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(from the Greek word synthesis [*Suntithenai*] = [*Sun(together) + tithenai(to put)*]= the process of putting together)



synthetic organic chemistry

→ synthetic inorganic chemistry

is the science of constructing molecules from atoms and/or (usually) simpler molecules.

#### organic synthesis

#### synthetic organic chemistry

### science of synthetic chemistry

## chemical synthesis

is the process by which a particular molecule is synthesized in the laboratory.

## total synthesis

is the chemical synthesis of a molecule, usually a natural product, from relatively simple starting materials



### 1. Design of synthesis

- a. Initial consideration in synthesis design
  - Carbon skeleton
  - Functional skeleton
- b. The retro-synthetic approach
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- d. Yield and reaction specificity

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## Advanced Organic Chemistry

Part B: Reactions and Synthesis

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The focus of **Part B** is on the closely interrelated topics of *reactions* and *synthesis*.

We want to be able to answer questions such as:

- What transformation does a reaction achieve?
- What is the mechanism of the reaction?
- What reagents and reaction conditions are typically used?
- What substances can catalyze the reaction?
- How sensitive is the reaction to other functional groups and the steric environment?
- What factors control the stereoselectivity of the reaction?
- Under what conditions is the reaction enantioselective?

For example, in the course of learning about the reactions in Chapter 1 to 12, we will encounter a number of ways of making ketones, as outlined in the scheme that follows.



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Part B emphasizes the most important reactions used in organic synthesis. The material is organized by reaction type. **Chapters 1 and 2** discuss the alkylation, conjugate addition and carbonyl addition/condensation reactions of enolates and other carbon nucleophiles.

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## Alkylation of Enolates and Other Carbon Nucleophiles

### **Chapter 1. Alkylation of Enolates and Other Carbon Nucleophiles** Introduction

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- **1.3.** The Nitrogen Analogs of Enols and Enolates: Enamines and Imine Anions

## Introduction

C-C bond formation is the basis for the construction of the molecular framework of organic molecules by synthesis.

One of the fundamental processes for C-C bond formation is a reaction between a nucleophilic and an electrophilic carbon.

Reactions of C-nucleophile(enolates, imine anions, and enamines) with alkylating agents.

# Crucial Factor for C-C bond formation by $S_N^2$ reaction

- (1) the condition for generation of the carbon nucleophile
- (2) the effect of the reaction conditions on the structure and reactivity of the nucleophile

(3) the regio- and stereoselectivity of the alkylation reaction

The reaction can be applied to various carbonyl compounds, including ketones, esters, and amides.



## The alkylated imines can be hydrolyzed to the corresponding ketone



## Either enolate or imine anions can be used to introduce alkyl $\alpha$ -substituents to a carbonyl group.

1.1. Generation and Properties of Enolates and Other Stabilized Carbanions

1.1.1. Generation of Enolates by Deprotonation

In the present chapter we relate the properties and reactivity of carbanions stabilized by carbonyl and other EWG substituents to their application as nucleophiles in synthesis

There is a fundamental relationship between the stabilizing functional group and the acidity of the C-H groups, as illustrated by the pK data

1) pK data  $\Rightarrow$  the stability and reactivity of carbanions. (The acidity of the reactant determines which bases can be used for generation of the anion.) 2) distinction between kinetic or thermodynamic control of enolate formation by deprotonation ➡ which determines the enolate composition. 18 Generation of an enolate or other stabilized carbanion by deprotonation

 under conditions in which the enolate is in equilibrium with its conjugate acid or under which the reactant is completely converted to its conjugate base

(The key determinant is the amount and strength of the base)

- The base must be derived from a substantially weaker acid than the reactant.
- Or the reagent must be a stronger base than the anion of the reactant.
- Most current procedures for alkylation of enolates and other carbanions involve complete conversion to the anion.
- The solvent and other coordinating or chelating additives also have strong effects on the structure and reactivity of carbanions formed by deprotonation.

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#### strongest acids

Table 1.1. Approximate pK Values from Some Compounds with Carbanion StabilizingGroups and Some Common Bases<sup>a</sup>

	Compound	р <i>К</i> <sub>ROH</sub>	pK <sub>DMSO</sub>	Base	$pK_{ROH}$	pK <sub>DMSO</sub>	
44 44 7	O <sub>2</sub> NCH <sub>2</sub> NO <sub>2</sub>	3.6		$CH_3CO_2^-$	4.2	11.6	
	CH <sub>3</sub> COCH <sub>2</sub> NO <sub>2</sub>	5.1					
	$CH_3CH_2NO_2$	8.6	16.7	$HCO_3^-$	6.5		
water and are	CH <sub>3</sub> COCH <sub>2</sub> COCH <sub>3</sub>	9					
water and are	PhCOCH <sub>2</sub> COCH <sub>3</sub>	9.6		PhO <sup>-</sup>	9.9	16.4	
appropriate	CH <sub>3</sub> NO <sub>2</sub>	10.2	17.2				
for hereby and to	CH <sub>3</sub> COCH <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	10.7	14.2	$CO_{3}^{2-}$	10.2		
tor nyaroxylic	NCCH <sub>2</sub> CN	11.2	11.0	$(C_2H_5)_3N$	10.7		
solvents	$PhCH_2NO_2$		12.3	$(CH_3CH_2)_2NH$	11		
solvents.	$CH_2(SO_2CH_3)_2$	12.2	14.4				
	$CH_2(CO_2C_2H_5)_2$	12.7	16.4				
	Cyclopentadiene	15		$CH_3O^-$	15.5	29.0	
	PhSCH <sub>2</sub> COCH <sub>3</sub>		18.7	HO-	15.7	31.4	
	$CH_3CH_2CH(CO_2C_2H_5)_2$	15		$C_2H_5O^-$	15.9	29.8	
	PhSCH <sub>2</sub> CN		20.8	$(CH_3)_2 CHO^-$		30.3	
	$(PhCH_2)_2SO_2$		23.9	$(CH_3)_3CO^-$	19	32.2	
	PhCOCH <sub>3</sub>	15.8	24.7				
	PhCH <sub>2</sub> COCH <sub>3</sub>	19.9					
	CH <sub>3</sub> COCH <sub>3</sub>	20	26.5				
	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> COCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>		27.1				
	Fluorene	20.5	22.6				
	PhSO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>		29.0				
	PhCH <sub>2</sub> SOCH <sub>3</sub>	29.0		$[(CH_3)_3Si]_2N^-$	30 <sup>b</sup>		
	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	25	31.3				
	$Ph_2CH_2$		32.2				
	Ph <sub>3</sub> CH	33	30.6	$NH_2^-$	35	41	
				$CH_3SOCH_2^-$	35	35.1	
				$(CH_3CH_2)_2N^-$	36		
	PhCH <sub>3</sub>		43				
	CH <sub>4</sub>		56	· · ·		3	
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				stro	ingest D	ases	

