

CHEM 489 – Spring 2020
Advanced Environmental Chemistry
Introduction to Green Chemistry
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February 4 (Tuesday):

- **Writing Prompt-2 due yesterday**
- **Worksheet-1 due today**
- **Journal Club-2 info due today**
- **Journal Club-2 presentations Thursday**
- **Introduction to Green Chemistry (continued):**
 - **Green Chemistry Metrics**



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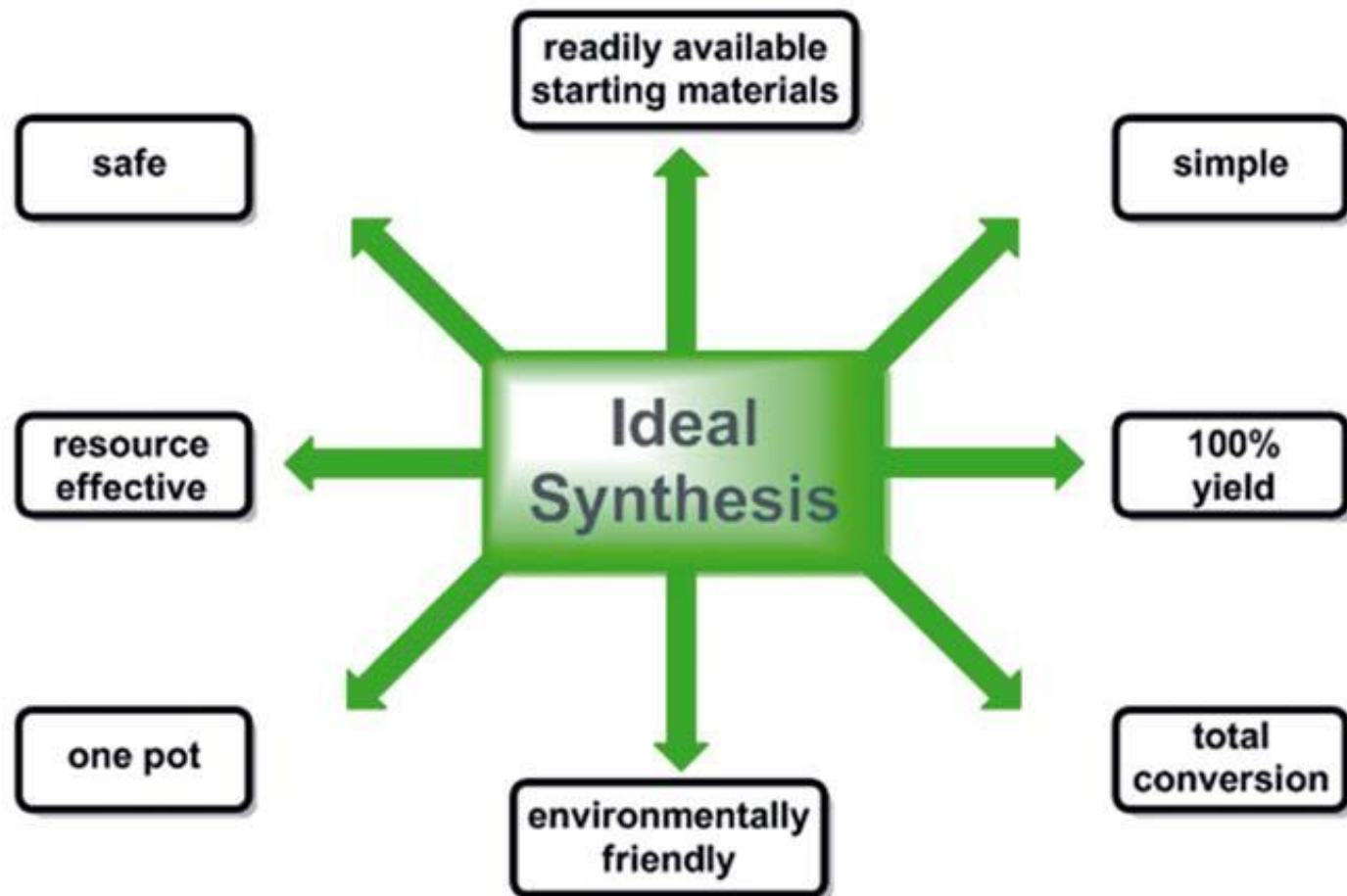
12 Principles of Green Chemistry

- 1) Prevention
- 2) Atom Economy
- 3) Safe Processes
- 4) Safer Chemicals
- 5) Safer Solvents
- 6) Energy Efficiency
- 7) Renewable Feedstocks
- 8) Reduce Derivatives
- 9) Catalysis
- 10) Bio-degradation
- 11) Real-time analysis
- 12) Accident Prevention

Green Chemistry Metrics for Reaction Efficiency

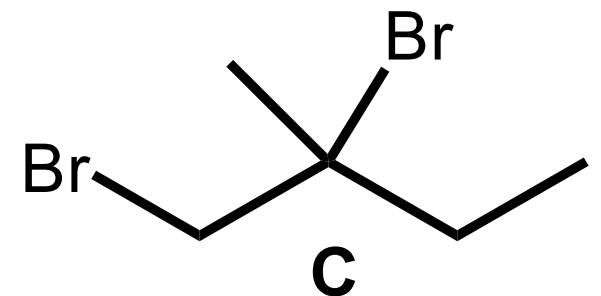
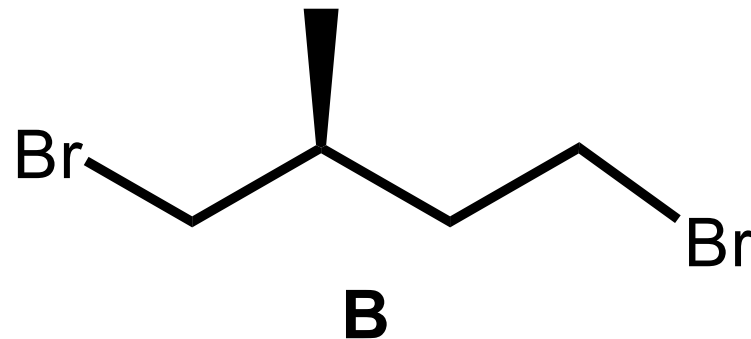
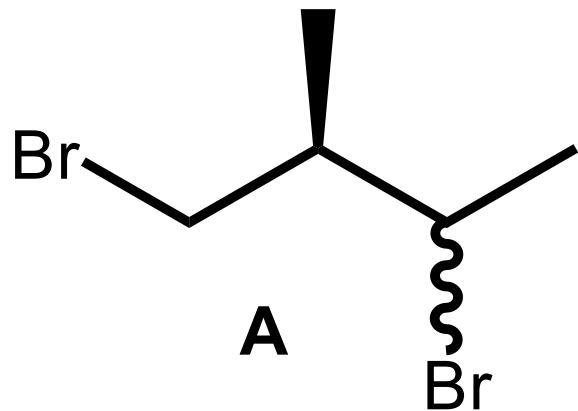
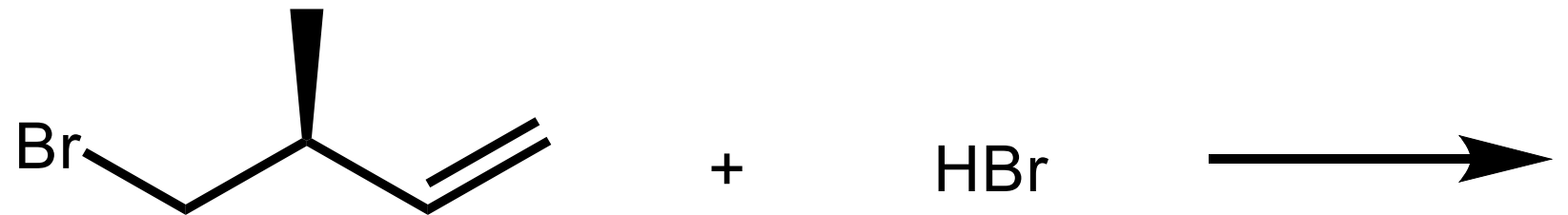
Metrics based on:

- Chemical yield
- Maximizing resource efficiency (Atom Economy)
- Minimizing waste
- Avoiding the use of hazardous and toxic chemicals.



Efficiency Metrics for Chemical Processes

(1) Selectivity: Controlling reactions to give the desired product over competing products or stereoisomers: **Chemoselectivity, Regioselectivity, Stereoselectivity.**



Efficiency Metrics for Chemical Processes

(2) % Yield: Comparing the amount of product formed to the limiting reagent (based on the theoretical yield of product).

$$\% \text{ Yield} = \frac{\text{Experimental yield of product}}{\text{Theoretical yield}} \times 100$$

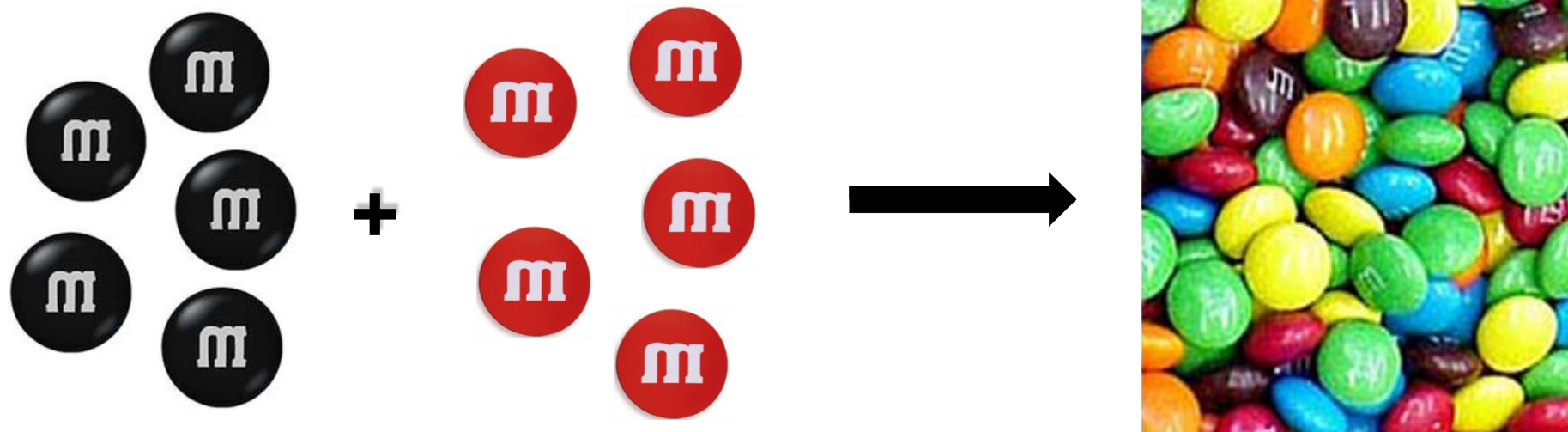
Efficiency Metrics for Chemical Processes

(3) Atom Economy: Designing a synthesis in which most, or all, of the atoms of reactants become incorporated into the final product.

$$\% \text{ Atom Economy} = \frac{\text{Formula weight of product}}{\Sigma (\text{Formula weight of all reactants})} \times 100$$

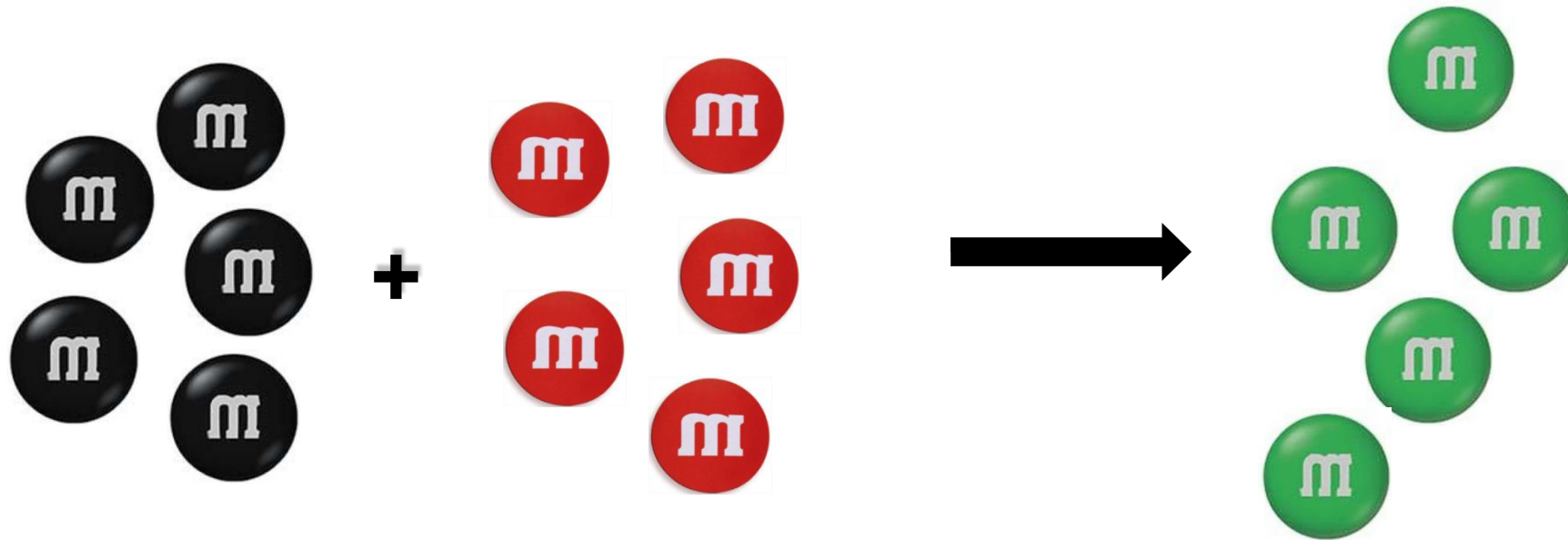
*****You can have a very high % Yield, but a low Atom Economy.**

In the real world.....



