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## Synthesis and Reactions of Alcohols (and Ethers)

1. Substitution

Sn2 on 1° and 2° Alkyl Halides by OH anion or OR anion

Sn1 on 3° Alkyl Halides by Alcohols or Ethers only with H+

- 2. Addition to Alkenes of HOH or HOR with H+ or Halohydrin  $\underline{Rxn}$  ( $X_2$  and HOH or HOR)
- 3. Oxidations of Alkenes to Diols with KMnO<sub>4</sub> (cold) or OsO<sub>4</sub>
- 4. Epoxidation of Alkenes to Epoxides (oxiranes = 3 membered ring ethers) with peracids
- 5. Elimination of Alcohols or Ethers to Alkenes with H<sup>+</sup> E1 (3°) and E2 (1° and 2°)
- 6. Addition Rxns to Carbonyls (C=O) NOT COVERED in the course