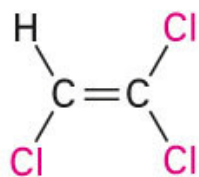


# 10. Organohalides

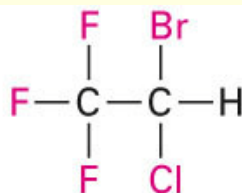
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# What Is an Alkyl Halide

- An organic compound containing at least one carbon-halogen bond (C-X)
  - X (F, Cl, Br, I) replaces H
- Can contain many C-X bonds
- Properties and some uses
  - Fire-resistant solvents
  - Refrigerants
  - Pharmaceuticals and precursors



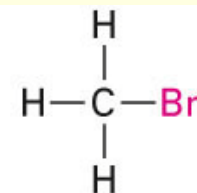
**Trichloroethylene**  
(a solvent)



**Halothane**  
(an inhaled anesthetic)



**Dichlorodifluoromethane**  
(a refrigerant)



**Bromomethane**  
(a fumigant)

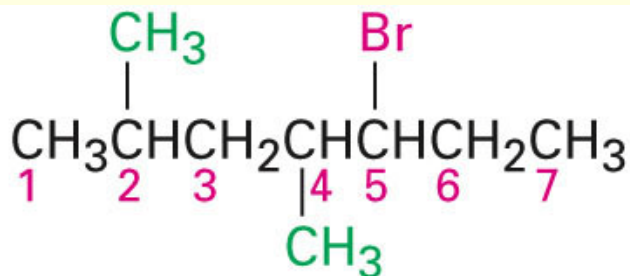
# Why this Chapter?

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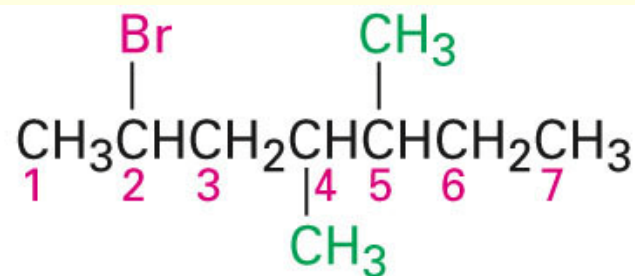
- Reactions involving organohalides are less frequently encountered than other organic compounds, but reactions such as nucleophilic substitutions/eliminations that they undergo will be encountered frequently
- Alkyl halide chemistry is model for mechanistically similar but more complex reactions

# 10.1 Naming Alkyl Halides

- Find longest chain, name it as parent chain
  - (Contains double or triple bond if present)
  - Number from end nearest any substituent (alkyl or halogen)



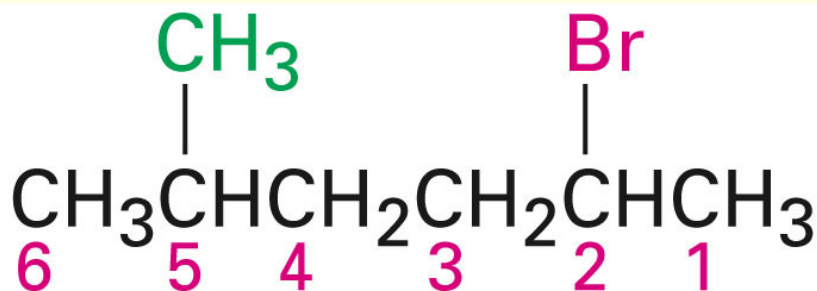
**5-Bromo-2,4-dimethylheptane**



**2-Bromo-4,5-dimethylheptane**

# Naming if Two Halides or Alkyl Are Equally Distant from Ends of Chain

- Begin at the end nearer the substituent whose name comes first in the alphabet



**2-Bromo-5-methylhexane**  
**(*NOT* 5-bromo-2-methylhexane)**

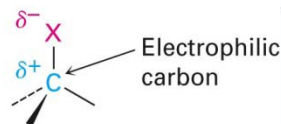
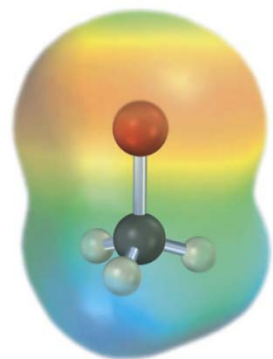
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# 10.2 Structure of Alkyl Halides

- C-X bond is longer as you go down periodic table
- C-X bond is weaker as you go down periodic table
- C-X bond is polarized with partial positive charge on carbon and partial negative charge on halogen

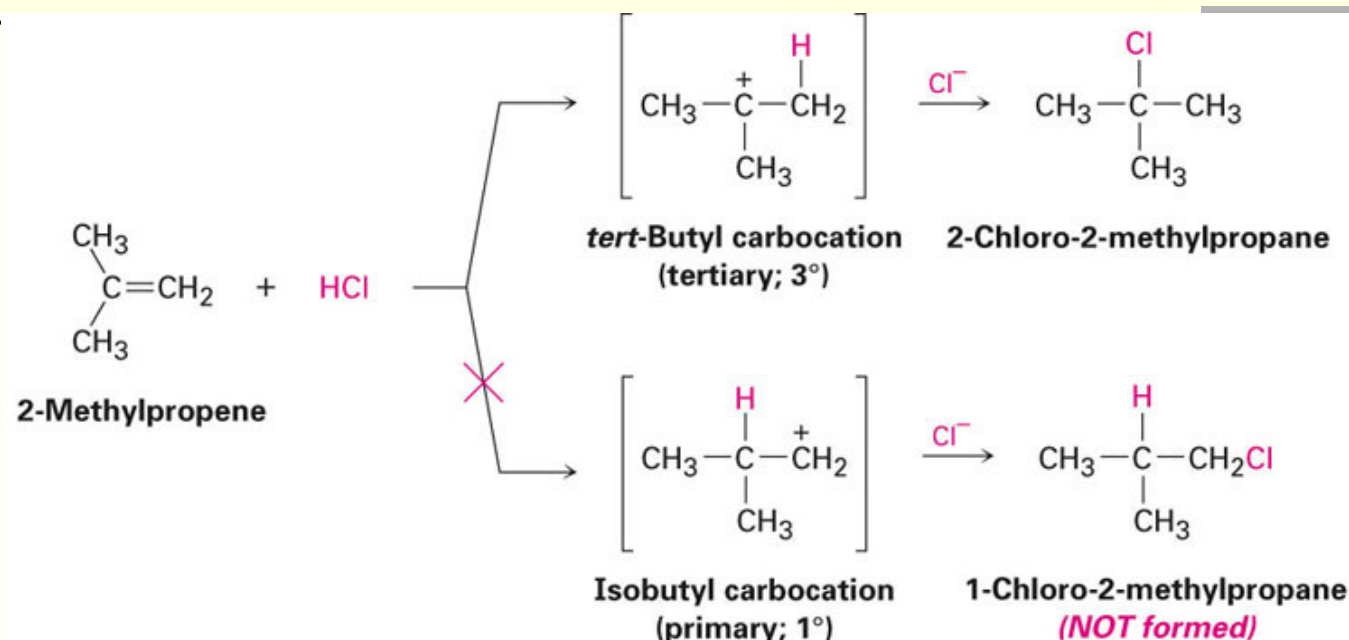
Table 10.1 | A Comparison of the Halomethanes

Halomethane	Bond length (pm)	Bond strength		Dipole moment ( <i>D</i> )
		(kJ/mol)	(kcal/mol)	
CH <sub>3</sub> F	139	452	108	1.85
CH <sub>3</sub> Cl	178	351	84	1.87
CH <sub>3</sub> Br	193	293	70	1.81
CH <sub>3</sub> I	214	234	56	1.62

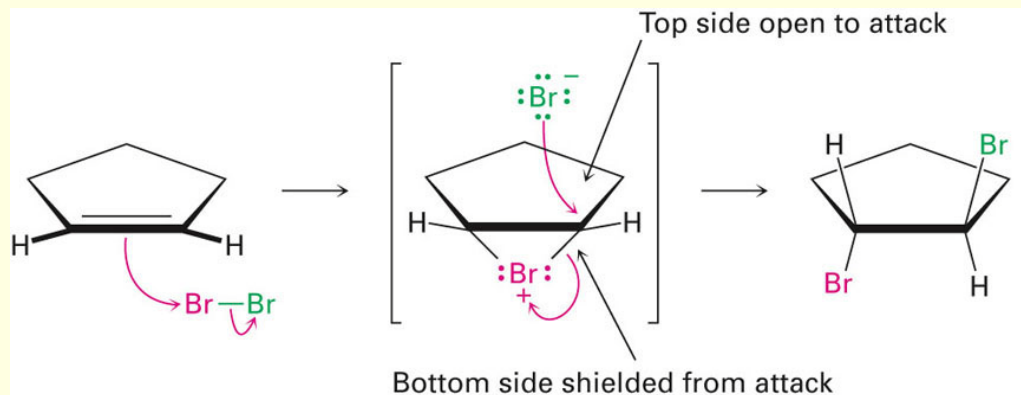


# Preparing Alkyl Halides from Alkenes

- Alkyl halide from addition of HCl, HBr, HI to alkenes to give Markovnikov product (see Alkenes chapter)



- Alkyl dihalide from *anti* addition of bromine or chlorine





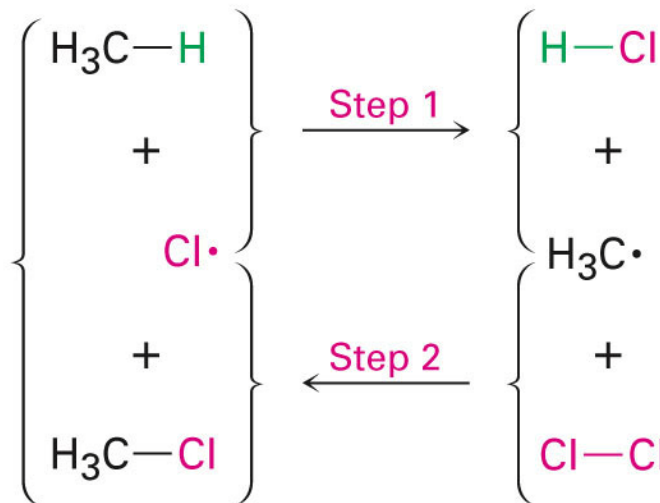


# Radical Chain Mechanism

Initiation step

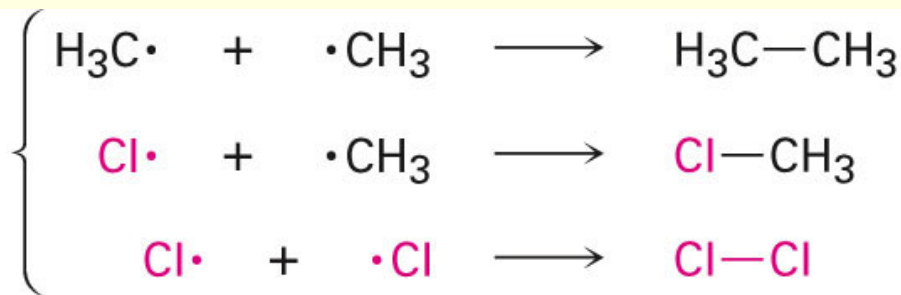


Propagation steps  
(a repeating cycle)



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Termination steps



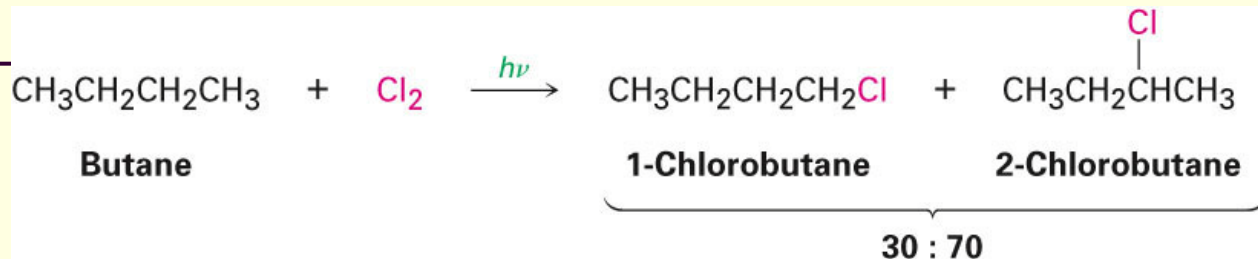
Overall reaction



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# Radical Halogenation: Selectivity

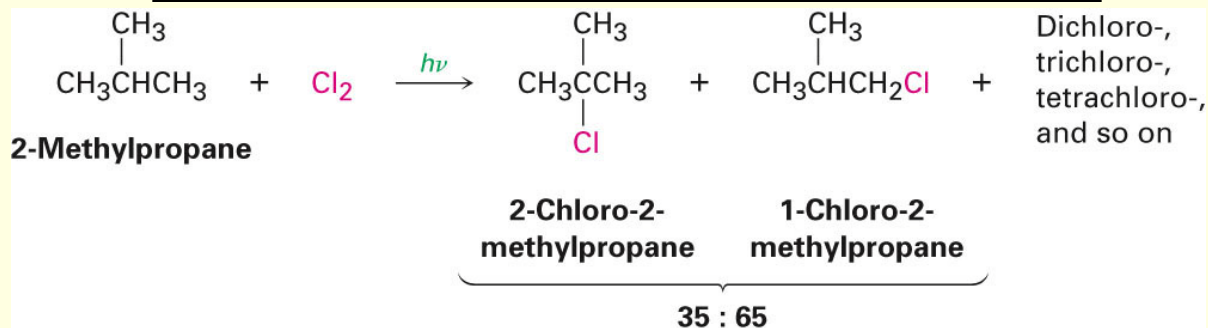
If there is more than one type of hydrogen in an alkane, reactions favor replacing the hydrogen at the most highly substituted carbons



$$\frac{30\% (1^\circ \text{ Product})}{6 (1^\circ \text{ H's})} = 5\% \text{ per } (1^\circ \text{ H})$$

$$\frac{70\% (2^\circ \text{ Product})}{4 (2^\circ \text{ H's})} = 17.5\% \text{ per } (2^\circ \text{ H})$$

$$\frac{17.5\% \text{ per } (2^\circ \text{ H})}{5\% \text{ per } (1^\circ \text{ H})} = \mathbf{3.5 : 1 \text{ relative reactivity}}$$



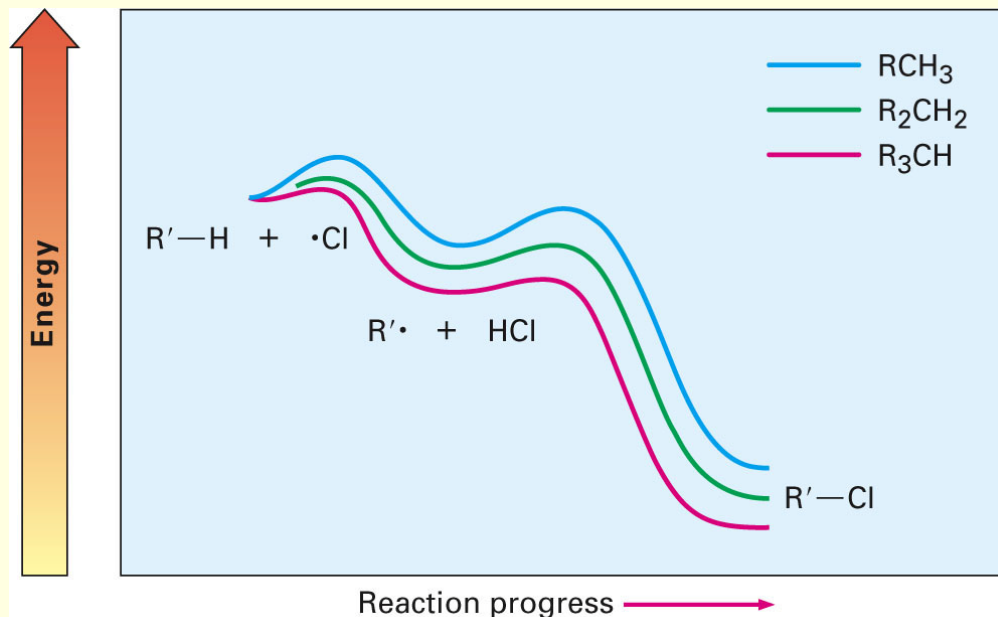
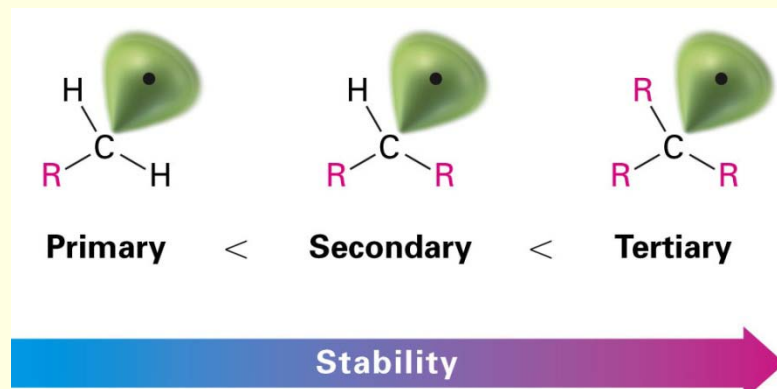
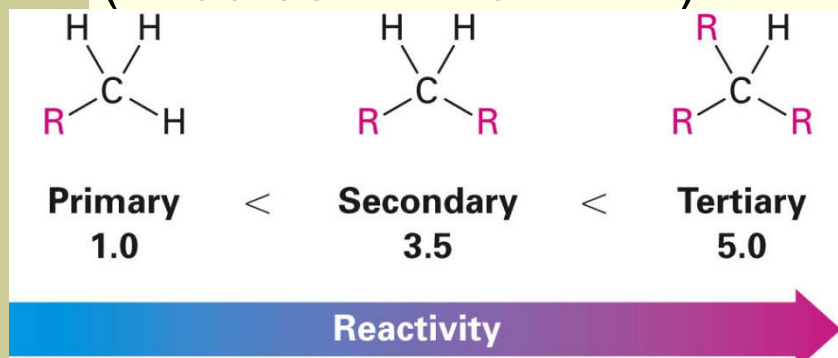
$$\frac{65\% (1^\circ \text{ Product})}{9 (1^\circ \text{ H's})} = 7.2\% \text{ per } (1^\circ \text{ H})$$

$$\frac{35\% (3^\circ \text{ Product})}{1 (3^\circ \text{ H})} = 35\% \text{ per } (3^\circ \text{ H})$$

$$\frac{35\% \text{ per } (3^\circ \text{ H})}{7.2\% \text{ per } (1^\circ \text{ H})} = \mathbf{5 : 1 \text{ relative reactivity}}$$