atom economy = 30 %

An Efficient “Green” Reaction

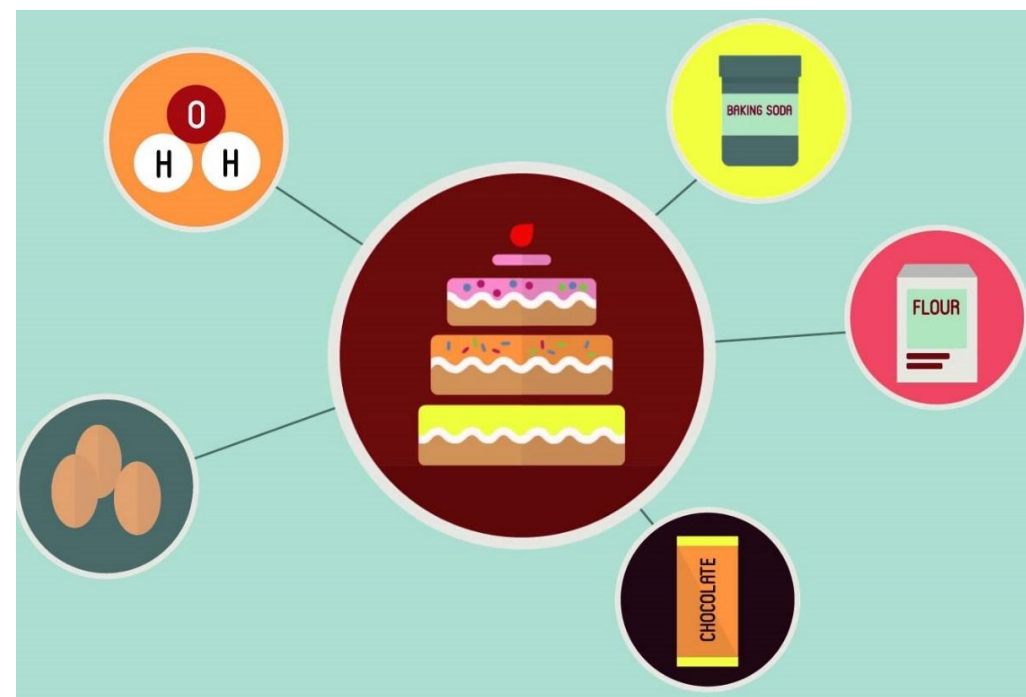


Atom Economy = 100%

Waste = 0

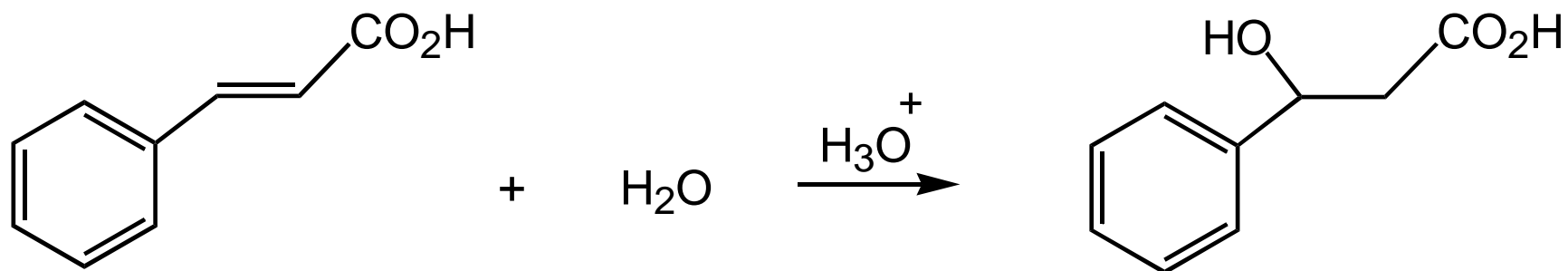
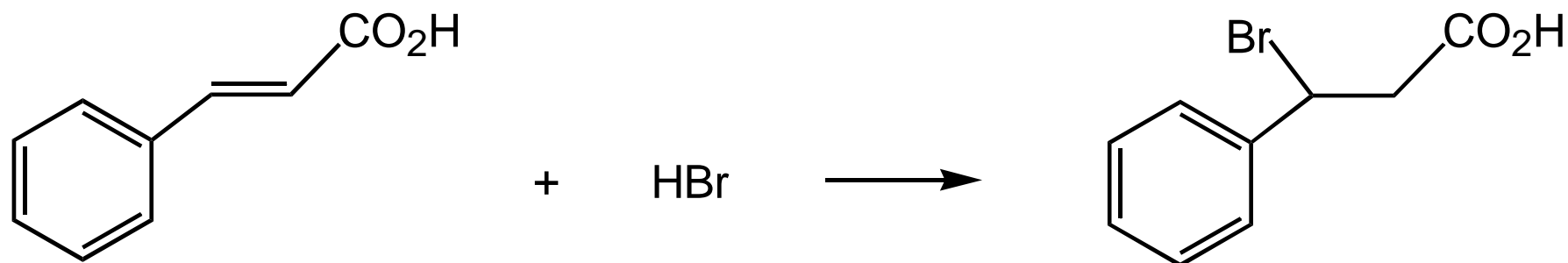
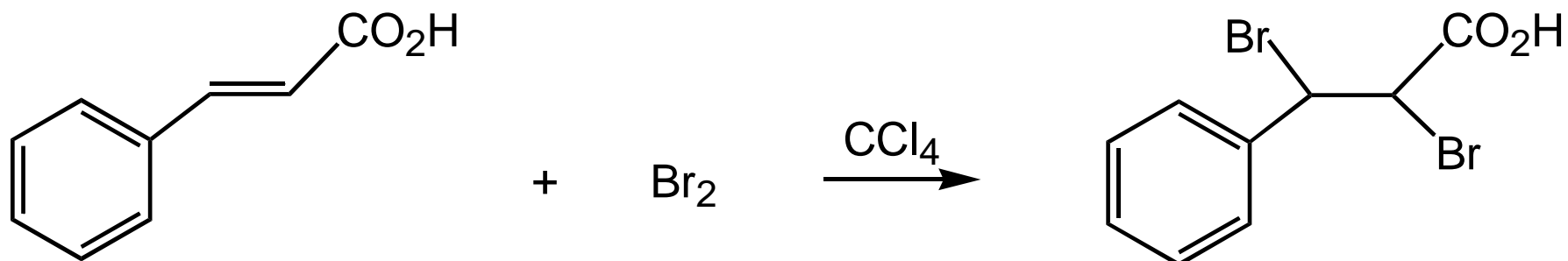
Atom Economy – Advantages & Disadvantages

- Atom Economy is a **theoretical number** which assumes: (1) exact stoichiometric quantities of starting materials; (2) a chemical yield of 100%; and (3) **disregards substances, such as solvents and chemicals used in the work-up of the reaction mixture**, which do not appear in the stoichiometric equation.
- Useful tool for **rapid evaluation, before any experiments are performed.**
- Prediction of resource efficiency – amount and types of waste that will be generated.



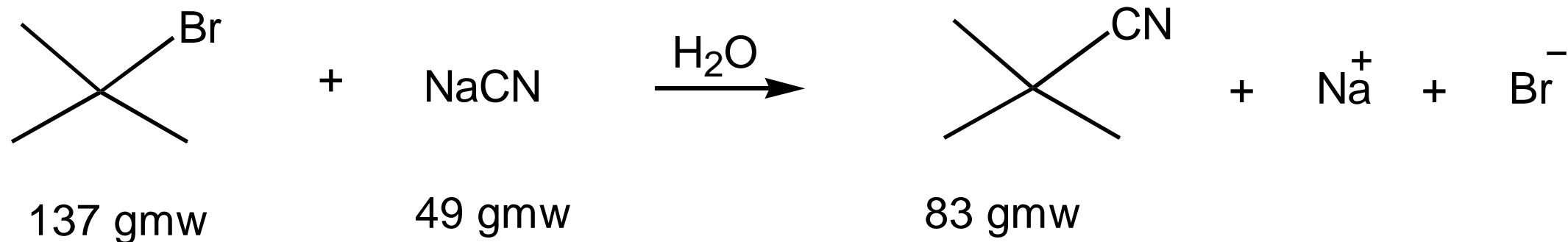
Atom Economy of Common Reactions

Electrophilic Addition. Atom Economy ca. 100%!



