

# Photo chemistry

Molecules  $\xrightarrow{\text{absorb}}$  Photon  $\rightarrow$  Two effects possible

## I Primary Effect:

- (i) Excitation of molecule.
- (ii) Isomeric Change  $\rightarrow$  new molecule.
- (iii) Dissociation of molecule.
- (iv) Ionisation of molecule.

## II Secondary Effect:

- (i) Photosensitization
- (ii) Delayed photochemical change
- (iii) Rise in T
- (iv) fluorescence
- (v) phosphorescence.

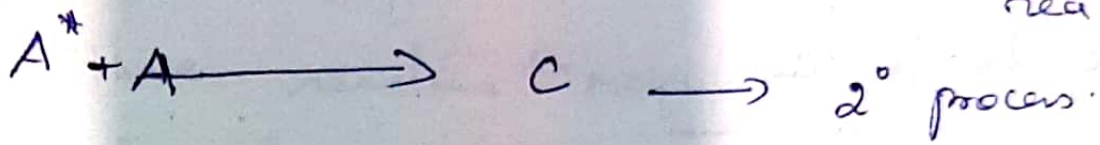
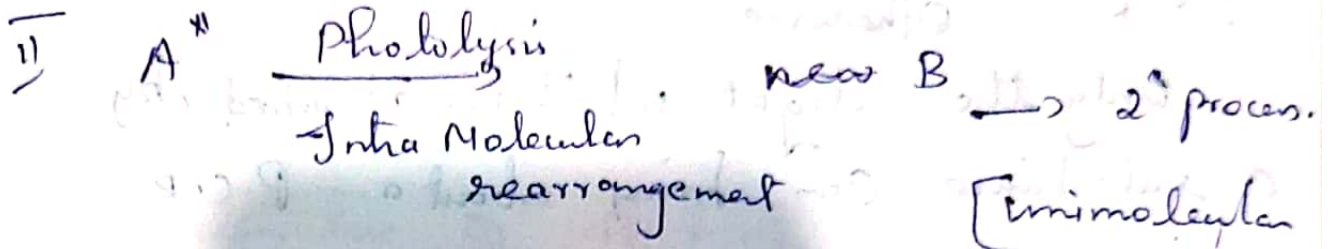
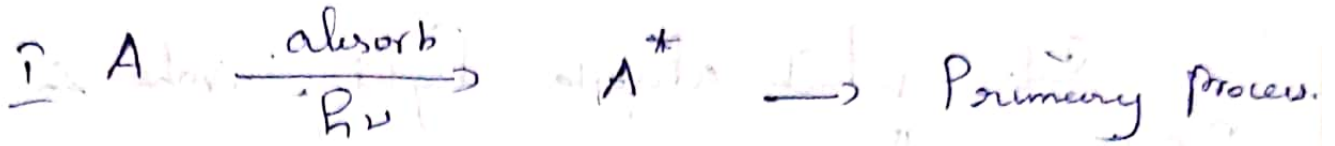
UV  $\rightarrow$  100 - 400 nm

Visible  $\rightarrow$  400 - 750 nm

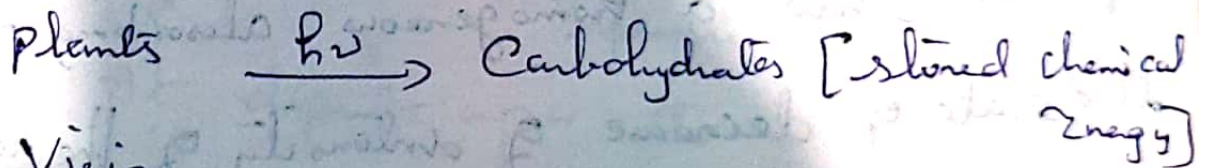
IR  $\rightarrow$  750 - 2500 nm

# Photochemical Reactions:

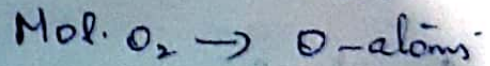
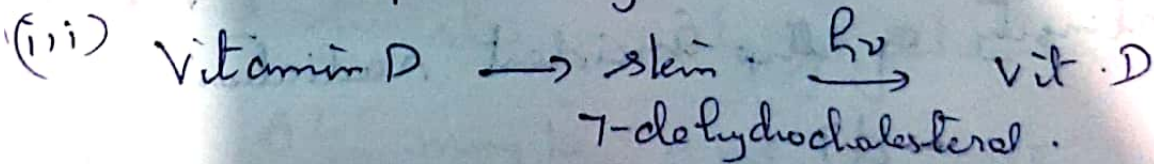
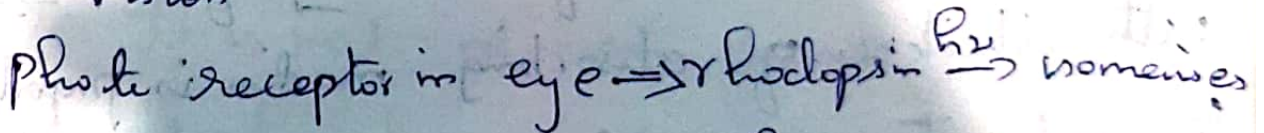
Sub absorb high Energy.



