

# Conjugated Systems & Pericyclic Reactions

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## Conjugated Dienes

from heats of hydrogenation-relative stabilities of conjugated vs unconjugated dienes can be studied:

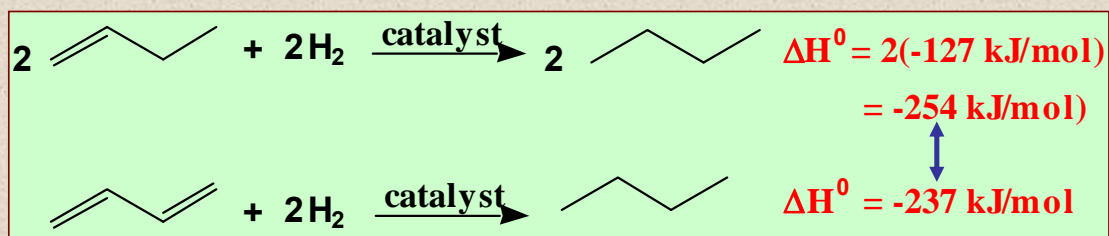
Name	Structural Formula	$\Delta H^0$ kJ (kcal)/mol
1-Butene		-127 (-30.3)
1-Pentene		-126 (-30.1)
<i>cis</i> -2-Butene		-120 (-28.6)
<i>trans</i> -2-Butene		-115 (-27.6)
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1,3-Butadiene		-237 (-56.5)
<i>trans</i> -1,3-Pentadiene		-226 (-54.1)
1,4-Pentadiene		-254 (-60.8)

conjugated →

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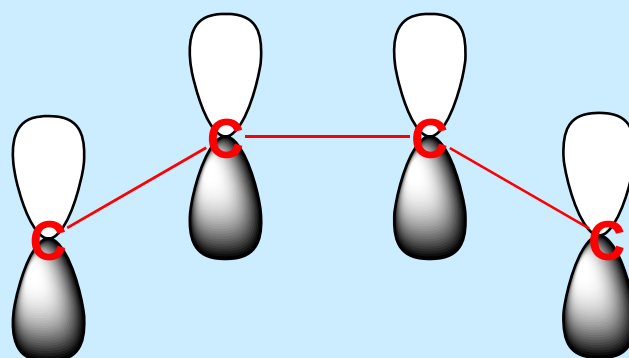
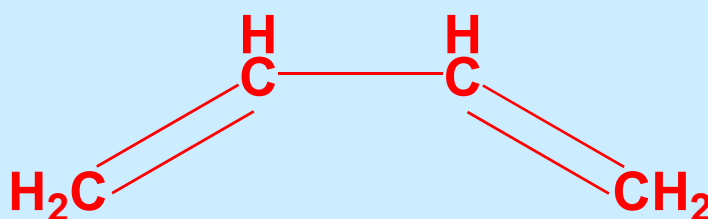
conjugation of the double bonds in  
1,3-butadiene gives an **extra stability of  
approximately 17 kJ (4.1 kcal)/mol**



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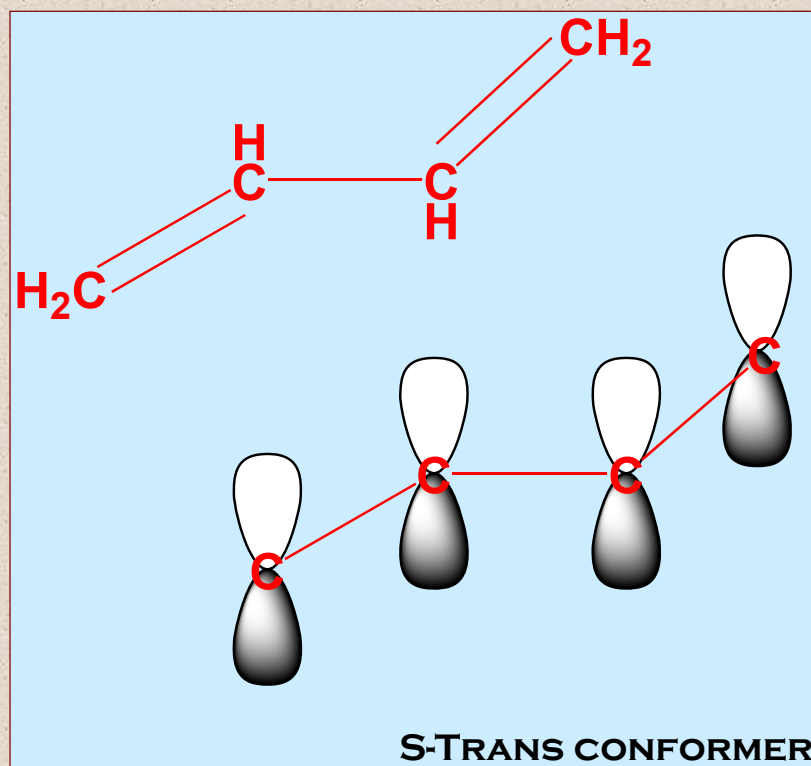
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## Summary of C—C Bond Reactions

