Addition Reactions

NUCLEOPHILIC ADDITION

step 1

$$H_2C = CH_2 + y$$
 \xrightarrow{slow} $H = C - C - H$ $H = H$

step 2

$$H - C - C - H + w^{+} \longrightarrow H - C - C - H$$

Addition of HY to a substrate of the form -C=C-Z, where $Z=CHO,COR,COOR,CONH_2,SOR,SO_2R$ etc.

$$y + \begin{matrix} HY \\ HY \\ H \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} G = G \\ G =$$

Protonation occur at oxygen

The mechanism is 1,4 nucleophillic addition.

When Z = CN or CO

Y attack to the carbon, similar to the above

Mechanism may be 1,2 or 1,4 addition .

Y never attack at 3 position

An important substrate of this type is acrylonitrile and 1,4 addition to is called cyanoethylation, because the Y is cyanoethylated

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- Nucleophillic addition is carbanion mechanism
- Addition should be nonstereospic and stereoselective.

Eg; E and Z from of an olefin ABC=CDE

Eg; addition of HCN, addition of alcohols

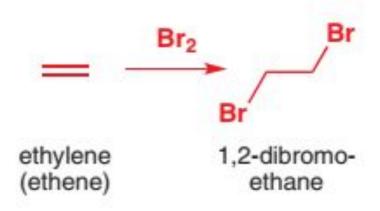
Addition of HCN

HC
$$=$$
 CH + HC $=$ N $\xrightarrow{Ba(CN)_2}$ H₂C $=$ CH $-$ C $=$ N acrylonitrile

Addition of alcohols

HC
$$=$$
 CH + H₃C - OH $\xrightarrow{\text{KOH}}$ H₂C = CH - O - CH₃ vinyle methyl ether

• Simple, unconjugated alkenes are nucleophilic and react with electrophiles.



Representation



Product formation

bromonium ion is electrophilic

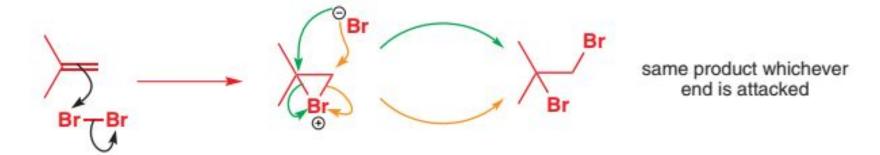
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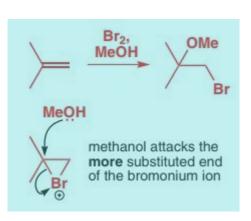
bromide ion is nucleophilic

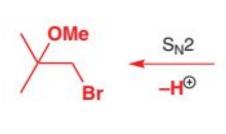
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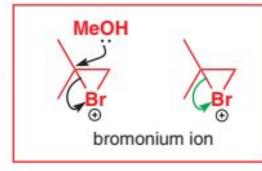
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Unsymmetrical bromonium ions open regioselectively

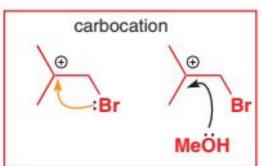


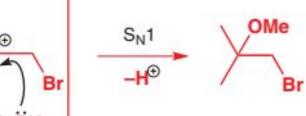


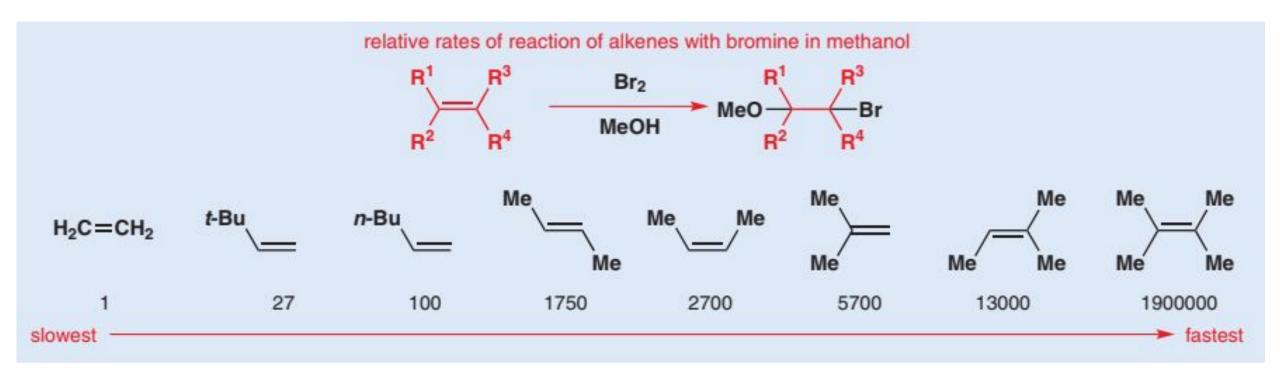












Electrophilic addition to unsymmetrical alkenes is regioselective

Protonation at the other end would give a highly unstable primary cation, and therefore does not take place.

Markovnikov's rule

There is a traditional guideline called Markovnikov's rule for electrophilic additions of H–X to alkenes, which can be stated as: 'The hydrogen ends up attached to the carbon of the double bond that had more hydrogens to start with.'

As with all 'rules' it is much more important to understand the reason behind it. For example, you can now predict the product of the reaction below.

In 1933, M. S. Kharasch and F. W. Mayo found that some additions of HBr (but not HCl or HI) to alkenes gave products that were opposite to those expected from Markovnikov's rule. These **anti-Markovnikov** reactions were most likely when the reagents or solvents came from old supplies that had accumulated peroxides from exposure to the air.

