# Organic Synthesis 102721

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# Organic Synthesis

- Retrosynthesis (Disconnection Approach)
- Asymmetric synthesis (will be included in stereoselective synthesis part)
- Special Topics: Combinatorial Chemistry

# Routine for Designing a Synthesis

- Analysis
  - Recognize functional groups of target molecules
  - Disconnection by a known and reliable reaction
  - Repeat above processes as necessary
- Synthesis
  - Write out a plan according to the analysis
  - Modify as necessary from the result in the laboratory

# Essential Background Knowledge

- Understanding reaction mechanism
- Working knowledge of reliable reactions
- Knowing availability of some compounds
- Understanding the sterochemistry

# Disconnection Approach

- Disconnection:
  - Reverse of synthetic steps or reactions
- Functional group interconversion (FGI):
  - Change of functional groups into other which can be disconnected
- Synthons:
  - Idealized fragments which help to design the reaction to be used. They may or may not be involved in the reaction.

#### The Order of Events

- Looking for a group that direct to the right direction
- The group first to be disconnected is the most electron withdrawing group
- Remember FGI might change the directing effect of some substituents
- When using nucleophilic substitution on diazonium salt, it is a good idea to add at the amine stage

#### Guideline (continued)

- Sometimes, an extra group has to be added and then removed later
- Look for substituents that are difficult to add => Don't disconnect them but to use starting materials containing those groups
- Look for a combination of substituents in a readily available starting materials
- Avoid sequence that may lead to unwanted reaction
- If o,p-substitution is involved, block the other position

# Some Readily Available Compounds

## Ortho-favored Reactions

(for phenolic aromatic compounds)

• Fries Rearrangement

• Reimer-Tiemann Reaction

To Select A Good Route

Judgement

Laboratory Trial And Error

## One-Group C-X Disconnections

#### Ether, Amides and Sulfides

 Disconnect a bond joining carbon to the heteroatom (X)

Nucleophlic Heteroatoms

• alcohol (ROH), amines (RNH<sub>2</sub>) or thiols (RSH)

Disconnection scheme

$$R - \xi - X \qquad \xrightarrow{C \longrightarrow X} \qquad R^+ + X^-$$

RY; Y = Br, OTs

## Carbonyl Derivatives

Disconnect the bond between carbonyl group and heteroatom

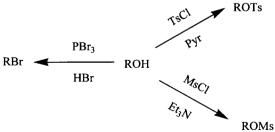
• Reactivity of acid derivative is as followed (from the most reactive to less)

acid chloride > acid anhydride > esters > amides

## Alcohols, Ethers, Alkylhalides and Sulfides

In Aliphatic compounds RX

- => nucleophiles XH
- => electrophilic carbon species R<sup>+</sup> (Reagents are RBr, ROTs or ROMs)



#### Aliphatic Compounds Derived from Alcohols

ROH can be converted to RX; X = halide, OTs, OMs

Then

 $RX + R^1OH$ , base  $\longrightarrow$  Ethers  $ROR^1$ 

 $RX + (NH_2)_2CS$ ,  $HO^-/H_2O$  Thiols RSH

RX + Hal Alkyl halides RHal

RX + Nu Other derivatives

# Considerations

\*Conditions used must suit the structure of the molecules

 $S_N 1$ 

• Tertiary compounds

 $S_N 2$ 

- Methyl and primary alkyl derivatives
- Via carbocation intermediate
- Polar solvent medium, and acid catalysis
- No intermediate involved
- Non polar solvent and powerful nucleophiles condition

## Ethers and Sulphides

The bond to be disconnected is between C-O bond (for ethers) and C-S bonds (for sulphides)

• Dimethylsulphate (MeO)<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>2</sub> is used for methylation (in alkaline solution - NaOH)

#### Chemoselectivity

• Relative reactivity of two different functional groups

• Reaction of one of the two functional groups

• Reaction of a group once when it may react again

$$S^{2}$$
 RBr RSR wanted

#### Guidelines to Chemoselectivity

- With two functional groups of unequal reactivity, the more reactive one can always be made to react alone e.g. hydroxy acid
- If one functional group can react twice, make sure the first product is less reactive than the starting material
- To solve above problems, use protecting groups
- One of the two identical groups can react if the product is less reactive than reactant
- Stoichiometric method can be used to control the two identical reaction site
- Use a derivative that can react once only
- When two groups are nearly but not quite identical, avoid to make one of them react

#### Two-Group C-X Disconnections

- 1,1-Difunctionalized Compounds
- 1,2-Difunctionalized Compounds
- 1,3-Difunctionalized Compounds