Atom Economy of Common Reactions

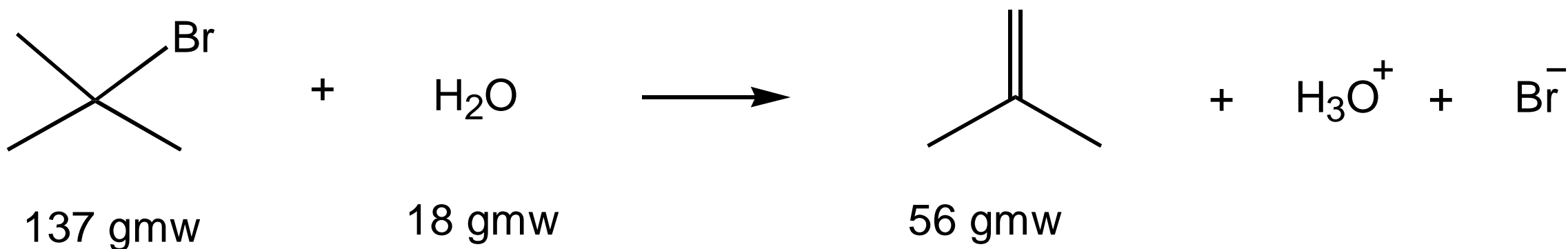
Substitution: SN1 vs SN2



Atom Economy = 44%

Atom Economy of Common Reactions

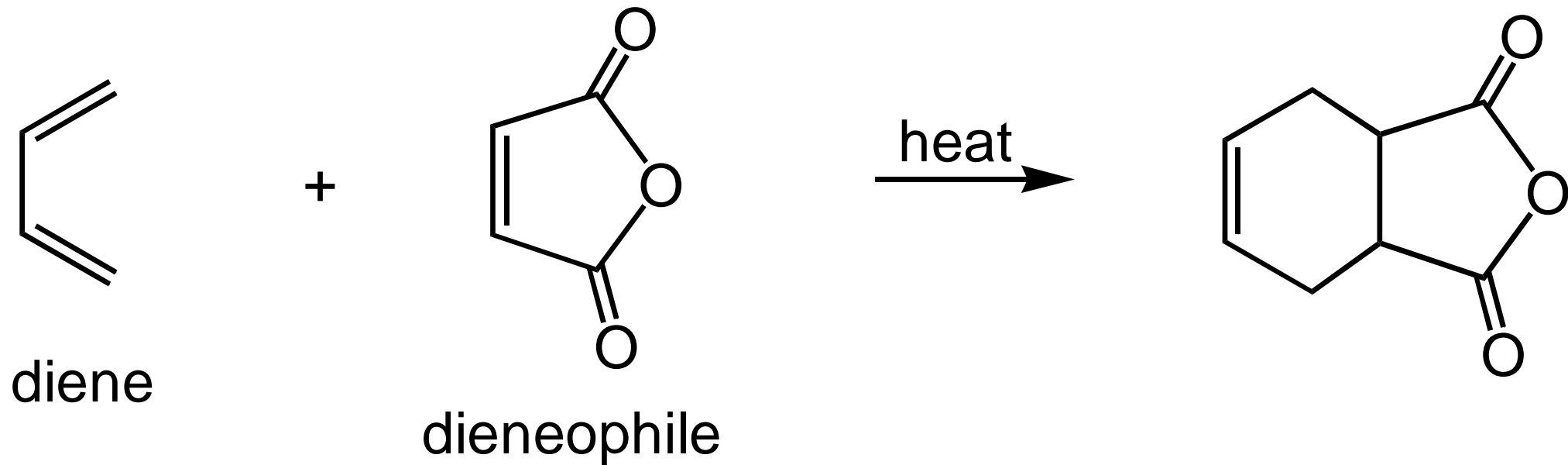
Elimination: E1 vs E2



Atom Economy = 36%

Atom Economy of Common Reactions

Diels-Alder Reaction: Atom Economy = 100%



Efficiency Metrics for Chemical Processes

(4) Process Mass Intensity (PMI): Compares total mass used in a process to mass of product.

$$\text{PMI} = \frac{\text{Total mass used in a process (kg)}}{\text{Mass of final product (kg)}}$$

