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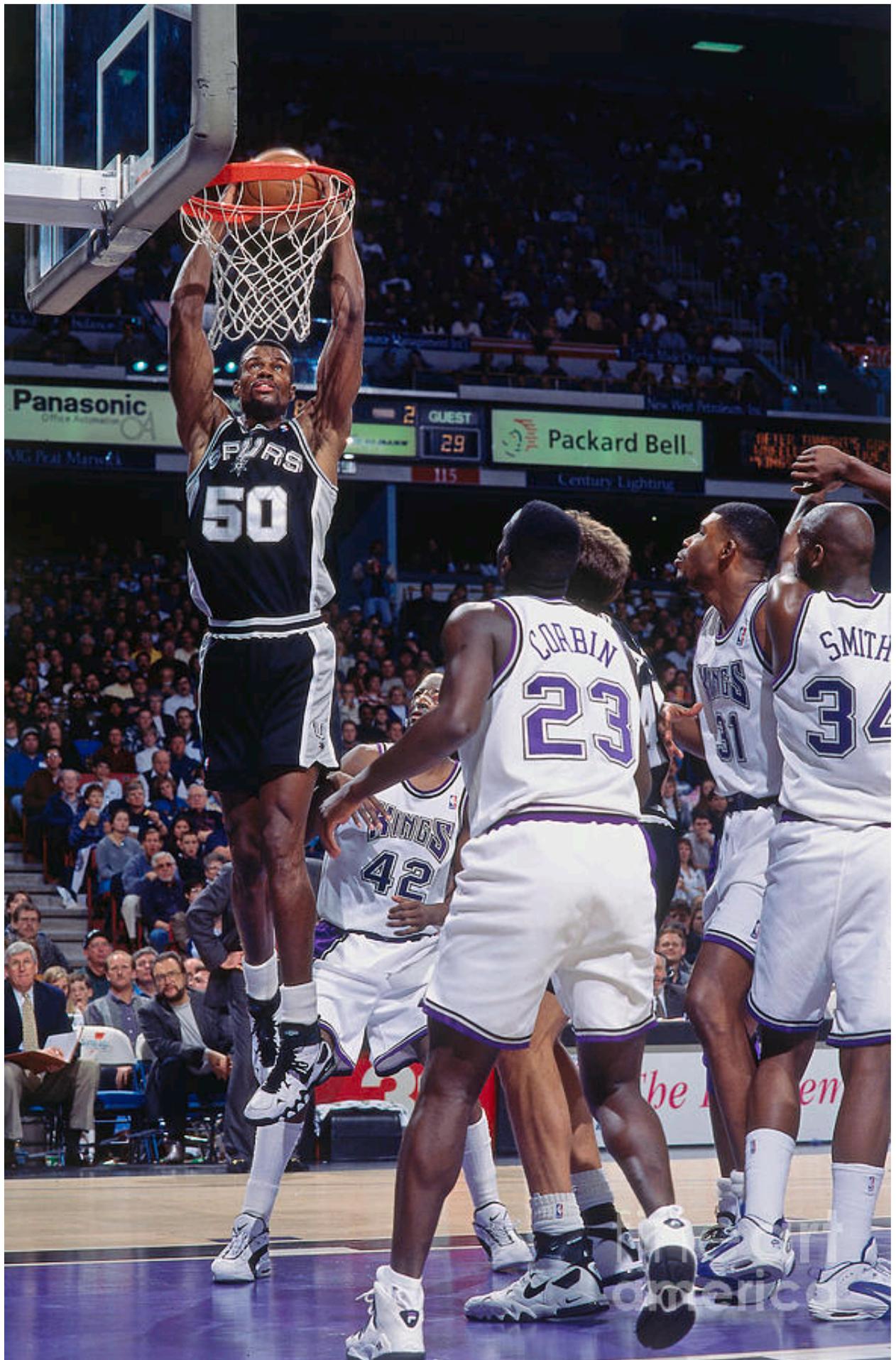
Michael

Robinson

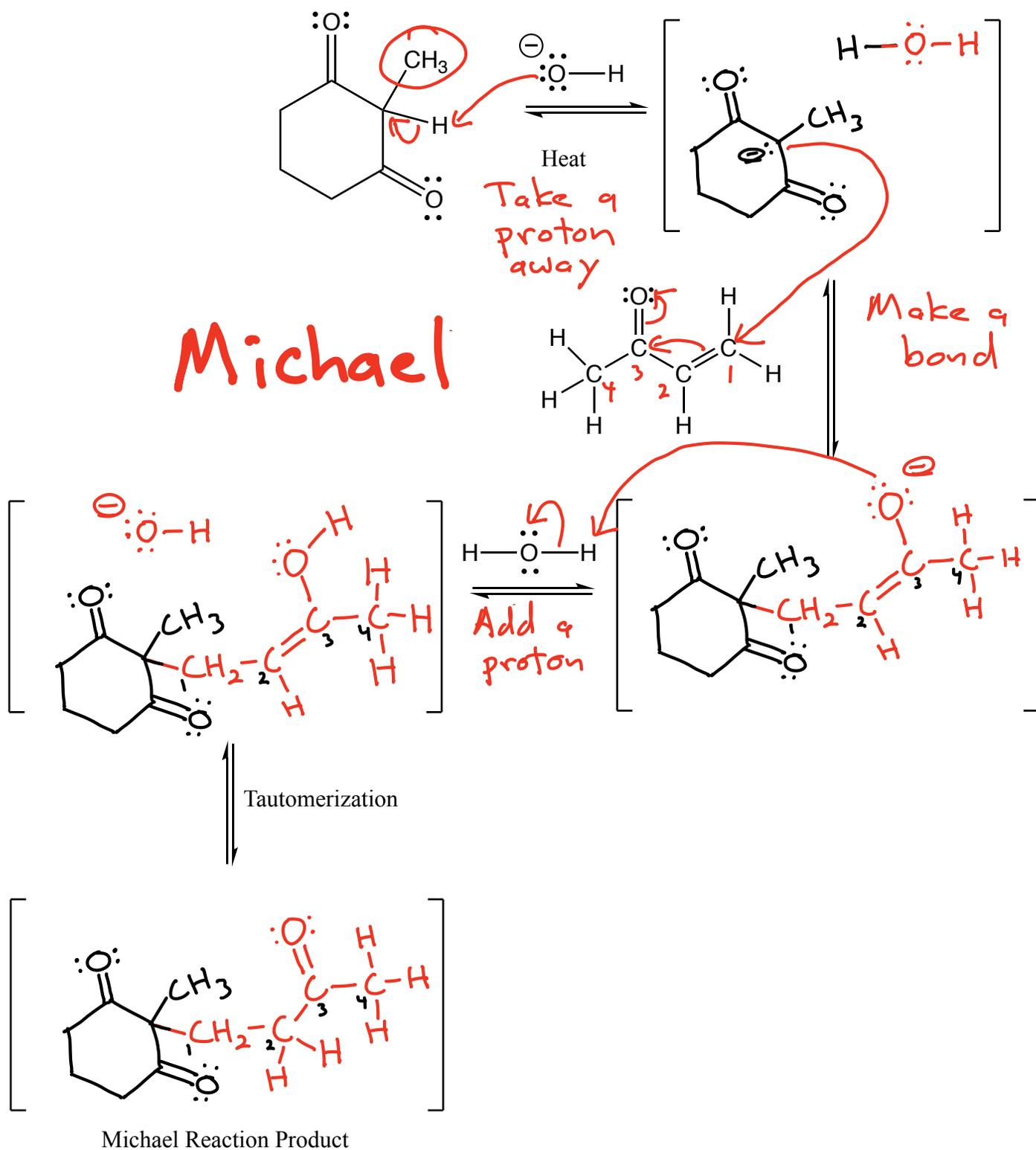
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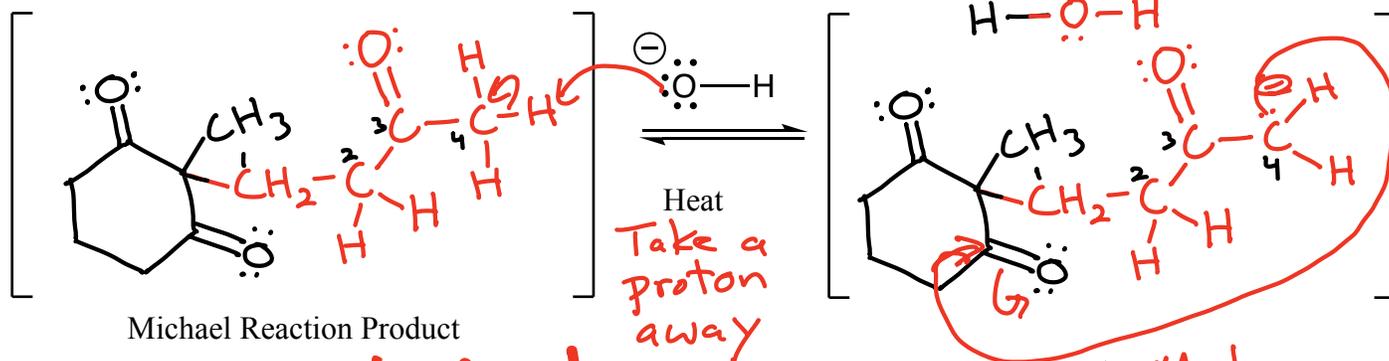




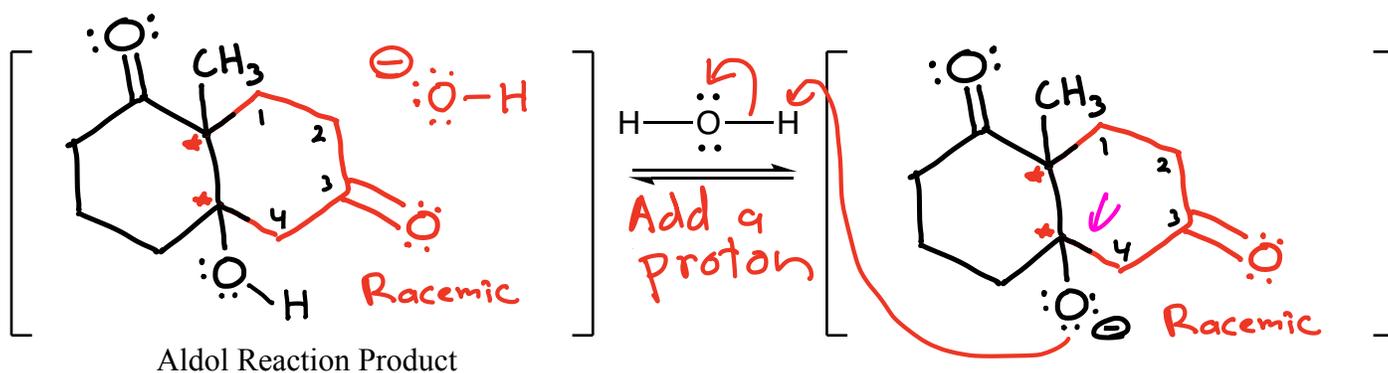
# Robinson Annulation Part 1 - Michael Reaction Steps



