

SN1 & SN2 REACTIONS

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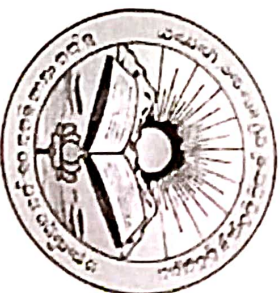
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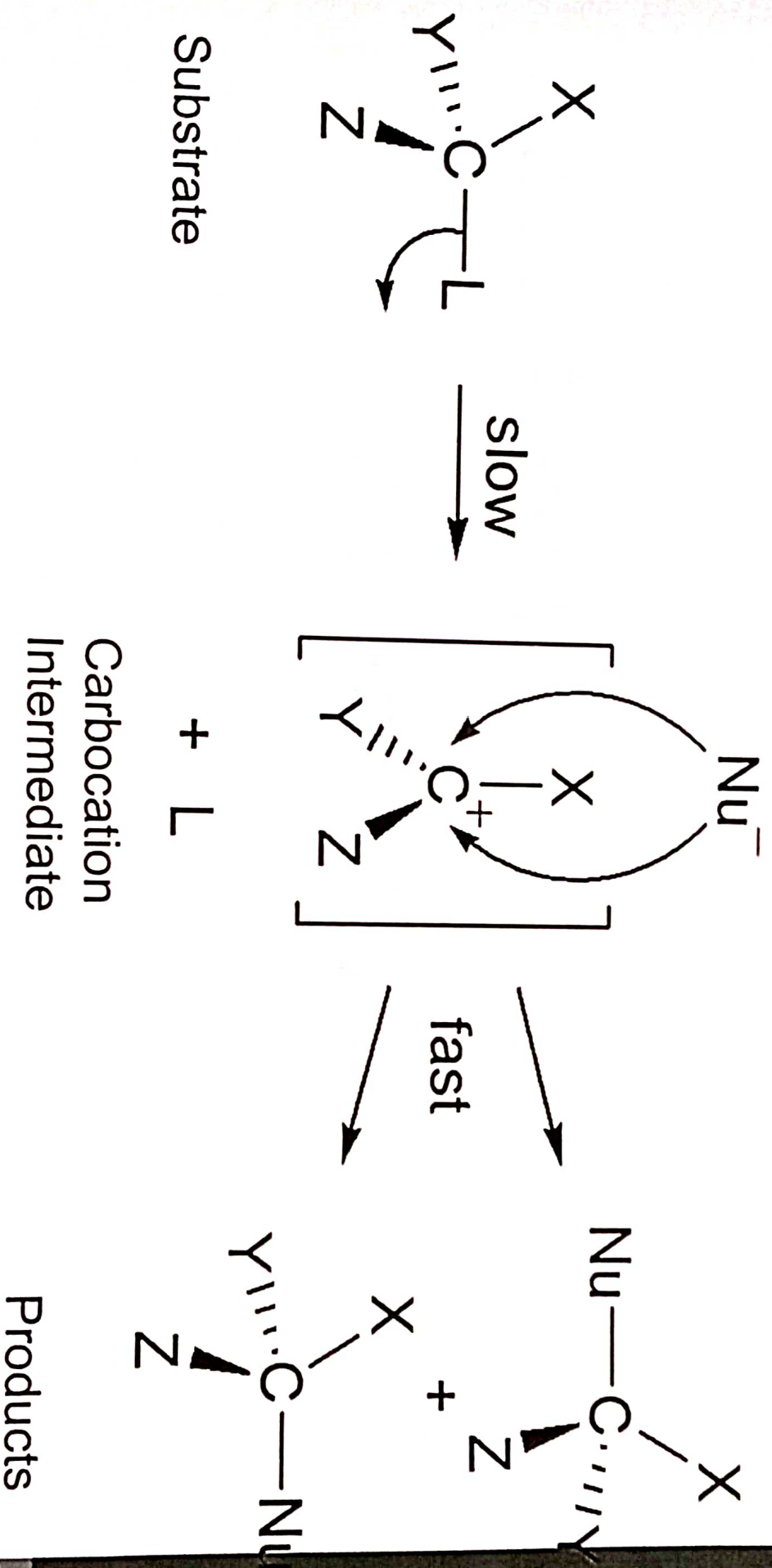
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The S_N1 Reaction

