



Alkanes

- ✓ Introduction
- ✓ Physical Properties
- ✓ Isomerism
- ✓ Structure

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Alkanes



Hydrocarbons — C + H

- ① Saturated HC → Alkanes ✓
- ② Unsaturated HC → Alkenes ✓ & Alkyne
- ③ Aromatic HC / Arenes

Alkanes



Physical Properties

- 1st 4 hydrocarbon (methane, ethane, Propane and butane are gases, next 13 members are (C₅ to C₁₇) are colorless liquids and rest are wax in nature. $\sum C_{13}$
- They are non-polar nature and dissolved in nonpolar solvents (CCl₄, Benzene, etc)
- Specific gravity and melting point is increased with molecular weight
- Branching decreases the boiling point.

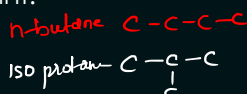
Table of Boiling Points of Linear Alkanes:

Name of Alkane	How many carbons ?	Chem Formula	Boiling Point in °C	State at (20°C)	Melting Point in °C
Methane	1	C ₁ H ₄	-162	gas	-183
Ethane	2	C ₂ H ₆	-89	gas	-172
Propane	3	C ₃ H ₈	-42	gas	-188
n-Butane	4	C ₄ H ₁₀	0	gas	-138
n-Pentane	5	C ₅ H ₁₂	36	liquid	-130
n-Hexane	6	C ₆ H ₁₄	69	liquid	-95
n-Heptane	7	C ₇ H ₁₆	98	liquid	-91
n-Octane	8	C ₈ H ₁₈	126	liquid	-57
n-Nonane	9	C ₉ H ₂₀	151	liquid	-54
n-Decane	10	C ₁₀ H ₂₂	174	liquid	-30

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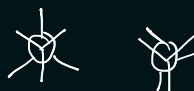
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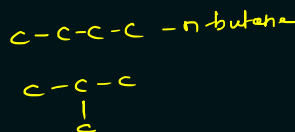
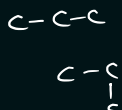


Isomers of Alkanes

- Structural Isomerism- Chain and Functional Isomers
- Conformational isomerism
- <https://youtu.be/3WHrLJD33Ds?si=CNIWxVUjyKqFI5BX>



Name	Number of Possible Isomers
methane	—
ethane	—
propane	—
butane	2
pentane	3
hexane	5
heptane	9
octane	18
nonane	35
decane	75

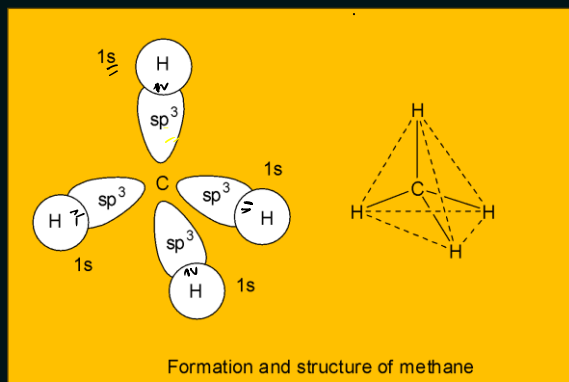
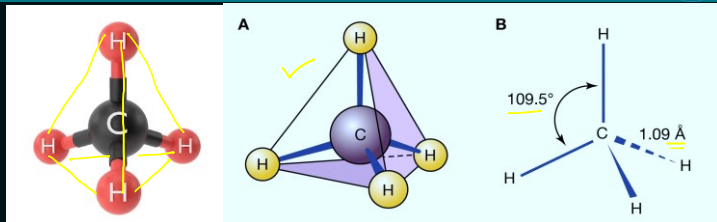
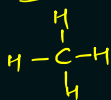


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Structure

Methane- Tetrahedral (sp^3 Hybridized)



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Methods of Preparations

1. Hydrogenation of Unsaturated Hydrocarbons
2. Reduction of Alkyl Halide
3. Wurtz Reaction



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Alkanes- Simplest, saturated hydrocarbons, made of carbons and hydrogens only with C-C and C-H covalent bond.

Saturated Hydrocarbons are also referred as Paraffins (parum- away; little and affinis- Little affinity)- Less reactivities

General formula: C_nH_{2n+2} ($n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$)

Homologous Series

Name	Molecular Formula (C_nH_{2n+2})	Condensed Structural Formula
methane ✓	CH ₄ ✓	CH ₄ ✓
ethane	C ₂ H ₆	CH ₃ CH ₃ } CH ₂
propane	C ₃ H ₈	CH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₃ } CH ₂
butane	C ₄ H ₁₀	CH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃ ↓
pentane	C ₅ H ₁₂	CH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃
hexane	C ₆ H ₁₄	CH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃
heptane	C ₇ H ₁₆	CH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃
octane	C ₈ H ₁₈	CH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃
nonane	C ₉ H ₂₀	CH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃
decane	C ₁₀ H ₂₂	CH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃

Reactivity - alkynes > alkenes > alkanes
 $C \equiv C$ 2π bond 1σ
 $C=C$ 1π 1σ
 $C-C$ 1σ

n=1
CH₄
 n=2 2, 2+2
C₂H₆
ethane

Alkanes Methods of Preparations



1. From Unsaturated Hydrocarbons (Alkene and Alkynes)- Hydrogenation Reaction

Catalytic "Hydrogenation"/Reduction (A) $R-CH=CH_2 + H_2 \xrightarrow[\Delta, 200-300^\circ C]{Ni} R-CH_2-CH_3$

