# 1.  $S_N1$  Displacement At sp<sup>3</sup> Centers

from chapter(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the recommended text

# **A. Introduction**

# **B. Fundamentals**



 $n =$  number of chiral centers

# 2<sup>n</sup> stereoisomers<br>possible

 $2^2 = 4$ 







# **D. S<sub>N</sub>1 Slow Formation Of Carbocations**

### **Key Steps**

Substitution describes reactions in which one group *replaces another*.

S<sub>N</sub>1 stands for substitution by a nucleophile with first order kinetics.



formation of a carbocation *is* the rate limiting step.



*allyl carbocation and hydrogen phosphate*

 $\mathcal{Q}$  $HO<sup>2</sup>$  $O_{\sqrt{2}}$ 

*geraniol hydrogen phosphate*

HO<sup>SP</sup>SO- $-0 \times 0 +$ 

*an allyl carbocation and hydrogen phosphate*



only protonation of  $O<sup>1</sup>$  is stabilized by resonance from the other oxygen.



#### **E. SN1 Fast Combination Of Cations With Nucleophiles**

Carbocations *can* combine with negatively charged nucleophiles to produce neutral molecules.



When carbocations combine with *neutral* nucleophiles they form *cations*

the products will be *racemic*, because the intermediate, *sp2 -*hybridized carbocations, are *flat* 





S<sub>N</sub>1 reaction of *tert*-butyl chloride with water involves *two* intermediates.

S<sub>N</sub>1 reaction of *tert*-butyl bromide with acetate (MeCO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>) involves one intermediates.

S<sub>N</sub>1 reaction of bromide with allyl chloride involves *one* intermediates.



*geranyl phosphate*

P O  $\int_{0}^{1} 0^{-}$ 











*reaction progress*



triphenylmethyl chloride with sodium cyanide proceeds *at the same rate* the if the concentration of the cyanide salt is doubled

#### **G. Carbocation Stabilities Govern SN1 Rates**

Rates of S<sub>N</sub>1 reactions tend to *increase* with stabilities of carbocation intermediates.





There are 3 times more of these interactions in the <sup>t</sup>Bu cation than in Me<sup>+</sup>.

In Et<sup>+</sup> the sp<sup>3</sup> orbitals of the methyl group are tilted a bit *away from* the empty p-orbital of the cation, thus the overlap, and therefore the stabilization, is *less* than a situation in which the orbitals were completely parallel.

system overall is *greater* than that from hyperconjugation in Et<sup>+</sup>.

Allyl cations are *more* stable than many other primary carbocations.

secondary molecular orbital interactions between an *empty* p-orbital and appropriately aligned C-H σorbitals



*on bottom of line show number of p-to-*σ *interactions*



#### *fastest slowest*

# **H.** Relative Stereochemistry In S<sub>N</sub>1



*circle if optically active*



*circle if optically active*







*circle if optically active*

# 2.  $S_N2$

from chapter(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the recommended text

### **A. Introduction**

## **B.** Differentiating S<sub>N</sub>1 and S<sub>N</sub>2

S<sub>N</sub>2 describes reactions in which one *replaces another* and *with second order kinetics*. Inversion of configuration is observed in  $S_N2$  processes whereas  $S_N1$ 

unstable carbocations tend to proceed via  $S_N$ 2 pathways. tertiary carbocations often proceed via  $S_N$ 1 mechanisms.



**C. SN2 Kinetics**



*product plus by-product*



*reaction progress*

*Note: This process does not include an intermediate, and the simultaneous substitution is the slow or rate determining step.*

concentration of the nucleophile *doubles*

Reaction of methyl iodide with azide is *accelerated*

A substrate that might react via both  $S_N1$  and  $S_N2$  pathways is *more* 

The transition state in a SN2 reaction is *less*

### **D. SN2 Stereochemistry**

#### **Conversion Of Alcohols Into Leaving Groups**

Hydroxyl groups *are not* good leaving groups tosylates or mesylates makes them into much *better*

 $\circ$ <sup>S</sup> O O

 $\mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{S}}$ O O

O  $O_{S_{\infty}^{(1)}}$ 

*propyl mesylate*

*nbutyl mesylate cyclohexyl tosylate <sup>i</sup>*



Mesyl is an  $-S(0)_2$ *Me* group, and mesylate is  $-0-SO_2$ *Me*. Tosyl is an  $-S(O)_2$ *Ar* group, and tosylate is  $-O-SO_2$ *Ar* (where Ar is  $-C_6H_4$ -4-Me.



