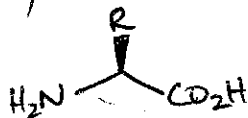


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Peptides / proteins

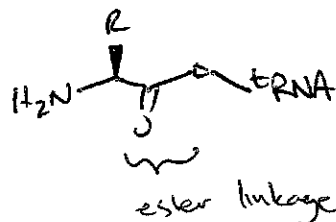
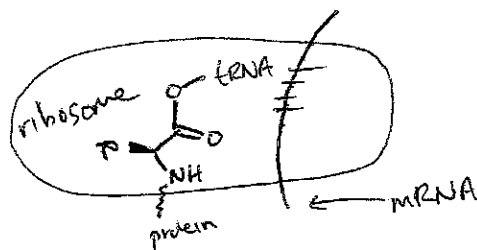
- Proteins are polymers of α -amino acids linked by amide bonds



~ 20 common amino acids

- * Sequence information for proteins is stored in DNA.

DNA $\xrightarrow{\text{transcription}}$ mRNA $\xrightarrow{\text{translation}}$ protein

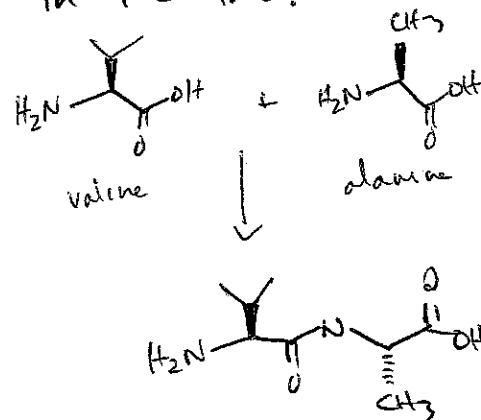


- How to synthesize protein/peptides in the lab?

1) Protecting groups

Acid chloride + amines $\not\rightarrow$ amides

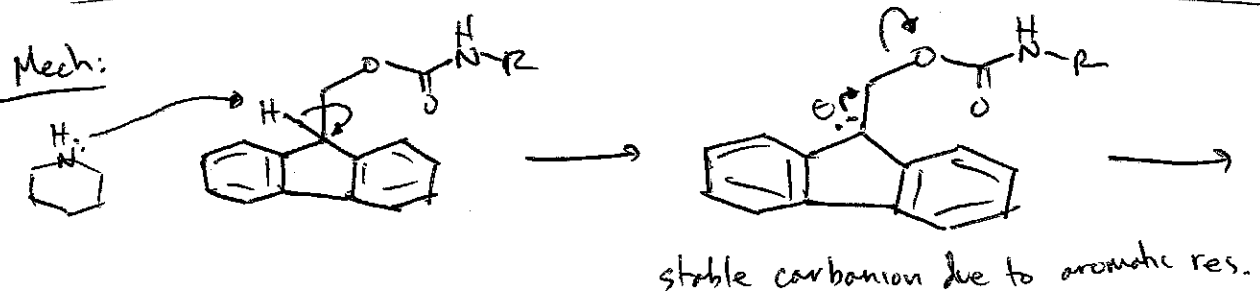
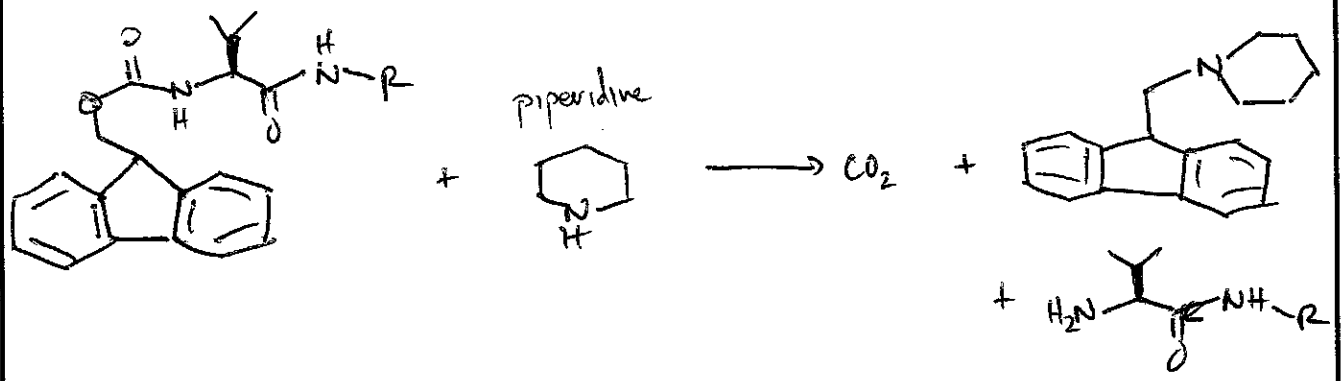
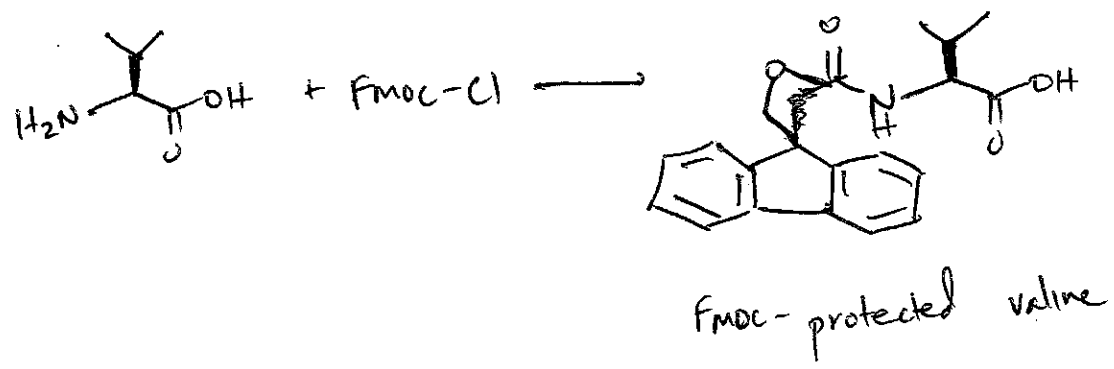
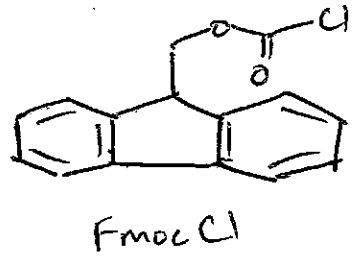
-spontaneous side rxns



