

## **Newman Projections**

A Newman projection is a way of visualizing the rotational conformations of an acvclic molecule.



## Chair Conformations

Every carbon in cyclohexane has two substituents. In chair cyclohexane each carbon has one axial (straight up or straight down) substituent and one equatorial (sideways) substituent.



Cis substituents should both point up or down. With trans substituents, one will point up and one will point down.



The lowest energy chair conformation is the one that puts the largest substituent(s) in the equatorial position.

## **Stereochemistry**

### **Structural Relationships**

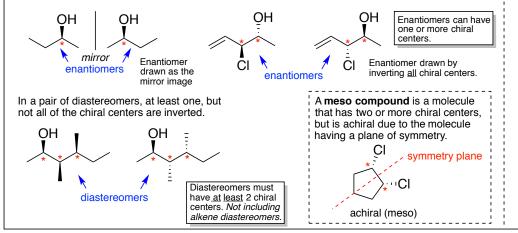
Constitutional Isomers - Compounds with the same mol. formula, but different atom connectivity. Stereoisomers - Compounds with different 3D arrangements of the atoms.

**Enantiomers** - Stereoisomers that are non-superimposable mirror images.

Diastereomers - Stereoisomers that are non-superimposable and are not mirror images.

Chiral Center - An atom that has four different groups attached to it.

Chiral Molecule - A compound that has one or more chiral centers, and no plane of symmetry.



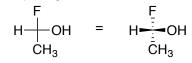
## Assignment of *R/S* Configuration

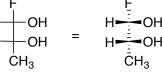
- R and S is used to assign the configuration at a chiral center.
- A pair of enantiomers have opposite R/S assignments.
- 1. Look at four atoms directly attached to the chiral center.
- 2. Prioritize the atoms based on atomic number (Highest AN = Priority 1).
- 3. If there is a tie, move out to the next atom in the chain and compare.
- 4. Orient the molecule such that the priority 4 group is pointing back.
- direction. 5. Draw a curved arrow from 1 to 2 to 3. Achiral molecules are R-Configuration S-Configuration optically inactive Example A racemic (±) mixture (1:1 mixture of enantiomers) is Rotate "4" optically inactive. 2 Simplify to back (4) **R**-Configuration Ó⊦ **(4)**  $(\mathbf{f})$

Draw arrow from 1 to 2 to 3.

## **Fischer Projections**

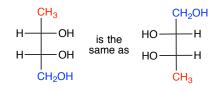
A Fischer projection is a way to view three dimensional structures. By definition the horizontal bonds in a Fischer projection are pointing "out" and the vertical bonds are pointing "back."

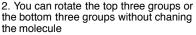


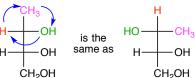


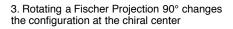
### Manipulating Fischer Projections

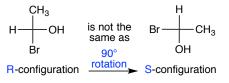
1. Fischer Projections can be rotated 180° without changing the molecule

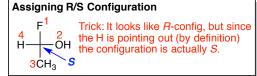


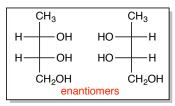


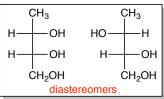












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Optical Activity

A single enantiomer of a

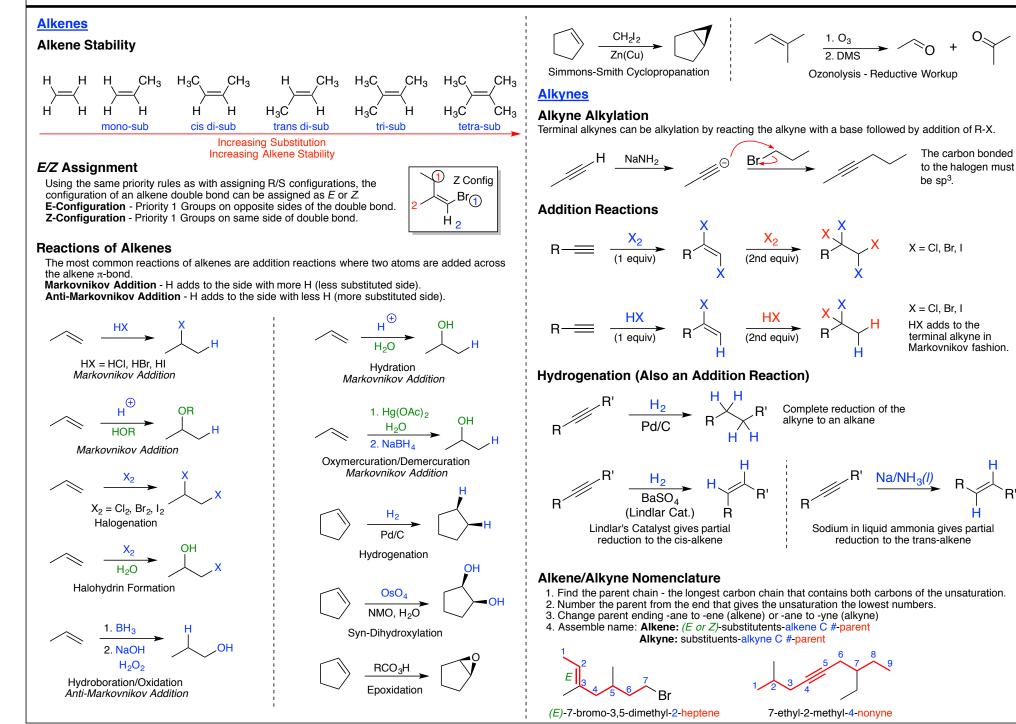
chiral molecule will be

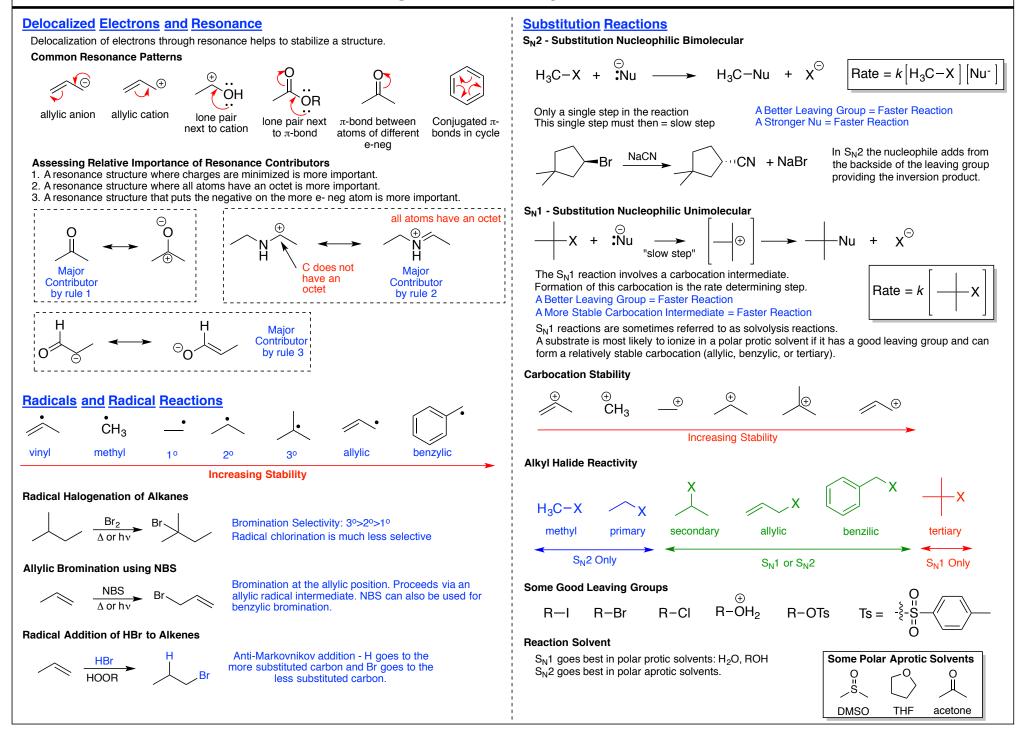
optically active - it will

rotate plane polarized

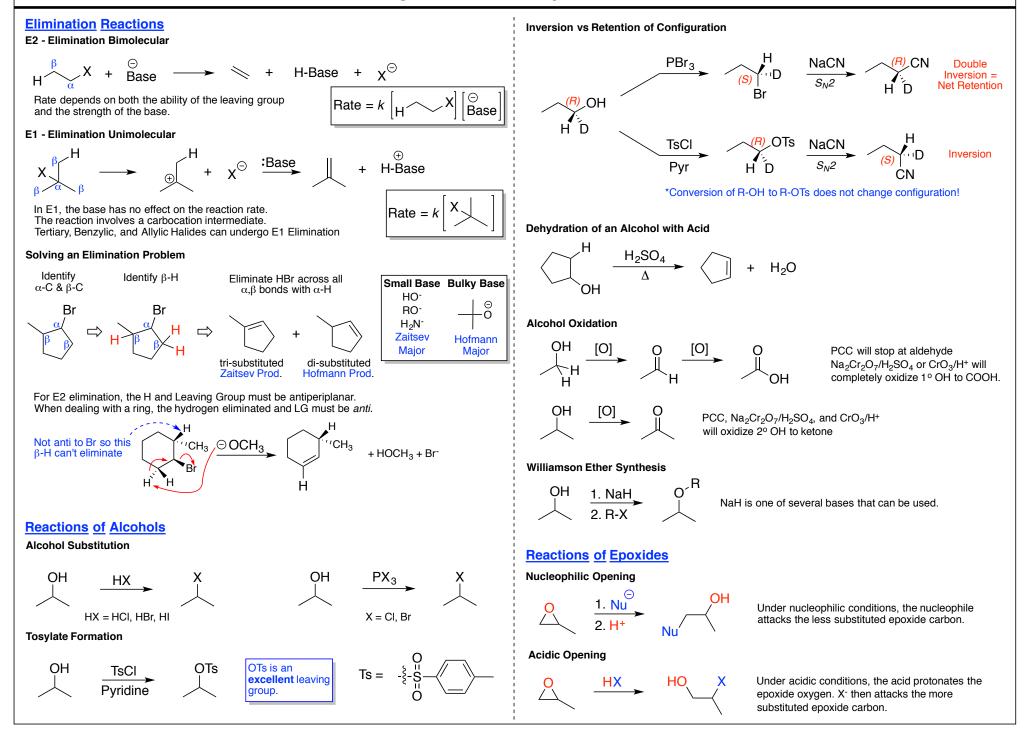
light in the (+) or (-)

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## Infrared Spectroscopy

-Useful for detecting functional groups in a molecule.

-Upon absorption of IR light, functional groups will exhibit characteristic stretching and bending vibrations.

### Key IR Regions (Memorize These!)

Group	Region (cm <sup>-1</sup> )
OH & NH Stretch	3200-3600; fairly broad
Terminal Alkyne C-H	3300; sharp & narrow
Csp <sup>2</sup> -H Stretch	Just above 3000
Csp <sup>3</sup> -H Stretch	Just below 3000
C,â°C Stretch	~2100
C=O Stretch	~1700; strong
C=C Stretch	~1650
-CH <sub>3</sub> bending	Just below 1400

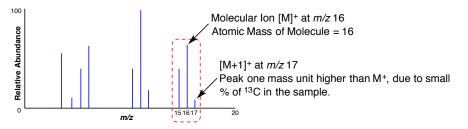
COOH derivatives tend to be higher. Conjugation lowers C=O stretch by ~20 wavenumbers.

Can be useful to distinguish constitutional isomers where one has a methyl group and the other doesn't.

# Mass Spectrometry

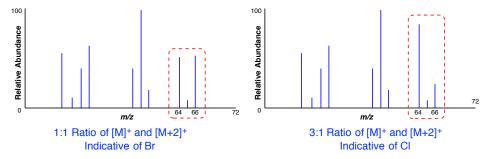
Useful for obtaining the atomic mass and certain structural features for a molecule.

Typically focus in on the right most grouping of peaks. Often, the tallest peak in this group will correspond to the molecular ion (M<sup>+</sup>). The m/z of this molecular ion = atomic mass of the molecule.



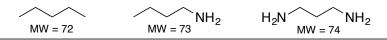
#### Halogens in the Molecule

The presence of an [M+2]<sup>+</sup> peak indicates the presence of a halogen.



#### Nitrogen Rule

-An odd molecular weight indicates the presence of an odd # of N in the molecule. -An even molecular weight indicates the presence of no nitrogen or an even number of N in the molecule.



# UV-Vis Spectroscopy

Upon irradiation of UV light, conjugated compounds absorb light energy promote a  $\pi$ -electron from the HOMO to the LUMO.

Increasing conjugation decreases the energy gap between the HOMO and LUMO levels. A smaller HOMO-LUMO gap means less energy is required excitation.



As conjugation increases, the energy required for excitation decreases. Since E and  $\lambda$ are inversely proportional, lower E = Higher  $\lambda_{max}$ 



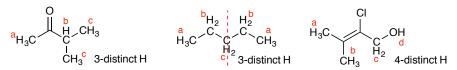




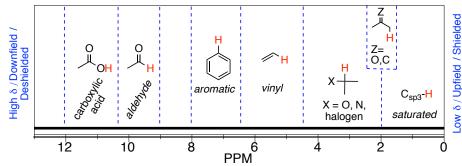


## NMR Spectroscopy

<sup>1</sup>H NMR - Every distinct type of proton in a molecule gives rise to a signal. <sup>13</sup>C NMR - Every distinct type of carbon in a molecule gives rise to a signal.



### Chemical Shift Regions (Memorize these Regions!)



### Integration

The area under each signal is proportional to the number of hydrogen that the signal represents.

### Splitting (Coupling)

For simple systems, the signal corresponding to a particular proton is split into (n+1) peaks where n = the number of hydrogen on the adjacent atom(s).

H<sub>3</sub>C

