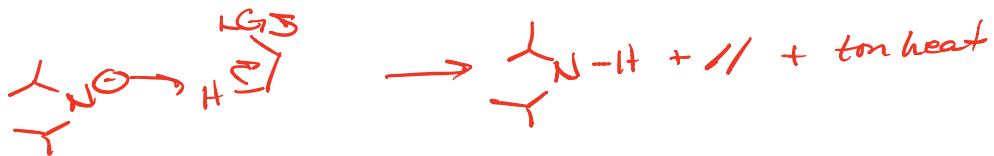


$-78^\circ\text{C} \Rightarrow$  cold      LDA to control exothermic  
 Run



$-30^\circ\text{C} \Rightarrow$  cold       $\text{KO}^\ddagger\text{Bu}$  to control heat

## NUCLEOPHILIC SUBSTITUTION AND ELIMINATION

The question is how do we discern when substitution is favored over elimination? The answer is found partly in how we should think about reactions of alkyl halides.

*The characteristic reaction of alkyl halides (or alkyl tosylates) with a Lewis base is **elimination**, special conditions are required to promote substitution.*

Given here is a set of guidelines (not absolutes) that can be used to arrive at the probable solution to nucleophilic substitution/elimination problems.

	Substitution	Elimination
	$S_N2$	E2
substrate	benzyl = allyl > $Me > 1^\circ > 2^\circ$ $\alpha$ -haloketone, $\alpha$ -haloester, $\alpha$ -halonitrile	$3^\circ > 2^\circ > 1^\circ$
solvent	polar aprotic	polar aprotic
nucleophile	good nuc (weaker base than $OH^-$ )	bulky or strong base $\geq OH^-$
leaving group	sulfonate $> I^- > Br^- > Cl^-$	sulfonate $> I^- > Br^- > Cl^-$
Temp	low	high

	$S_N1$	E1
substrate	$3^\circ > 2^\circ$	$3^\circ > 2^\circ > 1^\circ$
solvent	polar protic	polar protic
nucleophile	weak nuc (no anions!)	any anionic base
leaving group	sulfonate $> I^- > Br^- > Cl^-$	sulfonate $> I^- > Br^- > Cl^-$
Temp	low	high

## Classification of Nucleophiles

Very good nucleophile	I <sup>-</sup> , HS <sup>-</sup> , RS <sup>-</sup>
Good nucleophile	Br <sup>-</sup> , OH <sup>-</sup> , RO <sup>-</sup> , CN <sup>-</sup> , N <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>
Fair nucleophile	NH <sub>3</sub> , Cl <sup>-</sup> , F <sup>-</sup> , RCO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup>
Weak nucleophile	H <sub>2</sub> O, ROH
Very weak nucleophile	RCO <sub>2</sub> H

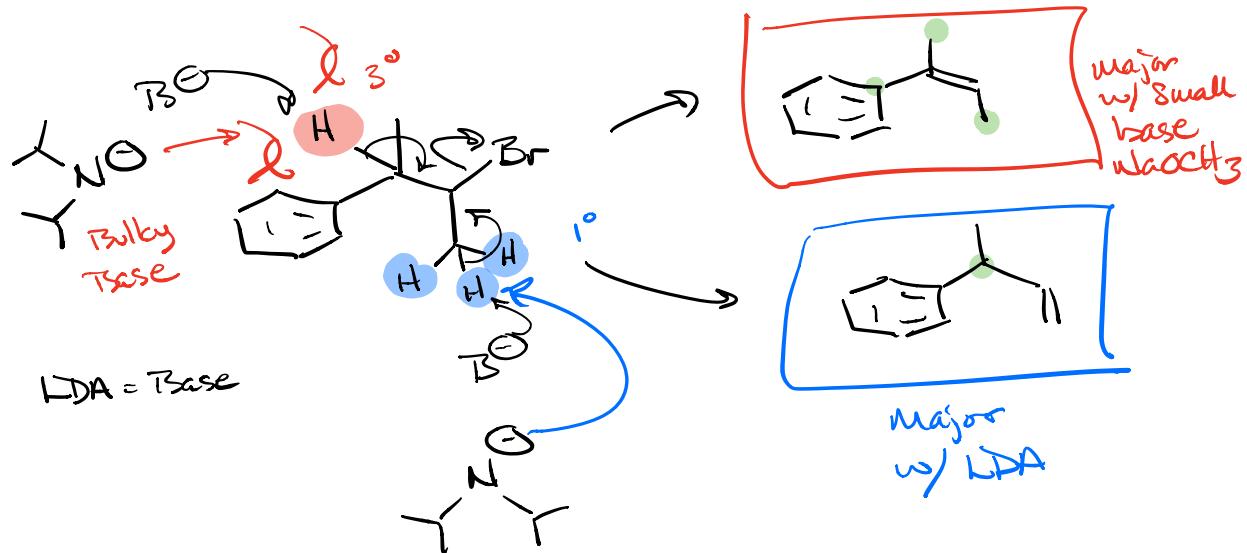
LDA       $\text{Y}^{\text{N}^{\text{G}}}\text{L}^{\text{i}^+}$        $\text{KO}^+\text{Bu}^+$       Bulky Base

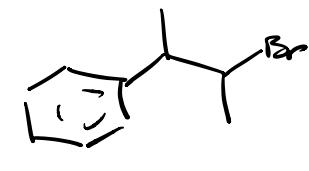
## Nucleophilic Constants of Various Nucleophiles