## 1,1-Difunctionalized Compounds

Two functional groups to be disconnected are at the same carbon atom: 1,1-diX

$$X \longrightarrow D + HX + HY$$

## Synthesis of Acetals

One carbon atom has two C-O bonds: one oxygen atom can help to disconnect the other

#### Synthesis of $\alpha$ -Halo Ethers

Reaction is similar to that of preparing acetals but the acid has nucleophilic counter ion (Cl<sup>-</sup>), and proportions of the reagents are changed

## Synthesis of $\alpha$ -Amino Acids

Both oxygen atoms have been replaced by other groups

Strecker synthesis via amino cyanide

## 1,2-Difunctionalized Compound

Two functional groups to be disconnected are on adjacent

carbon atoms: 1,2-diX

- · alcohol derivatives
- · carbonyl compounds

Synthesis of alcohol derivatives

Reagent: Epoxides

$$NU \longrightarrow OCOR \longrightarrow NU \longrightarrow NU \longrightarrow + + \bigcirc OH = \bigcirc O$$

Synthesis of carbonyl compounds

## 1,3-Difunctionalized Compounds

These compounds can be disconnected only at carbonyl

oxidation level: 1,3-diX

Reagent: Unsaturated compounds

## Reversal of Polarity

Nucleophilic attack on a heteroatom reverse the polarity of the atom

e.g., synthesis of

- Epoxides
- A-Haloketones
- **Q**-Haloacids

## Cyclization Reaction

#### Preferred Condition for Ring Formation:

- bimolecular reaction to form an open-chain compound then cyclize, giving three-, five-, six-, or seven-membered rings
- e.g., five-membered cyclic acetal and N-methylmorpholine

## Summary of Strategy

#### Analysis:

- 1. Recognize the functional group
- 2. Disconnect by known reliable methods
- Ar-C or Ar-X;
- Any C-X bond; RCO-X and 1,1-, 1,2-, or 1,3-diX
- 3. Repeat as necessary to reach available starting materials

#### Summary of Strategy

#### Synthesis:

- 1. Write out plan according to analysis, adding reagents and conditions
- 2. Check for reasonable order of events
- 3. Check aspect of chemoselectivity
- 4. Modify the plan according to above and to unexpected failures or success

#### Amine Synthesis

Problem of synthesis amine by disconnect C-X

$$R-N-Me \xrightarrow{C-N} RNH_2 + MeI$$

 The first product is at least active as the starting material so it react further to give over alkylation product

$$RNH_2 \xrightarrow{MeI} RNHMe \xrightarrow{MeI} RNMe_2 \xrightarrow{MeI} RNMe_3 I^-$$

#### Alternative Methods

· The Amide method

$$RNH_2 \xrightarrow{R'COCl} RNH \xrightarrow{R} \frac{LiAlH_4}{R'} RNHCH_2R$$

• The Imine Method (good for branch substrates)

$$RNH_2 + \underbrace{R1 \qquad R2}_{R1} \xrightarrow{NH} \underbrace{\frac{\text{LiAlH}_4}{\text{or NaB(CN)H}_3}}_{R1} \underbrace{\frac{\text{NHR}}{\text{R2}}}_{R2}$$

#### Alternative Methods

(continued)

• The Azide Method (Reduction)

RBr 
$$\xrightarrow{\text{NaN}_3}$$
 RN<sub>3</sub>  $\xrightarrow{\text{LiAlH}_4}$  RNH<sub>2</sub> or H<sub>2</sub>, cat

\* NaNH<sub>2</sub> is available commercially but it is very basic so leads elimination instead of substitution

## Synthesis of Primary Amines

- Imines (not give a very good yield)
- Oxime method use NH2OH and reducing agents (LiAlH4)
- · Alkylation and reduction of aliphatic nitro compounds
- · Ritter reaction followed by hydrolysis of amides

## **Protecting Groups**

Why we have to use protecting group?

Chemoselectivity

#### Characteristics of Protecting Groups

- 1. Easy to put in and remove
- Resistant to reagents which would react with unprotected groups
- 3. Resistant to other reagents

## Some Useful Protecting Groups

- Alcohol and diols protecting groups
  - acetals
  - THP (tetrahydropyranyl ether)
  - MOM (methoxymethyl), and
     (β-methoxyethoxymethyl)

**MEM** 

- Amino protecting groups
  - CBz (carbobenzyloxy)
  - TBoc (t-butoxylcarbonyl)

## Some Useful Protecting Groups

- Carbonyl protecting groups
  - acetals and ketals
  - 1,3-oxathiolane derivatives (nonacidic condition required for deprotection)
- · Carboxylic acid protecting groups
  - esters e.g. methyl, ethyl, or benzyl esters
  - oxazoline derivatives (e.g. 4,4-dimethyl derivative)

