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Organic Chemistry Reactions (Quick Study Academic)

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ORGANIC CHEMISTRY REACTIONS

Features of an Organic Reaction

- Mechanism:** Describes the overall reaction using a series of single steps.
- Stoichiometry:** Calculate reactant and product masses using the balanced equation and molar masses.
- Kinetics:** Study of the reaction rate and mechanism.
- Theoretical Yield:** Mass of product given by a complete reaction, % yield = $\frac{\text{actual yield}}{\text{theoretical yield}} \times 100\%$.
- Equilibrium:** Reaction does not proceed to completion. Instead, it reaches a balanced state of forward and reverse reactions.

Major Reaction Types

- Acid
- Base
- Oxidation-reduction
- Coordination
- Substitution (S_N1, S_N2)
- Radical reaction
- Isomerization
- Elimination ($E1, E2$)
- Cyclization
- Hydrolysis
- Addition
- Radical reaction

Important Named Reactions

- Diels-Alder:** Forms cyclic alkenes.
- Friedel-Crafts:** Add aryl or alkyl group.
- Grignard:** Add alkyl or aryl group.
- Wittig:** Convert aldehydes/ketones to alkenes.

Kinetics & Reaction Mechanism

Transition State (TS): Maximum on the reaction coordinate curve, the least stable intermediate.

Activation Energy (E_a): Energy of the TS relative to the reactants. The change in enthalpy (ΔH) is ≈ 0 for exothermic reactions and $\approx +$ for endothermic reactions.

Hammett-Laurer Plot: The TS is more like the reactant or product that is closer in energy. The endothermic TS is like the product and the exothermic TS is like the reactant.

Kinetic vs. Thermodynamic Control: ΔG and ΔH describe thermodynamic stability. If ΔG is large and negative (exergonic), the product formation is likely controlled by "thermodynamics." A large E_a corresponds to a large amount of product relative to reactant. A large E_a may give rise to "kinetic" control, the energy of the TS controls the reaction, instead of the product-reaction thermodynamics.

Solvent Effects: A solvent may stabilize an intermediate, decreasing the E_a and increasing the rate of the reaction. Charged complexes are stabilized by polar solvents.

Organic Acid & Base

Acid

- Electron-pair acceptor (Lewis acid)
- Proton donor (Brønsted-Lowry acid)
- EX: Carboxylic acid

Base

- Electron-pair donor (Lewis base)
- Proton acceptor (Brønsted-Lowry base)
- EX: Amine

Factors Enhancing Acid Strength (H_A)

- Weaker H-A bond
- Greater electronegativity of "A"
- Inductive effect of substituent on "A" (electron withdrawing enhances transfer)
- More "s" character in hybrid orbital (s-orbital is lower in energy than p-orbital)
- Resonance-stabilized conjugate base (A⁻)

Factors Enhancing Base Strength

- Reverse of acid strength guidelines
- A base is a nucleophile, electron effects which shift electron density to the atom with the lone pair increases base strength

Alkane $\text{C}_n\text{H}_{2n+2}$

Properties

- Hydrocarbon
- Weak intermolecular forces
- New Cyclic: General Formula C_nH_{2n}
- Tetrahedral: $\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{C}$ (109°)

Isomerization

- Add "and" to prefix
- Locate substituent by position #
- Halohalane: Substituent halide for-H

Cycloalkane (C_nH_{2n})

- Bicyclic: Two fused or bridged rings
- Cyclopropane: $n = 3$ (highly strained)
- Cyclobutane: $n = 4$ (some flexibility)
- Cyclopentane: $n = 5$ (slight puckering)
- Cyclohexane: $n = 6$ (no strain)

Chair Conformation: Stable conformation

- Boat Conformation:** Less stable
- Axial Position:** Perpendicular to ring
- Equatorial Position:** In ring plane
- See H_a and H_e in chair diagram below

Cis: Two substituents in the up position

Trans: One substituent up and one down

Synthesis

- Hydrogenate alkene or alkyne (H_2 , Pt catalyst)
- Free-radical reaction of alkane
- Radical halohalane (Zn, H^+)
- Friedel-Crafts alkylation

Reactions

- Combustion:** Alkane + $\text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$
- Halogenation to haloalkane (Cl_2/Br_2 light or heat)

Alkene C_nH_{2n}

Properties

- Similar to alkane, non-polar, flammable

Isomerization

- Add "ene" to prefix, use E to denote C=C position
- Isotactic: $\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{C}$
- Conformation: $\text{C}=\text{C}-\text{C}$
- Polymers: $\text{C}=\text{C}$ (e.g., butadiene), $\text{C}=\text{C}$ and $\text{C}-\text{C}$ (isomers)
- Alkene: 2 conjugated C=C (e.g., butadiene), $\text{C}=\text{C}$ and $\text{C}-\text{C}$ (isomers)
- Alkene: 3 conjugated C=C
- Alkene: Conjugated monocyclic compound
- EX: (E) isomer - trans-2-butene
- Aromatic Cyclic base:** Cyclopentadiene anion, cycloheptatriene cation (6 electrons)

Isomers

- No free rotation of C=C
- E/Z: prioritize groups by atomic weight
- Z: higher priority groups on the same side

Reaction

- Hydrogenation:** $\text{C}=\text{C} + \text{H}_2 \rightarrow \text{C}-\text{C}$ (catalyst)
- Hydrohalogenation:** $\text{C}=\text{C} + \text{HX} \rightarrow \text{C}-\text{C}-\text{X}$
- Hydroboration:** $\text{C}=\text{C} + \text{BH}_3 \rightarrow \text{C}-\text{C}-\text{BH}_2$
- Hydroxylation:** $\text{C}=\text{C} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{C}-\text{C}-\text{OH}$
- Epoxidation:** $\text{C}=\text{C} + \text{O} \rightarrow \text{C}-\text{C}-\text{O}$
- Diels-Alder:** $\text{C}=\text{C} + \text{C}=\text{C} \rightarrow \text{C}_6\text{H}_6$
- Wittig:** Aldehyde/ketone + phosphorus ylide



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