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**WHEN YOU BREAK IT DOWN...**

**... THERE ARE REALLY ONLY  
FOUR TYPES OF ORGANIC REACTIONS**

# Simplifying Organic Reactions

1. Substitution

2. Addition

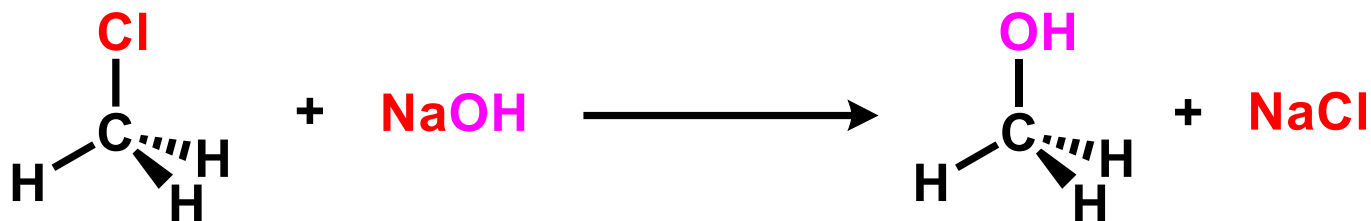
3. Elimination

4. Rearrangement

# Organic Reactions: Four main types

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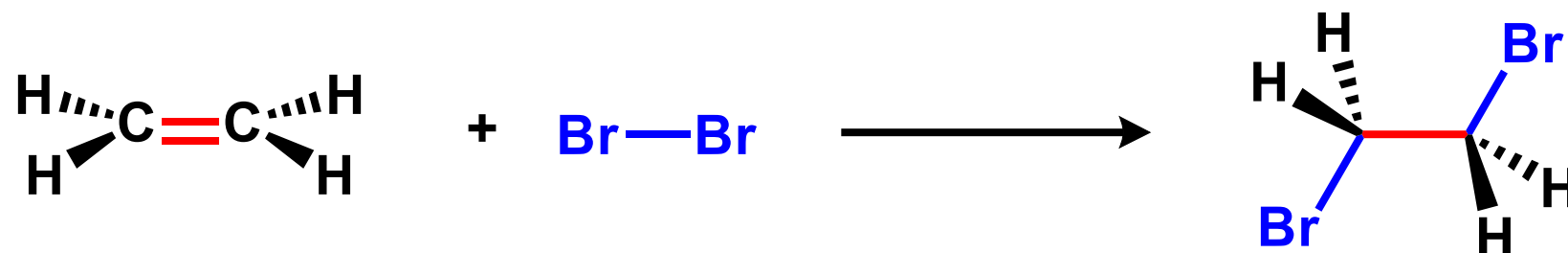
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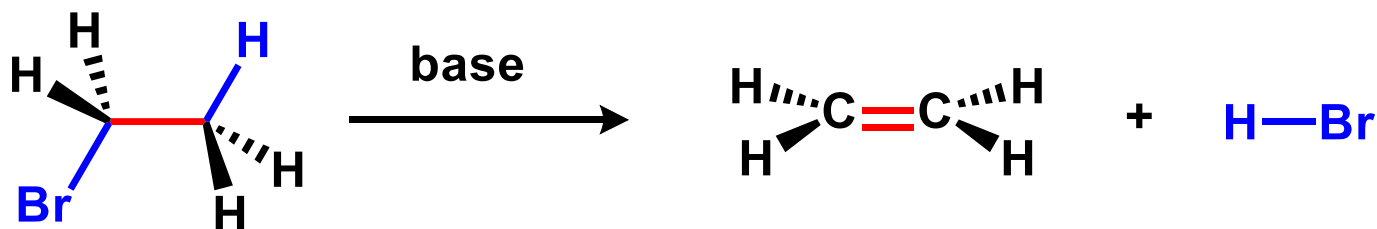
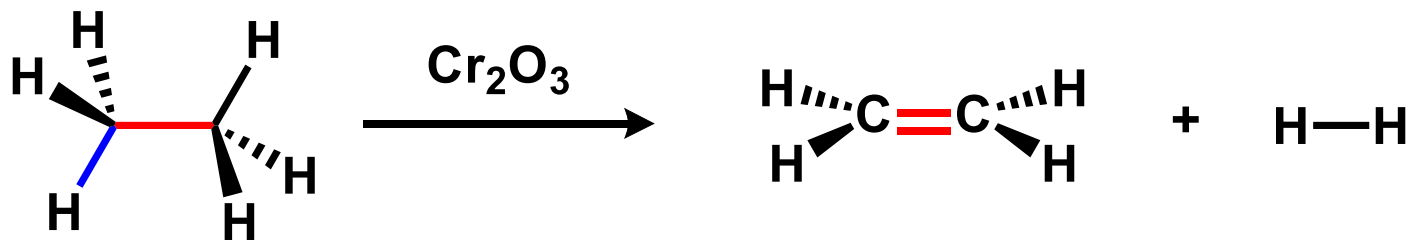
Reagent adds to substrate (two molecules become one!)  
– characteristic of  $\pi$  bonds/unsaturated compounds



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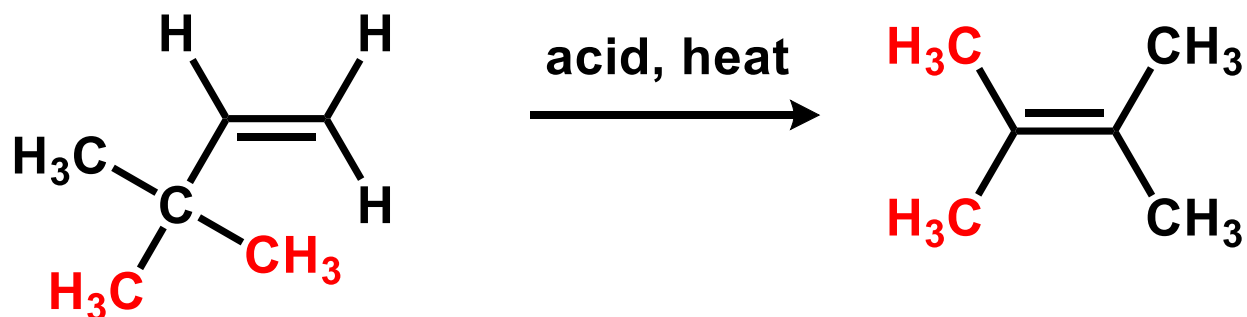
In simple terms: One molecule becomes two or more. Main reaction in preparation of  $\pi$  bonds/unsaturated compounds



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## 4. Rearrangement

Reorganization of a molecule – Characteristic of reactive intermediates





# Formal Charge: Review and Practice

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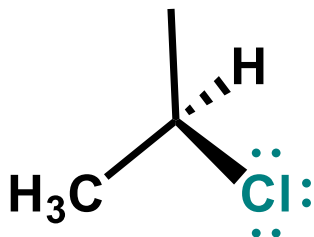
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= **-1**

