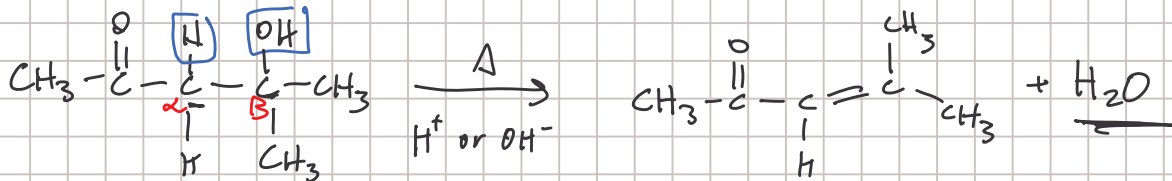


Wittig report due tomorrow

Dehydration of Aldol products



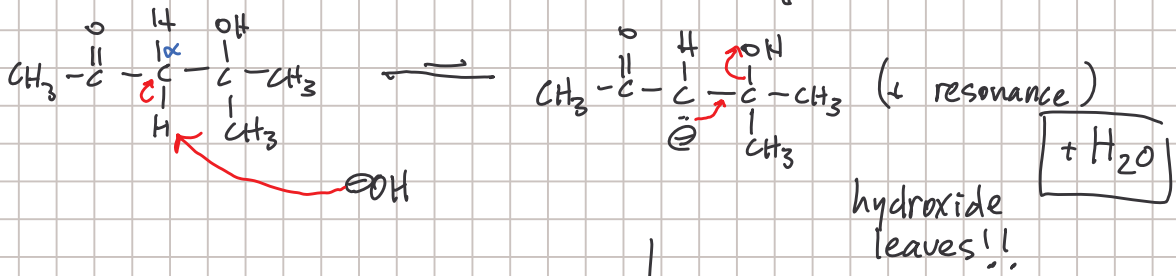
Aldol prod

α, β -unsaturated ketone
aka. enone

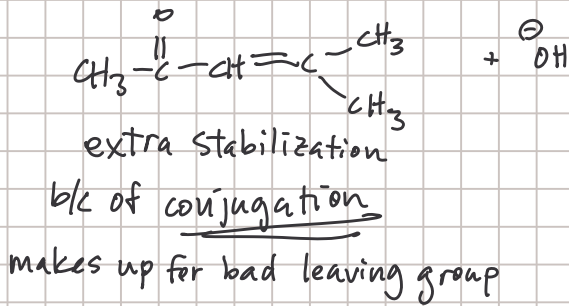
acid-cat = normal dehydration mech

- 1) protonation of -OH
- 2) loss of H₂O
- 3) elimination of adjacent H

base-cat dehydration.

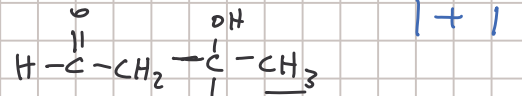
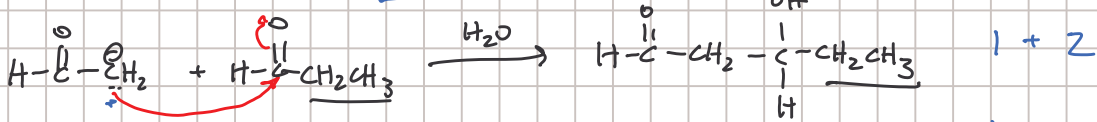
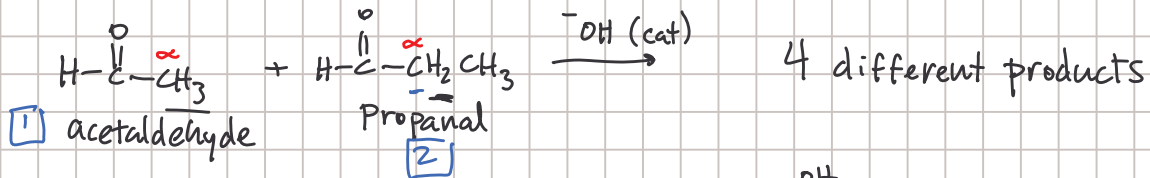