## Robinson Annulation Part 2 - Aldol and Dehydration Steps



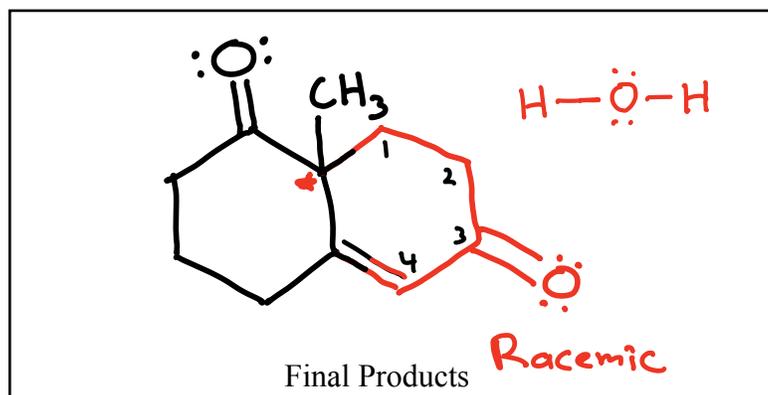
**Aldol**



Spontaneous  
dehydration - multiple steps

You are not responsible for  
these

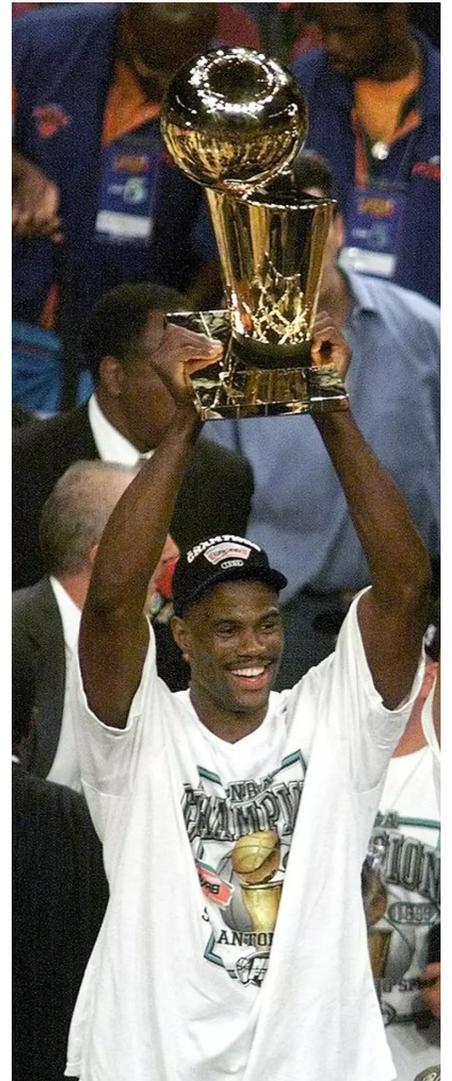
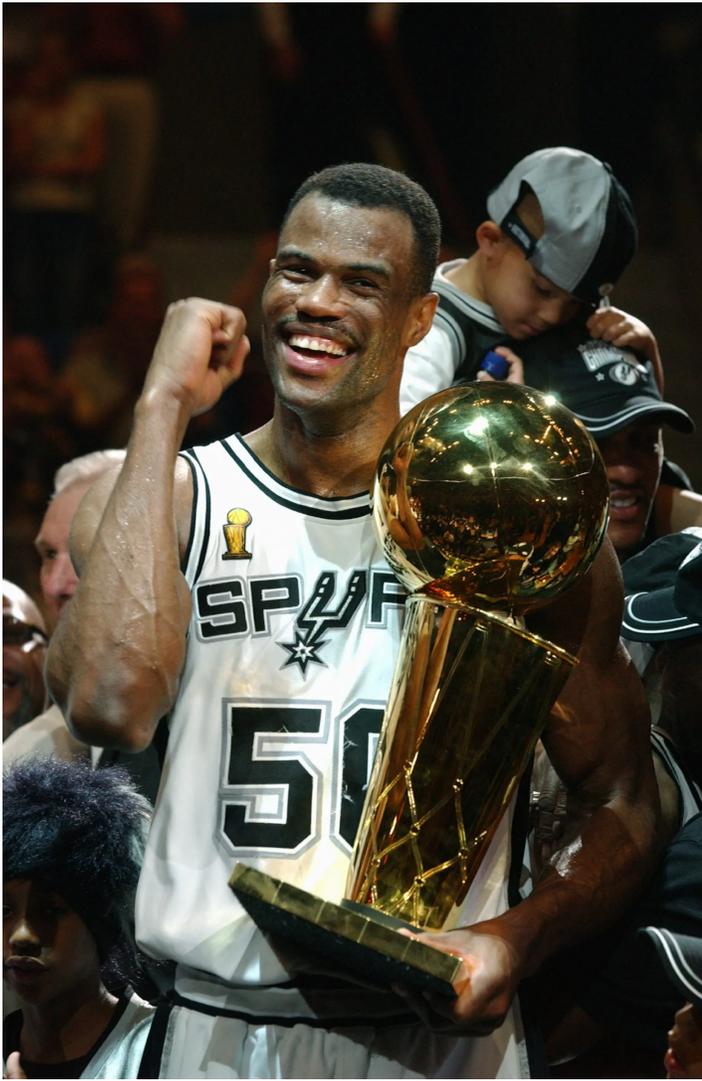
**Dehydration**



**MAD!**

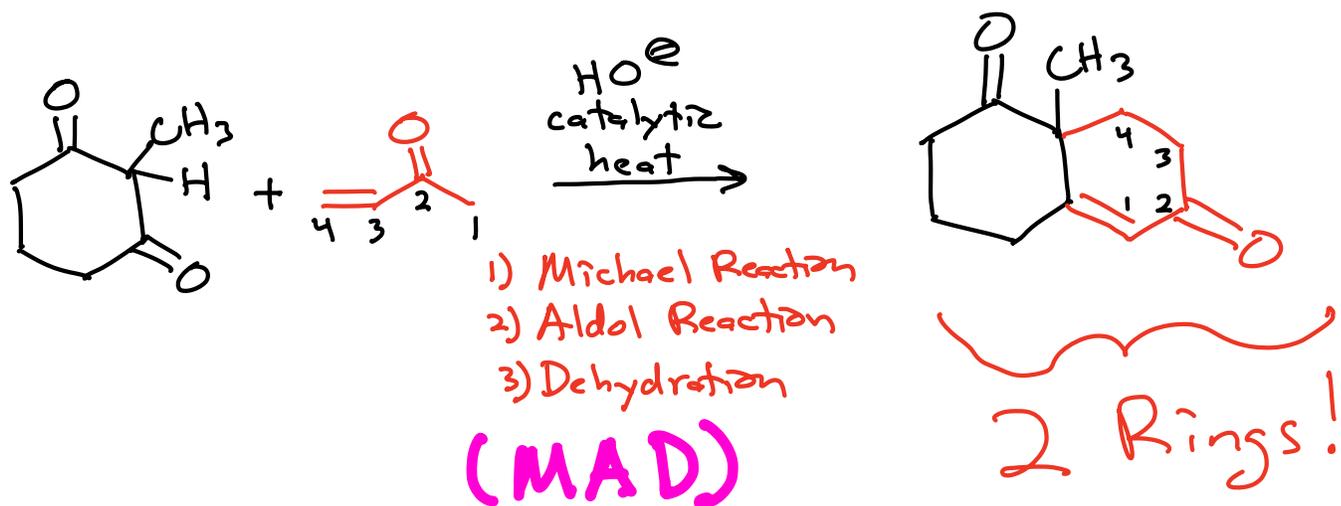




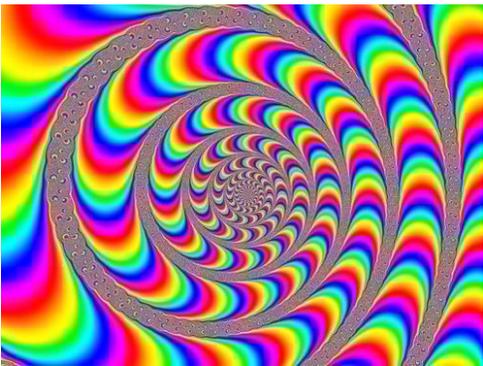
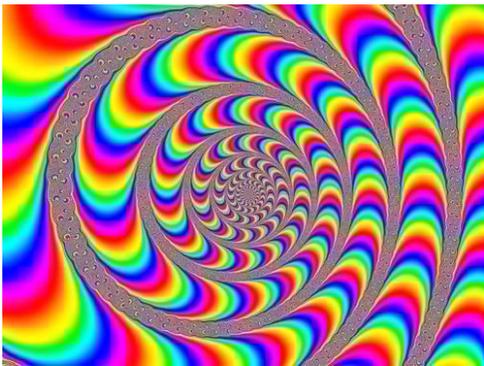
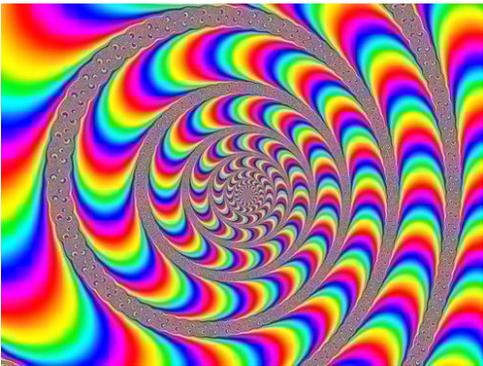
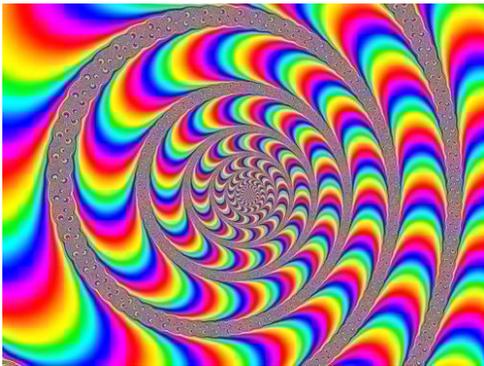


David Robinson earned 2 NBA  
Championship Rings!

