

# Green Chemistry Module for Organic Chemistry

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# Topic: Atom Economy

A Measure of the Efficiency of a  
Reaction

# Efficiency of a Reaction

- Percentage yield

**Theoretical yield** = (moles of limiting reagent)(stoichiometric ratio;  
desired product/limiting reagent)(MW of desired product)

**Percentage yield**= (actual yield/theoretical yield) X 100

**Table 1****Reagents Table**

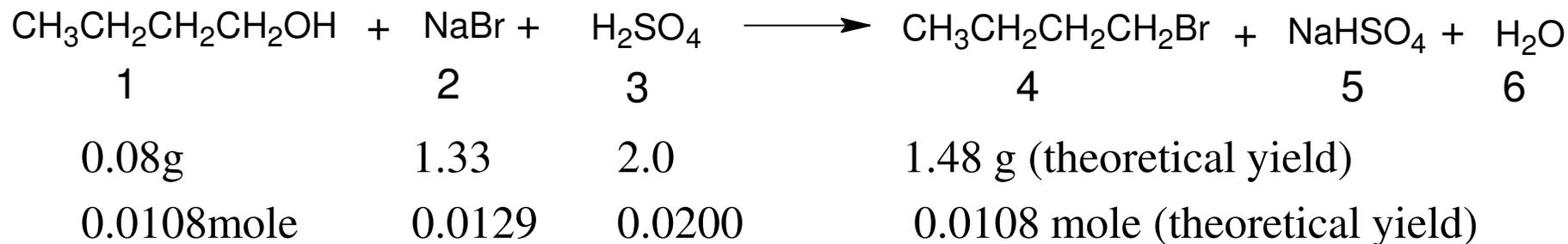
Reagent	MW	Weight Used (g)	Theoretical Moles Needed	Moles Used	Density	Bp (°C)
1 C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub> OH	74.12	0.80	0.0108	0.0108	0.810	118
2 NaBr	102.91	1.33	0.0108	0.0129		
3 H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	98.08	2.0	0.0108	0.0200	1.84	

**Table 2****Desired Product Table**

Compound	MW	Theoretical Yield (Moles)	Theoretical Yield (Grams)	Actual Yield (Grams)	% Yield	Density	Bp (°C)
4 C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub> Br	137.03	0.011	1.48 (100%)	1.20	81	1.275	101.6



# Equation 1a



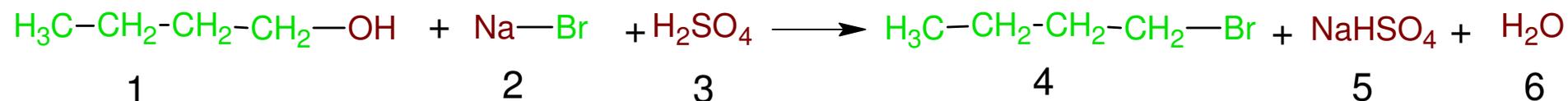
Compound 1 is the limiting reagent

Suppose the actual yield is 1.20 g of compound 4.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Percentage yield} &= (\text{actual yield}/\text{theoretical yield}) \times 100 \\ &= (1.20 \text{ g}/1.48 \text{ g}) \times 100 = 81\%\end{aligned}$$

# Atom Economy in a Substitution Reaction

Equation 1b



**Table 3**      **Atom Economy** of Equation 1

Reagents Formula	Reagents FW	Utilized Atoms	Weight of Utilized Atoms	Unutilized Atoms	Weight of Unutilized Atoms
1 C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub> OH	74	4C,9H	57	HO	17
2 NaBr	103	Br	80	Na	23
3 H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	98	—	0	2H,4O,S	98
<b>Total</b> 4C,12H,5O,BrNaS	275	4C,9H,Br	137	3H,5O,Na,S	138

$$\begin{aligned} \% \text{ Atom Economy} &= (\text{FW of atoms utilized} / \text{FW of all reactants}) \times 100 \\ &= (137/275) \times 100 = 50\% \end{aligned}$$

