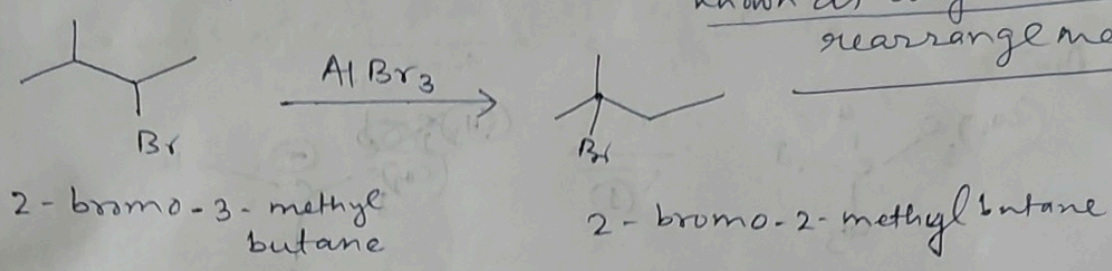
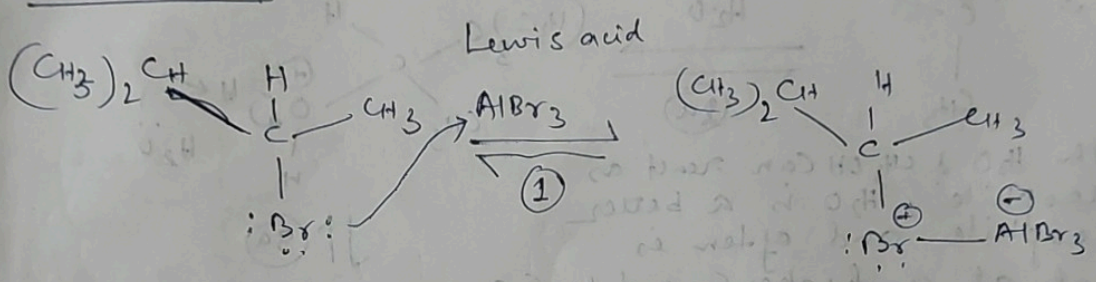


# The Wagner-Meerwein rearrangement

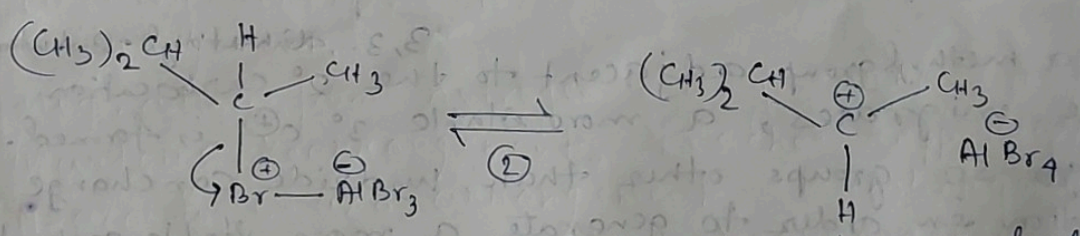
⊛ The migration of an alkyl group to a cationic centre is known as Wagner-Meerwein rearrangement.



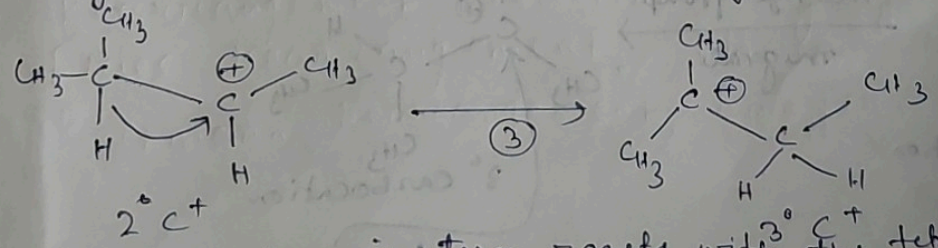
## Mechanism



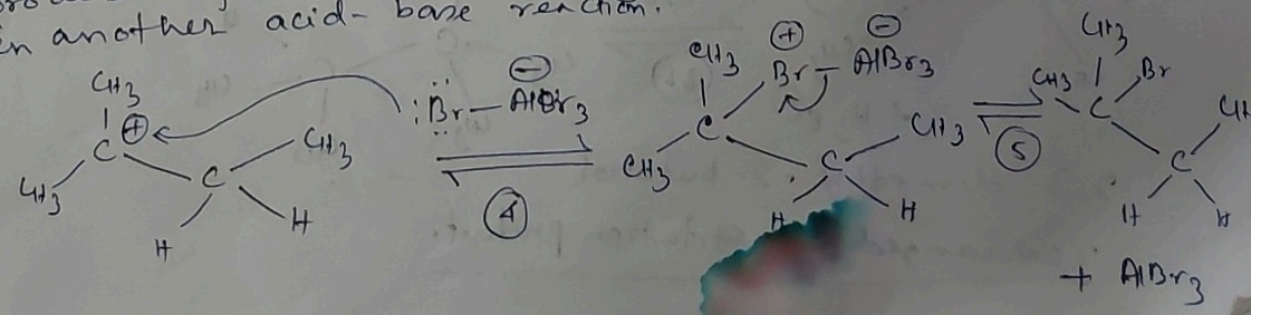
The species can ionize in one of two ways. The first is simply a reverse of the initial step; the 2nd possibility involves loss of the tetrabromoaluminate ion to form a secondary carbocation.

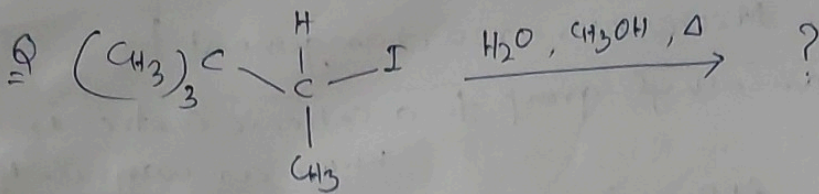


A hydrogen atom with its pair of electrons - a hydride ion - subsequently migrates from the neighbouring carbon atom to generate more stable tertiary carbocation.

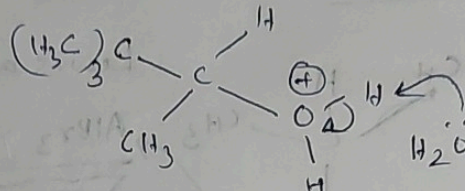
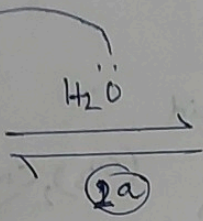
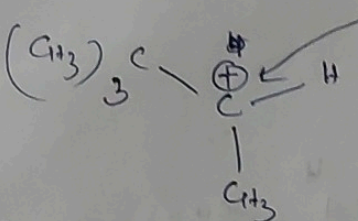
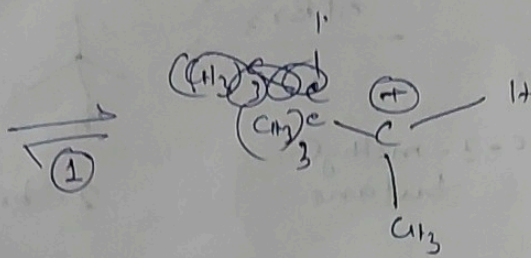
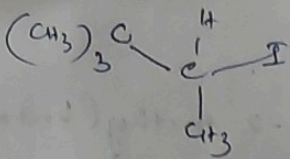


This carbocation in turn reacts with the tetrabromoaluminate ion, which is a nucleophile, to yield the rearranged product after dissociation of aluminium tetrabromide in another acid-base reaction.

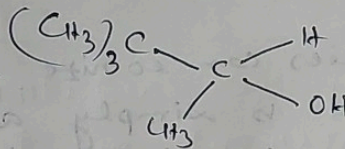




Ans:



\* both  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  &  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  can react as nucleophile,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  is a better nucleophile and often is present at a higher concentration than methanol, so it reacts preferentially.

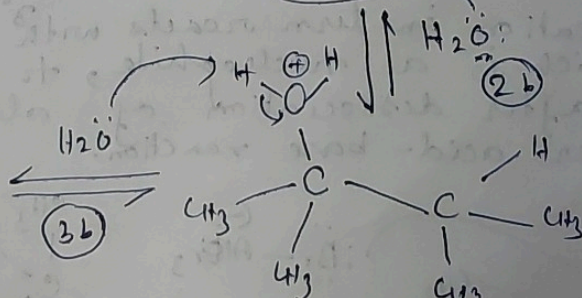
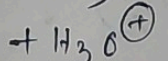
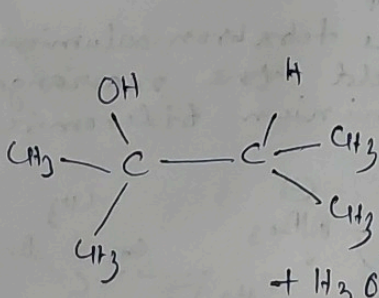
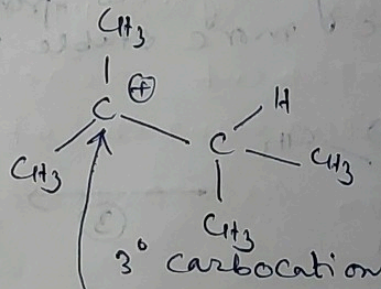
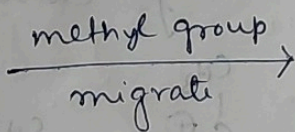
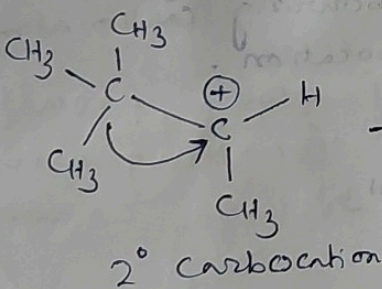


direct substitution product.

3,3-dimethyl-2-butanol.

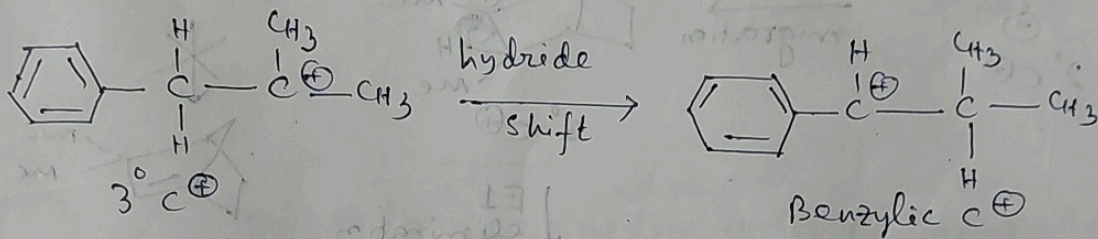
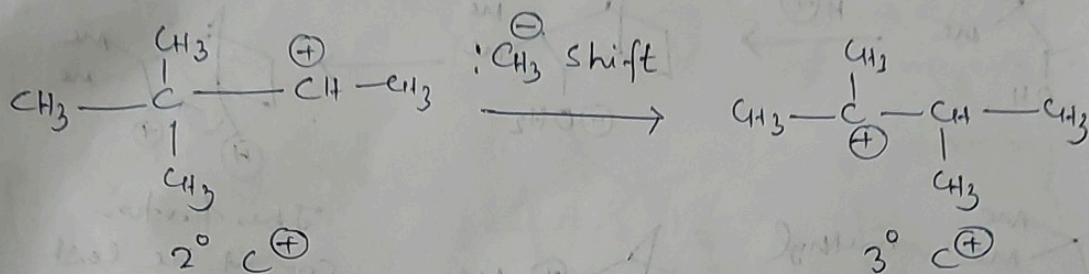
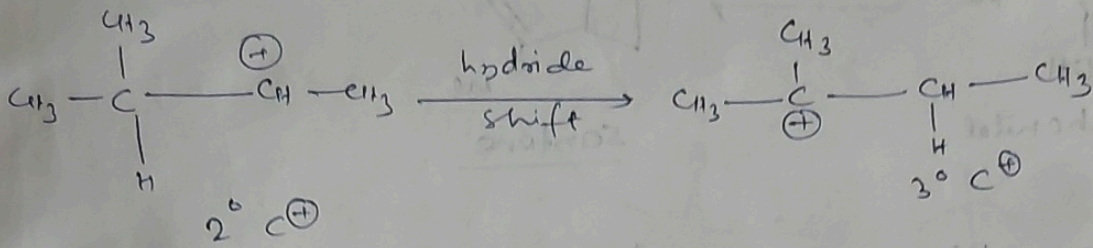
If a methyl group adjacent to the  $2^\circ$  carbocation centre migrates, a more stable  $3^\circ$   $\text{C}^+$  is formed.

So groups other than hydride can change position in order to generate a more stable carbocation.

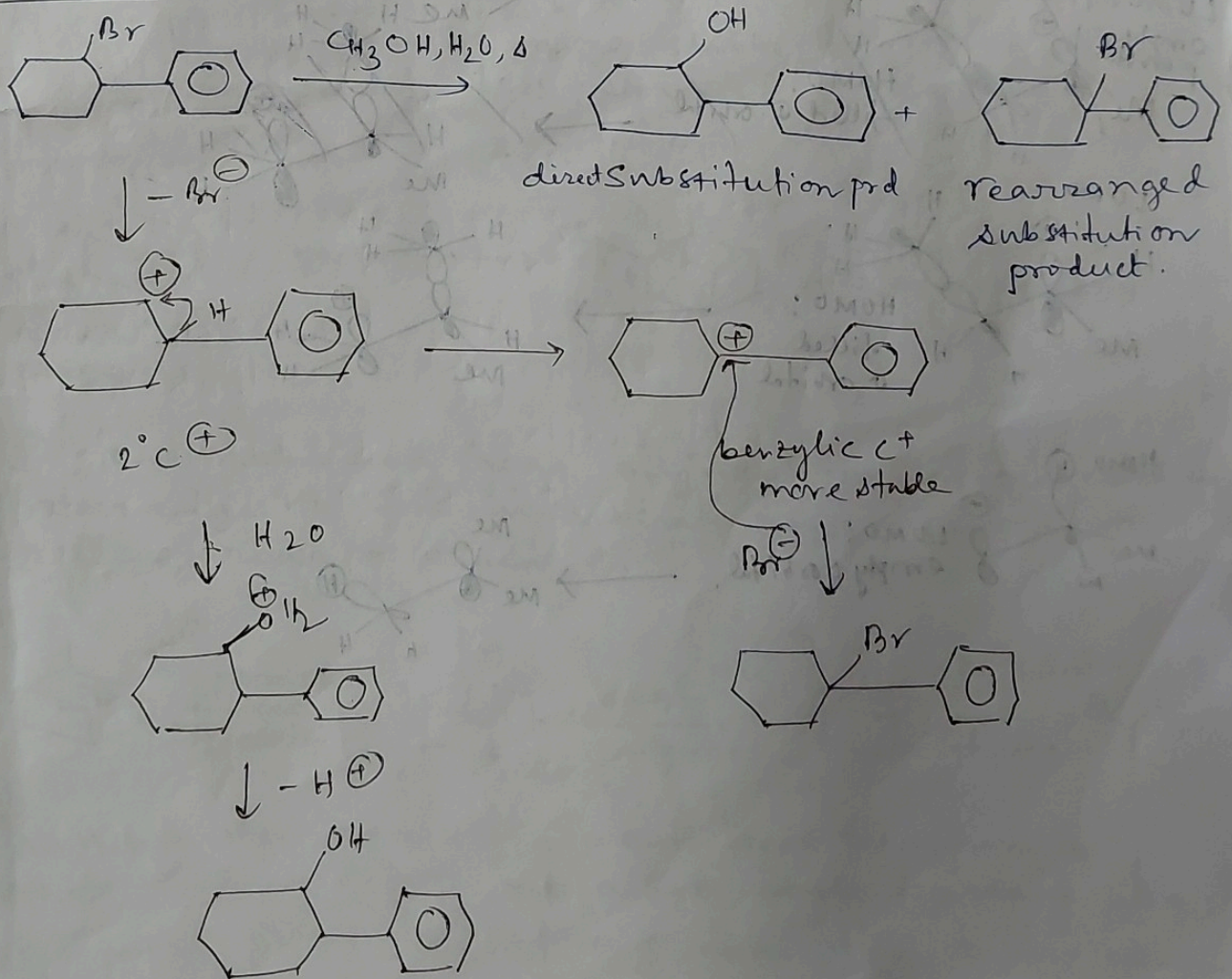


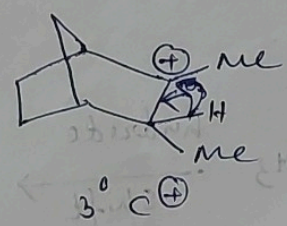
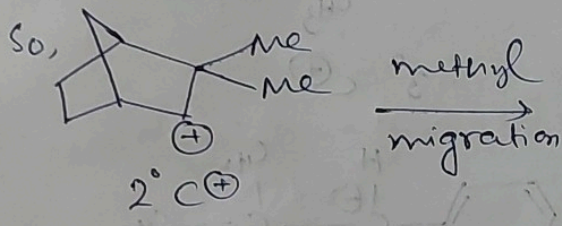
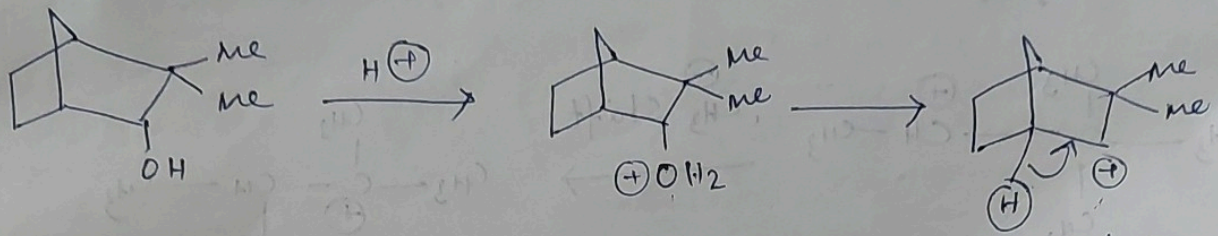
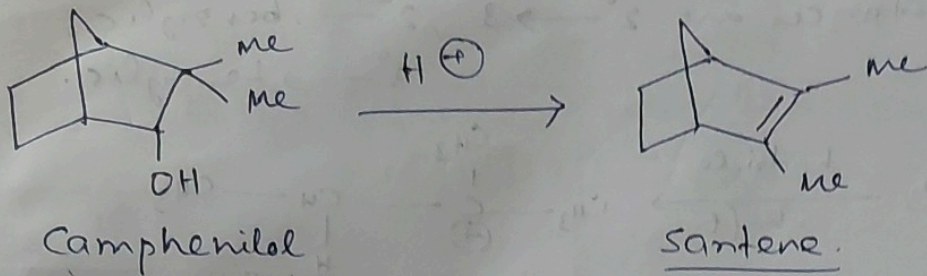
2,3-dimethyl-2-butanol  
 rearranged substitution product.

Common instances are  $2^\circ \rightarrow 3^\circ$ ,  $2^\circ \rightarrow$  benzylic,  $3^\circ \rightarrow$  benzylic.

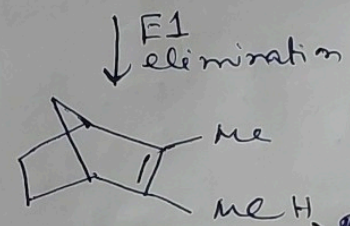


Example

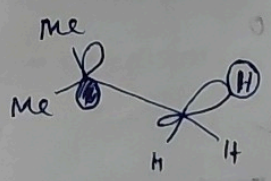
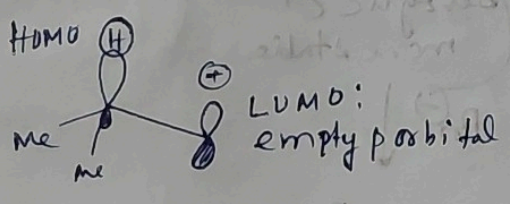
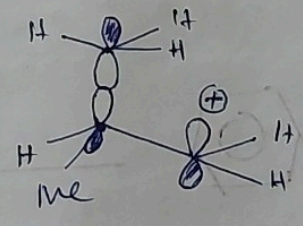
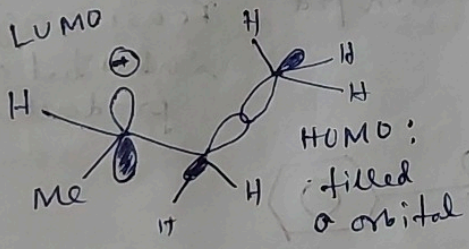
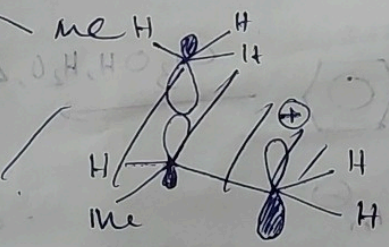
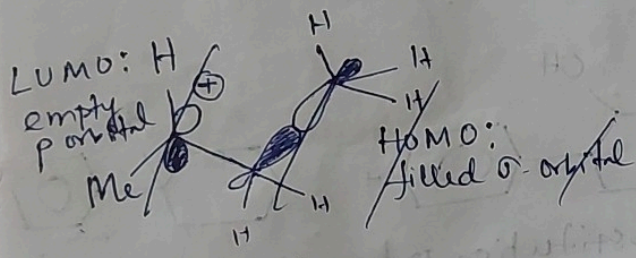


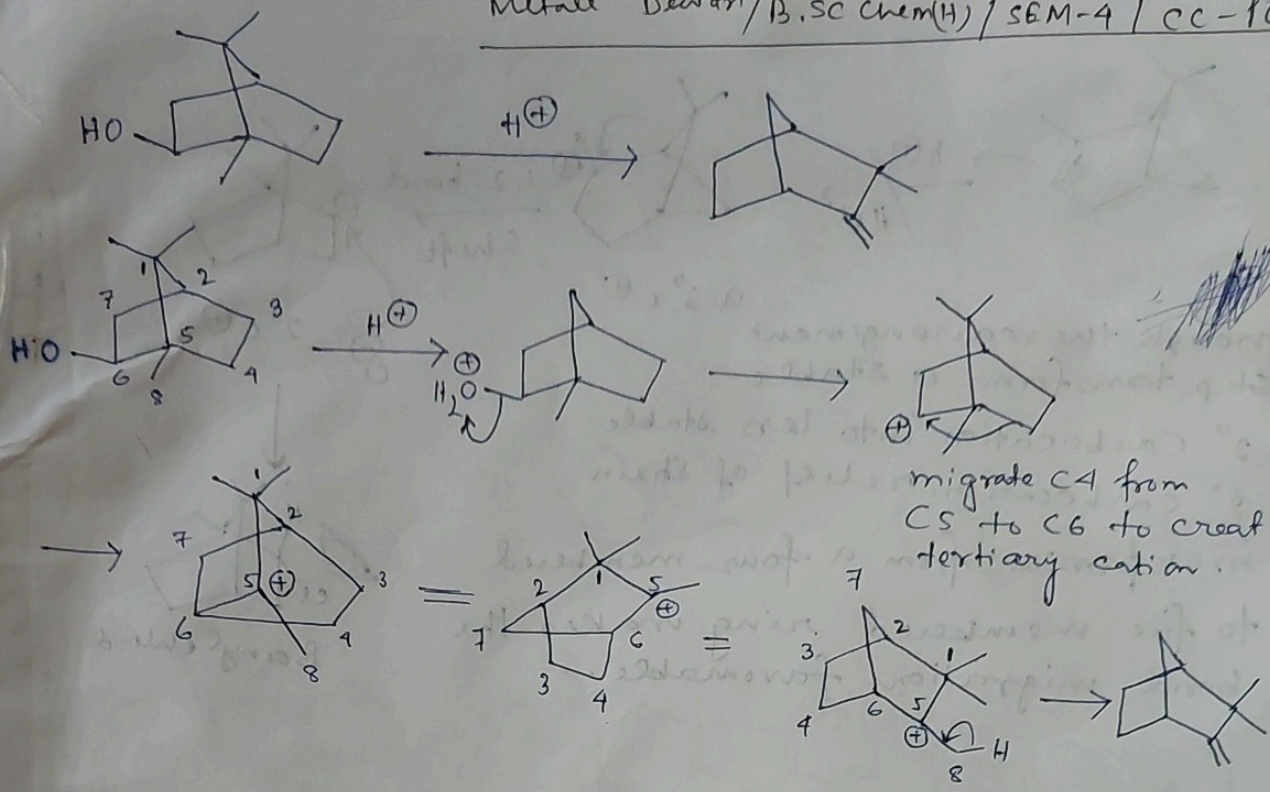


This proton can't be lost



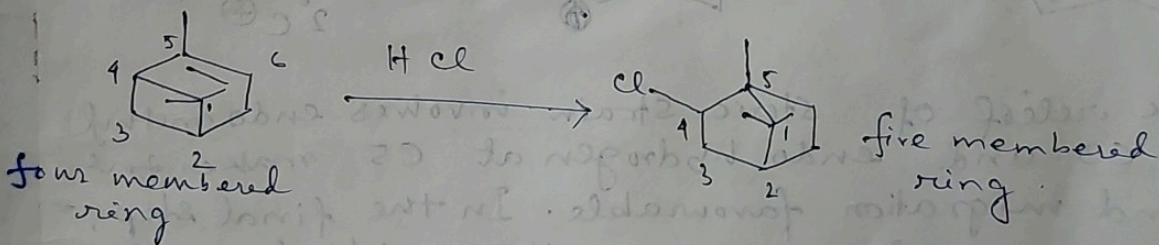
this alkene would be very strained



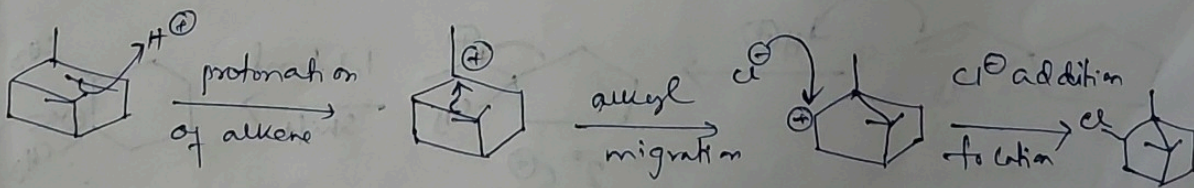


\* Alkyl migration occur in order to make a Carbocation more stable.

