

11/4/11 Lab report # 4 due 11/10/11

volume $\xrightarrow{\text{density}}$ mass \longrightarrow moles of reagent
= theoretical # of moles
of product

calculation: % yield

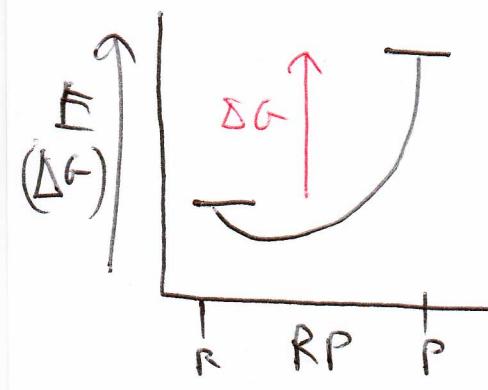
discussion: justify your conclusion by discussing
the appearance or disappearance of key absorbances
in your IR spectrum.

- If -OH peak is present in the product,
discuss the significance of its presence.



$$\text{pka} \equiv -\log_{10} K_a \quad \Delta G > 0$$

weak acid \rightarrow low dissociation $\rightarrow K < 1 < \text{pka}$



Acetic acid, being a weak acid, ($\text{pka}=4.76$) would only want to dissociate to small degree ($\sim 1\%$). Since NaOH is a strong base, it can force acetic acid to become neutralized (to dissociate).



If acetic acid is forced to fully dissociate:

- 1) There are only products, no reactants, so $Q \gg K$
- 2) Only the reverse rxn for the dissociation of acetic acid is possible (no reactants).

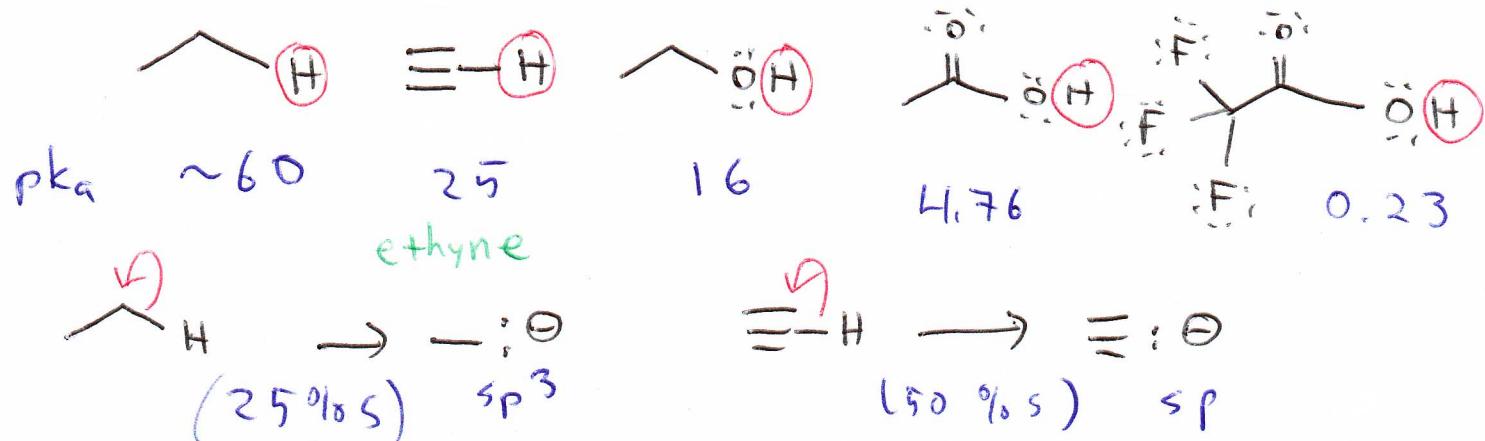
3) The rxn is driven to a higher potential energy,

Since the equilibrium for acetic acid has been forced too far towards products, acetate will react with water to reform acetic acid and reestablish equilibrium.