# Reaction **Pathway**

In simple terms: The potential energy pathway from the reactants to the products

1: Reactants converted directly to products – one-step

2: Reactants converted to products *via* intermediates – multi-step

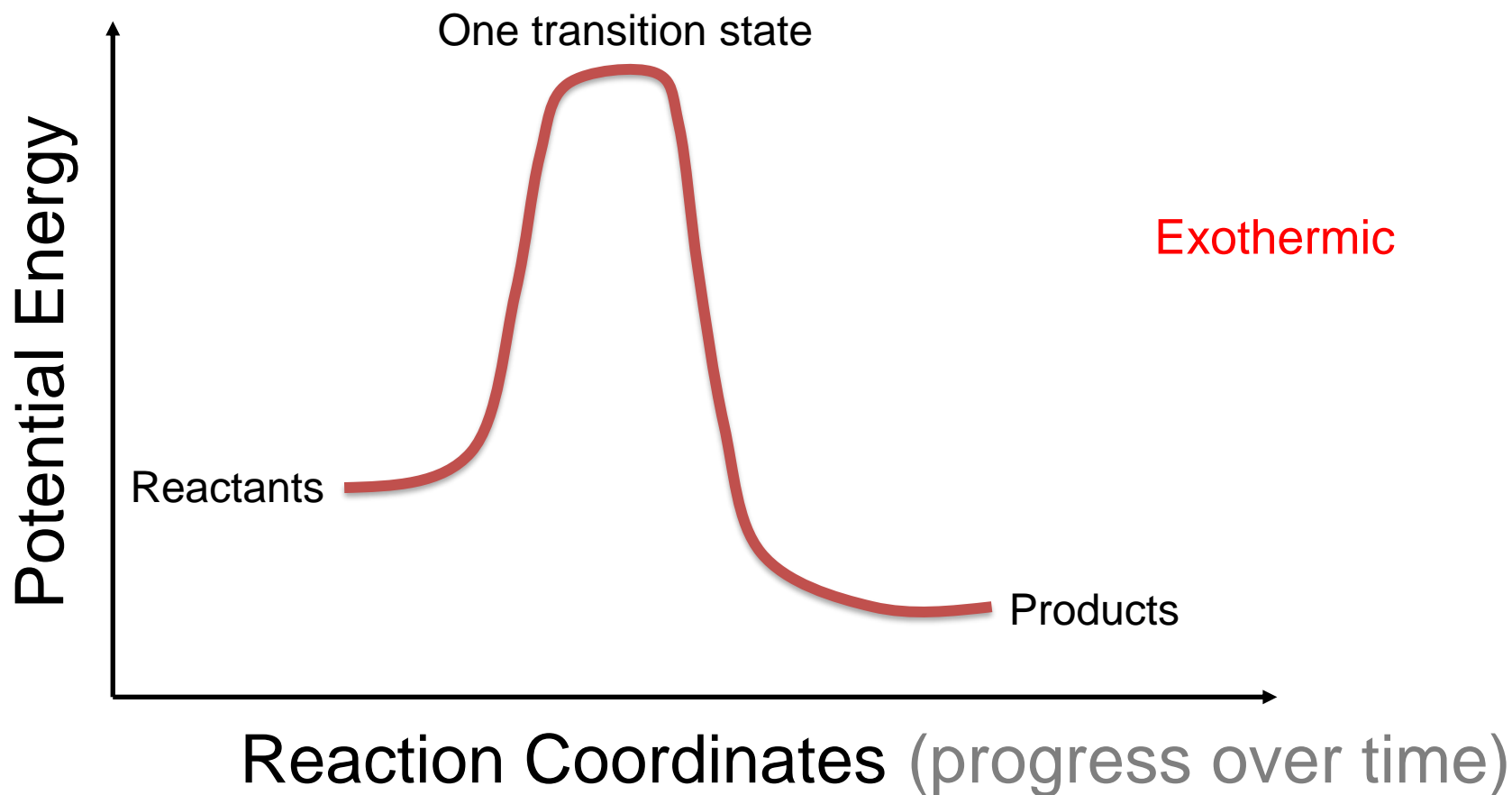
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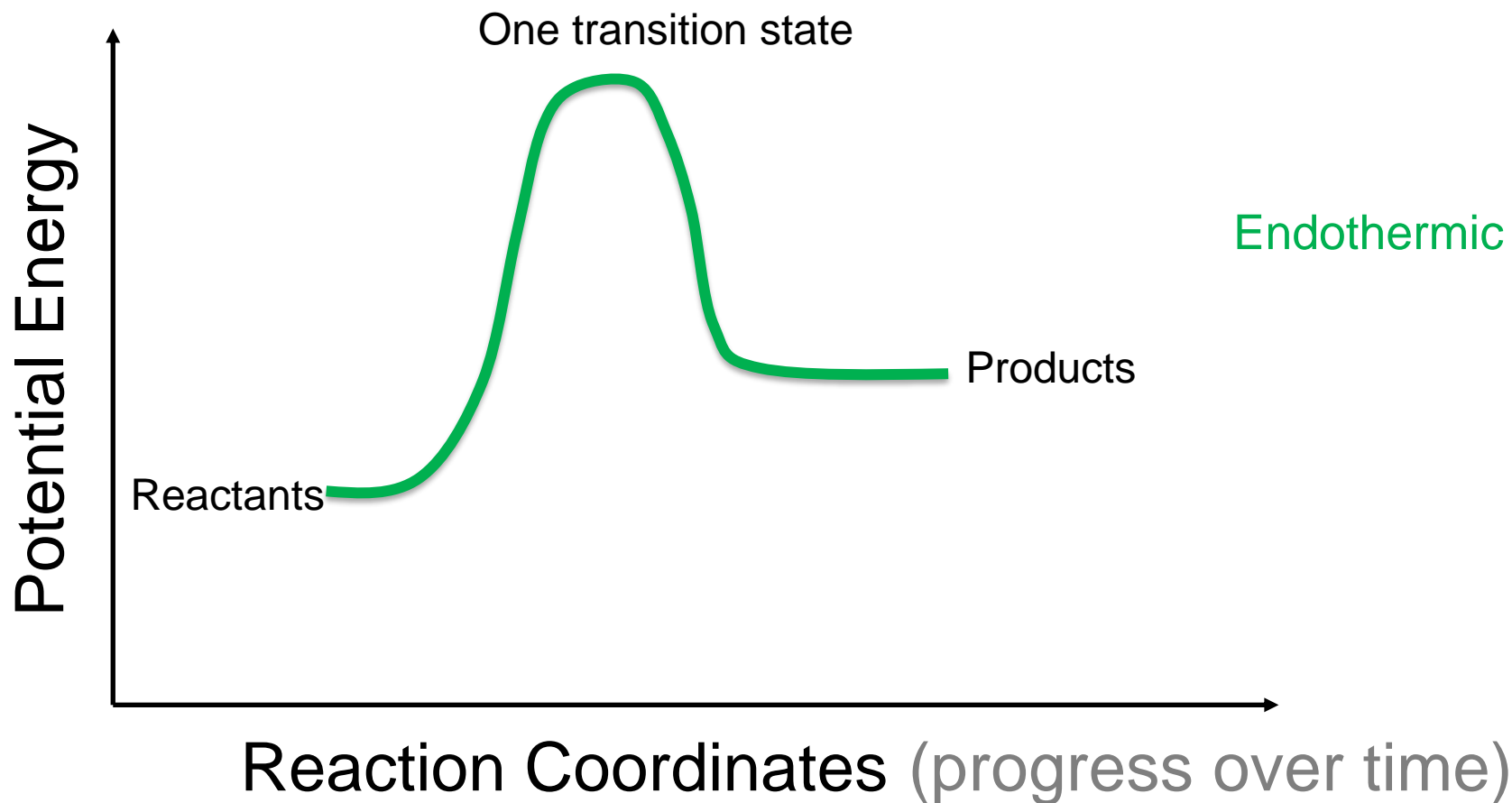
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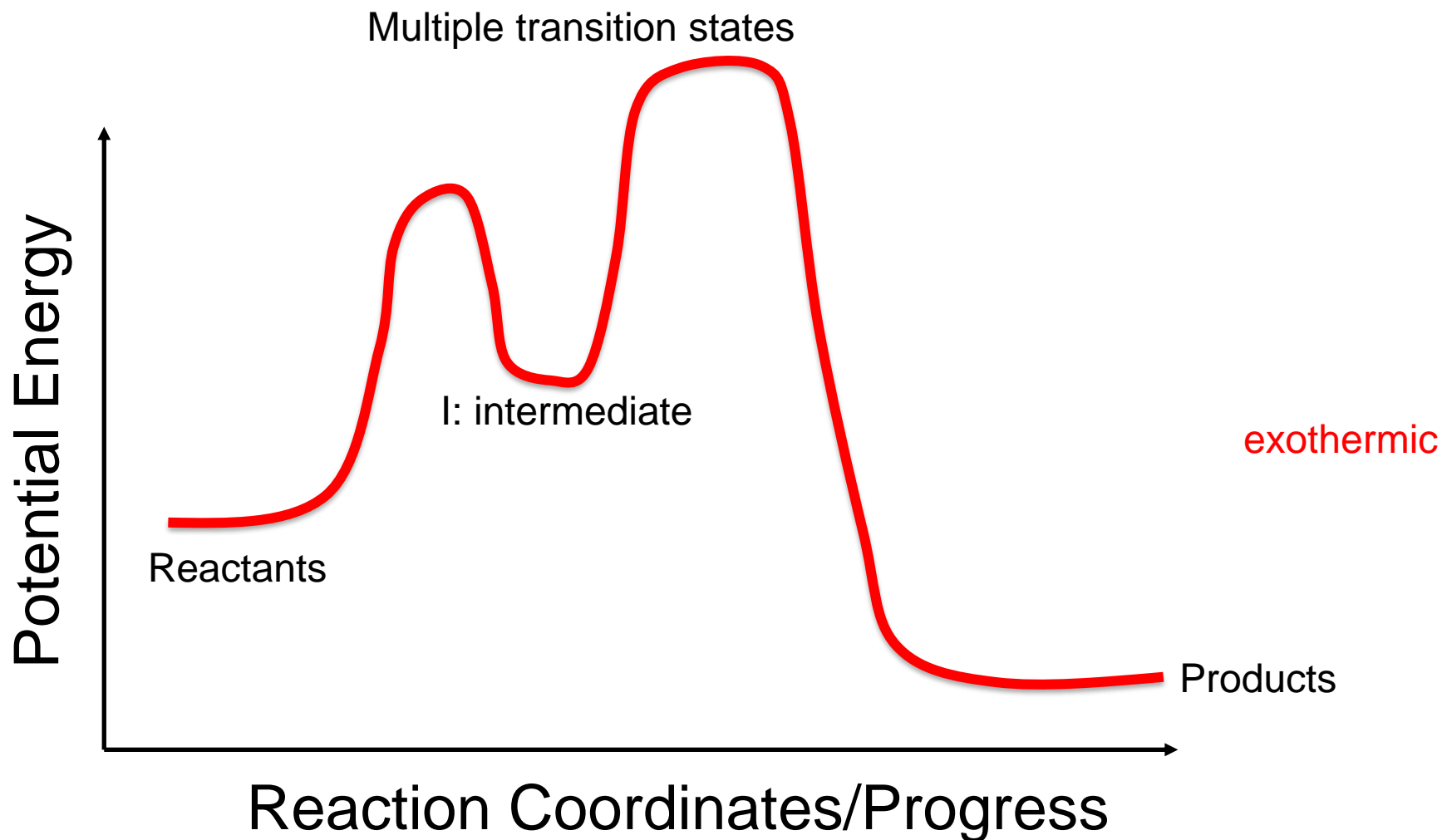
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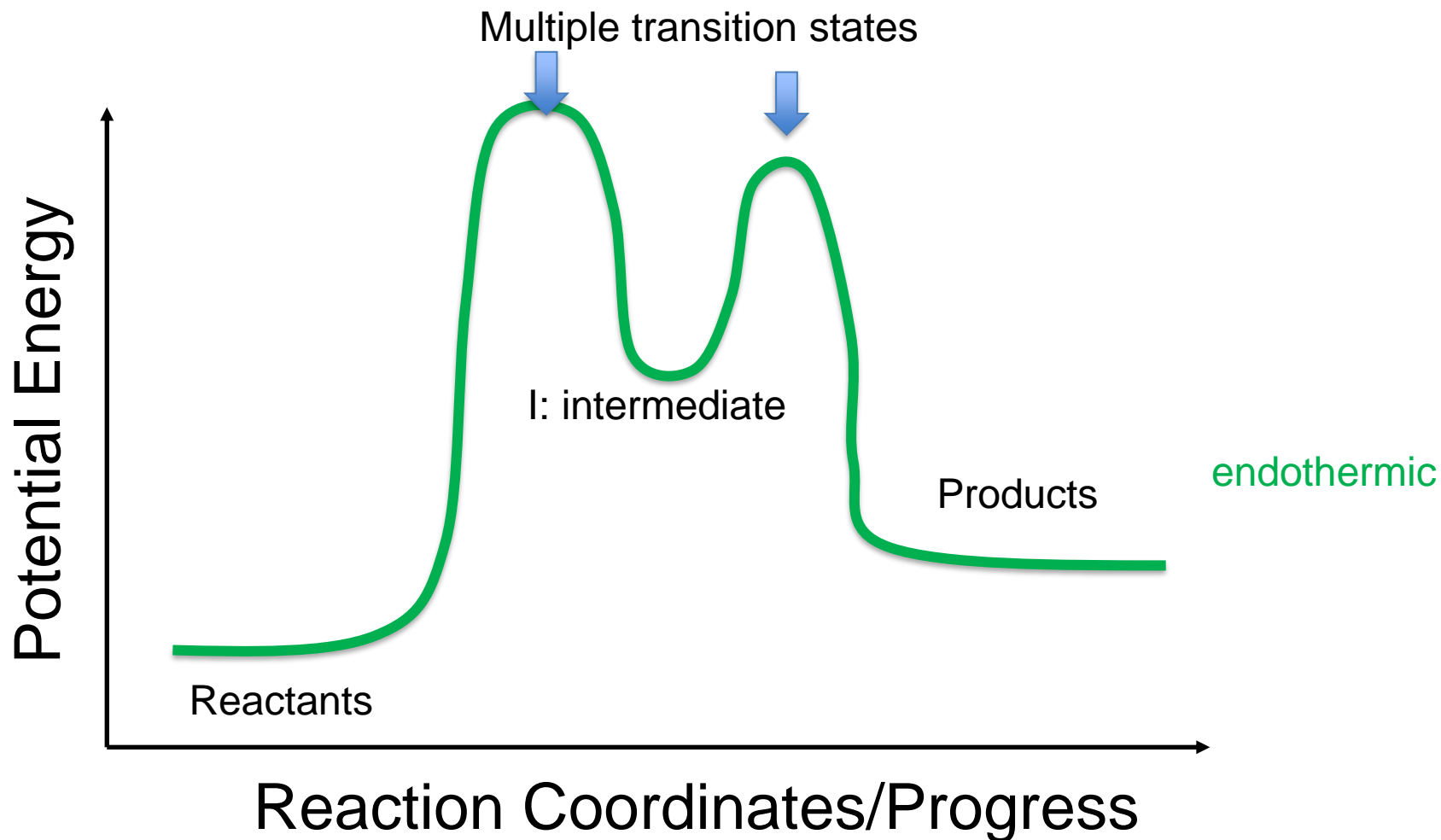
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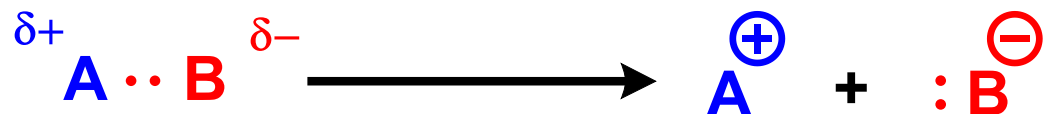
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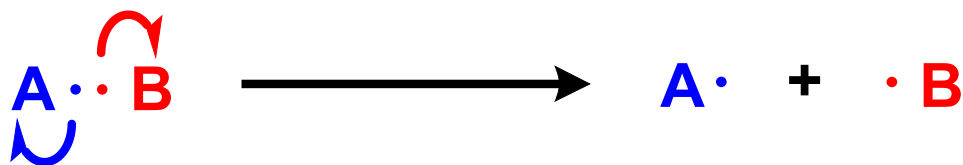
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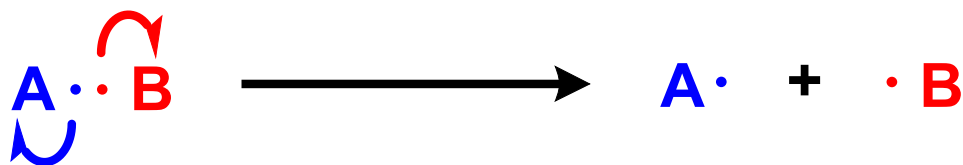


Single arrowhead (because there is only 1 electron in each move)

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Note the **double** headed arrow! (2 electrons move)