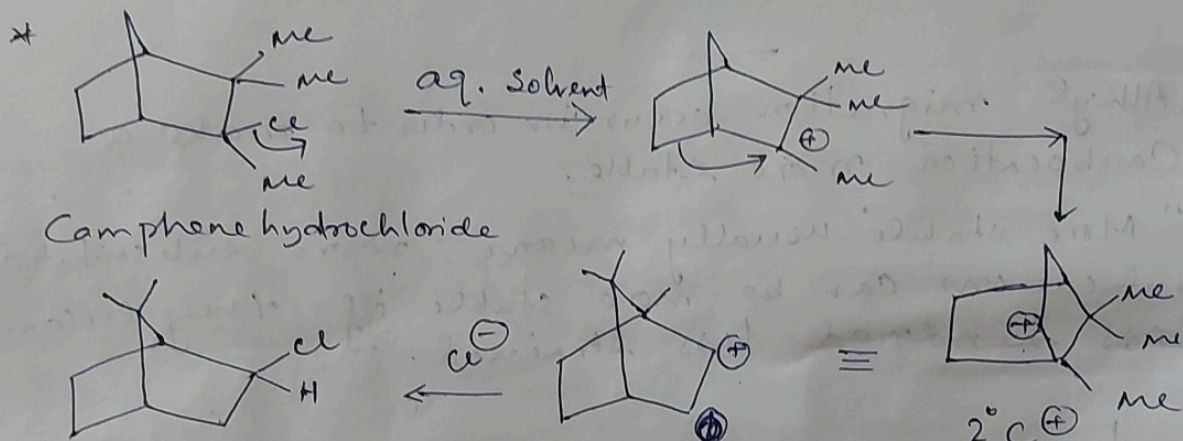
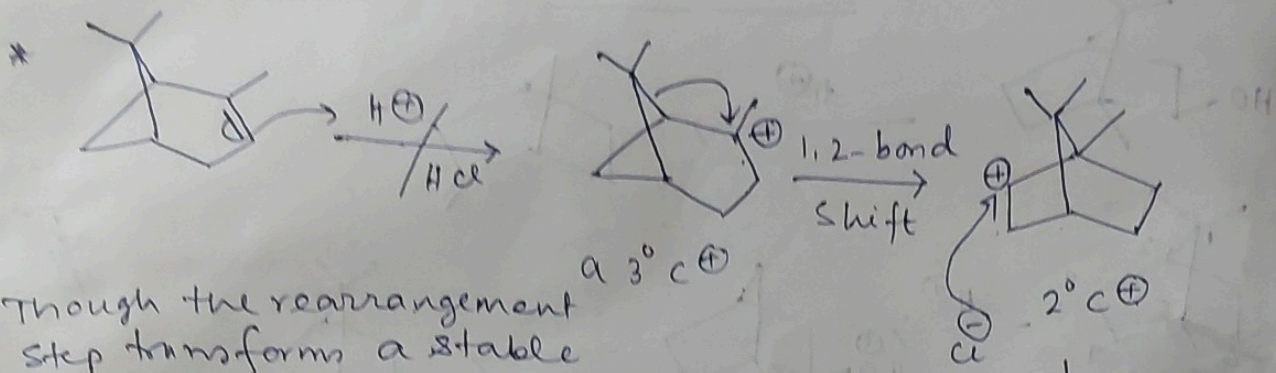
"More stable" usually means "more substituted" but cations can be more stable if they become ~~less hindered~~ less strained.



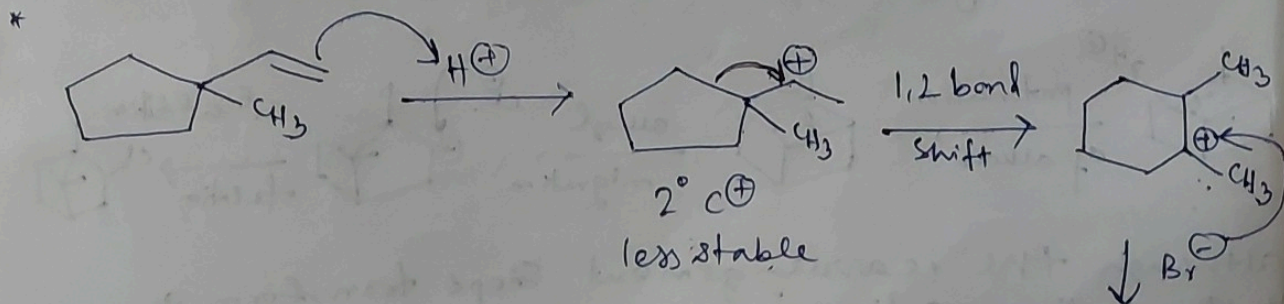
\* four membered ring adjacent to cations readily rearrange to five membered rings in order to relieve ring strain.



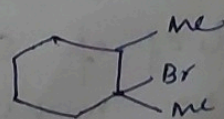
although the rearrangement steps transform a stable tertiary cation into a less stable secondary cation, relief of strain in expansion from four to five membered ring make the alkyl migration favourable.

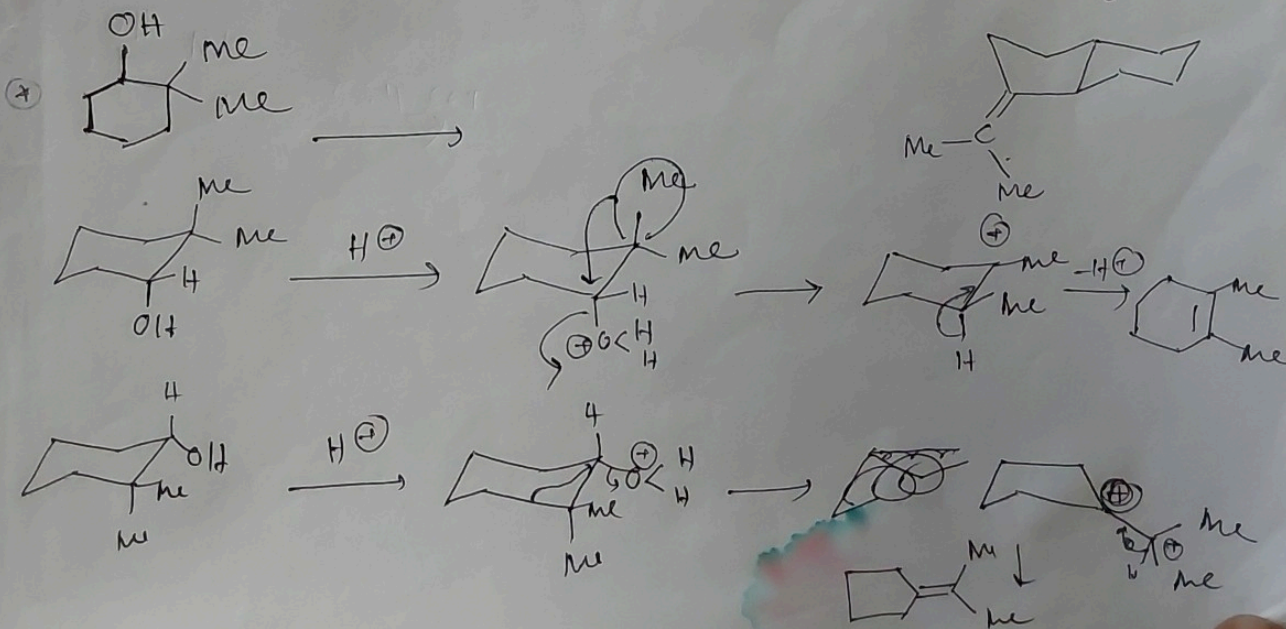
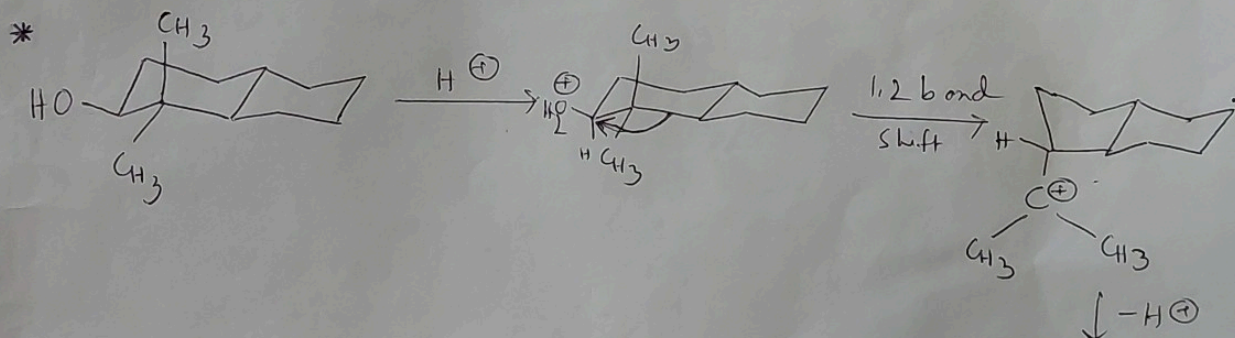
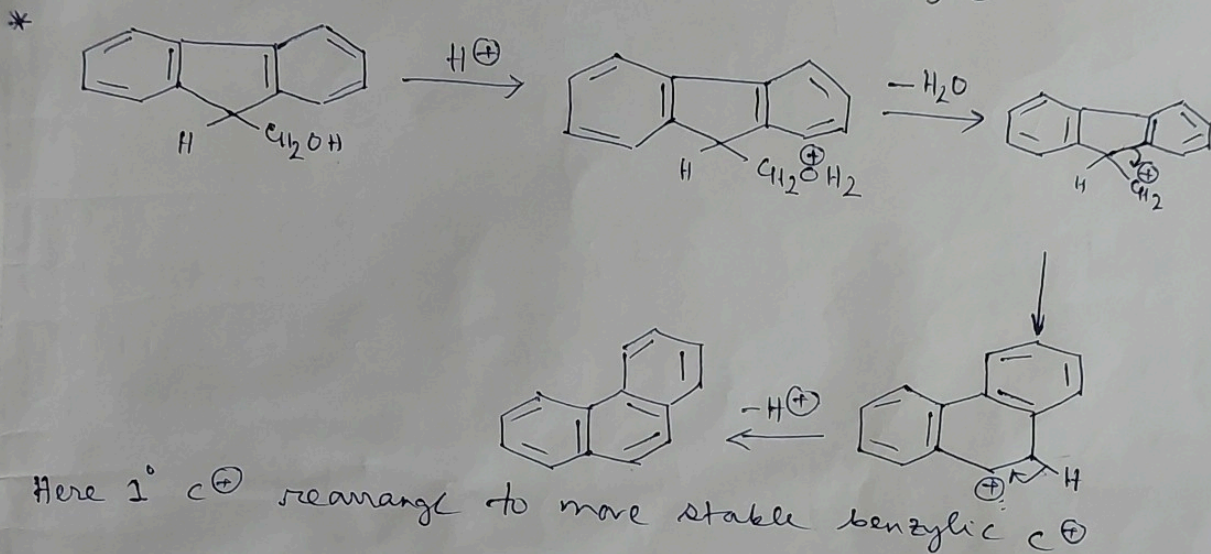
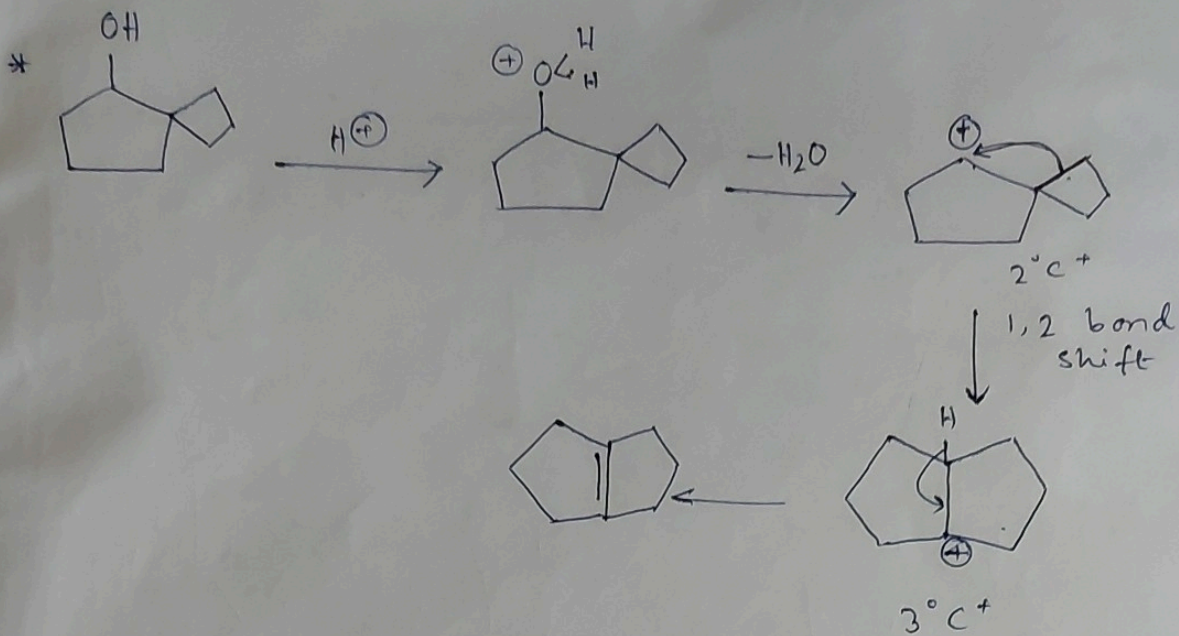


here relief of steric strain involves endo methyl at C3 and endo hydrogen at C5 makes the bond migration favourable. In the final step, the carbocation combines with a chloride ion to yield isobornyl chloride, in which chlorine is exo, due to the same steric reason.



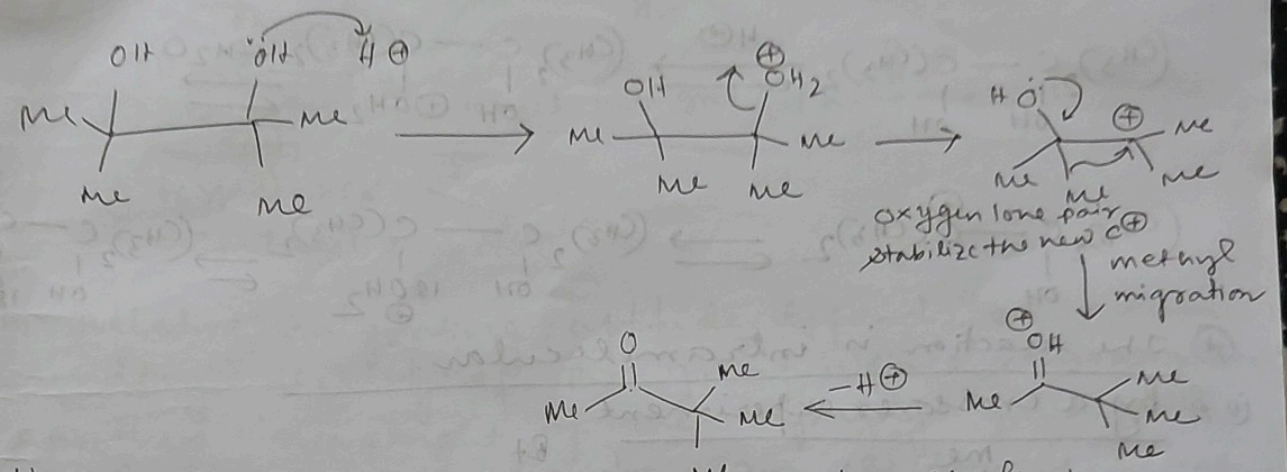
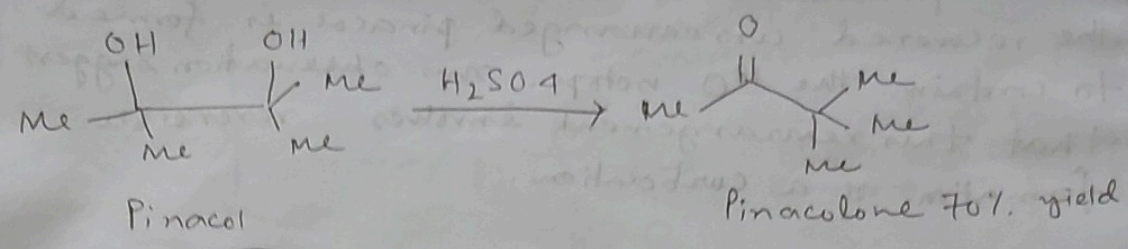
Bond migration instead of methyl migration because of formation of relatively more stable six-membered ring.



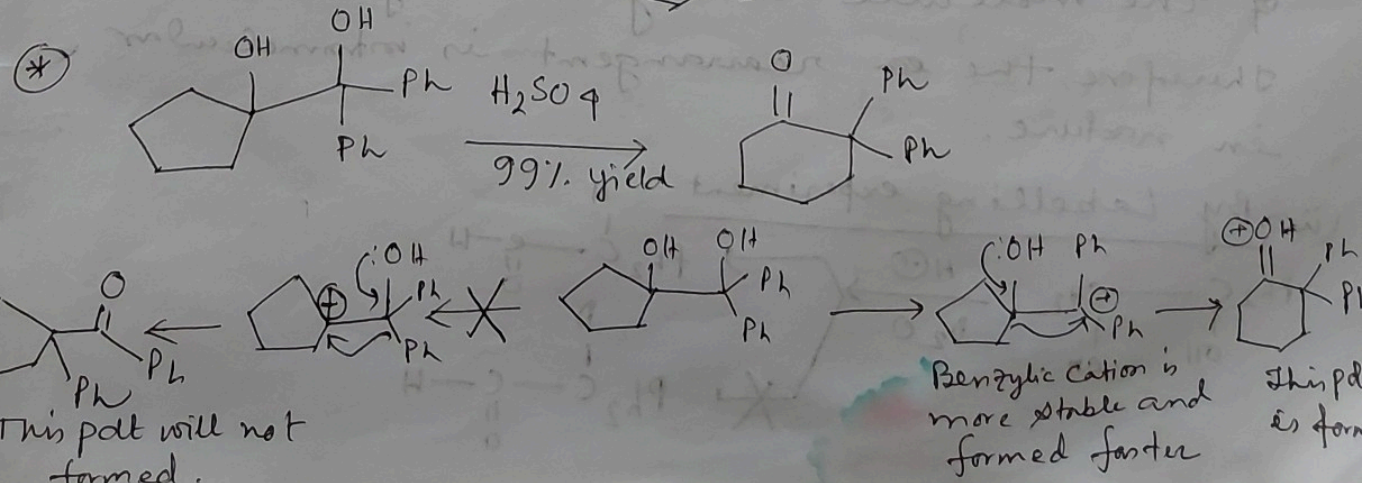
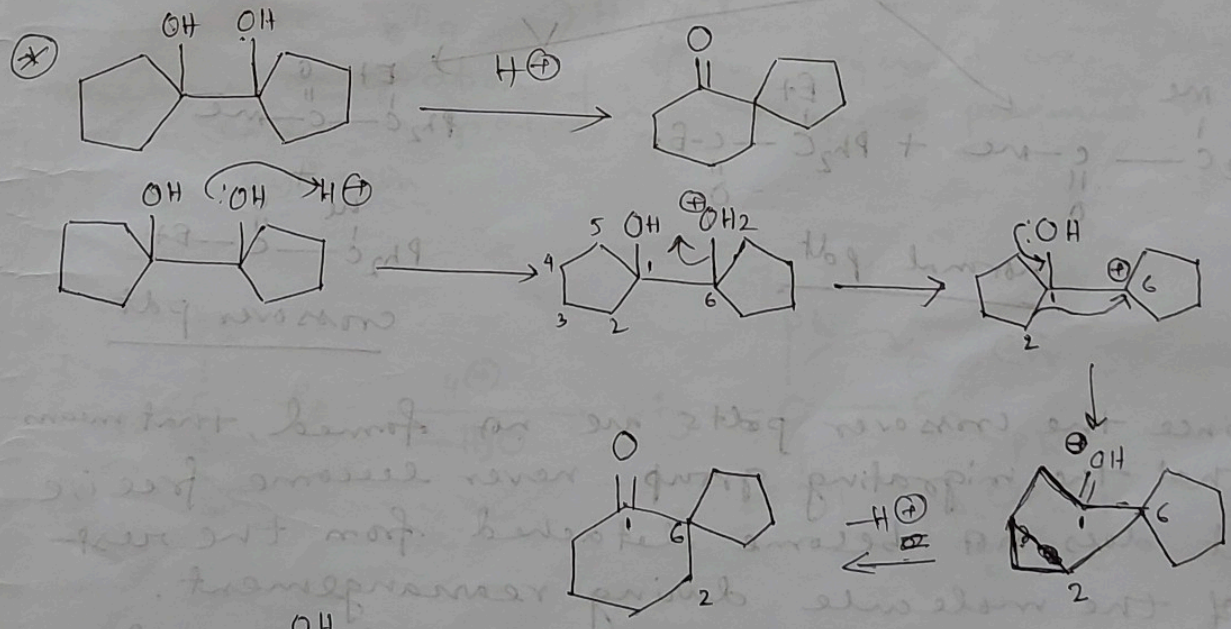


# The Pinacol Rearrangement

When the 1,2-diol pinacol is treated with acid, a rearrangement takes place.



