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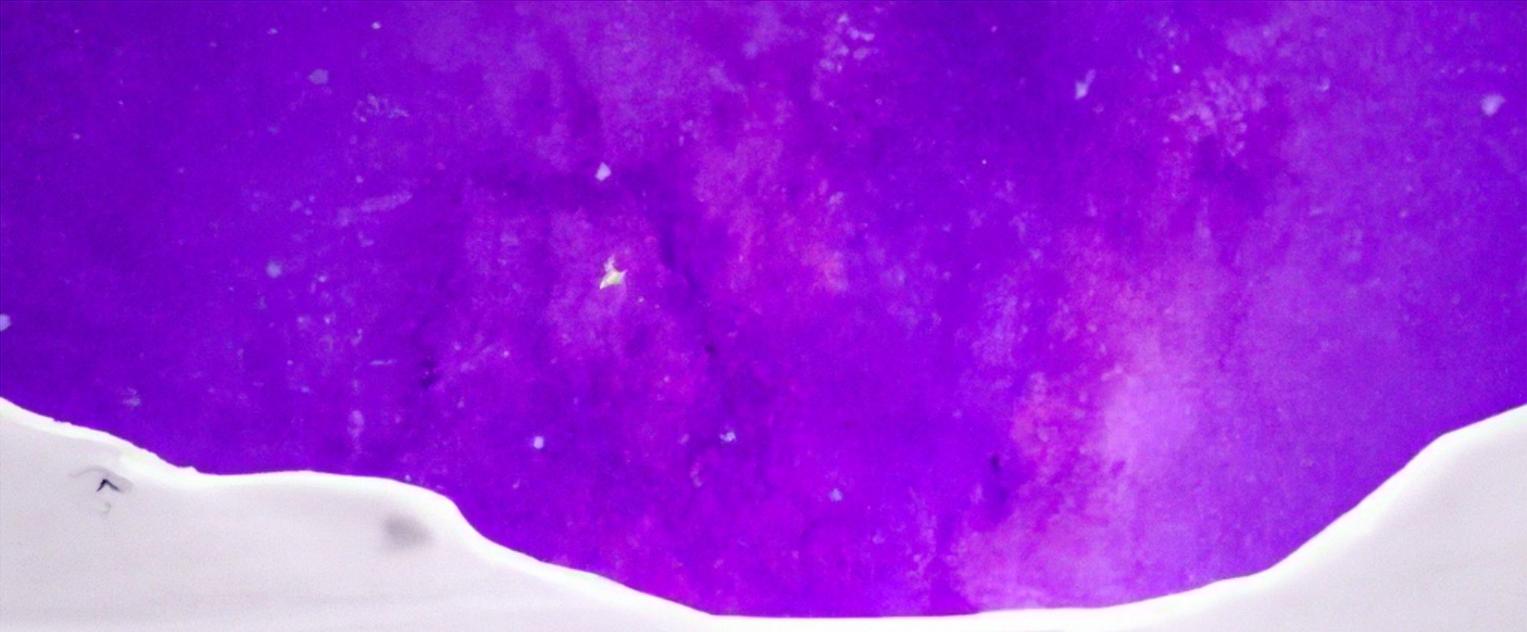
Saturday, April 18
The University of Texas at Austin
5K and 10K Race

Virtual options are available.

EARLY BIRD PRICING

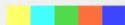
5K: \$45.11 | 10K: \$50.48

Prices increase March 4

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1. Identify bonds being made and broken
 2. Avoid “mixed media errors”
 3. When in doubt transfer a proton
 4. Analyze each intermediate to predict next step



“These four truths you must have.
The true force of knowledge they are.”



For mechanisms, keep the following in mind:

- 1) Identify the bonds to be made and broken in the overall reaction
- 2) Avoid "mixed media errors"
 - a) In acid, all the intermediates are positively-charged or neutral
 - b) In base, all the intermediates are negatively-charged or neutral
 - c) In neutral solution \rightarrow the intermediates could be positively-charged, negatively-charged or neutral
- 3) When in doubt transfer a proton \rightarrow protons move very fast
- 4) Analyze each intermediate carefully to predict the next step

Here are the keys to understanding mechanisms in 320N!!

1) There are basically four different mechanism elements that make up the steps of carbonyl reactions.

A) Make a bond between a nucleophile and an electrophile

B) Break a bond to give stable molecules or ions

C) Add a proton

D) Take a proton away

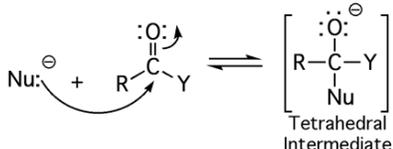
2) These same four mechanism elements describe most of the other mechanisms you have/will learn!!! (Yes, organic chemistry really is this simple if you look at it this way!!)

There are basically four different mechanisms that describe the vast majority of carbonyl reactions and these mechanisms are different combinations/ordering of the four mechanism elements listed above. In this class, I have termed them "Mechanism A", "Mechanism B", "Mechanism C", and "Mechanism D". They all involve a nucleophile attacking the partially positively charged carbon atom of the carbonyl to create a tetrahedral intermediate. Different reaction mechanisms are distinguished by the timing of protonation of the oxygen atom as well as the presence or absence of a leaving group attached to the carbonyl.

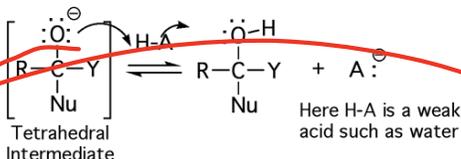
Four Mechanisms for the Reaction of Nucleophiles with Carbonyl Compounds

MECHANISM A: Reaction with a Strong Nucleophile

Step 1 Make a new bond between a nucleophile and electrophile

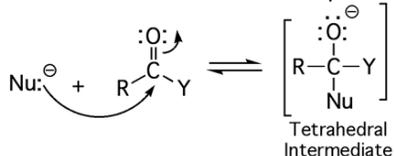


Step 2 Add a proton

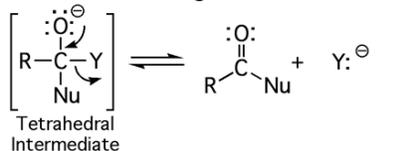


MECHANISM B: Reaction with a Strong Nucleophile When "Y" is a Good Leaving Group (-OR, -Cl, etc.).

Step 1 Make a new bond between a nucleophile and electrophile

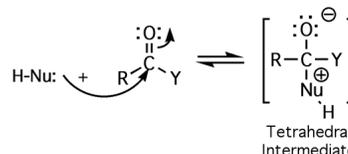


Step 2 Break a bond to give stable molecules or ions

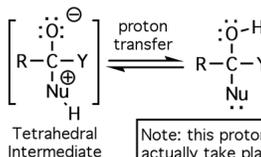


MECHANISM C: Reaction with a Weak Nucleophile

Step 1 Make a new bond between a nucleophile and electrophile



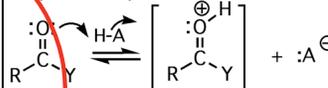
Step 2 Add a proton and Take a proton away



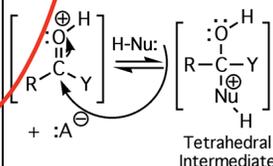
Note: this proton transfer can actually take place in two steps, i.e. Add a proton then Take a proton away or vice versa.

MECHANISM D: Reaction with a Weak Nucleophile in the Presence of Acid (H-A)

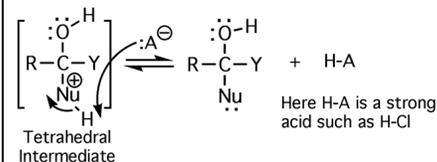
Step 1 Add a proton



Step 2 Make a new bond between a nucleophile and electrophile



Step 3 Take a proton away



From Last Thursday's Lecture:

Acid Chloride	Anhydride	Ester	Amide
$R-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{C}-Cl$	$R-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{C}-O-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{C}-R$	$R-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{C}-O-R'$	$R-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{C}-\underset{\text{R}''}{\underset{ }{N}}-R'$
Leaving Group $:\ddot{Cl}:^{\ominus}$	$^{\ominus}:\ddot{O}:\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{C}-R$	$^{\ominus}:\ddot{O}-R'$	$^{\ominus}:\ddot{N}-R'$ $\quad \quad \quad $ $\quad \quad \quad R''$
Conjugate Acid H-Cl	$HO-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{C}-R$	H-O-R'	H- $\underset{\text{R}''}{\underset{ }{N}}-R'$
pK _a -7	3-5	16	38