(i) Photo synthesis [bimoleculer reaction]



(ii) Vision



Thermal Reaction  $\downarrow$   $O_3$   
absorb or evolution of heat

in both dark & light

$\Delta G =$  always -ve

T - significant effect

P.C.R.

1. absorb of light
2. only in presence of light
3.  $\Delta G \rightarrow$  + or -ve
4. T has little effect

# Laws of Photochemical reactions

## Grothus - Draper law

Sub - which absorbs light in value in P.C.R. Otherwise

only the light which is absorbed by a substance can bring about a P.C.R.

## Lambert's law

When a beam of monochromatic radiation passes thro' a homogeneous absorbing medium the rate of decrease of intensity of the radiation with thickness of absorbing medium is proportional to intensity of the incident radiation

$$\frac{-dI}{dx} = kI$$

## Lambert - Beer's law

$$\frac{-dI}{dx} = k' I C$$

as well as Conc of the soln

## Stark - Einstein Law:

Each molecule taking part in a photochemical reaxn absorbs one quantum of radiation.

$$h = 6.6024 \times 10^{-27} \text{ erg. sec.}$$
$$E = N h \nu \text{ erg. mole}^{-1} \quad N = 6.023 \times 10^{23}$$

## Characteristics of Photochemical reaxn:

1. These reaction requires photons to interact chemical species.
2. Light has particular wave length specific.
3. It depends upon the intensity of the light.
4. It is not necessary for an excited molecule to show always chemical change.
5.  $\Delta G$  may be +ve or -ve.

# Photochemistry of ketones

→ 4 important primary photochemical processes.

→ (i) Cleavage of the bond  $\alpha$ -to the carbonyl grs. →  $\alpha$ -cleavage (or) Norrish Type 1

→ 2  $\alpha$  bonds in the substrate - not identical - weaker bond - cleaved.

(ii) cleavage of bond  $\beta$  to the carbonyl gr - intermolecular hydrogen abstraction

→  $\beta$ -cleavage or Norrish Type - 2

(iii) If Intermolecular <sup>reacn</sup> hydrogen abstraction from the carbonyl oxygen.

(iv) Addition of Carbonyl Oxygen atom  
 $\left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{ex} \\ -\text{C}=\text{O} \\ \text{=} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{H} \\ | \\ -\text{C}=\text{O} \\ \text{=} \end{array} \right]$  to a carbon-carbon double bond

→ Primary reactions occur from

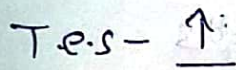
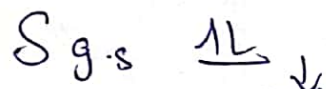
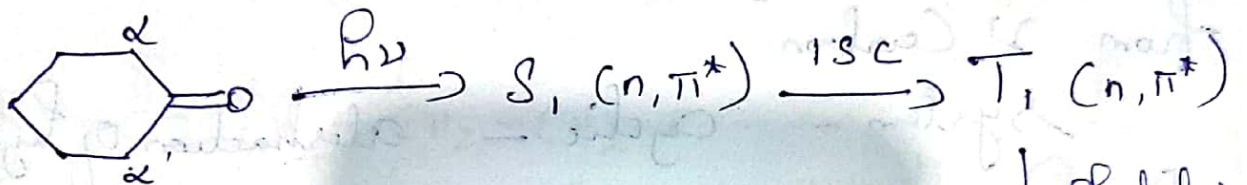
$n, \pi^*$  triplet state ( $T_1$ )

→ Reacn products - isolated - 2<sup>o</sup> reacn

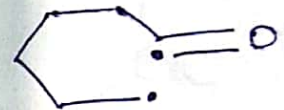
→ Structural Variations in ketone & Choice of solvent → Mechanism

Noorish Type-I Process:

Primary process: Photolysis of cyclohexanone



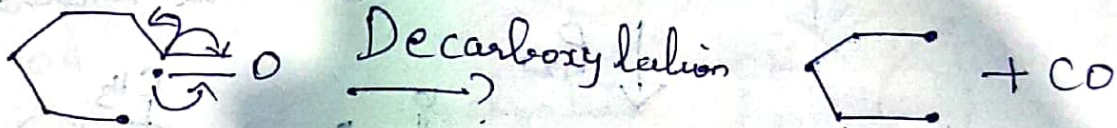
↓ Photolysis



Diradical

Secondary process:

(i)



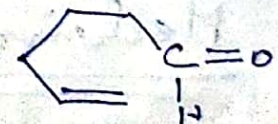
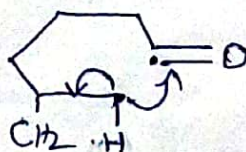
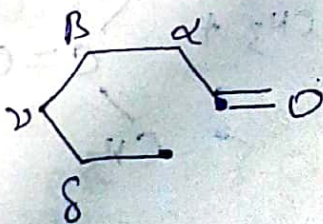
Pentyl ethylene free radicals