Nucleophilic displacement  
of a leaving group by "R<sup>-</sup>"

- Gilman & Grignard additions
- Alkyne and <sup>-</sup>CN anions
- Alkylation of enolates
- Alkylation of enamines

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## Nucleophilic addition To carbonyl & carboxyl groups

- ❑ Gilman, Grignard & organolithium
- ❑ Alkyne and CN anions
- ❑ Aldol reactions
- ❑ Claisen & Dieckmann
- ❑ Enamine acylations
- ❑ Wittig & variations

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## Conjugate addition to $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated carbonyls

- ❑ Michael reaction

### Carbene / carbenoid additions

- ❑ Simmons-Smith
- ❑ cyclopropanations

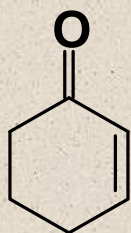
### Electrophilic Aromatic Substitutions

- ❑ Friedel Crafts alkylation & acylations
- ❑ Diazonium with CN

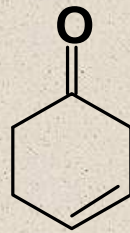
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## Conjugated Systems

- systems containing conjugated double bonds, not just those of dienes, are more stable than those containing unconjugated double bonds



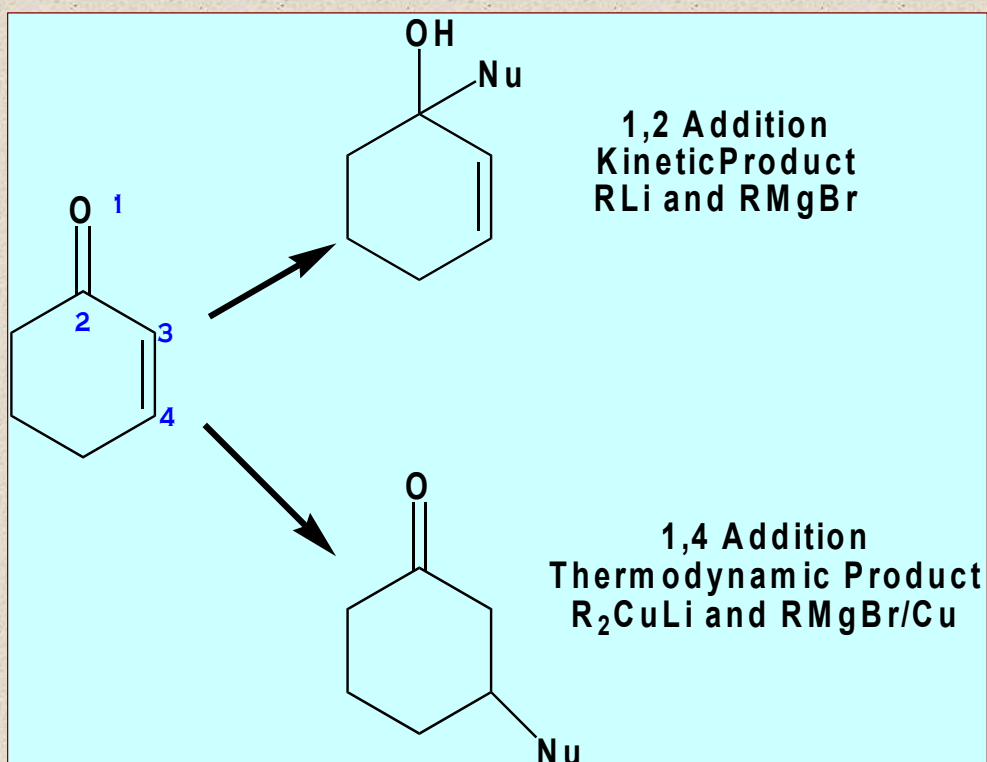
**2-Cyclohexenone**  
(more stable)



