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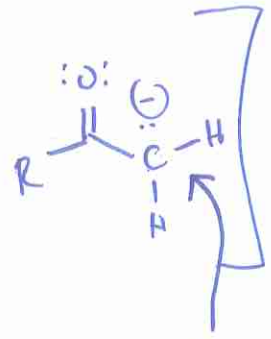
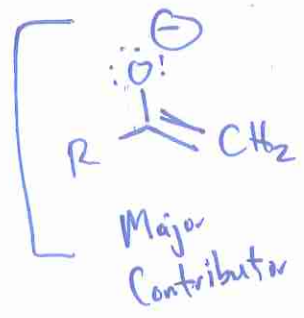
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New Nucleophile:

-ate
↓
negatively
charged

Enolate:

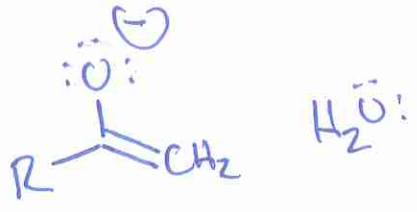
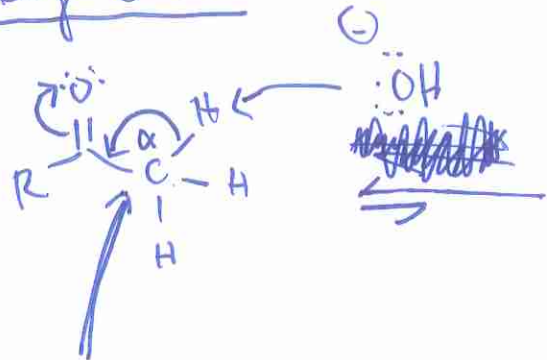


This is the nucleophilic atom in the enolate

Remember Enol: $\text{R}-\text{C}(\text{OH})=\text{CH}_2$

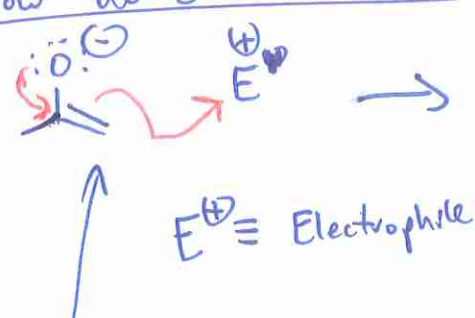
↳ Also a nucleophile → recall $\text{C}=\text{C}$ is a nucleophile

Making Enolates:



- α-Carbon
- H-atoms attached are called α-Protons

How do Enolates make bonds



Forms strong $\text{C}=\text{O}$ double bond when nucleophile is the C atom of the enolate.

$\text{E}^{\oplus} \equiv$ Electrophile
Nucleophilic C-atom

In our class the O-atom is not the ~~enolate~~ nucleophilic atom, the C-atom is



Ratio: $\frac{\# \text{ of aldehydes present @ equilibrium}}{\# \text{ of enolates present}}$ vs. $\frac{\text{pK}_a \text{ of H-Base}}{\text{pK}_a \text{ of H-Base}}$

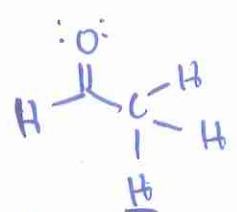
# of aldehydes present @ equilibrium	# of enolates present	pK _a of H-Base
1	1	18
1	10	19
10	1	17
1	10 ²⁰	38

- Hold Aldehyde pK_a constant ^{at 18}
- Then determine populations of Aldehyde vs. Enolate for various Bases whose conjugate acids (H-Base) are shown on the right side

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Aldol Rxn

Acid

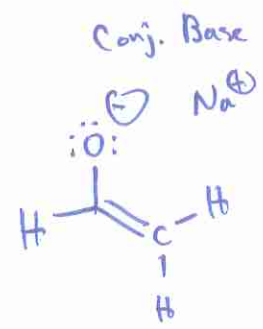
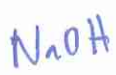


pKa ~ 18-20

Favored side of

equilibrium → weaker acid favored at Equilibrium (higher pKa)

Base



Conj. Acid



pKa ~ 16

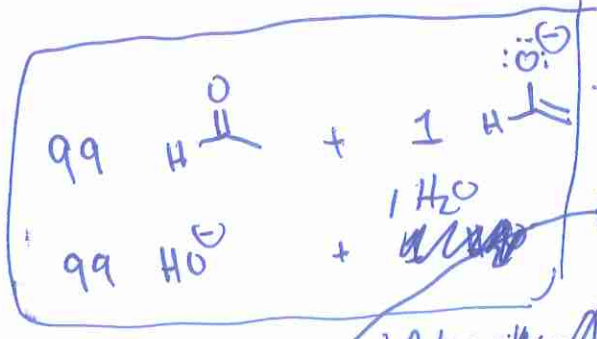


What does this mean:

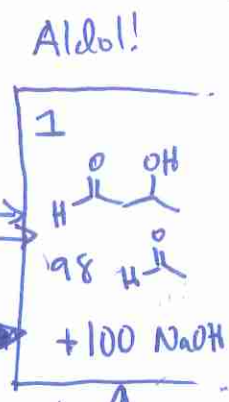


pKa H2O 16

goes to equilibrium



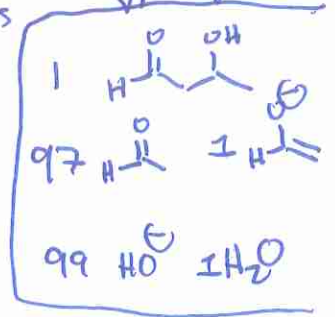
go to equilibrium now



Catalytic in Base go to equilibrium again

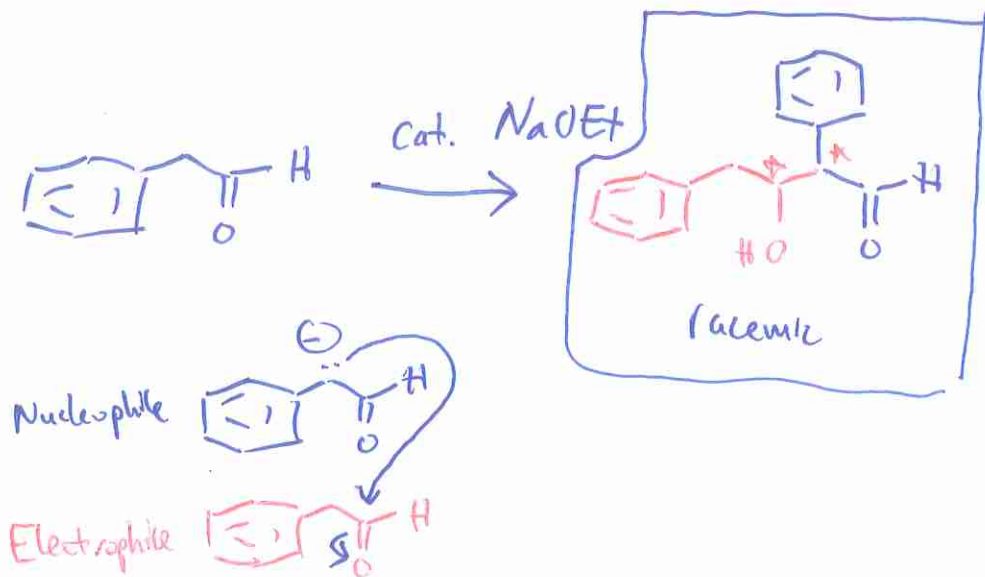
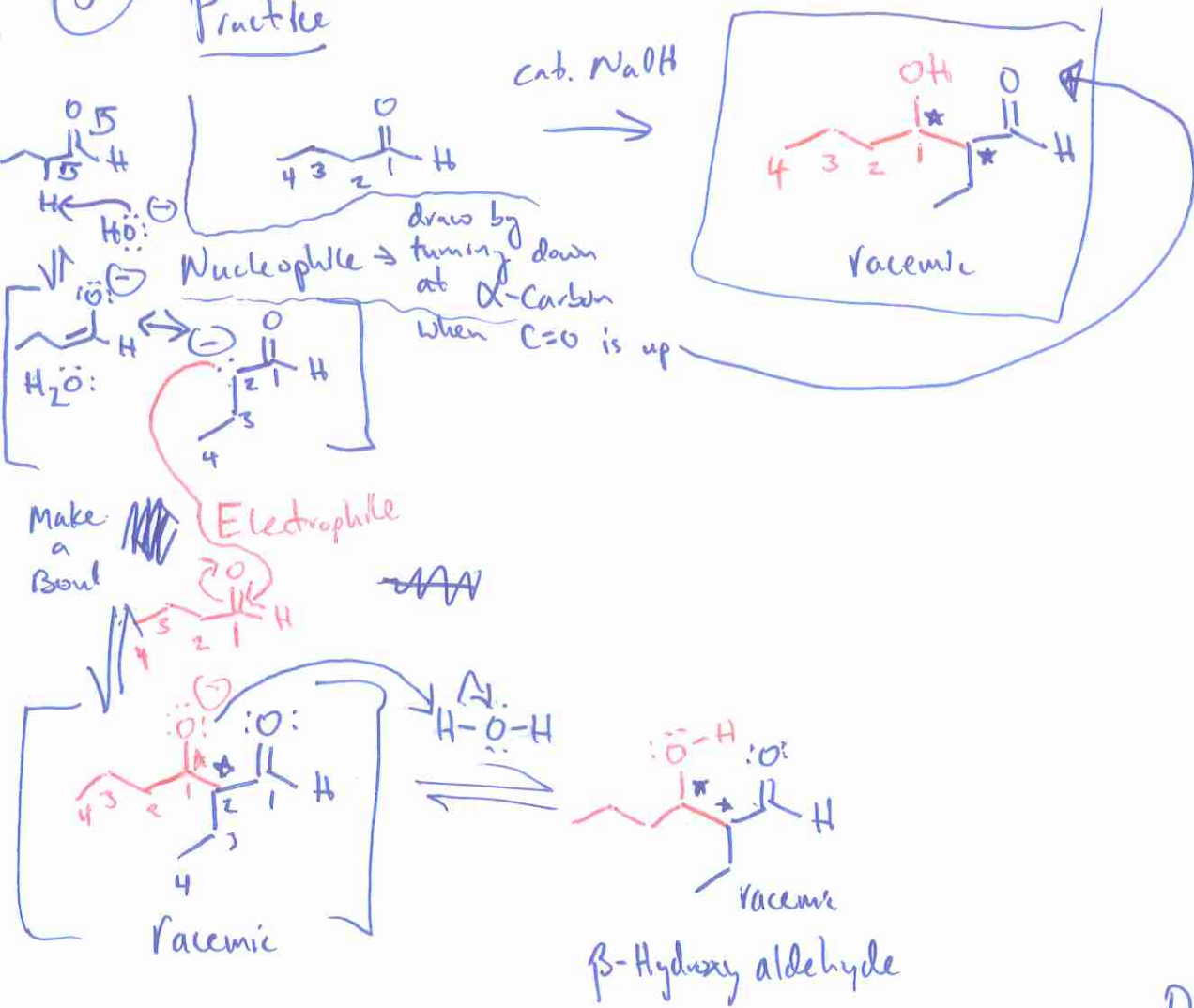
No more enolate after 1 β-hydroxy aldehyde is made
Le Chatlier's principle says we'll make more