**Heterolytic cleavage** of carbon compounds (for all reactions we will learn about from this point on!)

**AND SINCE CARBON IS KEY...**

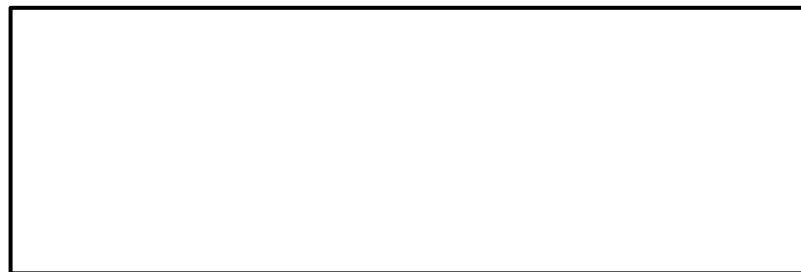
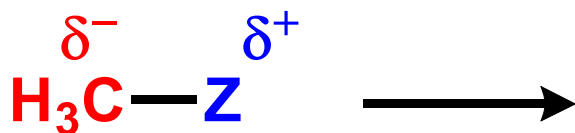
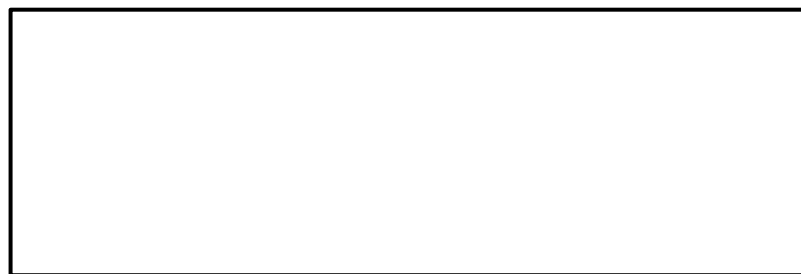
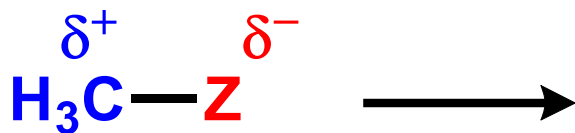
**... LET'S FOCUS ON BREAKING/MAKING  
BONDS AT CARBON!**



# Breaking Bonds to Carbon

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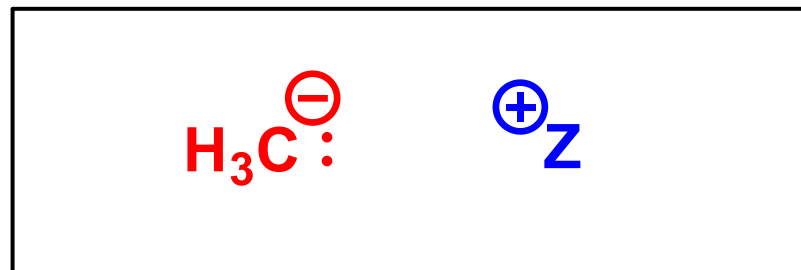
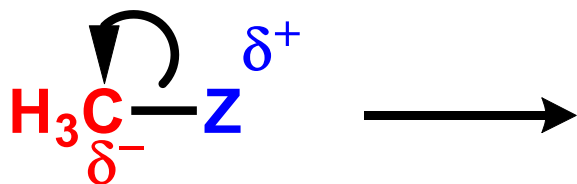
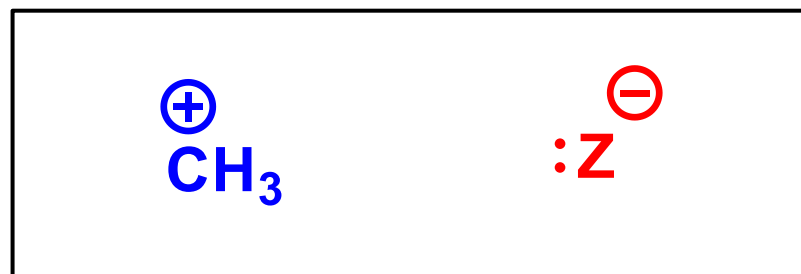
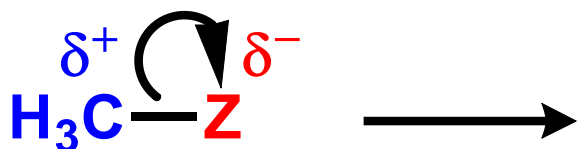


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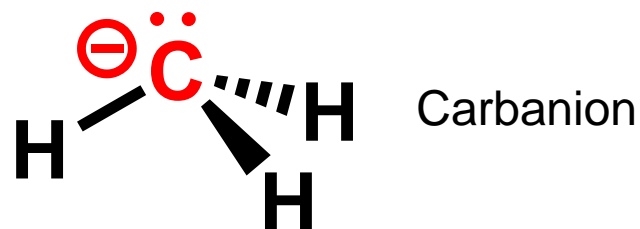
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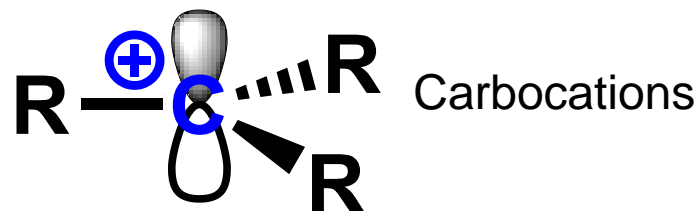
- Need different reaction “partners”
- We call these “partners” *species*
- One species does the attacking, one gets attacked!
- The species with more electrons does the attacking.

# Reactive carbon species: What are these “species”?

Nucleophiles: Electron rich species (seeking a positive center – nucleus)



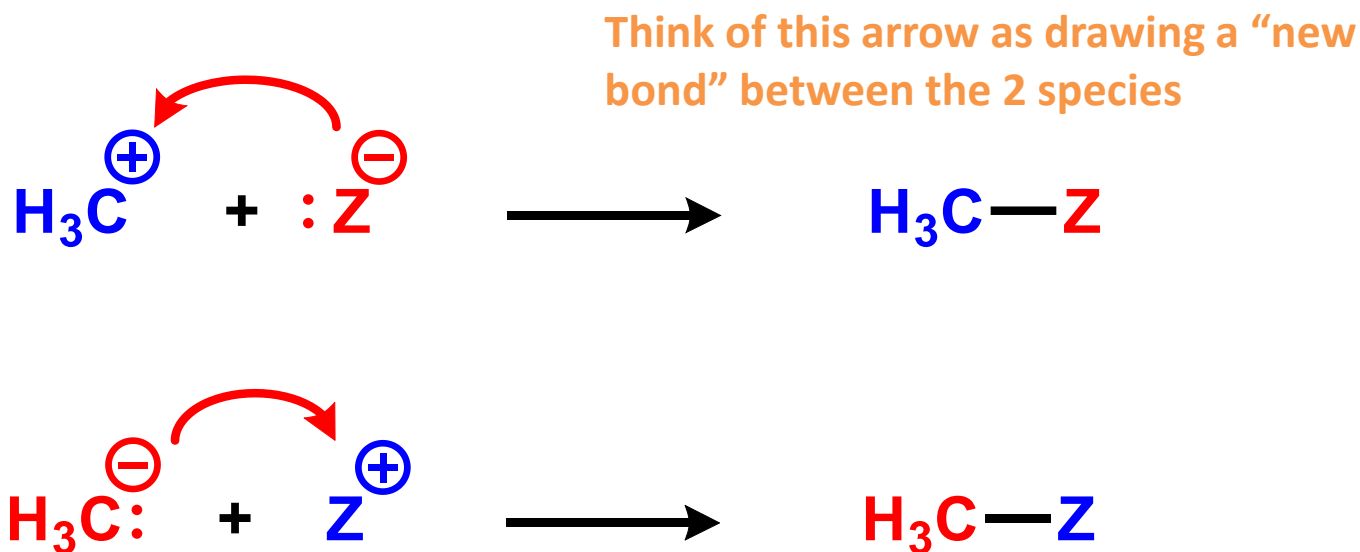
Electrophiles: Electron deficient species (they like/want electrons to complete octet)



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# Making bonds to carbon

**NUCLEOPHILE** – electron **rich** species (seeks a positive center)  
**ELECTROPHILE** – electron **deficient** species (seeks  $e^-$  to fill octet)



- organic reactions = nucleophile “attacks” electrophile \*  
**ALWAYS draw arrow in direction of attack!**  
**The electrons are what moves!**

# Reactions

Use **curved arrows** to show the movement on the electrons – only electrons can move!!!



WE SHOW “NUCLEOPHILIC ATTACK”  
BY DRAWING CURVED ARROWS...

...this is the **REACTION MECHANISM**

# Will all nucleophiles be able to attack?

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Nucleophiles can be:

- 1) An anion (like  $\text{OH}^-$  or  $\text{CN}^-$ )
- 2) A neutral molecule with a lone pair of electrons ( $:\text{NH}_3$ )
- 3) Molecules with  $\pi$  bonding electrons

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# A chemical reaction: breaking and making bonds

Making a bond

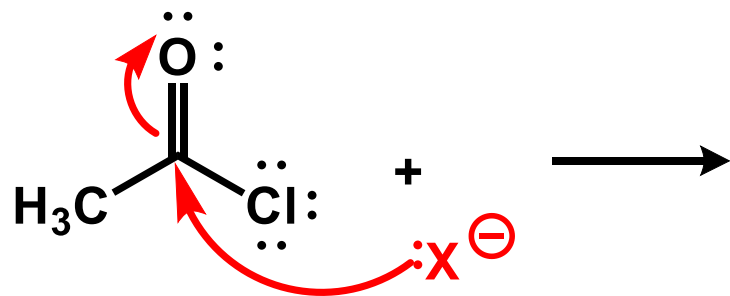


Breaking a bond



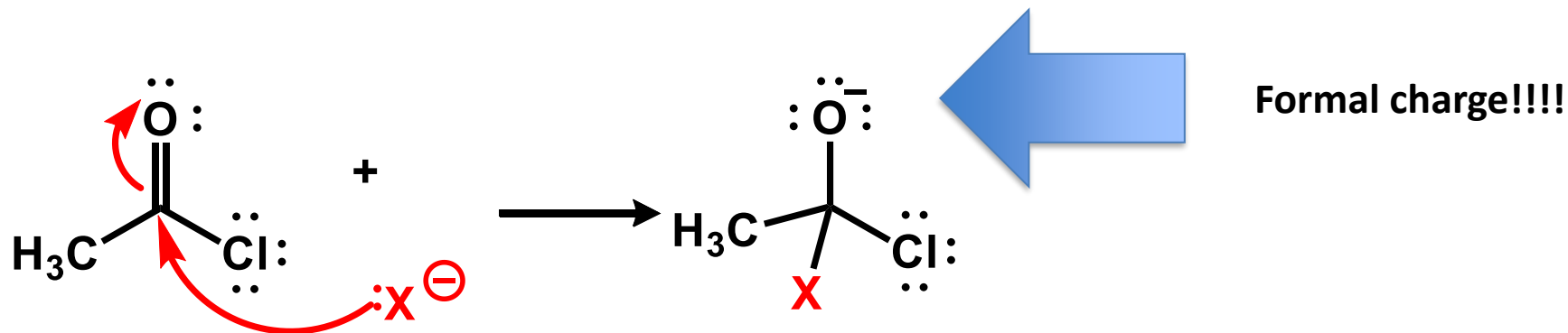
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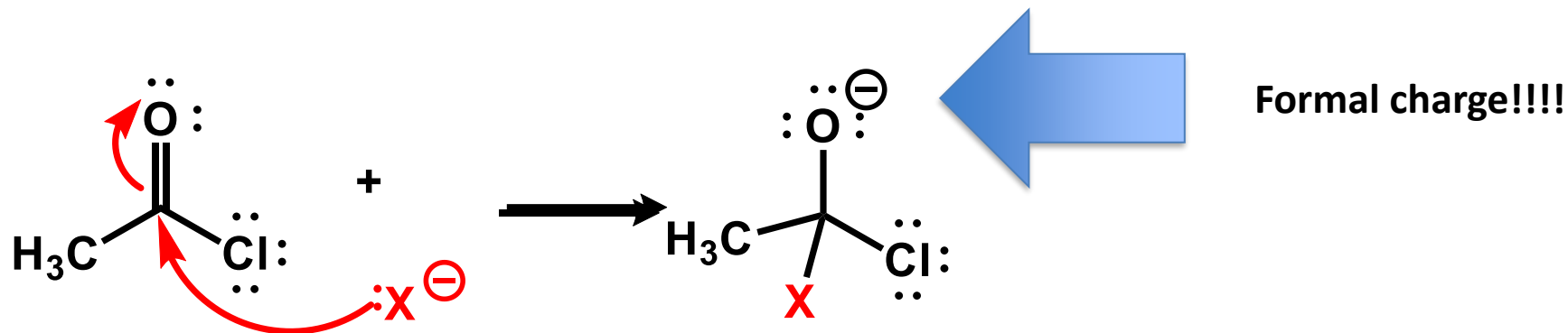
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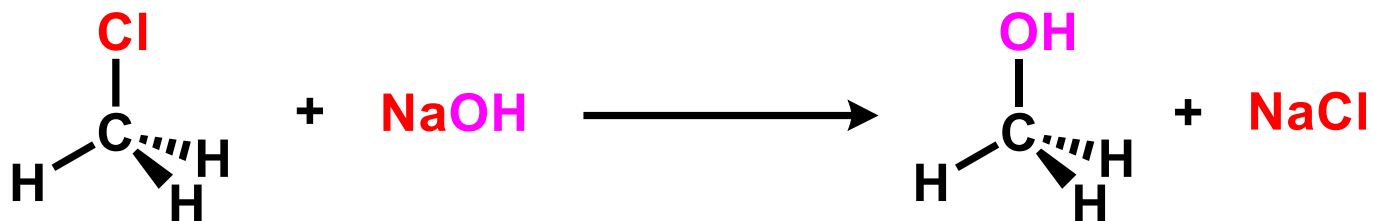




