

About Chapter 11

I was originally planning to include the material in this chapter in two different chapters. *Free Radical Halogenation of Alkanes* was going to be Chapter 6. *Free Radical Addition to Alkenes* was going to be included in a "global" addition chapter (now Chapter 10 that includes only electrophilic and concerted addition reactions).

Some people that reviewed drafts of the early manuscript felt that the early introduction of radical chemistry was bad! Hmmmm! Oh well, I guess I am prejudiced since a big chunk of my research career was spent in free radical chemistry.

But I was advised that reviewers need to be listened to, so I made some structural changes. That is the origin of this chapter that describes (1) free radicals and free radical chemistry, (2) alkane halogenation reactions, and (3) alkene (and alkyne) addition reactions.

Now that I only have to answer to Mr. Yahoo about all of this, I suppose that I could have returned to my original structure. However, I made these changes a while back and developed other chapters assuming that all free radical chemistry would be in this chapter. So that is how it is going to be!

Why am I telling you this? Well I guess its designed to explain why I am so slow in posting this chapter. It is being built from pieces of other chapters, and like any remodeling job where you use spare parts, it takes a while to make all of the disparate pieces fit!

Be patient! I now have a Chapter 11 and just need to fine tune-it. I am close and hope to have something here for you before the end of March!

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