Mesylates and tosylates are *better* leaving groups than hydroxide formed with *retention* of configuration S<sub>N</sub>2 processes with complete inversion stereochemistry.

#### **Interconversions Of Enantiomers And Diastereomers**





*product of one*  $S_N1$  and one  $S_N2$  reaction

### **E. Stereoelectronic Effects**

**S<sub>N</sub>2** reactions occur via approach of a nucleophile

nucleophile in a trigonal bipyramidal *transition state* cannot readily undergo bimolecular nucleophilic



S<sub>N</sub>1 displacements involve interaction of a *LUMO* on the substrate with a nucleophile *HOMO*.

In S<sub>N</sub>1 reactions the LUMO is *the empty p-orbital of the carbocation*. S<sub>N</sub>2 displacements involve interaction of a *LUMO* on the substrate with a nucleophile *HOMO*.

In S<sub>N</sub>2 reactions the LUMO is a  $\sigma^*$  orbital.





*draw C - I σ<sup>\*</sup>-orbitals and orientation of S<sub>N</sub>2 displacement by CN<sup>-</sup>* 

# **F.** S<sub>N</sub>2 Reactions Applied To Make Amides And Amines **Cyanide: A Useful** *C-***Nucleophile**





#### **Phthalimide: Useful** *N***-Nucleophile For Syntheses Of Primary Amines**

Using this reaction it is possible to make *primary amines* This so called *Gabriel* synthesis is a *better*

# 3. Eliminations

from chapter(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the recommended text

# **A. Introduction**

# **B. E1 Mechanisms**



#### **C. E1 Kinetics**

the rate of the reaction above *is* proportional to starting material

rate is proportional to  $[^tBuOH]$  rate  $=$ 

BuOH] *k* [t

 $k$ <sup>[t</sup>BuOH]

Mathematically, the rate of a reaction is approximately given by which of the following equations *C and D*.

 $\Delta G^{\ddagger} = \Delta H^{\ddagger}$  - TΔS‡ = ΔH° - TΔS° **A** B C D



Using a reference text, define the following terms:



 $\Delta S^{\ddagger}$  = entropy of activation units Joules\*(Kelvin)<sup>-1</sup> (J/K)

ΔH<sup>‡</sup> = enthalpy of activation units kiloJoules (kJ)

ΔG° = \_\_Gibbs free energy per mole of reaction at standard conditions (298 K, 100 PkPa, 1M Reactant/Product) units kiloJoules (kJ)

 $\Delta S^2$  = Entropy per mole of reaction at standard conditions units Joules\*(Kelvin)<sup>-1</sup> (J/K)

 $\Delta H^2$  = Enthalpy per mole of reaction at standard conditions units kiloJoules (kJ)

T = absolute temperature measured in Kelvin

R = \_\_universal gas constant \_units \_\_Joules\*(Kelvin)<sup>-1 \*</sup>(moles)<sup>-1</sup>

A = \_ pre-exponential factor \_ which is a constant representing \_ the empirical relationship between rate coefficient and temperature unique to the chemical reaction

 $E_a =$  activation energy for the reaction

The difference between  $\Delta G^{\ddagger}$  and  $E_a$  is  $E_a$  is more analogous to  $\Delta H^{\ddagger}$  which considers the thermodynamic

form of the rate equation, while  $\Delta G^{\ddagger}$  is the difference between the ground state of reactant and transition

peak with respect to both ΔS‡ and ΔH‡.

