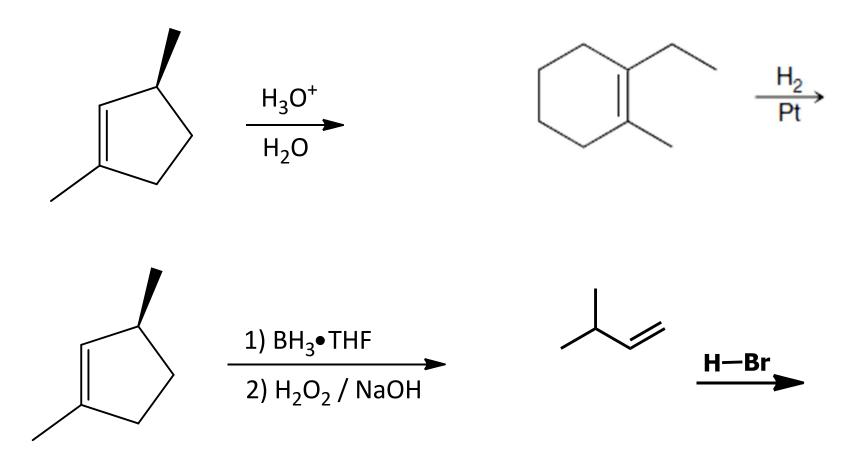
Chapter 8 part 4:

Halogenation/Halohydrins formation

Today Hydrogenation Halogenation/Halohydrin formation



Addition Reactions:

Halogenation

 Halogenation involves adding two halogen atoms across a C=C double bond.

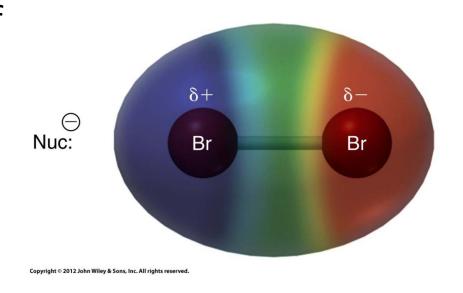
Petroleum -----

Vinyl chloride

Halogenation is a key step in the production of PVC.

Halogenation

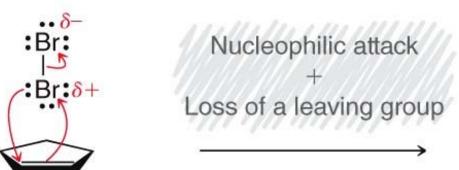
- Let's look at the reactivity of Br₂. Cl₂'s reactivity is similar.
- It is nonpolar, but it is polarizable. WHY?
- Does the Br₂ molecule have a good leaving group attached to it?



<u>Addition of Halogens to Alkene</u>

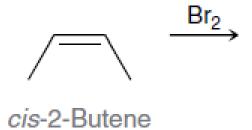
Imagine an alkene attacking Br₂.
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Halogenation



The alkene functions as a nucleophile and attacks molecular bromine, expelling bromide as a leaving group and forming a bridged intermediate, called a bromonium ion

Only ANTI addition is observed. WHY?



Addition of Halogens in or with Water

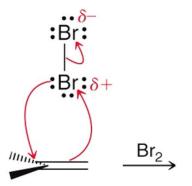
Halohydrins are formed when halogens (Cl₂ or Br₂) are added to an alkene with WATER as the solvent.

The bromonium ion forms from Br_2 + alkene, and then it is attacked by water.

Halohydrin Regioselectivity

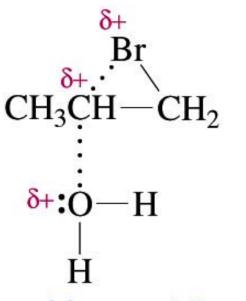
The –OH group ALWAYS adds to the more substituted carbon

 The key step that determines regioselectivity is the attack of water on the bromonium ion

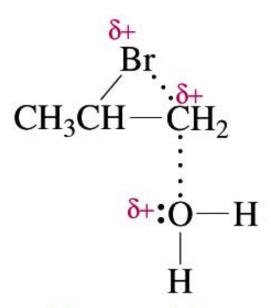


Bromonium ion is captured by water

Consider the transition states ...

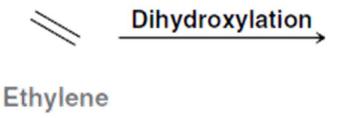


more stable transition state



less stable transition state

 Dihydroxylation occurs when two –OH groups are added across a C=C double bond.



ANTI dihydroxylation is achieved through a multi-step process.



Preparation of Epoxides:

Treatment of an alkene with a peroxyacid gives an epoxide

Cycloheptene meta-Chloroperoxybenzoic acid

Treatment of a halohydrin with base gives an epoxide

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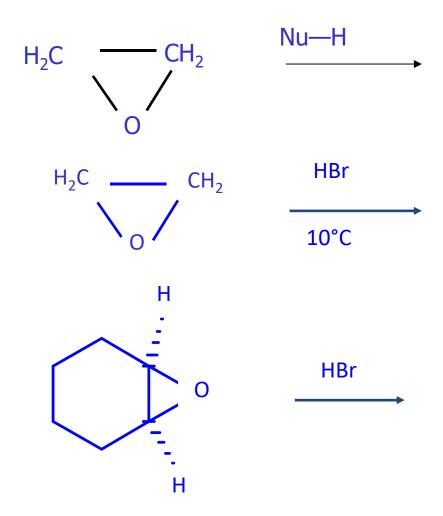
Cyclohexene

First, an epoxide is formed

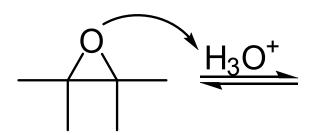
Transition state

- Replacing the relatively unstable O-O single bond is the thermodynamic driving force for this process
- Is there anything unstable about an epoxide?
- Will an epoxide likely to react as a nucleophile (Lewis base) or as an electrophile (Lewis acid)?

Reactions of epoxides involve attack by a nucleophile and proceed with ring-opening.



- Nucleophile attacks <u>more</u> substituted carbon of a protonated epoxide
- Inversion of configuration at site of nucleophilic attack
- Water is a poor nucleophile, so the epoxide is activated with an acid



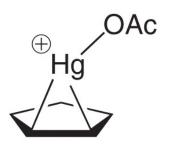
Mild acid reacts with epoxides in water to generate anti 1,2-diols



A protonated epoxide



A bromonium ion A mercurinium ion



For Next Time....

End Chapter 8 on Friday

Exam #2 Wednesday!

Next week Chapter 9

Suggested Homework Problems Chapter 8

1, 2, 5, 9, 12,13, 18, 24, 27, 31, 42-46, 52, 57,62,63

Suggested Homework Problems Chapter 9

1,7,9,13,18,20,32-37, 41,44,52,57