and high temperatures
will boil water away

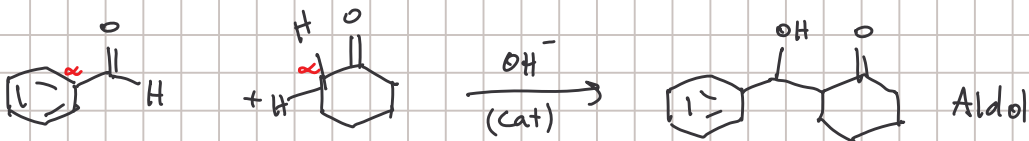
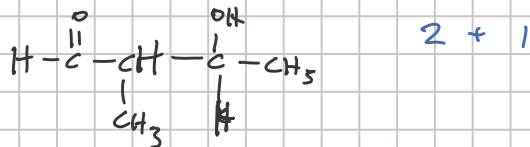
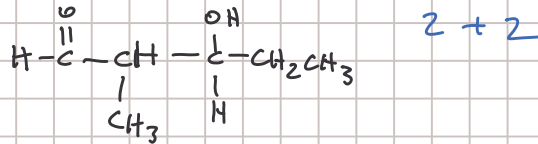


Crossed Aldol condensations: Condensing 2 different compounds

Can be very messy



To combat this, choose reactants so only 1 has α Hydrogens.



benzaldehyde

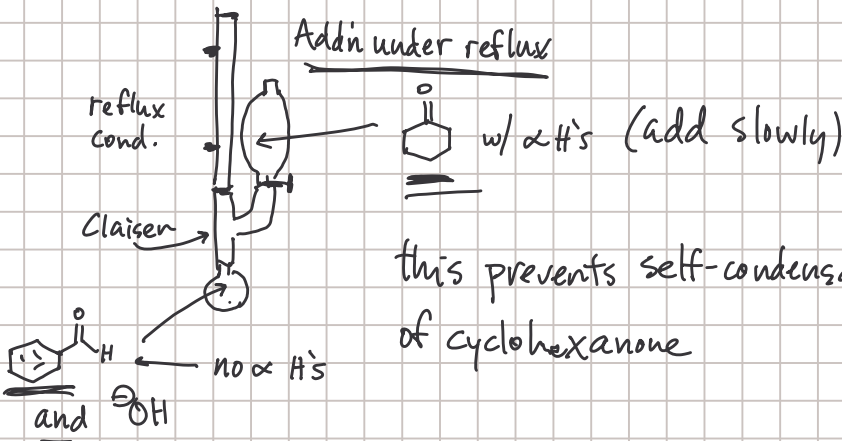
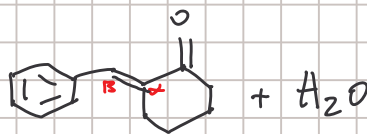
cyclohexanone

