

1-Hexyne reacts with a catalytic amount of sulfuric acid is an aqueous solvent to give vinylic carbocation, followed by reaction with water on tautomerism generate ketones.



## **Hydration of alkynes and Tautomerism:**

Addition of water to alkynes requires a strong acid. The initial product from the addition of water to an alkyne is an enol and this immediately rearranges to more stable keto tautomer.

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R-C \equiv C - R \xrightarrow{H_3O^+} R \gtrsim C = C
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\nAddition H H H (End tautomer)  
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H-C \equiv C - H + H_2O \xrightarrow{H_3SO_4} H_3C \qquad CHO
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R-C \equiv C - H + H_2O \xrightarrow{H_3SO_4} R \gtrsim C
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$$
R-C \equiv C - H + H_2O \xrightarrow{H_3SO_4} R \qquad CH_3
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#### **Hydroboration Reaction:**

Diborane react readily with alkynes.

Addition of disiamylborane to alkyne, as with alkenes, the B–H reagent group adds in an apparently anti-Markovnikov manner, due to the fact that the boron is the electrophilic not the hydrogen.

$$
R-C \equiv C - H + (C_5H_{11})_2B - H \longrightarrow R - C_1 = C - B(C_5H_{11})_2 \frac{H_2O_2}{NaOH}
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R - CH_2 - C - H \longrightarrow R - C = C - OH
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R - C + C_1 = C - H \longrightarrow R - C
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R - C + C = C - OH
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**Oxidation:** Reaction of alkynes with oxidising agents such as potassium permaganate and ozone usually result in cleavage of triple bond to give carboxylic acid products.

 $R - C \equiv C - R' + [O] \longrightarrow RCO_2H + R'COOH$ 



## **Nucleophilic addition reactions:**

The sp-hybrid carbon atoms of the triple-bond rendr alkynes more electrophilic than similarly substituted alkenes.

As a result, alkynes sometimes undergo addition reaction iniaited by bonding to nucleophile.

H-C
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C-H + KOC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>  $\xrightarrow{C_2H_5OH}$  H<sub>2</sub>C $=$ C-C-C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>  
H-C $\equiv$ C-H + HCN  $\xrightarrow{Ba(CN)_2}$  H<sub>2</sub>C $=$ C-CN

#### **Acidity of terminal alkyne:**

 $pK_a$  value of ethene is estimated at 44, and  $pK_a$  of ethyne (acetylene) is found to be 25. This increase in acidity permits the isolation of insoluble silver and copper salts of such compounds.

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R-C \equiv C-H + Ag(NH_3)_2 \xrightarrow{NH_4OH} R-C \equiv C-Ag + NH_3 + NH_4
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R-C \equiv C-H + NaNH_2 \xrightarrow{ether} R-C \equiv C-Na + NH_3
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R-C \equiv C-H + H_3C-I \xrightarrow{ether} R-C \equiv C-CA_3 + NH_3
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$$
H_3C-C \equiv C-H + NaNH_2 \xrightarrow{ether} H_3C-C \equiv C-Na + NH_3
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H_3C-C \equiv C-M_3 + C_2H_5 - Br \xrightarrow{H_3C-C} H_3C-C \equiv C-C_2H_5 + NaBr
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The enhanced acidity of terminal alkynes relative to alkanes also leads to metal exchange reaction when there compounds are treated with organolithium or Grignard reagents.

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R-C \equiv C - H + C_2H_5MgBr \xrightarrow{ether} R-C \equiv C - MgBr + C_2H_6
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H-C \equiv C - CH_2 - CH_2 - Br + Mg \xrightarrow{ether} H-C \equiv C - CH_2 - CH_2 - MgBr
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BrMg-C \equiv C - CH_2 - CH_2 - MgBr \xrightarrow{C_2H_5MgBr}
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C_3H_7 \searrow G_3H_7 \searrow C_3H_7-C \equiv C - Na
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**5.1. (I) Addition to Allene**



Orbital description

(Terminal atoms are perpendicular to each other) The attack by a proton on allene might conceivably lead to the allyl cation or the 2-propyl cation.

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H_2C-C=CH_2 \xrightarrow{H} H_2C=C=CH_2 \xrightarrow{H} H_3C-C=CH_2
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Protonation at the centre carbon without rotation of one of the terminal methylene group leads to a primary carbocation that is not stabilised by resonance, because the adjacent  $\pi$ -bond is orthogonal to empty p-orbital. As a result, protonation both in solution and gas phase occurs at a terminal carbon to give the 2-propenyl cation, not the allylic cation. The addition of HCl, HBr, HI to allene has been studied in some detail. In each case a 2-halopropene is formed, corresponding to a protonation at terminal carbon.

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H_2C = C = CH_2 + HX
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\n $H_3C - C = CH_2 + H_3C - C$   
\n $\uparrow$   
\n $H_3C - C$   
\n $\uparrow$   
\n $\downarrow$ 



The presence of phenyl group results in the formation of products from protonation at the centre carbon.

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Ch \longrightarrow H
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CD=CH<sub>2</sub> 
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(H_3C)_2C = C = CH_2 \xrightarrow{HCl} (H_3C)_2C = CHCH_2Cl
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**5.1. (J) SUMMARY**





# **5.1. (K) PRACTICE SET**













