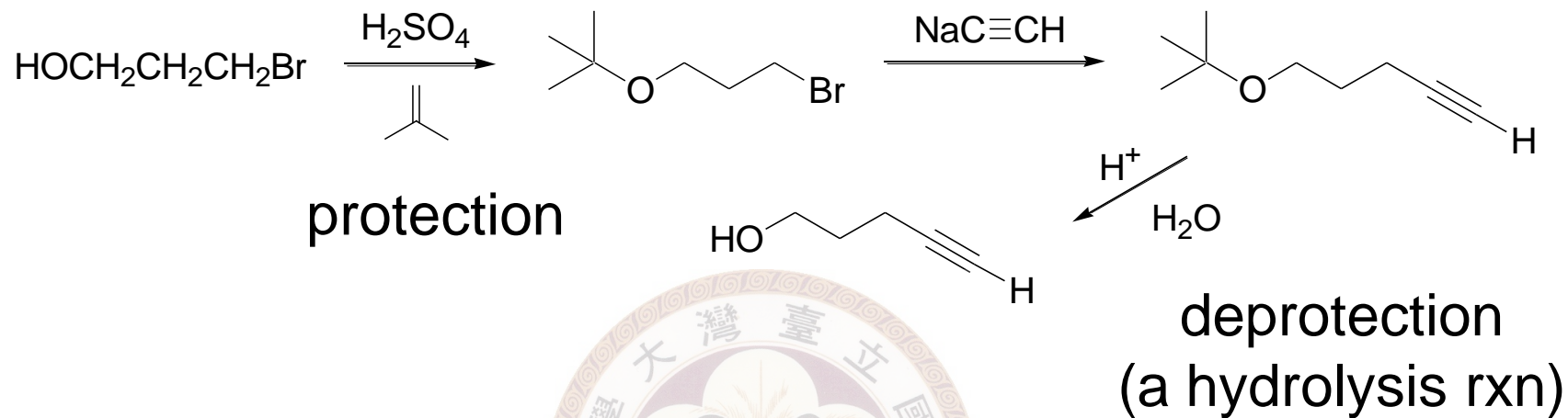
used as a protecting group (保護基)

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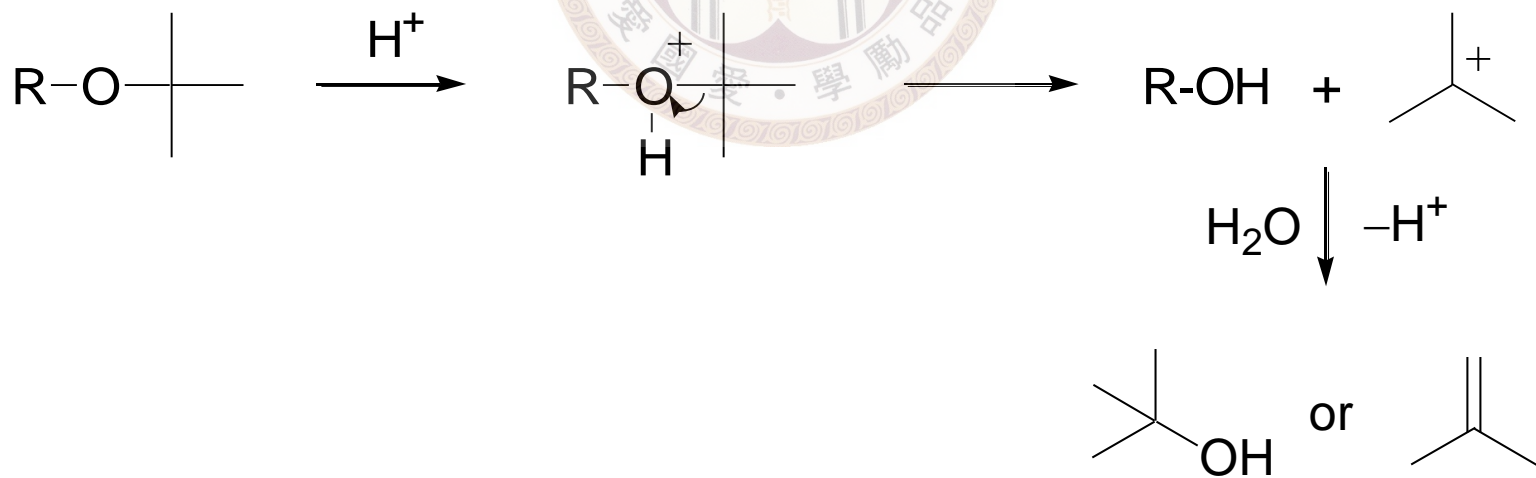
problem:



solution:



Mechanism for deprotection:





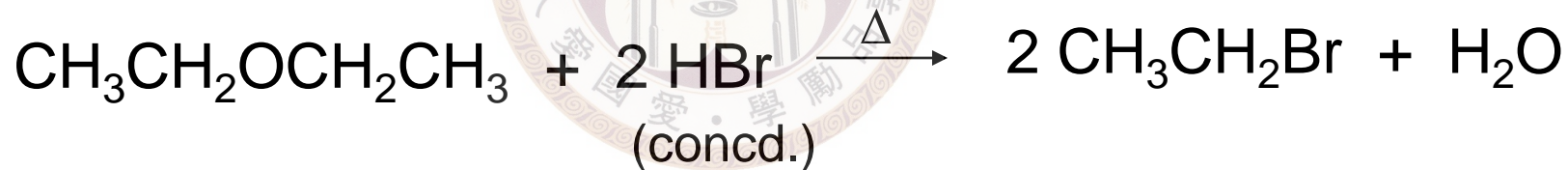
## ※ Reactions of ethers

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In general: quite inert  
(a good quality as solvent)

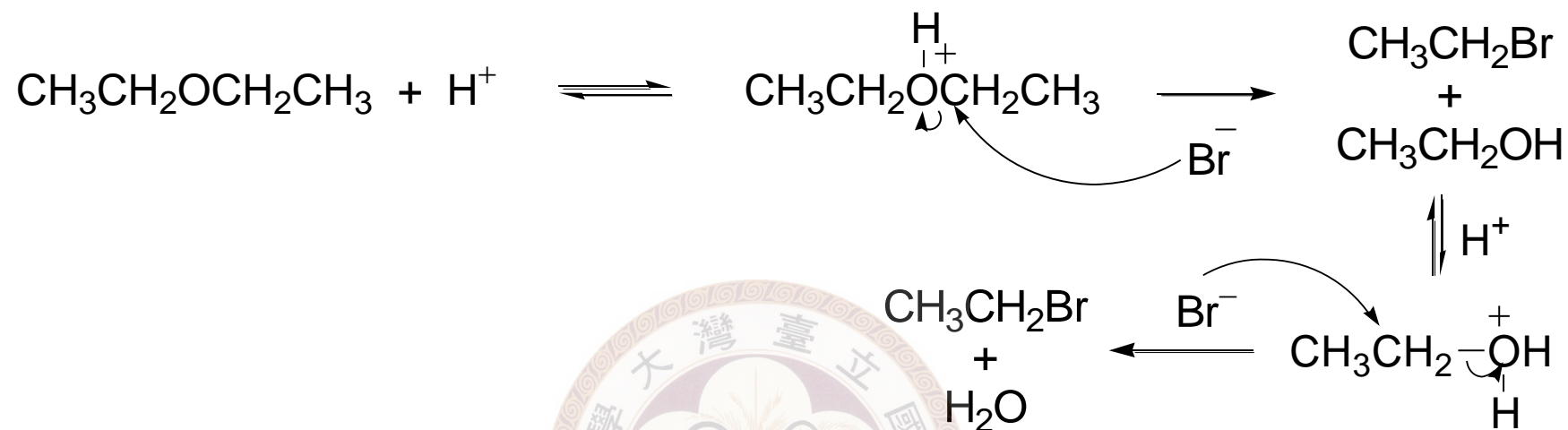
Stable in basic condition

Reacts in concentrated acidic condition:

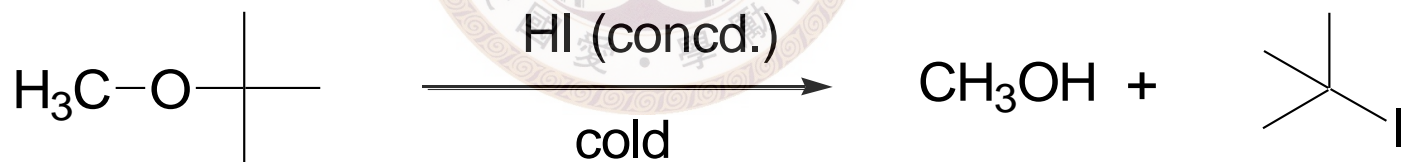




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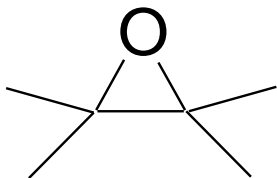
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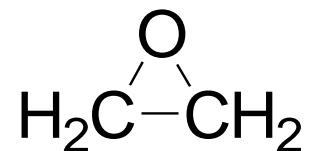


## ※ Epoxides (環氧乙烷)

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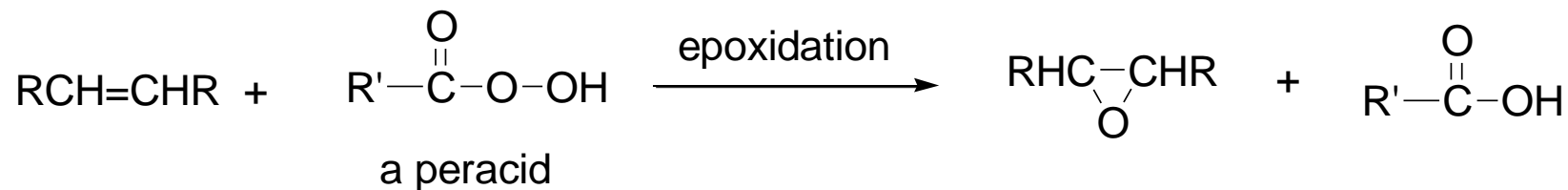
IUPAC: oxiranes  
a cyclic ether



