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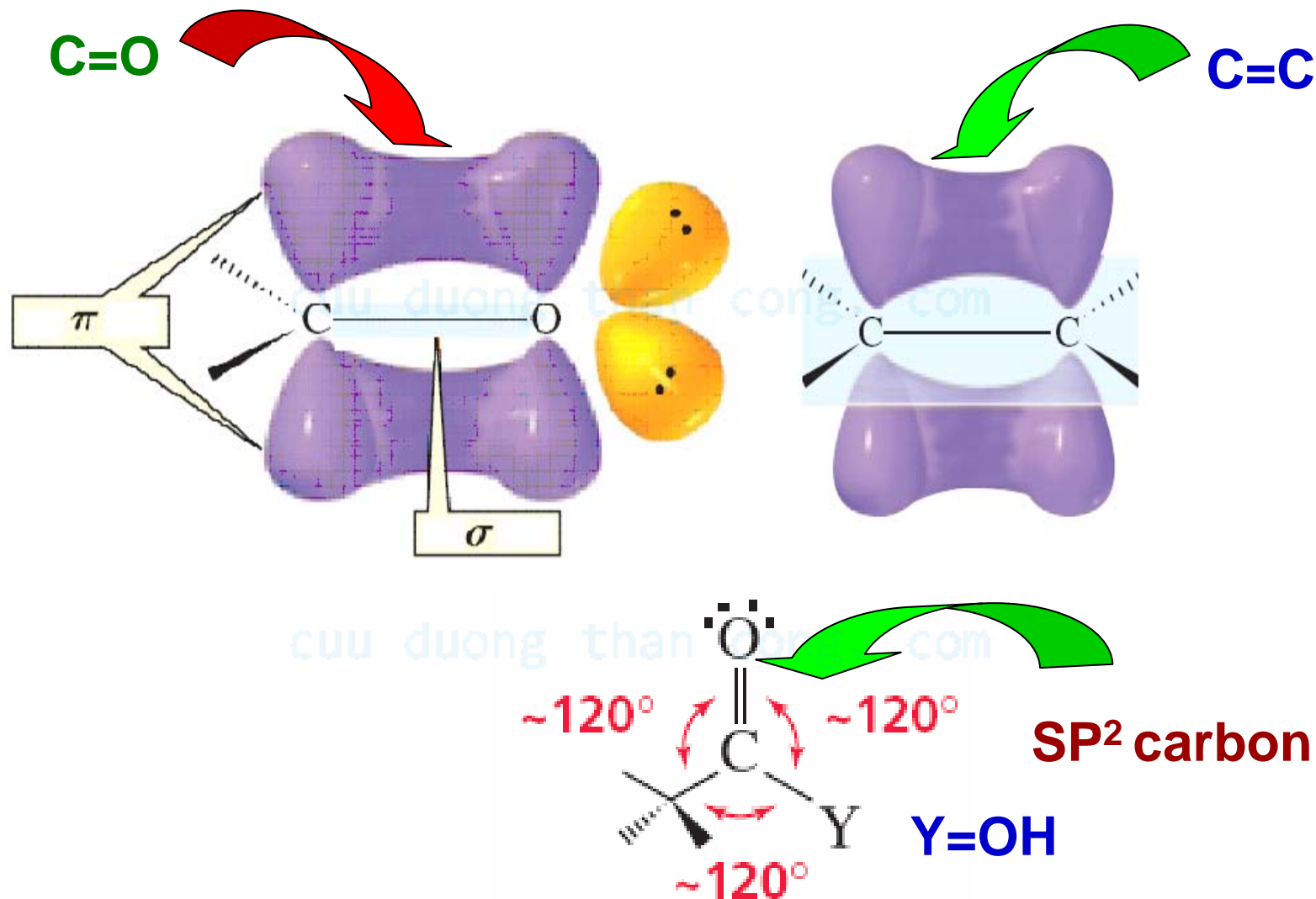
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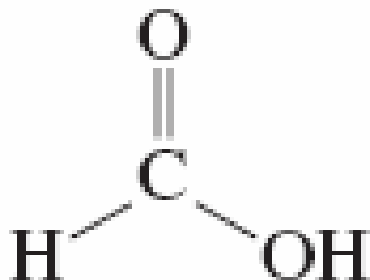
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# Chapter 12: CARBOXYLIC ACIDS

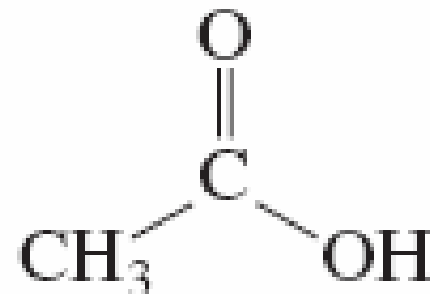


# NOMENCLATURE OF CARBOXYLIC ACIDS



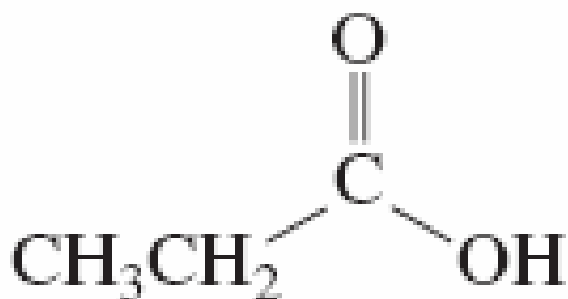
systematic name: methanoic acid

common name: formic acid



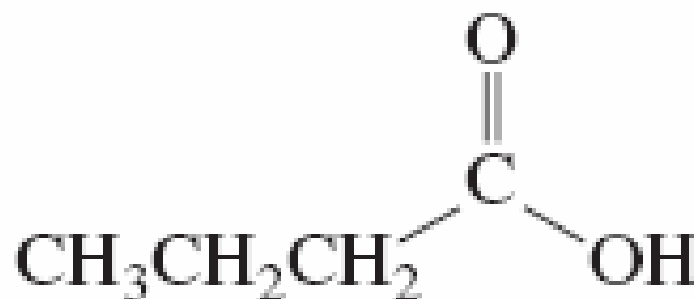
ethanoic acid

acetic acid



propanoic acid

propionic acid



butanoic acid

butyric acid

***IUPAC names: hydrocarbon + “oic acid”***

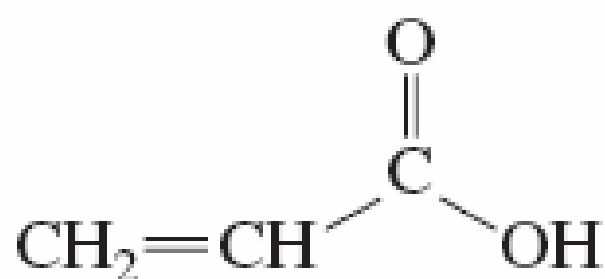


**pentanoic acid**

**valeric acid**

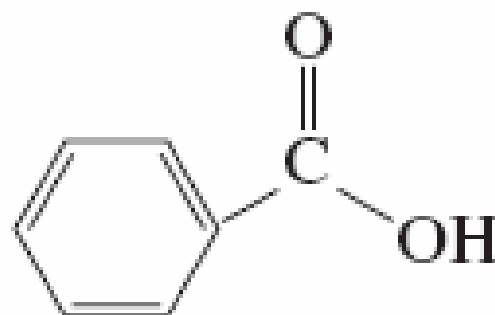
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**caproic acid**



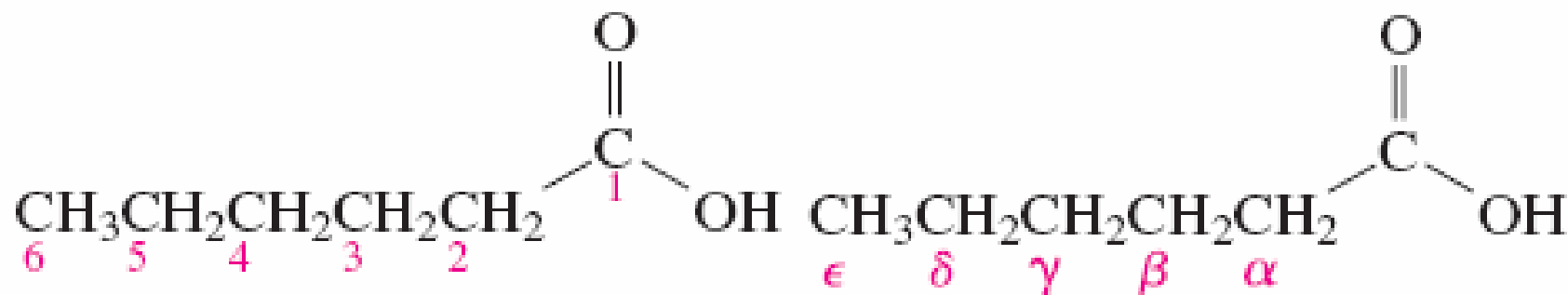
**propenoic acid**

**acrylic acid**



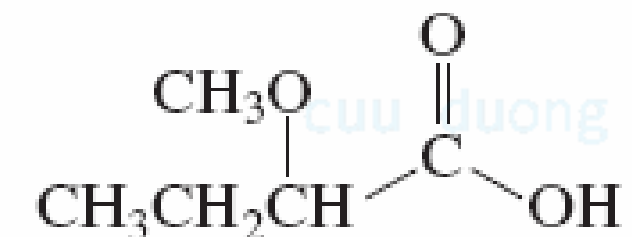
**benzenecarboxylic acid**

**benzoic acid**

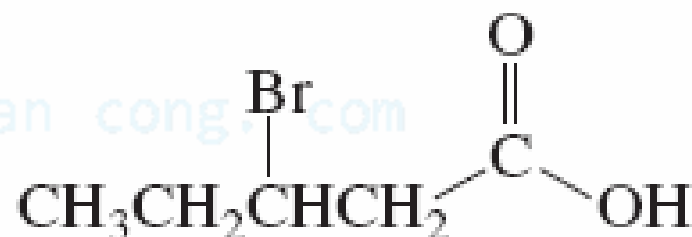


systematic nomenclature

common nomenclature



**2-methoxybutanoic acid**  
 **$\alpha$ -methoxybutyric acid**

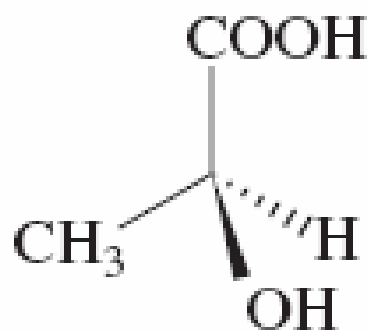


**3-bromopentanoic acid**  
 **$\beta$ -bromovaleric acid**

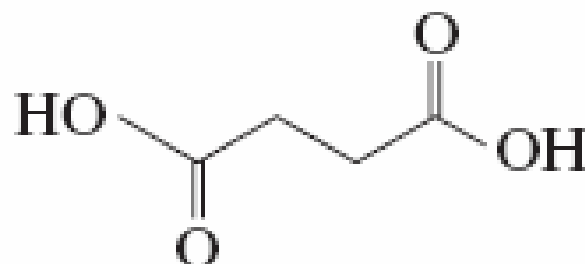


**4-chlorohexanoic acid**  
 **$\gamma$ -chlorocaproic acid**

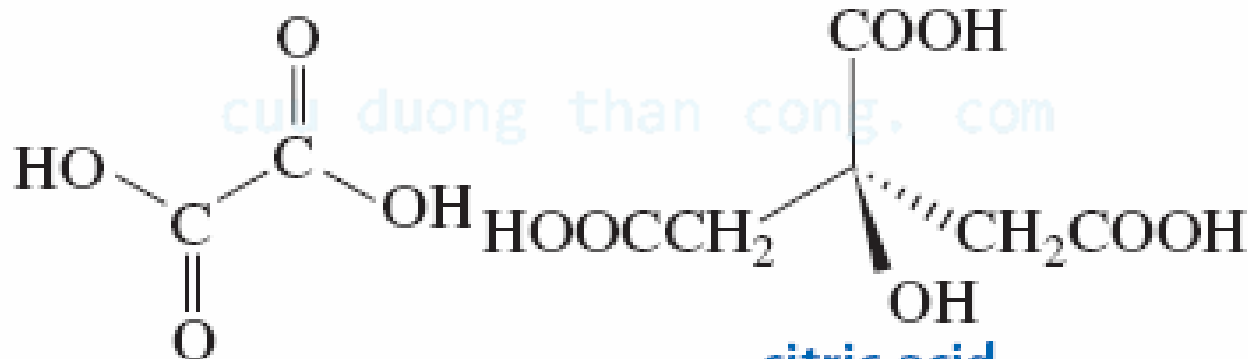
## Some natural occurring acids & derivatives



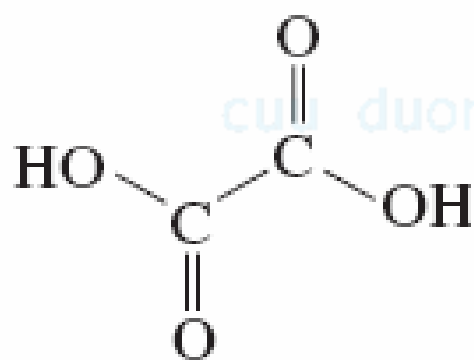
**(S)-(+)-lactic acid**



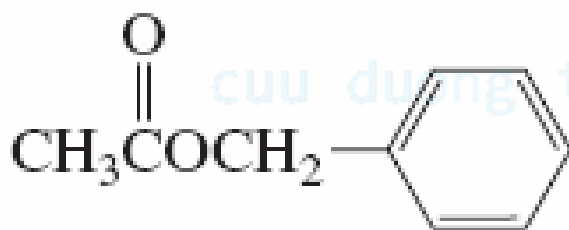
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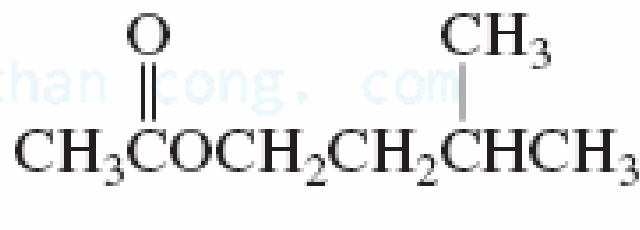
**citric acid**



