

Carbocations

Are electron deficient and have an empty p orbital (sp² hybridized). Not all carbocations are equally stable so there are predictable patterns for which ones will form.

The most stable



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Carbocations (cont'd)

The order of carbocation stability arise from three sources.

 Inductive electron donation: the electrons in C-C σ bonds will be pulled closer to the C⁺ helping to minimize the charge. Note: this does not work for C-H bonds.



Hyperconjugation: this is a orbital interaction between adjacent C-H bonds that can overlap the empty p orbital of the C⁺, this again helps to minimize the charge on the C⁺.



Carbocations (cont'd)

3) Resonance: a carbocation immediately adjacent to a π system (double bond, triple bond or aromatic ring) can be stabilized by resonance. This lowers the energy by spreading the charge over more atoms, i.e.



Carbocations (cont'd)

One final complexity for carbocations: rearrangement. Carbocations are susceptible to 1,2-hydride shifts, where an adjacent H atom (and its bonding electrons) shift to the C⁺ to produce a more stable carbocation, i.e.



This is also possible for methyl groups. These shifts are common when a tertiary, allylic or benzylic carbocation is produced.



- Reaction is rapid at room temperatures
- Addition of bromine is a common chemical test for the presence of double bonds as the red colored bromine solution turns colorless when it reacts with an alkene
- Reaction relies on the polarizability of the halogen bonds



PROBLEM 3.8 Write an equation for the reaction of bromine at room temperature with a. propene b. 4-methylcyclohexene

Halogenation (cont'd)

In the first step the π electrons act as a nucleophile attacking the bromine displacing a bromide ion and forming the cyclic bromonium cation intermediate.

In the second step the nucleophilic bromide ion attacks the side of the bromonium ion away from the bromine atom opening the highly strain cyclic structure and producing the 1,2 dibromo hydrocarbon.

Note this is a trans addition since the two Br atoms add to opposite side of the double bond.





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Symmetry and Addition Reactions

Table 3.2

The halogenation of ethene is a very symmetry reaction as both the reagent (Br₂) and the substrate (ethene) are symmetric. In this situation there can only be a single product. What about asymmetric reactions? Two products are possible now, which *regioisomer* will form?

unsymmetric

alkene



Symmetry with Regard to Addition Reactions

Classification of Reagents and Alkenes by

Table 3.2 Classification of Reagents and Alkenes by Symmetry with Regard to Addition Reactions

	Symmetric	Unsymmetric
Reagents	Br + Br	H+Br
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Markovnikov's Rule

Fortunately there is a simple rule of thumb to predict which product will form: Markovnikov's rule, which states that when an unsymmetrical reagent adds to a double bond the electrophilic part of the reagent adds to the carbon with the most hydrogen atoms on it.



Markovnikov's Rule (cont'd)

Why? This mode of addition will always produce the most stable carbocation intermediate, i.e. consider the addition of H⁺ to propene...



1° carbocation - anti-Markovnikov product

2° carbocation - Markovnikov product

Hydration

- Addition of water across the double bond
- Product is an alcohol
- Requires an acid as a catalyst as water is not acidic enough to produce the electrophile



Hydration (cont'd)

First step is the protonation of the alkene in a Markovnikov orientation to generate the most stable carbocation.

The second step is the attack of the nucleophilic water molecule on the carbocation

Finally an acid/base reaction deprotonates the alkyloxonium ion to form the alcohol.







Hydrohalogenation

- Addition of HX across a double bond to produce a Markovnikov halide alkane
- Reactivity: HI > HBr > HCl > HF (parallels acidity)
- HBr needs to be used in the dark and under an inert atmosphere to prevent a free radical addition process that produces the anti-Markovnikov product.
- Note: this same mechanism applies to other acids such as H₂SO₄

Hydrohalogenation (cont'd)

First step in the Markovnikov addition of the electrophilic acidic proton to produce the most stable carbocation intermediate.

The second step is the nucleophilic attack of the halide anion on the carbocation intermediate generating the alkyl halide product.