↓ cyclisation



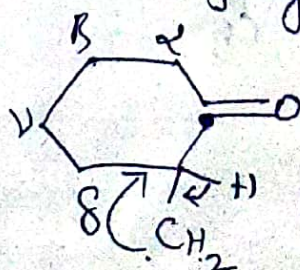
cyclopentane

(ii)



Intra molecular hydrogen abstraction

Cyclohexenone



(Six membered cyclic TS)

Noorish Type-II process (β-cleavage)

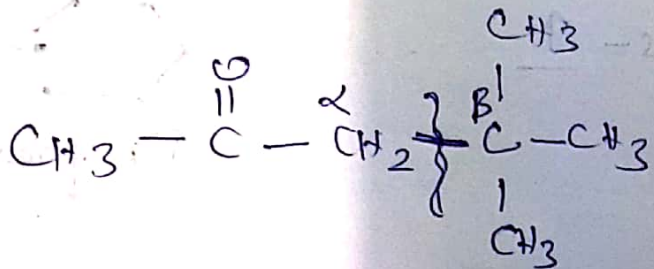
Possible:

→ bond between α & β Carbon is weak

→ If reaction occurs in open chain Compd

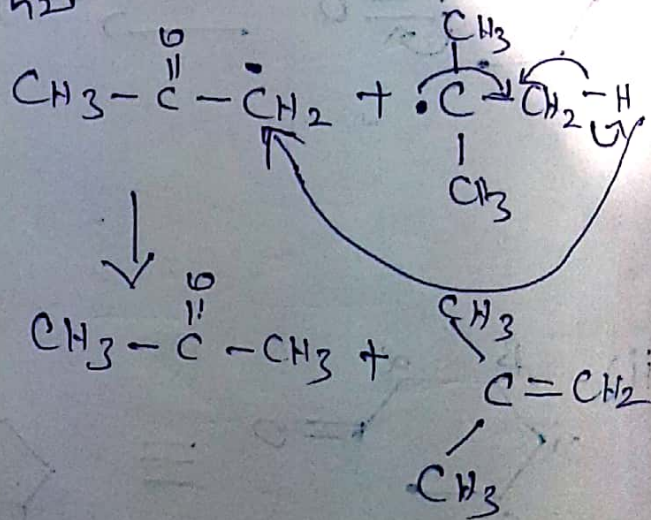
Abstraction of hydrogen atom takes place from α Carbon