\therefore neutralized \neq neutral

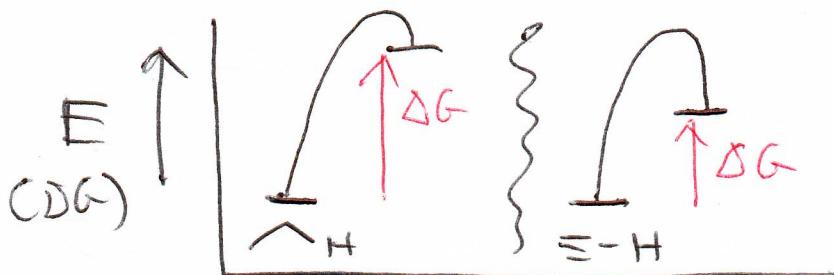
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S-character \rightarrow % of s orbital in a hybrid

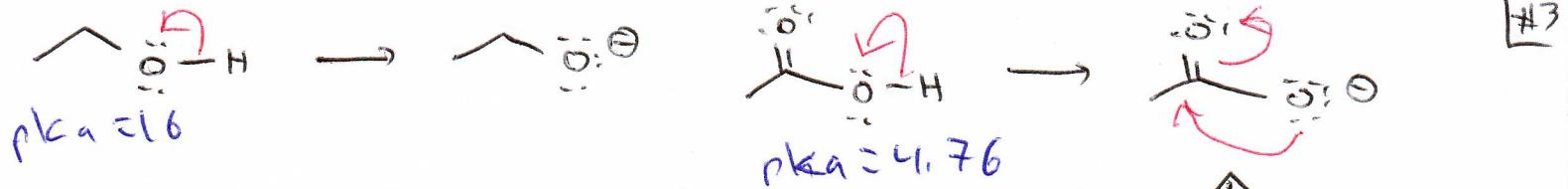
In polyatomic systems, s orbitals are lower in energy than p orbitals. Hybrids composed of a greater % of s orbital (greater s-character) are therefore lower in energy, so electrons in an sp orbital are lower in energy than sp³.



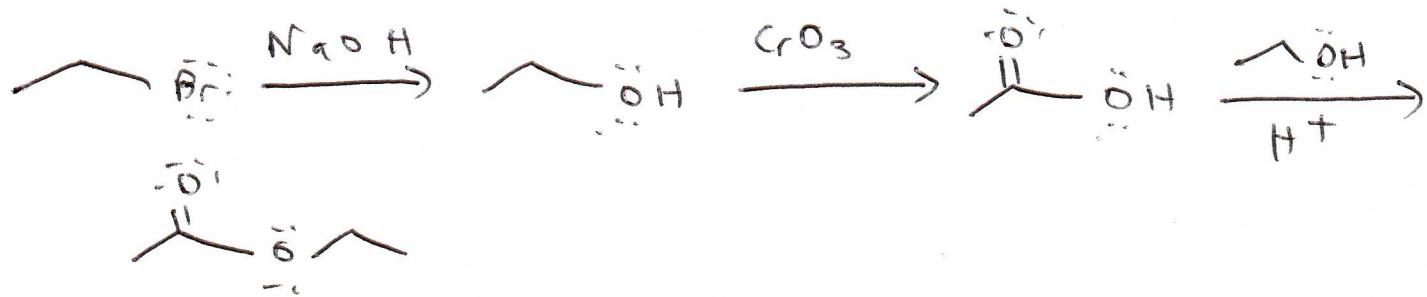
Structural effects that stabilize a product make it easier to form, which in this case means the original acid dissociates more easily → lower pK_a .



Inductive effect - Since oxygen is electron negative, it can pull electron density away from the hydrogen, making the hydrogen dissociate more easily, making ethanol more acidic,



resonance effect - If the negative charge formed by dissociation can be delocalized, it is effectively easier to form the anion, meaning the parent acid is more acidic.



- 1) synthetic utility (transformation)
- 2) reagents
- 3) conditions
- 4) mechanism
- 5) stereochemistry
- 6) regiochemistry