



low energy resonance contributors (structures) contribute more to the resonance hybrid (our understanding of the molecule) than high energy structures (contributors)

Things that cause Lewis structures to be considered high in energy

incomplete octets

charge separation

"wrong" charges

putting \oplus on ener atoms

putting \ominus on an electropositive atom less ener atom
1 problem is ok

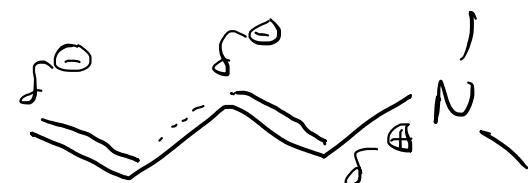
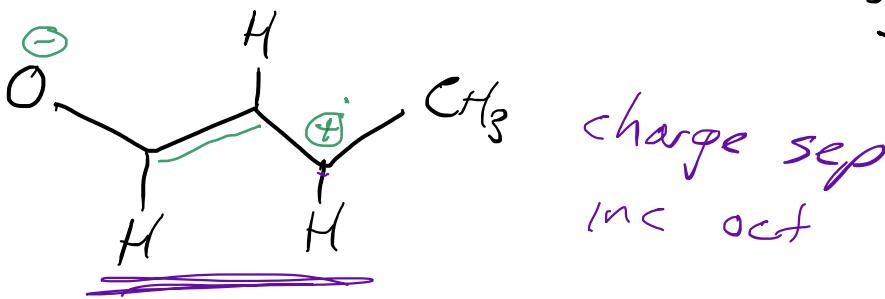
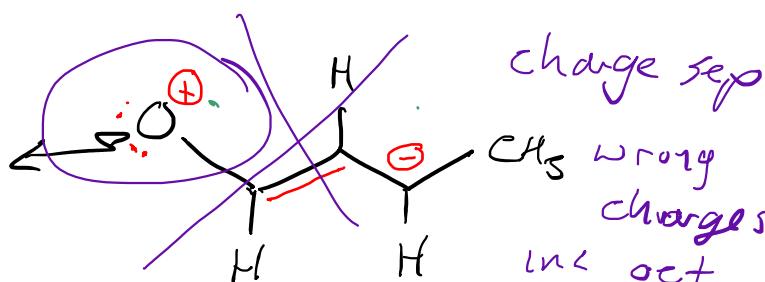
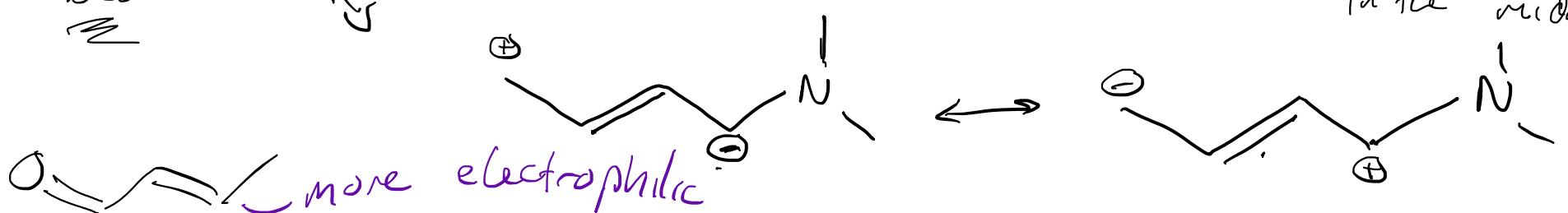
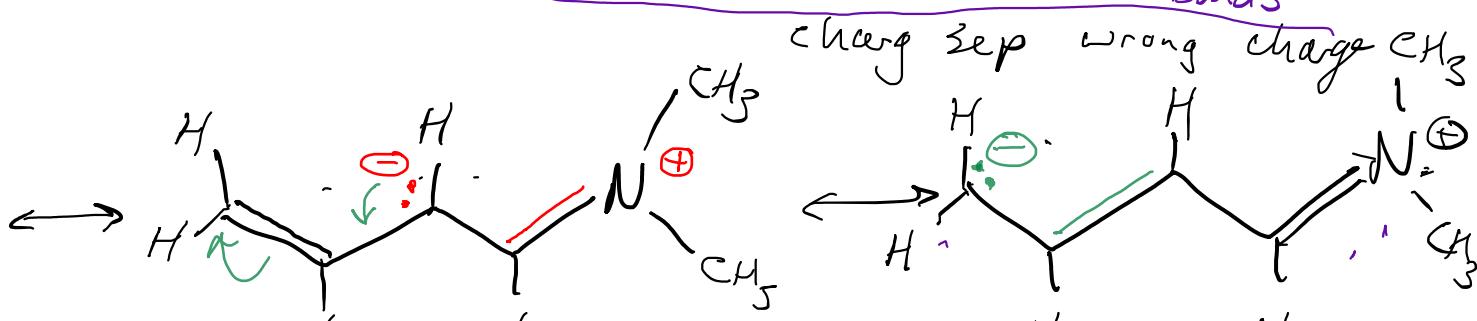
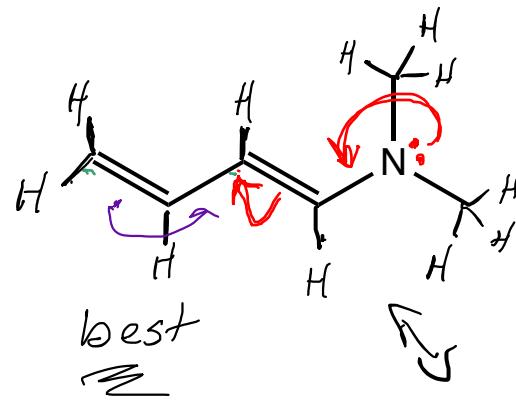
2 is alright