#### **Influence Of Carbocation Stabilities**

Rates of E1 reactions tend to *increase*



All the carbons in adamantane have *the same* hybridization states.

the adamantane carbocation shown involves *more* ring and bond strain. resembles the configuration around the alkene in *adamantene*; this *is not* a stable conformation.









*cation*

*adamantene*

E1 eliminations that result in formation of adamantene *are not* favorable.



Doubling the amount of base *doubles* rates of E2 eliminations.

#### **F. E2 Stereoelectronics**

that puts two substituents on *different* sides and *perpendicular*.





H H H H Br  $H_{ij}$ H H H  $\begin{array}{ccc}\n\mathsf{Ph} & \mathsf{Ph} & \mathsf{Ph} \\
\mathsf{Ph} & \mathsf{Ph} & \mathsf{H}\n\end{array}$ Ph H Br Br Br Ph  $\diagdown$ Ph Ph Ph H Br H H t Bu  $H<sub>1</sub>$ t Bu t Bu t Bu  $\sum_{\text{Br}}$ t Bu H Br Br ,,<sup>t</sup>Bu Bu Bu  $\sim$  $t$ Bu $\smile t$ Bu t Bu Br H Br Br Br  $H$ H Ĥ. H H  $\mathbf{H}$ BrBr .<br>∍Br H <sup>H</sup> <sup>H</sup> H Br Ê

hydrogen that is being deprotonated and the leaving group are *anti*-periplanar.

# **G.** Factors That Favor E1, E2, S<sub>N</sub>1, or S<sub>N</sub>2

#### **Basicity** *vs* **Nucleophilicity**

- (i) strongly basic character of Y-will increase the rate of *E2* relative to *E1* reactions and it will tend to favor *E2* over nucleophilic substitution reactions;
- (ii) weakly basic character of Y-will retard the rate of *E2* relative to *E1* reactions and it will tend to *favor E1* over nucleophilic substitution reactions:
- (iii) less basic character of Y-*will not* affect the rate of E1 eliminations, but it *will not* favor E2 over E1 mechanisms; and,
- (iv) strongly nucleophilic character of Y-will increase the rate of  $S_N2$  relative to  $S_N1$  reactions and it will tend to increase the rates of  $S<sub>N</sub>2$  over elimination reactions.

the likelihood of preferential E2 *increases* with the base strength.

#### **Nucleophilicity**

- (i)  $S_N1$  relative to  $S_N2$  reactions; and,
- (ii) *E1* over *E2*
- (i)  $S_N2$  relative to  $S_N1$  reactions;
- (ii) *E2* over *E1* reactions.

*The following order is approximate. It varies with the HOMO/LUMO match of the nucleophile with the electrophile.*



*most basic least basic*

*because HCl the strongest acid, then H3O+ then NH4 + then PhOH (marginally) then H2O then NH3*

#### **Temperature And Entropy**

$$
\Delta G^{\#} = \Delta H^{\#} \qquad \qquad \text{S}^{\#}
$$

rate determining transition states in  $E2$  and  $S_N2$  over  $E1$  and  $S_N1$ reactions.

*Low* temperatures therefore tend to favor  $E2$  and  $S_N2$  over  $E1$  and  $S_N1$  reactions. *High* temperatures therefore tend to  $E1$  and  $S_N1$  over  $E2$  and  $S_N2$  reactions.

#### **H. E1cB**

removal of 9-fluorenyloxymethyl groups, *ie FMOC* used to protect amines as *carbamates*.



Fluorenyl anions formed in this protection process have  $14 \pi e$ , and are therefore *aromatic*.



# 4. Reactions Of Alkenes Via Protonation

from chapter(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the recommended text

#### **A. Introduction**

#### **B. Protonation Of Alkenes: forms most stable carbocation**

#### **Generation Of Carbocations Via Protonation**

Protons are the *simplest* of all electrophiles.

towards one end of the alkene or the other, giving one neutral *sp3* -*hybridized* carbon and a *sp2 -hybridized*

Alkenes oriented perpendicular to a proton represent a *transition* while the carbonium ion is an *intermediate.*





while other trajectories give more stabilization of the developing *sp3 -hybridized* carbon.

