

**(32) Today**

**Next Class (33)**

7.8 Orientation of Electrophilic Additions:  
Markovnikov's Rule (Regioselectivity)

7.9 Carbocation Structure and Stability

7.10 The Hammond Postulate

Drawing a transition state

7.11 Evidence for the Mechanism of  
Electrophilic Additions: Carbocation

Rearrangements

Practice Predicting Outcome of  $H^+$  Initiated  
Electrophilic Addition Reactions

Test 3 on Chap 5, 6 and Chap 7.3 – 7.5

**(34) Second Class from Today**

8.2 Halogenation of Alkenes:

Addition of  $X_2$

8.3 Halohydrins from Alkenes:

Addition of  $HO-X$

**Third Class from Today (35)**

8.4 Hydration of Alkenes:

Addition of  $H_2O$  by Oxymercuration

8.5 Hydration of Alkenes:

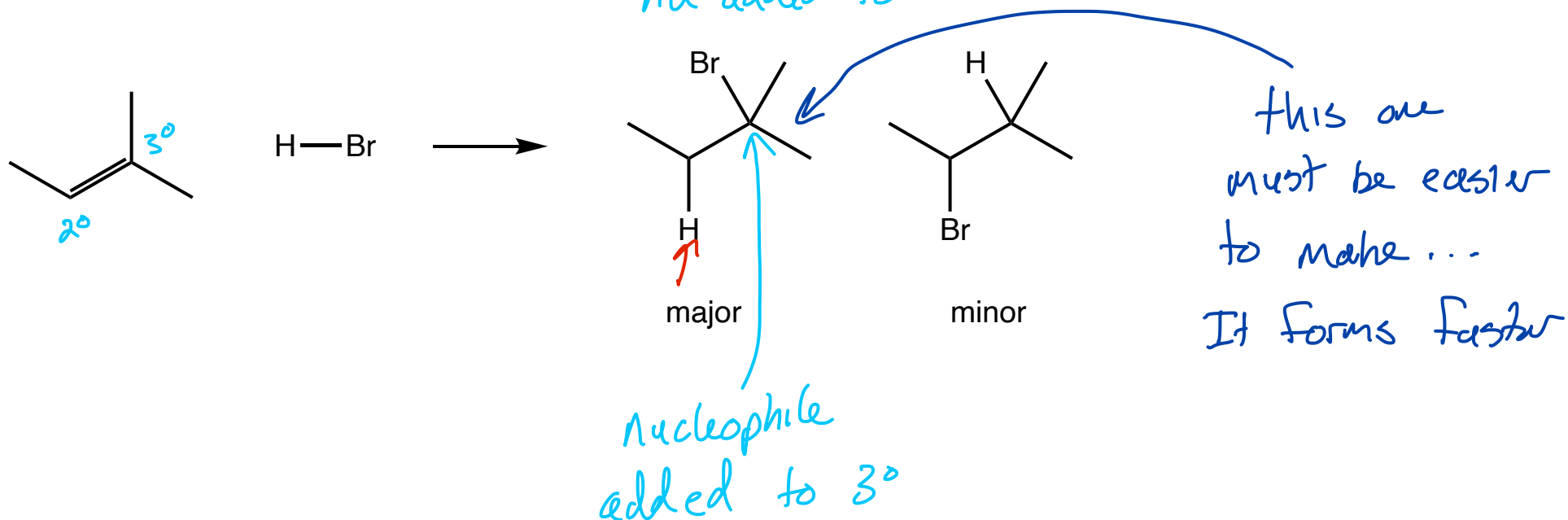
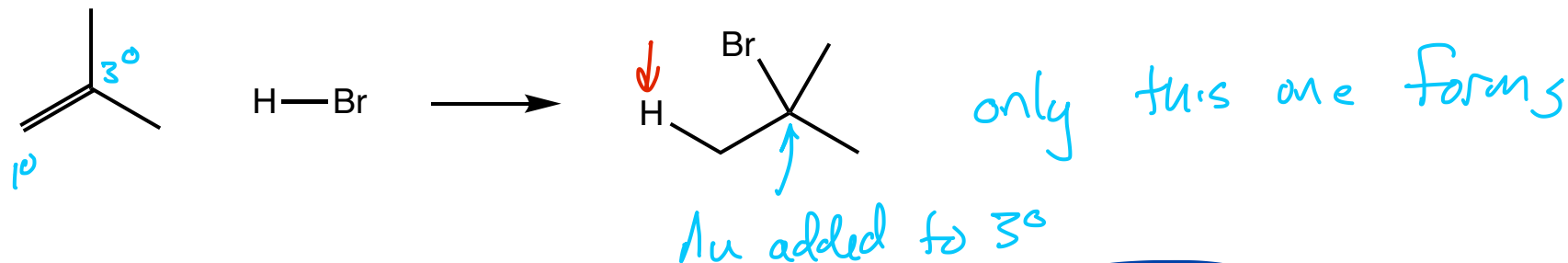
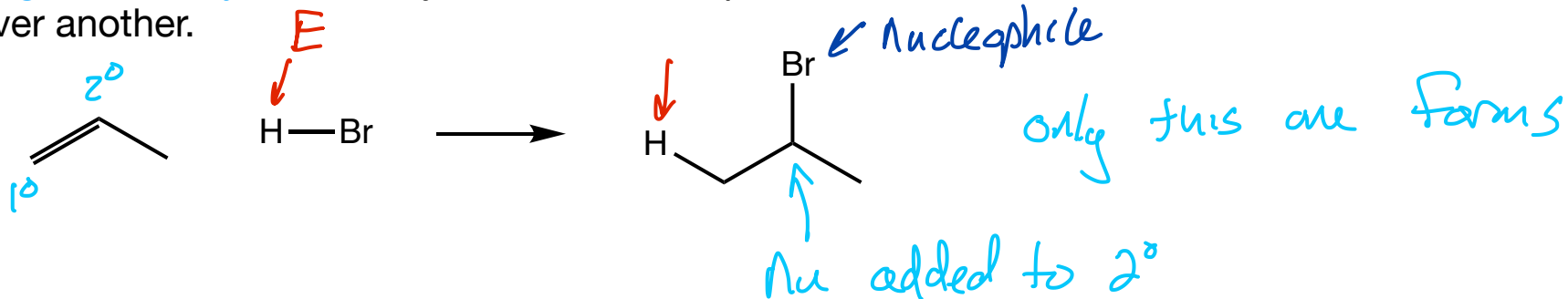
Addition of  $H_2O$  by Hydroboration

