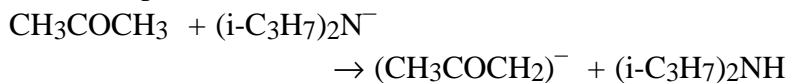
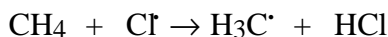


abstraction

A *chemical reaction* or *transformation*, the main feature of which is the bimolecular removal of an atom (neutral or charged) from a molecular entity. For example:



(proton abstraction from acetone)



(hydrogen abstraction from methane)

See *detachment*.

1994, 66, 1081