#### **A Molecular Orbital Picture Of Alkene Protonation**

and when that lower-energy orbital is *more* populated with electron density

A proton *does not* have a highest occupied molecular orbital (HOMO), so only the *LUMO* Thus the *LUMO* of a proton and the *HOMO* of an alkene should be considered when a proton



Perpendicular approach of a proton to a symmetrical  $\pi$ -cloud is net *stabilizing*.

#### **C. Carbocation Stabilities**

Valence bond and molecular orbital approaches are *alternative theories to explain bonding in general*. methyl cation due to mixing of the empty p-orbital (*LUMO*)

the filled  $\sigma$ -bonding orbital of a *C-H* bond on the adjacent methyl ( $HOMO$ ).



The  $\sigma$ -orbital brings 2 electrons into the interaction, whereas the p-orbital bears  $0 e$ , thus the total number of electrons to place in the new molecular orbitals is  $\boxed{2}$ ;

*C-H* bond on the adjacent methyl can only occur when the orbitals *are in the same plane*.

any instant because the other two *cannot achieve significant orbital overlap.*

A secondary propyl cation has  $2$  adjacent methyl groups, and therefore  $2$  3 filled  $\sigma$ - C-H bonds Secondary propyl cations are *more* stable than ethyl or methyl cations because of this

A *tert*-butyl cation has *3* adjacent methyl groups, and therefore *3* filled s- *C-H* bonds that can stabilize by molecular orbital interactions. <sup>t</sup>Bu-cations are *more* stable than ethyl or methyl cations because of this.

#### **D. Alkenes Stabilities**

Stabilities of most alkenes *increase with* the number of substituents.



Alkenes can only have the *stabilizing* interactions (above) if they have allylic *C* – *H* bonds. Interactions like this explain why more substituted alkenes have *enhanced* stabilities.

*most stable least stable*
#### **Heats Of Hydrogenation**

Energy is *liberated* when hydrogen is added across a *C*=*C* bond.

Energies involved in such processes are called heats of *hydrogenation*.

more stable alkenes will have *lower* heats of hydrogenation than less stable ones.

give the same or very similar products *can* be used to gauge the relative stabilities



#### reaction progress

reaction progress

*b* has the higher heat of hydrogenation, while in the diagram on the right it is *b*.

## **E. Acid-mediated Alkene Isomerization**



then lose a proton *from a different carbon* to give a different alkene that *is* an isomer of the first. This reaction may be driven to form the most stable alkene, *ie* by *thermodynamics*.



It is *conceivable* that carbocations can shift groups to isomerize faster than they can lose protons



the most possible carbocation *intermediates* formed by protonation of the following alkenes

Protonation of isoprene at the diene termini (C<sup>1</sup> and C<sup>4</sup>) *gives* a cation stabilized by allylic resonance protonation at the internal positions (*C*<sup>2</sup> and *C*<sup>3</sup> ) *does not*.

Free energy change for this reaction involves a *small* entropy factor because the number of starting materials *equals* the number of products.



The equilibrium constant featured above is *less than* one.

## **F. Carbocation Rearrangements**

#### **Hydride Shifts**

two electrons this is called a *hydride* migration because a proton and two electrons is a *hydride anion*.

preferred one may be predicted by considering the relative stabilities of the carbocations produced: *true*.

Draw curly arrows to describe the following *1,2*-hydride migration reactions, and predict the products.





*migration*













collisions of protons with *unsymmetrical* alkenes are *most* thermodynamically favorable

#### **Alkyl Shifts**

positive charge appears to shift in the *opposite*

Carbocation rearrangements are favorable if the cation formed is *more* stable than the original one. tend to undergo rearrangements if the products are *secondary / tertiary* carbocations secondary ones tend to only migrate to form *tertiary* carbocations.

Show curly arrows for the *1,2*- migration reactions shown below





If the migrating group is an alkyl then these processes can be called *alkyl shift* reactions.