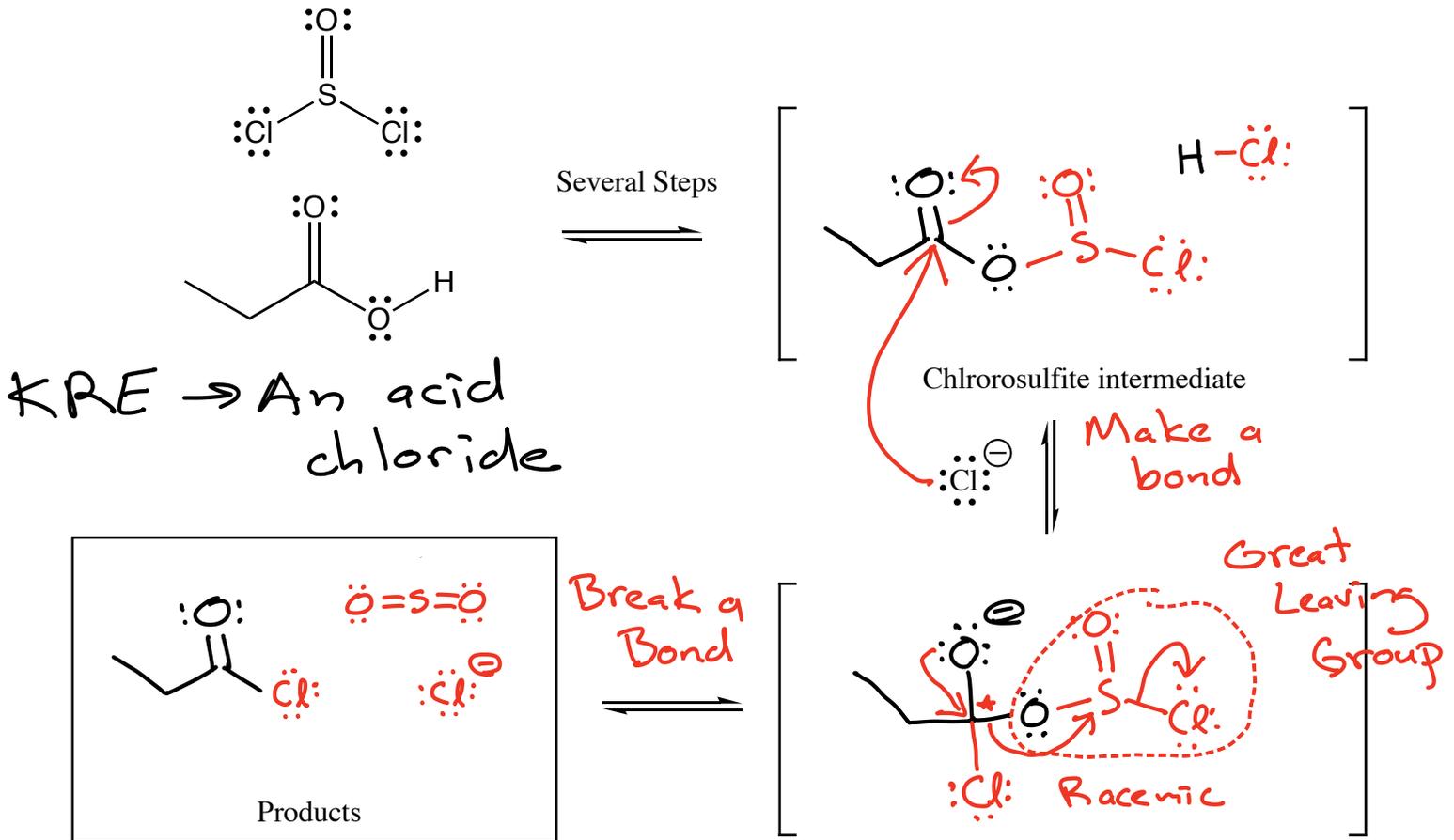
This is the only Robinson annulation reaction you will see on exams



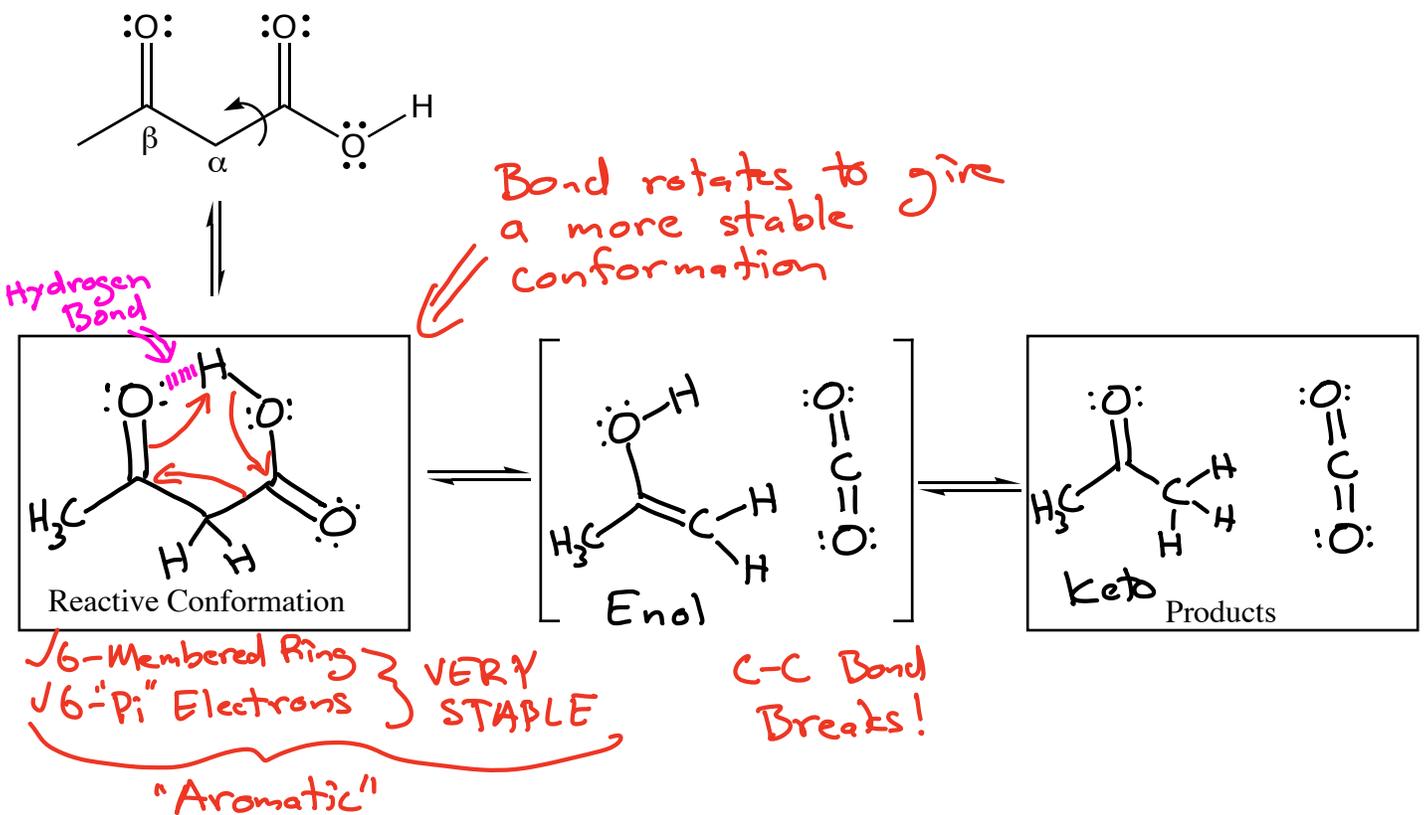
Note how the only Robinson annulation you will see in this class creates a product with 2 Rings!