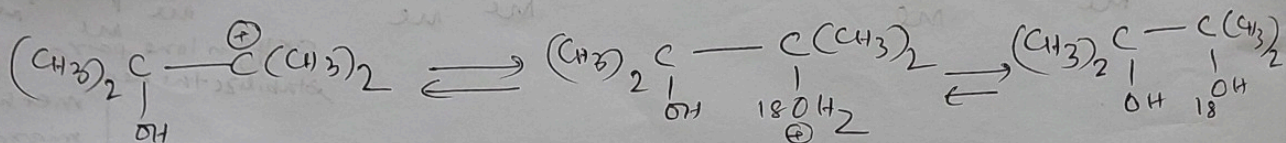
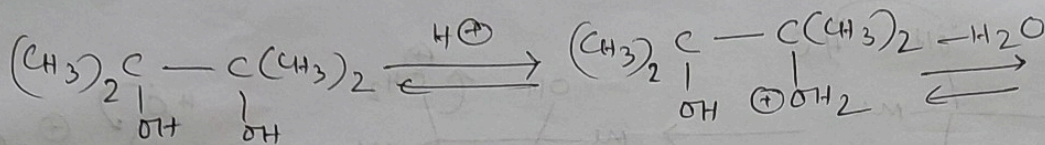
Here rearrangement takes place to shift the positive charge into a position where the oxygen can stabilize it, and loss of a proton from oxygen gives a stable ketone.





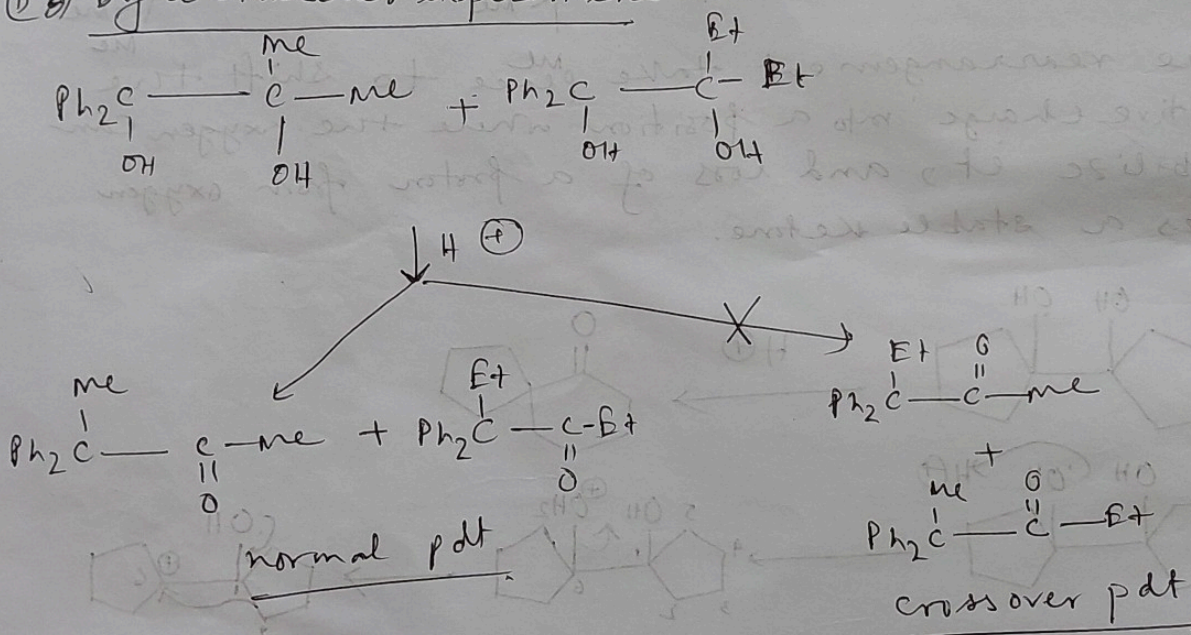
\* The evidence for the intermediacy of a carbocation

1) when pinacol is treated with acid in  $H_2^{18}O$  solution, the recovered unrearranged pinacol is formed to contain the  $^{18}O$  isotope. This observation suggests that this rearrangement involves reversible formation of a carbocation.



⊗ The reaction is intramolecular.

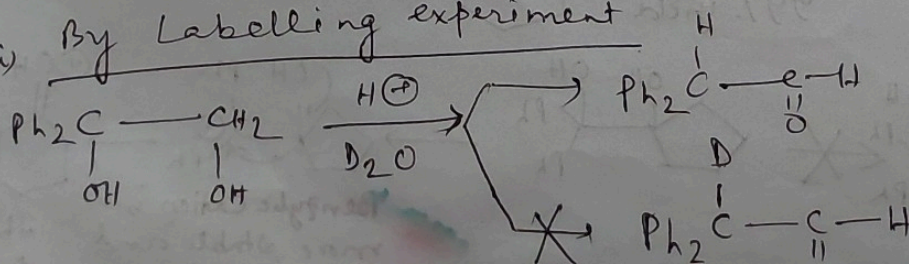
⊙ By a crossover experiment

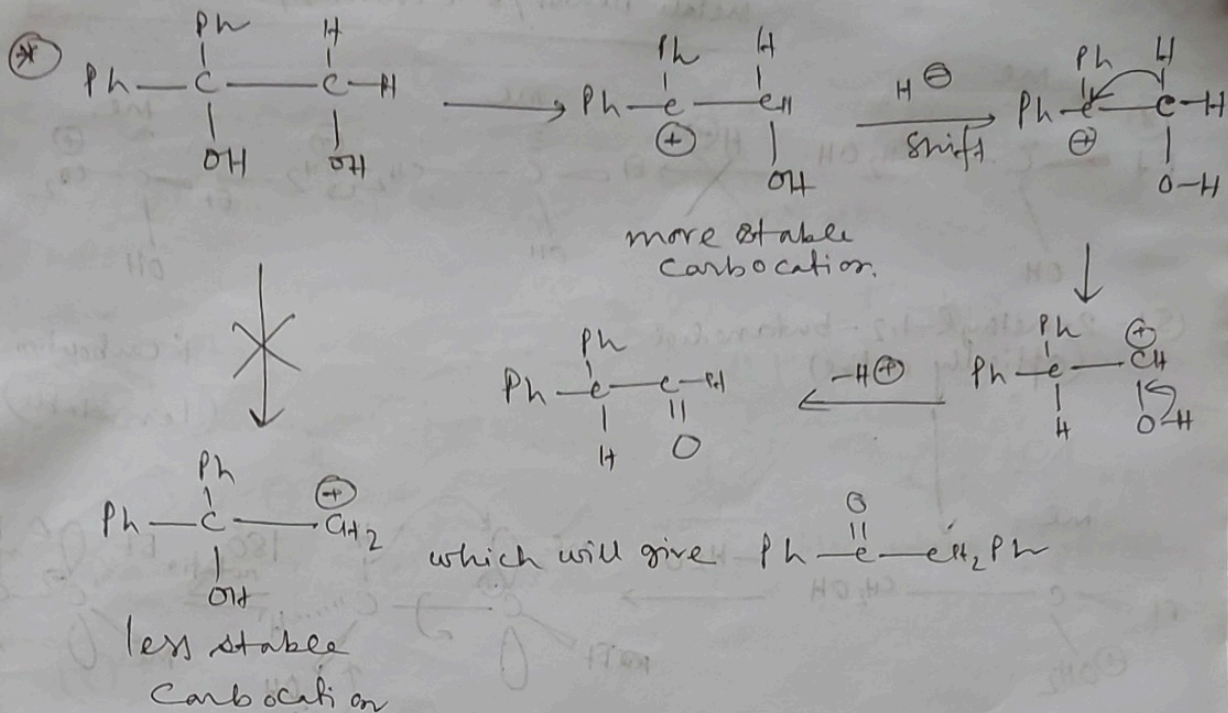


Since the crossover pds are not formed, that means that the migrating group never becomes free, i.e. it does not become detached from the rest of the molecule during rearrangement.

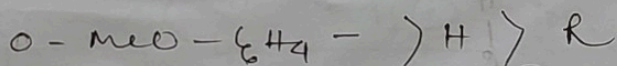
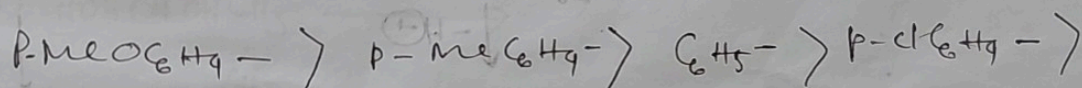
Therefore the rearrangement is intramolecular in nature.

(ii) By Labelling experiment

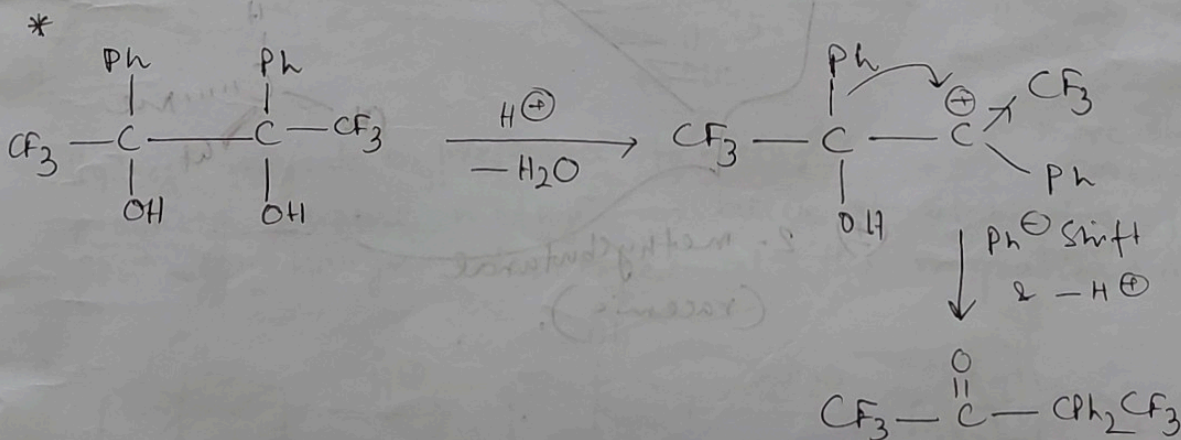


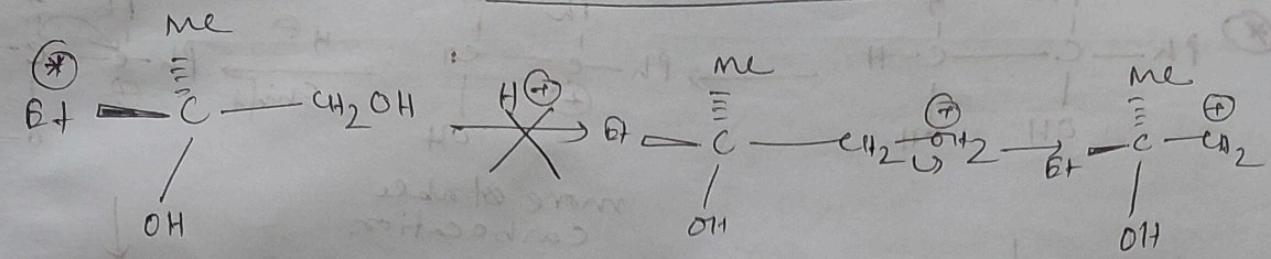


(\*) The relative migrating aptitude depends on electron-donating ability of the group, since rearrangement involves movement of the migrating group with its bonding electron to an electron deficient centre. The relative ease of migration is



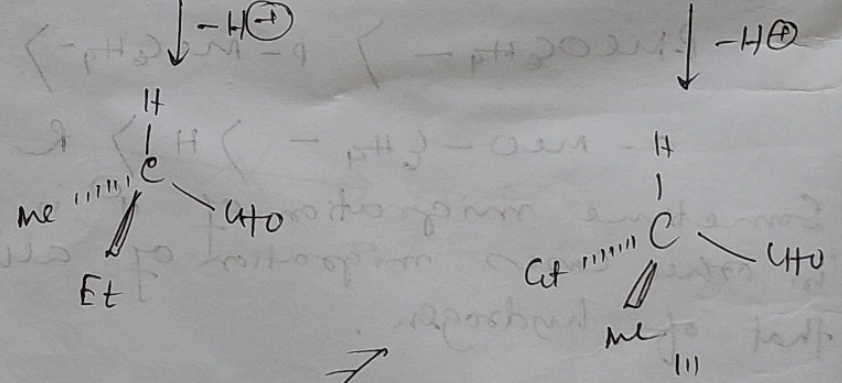
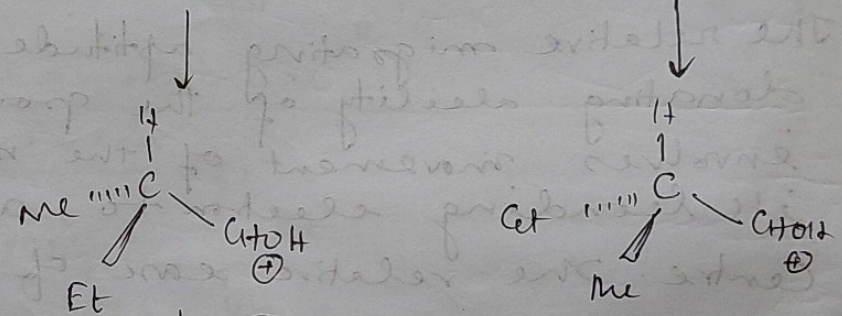
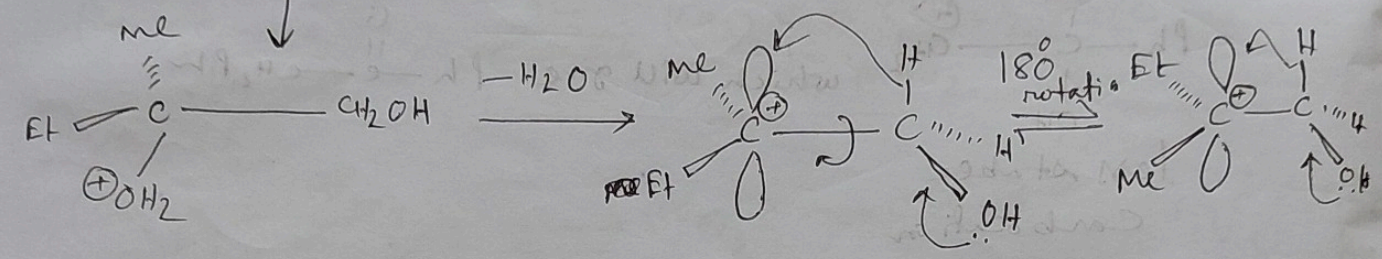
Sometimes migration of  $\text{H}^\ominus$  is preferred over alkyl in other cases migration of alkyl is preferred to that of hydrogen.



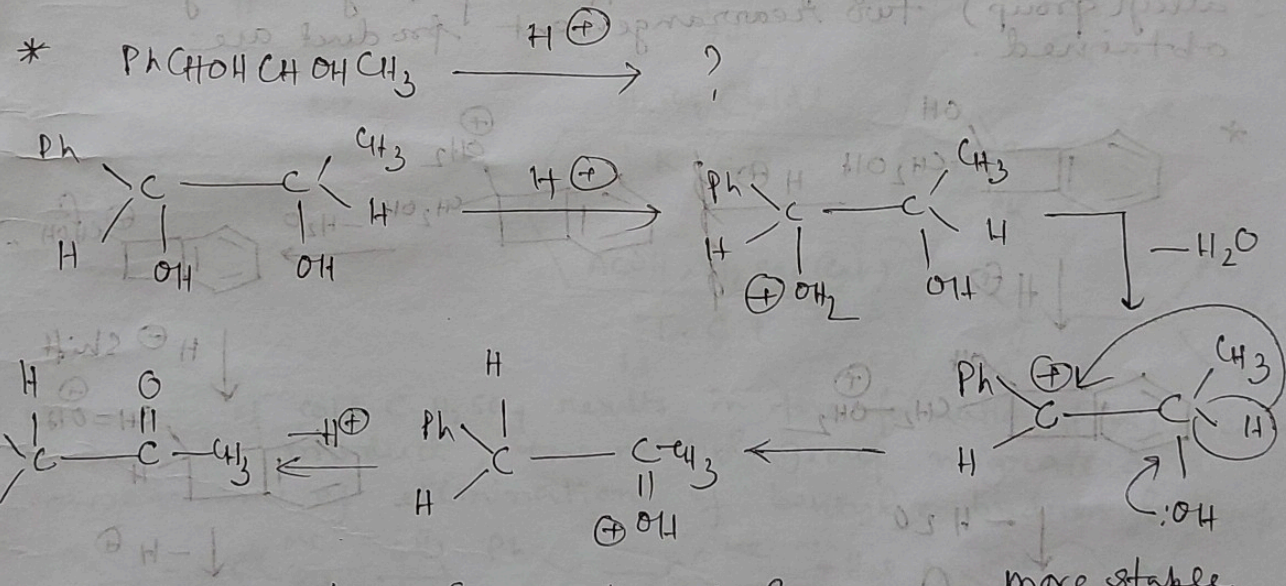
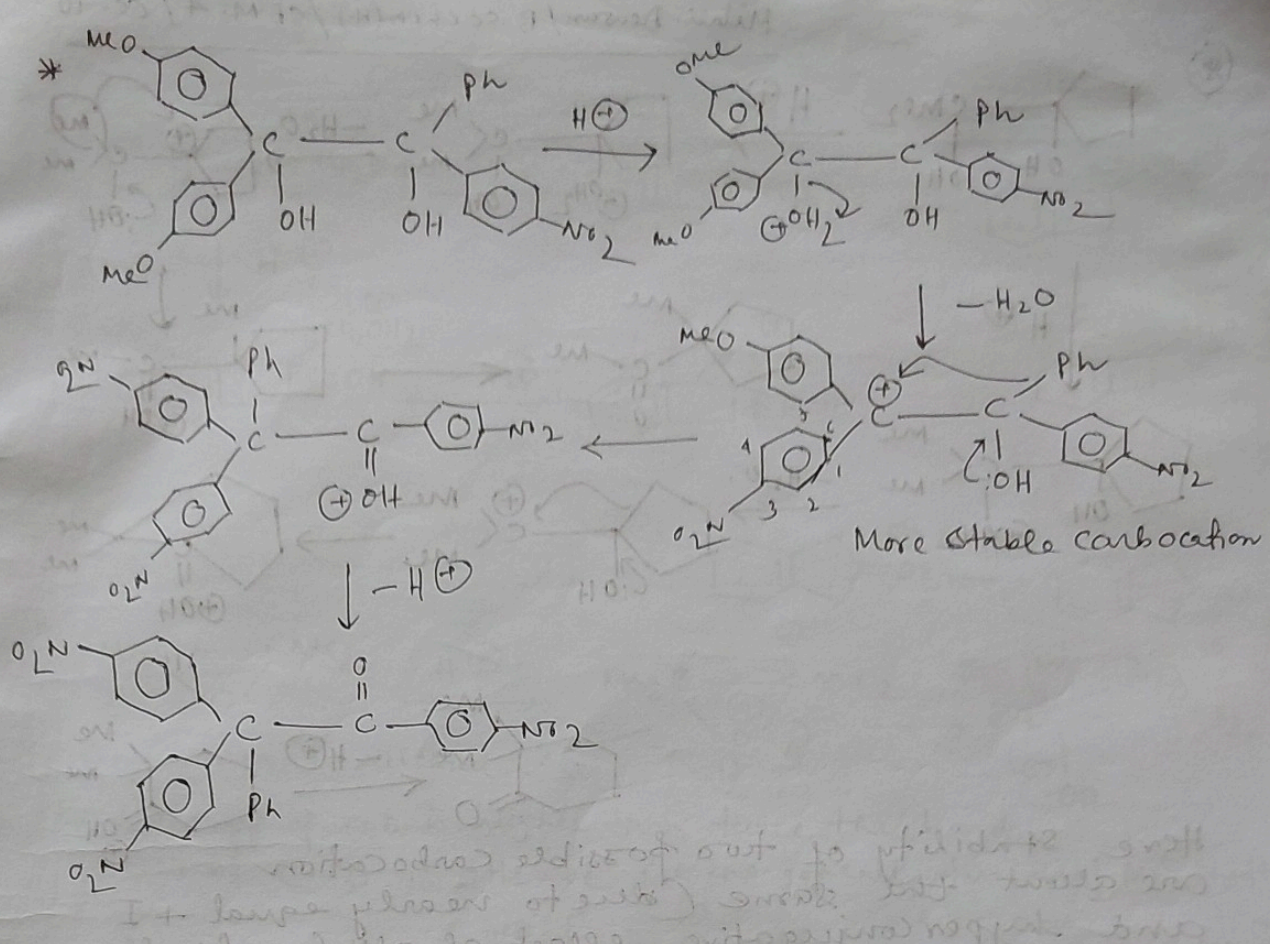


(S) - 2-methyl-1,2-butanediol (optically active)

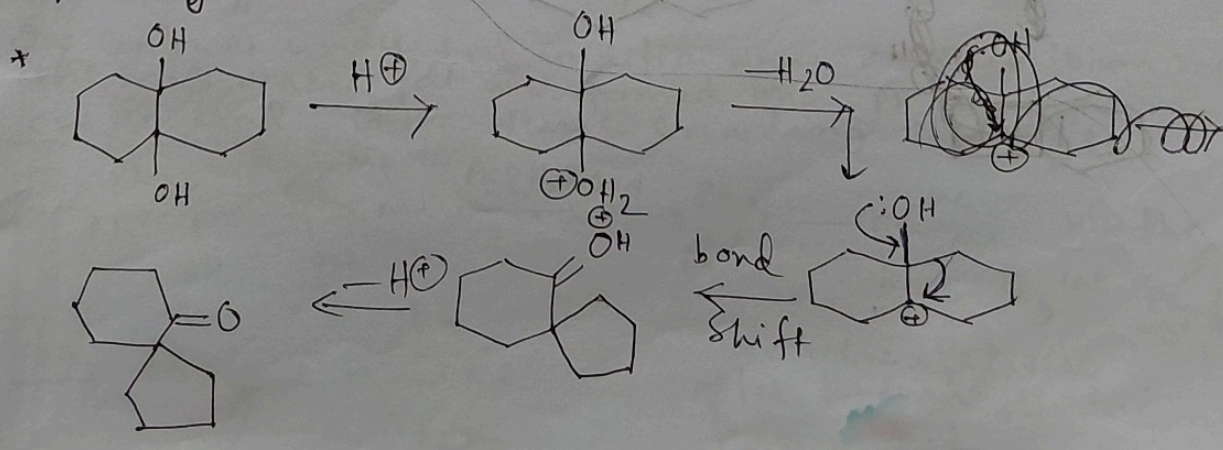
1° carbocation (less stable)