## One-Group C-C Disconnection

- 1,1 C-C Disconnections
- 1,2 C-C Disconnections
- 1,3 C-C Disconnections

#### Application: alcohol synthesis

- Electrophilic reagents; e.g., RBr
- Nucleophilic reagents; e.g., RMgBr

## 1,1 C-C Disconnections

Alcohols can be disconnected at the C-C bond next

to oxygen

## Reagents for Carbanion Synthons

Carbanion R

Reagents: carbon joining to a more electropositive atom such as a metal e.g., Li or Mg

RCI + BuLi 
$$\longrightarrow$$
 BuCl + RLi

RHal + Li  $\xrightarrow{THF}$  RLi

RHal + Mg  $\xrightarrow{Et_2O}$  RMgHal or THF

## Compounds Derived from Alcohols

- Aldehydes and Ketones
  - oxidation of alcohols
- \* Popular oxidizing agents are chromium(VI), PCC and PDC
- · Carboxylic Acids
  - addition of  ${\rm CO_2}$  to Grignard reagents or RLi and the cyanide method (works well with allylic and benzylic halides

## 1,2 C-C Disconnections

• Via Epoxides route (substrates with not too many substituents)

. Via Carbonyl route R1 
$$\xrightarrow{\text{C-C}}$$
 R- +  $\xrightarrow{\text{O}}$  R1

$$R \xrightarrow{C-C} R^+ + \xrightarrow{R_1} R^0 = R_1$$

#### Carbonyl Compounds

2 step synthesis via epoxides:

- making alcohols
- · oxidation
- \* Other approaches will be discussed later

## Choosing A Disconnections for C-C

- Greatest Simplification:
  - disconnect in the middle of molecule
  - disconnect at a branch point
  - disconnect rings from chains
- Symmetry
- · Approach with highest yield
- · Recognizable starting materials

#### Guidelines to Good Disconnections

- 1. Make the synthesis as short as possible
- 2. Consider disconnections only with known reliable reactions
- 3. Disconnect C-X bonds and C-C bonds
- 4. Choose approach with highest yield
- 5. Use available starting materials or compounds which are easily to make

## Stereoselectivity

Why important?

 Biological activity of organic molecules such as drugs, perfumes, or insecticides depend on stereochemistry

#### **Enantiomeric Excess and Optical Purity**

• Enantiomeric excess (ee)

= (amount of major - minor)

(amount of major + minor)

• Optical Purity

= observed specific rotation × 100

specific rotation of a

pure enantiomer

#### To Obtain Optically Active Compounds

- Resolution
- Asymmetric Synthesis
  - Substrate Control
  - Auxiliary Control
  - Reagent Control
    - stereospecific or stereoselective mechanism
    - · stoichiometric
    - catalysis

#### **Resolution Methods**

- Crystallization entainment process
- Formation of diastereomers
- · Kinetic resolution
- Use chiral column

## Asymmetric Synthesis

 Most widely used method for producing chiral compounds; for example, adding nucleophile to carbonyl generating a new asymmetric center (\*)

#### **Prochiral Center**

A Nucleophile can attack either face of carbonyl (trigonal planar)

- Re face in the clockwise direction
- Si face in the counterclockwise direction

(priority according to Cahn-Ingold-Prelog - CIP system)

\*Addition of a ligand can generate a new chiral center

## Synthesis of Carbonyl Compounds

- 1,1 C-C Disconnections
- Alkylation of Enols
- Michael Addition

#### 1,1 C-C Disconnections

- Less reactive organometallic reagents such as cadmium will be used instead of Grignard reagent
- · Use cyanides

$$R1$$
  $R$   $R_2$ Cd

Grignard reagent will react with ketones and give alcohols

## Alkylation of Enols

- 1,2 C-C disconnection requires the alkylation of an enol or enolate anion by an alkyl halide
- \* CO<sub>2</sub>Et must be present on the \alpha-carbon atom

$$R \xrightarrow{R1} R^1 \longrightarrow R^+ + \bigvee_{O}^{R1}$$

#### Michael Addition

1,3-disconnection should look for a branch point at the  $\beta$  or  $\gamma$  carbon atoms, and particularly when it joins a ring to a chain

## Regioselectivity

Reaction on one specific part of a single functional group

## Regioselective Alkylation of Ketones

- Alkylation can add an alkyl group to either side of a ketone
- To solve the problem use ester e.g. malonate ester as the substrate

