

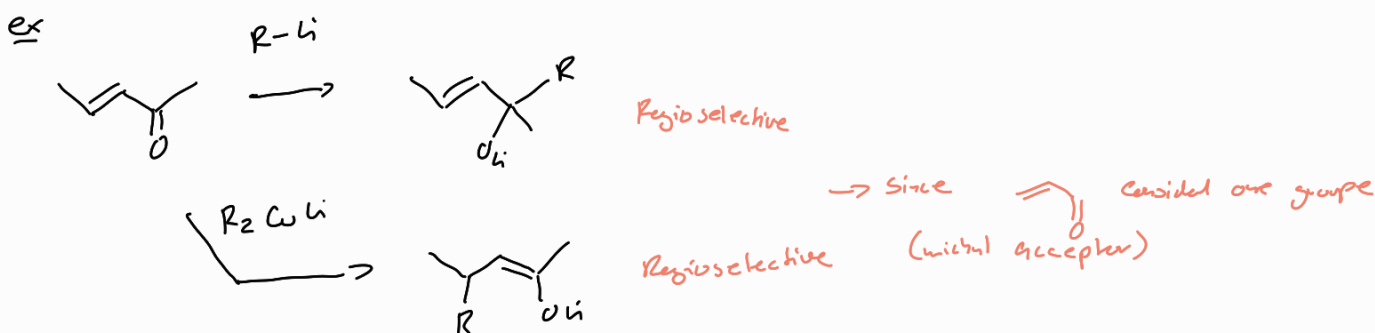
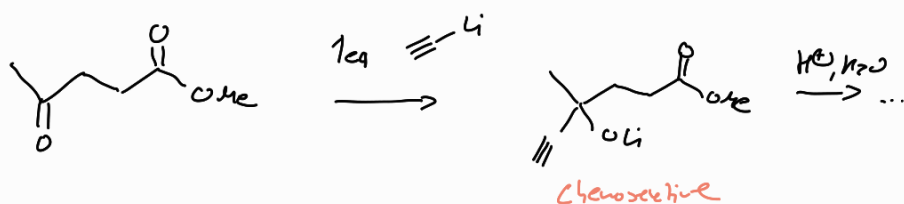
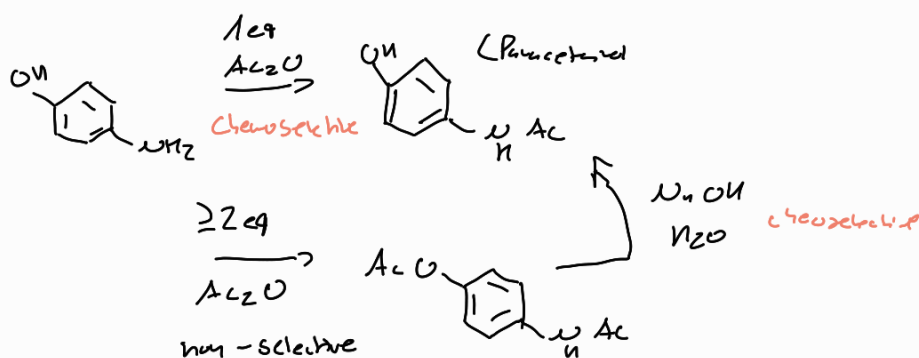
# Selectivity: Reductions and oxidations

1) Chemoselectivity  $\Rightarrow$  which will react?

2) Regioselectivity  $\Rightarrow$  where react?

3) Stereoselectivity

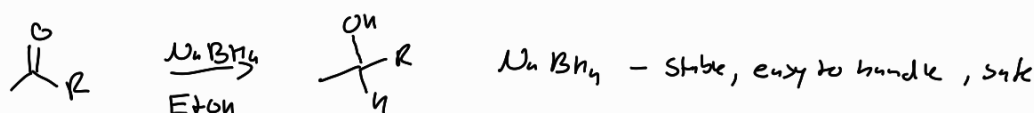
ex Paracetamol



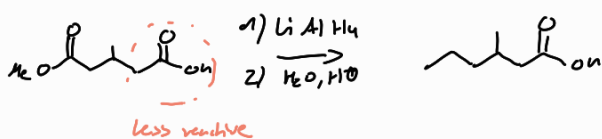
## Reductions

Rule of Thumb: use mildest agent possible!!  $\Rightarrow$  gives Chemoselectivity