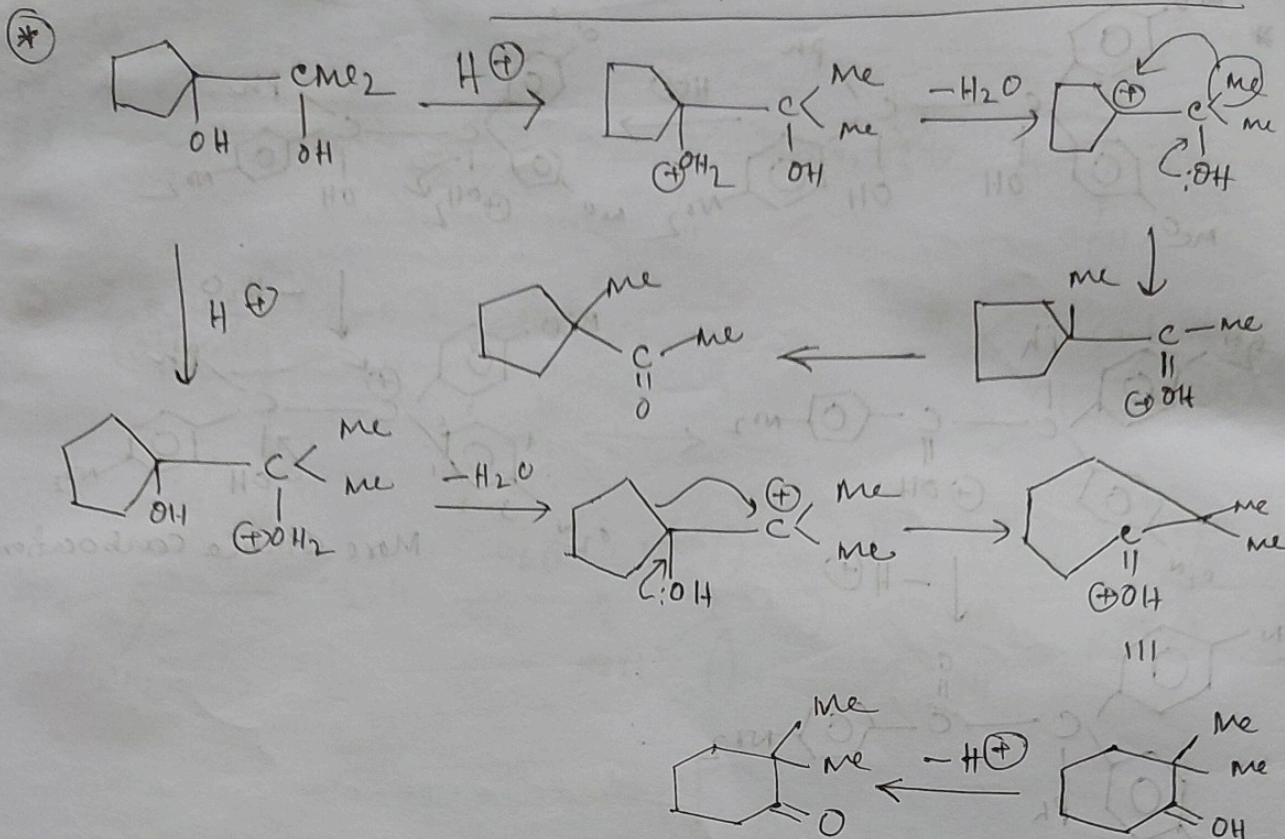


(±) 2-methylbutanal (racemic).

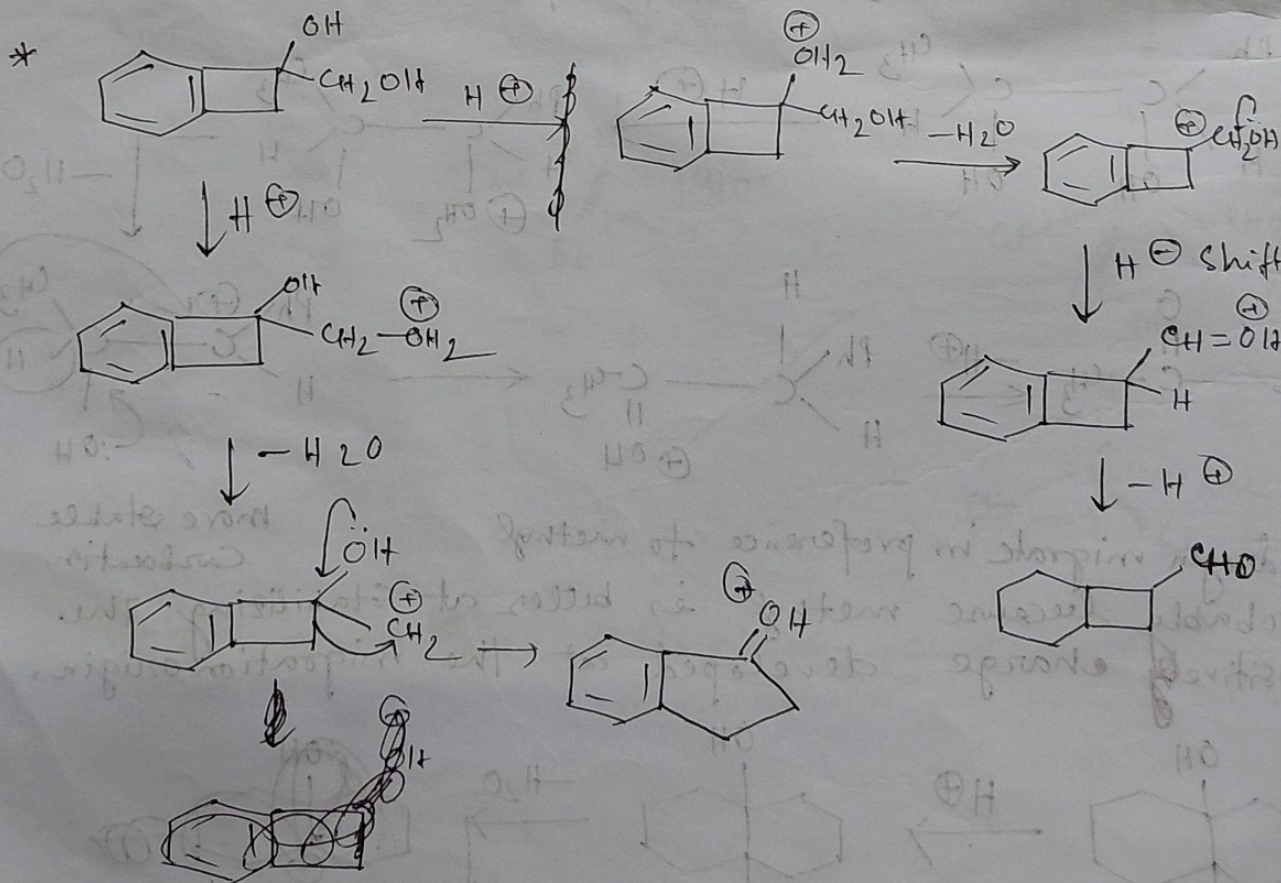


Hydrogen migrate in preference to methyl probably because methyl is better at stabilizing the positive charge developed at the migration origin.

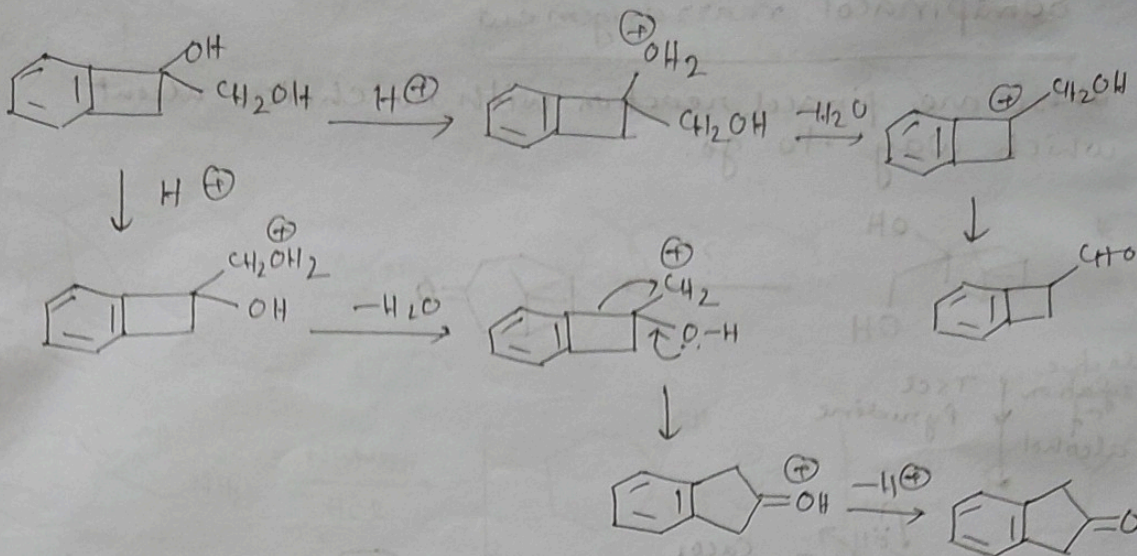




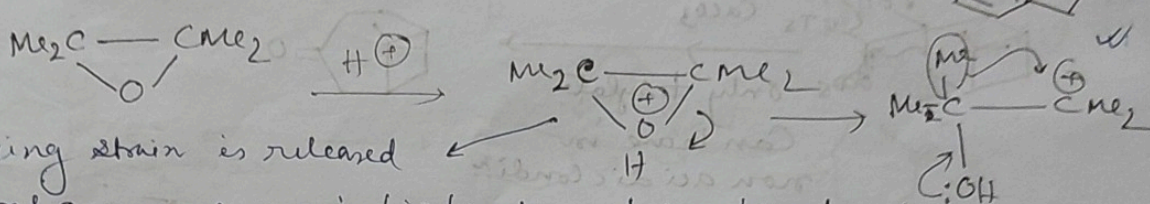
Here stability of two possible carbocation are about the same (due to nearly equal +I and hyperconjugative effect of allyl and cyclo allyl group) two rearrangement product are obtained.



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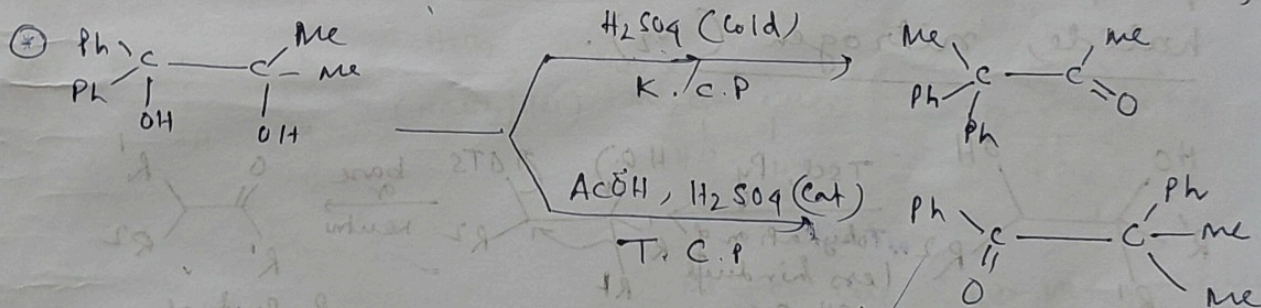
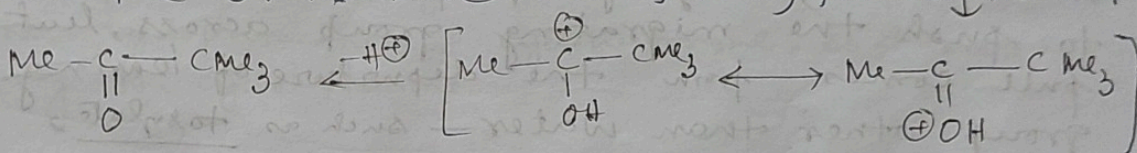


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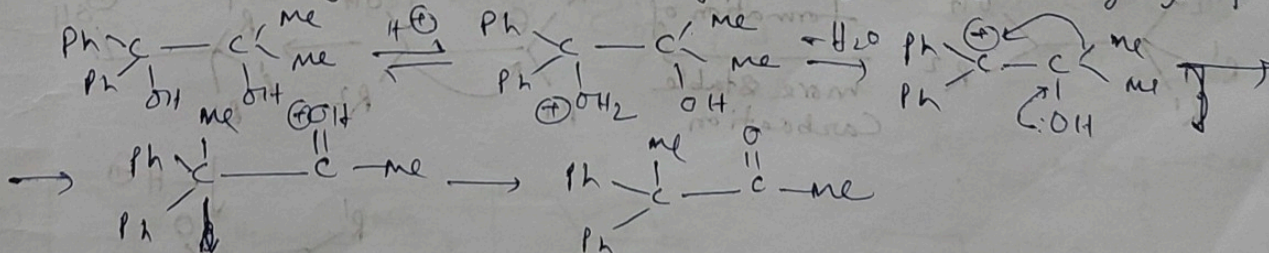


ring strain is released

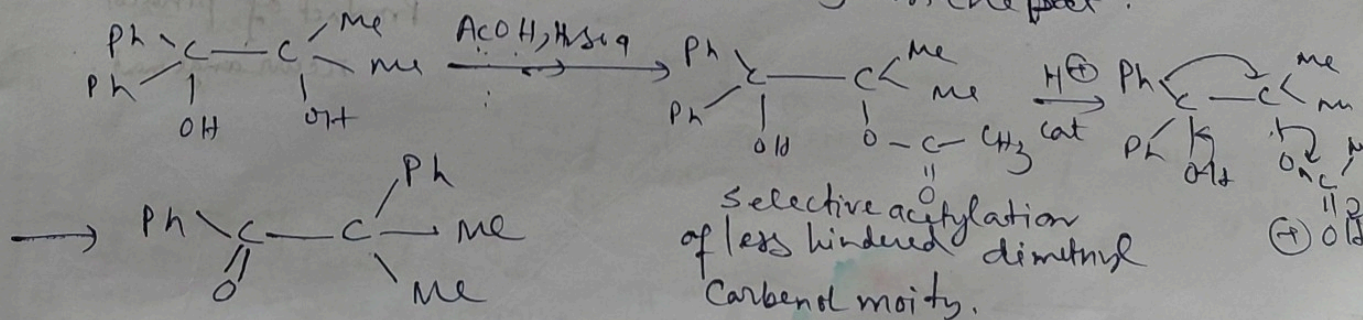
Bond energy of C=O is higher than twice the bond energy of C-O. ∴ ΔH = -ve i.e. energetically favorable. Me<sup>+</sup> shift



The reaction of cold C. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> results in the formation of kinetically controlled product, the methyl group migrate as a consequence of elimination of benzylic hydroxyl group



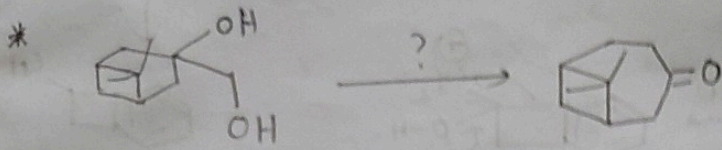
In contrast under the condition where equilibrium may occur, the most stable pdt will be formed when Ph is conjugation with C=O or and lower steric crowding in the pdt.



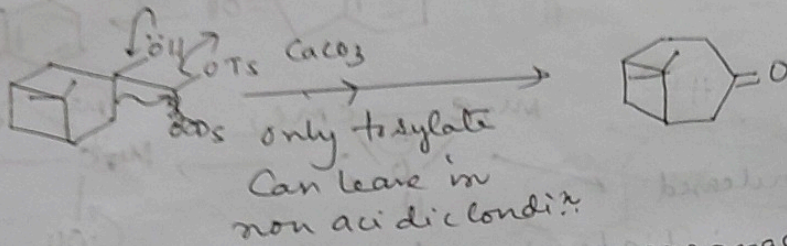
Selective acetylation of less hindered dimethyl carbonyl moiety.

# Semipinacol rearrangement

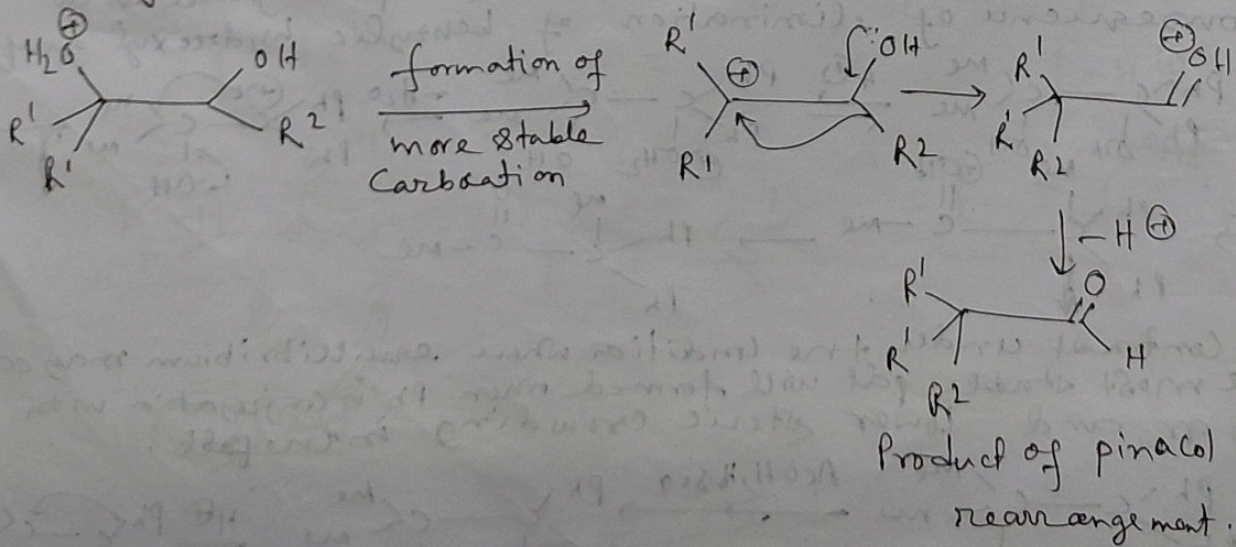
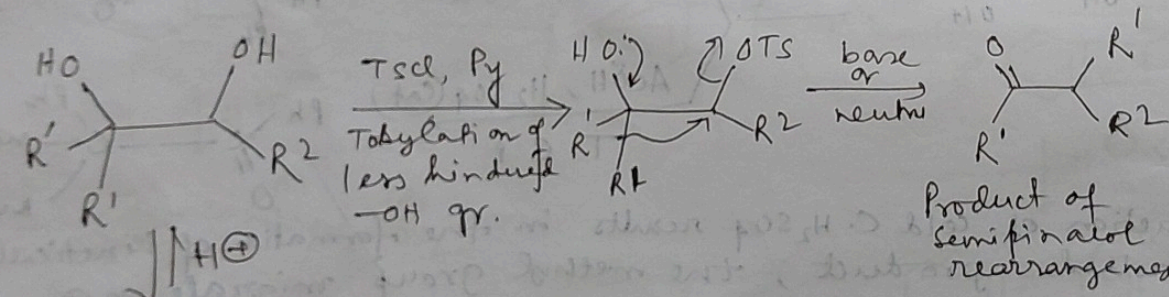
These are pinacol reaction with no choice about which way to go.

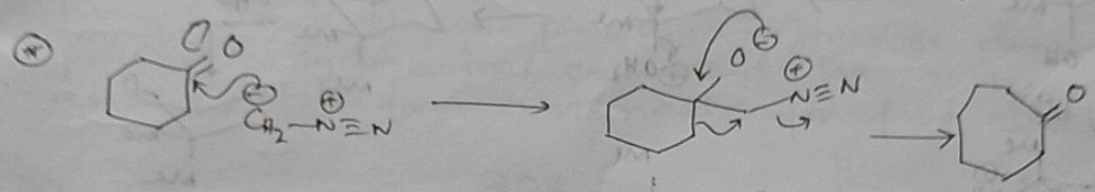
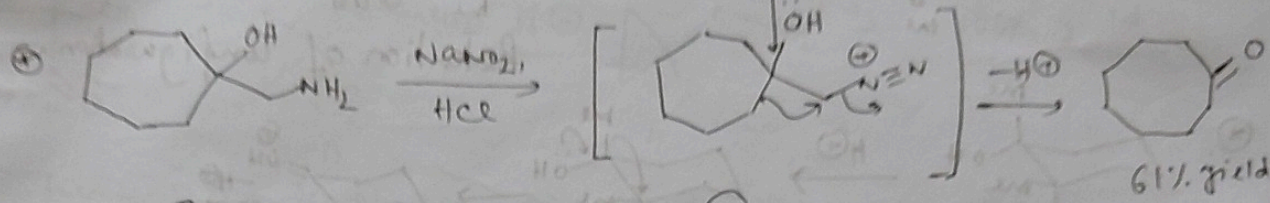
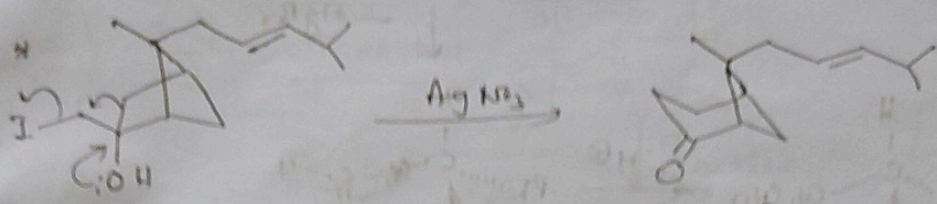
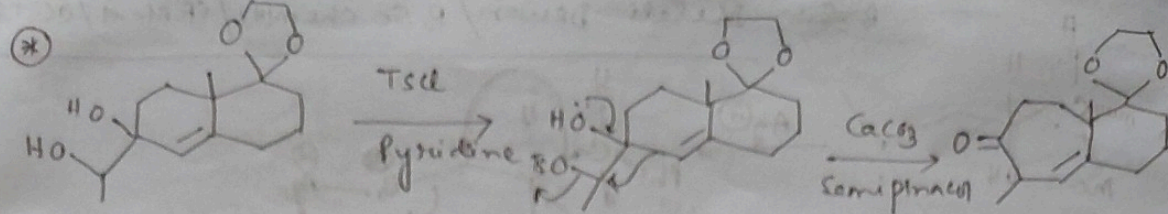