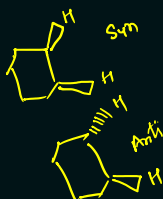
"Sanderson & Sabatier Reaction" * GPAT Alkene Pt/Pd - Room temp Alkane

Syn Addition Reaction Occurs

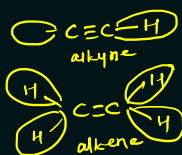
Methane Can't be Prepared * GPAT Neet (B) $R-C \equiv CH + 2H_2 \xrightarrow[\Delta]{Ni} R-CH_2-CH_3$ Alkane

Catalyst: Ni/Pt/Pd

200-300°C
Room temp



$R-C \equiv CH \xrightarrow[Ni/\Delta]{H_2} R-CH=CH_2 \xrightarrow[Ni/\Delta]{H_2} R-CH_2-CH_3$ alkane
 Rate limiting/determining step



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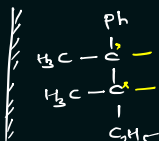
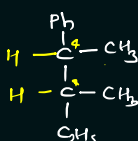
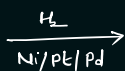
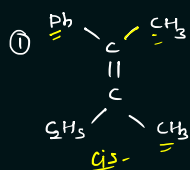
↳ Unsymmetrical Alkenes → always give a pair of optical active isomers

Ph- Phenyl

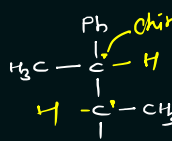
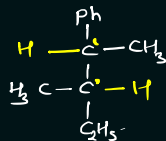
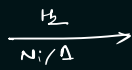
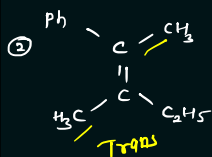
↳ Enantiomers in Rac. mix.

Racemic mixture

↳ 2 optical isomers
2- product



↳ pair of enantiomers



↳ Chiral carbon

↳ Enantiomers

Racemic mixture

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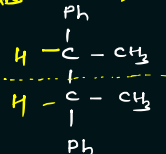
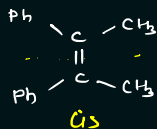


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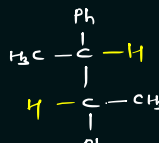
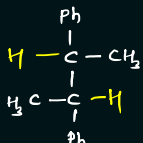
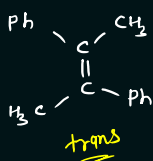
↳ Symmetrical Alkenes

↳ Cis type give - opt. inactive compound - meso compound

↳ trans → optically active enantiomers



↳ Meso compound - optically inactive



↳ optical active

↳ Enantiomers

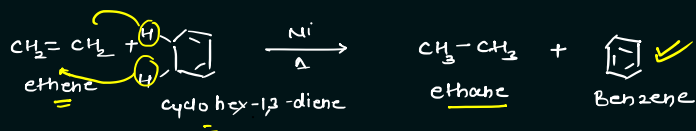
Racemic mixture

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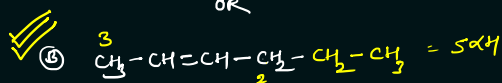
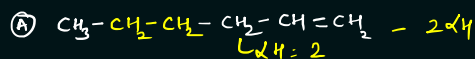
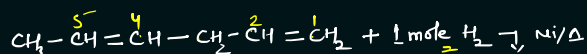


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↳ Transfer Hydrogenation → Driving force → Aromaticity



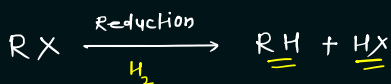
↳ Selective Hydrogenation



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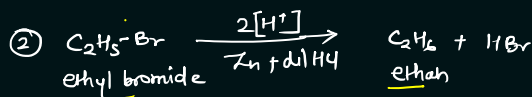
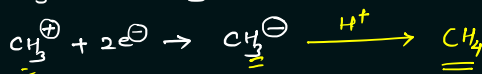
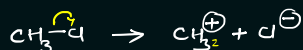
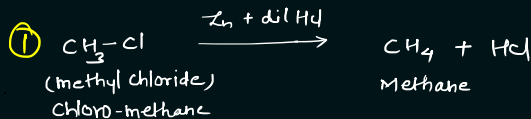
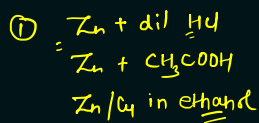


2. Reduction of Alkyl Halide



↳ Methane can be prepared

Catalyst →



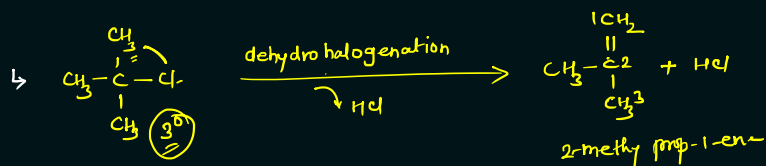
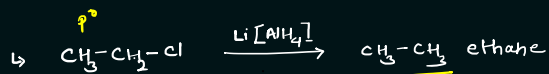
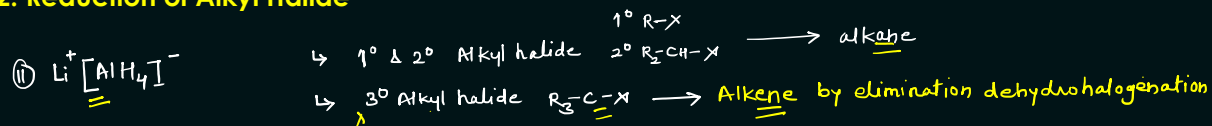
* Limitation