← Anion Stability

← Better Leaving Group Ability

← Reactivity of Carboxylic Acid Derivative

Think of carboxylic acid derivatives
⇒ C=O with a leaving group attached

Characteristic Reactions of Carboxylic Acid Derivatives

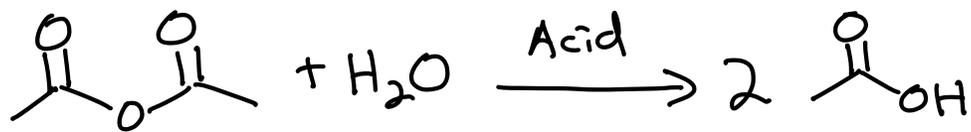
Mechanism B

The key issue is leaving group ability

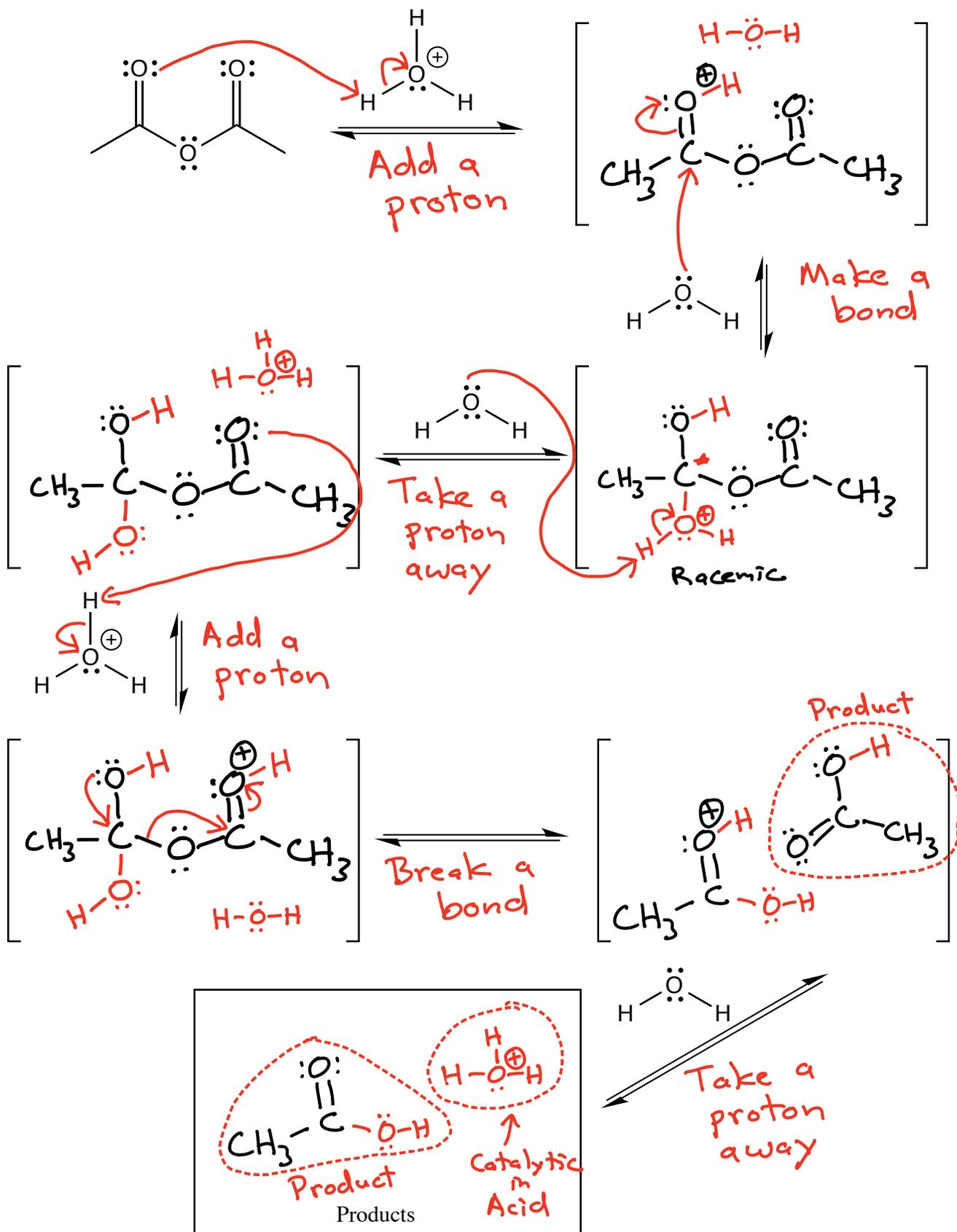
The more stable the anion of the leaving group, the better the leaving group ability \Rightarrow the more reactive the carboxylic acid derivative

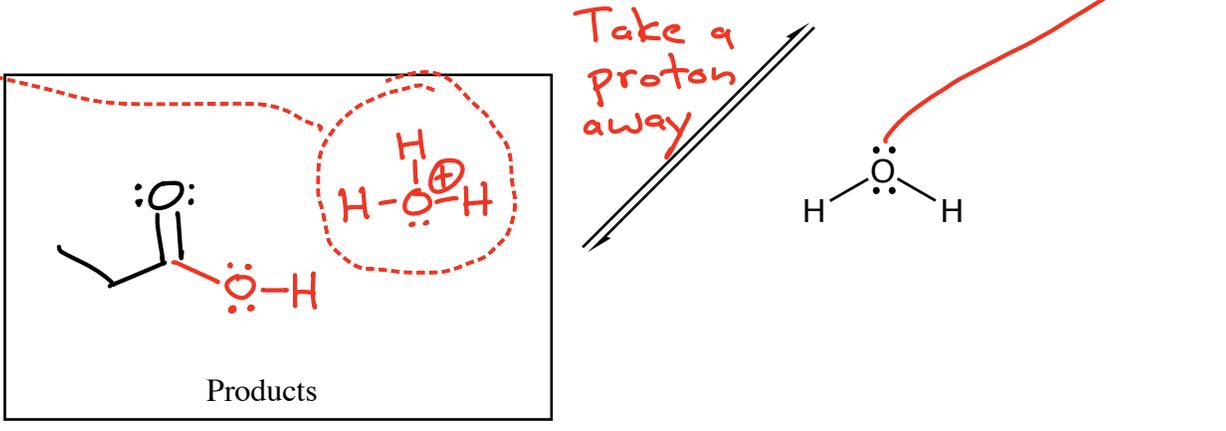
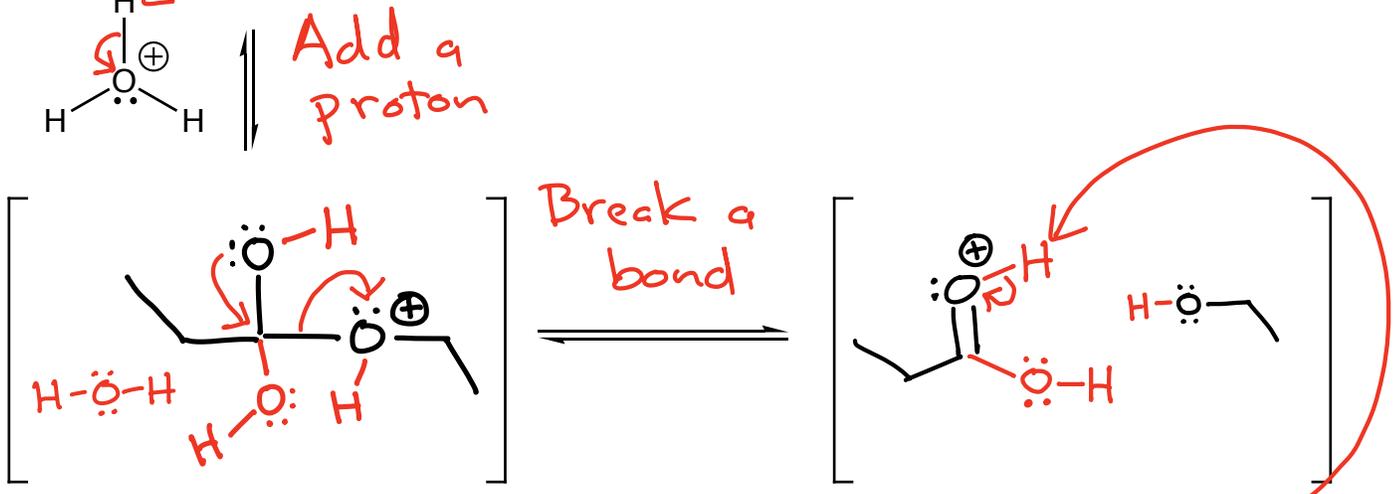
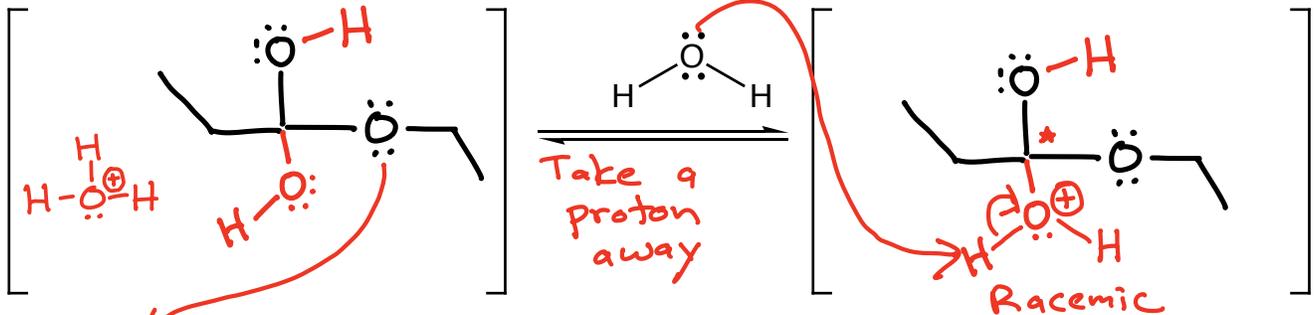
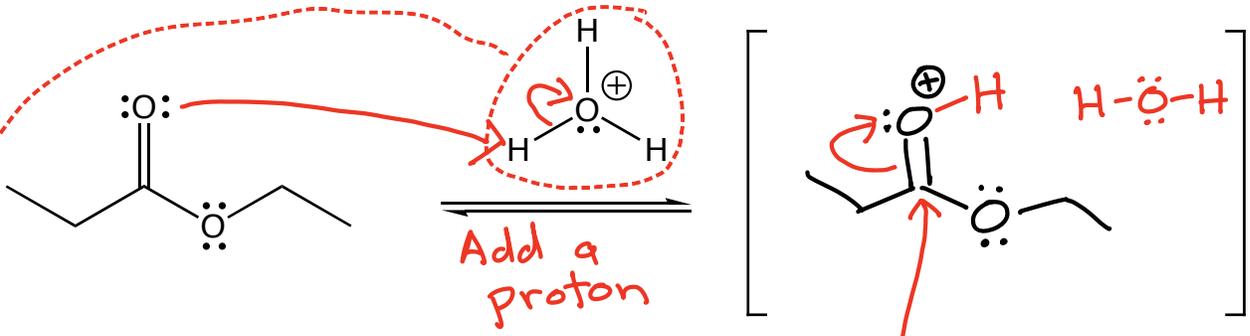
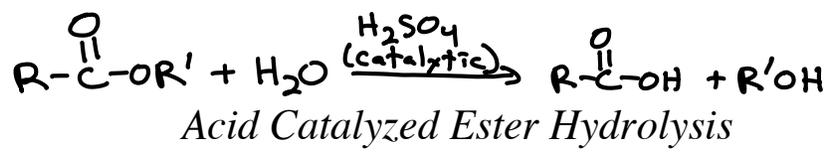
Both depend on anion stability