# Organic Reactions: Four main types (review)

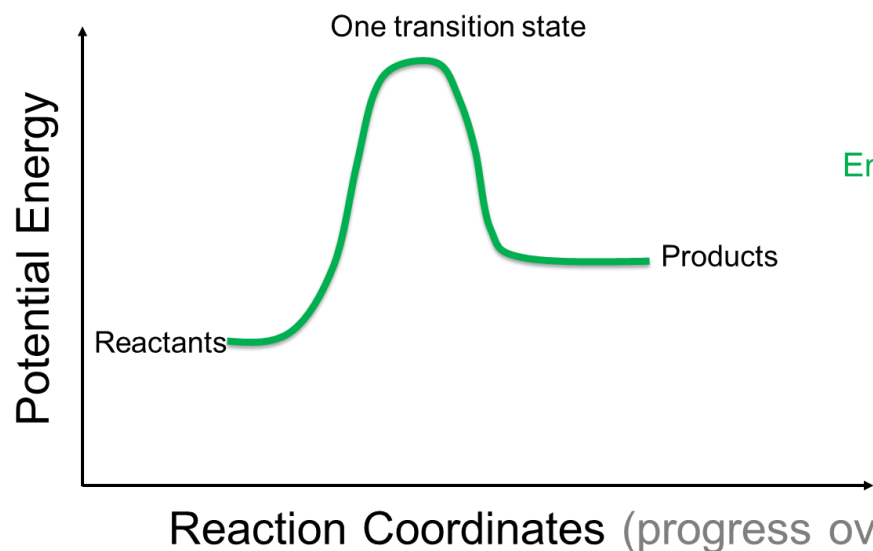
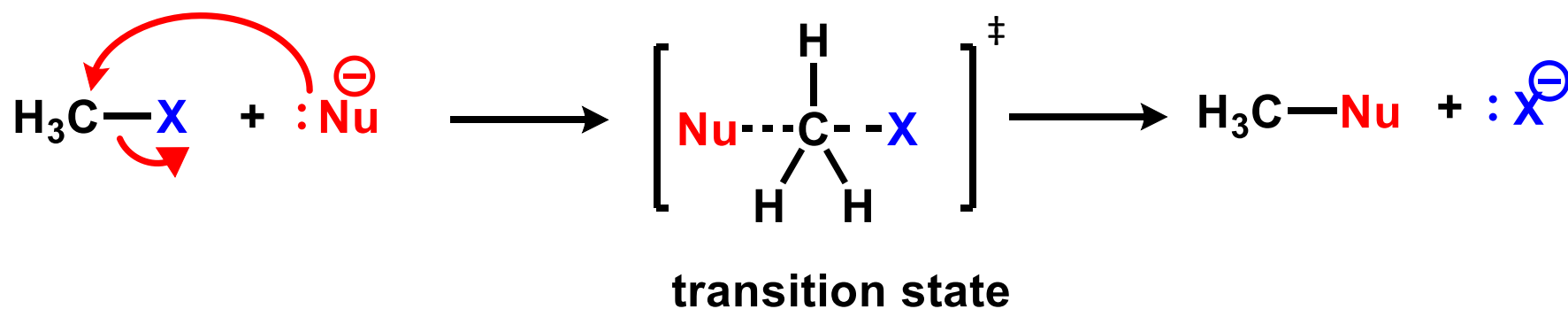
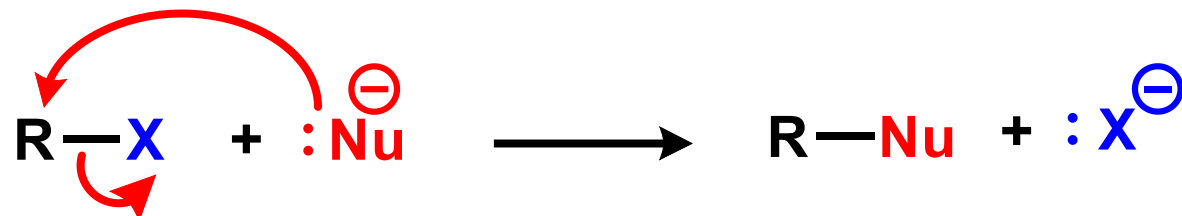
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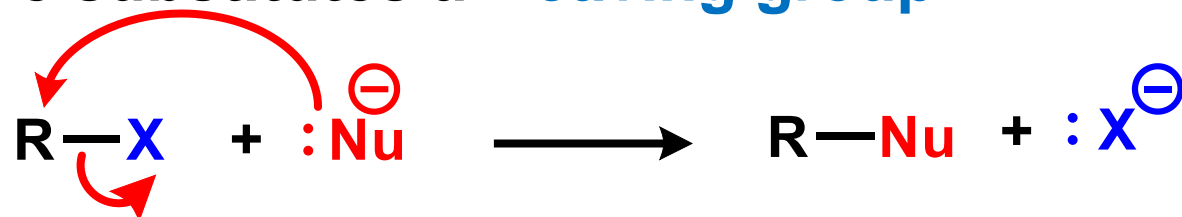
Endothermic

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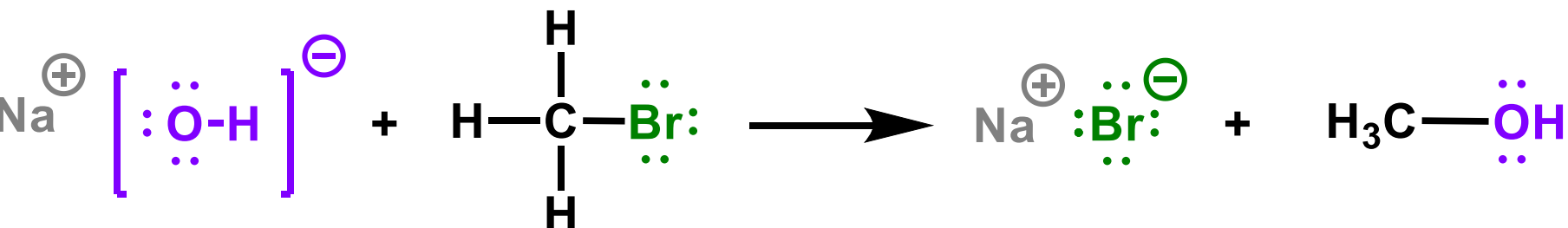
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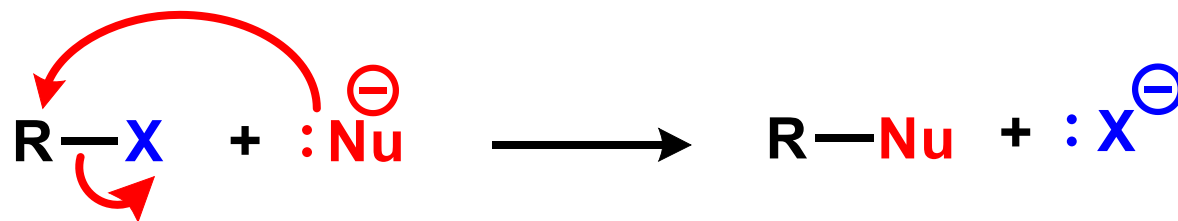
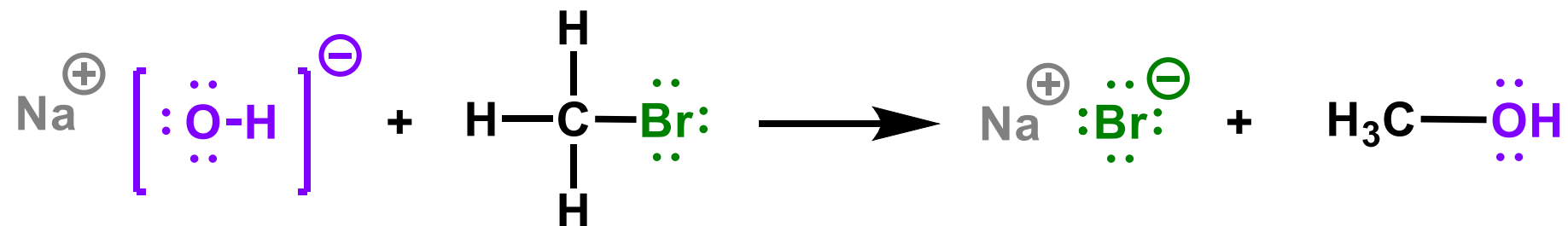
**Heterolytic cleavage:** Leaving group departs with a pair of electrons

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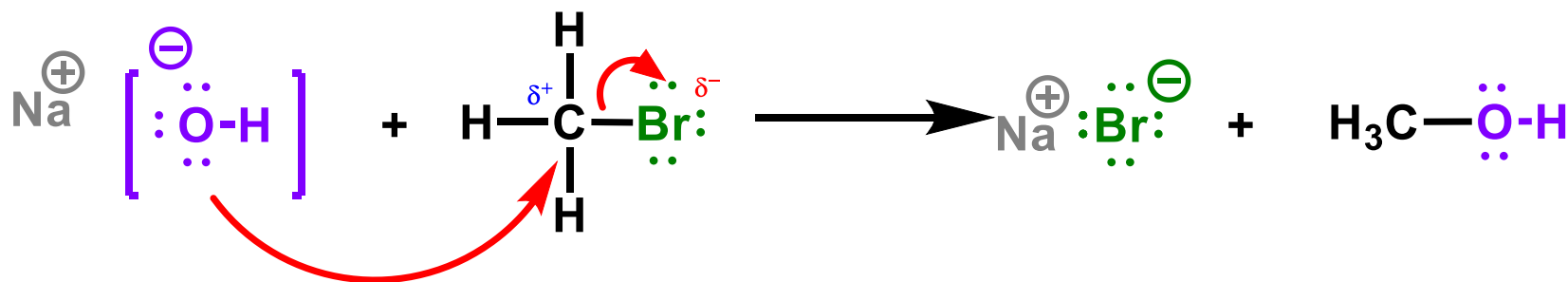


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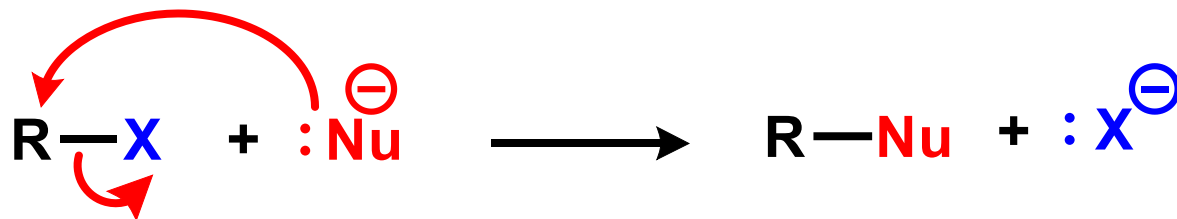
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if I wrote it in :, for example  $\text{Na}^+$