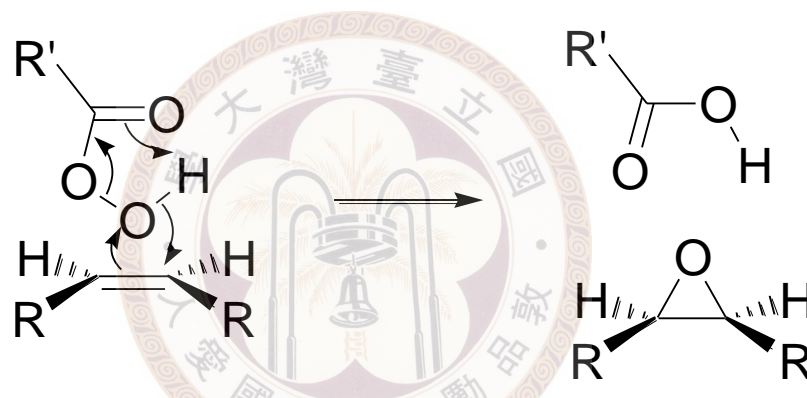
Common name: ethylene oxide



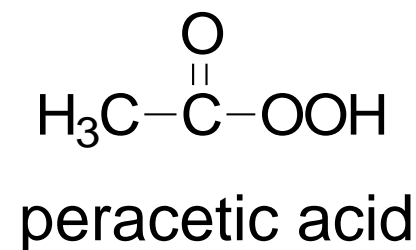
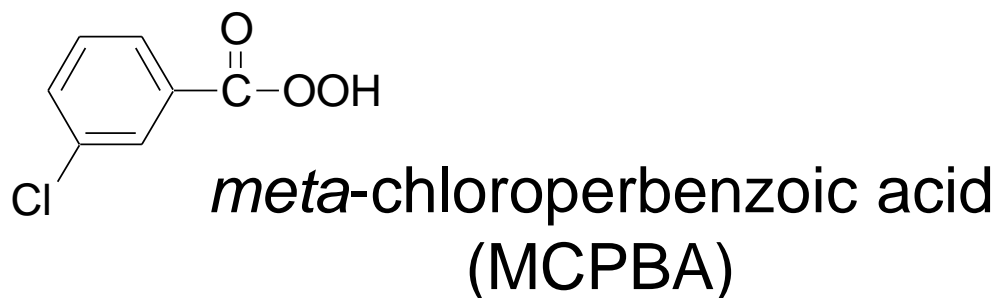
## ◎ Preparation



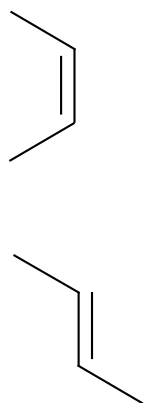
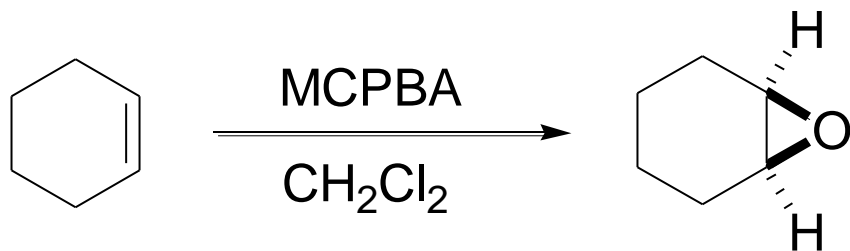
Mechanism:



- syn addition of oxygen
- common peracids for this purpose:



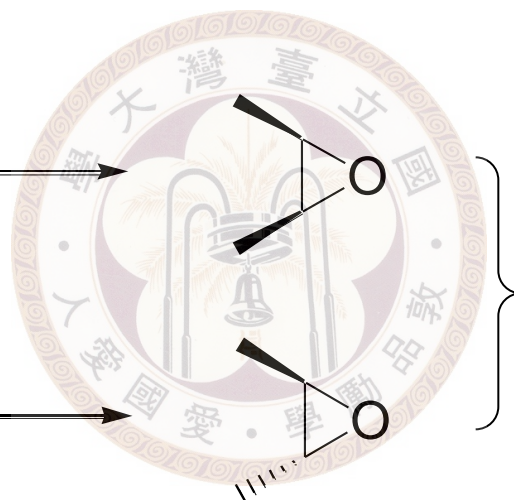
例



+ MCPBA



+ MCPBA

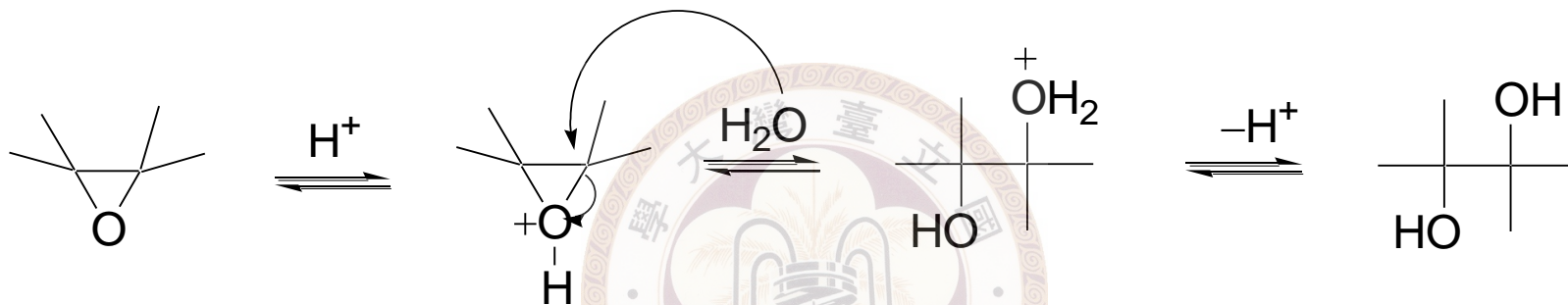


a stereospecific rxn

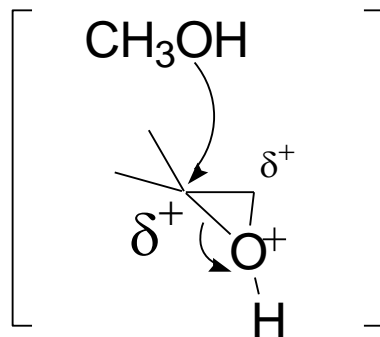
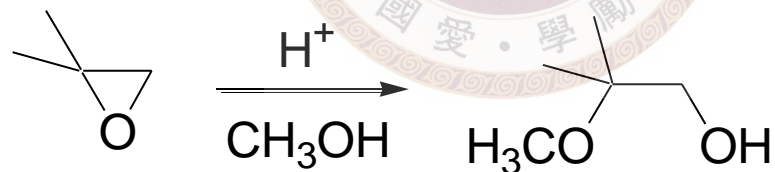
## ⊙ Reactions of epoxides

Ring opening → to relieve ring strain

✓ Acid catalyzed ring opening

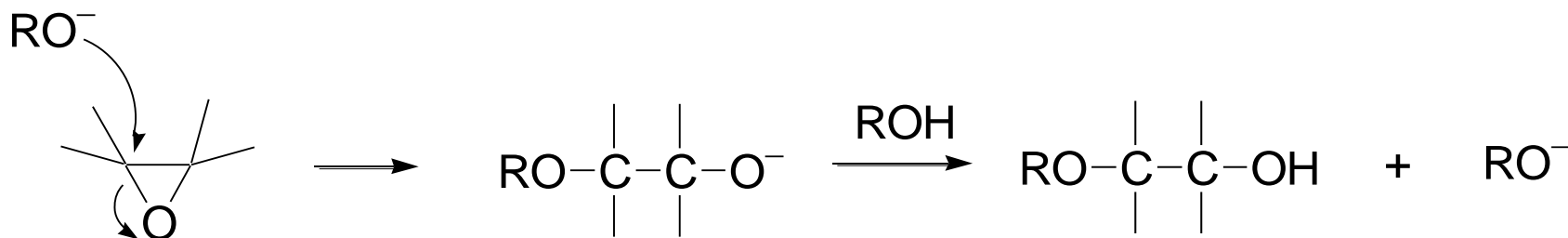


Regiochemistry:



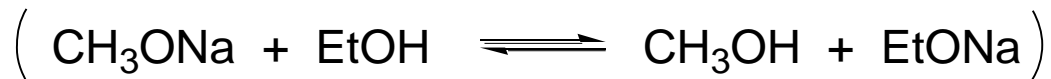
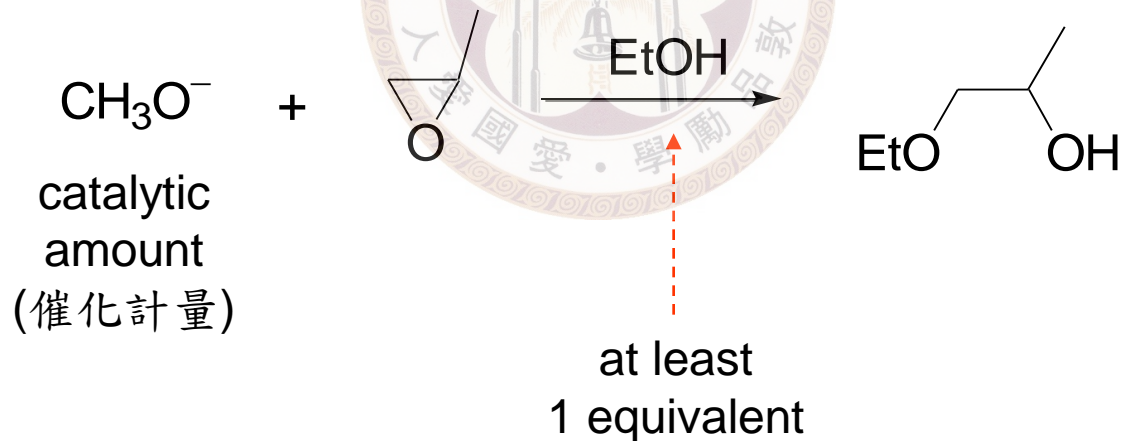
More substituted carbon has more positive character