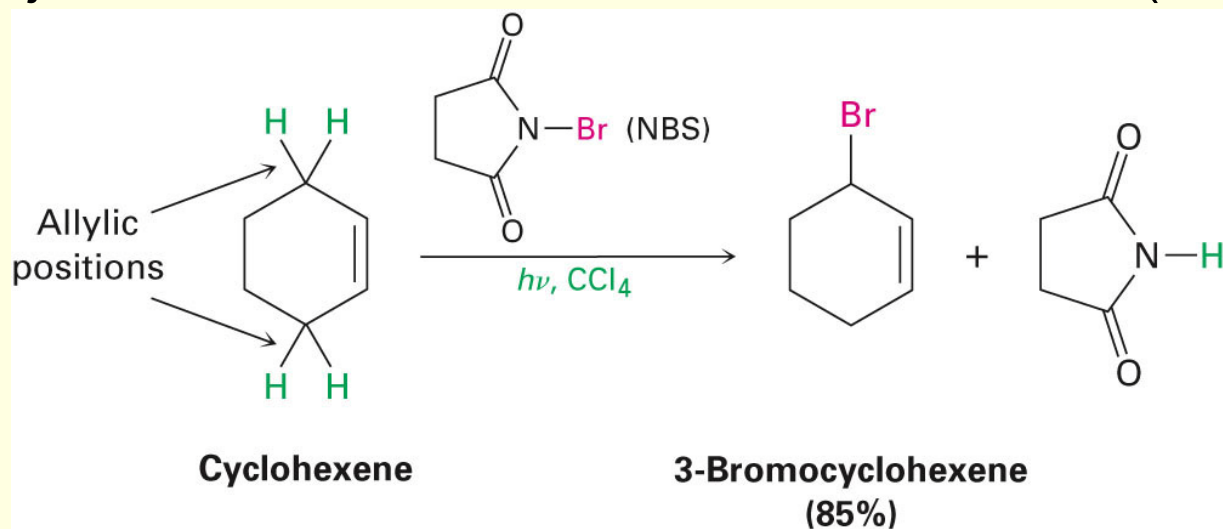
# Relative Reactivity

- Based on quantitative analysis of reaction products, relative reactivity is estimated for  $\text{Cl}_2$ : (5:3.5:1 for  $3^\circ:2^\circ:1^\circ$ )
- Order parallels stability of radicals
- Reaction distinction is more selective with bromine than chlorine (1700:80:1 for  $3^\circ:2^\circ:1^\circ$ )

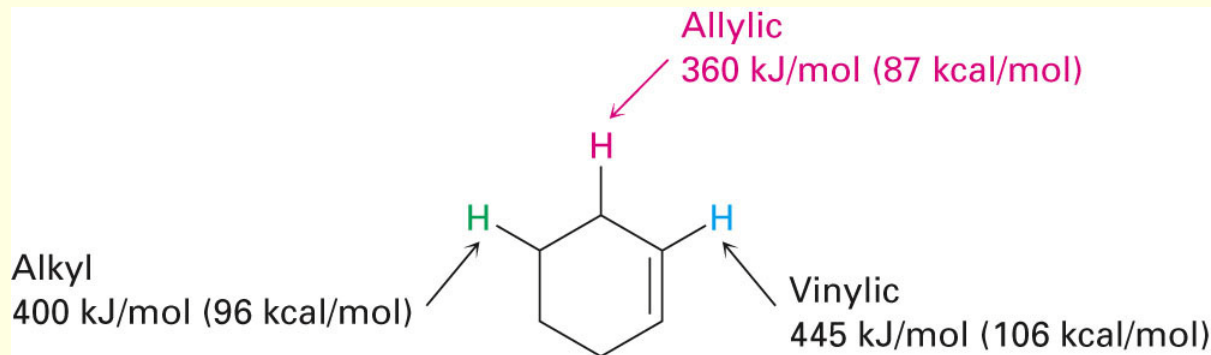


# Allylic Bromination

- N-bromosuccinimide (NBS) selectively brominates allylic positions (**Allylic** = next to a double bond)
- Requires light for activation—just like radical halogenation
- NBS is just a source of dilute bromine radicals ( $\text{Br}\cdot$ )



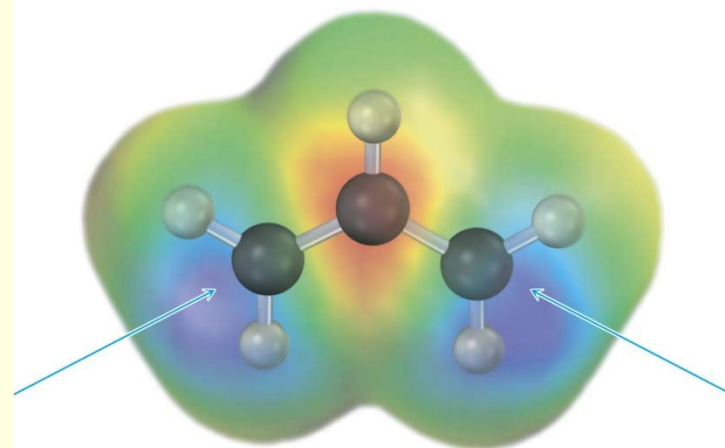
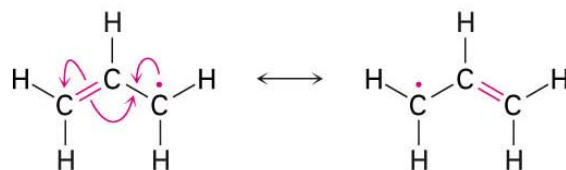
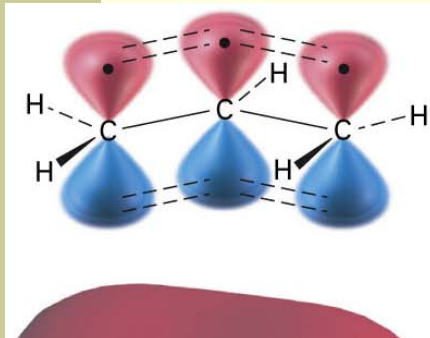
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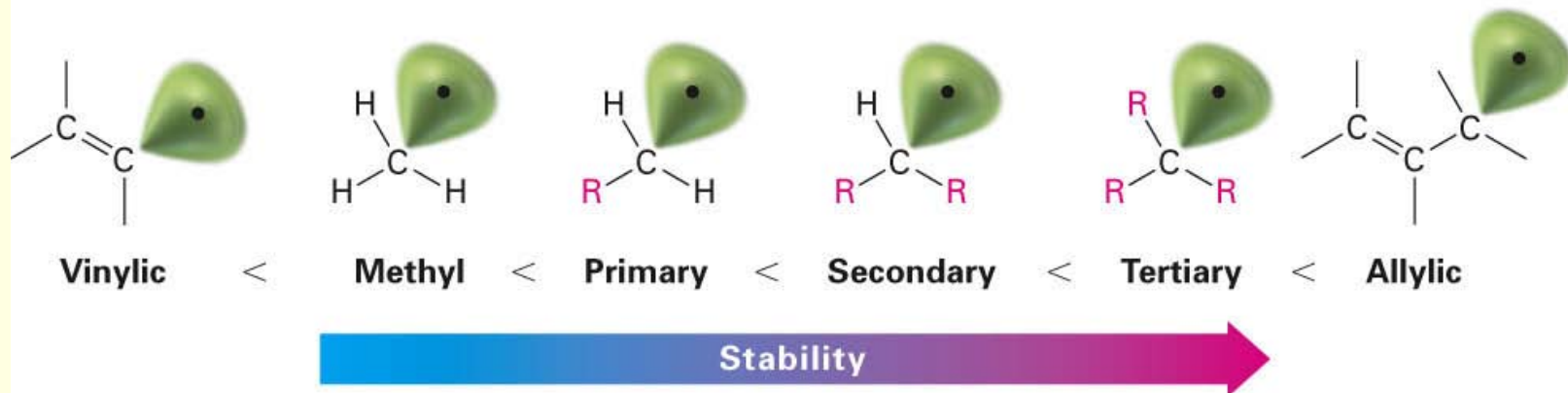
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# Allylic Stabilization

- Allyl radical is delocalized—radical is shared over 2 carbons
- More stable than typical alkyl radical by 40 kJ/mol (9 kcal/mol)
- Allylic radical is more stable than tertiary alkyl radical

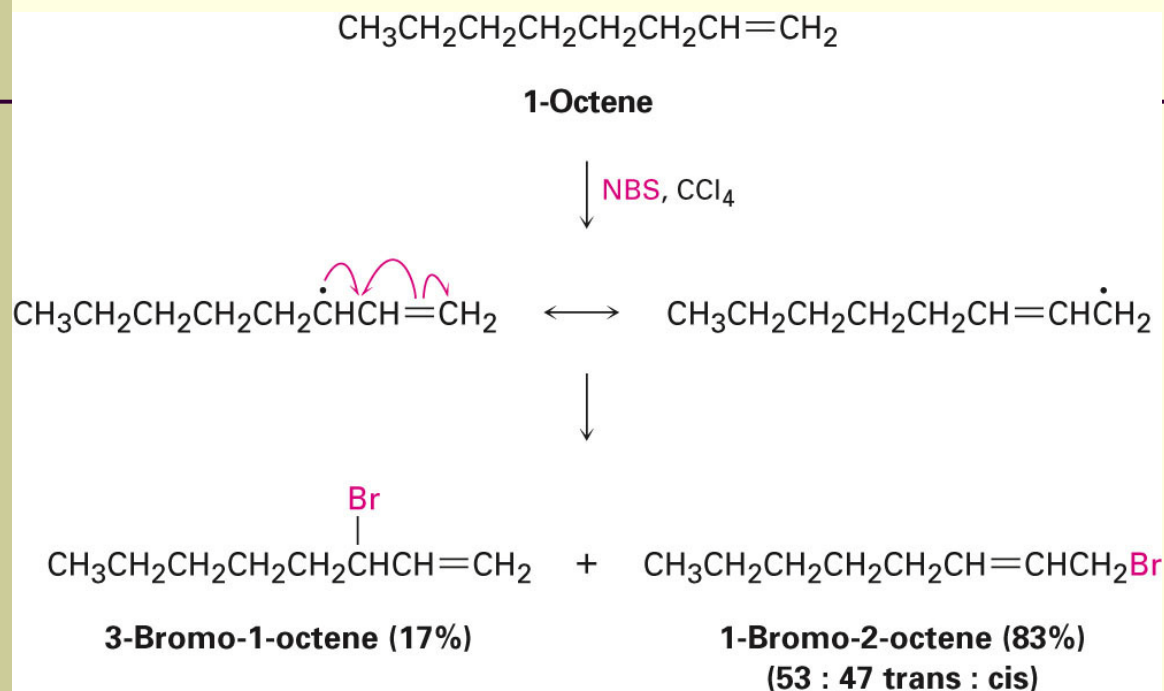


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# Use of Allylic Bromination

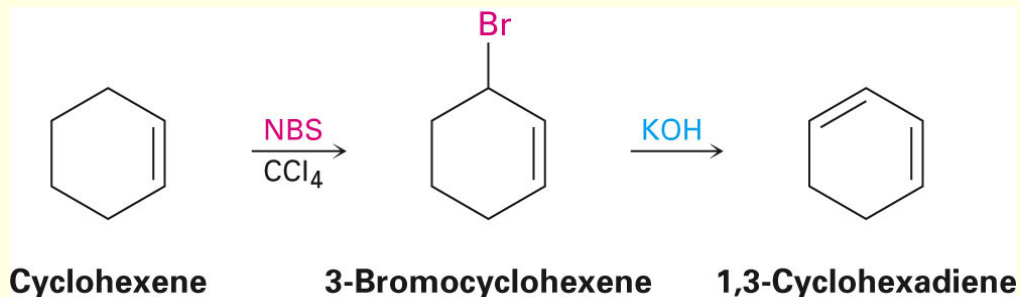
- Allylic bromination with NBS creates an allylic bromide



## Why this Major Product?

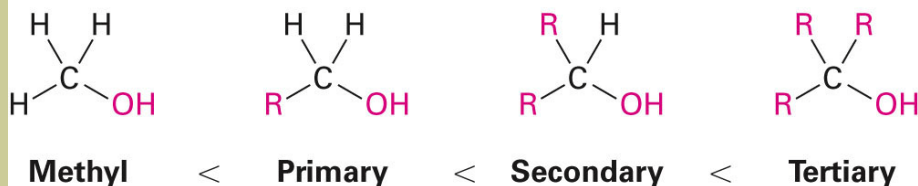
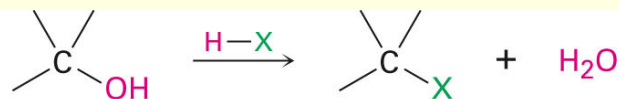
1. Less Hindered Radical Gives Major Product
2. More substituted alkene is more stable

Reaction of an allylic bromide with base produces a conjugated diene (by elimination), useful in synthesis of complex molecules

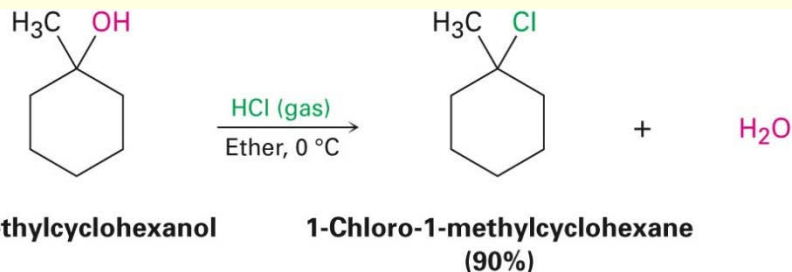


# Preparing Alkyl Halides from Alcohols

- Reaction of tertiary C-OH with HX is fast and effective
  - Add HCl or HBr gas into ether solution of tertiary alcohol

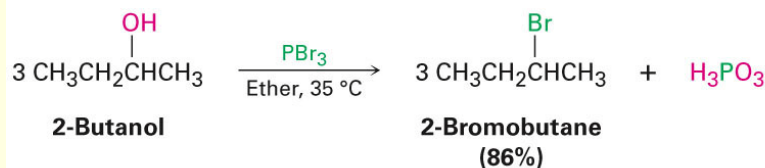
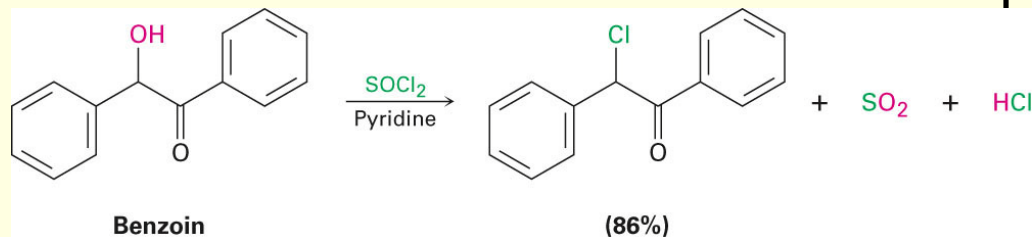


Reactivity 



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- Primary and secondary alcohols react very slowly and often rearrange, so alternative methods are used:  $\text{SOCl}_2$  or  $\text{PBr}_3$
- Mechanisms of all of these reactions in next chapter