System - cyclic - abstraction of hydrogen from β-Carbon atom

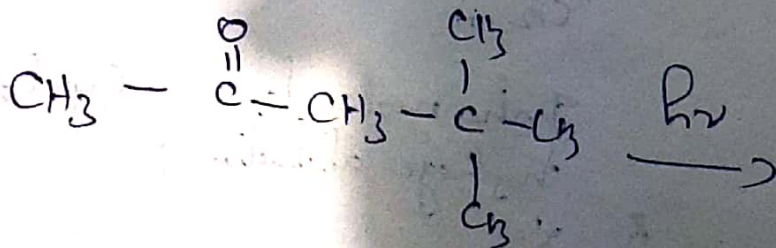


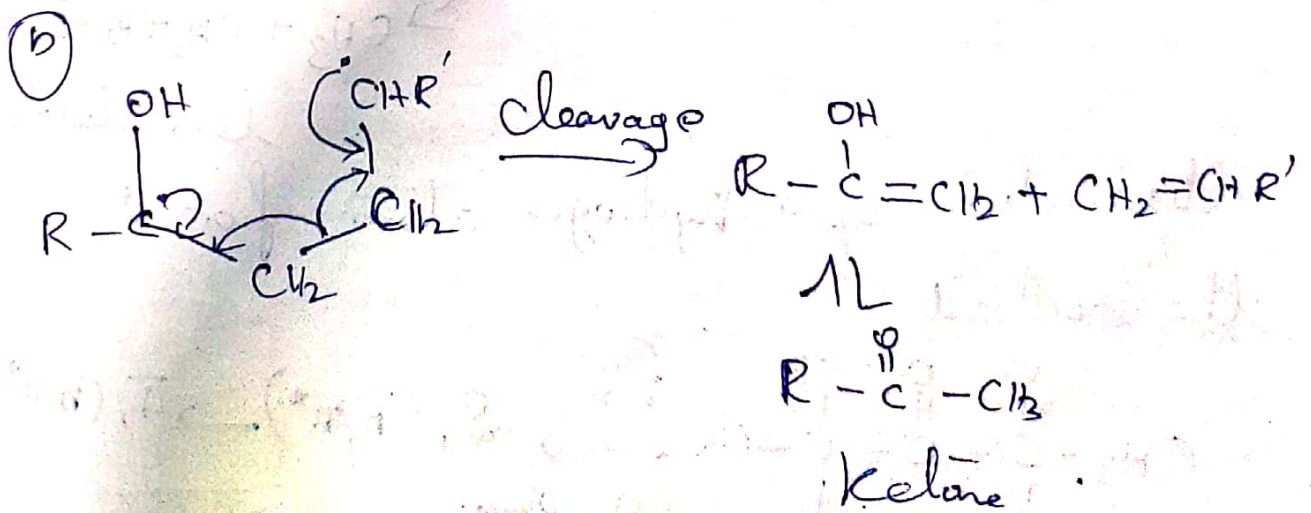