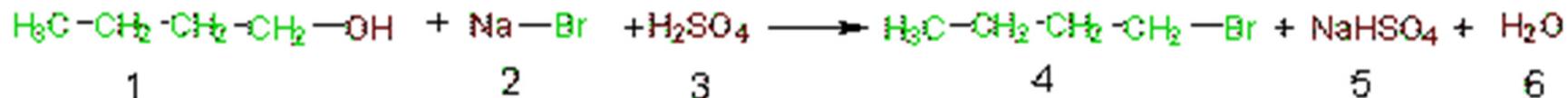


Table 4 Experimental **Atom Economy** of Equation 1: Based on Actual Quantities of Reagents Used

Reagents Formula	Weight of Reagent (FW X moles used)	Utilized Atoms	Weight of Utilized Atoms (FW X moles)	Unutilized Atoms	Weight of Unutilized Atoms (FW X moles)
1 C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub> OH	74.0 X .0108 = .80	4C,9H	57 X .0108 = .62	HO	17 X .0108 = .18
2 NaBr	103 X .0129 = 1.33	Br	79.9X .0129 = 1.03 79.9X .0108 = 0.86 excess 0.17	Na	23 X .0129 = .30 excess 0.17 subtotal 0.47
3 H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	98 X .0200 = 2.0	—	0.00	2H,4O,S	98.1 X .0200 = 1.96
<b>Total</b> 4C,12H,5O,BrNaS	4.13	4C,9H,Br	1.48	3H,5O,Na,S	2.61

% **Experimental Atom Economy** = (mass of reactants utilized in the desired product/total mass of all reactants) X 100  
 = (theoretical yield/total mass of all reactants) X 100  
 = (1.48 g/4.13 g) X 100 = 36%

# **% Yield X Experimental Atom Economy**

**% Yield X Experimental Atom Economy = (actual yield/theoretical yield) X (mass of reactants utilized in the desired product/total mass of all reactants) X 100**

**%PE · EAE = (actual yield/theoretical yield) X (theoretical yield/total mass of all reactants) X 100**  
**= (actual yield/total mass of all the reactants) X 100**  
**= (1.20 g/4.13 g) X 100 = 29%**

# **THE TWELVE PRINCIPLES OF GREEN CHEMISTRY**

- 1. It is better to prevent waste than to treat or clean up waste after it is formed.**
- 2. Synthetic methods should be designed to maximize the incorporation of all materials used in the process into the final product.**
- 3. Wherever practicable, synthetic methodologies should be designed to use and generate substances that possess little or no toxicity to human health and the environment.**
- 4. Chemical products should be designed to preserve efficacy of function while reducing toxicity.**
- 5. The use of auxiliary substances (e.g. solvents, separation agents, etc.) should be made unnecessary whenever possible and, innocuous when used.**

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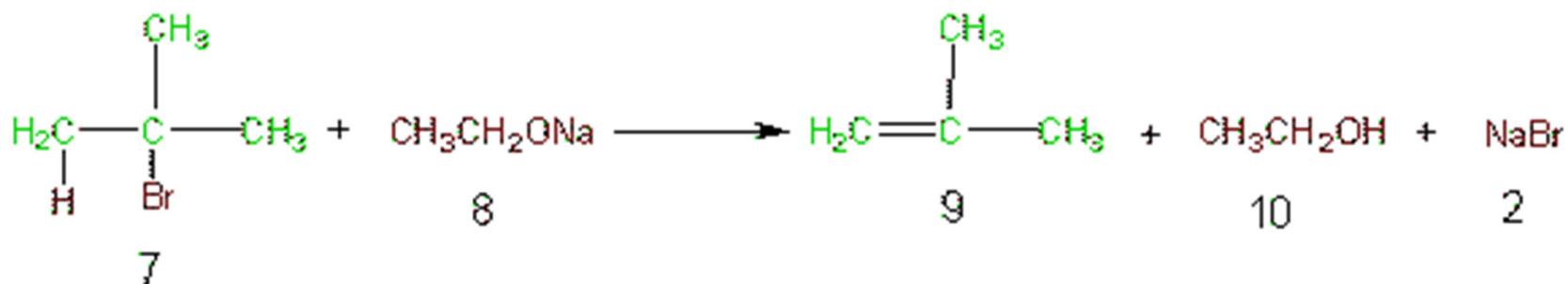
- 6. Energy requirements should be recognized for their environmental and economic impacts and should be minimized. Synthetic methods should be conducted at ambient temperature and pressure.**
- 7. A raw material feedstock should be renewable rather than depleting whenever technically and economically practical.**
- 8. Unnecessary derivatization (blocking group, protection/deprotection, temporary modification of physical/chemical processes) should be avoided whenever possible.**
- 9. Catalytic reagents (as selective as possible) are superior to stoichiometric reagents.**