8.6 Reduction of Alkenes by Hydrogenation

8.12 and 13: Stereochemistry of addition  
reactions

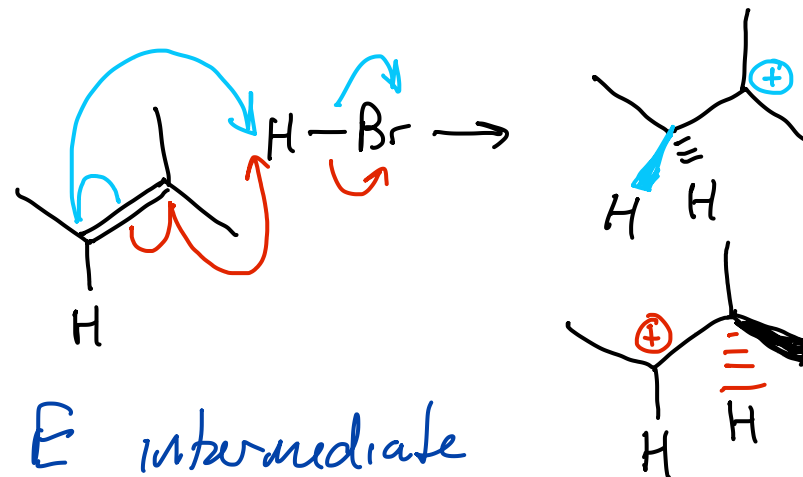
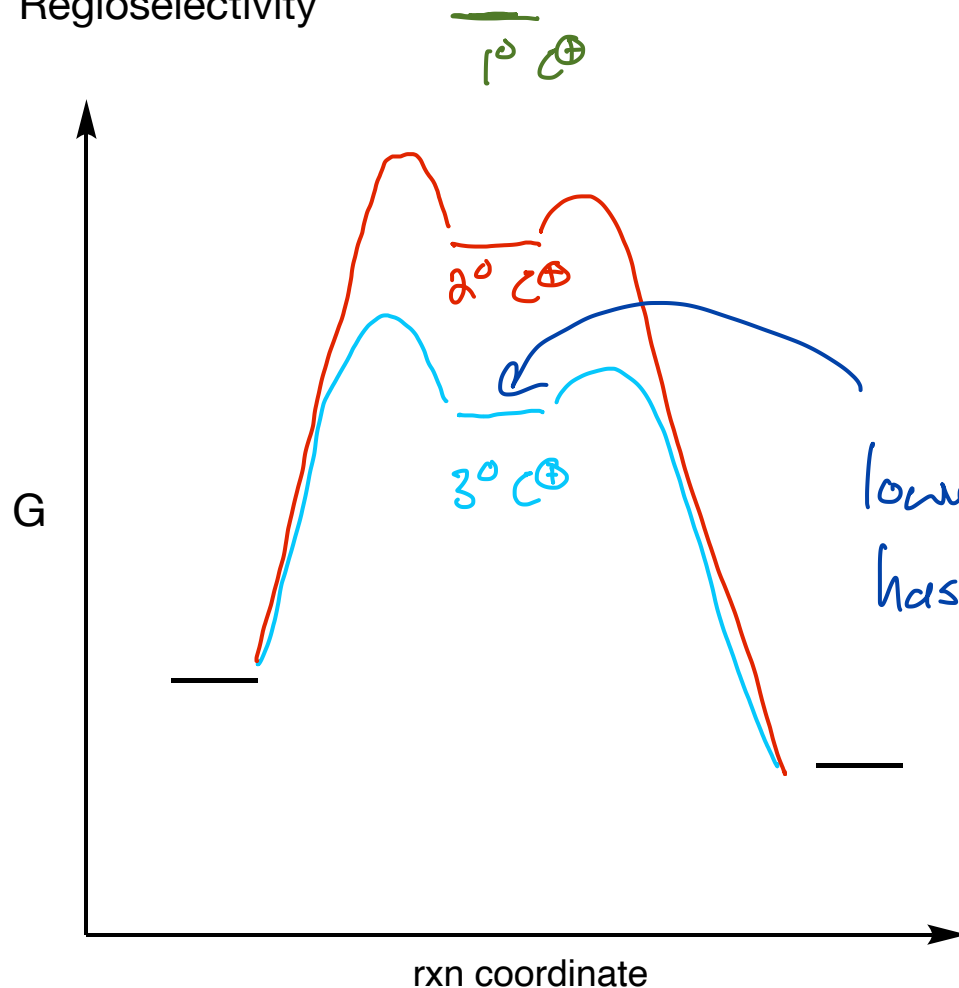
Review session from 2:00 to 3:30 this afternoon in Wilson 309. Any questions answered during the review will be posted on the "Sample Tests" Webpage.

