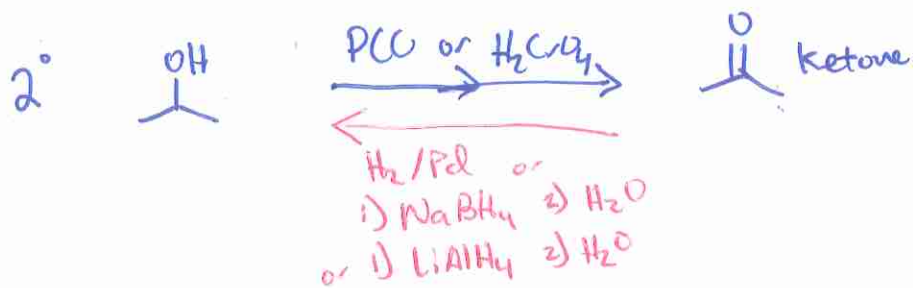
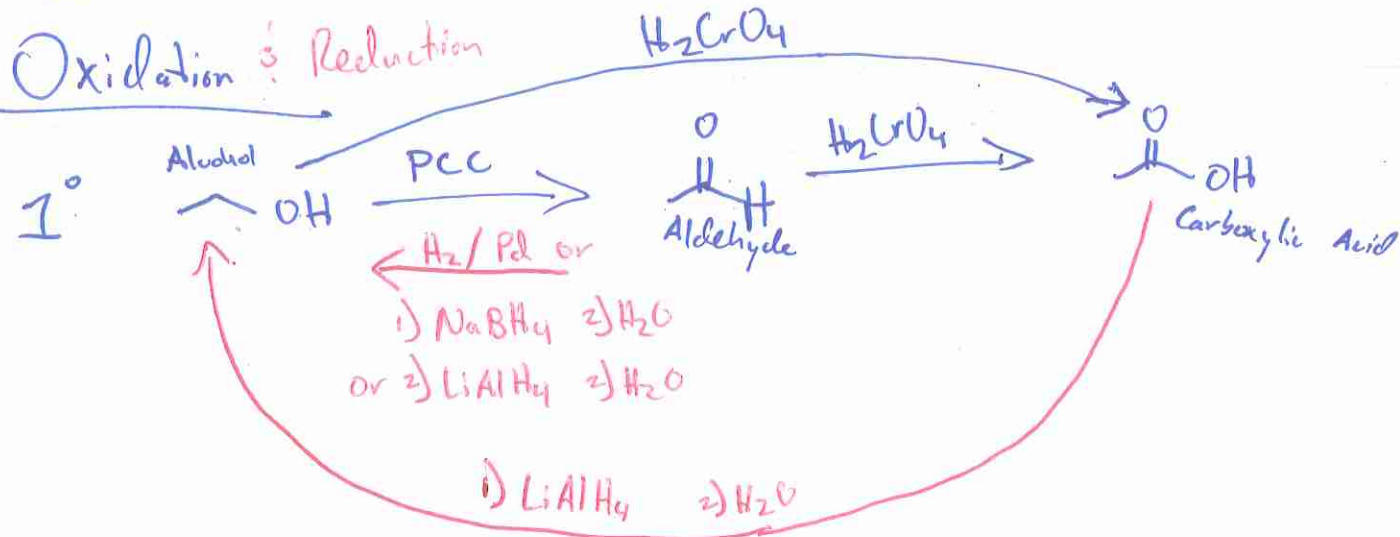


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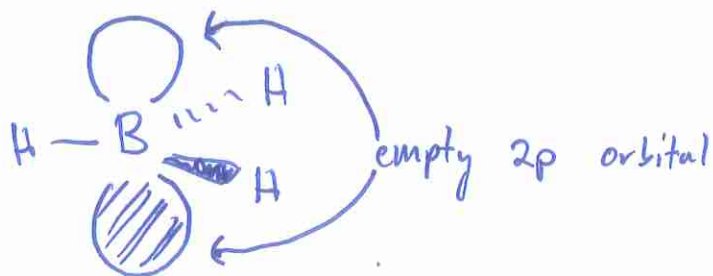
Oxidation & Reduction



Boron (and Aluminum) Reagents

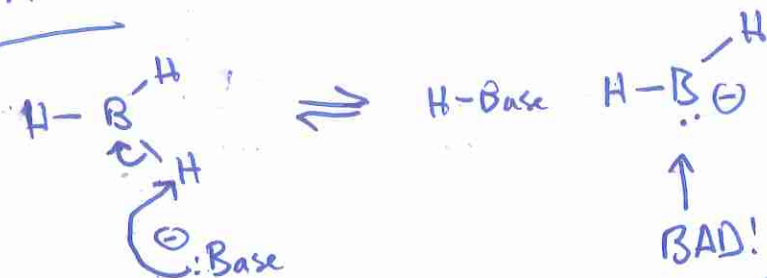
(2)

$BH_3 \rightarrow$ Neutral, 3 bonds, lacks full octet!