1,2-migration then it is the one *most* able to support a positive charge that shifts preferentially Me because methyl cations are *less* stable than Et<sup>+</sup> (though it does not actually shift as a complete carbocation, the shift involves a developing positive  $Et^{\delta+}$ ; the group most able to support a positive charge shifts preferentially).



see:<https://youtu.be/FsQb6o510EY>



*carbocation intermediate*

*addition product*



Addition of HBr to ethene *does not* proceed in this way.

bromide, being negatively charged, is repelled by electrons in the alkene  $\pi$ -bond



so a positively charged entity, usually a *proton*, must be lost to give a neutral addition product.

#### **H. Acid-mediated Hydration Of Alkenes**

less favorable than for most other alkenes because the carbocation formed *1°*.

Hydration of propene could give *two* possible hydration products in which the *H* and *OH* groups become attached to different carbon atoms, *ie regioisomers*;





Reactions which form one regioisomer selectively are called *regioselective*. one chemical functional group in preference to others are called *chemoselective*. one enantiomer in preference to another, and preferential formation of one diastereomer: *enantioselective* and *diastereoselective*



In the absence of water the reverse reaction (alcohol to alkene) would occur via a(n) *E1* pathway.

Predict the products of the following reactions to form *ethers*.



The reactions above *are not* hydration reactions, but they are mechanistically similar.



# 5. Oxidation States, Hydrogenation, And Hydrogenolysis

from chapter(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the recommended text

### **A. Introduction**

#### **B. Oxidation States Of Functional Groups**

Reduction is *addition* of electrons from the substrate, and *loss* from the reducing agent. Oxidation is *e-addition* from the oxidizing agent and *loss* from the substrate.





Cyclohexane is at a *higher* oxidation state than hexane.

## **C. Dihydrogen Additions**

#### **Hydrogenations And Hydrogenolyses Are Different: How?**

*Hydrogenation* involves addition of H<sub>2</sub> across an unsaturated bond without cleaving

*Hydrogenolysis* involves addition of H<sub>2</sub> across a single bond with cleavage.

Addition of hydrogen to an alkene or an aldehyde can be thought of as proceeding via: (i) *homolytic* cleavage of  $H_2$ 

Hydrogenolysis is closer to a *radical* mechanism, than a *ionic* one.



hydrogen adds to are inclined to *stabilize* a single electron.

hydrogenolysis of benzyl ethers favorable, because the *benzyl* radical is stabilized by resonance.

Aromatic aldehydes, ketones, and esters are *more* easily hydrogenated than similar aliphatic

#### **Hydrogenations**









catalyst







*Note: further hydrogenolysis of these products to alcohols is possible, and these may undergo hydrogenolysis to toluene.*





*does not reduce the base*



It tends to be *harder* to remove benzyl groups from amines than from alcohols

benzyl group is connected to the oxygen of a carbamate, *ie* benzyloxycarbonyl or *Cbz*.



#### **D. Double Bond Equivalents**

convert ethene and ethyne into ethane requires 1 and 2 molecules of H<sub>2</sub>

Conversion of benzene to hexane would require 4 molecules of H<sub>2</sub>

For hydrocarbons containing *n* carbon atoms, the DBE *can* be calculated

halogenated hydrocarbons containing *n* carbon atoms, *can* be calculated by replacing the halogen atoms DBEs of acetone and *cis*-1,2-cyclohexandiol are *1* and *1*, respectively.

may be ignored to calculate the DBE, eg acetone C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>O may be considered to be C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>. (*True*, check

DBEs of 3-aminopropene and pyridine ar*1* and *4*

calculating the DBE, *eg* ethylamine C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N (DBE = 0) may be considered to be C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>. (*True*, check



They *do not* apply when calculating unsaturation between two atoms not including carbon but addition of O and S obviously changes oxidation state but *does not* change DBEs.