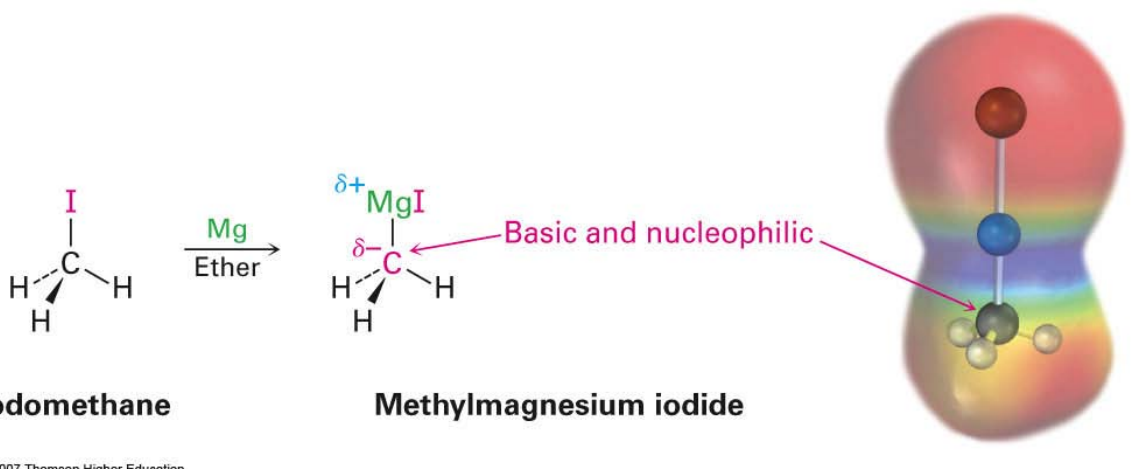
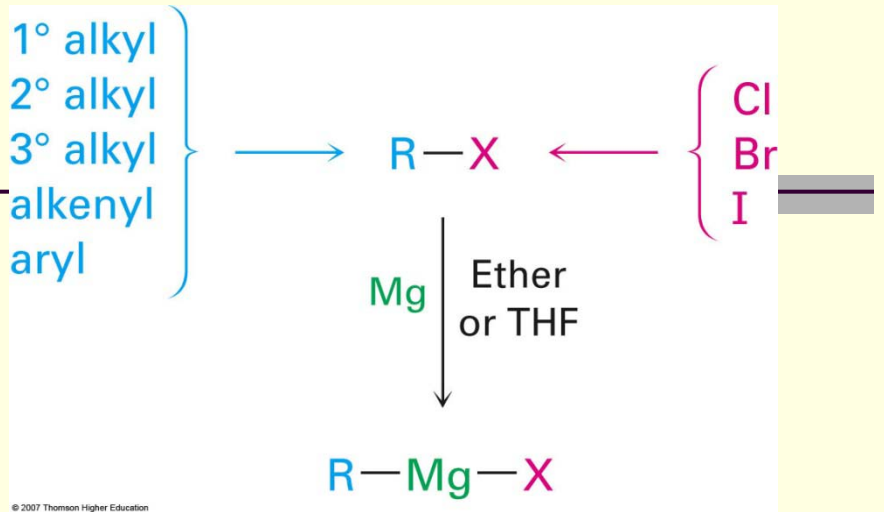


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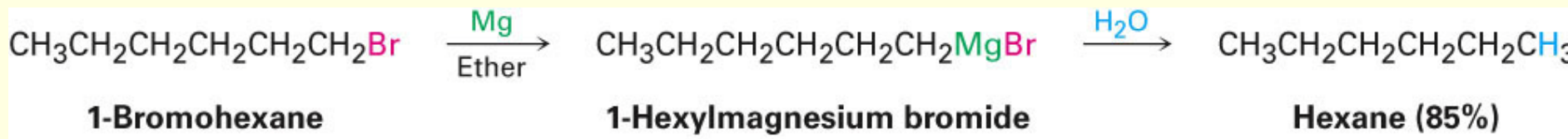
# Reactions of Alkyl Halides: Grignard Reagents

- Reaction of RX with Mg in ether or THF
- Product is RMgX – an organometallic compound (alkyl-metal bond)



Carbanions ( $\text{CH}_3^- \text{MgX}^+$ ) are very strong bases

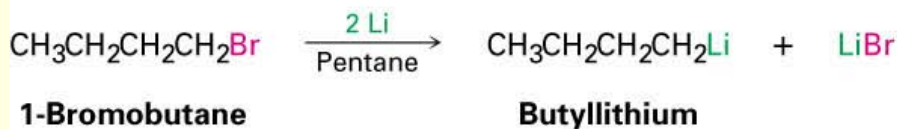
Deprotonate water, alcohols  
Carboxylic acids, etc...



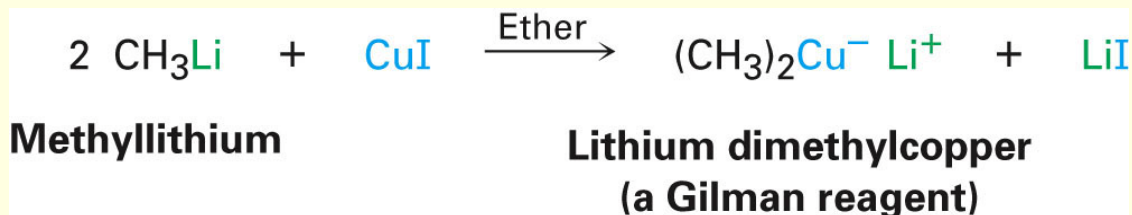
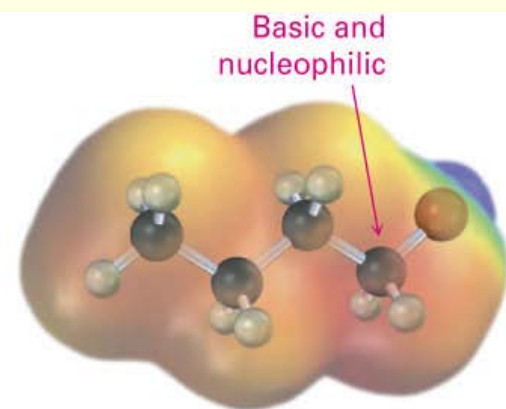


# Organometallic Coupling Reactions

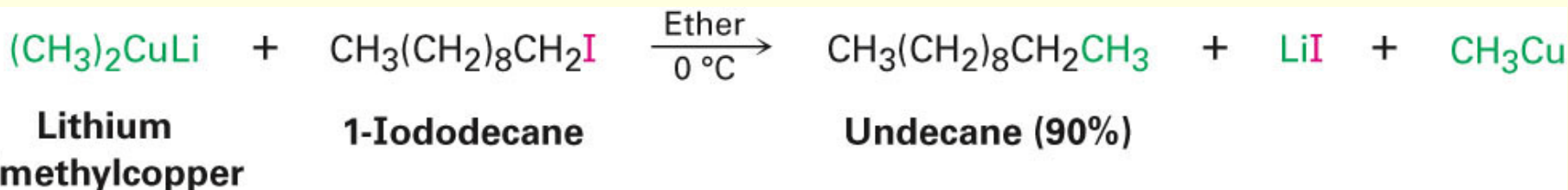
- Alkyl lithium (RLi) forms from RBr and Li metal
- RLi reacts with copper iodide to give lithium dialkylcopper (Gilman reagents)
- Lithium dialkylcopper reagents react with alkyl halides to give alkanes



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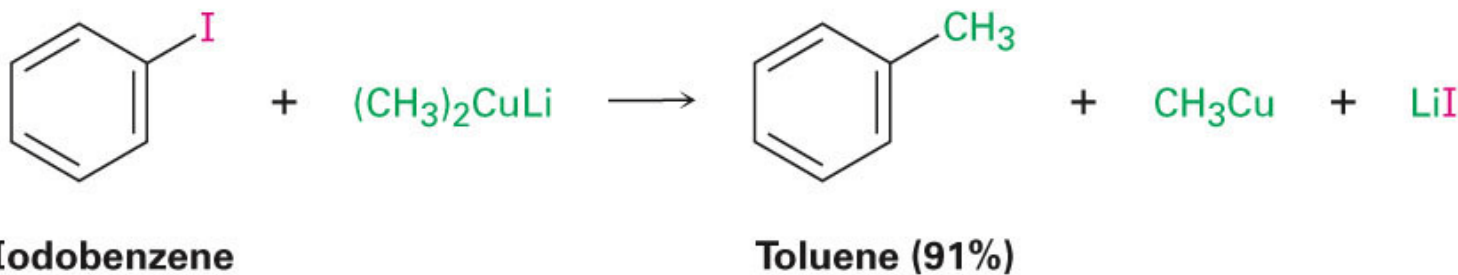
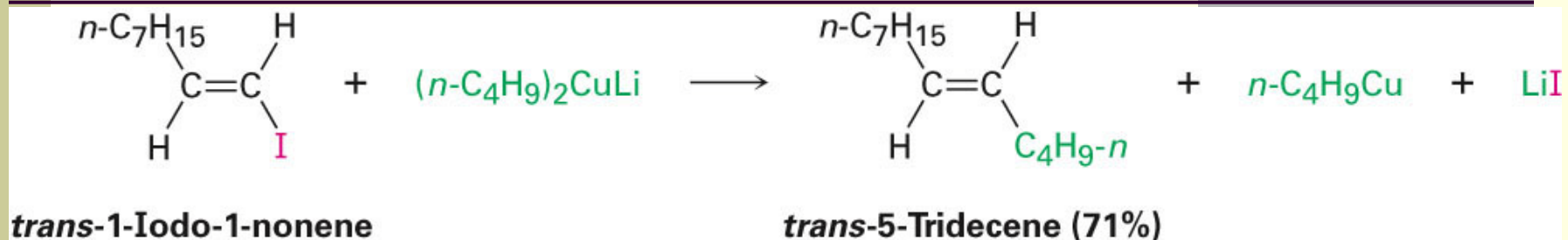
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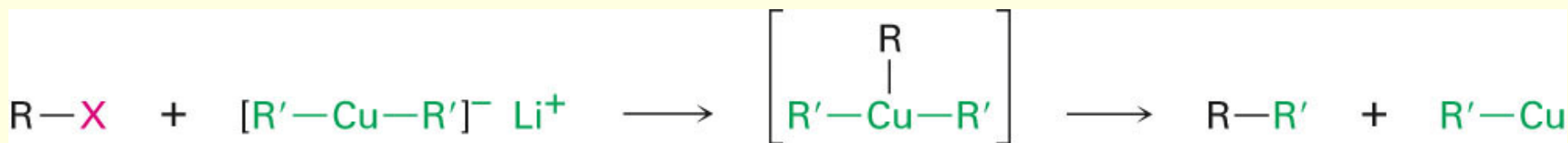
# Utility of Organometallic Coupling in Synthesis

- Coupling of two organometallic molecules produces larger molecules of defined structure
- Aryl and vinyl organometallics also effective



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- Coupling of lithium dialkylcopper molecules proceeds through trialkylcopper intermediate



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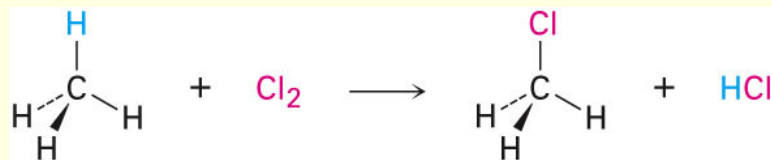
# Oxidation and Reduction in Organic Chemistry

- In organic chemistry, we say that **oxidation** occurs when a carbon or hydrogen that is connected to a carbon atom in a structure is replaced by oxygen, nitrogen, or halogen
  - Not defined as loss of electrons by an atom as in inorganic chemistry
- Oxidation is a reaction that results in loss of electron density at carbon (as more electronegative atoms replace hydrogen or carbon)
- Organic reduction is the opposite of oxidation
  - Results in gain of electron density at carbon (replacement of electronegative atoms by hydrogen or carbon)

**Oxidation**: *break* C-H (or C-C) and *form* C-O, C-N, C-X

**Reduction**: *form* C-H (or C-C) and *break* C-O, C-N, C-X

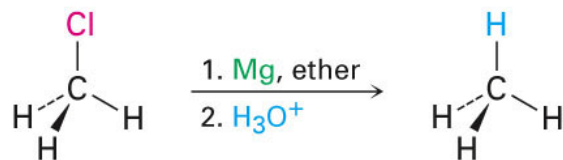
# Oxidation and Reduction Reactions



Methane

Chloromethane

**Oxidation:** C-H bond broken and C-Cl bond formed

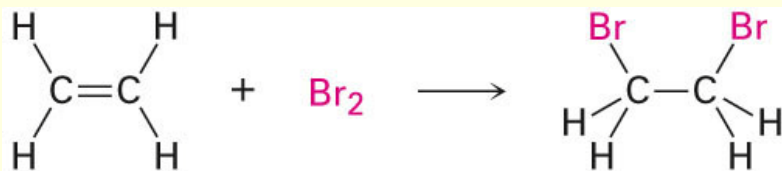


Chloromethane

Methane

**Reduction:** C-Cl bond broken and C-H bond formed

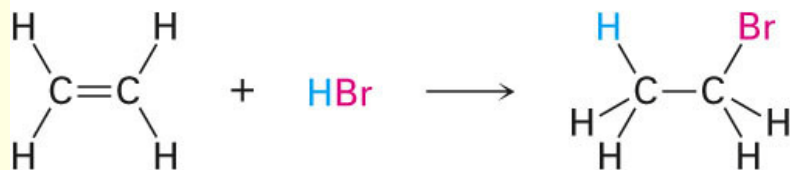
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Ethylene

1,2-Dibromoethane

**Oxidation:** Two new bonds formed between carbon and a more electronegative element



Ethylene

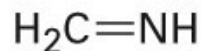
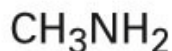
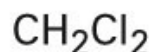
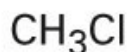
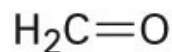
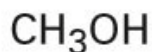
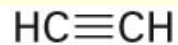
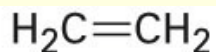
Bromoethane

**Neither oxidation nor reduction:** One new C-H bond and one new C-Br bond formed

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# Oxidation Levels

Functional groups are associated with specific oxidation levels



Low oxidation level



High oxidation level

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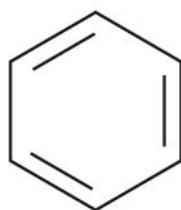
Finding the oxidation level:

$$\text{Level} = (\# \text{ of C-O, C-N, C-X bonds}) - (\# \text{ of C-H bonds})$$

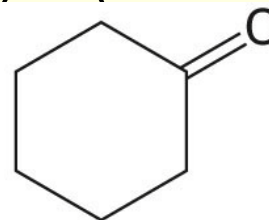
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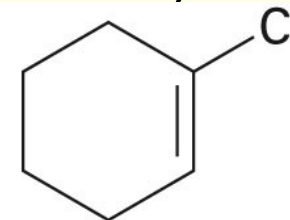
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$0-6 = -6$



$2-10 = -8$



$1-9 = -8$

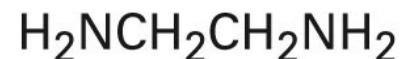
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$3-0 = 0$



$1-5 = -4$



$2-4 = -2$

# Let's Work a Problem

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How would you carry out the following syntheses?

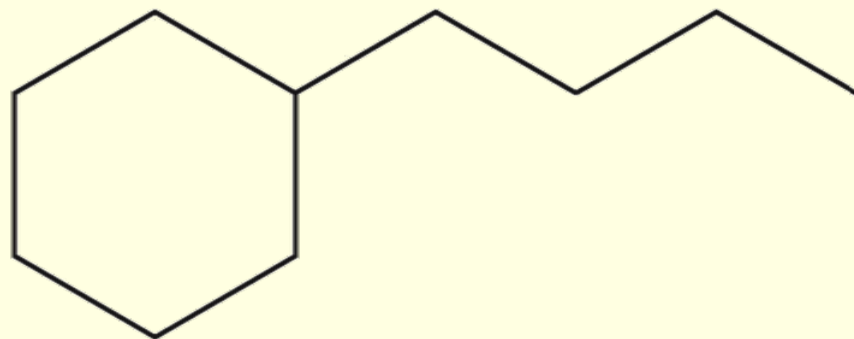
Cyclohexene



Cyclohexanol



Cyclohexane



# Answer

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The dialkylcopper reagent should be used (di-butylCuLi) that can be added to cyclohexylBr after cyclohexene is treated with HBr.

# 11. Reactions of Alkyl Halides: Nucleophilic Substitutions and Eliminations

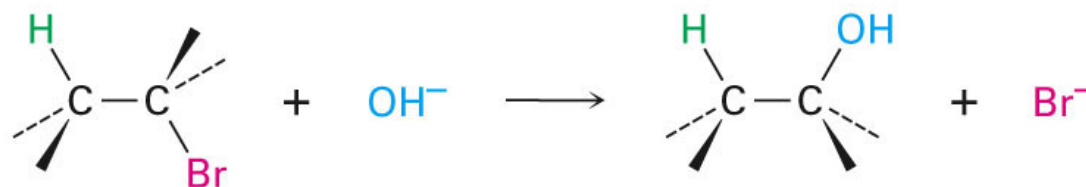
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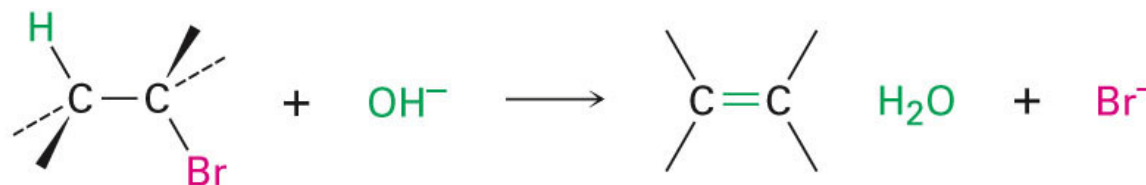
# Alkyl Halides React with Nucleophiles and Bases

- Alkyl halides are polarized at the carbon-halide bond, making the carbon electrophilic
- Nucleophiles will replace the halide in C-X bonds of many alkyl halides (reaction as Lewis base)
- Nucleophiles that are Brønsted bases produce elimination

## Substitution



## Elimination



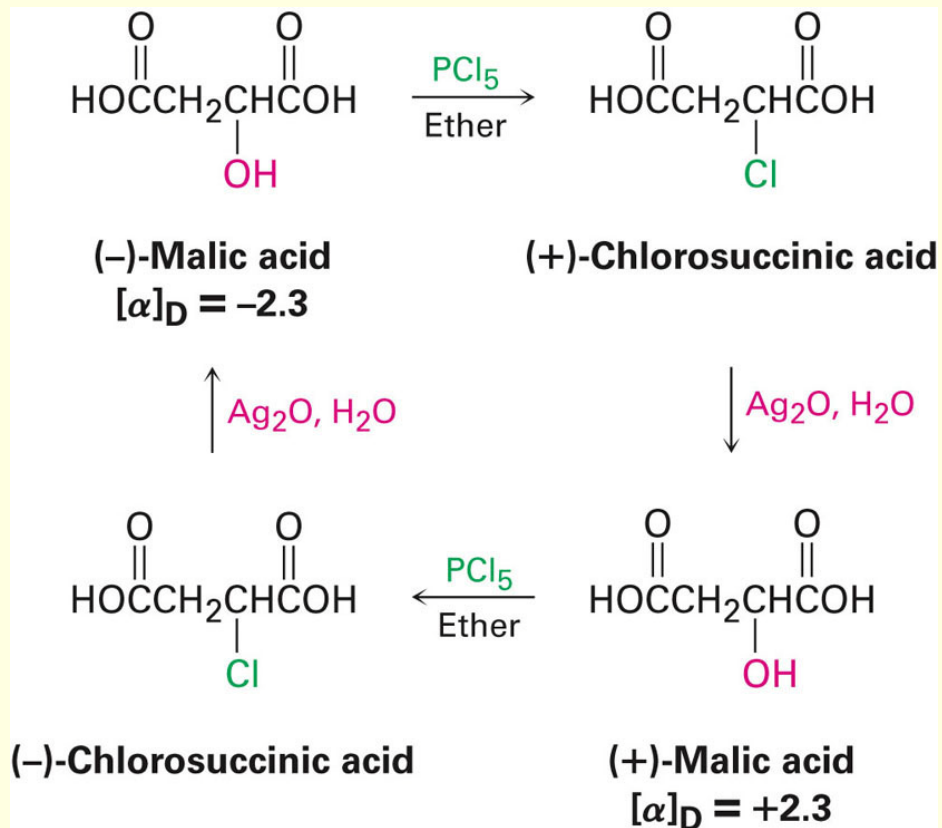
# Why this Chapter?

