## **Chap 10. Elimination Reactions**



a deuterium label on -carbon allows differentiation of the three mech.

if D appears on alkene -elimination if D appears on  $N - CH_3$  ', -elimination  $CH_3$  if D not on alkene, not on amine -elimination

## 1,2-elimination



differ in the timing of bond cleavage and/or the presence of intermediate

More-O'Ferrall diagram



E1-like on E1cb-like, depending on structure & reaction medium

e.g. stronger base or poorer leaving  $gp \rightarrow shift$  to E1cb

Good LG, or high ionizing solvent  $\rightarrow$  shift to E1



E2 second order kinetics rate = k[B<sup>-</sup>][R]



E1, first order kinetics r.d.s. the unimolecular ionization rate = k [R]

For E1cb, an intermediate carbanion is involved

$$B^{-} + RH \xrightarrow{k_{1}} BH + R^{-} \xrightarrow{k_{2}} P$$
s.s.a
$$k_{2}[R^{-}] + k_{-1}[R^{-}][BH] = k_{1}[B^{-}][RH]$$

$$[R^{-}] = \frac{k_{2} \cdot k_{1}[R^{-}][BH]}{k_{-1}[BH] + k_{2}}$$
rate =  $\frac{dP}{dt} = k_{2}[R^{-}] = \frac{k_{2} \cdot k_{1}[R^{-}][BH]}{k_{-1}[BH] + k_{2}}$ 

Characteristic for substrates with acidic  $\beta$ -H, or poor leaving

group, or having electron-withdrawing group on  $\beta$ -C. Elcb(anion)

if  $k_1 \gg k_{-1}$ ,  $k_2$ , and [B<sup>-</sup>] $\gg$ [RL]. Pseudo first order, all RL is in the form of carbanion Rate  $\approx k$ [RL](first order) characteristics : fast isotope exchange of C -D  $k_{\rm H}/k_{\rm D}\sim 1$ , appreciable leaving group effect (element effect)



 $\underline{\text{E1cb}}_{\underline{R}}$ (reversible)

if  $k_{-1} \sim k_1$ ,  $k_{-1}$  [BH] >> $k_2$ , Rate =  $\frac{k_2 k_1 [RL] [B^-]}{k_{-1} [BH]} = k_{obs} [B^-] [RL]$  if BH is the solvent

If [B-]/[BH] is kept constant using buffer, rate is independent of the concentration of base  $\Rightarrow$  specific base catalysis characteristics : C -H exchange  $k_{\rm H}/k_{\rm D}$ ~1, small leaving group effect

$$CH_3O^- + H \xrightarrow{H} H \xrightarrow{fast} CH_3OH + \begin{bmatrix} - & H \\ - & H \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{slow} Br - C \equiv C - H$$

#### Elcb<sub>ip</sub>(ion pair)

Similar to  $E1cb_R$ , but no free anion is formed, an ion pair is formed with the protonate base as the counter cation

$$R_{3}N + \bigvee_{Br} \stackrel{H}{\longrightarrow}_{Br} \stackrel{fast}{\longrightarrow}_{DMF} \left[ R_{3} \stackrel{H}{\longrightarrow}_{Br} \stackrel{-}{\longrightarrow}_{Br} \stackrel{H}{\longrightarrow}_{Br} \stackrel{slow}{\longrightarrow}_{Br} - C \equiv C - H + R_{3} \stackrel{*}{N}H + Br - C = C - H + R_{3} \stackrel{*}{N}H + Br - H + C = C - H + R_{3} \stackrel{*}{N}H + Br - C = C - H + R_{3} \stackrel{*}{N}H + Br - C = C - H + R_{3} \stackrel{*}{N}H + Br - H + R_{3} \stackrel{*}{N}H + H + R_{3} \stackrel{$$

characteristics:  $k_{\rm H}/k_{\rm D} \sim 1-1.2$ . No  $\beta$ -H exchange. addition of R3N<sup>+</sup>DX<sup>-</sup> will not affect the rate and caused no isotope exchange.(so, diff. from E1cb<sub>R</sub>)

## E1cb<sub>I</sub>(irreversible)

if  $k_2 \gg k_1$  [BH]  $\gg k_1$ Rate  $\approx k$ [RL][B<sup>-</sup>](second order) characteristics : little C -H exchange significant  $k_{\rm H}/k_{\rm D}$  (2~8)



## **Stereochemistry of 1,2-Elimination Rxns**









anti-periplanar anti-clinal syn-clinal syn-periplanar incipient bond parallel p-orbitals allow bond formation during bond cleavage barrier to 1,2-elim.

anti-elimination is favored over syn due to (1) overlap of electron in C -H bond (HOMO) with backside of C-L bond (LUMO)
if carbanion formation is extensive syn-elimination is possible after inversion of carbanion

180

90



preference for anti-elimination



Syn-elimination can proceed in acyclic system

due to steric effect



Syn-elimination can be promoted through a cyclic transition state with metal complex



In the presence of 18-crown-6, K<sup>+</sup> is complexed by crown ether The 6-membered TS is suppressed, only anti-product

Effect of Base

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B2



B:

### Effect of leaving gp



% syn elimination

leaving gp	E product		Z product	
	DMSO	Benzene	DMSO	Benzene
Cl	6	62	7	39
OTs	4	27	4	16
<sup>+</sup> N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	93	92	76	84

better leaving gp, syn-elimination , anti-elimination favored polar solvent stablize the leaving gp favor anti-elimination non-polar solvent favor ion-pair and complexed T.S



## **Regiochemistry in 1,2-Elimination**



more substituted olefin is more stable,



TS leading to more stable product will have lower activation energy " if " the TS has character of product i.e. E1, E2

product relative stability determine the product distribution

True for good leaving gp, eg. Br, I, OTs

The TS more like carbanion, the stability of carbanion determine the product distribution

E1cb-like rxn less substituted olefin



# **Summary of Trends**

The transition state structure determines the product distribution

- The transition state (E1, E2, E1cb ) is affected by reactant structure, solvent, base, ...
  - \* -aryl (or alkyl ) substituent can stabilize a developing carbocation and make TS more E1-like
  - \* -aryl substituent can stabilize carbanion at -carbon and make TS more E1cb-like
  - \*Introducing a -alkyl gp makes the reaction more E1-like (less E1cb-like ). (Shift a E1cb to more synchronous, and more E2-like, shift a E1-like more E1-like )
  - \*Better leaving group makes reaction more E1-like, poor leaving gp makes rxn more E1cb-like.
  - \*More electronegative leaving gp makes TS less carbocation character on -carbon and more carbanion character on -carbon atom.