

## Ch 4: Alkenes

- Naming
- Structure
- Reactivity

### Some alkenes in nature:



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H2atn8YD9UE>

1.) **Ethylene** - hormone in plants responsible for seed germination and fruit ripening

- A) How do stores get fruit to ripen on arrival?
- B) Why do your bananas ripen faster when placed next to spotty bananas?

2.) **Pheromones** - produced by plants and animals - used to communicate

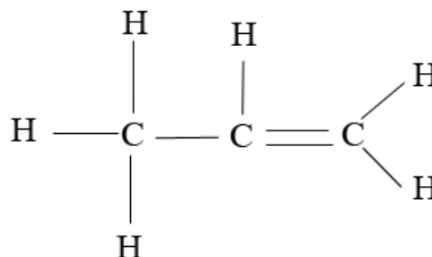
- Sex (attraction)
- Alarm
- Trail

A) Detection of pheromones is done through smell (bugs use antennae)



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B) Use of artificial (man made) pheromones - to attract and trap insects

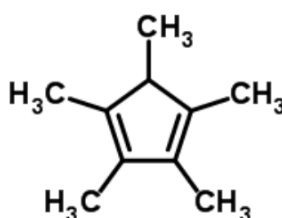
**Alkenes (Structure):**Formula -  $C_nH_{2n}$  (straight chain) $C_nH_{2n-2}$  (cyclic)**Saturation vs Unsaturation:****Saturated** - has max amount of H possible (alkanes)**Unsaturated** - fewer than the max amount of H (alkenes, cyclic alkanes, and alkynes)**Formula for unsaturation level ID:**Compare the hydrogen count to an alkane formula for the C # ( $C_nH_{2n+2}$ )

- For every 2 H less than for the alkane, it has 1 Pi bond

REMEMBER: A) = bond (1 pi bond)

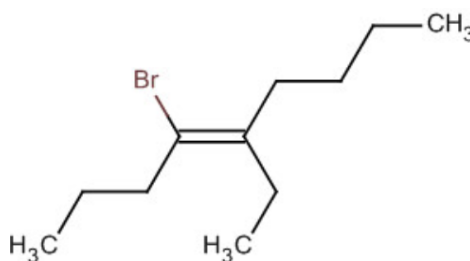
B)  $\equiv$  bond (2 pi bonds)

C) a cyclic structure reduces by -2 H

EX:  $C_{10}H_{16}$ 

Naming alkenes: \*\* ALWAYS replace -ane with -ene

- 1) Find the longest chain containing the functional group (C=C)  
- it may not be the longest carbon chain

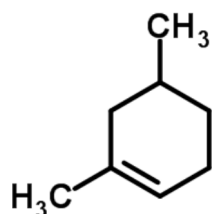


- 2) You must number through the double bond (# so the = is lowest number possible)

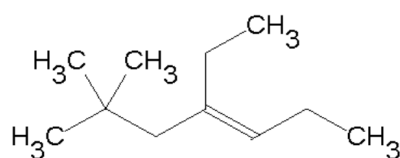
- 3) If there are two double bonds the ending is *-diene*



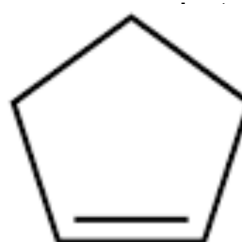
4) The functional (=) group gets the lowest number, not the substituent



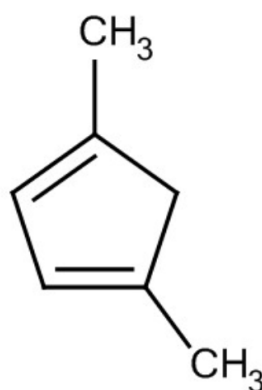
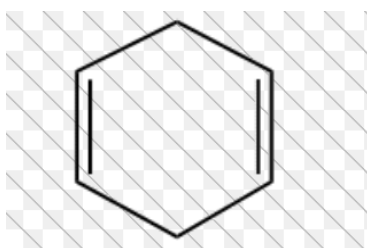
5) The substituents are listed in alphabetical order like alkanes



6) **If there is only one double bond in a cyclic structure** a number is not needed (the = bond will always be between carbons 1 and 2)



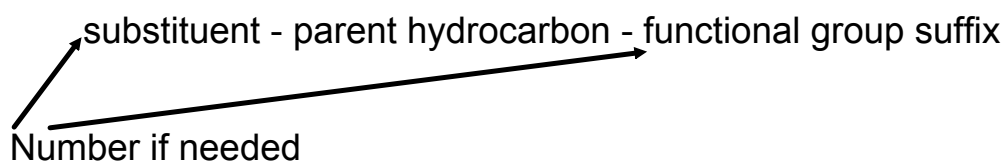
7) **If there are 2 or more (=) in a cyclic structure** count and number the C=C bonds