## ✓ Base catalyzed ring opening

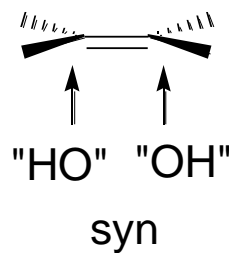
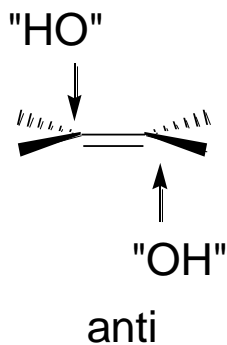
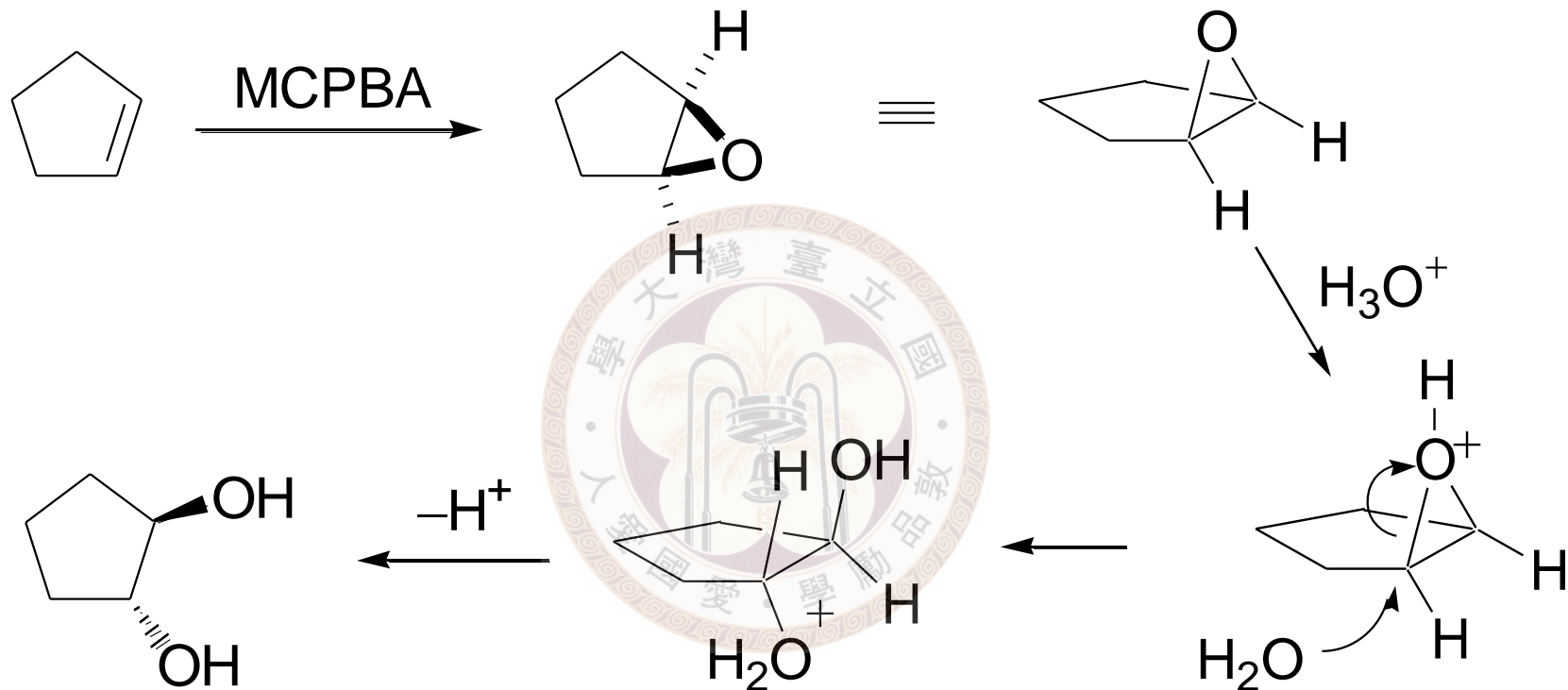


Regiochemistry: steric control  
nucleophile attacks less substituted carbon

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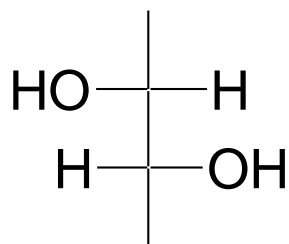
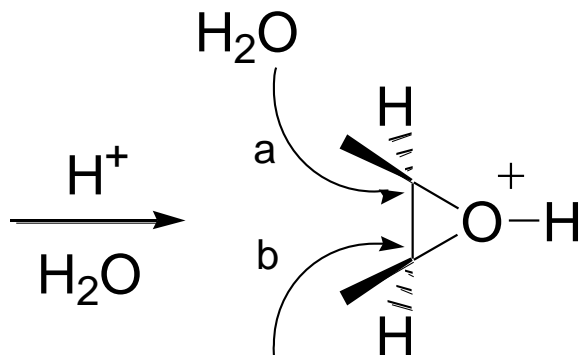
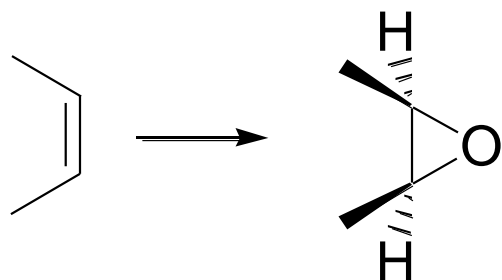