↳ R-F can not be used

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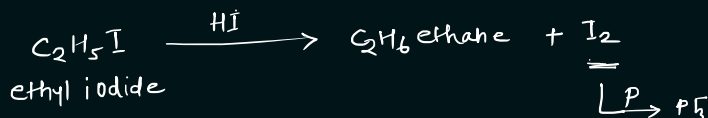
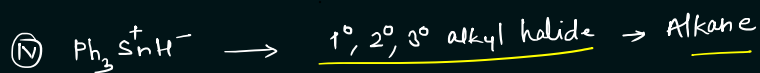
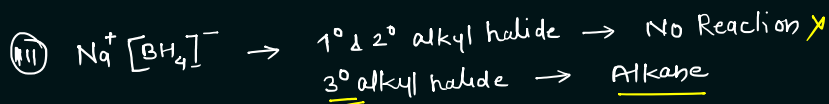
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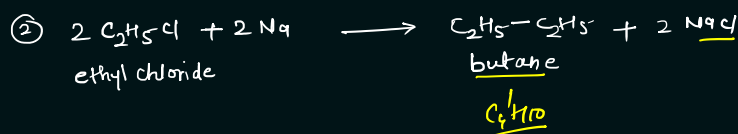
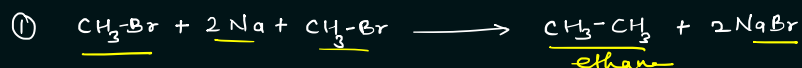
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3. Wurtz Reaction # Imp - alkyl halide = 2 molecule

✓ # From Alkyl halide... 2 mole

Increase the no. of C-Chain.

Used in Ascent of Chain.

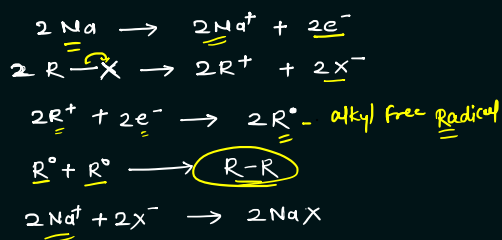
Even no C-chain is mainly prepared.# Na metal with Dry ether is used in this reaction.

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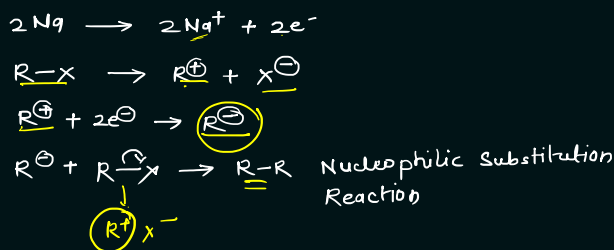