**oxalic acid**



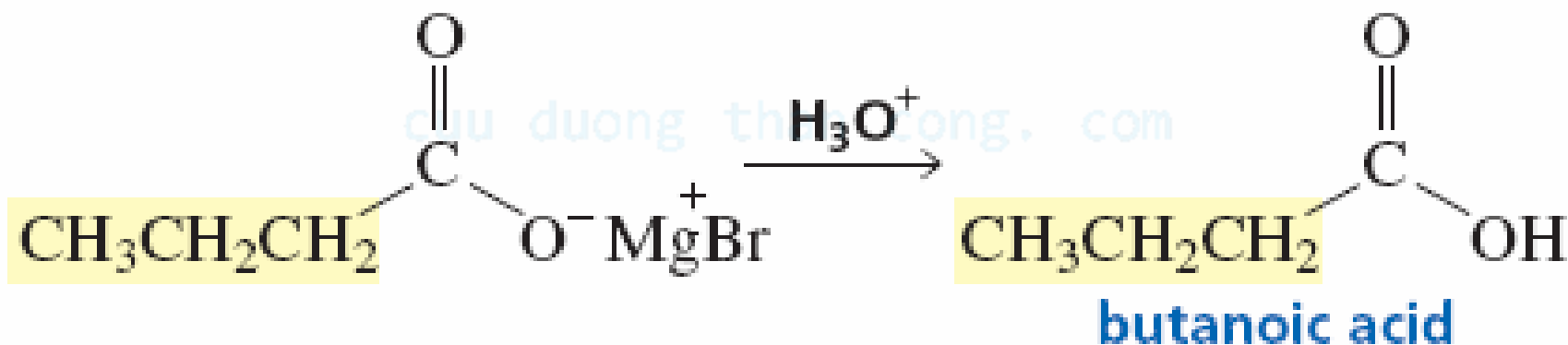
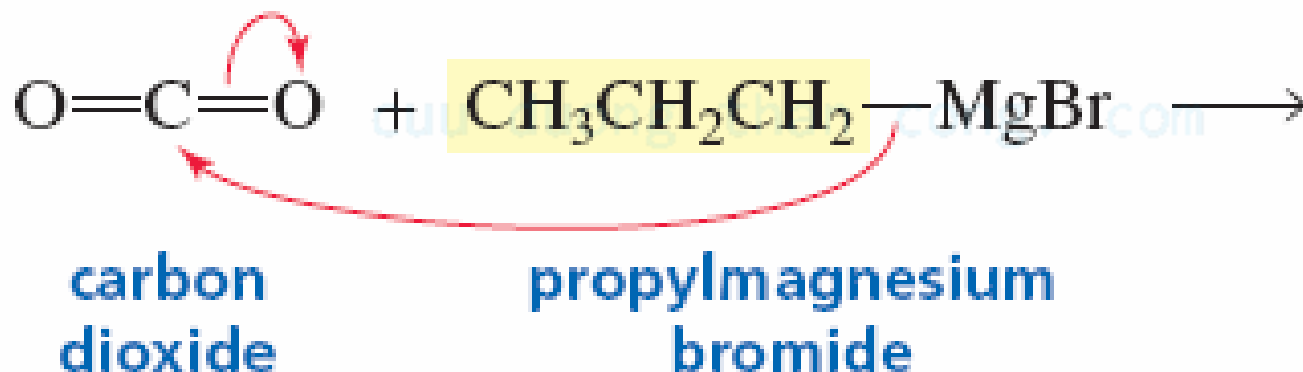
**benzyl acetate**  
jasmine



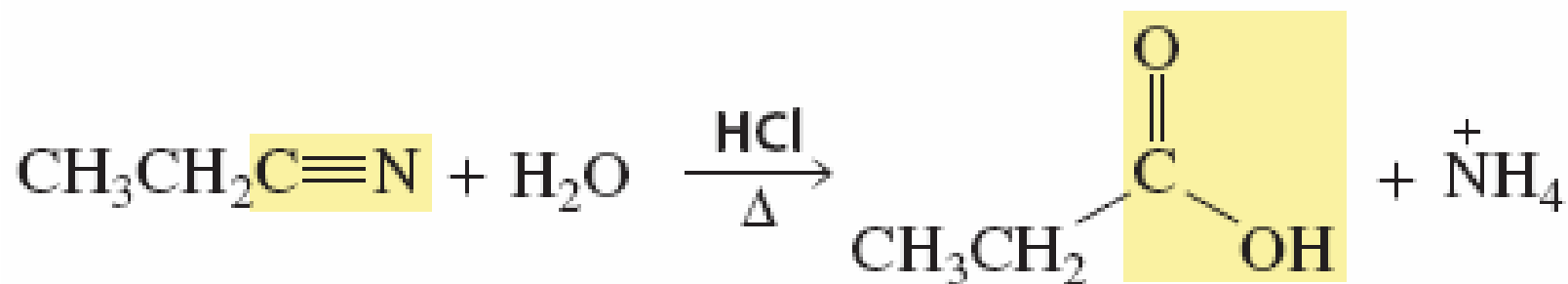
**isopentyl acetate**  
banana

# PREPARATIONS OF CARBOXYLIC ACIDS

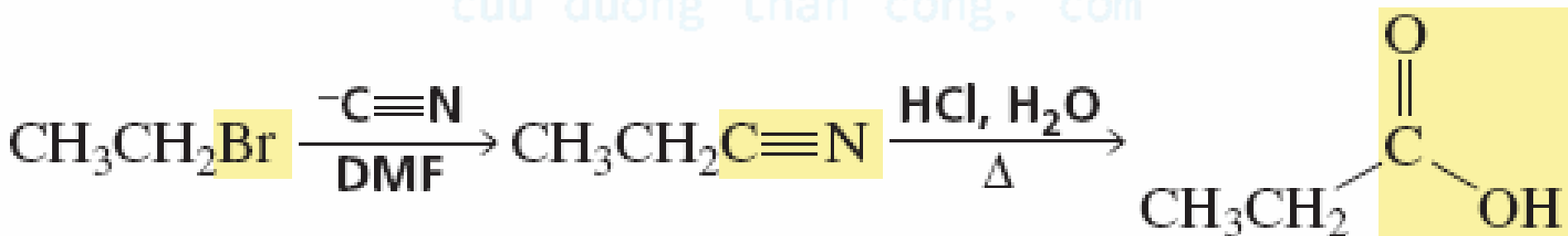
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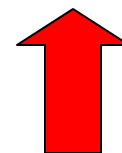
## From nitriles



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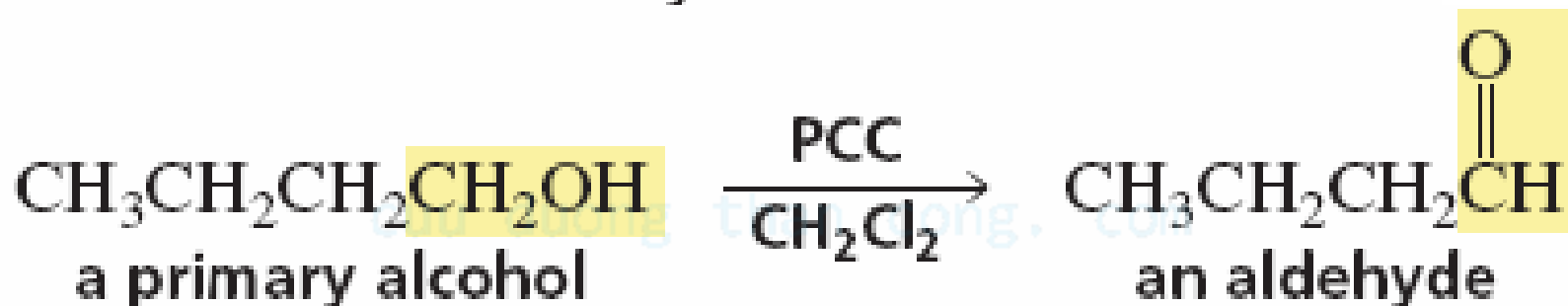
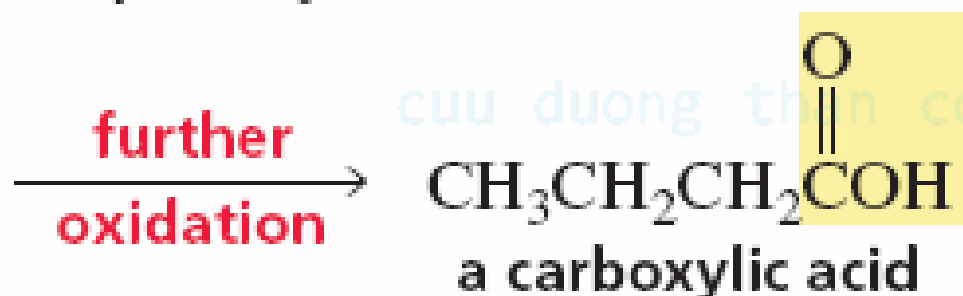
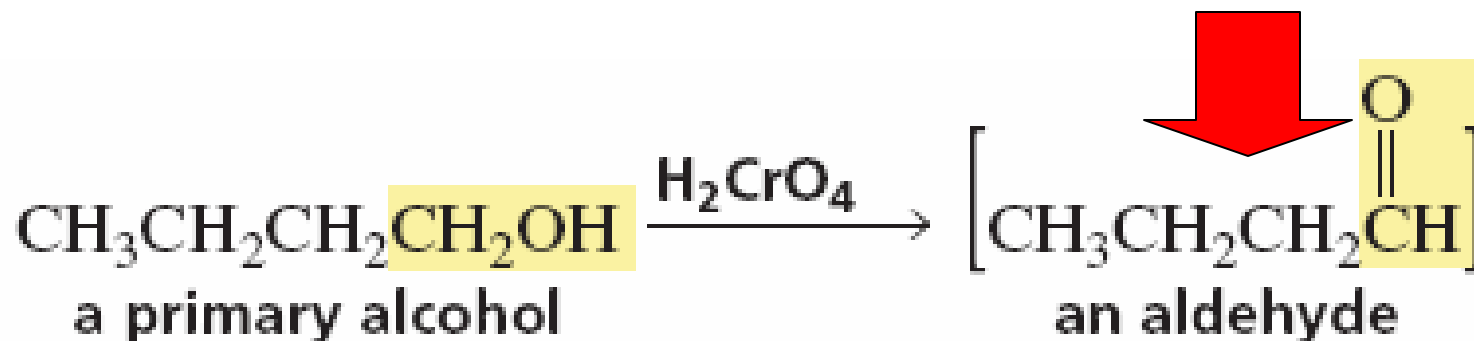


***Have 1 more carbon as compared to the halide***



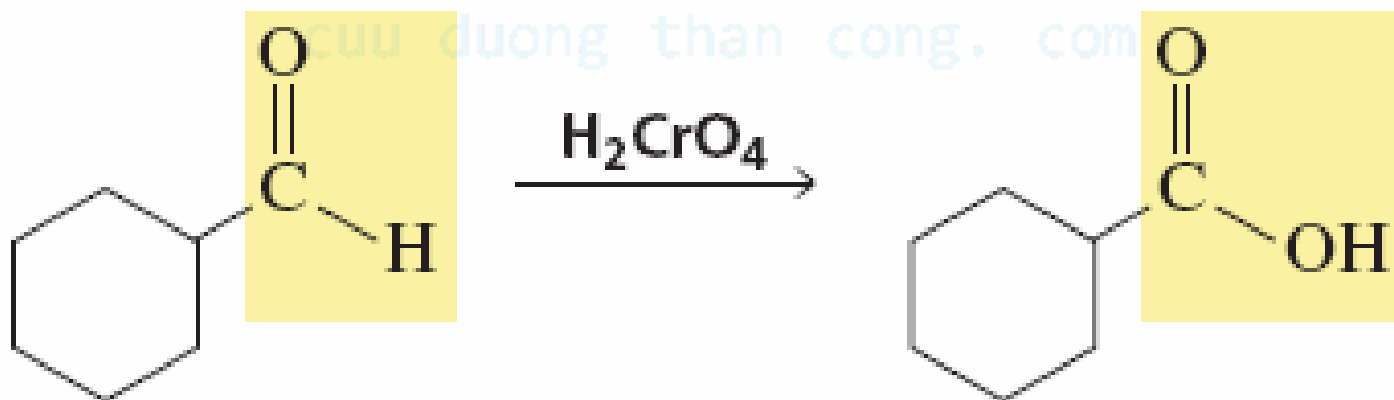
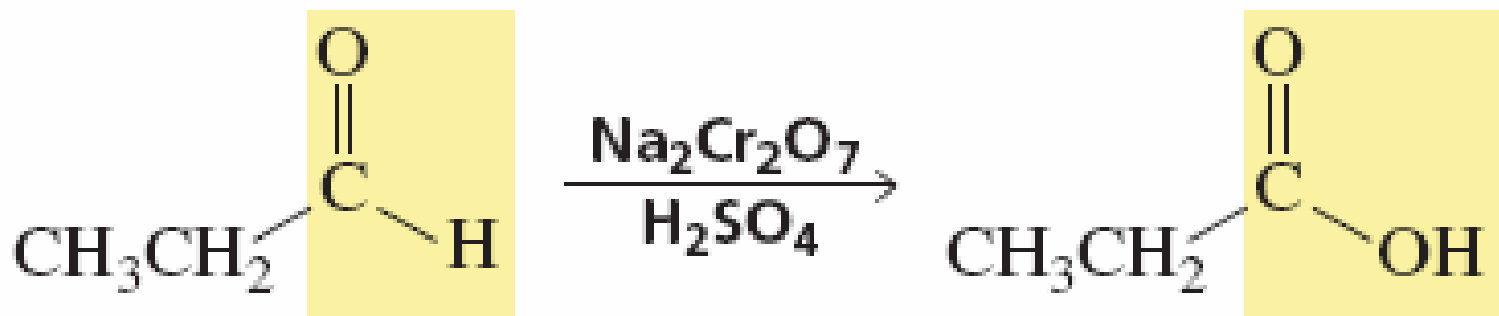
## From primary alcohols