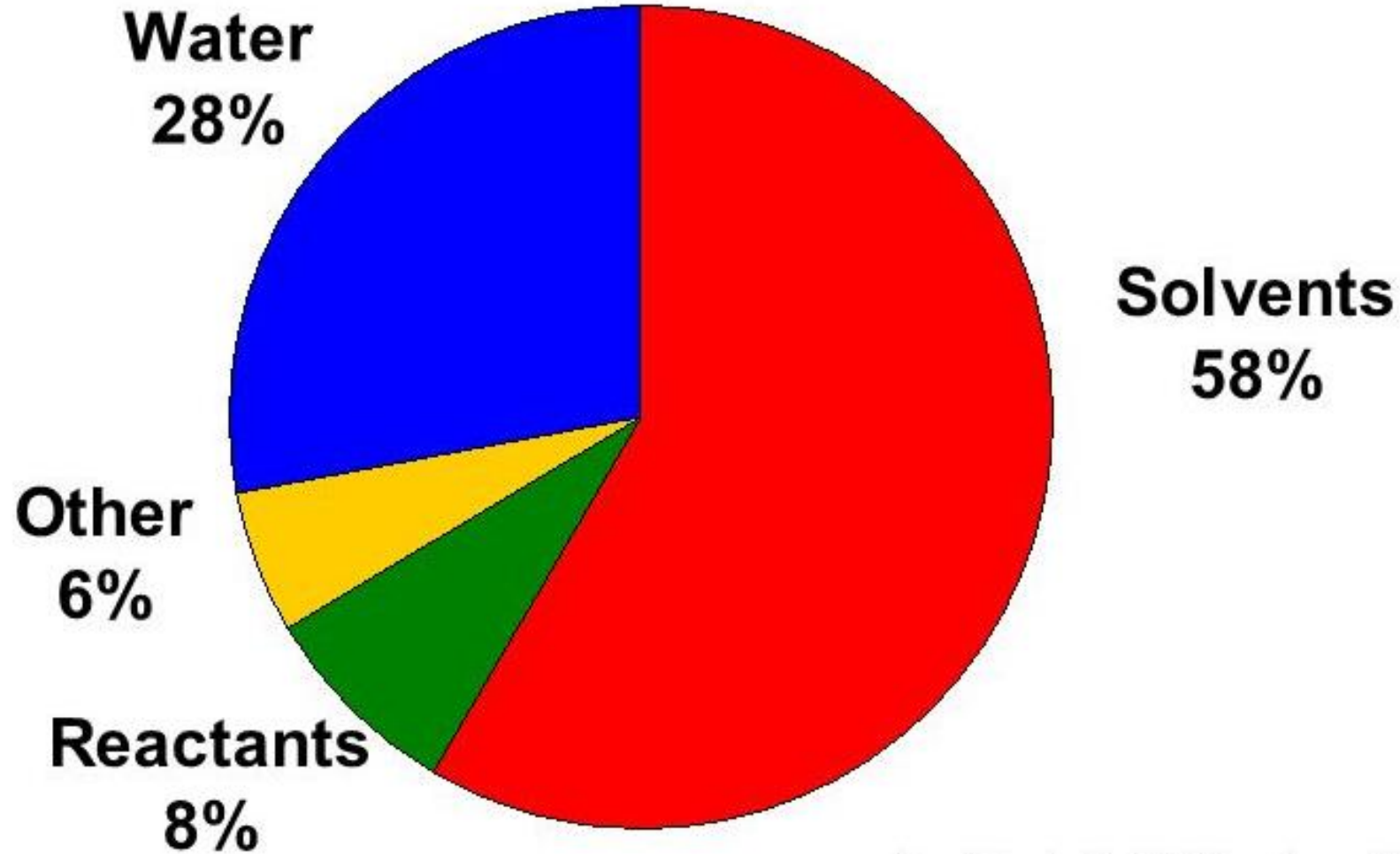
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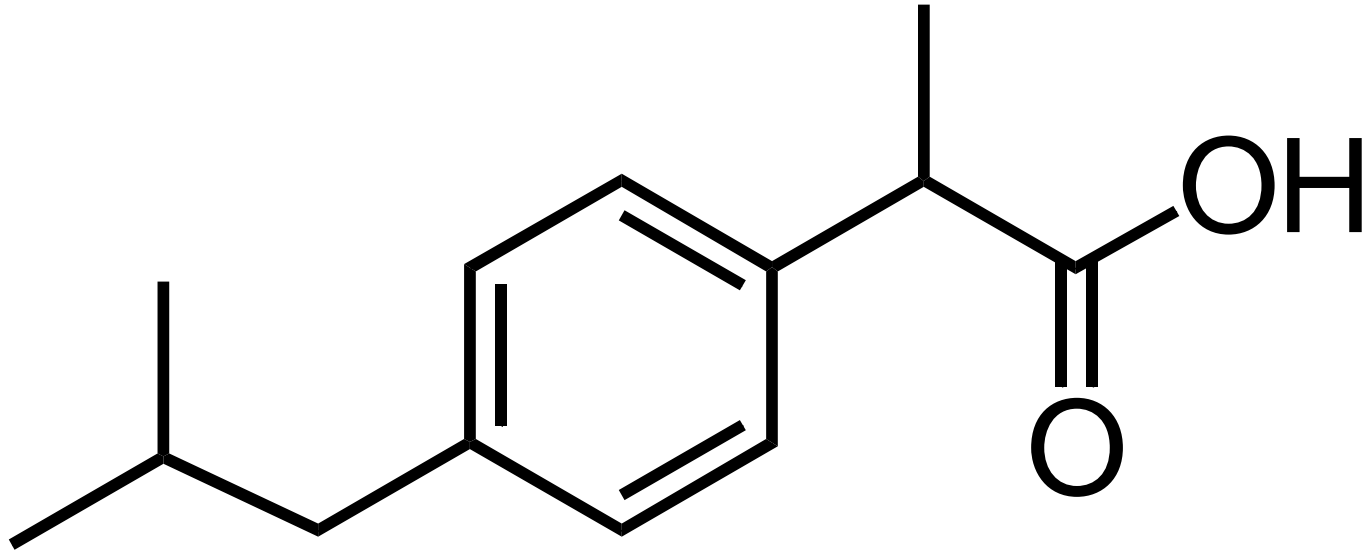
- **Mass used in the process includes reagents, solvents, catalysts, water, etc.**
- **Evaluate human and environmental impact of waste**
- **The ideal PMI is 1 (kg/kg).**
- **Tens of kgs waste per kg product typical of the fine chemicals industry**

Process Mass Intensity – Pharmaceutical industry

2008 Data



Class Exercise – Applying Assessment Metrics: Synthesis, Production and Use of Ibuprofen



ibuprofen

Process Assessment

- **Why is the product needed, who needs it, and why?**
- **Risk Assessment: Hazards x Exposure x Vulnerability inherent in the Product, Waste, and Reagents; harmful to people, environment?**
- **Use 12 Principles of Green Chemistry or other metric?**
- **Selectivity, % yield, % atom economy, PMI**
- **Renewable or non-renewable resources; water & electricity usage; source of resources?**

Ibuprofen

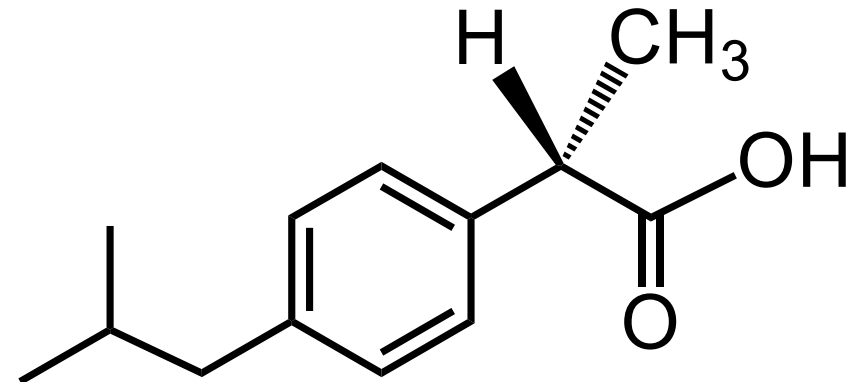
- Analgesic pain reliever that is the active ingredient in Advil, Motrin, Medipren & Nuprin.

- Also effective as a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID). NSAID's reduce swelling and inflammation in arthritis, osteoarthritis and rheumatism.

- Over 30 million lbs produced worldwide per year.