can make 50 cycles through products eventually



Notice for aldols you can use NaOCH₃, NaOEt, any NaOR as a base

3 Practice



Drawing tip:

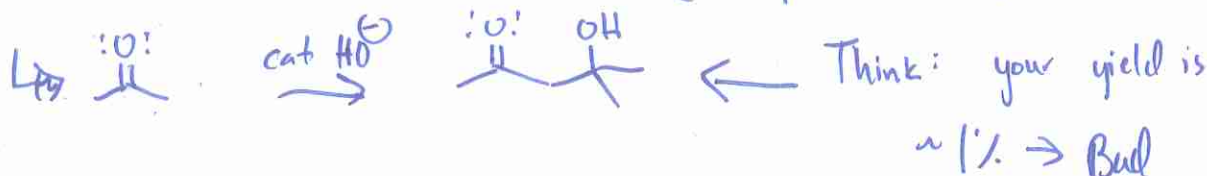
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 Nucleophile \rightarrow turn up at α -Carbon when C=O points down

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- Aldol rxn is 'favored' for Aldehydes:



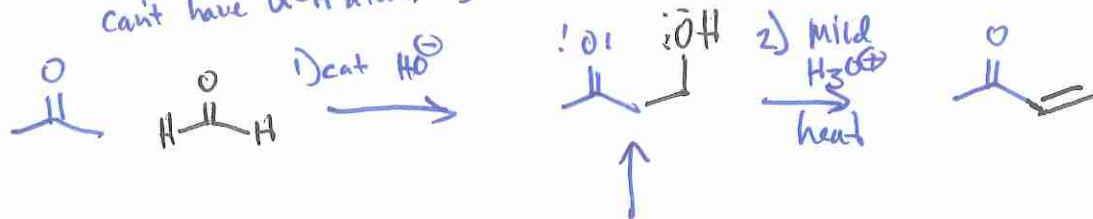
- Not favored for two ketones (exception - below!)