## Reaction with Thionyl Chloride



## Decarboxylation of a $\beta$ -Keto Acid

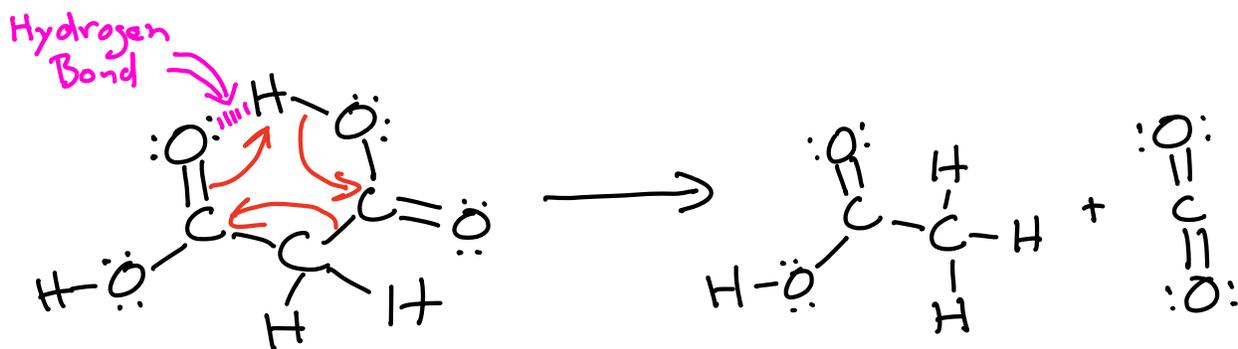


KRE  $\rightarrow$  Ketone and  $\text{CO}_2$



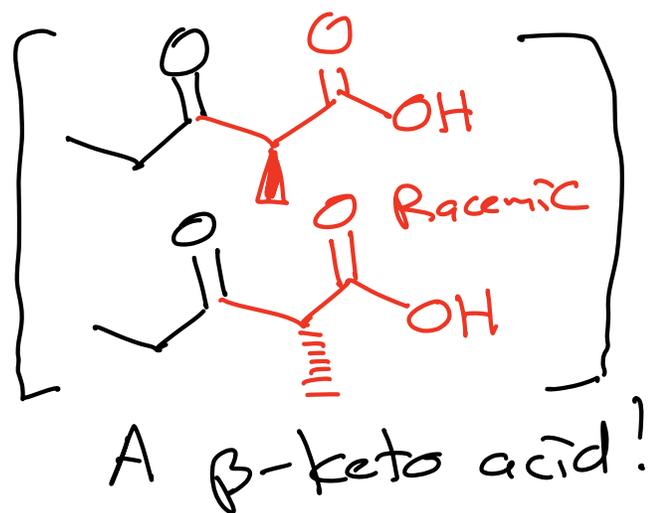
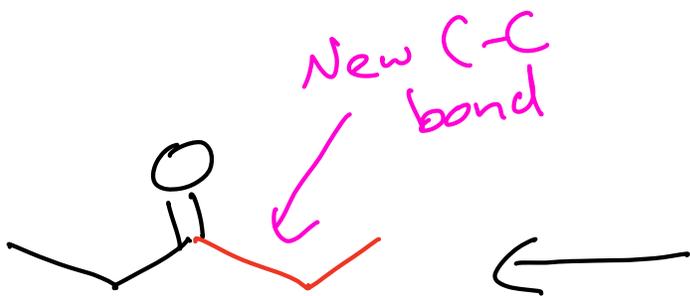
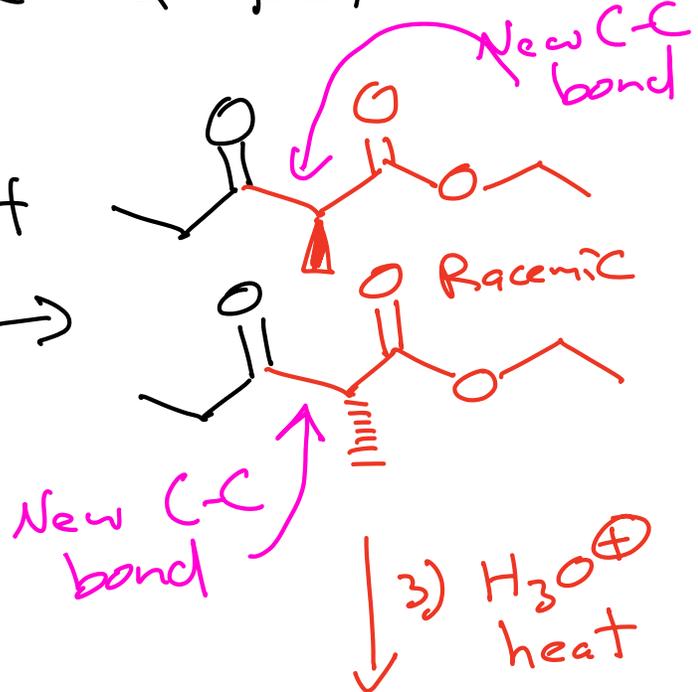
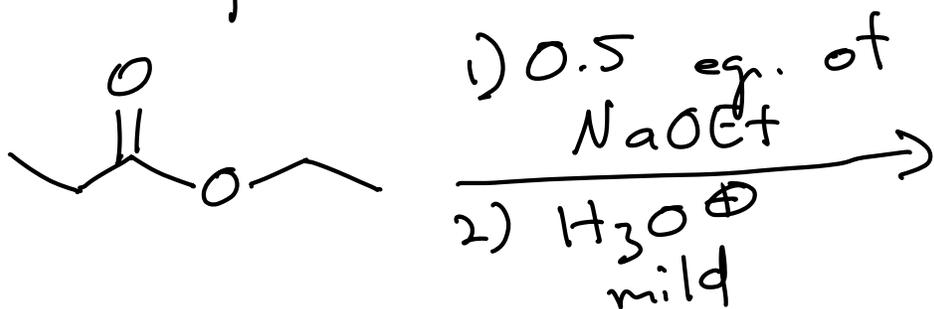
Time capsule  $\rightarrow$   
Important for products of  
the Claisen reaction

This also works with  $\beta$ -diacids



# Decarboxylation of Claisen reaction products

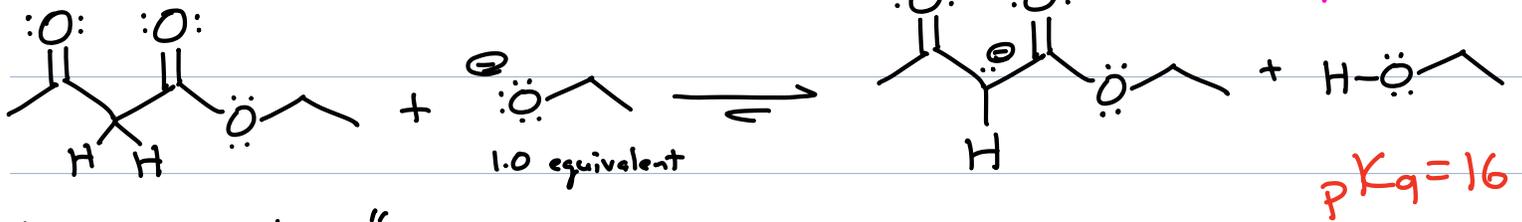
You can hydrolyze the ester of a Claisen product to give the  $\beta$ -keto acid, that will decarboxylate upon heating to give a ketone product!



KRE  $\rightarrow$  Ketone product with a new C-C bond at C=O carbon

This side is highly favored at equilibrium

This is a pretty good carbon nucleophile

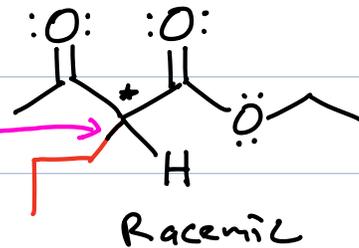


"Acetoester"

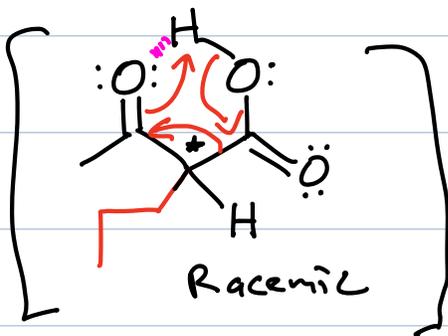
$pK_a = 11$

CCBr  
 $S_N2$

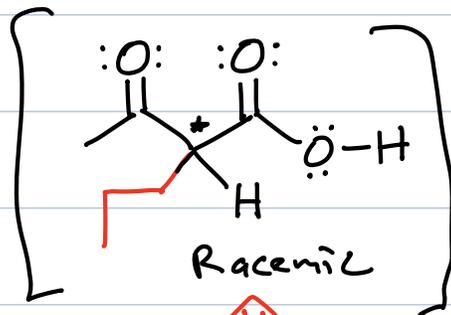
New C-C bond



H3O+  
heat  
ester hydrolysis



rotate bond

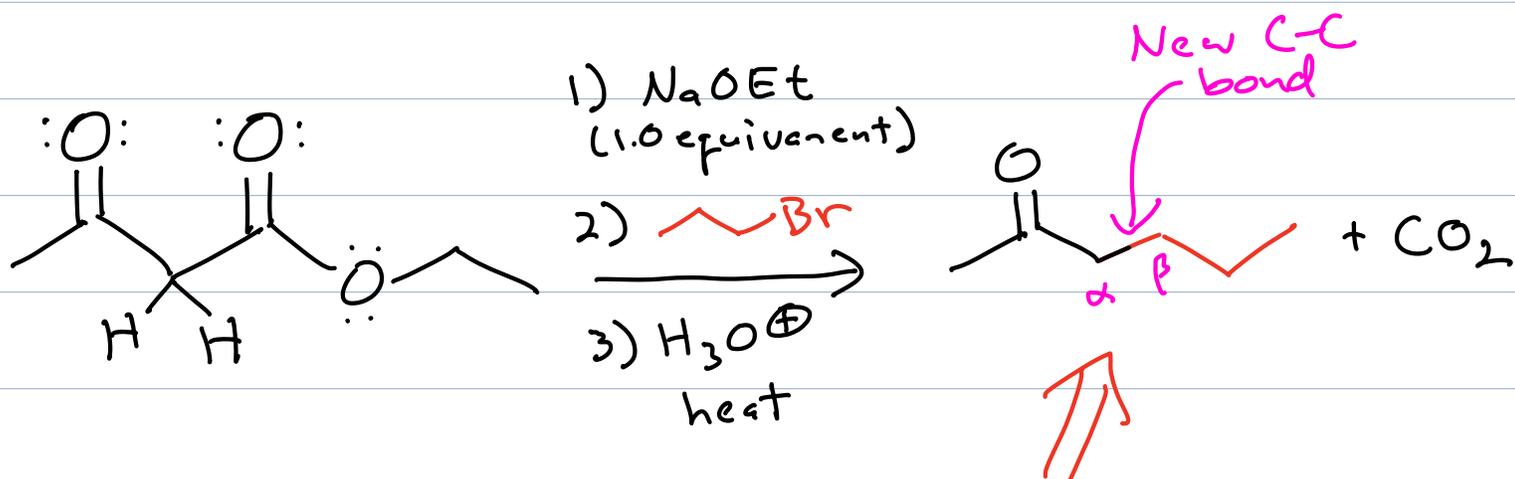


(after tautomerization)

$\beta$ -keto acid  $\rightarrow$   
will lose  $CO_2$   
under these conditions



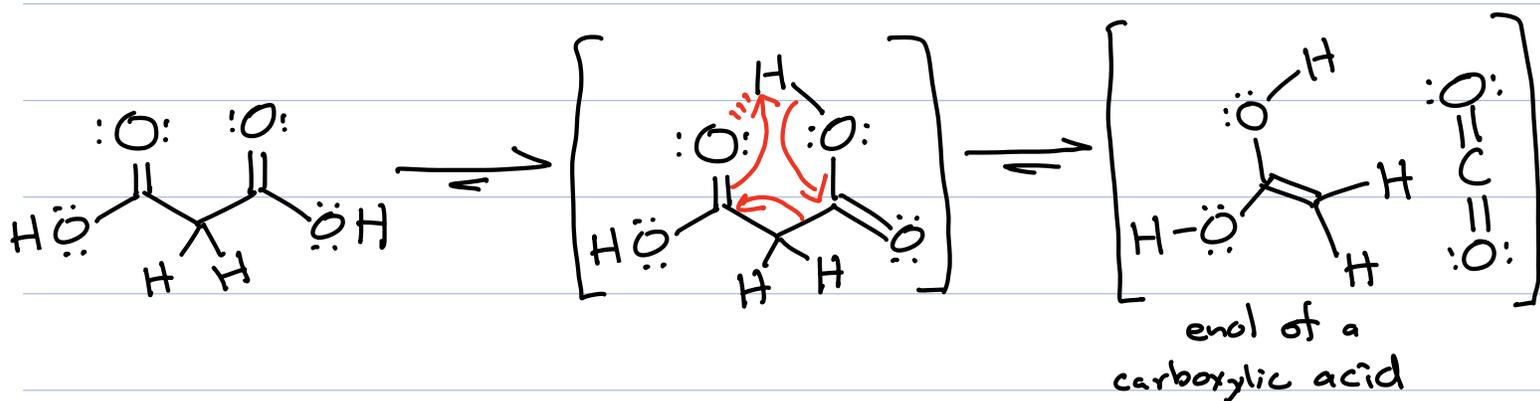
# Acetoester Synthesis Summary



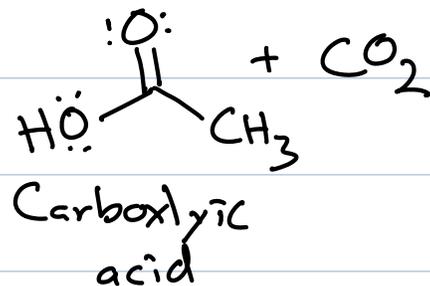
KRE - A methyl ketone  
with a new C-C  
bond between the  
 $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  carbon atoms

## Malonic Ester Synthesis

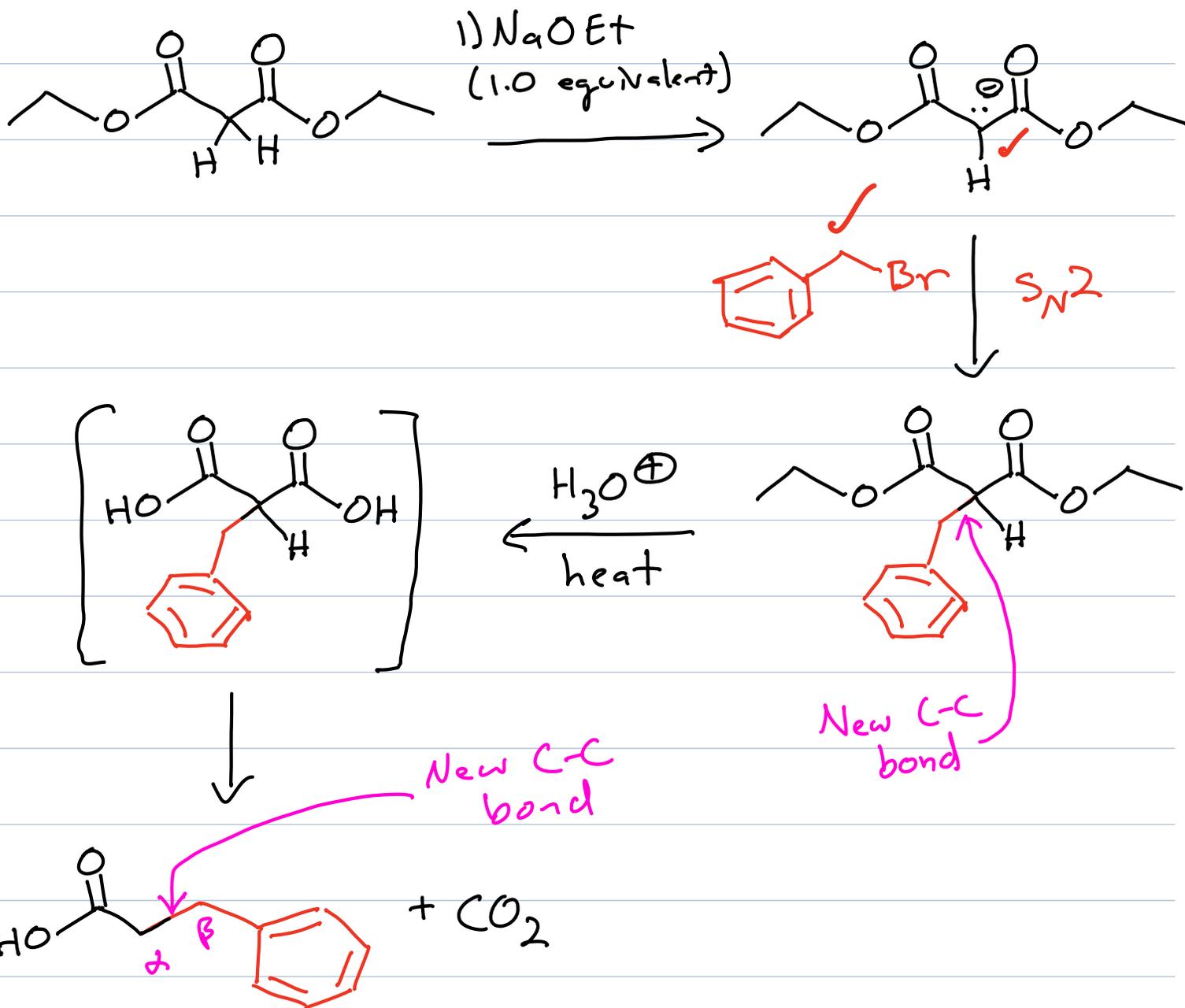
Malonic acid decarboxylates with heat to give a carboxylic acid and  $\text{CO}_2$



tautomerization  $\updownarrow$



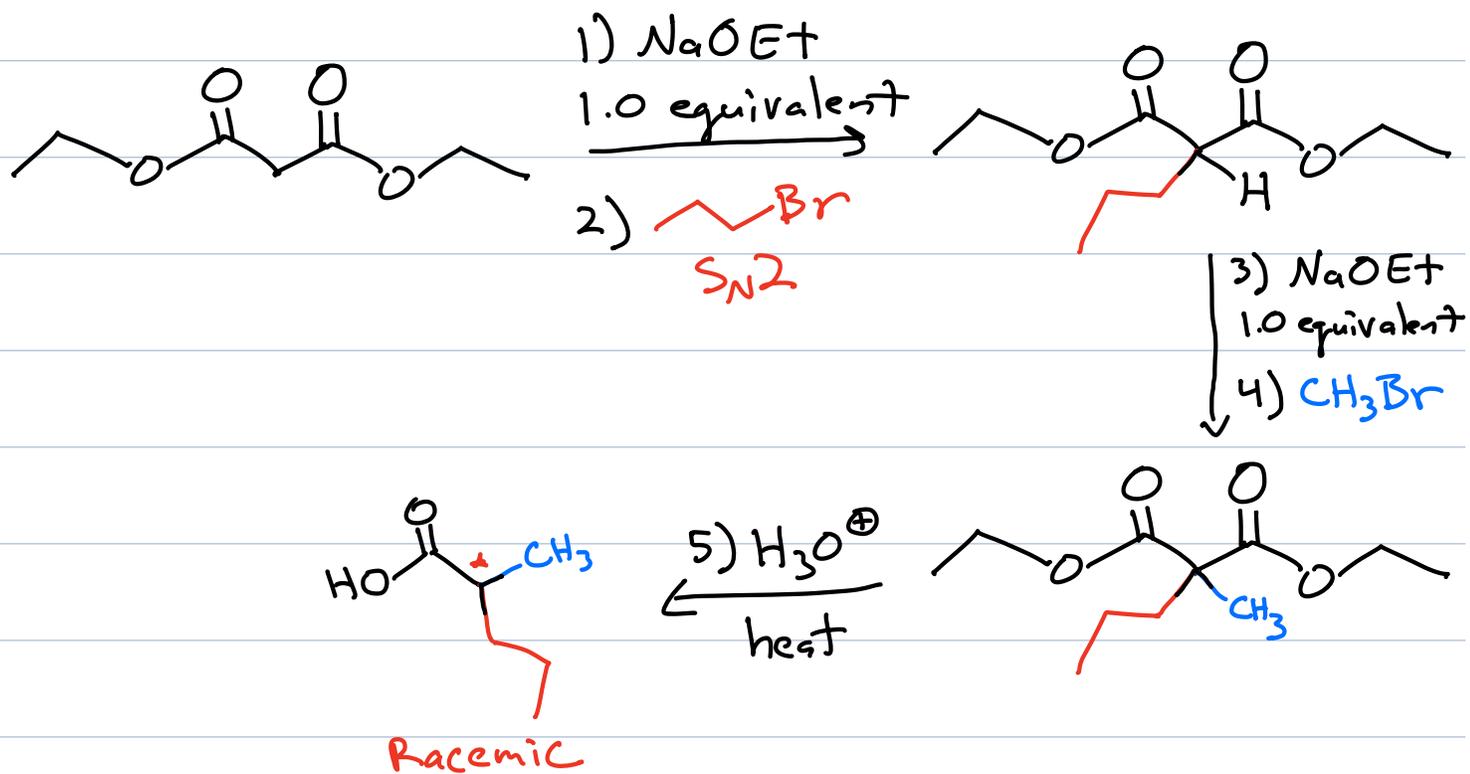
We start with diethyl malonate



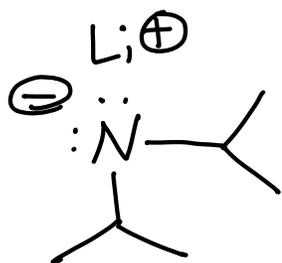
KRE → A carboxylic acid with a new C-C bond between the  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  carbon atoms