**Regioselectivity:** The ability of a reaction to prefer the formation of one constitutional/structural isomer over another.

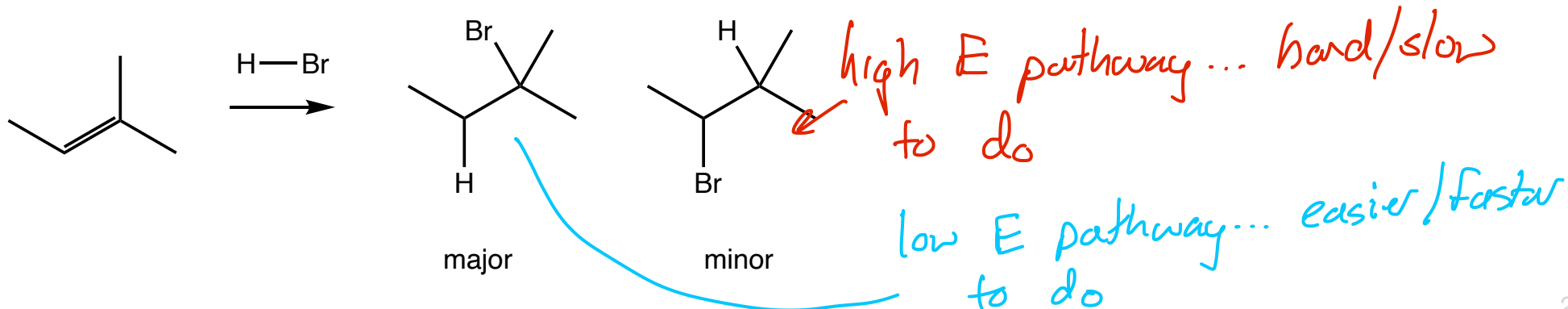


# The Carbocation Intermediate, the Hammond Postulate and Regioselectivity

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lower E intermediate  
has a low E transition state  
so more product forms from  
the 3° C<sup>+</sup>

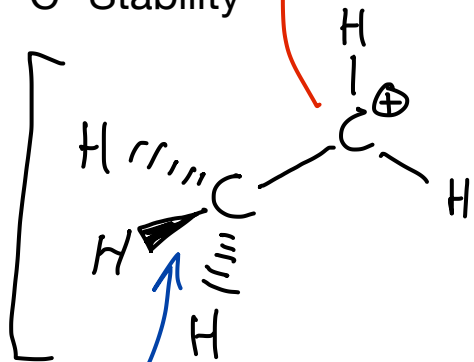


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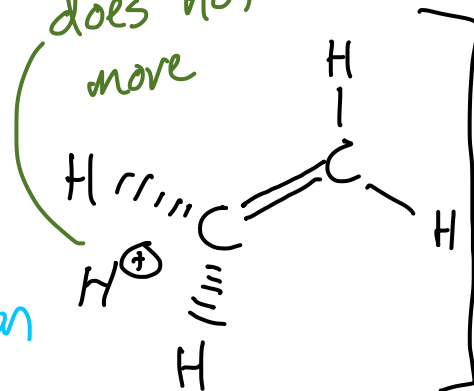
$sp^2$  hybridized  $C^+$ ... and it has an empty  $2p$  orbital

