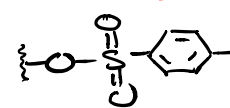


Substrate: 1°, 2°, 3° in terms of LG location

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 1° Tosylate $\Rightarrow S_N2$

LG:  $\equiv -\text{OTs}$ $S_N2/S_N1/E_2/E_1$ all same

Solvent: CH_3CN $\xrightarrow{+}$ $\text{CH}_3\text{C}\equiv\text{N}$: acetonitrile S_N2/E_2

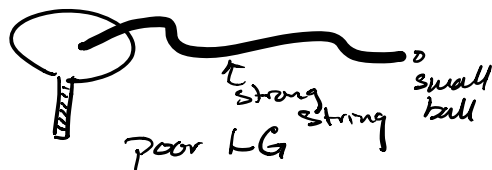
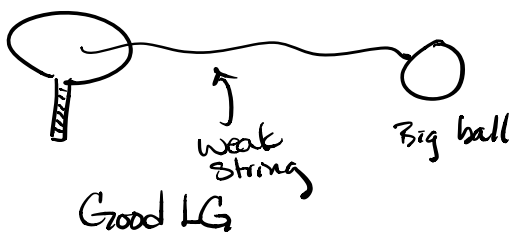
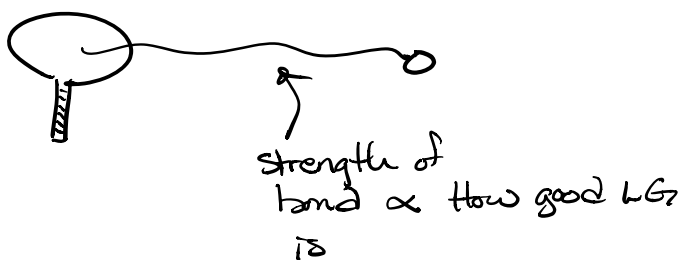
Temp: 60°C High or low? $-\text{OTs}$ VG LG

 $60^\circ\text{C} \Rightarrow$ High E_2

 $\Delta = T_p \text{ of solvent} = \text{High}$

High vs Low

Heat = force \rightarrow



Low temp $\sim 25^\circ\text{C}$ might actually be high

 High $> 25^\circ\text{C}$

 Low $< 25^\circ\text{C}$

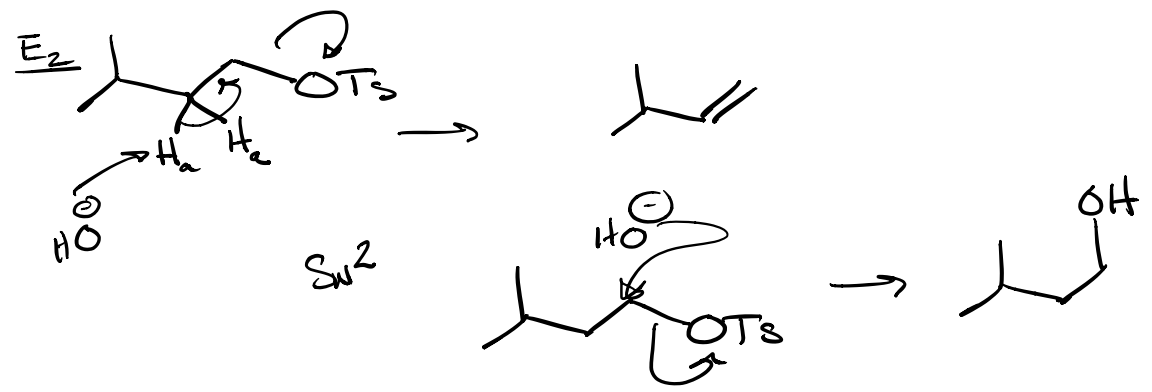
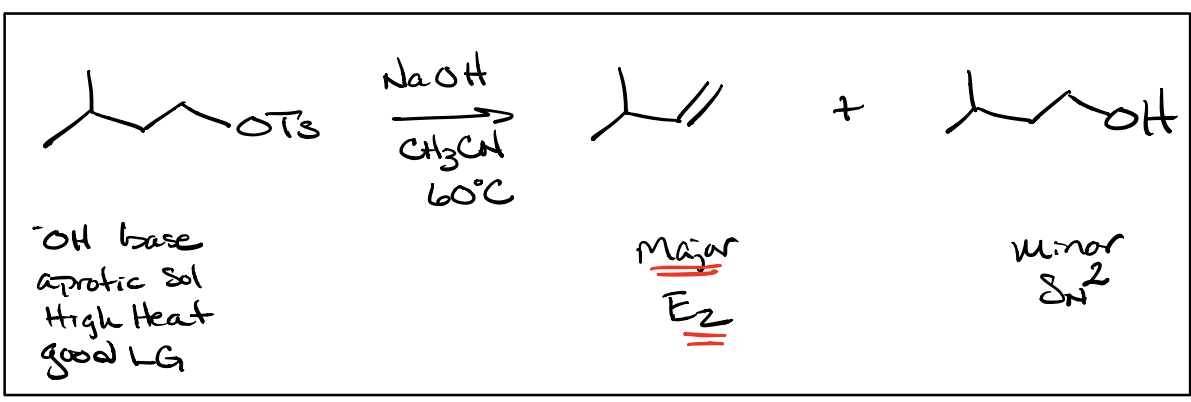
High temp Δ or $> 100^\circ\text{C}$