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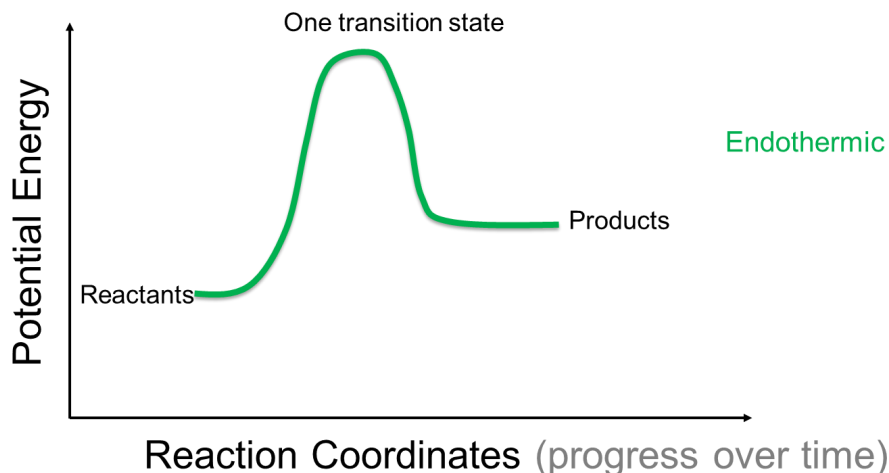
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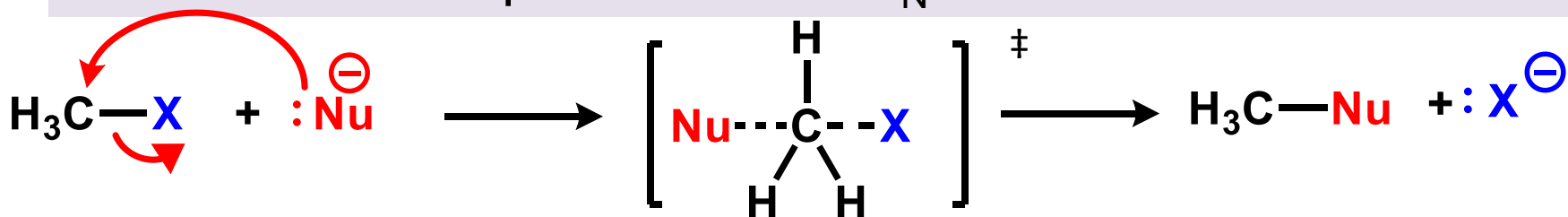
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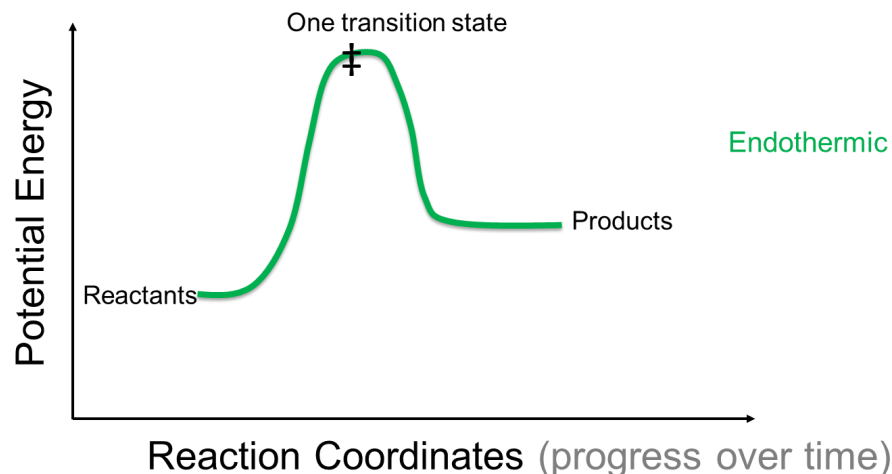
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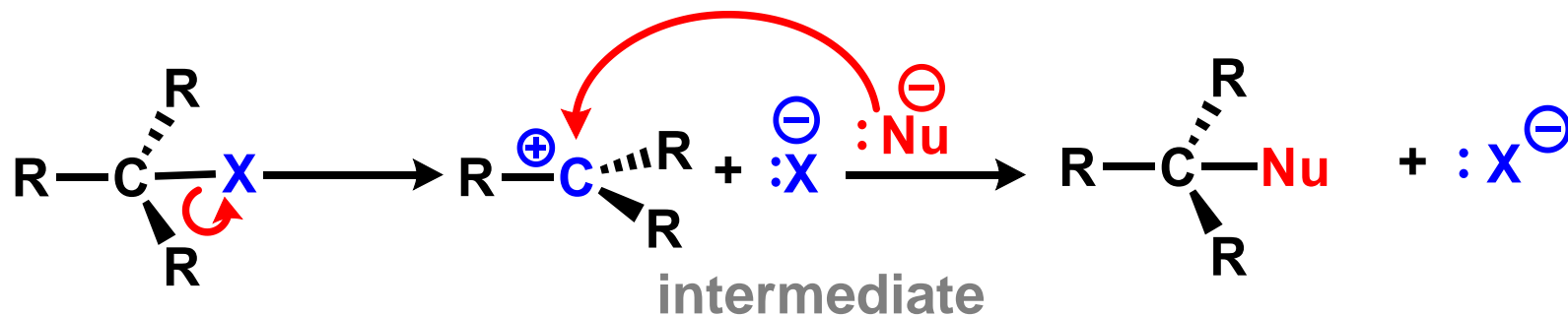


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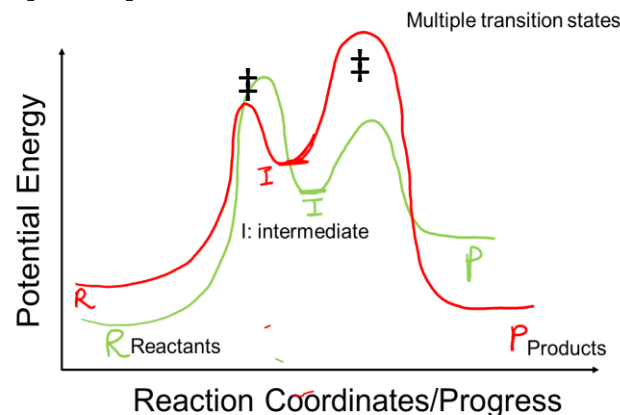




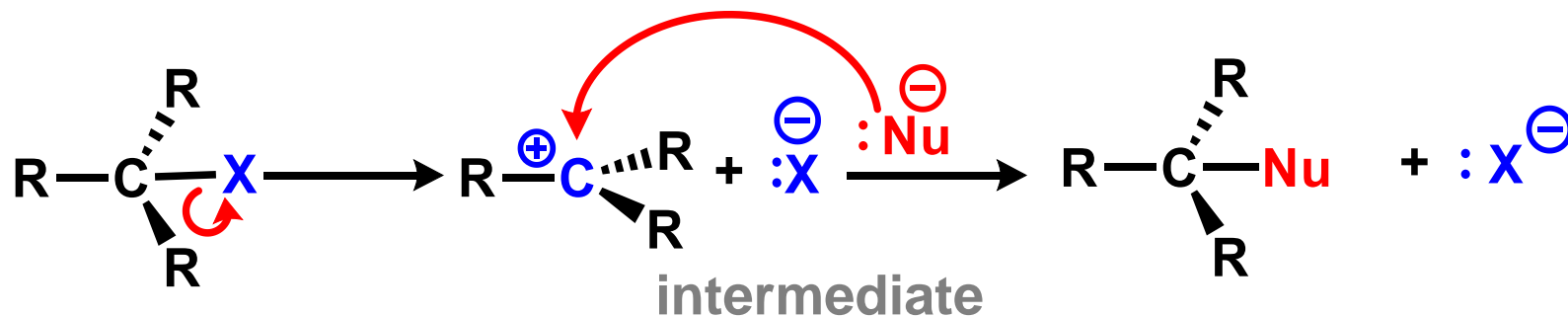
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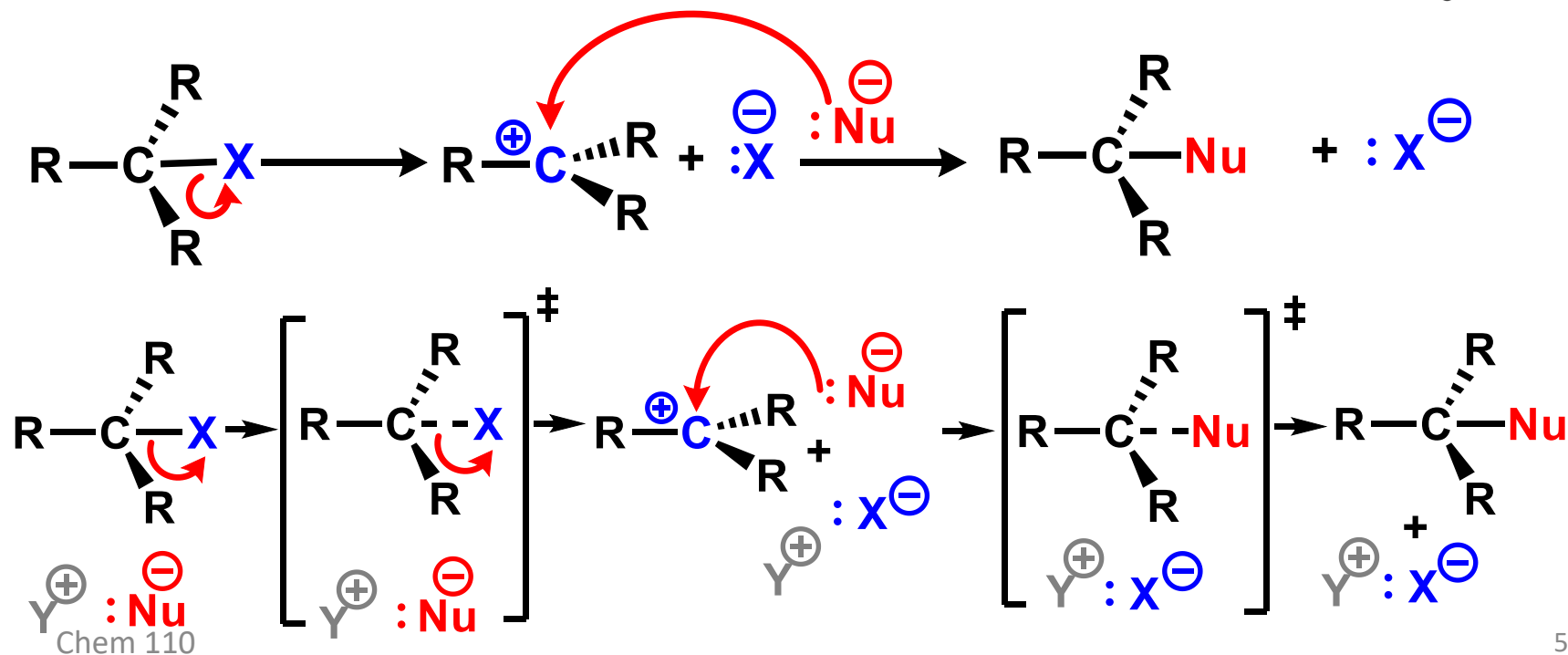
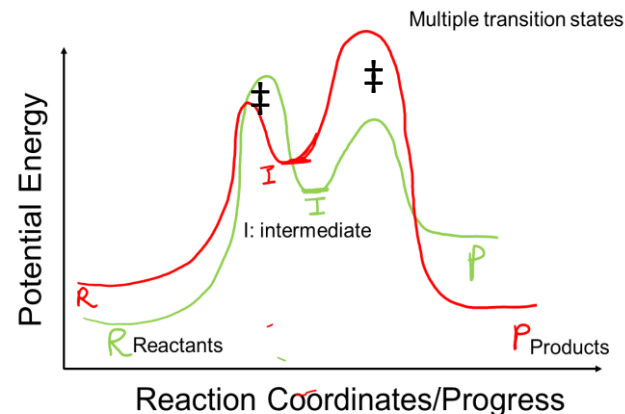


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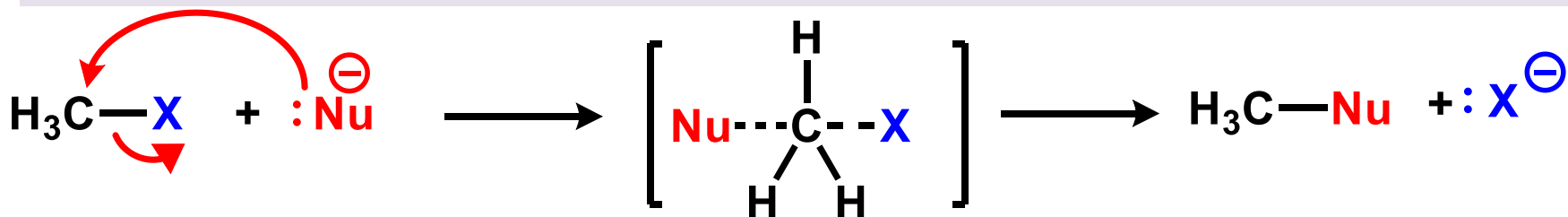
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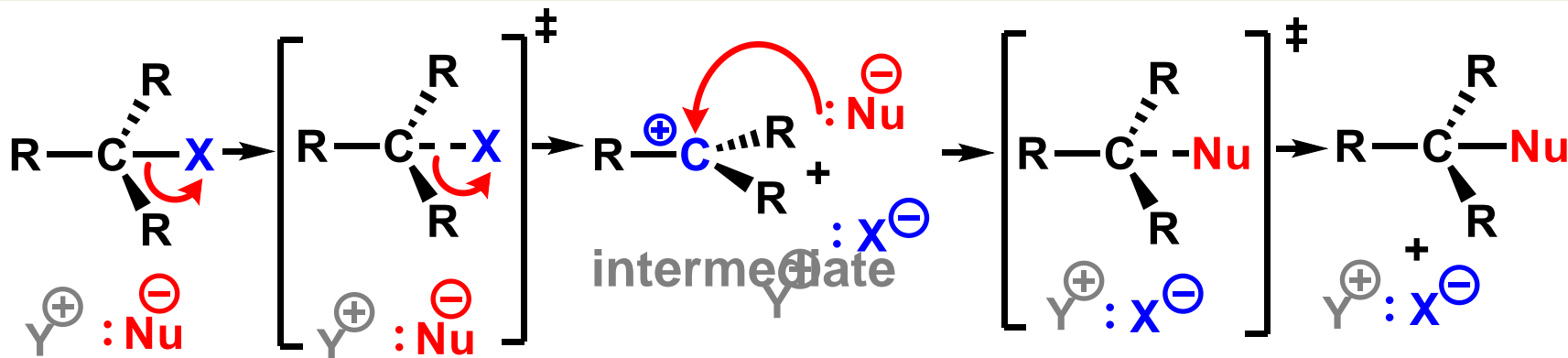
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transition state

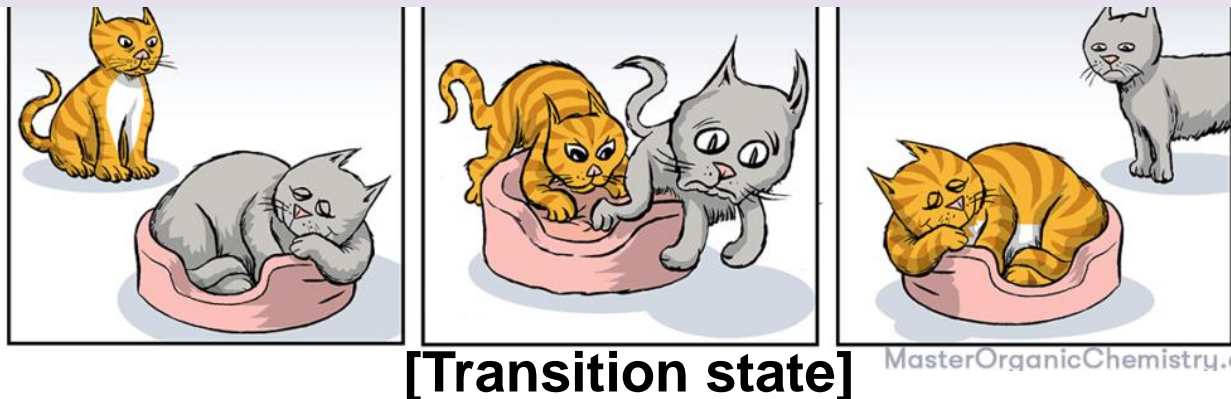
B: Reactants converted to products via more than one step: S<sub>N</sub>1  
Step 1: Heterolytic **cleavage** of C-X bond – carbocation formed  
Step 2: Then nucleophile attacks the electrophile



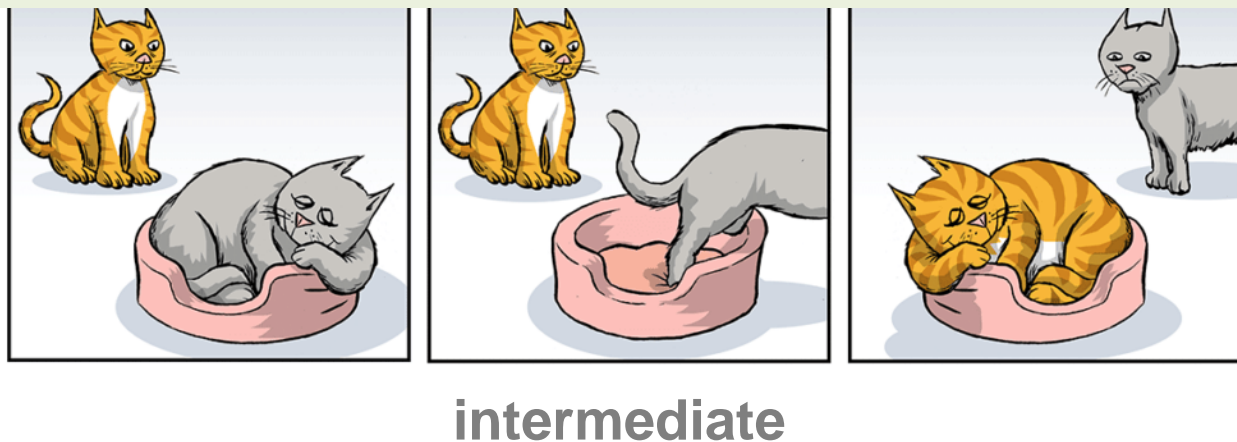
# Nucleophilic Substitution Reactions

## Two nucleophilic substitution (SN) reaction mechanisms

$S_N2$



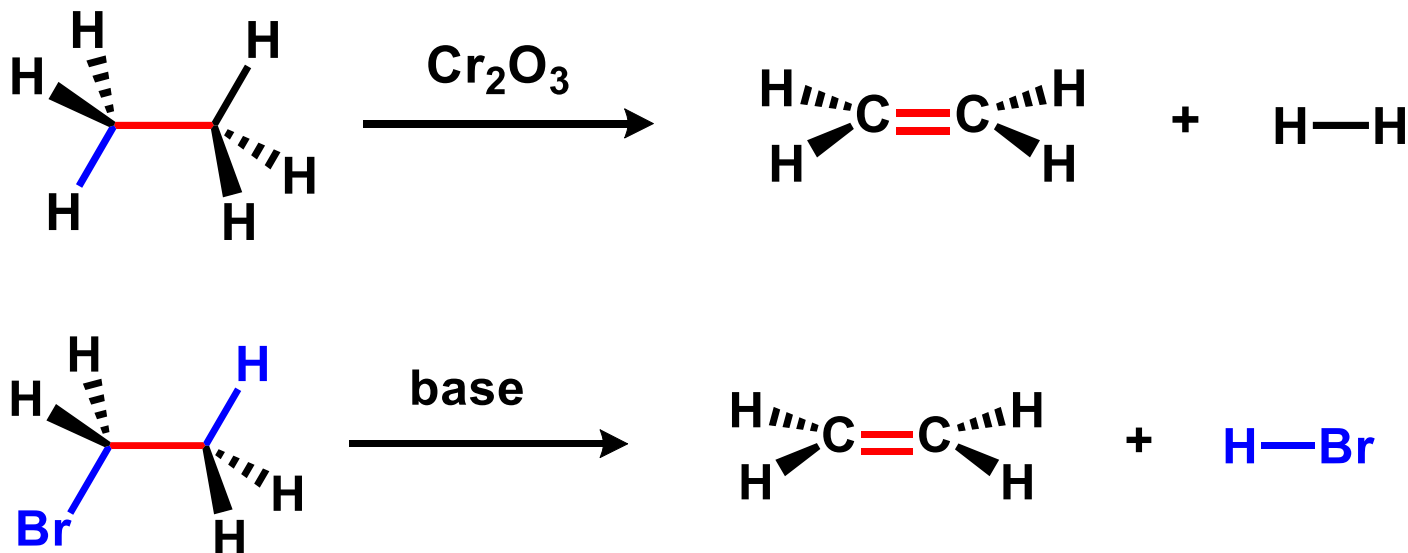
$S_N1$



# Organic Reactions: Four main types (review)

## 3. Elimination

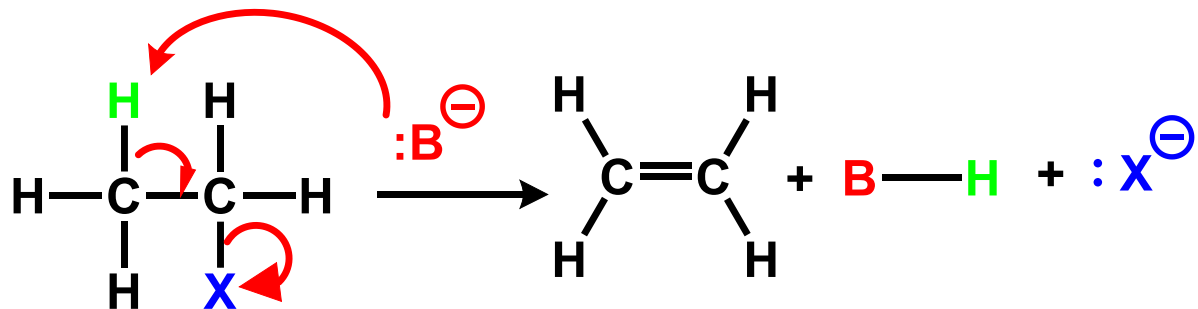
In simple terms: One molecule becomes two or more. Main reaction in preparation of  $\pi$  bonds/unsaturated compounds



# Elimination Reactions

## Two elimination (E) reaction mechanisms

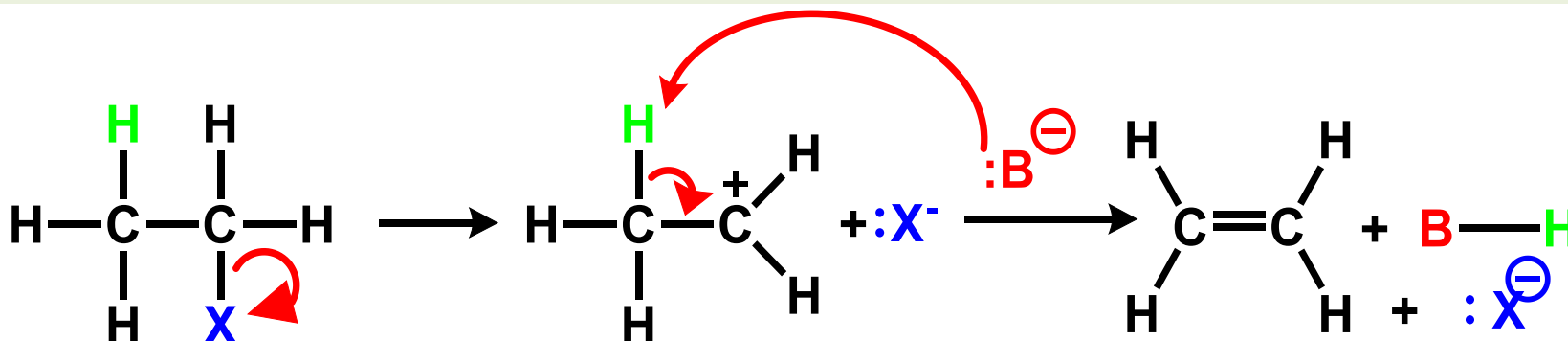
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# Elimination Reactions

