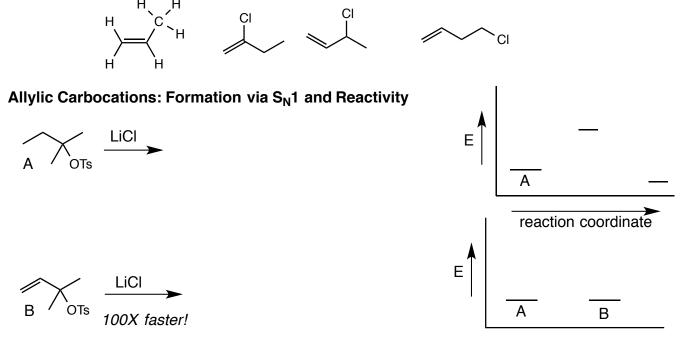
Chapter 17: Allylic and Conjugated Systems

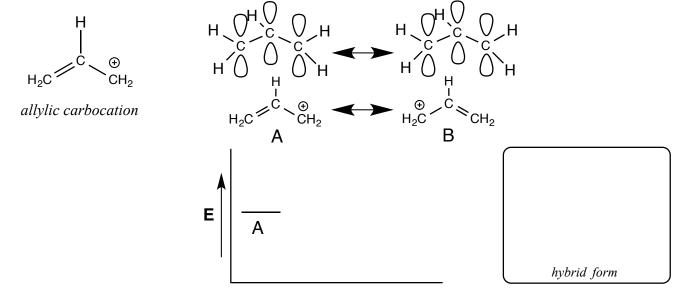
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Defining Allylic and Vinylic • C=C double bond is reactive by virtue of the weak pibond • the C=C bond also has an impact on neighboring carbon atoms



• the rate detemining step (i.e., slow step; the step with the highest activation barrier) in an S_N reaction is formation of the unstable carbocation intermediate via loss of a good leaving group (X, or OTs)

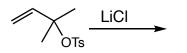
- since the second reaction proceeds faster, this implies that the carbocation formedis of lower energy
- *thus the 3° allylic carbocation is more stable than the simple 3° carbocation*

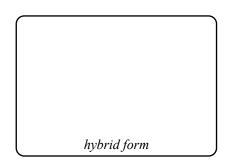


• allylic carbocations exist as two resonance forms

• the positive charge is delocalized over 2 carbon atoms

• delocalization of charge results in greater stability of the carbocation relative to a localized charge

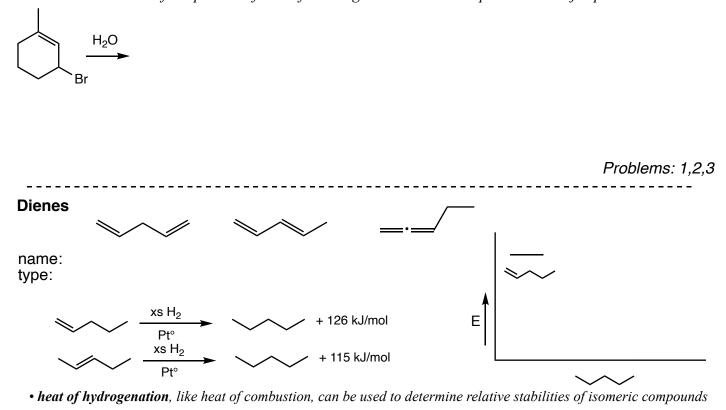


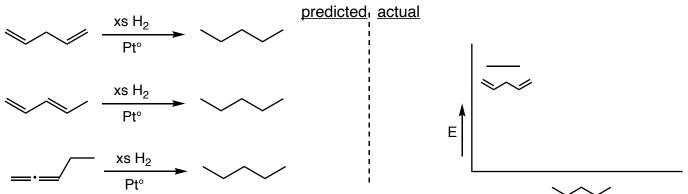


• the S_N reaction is accelerated because a stable allylic carbocation intermediate is formed

• allylic carbocations will always have two contributing resonance forms, both of which can lead to formation of product!

