**ALKYNES**: Mechanisms

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\text{C}_8\text{H}_{16} \xrightarrow{\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4, \text{H}_2\text{O}} \text{C}_8\text{H}_{14} + \text{H}_2\text{O}
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