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Lecture Topic II.6: The E1 (Unimolecular Elimination) Mechanism

E1 is Heterolysis then Electrophilic Elimination



This is the E1 reaction: Heterolysis then electrophilic elimination.

Heterolysis is rate-limiting, as in S_N1 . The intermediate carbocation can also rearrange. In fact, many aspects of E1 are similar to S_N1 :

Rate Law:

(C)

Substrate:

(D)

Leaving Group:

(E)

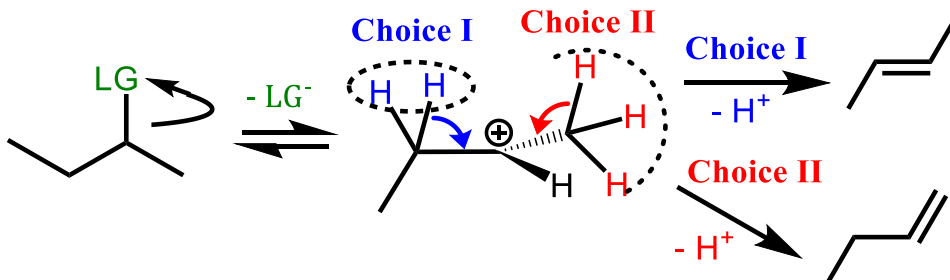
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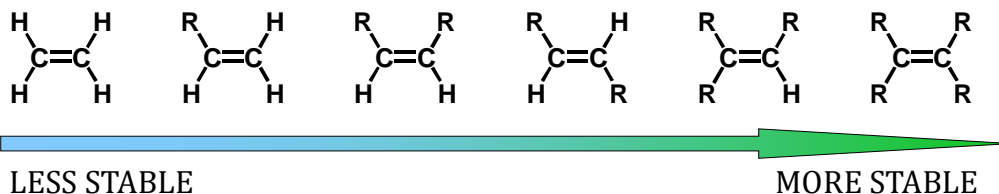
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Determining Major E1 Product

Once heterolysis occurs to generate the carbocation intermediate, there may be more than one possible electrophilic elimination to consider:



We know that stability is important in predicting product distribution. Alkene stabilities have been measured (more on how in **Lecture Topic III.2**) and found follow this trend (R = a hydrocarbon substituent):

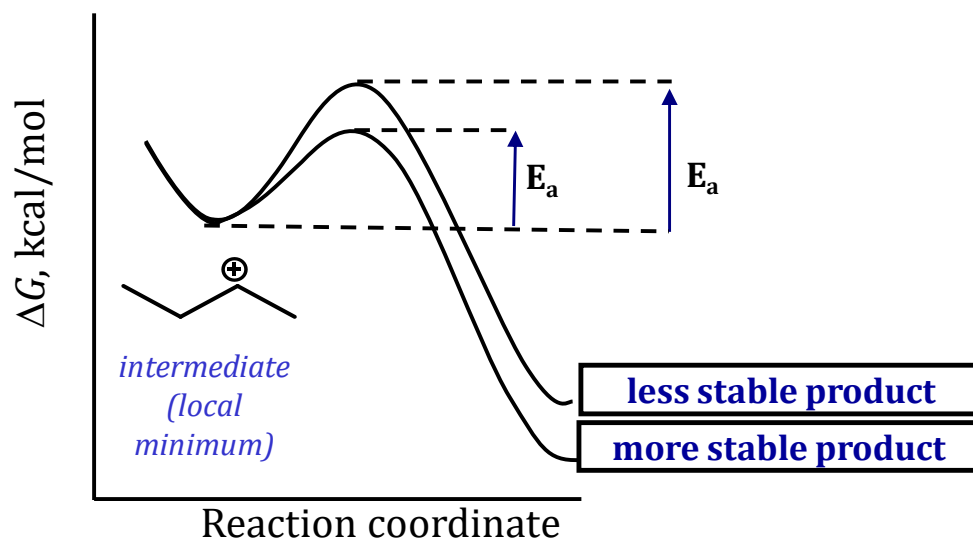


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Observation = "Zaitsev's Rule:

(A)

Explanation = Energy (represented by a reaction coordinate diagram)



