#### **Carbon- Carbon Bond Formation**

- 1. Alkylation of enolates, enamines and hydrazones
  - C&S: Chapt. 1, 2.1, 2.2 problems Ch 1: 1; 2; 3, 7; 8a-d; 9; 14 Ch. 2: 1; 2; 4) Smith: Chapt. 9
- 2. Alkylation of heteroatom stabilized anions C&S :Chapt. 2.4 2.6)
- 3. Umpolung Smith: Chapt. 8.6
- 4. Organometallic Reagents C&S: Chapt. 7, 8, 9 problem
  - C&S: Chapt. 7, 8, 9 problems ch 7: 1; 2; 3, 6; 13 Ch. 8: 1; 2 Smith: Chapt. 8
- 5. Sigmatropic Rearrangements . C&S Chapt. 6.5, 6.6, 6.7 # 1e,f,h,op Smith Chapt. 11.12, 11.13

**Enolates** Comprehensive Organic Synthesis **1991**, vol. 2, 99.

- -deprotonation of a ketone, aldehyde or ester by treatment with a strong non-nucleophillic base.
- carbonyl group stabilizes the resulting negative charge.



- Base is chosen so as to favor enolate formation. Acidity of C-H bond must be greater (lower  $pK_a$  value) than that of the conjugate acid of the base (C&S table 1.1, pg 3)



- Common bases: NaH, EtONa, tBuOK, NaNH<sub>2</sub>, LiNiPr<sub>2</sub>, M N(SiMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, Na CH<sub>2</sub>S(O)CH<sub>3</sub>

**Enolate Formation:** 

- H<sup>+</sup> Catalyzed (thermodynamic)



- Base induced (thermodynamic or kinetic)



**Regioselective Enolate Formation** 

Tetrahedron 1976, 32, 2979.

- Kinetic enolate- deprotonation of the most accessable proton (relative rates of deprotonation). Reaction done under essentially irreversible conditions.



typical conditions: strong hindered (non-nucleophilic) base such as LDA  $$R_2NH$\ pKa= $\sim30$$ 



Ester Enolates- Esters are susceptible to substitution by the base, even LDA can be problematic. Use very hindered non-nucleophillic base (Li isopropylcyclohexyl amide)



- Thermodynamic Enolate- Reversible deprotonation to give the most stable enolate: more highly substituted C=C of the enol form



typical conditions: RO<sup>-</sup> M<sup>+</sup> in ROH , protic solvent allows reversible enolate formation. Enolate in small concentration (pKa of ROH= 15-18 range)

- note: the kinetic and thermodynamic enolate in some cases may be the same

- for , -unsaturated ketones



# **Trapping of Kinetic Enolates**

- enol acetates





- tetraalkylammonium enolates- "naked" enolates
- TMS silyl enol ethers are labile: can also use Et<sub>3</sub>Si-, iPr<sub>3</sub>Si- etc.
- Silyl enol ether formation with  $R_3 SiCl \!+ Et_3 N$  gives thermodyanamic silyl enol ether
- From Enones



- From conjugate (1,4-) additions



Trap or use directly

- From reduction of -halo carbonyls



Alkylation of Enolates (condensation of enolates with alkyl halides and epoxides) Comprehensive Organic Synthesis **1991**, vol. 3, 1.

- 1° alkyl halides, allylic and benzylic halides work well
- 2° alkyl halides can be troublesome
- 3° alkyl halides don't work



- Rate of alkylation is increased in more polar solvents (or addition of additive)



Mechanism of Enolate Alkylation: SN2 reaction, inversion of electrophile stereochemistry



Alkylation of 4-t-butylcyclohexanone:



on cyclohexanone enolates, the electrophile approaches from an "axial" trajectory. This approach leads directly into a chair-like product. "Equitorial apprach leads to a higher energy twist-boat conformation.

Alkylation of , -unsaturated carbonyls



Stork-Danheiser Enone Transposition: - overall -alkylation of an , -unsaturated ketone



Chiral enolates- Chiral auxilaries.



D.A. Evans JACS 1982, 104, 1737; Aldrichimica Acta 1982, 15, 23.

Complimentary Methods for enantiospecific alkylations

Diastereoselectivity: 92 - 98 % for most alkyl halides

Enolate Oxidation Chem. Rev. 1992, 92, 919.







Lewis Acid Mediated Alkylation of Silyl Enolethers- SN1 like alkylations









"Kinetic"

"Thermodynamic"



-Chiral enamines





Hydrazones isoelectronic with ketones Comprehensive Organic Synthesis 1991, 2, 503



- Hydrazone anions are more reactive than the corresponding ketone or aldehyde enolate.

- Drawback: can be difficult to hydrolyze.

- Chiral hydrazones for asymmetric alkylations (RAMP/SAMP hydrazones- D. Enders "Asymmetric Synthesis" vol 3, chapt 4, Academic Press; **1983**)





- The effects of the counterion on the reactivity of the enolates can be important Reactivity  $Li^+ < Na^+ < K^+ < R_4N^+$  addition of crown ethers

- The aldol reaction is an equilibrium which can be "driven" to completion.