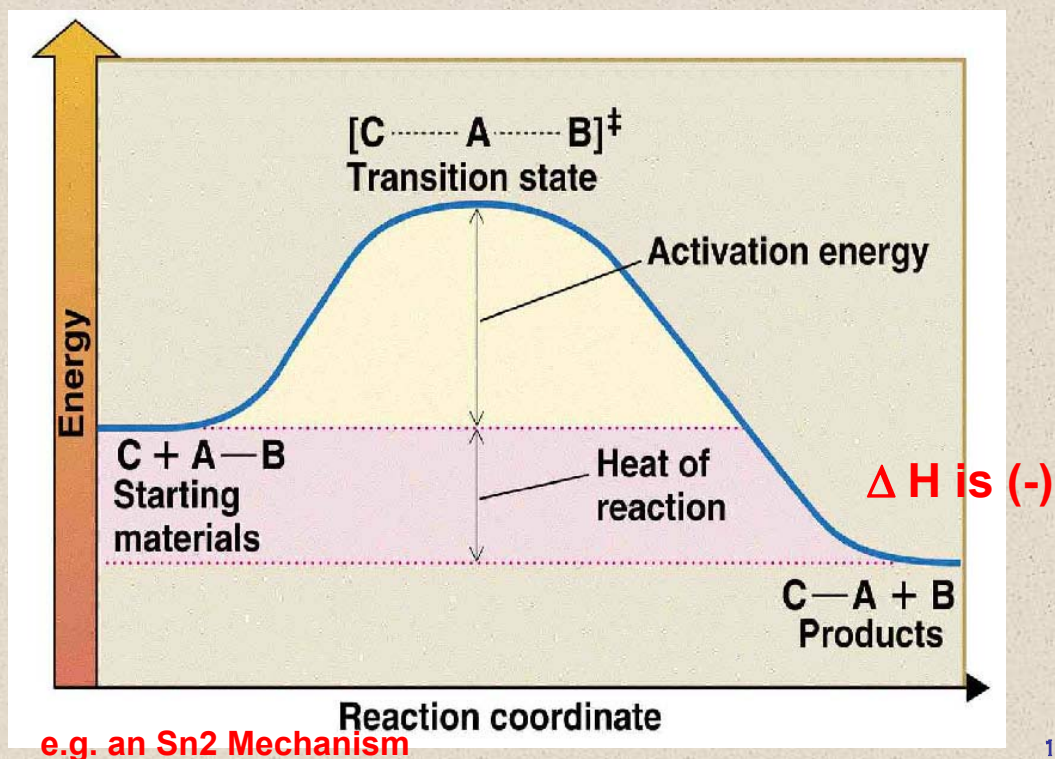
**3-Cyclohexenone**  
(less stable)

Most significant are  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated carbonyl

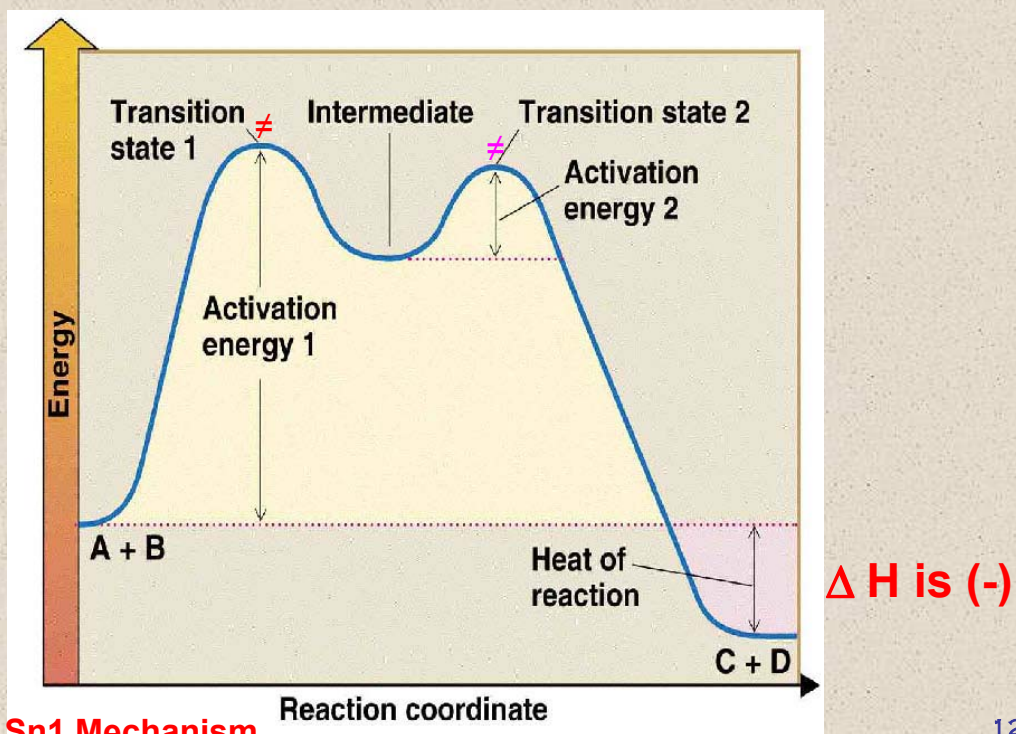
## 1,2 vs 1,4-Addition



## Simple Rxn Coordinate Diagram

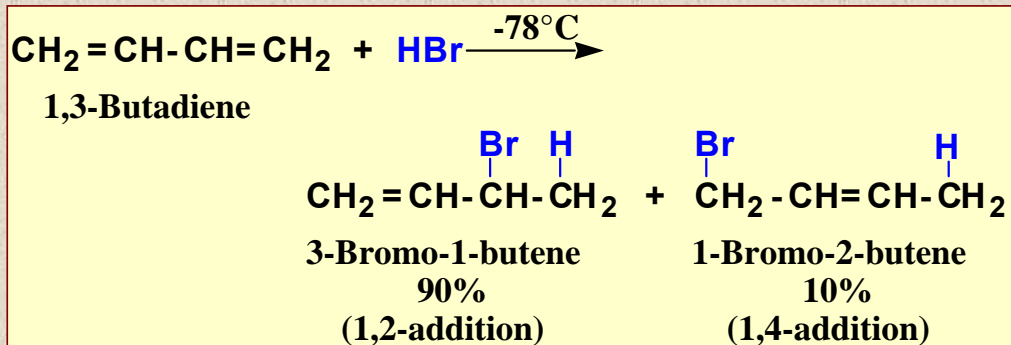


## A Two Step Mechanism:



## 1,2 vs 1,4-Addition

- Addition of 1 mol of HBr to butadiene at  $-78^{\circ}\text{C}$  gives a mixture of two constitutional isomers:

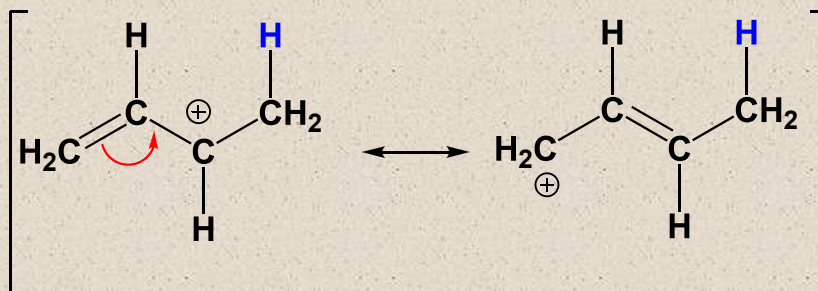
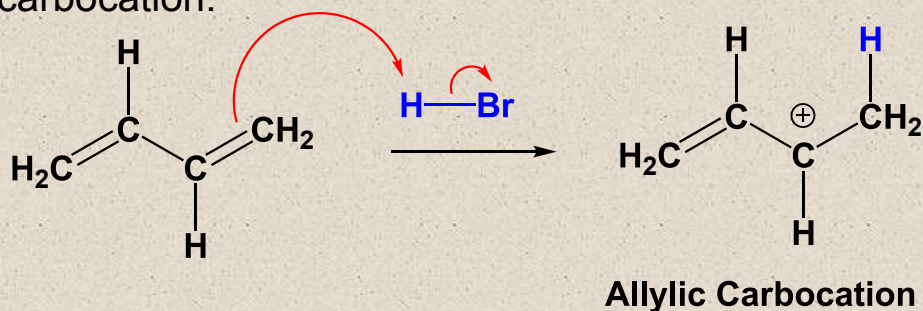


- these products can be explained by the following two-step mechanism

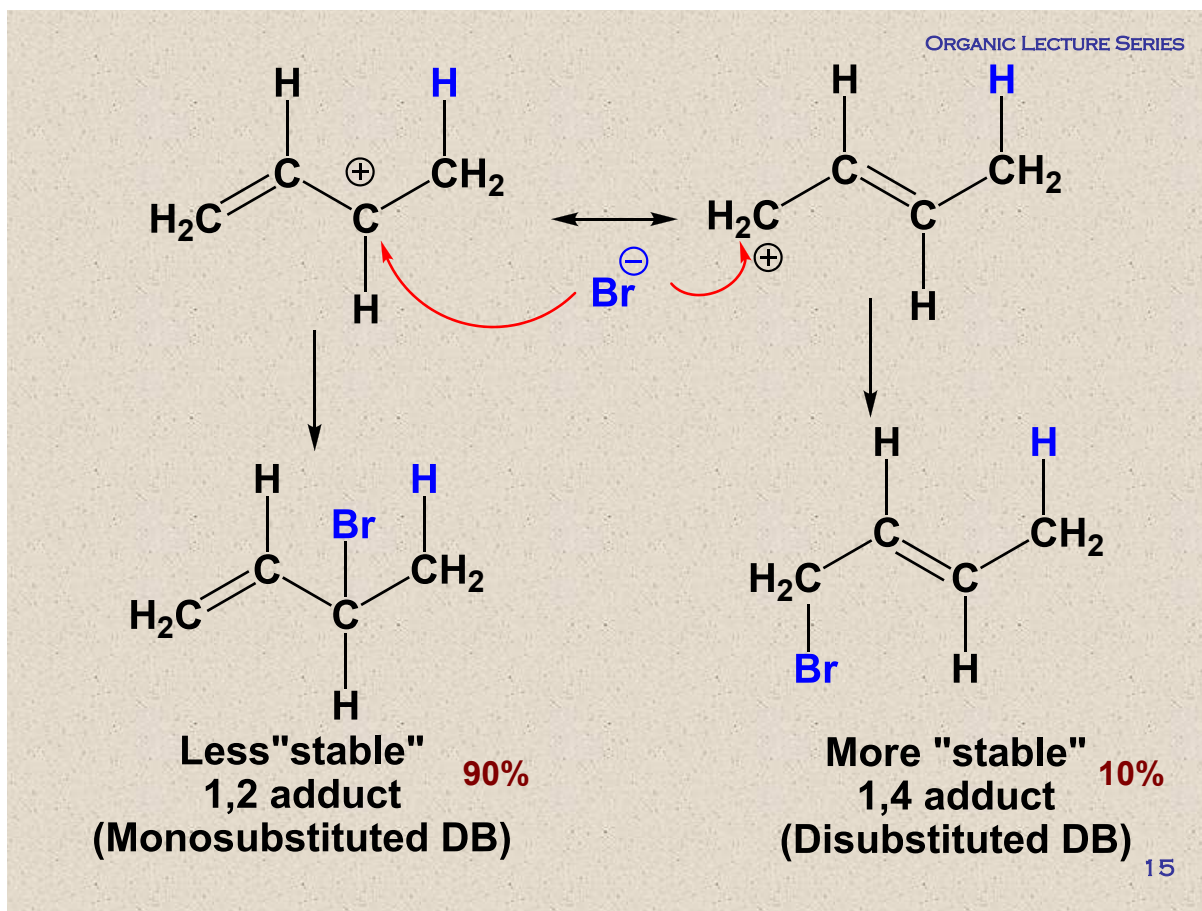
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## 1,2- and 1,4-Addition