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- Nucleophilic substitution, base induced elimination are among most widely occurring and versatile reaction types in organic chemistry
- Reactions will be examined closely to see:
  - How they occur
  - What their characteristics are
  - How they can be used

# 11.1 The Discovery of Nucleophilic Substitution Reactions—Walden

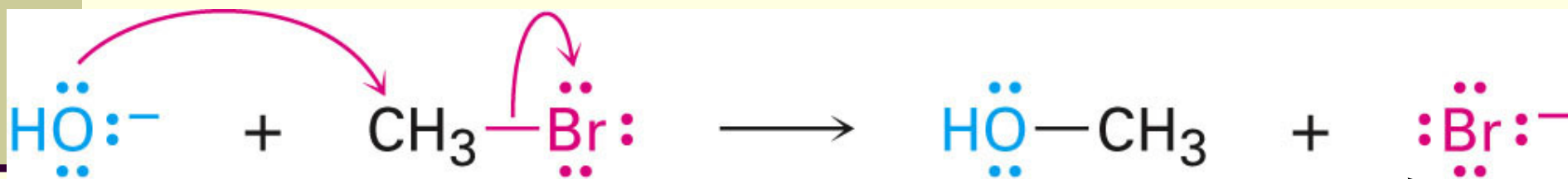
- The reactions alter the array at the chirality center
- The reactions involve substitution at that center
- Therefore, nucleophilic substitution can invert the configuration at a chirality center
- The presence of carboxyl groups in malic acid led to some dispute as to the nature of the reactions in Walden's cycle



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# 11.2 The S<sub>N</sub>2 Reaction

- Reaction is with inversion at reacting center (substrate)
- Follows second order reaction kinetics
- Ingold nomenclature to describe characteristic step:
  - S=substitution
  - N (subscript) = nucleophilic
  - 2 = both nucleophile and substrate in characteristic step (bimolecular)



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Nucleophile

Electrophile

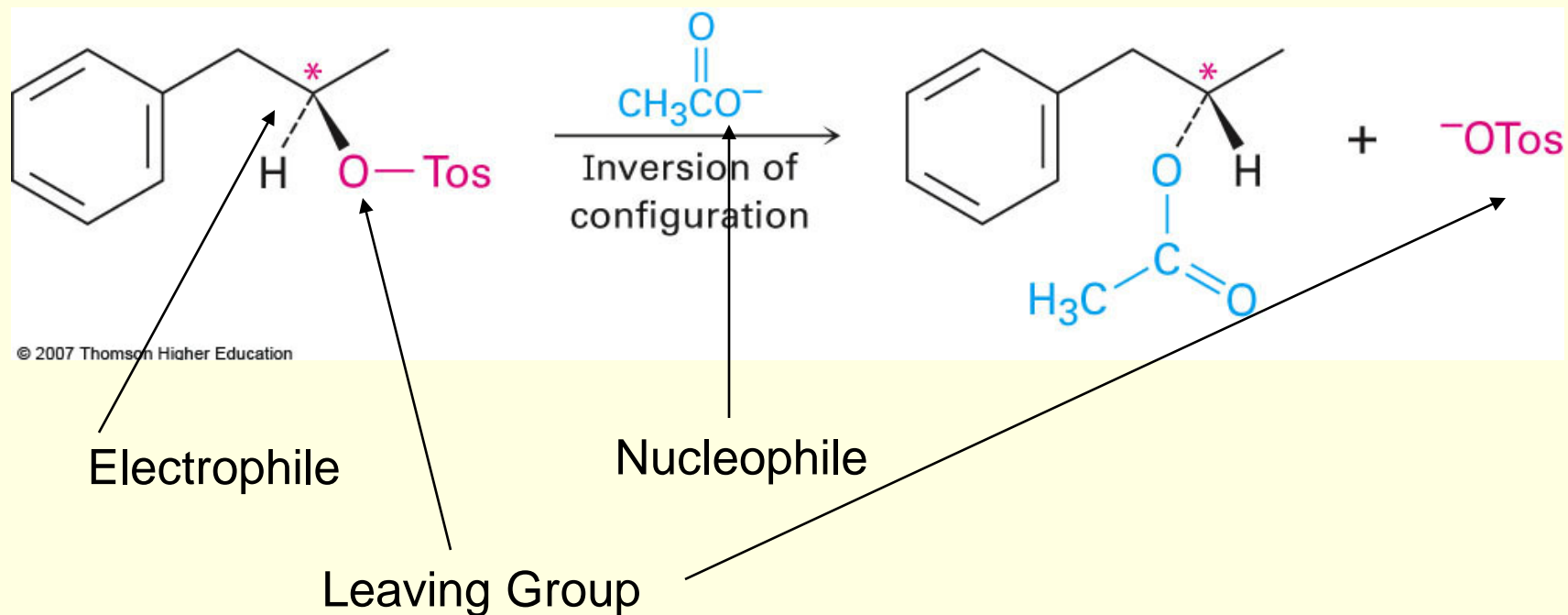
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# Reaction Kinetics

- The study of rates of reactions is called *kinetics*
- Rates decrease as concentrations decrease but the rate constant does not
- Rate units: [concentration]/time such as L/(mol x s)
- The *rate law* is a result of the mechanism
- The *order* of a reaction is sum of the exponents of the concentrations in the rate law
- $A + B \rightarrow C + D$ 
  - Experimentally determine the effect of increasing A/B
  - First Order: rate =  $k[A]$  (only depends on [A], not [B])
  - Second Order: rate =  $k[A][B]$  (depends on both [A],[B])
  - Third order: rate =  $k[A]^2[B]$

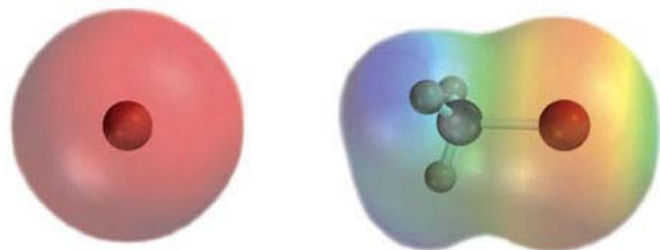
# S<sub>N</sub>2 Process

- The reaction involves a transition state in which both reactants are together
- Rate =  $k[\text{ROTs}][\text{OAc}]$

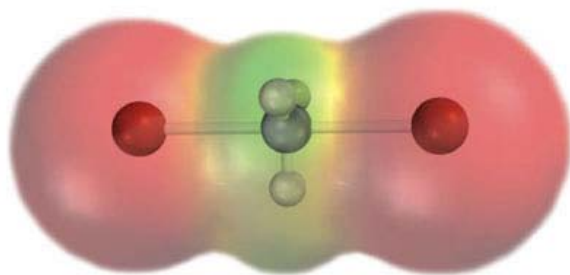
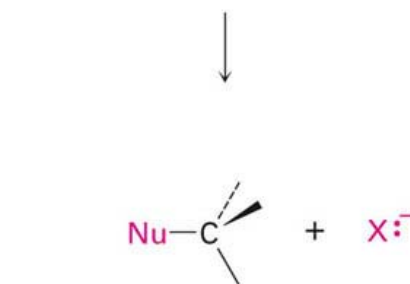
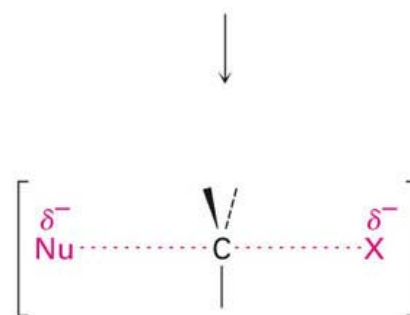


# S<sub>N</sub>2 Transition State

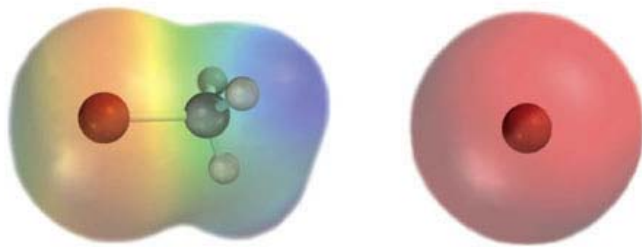
- The transition state of an S<sub>N</sub>2 reaction has a planar arrangement of the carbon atom and the remaining three groups



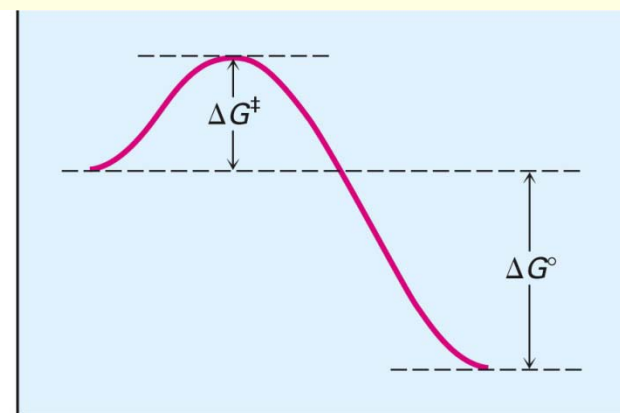
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Planar



Tetrahedral

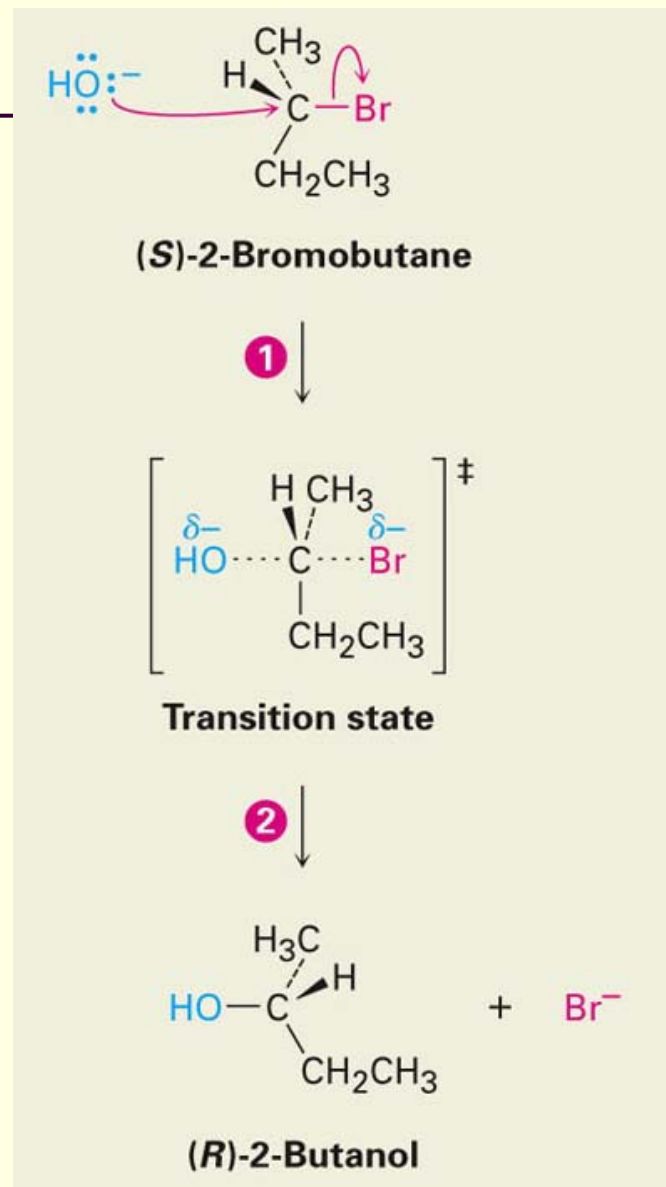


Reaction progress →

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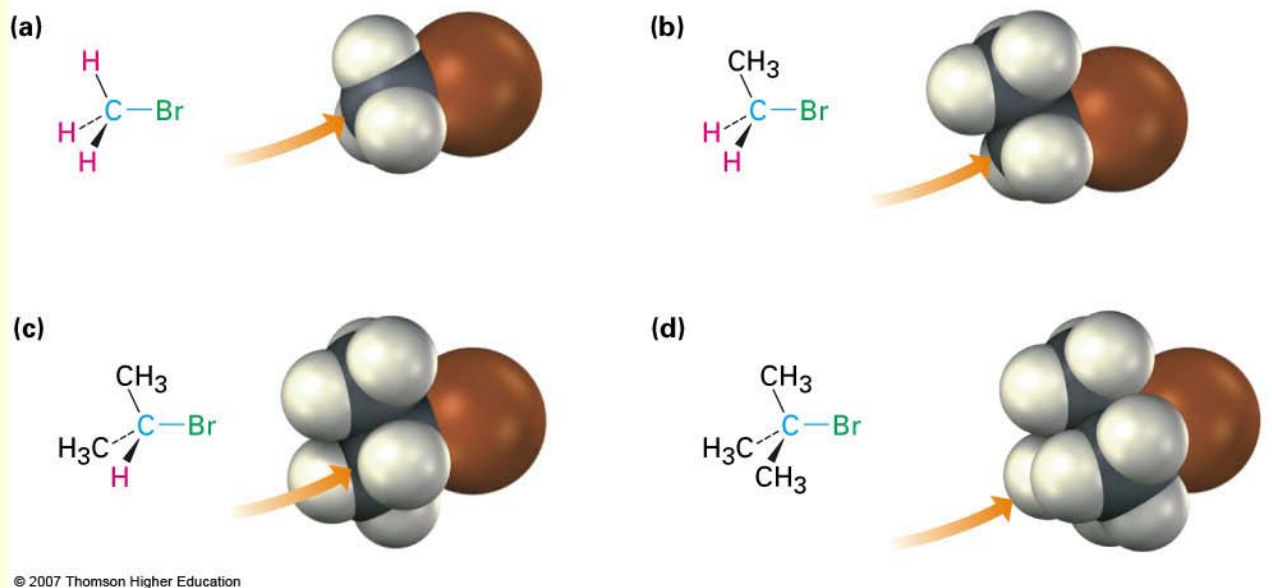
# 11.3 Characteristics of the S<sub>N</sub>2 Reaction

- Occurs with inversion of chiral center
- Sensitive to steric effects
- Methyl halides are most reactive
- Primary are next most reactive
- Secondary might react
- Tertiary are unreactive by this path
- No reaction at C=C (vinyl halides)





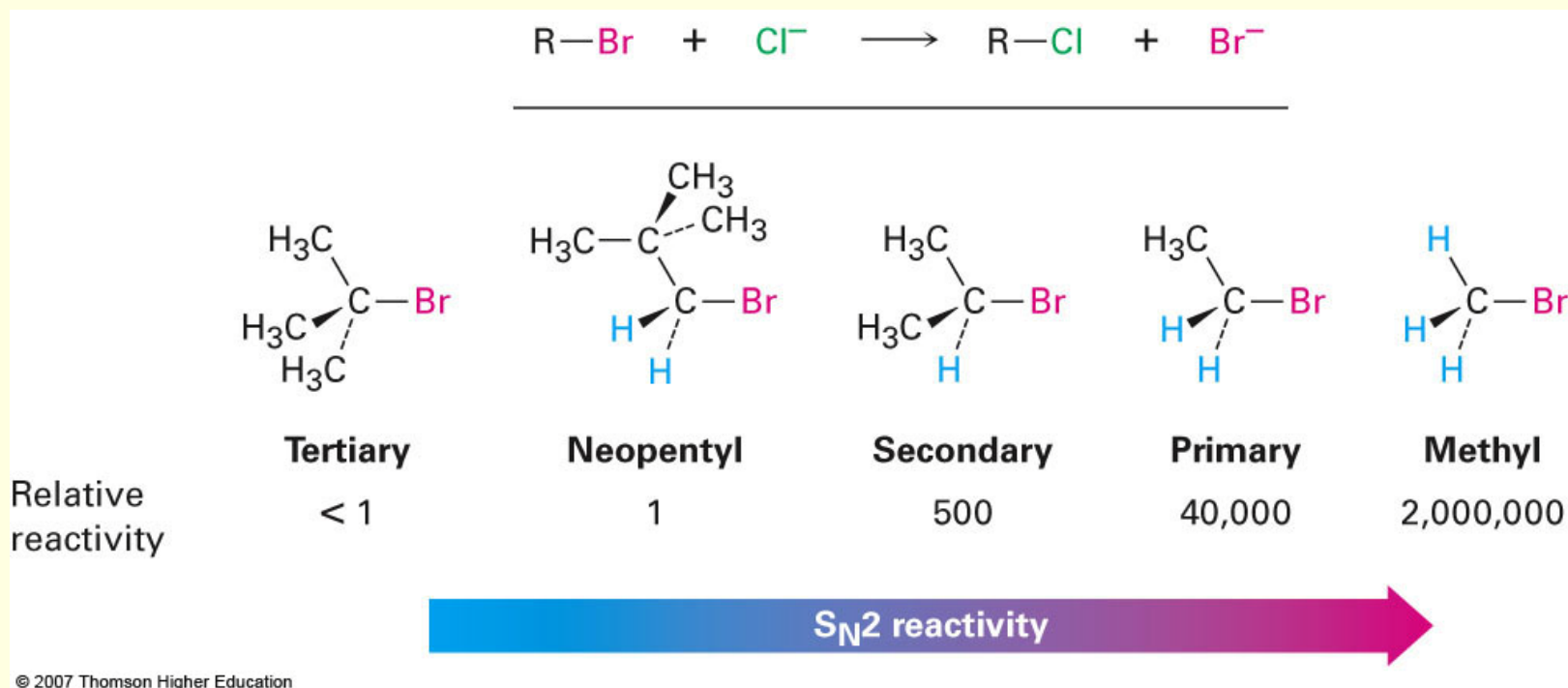
# Steric Effects on S<sub>N</sub>2 Reactions



The carbon atom in (a) bromomethane is readily accessible resulting in a fast S<sub>N</sub>2 reaction. The carbon atoms in (b) bromoethane (primary), (c) 2-bromopropane (secondary), and (d) 2-bromo-2-methylpropane (tertiary) are successively more hindered, resulting in successively slower S<sub>N</sub>2 reactions.