#### **E. Hydridic Reductions Are Stepwise**



*hard*



## 6. Halogenation Of Alkenes

from chapter(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the recommended text

## **A. Introduction**

### **B. Halonium Intermediates**

Like protons, halogens  $(X_2)$  tend to approach alkenes or alkynes *perpendicular* to the  $\pi$ -bond an *X - X* bond to become *polarized* until *halide* (X- ) and a halonium ion formed.

Halon*ium* ions are *positively* charged; the *–ium* suffix in that name *is* indicative

#### **Chlorination and Bromination: Valence Bond Description**

featuring halonium ion *intermediates*.



Halogens (X<sub>2</sub>) are *electrophiles* while, because of their π-clouds, alkenes are *nucleophiles*. Bromine, for instance, is an *electrophile* because it *becomes polarized in the presence of high electron density*.

halogenation of alkenes involves rate-limiting *electrophilic* attack of the halogen this is *nucleophilic* attack of the alkene on the bromine. React *faster* than ones that have less or electron withdrawing substituents.



Perpendicular approach of halogens  $(X_2)$  to a symmetrical  $\pi$ -cloud is net *stabilizing*, halogenation is the most important orbital overlap so this is called the *primary* interaction.



Halogenation of alkenes is further stabilized by a **secondary** orbital interaction between the  $\pi^*$ -orbitals

Secondary interactions as shown above *do not* favor formation of bromonium ions.

### **C. Stereospecificities**

#### **Cyclic Alkenes**

Bromonium ions in bromination of alkenes, tend to be opened by *SN2* attack of bromide Nucleophilic attack on halonium ions occurs *anti* to the halogen atom alkenes within a ring (*ie endocyclic* ones) give *trans*--dihalide products.

Bromination of cyclohexene *mostly* affords the *trans-*-1,2-dibromocyclohexane bromonium ion must occur from the *opposite* face of the bromine atom.

halogenation of *cis*-endocyclic alkenes is therefore *stereospecifically-trans*, meaning it *always* gives the *trans*-product.



#### Of course, if the product is chiral then a racemate is formed.





other one is formed in *equal* amounts; this is true



## **Acyclic Alkenes**



#### The products from these two reaction pathways are *identical*.





When *E*- and *Z*-2-butene react with bromine, the products are racemic *enantiomers.*



*trans-1,2-dibromophenylethene trans-2,3-dichlorobut-2-ene*



## **D. Iodination**

#### **Impact of Revesibility**

iodination does not give product because *the product is thermodynamically unstable relative to ethene and iodine.*



## **E. Kinetic And Thermodynamic Control Kinetic Control**



n both diagrams, **B** and **C** must be *lower* energy than **A** and the products *cannot* surmount the energy barrier

The rate of formation of **B** and **C** in this reaction *is not* dependent on the stabilities it *is* dictated by the energy barrier

**B:C** product ratio will be *1*, and when **C** is more stable than **B** it will be *1*.



**B:C** ratio will be determined by their relative *rates of formation*, and it will *be invariant* In this case the **B:C** ratio is a *kinetic* one.

#### **Thermodynamic Control**

#### Both Products Equilibrate With Starting Material

**A** under the reaction conditions, *ie* the process is *reversible* and **B** and **C** have *different* energies **B:C** will be *>1*, and *will* change as the reaction progresses.

 $K_B = [B]/[A]$  and  $K_C = [C]/[A]$ 

At equilibrium, the K<sub>B</sub> / K<sub>c</sub> ratio *is* another constant, K<sub>BC</sub>, where

 $K_{BC} = [B] / [C]$ 

and the **B:C** ratio is *independent of* the concentration of **A**. kinetic and thermodynamic controls are *coincident* insofar as they both

**B:C** ratio is determined by the relative *activation energy barriers* but at the end it is governed by the relative *stabilities of the products*.

These ratios are *different* but they both favor the same product.

#### **Non-coincident Kinetic And Thermodynamic Control**

Least Stable Product Forms Faster and Both Equilibrate With Starting Material



*reaction progress*

Least Stable Product Forms Faster and It Alone Equilibrates With Starting Material

**B** forms faster than **C** so it is the *kinetic* product; it forms *reversibly*.

**C** is the *thermodynamic* product; it forms *reversibly*.

product **B** would *be disfavored* because it will revert as the reaction proceeds and *reversibly* forms **C**.