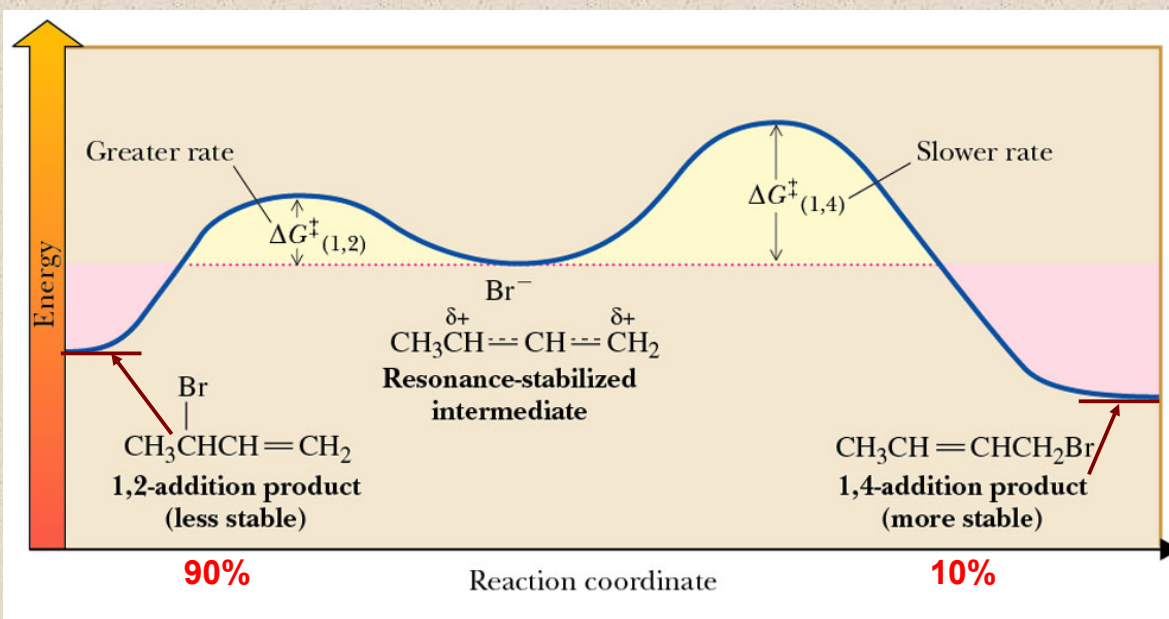
the key intermediate is a resonance-stabilized allylic carbocation:



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## Kinetic vs Thermodynamic Control

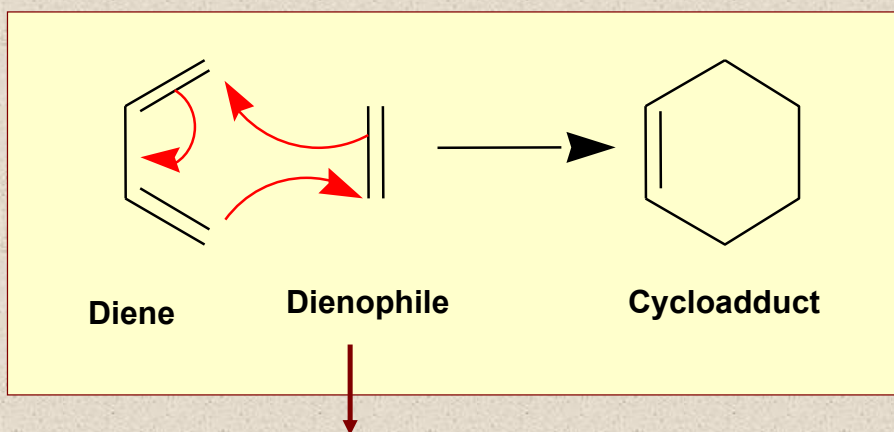


$$\Delta G^\circ = \Delta H^\circ - T \Delta S^\circ \quad \text{Gibbs Free energy}$$

$$\text{For transition states: } \Delta G^\ddagger = \Delta H^\ddagger - T \Delta S^\ddagger$$