Nucleophile	$n_{\text{CH}_3\text{I}}$	pK <sub>a</sub> of conjugate acid	Solvents Which Promote S <sub>N</sub> 2/E2 (bimolecular)	Solvents Which Promote S <sub>N</sub> 1/E1 (Unimolecular/Ionizing)
CH <sub>3</sub> OH	0.0	-1.7		
F <sup>-</sup>	2.7	3.45	Acetone Dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) N,N-Dimethylformamide (DMF) Acetonitrile Hexamethylphosphoramide (HMPA)	
CH <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup>	4.3	4.8		Tetrahydrofuran (THF)
Cl <sup>-</sup>	4.4	-5.7		
NH <sub>3</sub>	5.5	9.25		
N <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	5.8	4.75		
C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> O <sup>-</sup>	5.8	9.89		
Br <sup>-</sup>	5.8	-7.7		
CH <sub>3</sub> O <sup>-</sup>	6.3	15.7		
OH <sup>-</sup>	6.5	15.7		
(CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> N	6.7	10.70		
CN <sup>-</sup>	6.7	9.3		
I <sup>-</sup>	7.4	-10.7		
(CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> P	8.7	8.69		
C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> S <sup>-</sup>	9.9	6.5		

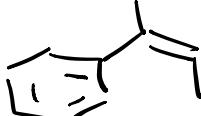
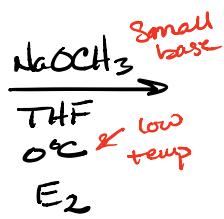
↑ Increasing nucleophilicity (solvolysis)

- Ethanol
- Methanol
- 50% Aqueous Ethanol
- Water
- Acetic Acid
- Formic Acid
- Trifluoroethanol
- Trifluoroacetic acid

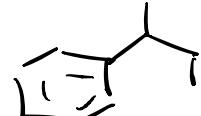




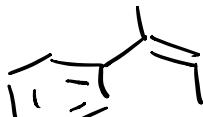
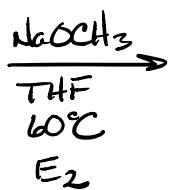
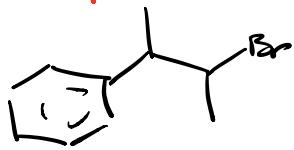
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temp controlled



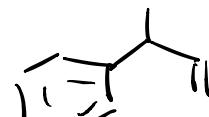
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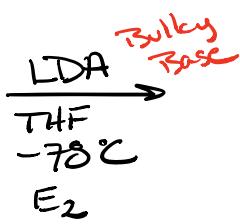
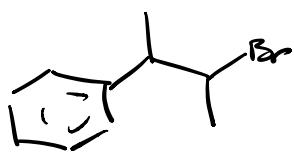
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Major



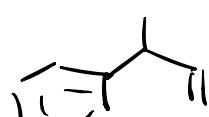
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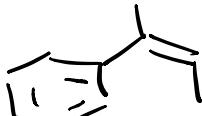
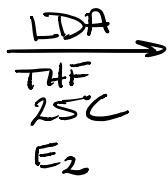
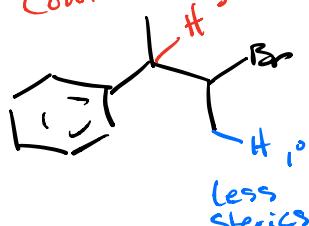
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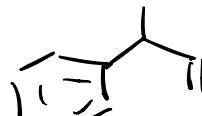
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Major

steric  
controlled



thermo

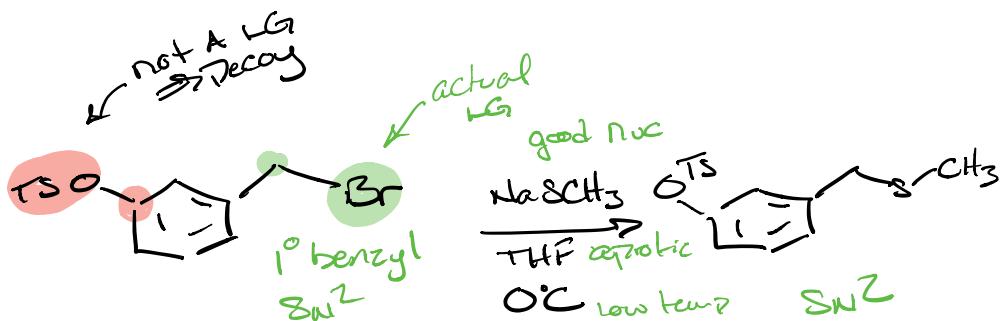
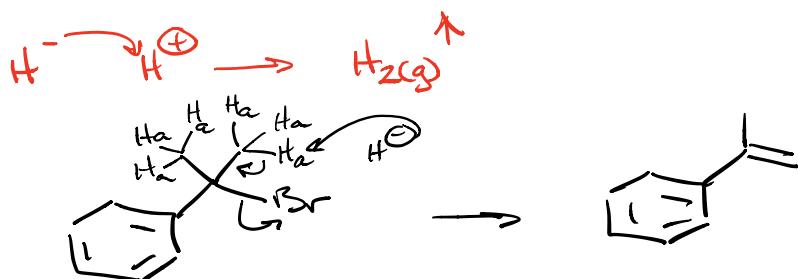
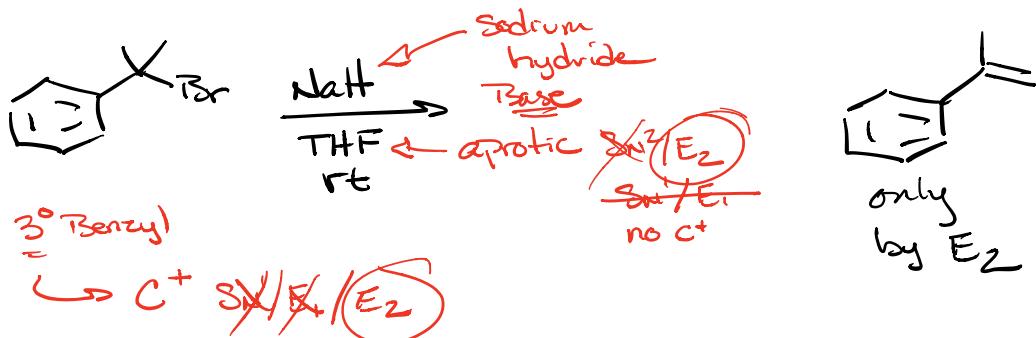


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$H_3^+$   
less sterics

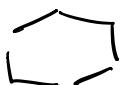




Question about Rings  $\Rightarrow$  do they React?