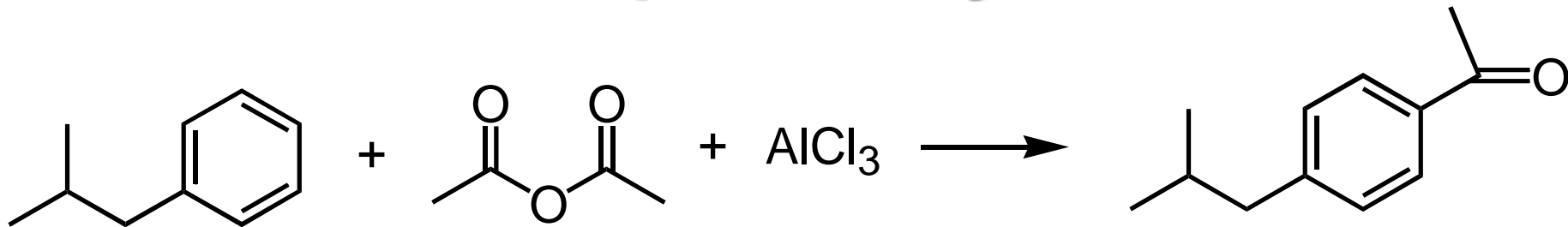
- **Has been detected in wastewater; environmental impact unknown.**

- Estimated that the conventional synthesis method produces over **40 million lbs of waste per year.**

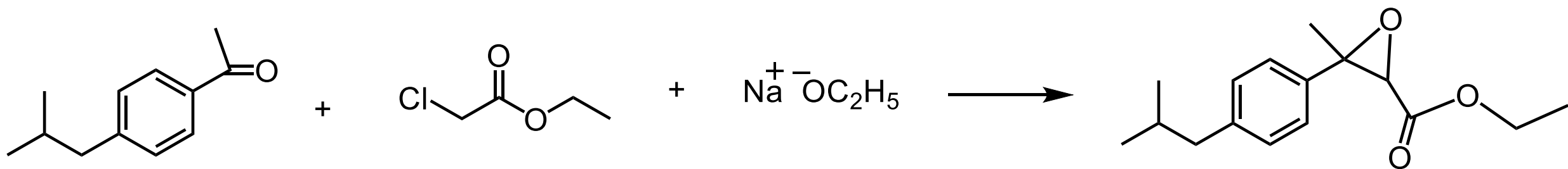


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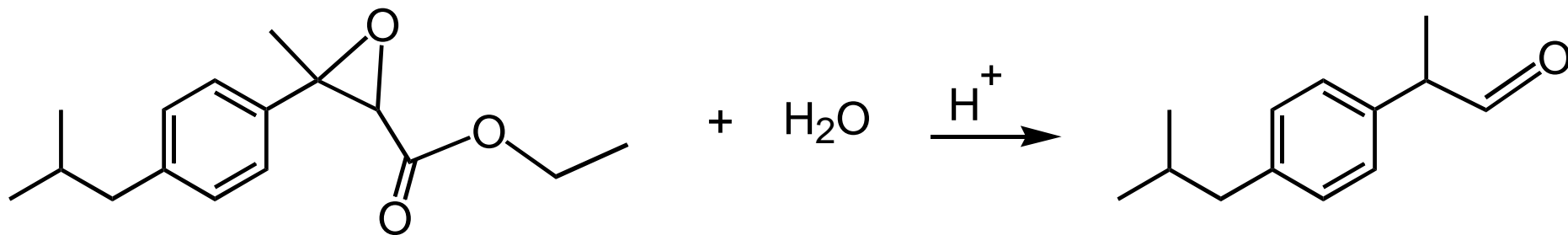
Traditional Ibuprofen Synthesis