*Can NOT be isolated*



**PCC:** *pyridinium chlorochromate*

## From aldehydes

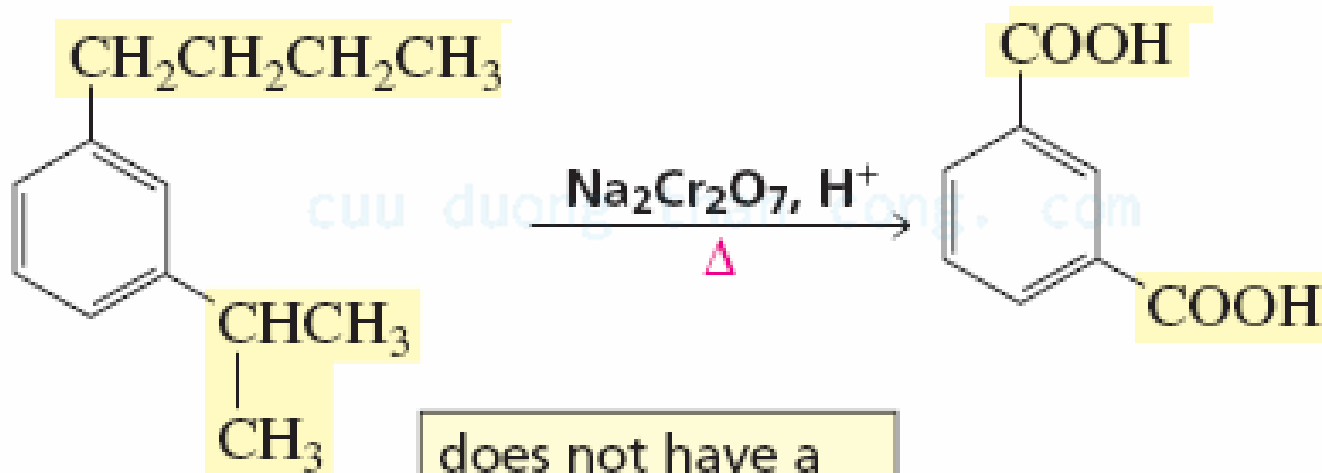
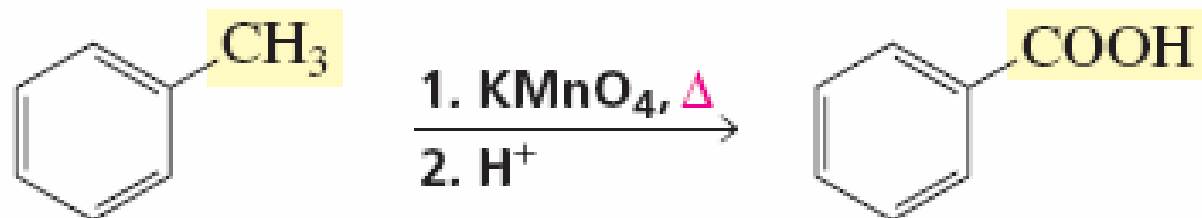


aldehydes

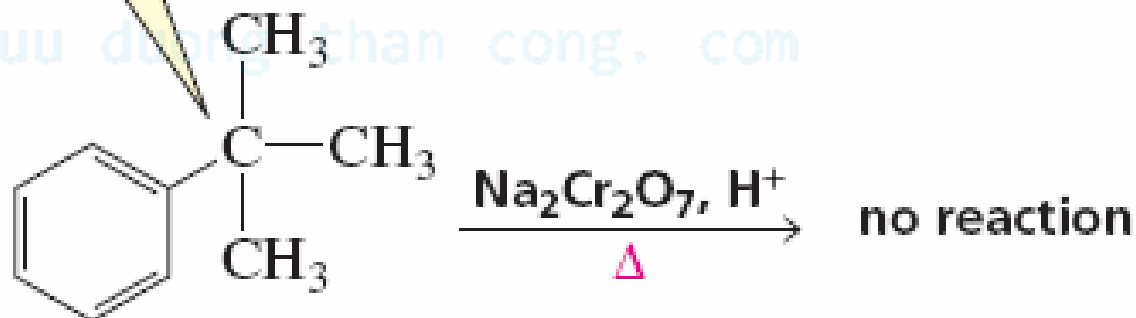
carboxylic acids

*Aldehydes are generally easier to oxidize than primary alcohols*

# From alkylbenzenes



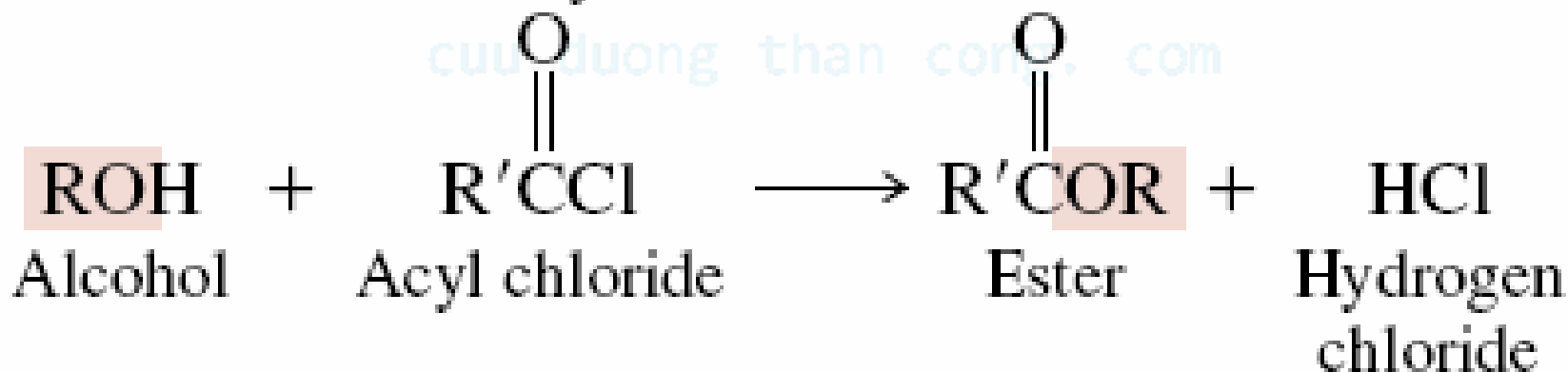
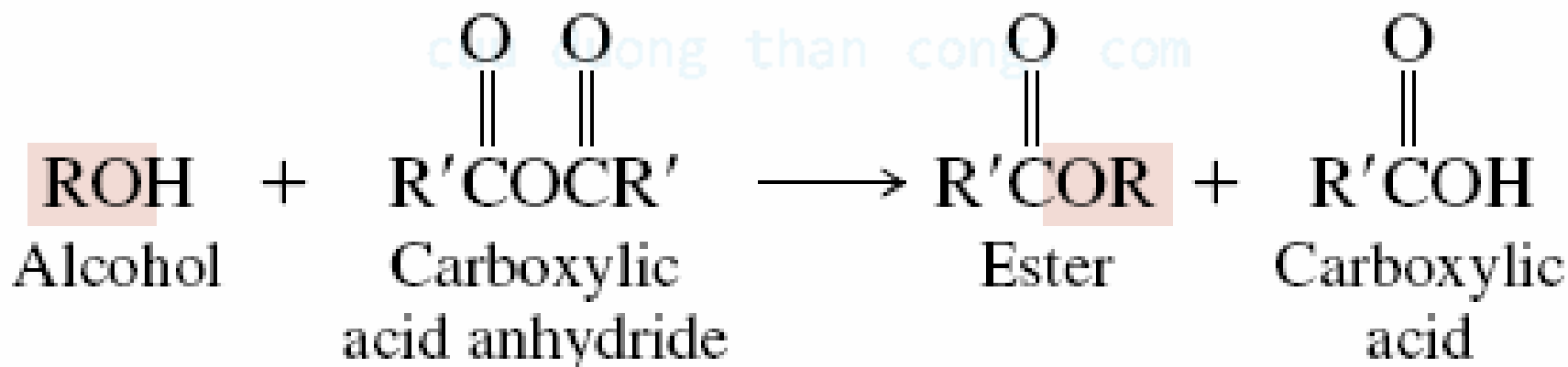
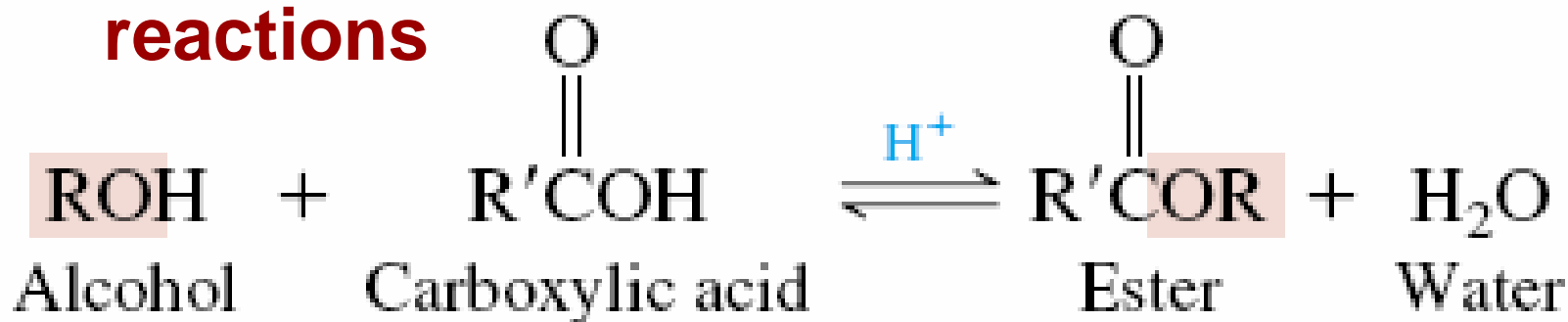
does not have a benzylic hydrogen



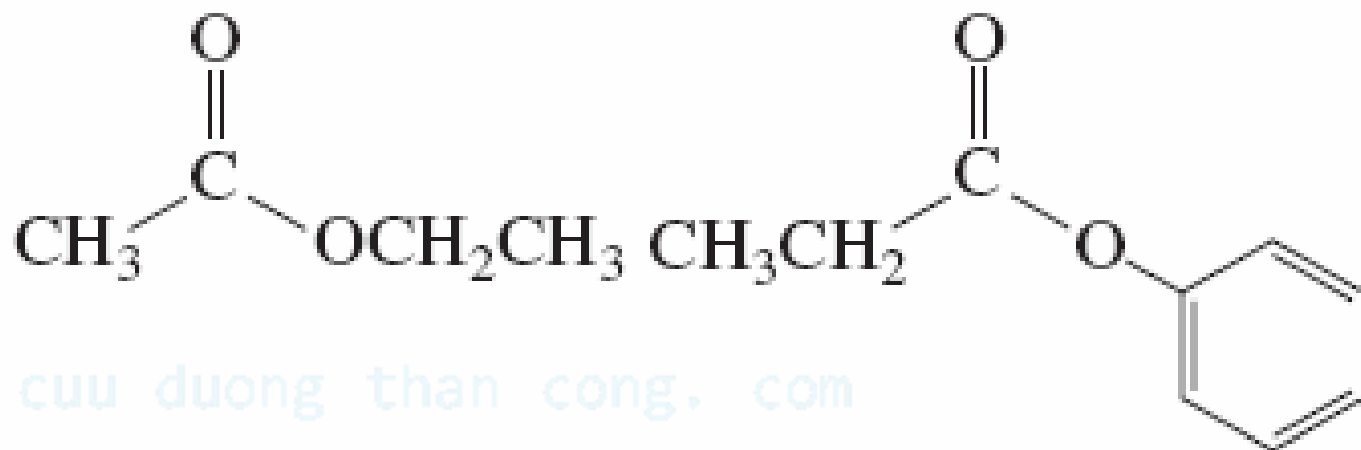
# REACTIONS OF CARBOXYLIC ACIDS

## Esterification reactions

## ACIDS



**IUPAC names: alkyl + carboxylate**



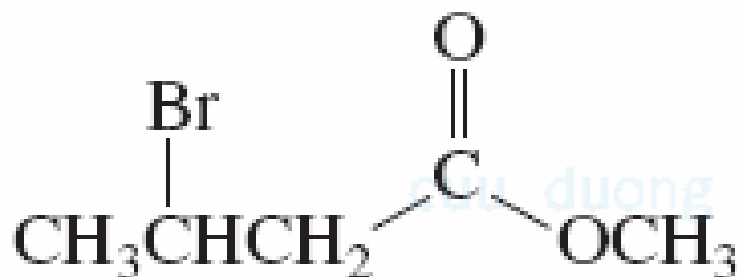
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**systematic name: ethyl ethanoate**

**common name: ethyl acetate**

**systematic name: phenyl propanoate**

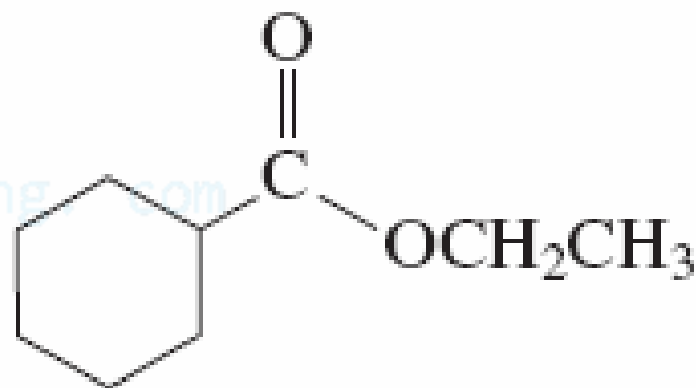
**common name: phenyl propionate**



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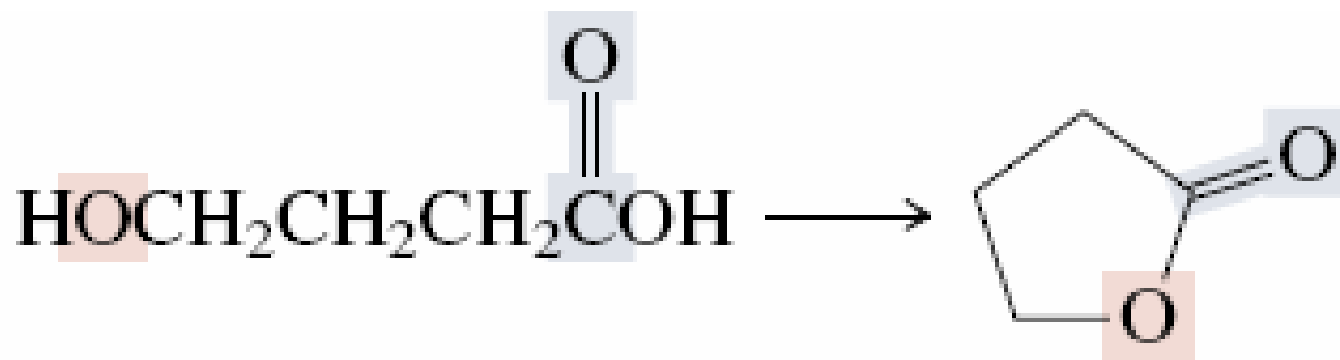
**systematic name: methyl 3-bromobutanoate**