In the case of hindered enolates, the equillibrium favors reactants.  $Mg^{2+}$  and  $Zn^{2+}$  counterions will stabilize the intermediate -alkoxycarbonyl and push the equillibrium towards products. (*JACS* **1973**, 95, **3310**)



- Dehydration of the intermediate -alkoxy- or -hydroxy ketone can also serve to drive the reaction to the right.



**Enolate Geometry** 

- two possible enolate geometries



- enolate geometry plays a major role in stereoselection.





- Zimmerman-Traxler Transition State : Ivanov condensation JACS **1957**, 79, **1920**.





# Analysis of Z-enolate stereoselectivity



### Analysis of E-enolate stereoselectivity





### Analysis of Boat Transition State for Z-Enolates



#### Analysis of Boat Transition State for E-Enolates



Summary of Aldol Transition State Analysis:

1. Enolate geometry (E- or Z-) is an important stereochemical aspect. Z-Enolates usually give a higher degree of stereoselection than E-enolates.

2. Li<sup>+</sup>,  $Mg^{2+}$ ,  $Al^{3+}$  = enolates give comparable levels of diastereoselection for kinetic aldol reactions.

3. Steric influences of enolate substituents ( $R_1 \& R_2$ ) play a dominent role in kinetic diastereoselection.



When  $R_1$  is the dominent steric influence, then path A proceeds. If  $R_2$  is the dominent steric influence then path B proceeds.

4. The Zimmerman-Traxler like transition state model can involve either a chair or boat geometry.

Noyori "Open" Transition State for non-Chelation Control Aldols

Absence of a binding counterion. Typical counter ions:  $R_4N^+$ ,  $K^+/18$ -C-6,  $Cp_2Zr^{2+}$ 

- Non-chelation aldol reactions proceed via an "open" transition state to give syn aldols

regardless of enolate geometry.







#### NMR Stereochemical Assignment.

Coupling constants (J) are a weighted average of various conformations.



Boron Enolates: Comprehensive Organic Synthesis **1991**, *2*, **239**. Organic Reactions **1995**, 46, **1**; Organic Reactions **1997**, 51, **1**. OPPI **1994**, 26, **3**.

- Alkali & alkaline earth metal enolates tend to be aggregates- complicates stereoselection models.

- Boron enolates are monomeric and homogeneous

- B-O and B-C bonds are shorter and stronger than the corresponding Li-O abd Li-C

bonds (more covalent character)- therefore tighter more organized transition state. Generation of Boron Enolates:





Diastereoselective Aldol Condensation with Boron Enolates



Asymmetric Aldol Condansations with Chiral Auxilaries-

- D.A. Evans et al. Topics in Stereochemistry, 1982, 13, 1-115.
- Li<sup>+</sup> enolates give poor selectivity (1:1)
- Boron and tin enolates give much improved selectivity





preferred conformation



**Oppolzer Sultam** 

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### **Chiral Boron**

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• In general, syn aldol products are achievable with high selectivity, anti aldols are more difficult

Mukaiyama-Aldol- Silyl Enol Ethers as an enolate precursors.

Lewis acid promoted condensation of silyl ketene acetals (ester enolate equiv.) with aldehydes: proceeds via "open" transition state to give anti aldols starting from either E- or Z- enolates.

![](_page_14_Figure_6.jpeg)

Asymmetric Mukiayama Aldol:

![](_page_14_Figure_8.jpeg)

(90-94% de)

syn : anti = 85 : 15 selectivity insenstivie to enolate geometry

![](_page_15_Figure_1.jpeg)

Mukaiyama-Johnson Aldol- Lewis acid promoted condensation of silyl enol ethers with acetals:

![](_page_15_Figure_3.jpeg)

Meyer's Oxazolines:

![](_page_16_Figure_2.jpeg)

Anti-Aldols by Indirect Methods:

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![](_page_16_Figure_5.jpeg)

![](_page_16_Figure_6.jpeg)

![](_page_16_Figure_7.jpeg)

# Syn Aldols by Indirect Methods:

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![](_page_17_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_18_Figure_1.jpeg)

Michael Addition

- 1,4-addition of an enolate to an , -unsaturated carbonyl to give 1,5-dicarbonyl compounds

![](_page_18_Figure_4.jpeg)

Organometallic Reagents Grignard reagents:

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![](_page_19_Figure_1.jpeg)

Organolithium reagents

- usually gives 1,2-addition products

- alkyllithium are prepared from lithium metal and the corresponding alkyl halide

- vinyl or aryl- lithium are prepared by metal-halogen exchange from the corresponding vinyl or aryl- haidide or trialkyl tin with n-butyl, sec-butyl or t-butyllithium.

