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RECALL:

Addition Reactions

- Occurs on double bonds and triple bonds

$$C = C \longrightarrow -C - C \longrightarrow A \xrightarrow{B} A \xrightarrow{B}$$

$$A \xrightarrow{A} B$$

$$\delta + \delta = A$$

Oxidation of Alkenes:

Potassium Permanganate: KMnO₄

$$\mathsf{K}^{\oplus}$$
O
O
Purple crystals in $\mathsf{H}_2\mathsf{O}$ and $\mathsf{H}_2\mathsf{SO}_4$

- Frequently used in acid solutions
- Used to kill fungi dissolves the membrane of fungi
- Good oxidizing agent (wants to grab electrons)

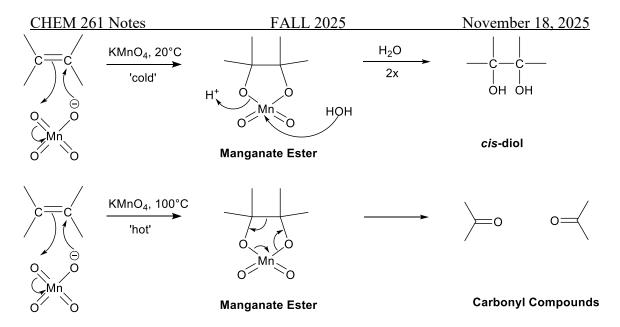
General Scheme:

Mechanism:

'Hot' Permanganate Oxidation

- Hot (100°C) KMnO₄ oxidation of 2-butene cleaves the double bond to form 2 molecules of acetic acid
- High temperature provides enough energy to break the C–C double bond in the manganate ester to initially form acetaldehyde which is then further oxidized to acetic acid
- Same oxidation products for *cis-*2-butene and *trans-*2-butene breaking the C–C bond in the permanganate ester results in the loss of stereochemistry

A closer look:



- Reaction of alkenes with 'cold' KMnO₄ is stereospecific (cis/syn addition)
- Under 'cold' reaction conditions, H₂O attacks the manganate ester twice to form the *cis*-diol. The reaction is **stereospecific**.
- Under 'hot' reaction conditions, there is enough energy to break the C–C bond on the manganate ester, resulting to the formation of carbonyl compounds (i.e., ketone, aldehydes, carboxylic acids, etc.)

'Cold' Permanganate Oxidation

cis-2-butene vs trans-2-butene

- 'Cold' $KMnO_4 - 50/50$ chance that $KMnO_4$ attaches from the top or from the bottom due to the planar structure of the *cis*-2-butene

- Chance of the reaction going from the top or the bottom is 50/50
- 1:1 mix of enantiomers (racemic mixture)
- Reaction is stereospecific
- Initial addition of the permanganate on the double bond is concerted all bonds break and form at the same time

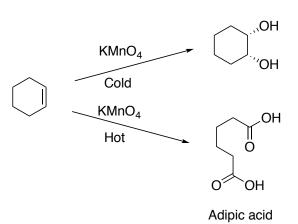
Example 1:

Example 2:

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
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 & KMnO_4 \\
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 & H_2O, \text{ hot} \\
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 & O
\end{array}$$
Ketone is stable

Example 3:





Example 4:

Example 5:

Example 6:

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
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 & KMnO_4 \\
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 & H_2O, hot
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
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 & CO_2 + H_2O
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Reaction with aldehydes:

- In 'hot' KMnO₄ oxidations, aldehydes are oxidized further. Ketones, on the other hand, won't get oxidized further.

- - o disinfectant used to preserve cadavers
 - o is further oxidized to form CO₂ and H₂O in the presence of excess KMnO₄

Osmium Tetraoxide: OsO4

Formaldehyde

Toxic, Volatile

General Scheme: (No over oxidation)

$$C = C \qquad \begin{array}{c} OsO_4 \\ \hline \\ OH OH \end{array}$$

Syn/Cis Addition

Mechanism:

- OsO₄ adds across the double bond to form osmate ester
- Osmate ester (very stable) is then attacked by H₂O to form *cis* diols
- Reaction is stereospecific (syn/cis addition)

Example 1: 2-methylpropene

$$\rightarrow$$
 OsO₄ OH

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Example 2:

Example 3:

Example 4:

Addition reactions of Alkynes

Alkynes are more polar as they have more negative charge between the two carbons. They are always more reactive than alkenes and so can be utilized in all addition reactions that alkenes can, except react faster.