**common name: methyl β-bromobutyrate**



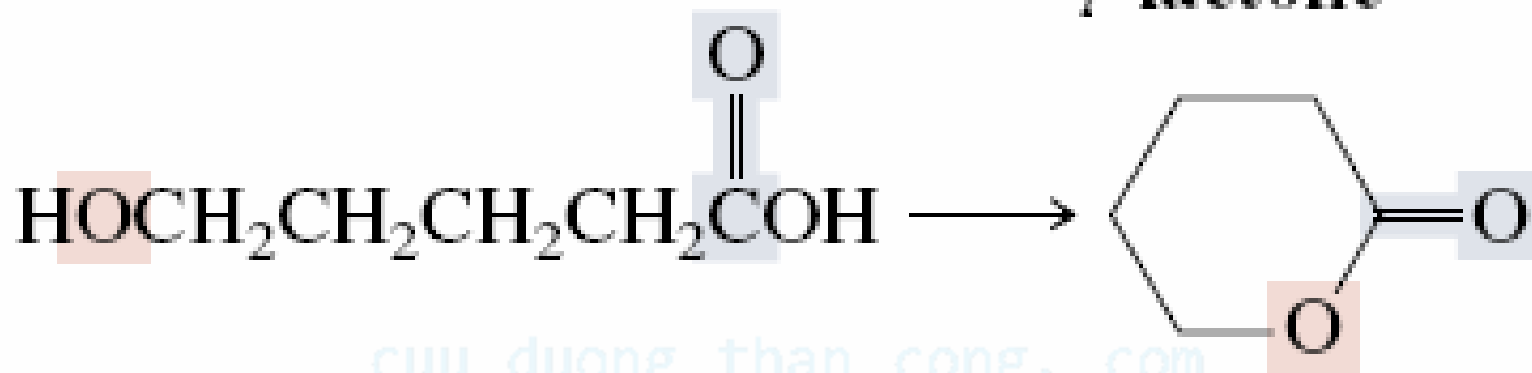
**systematic name: ethyl cyclohexanecarboxylate**

## Intramolecular ester formation: Lactones



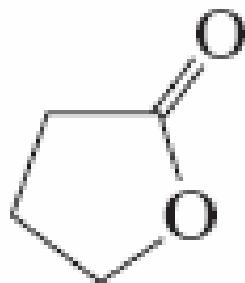
4-Hydroxybutanoic acid

4-Butanolide  
 $\gamma$ -lactone

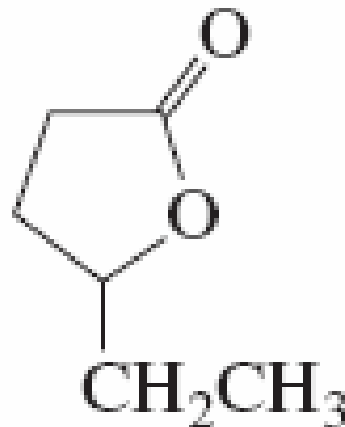


5-Hydroxypentanoic acid

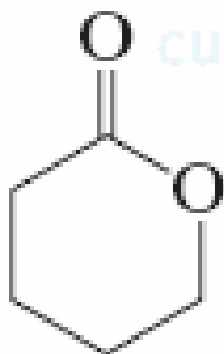
5-Pentanolide  
 $\delta$ -lactone



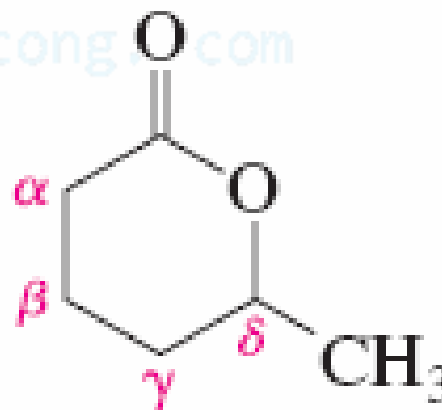
2-oxacyclopentanone  
 $\gamma$ -butyrolactone



3-ethyl-2-oxacyclopentanone  
 $\gamma$ -caprolactone



2-oxacyclohexanone  
 $\delta$ -valerolactone

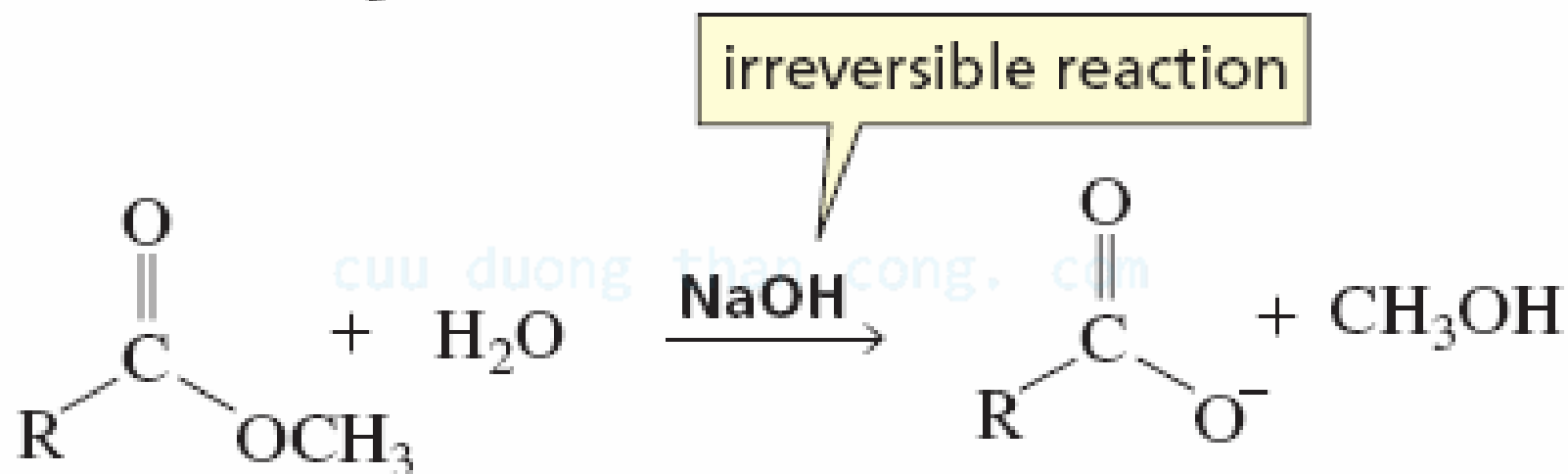
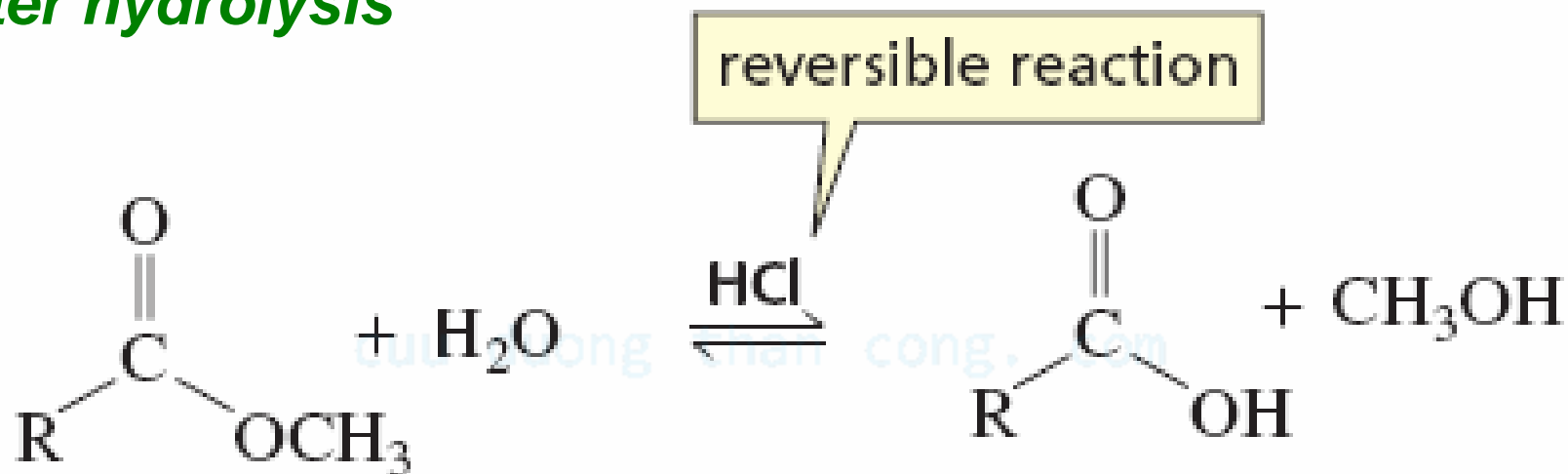


3-methyl-2-oxacyclohexanone  
 $\delta$ -caprolactone

***IUPAC names: 2-oxacycloalkanone***

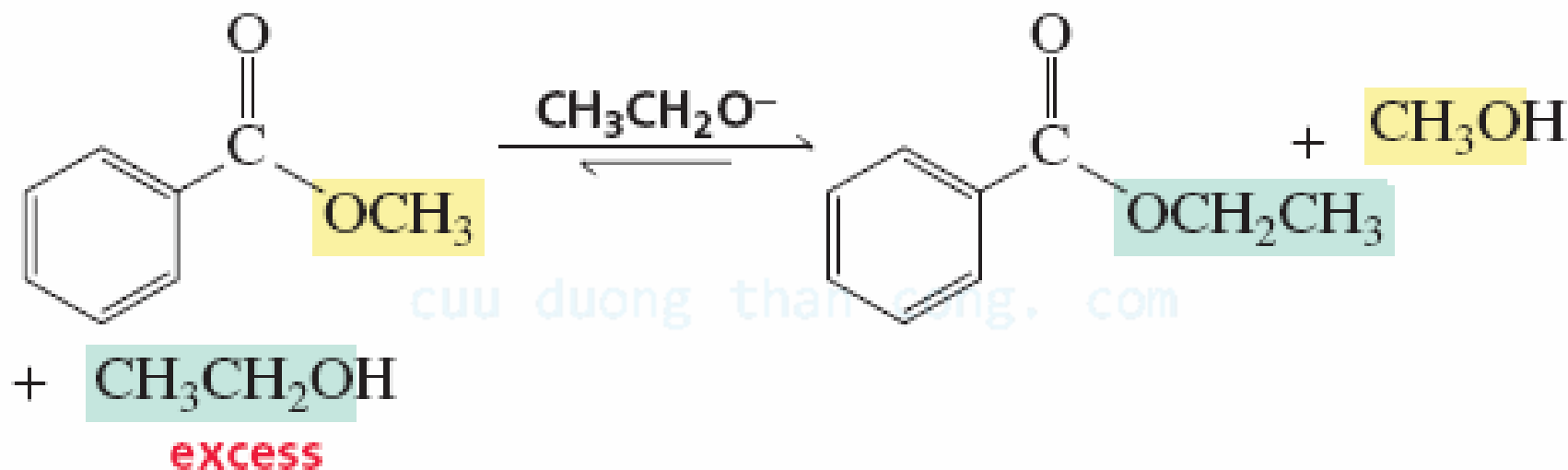
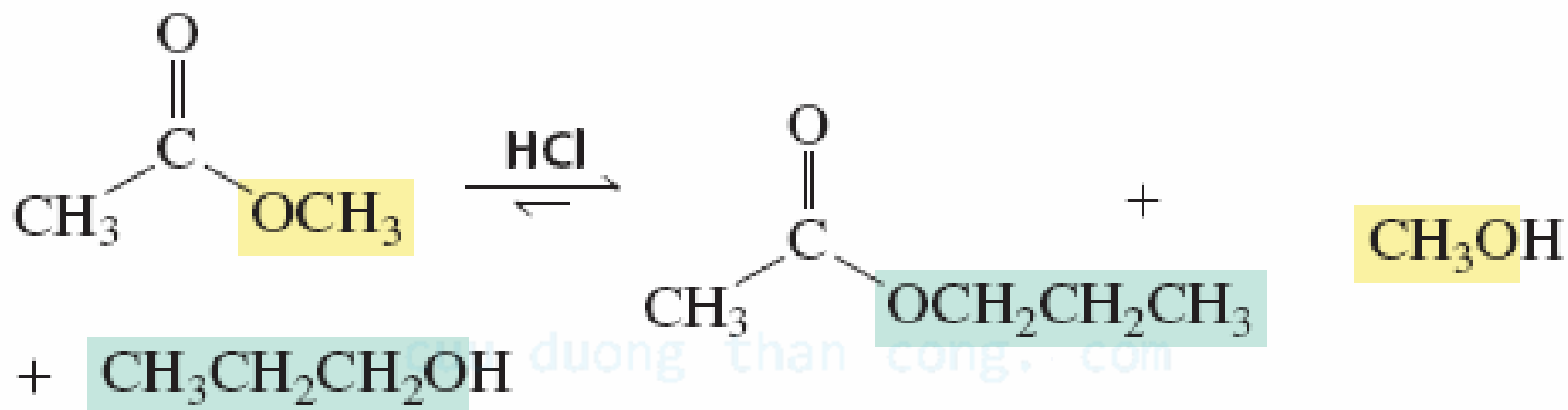
# Reactions of esters