Selective tosylation of 1° alcohol

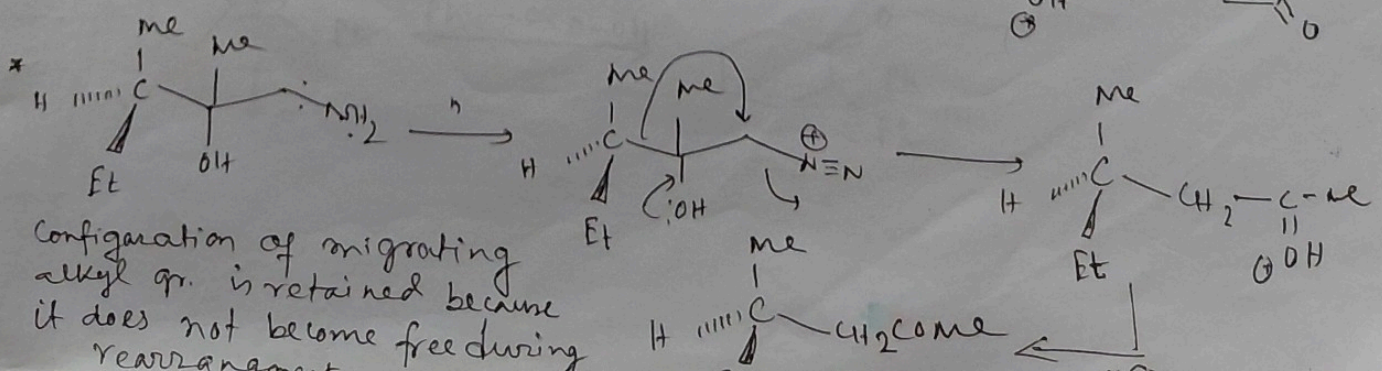
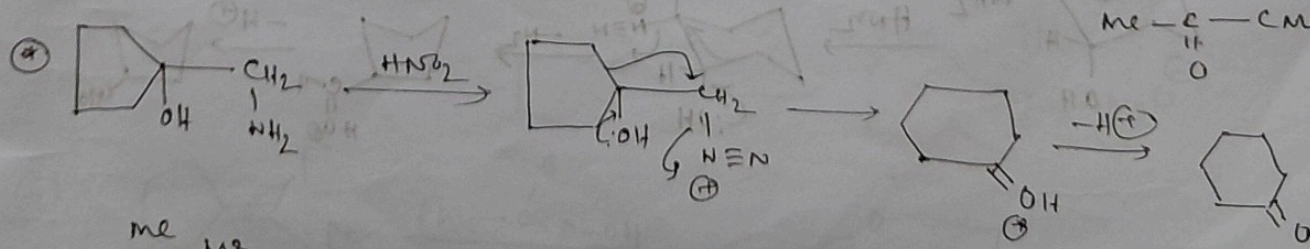
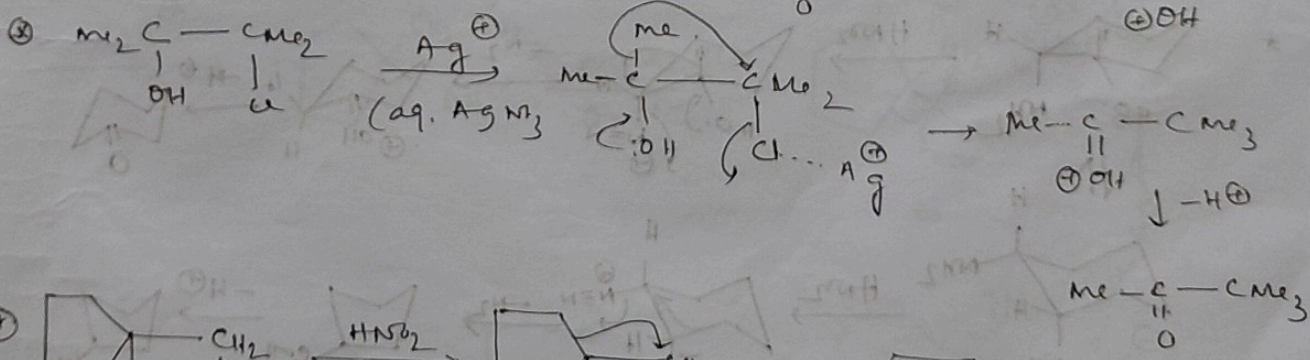
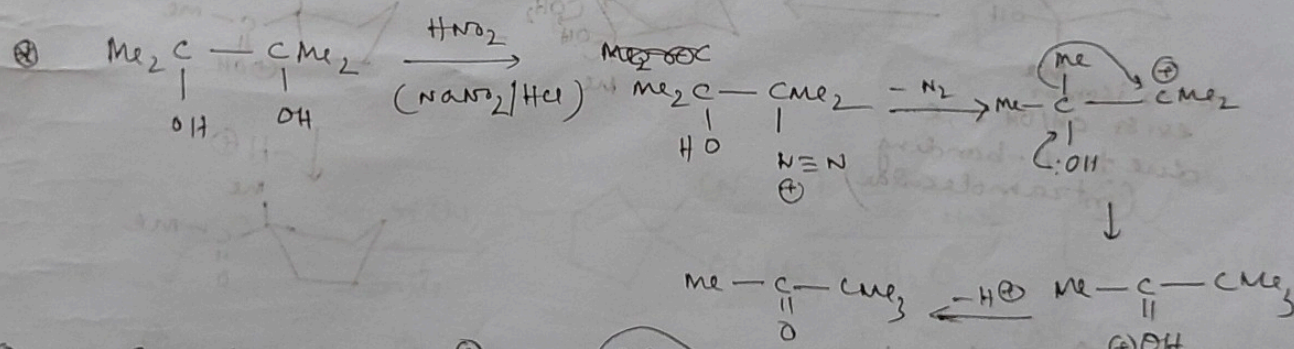


Semipinacol rearrangement are rearrangements in which a hydroxyl group provide the electron to push the migrating group across, but full comes from the departure of leaving group other than water — such as tosylate, halide, nitrogen (N<sub>2</sub>).



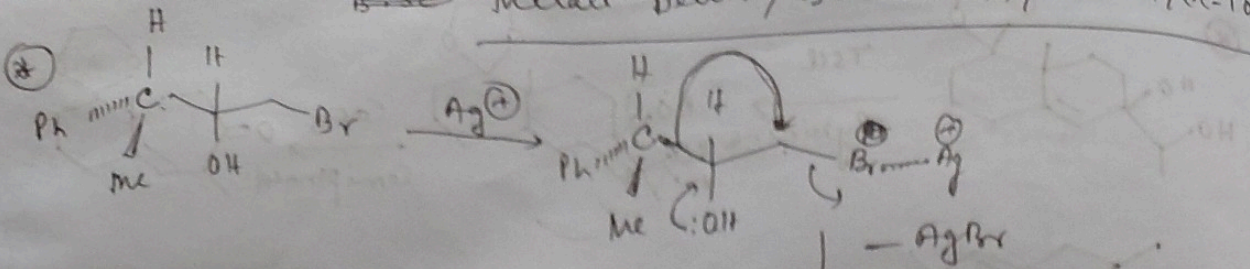


\* cyclohexanone is more reactive as an electrophile than either cyclopentanone or cycloheptanone, so it ring expands cleanly to cycloheptanone.

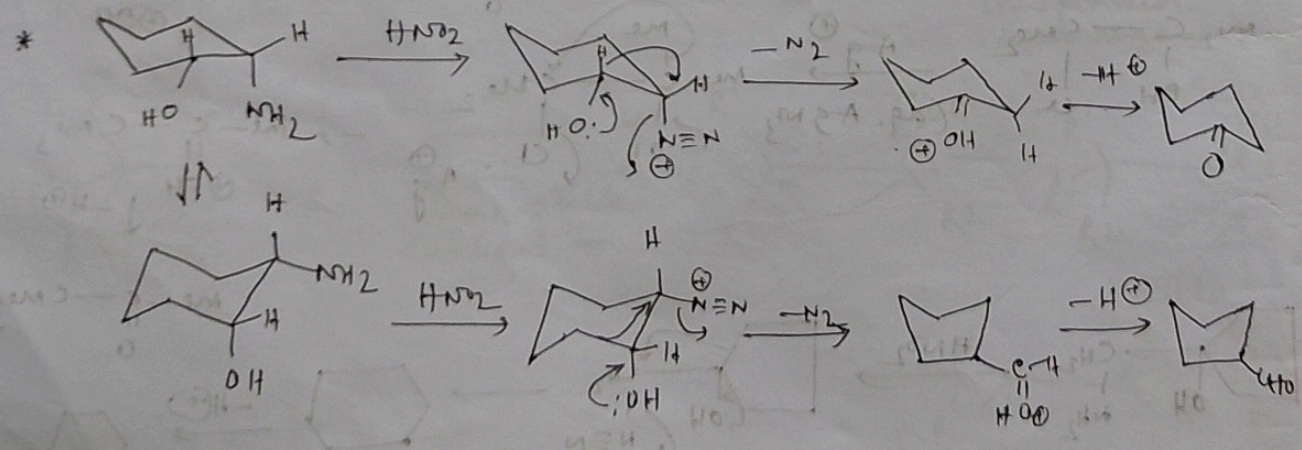
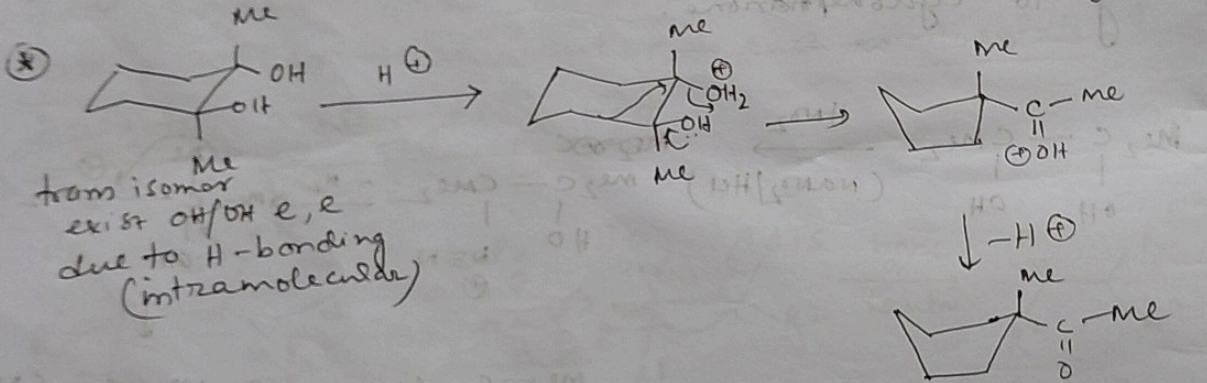
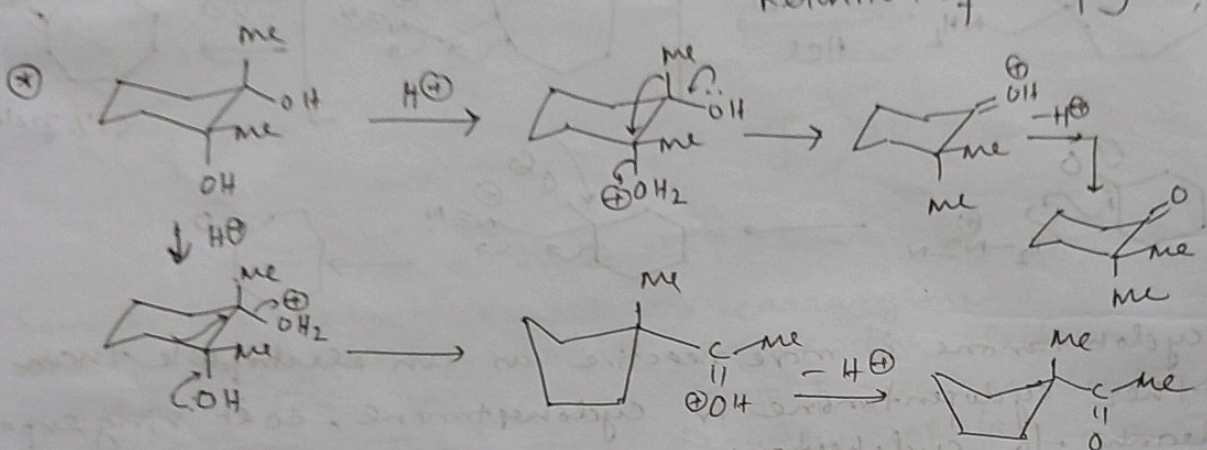


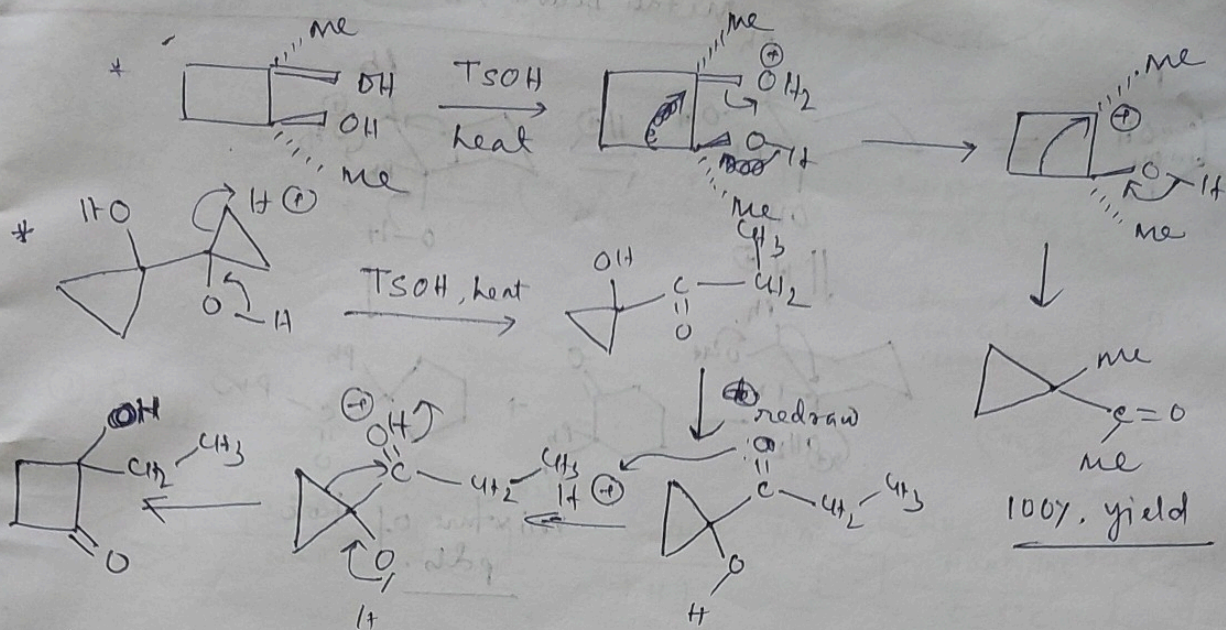
Configuration of migrating alkyl gr. is retained because it does not become free during rearrangement.



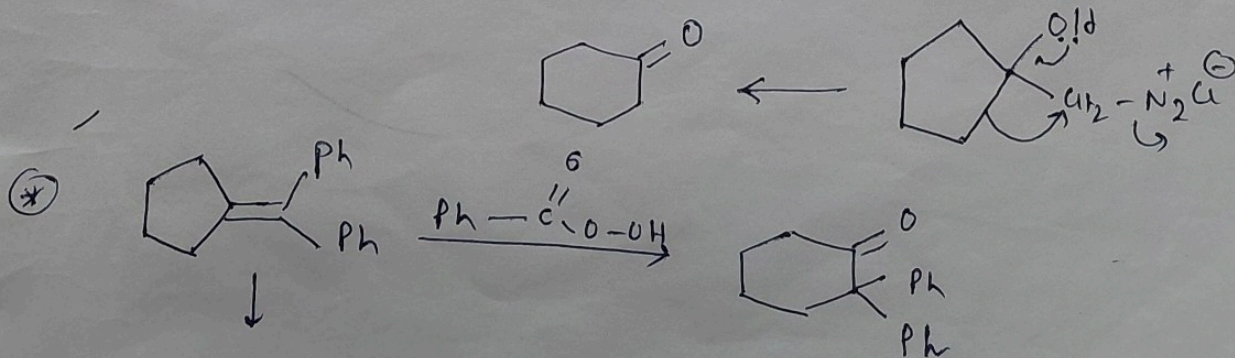
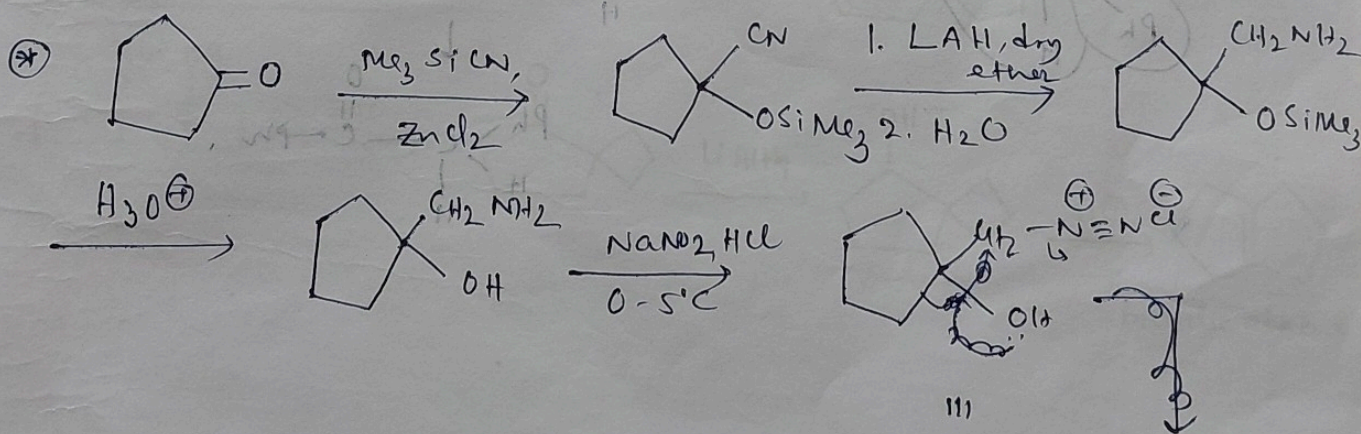
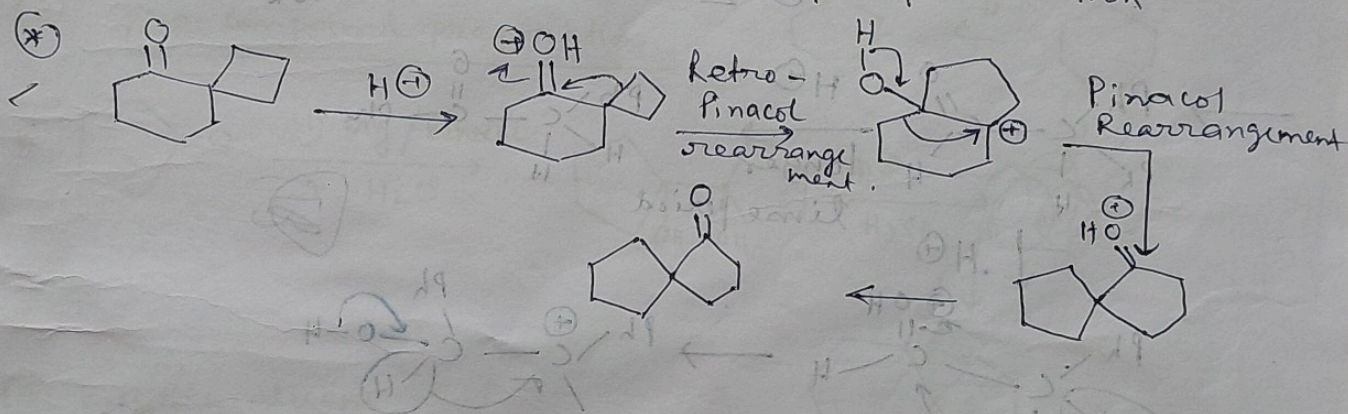