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But this can change w/ factors & so this is not a hard rule

$E2$ over S_N2
 major minor



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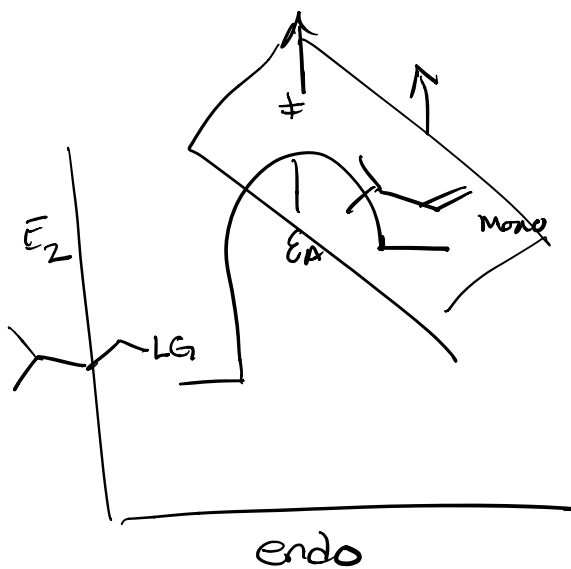
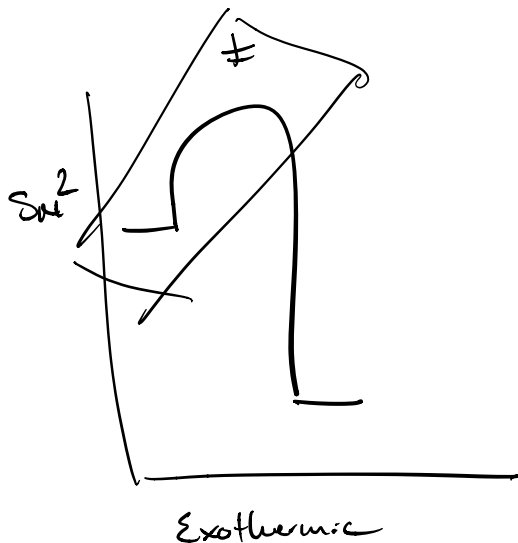
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Increasing nucleophilicity (solvolysis) ↑
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Methanol
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Formic Acid
Trifluoroethanol
Trifluoroacetic acid



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X polar aprotic
C⁺
not supported

