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Final Exam (Nov. 2)

Grading: Assignments & Quizzes: 10 points Office hours:

Midterm Exam: 30 points Wednesday 2:00-4:00 PM

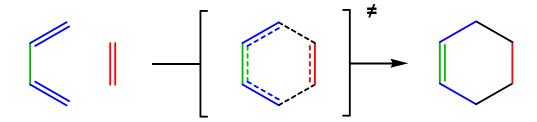
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Final Exam: 60 points

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Pericyclic Reactions

D-A Reaction: a pericyclic reaction

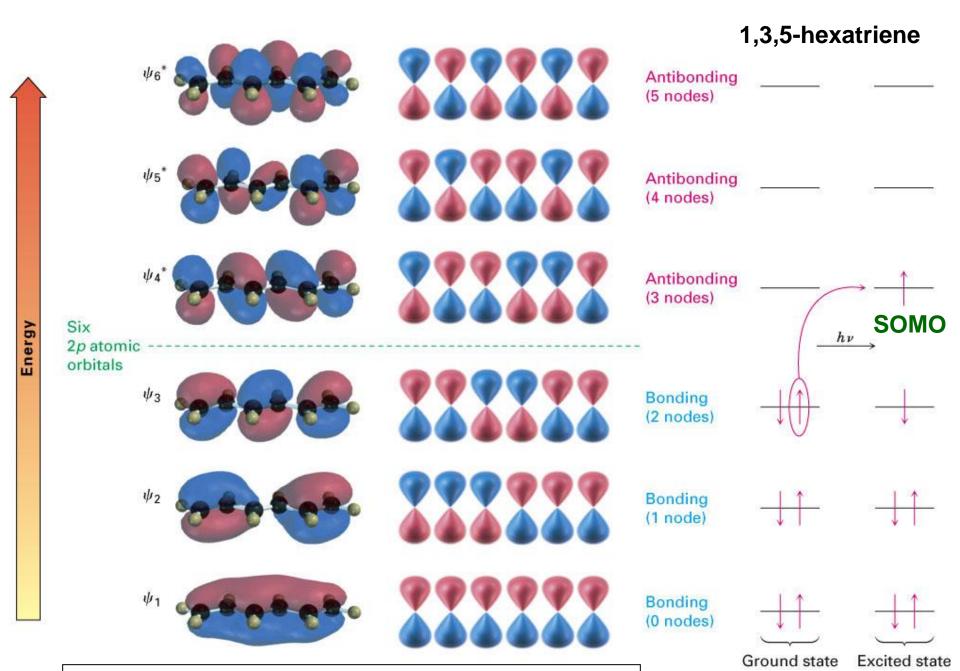


A **pericyclic reaction** occurs by a concerted process through a cyclic transition state involving several simultaneous bond-making and breaking processes.

Concerted (协同) means all bonding changes occur at the same time and in a single step; no intermediates are involved.

Pericyclic reactions is a less common, however, the third major class of organic reaction mechanisms.

What are the other two major classes?



Excitation can be induced by irradiation with UV light

MOs in Pericyclic Reactions

As the MOs increase in energy:

- the number of bonding interactions decreases and the number of nodes increases;
- the MOs alternate from symmetric to asymmetric.

According to *Woodward-Hoffmann* rules, a pericyclic reaction can only take place if the symmetries of the reactant MOs match up with the symmetries of the product MOs.

That means the lobes of reactant MOs must be of the correct algebraic sign for bonding to occur in the transition state leading to product. (* *Fukui*: only *frontier orbitals* need to be considered)

Symmetry-allowed reactions: the symmetries of reactant and product MOs match up (these reactions can usually occur under mild conditions);