$C^+$  Stability

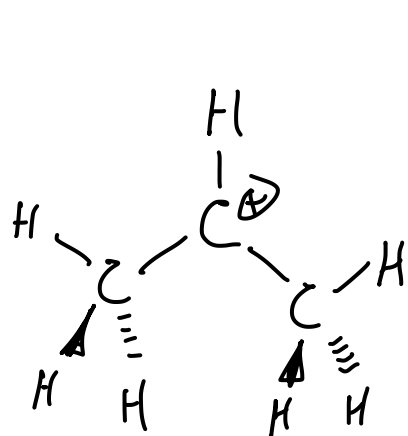
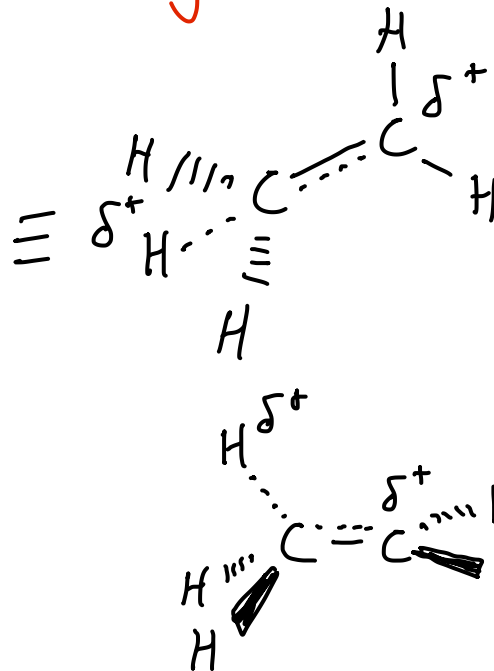


hyperconjugation

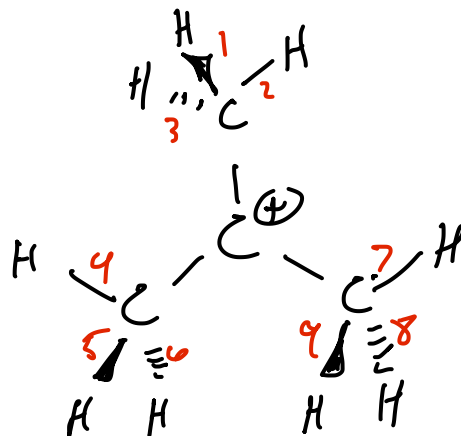
does not move



these  $e^-$ 's align with empty  $p$  orbital & are attracted to it



6  $\sigma$ -bonds help out



9  $\sigma$ -bonds help out

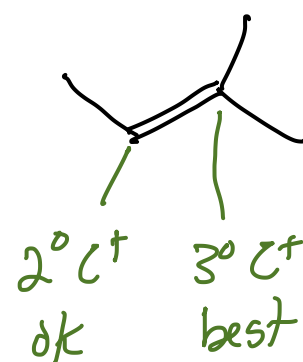
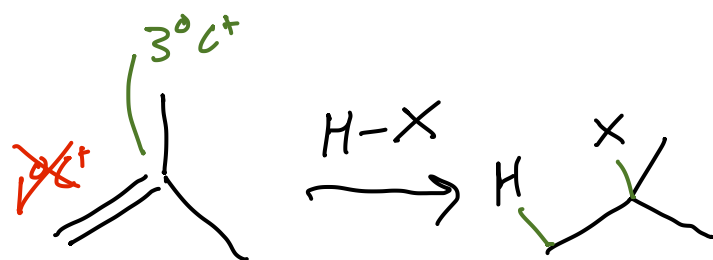
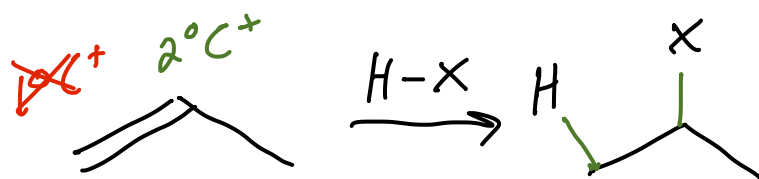
only 3  $\sigma$ -bonds helping and that's not enough to make  $1^\circ C^+$  form under typical lab conditions

