# Elimination Fundamentals

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# Goals

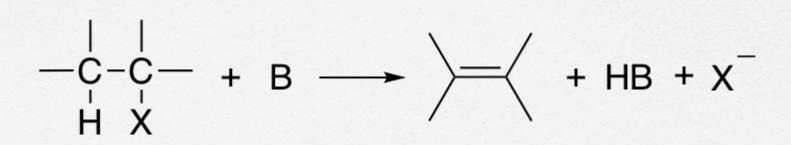
 After this lesson you should be able to
Identify and classify alkenes
Rank relative stability of alkenes
Describe the general method by which alkenes can be made from alkyl halides

# **Alkyl Halide Reactions**

Substitution

 $R-X + Nu^- \longrightarrow R-Nu + X^-$ 

Elímination

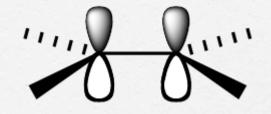




# Alkenes 101

□ Alkenes = C-C double bond

□ No rotation!



Alkene Isomers

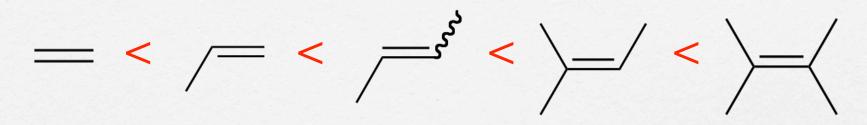


# **Alkene Stablility**

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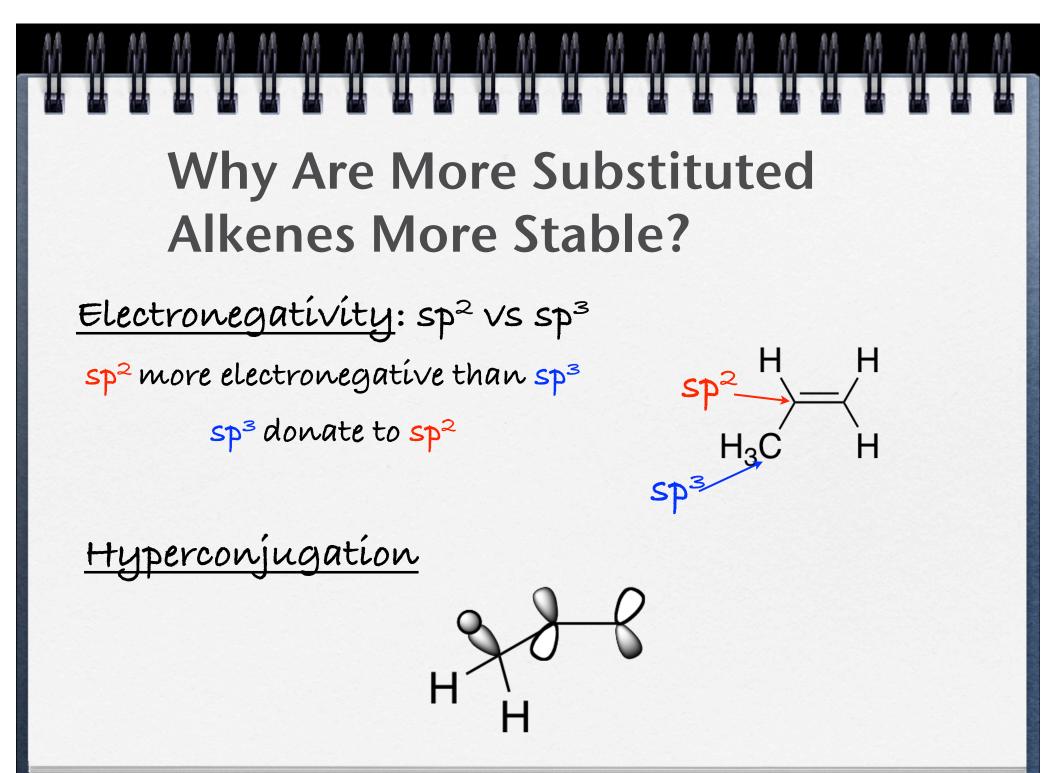
H<sub>3</sub>C

1. More substituted = more stable.



 $\langle < \rangle$ CH<sub>3</sub> H<sub>3</sub>C  $CH_3$ 

2. Sterics!



#### Elimination Components & Factors

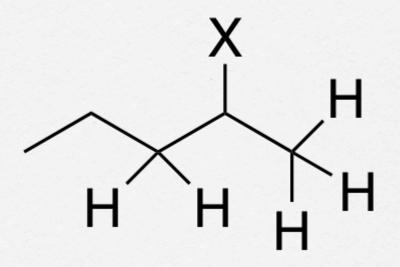
- Alkyl Halíde (or other molecule with LG)
- Leaving Group (same as substitution)

**D** Base

□ Solvent (same as substitution)

#### Making Alkenes: β-Hydrogens

β-HABSOLUTELY REQUIRED!

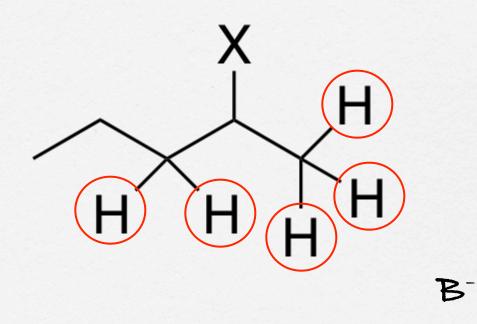


note: a C can <u>sometimes</u> be sp<sup>2</sup>

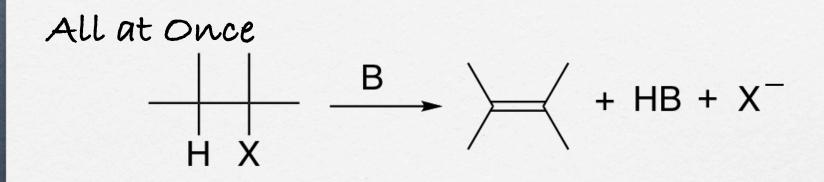


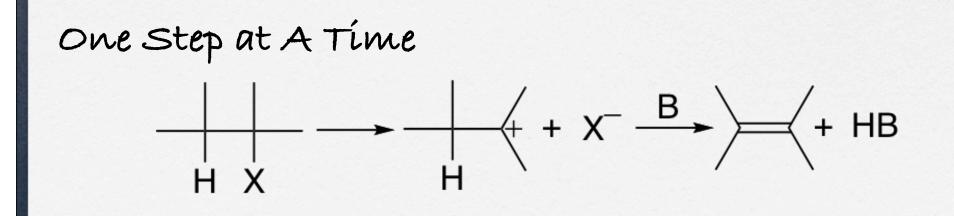
### The Base

□ Base is required for eliminations!



#### Making Alkenes: 2 Possible Pathways





# Wrapping Up

- Practice identifying types of alkenes
- Practice ranking relative alkene stabilities
- $\Box$  Practice identifying  $\beta$ -hydrogens