# **THE TWELVE PRINCIPLES OF GREEN CHEMISTRY**

- 10. Chemical products should be designed so that at the end of their function they do not persist in the environment and break down into innocuous degradation products.**
- 11. Analytical methodologies need to be further developed to allow for real-time in-process monitoring and control prior to the formation of hazardous substances.**
- 12. Substances and the form of a substance used in a chemical process should chosen so as to minimize the potential for chemical accidents, including releases, explosions, and fires.**

# Atom Economy in Elimination Reactions

- Equation 2

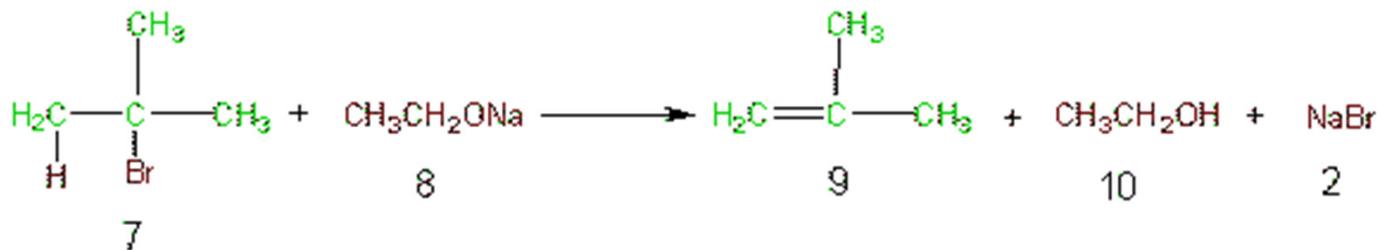


**Table 5**     **Atom Economy Equation 2**

Reagents Formula	Reagents FW	Utilized Atoms	Weight of Utilized Atoms	Unutilized Atoms	Weight of Unutilized Atoms
7 C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub> Br	137	4C,8H	56	HBr	81
8 C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ONa	68	—	0	2C,5H,O,Na	68
<b>Total</b> 6C,14H,O,Br,Na	205	4C,8H	56	2C,6H,O,Br,Na	149

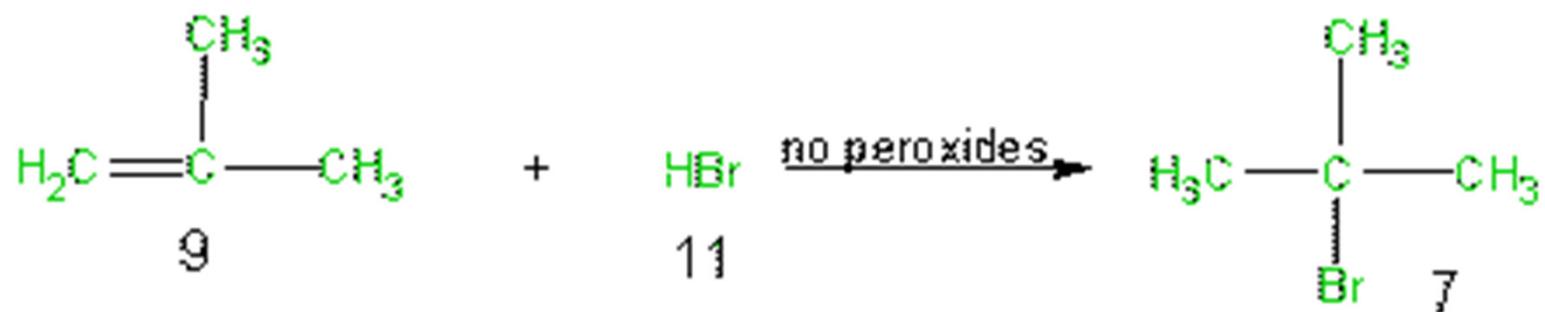
**% Atom Economy** = (FW of atoms utilized/FW of all reactants) X 100

