Supplementary Lecture

Halogenation Reactions

Mechanism: Free Radical Substitution Reactions



Chain Reaction Mechanism



- 1. The chlorination does not occur at room temperature in the absence of light. The reaction begins when light falls on the mixture or when it is heated. Thus, we know this reaction requires some form of energy to *initiate* it.
- 2. The most effective wavelength of light is a blue color that is strongly absorbed by chlorine gas. This finding implies that light is absorbed by the chlorine molecule, activating chlorine so that it initiates the reaction with methane.
- 3. The light-initiated reaction has a high quantum yield. This means that many molecules of the product are formed for every photon of light absorbed. Our mechanism must explain how hundreds of individual reactions of methane with chlorine result from the absorption of a single photon by a single molecule of chlorine.

$$\dot{R} + O=O \longrightarrow R-O-O$$

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- 1. The **mechanism** is the complete, step-by-step description of exactly which bonds break, and which bonds form, and in what order to give the observed products.
- 2. Thermodynamics is the study of the energy changes that accompany chemical and physical transformations. It allows us to compare the stability of reactants and products and predict which compounds are favored by the equilibrium.
- 3. Kinetics is the study of reaction rates, determining which products are formed fastest. Kinetics also helps to predict how the rate will change if we change the reaction conditions.



Reactivity of alkanes in halogenation reactions:

R-H: 3°>2°>1°

Reactivity of halogens in halogenation reactions:

 $F_2 > Cl_2 > Br_2 > I_2$

Heat of Reaction



Exothermic Reaction



Endothermic Reaction: E_a at least as large as the ΔH^o

Rate of reaction = Collision frequency X Probability factor X Energy factor

Size and weight do not change collision frequency

Temperature and energy factor affect significantly on rate

Organometallic Compounds



Reactivity and Selectivity







Ease of Abstraction of Hydrogen:

$3^{o}H > 2^{o}H > 1^{o}H$

Stability of Free Radicals:

 $3^{o}H > 2^{o}H > 1^{o}H$

Ease of Formation of Free Radicals:

 $3^{o}H > 2^{o}H > 1^{o}H$

Chiral and Achiral Compounds



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A shoe, A glove, A screw (Chiral)

 $H \xrightarrow{H_2} CH(CH_3)_2$

A ball, A scissoes, A spon, A chair (Achiral)

S Configuration





Separation of enantiomers





S-sec-Butyl bromide

R-sec-Butyl bromide



Diastereomers formed in unequal amounts









4) $CH_3CH_2CH=CHCH_3 + I_2 \longrightarrow CH_3CH_2CH-CHCH_3$

Reactions

Nucleophilic Substitution Reactions

 $\begin{array}{rcl} CH_{3}Br & + & OH^{-} & \underbrace{Solvent}_{} & HO-CH_{3} & + & Br^{-} \\ Substrate & Nucleophile & Product & \end{array}$

Alkyl + Leaving group







Elimination Reactions (E2)



Elimination Reactions (E1)



Elimination Reactions (E1cb)



Preparation of Grignard Reagent













Methyl-*p*-toluenesulphonate (TsOMe)

p-Toluene sulphonic acd (TsOH)





p-Toluenesuphonyl (Tosyl = Ts)

p-Toluene sulphonyl chloride (TsCl)

S_N2 Mechanism

Inversion of Configuration



Kinetic of Reaction

rate = k_2 [2-Bromooctane] [NaOH]

Steric Effect





S_N1 Mechanism

Racemization (Inversion + Racemization)



Kinetic of Reaction

rate = k₁[2-Bromooctane]
Stability of Carbocations



Rearrangement



A Hydride Shift