## Diels-Alder Reaction

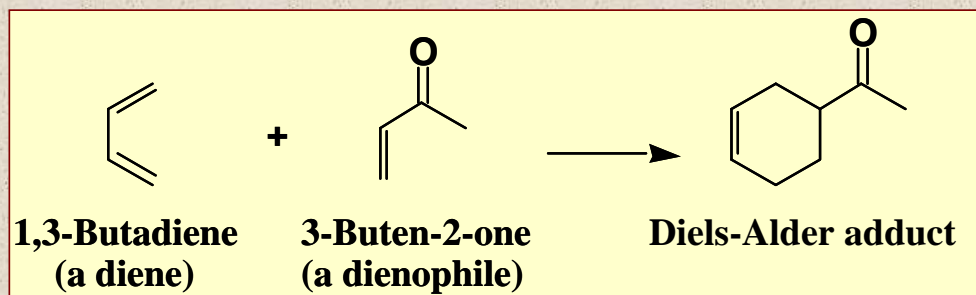


Dienophile is an alkene which is a reactant in the Diels-Alder reaction.

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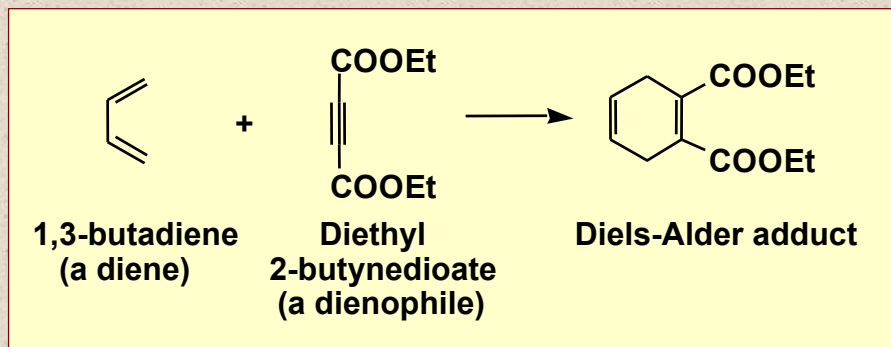
## Diels-Alder Reaction

- **Diels-Alder reaction:** a cycloaddition reaction of a **conjugated diene** and certain types of double and triple bonds
  - **dienophile:** “diene-loving”
  - **Diels-Alder adduct:** the product of a Diels-Alder reaction



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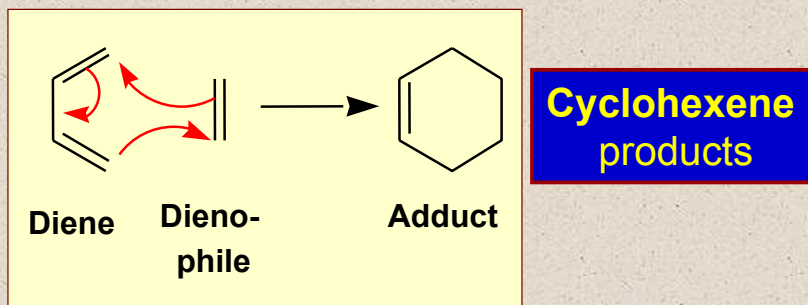
– alkynes also function as dienophiles



– **cycloaddition reaction:** a reaction in which two reactants add together in a single step to form a cyclic product

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– the Diels-Alder reaction is shown in the following way:



- the special value of D-A reactions are that they
  - (1) form six-membered rings
  - (2) form 2 new C-C bonds at the same time
  - (3) are stereospecific and regioselective

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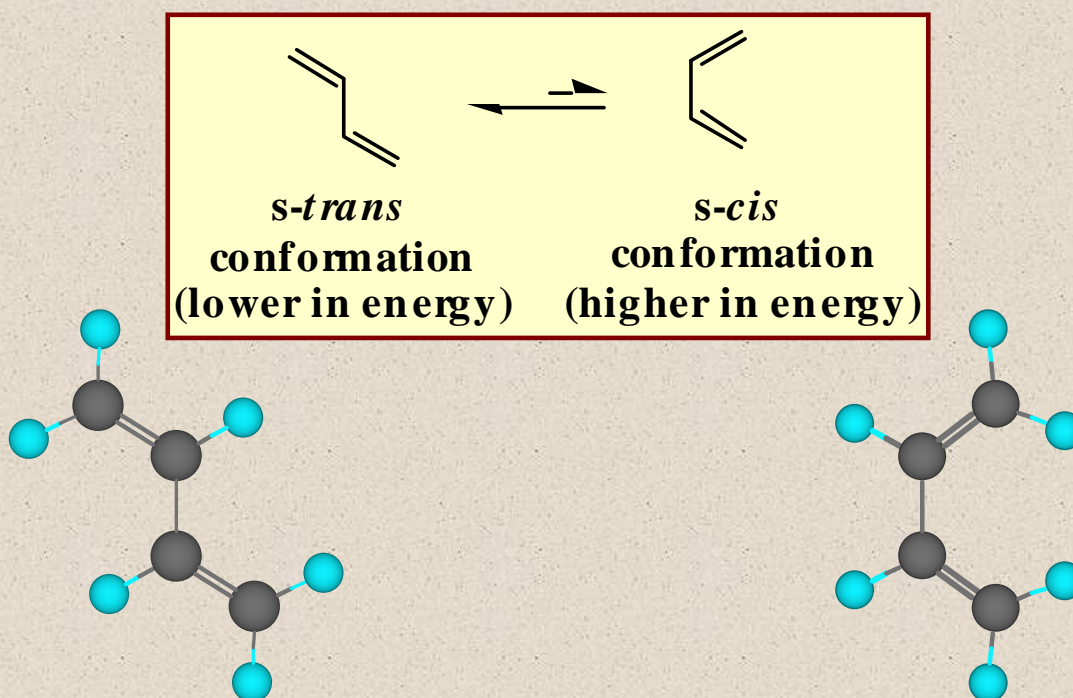
- **Mechanism**