$$= (56/205) \times 100 = 27\%$$



# Atom Economy in Addition Reactions

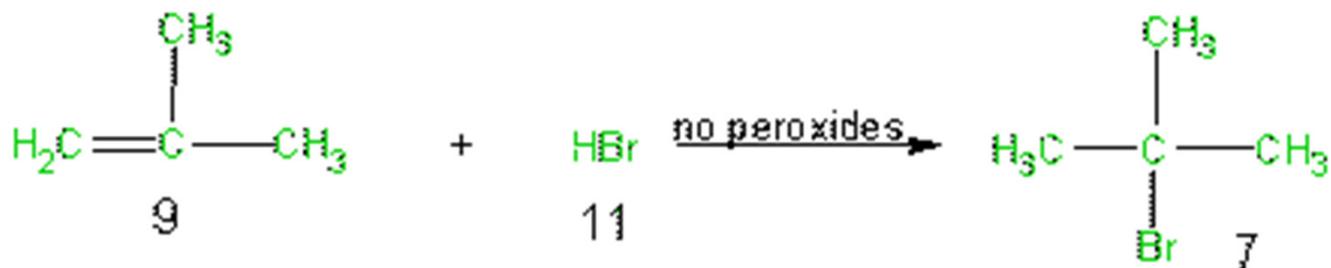
- Equation 3



**Table 6**      **Atom Economy** Equation 3

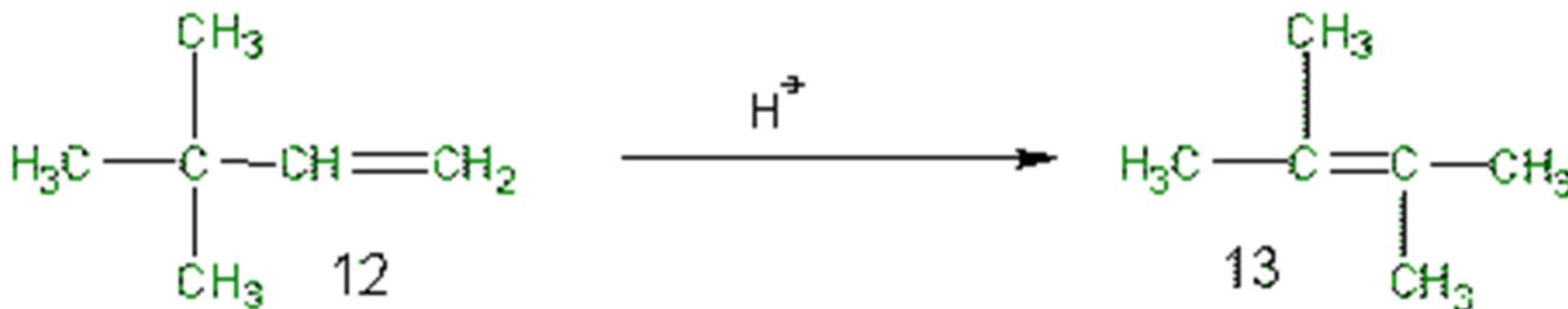
Reagents Formula	Reagents FW	Utilized Atoms	Weight of Utilized Atoms	Unutilized Atoms	Weight of Unutilized Atoms
9 C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	56	4C,8H	56	—	0
11 HBr	81	HBr	81	—	0
<b>Total</b> 4C,9H,Br	137	4C,9H,Br	137	—	0

$$\begin{aligned} \% \text{ Atom Economy} &= (\text{FW of atoms utilized} / \text{FW of all reactants}) \times 100 \\ &= (137 / 137) \times 100 = 100\% \end{aligned}$$