## Restating Markovnikov's Rule

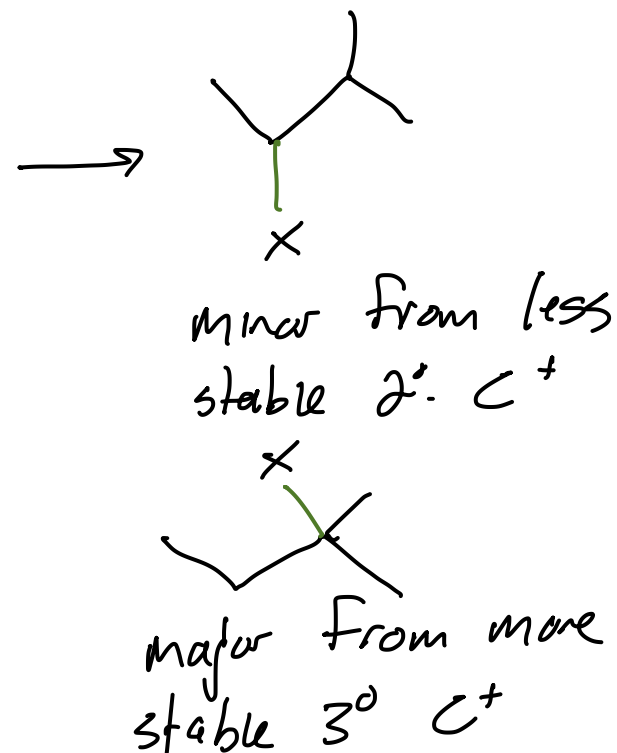
Original: The electrophile adds to the less substituted end of the double bond.

Restated: When the electrophile adds it does so such that a positive charge develops on the C atom that is better able to stabilize the positive charge.

$1^\circ \text{C}^+$  nope... too unstable     $2^\circ$  ok     $3^\circ$  was best

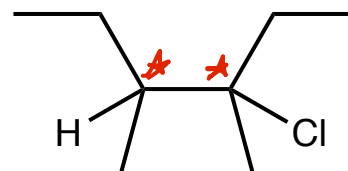
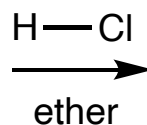
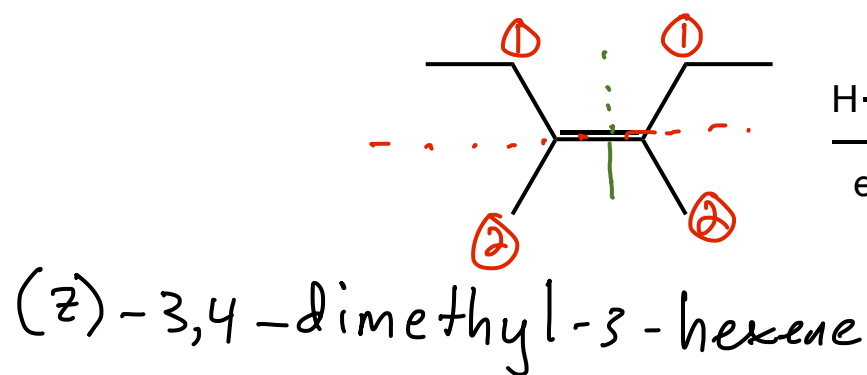


so we get  
a mixture



# Evidence for the C<sup>+</sup> based mechanism: Stereochemical Outcome

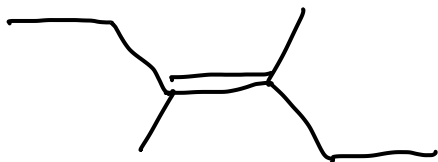
2<sup>n</sup>



R, R  
 R, S  
 S, R  
 S, S

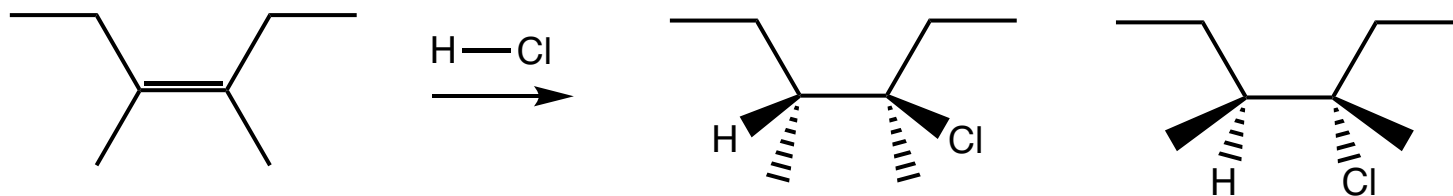
product exists as 4 stereoisomers  
which one forms? ....

The mechanism must be consistent with the outcome



## Evidence for the $C^+$ based mechanism: Stereochemical Outcome

One-Step Mechanism *is not correct...*



What does 1 step mechanism predict?

