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# 10 Minute Problem

- i. Indicate which of the following compounds are chiral and mark any stereocentres
- ii. For the stereocentres bearing 4 different groups assign the configuration as R or S



iii. Give the structures for the enolates A and B and explain the stereochemical outcomes of the following aldol reactions using transition state models



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**Reduction Methods** 



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#### **Ring Fragmentations**

stereoelectronic control





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**Alkylations:** 



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**Enolate Geometry?** 





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–Et	LDA	THF-23 % HMPT	8	92	29
–Et	LHMDS	THF	34	66	28
-OCH <sub>3</sub>	LDA	THF	95	5	28
OCH <sub>2</sub> H <sub>3</sub>	LDA	THF	94	6	31
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–O <sup>t</sup> Bu	LDA	THF	95	5	32,33
-S <sup>t</sup> Bu	LDA	THF	90	10	34
-NEt <sub>2</sub>	LDA	THF	<3	>97	15
C(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	LDA	THF	2	98	28
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# Aldol Reactions

- The quest for efficient methods to construct polyketide natural products has driven the development of stereocontrolled acyclic crossed aldol reactions between aldehydes and ketones.
- These reactions are usually considered to occur *via* closed six membered cyclic Zimmerman-Traxler transition states, in which coordination between the aldehyde carbonyl oxygen and the enolate metal centre occurs.
- First consider the simple case where the enolate is not substituted at the  $\alpha$ -carbon, then reaction with an aldehyde produces one stereocentre (ie. 2 isomers, which are enantiomers if R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are achiral, but diastereisomers if R<sup>1</sup> or R<sup>2</sup> are chiral, Scheme 4.1).



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### Ethyl Ketone Aldol Reactions





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