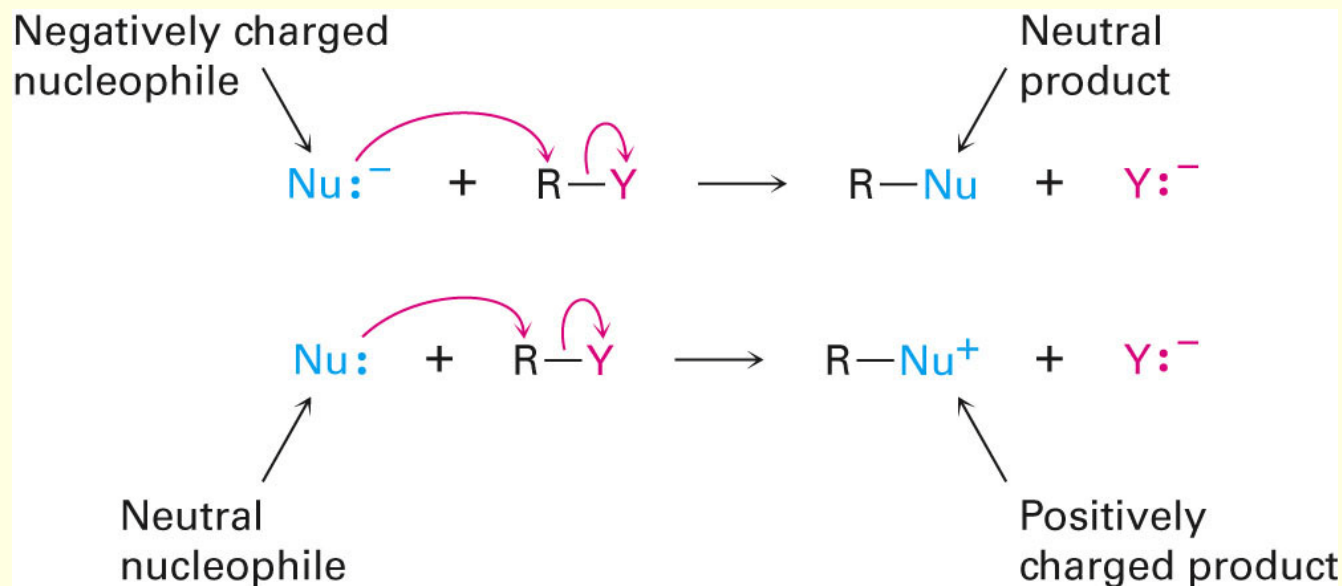
# Order of Reactivity in S<sub>N</sub>2

- The more alkyl groups connected to the reacting carbon, the slower the reaction



# The Nucleophile

- Neutral or negatively charged Lewis base
- Reaction increases coordination at nucleophile
  - Neutral nucleophile acquires positive charge
  - Anionic nucleophile becomes neutral



# Relative Reactivity of Nucleophiles

- Depends on reaction and conditions
- More basic nucleophiles react faster
- Better nucleophiles are lower in a column of the periodic table
- Anions are usually more reactive than neutrals

**Table 11.1** | Some S<sub>N</sub>2 Reactions with Bromomethane



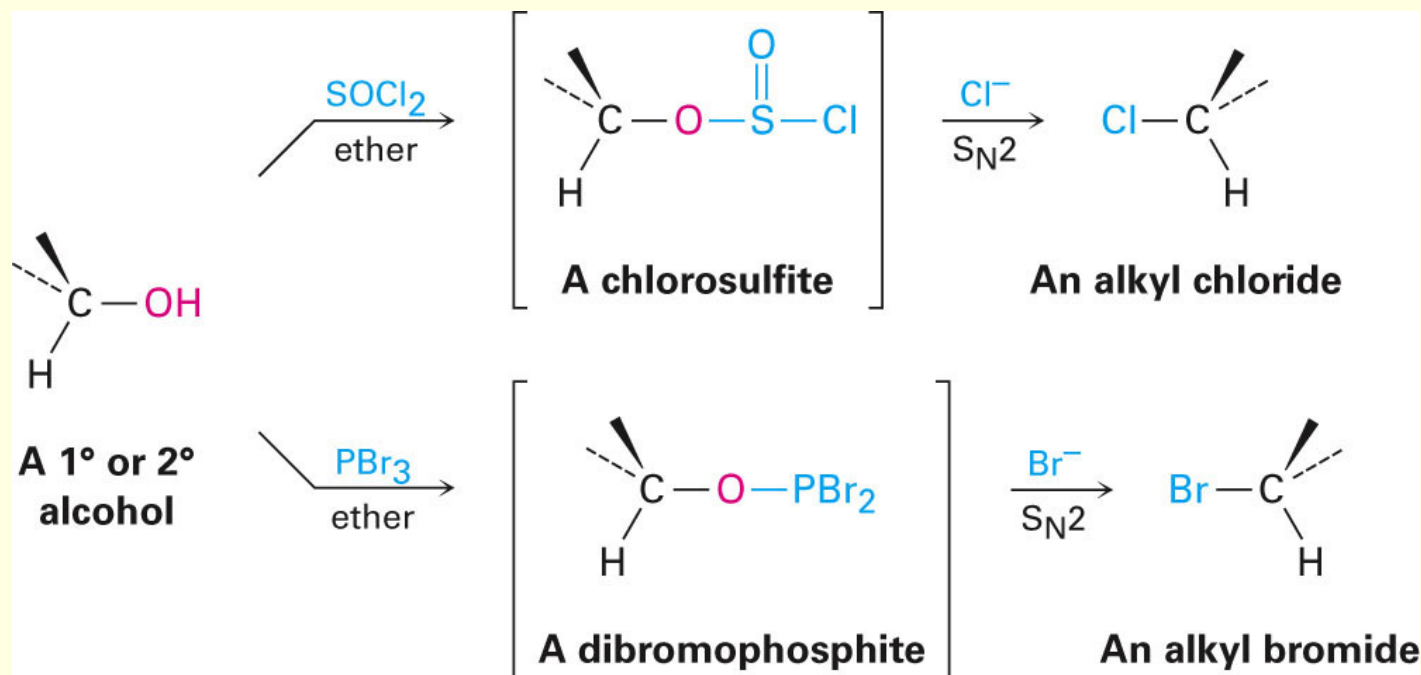
Nucleophile		Product		Relative rate of reaction
Formula	Name	Formula	Name	
H <sub>2</sub> O	Water	CH <sub>3</sub> OH <sub>2</sub> <sup>+</sup>	Methylhydronium ion	1
CH <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup>	Acetate	CH <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	Methyl acetate	500
NH <sub>3</sub>	Ammonia	CH <sub>3</sub> NH <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	Methylammonium ion	700
Cl <sup>-</sup>	Chloride	CH <sub>3</sub> Cl	Chloromethane	1,000
HO <sup>-</sup>	Hydroxide	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	Methanol	10,000
CH <sub>3</sub> O <sup>-</sup>	Methoxide	CH <sub>3</sub> OCH <sub>3</sub>	Dimethyl ether	25,000
I <sup>-</sup>	Iodide	CH <sub>3</sub> I	Iodomethane	100,000
<sup>-</sup> CN	Cyanide	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	Acetonitrile	125,000
HS <sup>-</sup>	Hydrosulfide	CH <sub>3</sub> SH	Methanethiol	125,000

# The Leaving Group

- A good leaving group reduces the barrier to a reaction
- Stable anions that are weak bases are usually excellent leaving groups and can delocalize charge

Relative reactivity	$\underbrace{\text{OH}^-, \text{NH}_2^-, \text{OR}^-}_{\ll 1}$	$\text{F}^-$	$\text{Cl}^-$	$\text{Br}^-$	$\text{I}^-$	$\text{TosO}^-$
		1	200	10,000	30,000	60,000

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# Poor Leaving Groups

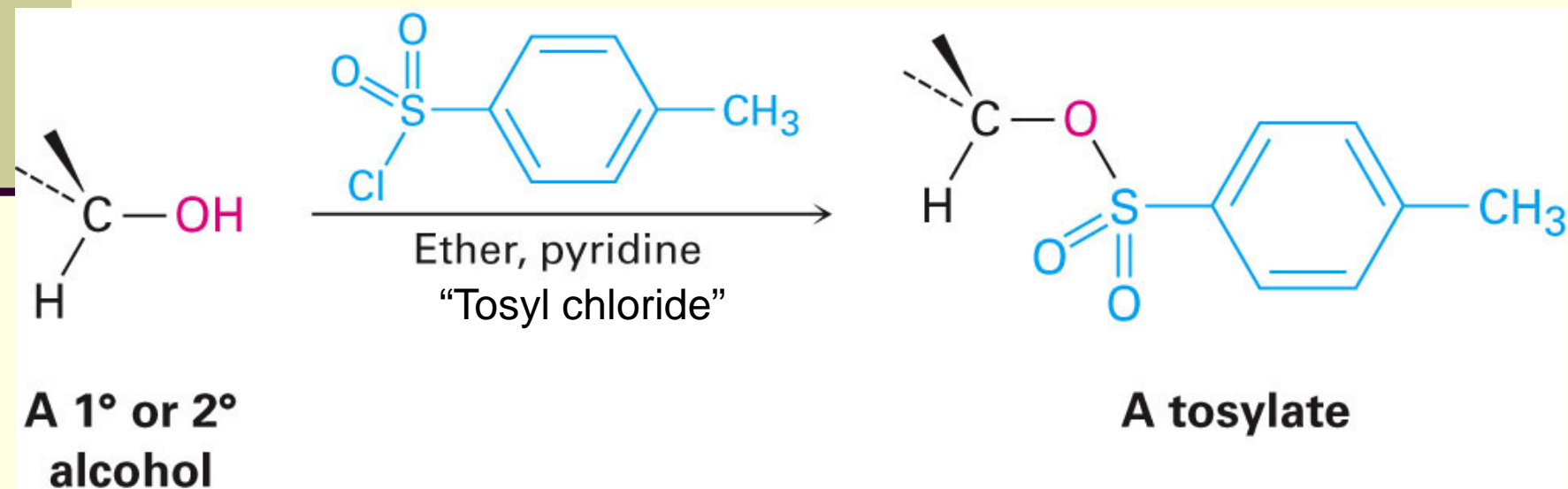
- If a group is very basic or very small, it prevents reaction

Relative reactivity	$\underbrace{\text{OH}^-, \text{NH}_2^-, \text{OR}^-}_{\ll 1}$	$\text{F}^-$	$\text{Cl}^-$	$\text{Br}^-$	$\text{I}^-$	$\text{TosO}^-$
		1	200	10,000	30,000	60,000

 Leaving group reactivity

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- Alkyl fluorides, alcohols, ethers, and amines do not typically undergo  $\text{S}_{\text{N}}2$  reactions.
- Poor Leaving groups can be made into good leaving groups



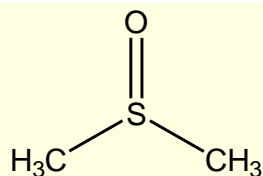
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# The Solvent

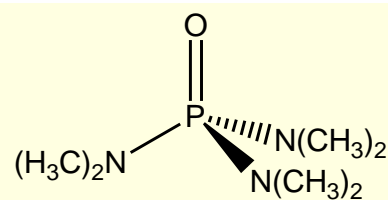
- Solvents that can donate hydrogen bonds (-OH or -NH) slow S<sub>N</sub>2 reactions by associating with reactants
- Energy is required to break interactions between reactant and solvent
- Polar aprotic solvents (no NH, OH, SH) form weaker interactions with substrate and permit faster reaction



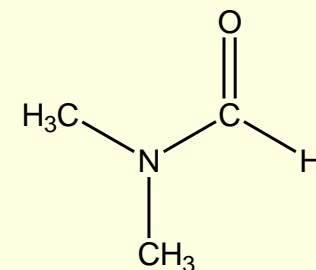
Solvent	CH <sub>3</sub> OH	H <sub>2</sub> O	DMSO	DMF	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	HMPA
Relative reactivity	1	7	1300	2800	5000	200,000



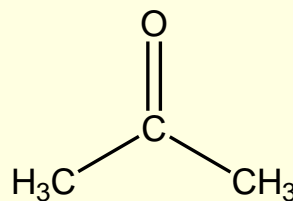
DMSO  
Dimethyl Sulfoxide



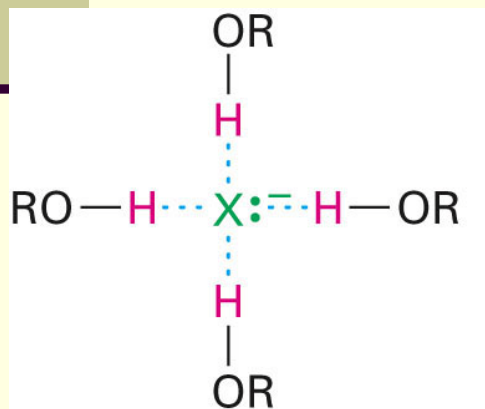
HMPA  
Hexamethylphosphoramide



DMF  
Dimethylformamide



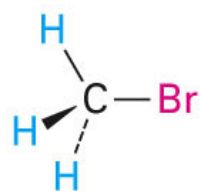
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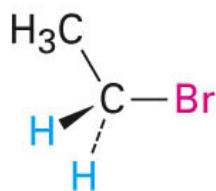
# 11.4 The S<sub>N</sub>1 Reaction

- Tertiary alkyl halides react rapidly in protic solvents by a mechanism that involves departure of the leaving group prior to addition of the nucleophile
- Called an S<sub>N</sub>1 reaction – occurs in two distinct steps while S<sub>N</sub>2 occurs with both events in same step
- If nucleophile is present in reasonable concentration (or it is the solvent), then ionization is the slowest step



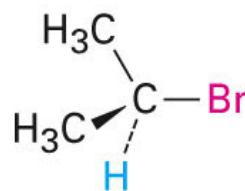
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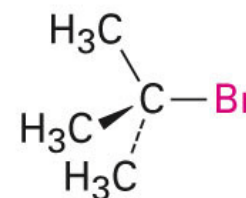
**Primary**