3. Wurtz Reaction- Reaction Mechanism

A Free Radical Mechanism ✓



B Anion Mechanism

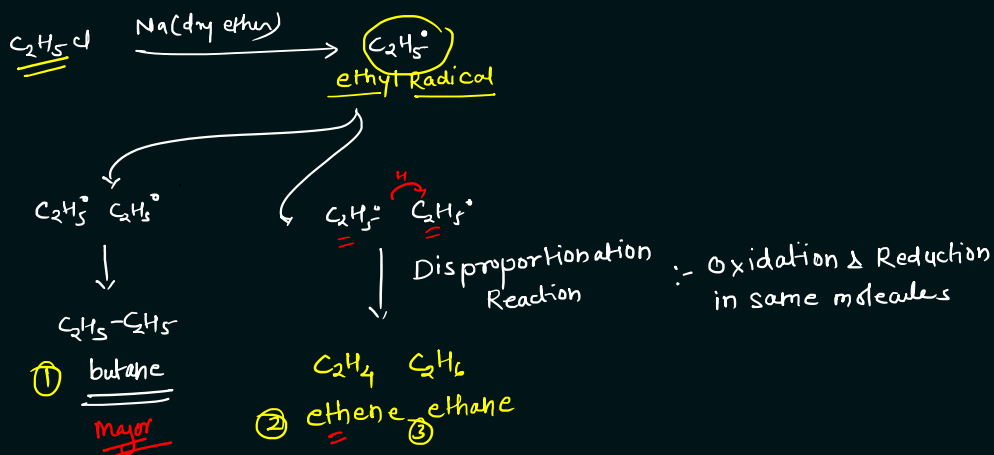


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3. Wurtz Reaction

Q.1

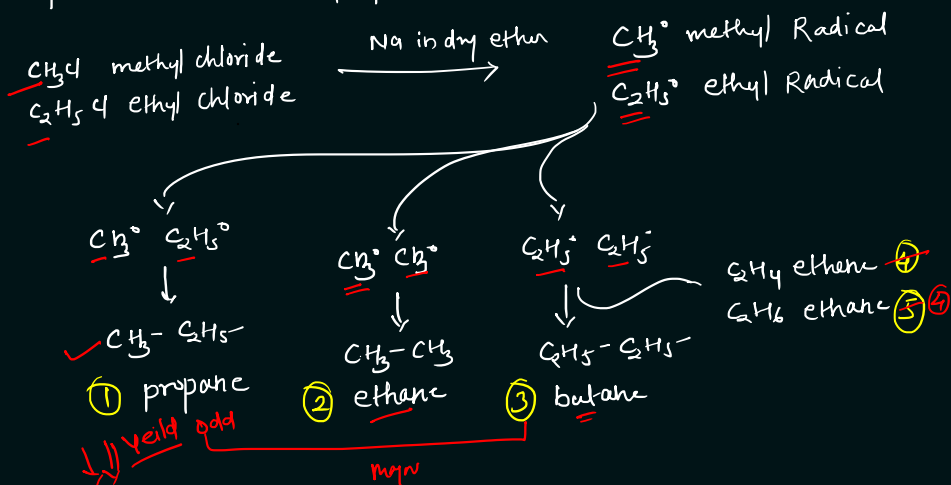


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3. Wurtz Reaction

Q.2 = Why odd-chain are not prepared by this method - very low yield



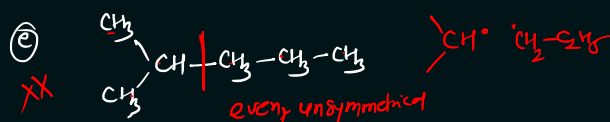
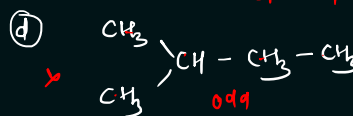
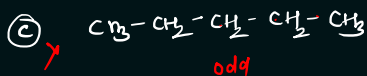
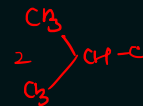
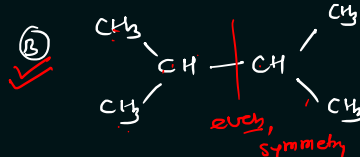
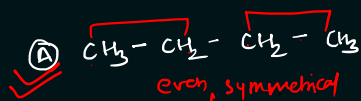
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3. Wurtz Reaction

high yield - ✓ even
✓ symmetry

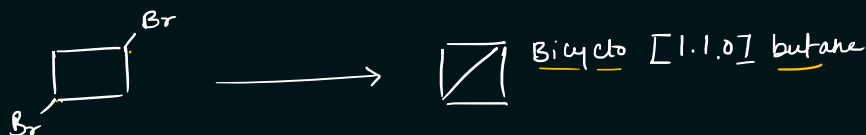
Q.3 - Tick the high yield alkanes that are prepared by Wurtz Reaction



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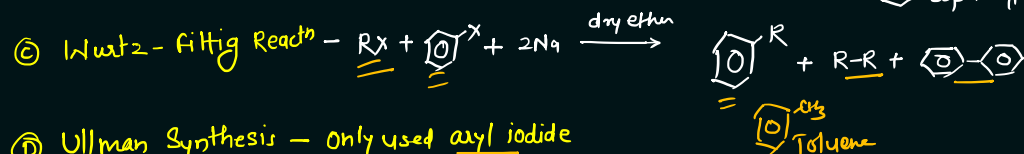
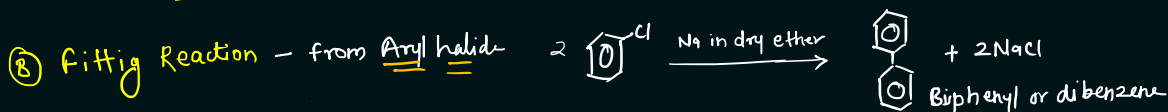
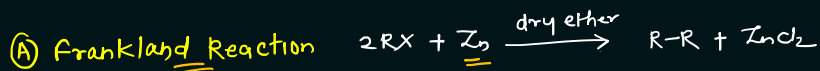
3. Wurtz Reaction - Intramolecular Wurtz Reaction



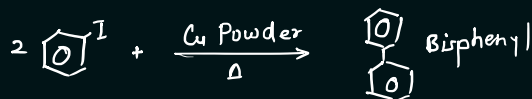
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Similar Reaction to Wurtz Reaction



(D) Ullman Synthesis - only used aryl iodide



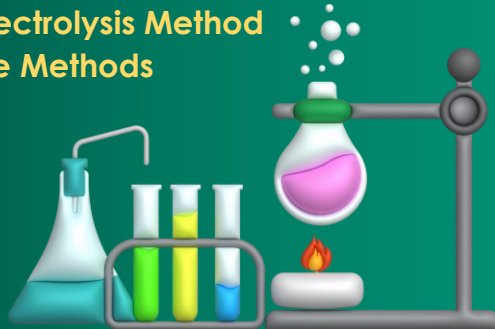
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Decarboxylation Methods