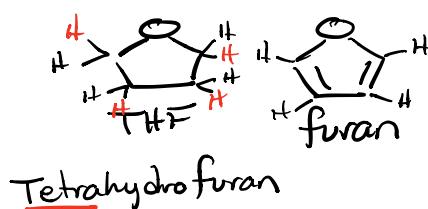


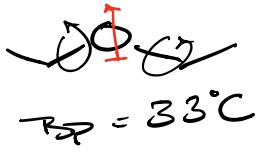
aromatic  
all C are  $sp^2$   
Not Reactive



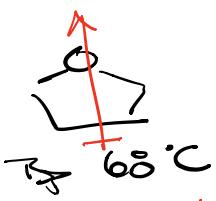
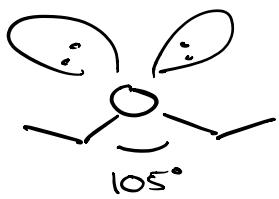
cyclohexane  
most C are  $sp^3$   
yes reactive

$SN^1, SN^2, E_1, E_2$   
 $\xrightarrow{\text{on } sp^3 \text{ carbons}}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Never  $sp$  or  $sp^2$



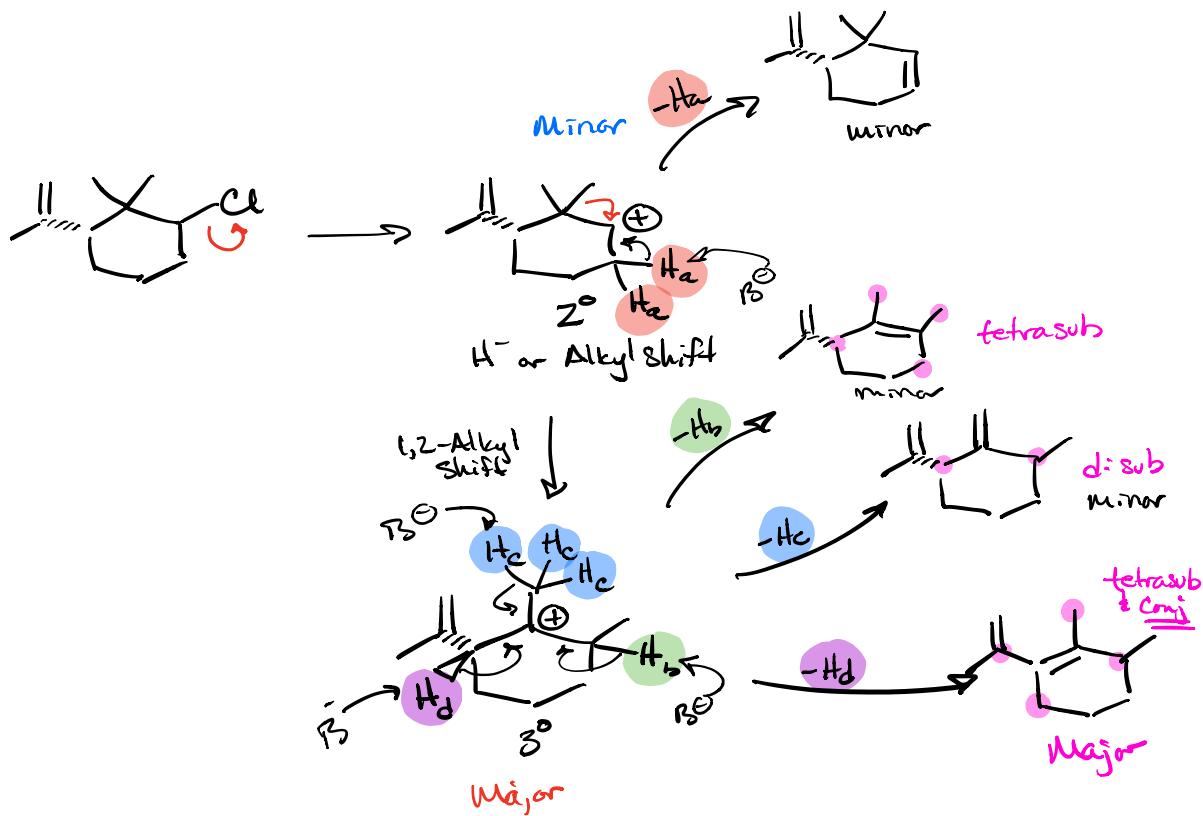
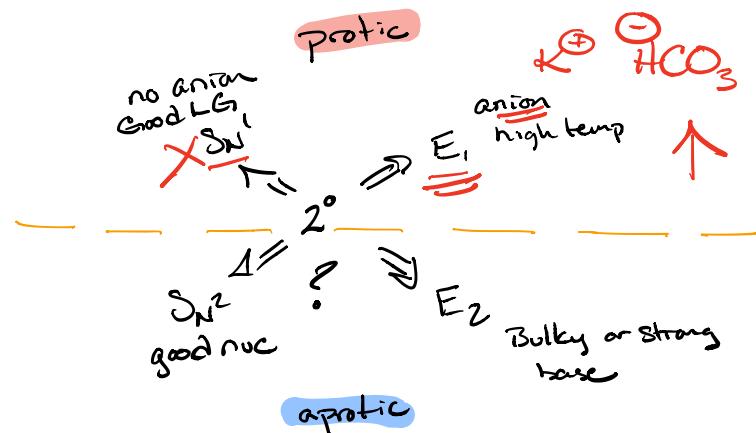
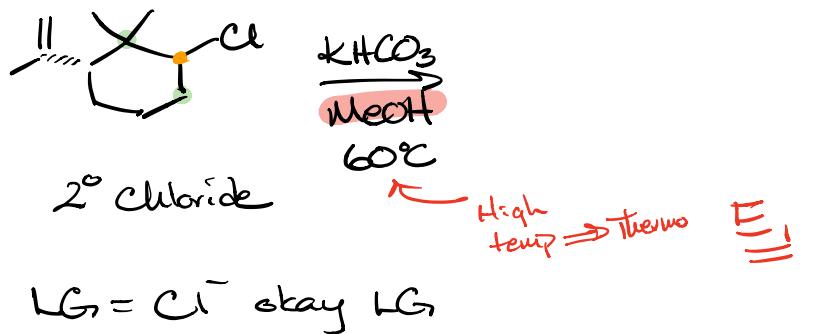