# Atom Economy in Rearrangement Reactions

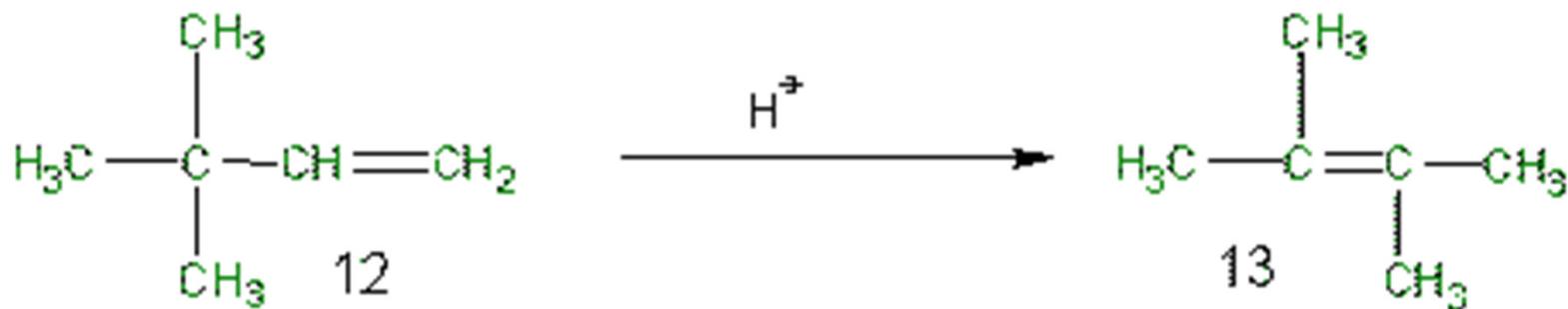
- Equation 4



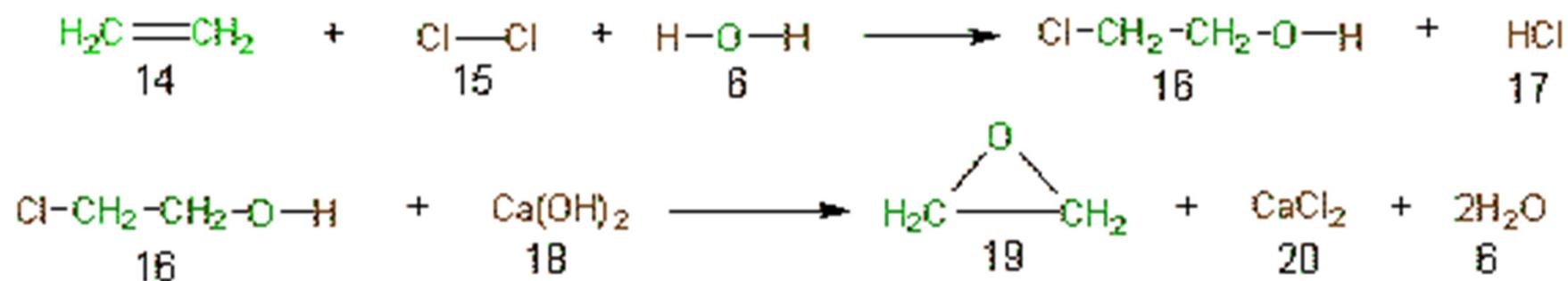
**Table 7**    **Atom Economy Equation 4**

Reagents Formula	Reagents FW	Utilized Atoms	Weight of Utilized Atoms	Unutilized Atoms	Weight of Unutilized Atoms
12 C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>12</sub>	84	6C,12H	84	—	0
<b>Total</b> 6C,12H	84	6C,12H	84	—	0