### Aldehydes & ketones

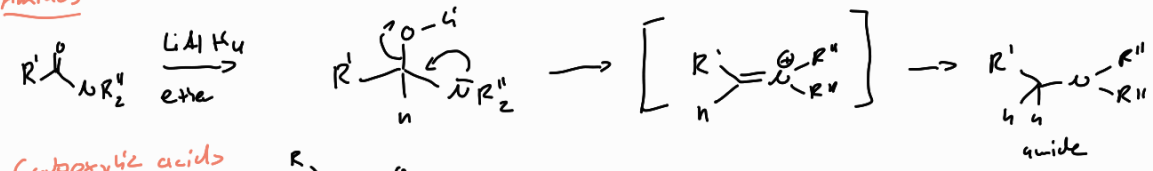


### Esters

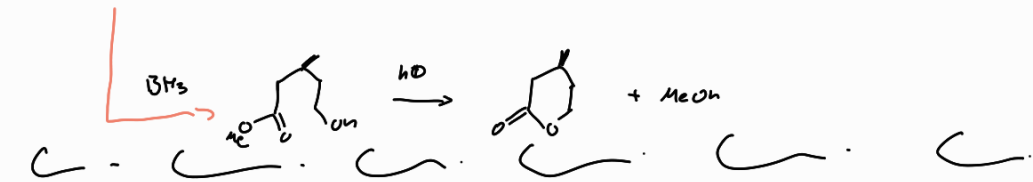
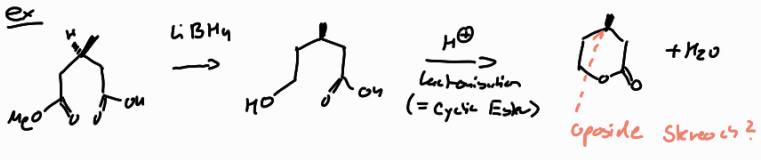
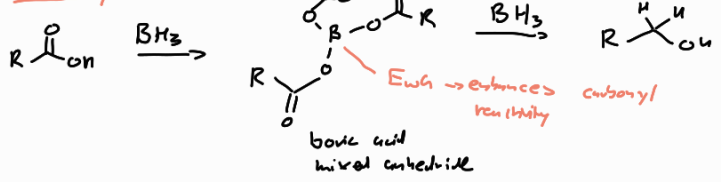


$\Rightarrow$  Alternatively  $\text{LiBH}_4$  = less reactive

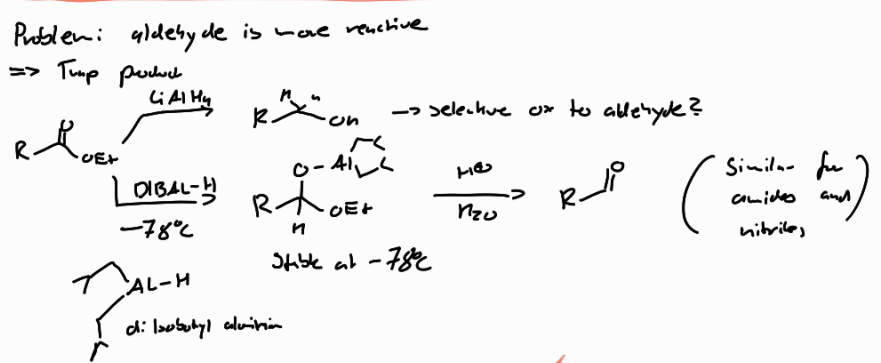
Amides



Carboxylic acids

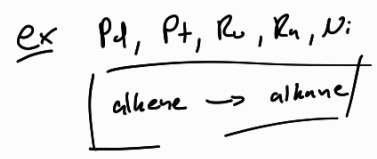
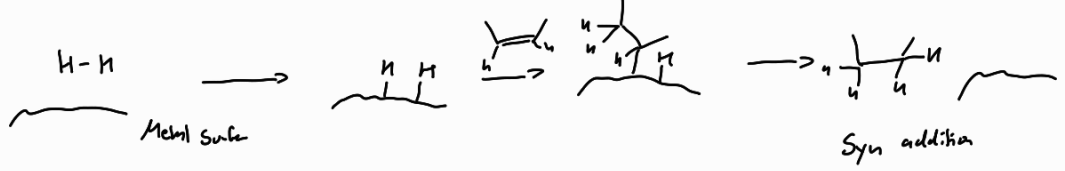


Reduce ester/Amide to aldehyde?