#### Regioselective Michael Addition

Direct 1,2 addition at the carbonyl, giving alcohol

V.S. Michael addition or 1,4 addition

- Michael addition product is the thermodynamic product
- More stable nucleophiles give more Michael addition product
- C=O is harder than C=C; weaker basic nucleophiles favor Michael addition

#### Alkene Synthesis

- Elimination of Alcohols and Derivatives
  - dehydration of alcohols under acidic condition; acids used are such as KHSO<sub>4</sub>,
     phosphoric acid and POCl<sub>3</sub>
  - dehydrohalogenation of alkyl halides with bases
- The Wittig Reaction
  - widely used for olefin synthesis

## The Wittig Reaction

- Stabilized ylids (R = Ar, COR, C=C etc.) react with aldehyde to give mainly E
  (trans)
- Unstabilized ylids (R = alkyl) give mainly Z (cis)

$$RCH_2Br \longrightarrow Ph_3P - CH_2R \longrightarrow Ph_3P - CHR$$
 ylid

## Use of Acetylenes

- Form an anion (carbanions) by treating with NaNH, in NH, (1)
  - react with alkyl halides, carbonyl and epoxides etc.
- · Use in diene synthesis
- Use in hydration with Hg(II); terminal acetylenes always give methyl ketones

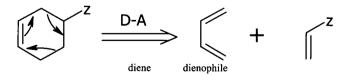
#### Two-Group Disconnections: Diels-Alder Reactions

Pericyclic cycloaddition reaction

• all new bonds are created simultaneously and electrons are moving in circle

Target for trying Diels-Alder (D-A) reaction

- cyclohexene and electron withdrawing groups



#### Stereospecificity and Stereoselectivity

- Stereospecificity aspect:
  - cis dienophiles give cis products and trans dienophiles give trans products
  - same to that of dienes
- Stereoselecivity aspect:
  - endo\* selectivity (kinetic product)
- \*refers to the relationship between Z groups in the dienophile and

the double bond in a new cyclohexene ring

## Regioselectivity of D-A Reactions

• Ortho-Para directing under Lewis acid catalyst (no meta product observed)

#### Introduction to Carbonyl Condensations

- 1,3-Difunctionalized compounds and  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  unsaturated carbonyl compounds
- 1,5- Dicarbonyl compounds
- 1,2- Difunctionalized compounds
- 1,4- Difunctionalized compounds
- 1,6- Difunctionalized compounds

#### Two-Group Disconnections:

1,3 Difunctionalized and

 $\alpha, \beta$ -unsaturated Carbonyl Compounds

- 1. 1,3 Dicarbonyl Compounds
- $2. \ \beta \hbox{-Hydroxy Carbonyl Compounds}$
- 3.  $\alpha,\beta$ -Unsaturated Carbonyl Compounds

## 1,3-Dicarbonyl Compounds

• Disconnection where it requires acylation reaction of enolate anion X = OR or Cl

# $\beta\text{-Hydroxy Carbonyl Componds}$

• Disconnection at lower oxidation level, the ester is being replaced by aldehyde or ketone

## $\alpha, \beta$ -unsaturated Carbonyl Compounds

• Dehydration of  $\beta$ -hydroxy carbonyl compounds: removing of enolic proton and producing conjugated system

## Control in Carbonyl Condensations

Considerations for carbonyl condensations

Chemo- or Regioselectivity Problems

- Which compound enolized?
- · Which side does it enolized?
- Which compound acts as the electrophile?

# Reactivity of Carbonyl Compounds Most Enolizable RCONR<sub>2</sub> RCO<sub>2</sub>R' (RCO)<sub>2</sub>O RCOCl CHOR' RCHO Most Electrophilic

#### Strategy in Controlling Carbonyl Condensations

- Self condensations: use symmetrical ketones or aldehydes
- · Varying the conditions
- Intramolecular reaction: stable 5- and 6-membered ring are the most favored
- Use compounds which cannot enolize e.g. formaldehyde (the Mannich reaction)

R1,R2 = H, OEt, Cl, Ar, t-Alk, CO<sub>2</sub>Et

#### Strategy in Controlling Carbonyl Condensations (continued)

- Use specific enol equivalents
  - activating groups, usually CO<sub>2</sub>Et
  - Wittig and Reformatsky reagents
  - enamines
- Removal of one product
  - dehydration to give enones
  - product ionization to give  $\beta$ -dicarbonyl anions
  - decarboxylation

#### Two-Group Disconnections:

#### 1,5 Difunctionalized Compounds

#### Michael Addition

- 1,5 Dicarbonyl compounds can be disconnected at either  $\alpha,\beta$  bond in a reverse michael addition
  - Activating groups are such as CO<sub>2</sub>Et and enamines