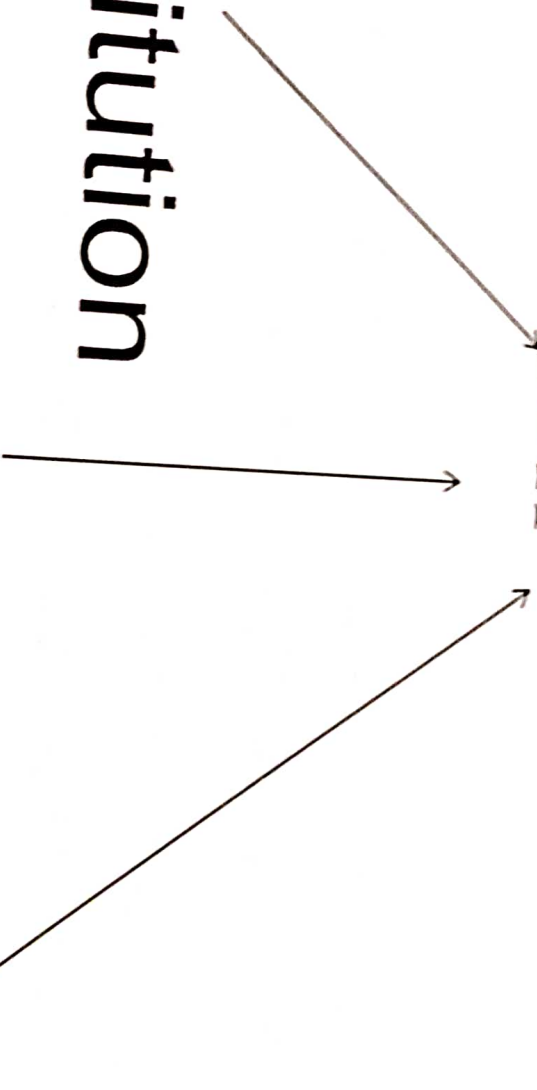


The S_N1 Reaction

Substitution

Nucleophilic

Unimolecular



The S_N1 Reaction

S_N1 reactions are nucleophilic substitutions, involving a nucleophile replacing a leaving group (just like S_N2).

however: S_N1 reactions are **unimolecular**: the rate of this reaction depends only on the concentration of *one reactant*.

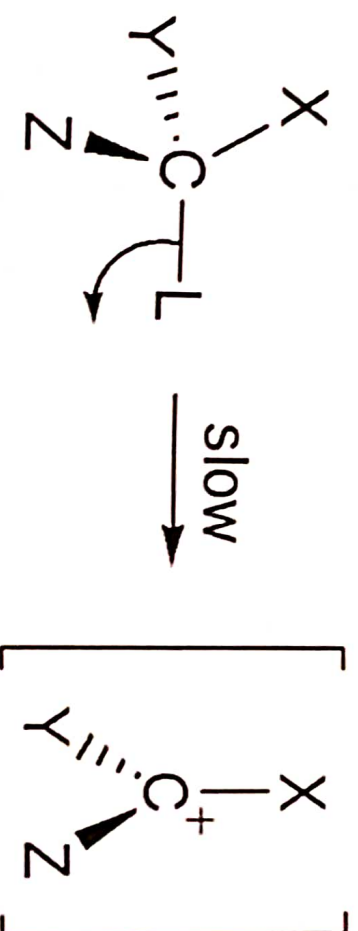
S_N1 reactions happen in two steps:

1. The leaving group leaves, and the substrate forms a *carbocation intermediate*.
2. The nucleophile attacks the carbocation, forming the product.

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The S_N1 Reaction

1. The Slow Step:



First step of the S_N1 reaction:

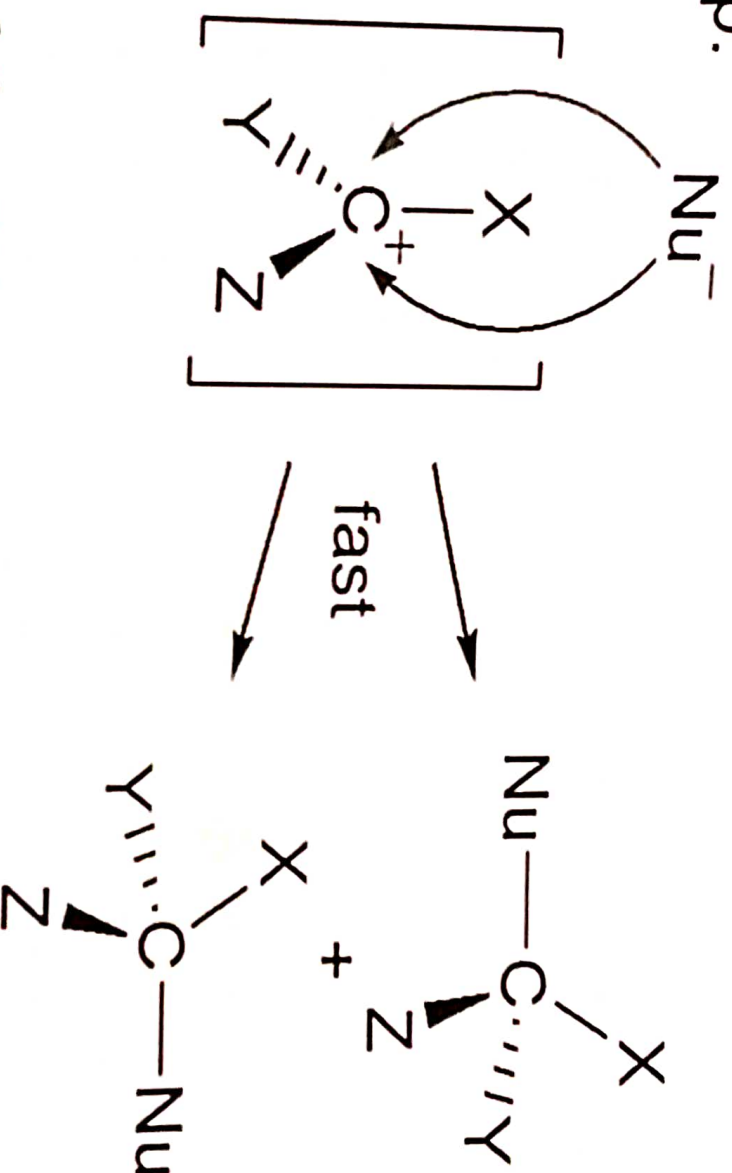
- The leaving group leaves, and the substrate carbon now only has three
- Carbocations are most stable when there are more atoms to distribute
- Carbocation stability:



• Tip: study the difference between reaction intermediates and transition state

The S_N1 Reaction

2. The Fast Step:



Second step of the S_N1 reaction:

The nucleophile attacks the carbocation intermediate, bringing
• The substrate loses any stereospecificity during the carbocationic

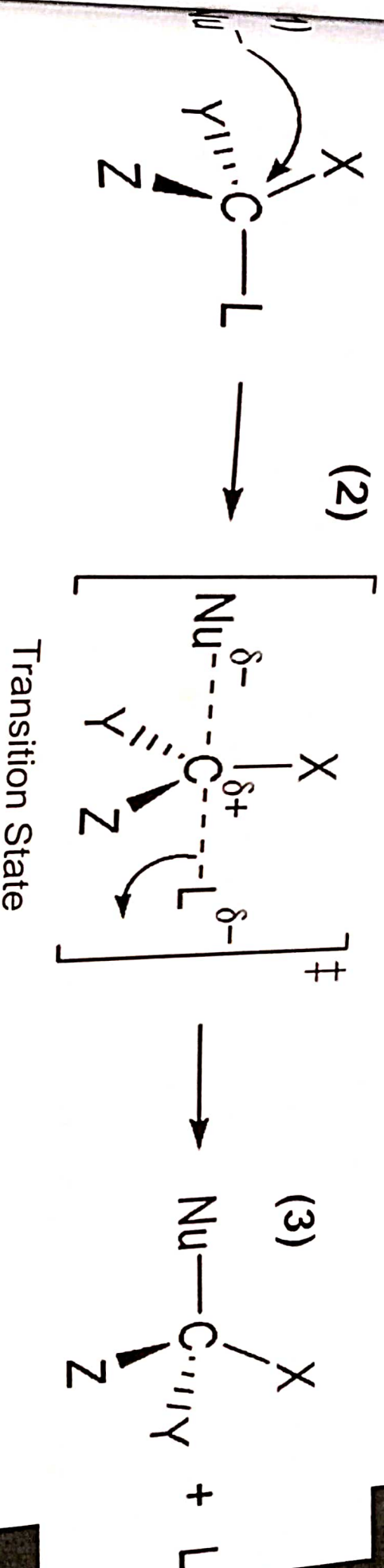
The S_N2 Reaction

Bimolecular: A bimolecular reaction is one whose rate depends on the concentrations of two of its reactants.

S_N2 reactions happen in one step – the nucleophile attacks the substrate as the leaving group leaves the substrate.

Tip: Recall that the rate of a reaction depends on the slowest step. In bimolecular reactions, therefore, the slow step involves two reactants. For S_N2 reactions, there are only two reactants; this means that the slow step is the only step.

The S_N2 Reaction



S_N2 summary:

- (1) Nucleophile back-side attacks the δ^+ carbon center.
- (2) Transition state forms in which nucleophile is forming bond.
- (3) The leaving group leaves, forming the final product.

The S_N2 Reaction

Notes:

- In the S_N2 reaction, the nucleophile attacks from the most δ⁺ re
 - This back-side attack causes an *inversion* (study the previous s
 - The nucleophile must be able to reach the δ⁺ carbon center th
- Tip: see chapter 6 of your textbook to learn what makes a good nucleop