-OCH₃ ≈ -OH
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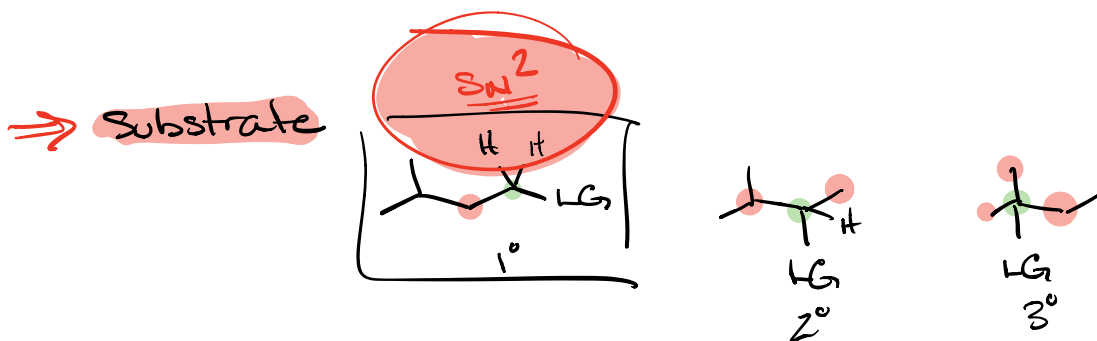
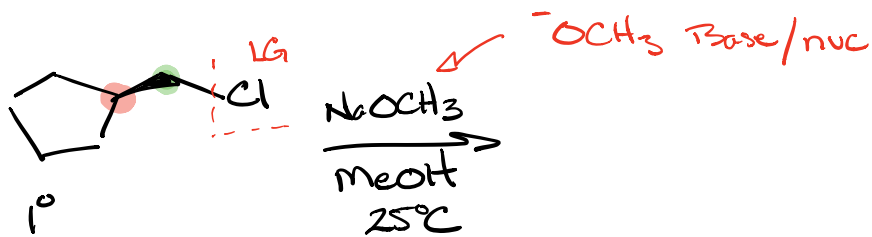
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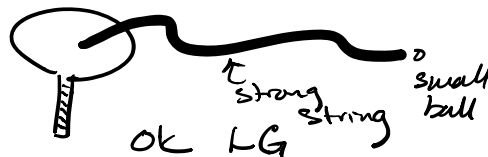


LG: Cl^- Good LG = weak base
 $\text{OTs}^- > \text{I}^- > \text{Br}^- > \text{Cl}^-$ OK LG

Base/nuc: OCH_3^- ? E_2 , SN_2 , E_1

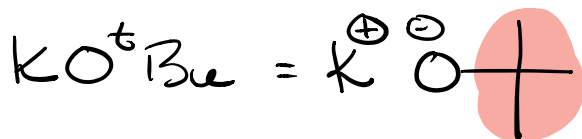
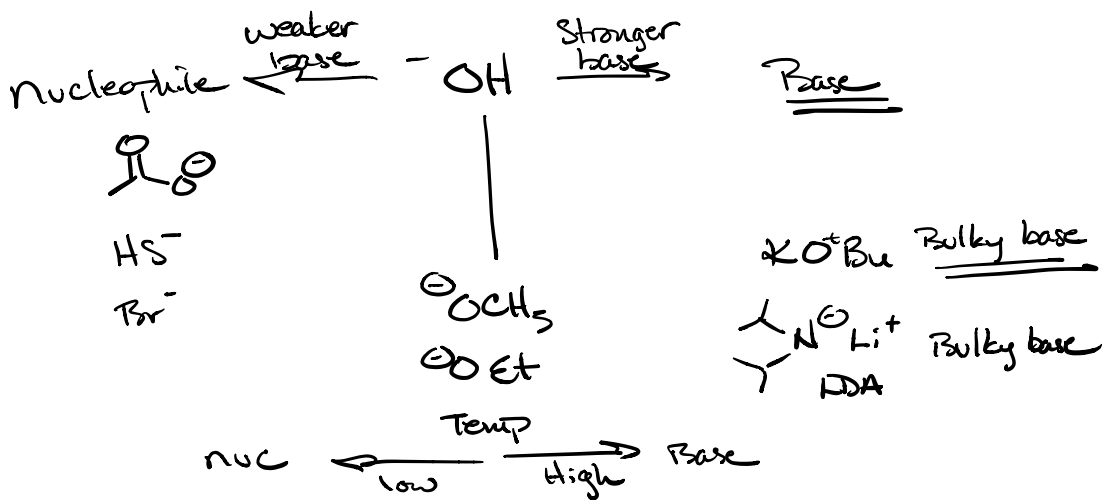
Solvent: MeOH H-bonding solvent polar protic ~~SN_1/E_1~~