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**Secondary**

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**Tertiary**

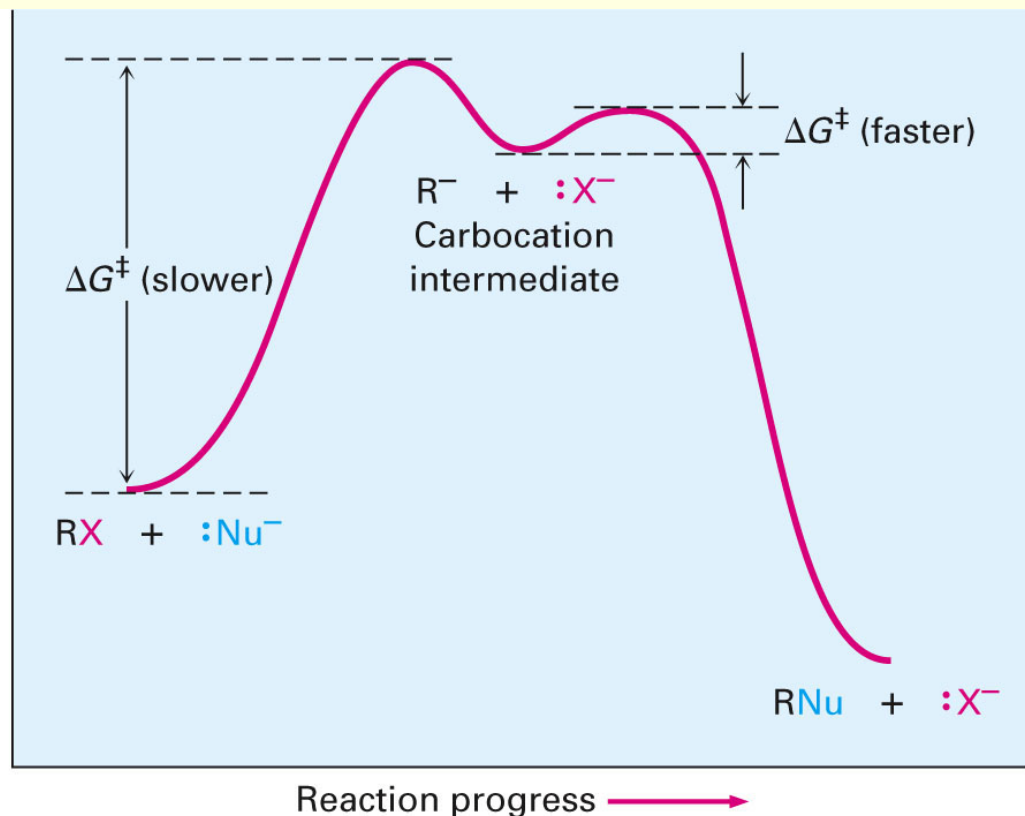
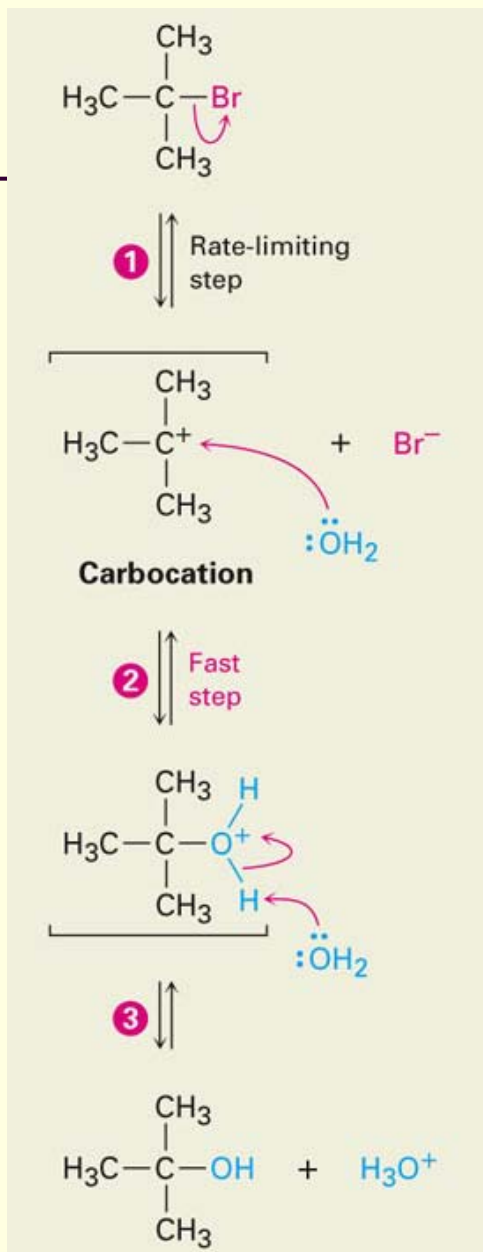
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Relative  
reactivity





# S<sub>N</sub>1 Energy Diagram and Mechanism



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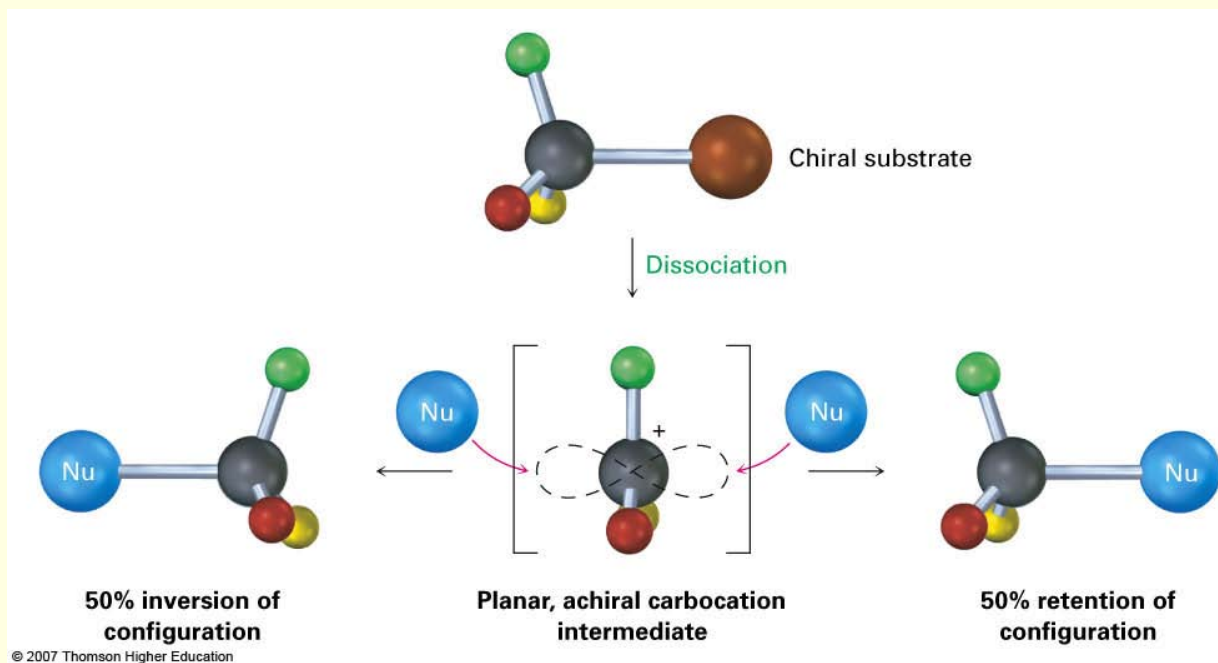
- Rate-determining step is formation of carbocation
- rate =  $k[\text{RX}]$

# Stereochemistry of $S_N1$ Reaction

- The planar intermediate leads to loss of chirality

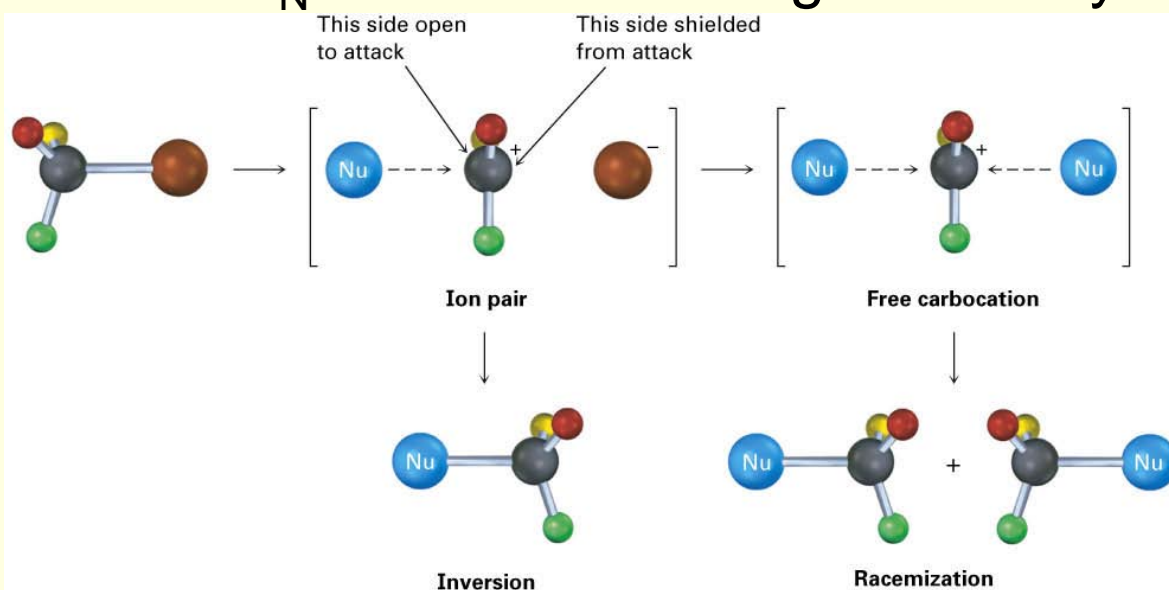
- A free carbocation is achiral

- Product is racemic or has some inversion

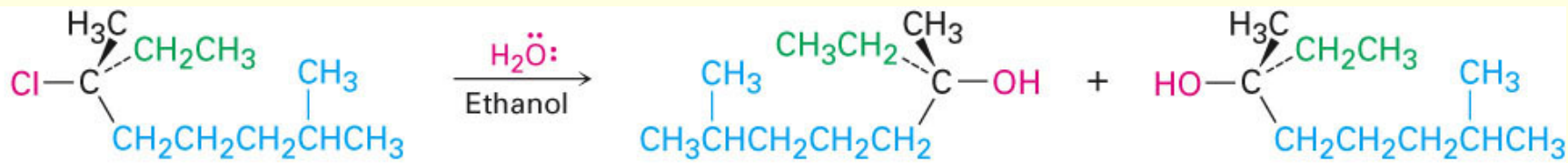


# S<sub>N</sub>1 in Reality

- Carbocation is biased to react on side opposite leaving group
- Suggests reaction occurs with carbocation loosely associated with leaving group during nucleophilic addition (Ion Pair)
- Alternative that S<sub>N</sub>2 is also occurring is unlikely



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**(R)-6-Chloro-2,6-dimethyloctane**

**60% S  
(inversion)**

**40% R  
(retention)**

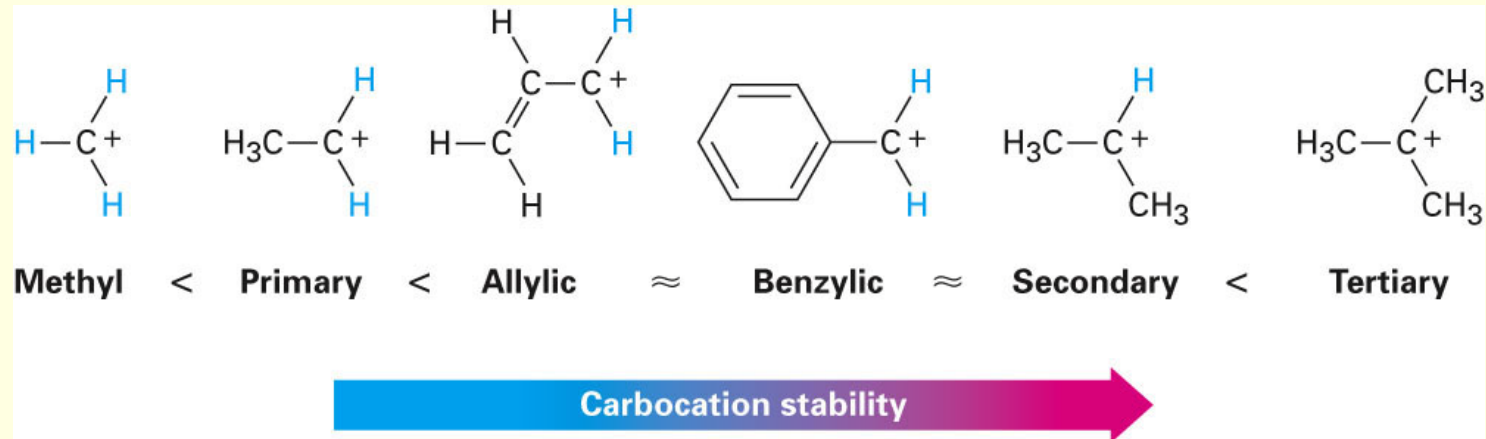
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# 11.5 Characteristics of the S<sub>N</sub>1 Reaction

## Substrate

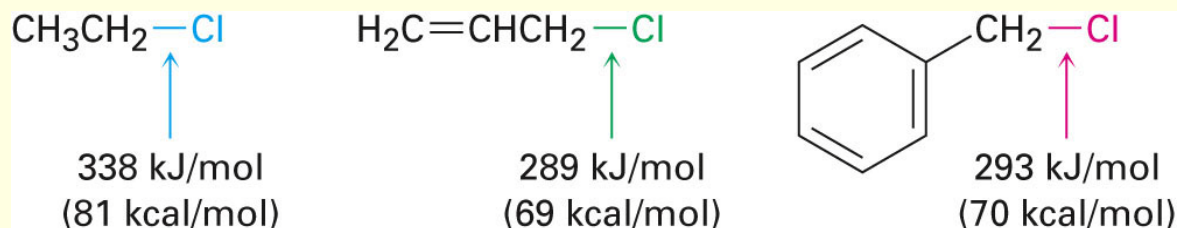
- Tertiary alkyl halide is most reactive by this mechanism

- Controlled by stability of carbocation
- Remember Hammond postulate, "Any factor that stabilizes a high-energy intermediate stabilizes transition state leading to that intermediate"



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- Allylic and benzylic intermediates stabilized by delocalization of charge
- Primary allylic and benzylic are also more reactive in the S<sub>N</sub>2 mechanism



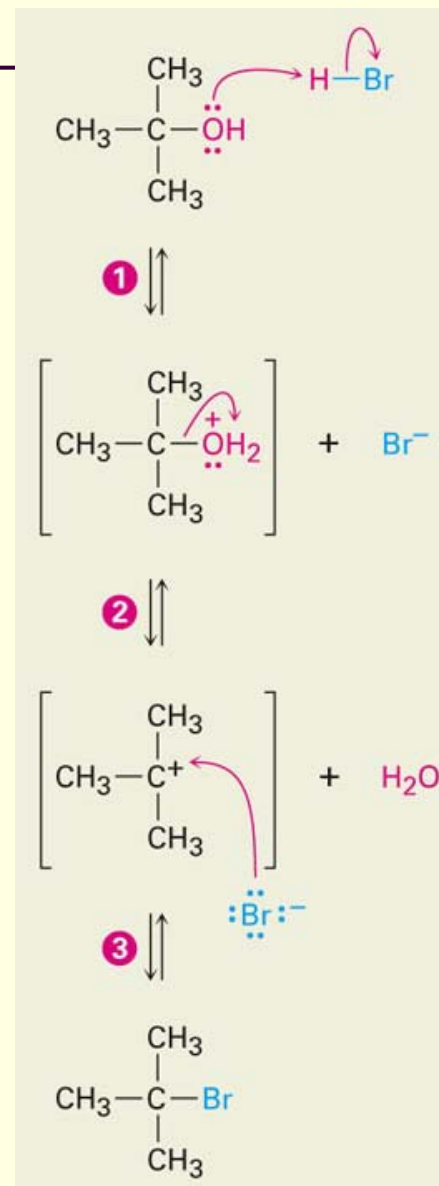
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# Effect of Leaving Group on S<sub>N</sub>1

- Critically dependent on leaving group
  - Reactivity: the larger halides ions are better leaving groups
- In acid, OH of an alcohol is protonated and leaving group is H<sub>2</sub>O, which is still less reactive than halide
- p-Toluensulfonate (TosO<sup>-</sup>) is excellent leaving group



Leaving group reactivity 



# Nucleophiles in S<sub>N</sub>1

- Since nucleophilic addition occurs *after* formation of carbocation, reaction rate is not normally affected by nature or concentration of nucleophile



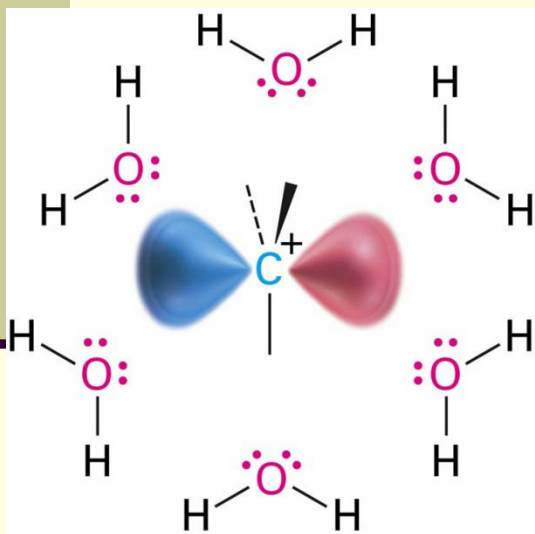
2-Methyl-2-propanol

(Same rate for X = Cl, Br, I)

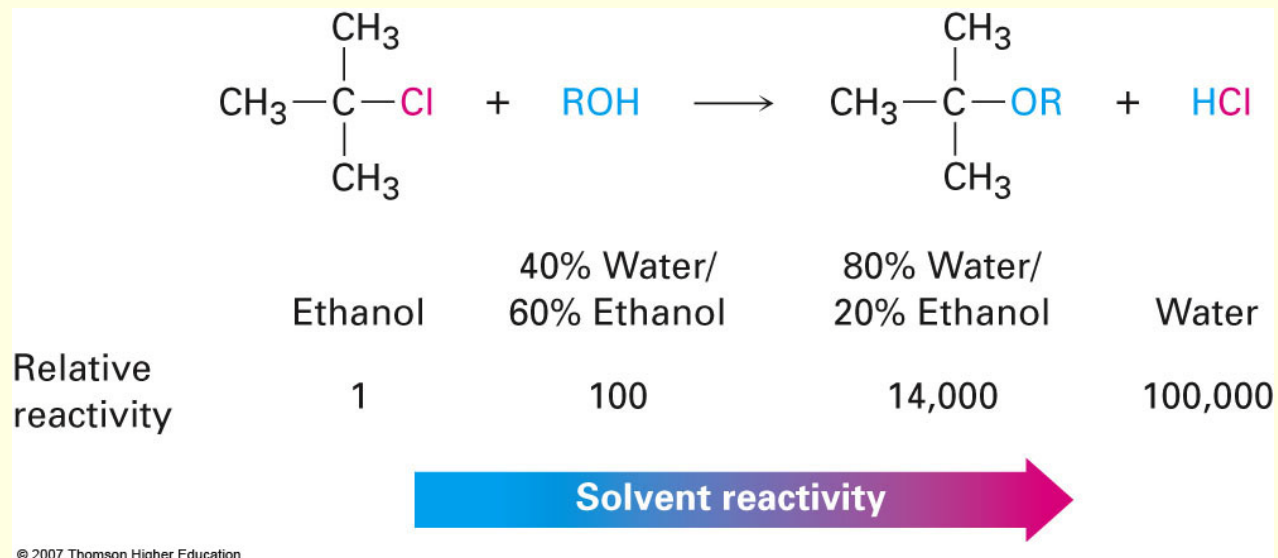
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# Solvent in S<sub>N</sub>1