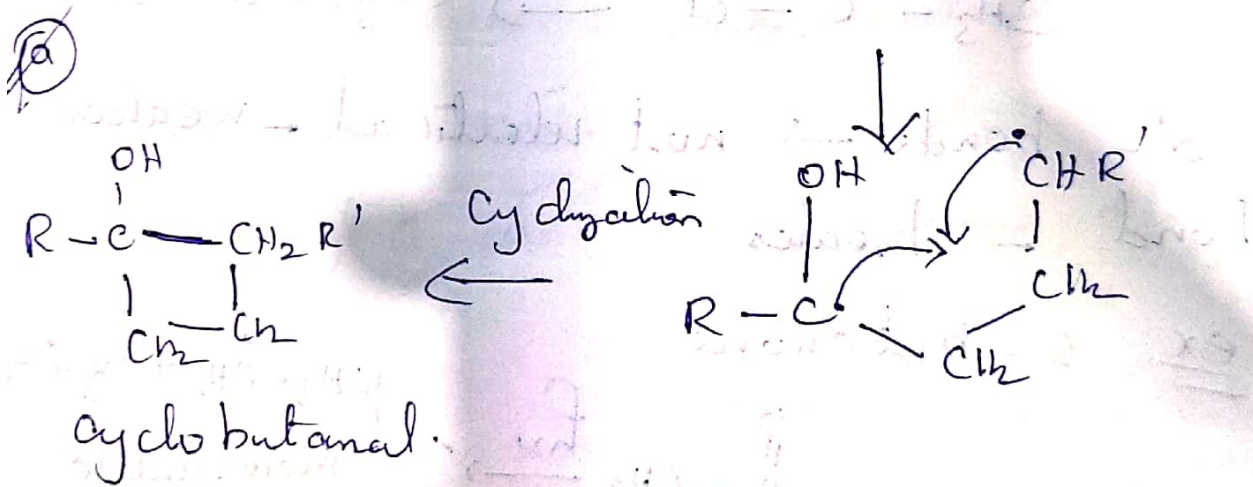
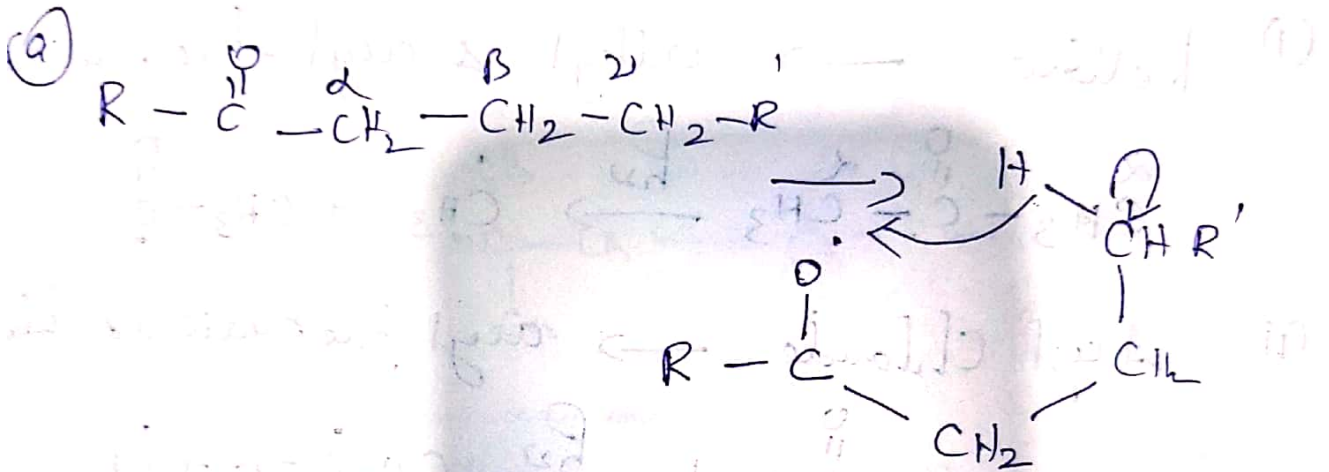
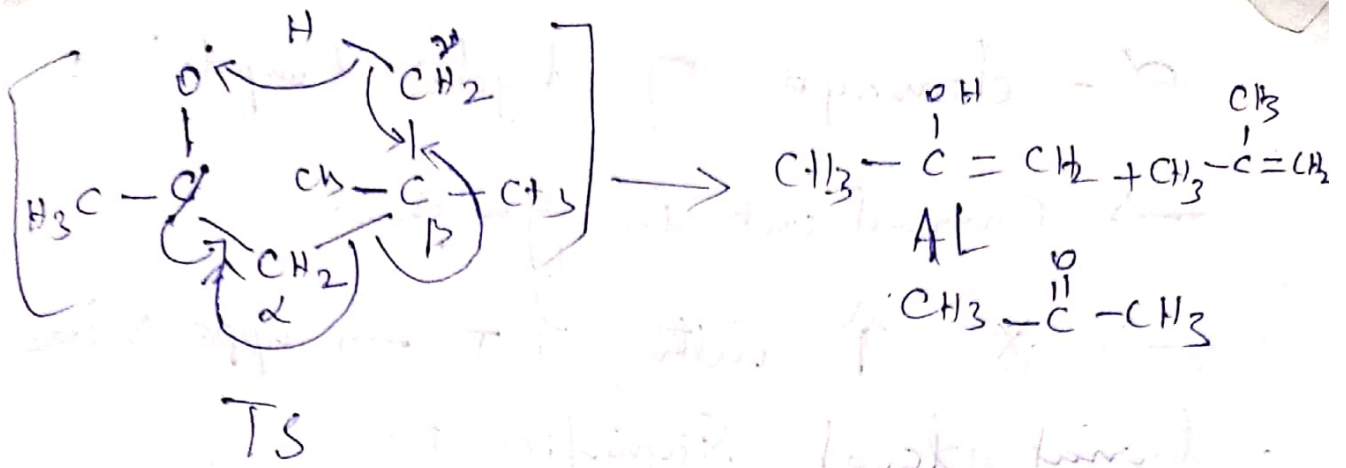
Weak bond bet α, β Carbon due to steric hindrance