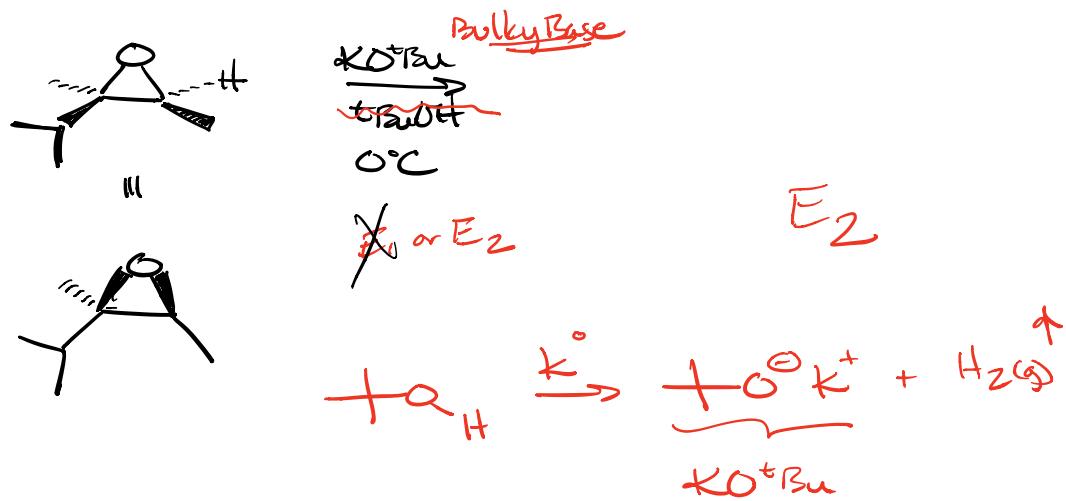
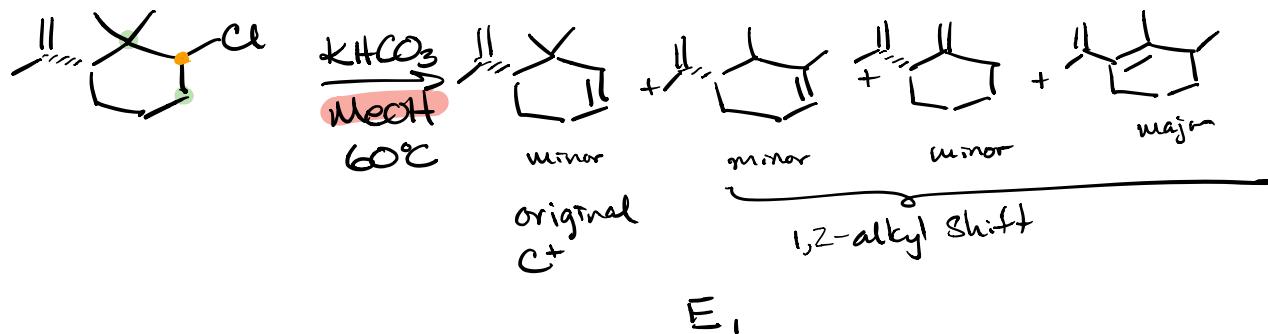
$T_{sp} = 33^\circ\text{C}$