- Stabilizing carbocation also stabilizes associated transition state and controls rate
- Protic solvents favoring the S<sub>N</sub>1 reaction are due largely to stabilization of the transition state
- Protic solvents disfavor the S<sub>N</sub>2 reaction by stabilizing the ground state
- Polar, protic and unreactive Lewis base solvents facilitate formation of R<sup>+</sup>



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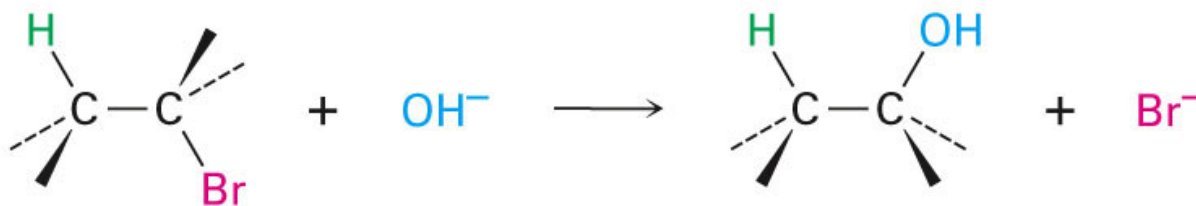


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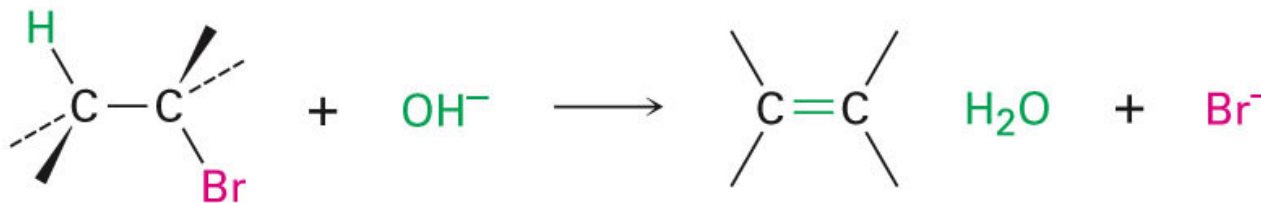
# 11.7 Elimination Reactions of Alkyl Halides: Zaitsev's Rule

- Elimination is an alternative pathway to substitution
- Opposite of addition
- Generates an alkene
- Can compete with substitution and decrease yield, especially for  $S_N1$  processes

## Substitution



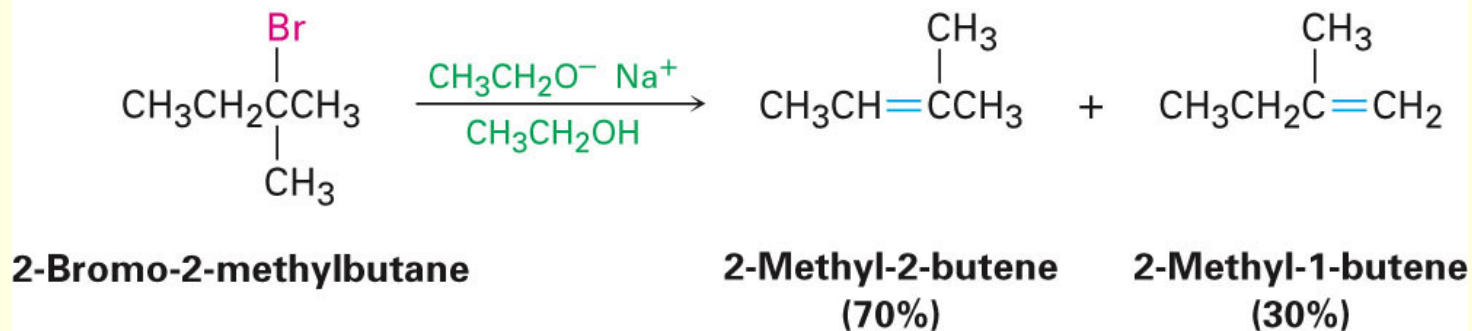
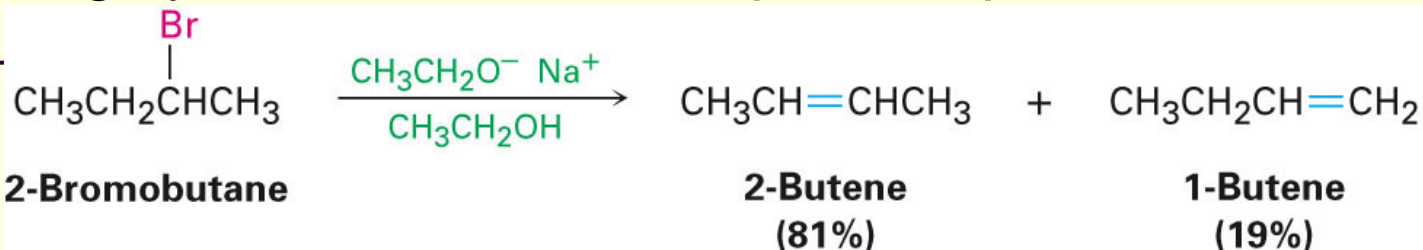
## Elimination





# Zaitsev's Rule for Elimination Reactions

- In the elimination of HX from an alkyl halide, the more highly substituted alkene product predominates

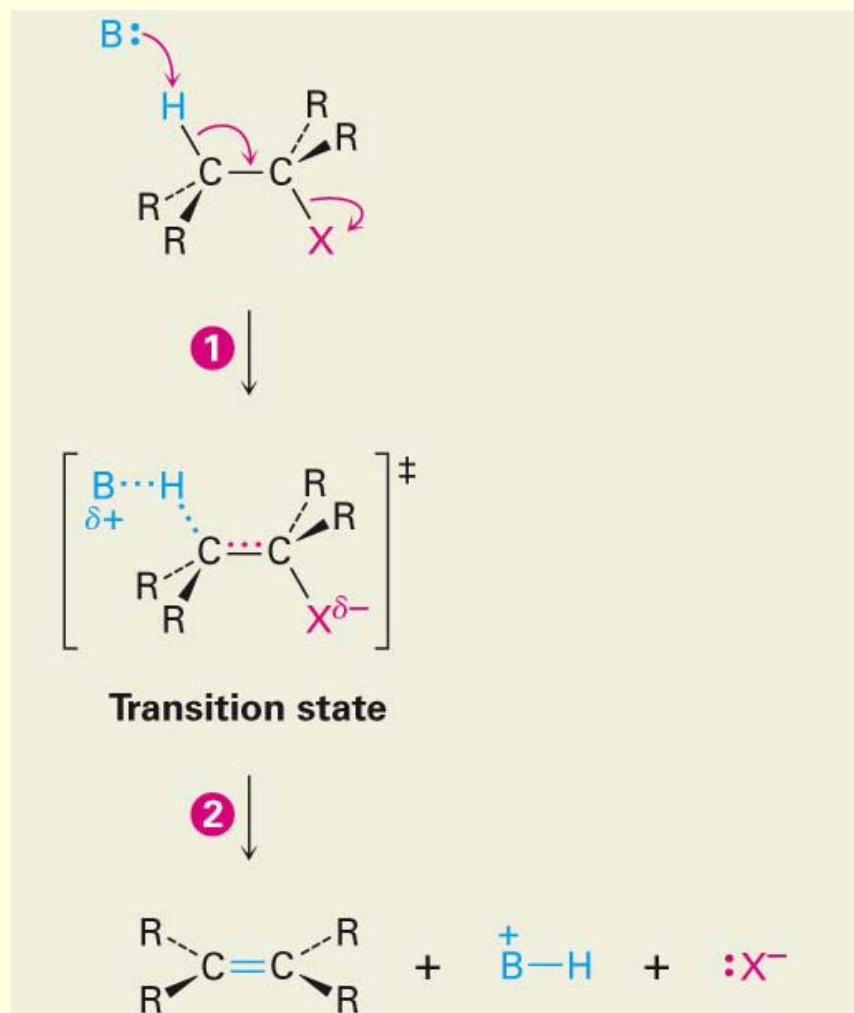


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- Mechanisms of Elimination Reactions
  - E1: X<sup>-</sup> leaves first to generate a carbocation
    - a base abstracts a proton from the carbocation
  - E2: Concerted transfer of a proton to a base and departure of leaving group

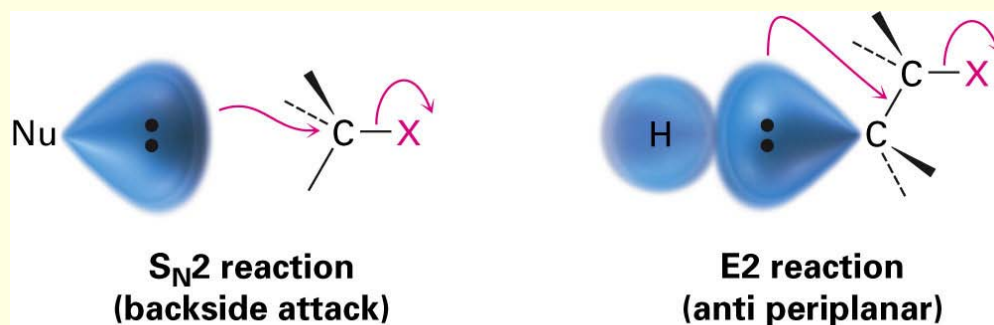
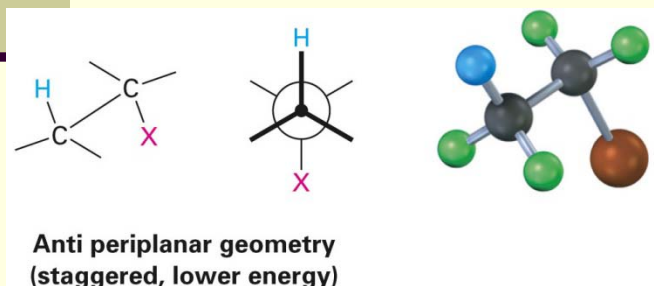
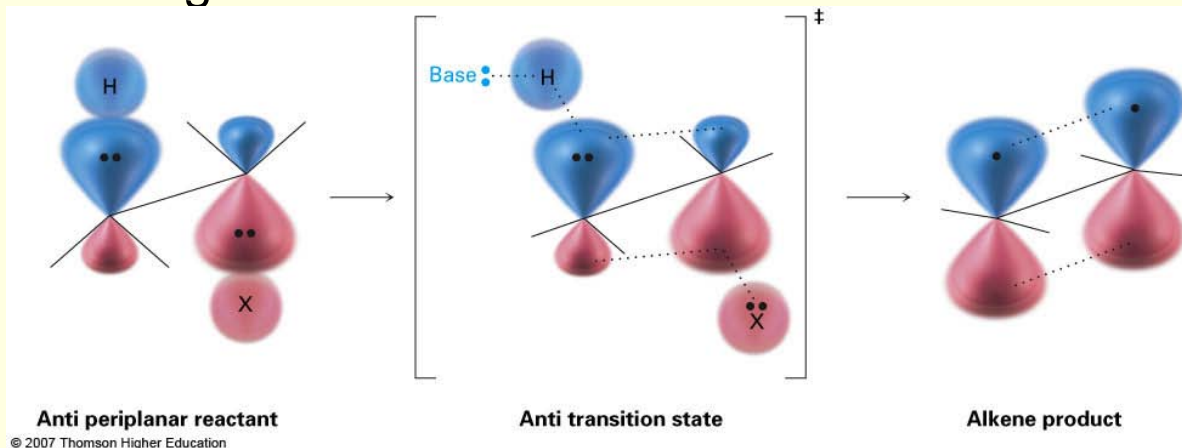
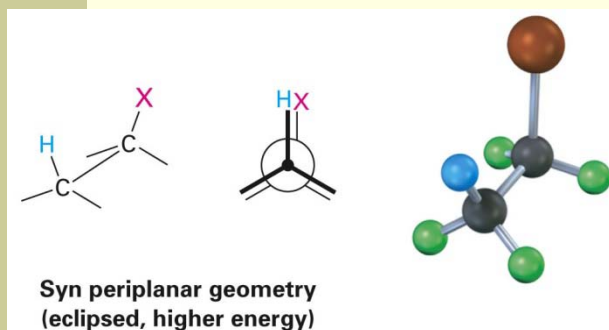
# 11.8 The E2 Reaction

- A proton is transferred to base as leaving group begins to depart
- Transition state combines leaving of X and transfer of H
- Product alkene forms stereospecifically
- Rate =  $k[\text{RX}][\text{B}]$



# Geometry of Elimination – E2

- Syn arrangement requires eclipsed conformation = disfavored
- Anti arrangement allows orbital overlap and minimizes steric interactions
- Overlap of the developing  $\pi$  orbital in the transition state requires  
periplanar geometry, anti arrangement

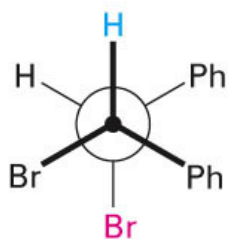
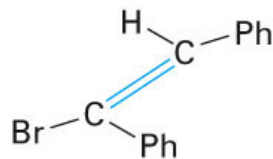
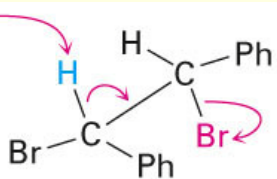


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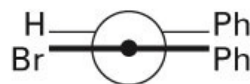
# Predicting Product

- E2 is stereospecific
- Meso-1,2-dibromo-1,2-diphenylethane with base gives cis-1,2-diphenyl

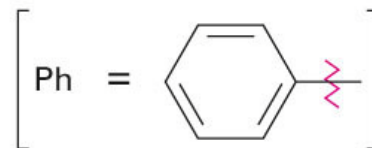
Base:



*meso*-1,2-Dibromo-  
1,2-diphenylethane  
(anti periplanar geometry)

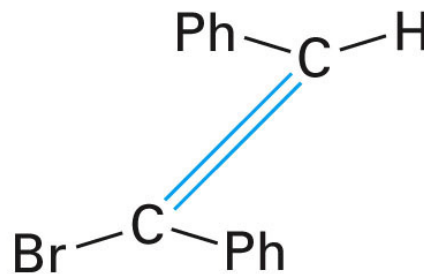
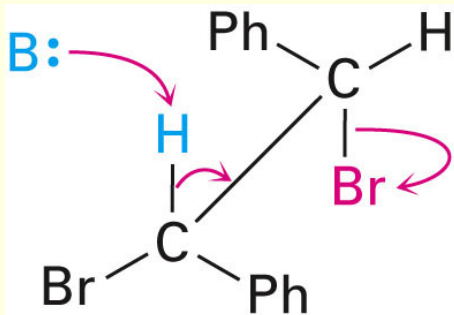


(*E*)-1-Bromo-  
1,2-diphenylethylene



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RR or SS 1,2-dibromo-1,2-diphenylethane gives trans 1,2-diphenyl



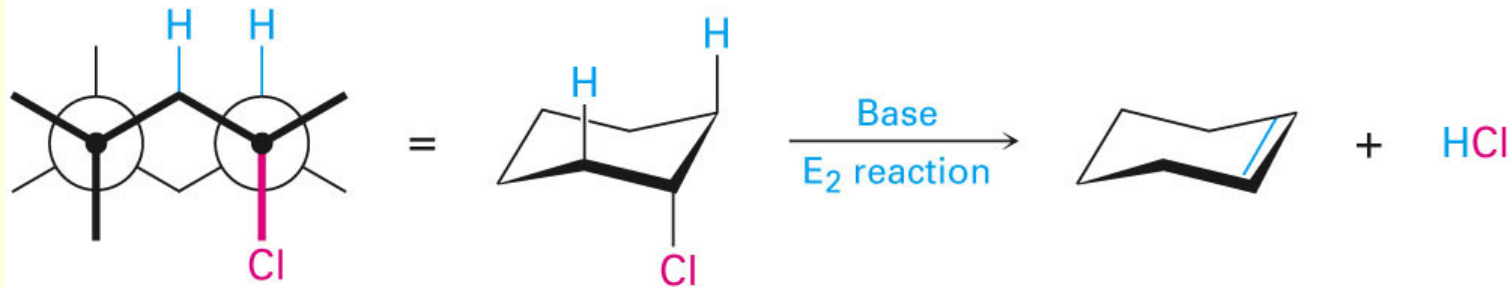
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# E2 Reactions and Cyclohexene Formation