3 don't draw

insignificant contributor

move lp e^- 's towards π bonds, move π bonds towards empty p orbitals,

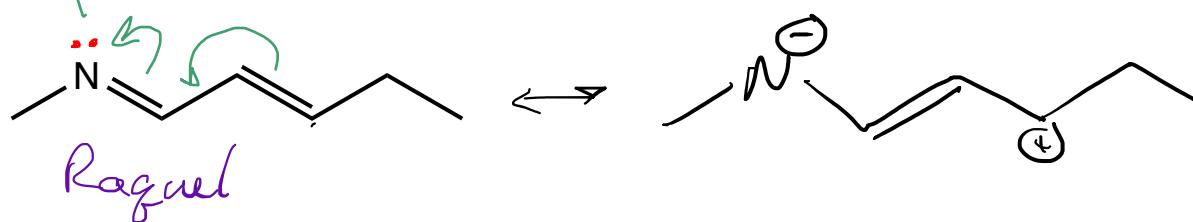
Weighted Averages: The good, the bad, and the ugly move π bonds towards π bonds Section 8.5 & 8.6



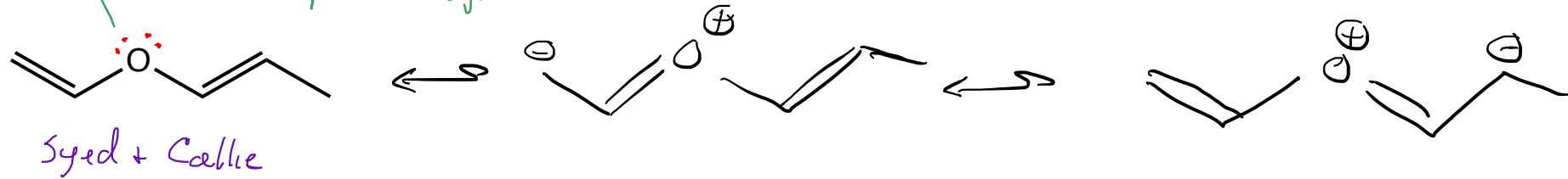
cannot use these lp e^- 's. These are sp^2 hybrids that are L to the π system

Practice Energies of Resonance Contributors

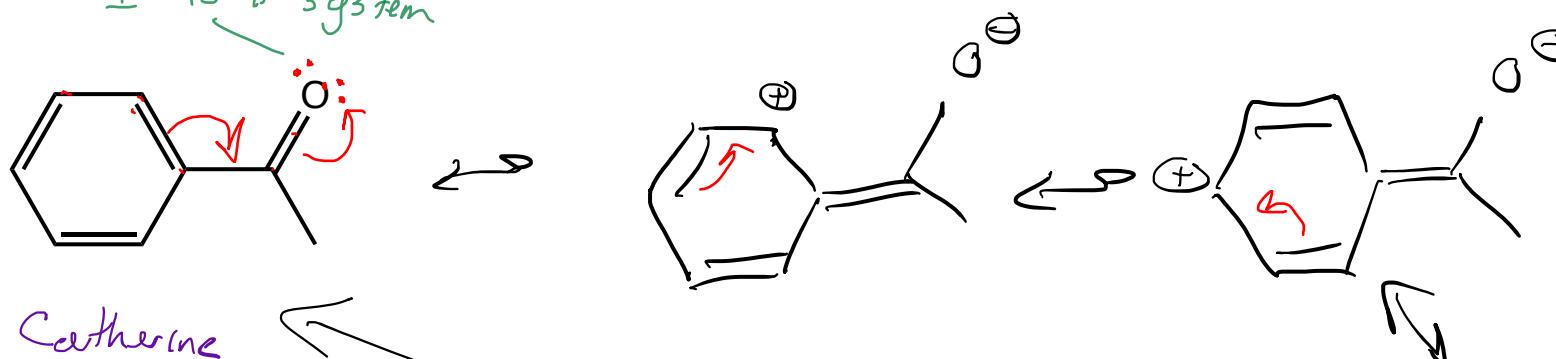
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lone-pair e^- 's free
to line up with π system



lone-pair e^- 's in sp^2 hybrids
 \perp to π system



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