## Two elimination (E) reaction mechanisms

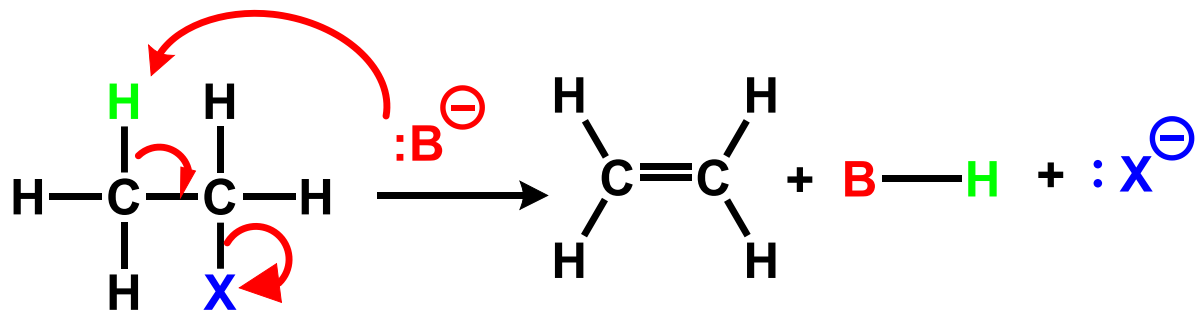
2: Reactants converted to products via more than one step: E1  
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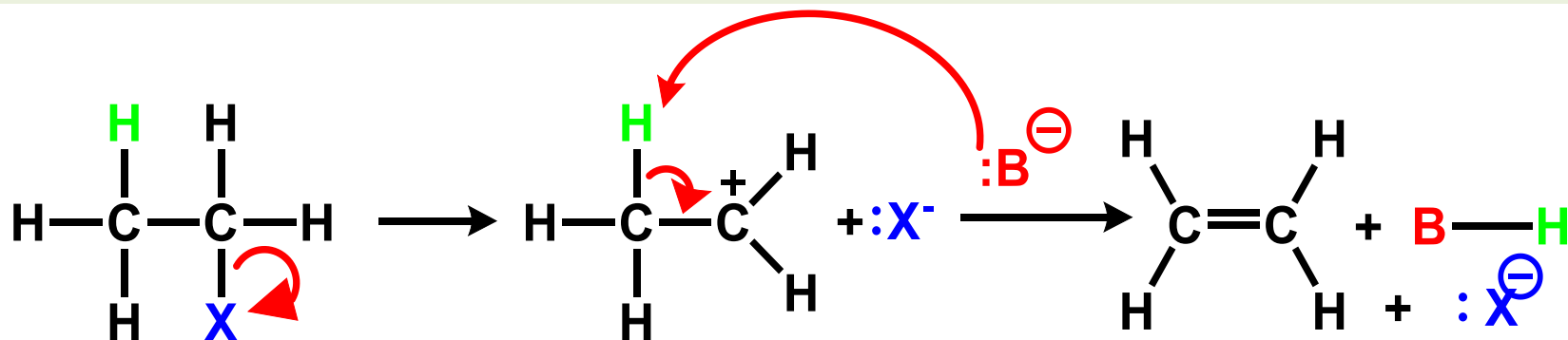
# Elimination Reactions

## Two elimination (E) reaction mechanisms

1: Bond breaking and bond formation occur one-step: E2



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# Intro to Organic Reactions

**Nov 18-22**

## **Concept Video 33**

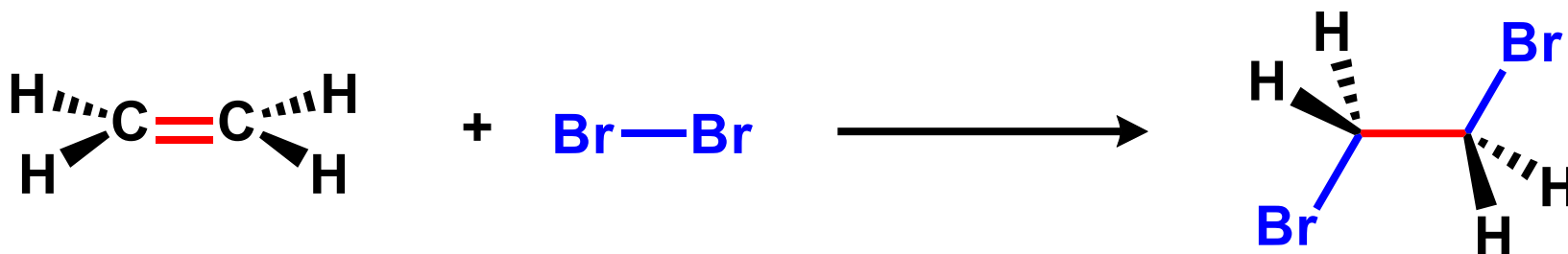
Additions to Alkenes



# Organic Reactions: Four main types (review)

## 2. Addition

Reagent adds to substrate (two molecules become one!)  
– characteristic of  $\pi$  bonds/unsaturated compounds



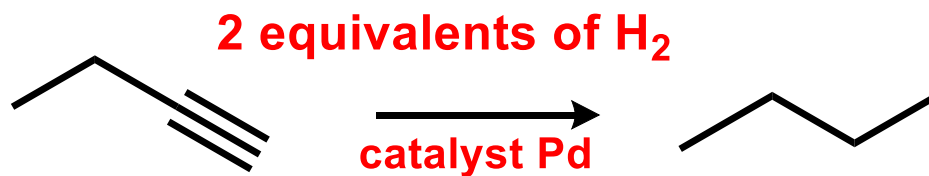
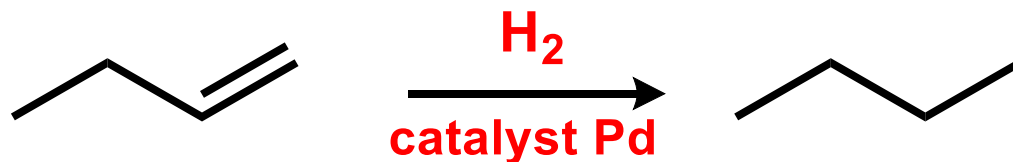
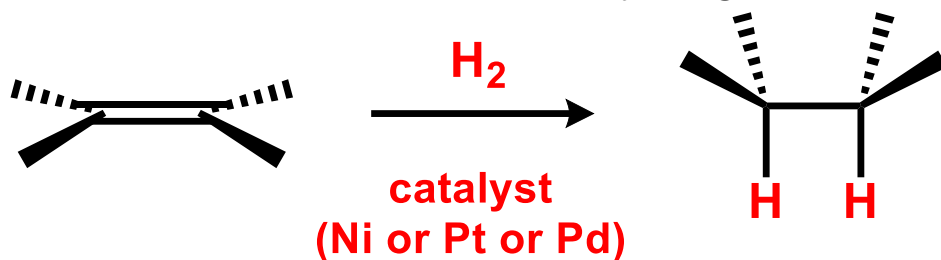
# How is it made? Hydrogenation in fats/oils

Hydrogenation: Addition of molecular hydrogen (usually in the presence of a catalyst)

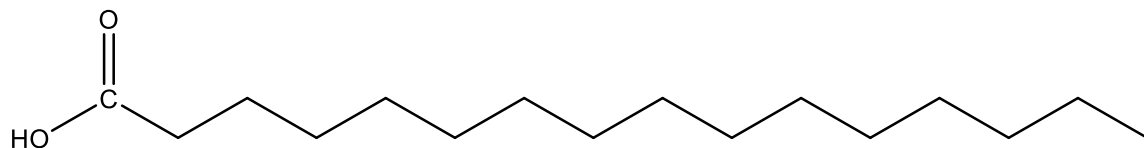


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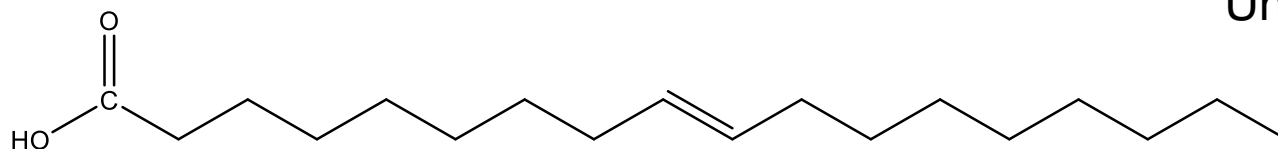
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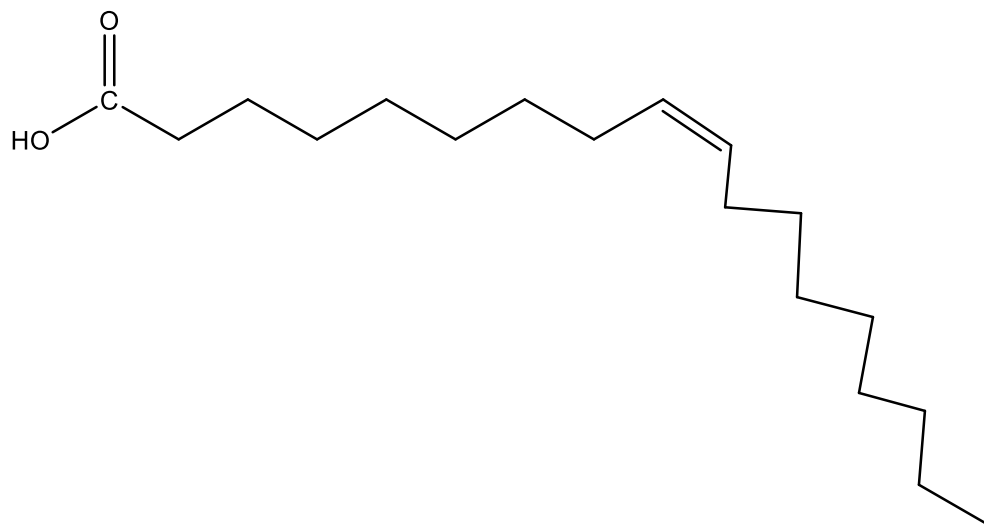
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Saturated Fatty Acid

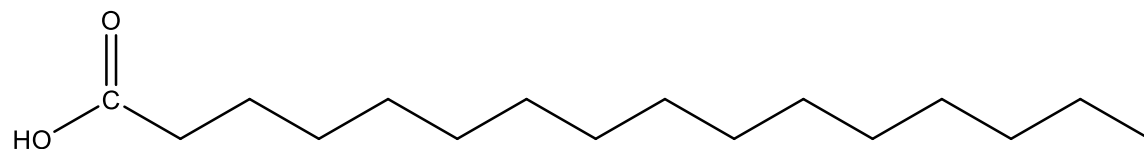


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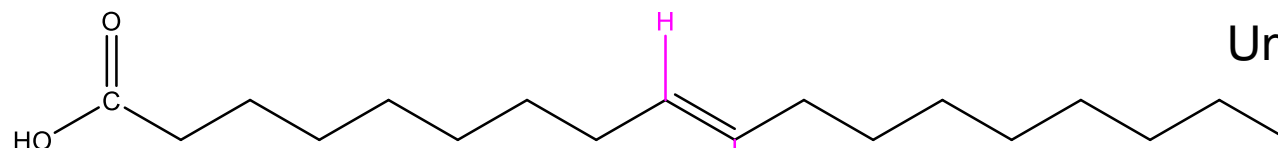


Look at the geometric isomers!  
Are they cis or trans?