better at solvating  
nucleophile NaOCH<sub>3</sub>

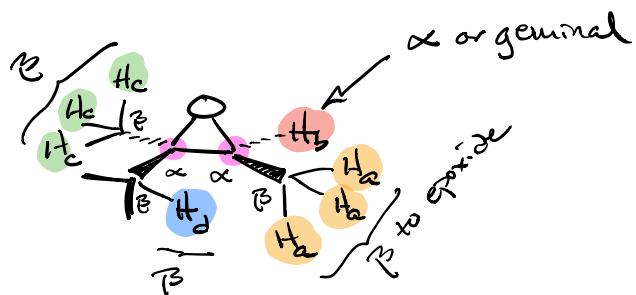
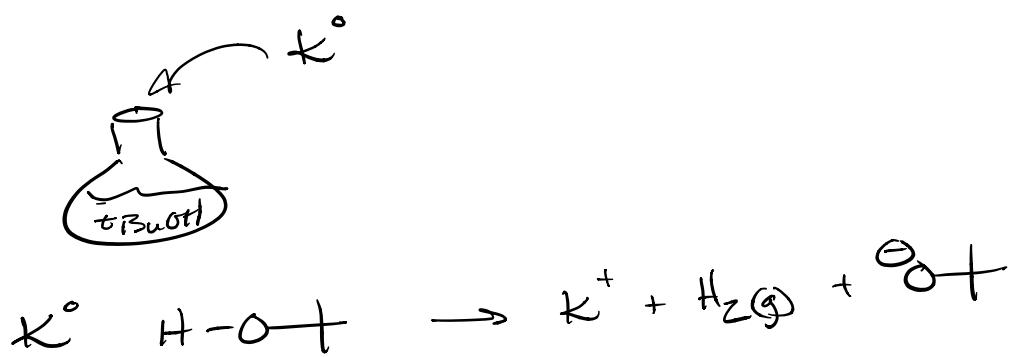
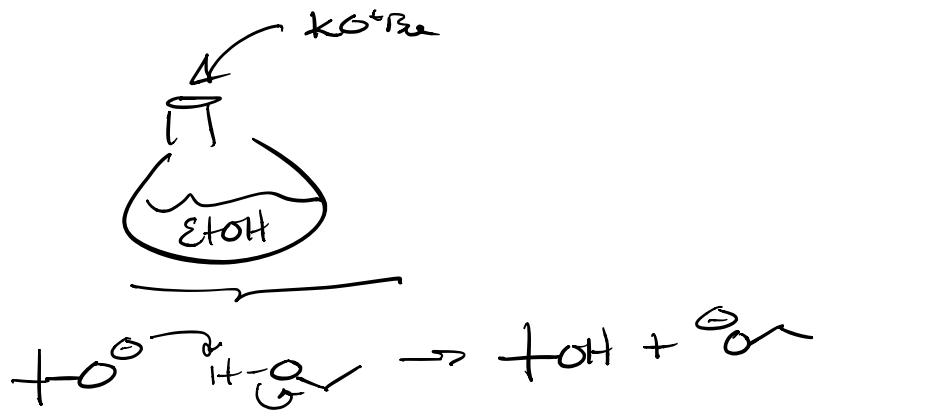