## *Ester hydrolysis*

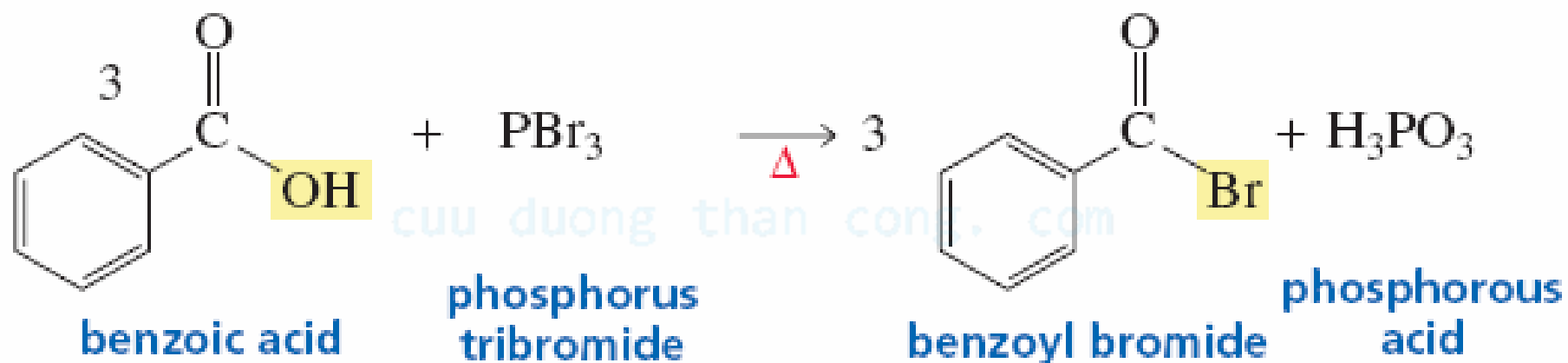
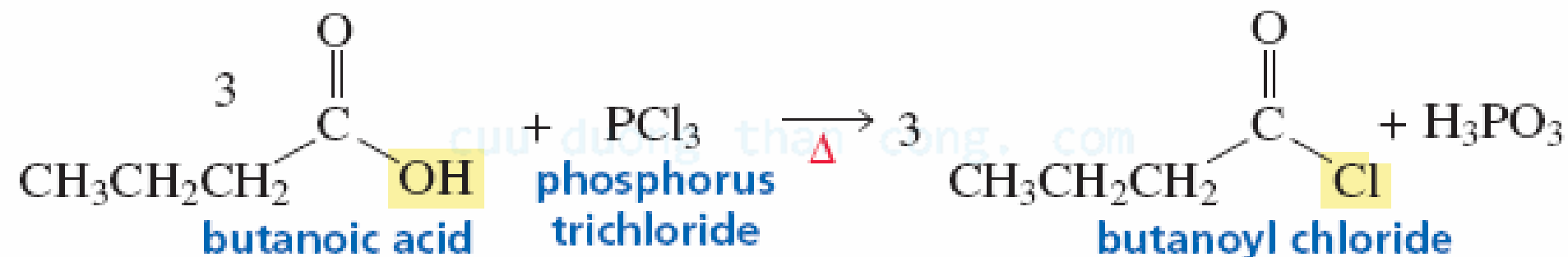
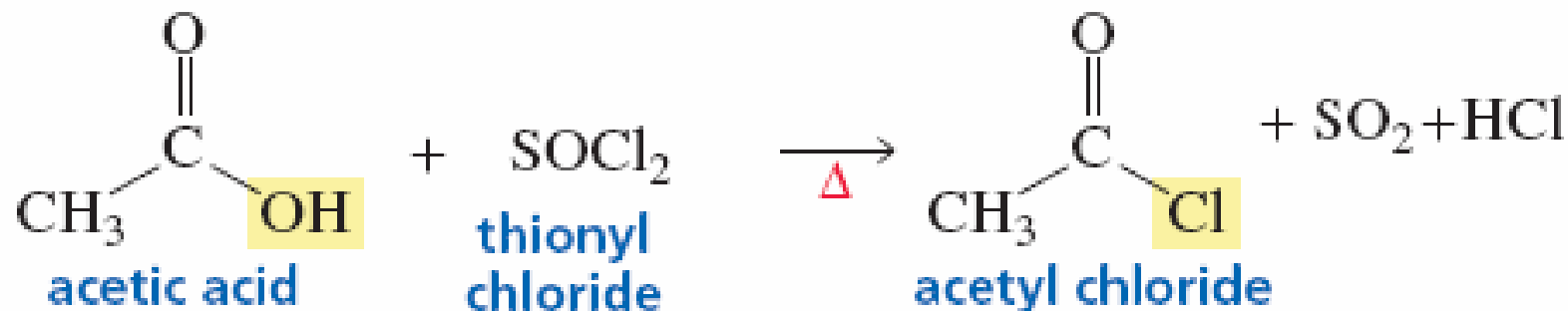




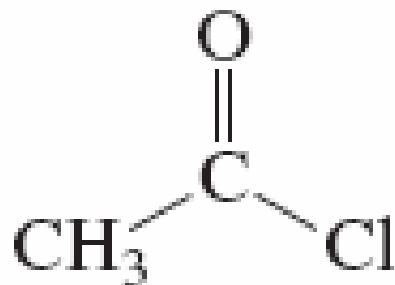
## Transesterification reactions



## Acyl chloride formation

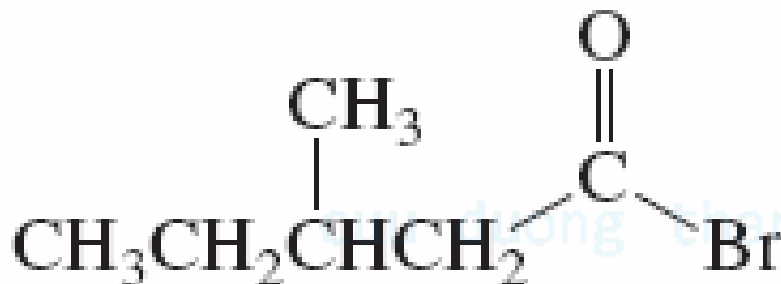


**IUPAC names:** *replace “ic acid” with “yl halide” / “carboxylic acid” with “carbonyl halide”*



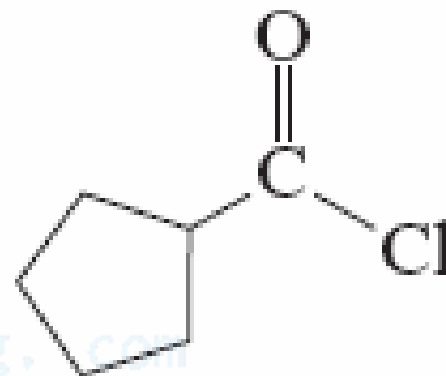
systematic name: **ethanoyl chloride**

common name: **acetyl chloride**



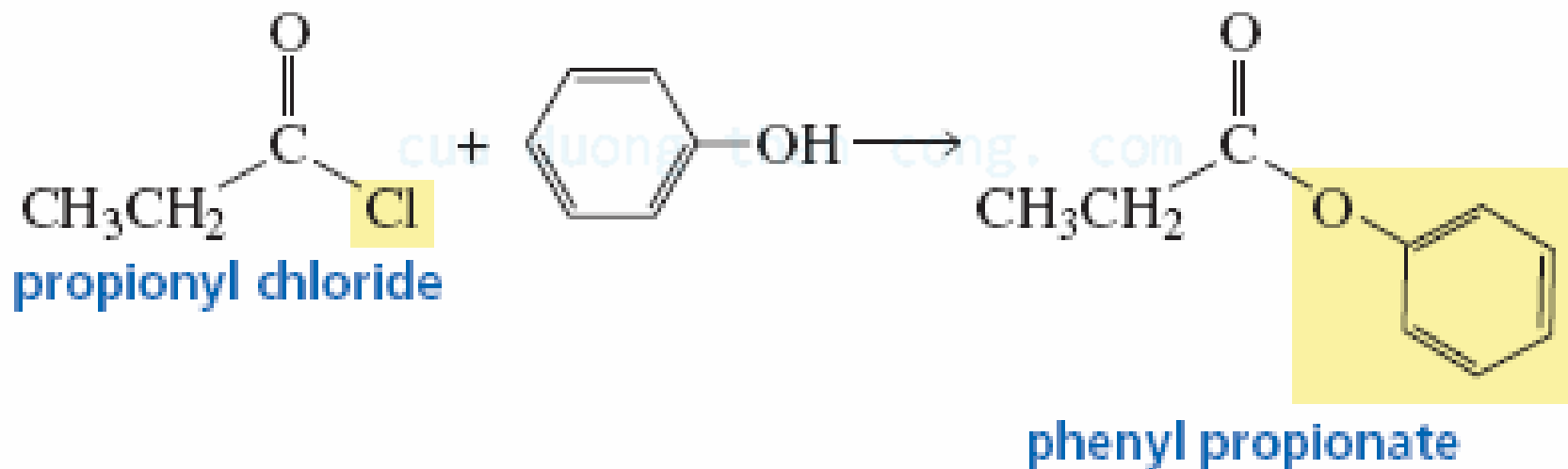
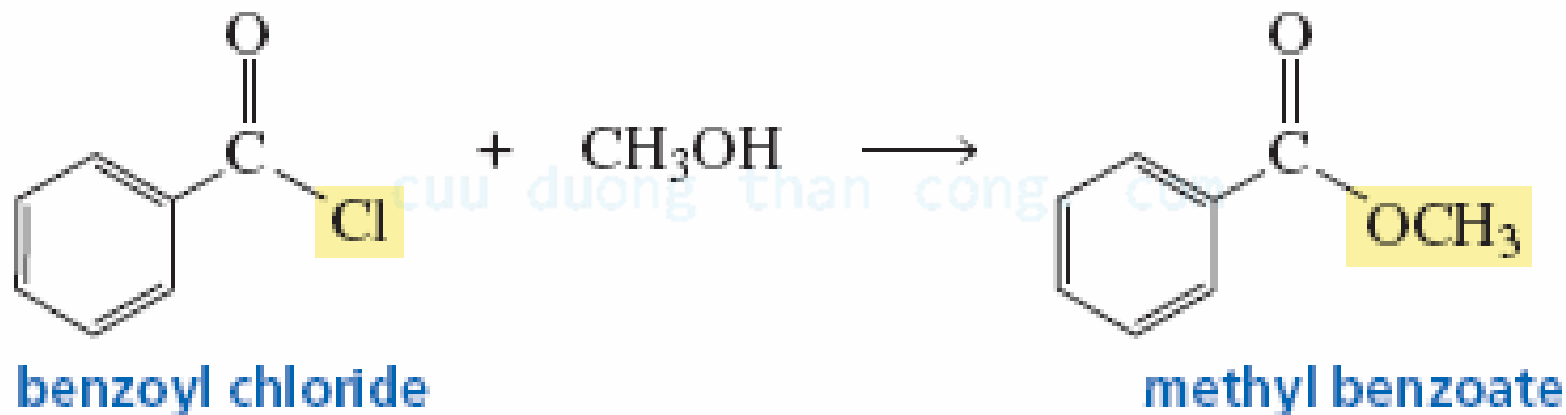
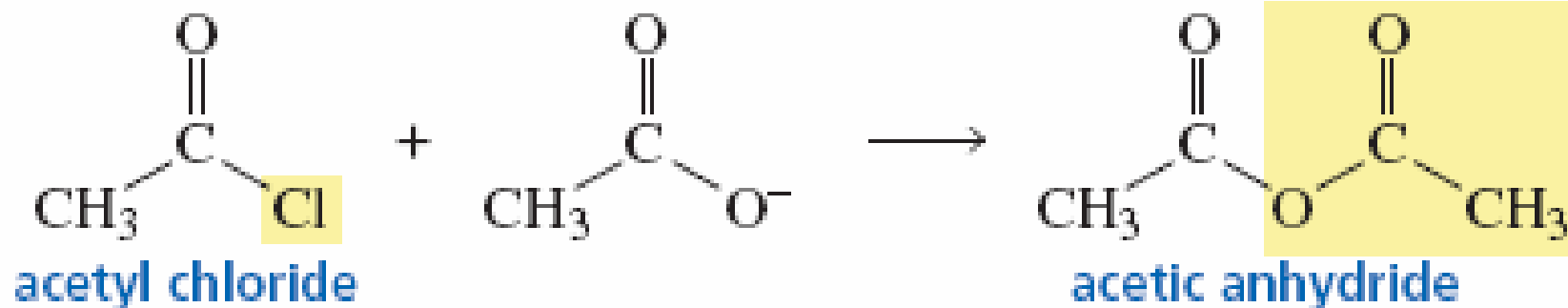
**3-methylpentanoyl bromide**

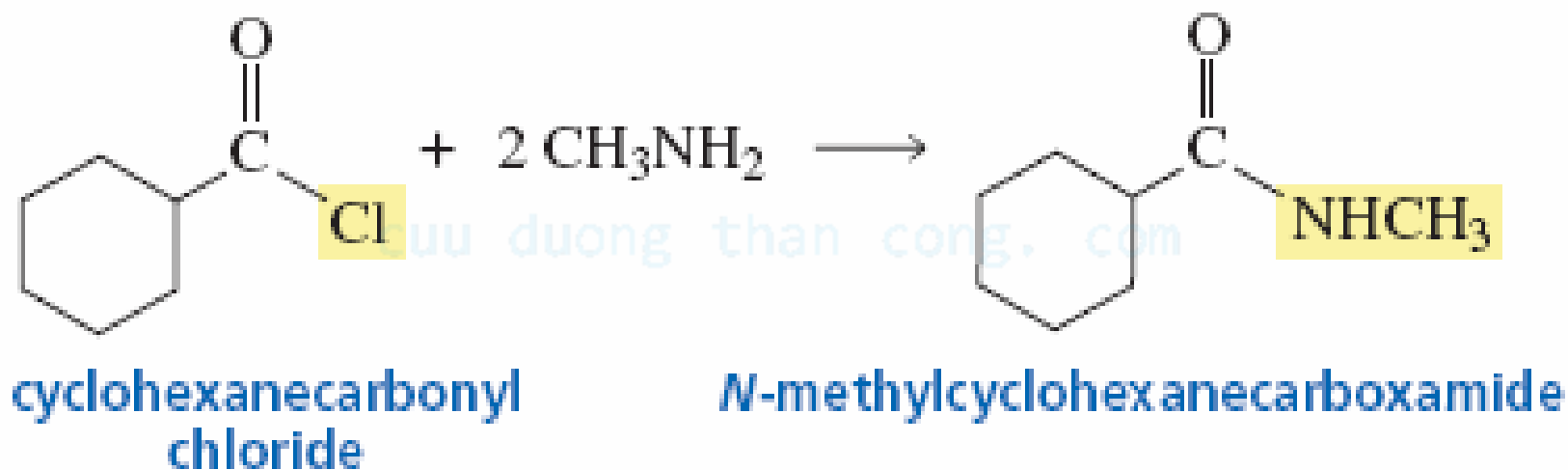
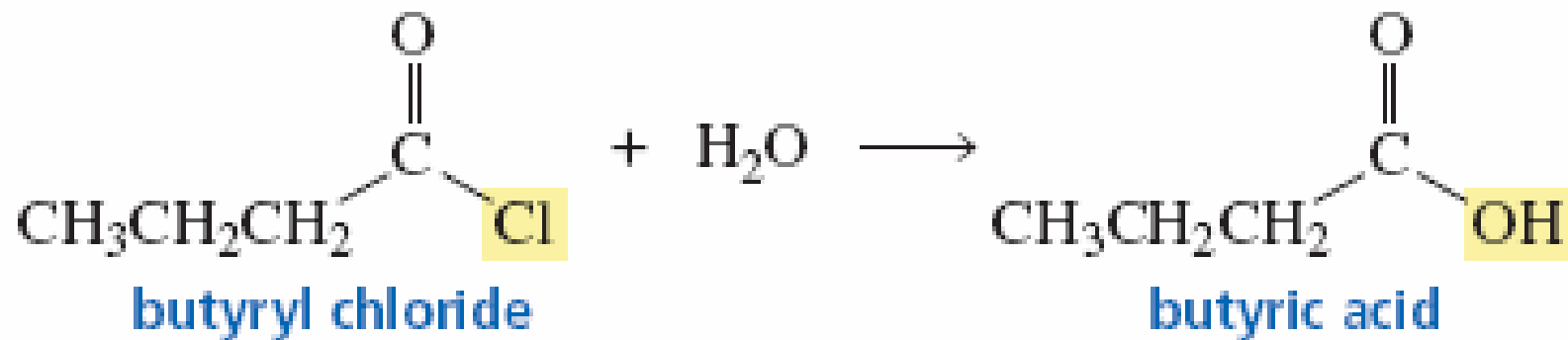
***β*-methylvaleryl bromide**