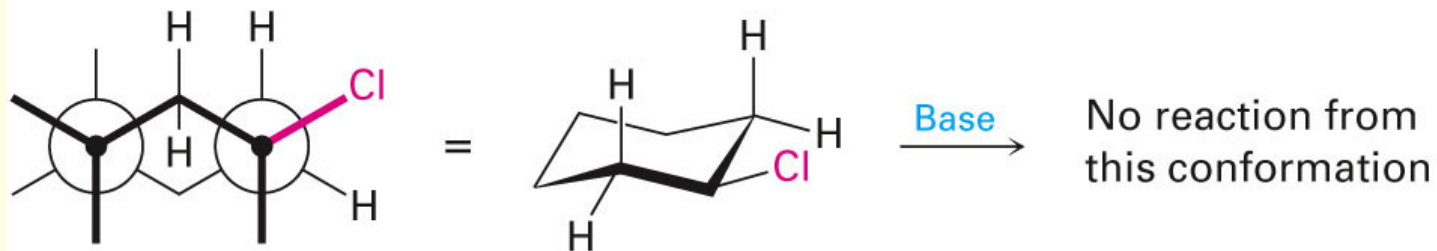
- Abstracted proton and leaving group should align trans-diaxial to be anti periplanar (*app*) in approaching transition state

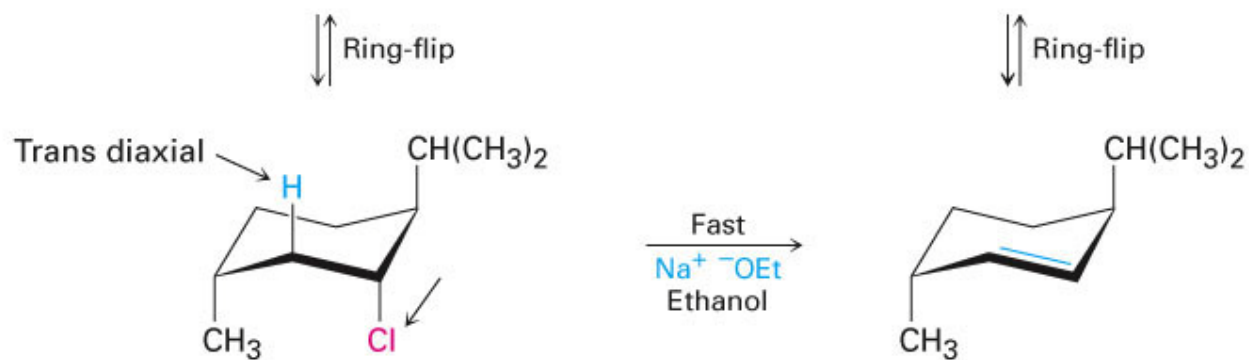
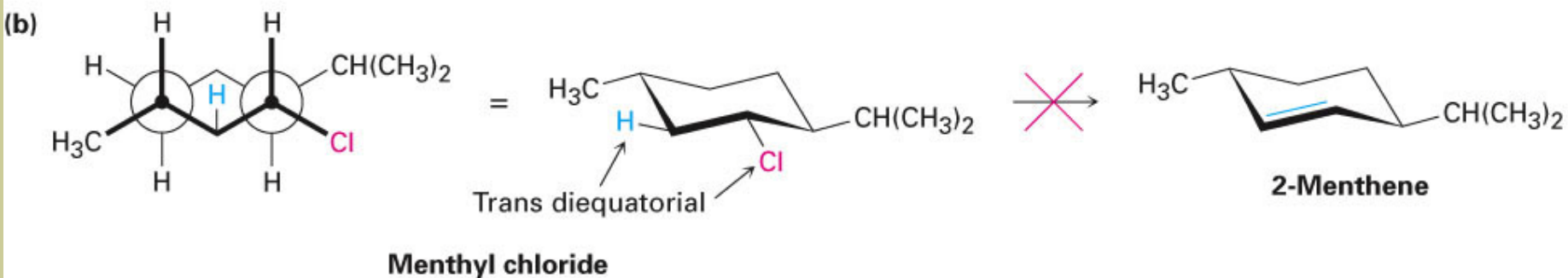
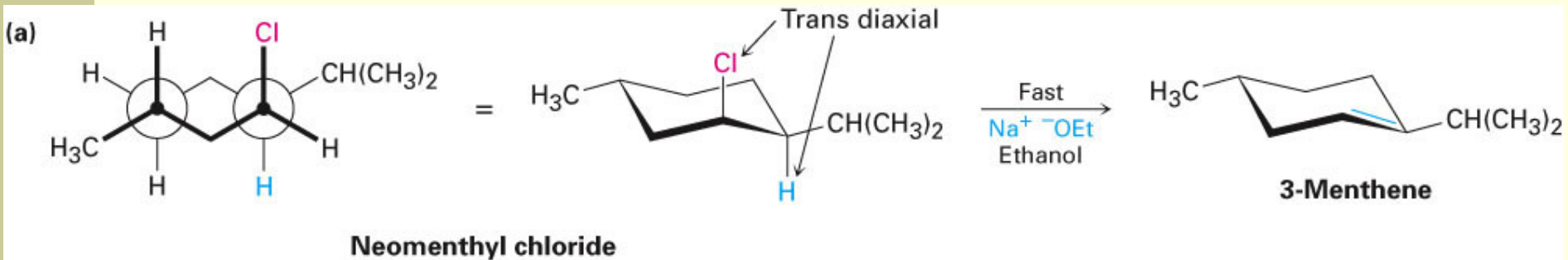
- Equatorial groups are not in proper alignment

**Axial chlorine: H and Cl are anti periplanar**



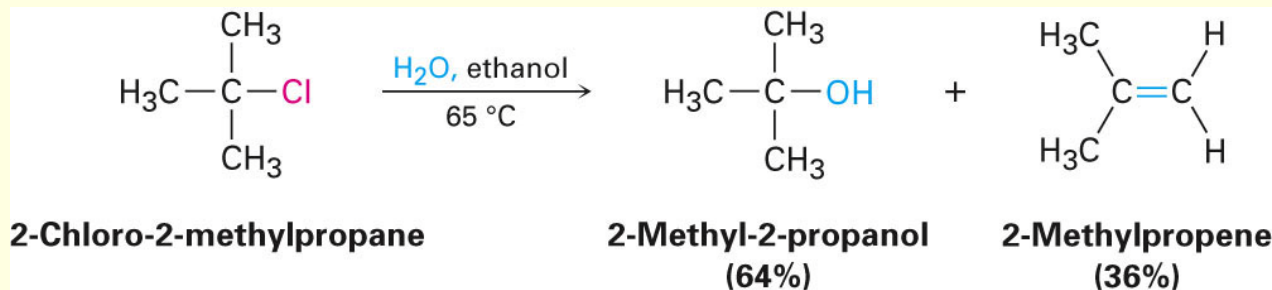
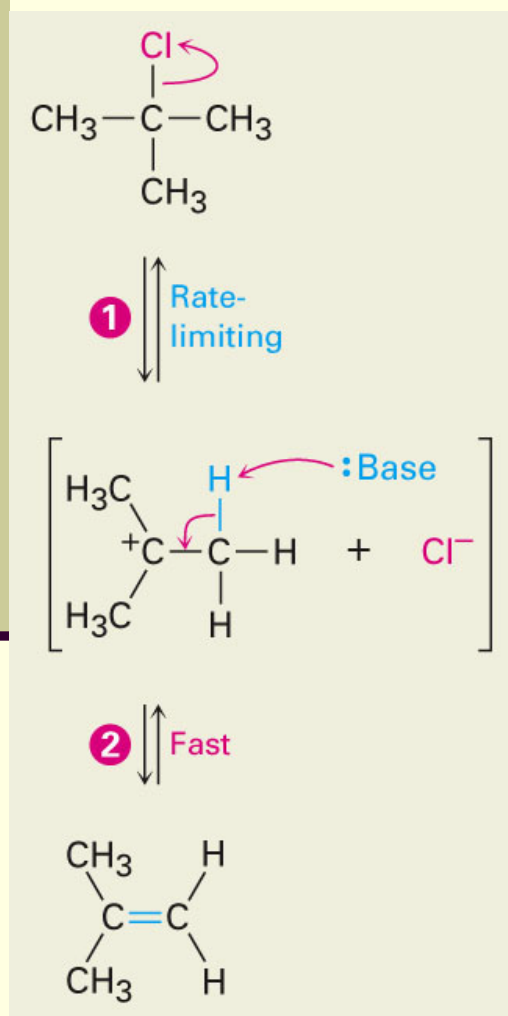
**Equatorial chlorine: H and Cl are not anti periplanar**





# 11.10 The E1 Reaction

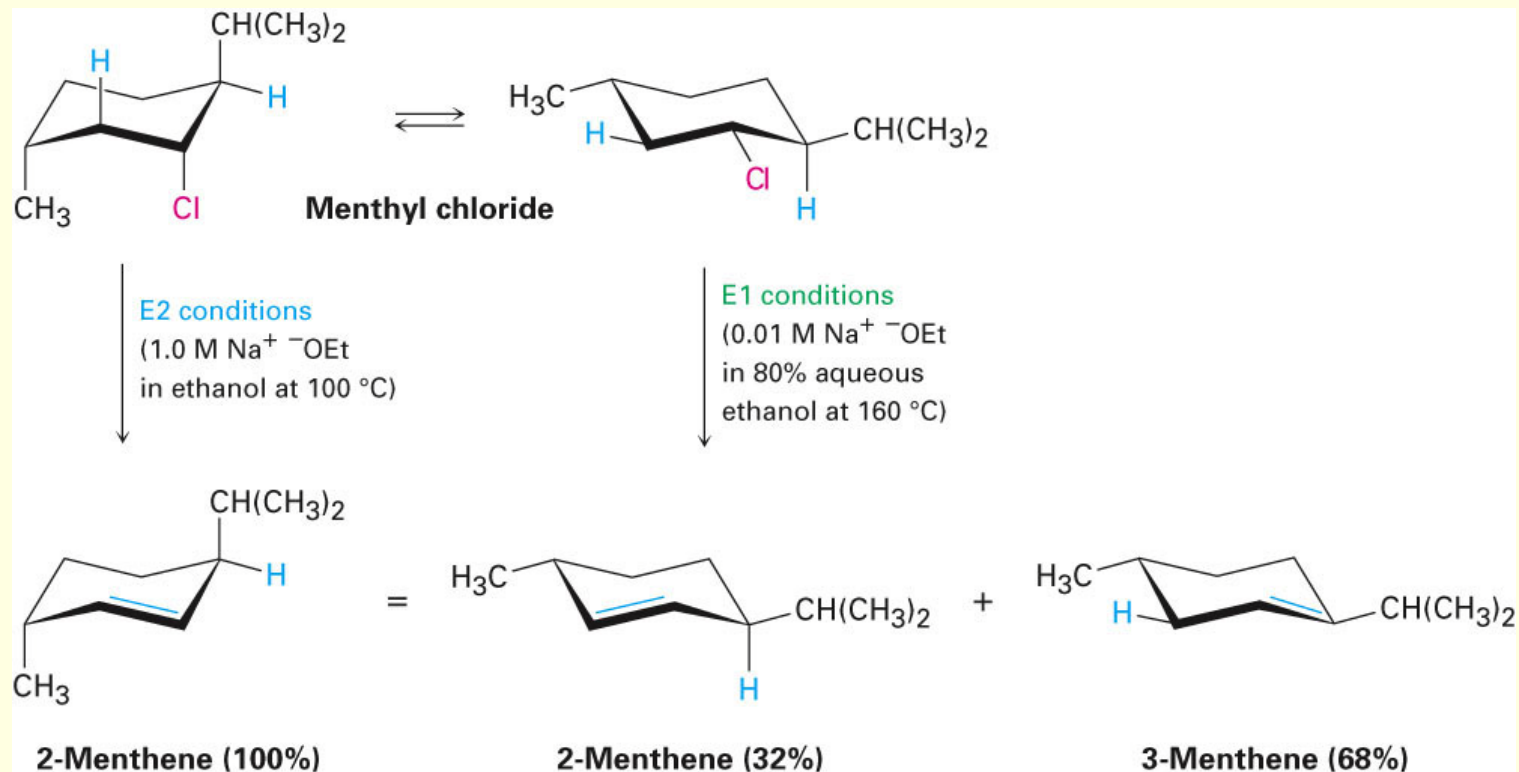
- Competes with  $S_N1$  and E2 at  $3^\circ$  centers
- Rarely have “clean”  $S_N2$  or E1 single products
- Rate =  $k [RX]$ , same as  $S_N1$



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# Comparing E1 and E2

- Strong base is needed for E2 but not for E1
- E2 is stereospecific, E1 is not
- E1 gives Zaitsev orientation

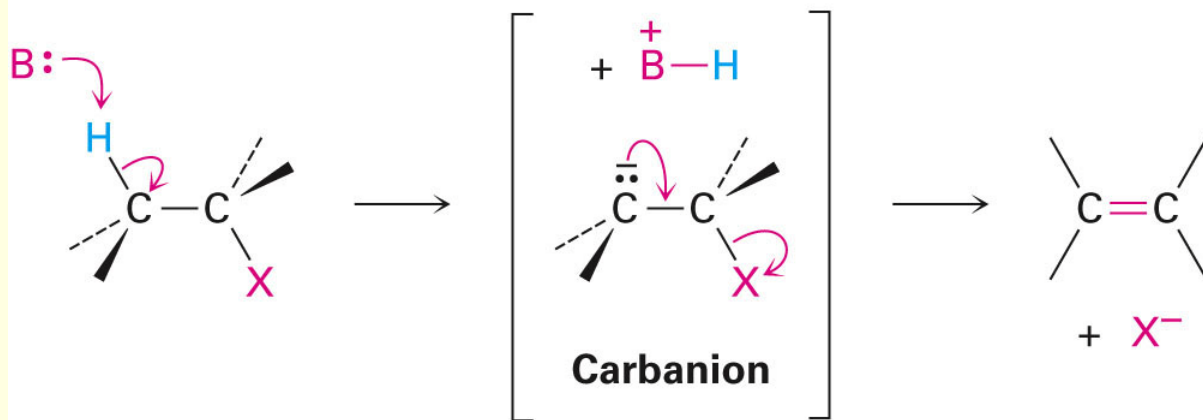




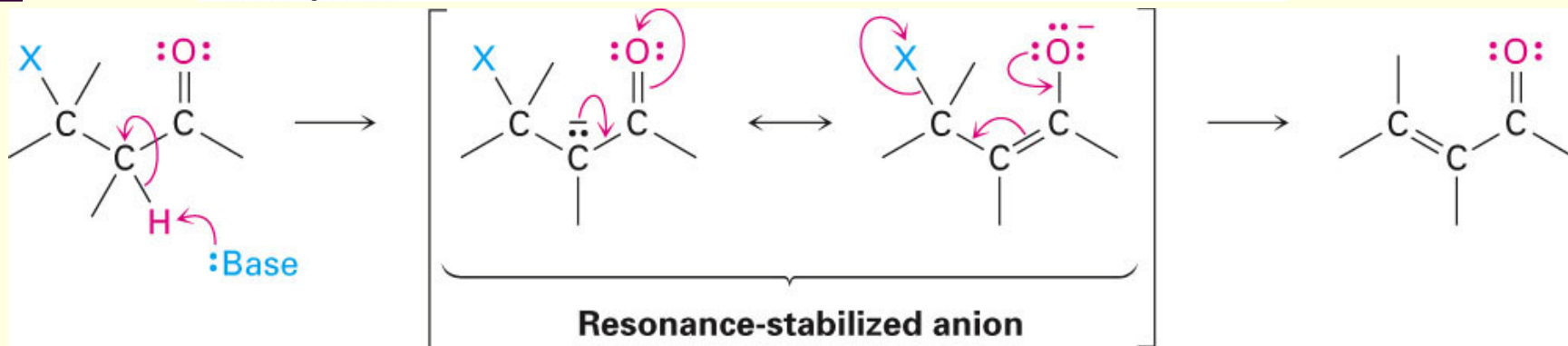
# E1cB Reaction

- Takes place through a carbanion intermediate
  - Common with very poor leaving group (OH<sup>-</sup>)
- HO-C-C=O fragment often involved

**E1cB Reaction:** C-H bond breaks first, giving a carbanion intermediate that loses X<sup>-</sup> to form the alkene.



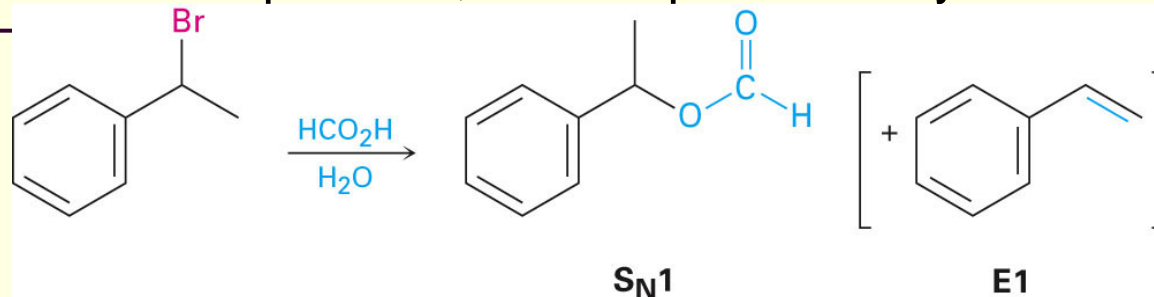
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# Summary of Reactivity: S<sub>N</sub>2, S<sub>N</sub>1, E1, E2

- Alkyl halides undergo different reactions in competition, depending on the reacting molecule and the conditions
- Based on patterns, we can predict likely outcomes



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Good L.G.  
2° alkyl halide  
Poor Nucleophile  
Polar Protic Solvent  
S<sub>N</sub>1 and E1 products

- Primary Haloalkanes
  - S<sub>N</sub>2 with any fairly good nucleophile
  - E2 only if Bulky, strong base
- Secondary Haloalkanes
  - S<sub>N</sub>2 with good nucleophiles, weak base, Polar Aprotic Solvent
  - S<sub>N</sub>1/E1 with good LG, weak Nu, Polar Protic Solvent
  - E2 with strong base
- Tertiary Haloalkane
  - S<sub>N</sub>1/E1 with good LG, no base (solvolysis)
  - E2 with strong base