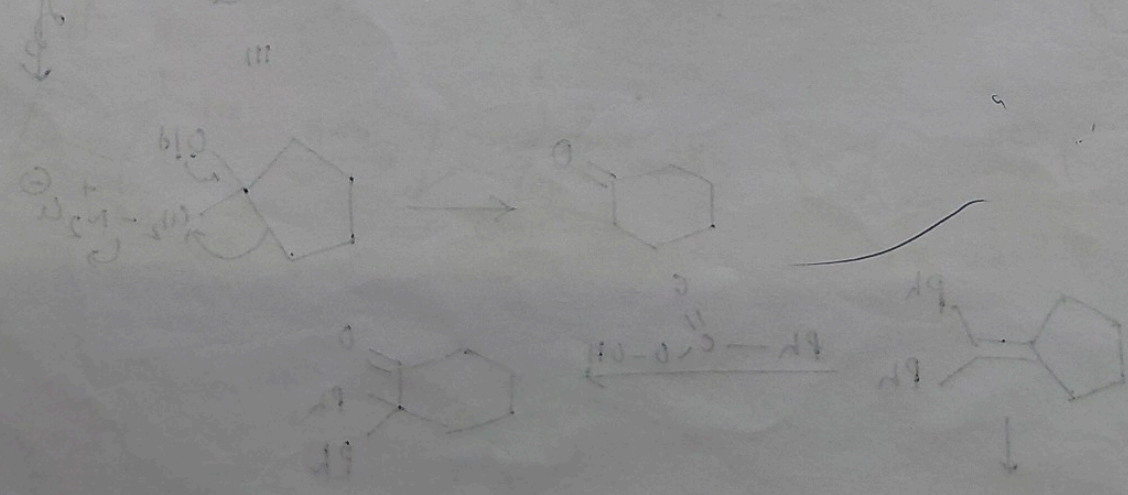
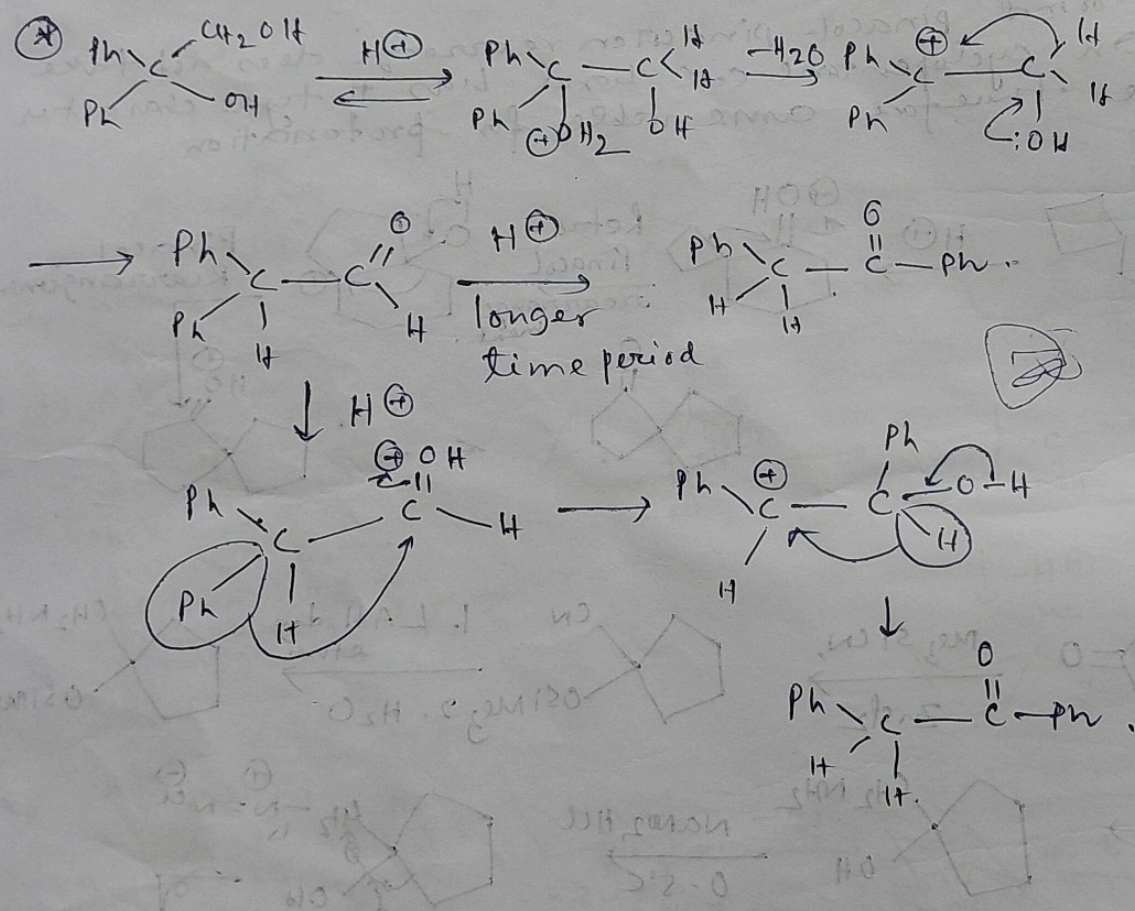
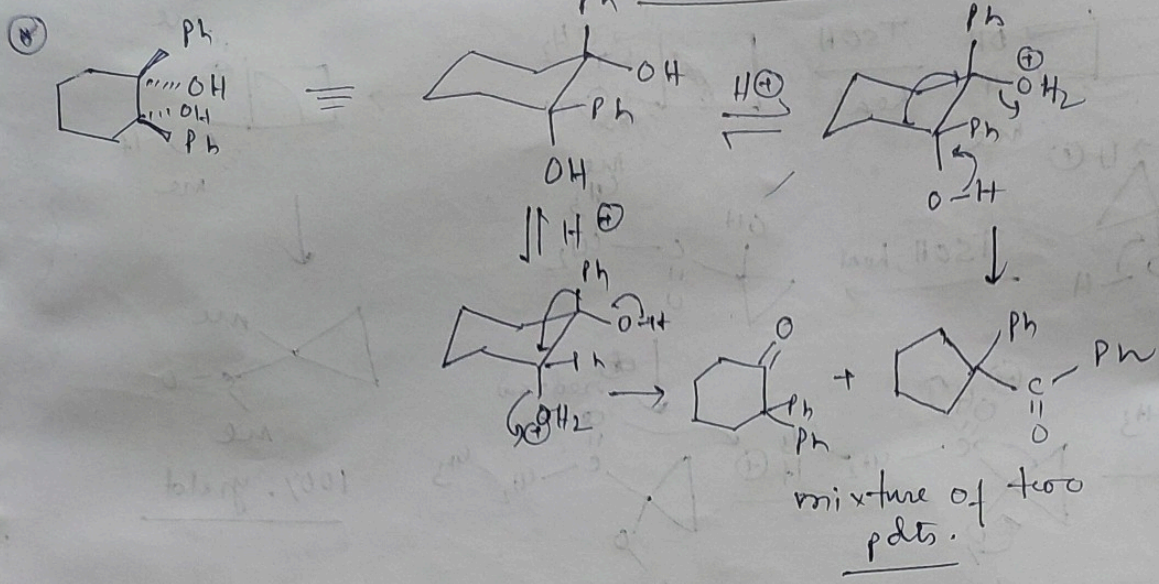
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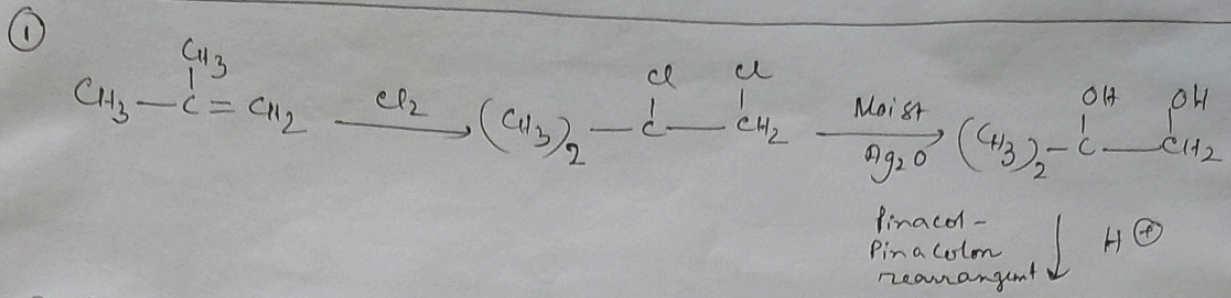


here normal pinacol-pinacolon rearrange does not take place. In cyclopentane c-c bond has  $\pi$  type character and is therefore amenable for protonation

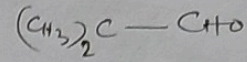
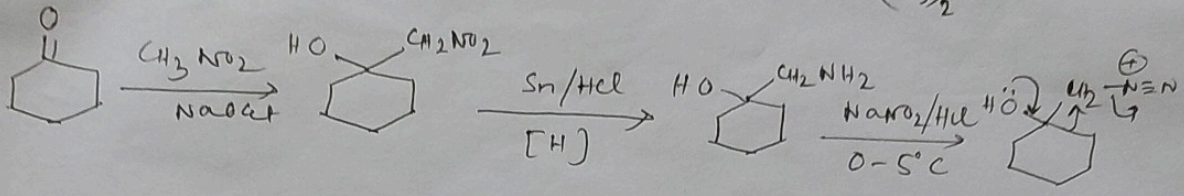




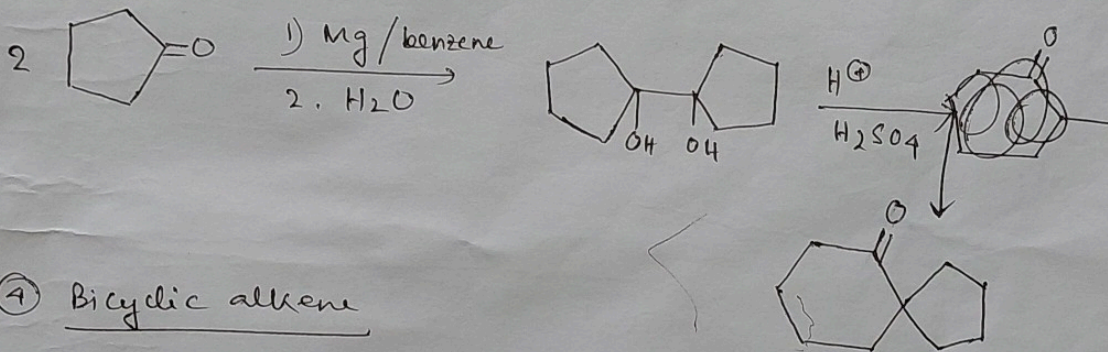
# Some important application of Pinacol-Pinacolone rearrangement



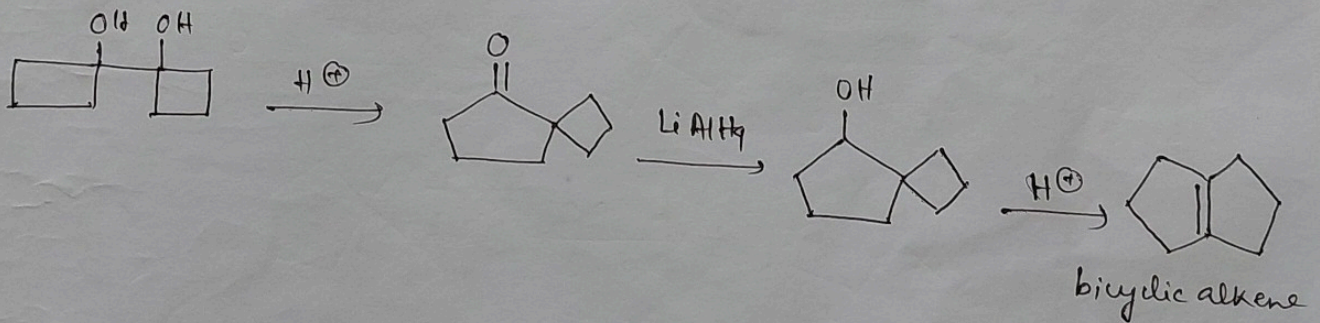
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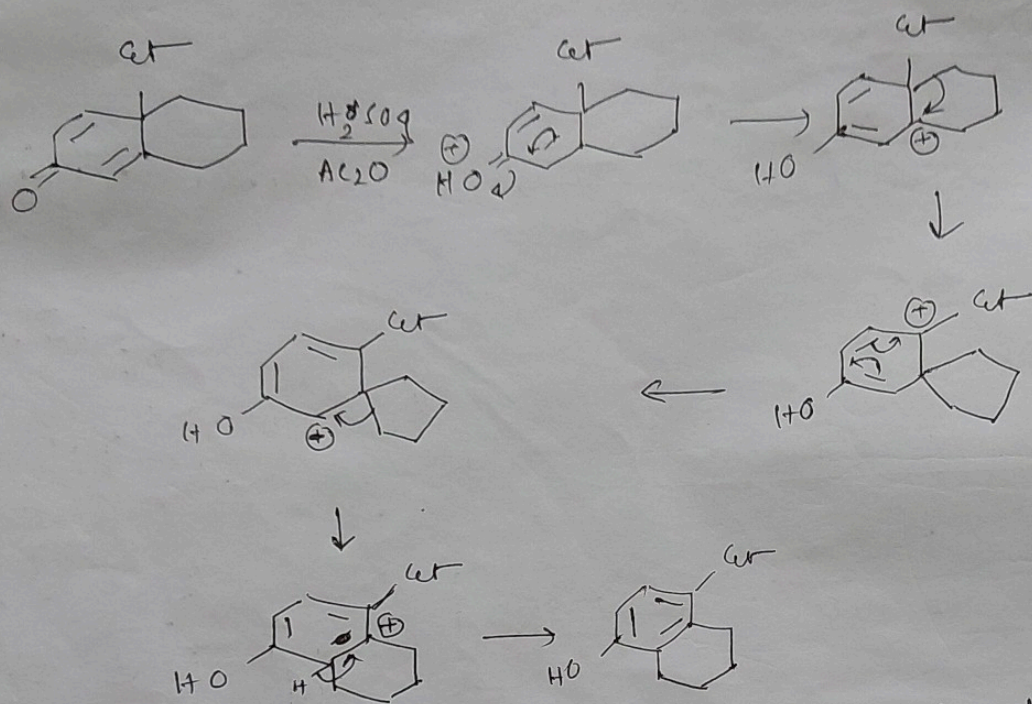
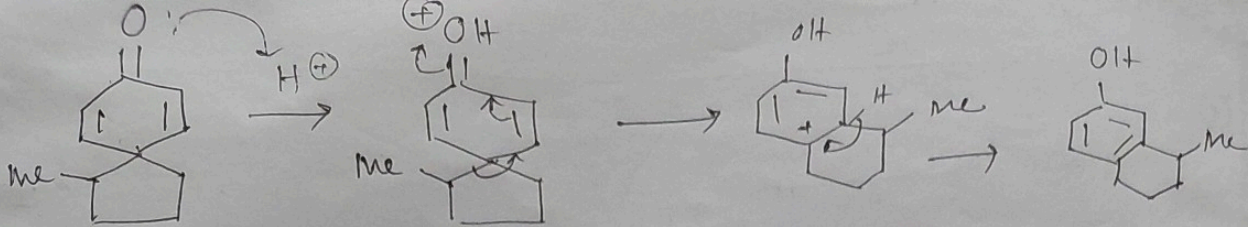


③ Spiro-Compound preparation



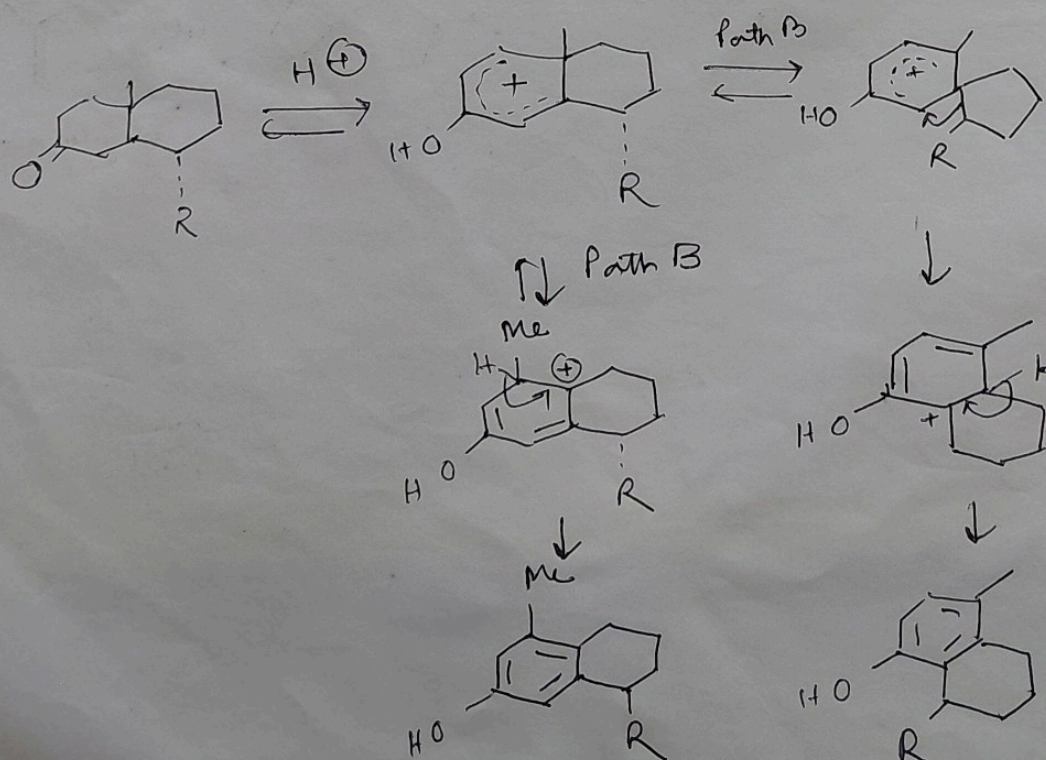
④ Bicyclic alkene





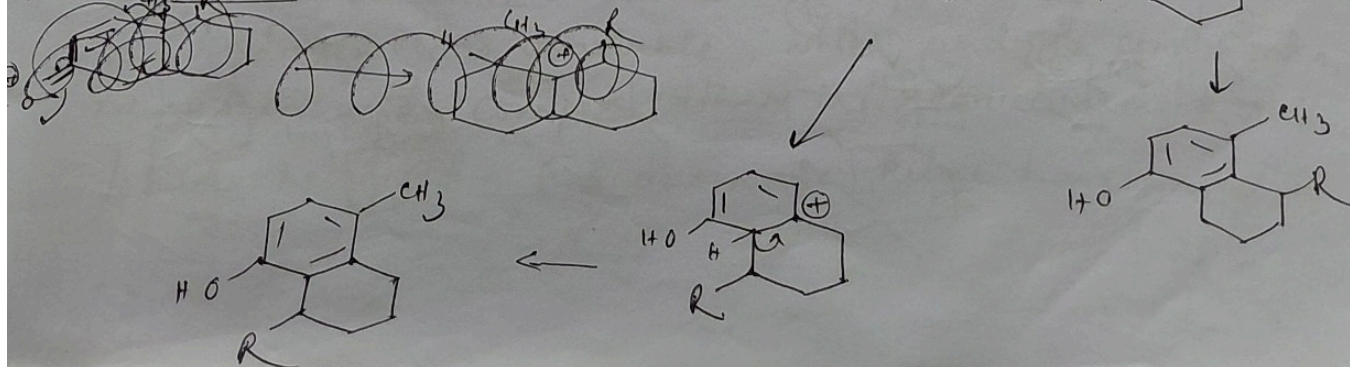
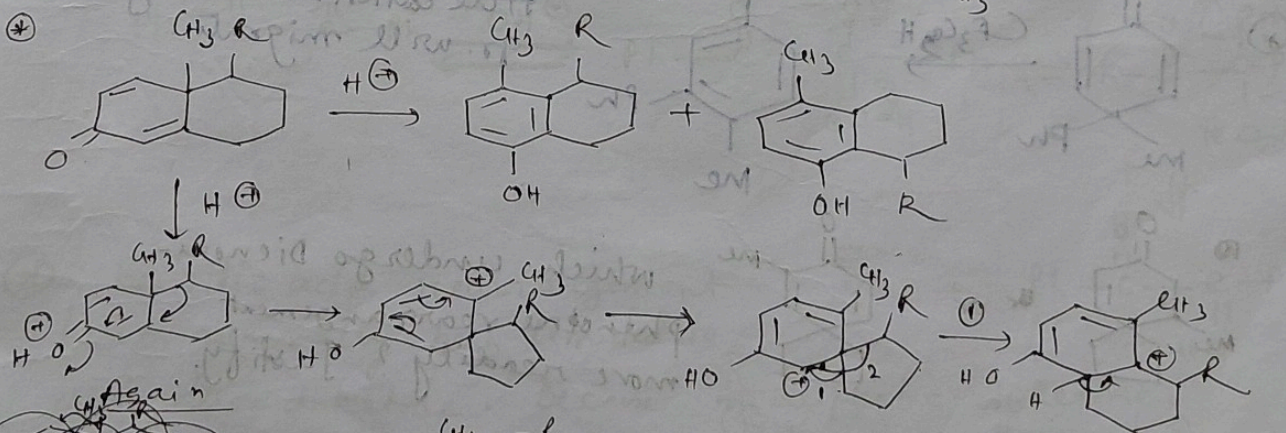
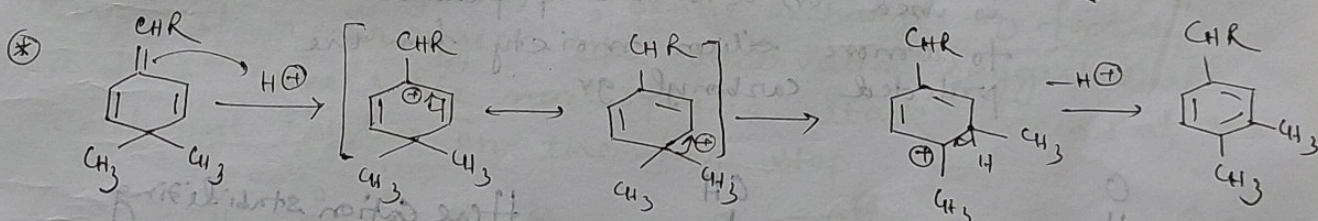
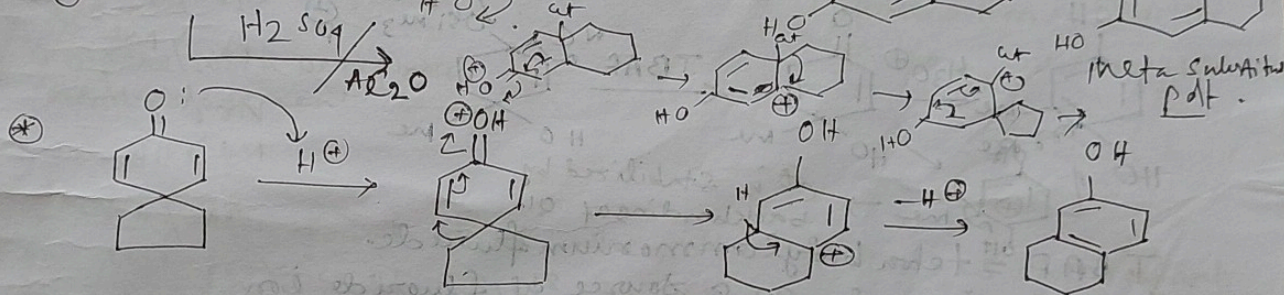
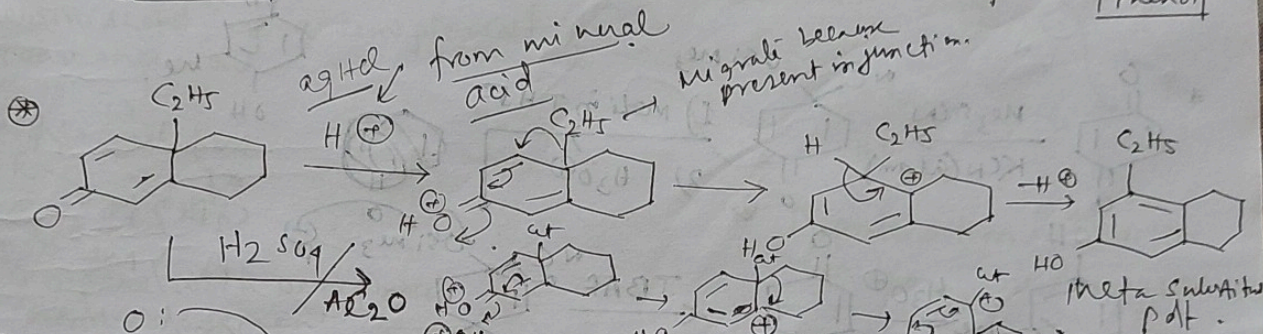
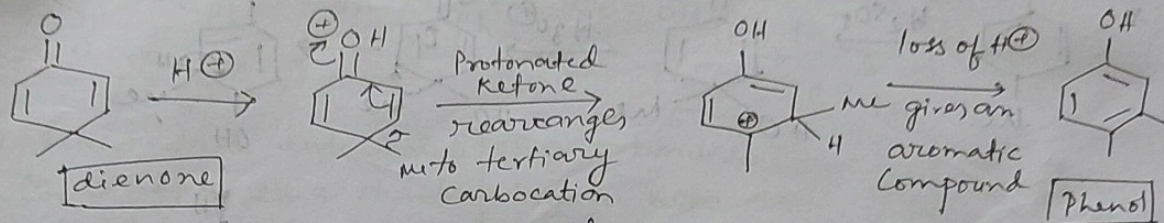
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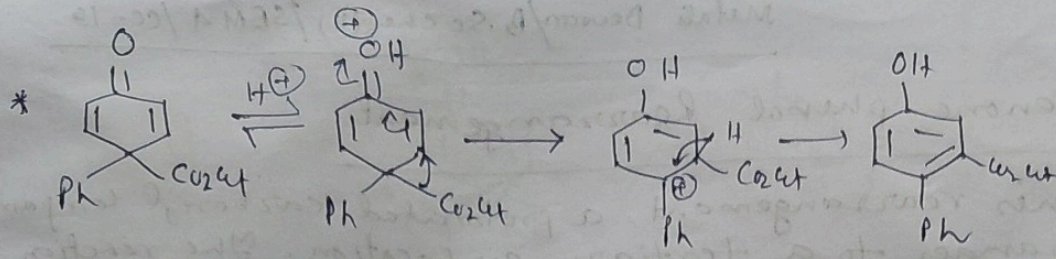
In aq. condition 1,2 migration of but is favoured but in anhydrous condition C-C bond of ring migrate preferably.