**% Atom Economy** = (FW of atoms utilized/FW of all reactants) X 100  
 = (84/84) X 100 = 100%



# Scheme 1 Atom Economy in The Chlorohydrin Route to Ethylene Oxide

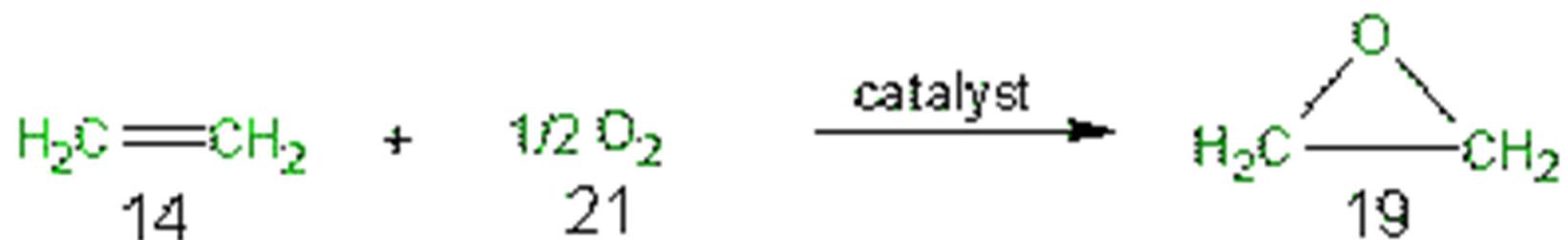


**Table 8**      **Atom Economy** of Scheme 1, The Chlorhydrin Route to Ethylene Oxide

Reagents Formula	Reagents FW	Utilized Atoms	Weight of Utilized Atoms	Unutilized Atoms	Weight of Unutilized Atoms
14 C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	28	2C,4H	28	—	0
15 Cl <sub>2</sub>	71	—	0	2Cl	71
6 H <sub>2</sub> O	18	O	16	2H	2
18 Ca(OH) <sub>2</sub>	72	—	0	Ca,4H,2O	72
<b>Total</b> 2C,8H,3O,Ca,2Cl	189	2C,4H,O	44	6H,2O,Ca,2Cl	145

$$\begin{aligned} \% \text{ Atom Economy} &= (\text{FW of atoms utilized} / \text{FW of all reactants}) \times 100 \\ &= (44 / 189) \times 100 = 23\% \end{aligned}$$

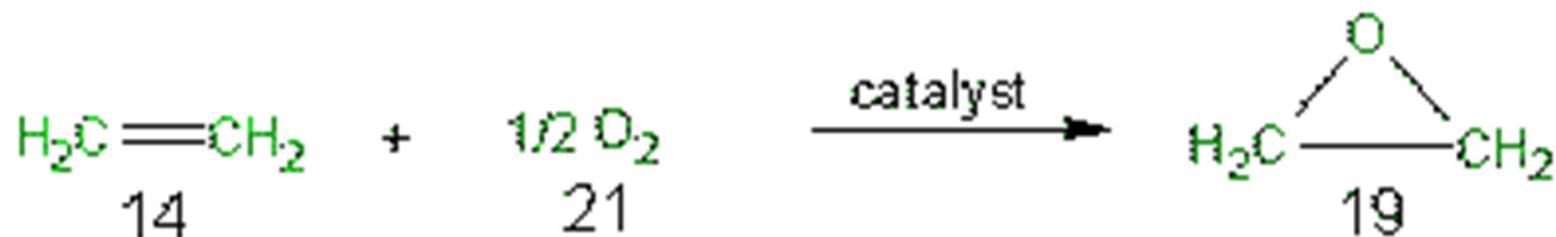
# Scheme 2 Atom Economy in The Catalytic Route to Ethylene Oxide



