

Chap 7

Alkenes

1. General information-

Alkenes = $C=C$, 1.33 Å sigma bonds - 20 kcal/mol more stable, so π bonds more reactive.

2. Degrees of unsaturation, (sat. all H)

1 degree of unsaturation = 1 ring, 1 double bond

2 degree of unsaturation = 2 rings, 2 double bonds, 1 double bond and 1 ring, 1 triple bond

Calculate degrees of unsaturation

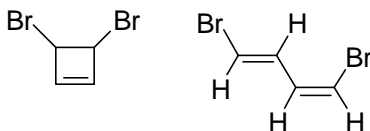
$$\frac{(2C + 2) - H}{2} =$$

$$C_3H_6 = [(2(3) + 2) - 6]/2 = 1$$



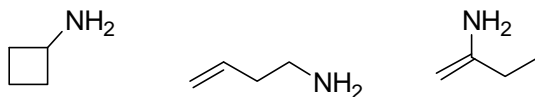
If formula contains a halogen add 1 H to the total.

$$C_4H_4Br_2 = C_4H_6 = [(2(4) + 2) - 6]/2 = 2$$



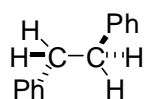
If formula contains a nitrogen add 1 H and 1 C to the total.

$$C_4H_9N = C_5H_{10} = [(2(5) + 2) - 10]/2 = 1$$

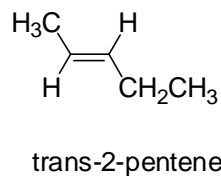
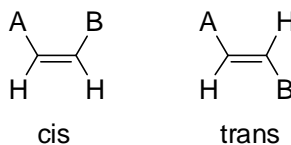


3. Stereoisomers

A) -cis -trans, must have a rigid system.



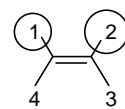
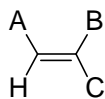
Not cis or trans



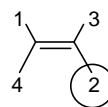
B) E, Z system

Z = zusammen, together

E = entegen, opposite



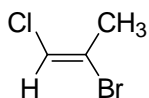
Z same side



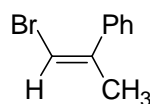
E opposite side

Not cis- or trans-

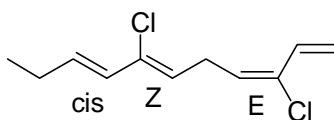
Prioritize each side of the double bond use R- and S- priority rules.



E-2-bromo-1-chloropropene



Z-1-bromo-2-phenylpropene

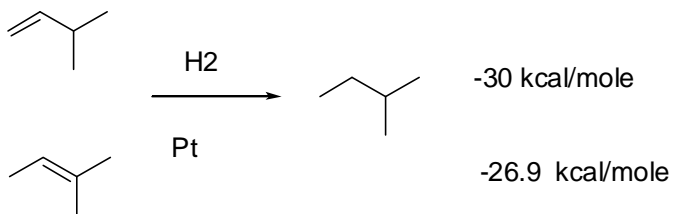


4. Stability of alkenes- measured by heat of hydration.



more negative the more unstable

A) substitution effects.

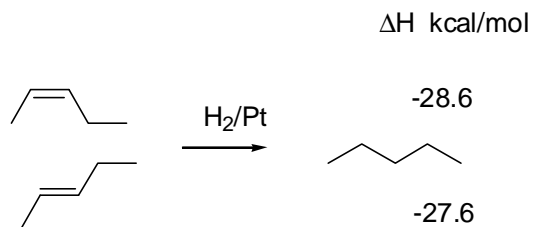


1. More alkyl groups more stable- alkyl groups e' donating
2. Release steric strain.



B) cis- trans-

Trans more stable, alkyl groups further apart.