## Dienone-phenol Rearrangement

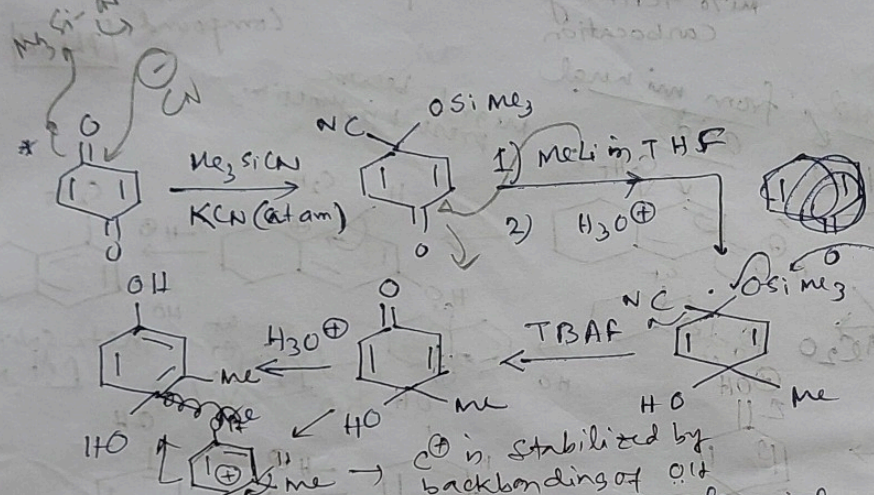
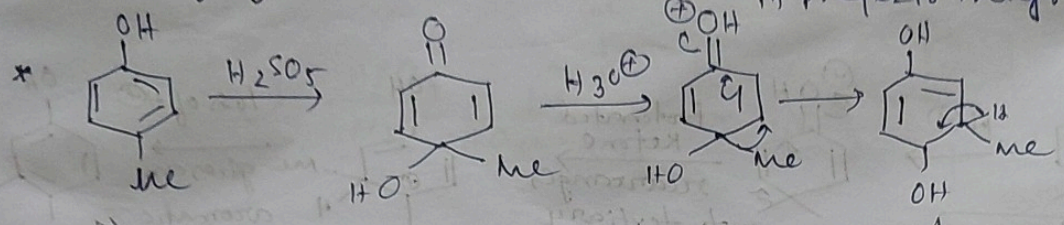
In this rearrangement a protonated carbonyl compound rearranges to a tertiary carbocation. The reaction is driven from dienone to phenol because the product cation can rapidly undergo elimination of  $H^+$  to become aromatic.





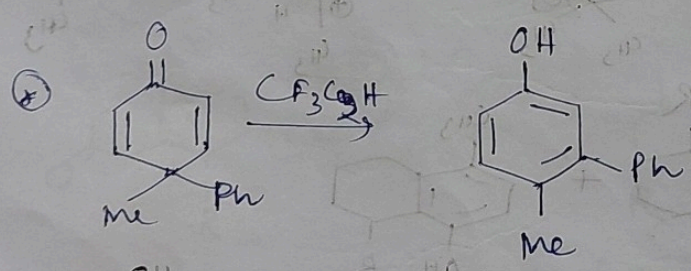
Benzylic as well as allylic  $C^+$

Here  $CO_2Et$  migrate because intermediate benzylic  $C^+$  is highly stable, and  $CO_2Et$  is so cationic destabilizing that it prefers to migrate.

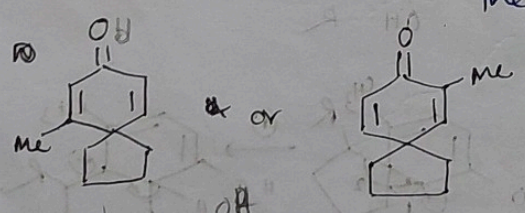


Migrating aptitude of  $CO_2Et > Ph > Me > vinyl > OR > Ph$

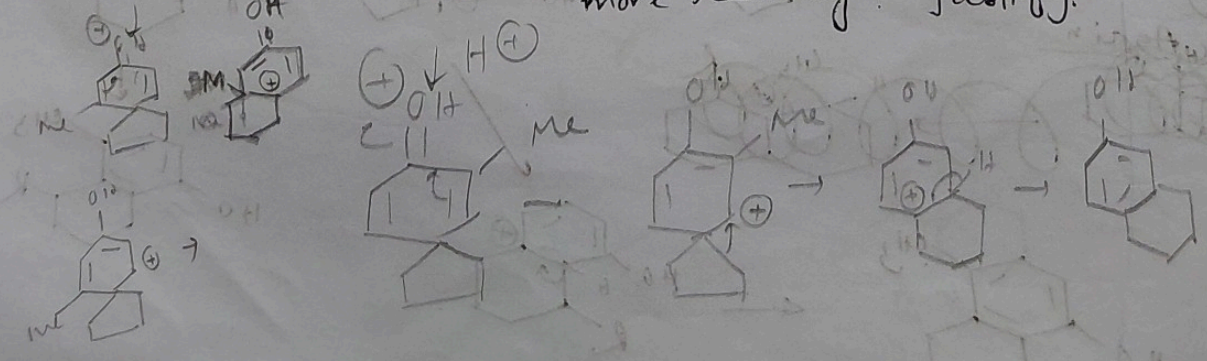
$C^+$  is stabilized by backbonding of  $Olt$   
 TBAF = tetra n-butyl ammonium fluoride is used as a source of fluoride ion to remove silicon moiety from the protected carbonyl gr.



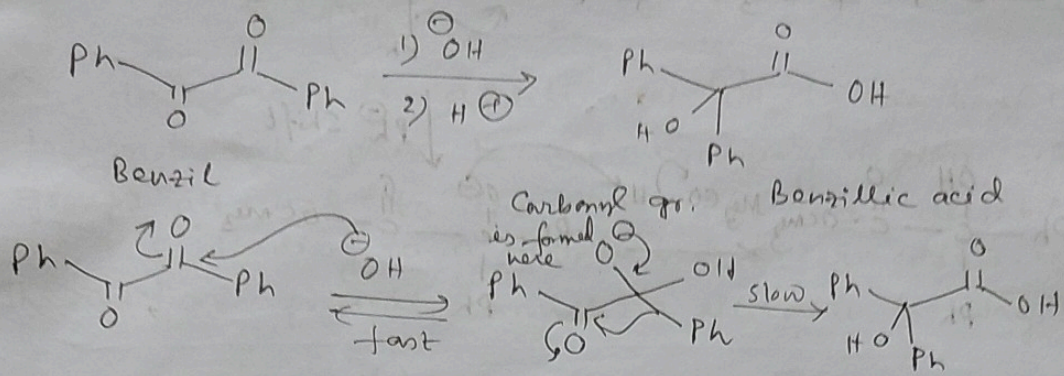
Here cation stabilizing gr. will migrate.



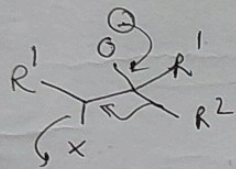
which undergo Diene-phenol rearrangement more readily? Justify.



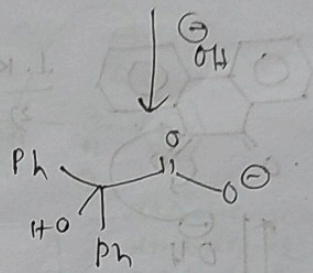
## Benzil - Benzilic acid rearrangement



The tetrahedral intermediate can collapse in a reaction reminiscent of a semipinacol rearrangement.

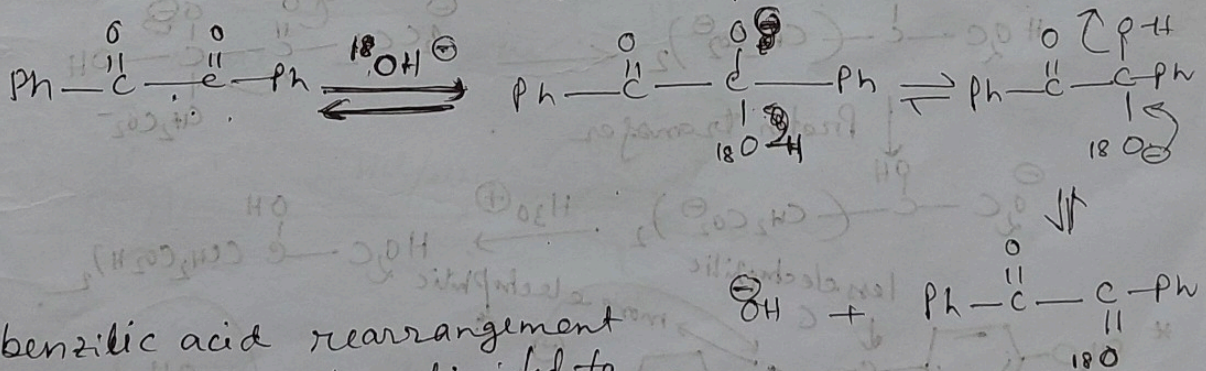


Compare with semipinacol rearrangement.



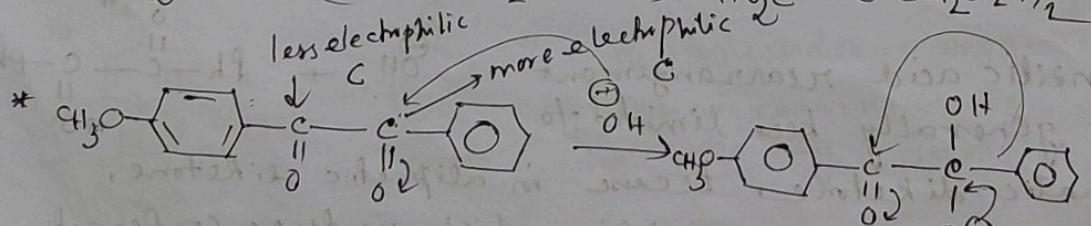
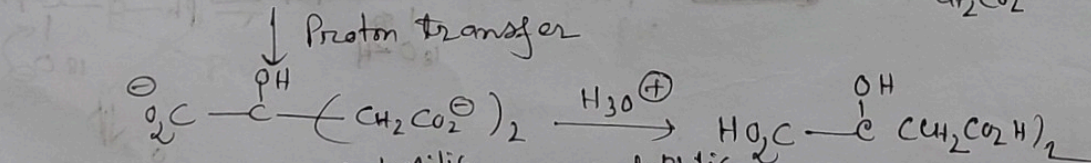
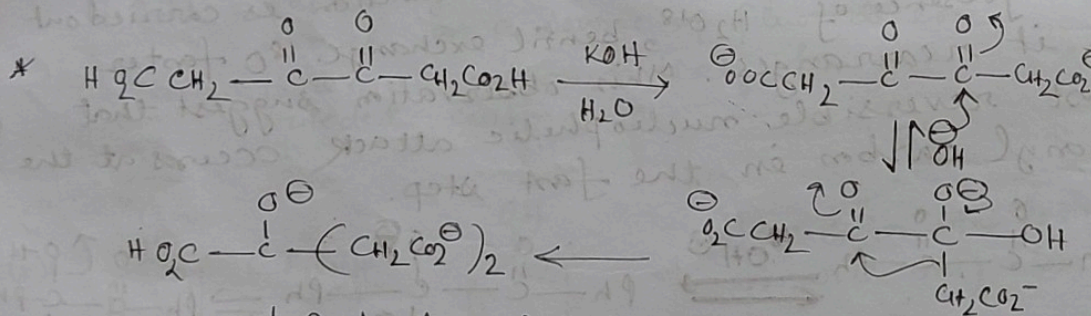
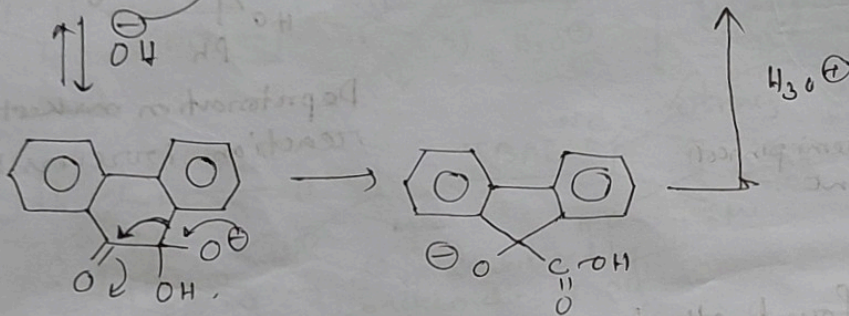
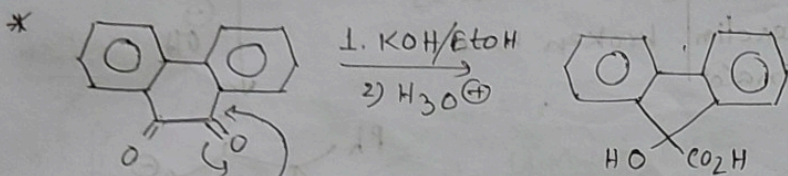
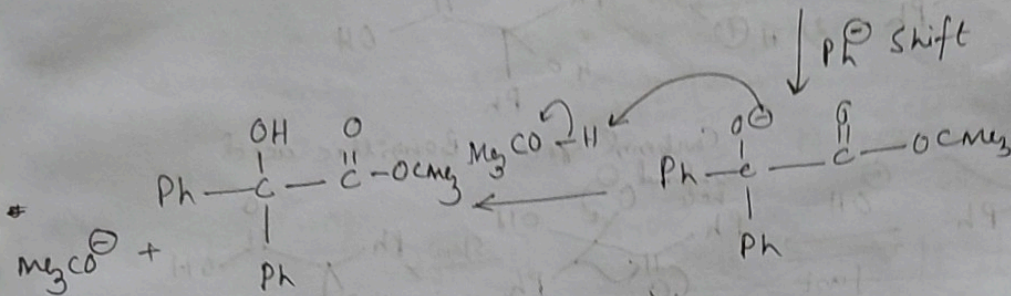
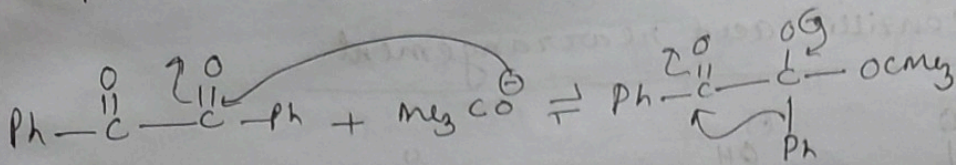
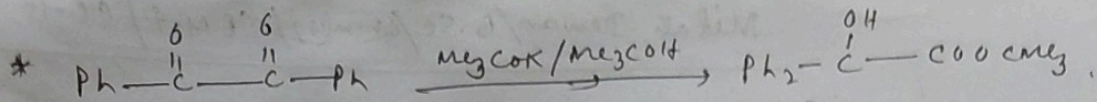
Deprotonation makes the reaction irreversible.

It has been found that when the reaction is carried out in the presence of  $H_2O^{18}$ , benzil exchange is 180 faster than it rearranges. This observation suggests that a fast reversible nucleophilic attack occurs at the carbonyl carbon in the fast step.

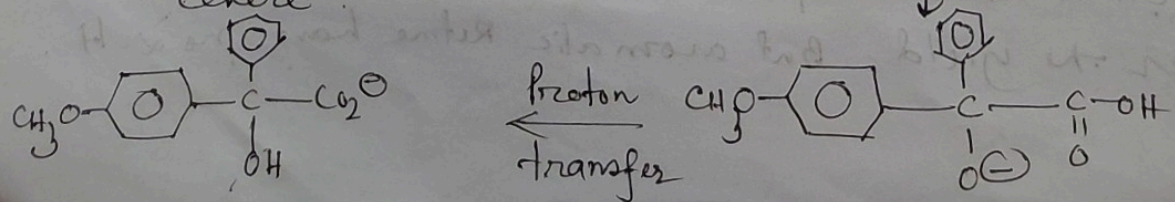


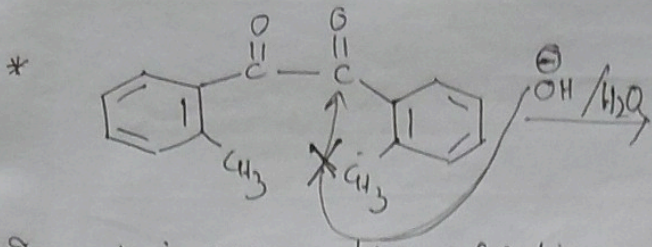
(\*) benzilic acid rearrangement have generally been limited to aromatic diketone. Because in aliphatic diketone,  $\alpha$ -hydrogen are available, which undergo condensation reaction and compete with the rearrangement and lower the yield. But aromatic ketone have no  $\alpha$ -H.



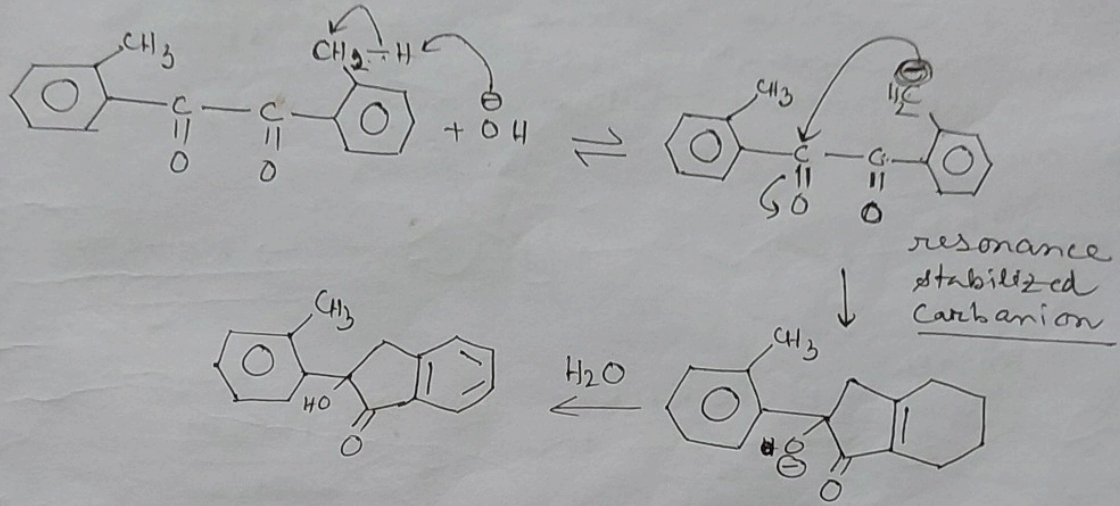


attack at more +ve charge centre

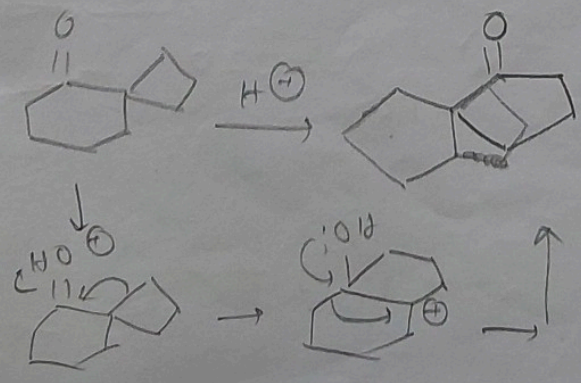
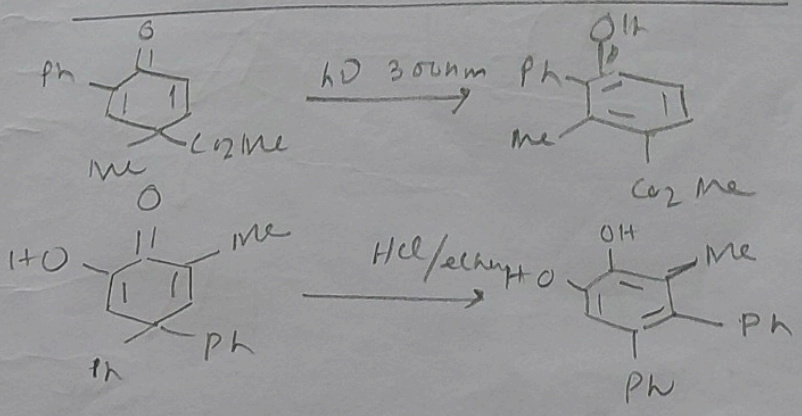




In this case, the addition of  $\text{OH}^-$  to a carbonyl carbon does not take place because crowding together of the groups attached to the carbonyl carbon destabilizes the T.S. leading to a tetrahedral intermediate. Actually, the reaction proceeds through an alternate pathway.