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Ability to stablize carbanion:

 $\mathrm{NO}_2 > \mathrm{COR} > \mathrm{CN} \sim \mathrm{CO}_2 \mathrm{R} > \mathrm{SO}_2 \mathrm{R} > \mathrm{SOR} > \mathrm{Ph} \sim \mathrm{SR} > \mathrm{H} > \mathrm{R}.$ 

Enolate of ketone

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
O & O^{-} \\
II & I \\
RCH - CR' \longrightarrow RCH = CR' \\
2 & Enolate of ester \\
O & O^{-}
\end{array}$$

 $RCH-COR' \rightarrow RCH=COR'$ 

3 Malonic ester anion

 $\begin{array}{cccc} O & O^- & O & O & O^- & O \\ \parallel & \parallel & \parallel & \parallel & \parallel \\ R'OC-CH=COR' & \longrightarrow & R'OC-CH-COR' & \longrightarrow & R'OC=CH-COR' \end{array}$ 

4 Acetoacetic ester anion

 $\begin{array}{cccc} O & O^- & O & O & O^- & O \\ \parallel & \parallel & \parallel & \parallel & \parallel & \parallel \\ CH_3C - CH = COR' \iff CH_3C - CH - COR' \iff CH_3C = CH - COR' \end{array}$ 

5 Cyanoacetic ester anion

 $N = C - CH = COR' \longrightarrow N = C - CH - COR' \longrightarrow \bar{N} = C = CH - COR'$ 

### sodium or potassium alkoxides

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aprotic solvents THF 1- lithium di-isopropylamide (LDA) 2- anions of hexaalkyldisilylamines, especially hexamethyldisilazan (LiHMDS, NaHMDS, and **KHMDS)**. 3- lithium tetramethylpiperidide (LiTMP) 4- amide anion <sup>-</sup> NH<sub>2</sub> 5- conjugate base of DMSO ("dimsyl" anion) 6- triphenylmethyl anion 7- Sodium and potassium hydride NaH and KH

Fc	or a carbon acid C-H	and a base <b>B</b> -H				
		$=\frac{[C^{-}][H^{+}]}{[C-H]}$ and	$K_{a_{(B-H)}} = \frac{[B^-][H^-]}{[B-H^-]}$	1368		
<b>Solution</b>	r the reaction	C−H+B <sup>-</sup> <del>=</del>	$\Rightarrow B-H+C^{-}$	53 53		
at	equilibrium	$\frac{K_{a_{(C-H)}}[C-H]}{[C^{-}]} =$	$=\frac{K_{a_{(B-H)}}[B-H]}{[B^{-}]}$			
		$= \frac{[B-H][C^-]}{[C-H][B^-]} = 1$	$\frac{K_{a_{(C-H)}}}{K_{a_{(B-H)}}}$			
	By comparing bases with the	the approxima ose of the <u>carb</u> it is possib	ate <u>pK values</u> on acid of interest	of the erest,		
	to estimate equilibrium for a	e the <b>position</b> a given reacta	of the acid-ba nt-base comb	ination	24	





By adjusting the conditions of enolate formation, it is possible to establish either kinetic or thermodynamic control.

## Conditions for kinetic control of enolate formation are those in

which deprotonation is:

- rapid,
- quantitative,
- and irreversible

This requirement is met **experimentally** by using:

- a very strong base such as LDA or LiHMDS
- in an aprotic solvent
- in the absence of excess ketone.

**Lithium** is a better counterion than sodium or potassium for regioselective generation of the kinetic enolate, as it maintains a tighter coordination at oxygen and <u>reduces the rate of proton exchange</u>.

Use of an **aprotic solvent** is essential because protic solvents permit enolate equilibration by reversible protonation-deprotonation, which gives rise to the **thermodynamically controlled** enolate composition.

**Excess ketone** also catalyzes the equilibration by proton exchange.

Conditions of kinetic control usually favor formation of the <u>less</u> <u>substituted enolate</u>, especially for methyl ketones.

The main reason for this result is that removal of a less hindered hydrogen is faster, for steric reasons, than removal of a more hindered hydrogen.

Steric factors in ketone deprotonation are accentuated by using bulky bases