# **Organic synthesis**

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### **Enols & enolates: formation, structure, reactivity**

### **Knoevenagel condensations**

enolate attacks carbonyl C, subsequent elimination of H<sub>2</sub>O

CHO + 
$$MeO_2C$$
  $CO_2Me$   $AcOH$   $AcOH$   $B2\%$ 

Tetrahedron Lett. 1986, 27, 1767.

+ NC 
$$CO_2Me$$

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CHO
$$CHO + EtO_2C CO_2Et$$

$$AcOH$$

$$CO_2Et$$

Org. Synth. Coll. Vol. 3, 1955, 165.

#### **Robinson annulation**

Michael addition + aldol condensation

• both ketones can be prepared non-racemic by proline-catalyzed Robinson annulation

Hajos-Parrish ketone

### **Henry reaction**

J. Org. Chem. 1950, 15, 8.

Helv. Chim. Acta 1988, 71, 1.

#### **Nef reaction**

modern version:

1. LDA 2. MoOPh

or TiCl<sub>3</sub>

or 1. KOH 2. KMnO<sub>4</sub>

### Claisen condensation

### **Dieckmann condensation**

intramolecular version of Claisen condensation

## Thorpe reaction

• "enolates" of nitriles

NC 
$$\xrightarrow{\text{CN}} \xrightarrow{\text{1. NaOEt}} \xrightarrow{\text{CN}} \xrightarrow{\text{CN}} \xrightarrow{\text{CN}} \xrightarrow{\text{CN}} \xrightarrow{\text{NC}} \xrightarrow$$

### **Mannich reaction**

frequently used in assembly of cyclic N-containing systems

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{MeO} \\ \text{MeO} \\ \text{NMe} \\ \\ \text{HCHO} \\ \\ \\ \text{H} \\ \\ \text{N} \\ \\ \text{H} \\ \\ \\ \text{N} \\ \\ \text{N} \\ \\ \text{N} \\ \\ \text{N} \\ \\ \text{N} \\ \\ \\ \text{N} \\ \\ \\ \text{N} \\ \\ \text{N} \\ \\ \\ \text{N} \\ \\ \\ \text{N} \\ \\ \text{N} \\ \\ \text{N} \\ \\ \text{N} \\ \\ \\ \text{N} \\ \\ \text{N} \\ \\ \text{N} \\ \\ \text{N} \\ \\ \\ \text{N} \\ \\ \text{N} \\ \\ \text{N} \\ \\ \\ \text{N} \\ \\ \\ \text{N} \\ \\ \text{N} \\ \\ \text{N} \\$$

Chem. Pharm. Bull. 1991, 39, 1349.

note: only 6% yield with HCHO + Me<sub>2</sub>NH (sterically hindered substrate)

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"biomimetic approach"

CHO + MeNH<sub>2</sub> + 
$$CO_2H$$
  $CO_2H$   $COOH$   $COOH$   $COOH$   $COOH$   $COOH$ 

J. Chem. Soc. 1917, 762.

#### Strecker reaction

• synthesis of amino acids

OMe
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1. KCN, 
$$(NH_4)_2CO_3$$

2. Ba $(OH)_2$ ,  $H_2O$ 

3.  $H_3O^+$ 

90%

J. Org. Chem. 1987, 52, 4477.

Aldol reaction: 2 new stereogenic centers can be created

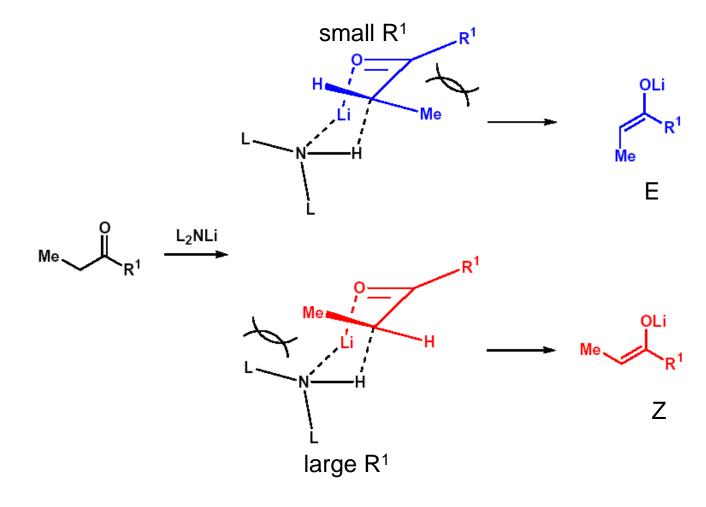
(regioselective) formation of enolate

OM

$$R^1$$
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• stereochemistry of products depends on the configuration of the starting enolates