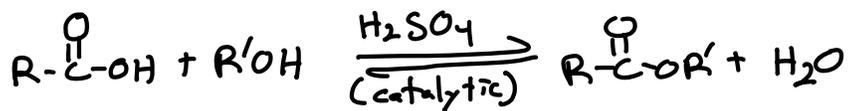
The relative leaving group ability is correlated with the pK_a of the leaving group conjugate acid



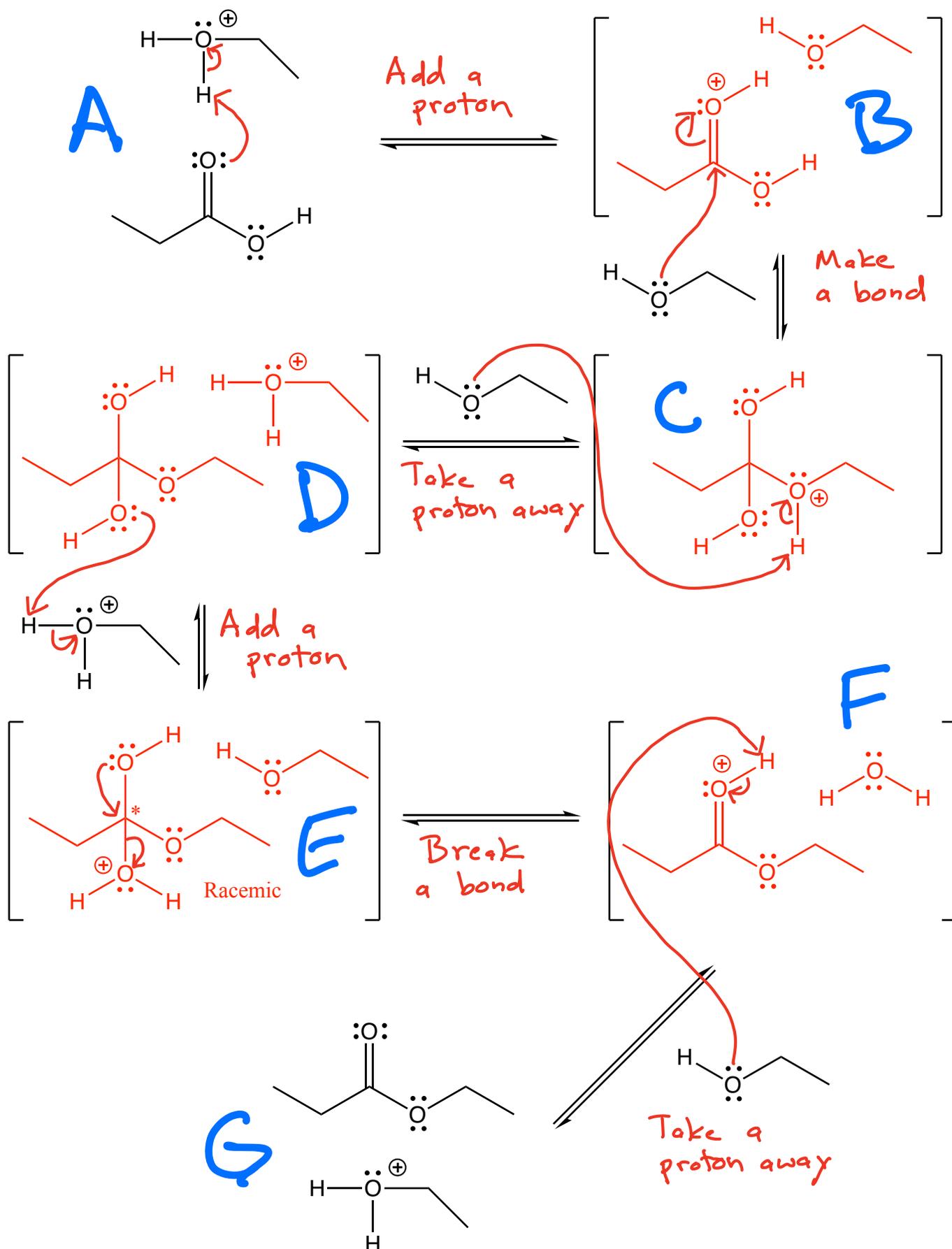
Acid Catalyzed Anhydride Hydrolysis

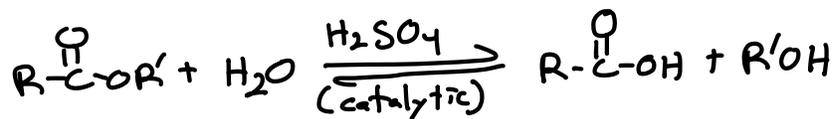




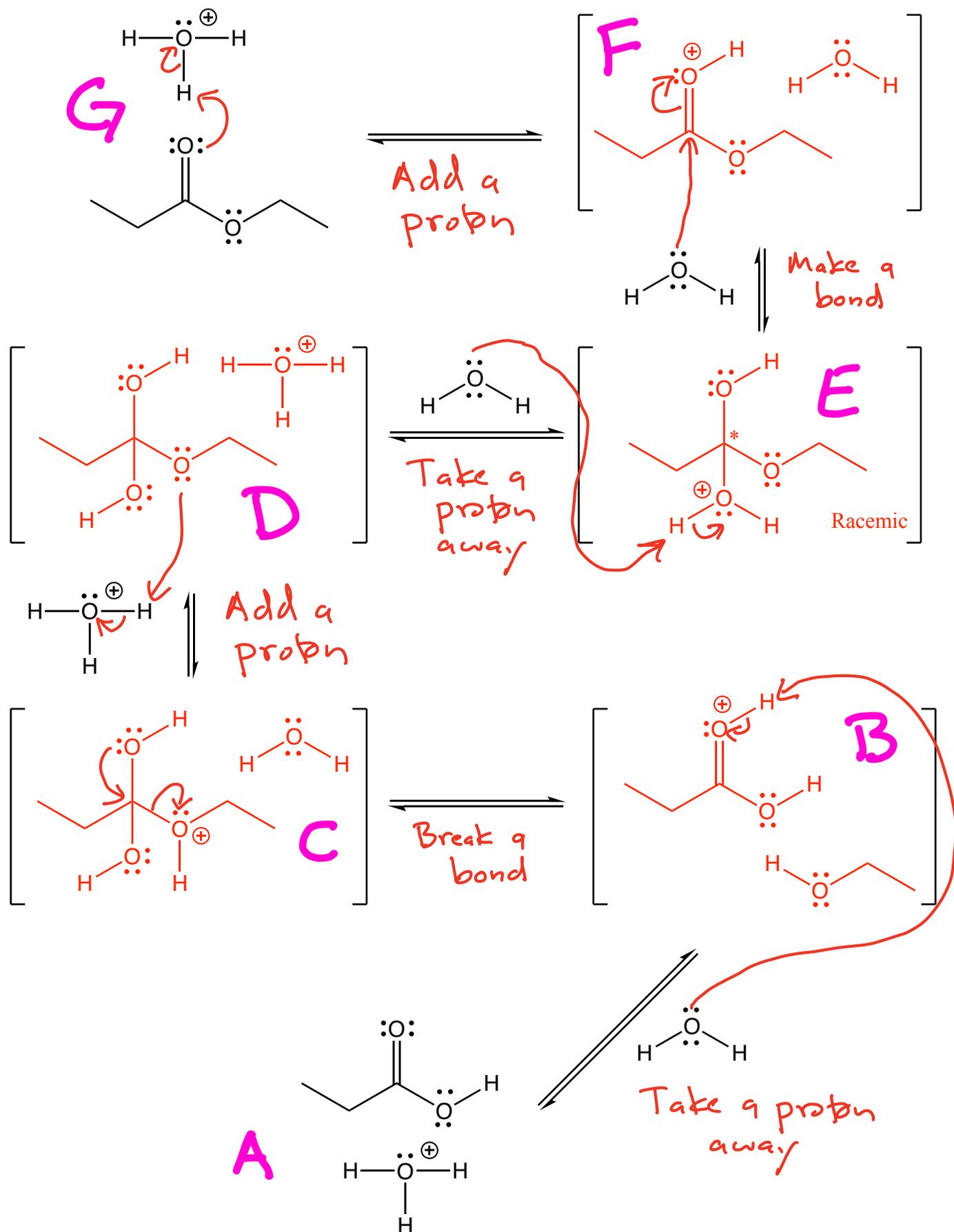


Microscopic Reversibility: Acid Catalyzed Ester Hydrolysis-Fischer Esterification

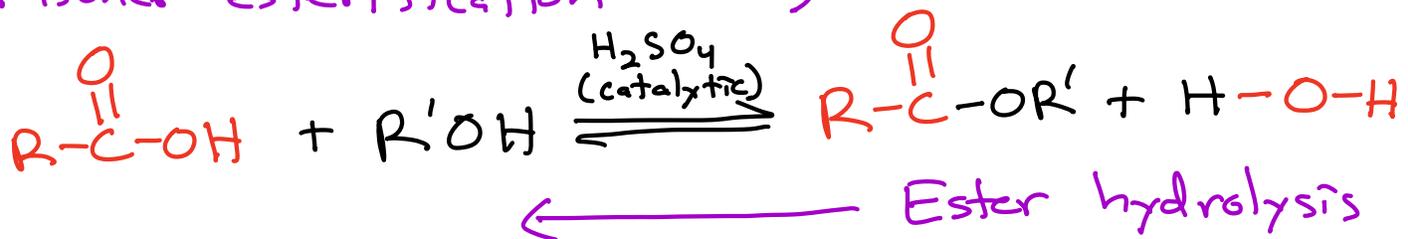




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Fischer esterification \longrightarrow



This reaction is reversible

It has the same mechanism in both directions!