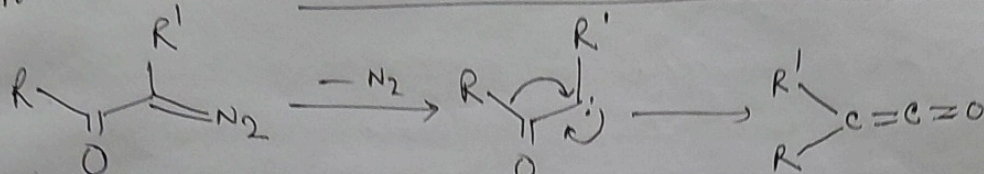


Dienone - phenol Rearrangement



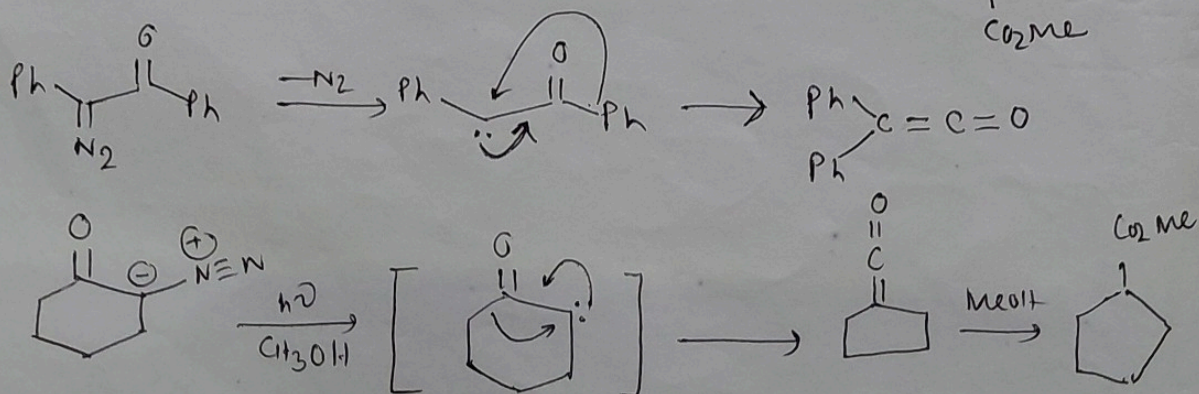
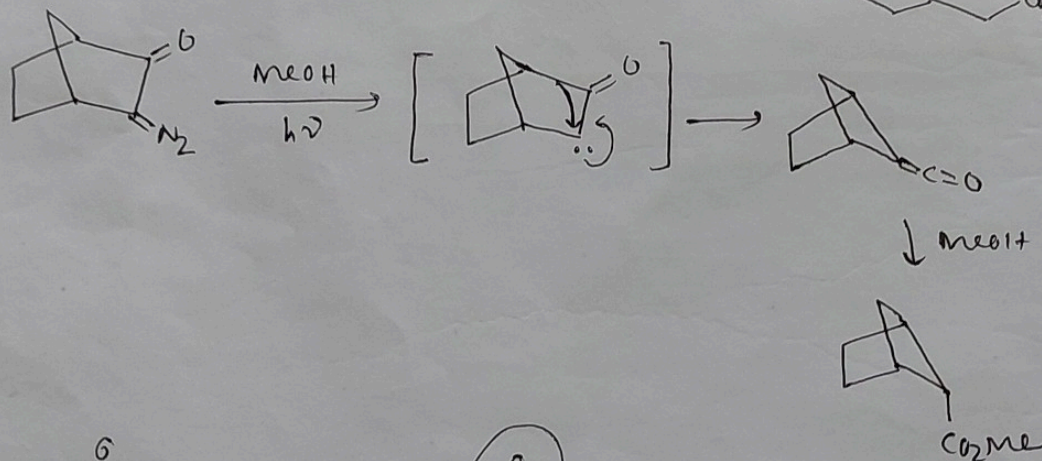
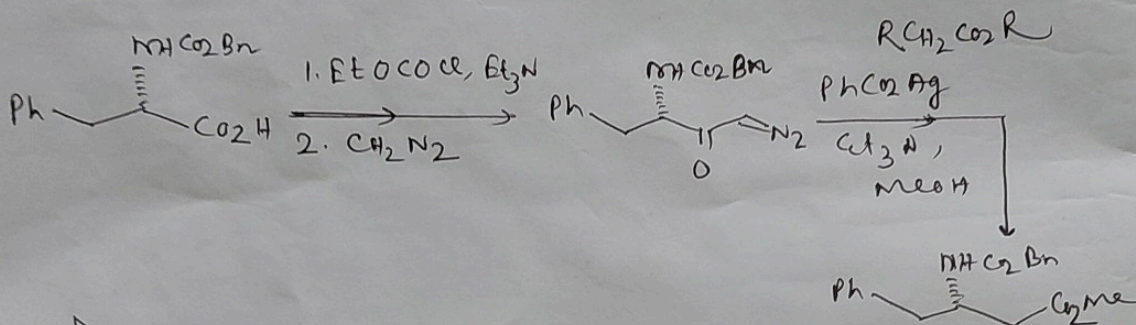
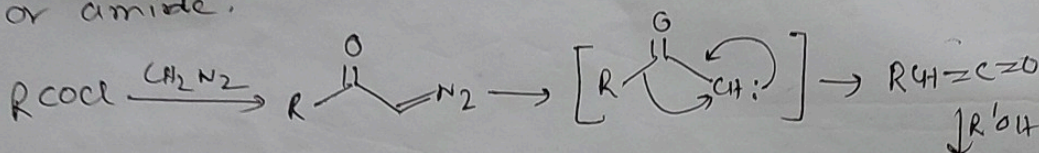
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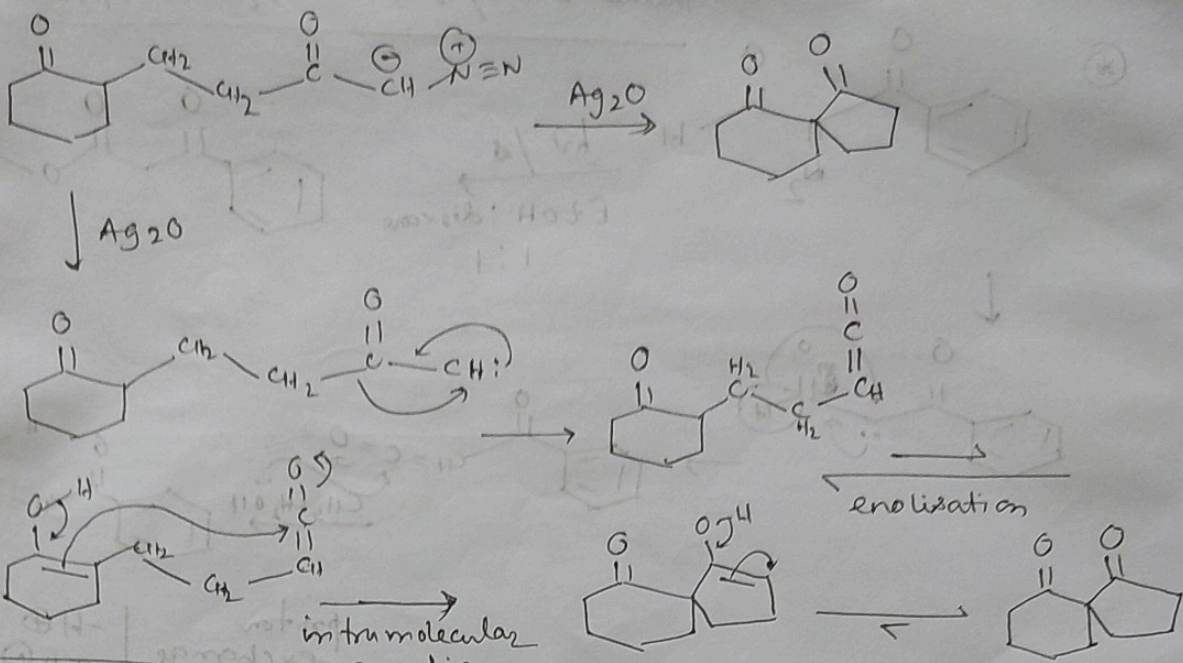
wolf Rearrangement is rearrangement reaction, in which a diazo ketone is converted to ketene.



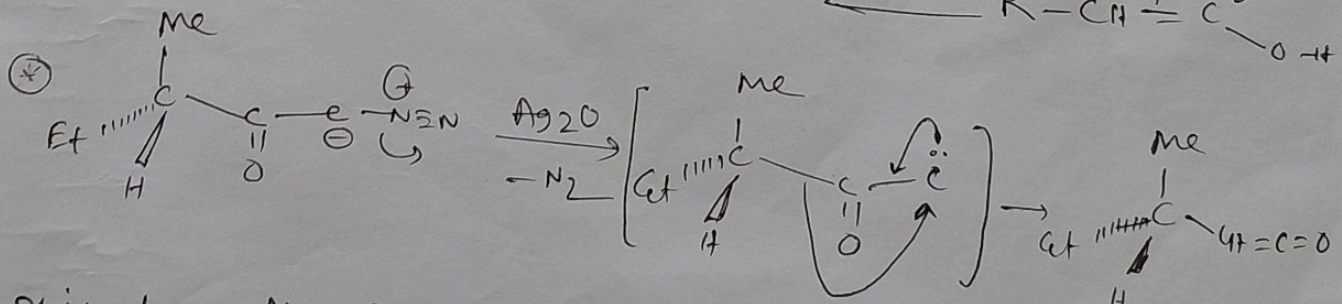
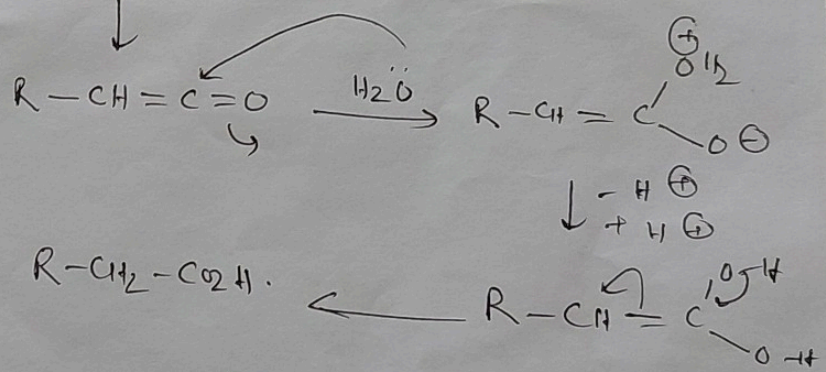
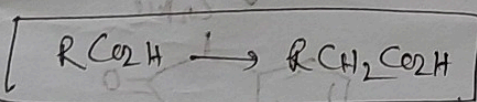
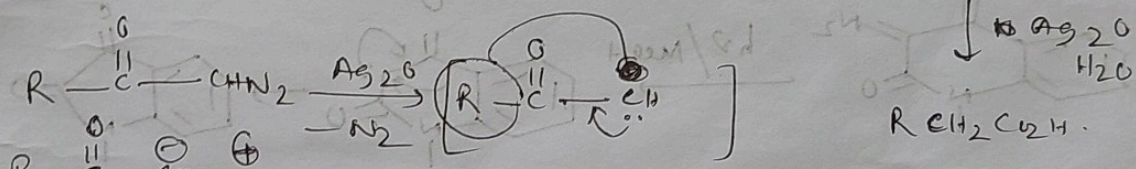
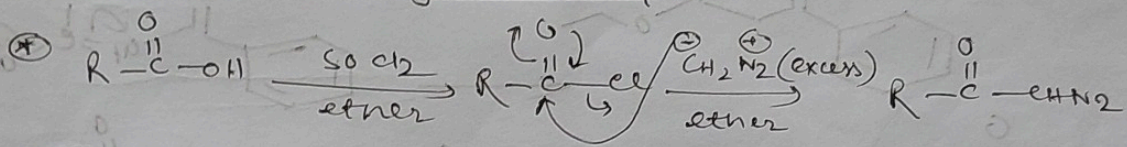
The reaction takes place in presence of light, heat or transition metal catalyst such as  $Ag_2O$ .

The R group migrates with retention of configuration and the resulting ketene can be trapped by water, an alcohol, a thiol or an amine to give the product carboxylic acid, ester, thioester or amide.

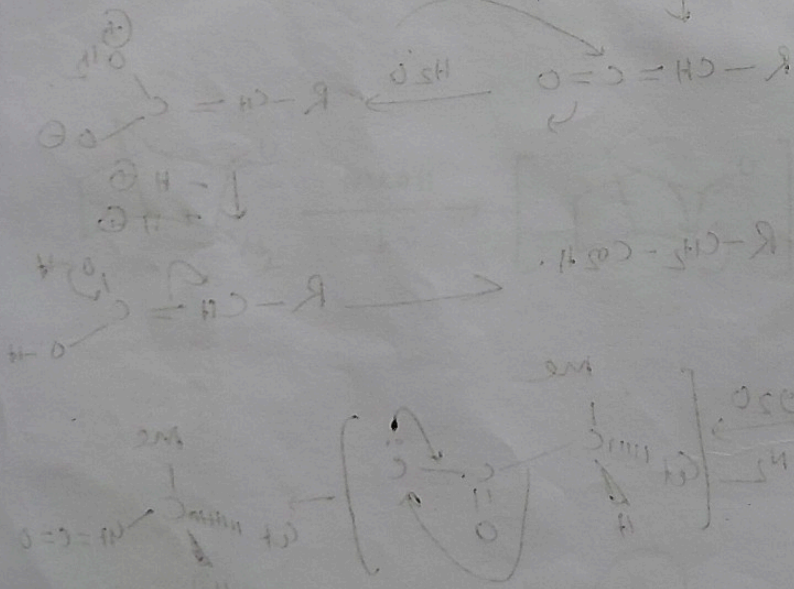
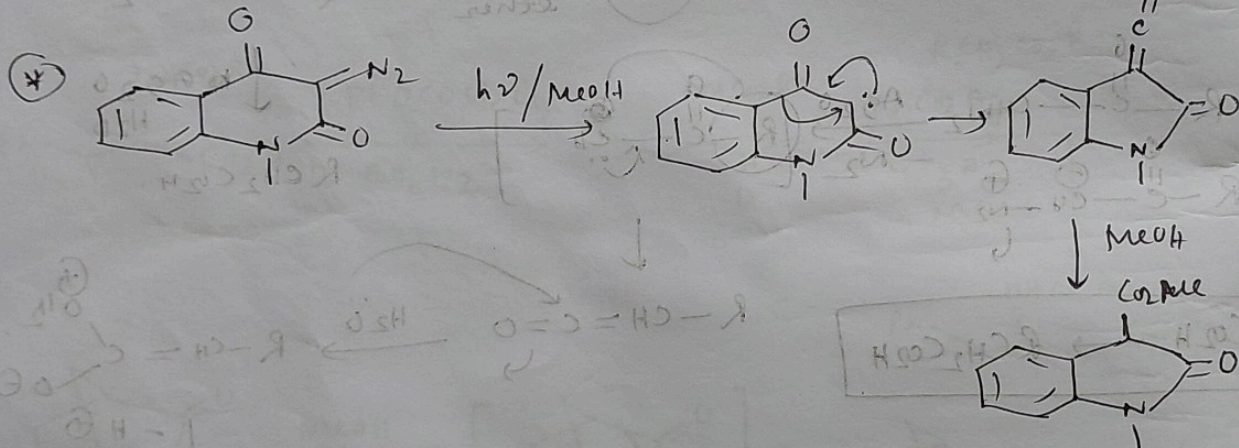
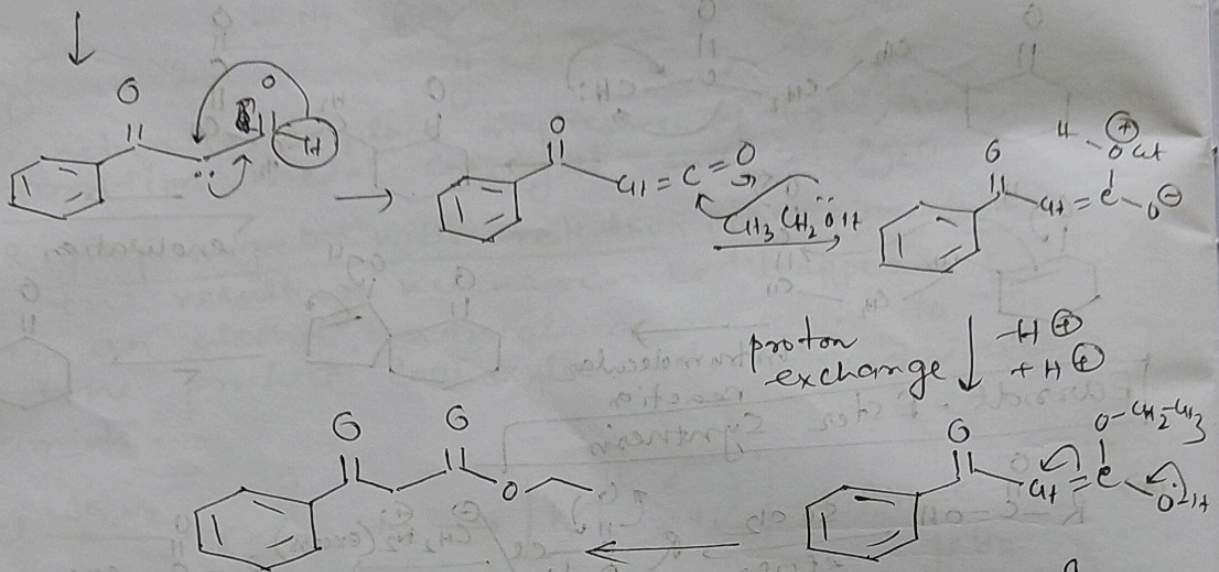
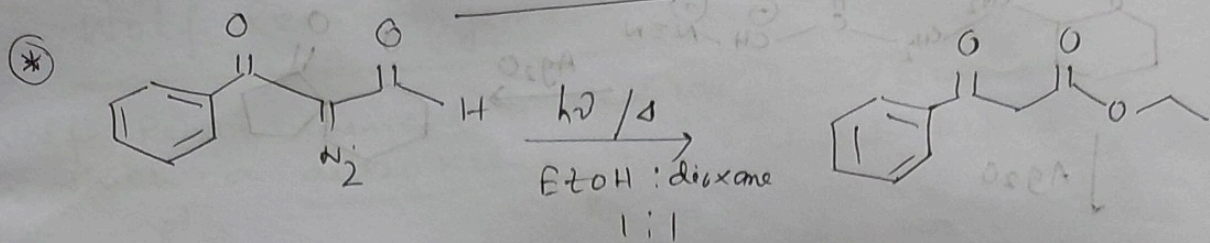




**Farrndt - Ester Synthesis**



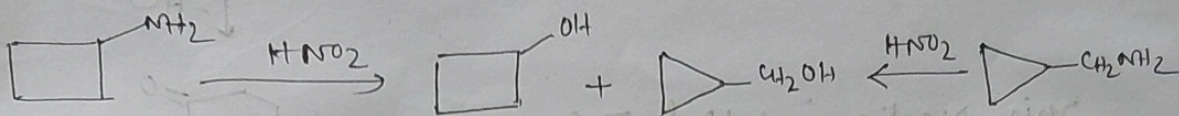
This observation indicates that the group R does not migrate as free carbanion (i.e., the rearrangement is intramolecular in nature).



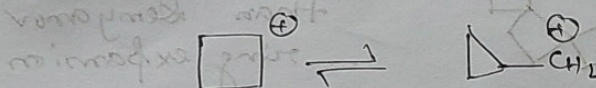
This observation indicates that the group R does not migrate to the carbonium (i.e. the rearrangement is not a molecular in nature).

# Demjanov - Rearrangement

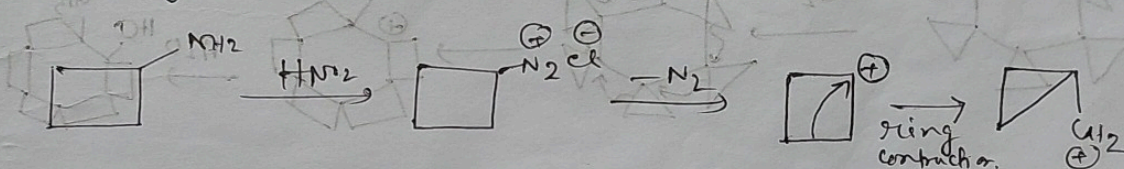
## Expansion and Contraction of ring



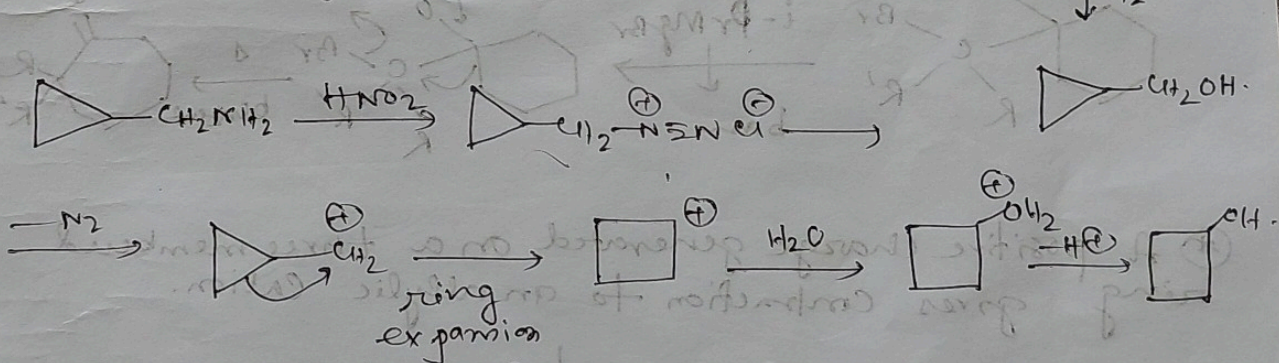
When a positive charge is formed on an alicyclic carbon, migration of an alkyl group can take place to give ring contraction, producing a ring that is one carbon smaller than the original.



When the carbocation is formed by diazotization of an amine, the reaction is called the Demjanov rearrangement.



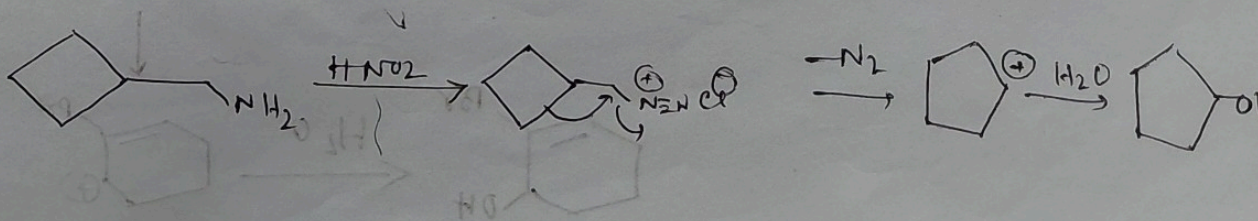
\* This is one type of Wagner-Meerwein rearrangement.

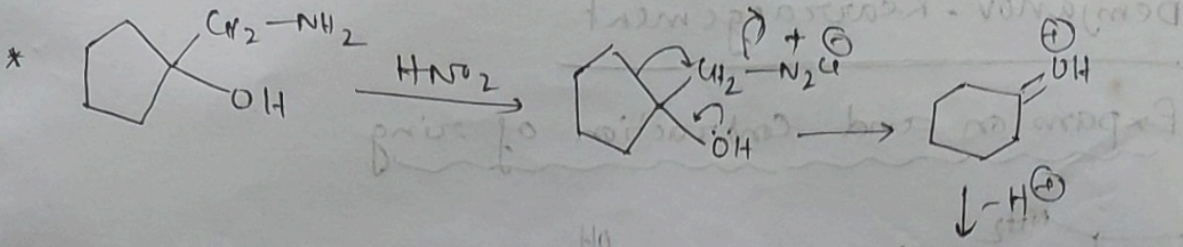


~~Cyclobutyl - Cyclopentyl~~

cyclobutyl - cyclopropylmethyl interconversion is feasible because additional strain is not involved.

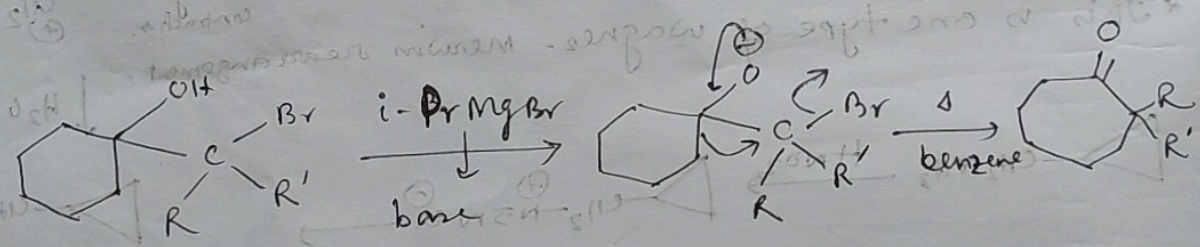
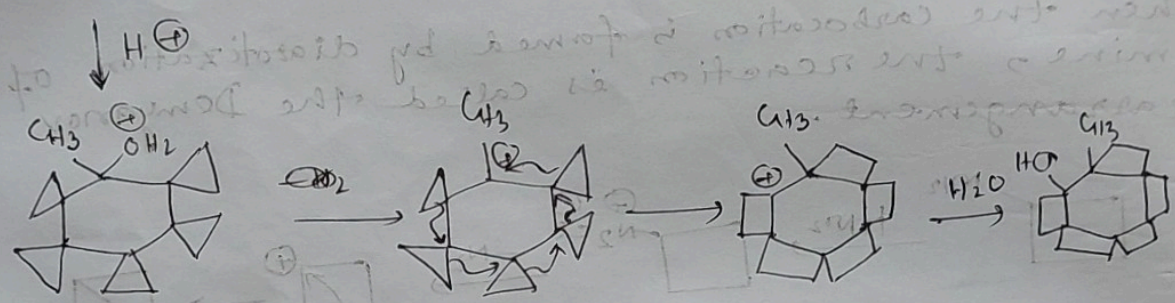
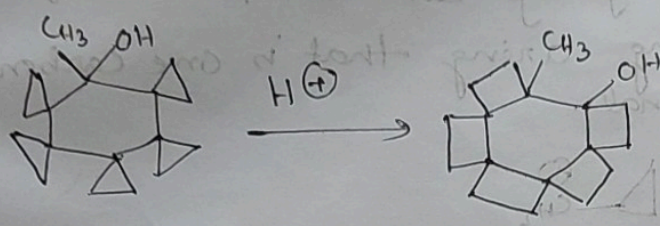
But contraction of cyclopentyl cation to cyclobutylmethyl system is generally not feasible because of the additional strain involved.





This reaction is called Tiffeneau-Demjanov rearrangement.

This rearrangement give better yield on C<sub>9</sub> to C<sub>8</sub> rings than Demjanov ring expansion.



A positive charge generated on a three membered ring gives contraction to an allylic cation.