no α H's

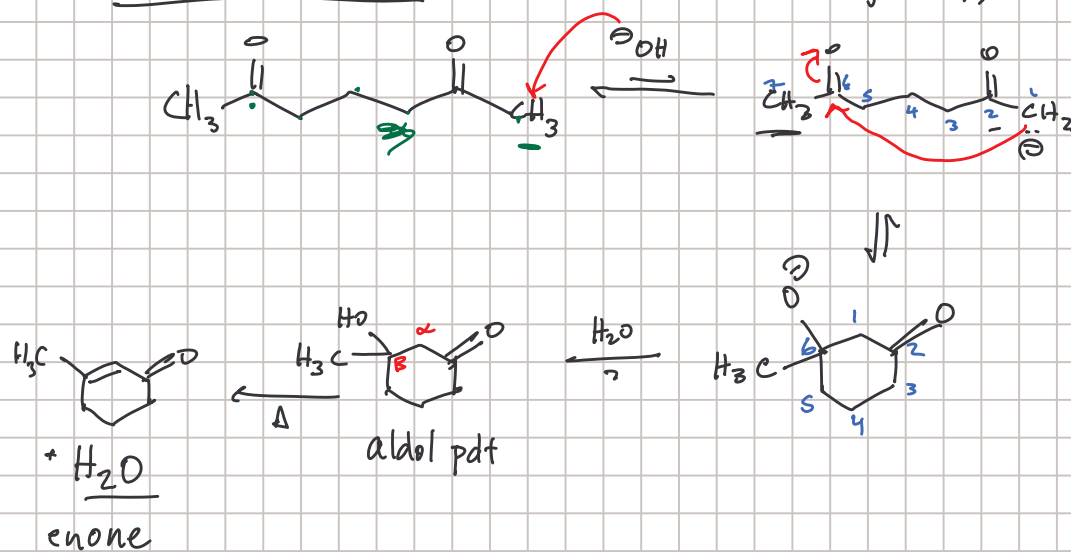
4 equivalent α H's

forms enolate

dehydration

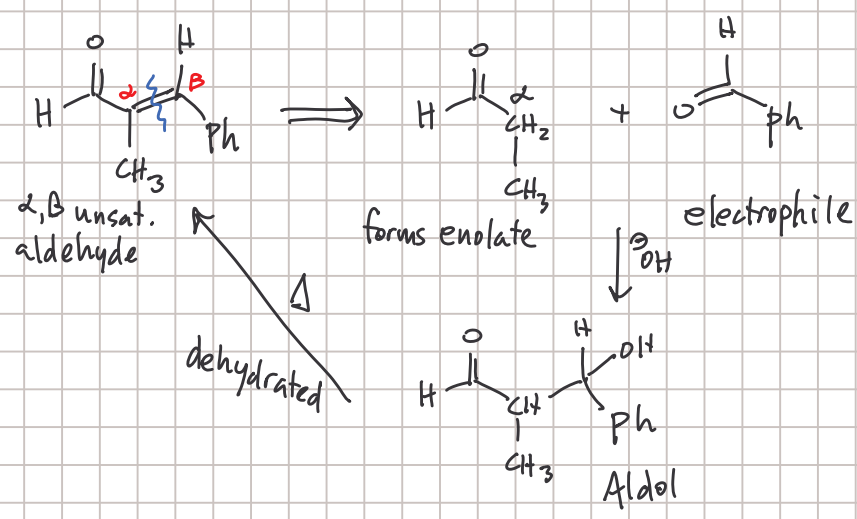
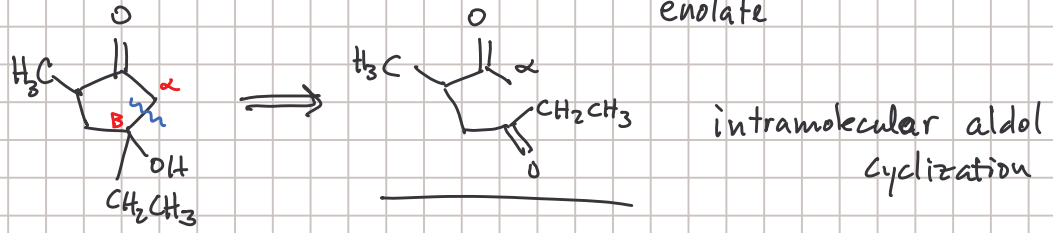
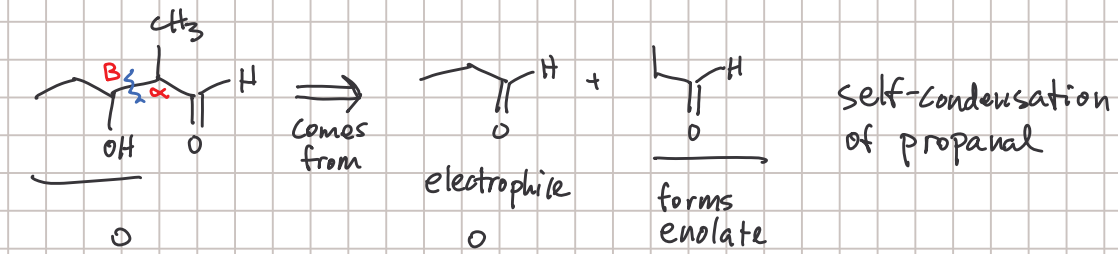