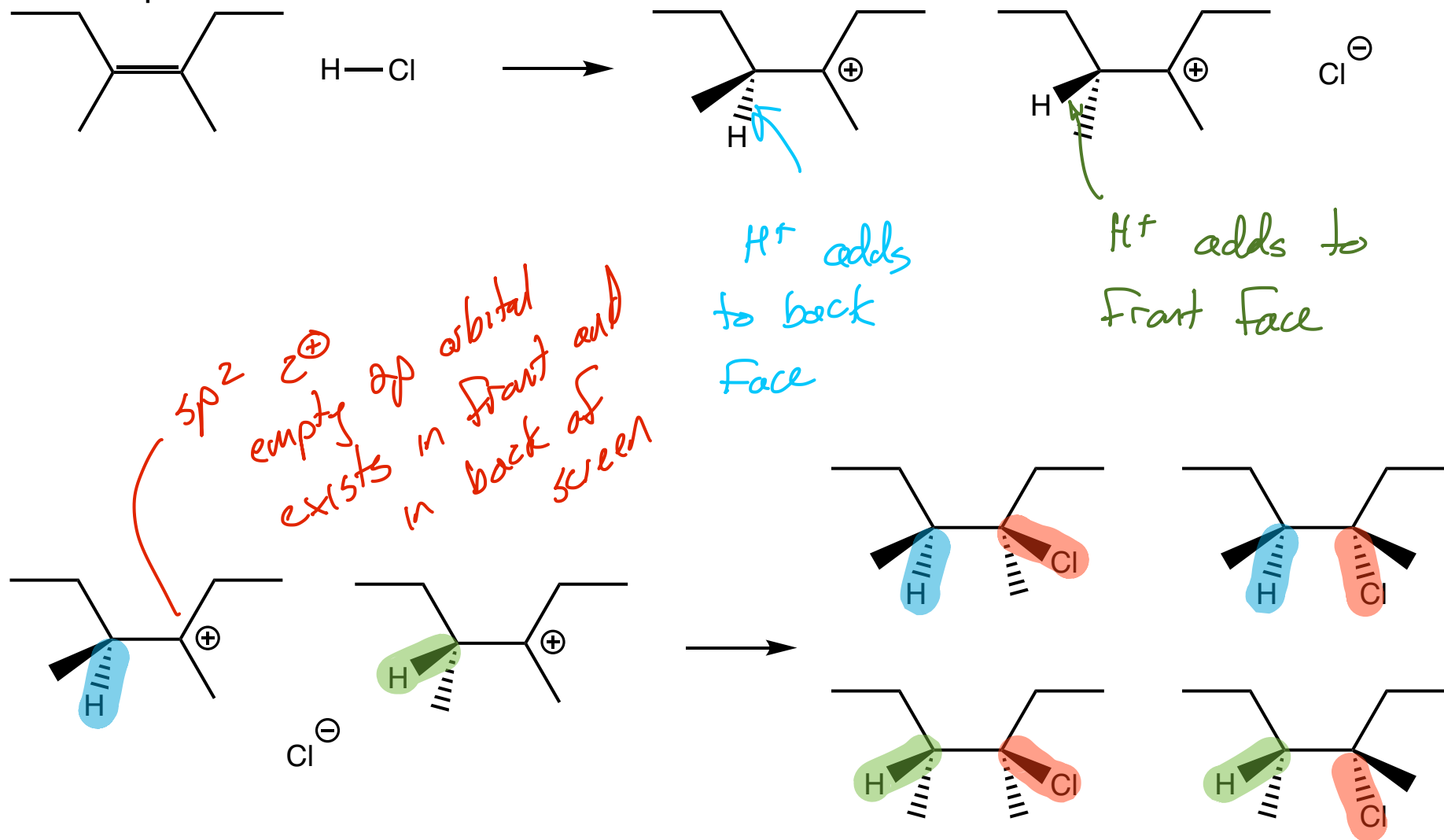
$H + Cl$  must add simultaneously.