↓ h<sub>2</sub>



Mechanism







$\alpha$ -cleavage of Acyclic Compds:

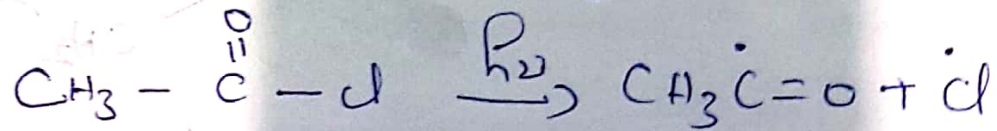
→ Carried out in gas phase.

→  $\lambda$  ↑ with ↑ T → upper vibrational level significant.

(i) ketone → alkyl & acyl free radicals

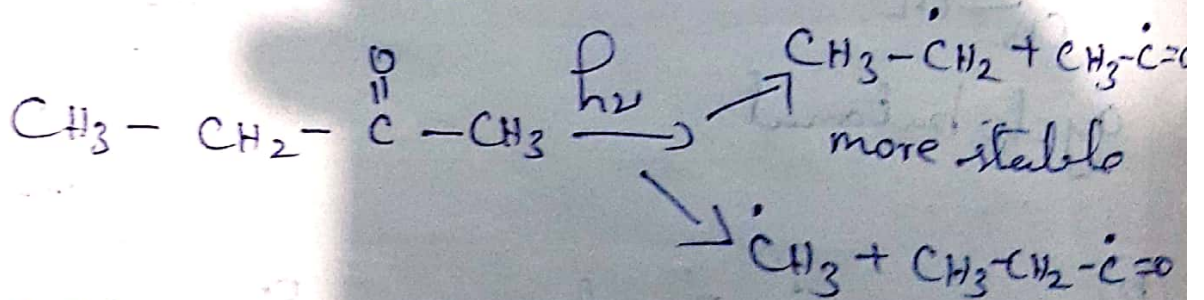


(ii) Acyl Chloride → acyl free radical & chlorine

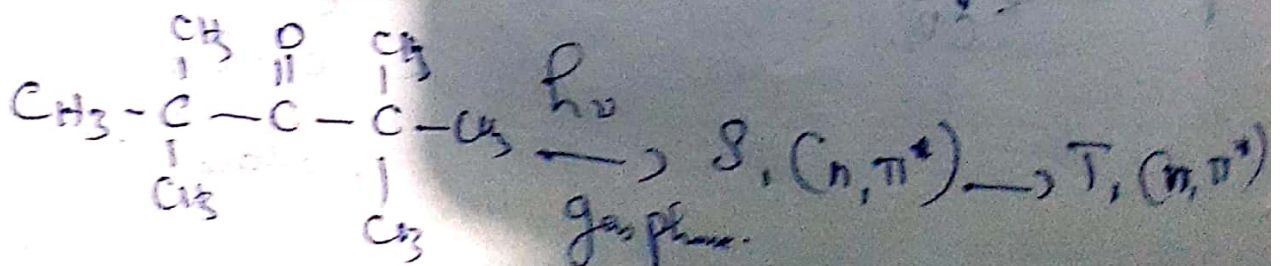


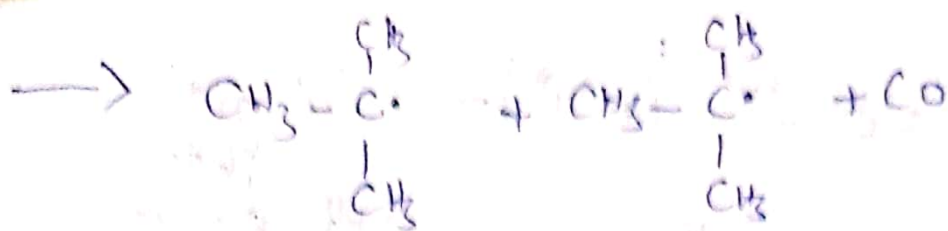
$\alpha$ -bonds → not identical - weaker bond - breaks

ex 2-butanone

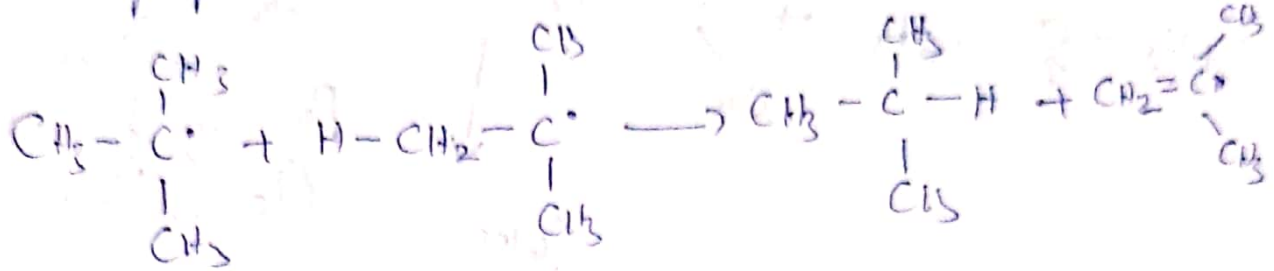


abstraction of a hydrogen atom from the solvent





(i) Disproportionation



(ii) Re Combination

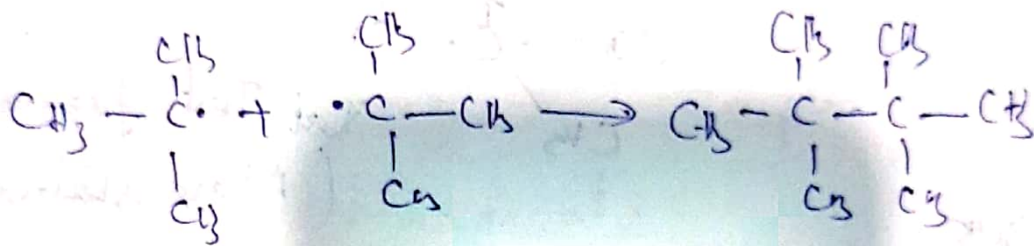
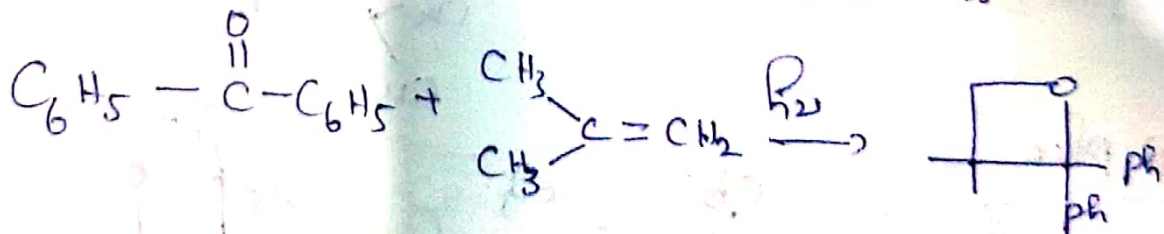


Photo cyclo Addition of ketones with unsatd Compds

Paterno-Buchi Reaxn:

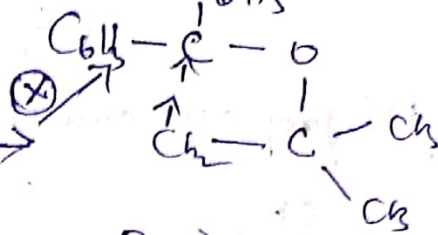
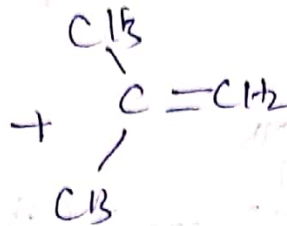
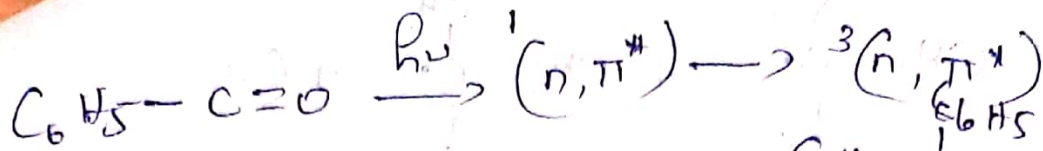
Carbonyl Compds + alkene, diene, alkyne  
 $h\nu \downarrow$  cycloaddn