**Summary for naming any functional group:**

- substituents in alphabetical order
- functional group gets lowest #
- parent hydrocarbon chain = base word

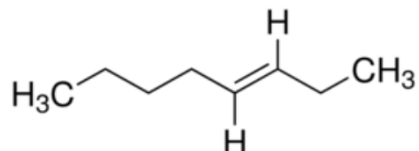
substituent - parent hydrocarbon - functional group suffix  
Number if needed



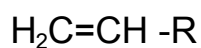
**Types of carbons in an alkene:**

vinyl carbons:  $sp^2$  carbons of the alkene

allylic carbons:  $sp^3$  carbons attached adjacent to the vinyl carbon



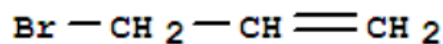
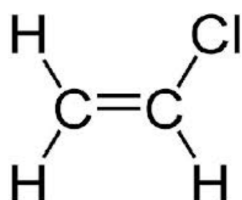
Vinyl group: smallest possible group containing  $C=C$



Allyl group: smallest possible group adjacent to allylic carbon



EXAMPLE: Name these by systematic name and common name



Structure:

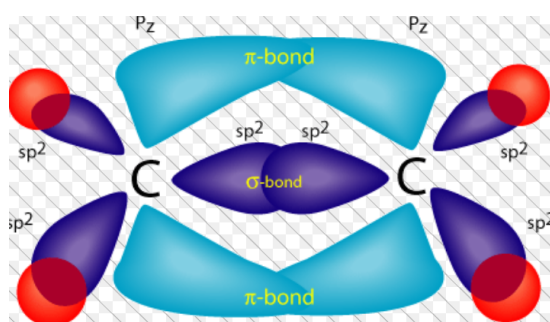
cyclohexene

2,3-dimethyl-2-butene

1) Write the structural or skeletal formula for:  
a) vinylcyclopentane

b) allylcyclopropane

## Geometry of alkenes:



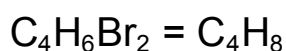
\*\*All orbitals in the same plane

\*\* C=C bond prevents rotation (try it)

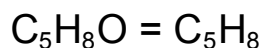


Degree of Unsaturation:1) **Organohalogen compounds (C,H,X where X = F,Cl,Br, or I)**

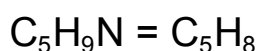
- a halogen acts simply as a replacement for hydrogen in an organic compound, so we add the number of halogens and hydrogens to arrive at the equivalent hydrocarbon formula

**Organooxygen compounds (C,H,O)**

- oxygen forms 2 bonds, so it does not affect the formula of the equivalent hydrocarbon and can be ignored when calculating the degree of unsaturation.

**Organonitrogen Compounds:**

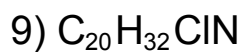
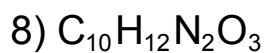
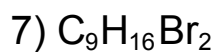
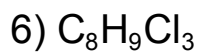
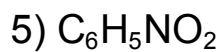
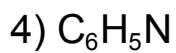
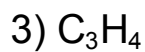
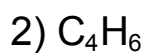
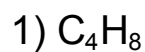
- nitrogen forms 3 bonds, so an organonitrogen compound has one more hydrogen than a related hydrocarbon; therefore we subtract the number of nitrogens from the number of hydrogens to arrive at the equivalent hydrocarbon formula.



**To summarize saturation of O, N, Halogen compounds:**

- add the number of halogens to the number of hydrogens
- ignore the number of oxygens
- subtract the number of nitrogens from the number of hydrogens

Calculate the degree of unsaturation for each:



Geometric Isomers (Cis and Trans):

cis - main branches/substituents on same side

trans - main branches/substituents on opposite sides

ex. 2-pentene (draw the cis and trans)

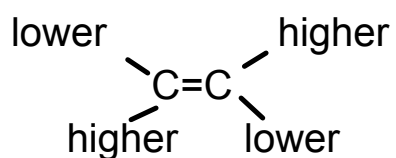
ex. cis-2-butene      vs      trans-2-butene

The E, Z Designation:

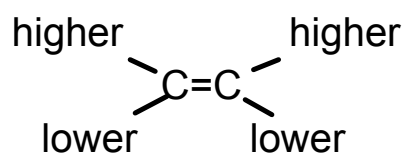
cis/trans : works only with disubstituted alkenes  
(If substituents are different, it doesn't work)

E: entgegen - opposite

Z: zusammen - together ("ze zame zide")



E double bond



Z double bond

## Cahn-Ingold-Prelog Rules:

- 1) Considering the double bond carbons separately, look at the atoms directly attached to each carbon and rank them according to atomic number.

ex. 2-chloro-2-butene

- 2) If a decision can't be reached by ranking the first atoms in the substituents, look at the second, third, or fourth atoms away from the double-bond carbons until the first difference is found.

ex. 2-chloro -3-methylpent-2-en-1-ol

- 3) Multiple-bonded atoms are equivalent to the same number of single-bonded atoms. For example, an aldehyde substitute (  $-\text{CH}=\text{O}$  ), which has a carbon atom **doubly** bonded to **one** oxygen, is equivalent to a substitute having a carbon **singly** bonded to **two** oxygens.

