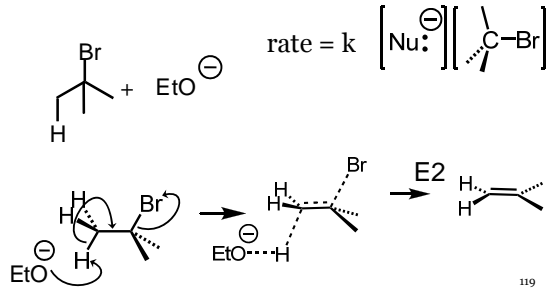


Reaction Mechanisms - Kinetics

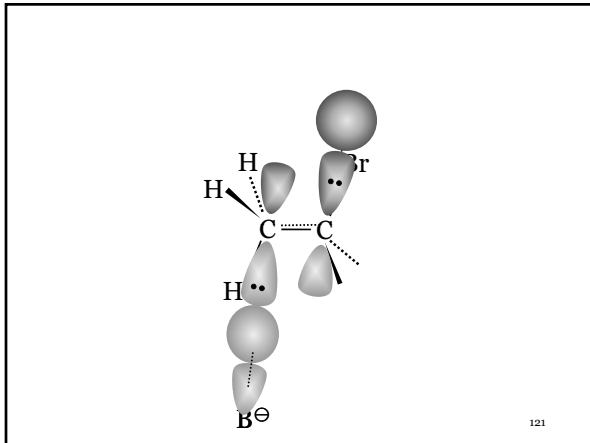
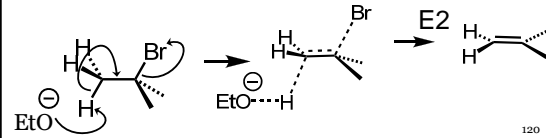
E2 = Elimination 2nd Order



E2 Mechanism

The E2 elimination is *concerted*:

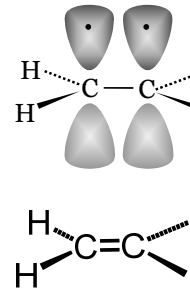
Bond *breaking*
occurs at the same time as
bond *formation*



concerted reaction => stereoelectronic requirements

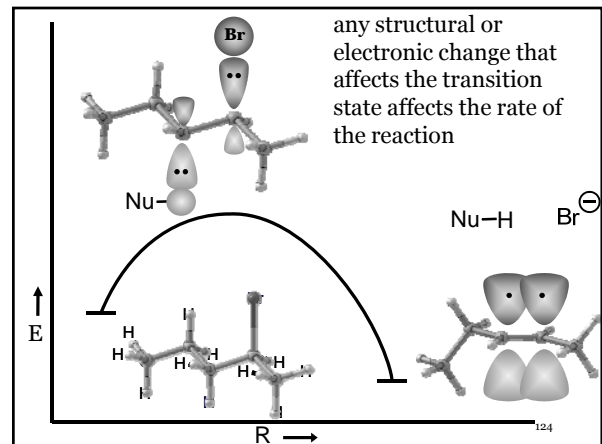
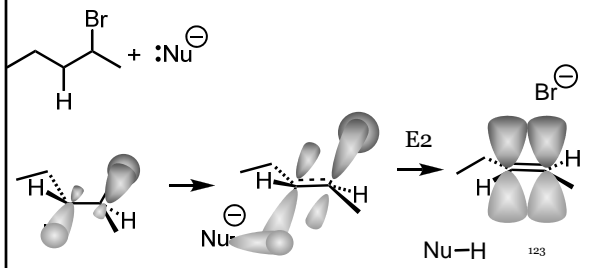
C-H and C-Br bonds must lie in the same plane

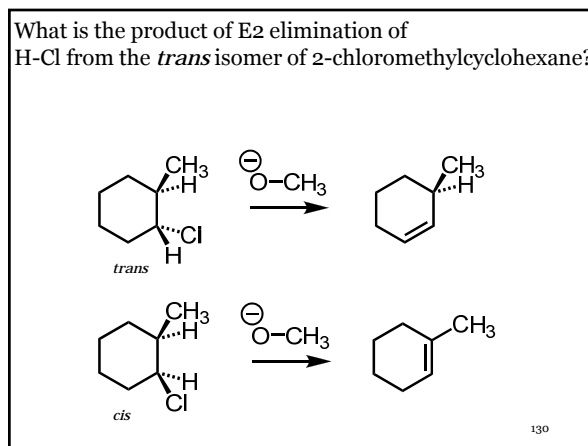
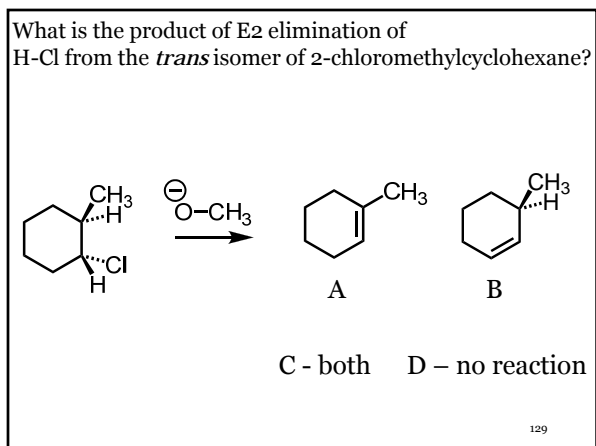
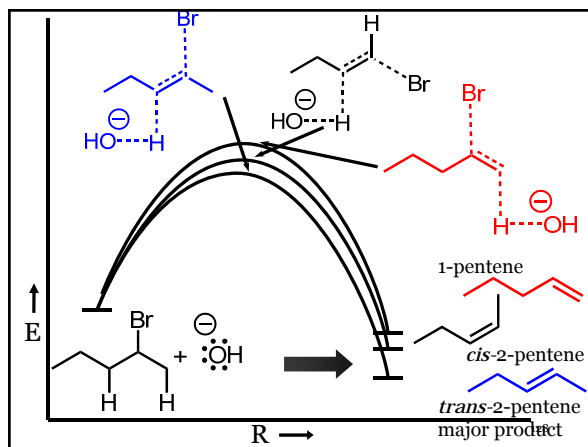
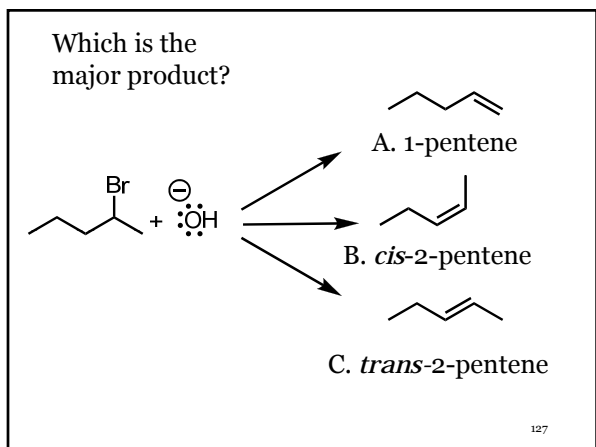
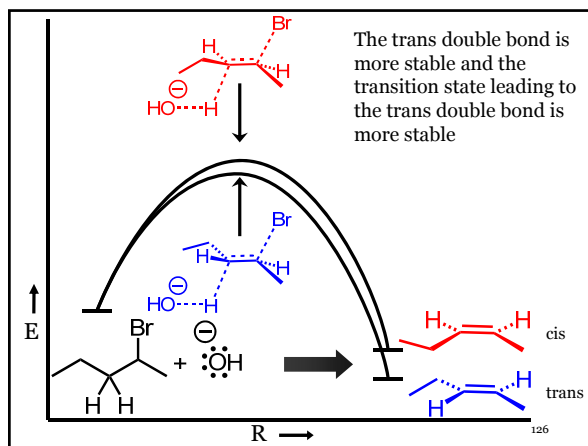
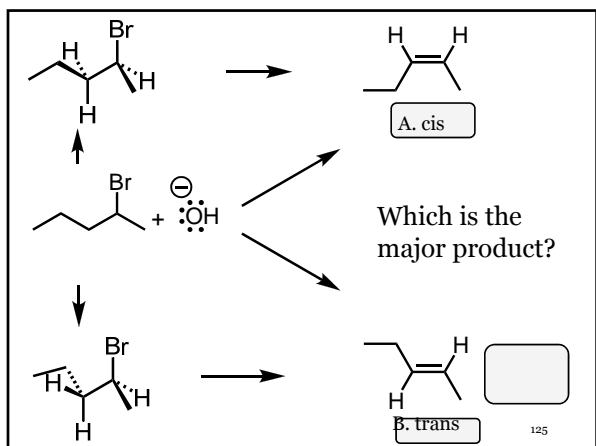
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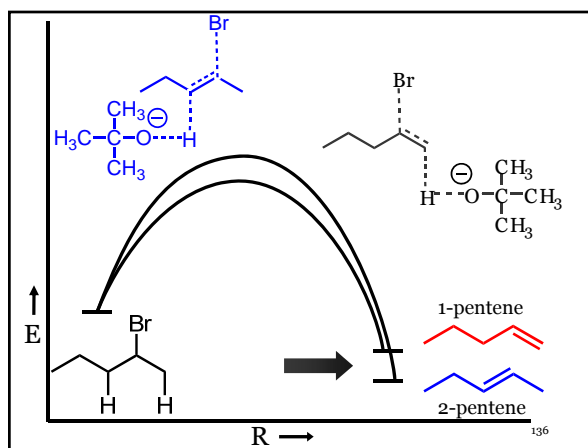
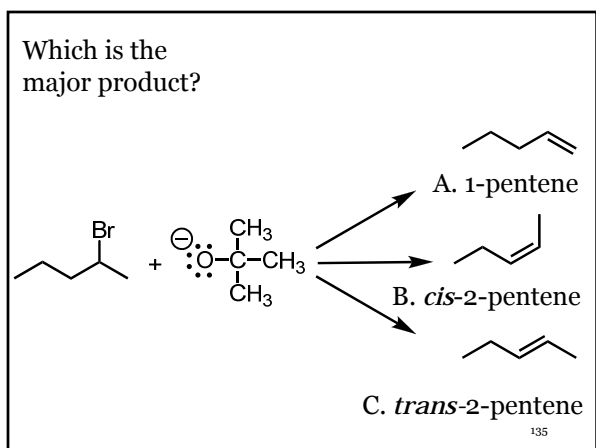
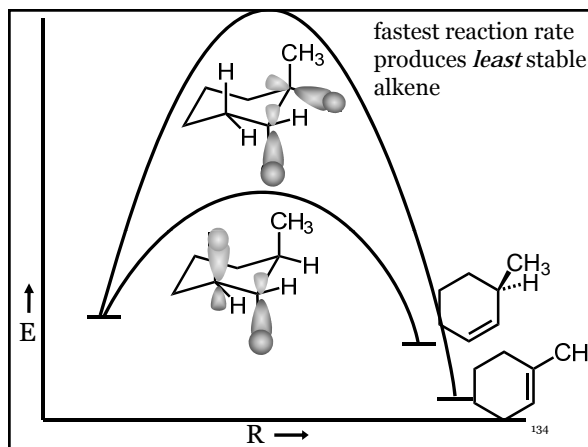
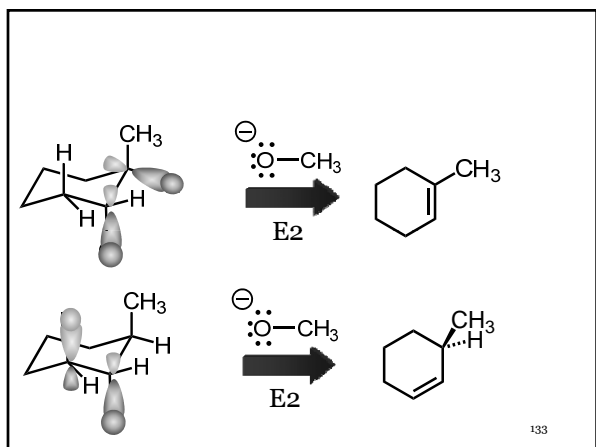
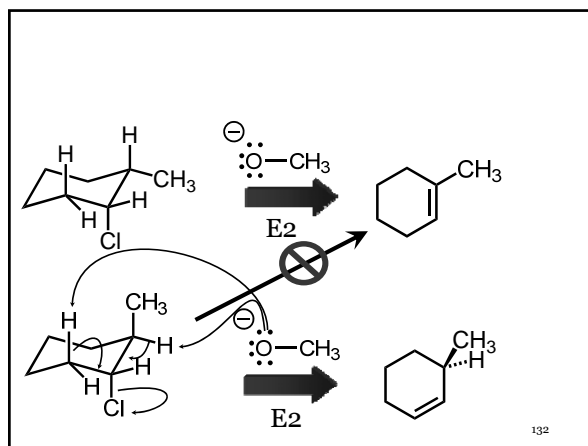
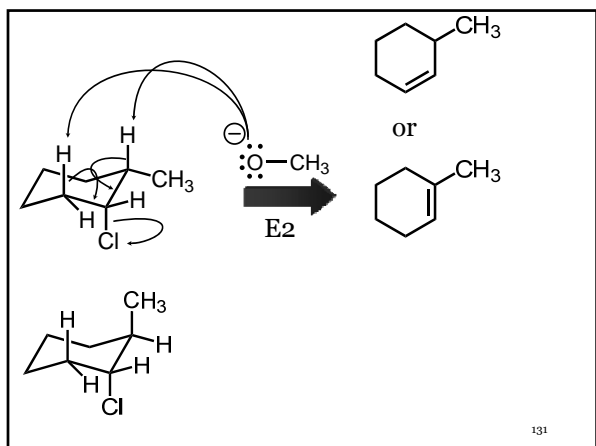


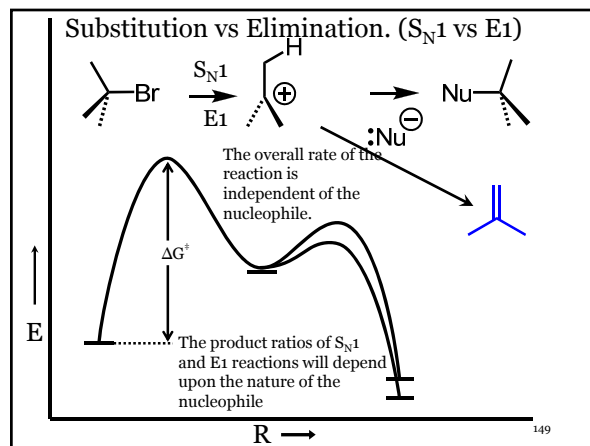
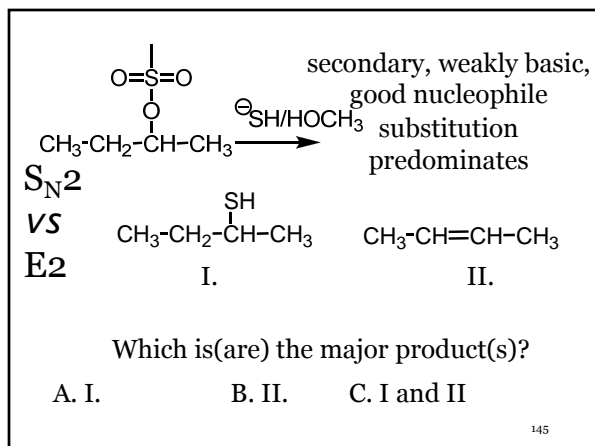
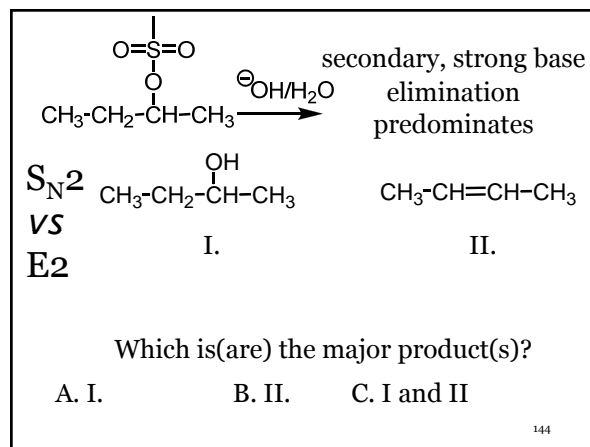
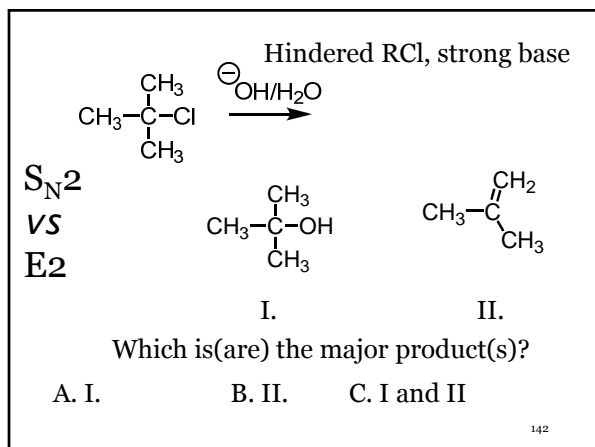
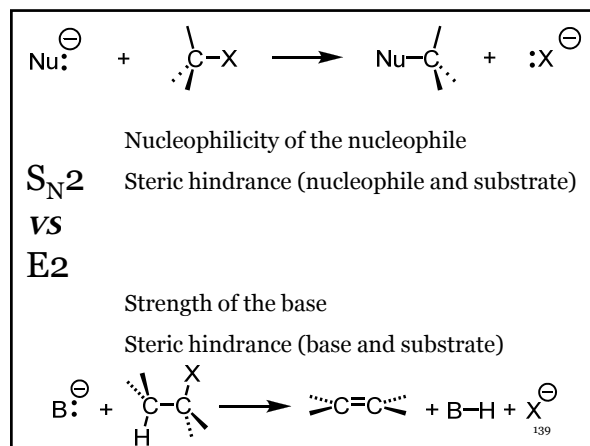
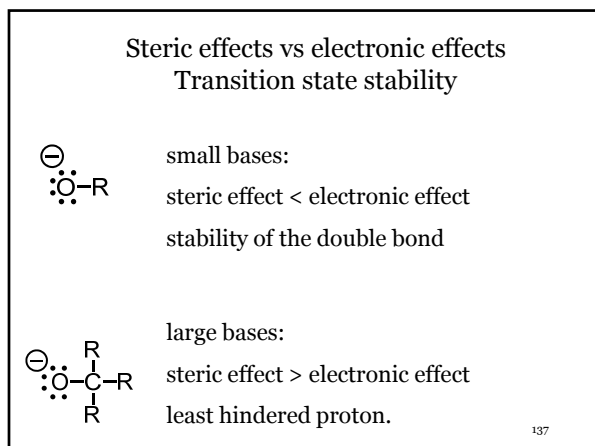
concerted reaction => stereoelectronic requirements

C-H and C-Br bonds must lie in the same plane
(*antiperiplanar*) to form the π -bond

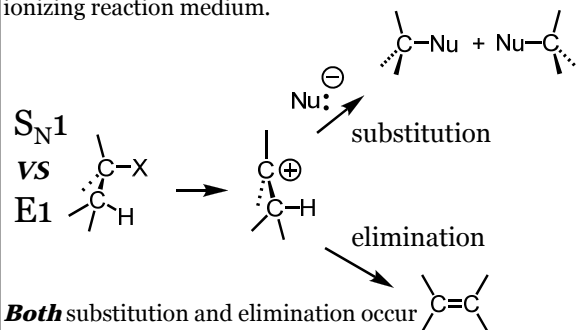








Both require a stable cation and an ionizing reaction medium.



Both substitution and elimination occur
 Elimination favored at high temperature

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How can I tell if the reaction is S_N2 or S_N1 or $E2$ or $E1$?

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Summary of S_N2 , S_N1 , $E2$ and $E1$ reactions.

$\text{CH}_3\text{-X}$	$\text{R-CH}_2\text{-X}$ 1°	$\begin{array}{c} \text{R} \\ \\ \text{R-CH-X} \end{array}$ 2°	$\begin{array}{c} \text{R} \\ \\ \text{R-C-X} \\ \\ \text{R} \end{array}$ 3°
S_N2	mainly S_N2 except with hindered bases eg. $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{CO}^-$ when $E2$ is observed.	mainly S_N2 with weak bases and reactive nucleophiles (I^- , RS^- , CN^- , etc). $E2$ increases with strong bases. S_N1 , $E1$ in ionizing solvents.	NO S_N2. In polar, protic solvents S_N1 and $E1$ reactions are observed. High temperature favors elimination. When the nucleophile is a strong base, $E2$ is observed. ¹⁵²