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Definitions

For the purposes of this talk, enolates will be restricted to unstabilized ketone or aldehyde enolates. Most multiply anionic ligand structures (e.g., metallocyclobutnanones), extended enolates, ketene complexes, metal pyruvates, and α -metallated enone structures will be omitted as well.







stabilized enolate **excluded**



pseudoaromatic **excluded**



multiply anionic excluded



Other key structural evidence:

no carbonyl IR stretch shifted vinylic C-H resonance in NMR shifted no M-C coupling in NMR

shifted carbonyl IR stretch shifted carbonyl ¹³C NMR resonance

carbonyl IR stretch carbonyl ¹³C NMR resonance M-C coupling in ¹³C NMR

• In general, main group metals and early transition metals favor the O-bound form

- Late transition metals tend to favor the C-bound form
- η^3 form is generally rapid equilibrium between O- and C-bound forms
- Examples where the two extremes equilibrate on an observable time scale are rare

General Methods of Metal Enolate Synthesis



First Row Metals: Iron

Fe



Survey of Late Transition Metal Enolates Fe First Row Metals: Iron 2 CO 4 Na₂Fe(CO)₄ (OC)3- $2 CO_2$ 8 NaČl Ρh IR and NMR data are not conclusive Bond lengths (Å): - like η³ C(7)-C(8) 1.399 -C(8)-O(7) 1.383 🗲 - very long! an electron transfer indicative of mechanism is proposed, but further studies have Fe(1)-C(7) 2.104 3-coordinate O Fe(1)-C(8) 2.028 been inconclusive Fe(2)-C(7) 1.962 Fe(2)-C(8) 2.472 beyond bonding distance Fe(1)-O(7) 1.982 Fe(2)-O(7) 1.994 Fe(1)-Fe(2) 2.461

Abbayes, Organometallics, 1987, 6, 2262





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Second Row Metals: Rhodium



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Bergman & Heathcock, JACS 1989, 111, 938

Rh

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Hartwig, Organometallics 2004, 23, 3398



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Second Row Metals: Gold



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Second Row Metals: Mercury



Colig, Organometallics 1993, 12, 4708



Enolates with chiral Hg can be prepared and do not invert! See: Sokolov, *J. Organomet. Chem.* **1980**, *201*, 29.

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Au

Hg