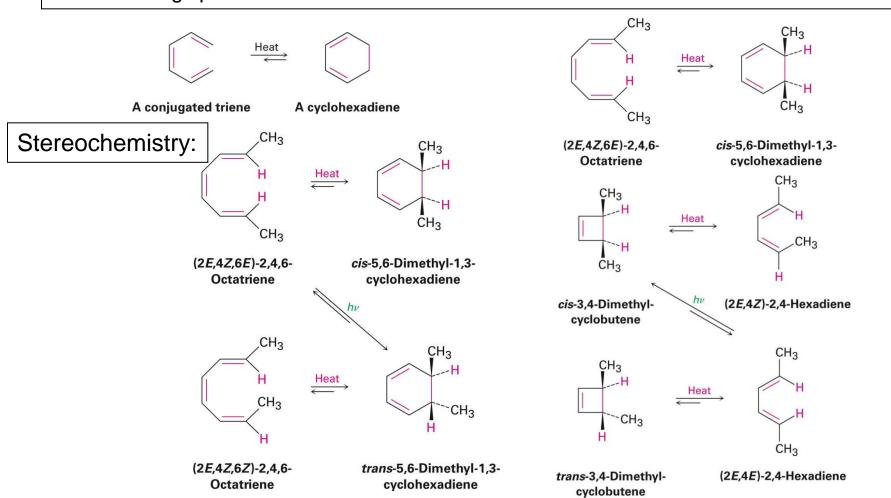
Symmetry-disallowed reactions: the symmetries of reactant and product MOs do not correlate (these reactions cannot occur by lower-energy, concerted pathways).

Three main classes of pericyclic reactions: electrocyclic reactions, cycloadditions, and sigmatropic rearrangements

Electrocyclic Reactions

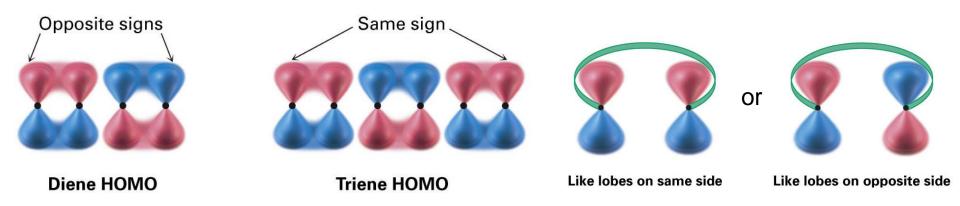
An **electrocyclic** process that involves the **cyclization** of a **conjugated polyene**:

- \checkmark One π bond is broken, the other π bonds change position, a new σ bond is formed, and a cyclic compound results;
- ✓ A reversible process;
- ✓ Producing specific stereoisomers related to the orbitals of the reactants.



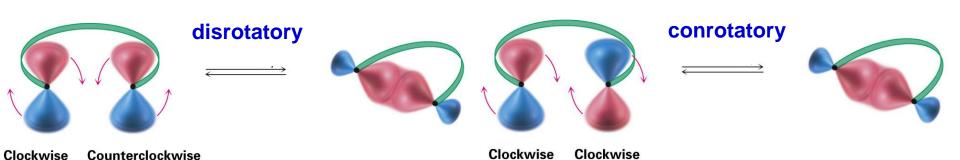
Stereochemistry and Frontier Orbitals

According to *frontier orbital theory*, the stereochemistry of an *electrocyclic reaction* is determined by the symmetry of the polyene **HOMO**.

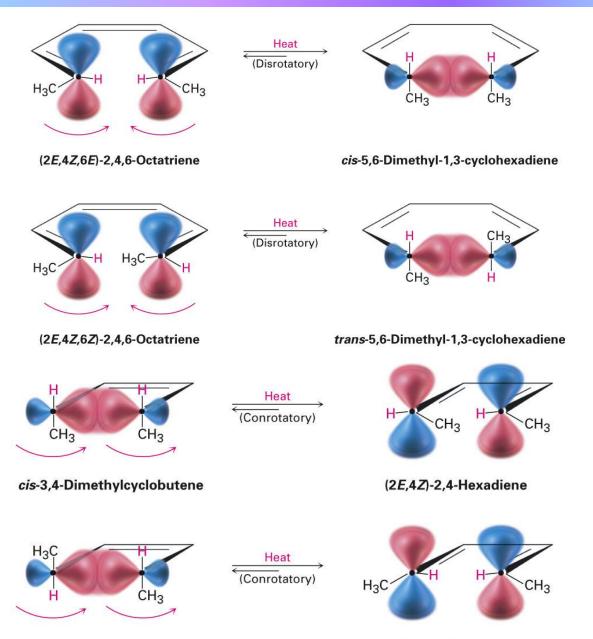


For a bond to form, the outermost π lobes must achieve an optimal spatial orientation:

- lobes of like sign overlap: (+) with (+) and (-) with (-) (constructive overlapping for bonding orbital);
- head-to-head (σ bond formation).