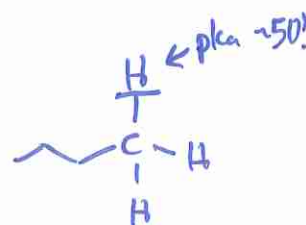
Reactivity

B.L. Acid?



BAD! Boron is even less E.N. than Carbon

↳ recall

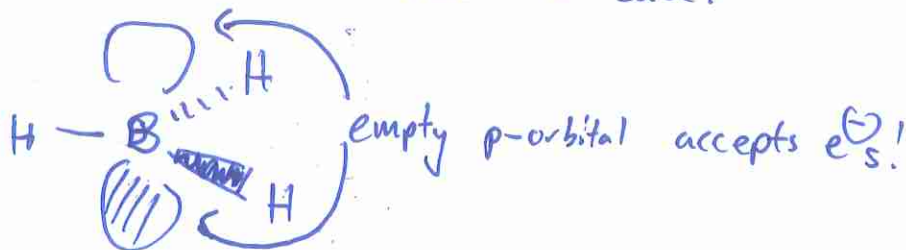


Not an Acid!

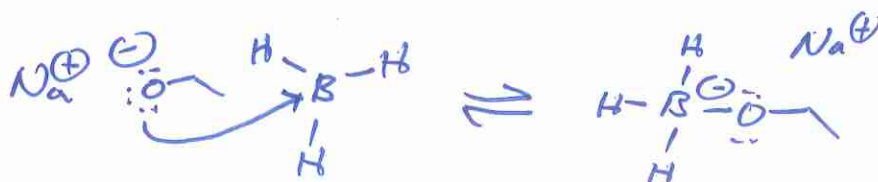
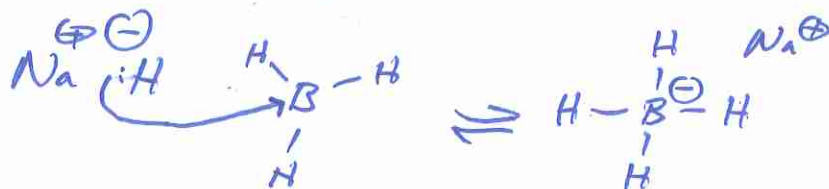
B.L. Base? \rightarrow No - ~~no~~ No lone pairs to grab protons (H^+)

Nucleophile? \rightarrow No! Same reason it's not a base!

Electrophile? Yes!



Examples:

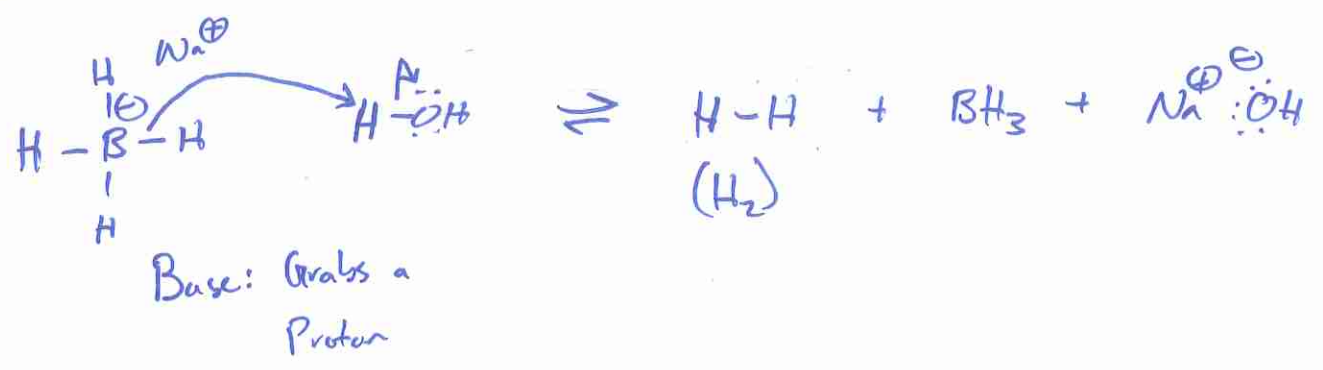
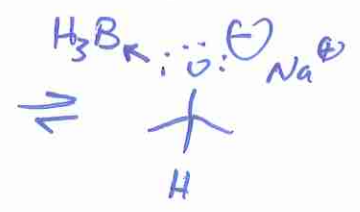
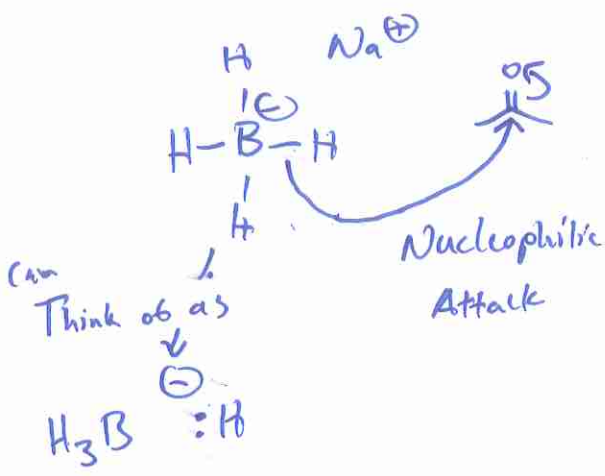
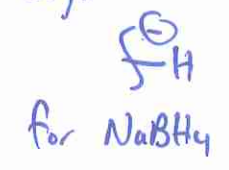


So what about NaBH₄?

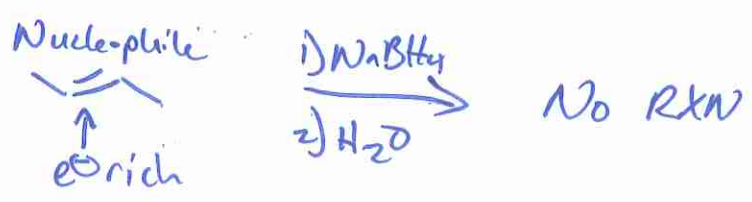
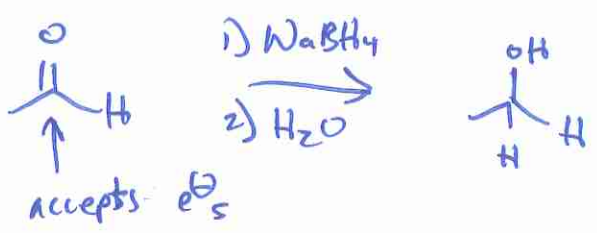
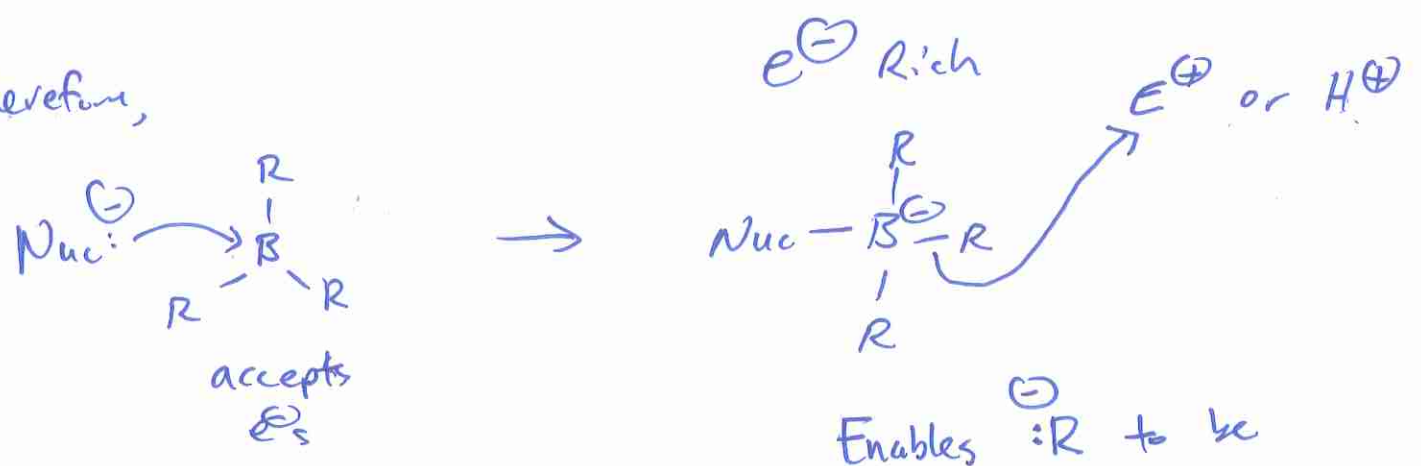
NaBH₄?