#### The Robinson Annelation

- One important extension of Michael addition to make six-membered rings and 1,3-diketones
- Disconnection at the  $\alpha, \beta$  bond

# Use of Aliphatic Nitro Compounds in Synthesis

Nitro group is a very powerful anion-stabilizing group (one nitro group is at least as anion-stabilizing as two carbonyl groups)

· converts to amines

$$R-NO_2 = \frac{LiAlH_4}{or H_2, Pd/C} = R-NH_2$$

converts to carbonyl by TiCl<sub>3</sub> catalyzed hydrolysis

## **Two-Group Disconnections**

## 1,2-Difunctionalized Compounds

$$X$$
 $Y$ 
 $R1$ 
 $R2$ 
 $X$ 
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 $R1$ 

Sources of nucleophilic synthons

- 1. Acyl anion equivalents
  - alkynes
  - cyanide for -COOH and Benzoin condensation
- 2. Methods from alkenes e.g. epoxidation, halogenation

or hydroxylation

Sources for nucleophilic synthons (continued)

- 3.  $\alpha$ -functionalization of carbonyl compounds
  - α-halo compounds
  - conversion of ketones to  $\alpha$ -diketones
  - oxidation with SeO<sub>2</sub>
  - nitrozation followed by hydrolysis
- 4. Use of available starting materials

#### 1,2-Difunctionalized Compounds

#### **Radical Reactions**

- Functionalization of Allylic and Benzylic Positions
  - Bromination
    - Br,, light
    - allylic, Ct to carbonyl, and alkynes brominations- NBS (N-bromosuccinimide) or Wohl-Ziegler bromination (usually in nonpolar solvent medium e.g, CCl<sub>4</sub>)

## Radical Reactions (continued)

- · C-C bond formation
  - radical dimerization e.g. synthesis of 1,2-diol or pinacol

- acyloin reaction (α-hydroxy carbonyl compounds)
  - · use electron donors to give diradicals e.g. Na metal

## Functional Group Addition (FGA)

- Use in syntheses of hydrocarbons (no functional group)
- The functional groups are added then removed to give desired products
  - FGA alcohols; removed by dehydration
  - FGA carbonyl; removed by Clemmensen method (Zn, Hg in conc HCl)
  - FGA of double bonds; removed by hydrogenation

# Two-Group Disconnections 1,4-Difunctionalized Compounds

- 1,4-diketones
  - unnatural electrophilic synthons can be from α-halo carbonyl compounds reacts with specific enol equivalents

$$R1 \xrightarrow{0} R2 \longrightarrow R1 \xrightarrow{0} + \xrightarrow{+} R2$$

• 4- or γ-hydroxyketones

$$R1 \xrightarrow{O} R2 \longrightarrow R1 \xrightarrow{P} P1 \xrightarrow{R} P2 \longrightarrow Q$$

# 1,4-Difunctionalized Compounds (continued)

• unnatural nucleophilic synthons; use cyanide method or nitroalkanes

$$R1 \xrightarrow{Q} R2 \longrightarrow R1 \xrightarrow{Q} + - R2$$

- Use of available starting materials
- FGA of a triple bond

#### Reconnections

- Join a bond which will be broken during the synthesis of a molecule
- Cleavage of C=C bond
  - ozonolysis with Me<sub>2</sub>S or H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> work-up(depends of types of product wanted)
  - hydroxylation and cleavage of diol and hydroxylation and cleavage combined

#### Oxidative Cleavage of Double Bonds

#### Synthesis with Reconnection Approach

- Synthesis of 1,2- and 1,4\*-difunctionalized compounds by C=C cleavage
- Synthesis of 1,2-dicarbonyl compounds

and

- Synthesis of 1,6-difunctionalized compounds
- \* 1,4-difunctionalized compounds can be synthesized without reconnection, e.g. by using propagyl halides and by adding of HBr to allyl groups

## 1,6-Difunctionalized Compounds

- · Reconnection approach is normally used for the synthesis of these compounds
  - one of the important key step is to use cyclohexene in the synthesis
  - cyclohexenes can be obtained from dehydration or Diels-Alder

$$\begin{array}{c|c} O_3 & \hline \\ COOH \\ \hline \\ COOH \\ \end{array}$$

## Baeyer-Villiger Reaction

- Insertion of an oxygen atom to the ring giving lactones
- · Reagents are peracids such as perbenzoic or peracetic acids

#### Strategy of Carbonyl Disconnections

- Look at target molecules and recognize FGs
- · Consider all possible disconnections
- · Choose the best possible route