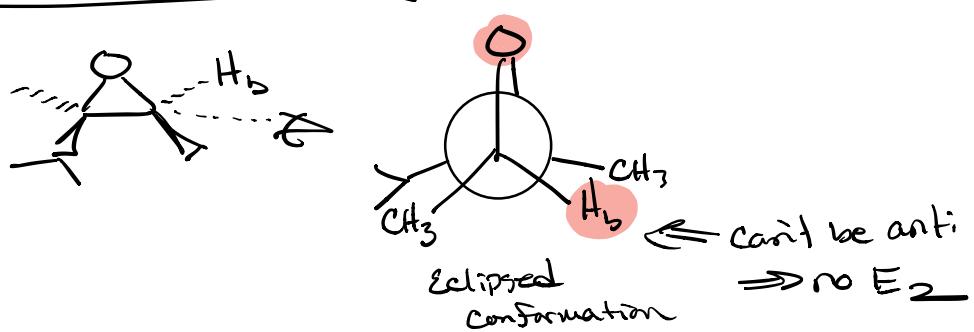


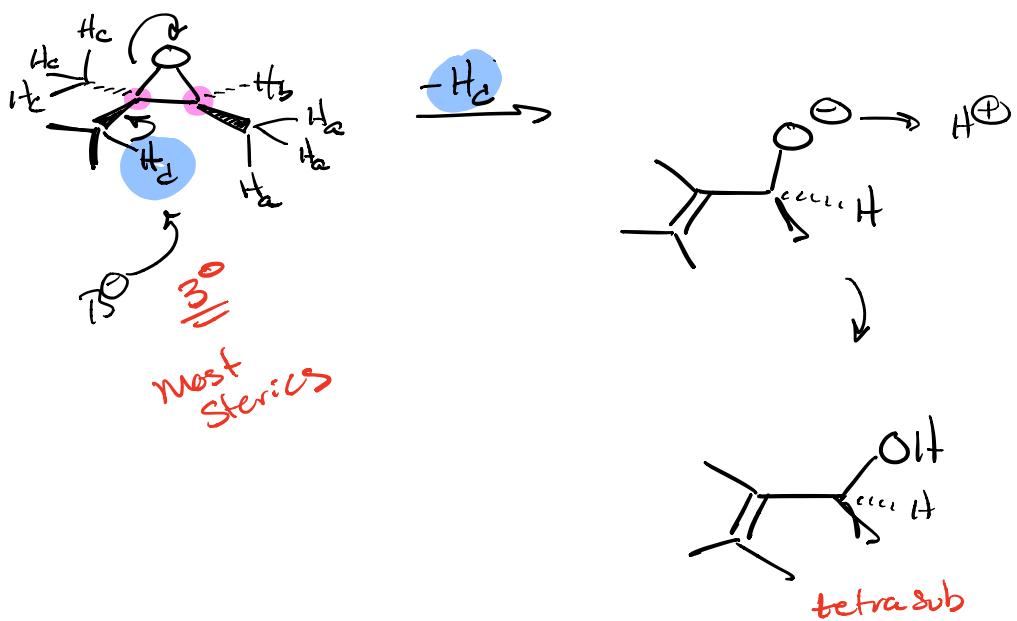
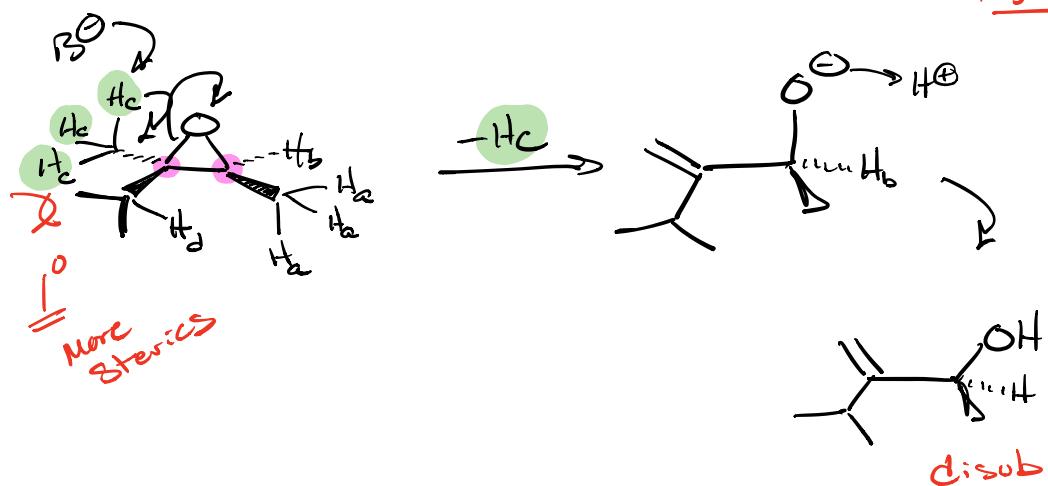
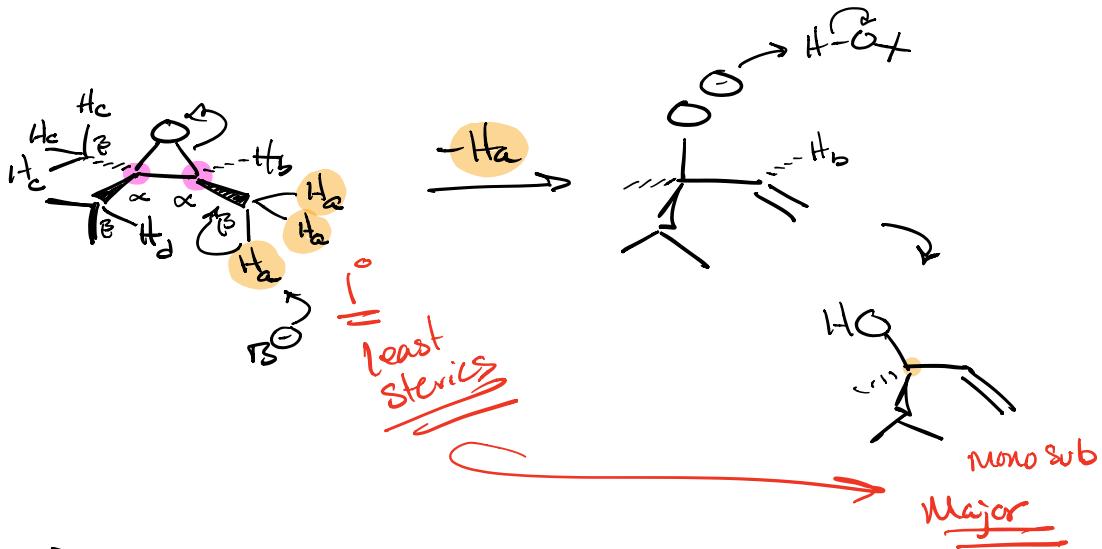
E<sub>1</sub>  
 ionizing solvent  
 requires H<sup>+</sup>  
 Higher Heat  
 weaker base

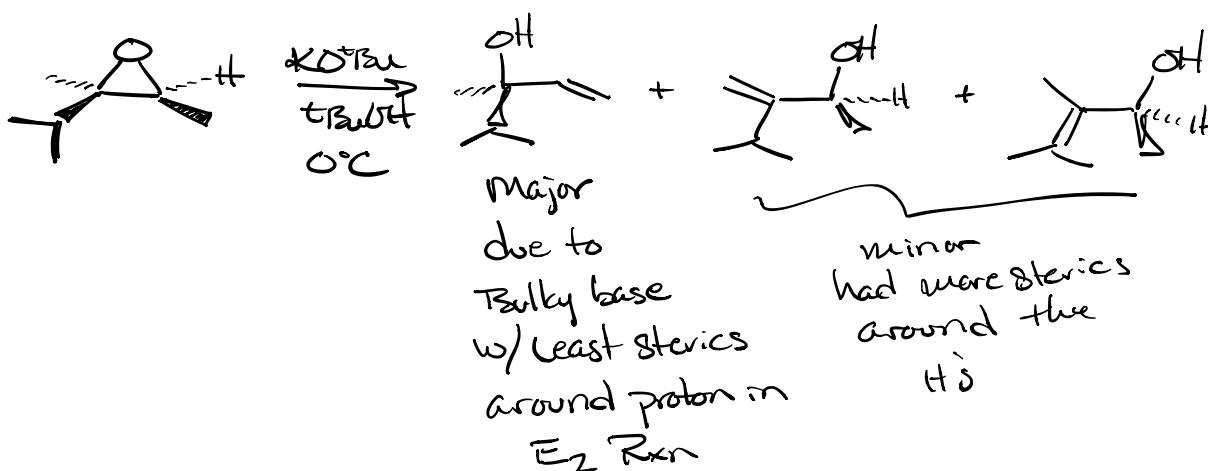
\* E<sub>2</sub>  
 Strong Base  $\Rightarrow$  Bulky Base  
 Any Solvent protic or aprotic  
 Cold or Hot  
 Does not require H<sup>+</sup>  
 $\hookrightarrow$  can't have acid