Oxetene & its derivatives

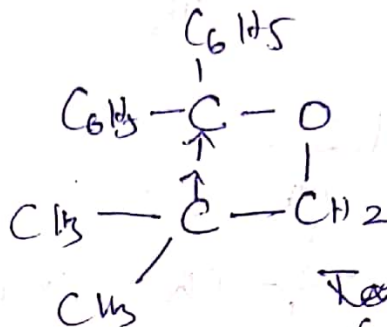


2,2-diphenyl

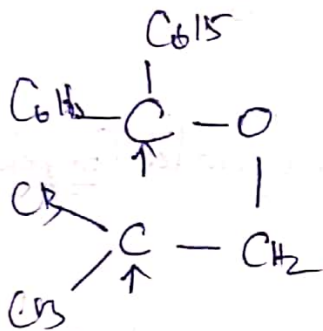
3,3-dimethyl  
 Oxetane



Primary free radical  
(less stable)

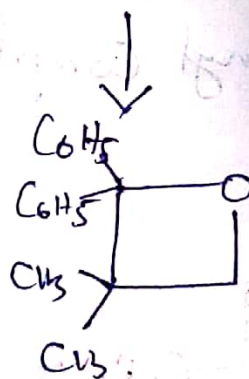
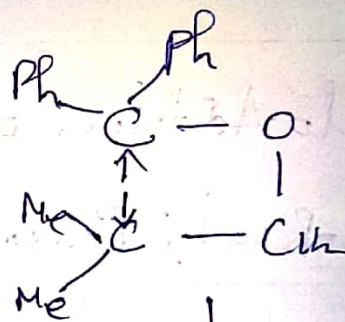


Tertiary free radical  
(More stable)

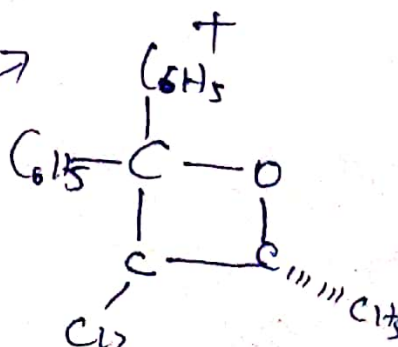
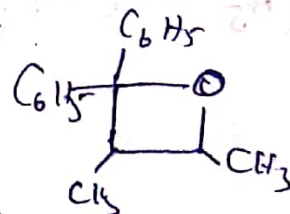
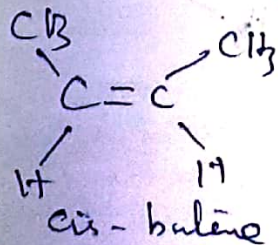
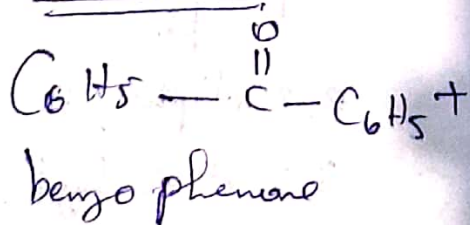