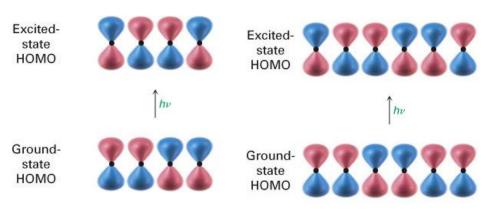
Stereochemistry in Thermal Electrocyclic Reactions

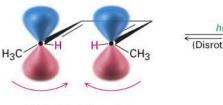


trans-3,4-Dimethylcyclobutene

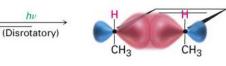
(2E,4E)-2,4-Hexadiene

Photochemical Electrocyclic Reactions



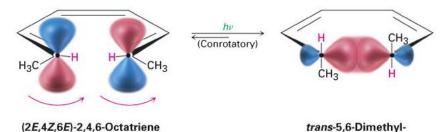


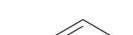
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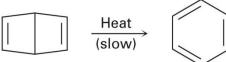
cis-3,4-Dimethylcyclobutene

Electron pairs (double bonds)	Thermal reaction	Photochemical reaction
Even number	Conrotatory	Disrotatory
Odd number	Disrotatory	Conrotatory





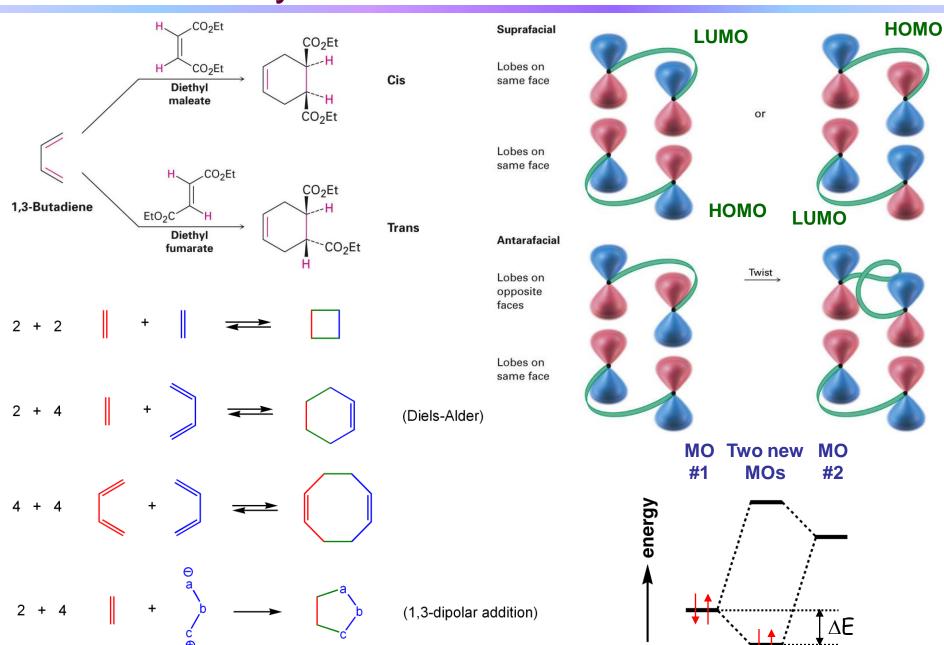
1,3-cyclohexadiene



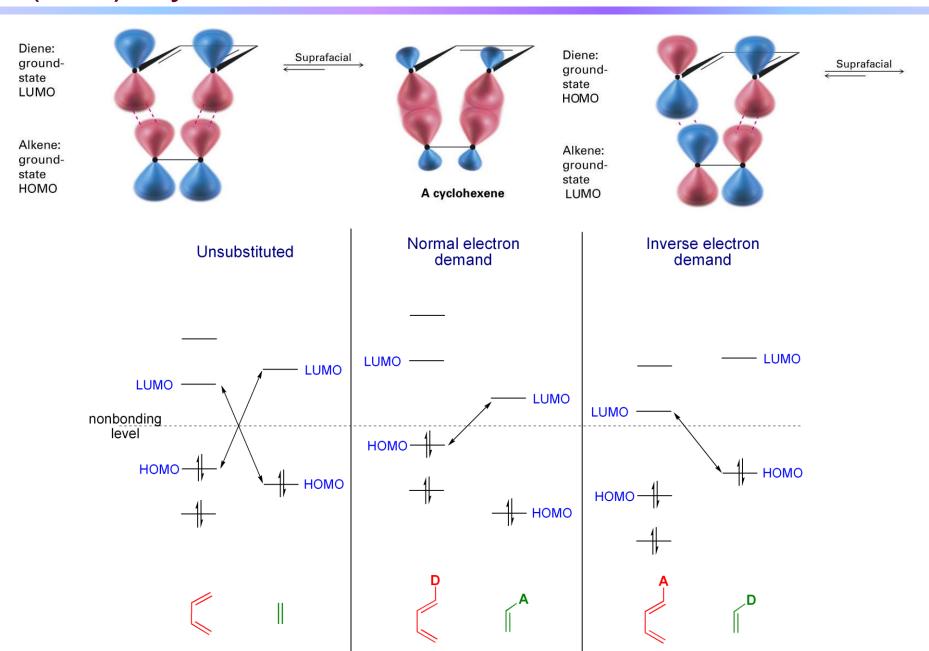
Dewar benzene

Benzene

Cycloaddition Reactions