# Summary of Approach

- · Convert all FGs based on oxygen (OH, CO, etc.) by FGI or C-X disconnections
- Identify 1,n-relationships
- Adjust oxidation level by oxidation or reduction (if necessary)
- · Look for the best possible disconnection
- Add extra FGs (FGA) or activating groups (if necessary)
- If a bad step must be included, put it as early as possible

# Introduction to Ring Synthesis (Saturated Heterocycles)

- Cyclization
  - usually kinetically favored intramolecular over intermolecular reaction
  - five, six and seven-membered rings are easy to make
  - three-membered rings are easy to make but not thermodynamically favored (usually brake down)
  - four-membered rings are not easy to make

## Three-Membered Rings

 e.g. epoxides can be synthesized from alkenes and peracids; often used MCPBA

Analysis

$$\bigcap_{\mathsf{R}} \stackrel{\mathsf{C-O}}{\Longrightarrow} \ \mathsf{R}^{\frown}$$

Synthesis

# Five-Membered Rings

Cyclization (favorable)

- Tactics
  - disconnect both C-X bonds
  - identify electrophilic carbon fragment needed to be added to nucleophilic heteroatom

#### Analysis

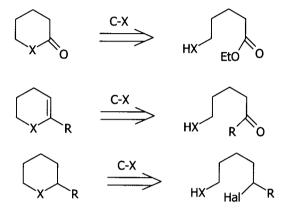
# Five-Membered Rings (continued)

- 1,3-Dipolar cycloaddition (pericyclic reaction)
  - conjugated alkenes react best by using this method
  - using 3 atom, 4 electron reagents such as diazomethane and nitrone

$$H_2C=N\stackrel{+}{=}N^-$$
 diazomethane O nitrone

# Six-Membered Rings

• Order of disconnections (from first to last)



# Three-Membered Ring Synthesis

- Cyclization reactions
  - kinetically favorable but thermodynamically unfavorable
- Insertion reactions
  - epoxides; peracid and Darzens reaction
  - cyclopropylketones
  - cyclopropanes; Simmons-Smith reaction (CH<sub>2</sub>I<sub>2</sub> with Zn/Cu
  - use of halocarbenes

#### Rearrangement in Ring Syntheses

 To construct a slightly different framework by using conventional reactions and rearrange it to the target molecule, e.g. Arndt-Eistert procedure

RCOOH 
$$\longrightarrow$$
 RCOCI  $\xrightarrow{CH_2N_2}$   $\xrightarrow{N=N}$   $\xrightarrow{heat, Ag(I)}$   $\xrightarrow{RCH_2COOMe}$   $\xrightarrow{MeOH}$   $\xrightarrow{RCOOH}$   $\xrightarrow{RCO$ 

#### Some Useful Rearrangement Techniques

- Arndt-Eistert procedure; chain extension by diazomethane (increase by one CH<sub>2</sub> group)
- Ring expansion using diazoalkanes and ketones
- Pinacol rearrangement; useful method for making of t-alkyl ketones
- Epoxide rearrangements in the synthesis of carbonyl compounds
- Anionic rearrangement Favorskii (Faworskii) rearrangement

#### Guideline of Rearrangement Techniques

- Compounds with a carbonyl group one atom away from a position where it would be helpful
- Compounds with t-alkyl group next to the carbonyl group

# Four-Membered Ring Synthesis

• Photochemical [2+2] Cycloadditions

• Ionic Reactions: ring expansion or contraction techniques

#### Ketenes

- Highly electrophilic at sp carbon atom
  - Nucleophiles can attack and give acyl derivatives
  - ketenes can dimerize to give esters or cyclobutadiones (for disubstituted ketenes)

$$H_2C = 0$$
  $\longrightarrow$   $0$   $\longrightarrow$   $0$ 

#### Use of Ketenes in Cyclobutanes Synthesis

- [2+2] Thermal Cycloadditions
- · Ketene dimerization reaction

# Five-Membered Ring

- Five-membered ring compounds can be made by:
  - standard carbonyl chemistry
    - 1,4-dicarbonyl compounds
    - 1,5- dicarbonyl compounds

and

- 1,6- dicarbonyl compounds
- Pericyclic rearrangement

# Synthesis of Five-Membered Rings

• From 1,4-dicarbonyl compounds

$$\bigcap_{R} \xrightarrow{\alpha,\beta} \bigcap_{R}$$

# Synthesis of Five-membered Rings (continued)

• From 1,6-dicarbonyl compounds

# Synthesis of Five-membered Rings (continued)

- From 1,5-dicarbonyl compounds
  - silicon modified acyloin reaction

#### Pericyclic Rearrangement for Five-membered Ring Synthesis

· Electrocyclic reaction



• Sigmatropic rearrangement

$$\begin{array}{c} R \\ \hline \end{array}$$

# [3,3] Sigmatropic Shifts

- · Claisen-Cope rearrangement
  - converts C-O bond in an ether into C-C bond in the product
  - highly stereoselective
- Carroll rearrangement
  - important industrial process of making vitamin A, and many perfume and
  - flavoring compounds