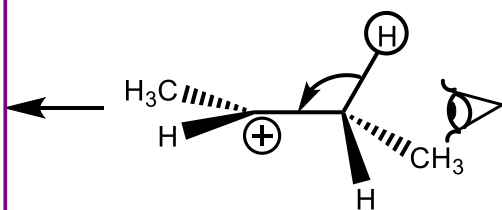
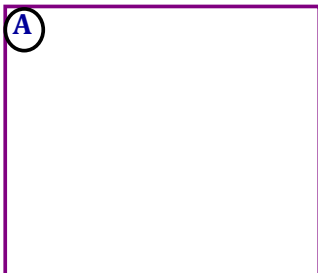
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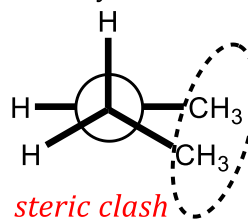
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Conformational Analysis Helps Determine Product Configuration

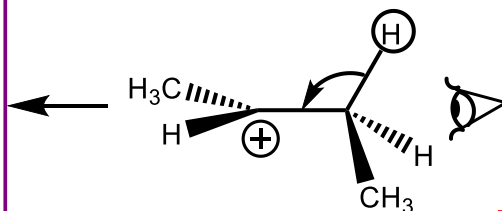
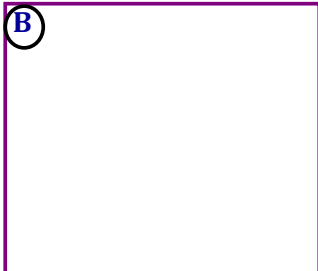
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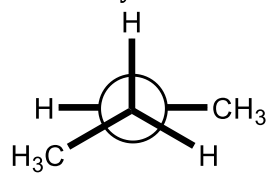
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(B)



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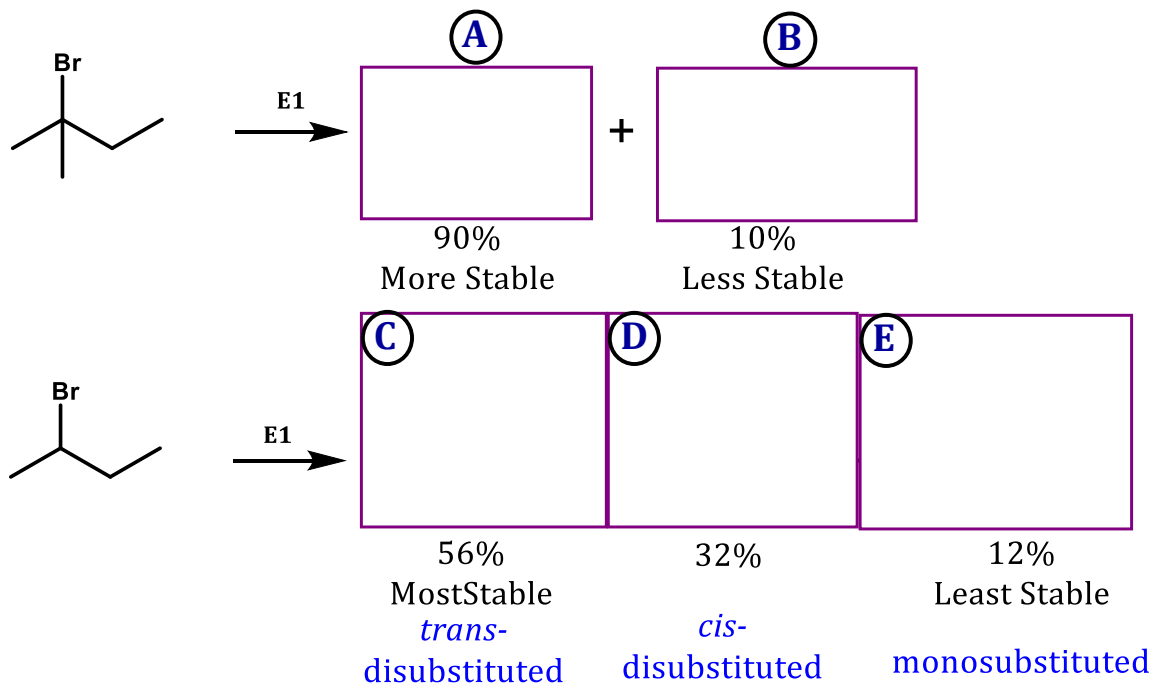
No methyl-methyl clash

(C)



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Zaitsev's Rule in Action



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