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Sections 11.1 - 11.6: Substitution Reactions

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Sections 11:7 - 11:11: Elimination Reactions

# Mechanisms of Nucleophilic Substitution: $S_N1$ and $S_N2$

Sections 11.2 and 11.4

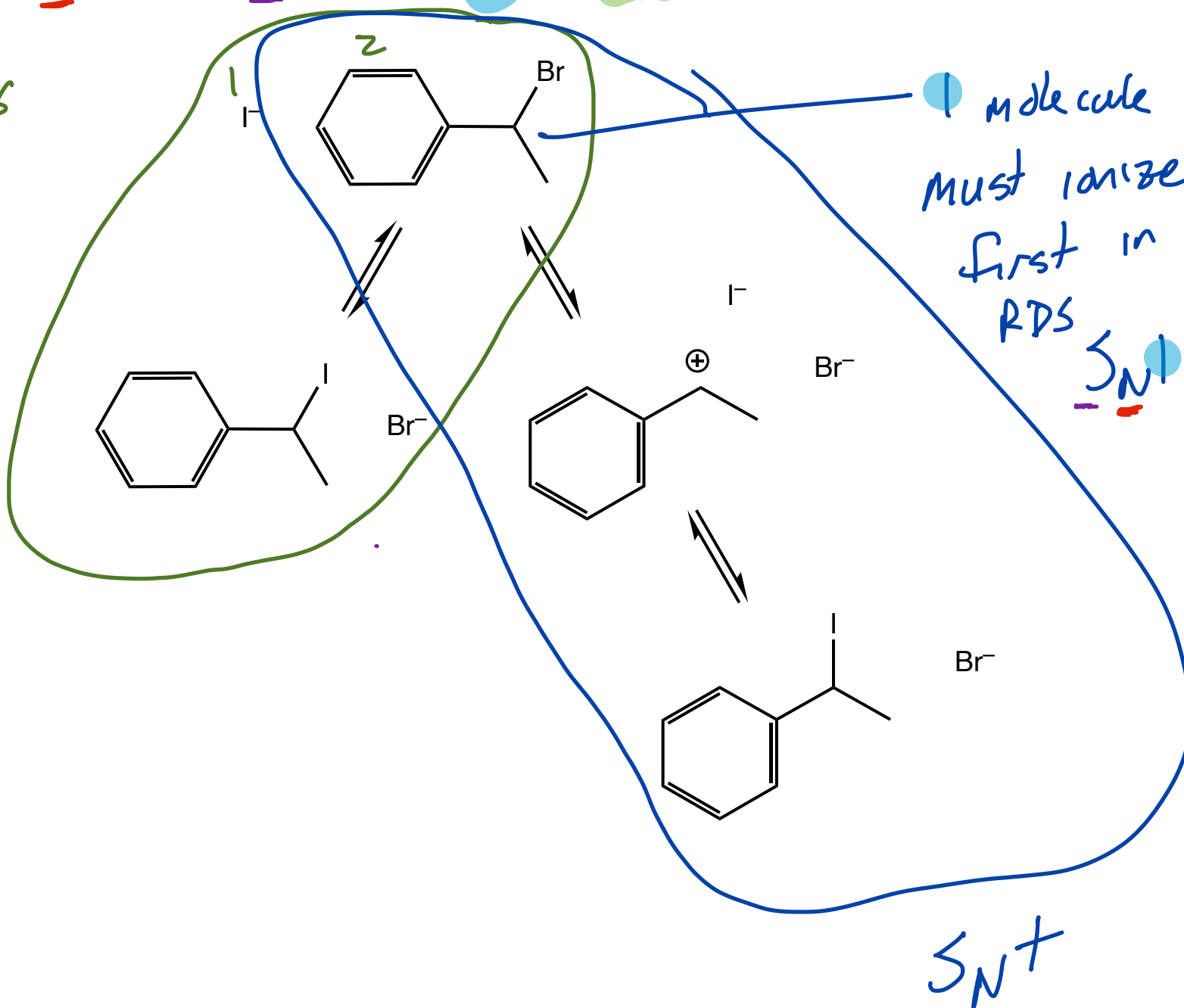
2 molecules  
collide

bimolecular  
in rate  
determining  
step (RDS)

$S_N2$

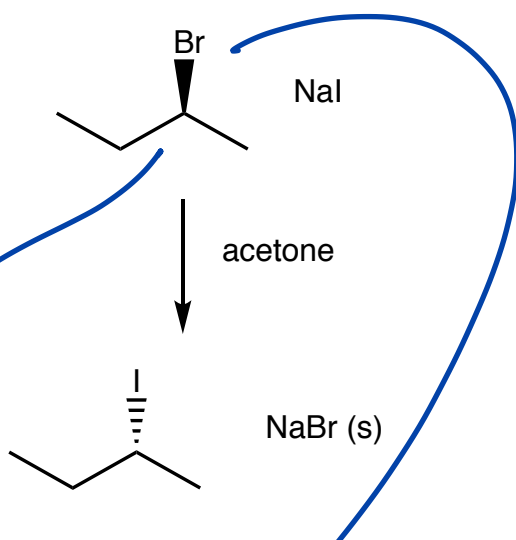
1 molecule  
must ionize  
first in  
RDS

$S_N1$



## Evidence for $S_N2$ and $S_N1$

$S_N2$

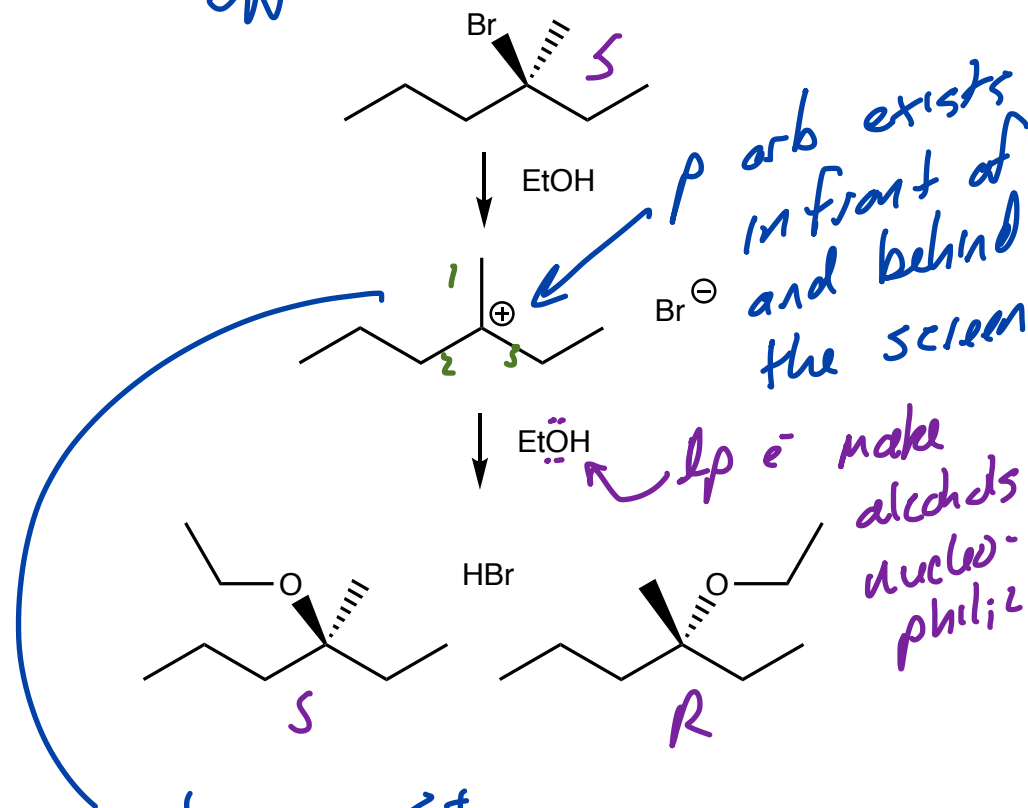


Nu must  
come in  
from  
behind

$I^-$  cannot  
come in from  
the front, the  
Br is in the way  
Inversion of stereochemistry

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$S_N1$



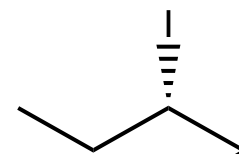
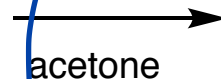
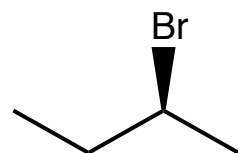
planar  $C^+$ ...

Nu can come in from  
either side

Mixture of stereoisomers

# Evidence for S<sub>N</sub>2 and S<sub>N</sub>1

S<sub>N</sub>2



NaBr (s)

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

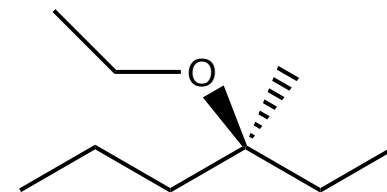
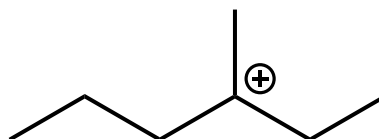
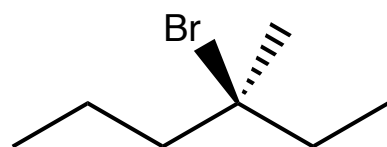
First order w.r.t. [substrate]

First order w.r.t. [Nu]

α-C + I<sup>-</sup> must collide ... double one conc should double rate of rxn

predicted rate law  
1<sup>st</sup> order in [Nu]

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+ the [substrate]

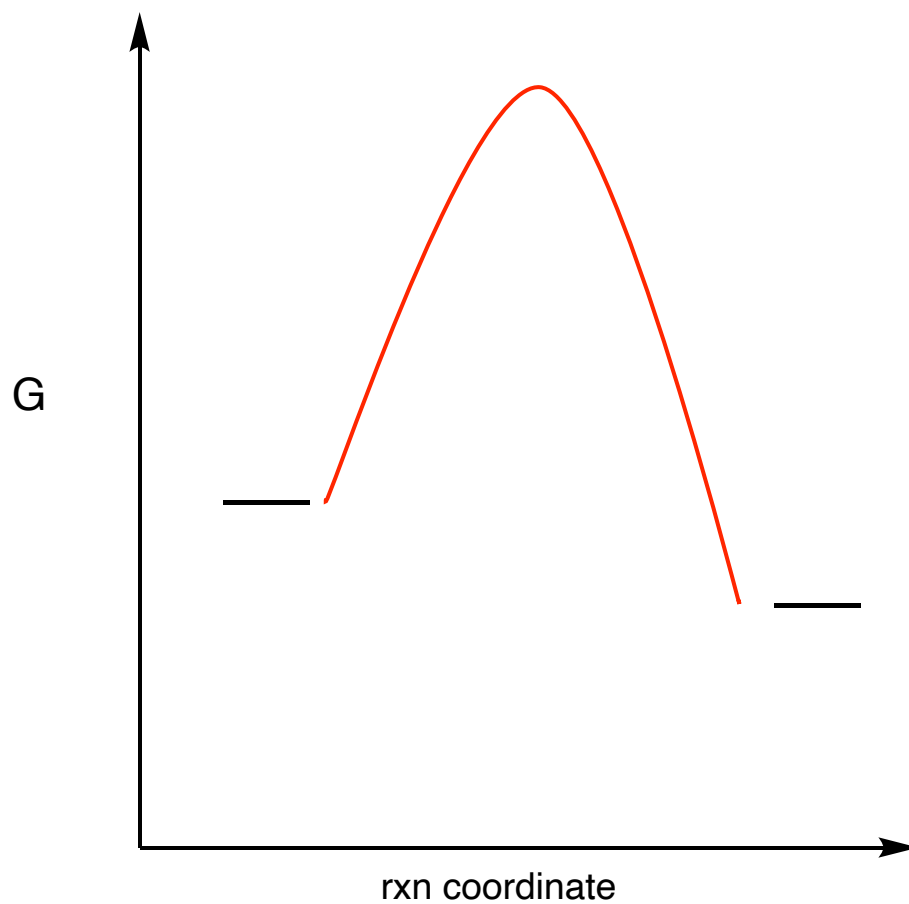
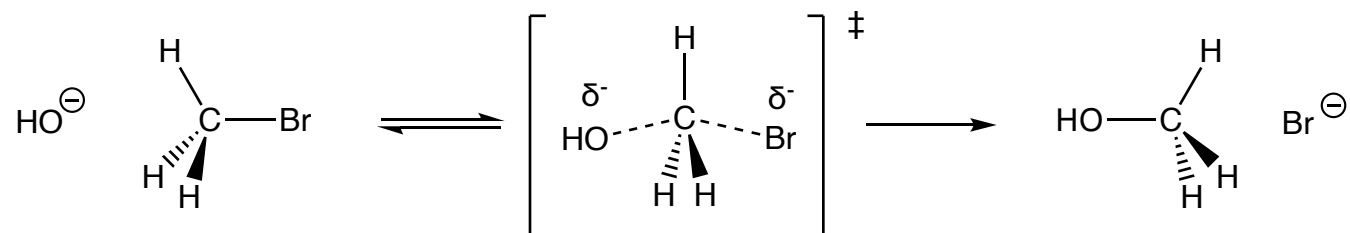


HBr

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

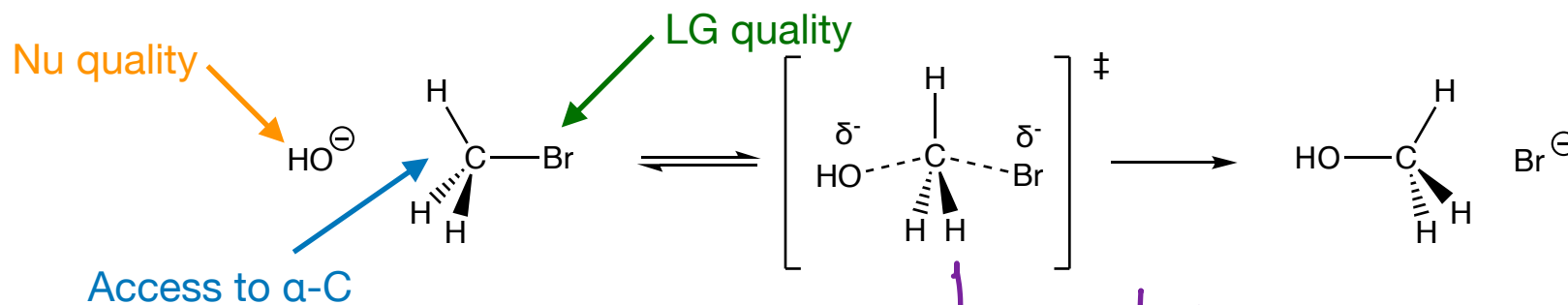
S<sub>N</sub>1

nucleophile not involved in RDS so  
rxn zero order w.r.t. [Nu]<sup>0</sup>



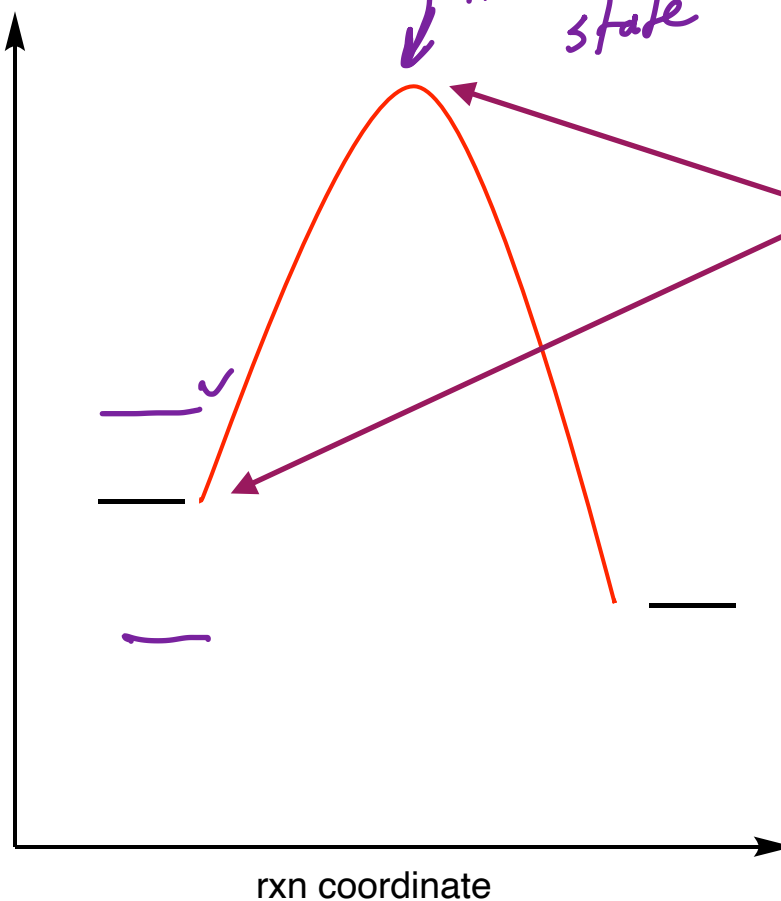
# Factors Affecting S<sub>N</sub>2 Reactions

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The better the Nu  
the faster the  
rxn will go

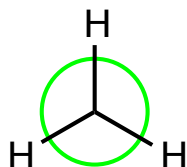
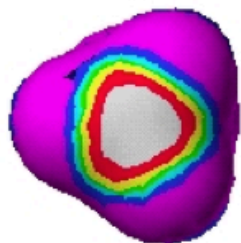
The more easily the  
Nu can access the  
backside of the  
α-C the faster  
the rxn will go



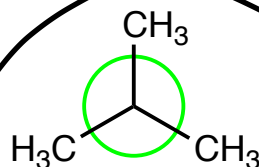
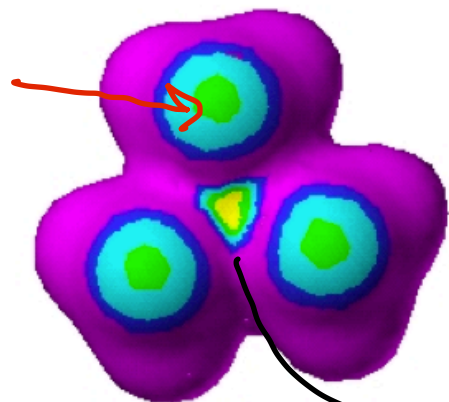
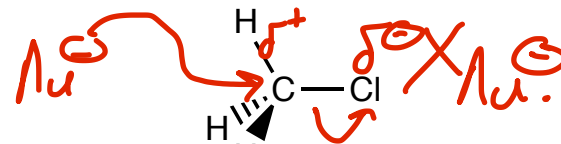
The better the  
LG the  
faster the  
rxn

The solvent affects  
the energies of  
the reactants,  
the transition,  
and products

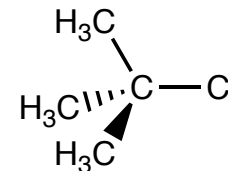
newman projection from  
C to Cl



big bullseye  
showing easy access  
to the back side of  
the α-C



bullseye on the  
back of the 3°  
α-C is essentially  
non-existent

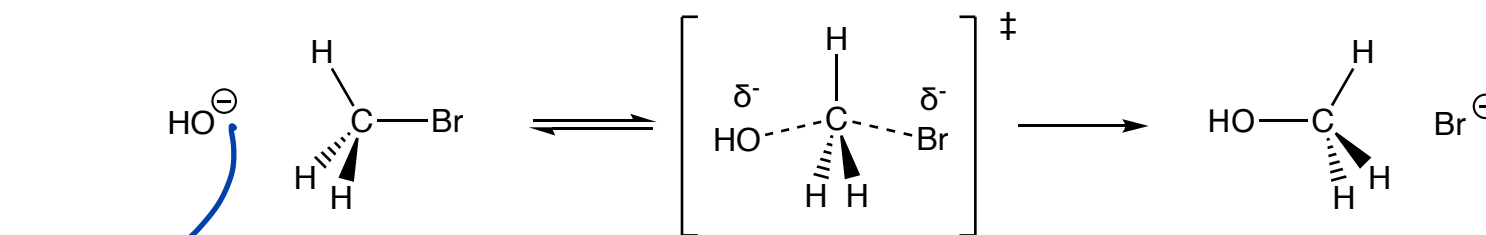


S<sub>N</sub>2 depends on easy access to the backside of  
the α-C

methyl > 1° > 2° > 3°

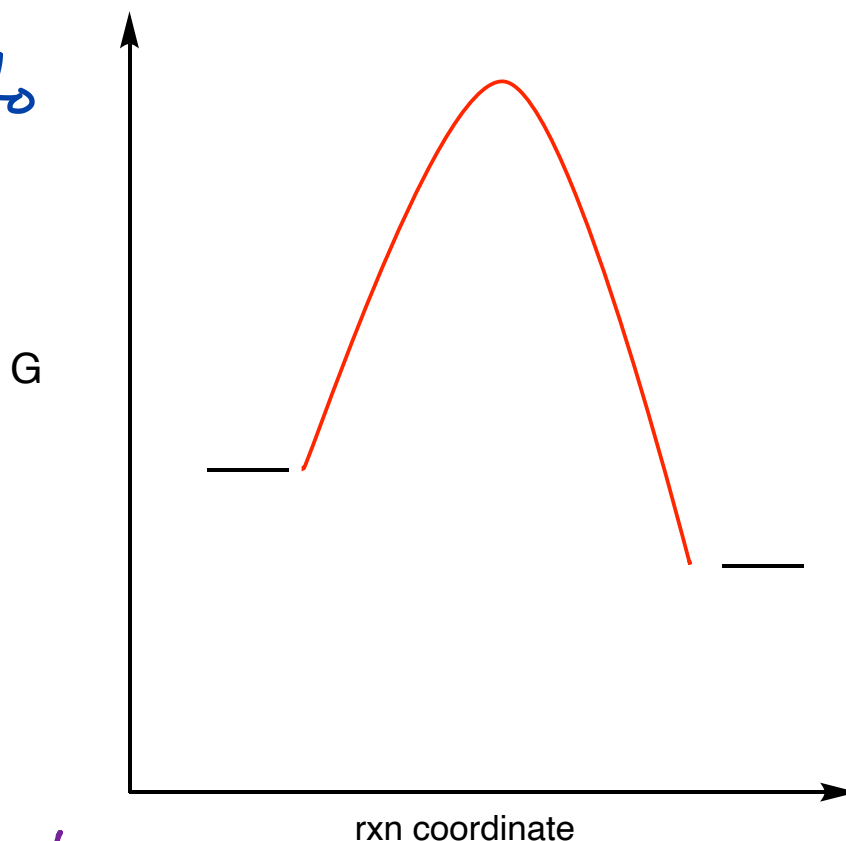
good for  
S<sub>N</sub>2

cannot do  
S<sub>N</sub>2



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

More  $e^-$  rich  
more attracted to  
 $\delta^+$  of  $\alpha$ -C  
the more easily  
the  $e^-$ 's are  
moved around  
the easier it is  
to form the  
bond

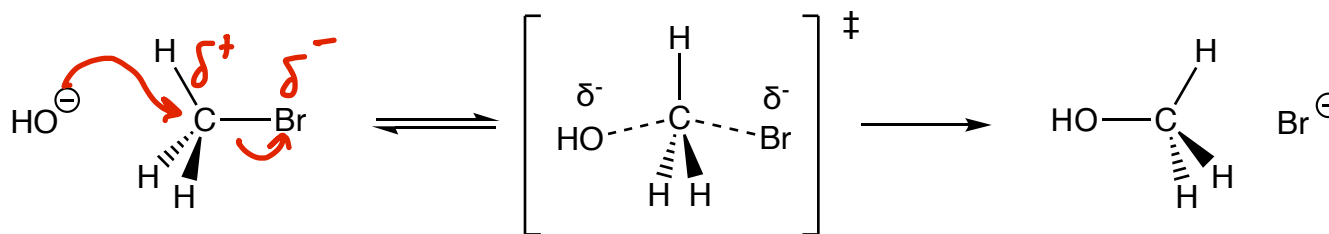


polarizability ... larger atoms are more polarizable



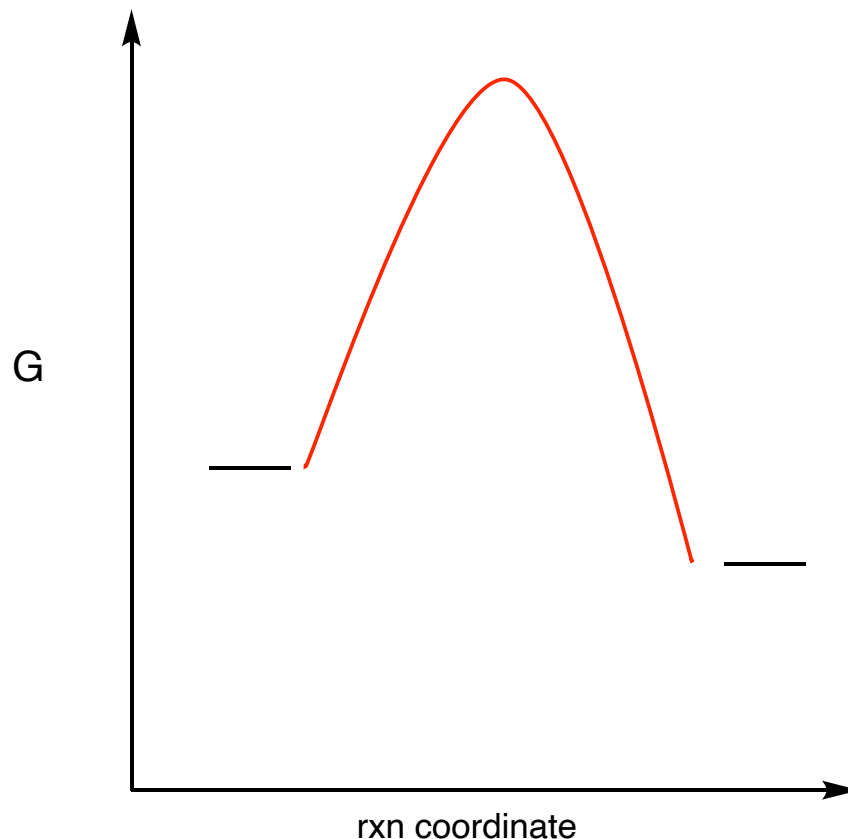
# Factors Affecting S<sub>N</sub>2 Reactions: Nucleophile Quality

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The more  $e^-$  rich  
the Nu is the  
more likely it is  
to be attracted  
to the  $\delta^+$  C

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



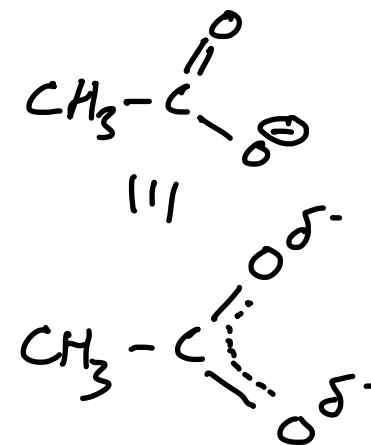
The more easily the  
 $e^-$ 's on the  
nucleophile are moved  
the easier it is  
to form the new  
bond

polarizability  
large atoms - polarizable  
make for good Nu

*\* no change in polarizability*    *\* no change in charge only a change in polarizability* — Section 11.3  
 Factors affecting S<sub>N</sub>2: Nucleophile Quality  

$$\text{Nu}^- + \text{CH}_3\text{Br} \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{Nu} + \text{Br}^-$$

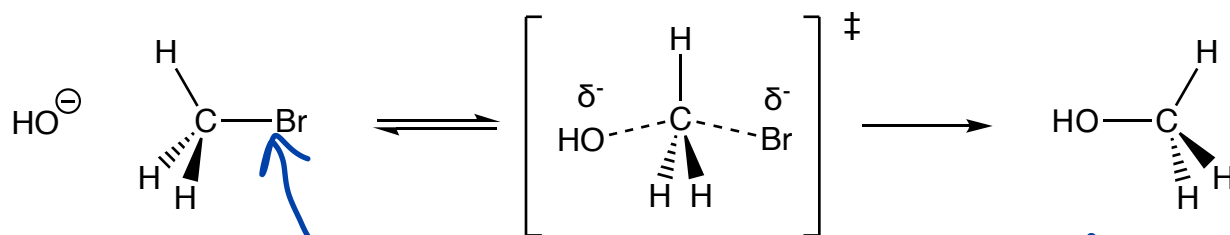
Nucleophile		Product		Relative rate of reaction
Formula	Name	Formula	Name	
<i>*</i> H <sub>2</sub> O	Water	CH <sub>3</sub> OH <sub>2</sub> <sup>+</sup>	Methylhydronium ion	1
<i>*</i> CH <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup>	Acetate	CH <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	Methyl acetate	500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



*(12.5 x faster than OH<sup>-</sup> rxn ... same charge as OH<sup>-</sup> but more polarizable)*  
 Organic Chemistry, a Tenth Edition. McMurry, OpenStax.

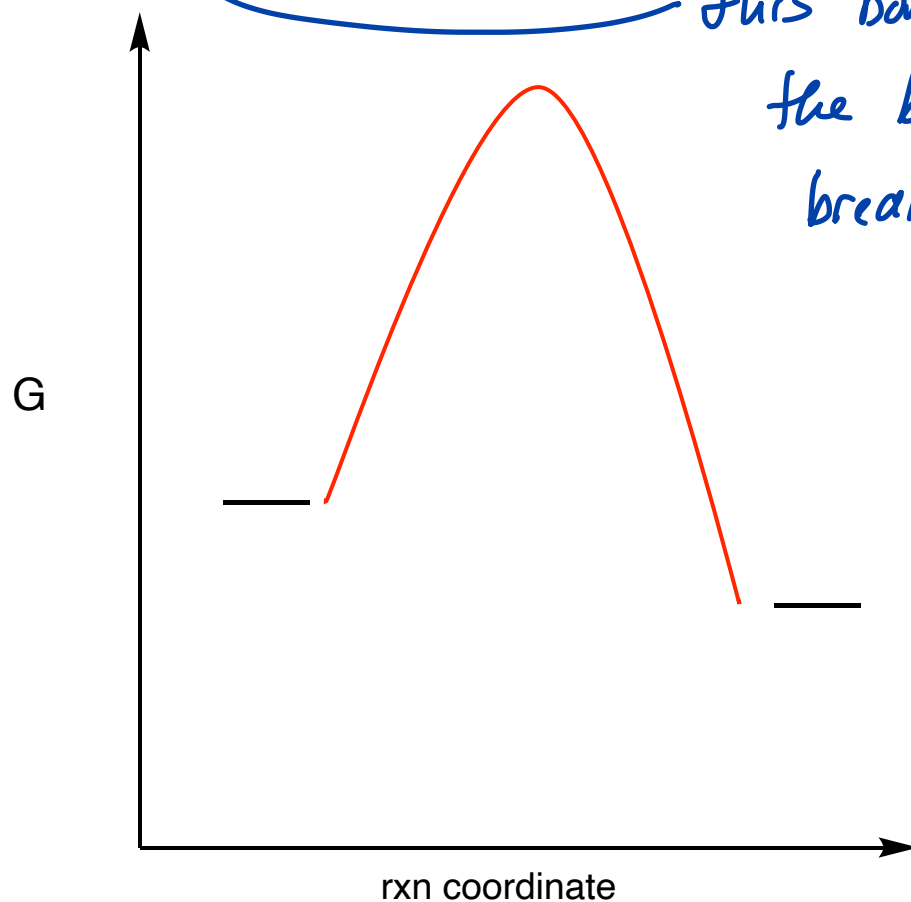
# Factors Affecting S<sub>N</sub>2 Reactions: The Leaving Group

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needs to be low in E

this bond must break ... the weaker the bond the easier it is to break



LG needs to be low in E...

weak base that forms when the LG leaves the easier it is for the LG to leave extremely weak bases

I<sup>-</sup> Br<sup>-</sup> Cl<sup>-</sup> F<sup>-</sup>  
 ↓ ↓ ↓  
 very weak base  
 weak base

Relative reaction rates from Bruice, McMurry

I<sup>-</sup> : Br<sup>-</sup> : Cl<sup>-</sup> : F<sup>-</sup>

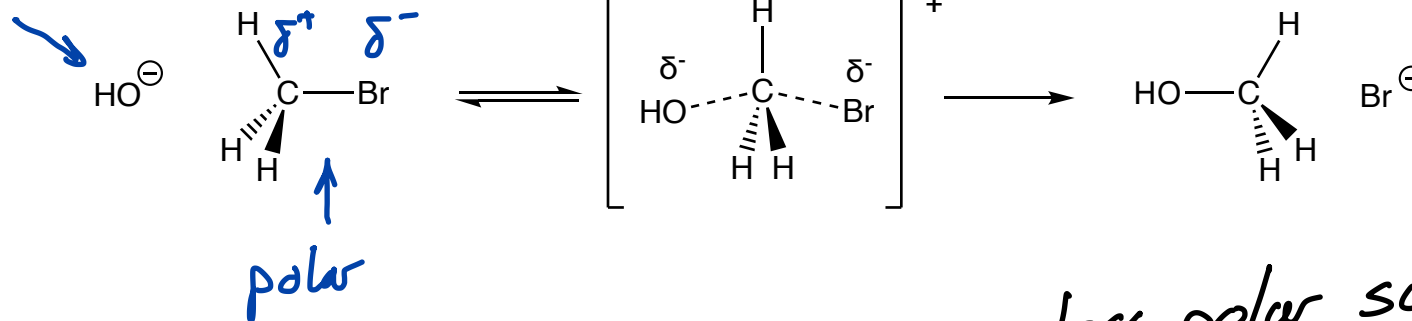
30,000 : 10,000 : 200 : 1

HI HBr HCl HF

# Factors Affecting S<sub>N</sub>2 Reactions: Solvent

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polar or ionic



polar solvents needed  
to get reactants  
to dissolve

TS is less polar<sup>G</sup>

less polar  
solvents raise  
E of reactants