4. Kolbe's Electrolysis Method

5. Soda-Lime Methods

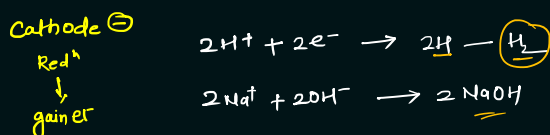
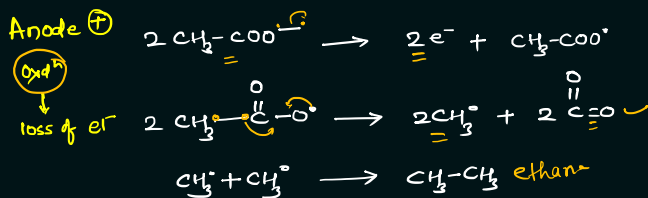
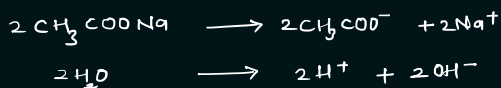


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4. Kolbe's Synthesis → Reaction Mechanism



Use to prepare even/symmetrical C-Chain alkanes.

Increase the no. of C-Chain (Ascent of Chain)

\uparrow pH \rightarrow \uparrow Reaction

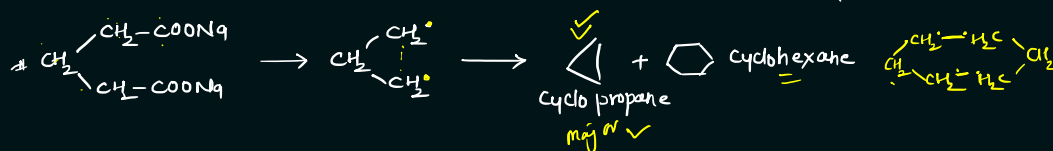
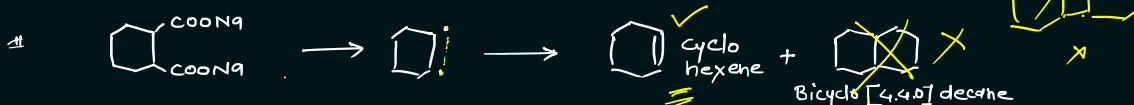
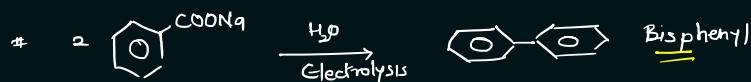
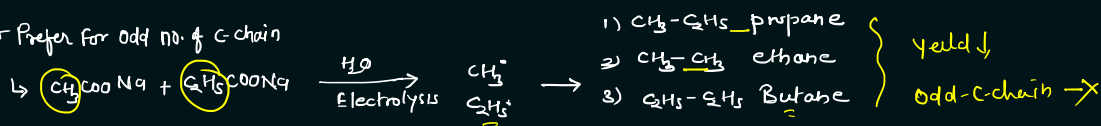
by this method, alkene, alkyne and cycloalkane, and cycloalkene can also be prepared. Arenes

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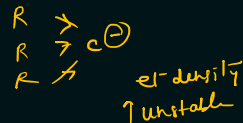
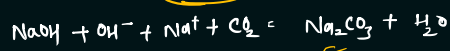
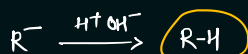
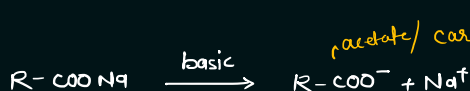
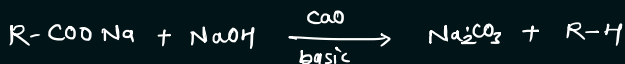
Not Prefer for odd no. of C-chain



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5. Soda Lime Methods — Reaction Mechanism



Rate Determining step

Stability = 1° > 2° > 3° — due to +I effect



Reactivity for decarboxylation

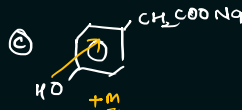
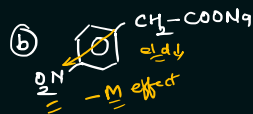
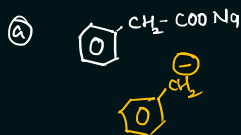
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5. Soda Lime Methods

a. Rate of Decarboxylation

↑ electron density at C⁻ ion
 ↳ ↑ instability and try to avoid formation



b > a > c

Ex 2



c > b > a

(Resonance stability) (Aromatic stability)



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From Aldehyde/Ketone

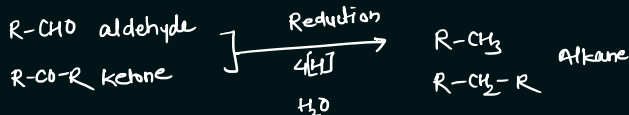
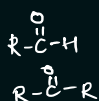
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7. Wolf-Kishner Reduction
8. Red Phosphorus/Iodine