**Table 9** Atom Economy of Scheme 2, The Catalytic Route to Ethylene Oxide

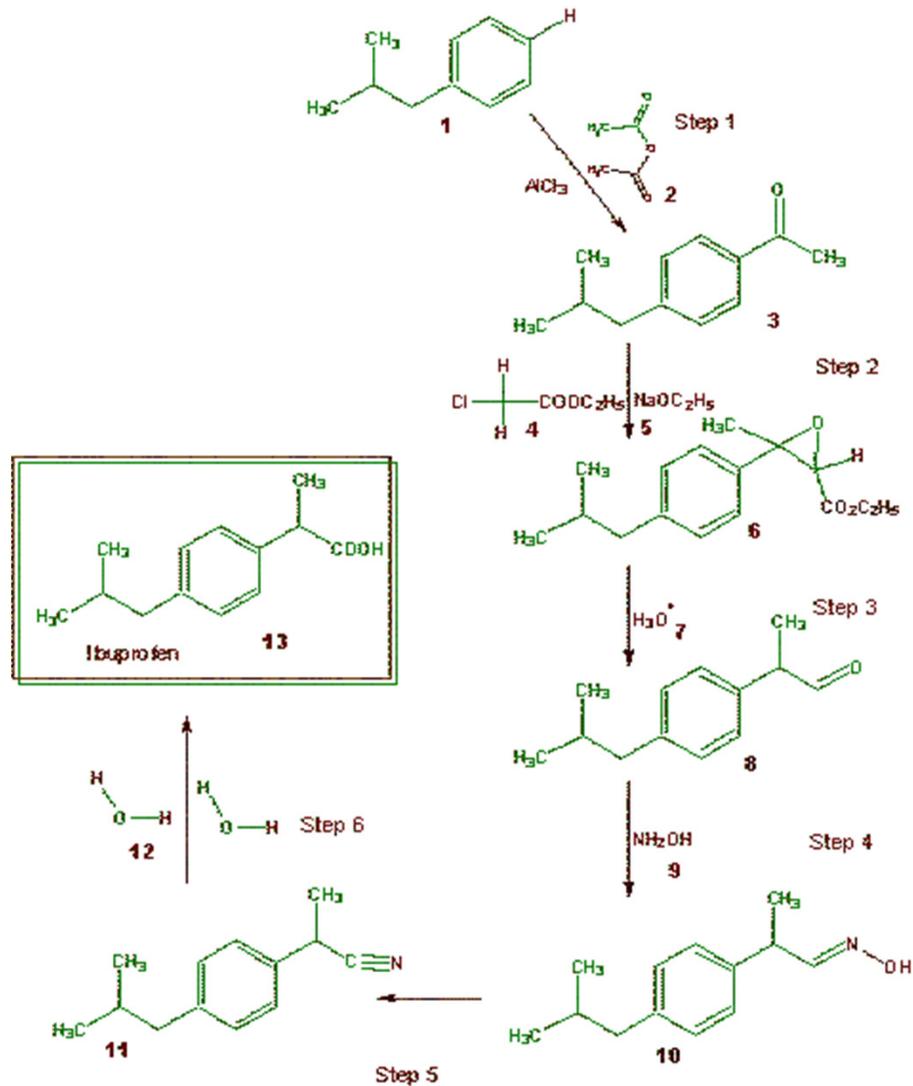
Reagents Formula	Reagents FW	Utilized Atoms	Weight of Utilized Atoms	Unutilized Atoms	Weight of Unutilized Atoms
14 C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	28	2C,4H	28	—	0
21 1/2 O <sub>2</sub>	16	O	16	—	0
<b>Total</b> 2C,4H,1O	44	2C,4H,O	44	—	0

$$\begin{aligned} \% \text{ Atom Economy} &= (\text{FW of atoms utilized} / \text{FW of all reactants}) \times 100 \\ &= (44/44) \times 100 = 100\% \end{aligned}$$