(2+4) Cycloadditions under Thermal Conditions



(2+2) Cycloaddition: A Photochemical Reaction

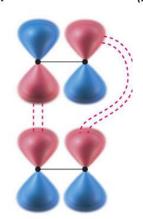


One of the best methods for synthesizing cyclobutane derivatives.

(a) Thermal reaction

Alkene 2: Ground-state LUMO

Alkene 1: Ground-state HOMO



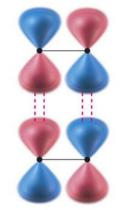
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Strained, no reaction

(b) Photochemical reaction

Alkene 2: Ground-state LUMO



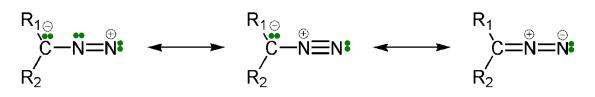






A cyclobutane

Examples of 1,3-dipoles:



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1,3 - Dipolar Addition: Ozonide Formation

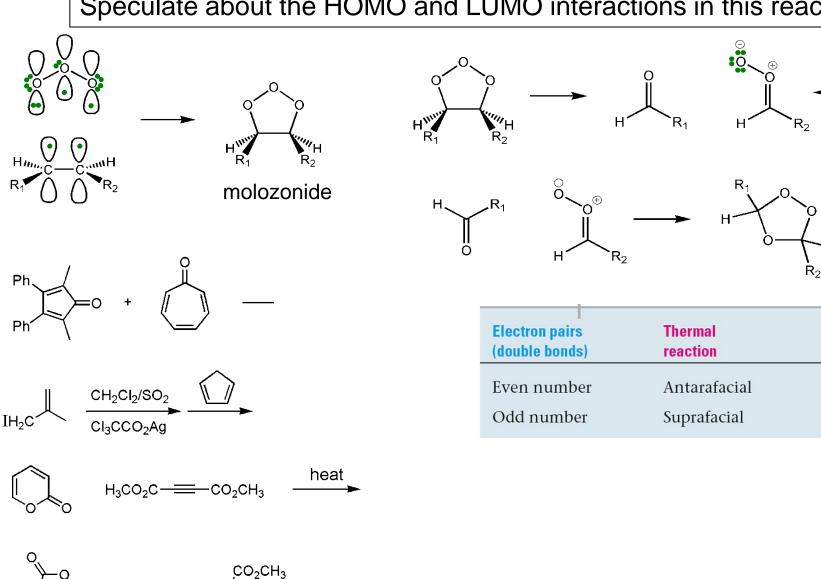
Speculate about the HOMO and LUMO interactions in this reaction.