(3)

↳ Donates "e⁻" ← e.g.

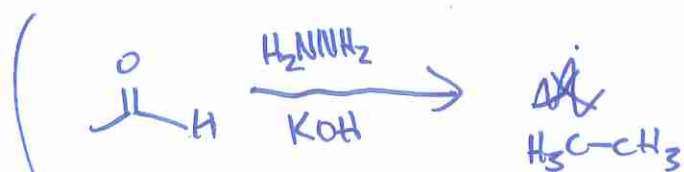


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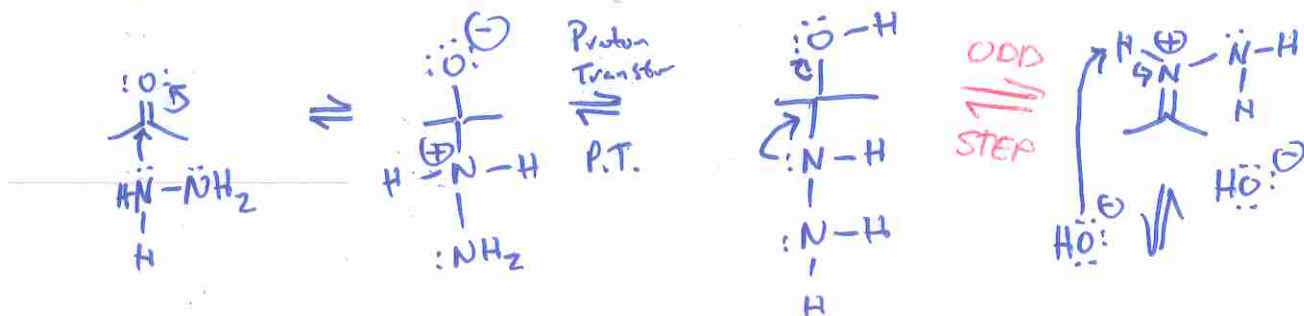


Wolff-Kishner Reaction

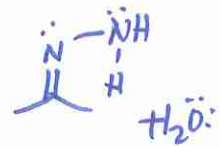
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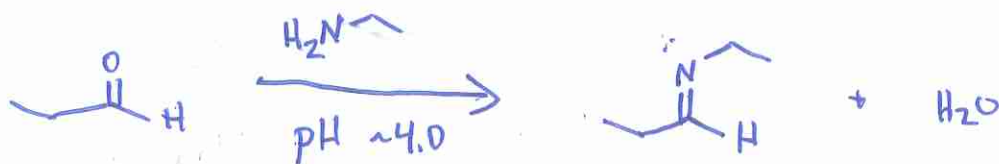
First Intermediate: SPECIAL IMINE formation (In Base)



Several steps, see mechanism packet

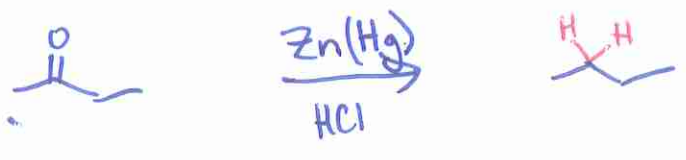


Imine Formation in general is in slightly acidic conditions



Clemmensen vs Reduction → No mech!

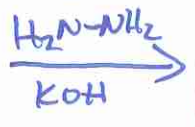
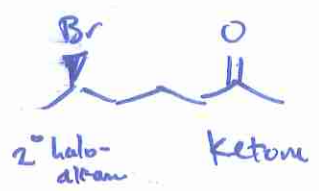
Aldehydes & ketones



Clemmensen vs. Wolff-Kishner

- Molecules w/ multiple functional groups

Can we do the following?



