Substitution



Substitution Reactions (above is S_N1

S _N 2 Reaction	 Rate reaction depends on 2 reagents' concentration Concerted Stereospecific
S _N 1 Reaction	 Rate reaction depends on 1 reagent concentration Stepwise Carbocation intermediate

In S_N2 reactions:

Inversion of configuration



The following reaction **will not occur** in either direction since alkoxides and hydroxides are not good leaving groups





Limitations:



An OH or OR group can be a leaving group only under **acidic** conditions, where it leaves as water or alcohol (ROH) – not under basic conditions



Examples: (Number 1 below is E1)



Zaitsev' Rule = Saytzeff Rule

Zaitsev's or Saytzeff's rule is an empirical rule used to predict regioselectivity of 1,2elimination reactions occurring via the E1 or E2 mechanisms. It states that in a regioselective E1 or E2 reaction the major product is the more stable alkene, (i.e., the alkene with the more highly substituted double bond).



Limitation Bret's rule

No C=C can be formed to a bridge head if all bridges are >0 and small size rings



Example:

1)





2) Below is an E2 reaction



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Reaction of Alkenes: Addition Reactions



Reverse is called an elimination reaction

Hydrogenation:

- Addition of H₂
- Requires a catalyst
- Stereospecific reaction (cis or syn addition)

$$\begin{array}{c|c} C = C & + & H - H & \frac{H_2}{Catalyst} & - \begin{array}{c} I & I \\ - C - C - C \\ H & H \end{array} & (cis) syn-addition \\ & & & & \\ \end{array}$$
 From the same side

Catalyst is one of Ni (Nickel), Pd(Palladium), Pt(Platinum)

Catalyst: Lowers the activation energy of a reaction (transition state) but is not permanently transformed

Mechanism



Hydrogenation with these catalyst proceeds with syn addition (from the same side), giving the cis-product.



The starting material and products are achiral because of an internal mirror plane of symmetry.





Product : alkane (after hydrogenation)

Example: How to determine thermodynamic stability of alkenes

cis-2-butene and trans-2-butene are diastereomers with different physical properties

1-butene is a structural isomer of both cis-2-butene and trans-2-butene



All of the above reactions are exothermic.

trans-2-butene is most stable (smallest amount of energy released)

 δ^{-} δ^{+} δ^{+}

more alkyl substitution gives increased electron donation, making the alkene more stable and less reactive

 $\delta^+ \bigvee_{\delta^-} \delta^-$



trans more stable than cis due to sterics

cis-2-butene has intermediate stability (disubstituted double bond but sterically more crowded

1-butene is least stable (monosubstituted double bond - largest amount of energy released)