Photochemical

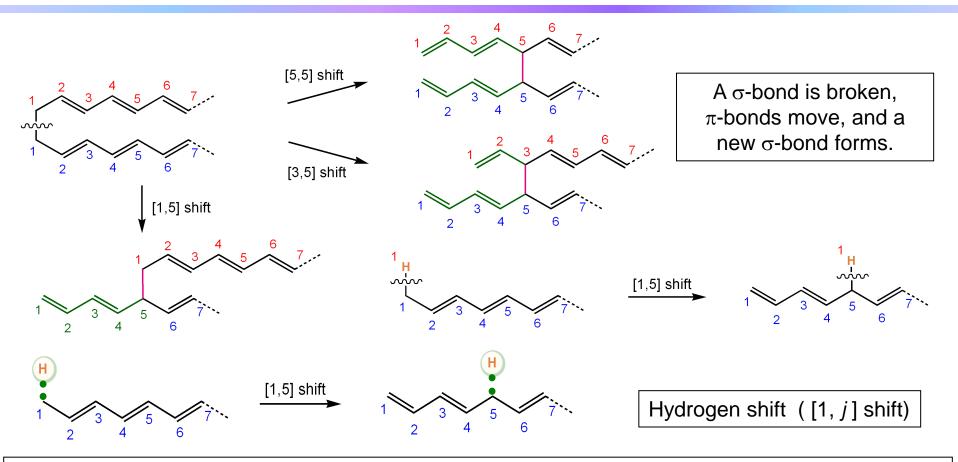
Suprafacial

Antarafacial

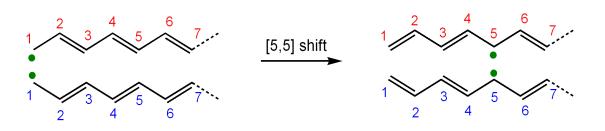
reaction

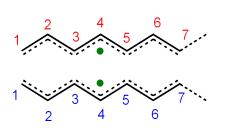


Sigmatropic Rearrangements

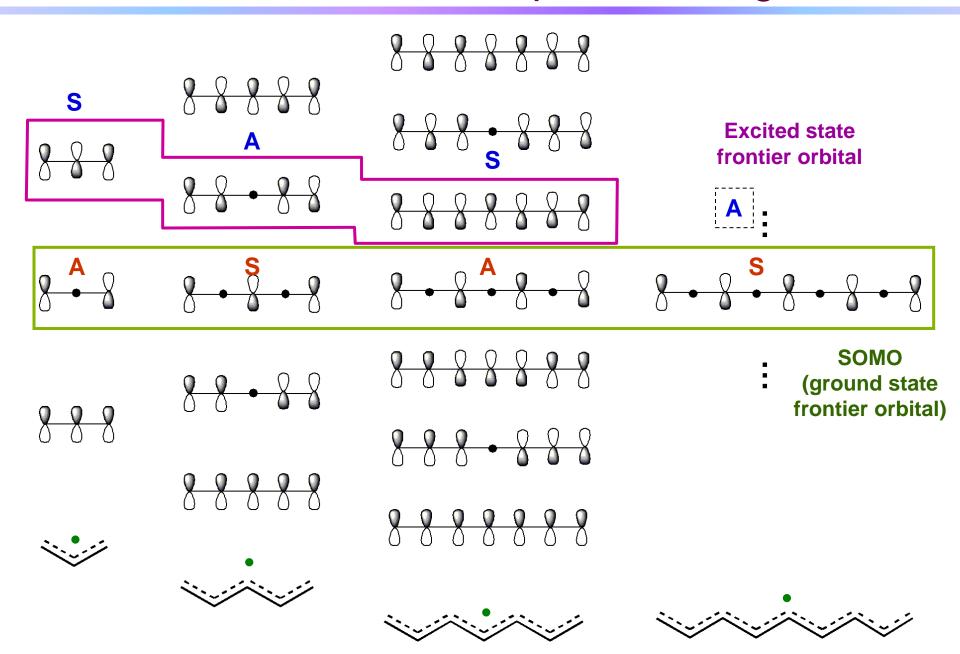


- Imagine in sigmatropic rearrangement the migrating σ -bond break to form two "virtual" radicals;
- all the atoms the σ -bond "travel through" must be conjugated.

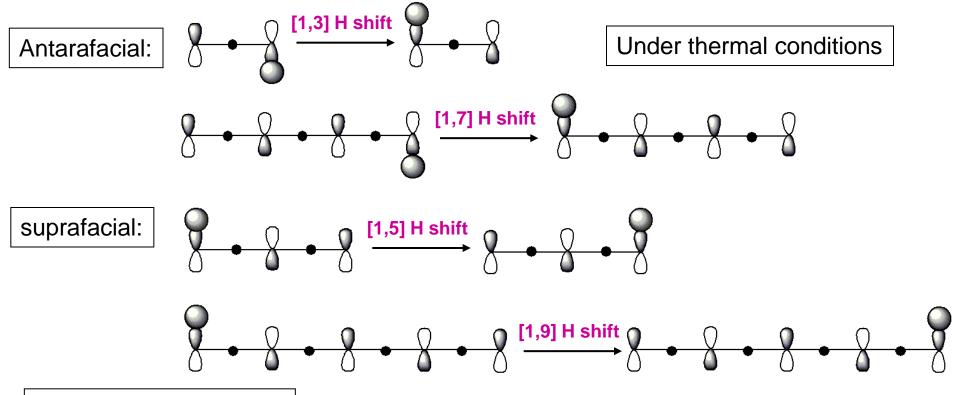




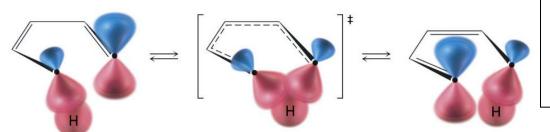
Frontier Orbitals in σ-Tropic Rearrangement