(1) Friedel-Crafts acylation: **AE = 48%**

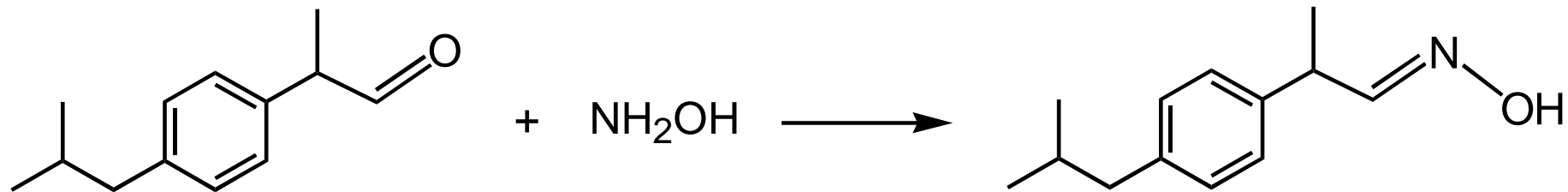


(2) Condensation: **AE = 71%**

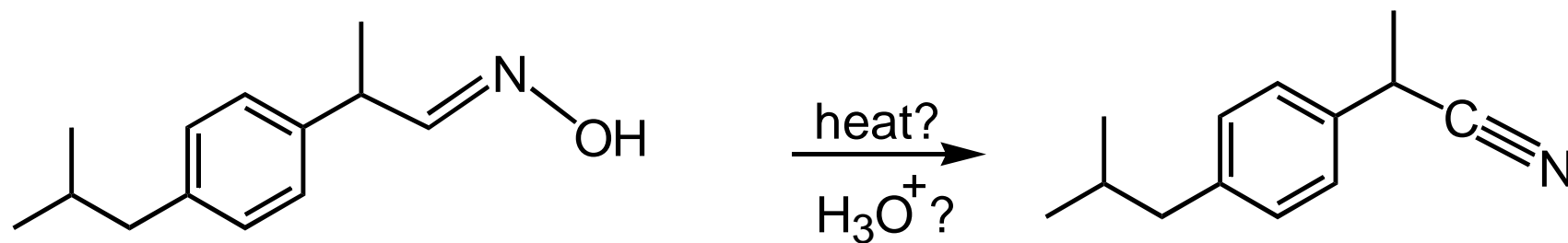


(3) Hydrolysis/Elimination: **AE = 67%**

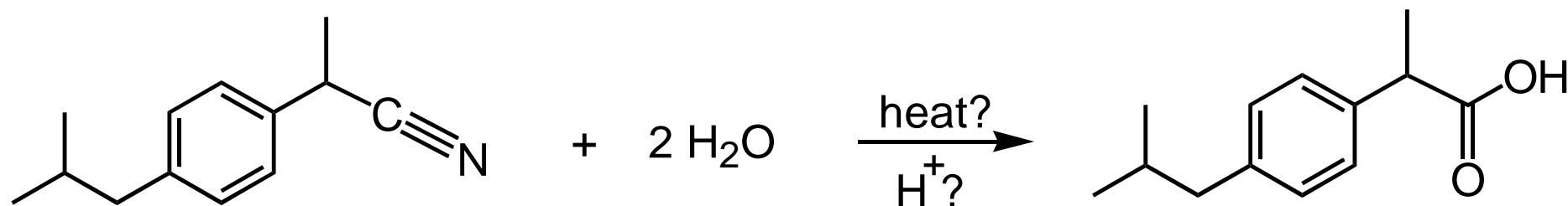
Traditional Ibuprofen Synthesis (cont.)



(4) Addition/Elimination: **AE = 92%**



(5) Dehydration: **AE = 91%**



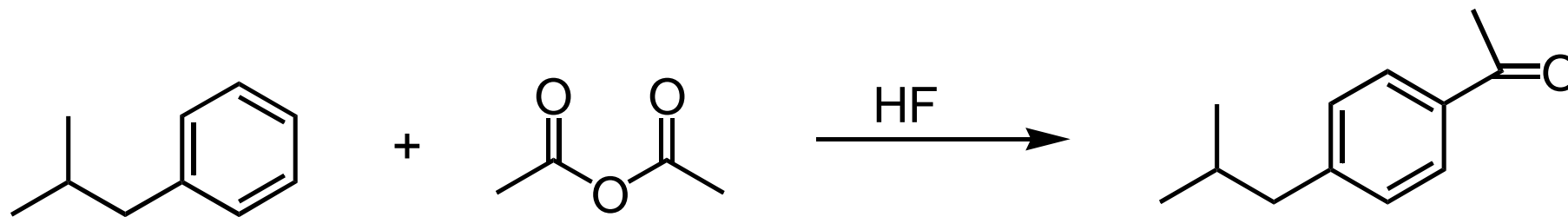
(6) Hydrolysis: **AE = 92%**

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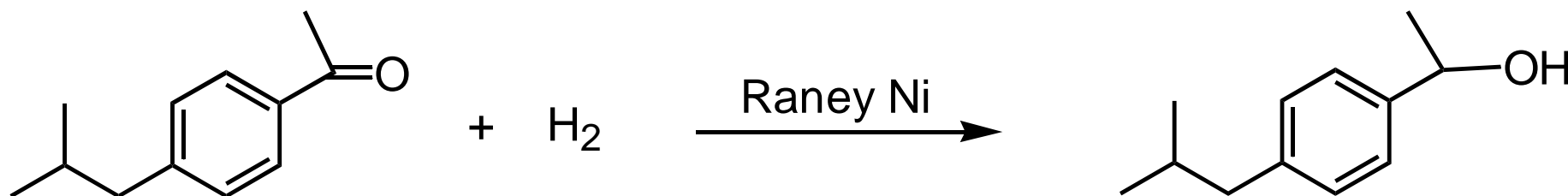
Traditional Ibuprofen Synthesis - Summary

- Each of the 6 steps has ca. 90% yield, but the overall yield is 40%
- Overall Atom Economy = **32% (68% waste!)**
- Produces large quantities of secondary byproducts and unrecycled chemical waste (>40 million lbs).
- AlCl_3 in step (1) is not used as a catalyst but in stoichiometric amounts, producing large quantities of aluminum trichloride hydrate waste (landfill).
- Six step synthesis requires larger production plants, more capital, more energy & water, increased potential for problems with maintenance and higher risk.

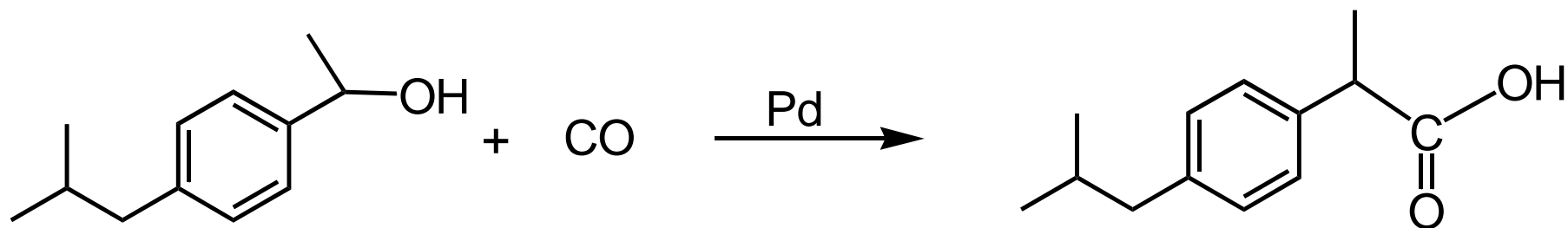
BHC Company Ibuprofen Synthesis (patented 1991)



(1) Friedel-Crafts acylation: **AE = 75%.**



(2) Catalytic Hydrogenation: **AE = 100%.**



(3) Carbonylation: **AE = 100%.**

Ibuprofen!

BHC Ibuprofen Synthesis - Summary

- **Same starting compound in each synthesis (2-methyl-1-phenyl propane)**
- **Overall Atom Economy = 80%**
- **>99% of the HF and acetic acid byproduct in step (1) are recovered and recycled, so Atom Economy ~ 100%.**
- **All three steps are catalytic, and the catalysts (Raney Ni, Pd) are recovered and reused; less auxiliaries (lower water & energy usage).**
- **Three step synthesis means greater throughput, and ability to generate larger quantities of ibuprofen in less time with less capital expenditure. Cheaper!**
- **Overall yield is 77%**