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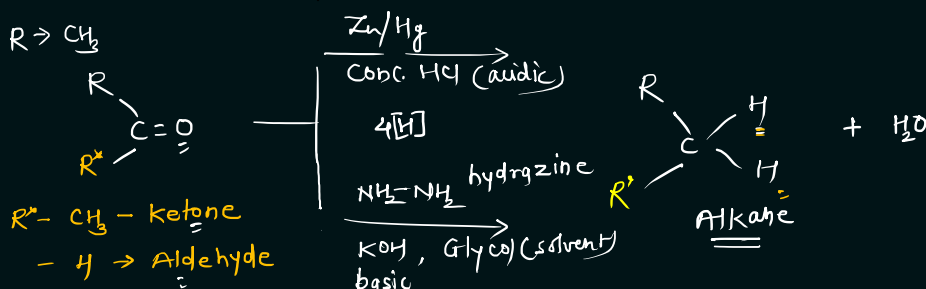
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From Aldehyde or Ketone- Reduction



✓ Clemenson Reduction



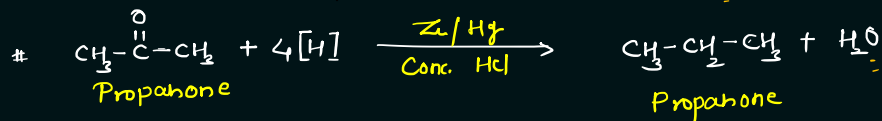
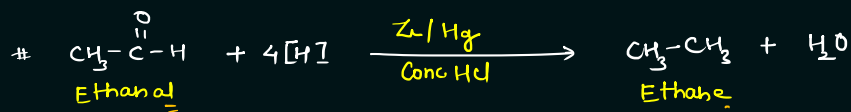
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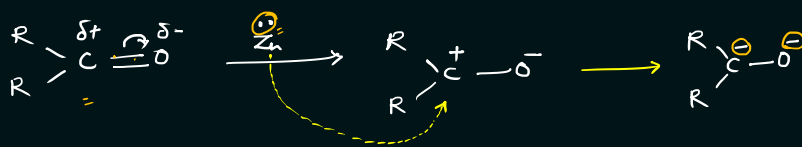


6. Clemenson Reduction

→ Zn/Hg Catalyst
 → Conc. HCl (Aldic mediq)



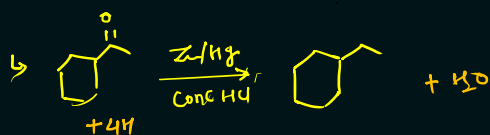
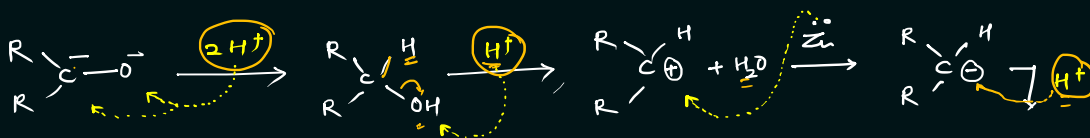
Reaction Mechanism



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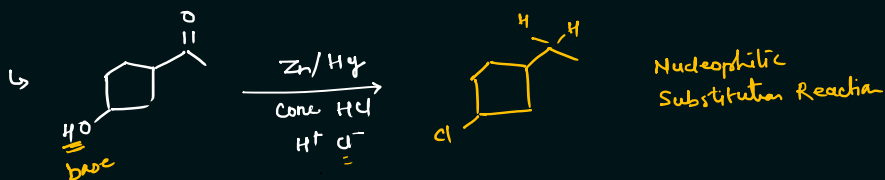
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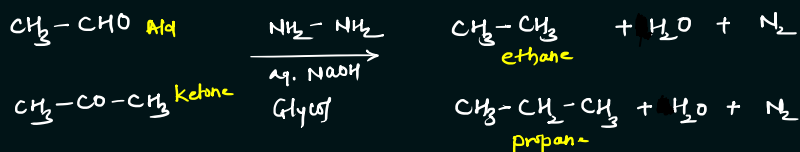
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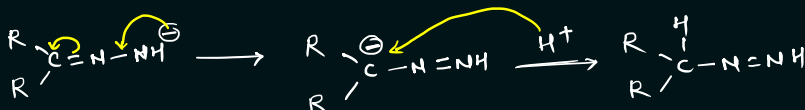
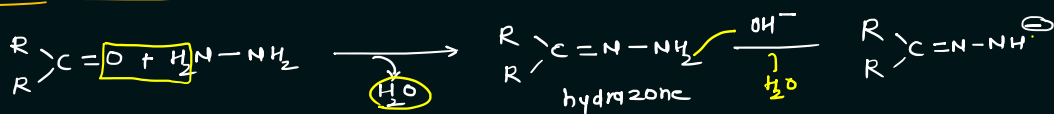
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7. Wolf-Kishner Reduction