# Hydrogenation in fats/oils

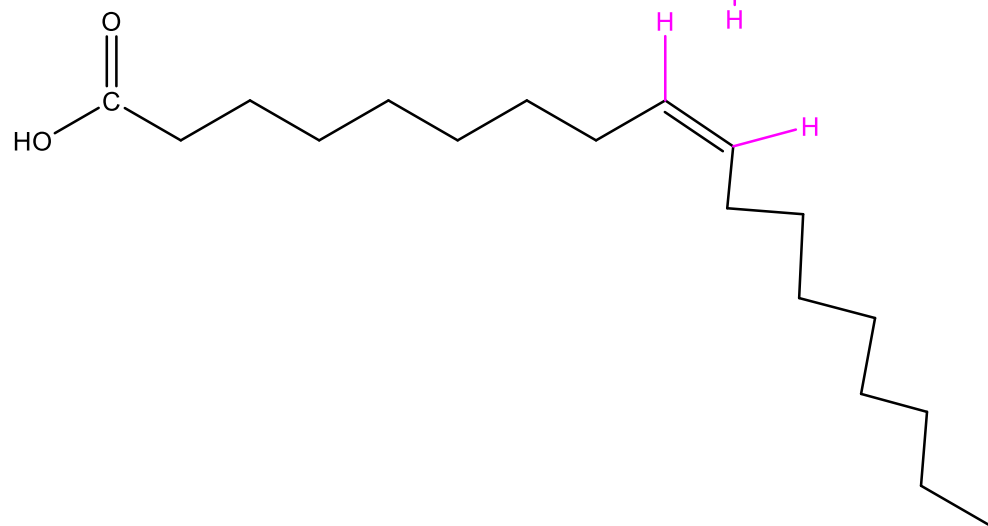


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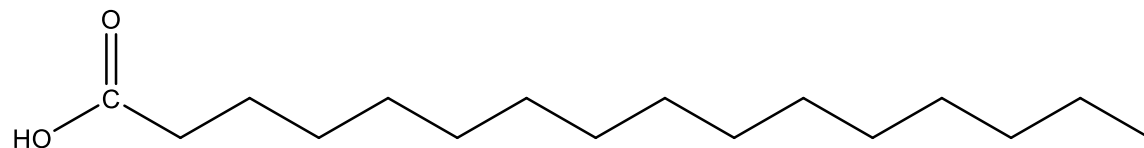
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**Trans**

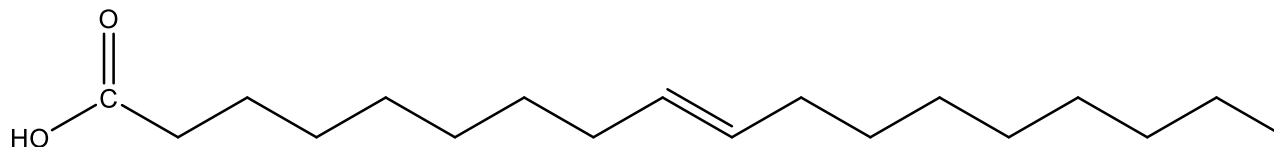


**Cis**

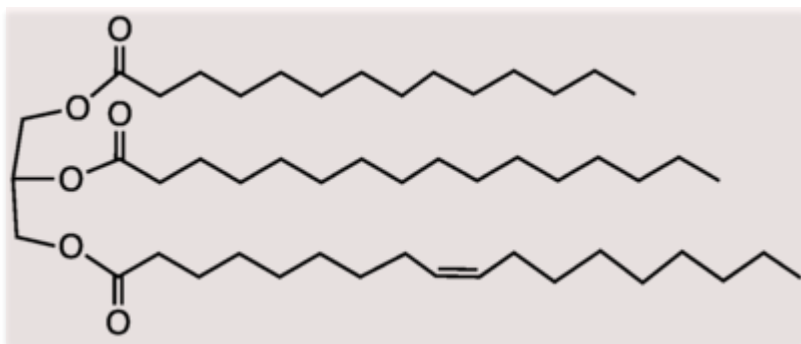
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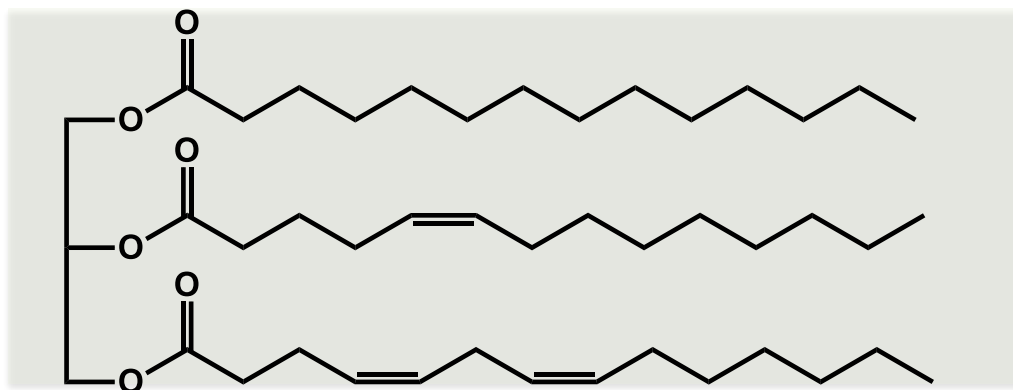
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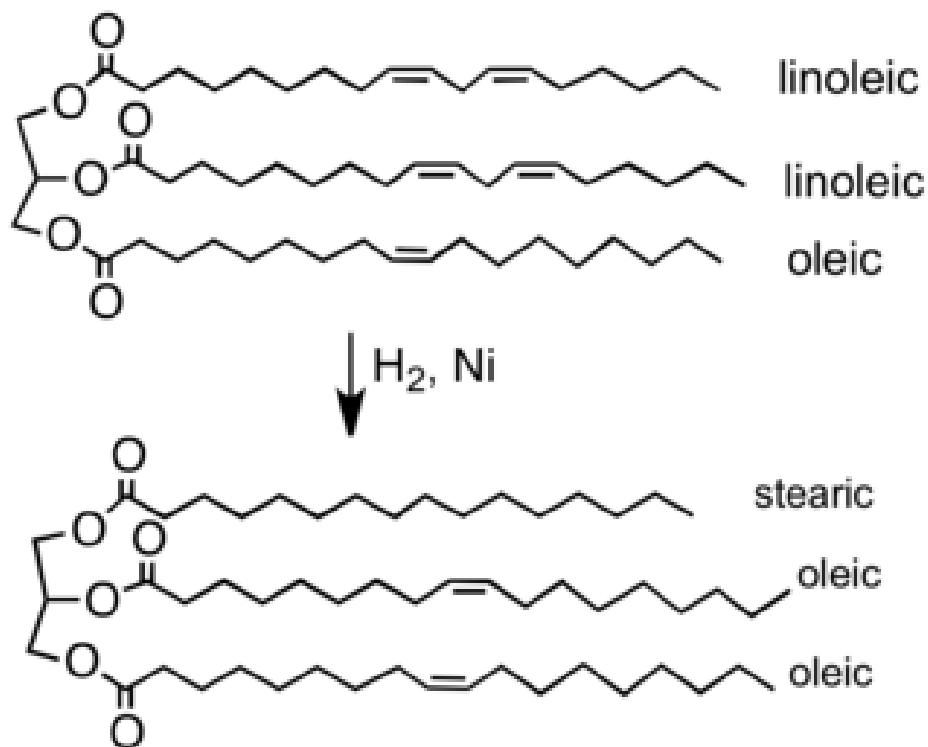
Monounsaturated



Oils  
Polyunsaturated

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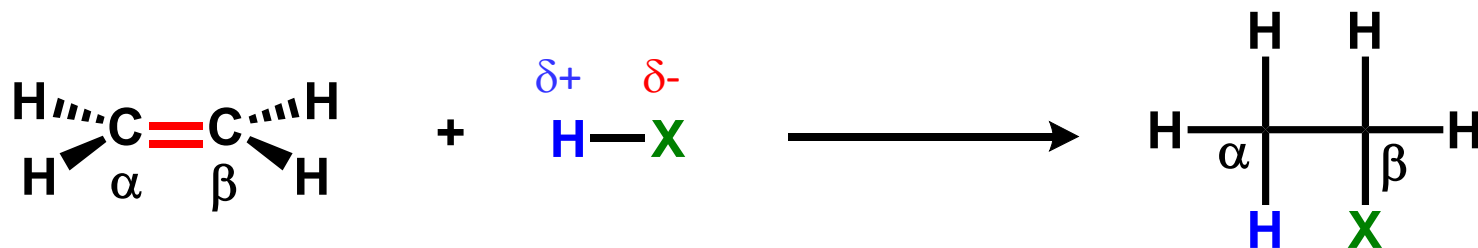


# Electrophilic Addition to Alkenes

**ELECTROPHILE** – hydrogen of H-X (or other  $\delta^+$  of x-X reagent)

**NUCLEOPHILE** – “attacking”  $\pi$  bond

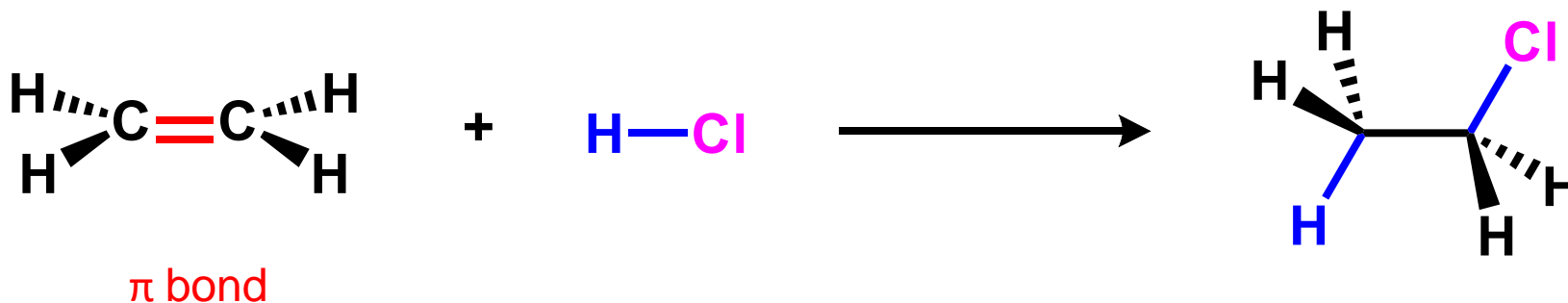
**ADDITION OF STRONG ACIDS:** addition of HX



\* *addition* reactions = nucleophile “attacks” electrophile \*

# Electrophilic Addition to Alkenes

Addition Reaction of strong acids: **Symmetric alkenes**



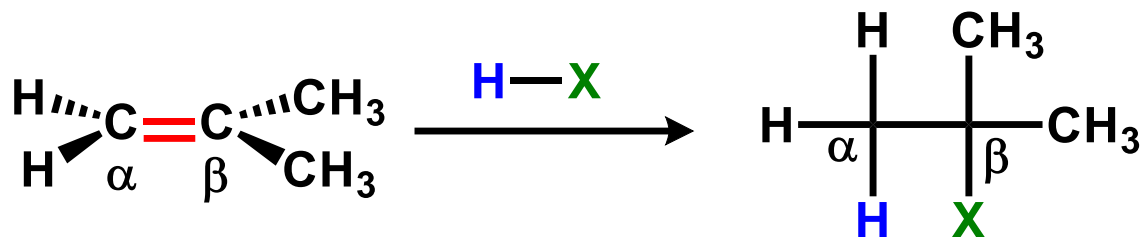
What if you have an asymmetric alkene??

- WHERE DO YOU ADD THE "H" & "X"?

...USE MARKOVNIKOV'S RULE, OF COURSE!

# Electrophilic Addition to Alkenes

Addition Reaction of strong acids: Asymmetric alkenes



**Markovnikov's rule:** hydrogen adds to the carbon in the double bond that has more hydrogen atoms, and **the halogen adds to the carbon with fewer hydrogen atoms**

“the rich get richer”