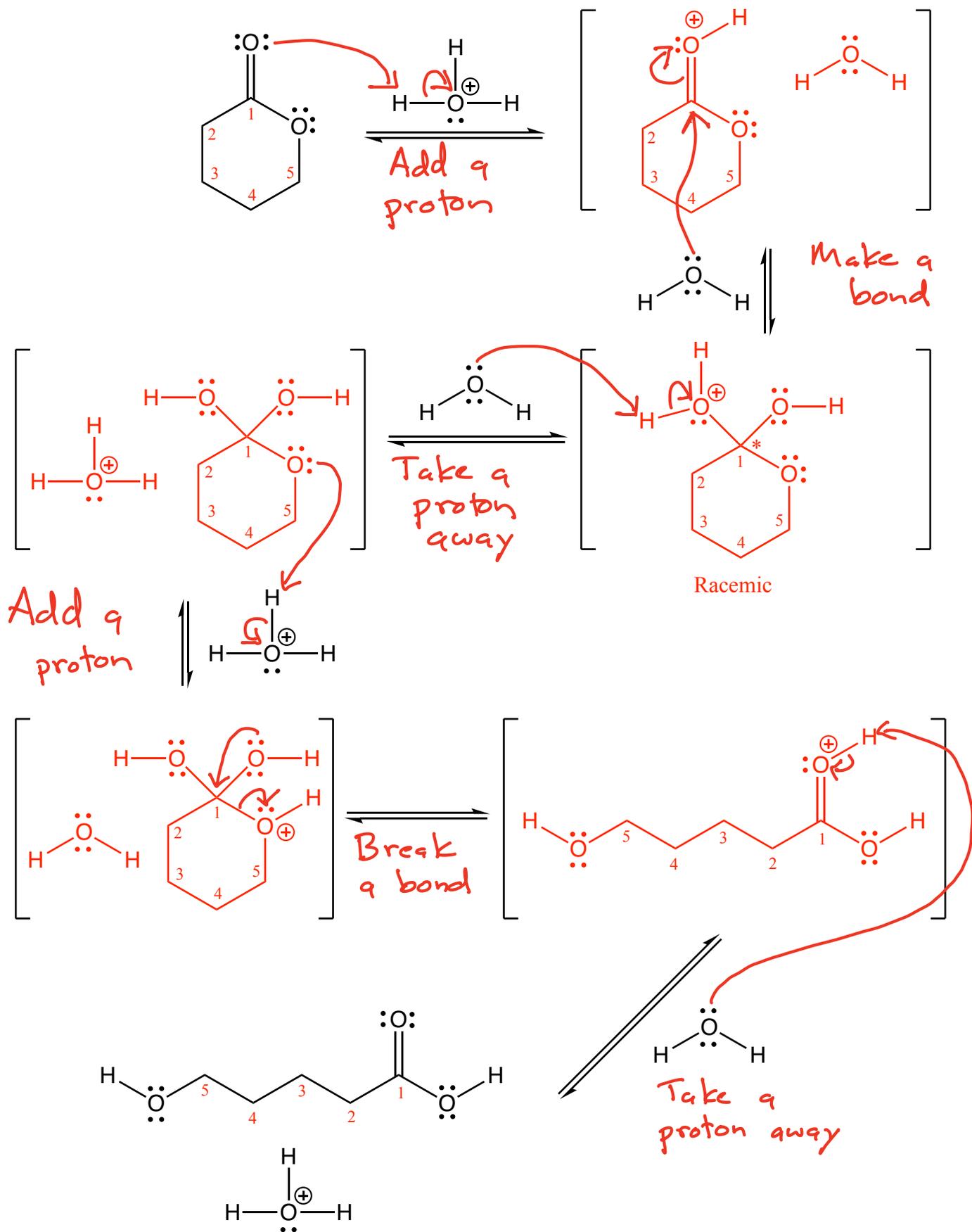


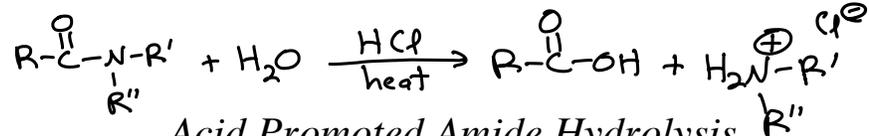
Important general rule



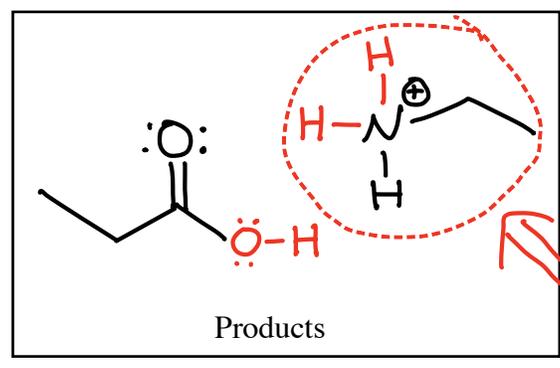
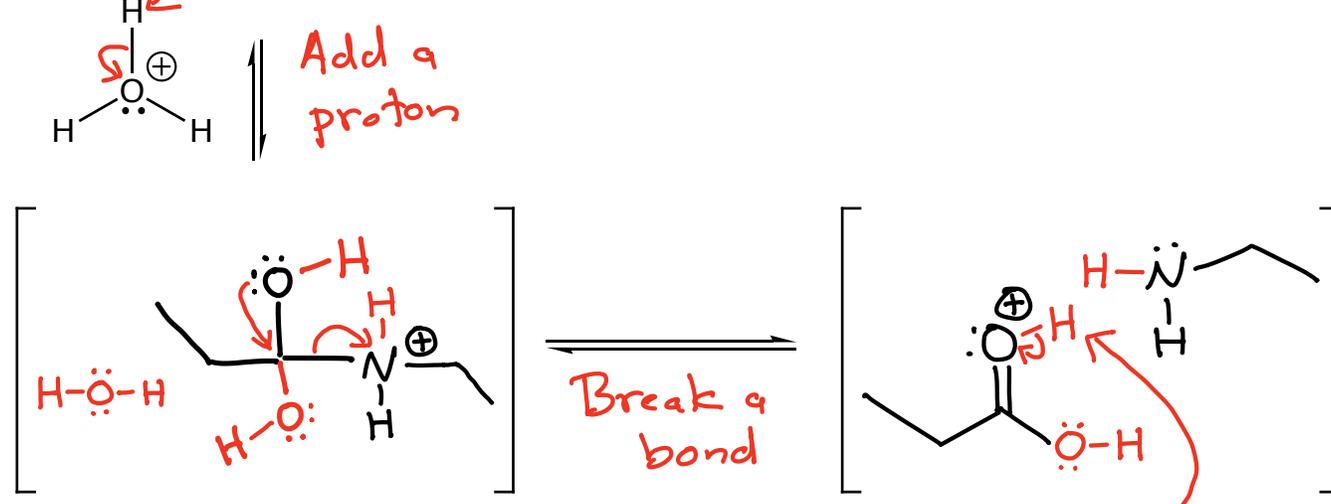
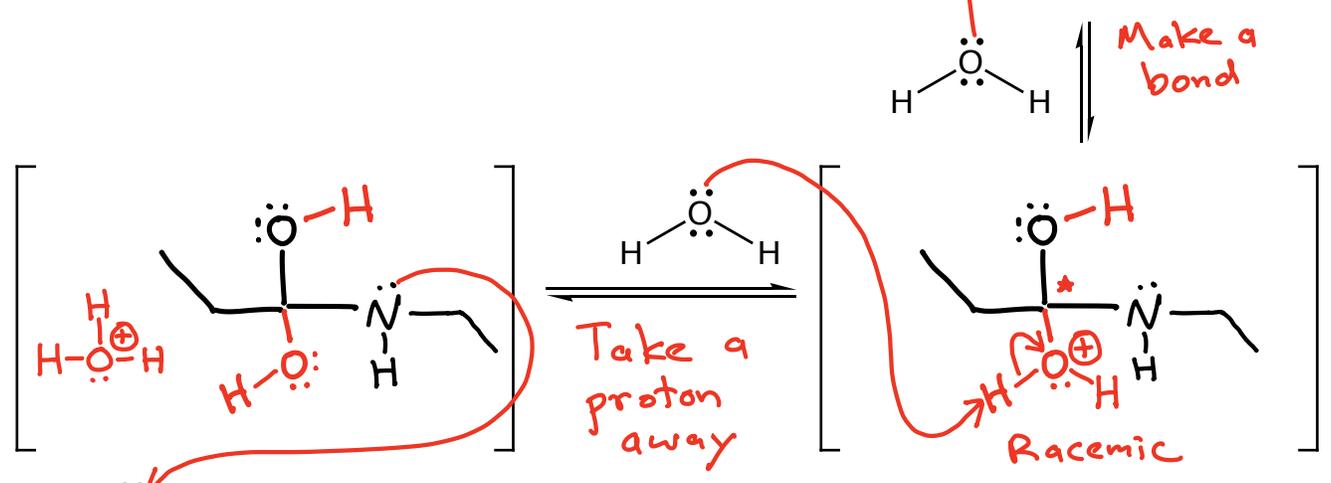
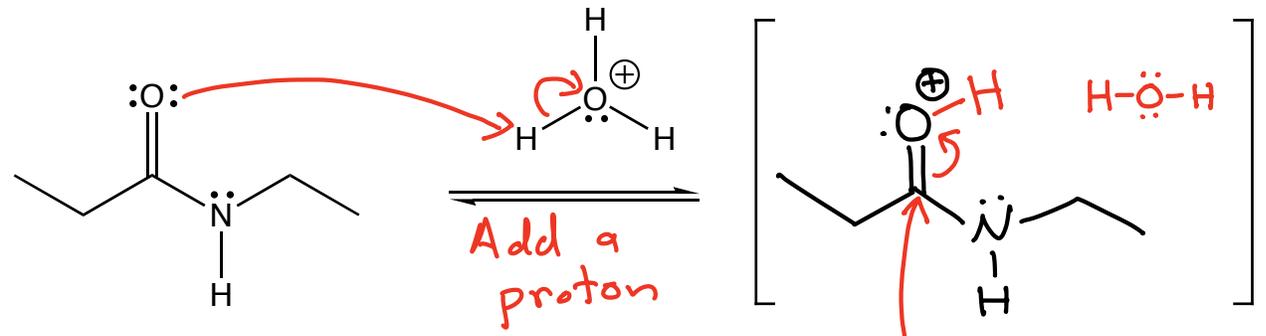
Microscopic Reversibility \longrightarrow The mechanism of a reversible process is the same (same intermediates) in both directions!