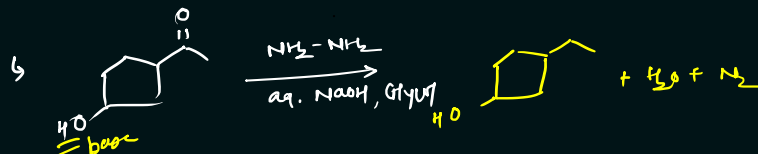
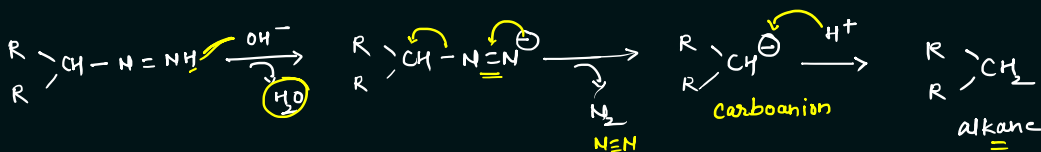
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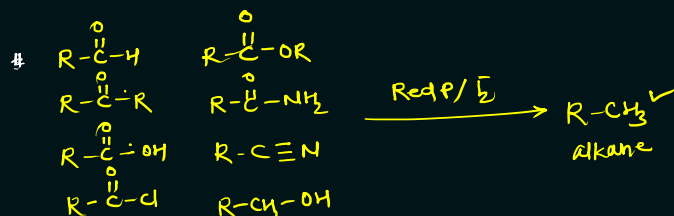
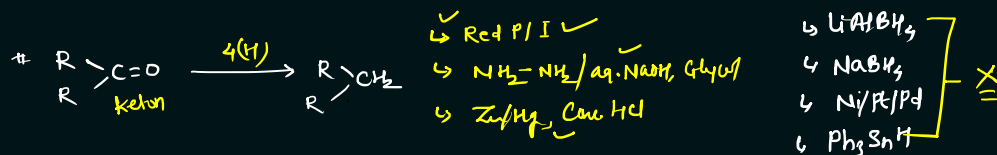
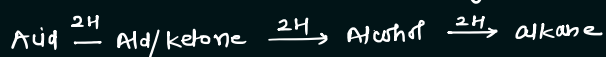
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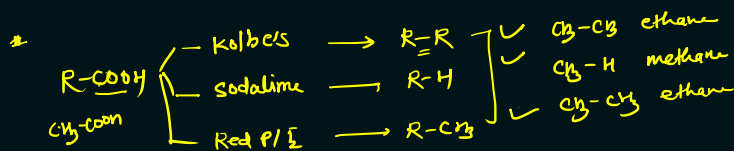
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8. Red Phosphorus/Iodine \rightarrow very strong Reducing Agent

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8. Red Phosphorus/Iodine



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9. From Grignard's Reagents

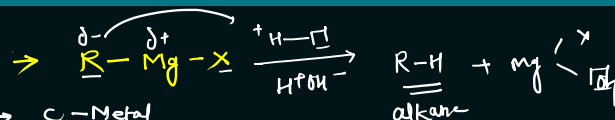
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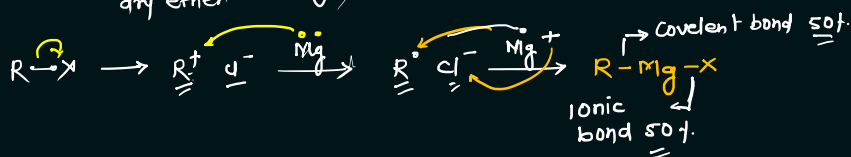


↳ Organometallic compounds → C-Metal

↳ Got Nobel prize - in 1912 with others

↳ you can prepare almost all org. compounds

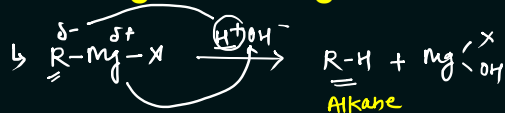
↳ Grignard's Reagents → $CH_3-Mg-Cl$, $C_2H_5-Mg-Br$, $(\ominus)-Mg-Cl$, $(CH_3)_2CH-Mg-Cl$

* Preparatⁿ of Grignard Reagents

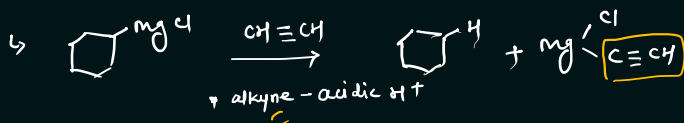
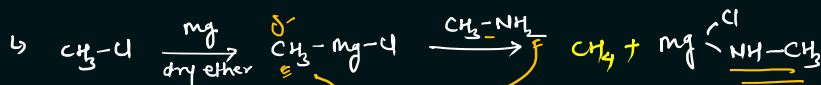
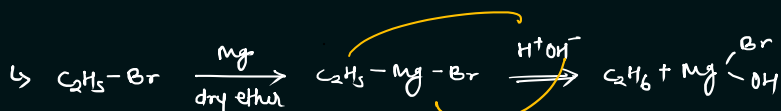
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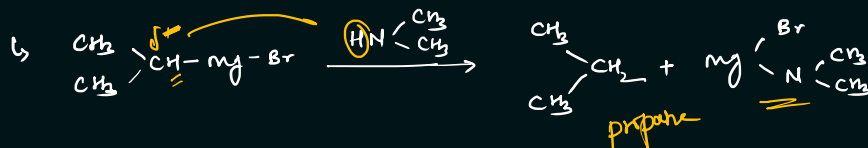
$\overset{\delta-}{R}-\overset{\delta+}{Mg}-X$
base \rightarrow search for active hydrogens H^+
 \rightarrow acidic hydrogens \uparrow H with F/O/N



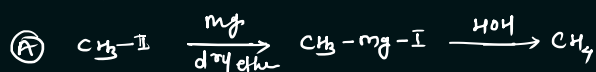
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9. From Grignard's Reagents



