Rubber: Formally by a conjugated addition reaction

isoprene
$$\begin{bmatrix} CH_3 & CH_2 & CH_$$

Natural Rubber (cis double bonds)

Vulcanized rubber has C and S added, then heated Rubber is a natural product produced by rubber tree Hivea brasiliensis

Rubber cannot be synthesized using the same reaction as styrene polymer: Why?

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Copolymers by conjugated addition reaction

Example: SBR (Styrene Butadiene Rubber) Synthesis by Conjugated Cation

Diels-Alder Reaction

Discovered by Otto Diels & Kurt Alder in 1928 - Nobel in 1950

conjugated diene in cisoid form reacts with alkene



transoid conformation

cisoid conformation

Diels-Alder rxn is example of a [4+2] electrocyclic reaction: concerted

in concerted reaction all bonds form and break at same time

concerted reactions are always stereospecific

In stereospecific rxns:

stereochemistry of the starting material determines stereochemistry of product

Diels-Alder Reaction

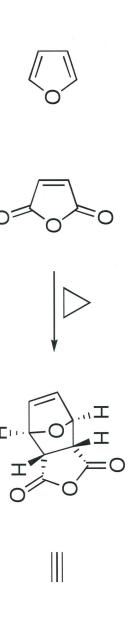




reversible in principle - usual cyclohexene favoured

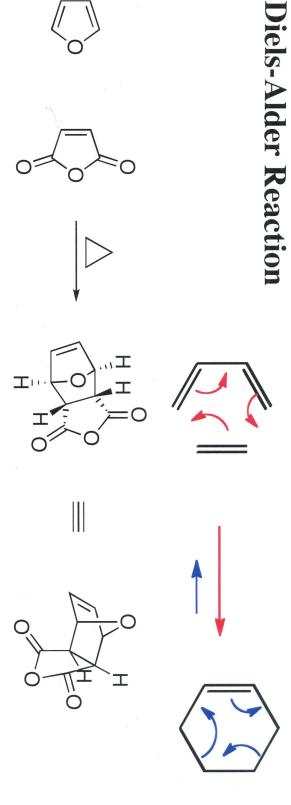
note 6 pi (π) electrons: aromatic transition state

an example to help predict stereochemistry:



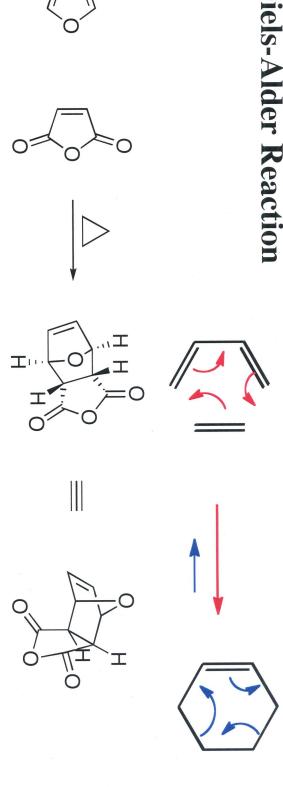
endo product favoured

exo product not favoured



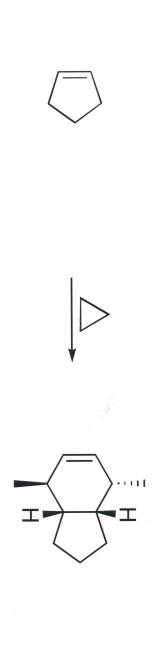
How to apply to other cases:

Diels-Alder Reaction



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2Z, 4E-hexadiene (diene) and cyclopentene (dienophile) to produce an endo product methyl at C1 is in position of the O in furan and therefore will be pointing up methyl at C6 is in position of the H in furan and therefore will be pointing down

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Example of Diels-Alder adduct in Nature

simvastatin = Zocor

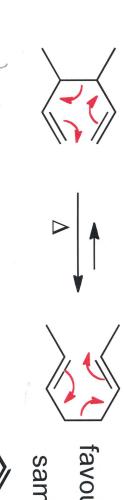
cholesterol-lowering agent

cantharidin from Cantharis vesicatoria (Spanish fly)

this one not made in Nature by Diels Alder reaction

Other Electrocyclic Reactions

Cope reaction: 6 electrons participate



favours less sterically crowded isomer same as (different conformation)

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vitamin D3

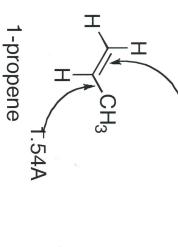
= provitamin D3 dehydrocholesterol

previtamin D3

deficiency disease is rickets - identified in 1650

Bond & Energy Characteristics of Conjugated Systems





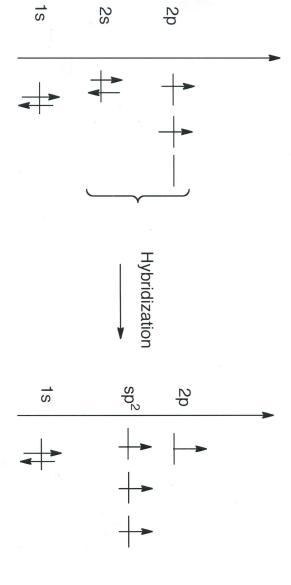


1,3-butadiene

1,3-butadiene likes to be planar because of π molecular orbitals that align to overlap

Review formation of pi (π) molecular orbitals from p atomic orbitals

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Carbon Atomic Orbitals

sp² Carbon Atomic Orbitals

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