Microscopic Reversibility: Acid Catalyzed Ester Hydrolysis-Fischer Esterification





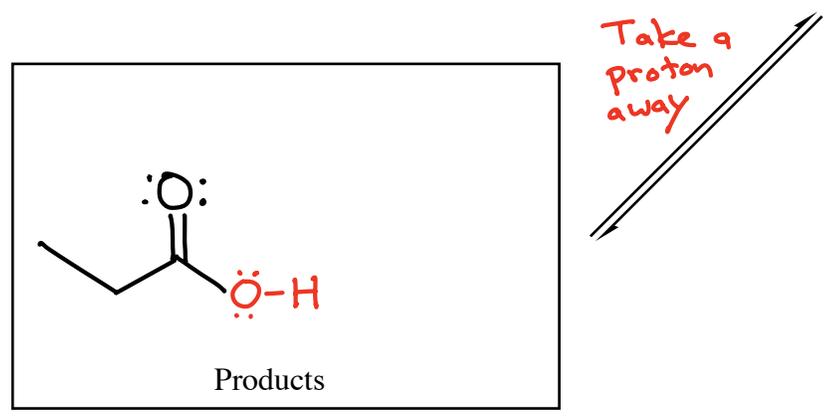
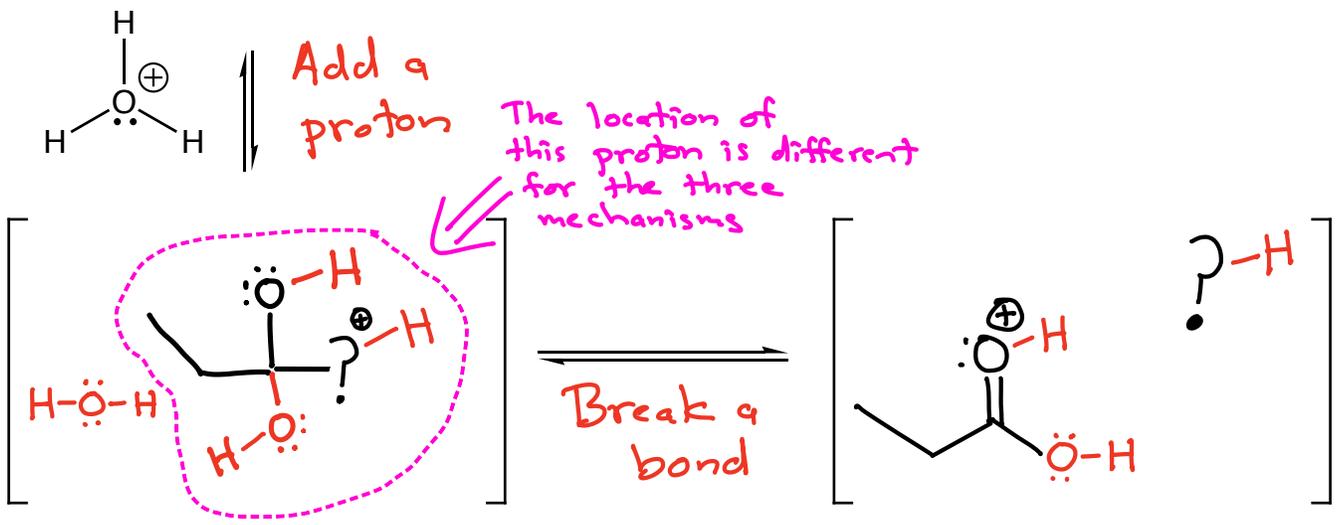
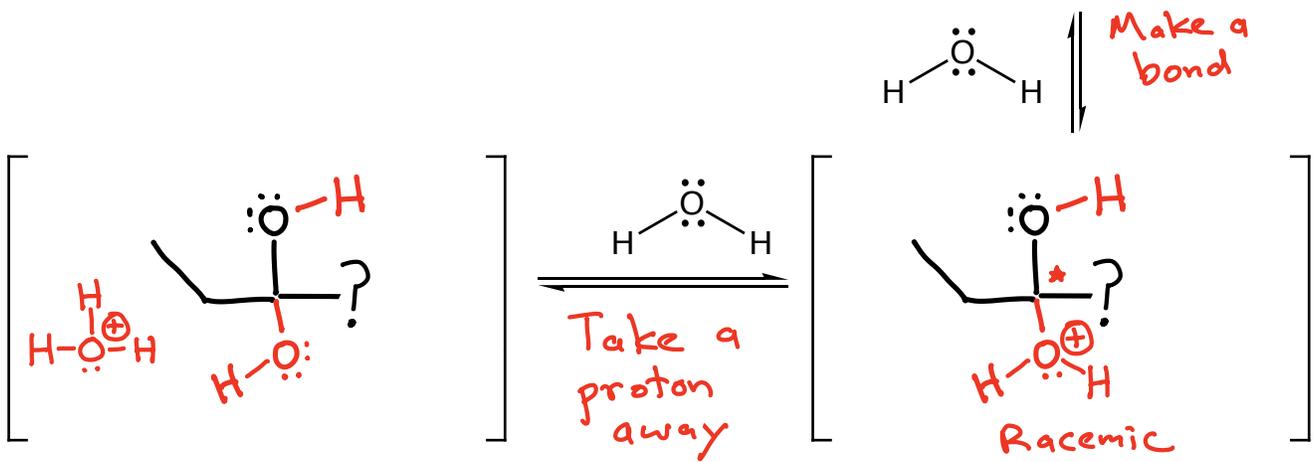
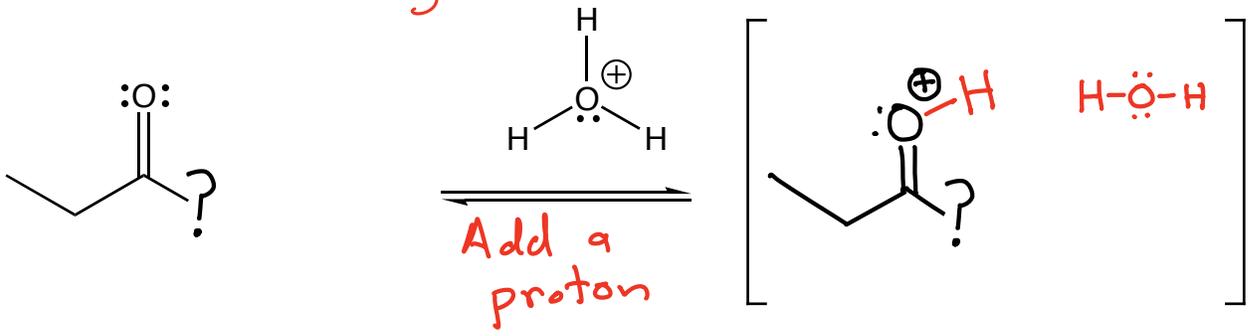
Acid Promoted Amide Hydrolysis