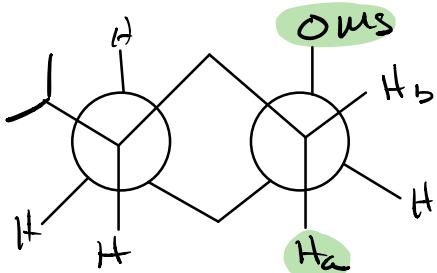
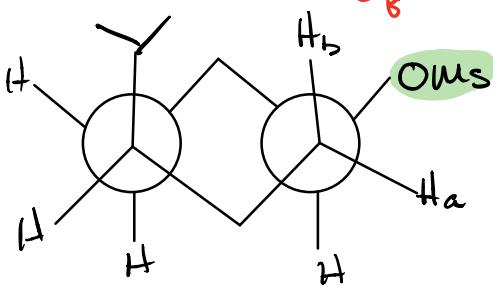
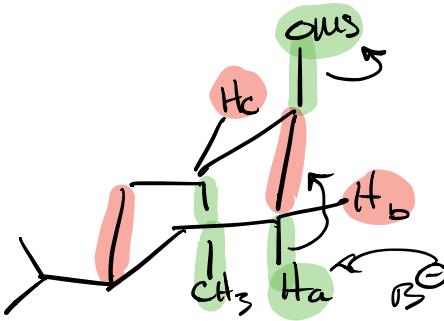
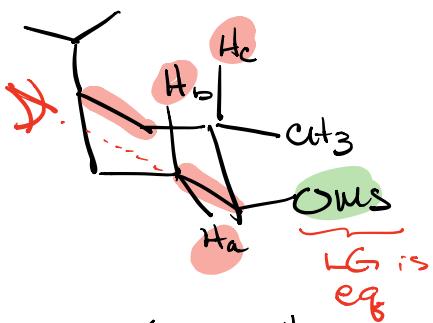
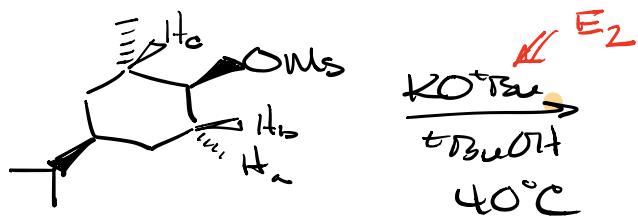


$\text{H}_b \alpha$  or geminal  $\text{E}_2$  Requires pulling anti to LG



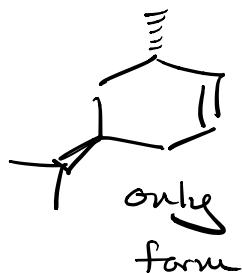
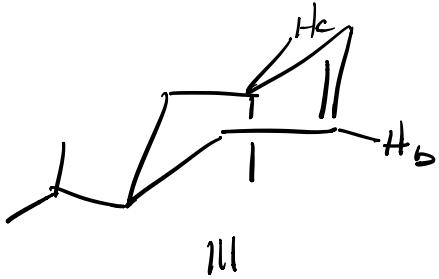




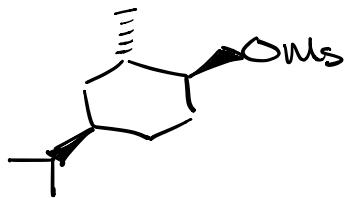


Both H<sub>a</sub> & H<sub>b</sub> gauche  
to LG  $\Rightarrow$  no E<sub>2</sub>

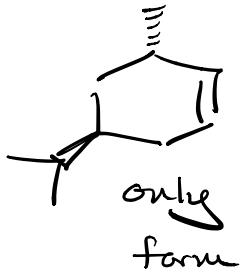
$\downarrow$  E<sub>2</sub> allowed



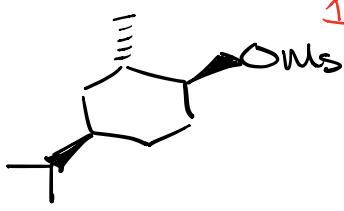
\* when a LG is eq  
on ring no anti H  
 $\Rightarrow$  no E<sub>2</sub> Rxn