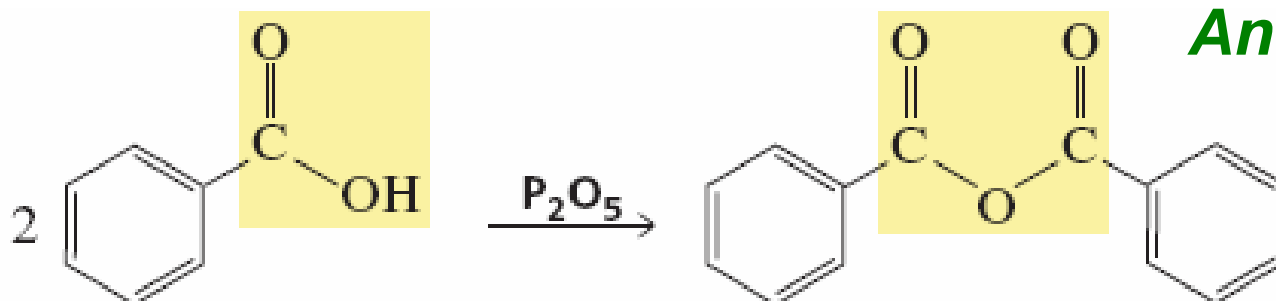
**cyclopentanecarbonyl  
chloride**

# Reactions of acyl chlorides

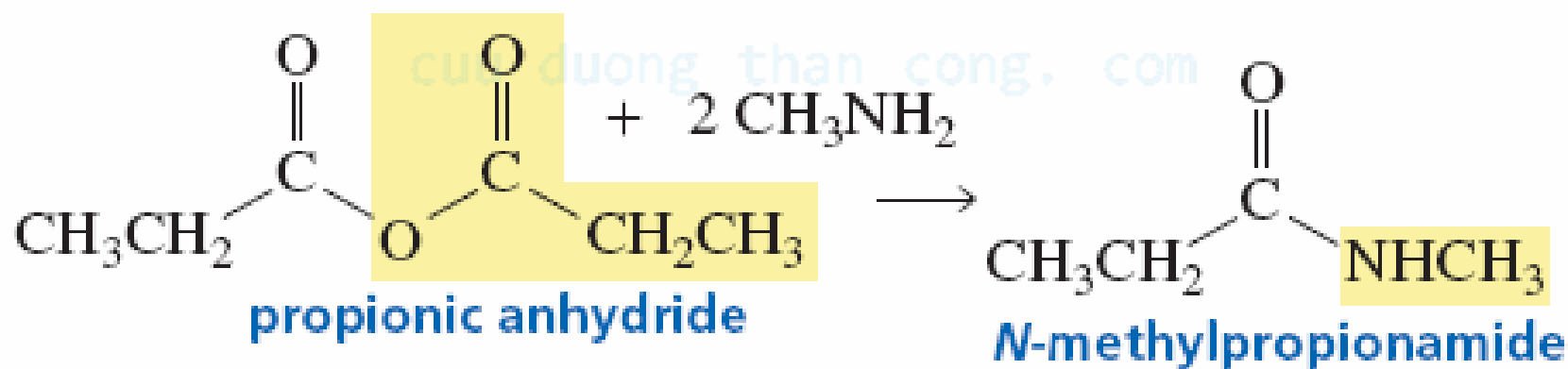
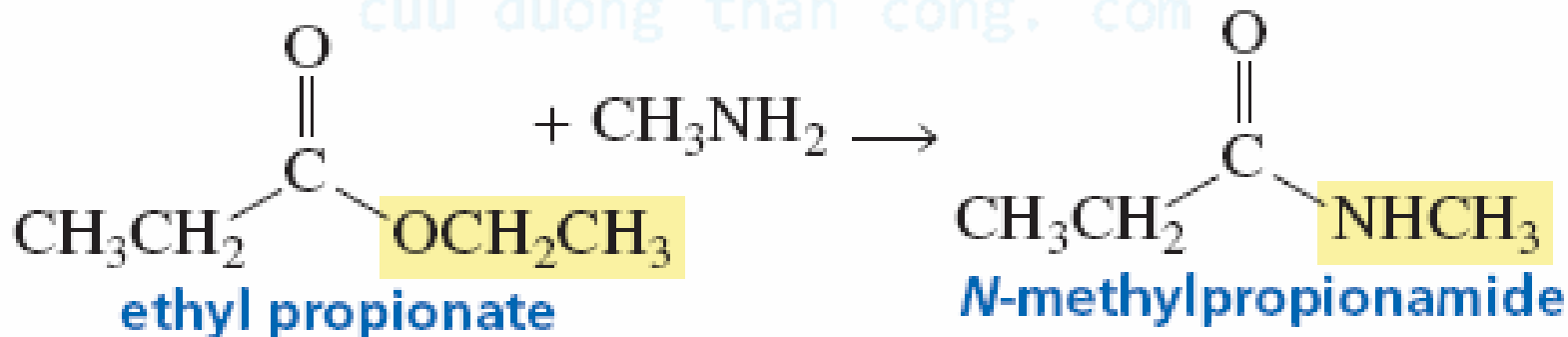
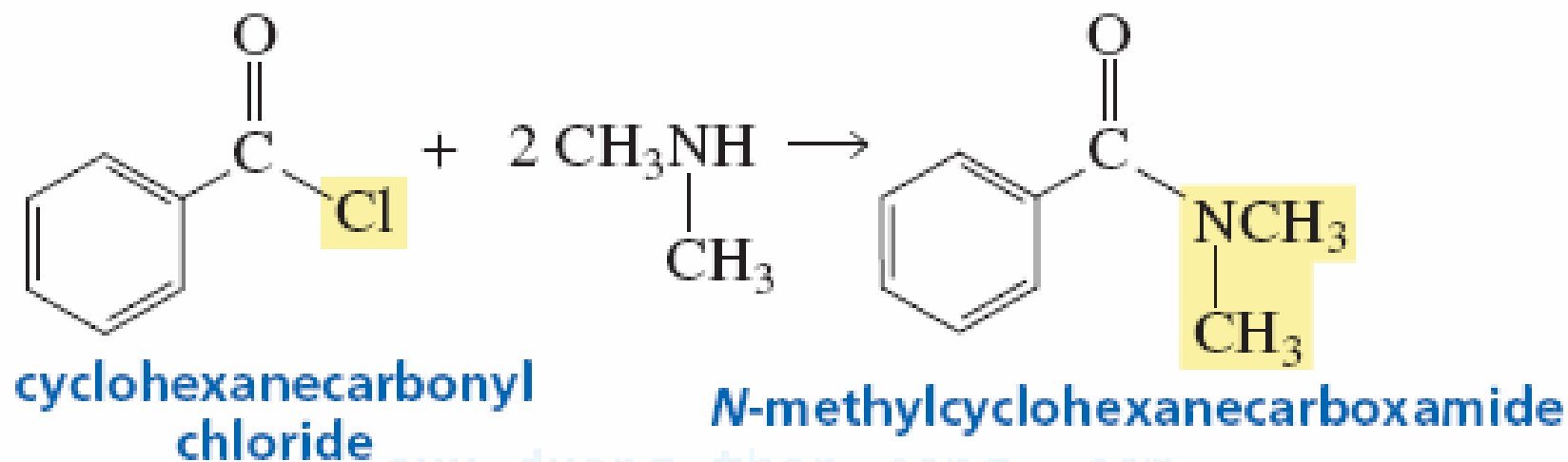




**An amide**



# Amide formation



**IUPAC names: replace “ic acid”, “oic acid”, “ylic acid” with “amide”**

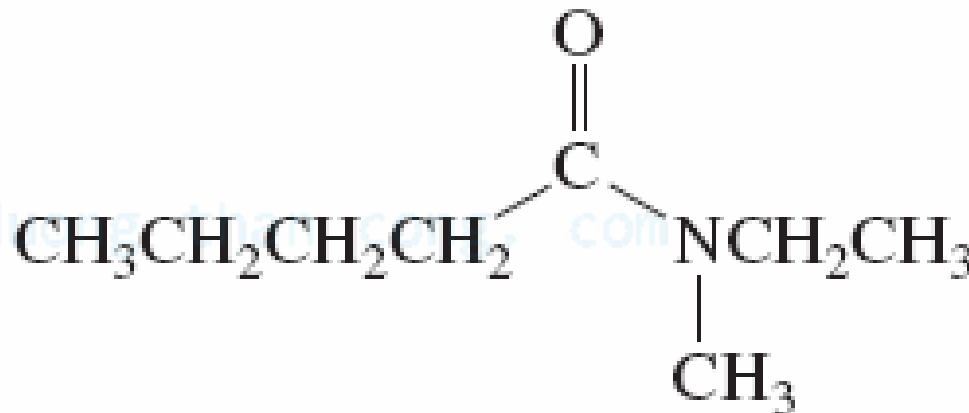
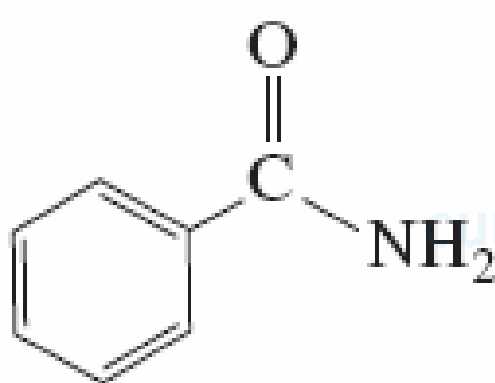


systematic name: **ethanamide**

**4-chlorobutanamide**

common name: **acetamide**

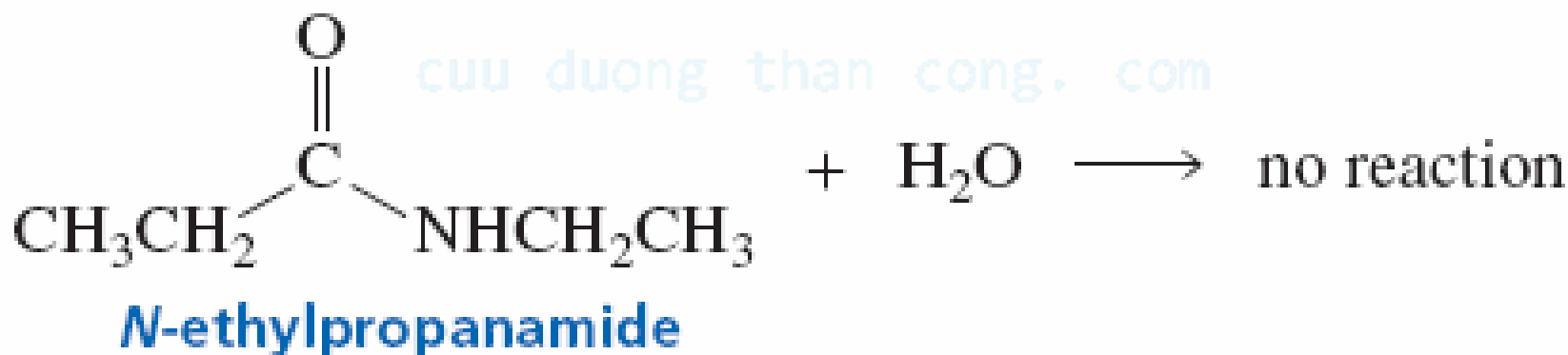
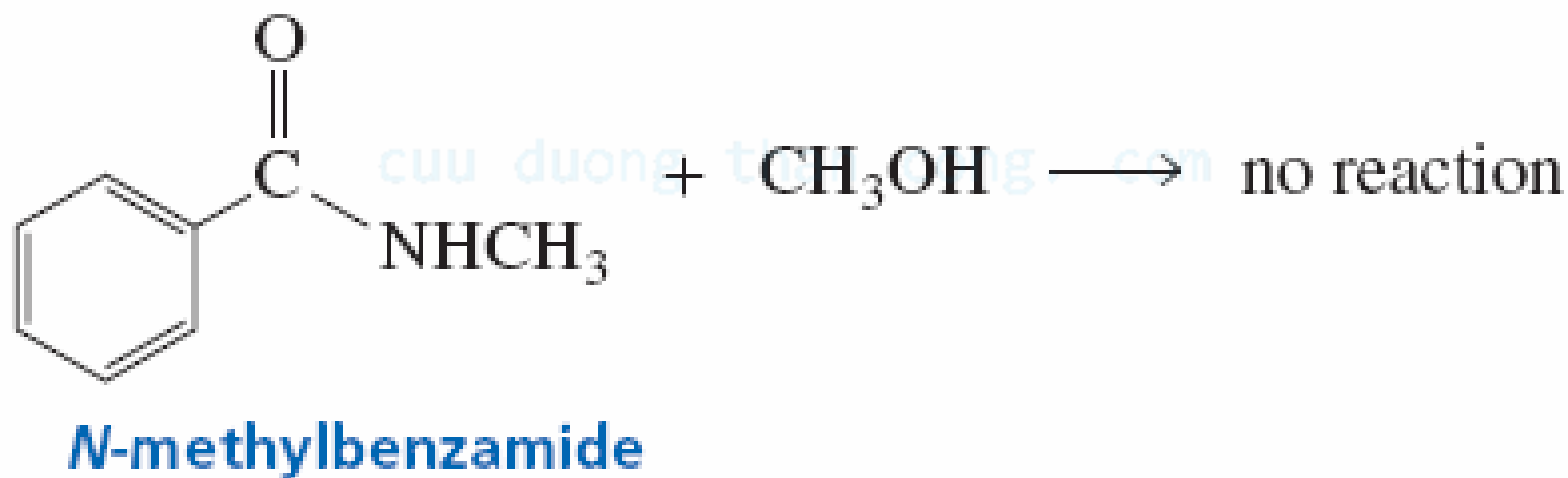
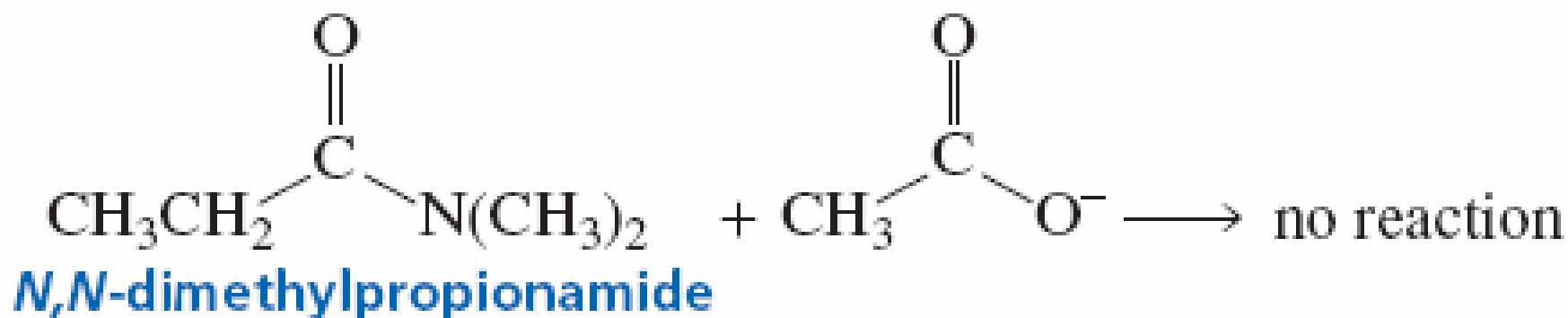
**γ-chlorobutyramide**