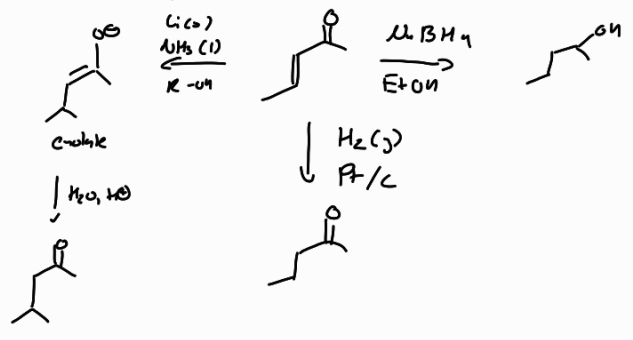
Reduction of alkenes/alkynes

=> Catalytic hydrogen "molecular" hydrogen

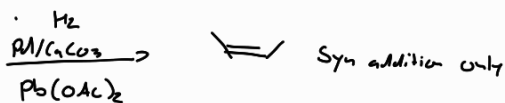


=> Also Reduction of Michael acceptors

Early lecture (3)

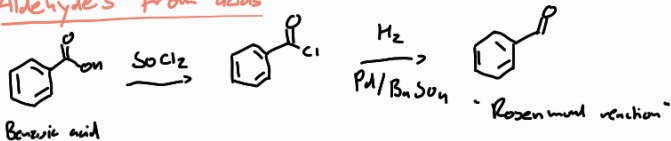


## Alkyne Hydrogenation

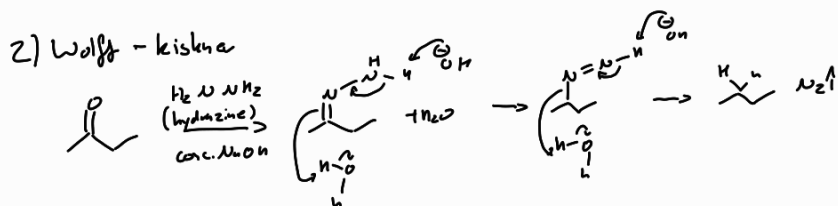
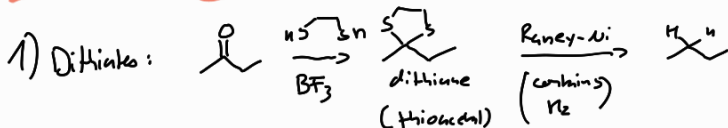


Pb poison catalyst  
Lindlar catalyst

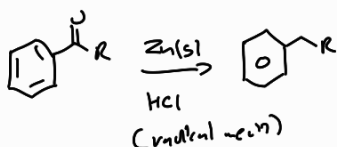
## Aldehydes from acids



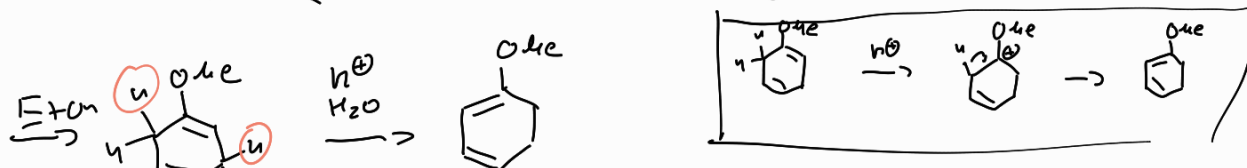
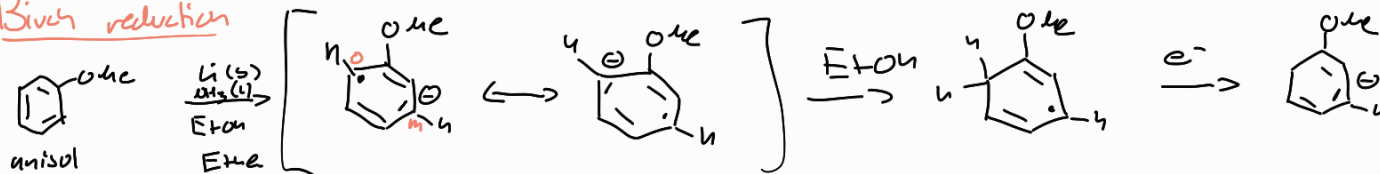
## Reduction of aldehydes and ketones to alkanes