Rate of Reaction — $\text{A} > \text{B} > \text{C}$

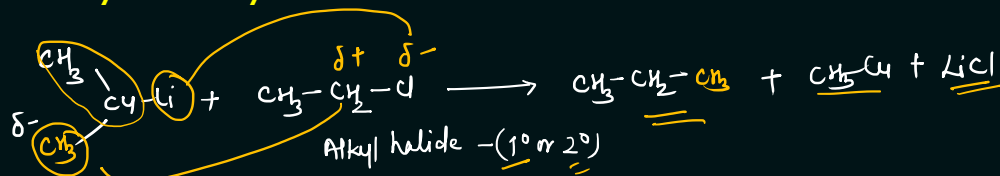


leaving tendency, $\text{I}^- > \text{Br}^- > \text{Cl}^-$

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10. Corey House Synthesis



unsymmetrical Δ odd C-chain alkane can be prepared unlike Kolbe's & Wurtz-Fittig's Reactions

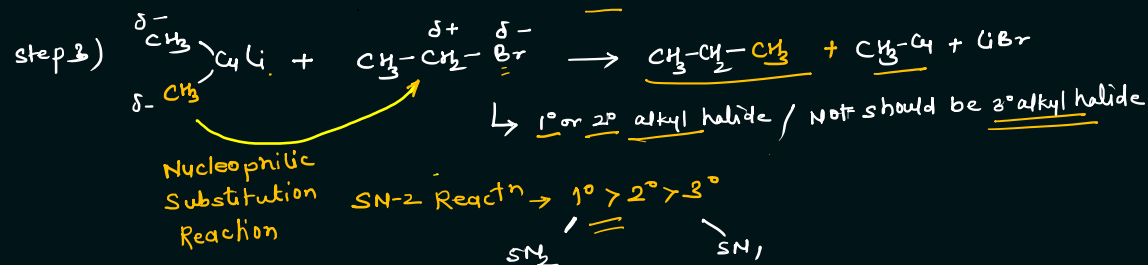
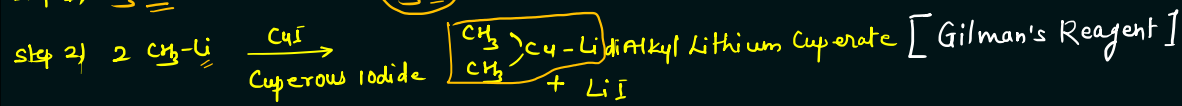
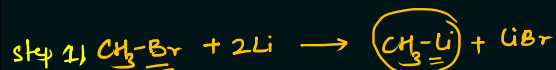
Gilman's Reagent R_2CuLi — dialkyl lithium cuprate

↳ organo metallic compound

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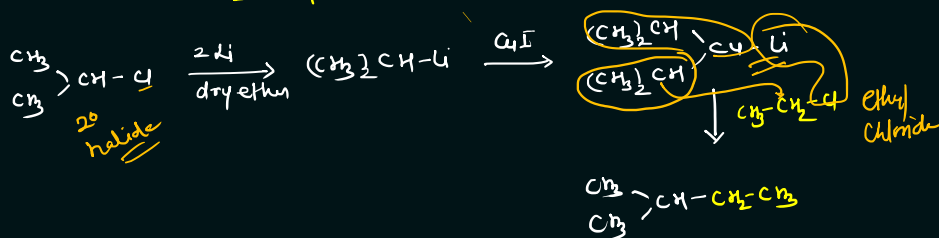
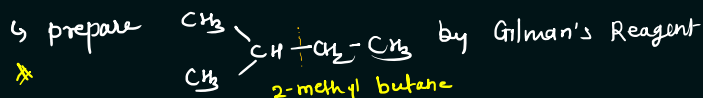
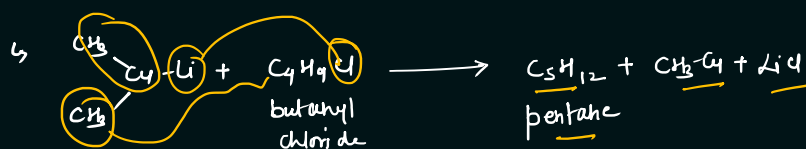
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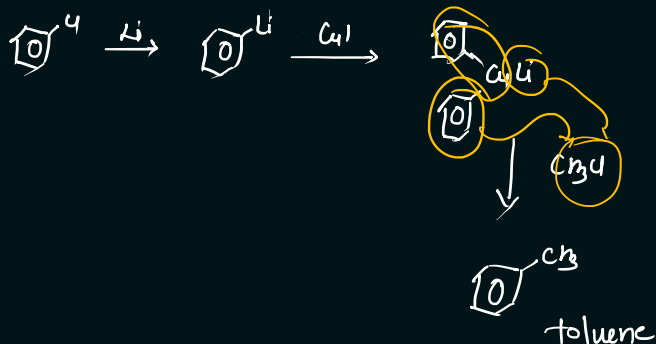
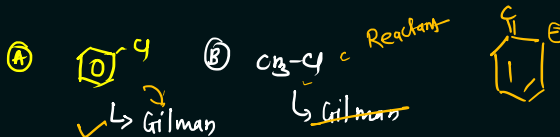


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10. Corey House Synthesis

1. Prepare c1ccccc1C toluene



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