The carbon-carbon triple bond is composed of two pi bonds and a sigma bond

$$R-C \equiv C-R \qquad \xrightarrow{Cl_2} \qquad \xrightarrow{R} \qquad \xrightarrow{Cl} \qquad Cl_2 \qquad \qquad R \xrightarrow{Cl} \qquad R \xrightarrow{Cl} \qquad R$$

The first addition to the alkyne is anti, which forms the trans alkene.

Hydrogenation of Alkynes

$$R-C \equiv C-R$$

$$\frac{H_2}{Pd \text{ or Pt or Rh or Ni}}$$

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Lindlar's catalyst – quinoline complexes with the metal and deactivates it. Hence, the hydrogenation reaction stops at the alkene.

Example: 2-butyne

$$H_3C-C\equiv C-CH_3$$
 $\xrightarrow{H_2}$ $H_3C \xrightarrow{H} H CH_3$

$$H_3C-C\equiv C-CH_3$$
 $\xrightarrow{H_2}$ $\xrightarrow{H_3C}$ $\xrightarrow{CH_3}$ $\xrightarrow{Lindlar's catalyst}$ \xrightarrow{H} \xrightarrow{H}

Reaction is stereospecific – H atoms are added on the same side of the double bond

Halogenation of Alkynes

Example: 2-butyne

HX Addition, f

Follows Markovnikov rules (the most substituted end of the alkene will harbour the cation)

Example 1: 2-butyne

$$-C \equiv C - X = CI, Br, I$$

$$H = X$$

$$X = CI, Br, I$$

$$Syn addition Cis product$$

$$H = X$$

Example 2: 1-propyne

RECALL: Addition of HX across the double bond occurs in Markovnikov fashion—the H^+ adds to the least substituted end of a multiple bond, and Cl- to the most substituted end to form 2-chloro-1-propene

Addition of H₂O

Example 1: 1-propyne

- H₂O or ROH by itself cannot add to the double bond. Need an acid (H⁺) to pull the electrons from the double bond.

- H₂SO₄ (H⁺) is a catalyst, meaning that it is not transformed or used up in the reaction but is present to lower the activation energy.

$$H-C \equiv C-CH_3 \qquad H_2O \qquad H_2SO_4 \qquad H \qquad CH_3 \qquad CH_4 \qquad CH_3 \qquad CH_4 \qquad CH_3 \qquad CH_4 \qquad CH_4 \qquad CH_4 \qquad CH_4 \qquad CH_4 \qquad CH_5 \qquad CH$$

Example 2: 2-butyne

$$-C \equiv C - \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} H_2O \\ \oplus \\ H \text{ from } H_2SO_4 \end{array}}_{\text{H}_2O} \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} -H \\ \oplus \\ H \end{array}}_{\text{Enol}} \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} H^{\oplus} \\ \oplus \\ H \end{array}}_{\text{Enol-keto}} \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} H^{\oplus} \\ \oplus \\ H \end{array}}_{\text{Ketone}} \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} H^{\oplus} \\ \oplus \\ H \end{array}}_{\text{Ketone}} \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} H^{\oplus} \\ \oplus \\ H \end{array}}_{\text{C}} \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} H^{\oplus}$$

- Enols are generally unstable and tend to isomerize to the <u>keto form (generally favored over the enol</u> less thermodynamically energetic) this process is called tautomerization
- **Tautomers** are rapidly interconverting structural isomers. In the above example, the ketone and enol are tautomers. **Note**: these are not resonance forms since the position of the H atom is changed.

Unique Example where the enol is favored is phenol

tautomers are structural isomers, not resonance structures

Hydroboration - Oxidation

What if we want addition in anti-Markovnikov fashion? Then we use a borane reagent!