A) Draw the structure of (E)-3-methyl-1,3-pentadiene

B) Draw the structure of (E)-1-bromo-2-methyl-2-butene

C) Draw the structure of (Z)-1,2-dibromo-3-isopropyl-2-hexene

Stability of Alkenes:

- 1) Stabilizing interaction between the C=C pi bond and adjacent C-H sigma bonds on substituents. The interaction is called **hyperconjugation**

What this means: alkyl substituents on alkene C=C causes stability  
and THE MORE SUBSTITUENTS = MORE STABILITY

- 2) A bond between an  $sp^2$  carbon and an  $sp^3$  carbon is somewhat stronger than a bond between two  $sp^3$  carbons

Ex: Cis-2-butene vs trans-2-butene (Draw and then ID who is more stable)

Why do you think increased substitution = more stability?

**Reacting alkenes and use of curved arrows:**

functional groups - centers of reactivity in organic chemistry

Alkenes = functional group

**Forces that make organic reactions occur:**

A) Electron rich atoms/molecules

B) Electron deficient atoms/molecules

"Electron rich atoms/molecules are attracted to electron deficient atoms/molecules"

**Electrophile** - Electron deficient atom/molecule

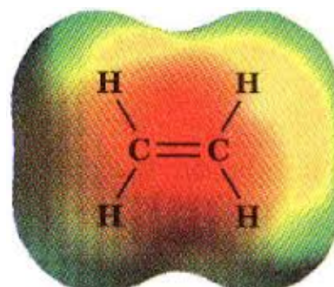
phile = "loving"

Ex:  $\text{H}^+$        $\text{CH}_3\text{C}^+\text{H}_2$

**Nucleophile** - Electron rich atom/molecule

Ex:  $\text{H}-\ddot{\text{O}}:$        $:\ddot{\text{Cl}}^-$        $\text{CH}_3\ddot{\text{N}}\text{H}_2$        $\text{H}_2\ddot{\text{O}}$

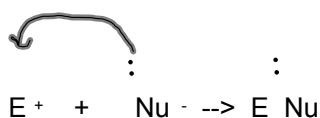
So... Is an alkene rich or poor for electrons?





## 4.7: How Alkenes React:

- bond breaking:
  - a) homolytic - symmetrical cleavage
    - 1 electron remains with each product (free radical)
  - b) heterolytic - unsymmetrical cleavage
    - both electrons remain with 1 product
    - reactions that involve unsymmetrical bond breaking and making are called **Polar Reactions**
- Bond formation:
  - bonds are made when an electron-rich atom shares a pair of electrons with an electron-poor atom
- electron-rich atoms or molecules are attracted to electron-deficient atoms or molecules



- Nucleophiles:
  - has a negatively polarized, electron-rich atom
  - can either be neutral or negatively charged
  - $OH^-$ ,  $Cl^-$ ,  $NH_3$
- Electrophiles:
  - positively polarized, electron-poor atom
  - can be either neutral or positively charged
  - $CH_3 - Br$ ,  $C=O$ ,  $^+CH_3$

\* Electrons move from a nucleophilic source to an electrophile

Which of the following species is likely to behave as a nucleophile and which as an electrophile?

- a)  $NO_2^+$       b)  $CH_3O^-$       c)  $CH_3OH$

**Mechanism of a reaction:**

- step by step description of product to reactant change
- use of curved arrows to show what happens
  - Curved arrows = : movement ( $2e^-$ ) from e-rich to e- deficient



Example of how arrows work in a reaction: (2-butene + HBr)

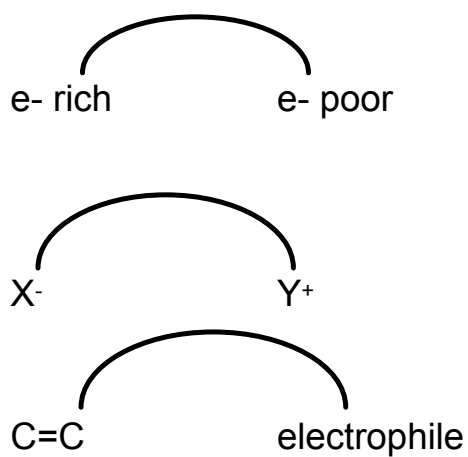
**What type of reaction is this**

**Some more notes about alkene reactions:**

A) Alkenes typically undergo electrophilic addition reactions

More notes about Curved arrows: (see blue box pt 98-99)