bi radical

Spin inversion

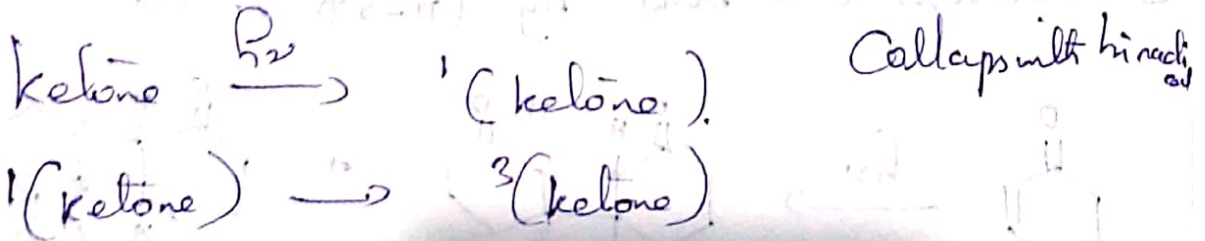


Synplex

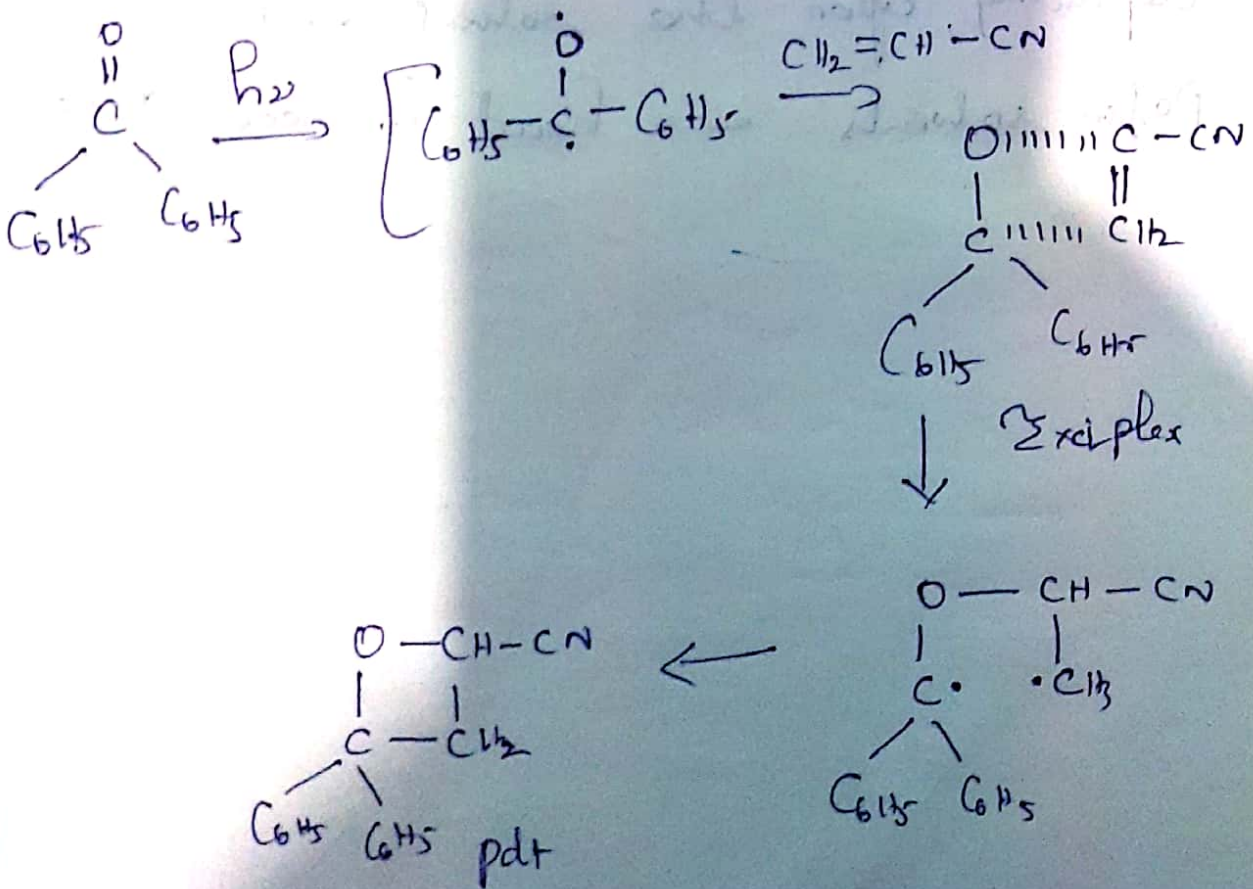


Exiplex → Complex bet excited ketone & olefin  
 biradical - product → Major prod.

not mechanism:  
 Rate const for excited ketone → high → exiplex

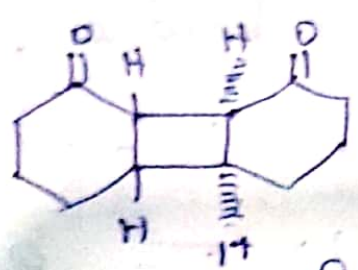
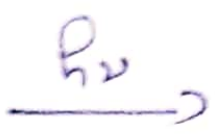
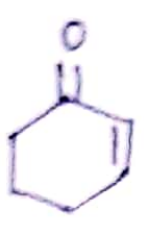


$^3(\text{ketone}) + \text{olefin} \rightleftharpoons \text{exiplex}$   
 exiplex → biradical  
 biradical → product.

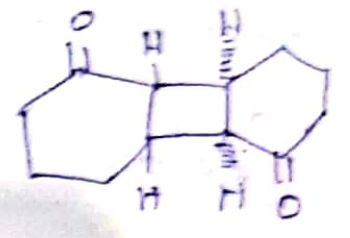


# Photodimerization of $\alpha, \beta$ -unsatd. Carbonyl Compds.

$\alpha, \beta$ -unsatd Carbonyl Compds  $\xrightarrow{\text{intermolecular ketones}}$   $\xrightarrow{\text{Photo cyclo addn}}$  Cyclobutane  
 $\rightarrow$  across C=C bond by  $^3(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$  state



+



2-cyclohexanone

Head to head

Head to tail

Photo dimers

Depending upon the solvent  $\rightarrow$   
 Polar solvents  $\leftrightarrow$  Head to head dimer