RECALL: Hydroboration of alkenes

- Cis/syn addition
- Oxidation with H₂O₂/NaOH replaces the C–B bond with retention of configuration

Hydroboration of Alkynes

$$H_3C-C\equiv C-H$$
 H_3C
 H_4
 H_4

- Can use diborane, but generally use sterically hindered organoborane to prevent multiple additions across the multiple bond

Note: Notice how in the above examples with 1-propyne, depending on which reagents are used one can carry out a Markovnikov addition leading to a ketone or an anti-Markovnikov addition leading to an aldehyde.

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Oxidations of Alkynes (Examples/Summary)

Example 1: Ozonolysis of 2-butyne

$$\frac{1) O_3}{2) Zn} OH HO$$

Example 2: Ozonolysis of Cyclooctyne

$$O_3$$
, Zn O_3

Example 3:

Example 4: 2-butyne

Example 5: 2-pentyne

Example 6: propyne

Special Reaction for Terminal Alkynes

Recall:

H-C=C-R
pKa= 26
Weaker Acid
NaOH

$$H_2O$$

pKa= 16

Stronger Acid

Note: this reaction will not occur because the reaction will form a stronger acid (H₂O) as compared to acetylene

However,

Reaction of Acetylide anion

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$$Pd/C, H_{2}$$

$$Na:C=C-R + CI - C=C-R - H_{2}$$

$$H_{2}O, H_{2}SO_{4}$$

$$O$$

Elimination Reactions:

Base vs. Nucleophile:

Base Nucleophile

Elimination (E_1 and E_2) Substitution ($S_N 1$ and $S_N 2$)

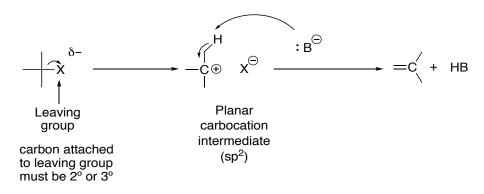
2 Types of Mechanisms: E₁ and E₂

E₂ Reaction (E=Elimination):

- Rate depends on two concentrations
- Stereospecific
- Concerted (bonds being formed and broken at the same time)
 - No intermediate
- follows Zaitsev Rule: the most substituted alkene will be the major product
- Anti-periplanar geometry
- 1°, 2°, 3°, but especially primary and secondary

E₁ **Reaction**:

- Rate depends on one concentration
- Not concerted (carbocation intermediate)
- Not stereospecific
- Favored with leaving group being 3°



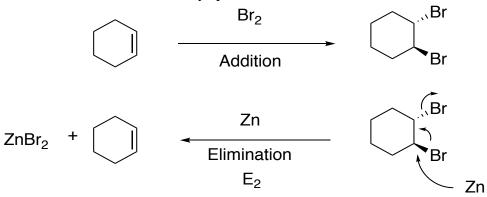
Examples of E₂ Reactions

Dehalogenation

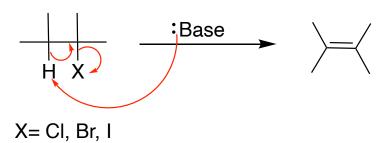
Example 1: (Bromine atoms are antiperiplanar to each other)

Example 2:

- Zinc mechanism always proceeds via E2



Dehydrohalogenation



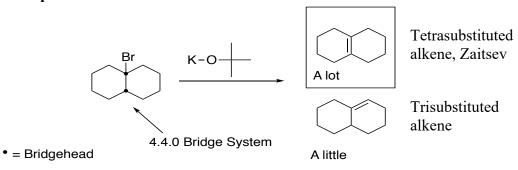
Example 1:

Example 2:

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
& & K^{\oplus} O^{\ominus} \\
\hline
& & E_{1}
\end{array}$$
No Rxn

need hydrogen on adjacent carbon for loss of HBr

Example 3:



Bredt Rule: Bridged alkenes are only okay if one of the bridges is a "zero" (0) bridge in small rings <9

Example 4:

(too unstable – will not form according to Bredt's rule)