✓ Stereochemistry  
overall **anti** dihydroxylation of alkene

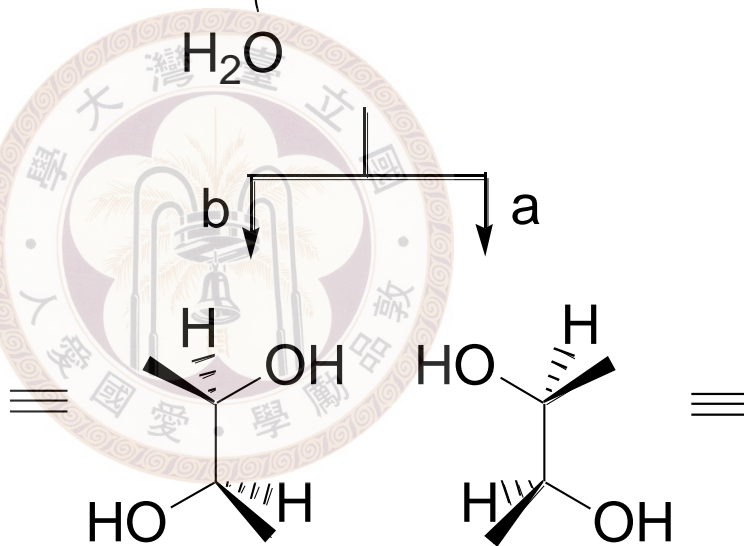


( $\text{KMnO}_4$  or  $\text{OsO}_4$ )

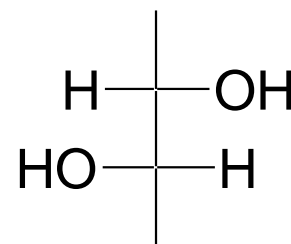
例



(2R,3R)