Take a proton away

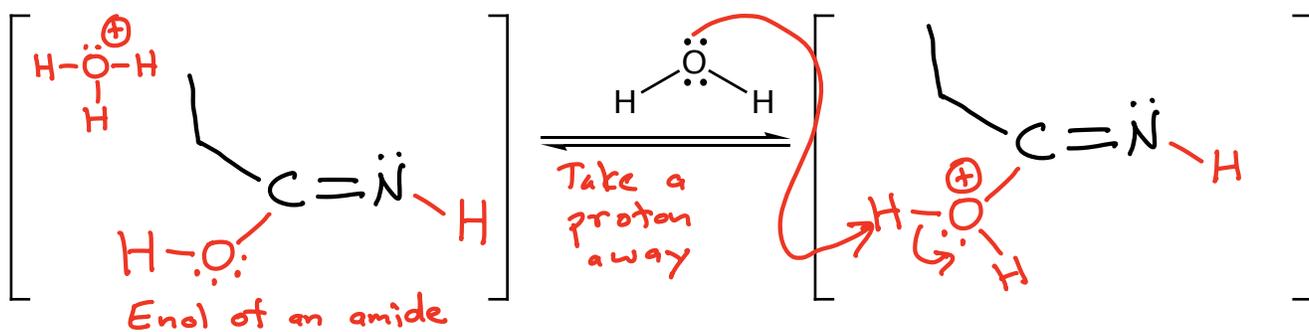
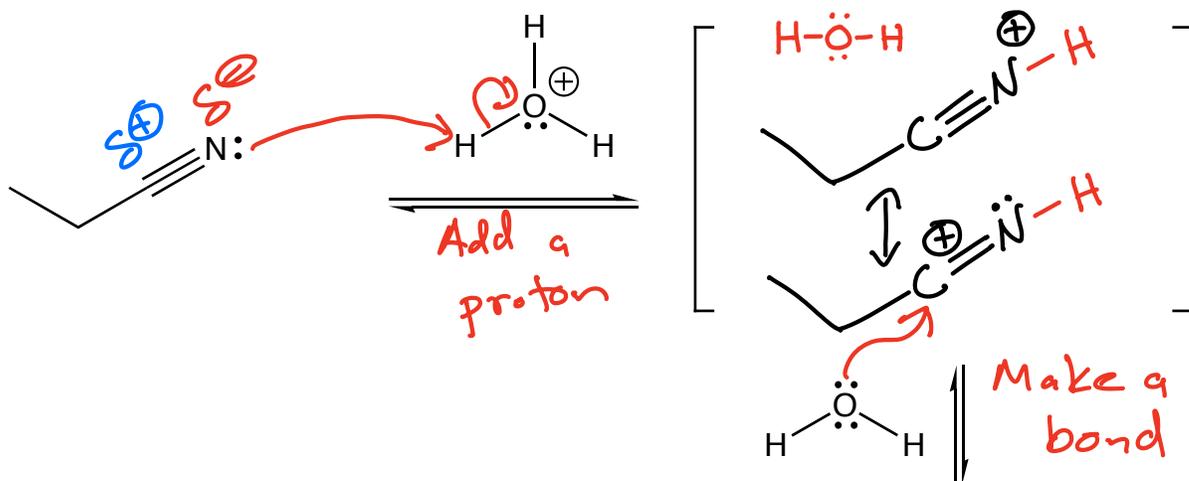
This is NOT H_3O^+ , this reaction is NOT catalytic in acid

The following mechanism applies to which reaction we have seen? Trick Question → it applies to three reactions → Anhydride, ester and amide hydrolysis in acid! "Same song different verse!"