## Six-Membered Ring

- Methods of making six-membered rings:
  - Carbonyl condensation Robinson Annelation

- Diels-Alder reaction



- Reduction of aromatic compounds
  - · total reduction

· partial reduction: Birch reduction

# Strategies of Ring Synthesis

- Cylization to control selectivity
  - If a difficult step has to be involved, cyclization is a good idea
- Small ring considerations
  - disconnect a small ring at an early stage
  - consider how a small ring could be made before doing other disconnections
- Developing reagents for a given synthon

# Strategies of Ring Synthesis (continued)

- Use alternative strategies, e.g. carbenes or other disconnection strategies
- Polycyclic compounds syntheses
  - disconnect in the middle of molecules
  - Common atom approach
    - disconnections of bonds to atoms that are common to two or more rings

## Aromatic Heterocycles

- convey a biologically active substituents into the living cell
- Same disconnection techniques as the saturated heterocycles can be used but aromaticity makes it easier to make

# Five-Membered Ring

Furans and Pyrroles

Furan Pyrrole

$$R2 \qquad \frac{C-N}{N} \qquad R1 \longrightarrow R2 \qquad + \qquad NH$$

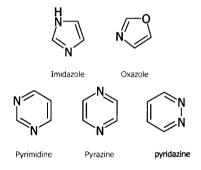
# Six-Membered Ring

• Pyridines

#### Aromatic Heterocycles with

#### Two Heteroatoms

- oxazole (five-membered ring)
- · diazepine (seven-membered ring
- · pyridazine, pyrazine and pyrimidine
- imidazoles



# Stereoselectivity

- · Analysis of target molecules with many chiral centers
  - set up one to set the next chiral center nearby
- · Synthesis to establish stereochemistry of natural products
- · To control stereochemistry
  - one useful strategy of open-chain compounds syntheses is to use a rigid structure which can be broken down to give open-chain compounds later

## Advanced Strategy

- Convergent plan of synthesis
  - usually provide higher yield than linear synthesis plan
  - disconnection in the middle of molecule or at a branch point
- · Key reaction strategy
- Available of starting materials strategy

## Molecular Diversity

- Differences in physical properties that exist among different molecules
- · Sources of molecular diversity
  - biological sources
  - chemical syntheses
    - parallel synthesis: simultaneous synthesis of multiple products
    - combinatorial synthesis: perform multiple reactions in one reaction vessel at the same time

## **Combinatorial Chemistry**

Intelligently planned => Collections of molecular diversity compounds

Without Planning => GIGO

# Logic of Combinatorial Chemistry

Historically

 Biological assays from natural products screening were carried out on mixtures Combinatorial Chemistry Ideas

- Intentionally making mixtures for the purpose of testing
- If a mixtures showed no activity, all compounds could assumed to be inactive
- · provide more rapid screening

# Combinatorial Chemistry Approach

- making the library a large collection of synthetic compounds for biological testing
- finding the active compound

## History

#### Beginning in 1980s

- Bruce Merrifield (Nobel prize 1984): solid phase peptide synthesis
- Richard Houghten (1985): tea bag method for rapid multiple peptide synthesis
- Mario Geyson (1984): first report describing combinatorial chemistry

From 1992, combinatorial library field has been the domain

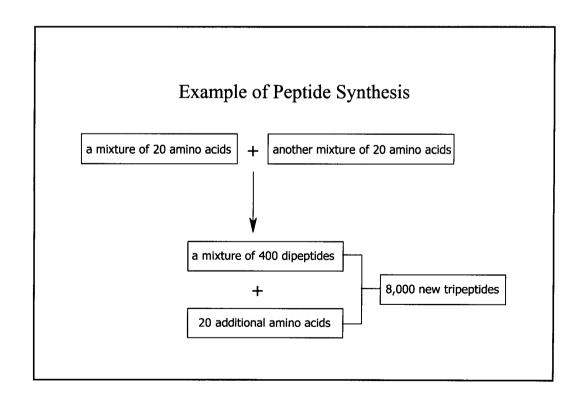
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# **Combinatorial Chemistry**

#### Multidisciplinary Integration:

- new analytical methods
- new computer modeling
- database-related challenges
- new synthetic approach
- new types of reagents
- new types of assays



#### **Problems-Solutions**

• What if one or more of the amino acid would not react or react sluggish?

