



Oppenauer Oxidation

Name Reactions

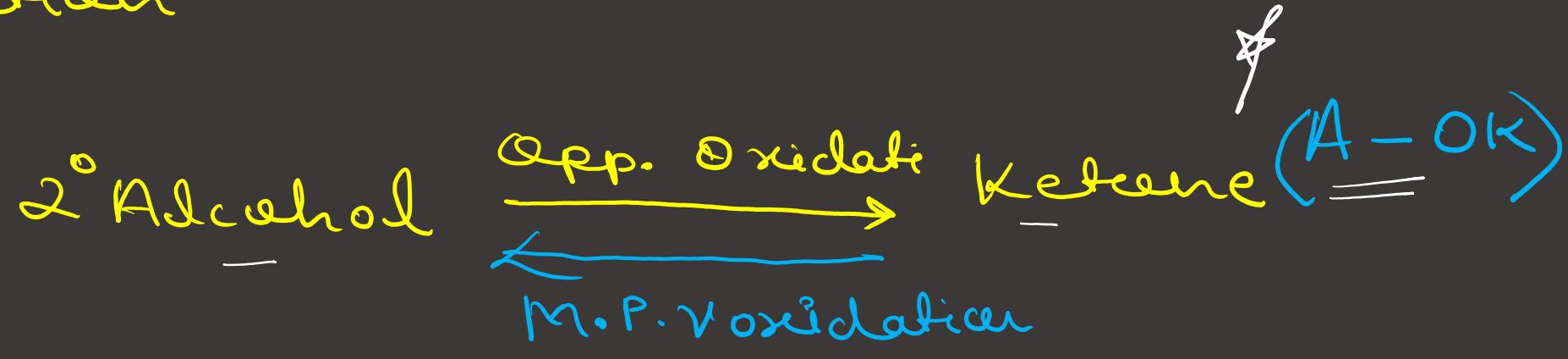
★ Tricks to remember ★

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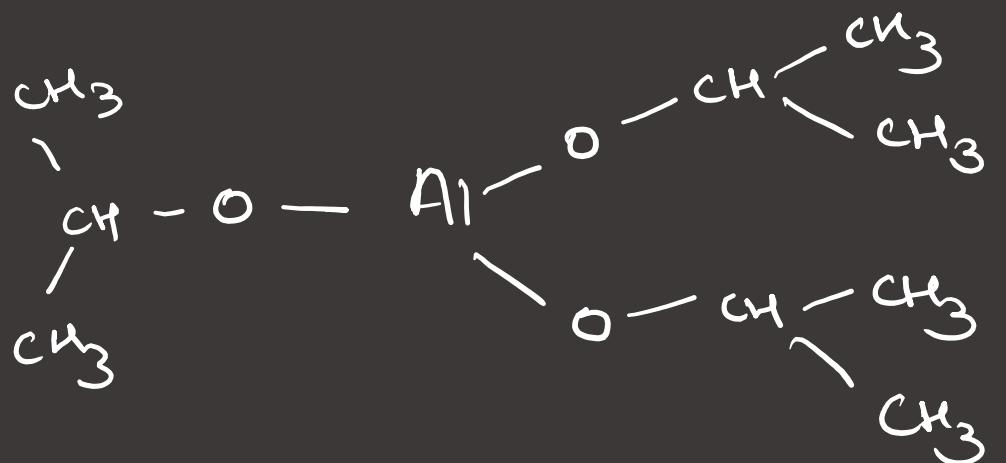
It is reverse of Meerwein - Pandorf Verley Reaction

Oxidation of 2° alcohol to Ketene in presence of aluminum alkoxide with the help of hydride acceptor like acetone is Opposite oxidation

