

# **Organic Reactions**

Most organic compounds are hydrocarbons that come from petroleum...then how do we see such a wide variety of organic molecules? Chemical Reactions!

## **Types of Organic Reactions**

- 1. Substitution
- 2. Elimination
  - 3. Addition
- 4. Condensation



### 1. Substitution Reactions

A reaction in which one atom or a group of atoms in a molecule is replaced by another atom or groups of atoms.

**Halogenation**-a hydrogen atom is replaced by Chlorine, Fluorine or Bromine on an alkane (lodine is less reactive and therefore doesn't substitute well)

In general, 
$$R-CH_3 + X_2 --> R-CH_2X + HX$$

Once an alkane has been halogenated, the compound can undergo further substitutions

In general, 
$$R-CH_2X + OH^- --> R-OH + X^-$$

\*\*This can also be accomplished by add water to the reaction; in this case an alcohol and a binary acid with form



### 2. Elimination Reactions

A reaction in which a combination of atoms is removed from two adjacent C atoms forming an additional bond between the C atoms.

 eliminated atoms form stable compounds such as H<sub>2</sub>O, HCl or H<sub>2</sub>

**Dehydrogenation**-a reaction that eliminates two hydrogen atoms

In general, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>3</sub> --> CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub> + H<sub>2</sub>

More specifically, 
$$H_2C-CH_3$$
  $H_2C-CH_3$   $H_2C-CH_2$  + H2

Alykyl halides can under elimination reactions to produce an alkene and a binary acid

In general, 
$$R-CH_2-CH_2-X$$
 -->  $R-CH=CH_2+HX$ 

Alcohols can undergo elimination reactions by losing a H+ and an OH- to form water (dehydration reaction)

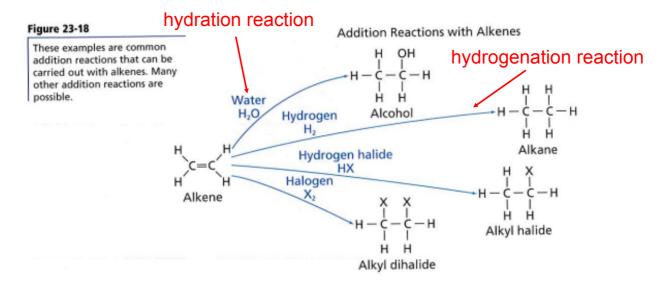
In general,  $R-CH_2-CH_2-OH$  -->  $R-CH=CH_2 + H_2O$ 



#### 3. Addition Reaction

A reaction in which a other atoms bond to each of two atoms bonded by a double or triple bond

• reverse of an elimination reaction



Alkynes can also be hydrogenated to produce alkenes or alkanes

1st H<sub>2</sub> molecule

$$R-C \equiv C-H + H_2 --> R-C=CH_2$$

1<sup>nd</sup> H<sub>2</sub> molecule

$$R-C=CH_2 + H_2 --> R-CH_2-CH_3$$



#### 4. Condensation

A reaction in which two smaller organic molecules combine to form a more complex molecule accompanied by the loss of a small molecule such as water

Esterfication is a type of condensation reaction:

Condensation reactions are essential for living organisms:



### **Predicting Products of Organic Reactions**

You can use the generic equations you have been provided to predict the products of specific organic reactions:

### Steps:

- 1. Draw the structure of the reactant(s)
- 2. Use the generic equation as a model to see how the reactant(s) would react
- 3. Draw the structure of the likely product(s)

Example 1: Predict the product of the elimination of 1-butanol

Example 2: Predict the product of the reaction between cyclopentene and hydrogen bromide

Example 3: Label each reaction as a substitution, elimination, addition or condensation reaction

$$CH_3CH_2CI$$
 $CH_3CH_2OH + CH_3CO_2H$ 
 $CH_2=CH_2$ 
 $CH_3(=O)OCH_2CH_3$ 

#### 3.4 Organic Reactions



# 3.4 Assignment

- Classify each of the following reactions as either substitution, elimination, addition, or condensation.
  - a.  $CH_3CH=CHCH_2CH_3 + H_2 \rightarrow CH_3CH_2-CH_2CH_3$

b. 
$$CH_3CH_2CH_2CHCH_3 \rightarrow CH_3CH_2CH = CHCH_3 + H_2O$$
OH

- Identify the type of organic reaction that would best accomplish each of the following conversions.
  - a. alkyl halide → alkene
  - alkene → alcohol
  - alcohol + carboxylic acid → ester
- Complete each of the following equations by writing the condensed structural formula for the product that is most likely to form.
  - a.  $CH_3CH = CHCH_2CH_3 + H_2 \rightarrow$
  - b. CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CHCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub> + OH<sup>−</sup> →
  - c.  $CH_3CH_2C = CCH_3 + 2H_2 \rightarrow$
  - cH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CHCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>  $\xrightarrow{\text{Dehydration}}$  OH
- 4. Identify the type of organic reaction seen below then predict the product(s).
- a) ethene + HBr -->
- b) 1-bromopropane + OH- -->
- c) ethanol + propanoic acid -->
- d)2,3-dimethyl-1-butene + H<sub>2</sub> -->

#### 3.4 Organic Reactions



# 3.4 Assignment KEY Cont...

5. Explain why the hydration reaction involving 1-butene may yield two distinct products whereas the hydration of 2-butene yields only 1 product.

6. Explain the difference between an elimination reaction and a condensation reaction. Which type of reaction best is best represented by the following equation?

Compound 1-liquid that has a pungent odour. It is miscible with water and the solution is a weak electrolyte.

Compound 2-is a liquid that has a strong aroma resembling apricots.

Using your observations, classify the functional group in each compound.