Recall:

Alkane Reactions:

-Combustion, Radical Substitution, Nucleophilic Substitution

$$R-H \xrightarrow{O_{2}} CO_{2} + H_{2}O$$

$$R-H \xrightarrow{X_{2}} R-X + H-X$$
Alkyl halide
$$R-X \xrightarrow{M^{\oplus} Nu} R-Nu + M X \xrightarrow{S_{N}2 \text{ occurs on } 1^{\circ}/2^{\circ} \text{ subtrates}}$$

$$S_{N}1 \text{ occurs on } 3^{\circ} \text{ substrates}$$

Alkyl halide

Alkene/Alkyne Reactions: -Addition, Oxidation



Generating an Acetylide anion:



The resulting acetylide anion can be used in the synthesis of other acetylenes by substitution reactions.

Example:



Elimination Reactions:

2 Types of Mechanisms: E_1 and E_2



Base vs. Nucleophile:

$$\gamma: H^{\oplus}$$
 vs.



Nucleophile

γ⊖́

Elimination (E_1 and E_2)

Substitution (S_N 1 and S_N 2)

H₃C-X

Types of Elimination Reactions:

1) Dehalogenation



2) Dehydrohalogenation



3) Dehydration

$$- \begin{array}{c} & OR \\ -C - C \\ H \end{array} \qquad \xrightarrow{R = H, Alkyl} \qquad \qquad \\ H_2SO_4 \qquad \qquad \\ E_1 \text{ Or } E_2 \qquad \qquad \\ \end{array} \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \\ C = C \qquad + \qquad H-OR$$

<u>E₂ Reaction</u> (E=Elimination):

- Rate depends on two concentrations
- Stereospecific
- Concerted (bonds being formed and broken at the same time) - No intermediate
- Anti-periplanar geometry

Example #1:

- Zinc mechanism always proceeds via E2



Example #2 A:





H and Br need to be in "Anti" configuration (anti-periplanar)

Example #2 B: Start with different sterochemistry get different product stereochemistry (a diasteromer)



<u>E₁ Reaction</u>:

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



Example #1:



Zaitsev Rule: Get the more substituted alkene

Example #1:



Example #2:



Due to mechanism of Zn, the double bond is stuck at less substituted end.

Double bond can go to more substituted if it is left in aced







need hydrogen on adjacent carbon for loss of HBr

Example #4: bulky nucleophiles/bases favour elimination



Example #5: small nucleophiles/bases favour substitution



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

Example:

