

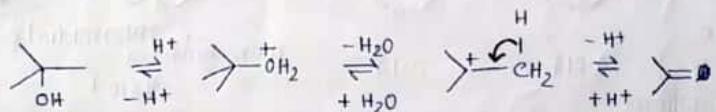
Microscopic reversibility principle:

forward reaction: $\text{A} \xrightarrow{\text{I}} \text{B}$

Backward reaction: $\text{B} \xleftarrow{\text{I}} \text{A}$

on the course of a reaction
the nuclei and electrons assume
position that at each point correspond
to the lowest free energy possible.
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Example:

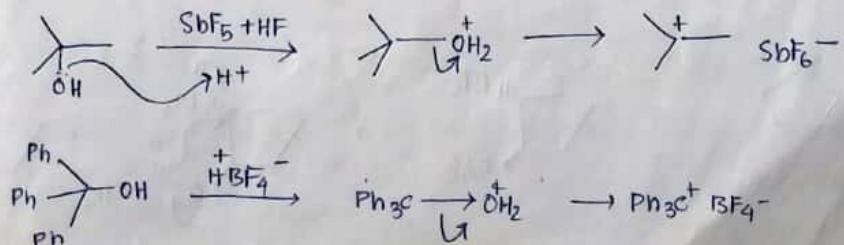


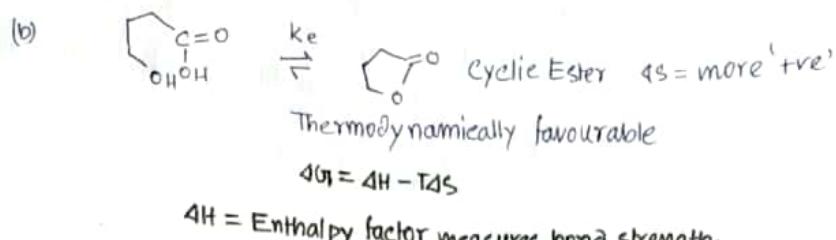
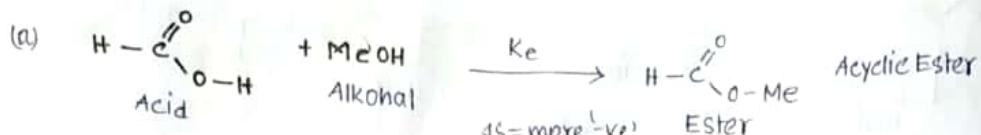
If the reaction is reversible, these position must be same in the reverse process. This means that the forward and the reverse reaction (same reaction condition) must proceed by the same mechanism. This is called Microscopic reversibility principle.

For example - If a reaction,

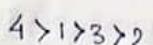
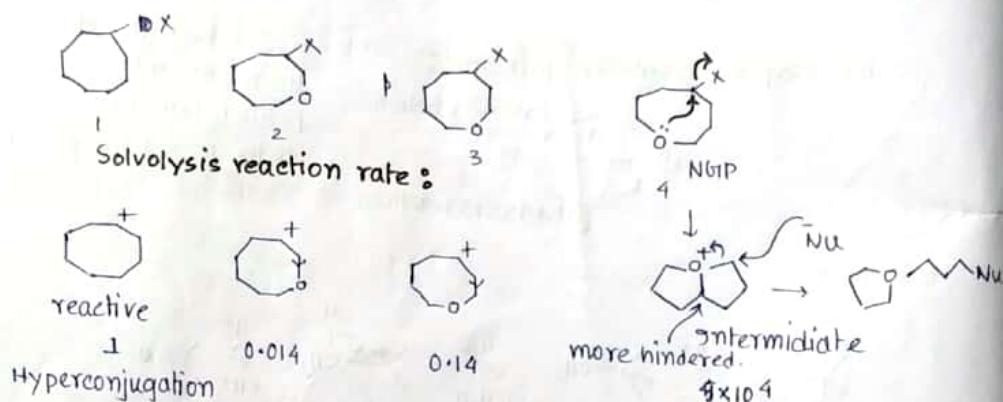


There is an intermediate g , then g must also be an intermediate in the reaction $P \longrightarrow A$.

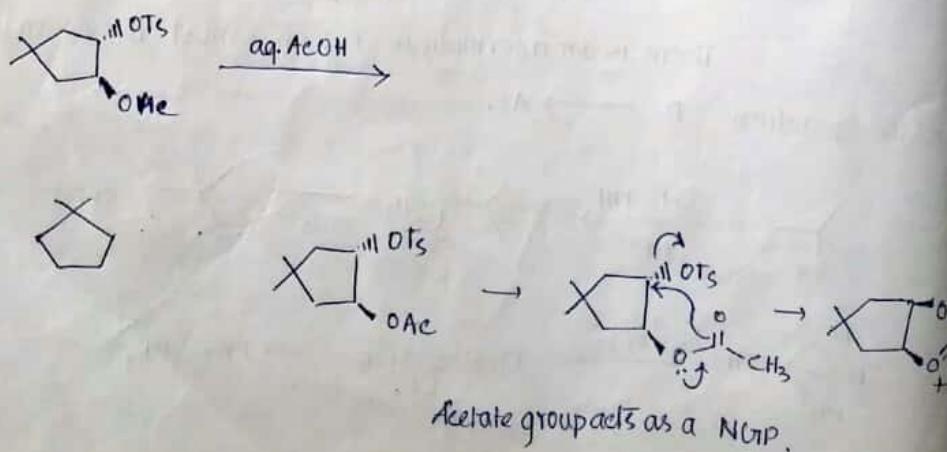


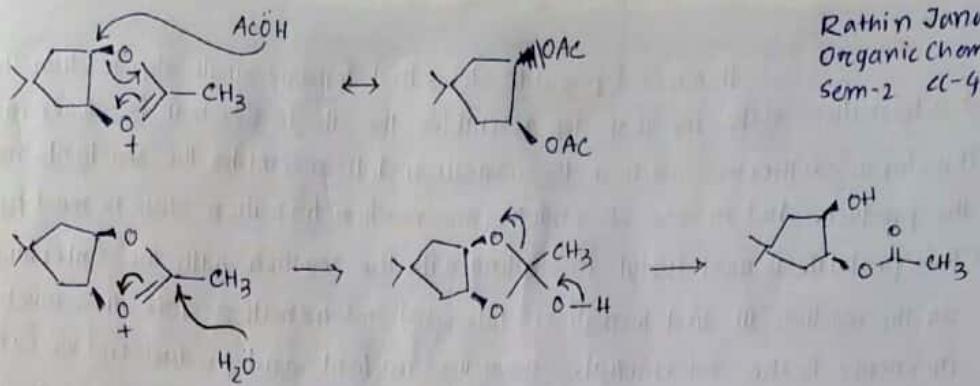


Since, the change in the bonding in both the reactions are similar. The formation of ester in (a) and the cyclic ester in (b), have about the same ΔH . However, they differ in that (a) is ^{intermolecular} because two molecules react to form one molecule of product. Whereas (b) is an ^{intramolecular} cyclization where in one molecule gives one product. Since in a reaction a loses more entropy, it has less negative ΔG_f and hence smaller K_{eq} .



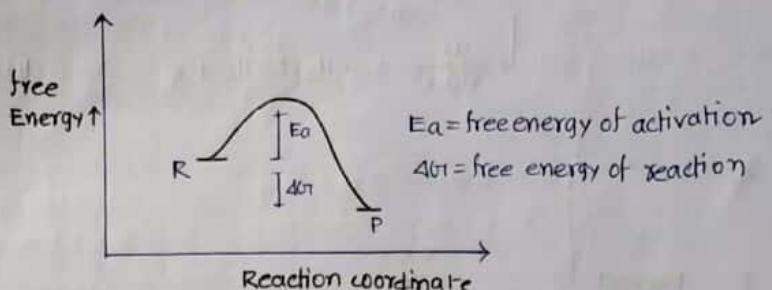
First three members expected to follow S_N1 solvolysis. The rate retardation for the first three members can be attributed due to the unfavourable inductive electron withdrawing effect of C-O bond. The last member undergoes solvolysis at a faster rate via NGIP reaction.





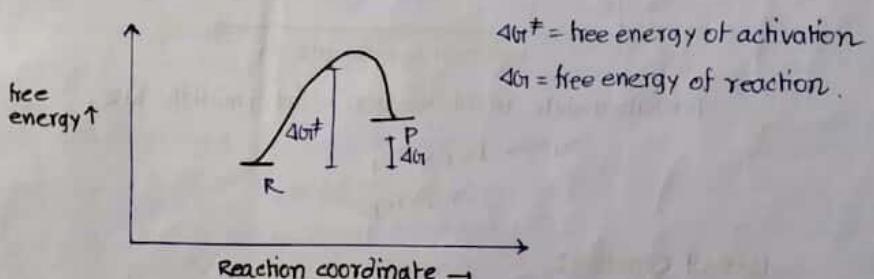
Hammond Postulate:

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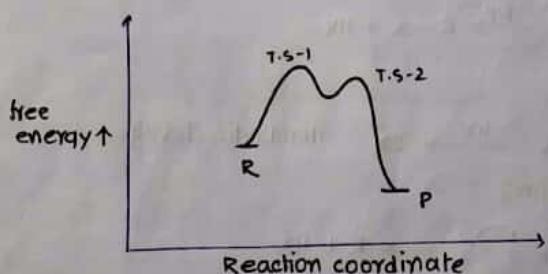
Here transition state is reactant like for exothermic reaction.

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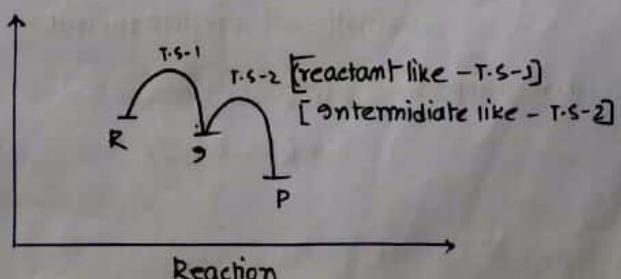
Here transition state is product like for endothermic reaction.

iii.



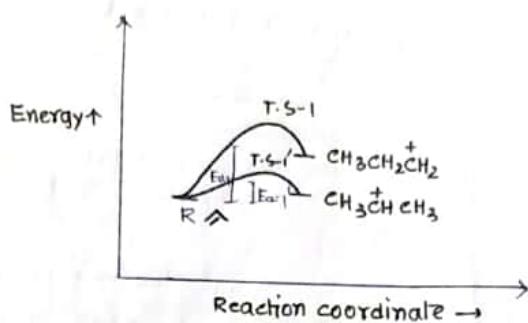
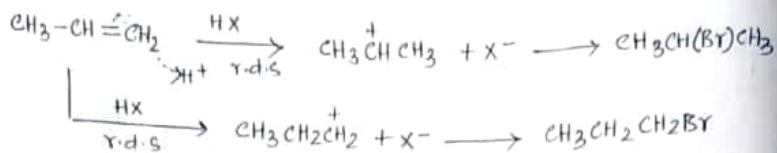
In this case both the transition states are intermediate like. This is true for unstable intermediate.

iv.



In this case intermediate is highly stable. This is reactant like (T.S-2)

Hammond postulate states that for any single step reaction the geometry of a transition state for that step resembles the site to which it is closer in free energy. Thus for a exothermic reaction the transition state resembles the reactants more than the product. And in case of endothermic reaction transition state is ~~react~~ product like. This postulate is most useful in dealing with the reaction with the intermediate. In the reaction III first transition state and 2nd transition state lies much closer in energy to the intermediate than the reactant and product and we can predict that the geometry of the transition state is intermediate like than that of product.

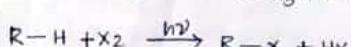
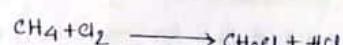


Transition state in this reaction is intermediate like,

$$\text{Since, } E_a1' < E_a1$$

$$r_{a1} > r_{a2}$$

Radical Reaction:



chain initiation:



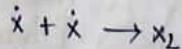
chain propagation:



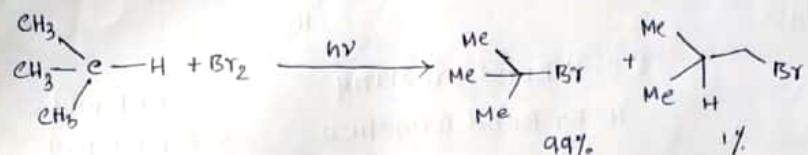
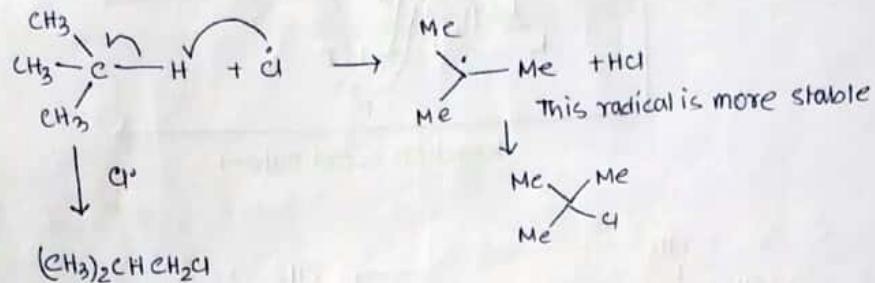
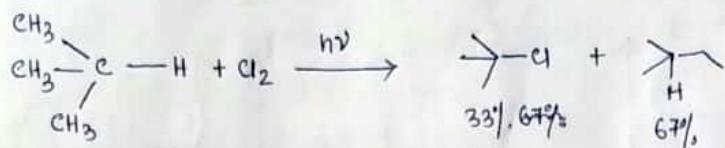
chain termination:

combination of any two radical.

For example:



Bromination of alkane is more selective than the chlorination of alkane.

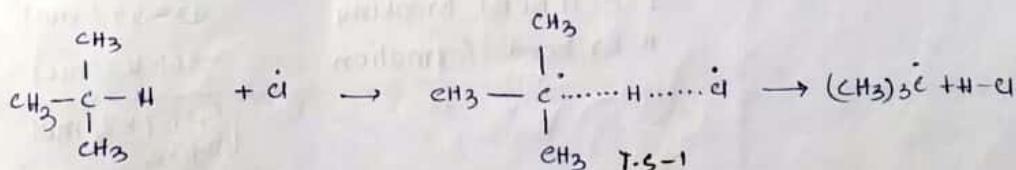


H-Cl Bond formation -431 kJ/mol

H-Br Bond formation -366 kJ/mol

Primary C-H Bond Breaking +423 kJ/mol

3° C-H Bond Breaking +307 kJ/mol

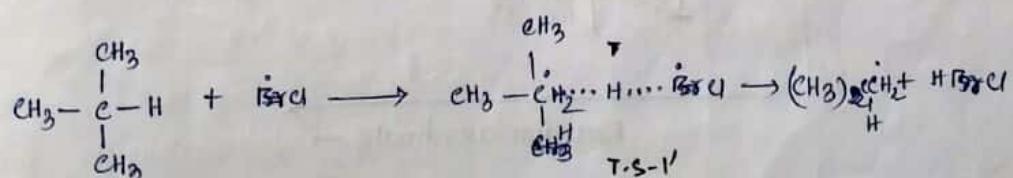


H-Cl Bond Formation -431 kJ/mol

3° C-H Bond Breaking +307 kJ/mol

-34 kJ/mol for 3° C-H

Bond Breaking

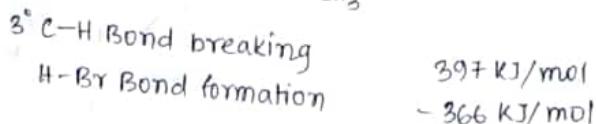
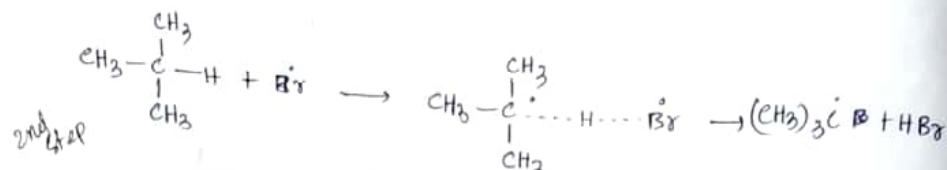
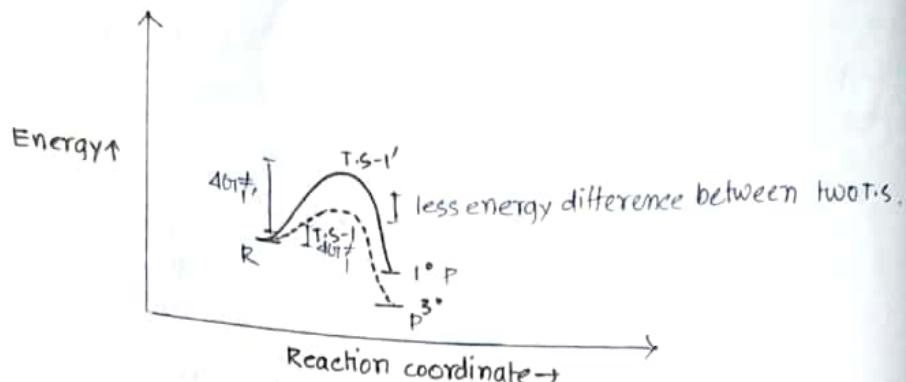


H-Cl Bond formation -431 kJ/mol

1° C-H Bond formation +423 kJ/mol

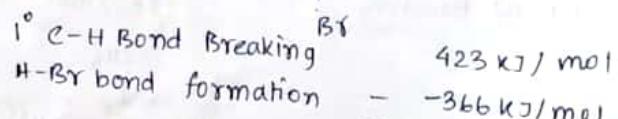
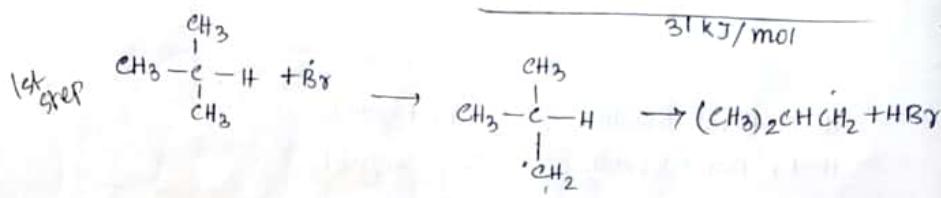
-8 kJ/mol

Exothermic curve:



$$397 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

$$-366 \text{ kJ/mol}$$



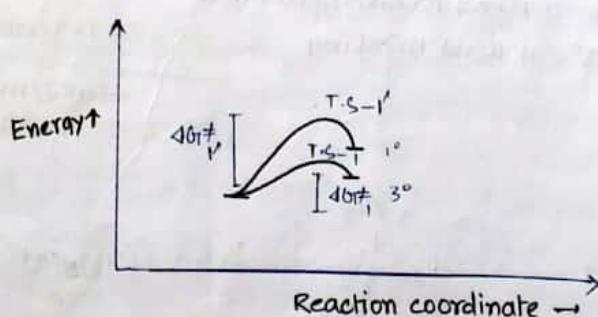
$$423 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

$$-366 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

$$+57 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

+ve
Endothermic.

Endothermic curve:

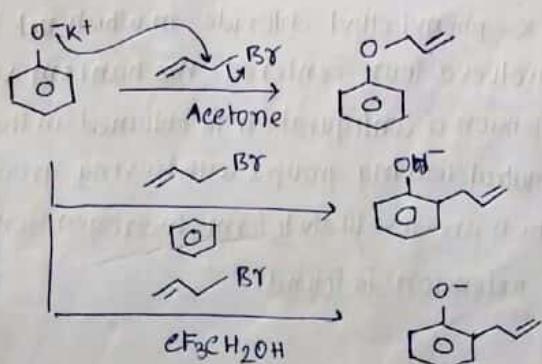
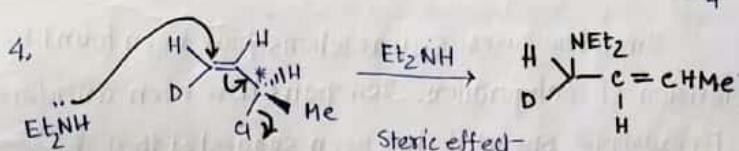
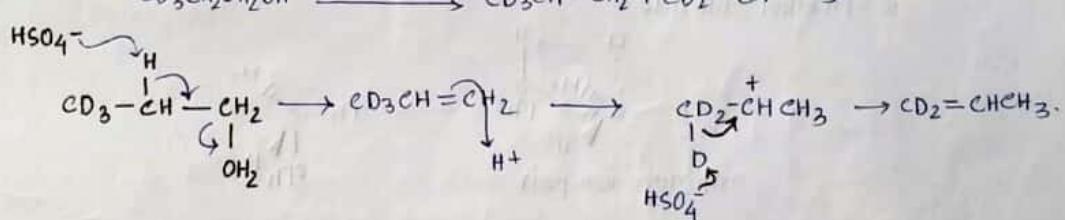
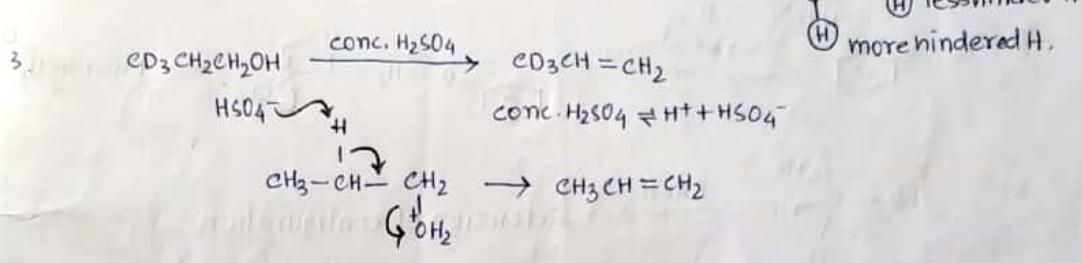
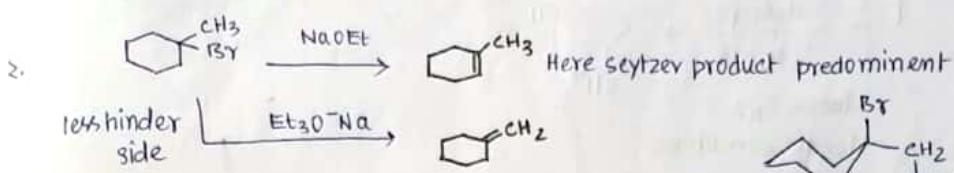
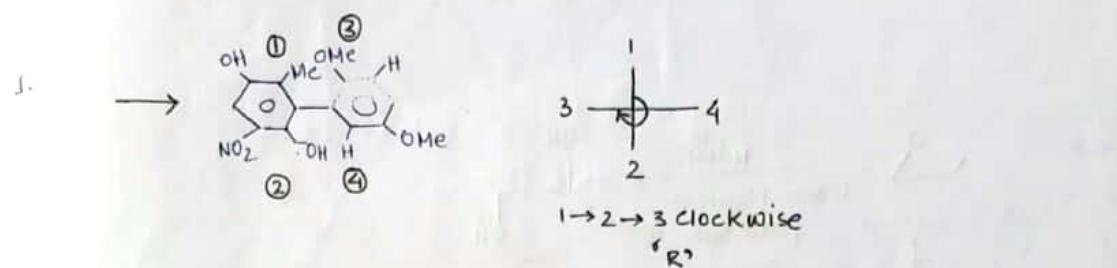


This is an example of how the Hammond Postulate applies to the real chemistry. Because the products of the first step of bromination are higher in energy than the starting material. The transition state must be similar in structure and energy to the primary product radical. The difference in energies of the primary and tertiary product radical should therefore be markedly reflected in the transition state.

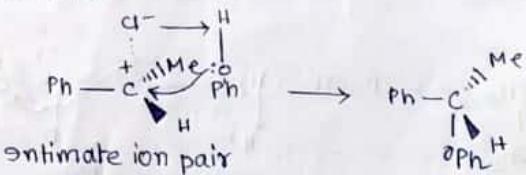
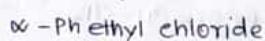
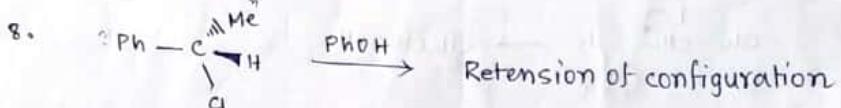
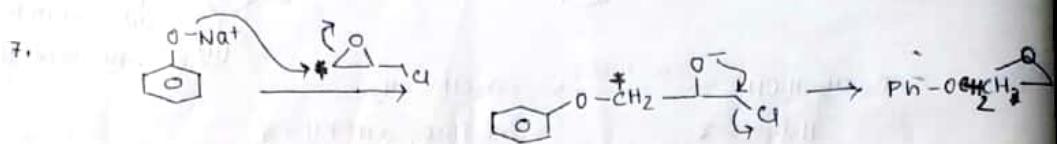
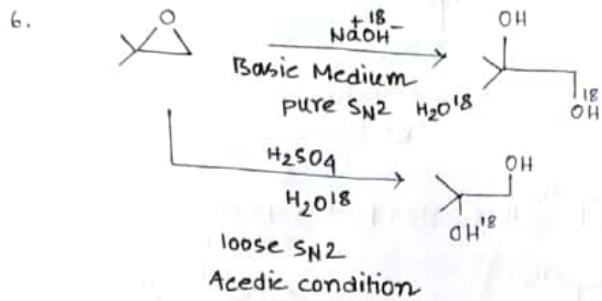
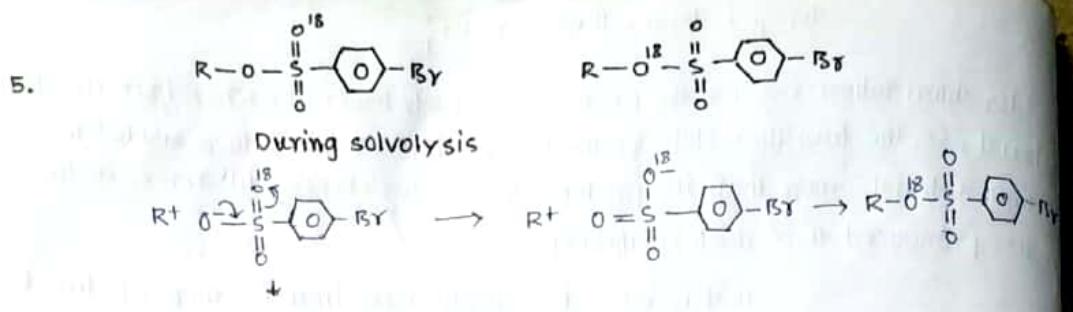
ΔG_f° is larger than the ΔG_f°

For chlorination reaction the product are slightly lower in energy than the starting material. So, the transition state for the two possible reaction both resembled the starting material more than the product radical. So, energy difference in the products are less pronounced than the transition state.

That is why bromination reaction is more selective than the chlorination. Here product depends up the statistical factor also.



5.



96 In a few cases S_N1 reactions have been found to proceed with partial retention of configuration. Ion pairs have been considered to explain some of this. For example (pheno) it has been suggested that the phenolysis of optically active α -phenyl ethyl chloride in which net retention of configuration is obtained involves a four centered mechanism via the formation of ion pair. Net retention of configuration is obtained in the system only with the chloride or neutral leaving group, with leaving group bearing a positive charge which are less likely to form hydrogen bonding with the solvent molecule, no retention is found.