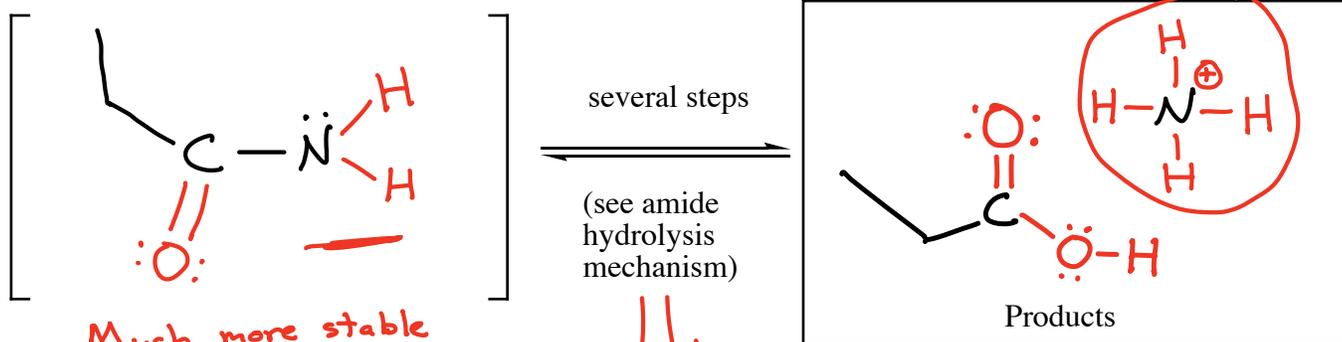




Acid Promoted Nitrile Hydrolysis

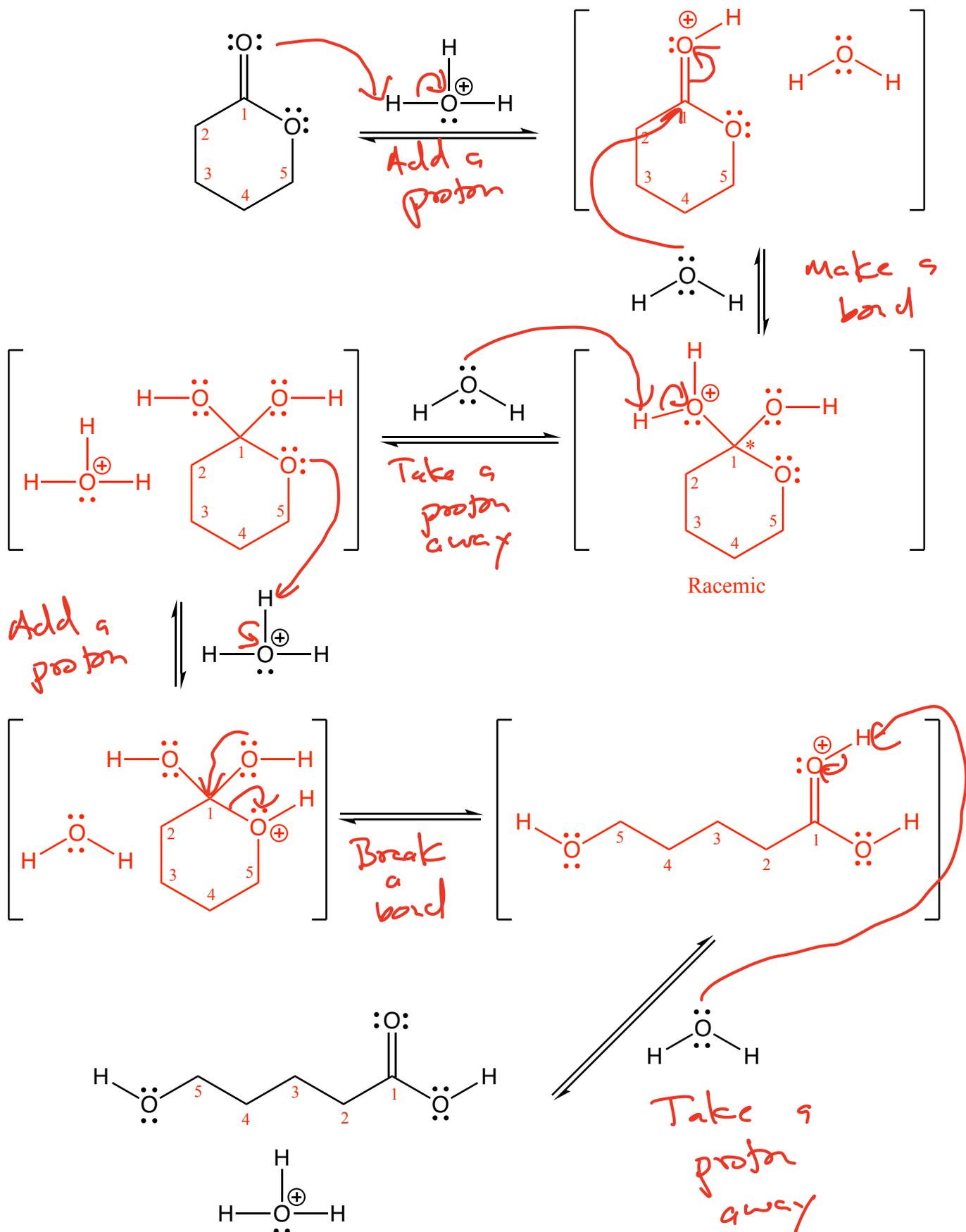


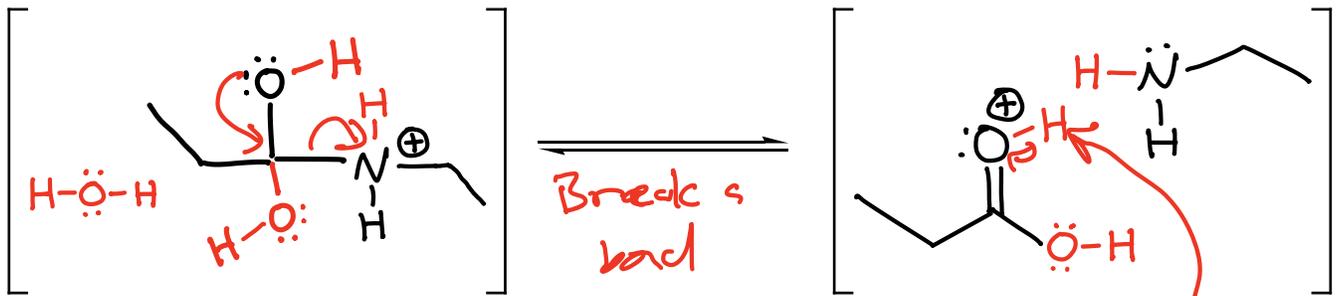
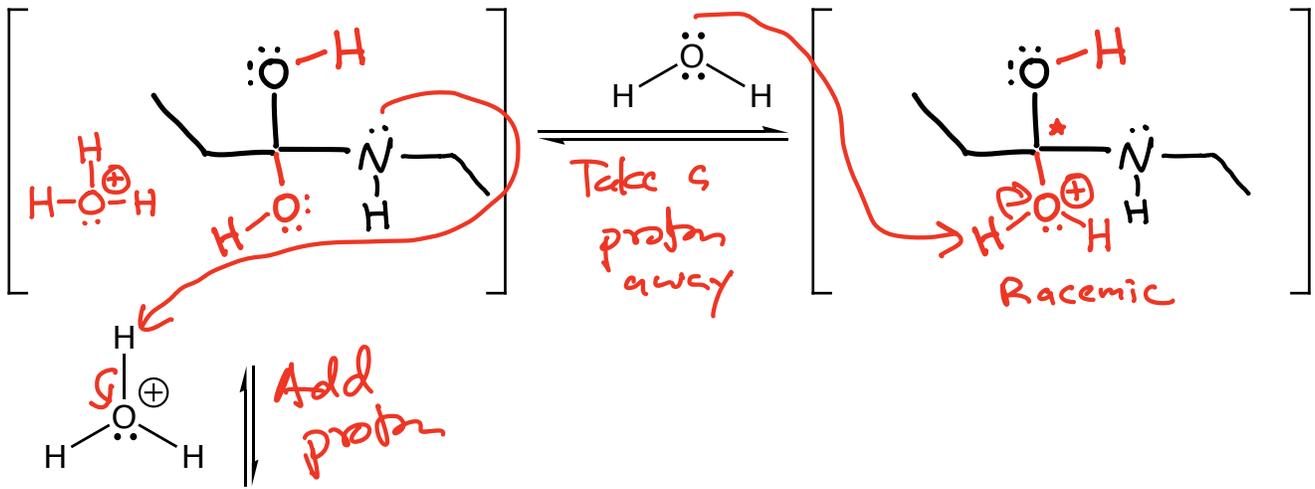
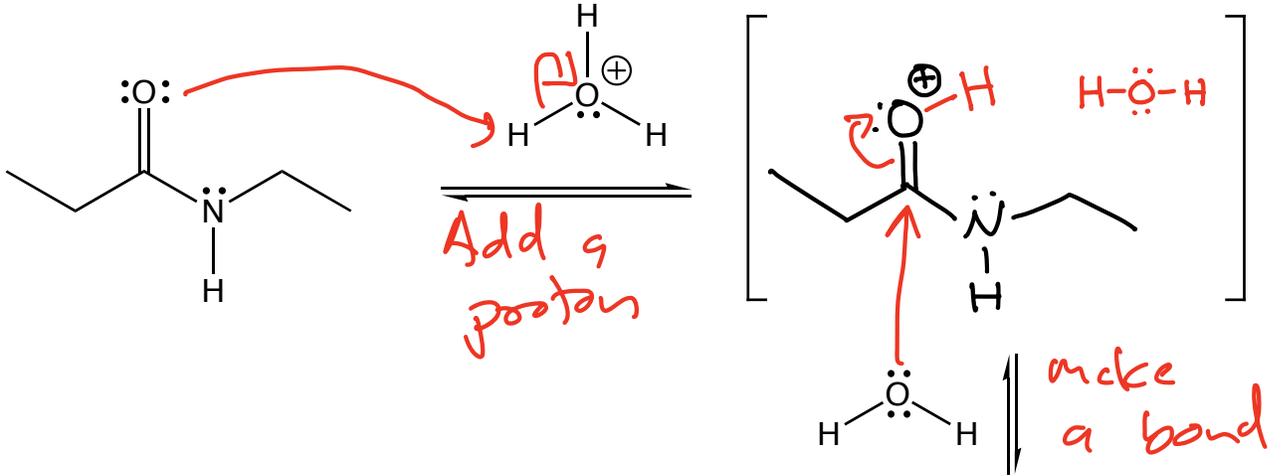
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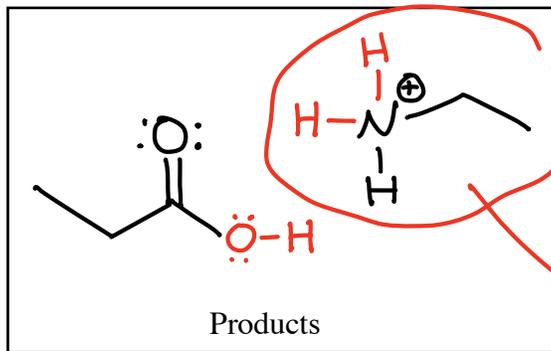
These conditions are strong enough to hydrolyze amides according to the mechanism we saw as "Acid Promoted Hydrolysis of an Amide"

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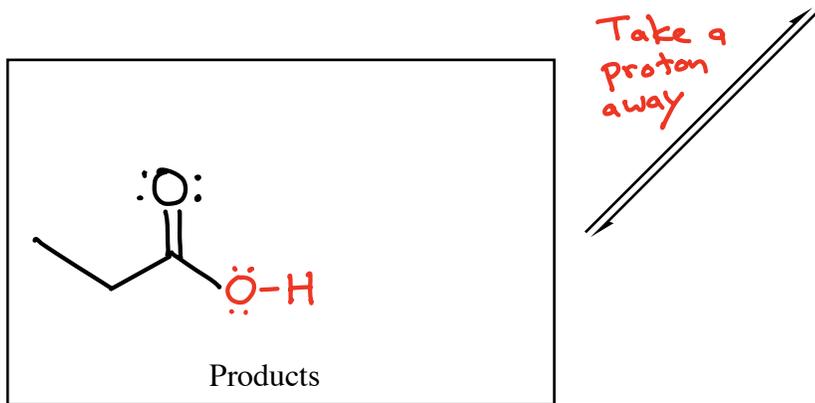
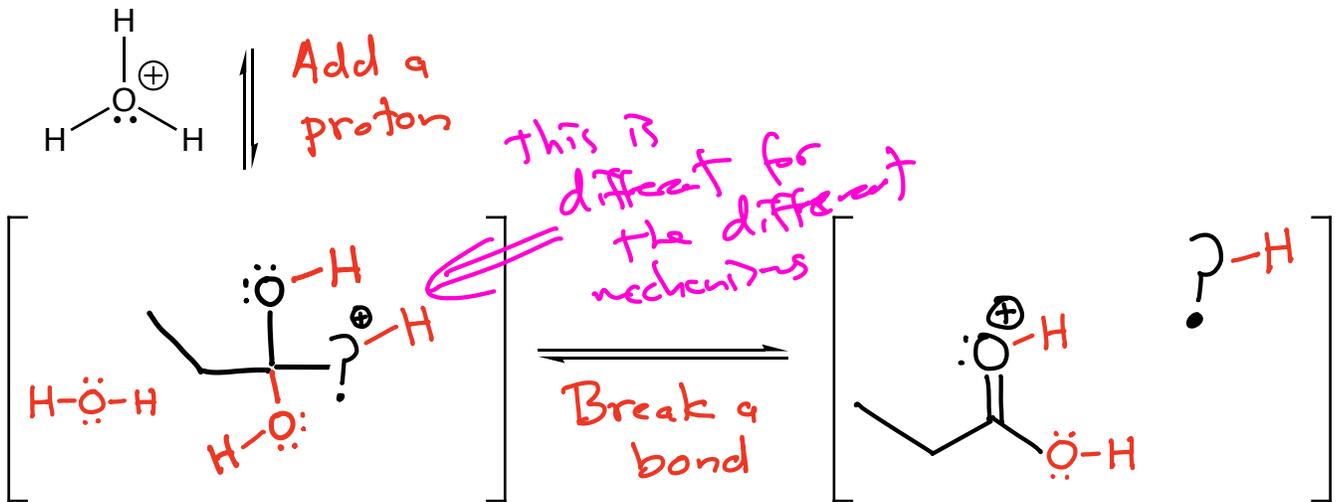
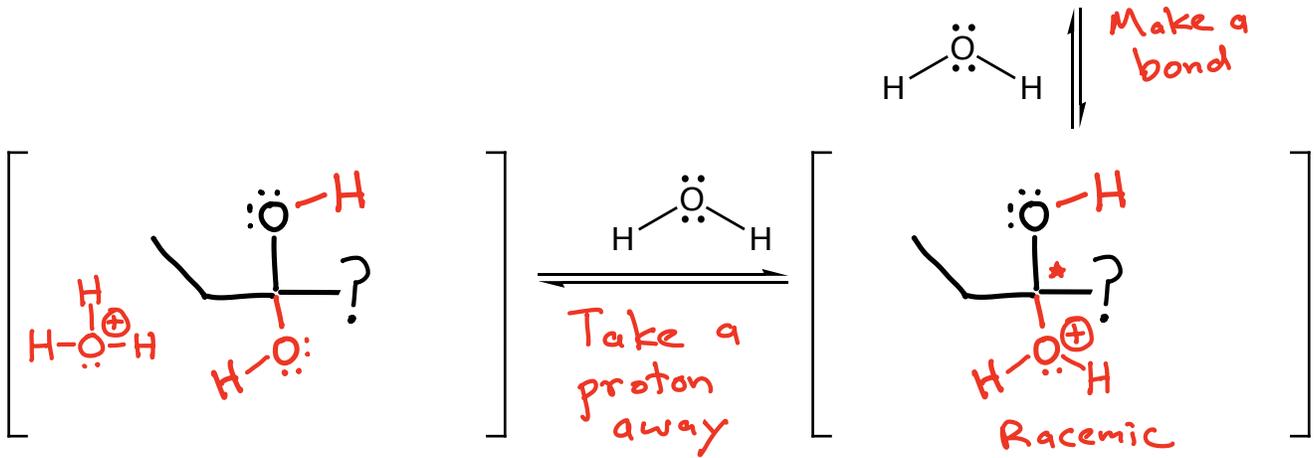
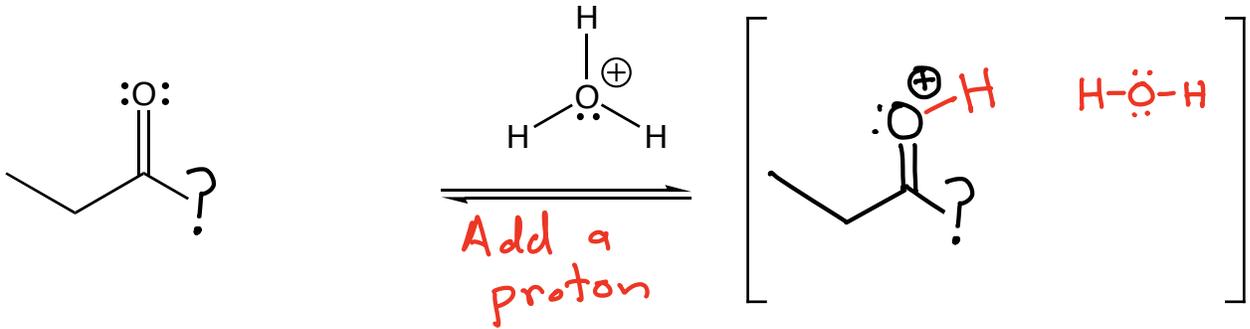