⇒ **Temp:** 25°C Low temp relative to Cl^- High/Low α LG



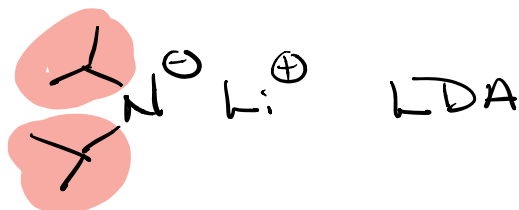
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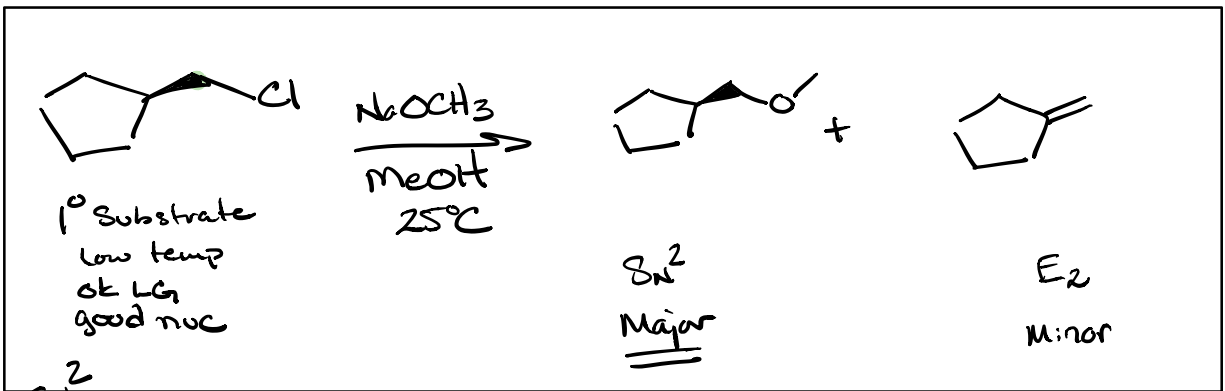
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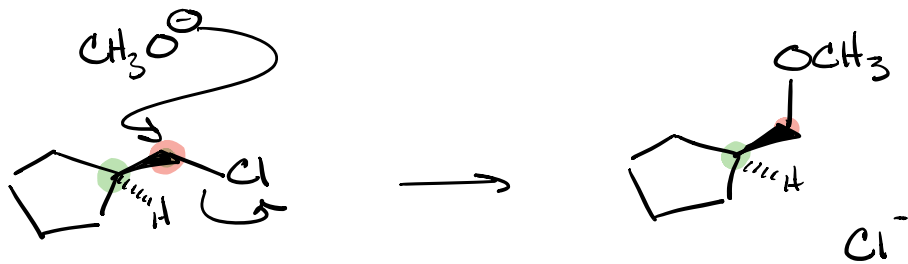
$^t\text{Bu} = \text{tert-butyl}$

Lithium diisopropyl amide

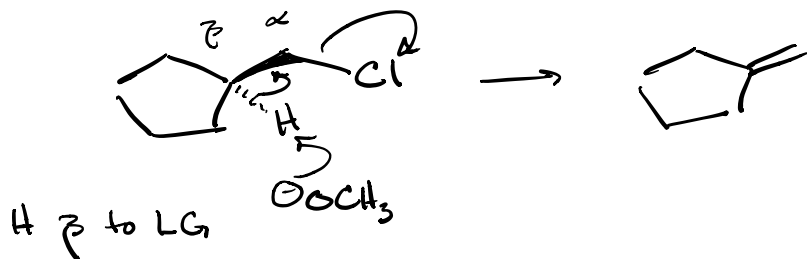


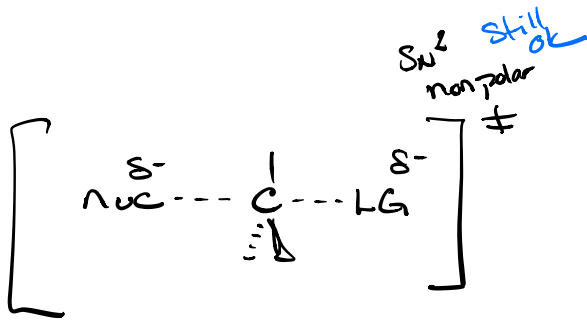
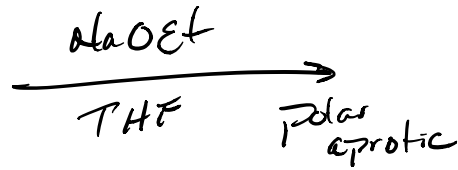
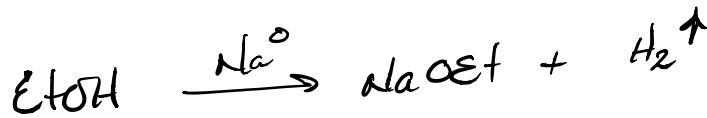
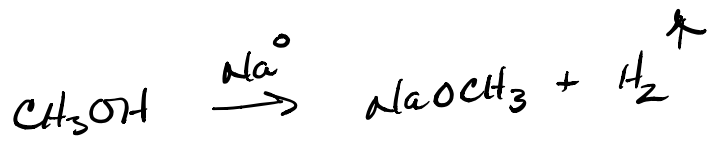
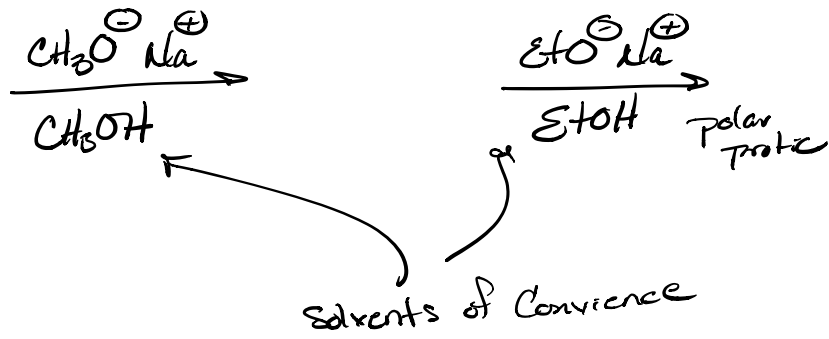