## 3) Clemmensen



## Birch reduction

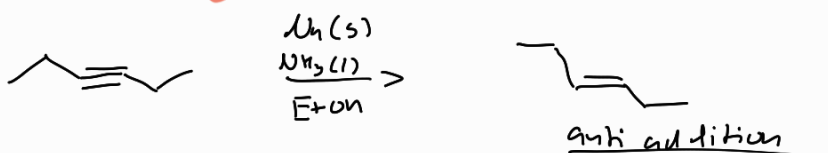


2H added  
not aromatic

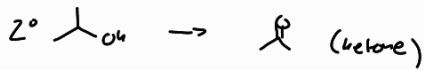
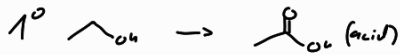
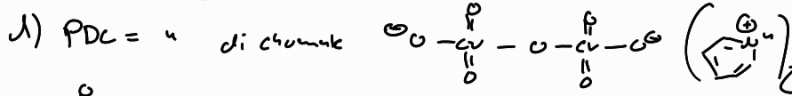
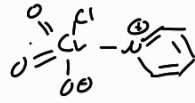
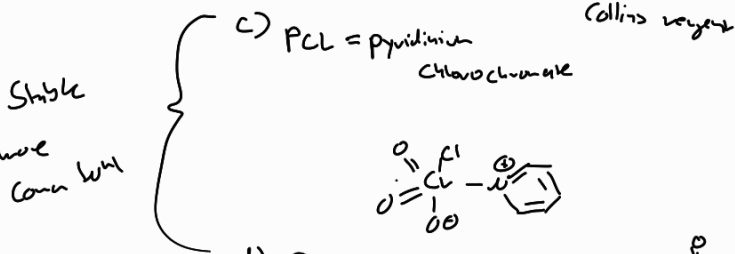
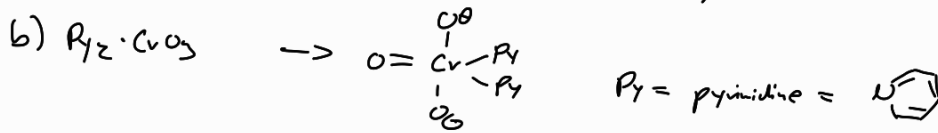
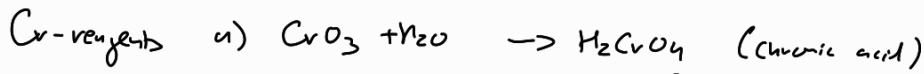
$\Rightarrow$   $\text{e}^-$  donating group  $\Rightarrow$  Ortho and meta radical anion

$\Rightarrow$   $\text{e}^-$  withdrawing group  $\Rightarrow$  para radical anion

## Dissolving metal reduction of alkynes



# Oxidations and chemoselectivities

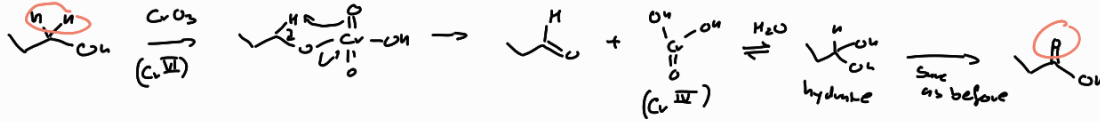


Mech

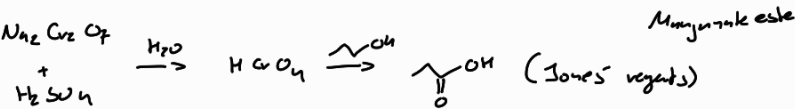
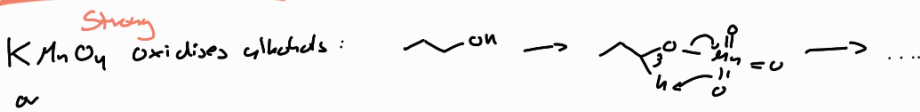
$\text{H}^+$  abstraction



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## Other oxidants

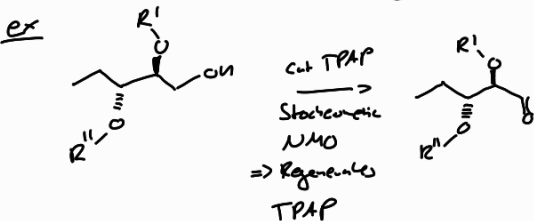
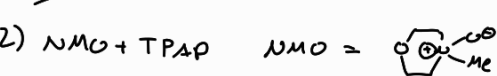


Mild  $\rightarrow$  only aldehyde not acid

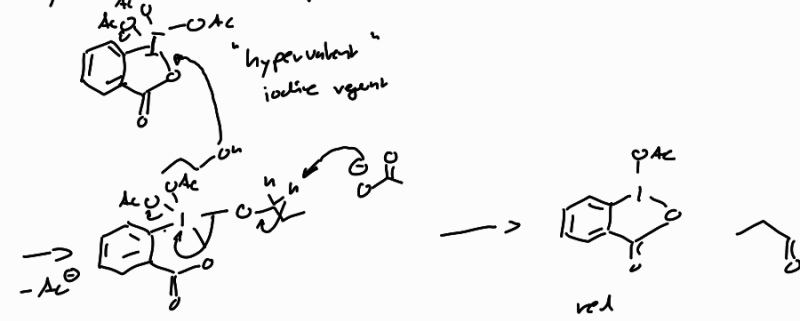
$1^\circ$  alcohol  $\rightarrow$  aldehyde

1) PCC can oxidise to aldehyde if careful

Super alternative



### 3) Dess-Martin periodine



### 4) Swern Oxidation

DMSO + Oxalyl chloride