# The Boots Synthesis of Ibuprofen

Scheme 3, Atom Economy



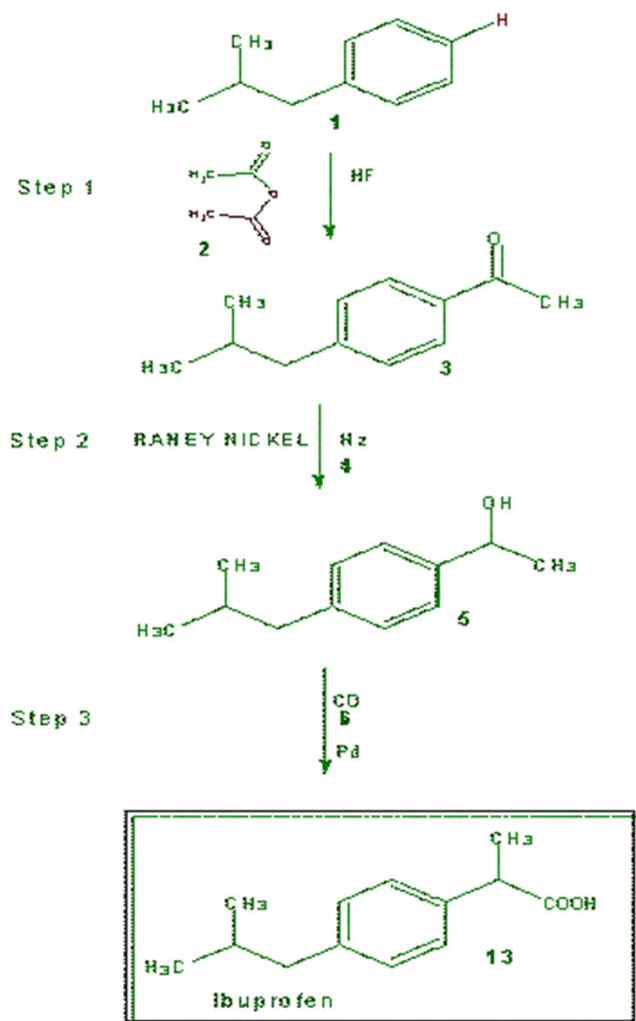
**Table 10** **Atom Economy** of Scheme 3, the Boots Company Synthesis of Ibuprofen

Reagents Formula	Reagents FW	Utilized Atoms	Weight of Utilized Atoms	Unutilized Atoms	Weight of Unutilized Atoms
1 C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>14</sub>	134	10C,13H	133	H	1
2 C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	102	2C,3H	27	2C,3H,3O	75
4 C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>7</sub> ClO <sub>2</sub>	122.5	C,H	13	3C,6H,Cl,2O	109.5
5 C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ONa	68	—	0	2C,5H,O,Na	68
7 H <sub>3</sub> O	19	—	0	3H,O	19
9 NH <sub>3</sub> O	33	—	0	3H,N,O	33
12 H <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	36	H,2O	33	3H	3
<b>Total</b> 20C,42H,N,10O, Cl,Na	514.5	Ibuprofen 13C,18H,2O	Ibuprofen 206	Waste Products 7C,24H,N,8O, Cl,Na	Waste Products 308.5

$$\begin{aligned} \% \text{ Atom Economy} &= (\text{FW of atoms utilized} / \text{FW of all reactants}) \times 100 \\ &= (206 / 514.5) \times 100 = 40\% \end{aligned}$$

# The BHC Synthesis of Ibuprofen

## Scheme 4, Atom Economy



**Table 11**     **Atom Economy** of Scheme 4, the BHC Company Synthesis of Ibuprofen

Reagents Formula	Reagents FW	Utilized Atoms	Weight of Utilized Atoms	Unutilized Atoms	Weight of Unutilized Atoms
1 C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>14</sub>	134	10C,13H	133	H	1
2 C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	102	2C,3H,O	43	2C,3H,2O	59
4 H <sub>2</sub>	2	2H	2	—	0
6 CO	28	CO	28	—	0
<b>Total</b> 15C,22H,4O	266	<b>Ibuprofen</b> 13C,18H,2O	206	<b>Waste Products</b> 2C,3H,2O	60

$$\begin{aligned} \% \text{ Atom Economy} &= (\text{FW of atoms utilized} / \text{FW of all reactants}) \times 100 \\ &= (206 / 266) \times 100 = 77\% \end{aligned}$$