- no evidence for the participation of either radical or ionic intermediates
- the Diels-Alder reaction is a *pericyclic reaction*

- **Pericyclic reaction:** a reaction that takes place in a single step, without intermediates, and involves a cyclic redistribution of bonding electrons

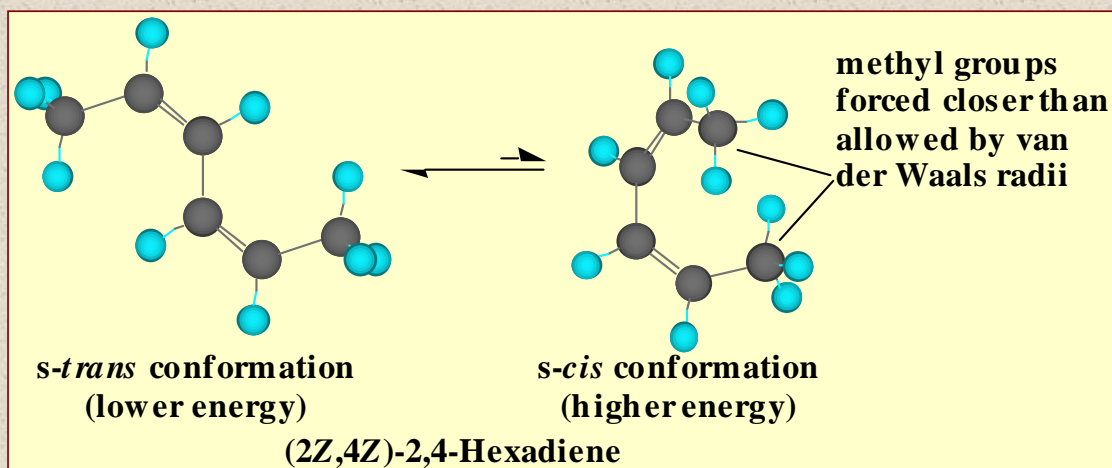
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- the conformation of the diene must be *s-cis*

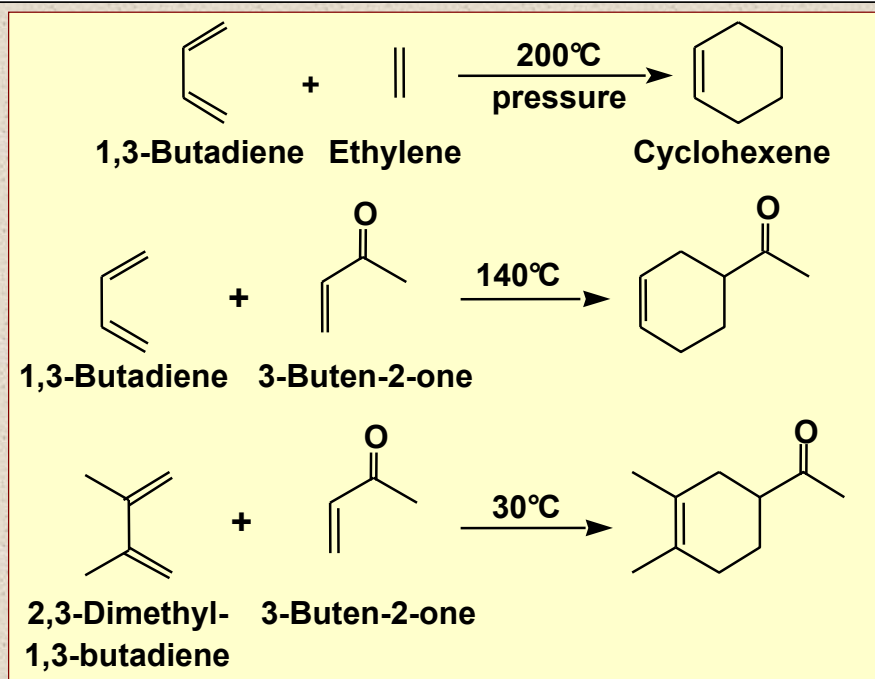


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- (2Z,4Z)-2,4-hexadiene is unreactive in Diels-Alder reactions because nonbonded interactions prevent it from assuming the planar *s-cis* conformation



reaction is facilitated by a combination of **electron-withdrawing substituents on the dienophile** and **electron-releasing substituents on the diene**