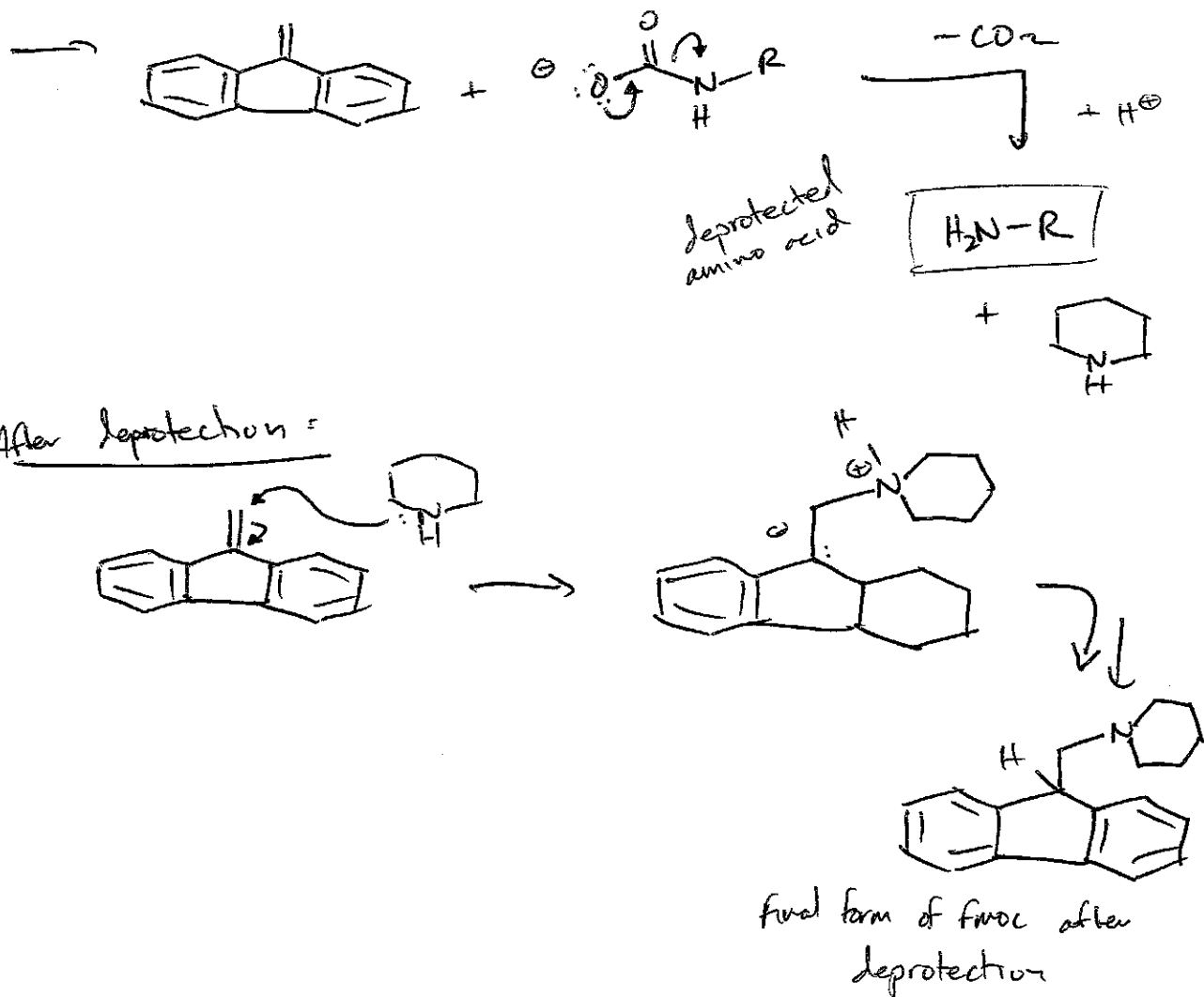
- Have to use protecting groups for the amine.