$\text{CH}_3\text{Br}$   
 $\text{CH}_3\text{I}$  } These are so small they can react with enolates that are already substituted — applies to acetoester and malonic ester syntheses

Any group that is larger cannot react due to steric strain



The wicked strong base that changes things



NOT a nucleophile

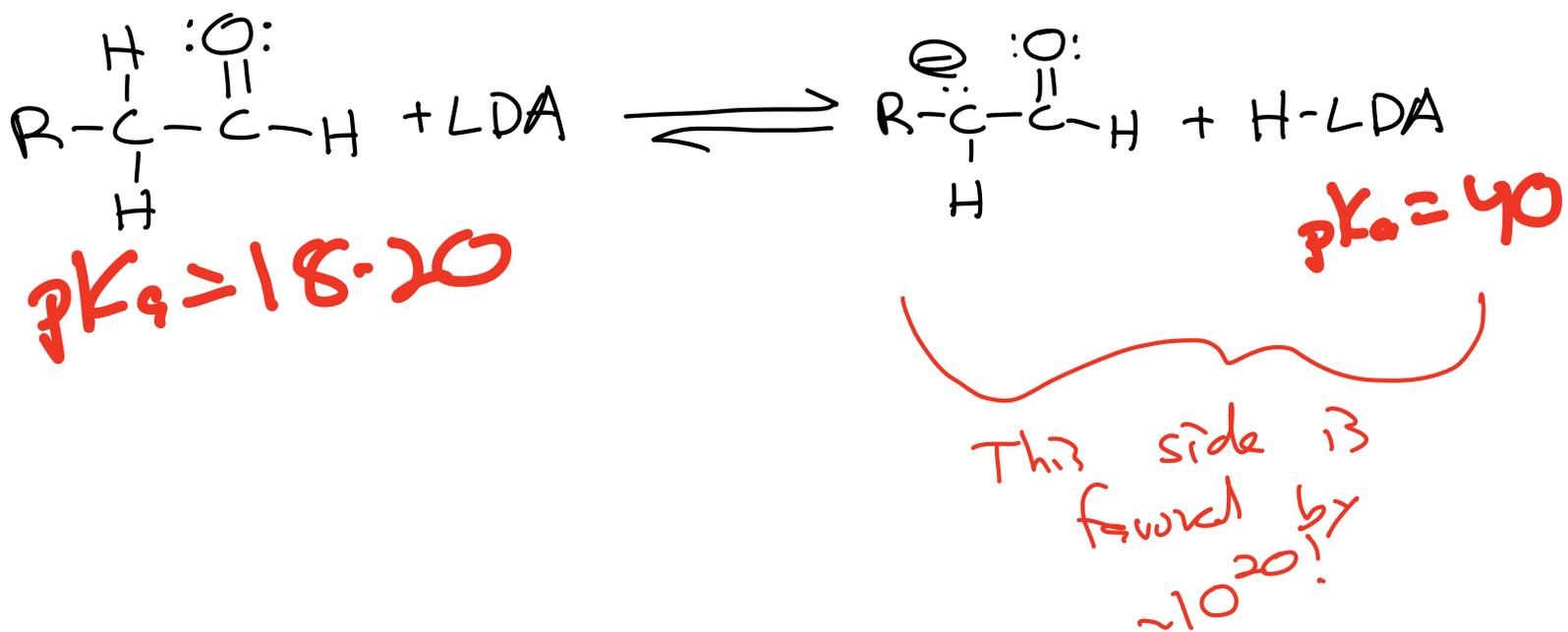


Lithium Diisopropylamide  
"LDA"

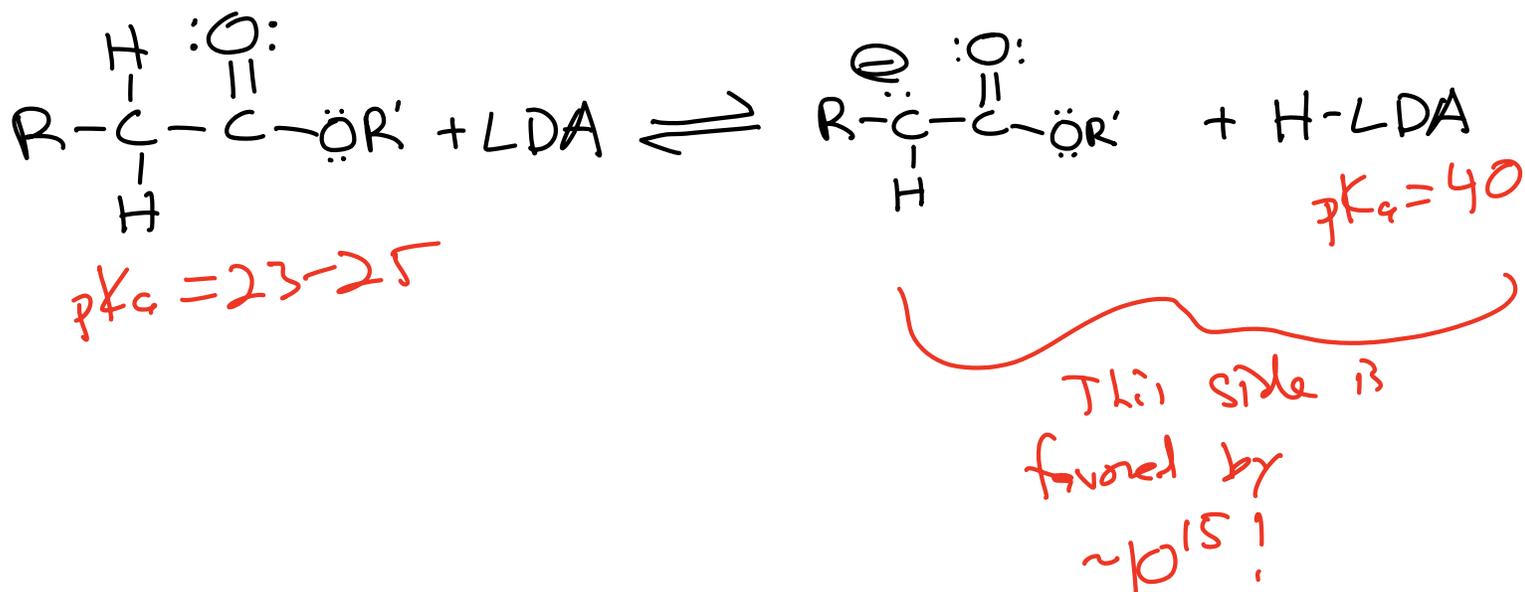
$pK_a \approx 40$   
"H-LDA"

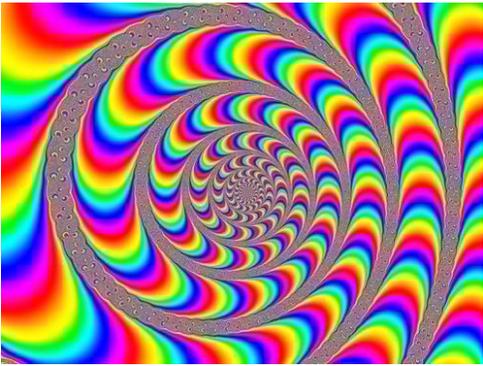
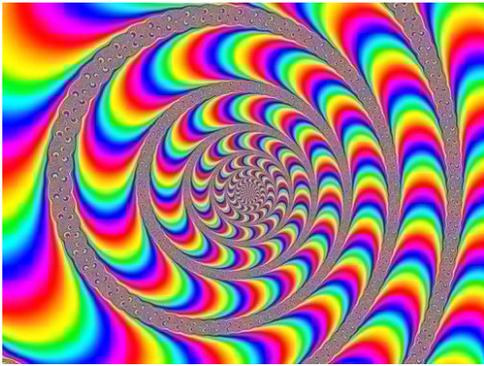
LDA will quantitatively deprotonate aldehydes, ketones and esters to make enolates!