Peroxides give rise to free radicals that initiate the addition, causing it to occur by a radical mechanism. The oxygen—oxygen bond in peroxides is rather weak, so it can break to give two alkoxy radicals.

$$R - \ddot{O} - \ddot{O} - R$$
 \xrightarrow{heat} $R - \ddot{O} \cdot + \cdot \ddot{O} - R$ $\Delta H^{\circ} = +150 \text{ kJ (+36 kcal)}$

MECHANISM 8-3 Free-Radical Addition of HBr to Alkenes

Initiation: Formation of radicals.

Propagation: A radical reacts to generate another radical.

Step 1: A bromine radical adds to the double bond to generate an alkyl radical on the more substituted carbon atom.

$$C = C$$
 + Br \longrightarrow $-C$ radical on the more substituted carbon

Step 2: The alkyl radical abstracts a hydrogen atom from HBr to generate the product and a bromine radical.

The bromine radical generated in Step 2 goes on to react with another molecule of alkene in Step 1, continuing the chain.

EXAMPLE: Free-radical addition of HBr to propene.

Initiation: Radicals are formed.

Propagation: A radical reacts to generate another radical.

Step 1: A bromine radical adds to the double bond to generate an alkyl radical on the secondary carbon atom.

Step 2: The alkyl radical abstracts a hydrogen atom from HBr to generate the product and a bromine radical.

The bromine radical generated in Step 2 goes on to react in Step 1, continuing the chain.

Let's consider the individual steps. In the initiation step, free radicals generated from the peroxide react with HBr to form bromine radicals.

$$R - \ddot{O} + H - \ddot{B}r$$
: $\rightarrow R - \ddot{O} - H + Br$: $\Delta H^{\circ} = -63 \text{ kJ } (-15 \text{ kcal})$

The bromine radical lacks an octet of electrons in its valence shell, making it electrondeficient and electrophilic. It adds to a double bond, forming a new free radical with the odd electron on a carbon atom.

$$: \ddot{Br}: + C = C \longrightarrow -C - C : \Delta H^{\circ} = -12 \text{ kJ } (-3 \text{ kcal})$$

This free radical reacts with an HBr molecule to form a C—H bond and generate another bromine radical.

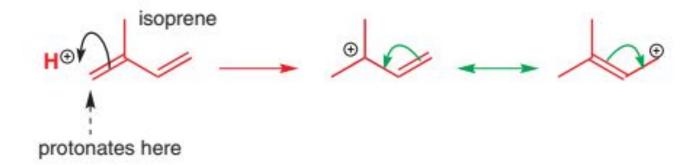
$$-\overset{\downarrow}{C}-\overset{\downarrow}{C} + \overset{\downarrow}{H}-\overset{\ddot{B}}{\ddot{B}}^{\dagger} \longrightarrow -\overset{\downarrow}{C}-\overset{\downarrow}{C}-\overset{\downarrow}{C}- + \overset{\ddot{B}}{\ddot{B}}^{\dagger} \longrightarrow \Delta H^{\circ} = -25 \text{ kJ (-6 kcal)}$$

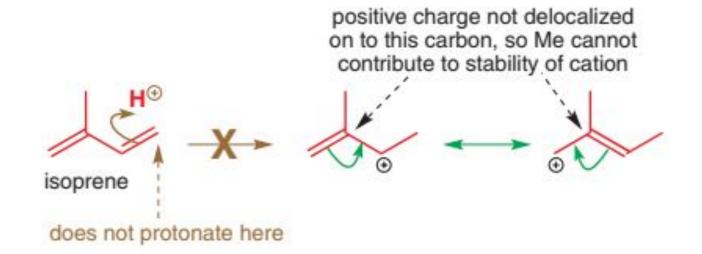
Problem-solving Hint

Stability of radicals:

A radical adds to a double bond to give the most stable radical in the intermediate.

Electrophilic addition to dienes



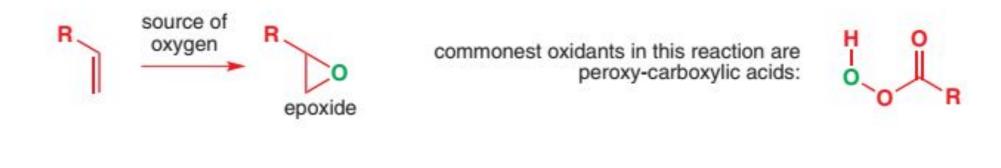


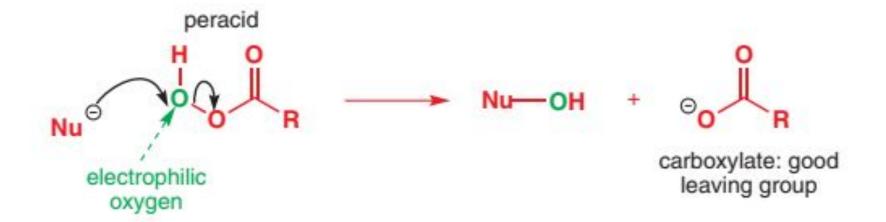
Overall, the atoms H and Br are added to the ends of the diene system. The same appears to be the case when dienes are brominated with Br₂.

Changing the conditions slightly gives a different outcome. If the reaction is done at lower temperatures, the bromine just adds across one of the double bonds to give a 1,2-dibromide.

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Oxidation of alkenes to form epoxides





Representation

Epoxidation is stereospecific