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• 1 protecting group - Fmoc



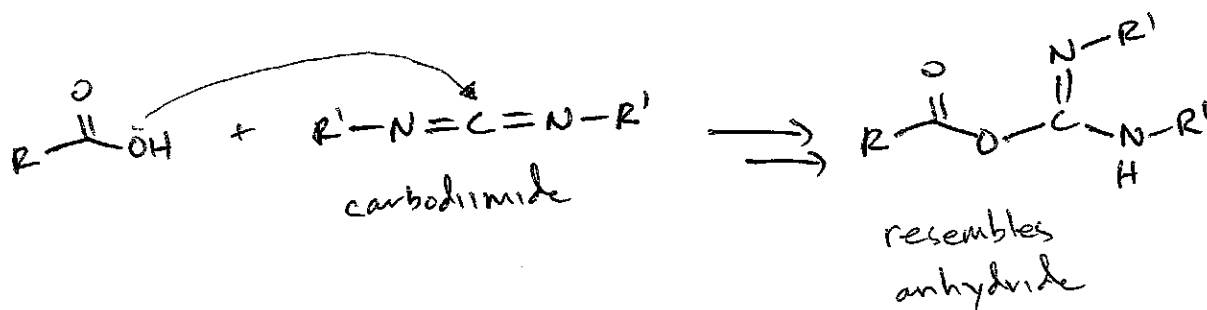
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* Problem: need a way to couple amines with carboxylic acids that avoids use of acid chlorides (too reactive). Need other way to activate $\text{R}-\overset{\ominus}{\text{C}}(=\text{O})\text{OH}$.