*reaction progress*

**B** forms faster than **C** so it is the *kinetic* product; only **B** forms *reversibly*. **C** is the *thermodynamic* product; it forms *irreversibly*.

product **B** would *not be observed* because it will revert as the reaction proceeds and *irreversibly* forms **C**.

kinetic and thermodynamic control a *kinetic* product would form preferentially in the early stage transformed into a different *thermodynamically* controlled product later.

## **F. Bromination 1,3-Butadiene**

1,2-dibromide forms quickly in the early stages of the reaction, *ie* it is the *kinetic* product.

The amount of 1,2-dibromide *decreases* as the reaction time is extended, and the concentration of 1,4 dibromide *increases*.

the alkene products: *1,4-dibromide has two groups substituted on the alkene product while 1,2-isomer has only one group.*

Nucleophilic attack on alkenes tends to be much *less* favorable than electrophilic attack it *does not* proceed unless there are electron-withdrawing groups

## **G. Halogenations In Nucleophilic Solvents**



Nucleophiles add to the carbon of an unsymmetrical halonium ion that is *best* able to support

*Regio--*selectivity is important when bromination of unsymmetrical alkenes bromide because the reaction can produce different *regioisomers*.



Opening of bromonium or chloronium ions by water is called a *halohydrin* reaction.

the halogen on the carbon least able to support a negative charge because *this is the precursor to the most stable cation*.



Considerations regarding potential carbocation stabilities *are* likely to apply to ring opening of epoxides.
# 7. Epoxidation And Regioselectivity

from chapter(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the recommended text

# **A. Introduction**

## **B. Reagents And Mechanism**

Bromination of alkenes can be drawn as loss of bromide *pushing* electrons away



*bromination epoxidation*



*general X is leaving group*



*epoxidation with peracid*

Epoxides are *3* membered rings containing oxygen. agents for epoxidation possess a leaving group that *pushes* electrons away becomes more polarized and *electrophilic* as it adds to an alkene.

#### **Reagents**



Epoxidation usually involves *electrophilic* attack of an oxidant on an alkene therefore acts as an *electrophile*.

Epoxidation of alkenes is an *addition* reaction.

## **Mechanisms**

Epoxidation With Peracetic acid



►





O O  $H \cdot \frac{O}{\epsilon}$ 

*cyclohexene cyclohexene oxide*





## **C. Epoxidation Rates**

Epoxidation of these alkenes involves *electrophilic* attack of the agent on the alkene, so alkenes that are *more* electron rich react fastest.

Electron densities around alkenes tend to *increase* with the number of alkyl substituents.



*fastest epoxidation slowest epoxidation*

# **D. Stereospecificities**

### **Cyclic Alkenes**



the geometry of the double bond is 100 % *conserved* in epoxidation reactions mediated by





In general, epoxidations *cis*-alkenes *always* like those above give the products of *syn-*addition.

#### **Acyclic Alkenes**

substituents attached to the epoxide *does* reflect the geometry of the alkene in these reactions, because they are also formed via *syn-* stereospecific additions.



H  $CH_3$  $H_3C$   $\sqrt{\phantom{a}}$  H O

DMDO DMDO

 $H_3C$  CH<sub>3</sub> H Y Y H O

*trans cis*





# **E. Regioselectivity Of Epoxide Ring Opening Reactions**

#### **Neutral Or Basic Conditions**

at least two *regioisomeric* products it is largely dictated by *steric* factors.



so they are *regioselective* and not *regiospecific*.

#### **Acidic Conditions**





# 8. Cycloadditions To Alkenes And Alkynes

from chapter(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the recommended text

## **A. Introduction**

## **B. Cycloaddition Nomenclature**

can only be [2 + 1] processes, and *[3 + 2]* / *[1 + 4]* leads to five-membered rings



# **C. Carbene Additions [2 + 1] (Cyclopropanations)**

Reagents that contribute one atom to a ring in cycloadditions must be able to expand their valency by two: *true*.

Carbenes have only *6* electrons in the valence shell of carbon.

expanding the valency of the carbon to *4*.

A leaving group *is not* required in cyclopropanations featuring carbenes.

Carbenes can be sp2 hybridized with *an empty p-orbital*, *ie singlet* forms sp3 hybridized with *a diradical structure*, *ie triplet*





Substances that have two rings sharing a single carbon are called *spiro*.

## **D. Ozonolysis [2 + 3]**

It smells like *a sea breeze / don't smell it, it's highly toxic*

Treatment with ozone, *ie ozonolysis*, then quenching the produce with a mild reducing agent cleaves alkenes to give *aldehydes / ketones* at either terminus

This reducing agent can be *Me2S / PPh3 / Zn dust* (dimethyl sulfate cannot be a reducing agent)



A retro-[2 + 3] is a *ring cleavage to 2 and 3 atoms components*.





 $DMSO$  is  $Me<sub>2</sub>SO$ 

ozonolysis reactions may be *reduced* to alcohols if the mixture is treated with sodium borohydride, or *oxidized* to acids if treated with hydrogen peroxide.





# **E.** *syn***-Dihydroxylation [2 + 3]**

A dihydroxylation adds \_\_2\_\_ hydroxyl groups to an alkene.





Dihydroxylation with osmium tetroxide is stereospecifically *syn*

This is *unlike* generation of diols via epoxidations which gives net *anti* addition

N O

N O O

*trimethylamine-N-oxide NMO*





(Of course, both enantiomers form in both the problems shown on this page.)



The products of the two reactions above are *diastereomers*

#### **Periodate Cleavage**

The iodine of periodic acid (HIO<sub>4</sub>) is in the<sup>+7</sup> oxidation state; it is *reduced* in this reaction to HIO<sub>3</sub> which is in the *+5* oxidation state.



# **F. Azide-Alkyne "Click Reactions" [2 + 3]**

A terminal alkyne is a *C – C* triple bond *at the end of a chain*.

Heating organic azides and terminal alkynes together causes them to undergo *[3 + 2]* 



1,4-cycloaddition product, *ie* the reaction becomes 100% *regiospecific*



many different organic functionalities, but *none* of them react quickly with azides or with alkynes.

*ie* this type of click reaction is *chemoselective*.



the ideal geometry around the "red dot carbons" is *180 °*, whereas in the triazole product it is *120°*.



and this is called the heat of *hydrogenation* for that substrate. liberates most heat in this reaction is the *most* strained, *ie* cyclopropyne. changes alkyne *sp*-hybridized carbons to *sp3* , thereby making those carbon atoms *more* able to fit alkyne *sp*-hybridized carbons to *sp2* , thereby making those carbon atoms *more* able to fit



Reactions like these *do not* need copper salts to proceed at room temperature

on the cell surface, can be observed using *confocal microscopy*.





When dienes undergo [4 + 2] cycloadditions, they must be in *s-cis* conformations. conformation about the *σ-bond* that connects the *π-bonds*.

*s-cis* and *s-trans* conformations *are* in rapid equilibrium at room temperature.

the monoalkene is called the *dienophile* meaning it *loves* dienes.

*ie* the dienophile adds to *the same* face(s) of the *s-cis* diene conformation. This is called *suprafacial*.



*regioisomer 1*

*regioisomer 2*

### *exo***- and** *endo***-Additions**





Consequently, the *endo*-isomer is the *kinetic* product, and the *exo*- will predominate at extended reaction pure isomer can be isolated in the *late* stages of the reaction and the equilibrium is adjusts to *favor*





*draw in a suitable conformation*

1,3-butadiene gives *4* molecular orbitals of which the lowest energy *2* are filled with two electrons each.



HOMO-LUMO overlap such as that shown above are called *frontierorbital* interactions.

Charge in the *HOMO* redistributed to the compensate for the lack of it in the *LUMO* drives these reactions to occur.