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Hydroboration/Oxidation

- Final product is an anti-Markovnikov alcohol
- Two step reaction, BH₃, H₂O₂/NaOH



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- Electrophile is the B atom (H is more EN than B!)
- Concerted addition reaction





Hydroboration (cont'd)

Step 1: alkene π electron acts as nucleophile and add to the electrophilic B, at the same time the H is transferred to the C atom.

Step 2: step1 repeats twice more

Step 3: peroxide ion acts as nucleophile with the B atom.

Step 4: migration of the C-B bond to form a C-O bond and displace hydroxide

Step 5: nucleophilic attack by hydroxide on B displacing it as BOH

Step 6: acid/base reaction to protonate the alcohol



Hydrogenation

- Addition of H₂ across the double bond to produce an alkane
- Requires a metal catalyst, Pt, Pd, Ni or Rh
- "syn" addition, both atoms add to the same side of the double bond.



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Hydrogenation



Step 1: hydrogen adsorbs onto the face of the metal

Step 2: alkene approaches H atoms

Step 3: H atoms add to the two C atoms producing an alkane







Cyn addition

Oxidation: Permanganate

- Used as a chemical test
- Product is a glycol (1,2-diol) and manganese oxide
- Color change from purple to brown-black MnO₂ solid
- OsO₄ also used to make 1,2diols



Oxidation: Permanganate (cont'd)

- Complex reaction mechanism
- Reactive via a five membered cyclic ester intermediate.
- Both O atoms are transferred from the permanganate ion.



Oxidation: Ozonolysis

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- In Zn/H⁺ get aldehydes or ketones (reductive products)
- In H₂O₂ ketones or carboxylic acids (oxidative products)
- Was primarily used for structure determination since ozone only reacts with C-C multiple bonds.
- Generates smaller molecules that are easier to identify.



Oxidation: Ozonolysis (cont'd)



One of the most useful reactions of small alkenes is a free radical polymerization. Polyethylene, polypropylene and polybutylene are all very common plastics used throughout society.

As with the other free radical reaction we have seen, this requires an initiation step, followed by chain growth and finally a termination step.

Initiation is commonly done using peroxides since they break at moderate temperatures.

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In contrast to the free radical substitution reaction in a free radical addition the initiator adds to the monomer rather than removing a H atom.



Chain growth occurs as the carbon radical reacts with additional monomers.

ROCH₂CH₂

Termination usually occurs when two carbon radical react with each other.

ROCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂ and so on

During chain growth a branch point can be introduced if the chain wraps back on itself and abstracts a H atom from the middle of the chain. Growth will then proceed from this point.



The exact structure of the polymer, chain length and amount of branching, can be controlled to some degree by the choice of initiator, use of catalysts, use of additional monomer types to introduce branching and reaction conditions. This include the relative concentrations of initiator and monomer, and reaction temperature.

Additions to Conjugated Systems

Conjugated systems provide an extra complication for addition reactions. The first step is an electrophilic addition generating a carbocation. But since the two double bonds are conjugated resonance is possible for the carbocation intermediate, i.e.



Additions to Conjugated Systems

There will usually be both the 1,2 and 1,4 addition products from conjugated alkenes. The only time a single product will dominate is if the carbocations have unequal stability, i.e.



In this case the there will be more of the 1,4 addition product as it reacts through a 3° carbocation which is more stable than the 2°.

Cycloadditions: the Diels-Alder Reaction

There is an additional type of reaction for conjugated alkenes, a cycloaddition. This a very important reaction as it is an easy way to generate cycloalkenes in very high yields. The reaction involves a conjugated diene and an alkene or alkyne. There is a rearrangement of the π electrons that will produce two new σ bonds forming the ring.

Cycloadditions: the Diels-Alder Reaction



Cycloadditions: the Diels-Alder Reaction

The reaction proceeds best when an electron withdrawing group is attached to the dienophile.

Electron withdrawing groups are groups of atoms that will withdraw electron density of the dienophile π bond which makes it a better electrophile. Common electron withdrawing groups include: carbonyl (-C(=O)R), cyano (-C=N) and esters (-CO₂R).