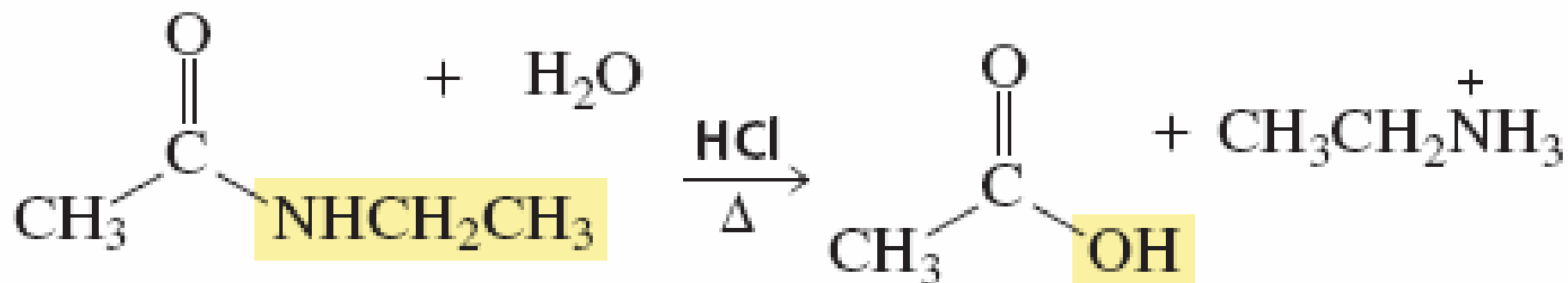
**benzenecarboxamide**  
**benzamide**

**N-ethyl-N-methylpentanamide**

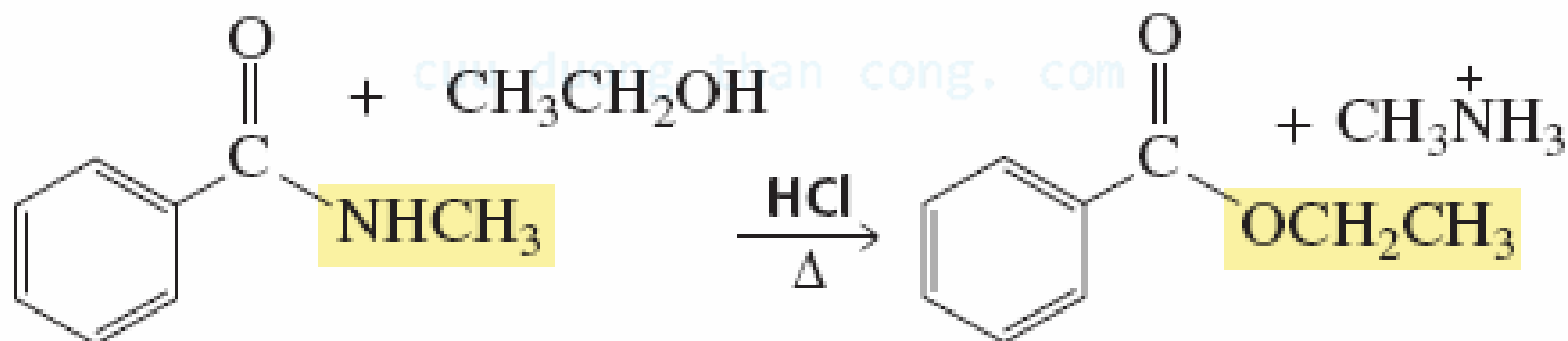
## Reactions of amides







*N*-ethylacetamide

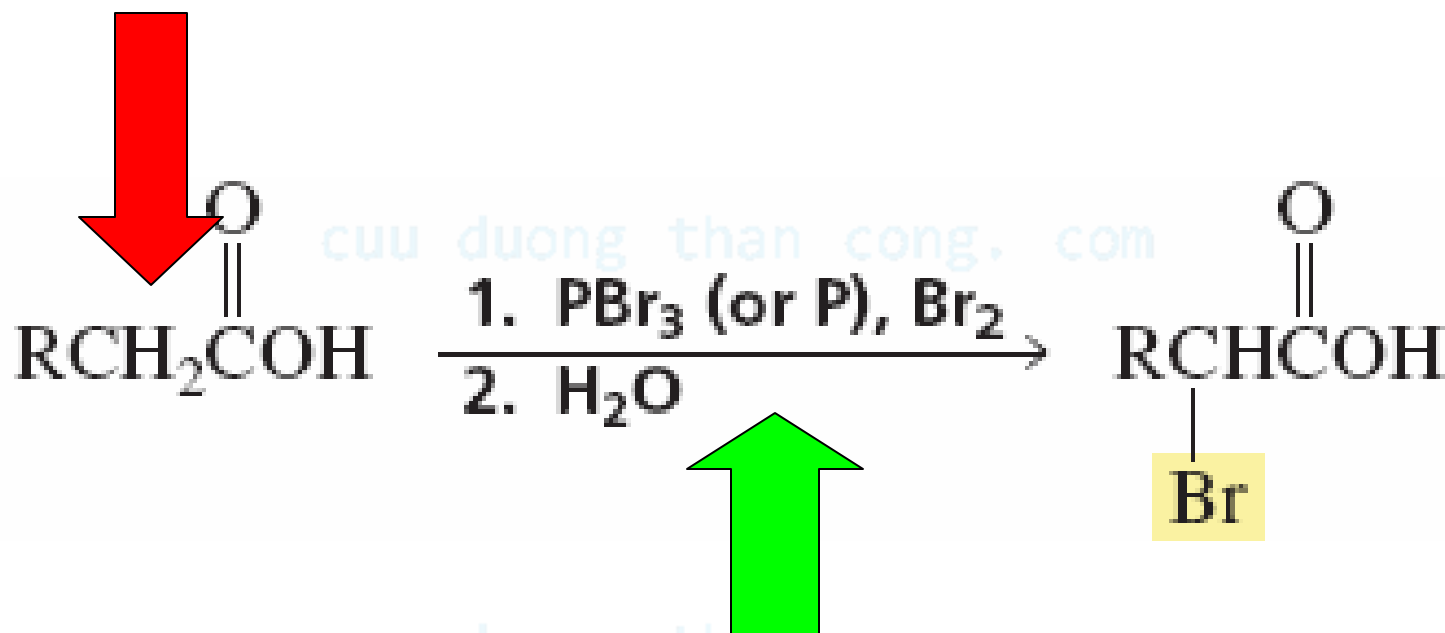


*N*-methylbenzamide

**Reaction only in the presence of an acid**

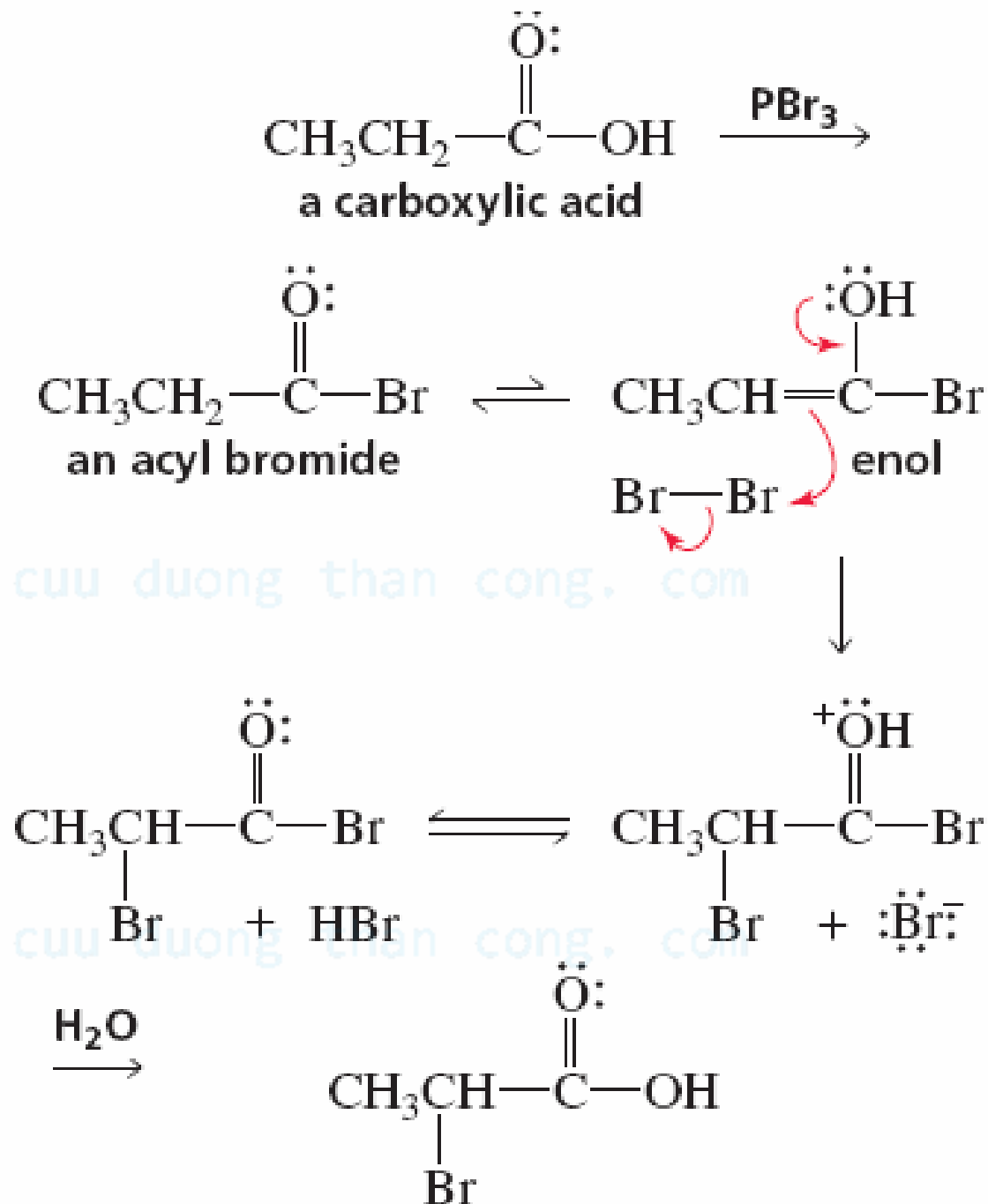
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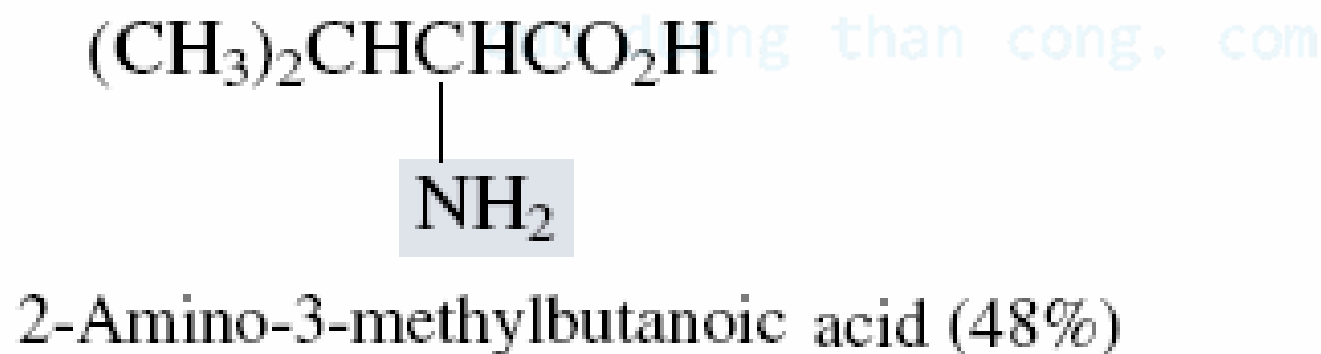
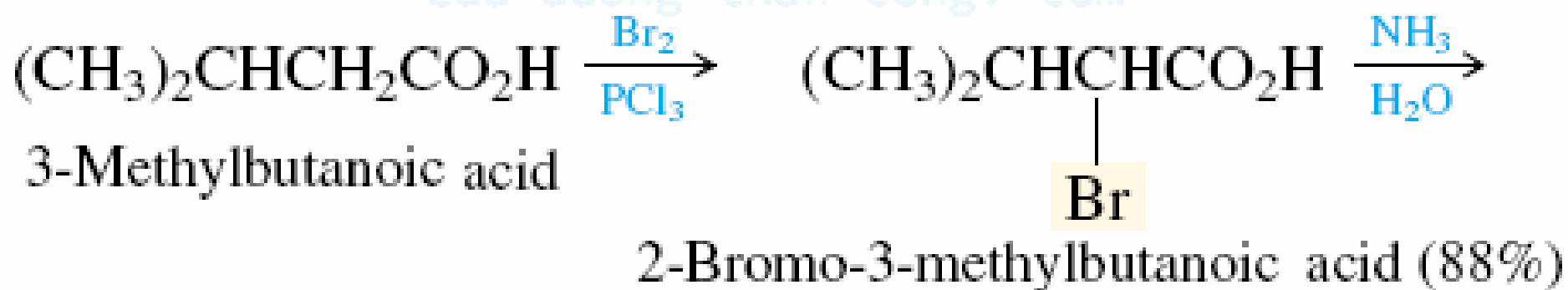
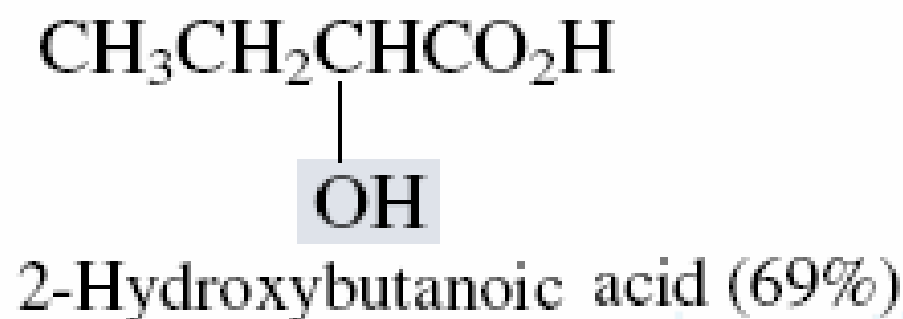
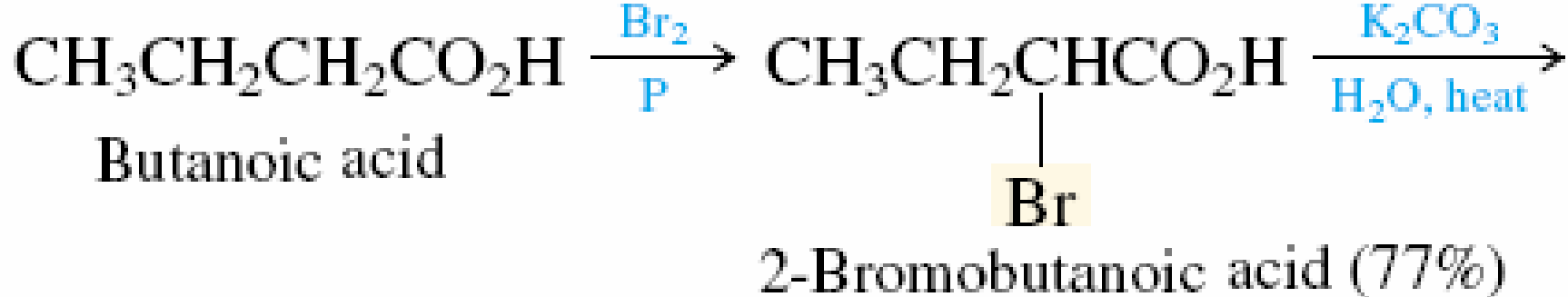
*Only for  $\alpha$ -hydrogens*