- Crossed Aldol can be favorable

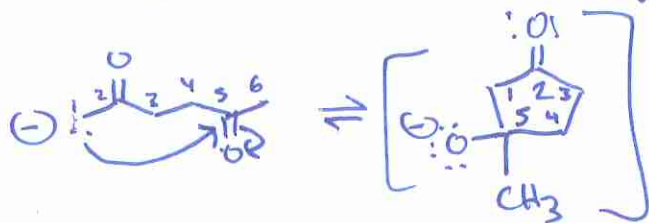
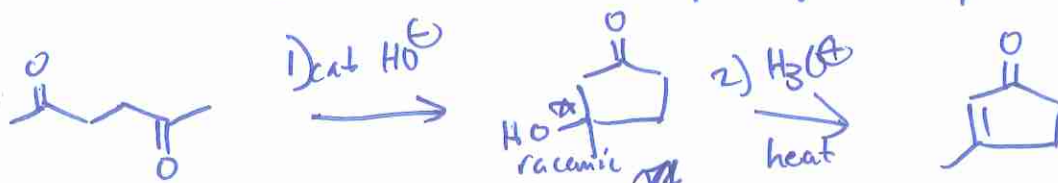
$\xrightarrow{1 \text{ aldehyde} \& \text{ 1 ketone}}$

can't have α -H atoms \rightarrow it can't form an enolate



think 100% yield is possible

- Cyclic Aldols w/ ketones \rightarrow only way for two ketones to partake in an aldol where a good yield is possible
(5 or 6 membered ring forms)

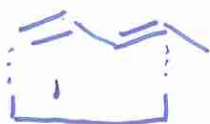


5 Aldol Dehydration → see Mechanism Packet

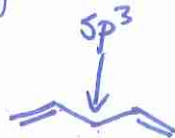
Golden Rule of Chemistry #7

Delocalization of π - e^- density over a large volume is stabilizing

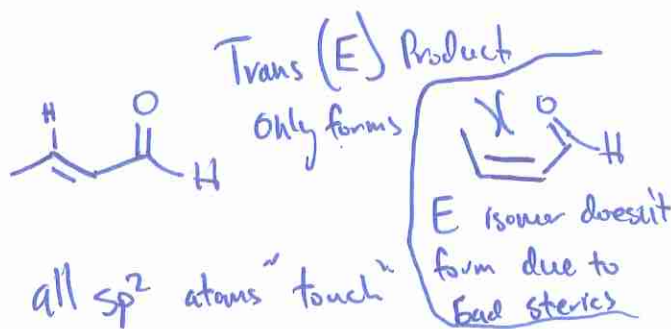
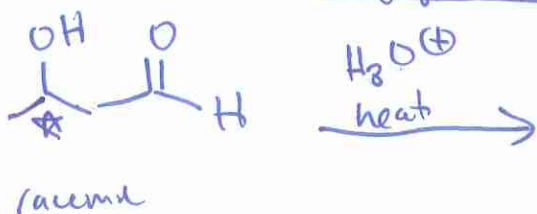
↳ Alternating single-double bonds → called conjugation



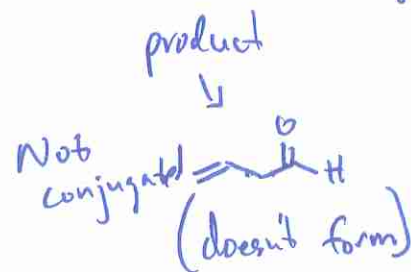
- all sp^2 Carbons
- Stable
- Conjugated



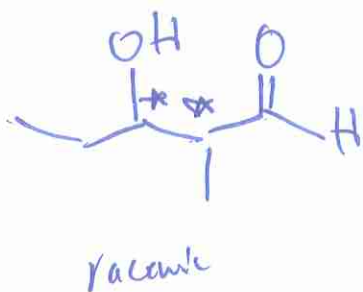
- Not all sp^2 are adjacent
- Not conjugated!



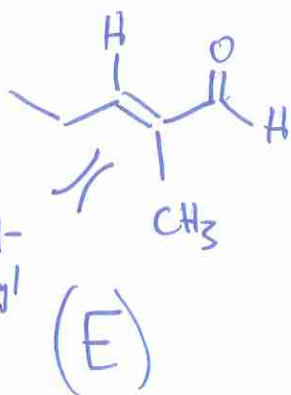
all sp^2 atoms "touch"
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much more stable than other dehydration product



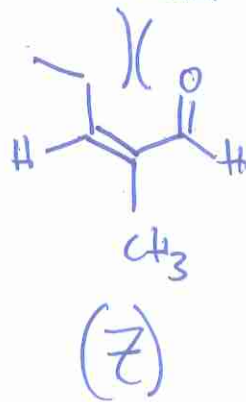
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Methyl-carbonyl clash



vs ethyl-carbonyl clash



NOT obvious which is more stable → you get a mixture



Write E, Z mixture for cases where it's not obvious

↳ exception is

