## **Carbocations Do Funky Things**

• Predict the product of the following reaction:

• What is the *actual* product of the reaction? What happened?

• Here's another example. What's going on here?

#### **More Reactions of Alkenes**

• Can you *predict* the product of the following reaction?



• What's really going on here? Why would this reaction be described as "the acid-catalyzed addition of water to an alkene"? How would we ordinarily write this reaction?

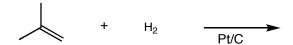
• What is meant by "acid-catalyzed"?

### **Still More Reactions of Alkenes**

• You try this one: Can you predict the product of the following reaction?

## **Wow, There Are Lots of Reactions of Alkenes**

• Consider the following reaction:



• Is there any way you could have predicted the product of this reaction? Does this reaction even make sense?

• How does this reaction take place? What is the *mechanism* of this reaction?

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# **How Can I Possibly Learn All of These Reactions?**

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#### **Test Yourself Now!**

• Can you write a curved-arrow mechanism and predict the product of the following reaction?

#### **Stereochemistry of Alkene Additions**

• Consider adding HBr to a *cyclic* alkene, like the one shown below. The two new groups that are added (H and Br) could be added in two different ways: *syn* (both added to the same face of the alkene) or *anti* (added to opposite faces of the alkene):

(Recall that we used the term *stereoisomers* before to refer to *cis* and *trans* alkenes.)

• Work through the mechanism of HBr addition. Which is preferred: syn or anti?

• The addition of H<sub>2</sub> to the same cyclic alkene gives *only one* product. What type of addition is this, and why is only one product observed?

## Addition of Br<sub>2</sub> or Cl<sub>2</sub> to Alkenes

• First, let's *predict* what we expect to happen when an alkene reacts with Br<sub>2</sub>. How do we make such a prediction?

• What would your proposed mechanism predict about the *stereochemistry* of the outcome?

• The actual outcome of the reaction is shown below. What type of addition is this? Is this stereochemical outcome consistent with your proposed mechanism?

### The Mechanism of Br<sub>2</sub> or Cl<sub>2</sub> Addition

• Is there a mechanism of Br<sub>2</sub> addition that is consistent with the observed stereochemistry?

• Consider the following alkene additions. Rearrangement is observed in one case but not in the other. Can you explain why?

### Addition of X<sub>2</sub> with Water or Alcohols

• If Br<sub>2</sub> or Cl<sub>2</sub> is added to an alkene in the presence of water (HOH) or an alcohol (ROH), a different product is formed. Can you propose a mechanism for this reaction?

• Now that you've seen the mechanism, can you predict which of the following products will be produced in the reaction of cyclohexene with bromine in water?

$$Br_2$$
  $H_2O$   $OH$   $OH$   $OH$ 

#### The Structure of the Bromonium Ion

• Explain why *only one product* is observed in the following reaction:

• Is this observation consistent with Markovnikov's Rule? Why or why not?

• Given all that you know about the addition of Br<sub>2</sub> to alkenes, *predict* which of the four products shown below would be the main product observed in the addition of bromine to 1-methylcyclohexene in the presence of water: