

(2) Today

Chap 11: Reactions of Alkyl Halides:
Nucleophilic Substitutions and Eliminations

Sections 11.1 - 11.6: Substitution Reactions

Next Class (3)

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Sections 10.5, 17.6: Alcohols in Nucleophilic
Substitution Reactions

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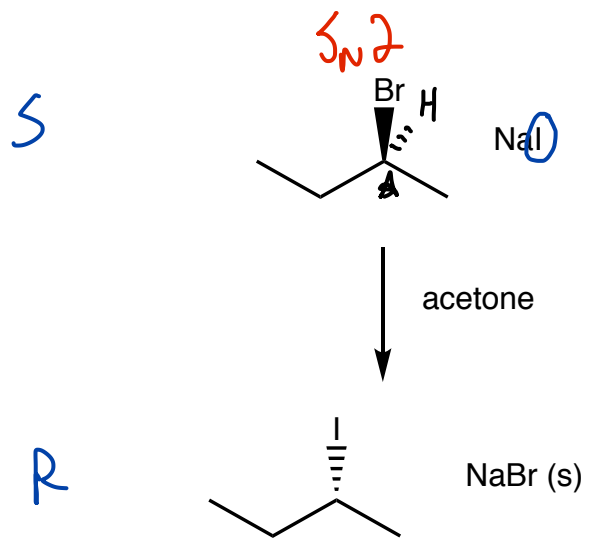
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Third Class from Today (5)

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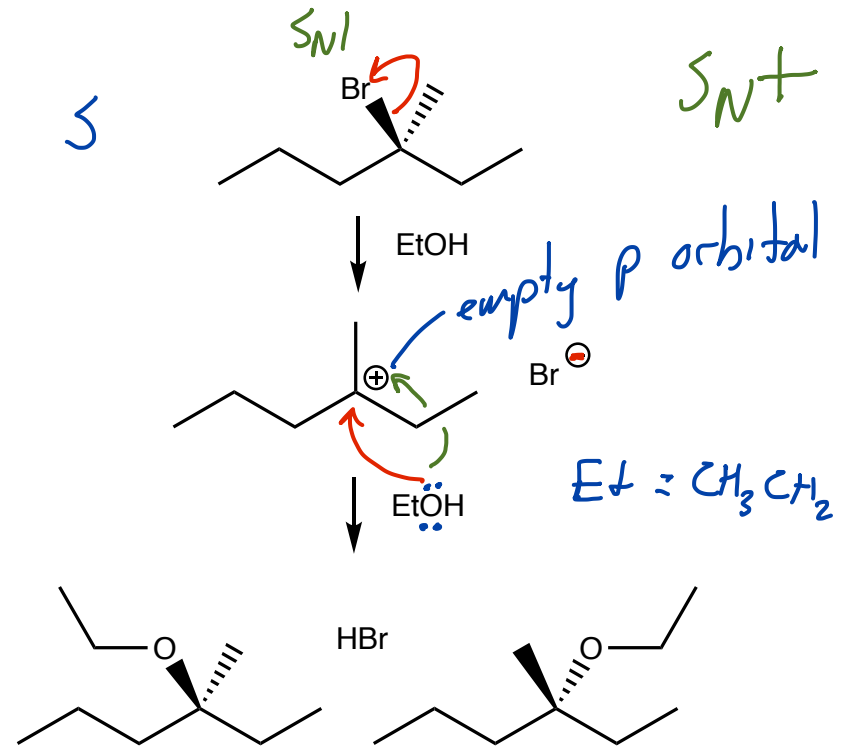
Evidence for S_N2 and S_N1



The I⁻ (nucleophile) cannot come in from the side the Br (leaving group) is on.

I⁻ (nucleophile) comes in from behind, and the stereochemistry is inverted ... only 1 stereoisomer produced.

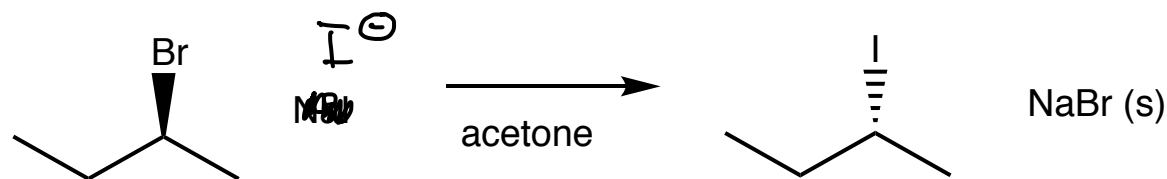
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Since a c⁺ forms, the nucleophile can add to both sides, so 2 stereoisomers form

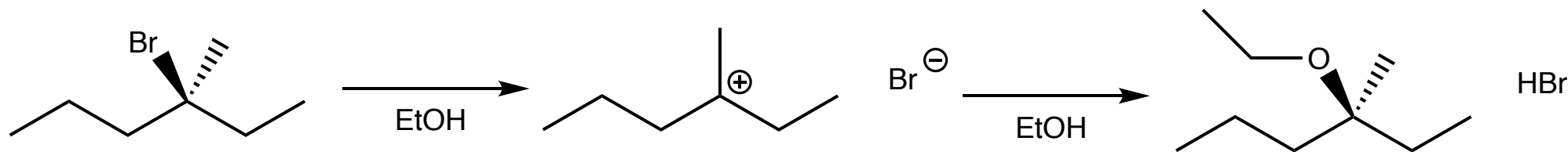
Evidence for S_N2 and S_N1 $\text{rate} = k [\text{2-bromobutane}]^x [\text{I}^-]^y$

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predicted rate law $\text{rate} = k [\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Br}][\text{I}^-]$
rate is positive for the production of product

When S_N2 reactions occur the rate depends on / is proportional to the concentration of the substrate and the nucleophile

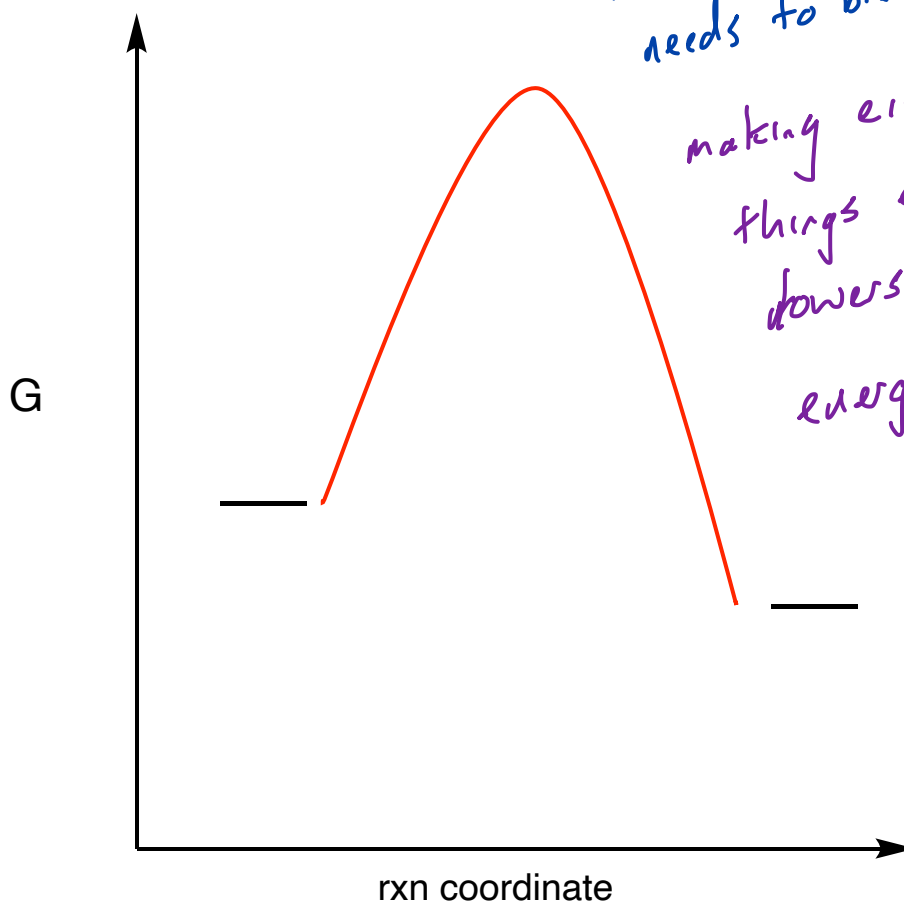
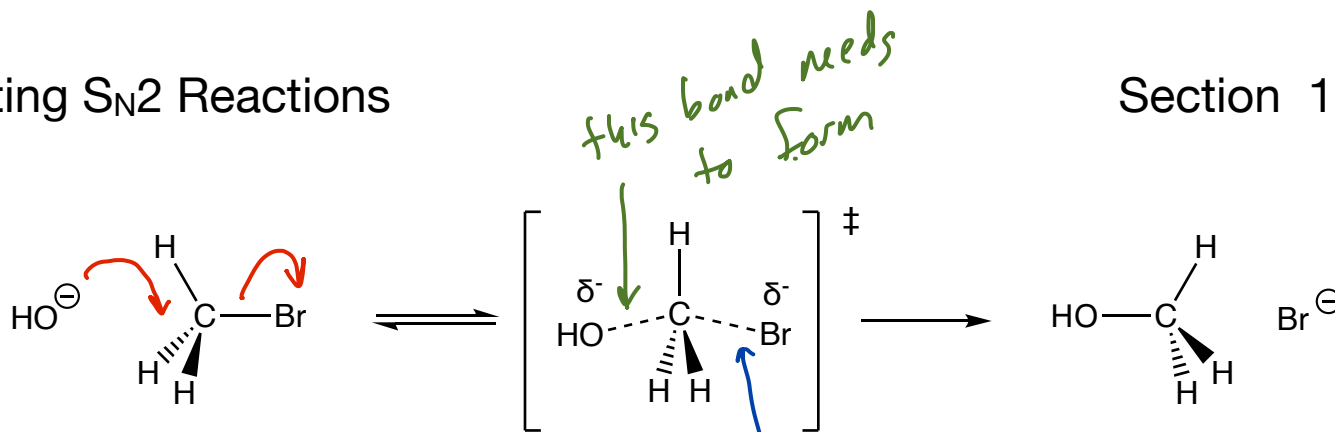


predicted rate law $\text{rate} = k [\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)\text{BrCH}_3]$

When S_N1 reactions occur, the rate does not depend on the concentration of the nucleophile

Factors Affecting S_N2 Reactions

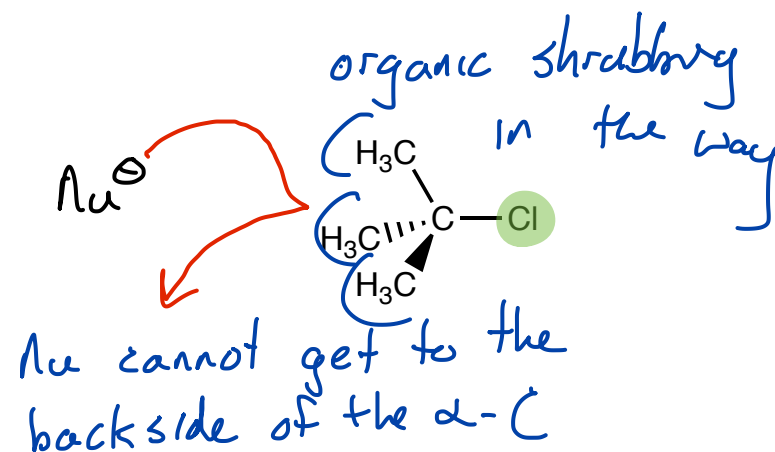
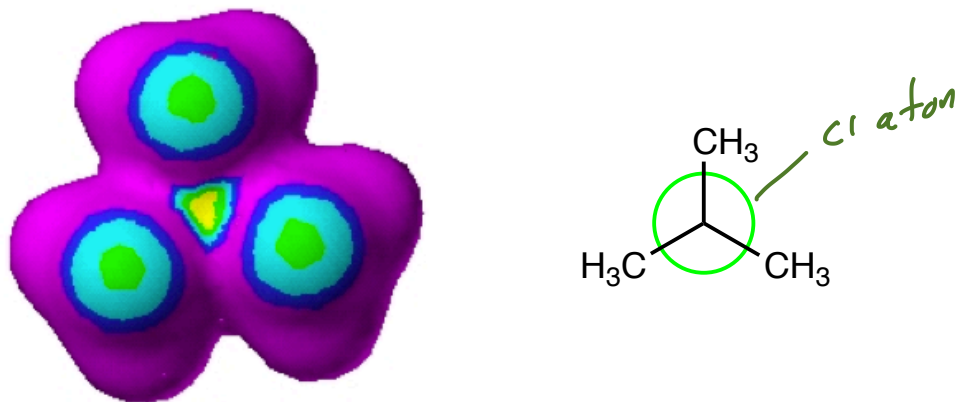
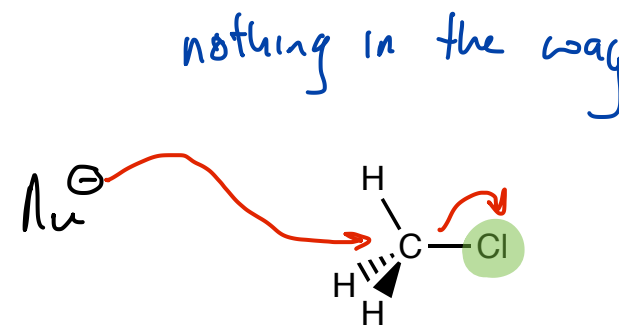
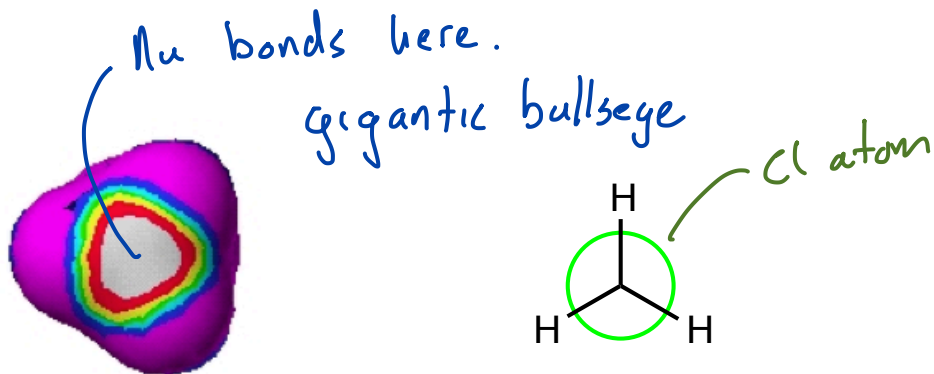
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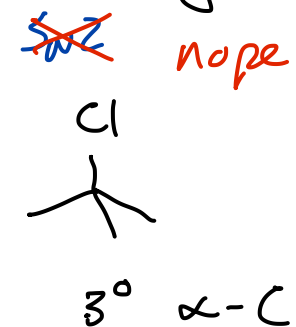
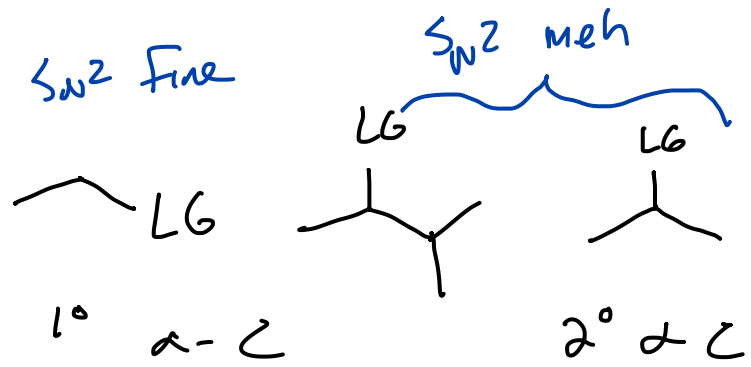
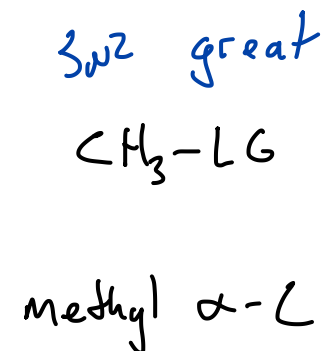
making either of these things easier (making or breaking) lowers the activation energy (ΔG^\ddagger) and allows the reaction to occur more quickly

Factors affecting S_N2: Access to the α-C atom/Steric Effects

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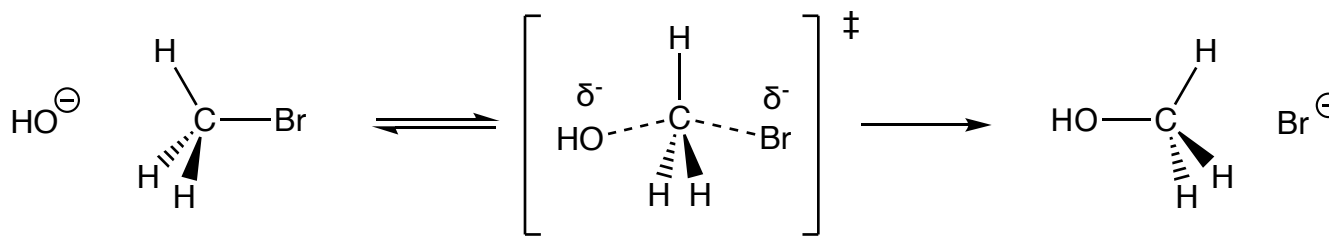


access to the backside of the α-C is very important



Factors Affecting S_N2 Reactions: Nucleophile Quality

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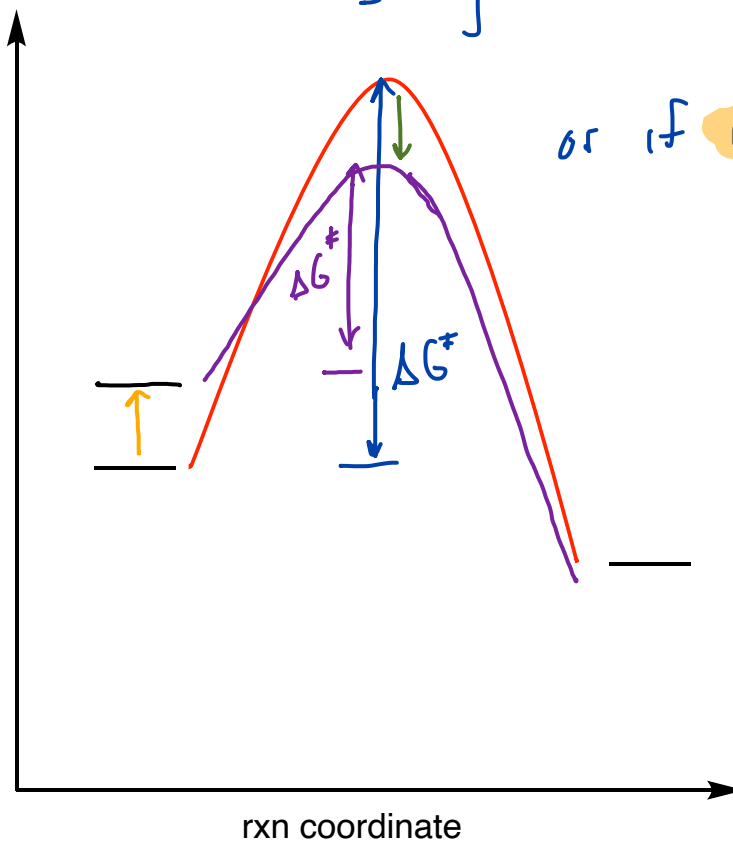


$$\text{rate} = k [\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Br}][\text{Nu}^-]$$

ΔG^\ddagger goes down if TS is stabilized

or if reactants are destabilized

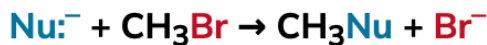
More reactive nucleophiles will raise the energy of the reactants and make the gap between the TS + reactants smaller



Factors affecting S_N2: Nucleophile Quality

increase e⁻ density increase nucleophilicity
 increase size of atom increase nucleophilicity

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Nucleophile		Product		Relative rate of reaction
Formula	Name	Formula	Name	
H ₂ O	Water	CH ₃ OH ₂ ⁺	Methylhydronium ion	1
CH ₃ CO ₂ ⁻	Acetate	CH ₃ CO ₂ CH ₃	Methyl acetate	500
NH ₃	Ammonia	CH ₃ NH ₃ ⁺	Methylammonium ion	700
Cl ⁻	Chloride	CH ₃ Cl	Chloromethane	1,000
HO ⁻	Hydroxide	CH ₃ OH	Methanol	10,000
CH ₃ O ⁻	Methoxide	CH ₃ OCH ₃	Dimethyl ether	25,000
I ⁻	Iodide	CH ₃ I	Iodomethane	100,000
⁻ CN	Cyanide	CH ₃ CN	Acetonitrile	125,000
HS ⁻	Hydrosulfide	CH ₃ SH	Methanethiol	125,000

Stronger base than a water molecule higher in E than H₂O

strong base high in E very reactive

large polarizable ions/atoms

are good nucleophiles

General trend... stronger base = stronger nucleophile

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But weak bases can be good nucleophiles