Answer: Always difficult to solve

• How to find a single active peptides in a mixture of 7,999 inactive ones?

Answer: Deconvolution method- omit one position after another to find the best

residue

## Requirements for Combinatorial Chemistry

Synthesis must be fast and efficient

Testing must be fast and easy



**Automation and Robotics** 

# Solid-Phase Organic Synthesis

• 1963, Merrifield: introducing of solid phase peptide synthesis

# Ealier Days Problems

- solid-phase synthesis often produced only small quantities
- In pre 1980, NMR required a large amount of compounds for characterization

# Solid-Phase Organic Synthesis (continued)

 1992, Bunin and Ellman: preparation of combinatorial libraries of organic molecules

# Analytical Techniques for Solid-Phase Synthesis

- Elemental analysis
- Titration of reactive groups
- weight gain
- Spectroscopic methods, e.g. IR, NMR, or MS

## **Encoding of Beads**

- Each compound is attached to a separated bead
  - => bead encoding
- Each bead can be derivatized with a 'Tag'

# Positionally Addressable Spatial Arrays

- · Another approach to separation/identification of combinatorial library collections
- each compounds immobilized on a separate spot on a surface
- solid-phase synthesis s carried out on surface derivatized glass substrate using photolabile protecting groups and photolithographic techniques

#### **Robotic Instrumentation**

- Zymark Corporation introducred its sample handling robot (1981)
- Zymark robot (1992) Robotic combinatorial library synthesizer (split-mix procedure)

# Computational Chemistry in Combinatorial Chemistry

Structure-activity relationship study and drug design

- molecular spread sheet methods
- databases
- software

Combinatorial library usually represented by generic structures with a small variation in R group positions

#### **Commercial Sources**

- Chemical Design (Oxon, England)
- Tripos (St. Louis, MO)
- MDL (San Leandro, CA)
- Daylight (Irvine, CA)
- Synopsys (Leeds, England)

#### Other Approaches and Applications

- · Solution-phase can be used
  - Carell and co-workers use of central core molecule with many reactive groups
     e.g. cubane tetracarboxylic acid chloride and xanthane tetracarboxylic chloride

## Building Blocks (BBs)

 small reactive molecules that may be intercombined with each other or with members of other building blocks families (amines, carboxylic, aldehydes)

# Difference Between Combinatorial Chemistry and Traditionally Chemistry

- Traditional synthesis goal is to produce a single product of previously specified structure
- Combinatorial chemistry goal is to create searchable populations of molecules

# Strategies in The Design And Synthesis of Chemical Libraries

What is Chemical libraries?

 Intentionally created collections of differing molecules that may be screened for sets of preselected criteria, e.g. molecular recognition or biological activity

#### Library Design

- Strategic Considerations
- Building Blocks (small and reactive)
  - random screening or lead development
- · Design and Synthesis of Library
  - direct the preparation of a group than an individual molecule

# Format for Molecular Diversity

- Spatially addressable
- Split-pool
- Encoded Library

# Strategies for Identification of Members in Library

- Microanalysis
  - microsequencing
  - mass spectrometry: off-bead and on-bead
- Iterative deconvolution
- Encoding
  - chemical encoding
  - radio frequency method

# Chemical Encoding

- Oligonucleotide Tags
- Peptide tags
- Molecular Tags or Binary Encoding
- Isotope Encoding

# Radiofrequency Encoding

- use of small electronic semiconductors
  - chemically inert porous enclosure
  - solid-phase synthesis resin
  - Single or Multiple Addressable Radiofrequency Tag (SMART)

# Solid-Phase Method in Combinatorial Chemistry

- solid support
- linker
- · scaffold or target molecule

# Resin for Solid-Phase Synthesis

- Crosslinked polystyrene (Merrifield-type resin)
  - most common
- TentaGel- a polystyrene core with polyethylene glycol spacer arms, PS-PEG
  - attached reacting group out in solution rather than close to polymer back bone;
     increase reactivity

#### Examples of Solid-Phase Synthesis of Biphenyl library

- Biphenyls; commonly found in many important natural products that have antitumor and antiviral activities
- Synthesis method: Pd-catalyzed cross-coupling reaction between aryl electrophiles and stannanes

#### Multiple-Component Condensation

Multiple-component condensation (MCC)

- three or more reactants combine in a single event to yield a product that feature aspects of all the inputs
- Examples; Passerini Reaction and application to the synthesis of azinomycin analogues