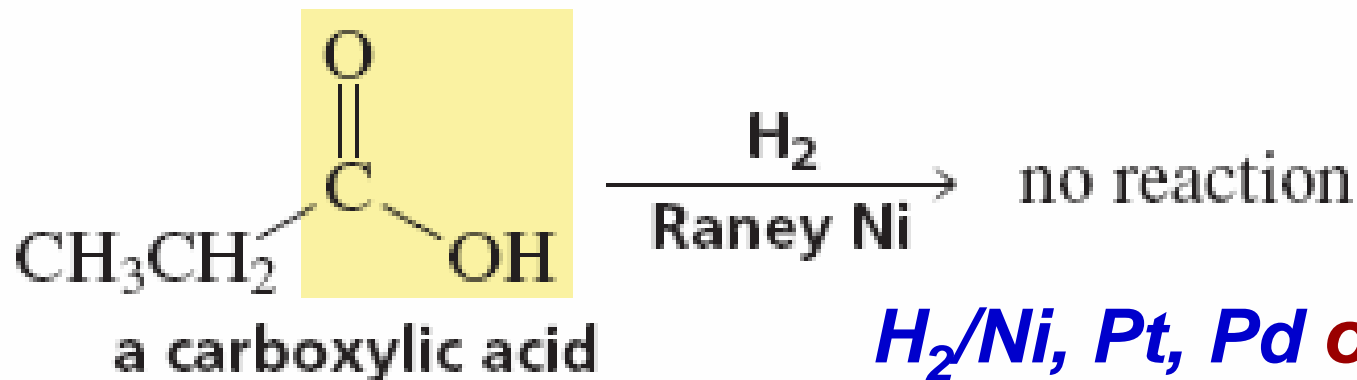
*Radical substitution (halogenation) will occur in the absence of  $\text{PBr}_3$ ,  $\text{P}$*

**Reaction  
mechanism:**

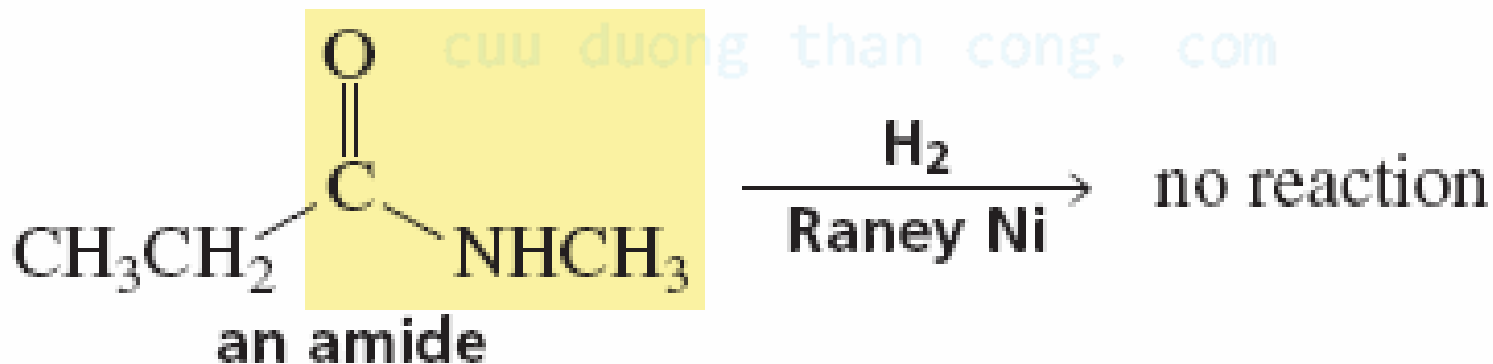
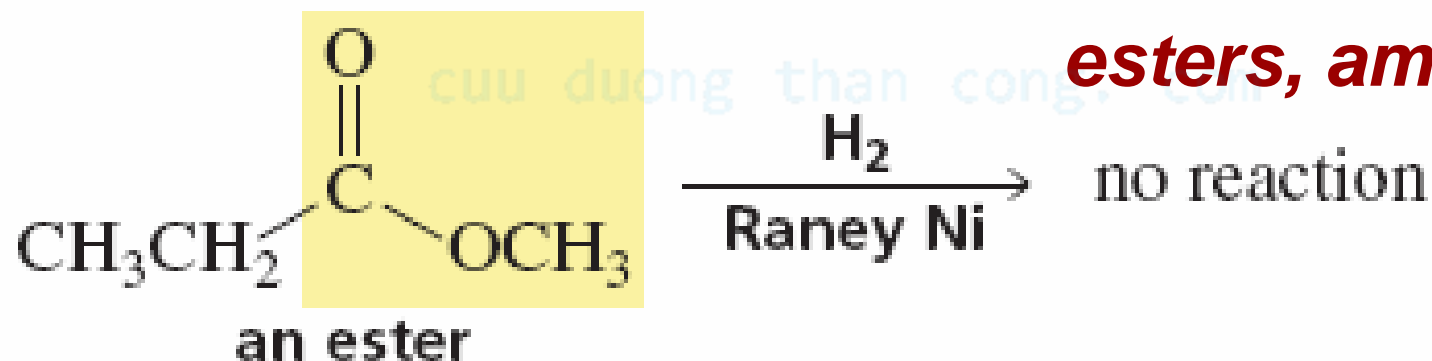


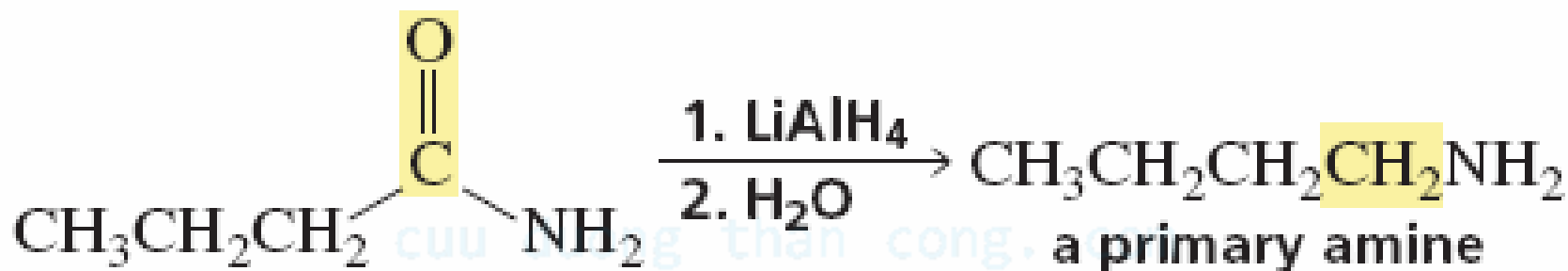
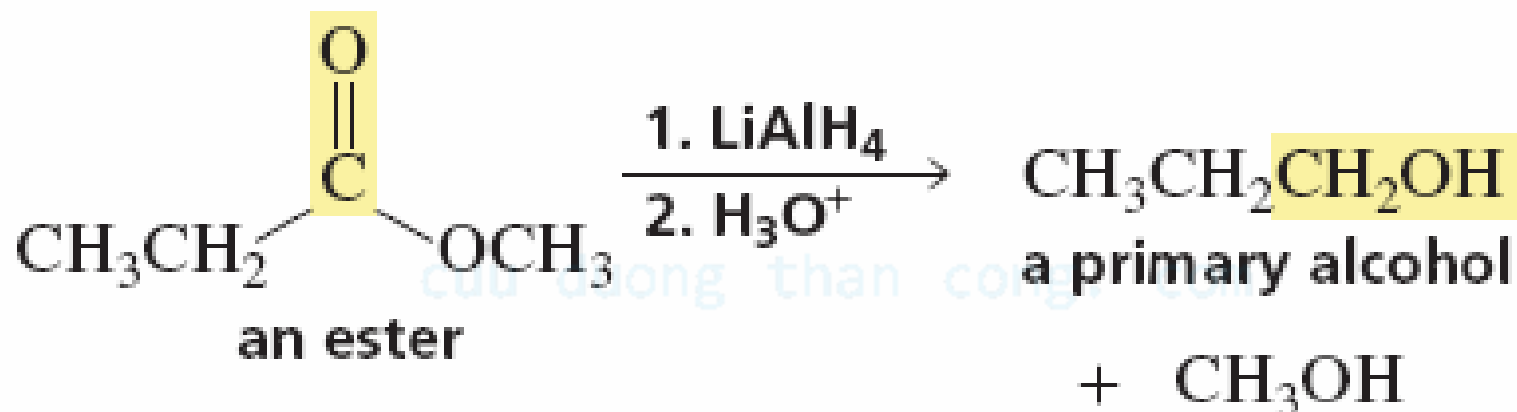
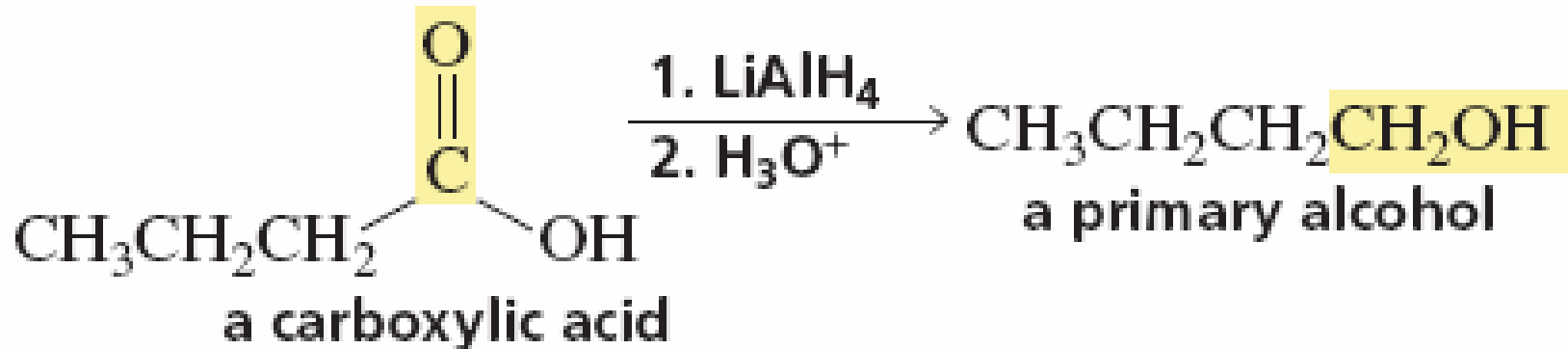


# Reduction reactions



***$\text{H}_2/\text{Ni}$ , Pt, Pd or  $\text{NaBH}_4$   
can NOT reduce acids,  
esters, amides***





*LiAlH<sub>4</sub> is used to reduce only compounds such as acids, esters, amides that can NOT be reduced by milder agents*