### GEOMETRY OF ENOLATES - IRELAND MODEL



### GEOMETRY OF ENOLATES - EFFECT OF BASE

$$R^{1} \xrightarrow{\text{Me}} \frac{\text{LiNR}_{2}}{\text{THF, -78}^{\circ}\text{C}} \xrightarrow{\text{R}^{1}} \frac{\text{OLi}}{\text{H}} + R^{1} \xrightarrow{\text{Me}} H$$

| BÁZE                                   | $R_1$ =Et $(Z:E)$ | $R_1$ =cyklohexyl ( $Z:E$ ) |
|--|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| LiN(i-Pr) <sub>2</sub>                 | 30:70             | 61 : 39                     |
| LiN(SiMe <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>   | 70:30             | 85 : 15                     |
| LiN(SiEt <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>   | 99:1              | 96 : 4                      |
| LiN(SiMe <sub>2</sub> Ph) <sub>2</sub> | 100:0             | 100:0                       |

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- sterochemistry of products depends on the configuration of the starting enolates
- stereochemistry can also depend on R³

$$R^2 = H$$
,  
 $R^1$ ,  $R^3$  achiral

racemic mixture

$$R^2 = H$$
,  $H$ 
 $R^1$  achiral
 $R^3$  chiral

Respectively. Felkin-Anh

Nu attacks C=O: 107° angle

76:24

80:20

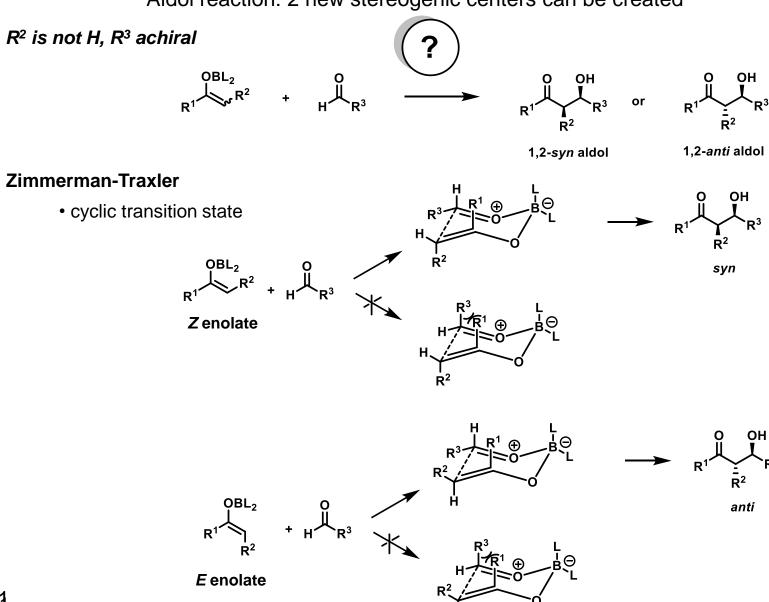
#### stereoselective reactions with large Nu

mixture of diastereomers

Me Ph CHO + R O'M+ 
$$\frac{1. \text{ THF}}{2. \text{ H}_3\text{O}^+}$$
 Ph OH O syn  $\frac{\text{Me}}{\text{OH O}}$  Anti

t-Bu

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### R<sup>2</sup> is not H, R<sup>3</sup> chiral

Evans' oxazolidinone

R: Bn, i-Pr, t-Bu ...

com. available

### Aldol reaction: asymmetric induction

R<sub>3</sub> contains stereogenic center: typically, conditions can be adjusted so that the syn- or anti- product is predominant