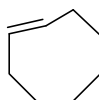


5. Stability of alkenes in rings-



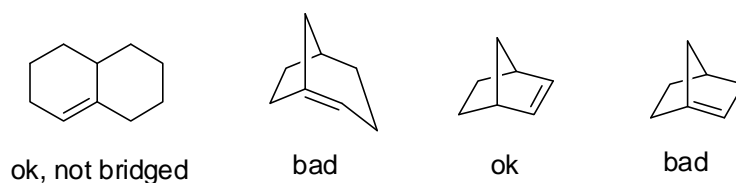
cyclobutane more reactive 90 farther from 109.

Need at least 8 carbons for a trans double bond.



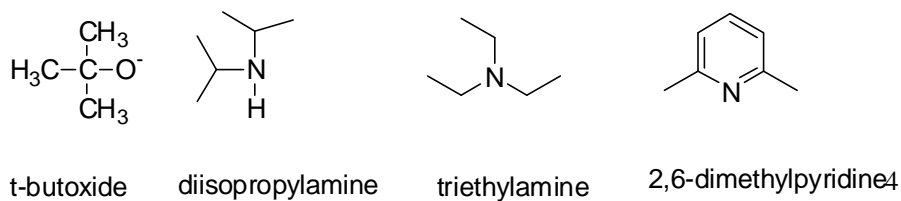
Bredt's rule- A bridged bicyclic compound cannot have a double bond at a bridgehead, unless the ring has 8 carbons or more.

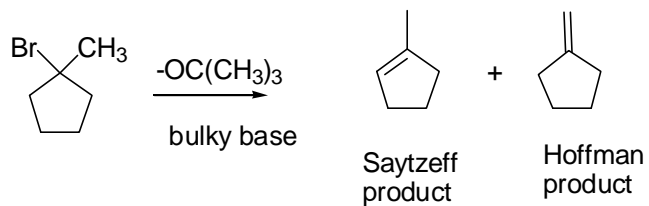
Bridgehead carbon atoms are part of both rings with at least 1 carbon in each of the three links.



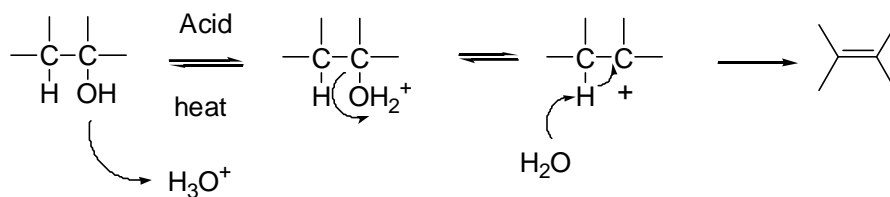
6. Formation of double bonds.

A. Force E2 use a bulky base and $3 > 2 > 1$ substrate.

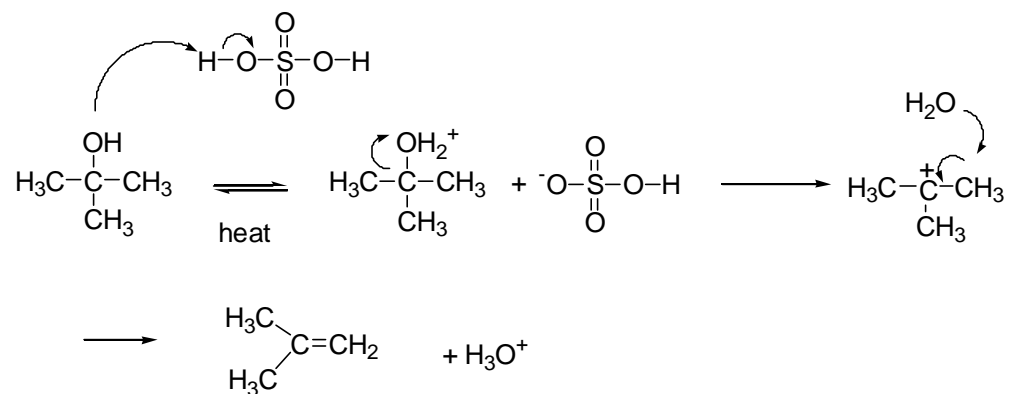




B. Dehydration- removal of water.



Use distillation to remove alkene (lower b.p.) to force equilibrium.



Problem 7-17b

