

Mechanism

Sometimes do not go through a "free carbocation", may go via



## 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.





Note: this is the same order of stability as carbon radicals.

# معم: (إعلامة الكتونان) Carbocations (cont'd) أري مسىء يقل هن قعهة الستنة الموجبة من يؤدي إلى زيارة الستقرارها (إعلامة الكتونان) + أي مسيء يوزع السعنة الموجبة ويشتنها أيضًا يؤدي إلى زيارة الاستقرار The order of carbocation stability arise from

three sources.

- Inductive electron donation: the 1) electrons in C-C  $\sigma$  bonds will be pulled closer to the C<sup>+</sup> helping to minimize the charge. Note: this does not work for C-H bonds.
- 2) Hyperconjugation: this is a orbital interaction between adjacent C-H bonds that can overlap the empty p orbital of the C<sup>+</sup>, this again helps to minimize the charge on the C<sup>+</sup>.



C-H o-p overlap



Test yourself \* Inductive electron donation occures between: Q-Electrons in C-H & Donds and Ct. b-Electrons in C-C C bonds and empty Porbital. C Elections in C-C @ Donds and Ct. of Electron Sin C-H or bonds and empty Porbital.



#### Carbocations (cont'd)

3)

*Resonance*: a carbocation immediately adjacent to a p 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.

#### 3.7.a Addition of Halogens

 Addition of Cl<sub>2</sub> or Br<sub>2</sub> across the double bond to product 1,2-dihalide alkane.



#### (vicinal dibromide)

- Halogen is usually dissolved in chloroform or carbon tetrachloride.
- 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



Br—Br



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



 $B_{2} + C_{3}CH = CH_{2} \rightarrow CH_{3}CH + CH_{2}$ Br2+ Ccly 

#### Halogenation (cont'd)

In the first step the p 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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### 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



H+/



#### 3.7.c Addition of Acids



### Symmetry and Addition Reactions

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?

alkene



### Table 3.2Classification of Reagents and Alkenes bySymmetry with Regard to Addition Reactions



#### Markovnikov's Rule

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Nor Pounik

H

R H

and/or

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...



#### 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)

تذكر نوع (لم فافة 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.





# Hydroboration/Oxidation Nort (H201

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



# Hydroboration (cont'd)

Step 1: alkene p 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



#### 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.





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

atoms



#### 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.





- Cleaves the double bonds in half generating two carbonyl groups
- In Zn/H+ get aldehydes or ketones (reductive products)
- In H2O2 ketones or carboxylic acids (oxidative products)
- Was primarily used for



#### Oxidation: Ozonolysis (cont'd)

two carbonvl groups

Step 1: p electrons act as nucleophile attacking the ozone at the electrophilic terminal O atom. A second C-O bond is formed by a nucleophilic attack of the other terminal O

ozonide

 $C = C \underbrace{\bigcirc}_{3}$ 

molozonide

alkene



ozonide



#### 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 p electrons that will produce two new S bonds forming the ring.



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#### 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 p bond which makes it a better electrophile. Common electron withdrawing groups include: carbonyl (-C(=O)R), cyano (-C $\equiv$ N) and esters (-CO2R).

dienes



dienophiles



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#### Cycloadditions: the Diels-Alder Reaction

The stereochemistry of the reactants is preserved in the product, i.e. a cisdienophile give cis substituents in the product, a trans-dienophile give trans substituents in the product, i.e.