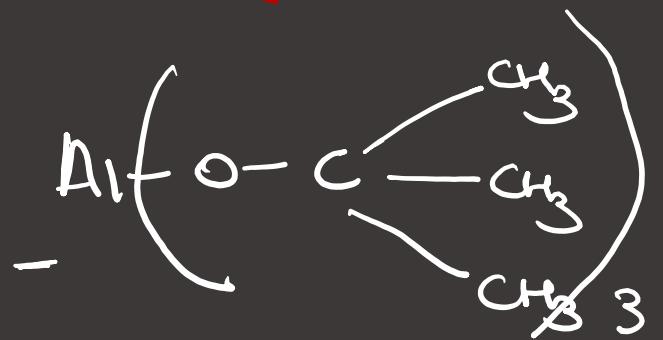
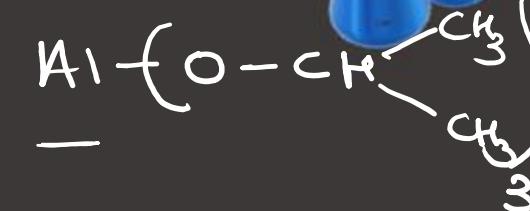




Aluminum alkoxide → Aluminum isopropoxide



Aluminum
tri-tert-ketoxide



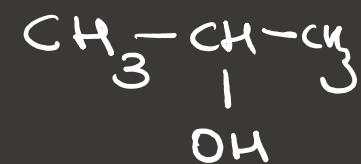
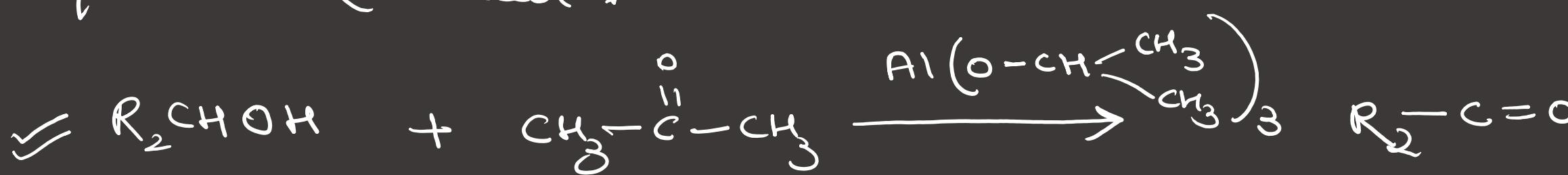
- ★ 1° alcohols are also oxidised to aldehyde
but in presence of more better hydride
acceptor like p-benzoquinone or
aromatic ketone.



Aromatic Ketone.

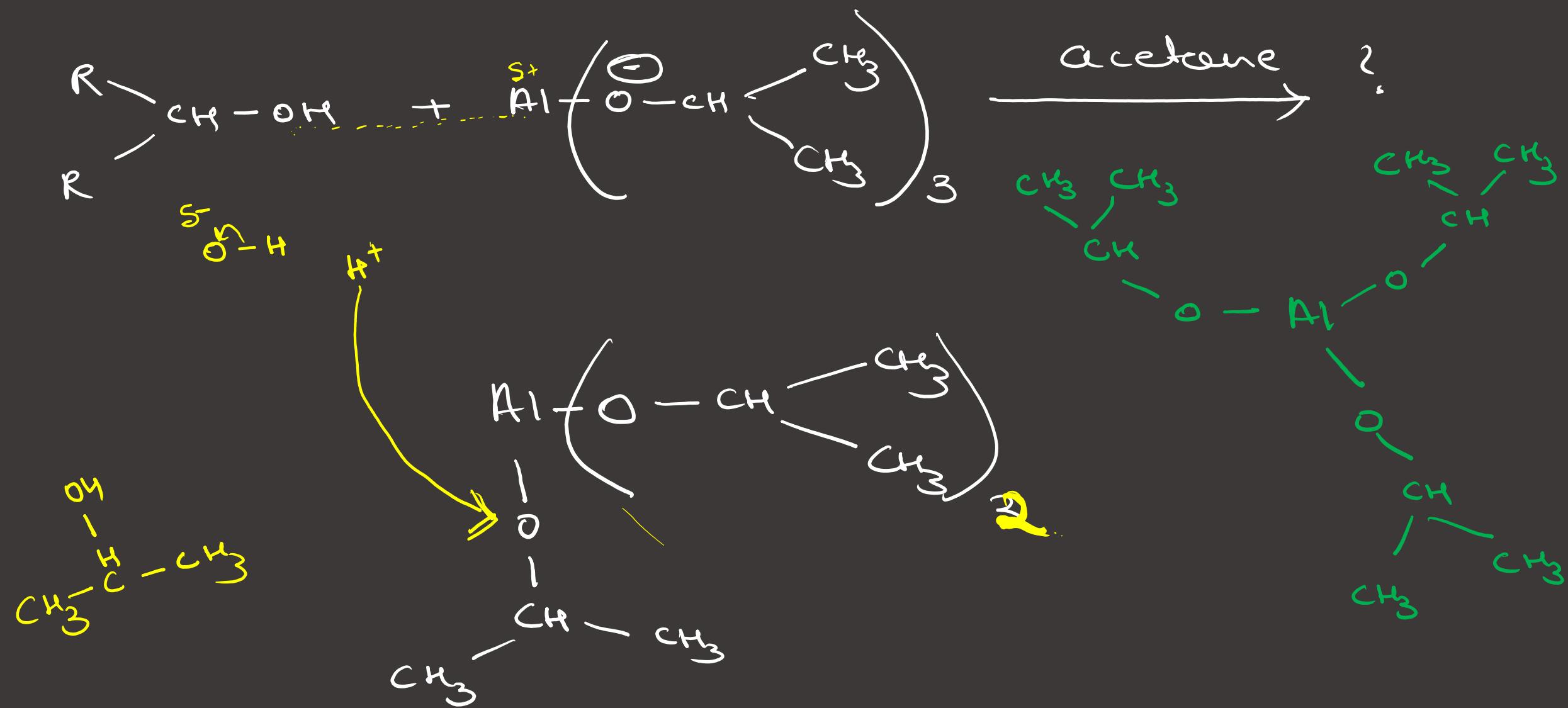
Benzophenone

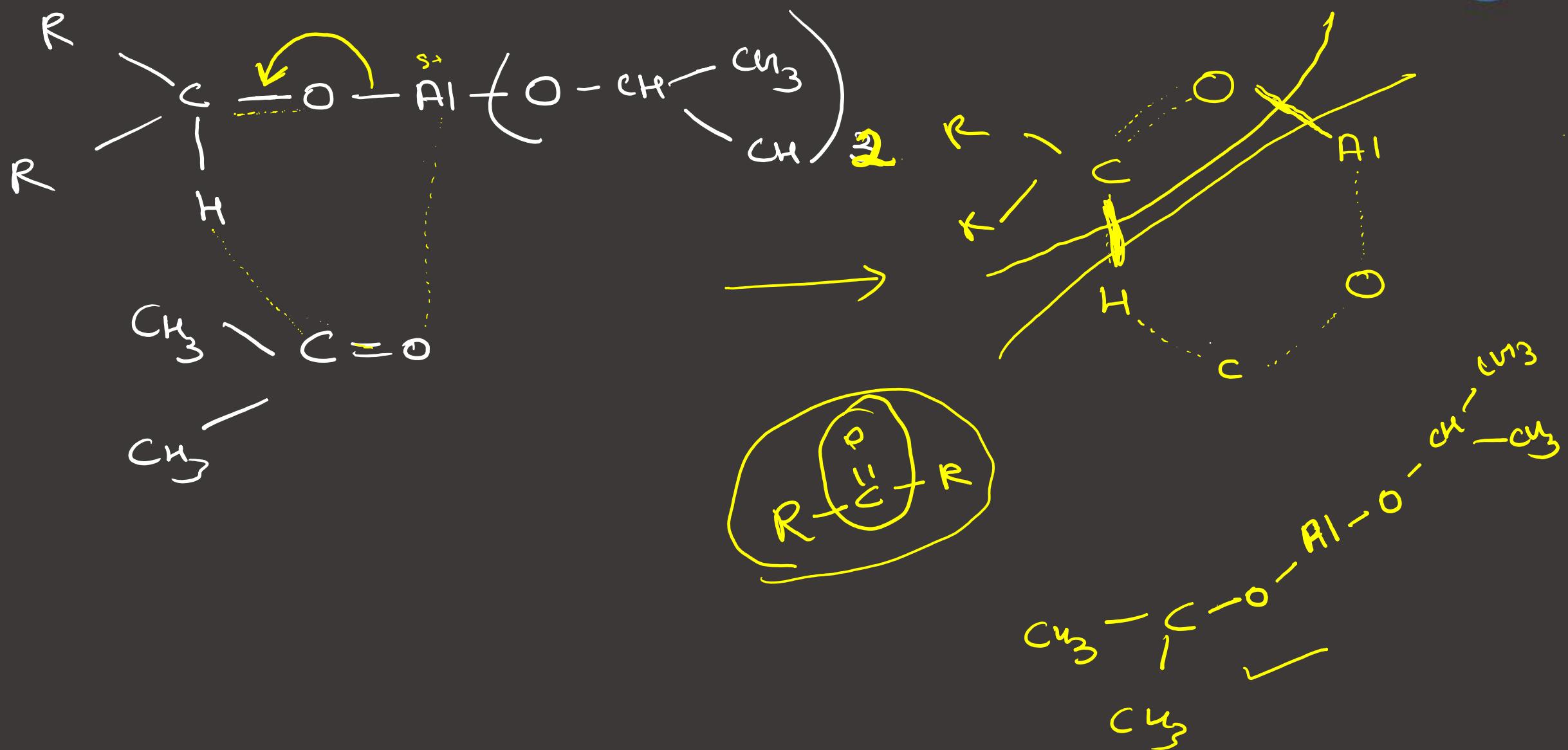
General Reaction :-





Mechanism :-

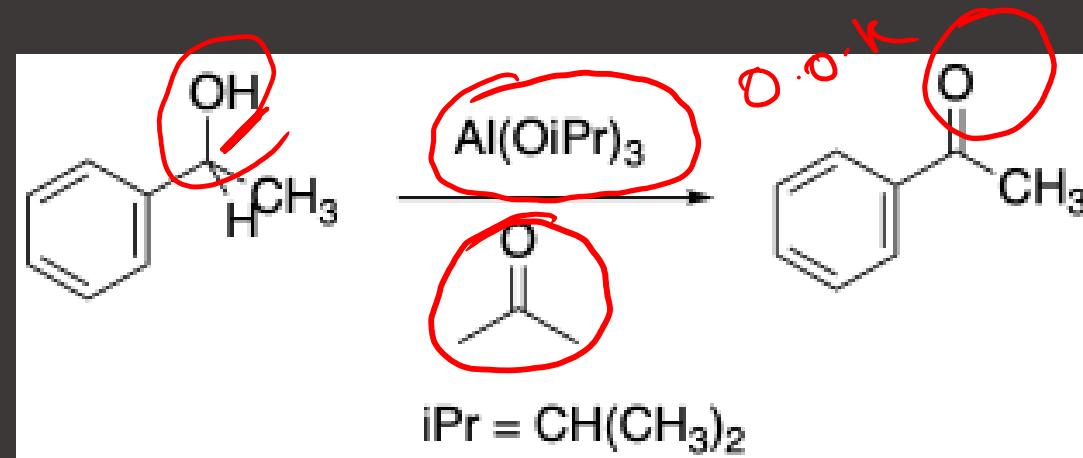






Application

e.g. 1