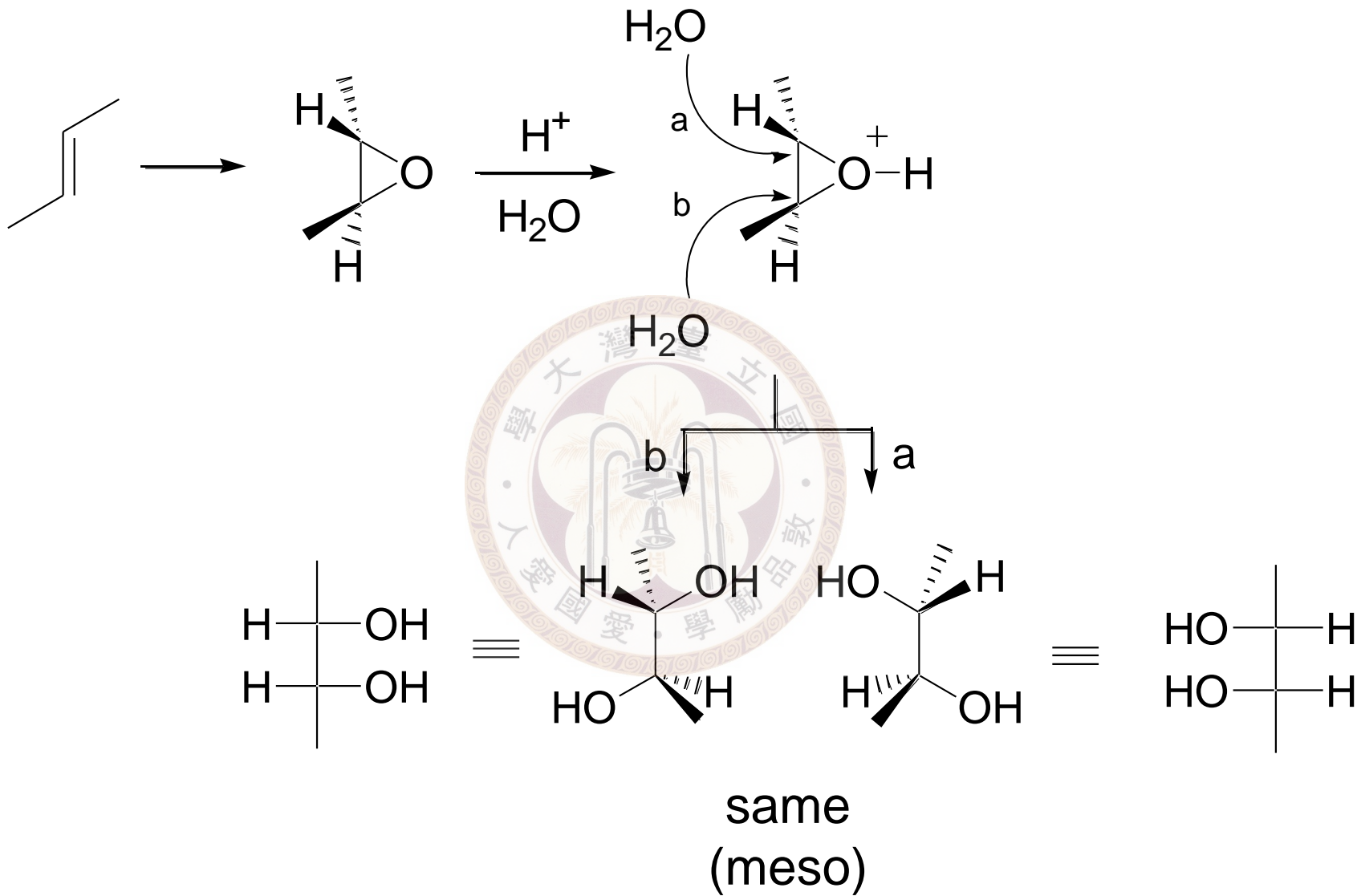


enantiomer  
(racemic)

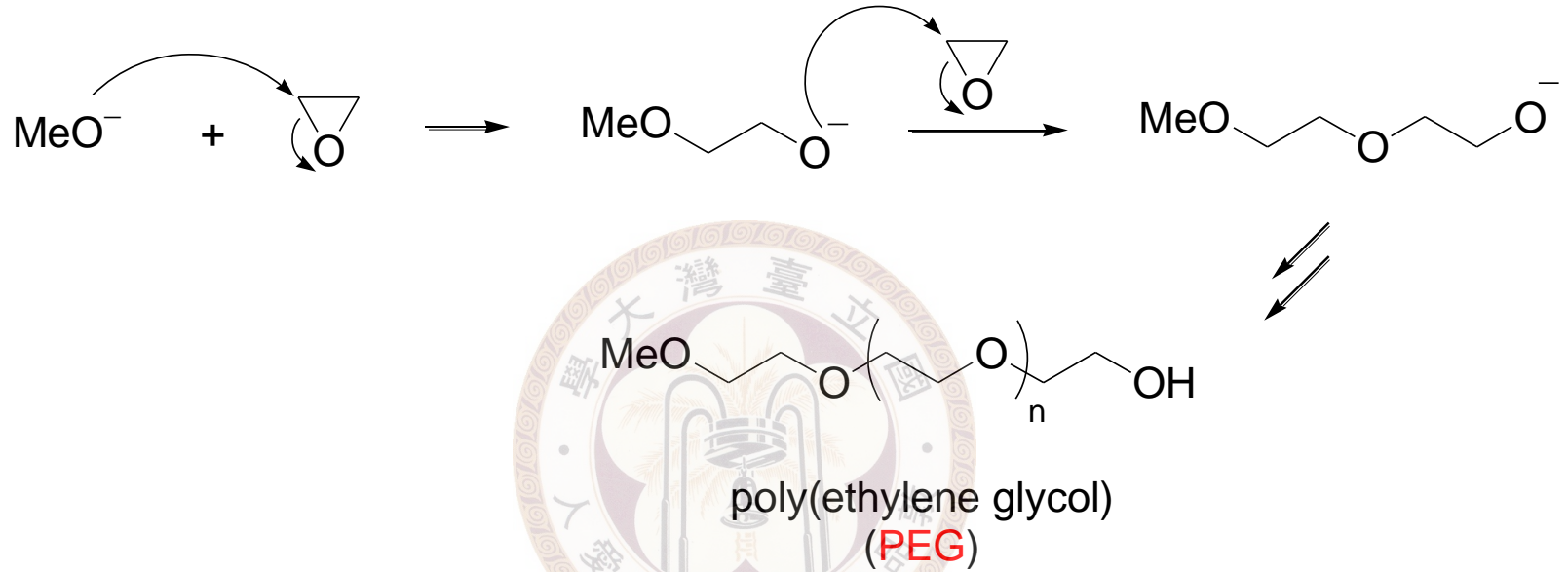


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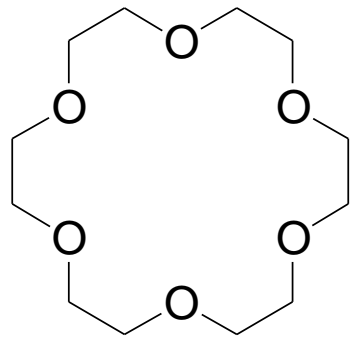


## ◎ Polyethers from epoxides



A polyether with good water solubility

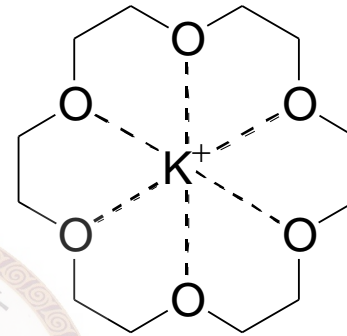
# ※ Crown ethers and phase transfer catalysis