- *in the hybrid structure, greater partial positive charge (δ+) will be on the more stable cationic site(s) the major product generally derives from the more stable resonance form*
- Draw the structures of the products for the following SN1 reaction and predict the major product:





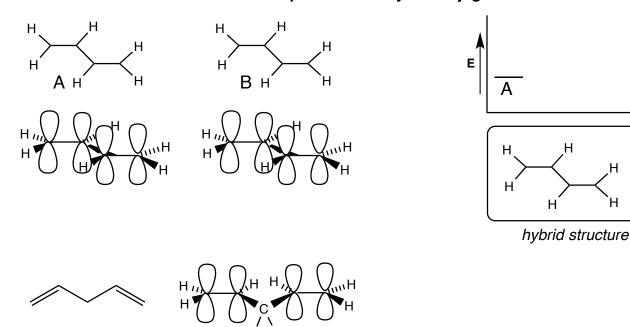
• conjugated double bonds are generally ~ 10-15 kJ/mol MORE stable than their isolated counterparts

• cumulated double bonds (allenes) are unstable species

Conclusions from Heat of Hydrogenation Data:

- isolated dienes act as two individual C=C bonds
- conjugated dienes have greater stability than expected
- cumulated dienes are much less stable than expected

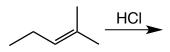
What Accounts for the Greater-Than-Expected Stability of Conjugated Dienes?



• conjugated dienes have greater-than-expected stability because of additional (albeit weak) pi-bonding between the two central carbon atoms

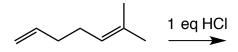
• isolated dienes are unable to have this additional bonding and are therefore less stable than their isomeric conjugaged counterparts

Reactions of Dienes



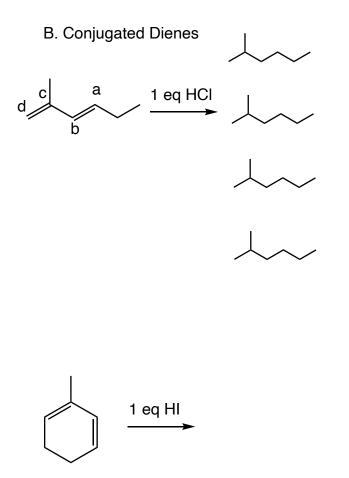
- hydrohalogenation
- addition of HX across pibond
- Markovnikov addition
- potential forrearrangement

A. Isolated Dienes



• isolated dienes behave as two separately-reacting alkenes

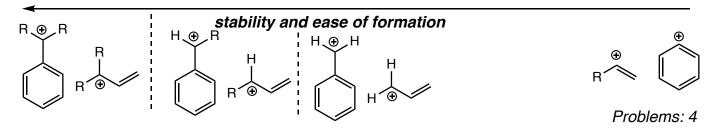
• greater substitution on the double bond increases reactivity with electrophiles



conjugated dienes react with HX to form resonance-stabilized allylic carbocations
two products result, one from 1,2-addition and one from 1,4-addition

General Stabilities of Carbocations

3° allylic/benzylic > 2° allylic/benzylic > 1° allylic/benzylic ~ 3° > 2° >> 1° > CH₃ >> vinyl ~ phenyl



Chapter 17 Essential Concepts

- 1. Understand the terms allylic and vinylic and how to identify groups at these positions.
- 2. Understand the source of stabilization afforded to allylic carbocations and be able to draw resonance forms using appropriate conventions (curved arrows, proper resonance double-headed arrow).
- 3. Be able to draw products resulting from S_N1 reactions of allylic substrates.
- 4. Understand the difference between isolated, conjugated, and cumulated dienes, and their energies relative to one another.
- 5. Understand how heat of hydrogenation data can be used to determine the relative energies of dienes.
- 6. Understand the orbital basis for stabilization of conjugated dienes.
- 7. Be able to predict products from the reactions of HX with isolated and conjugated dienes. Be able to identify 1,2- and 1,4-addition products.
- 8. Know the general relative stabilities of carbocations.