Stereochemistry of Hydrogen Shift



A cyclic transition state:



Thermal [1,3] hydrogen shifts so far are very rare (antarafacial, cyclic transition state is highly strained and unfeasible)

Transition state

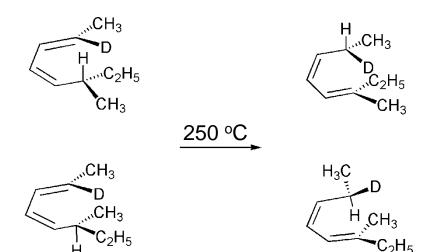
What about photochemical reactions?

Stereochemistry of Hydrogen Shift

[1, j] hydrogen shift

[1,5] H shift (suprafacial)

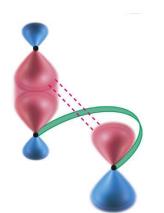
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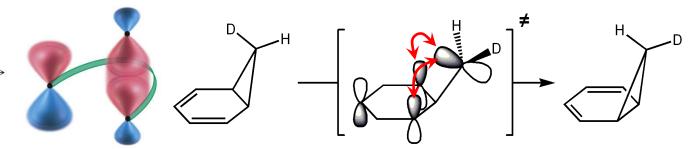
Suprafacial (same side)

Carbon Migration

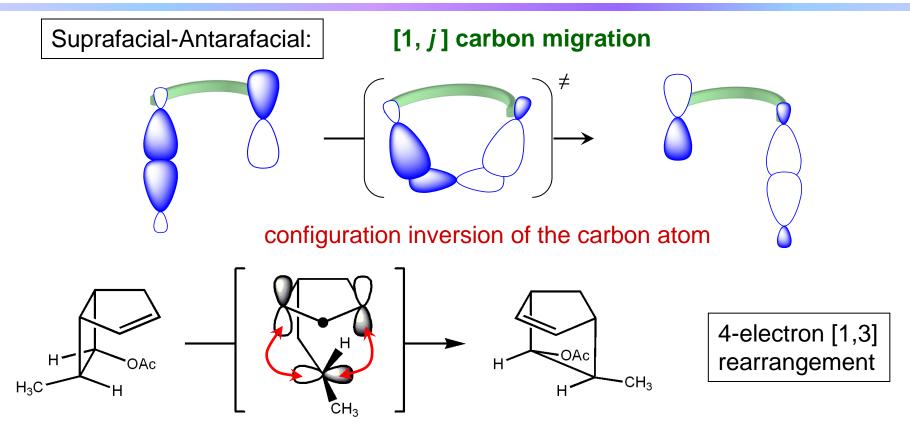
Ground state 6-electron [1,5] rearrangement (suprafacial-suprafacial):



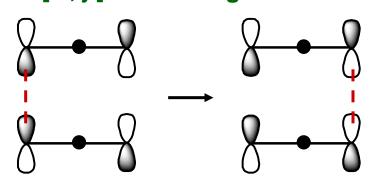
[1, j] carbon migration



Carbon Migration



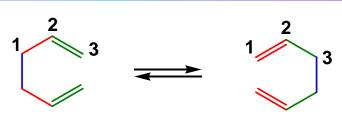
[i, j] carbon migration

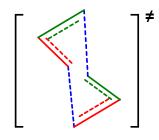


[3,3]-rearrangement is the most common and important class in [i, j] carbon migrations

suprafacial-suprafacial allowed under thermal conditions (still requires cyclic transition state)

[3,3] Carbon Migration

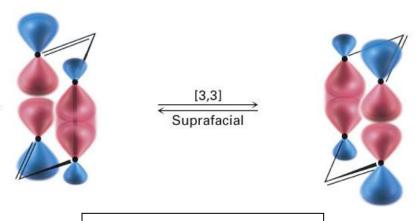




Claisen rearrangement

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Chair-conformation transition state



Cope rearrangement

Stereochemistry of [3,3] Carbon Migration

