# Crystalline State Photochemistry



The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 1964 "for her determinations by X-ray techniques of the structures of important biochemical substances"





## Photoreactions in Crystals





"A crystal is a chemical cemetery" Nobel Laureate L. Ruzika (1930s) Esher's drawings

#### Photodimerization of trans-Cinnamic acids



# $\alpha$ -trans-Cinnamic acid Leads to centrosymmetric dimer





 $\beta$ -trans-Cinnamic acid Leads to mirror symmetric dimer



### Topochemical principle: Reactions in the solid state take place with minimum atomic movements.

G. M. J. Schmidt et al. 'Solid State Photochemitsry, A Collection of Papers', Verlag Chemie, 1976.





K. Venkatesan, V. Ramamurthy et. al., (1984)

"The next decade will surely see ----- <u>large-</u> <u>amplitude molecular motions in the solid state</u>."

J. D. Dunitz, V. Schomaker and K. N. Trueblood (1988)

#### Pedal motion of stilbenes



Harada and Ogawa, JACS (2004).

### Photodimerization of criss-cross alkenes





### Large motions are tolerated in the crystal

 Pedal-like conformational change by one of the cinnamic acid molecules is required for β-dimer formation.



#### Pre-organization with a guest: Non reactive molecule made to react









MacGillivray et. al., JACS, 2000, 122, 7817.

### Overview of templated dimerization of olefins in solid-state



#### Thiourea as a possible template (Cambridge Structural Database)



































#### An overview of photochemistry of stilbazoles in thiourea co-crystals



protons in dimer products

#### Anomalous orientation of 4-cyanostilbazole in thiourea co-crystals

















Does Not Dimerize



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### **Cis-Trans** Photoisomerization in Crystals



### Photoisomerization of *cis*-8-fluoranthenyl styrene





Large distance between the reactive double bonds 6.77 A° precludes cyclobutane intermediate.

## Supramolecular Containers



### **Role of Weak Interactions**







Cation - -  $\pi$ 

 $\pi - - \pi$ 





С-Н----

Hydrogen bond





van der Waals

**Charge transfer** 

# Asymmetric Photochemistry in Crystals













### Adamantyl acetophenone derivatives







P2<sub>1</sub>/n centrosymmetric

% ee = 0

#### Most commonly occurring space groups

230 unique space groups of which only 65 are chiral space groups Chiral space groups (symmetry elements are rotational, translational and combinations of these) achiral space groups (symmetry elements are mirror, glide plane or center of inversion)

Space group	Total no. of crystals	%
P2 <sub>1</sub> / c	10450	36.0
$P_{\overline{1}}$	3986	13.7
$P2_12_12_1$	3359	11.6
<b>P2</b> <sub>1</sub>	1957	6.7
C <sub>2</sub> / c	1930	6.6
P <sub>bca</sub>	1261	4.3
Pnma	548	1.9
Pna2 <sub>1</sub>	513	1.8
P <sub>bcn</sub>	341	1.2
P1	305	1.1

Covalent Chiral Auxillary Approach



Chiral space group











Trans CBTrans CBTrans CB% de979092

### Conformational isomerism



-OH





%de 1

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"Crystallization with equal amounts of two independent and mirror image related conformers"

#### Essential Criteria for Asymmetric Photochemistry in the Crystalline State

Molecules must crystallize in a chiral space group (non-centro symmetric form) Majority of achiral molecules crystallize in a non chiral space group (symmetric packing)









P2<sub>1</sub>/n centrosymmetric

 $P2_12_12_1$ non-centrosymmetric

#### **Diastereoselective Photoreactions in the Crystalline State**



### Generality and limitation of covalent chiral auxiliary strategy



### **Crystal irradiation of Benzonorbornadiene derivatives**



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### Mirror image related conformers



#### Photochemistry of $\alpha$ -Oxoamides





Medium	1	2	3
Solution ( $CH_3CN$ )	19	35	46
Crystal	0	100	0

		Crystal structures	<i>C</i> =Oγ-H <sub>1</sub>	<b>C=O</b> γ-H <sub>2</sub>	%de of $\beta$ -lactam
a)	$ \xrightarrow{O}_{N \to O} \xrightarrow{O}_{HN \to O} \xrightarrow{O}_{P-R-phenylethylamide} $	A start A	2.814 A <sup>o</sup>	5.077 A <sup>o</sup>	>99(A)
b)	P-S-tyrosine methylesteramide	J. A.	2.562 A°	5.091 A°	>99(B)
c)	$ \xrightarrow{O}_{N \to O} \xrightarrow{N}_{H} \xrightarrow{N}_{H} \xrightarrow{O}_{N \to O} \xrightarrow{N}_{H} \xrightarrow{N} \xrightarrow{N}_{H} \xrightarrow{N}_$	Atrath	2.737 A°	5.214 Aº	>99(B)
d)	p-R-secondarybutylmide	How the	2.781 A <sup>o</sup>	5.052 A°	96(B)
e)	p-S-phenylalanine methyl esteramide	the the the	2.618A°	5.130 A°	82(A)

#### Diastereoselectivity obtained with various chiral auxiliaries in solid state

-		Crystal structures	<i>С</i> =Оγ-Н <sub>1</sub>	<b>С=О</b> γ-Н <sub>2</sub>	%de of β-lactam
f)	P-R-phenylglycinol	A H	2.776 A <sup>o</sup>	5.025 A <sup>o</sup>	93(B)
g)	$\rightarrow$ $N$ $O$ $HN$ $HO$ $D$ $P$ -1R, 2S-ephedrine	the for	2.804 A <sup>o</sup>	5.030 A <sup>o</sup>	87(B)
h)	P-S-amidomethylphenylpropanol		2.662 A <sup>o</sup>	5.034 A <sup>o</sup>	85(B)
i)	$\rightarrow$	the state	2.713 Aº	4.850 A <sup>o</sup>	80(A)



β-lactam photoproduct<sup>#</sup>



# Photoproducts analyzed on HPLC chiralcel-OD

~ A: First peak on HPLC

#### Single crystal-to-Single Crystal Phototransformation



Dark single line- Product



Photoproduct as Formed  $(P2_1)$ 





Photoproduct Recrystallized (P21)

$$a = 8.5684 \text{ Å}$$
  
 $b = 12.8865 \text{\AA}$   
 $c = 9.8260 \text{ \AA}$   
 $\beta = 107.98^{\circ}$   
Cell volume 1031.99(30)  $\text{\AA}^3$ 

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