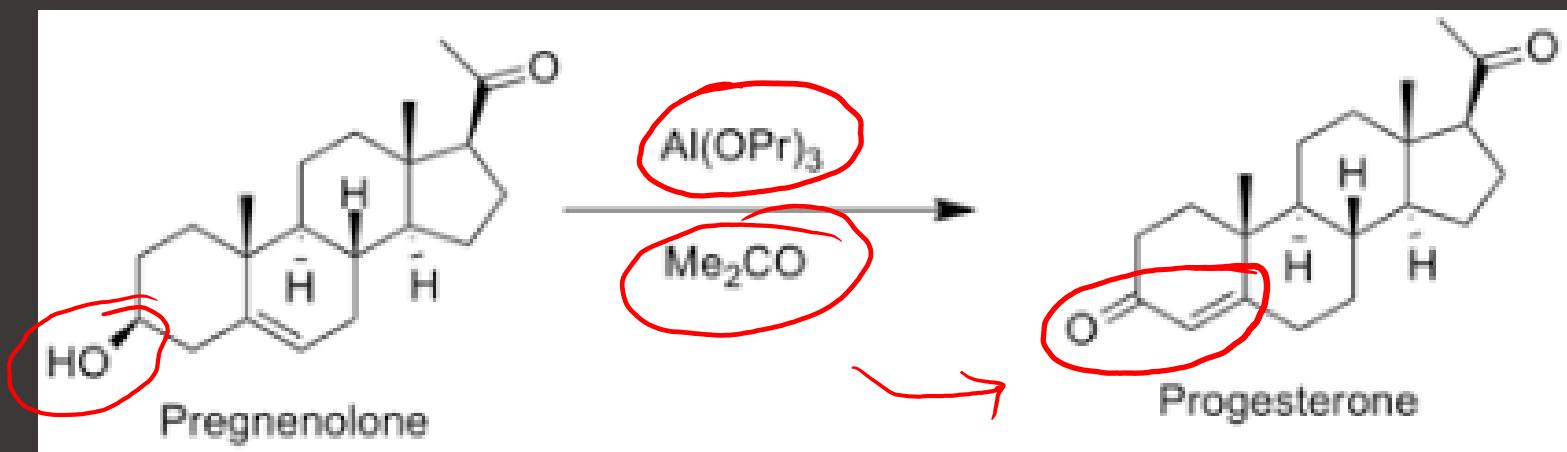


For oxidation of Steroids :-

Allylic β° Alcohol \longrightarrow Ketene.

α, β unsaturated
ketone

Wettstein-Oppenauer reaction

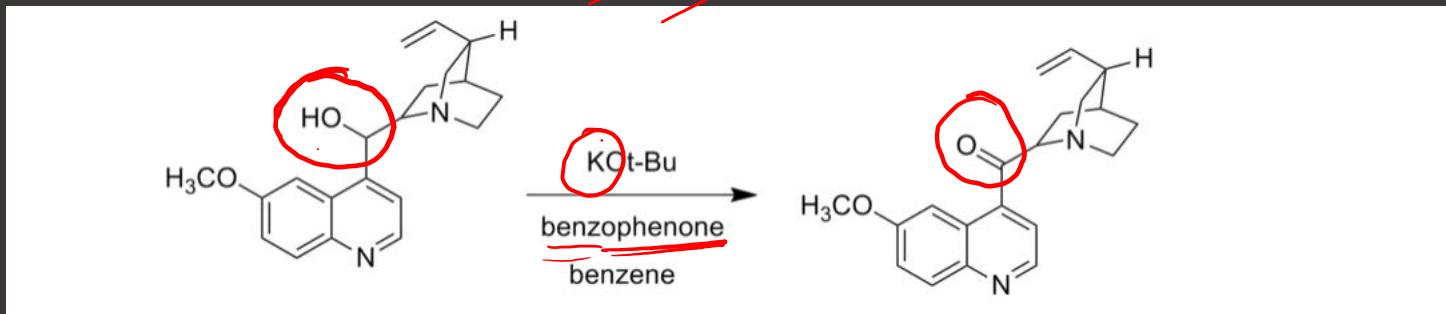




Woodward modification

metal alkoxide \rightarrow $\text{Al}^{\text{aloxide}}$
 \rightarrow acetone (Na^+ accept)

$\text{2}^\circ \text{ alcohol} \rightarrow$ ketone





Thank you