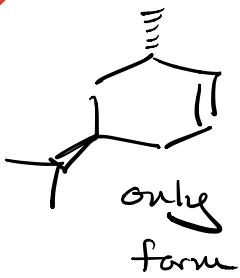
$KO^+Bu$   
 $tBuO^-H$   
 $40^\circ C$



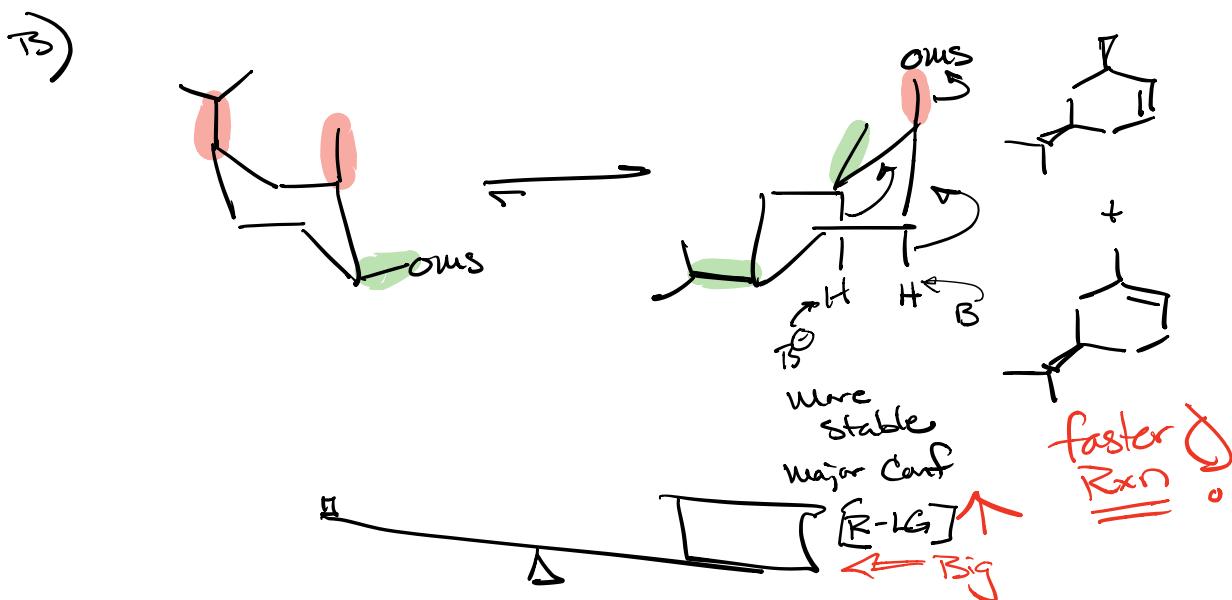
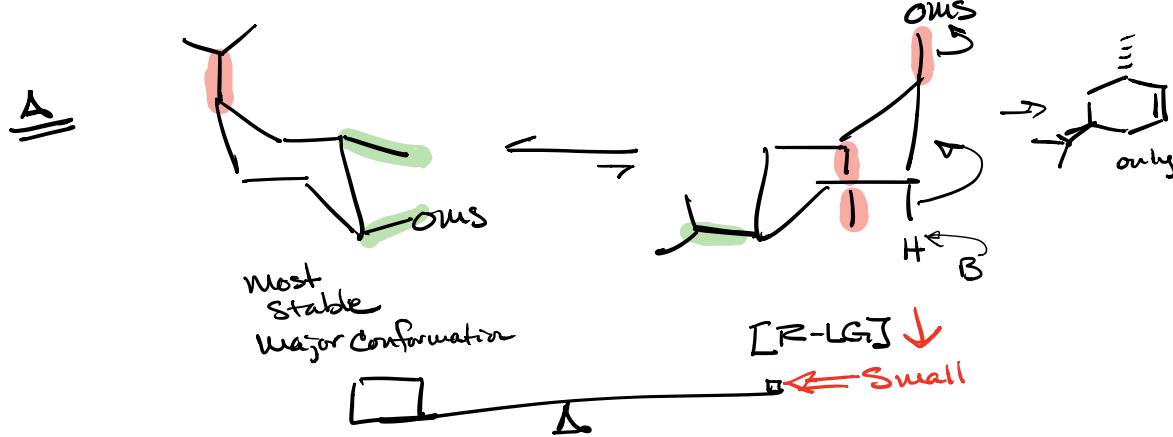
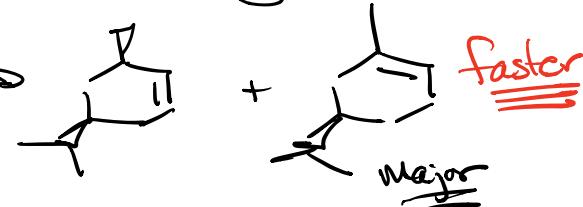
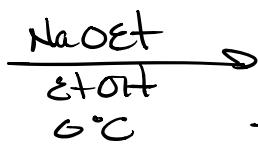
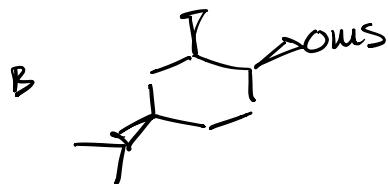
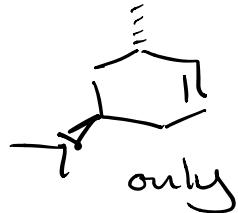
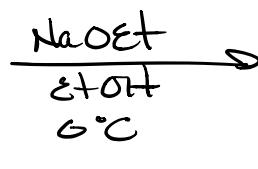
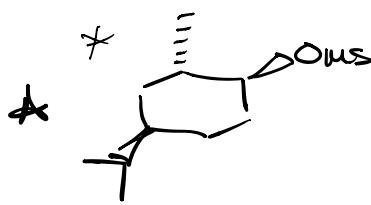
\*Chair Conformation  
Doesn't matter Bulky vs  
Small base when only  
1 anti hydrogen



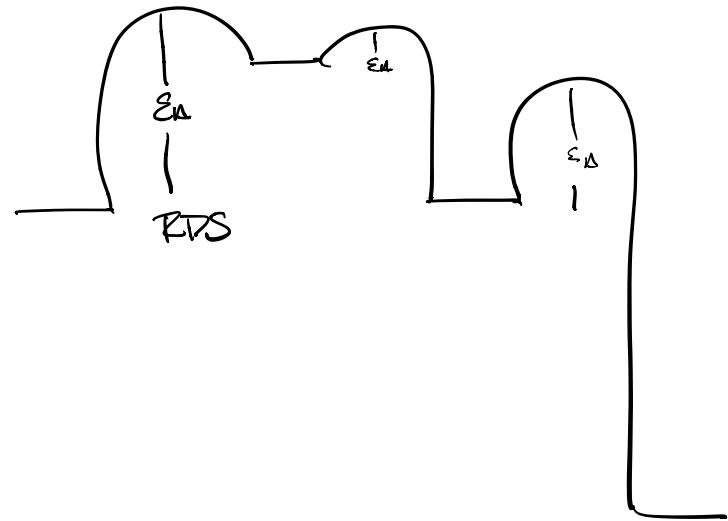
$NaOCH_3$   
 $MeOH$   
 $40^\circ C$



which Rxn is faster?  
Explain & give products for both.



$$R_{E_2} = k \frac{[R-LG]}{[Base]}$$



$$\text{Rate} = k \left[ R - LG \right] \{ \text{Base} \}$$