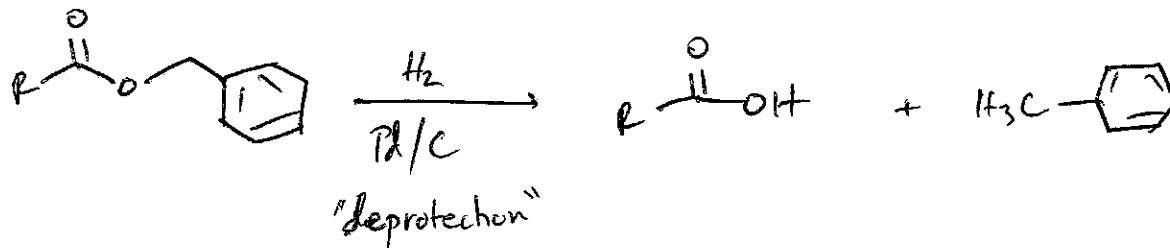
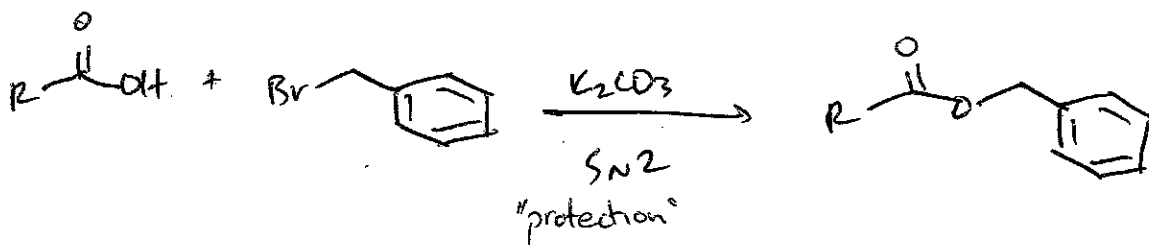
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Solution: carbodimides

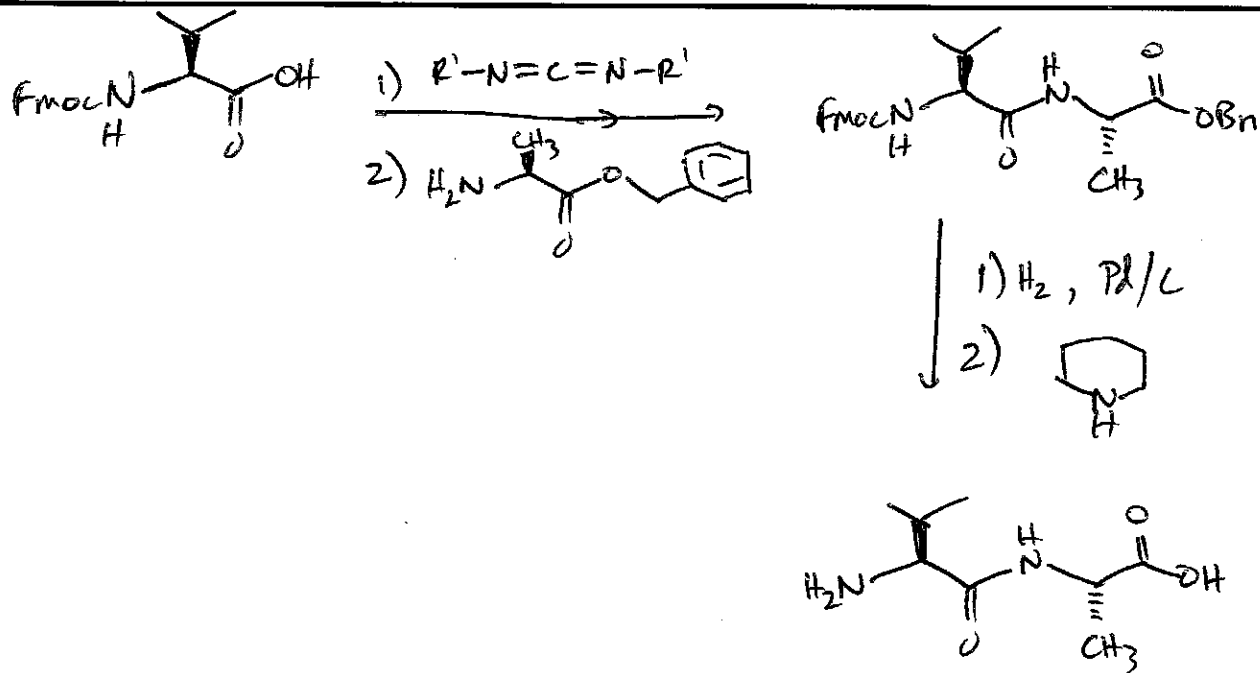


• In order for this product to react selectively with the amine and not $\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-\text{OH}$, need to protect the acid

* Mask carboxylic acid with benzyl ~~the~~ ester



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Considering multi-step rxns:

Yield per amide bond	Yield over 25 steps	Yield over 50 steps
99%	80%	60%
96%	40%	15%