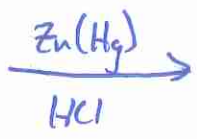
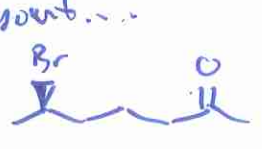
Reality → mixture of products



NO! → Why? 2° Haloalkanes eliminate in base

So W.K. Reduction isn't good for this starting material

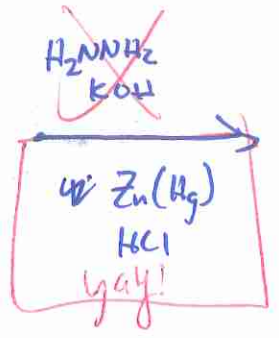
What about...



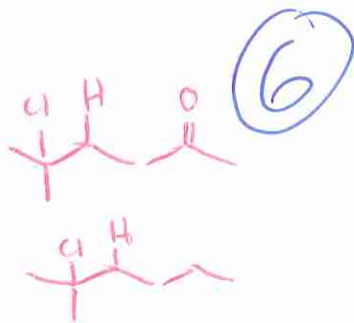
← Actual product

Yes! HCl doesn't react w/ 2° haloalkane

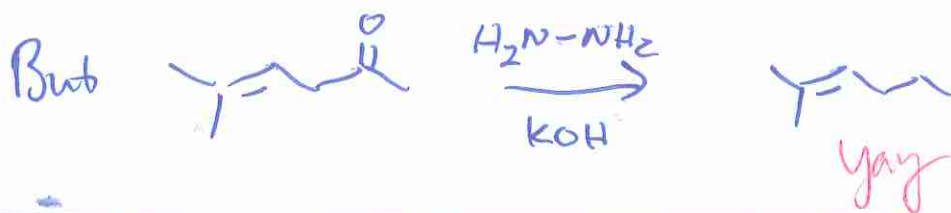
Therefore



Would these work?

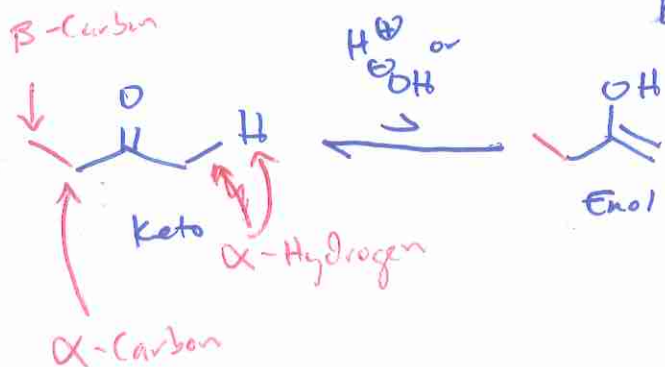


No reality is multiple products



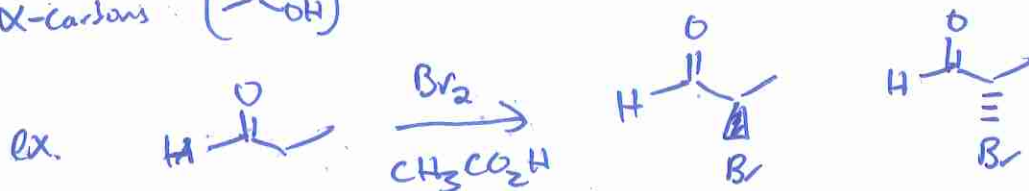
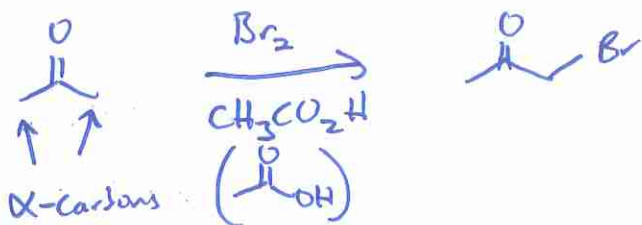
Keto-Enol Tautomerization → A proton moves

→ Both keto & Enol forms exist
but much more keto than enol



α-Hydrogens are relatively acidic
pKa 18-20

α-Halogenation → Aldehyde or ketone



Racemic