A) Always move curved arrow from



B) Never show atom movements with a curved arrow

C) Curved arrow always points to an atom or new bond, never empty space

D) Start arrow at electron source

**Reaction coordinate diagrams:****Transition states** - in between state of 2 rxn steps

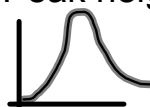
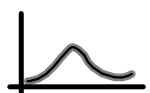
- always shown in [ ] brackets
- shows partially broken/formed bonds
- shows partial +/- charges

Example: 2-butene + HBr

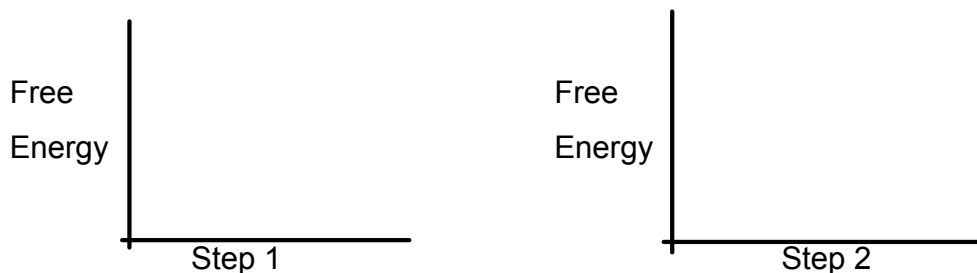
**Reaction Coordinate diagram** - graphically shows the energy change that takes place through reaction

reactants ---&gt; transition states ---&gt; products

Peak height = energy value

 = high energy = less stable = low energy = more stable

Ex: Drawing the reaction coordinate diagram for 2-butenene + HBr



Graph of whole reaction:



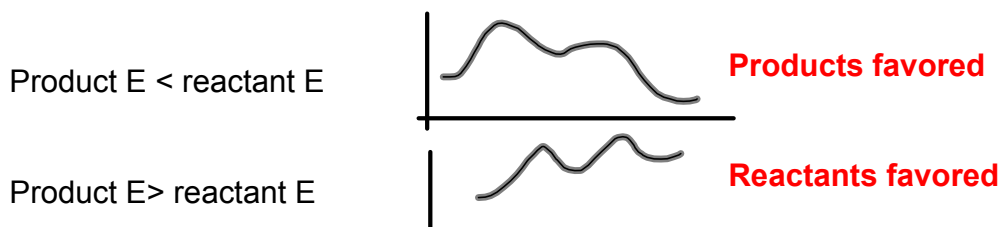
### Transition vs intermediate states

Transition - partially - - - - bonds

Intermediate - fully formed bonds

### Concentration of reactant vs product

- Reaction is done when equilibrium is reached
- Relative concentration of reactant to product depends on energy
  - a.) Product energy < reactant energy = products favored
  - b.) Product energy > reactant energy = reactants favored
  - c.) To see the energy comparison, look at graph



Why? Less energy = more stable

**Favorable reaction** - reaction where Product E < Reactant E and products are formed

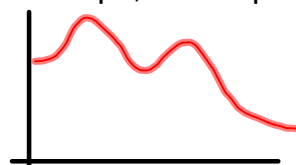
**Speed of a reaction:**

- Speed is determined by the energy barrier (hill) it needs to climb

**Free Activation Energy**- the energy barrier (hill), indicated by  $\Delta G$

$\Delta G^\ddagger$  - (Free energy of the transition state) - (free energy of the reactants)

**Rate determining step** - in a reaction with 2 or more steps, the step with the highest  $\Delta G$



**What determines how fast a reaction will go?**

- 1) # of collisions that take place in a certain time period
- 2) The fraction of collisions occurring with sufficient energy to overcome energy barrier
- 3) Fraction of collisions with proper orientation (ex: H needs to approach pi bond, not the methyl group)

Rate of reaction = (# of collisions per unit of time) \* (fraction with sufficient energy) \* (fraction with proper orientation)

How to increase rate of reaction:

- 1) **Increase concentration** of reactants (it increases # of collisions)
- 2) **Increase temp** of reaction (it increases # of collisions and the fraction of collisions with enough energy)
- 3) **Catalyst** (catalyst gives reactants a new pathway to follow, with a lower activation energy)

**Catalyst is:**

- A) Not consumed or changed
- B) Only a small amount is needed (1-10% of reactants used)
- C) Only effects rate of reaction, amount of product produced is still the same