Can  $H + Cl$  add to the front and back face simultaneously? No

The  $H + Cl$  must add to the same face  
prediction... 2 stereoisomers form

## Evidence for the C<sup>+</sup> based mechanism: Stereochemical Outcome

### Two-Step/Carbocation Mechanism

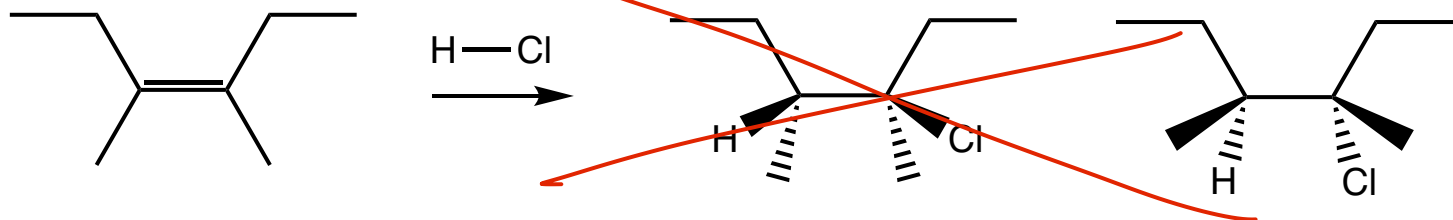


mechanism predicts 4 stereoisomers

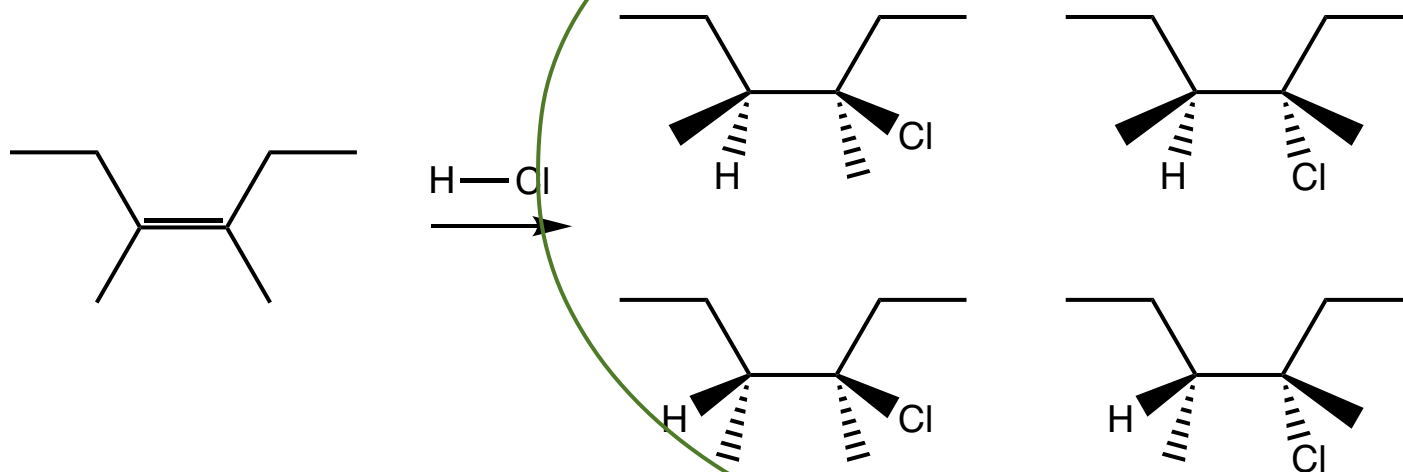


Evidence for the  $C^+$  based mechanism in  $H^+$  Initiated Reactions:  
Stereochemical Outcome

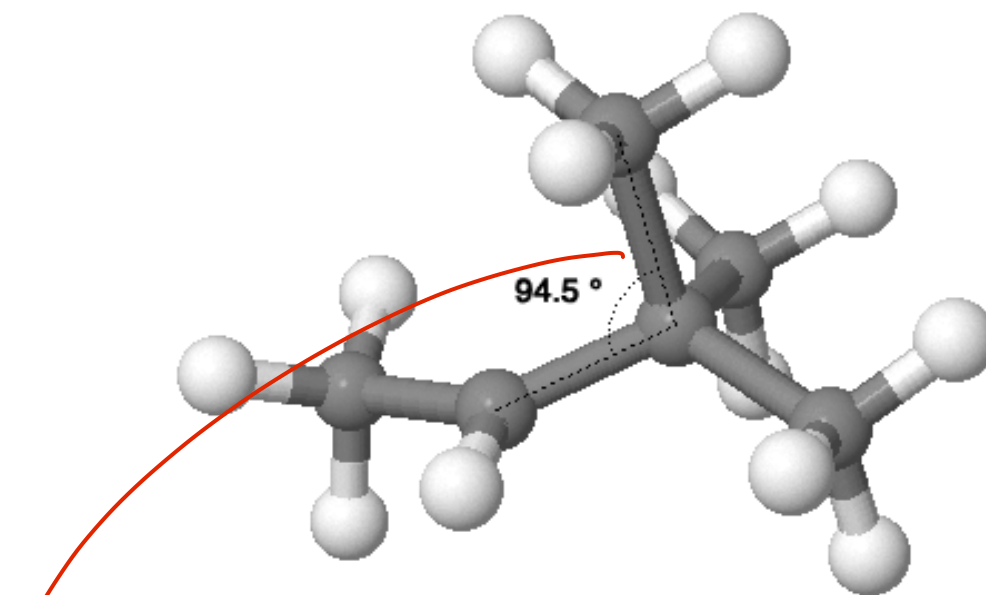
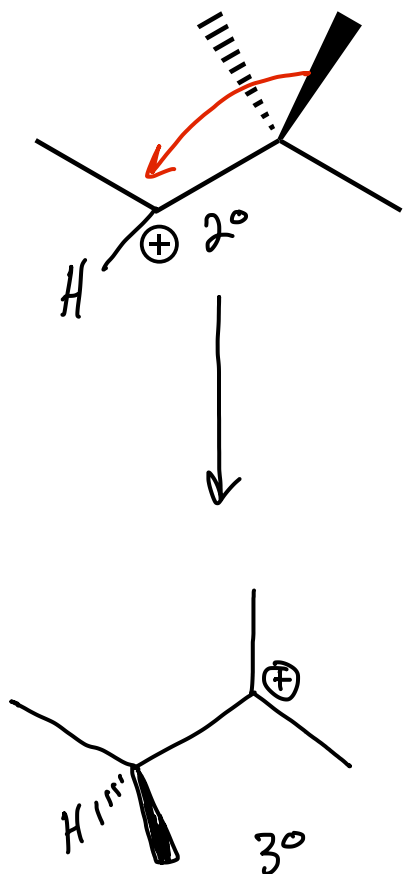
Prediction from One-Step Mechanism