Aldol cyclizations (5 or 6-membered rings only)



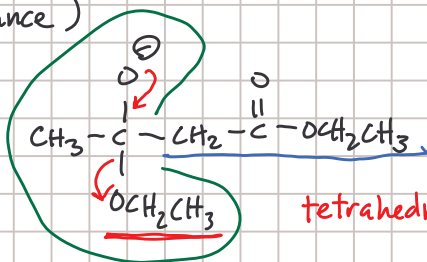
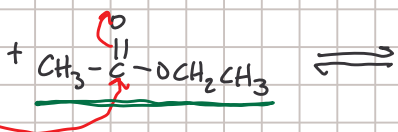
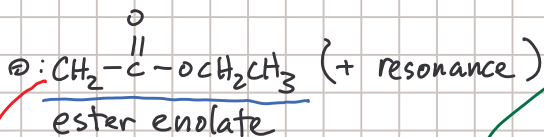
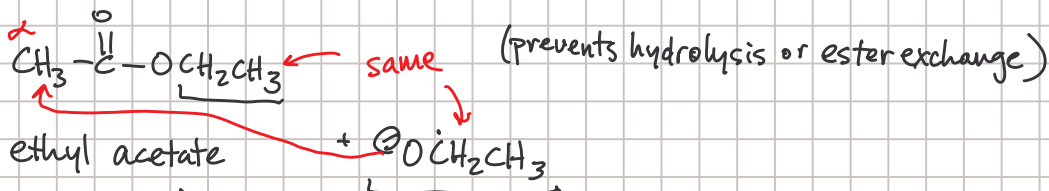
Planning aldol syntheses

retrosynthetically break
 α, β bond

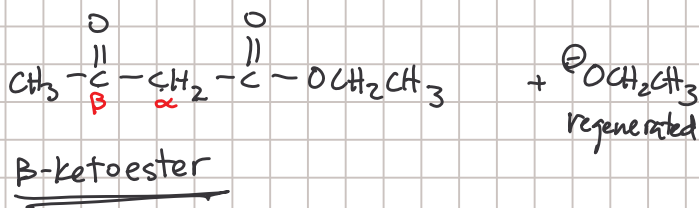


Claisen condensation

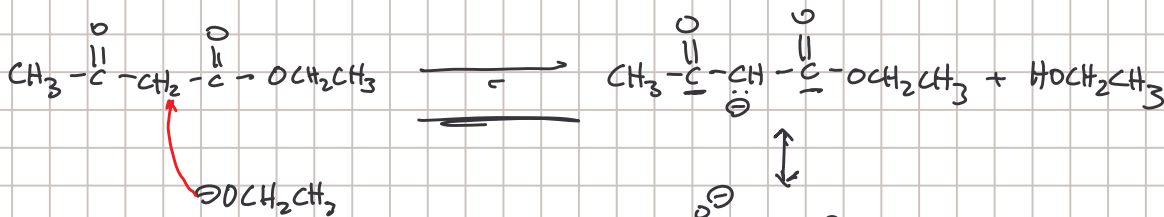
enolate + ester (as electrophile)



add/elim mechanism



β -ketoesters have very acidic α H's (extra resonance stabilization)



this drives Claisen conds. to completion.