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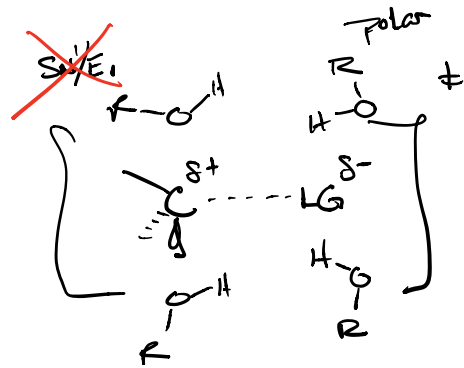
$E2$





promoted by polar aprotic but less affected by solvent

polar aprotic > protic
 ↗ not excluded



* Requires polar protic
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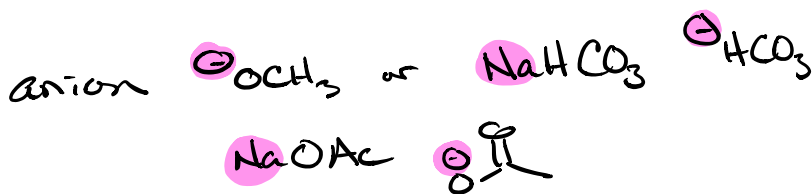
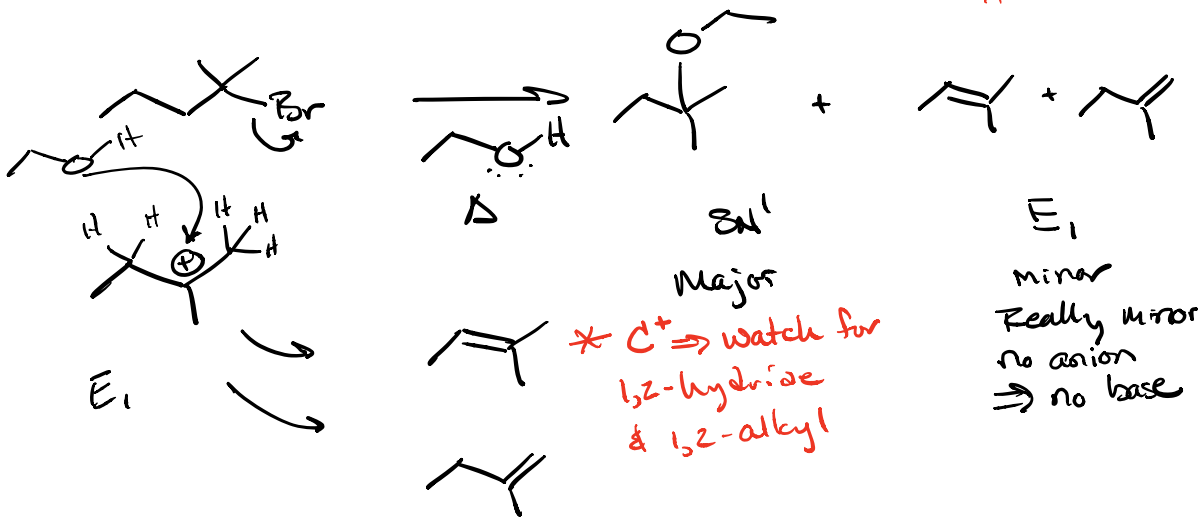


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 EtOH nucleophile Solvolysis \Rightarrow S_N1

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⇒ SN1

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