18-Crown-6

↑  
ring atoms

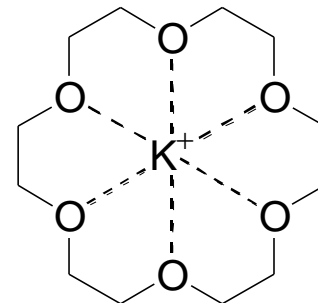
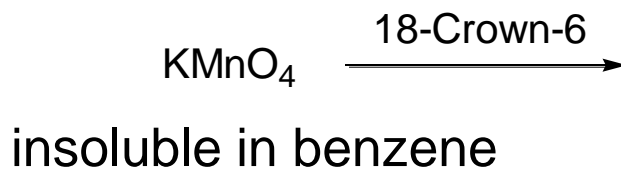
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oxygen atoms



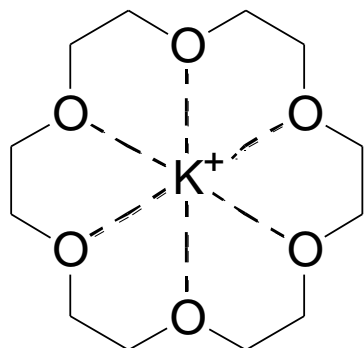
chelates potassium ion

The **host-guest relationship**:  
host: Crown ether, guest:  $K^+$

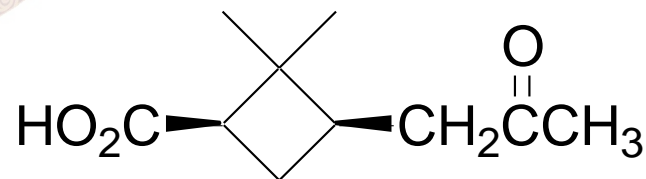
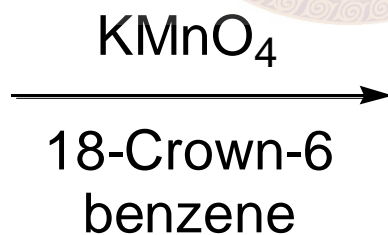
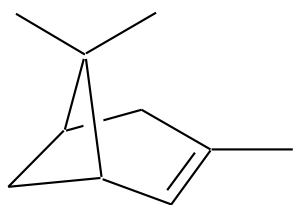
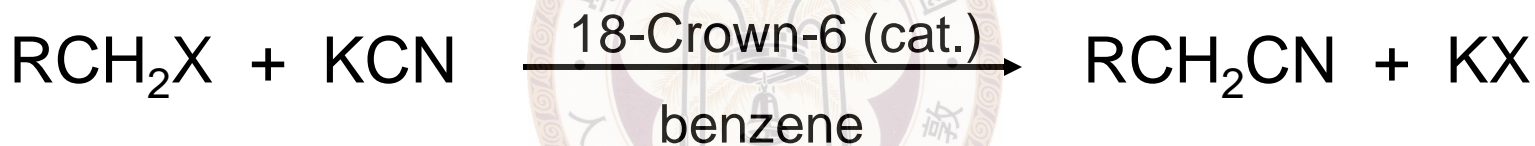
✓ Application: can enhance the solubility of salt in org. solv. (as phase transfer catalyst)



Soluble in benzene



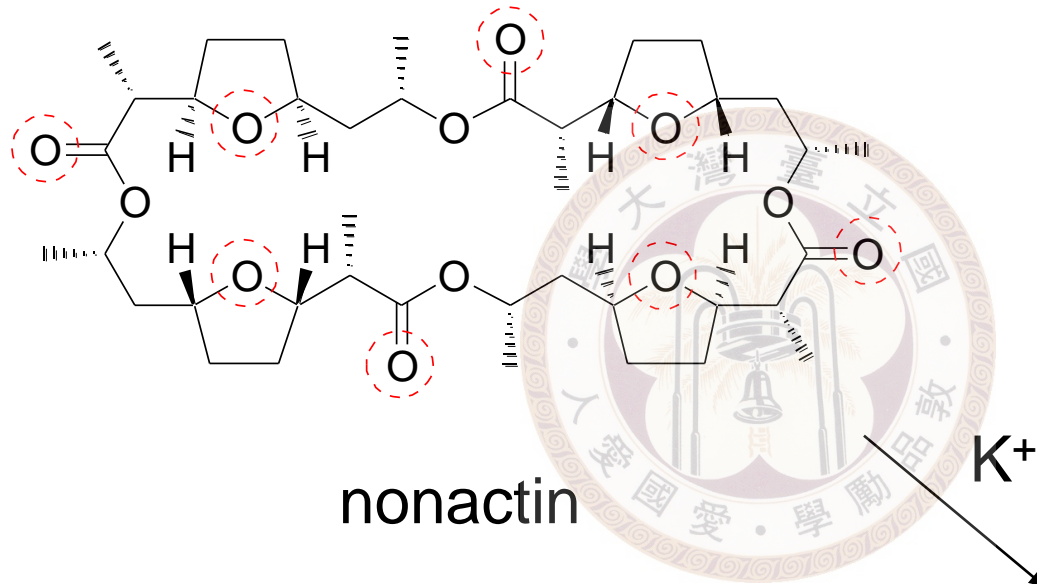
in nonpolar solvent  
 → not solvated  
 → very reactive



90%

◎ Some naturally occurring Crown ethers

transport antibiotic:



An ionophore (ion loving):  
compounds that bind metal  
ions tightly