Not catalytic in acid

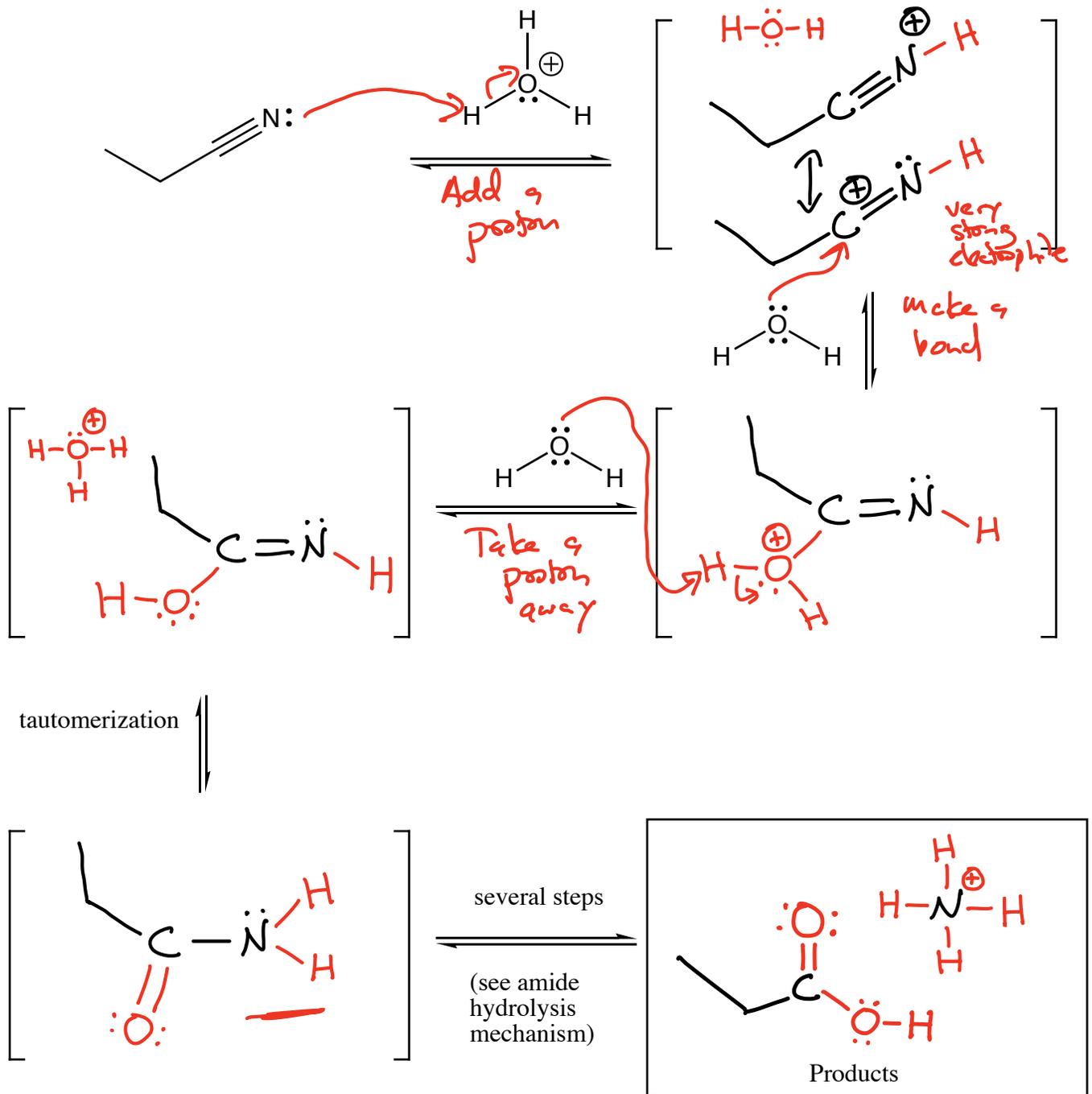


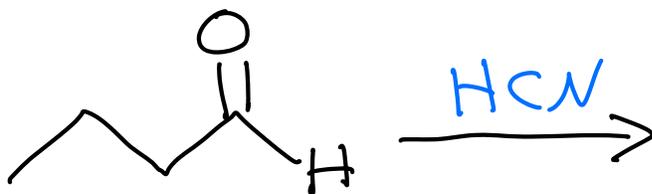
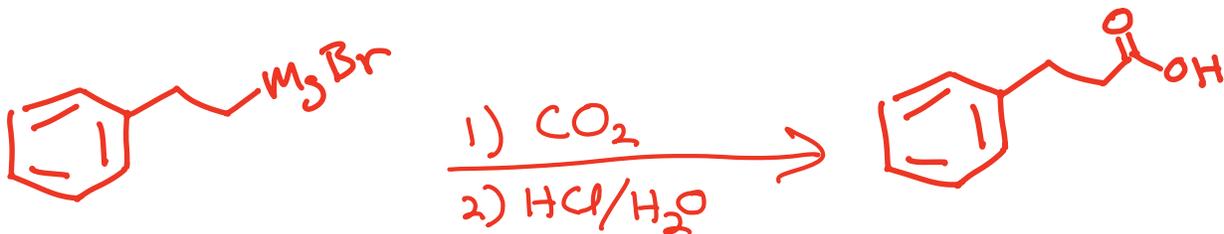
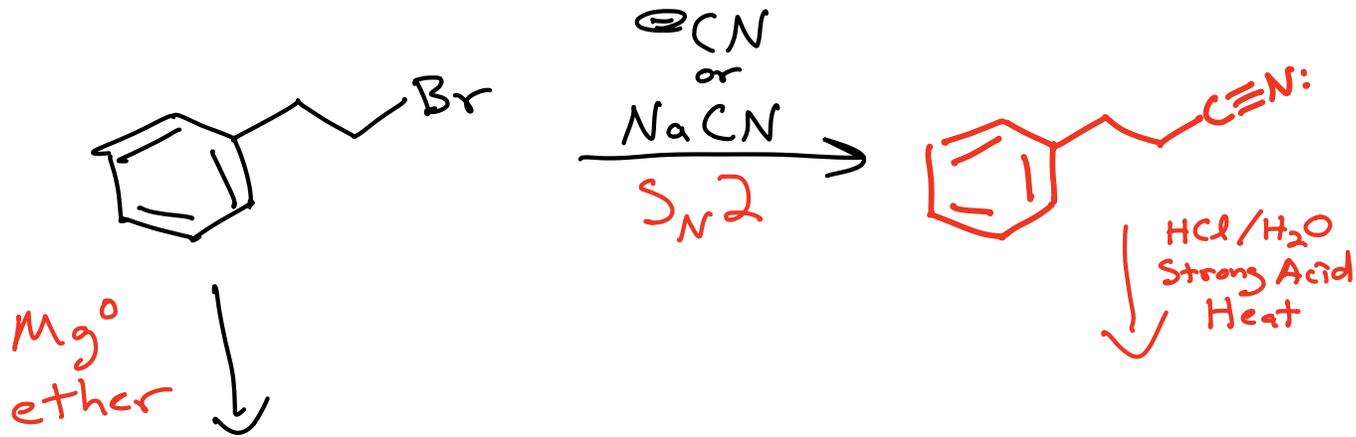
Take a proton away
Not H₃O⁺





Acid Promoted Nitrile Hydrolysis





KRE \rightarrow