Prediction from Two-Step/Carbocation Mechanism



*evidence supports 2 step  $C^+$  mechanism*

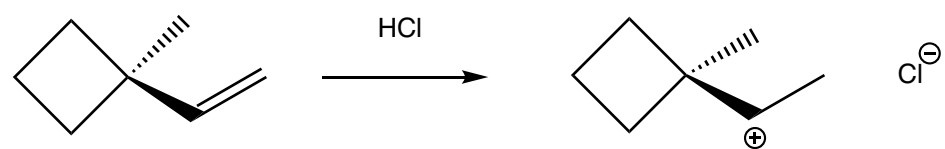
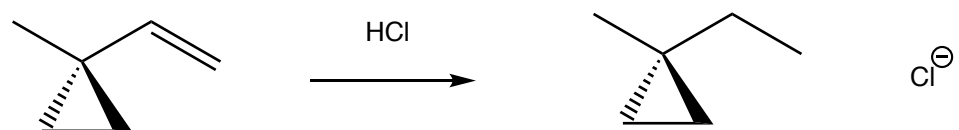
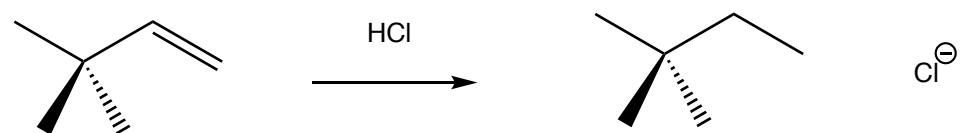


*e<sup>-</sup>'s in this bond are being attracted to the empty p orbital*

*Yep... C<sup>+</sup> can and do rearrange when going from less stable to a more stable C<sup>+</sup>*

# Carbocations rearrange

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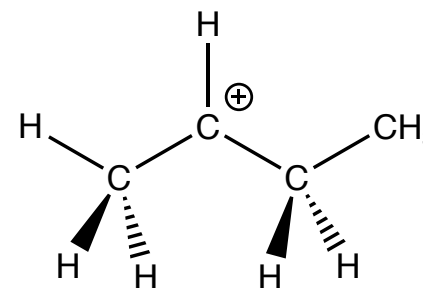


## The Carbocation Summary

### Stability

Getting electron density to a  $C^+$  helps stabilize the  $C^+$

$e^-$ 's in  $\sigma$ -bonds on neighboring carbon atoms stabilize  $C^+$ 's by hyperconjugation



**Stability order** based on degree of substitution (there are other ways to stabilize  $C^+$ 's that we will see later)



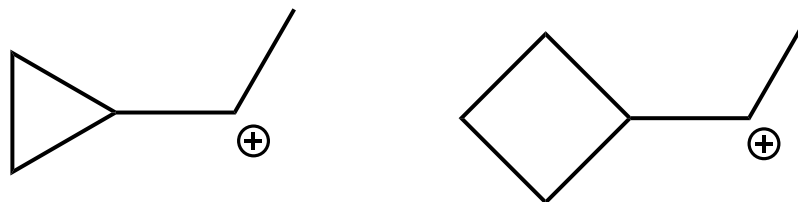
### Rearranging $C^+$ 's

H atoms and methyl groups ( $CH_3$ 's) will move from a neighboring C atom if the new  $C^+$  would be more stable

$1^\circ C^+$  will rearrange to a  $2^\circ C^+$  or  $3^\circ C^+$

$2^\circ C^+$  will rearrange to a  $3^\circ C^+$

Three- and four-membered rings will pop open if a  $C^+$  forms adjacent to them.



Summary, so far..

Reaction starts at  $\pi$  bond:  $\pi$  bond is lost and  $\sigma$  bonds to electrophile and nucleophile form

Identify the electrophile: so far the  $H^+$  of a strong acid

Identify the nucleophile: so for the conjugate base of the strong acid, the  $X^-$  of the HX

Create intermediate: open  $\pi$  bond and determine where the  $+$  goes (based on stability of  $+$ ) and attach electrophile to other end.

Are the ends of the double bond identical?

Yes. It doesn't matter; put the  $+$  at either end and move on.

No. Is there a reason to prefer making one end of the bond  $+$  ?

Yes. Major and minor products will form. Place the  $+$  at the end where it will be more stable and move on.

No. ~1:1 mixture of products will result. Two intermediates form, each one with a  $+$  at one end.

Check for carbocation rearrangement: would plus be more stable on neighboring C?

yes, rearrange

no

leave  $+$  where it is

Make a bond from the nucleophile to the C with the  $+$  charge.

## E Add Reactions