## Aldehydes

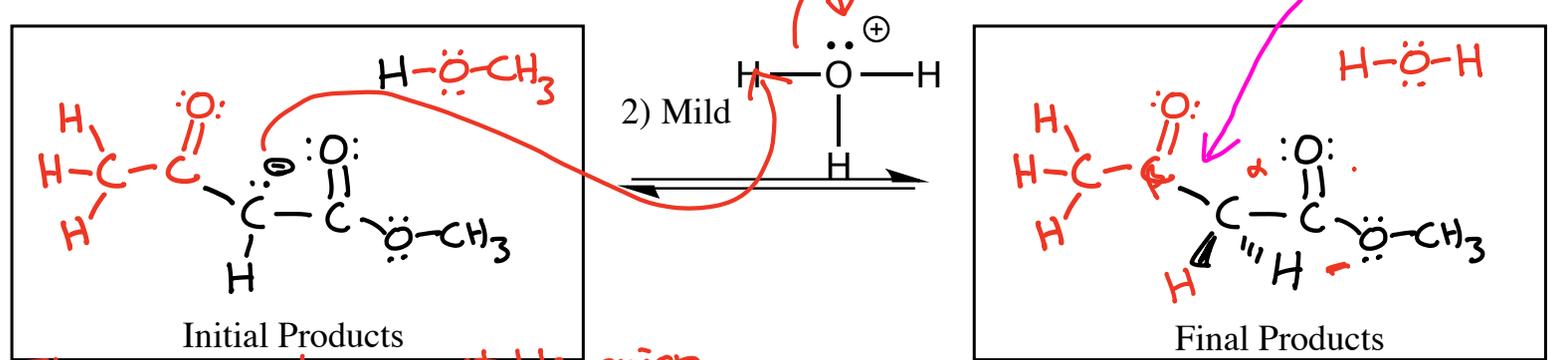
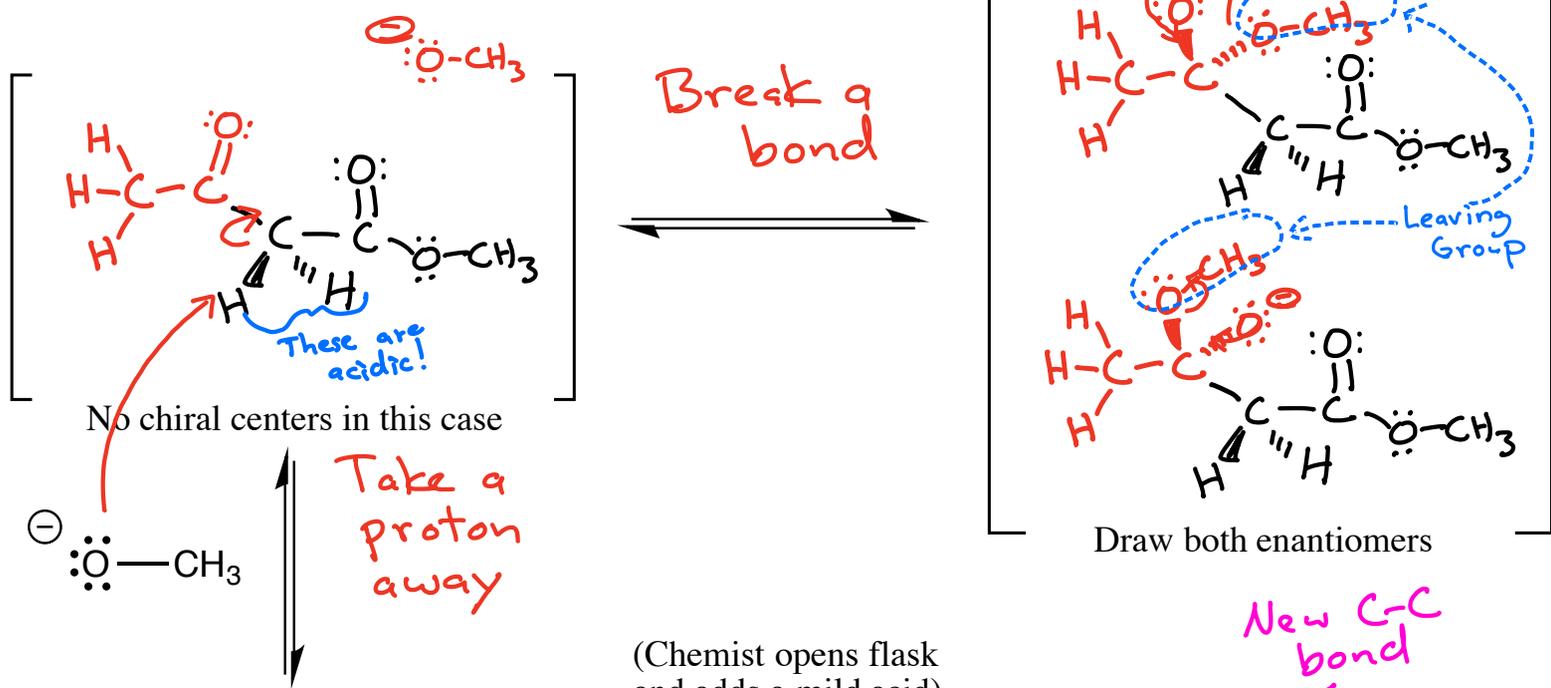
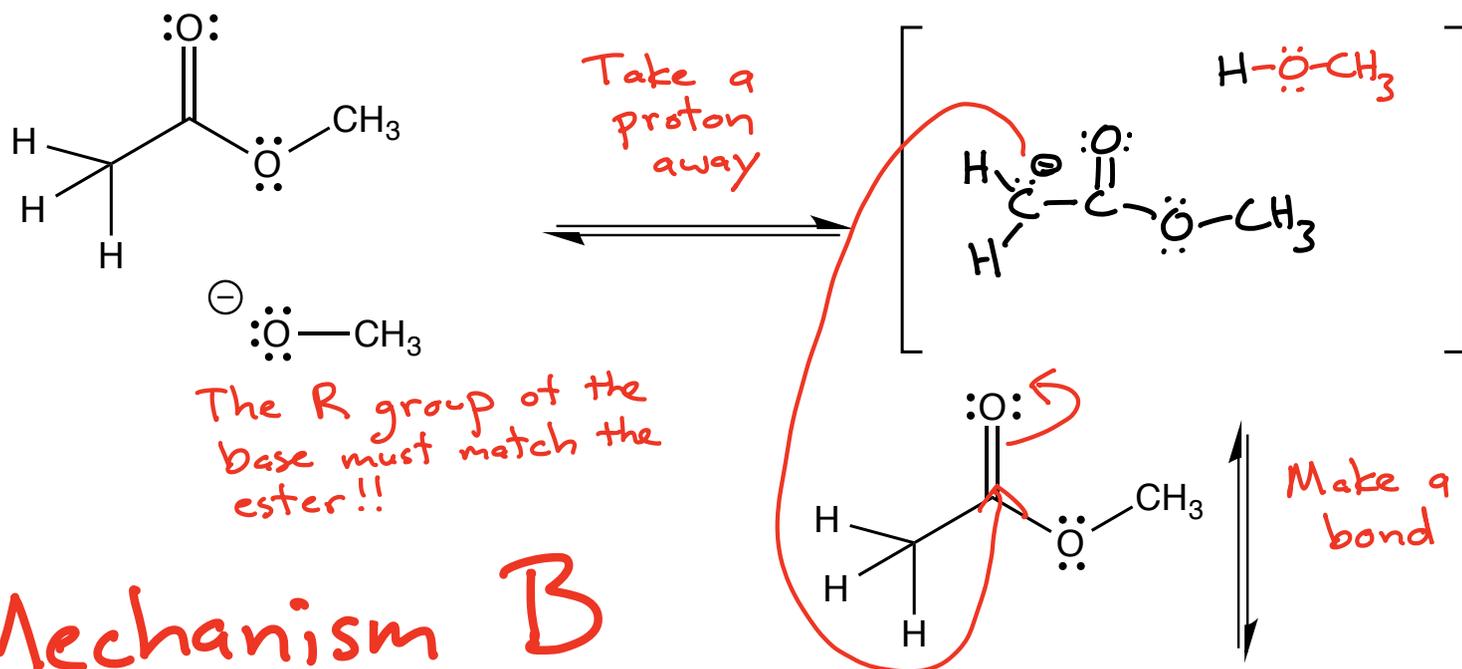


## Esters



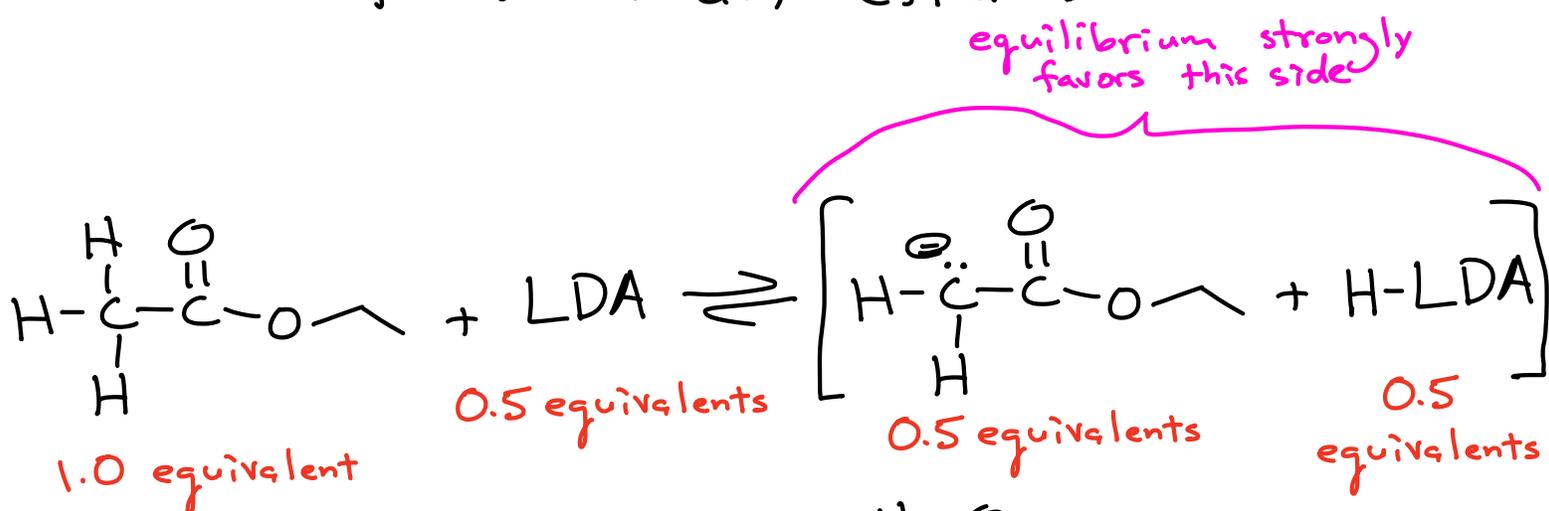


Claisen Condensation → "Aldol with Esters"

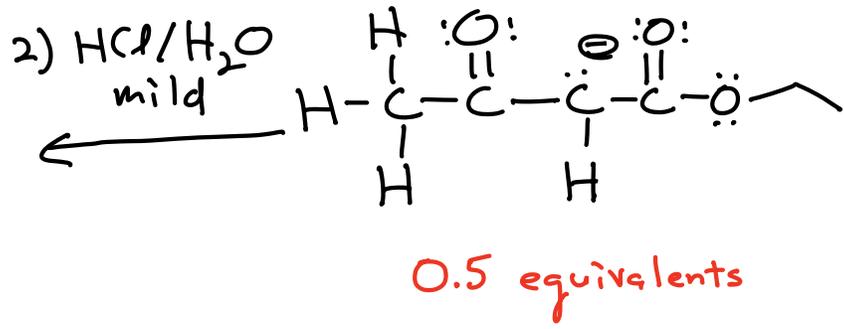
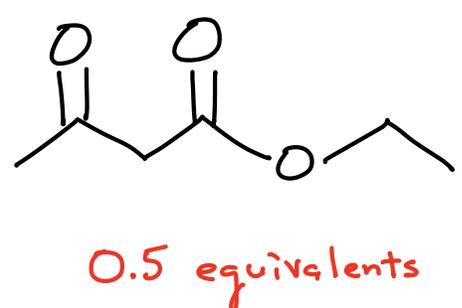
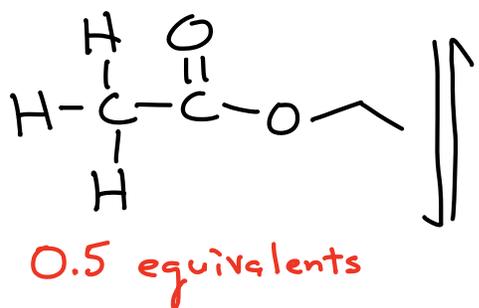


This is a much more stable anion compared to  $\ominus\text{OCH}_3$ , providing a strong driving force (motive) for the Claisen condensation reaction

What if we use 0.5 equivalents of LDA with an ester?