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{R-Br} & \underbrace{\text{Li}(0)}_{\text{Et}_2\text{O}} \quad \text{R-Li} \\ \end{array}$$

$$X = \text{Br}, \text{I}, \text{Bu}_3\text{Sn} \qquad \overbrace{\text{Li}}^{\text{X}} & \underbrace{\text{nBu-Li}}_{\text{Et}_2\text{O}} \quad \overbrace{\text{Li}}^{\text{Li}} \end{array}$$

Organocuprates

**Reviews:** Synthesis **1972**, **63**; Tetrahedron **1984**, 40, **641**; Organic Reactions **1972**, 19, 1. - selective 1,4-addition to , -unsaturated carbonyls

$$2 \text{ R-Li} \xrightarrow{\text{Cul, THF}} R_2 \text{CuLi}$$

- curprate "wastes" one R group- use non transferable ligand

$$R-Li \xrightarrow{MeO} Cu \left[ \underbrace{MeO}_{-Cu-R} \right]^{-} Li$$
non-transferable ligand

Other non transferable ligands

$$\begin{bmatrix} Bu_{3}P-Cu-R \end{bmatrix}^{-} Li^{+} & \begin{bmatrix} Me_{2}S-Cu-R \end{bmatrix}^{-} Li^{+} & \begin{bmatrix} NC-Cu-R \end{bmatrix}^{-} Li^{+} & \begin{bmatrix} F_{3}B-Cu-R \end{bmatrix}^{-} Li^{+} \\ \begin{bmatrix} \swarrow & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \end{bmatrix}^{2-} 2Li^{+} & \begin{array}{c} Mixed \ Higher \ Order \ Cuprate \\ B. \ Lipshutz \ Tetrahedron \ 1984, 40, 5005 \\ Synthesis \ 1987, 325. \end{array}$$

![](_page_19_Figure_14.jpeg)

![](_page_20_Figure_1.jpeg)

JACS 1984, 106, 7588

Stereoselective Addition to Aldehydes

- Aldehydes are "prochiral", thus addition of an organometallic reagent to an aldehydes may be stereoselective.
- Cram's Řule JACS 1952, 74, 2748; JACS 1959, 84, 5828.

empirical rule

![](_page_20_Figure_7.jpeg)

- Felkin-Ahn TL 1968, 2199; Nouv. J. Chim. 1977, 1, 61. based on *ab initio* calculations of preferred geometry of aldehyde which considers the trajectory of the in coming nucleophile (Dunitz-Burgi trajectory).

![](_page_20_Figure_9.jpeg)

Chelation Control Model- "Anti-Cram" selectivity
 When L is a group capable of chelating a counterion such as alkoxide groups

![](_page_20_Figure_11.jpeg)

Umpolung - reversal of polarity Aldrichimica Acta **1981**, 14, 73; ACIIE **1979**, 18, 239. i.e. acyl anion equivalents are carbonyl nucleophiles (carbonyls are usually electophillic)

![](_page_20_Figure_13.jpeg)

Benzoin Condensation

Comprehensive Organic Synthesis 1991, 1, 541.

![](_page_20_Figure_16.jpeg)

![](_page_21_Figure_1.jpeg)

Thiamin pyrophosphate- natures acyl anion equivalent for trans ketolization reactions

![](_page_22_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_23_Figure_1.jpeg)

### 3,3-sigmatropic Rearrangements

Cope Rearrangemets- requires high temperatures Organic Reaction 1975, 22, 1

![](_page_23_Figure_4.jpeg)

Chair transition state:

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"Chirality Transfer"

![](_page_24_Figure_4.jpeg)

- anion accelerated (oxy-) Cope- proceeds under much milder conditions (lower temperature) JACS **1980**, 102, 774; Tetrahedron **1978**, 34, **1877**; Organic Reactions **1993**, 43, **93**; Comprehensive Organic Synthesis **1991**, 5, **795**. Tetrahedron **1997**, 53, **13971**.

![](_page_25_Figure_1.jpeg)

Ring expansion to medium sized rings

![](_page_25_Figure_3.jpeg)

Claisen Rearrangements - allyl vinyl ether to an , -unsaturated carbonyl Chem. Rev. **1988**, 88, **1081**.; Organic Reactions **1944**, 2, 1.; Comprehnsive Organic Synthesis **1991**, 5, **827**.

![](_page_25_Figure_5.jpeg)

- Chorismate Mutase catalyzed Claisen Rearrangement-  $10^5\ {\rm rate}\ {\rm enhancement}\ {\rm over}\ {\rm non-enzymatic}\ {\rm reaction}$ 

![](_page_26_Figure_2.jpeg)

- Claisen rearrangement usually proceed by a chair-like T.S.

![](_page_26_Figure_4.jpeg)

hydrophobically accelerated Claisen - JOC 1989, 54, 5849

# Johnson ortho-ester Claisen:

![](_page_27_Figure_2.jpeg)

-Wittig Rearrangement

Organic Reactions **1995**, 46, **105** 

Synthesis 1991, 594.

![](_page_27_Picture_6.jpeg)

![](_page_28_Figure_1.jpeg)

Ene Reaction Comprehensive Organic Synthesis 1991, 5, 1; Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Engl. 1984, 23, 876; ; Chem. Rev. 1992, 28, 1021.

![](_page_28_Figure_3.jpeg)

- Ene reaction with aldehydes is catalyzed by Lewis Acids (Et<sub>2</sub>AlCl)

![](_page_28_Figure_5.jpeg)

![](_page_29_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_30_Figure_1.jpeg)