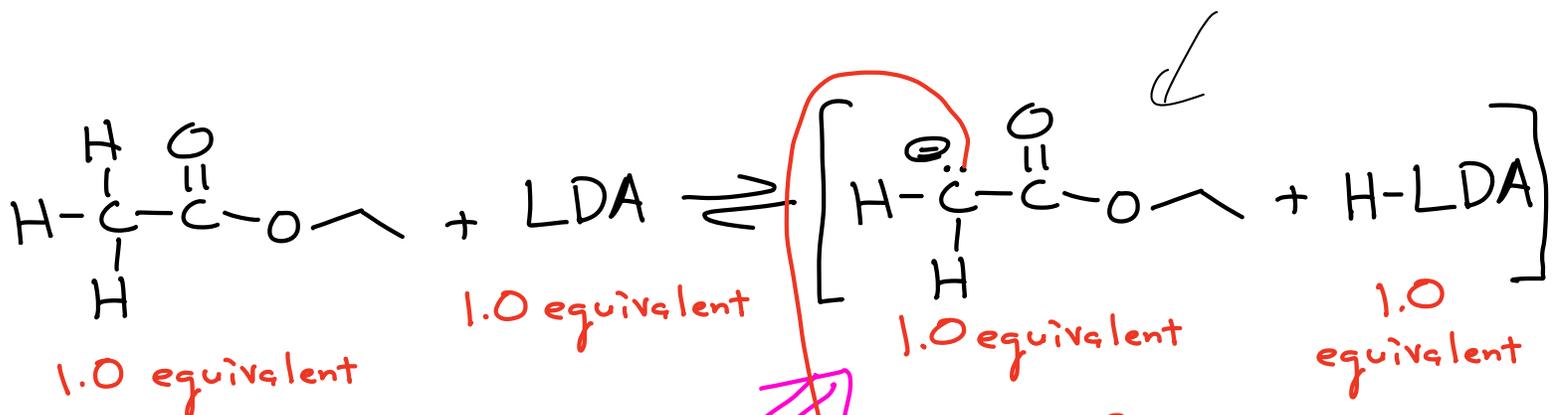


Amount of ester left over after 0.5 equivalents of enolate is made

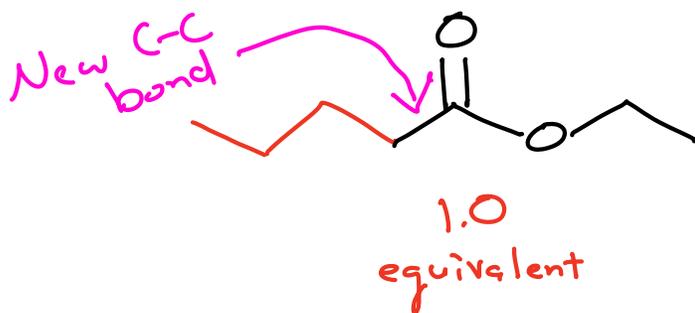
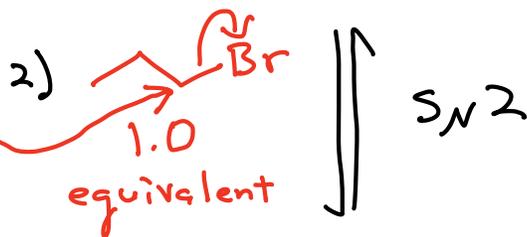


(There are 2 ester molecules used for each product molecule so there can only be half the number of product molecules compared to starting ester molecules)

What if we use 1.0 equivalent of LDA with an ester?



The enolate forms quantitatively so there is no ester left to react with!

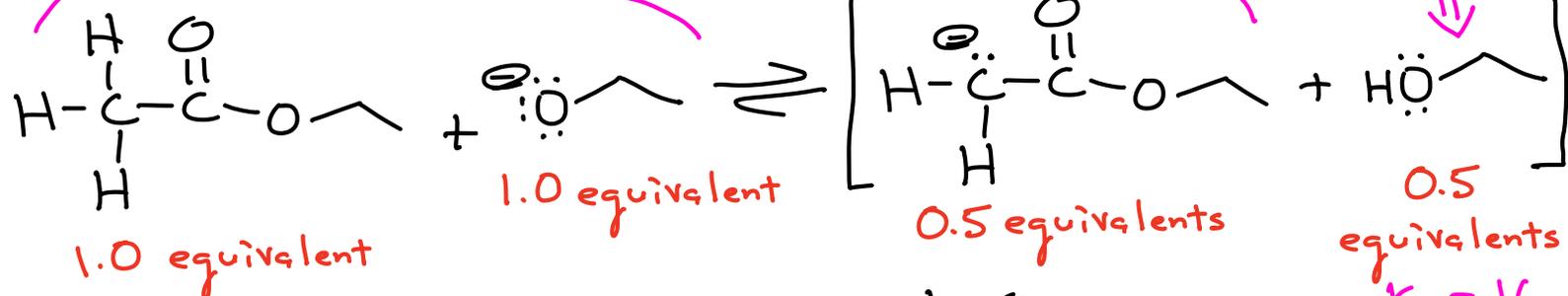


All of the starting ester molecules end up as a the same number of product molecules with a new C-C bond!

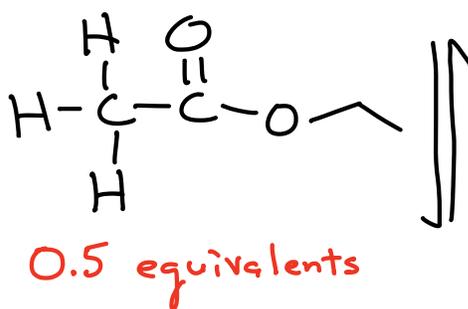
What if we use 1.0 equivalent of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{O}^-$  with an ester?

Only a small amount of this forms at any one time so there is always plenty of ester to react with as it forms

This side favored at equilibrium

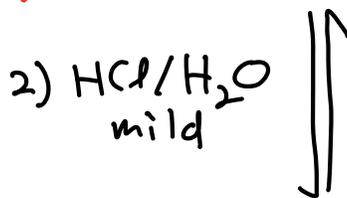
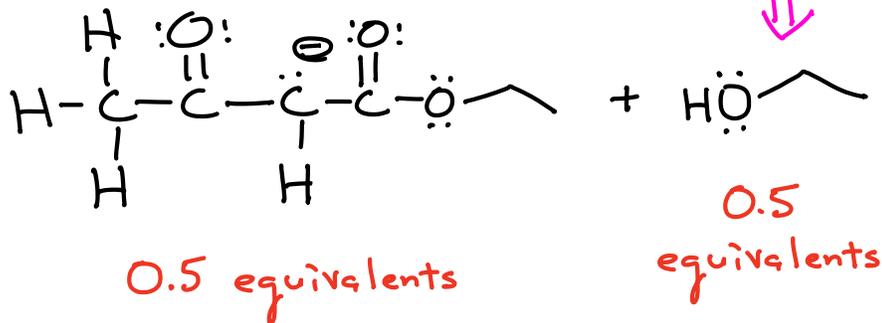


$pK_a = 23-25$

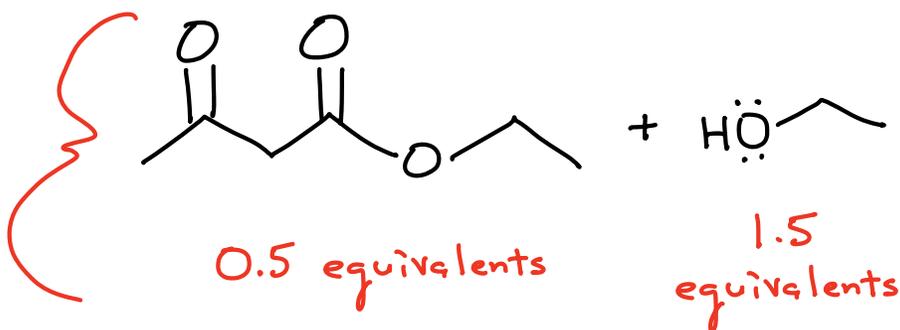


Leaving group from ester

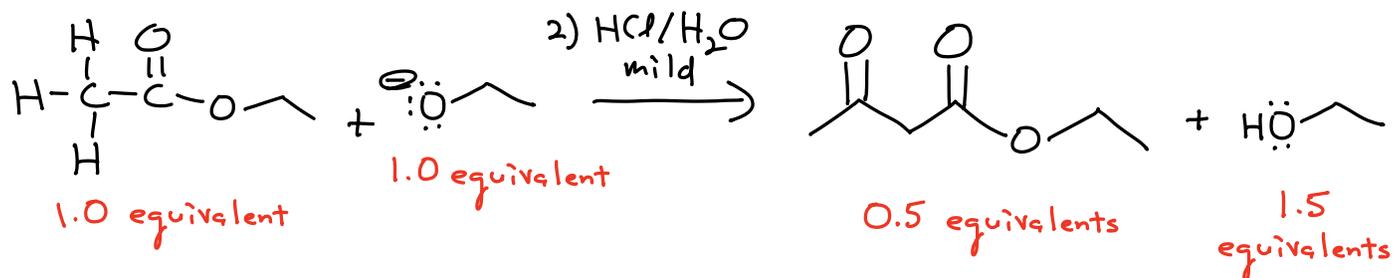
Products from bond-forming step only - not overall process



Overall Products from all steps



# Overall Reaction



0.5 equivalents  
comes from  
first step,  
formation  
of the  
enolate

0.5 equivalents  
comes from  
second step,  
loss of  $\ominus$   
leaving group  
from ester  
(see mechanism)

0.5 equivalents  
is left over  
from original  
 $\ominus$   
that  
was not  
used