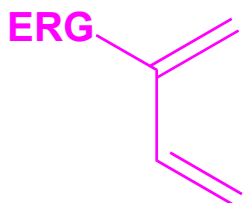
### Electron-Releasing Groups

- CH<sub>3</sub>, alkyl groups
- OR (ether)
- OOCR (ester)

### Electron-Withdrawing Groups

- CHO (aldehyde, ketone)
- COOH (carboxyl)
- COOR (ester)
- NO<sub>2</sub> (nitro)
- C≡N (cyano)

Use these to activate the diene

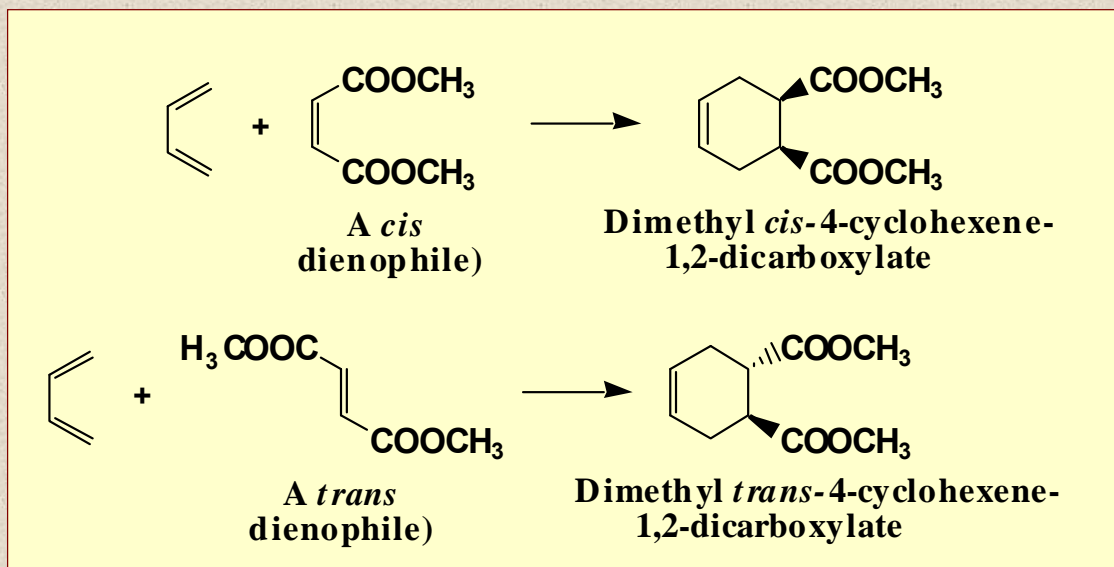


Use these to activate the dienophile



## Stereochemistry of the Dienophile

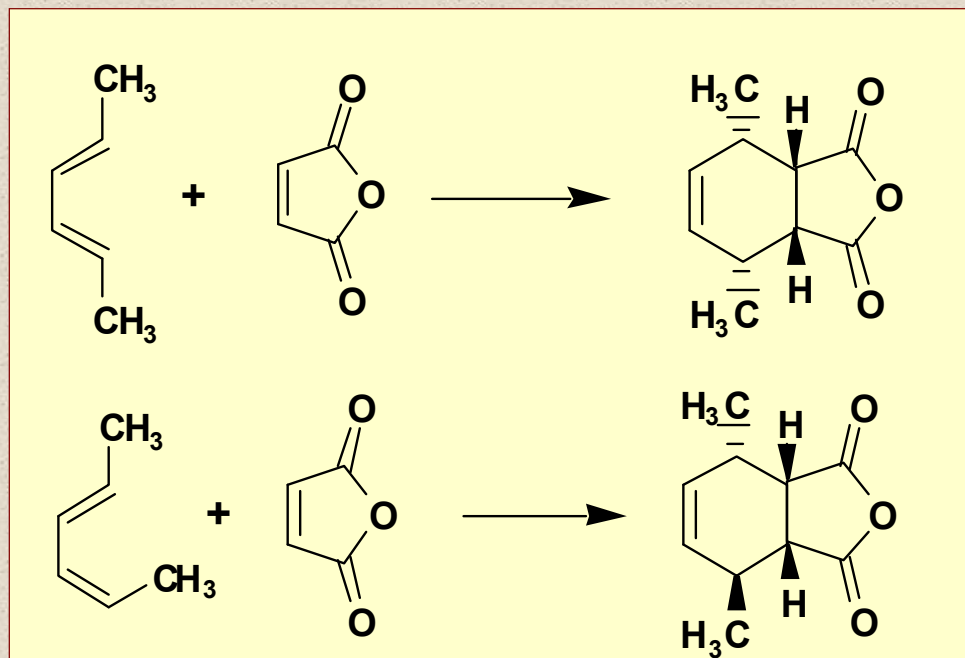
the configuration of the dienophile is retained



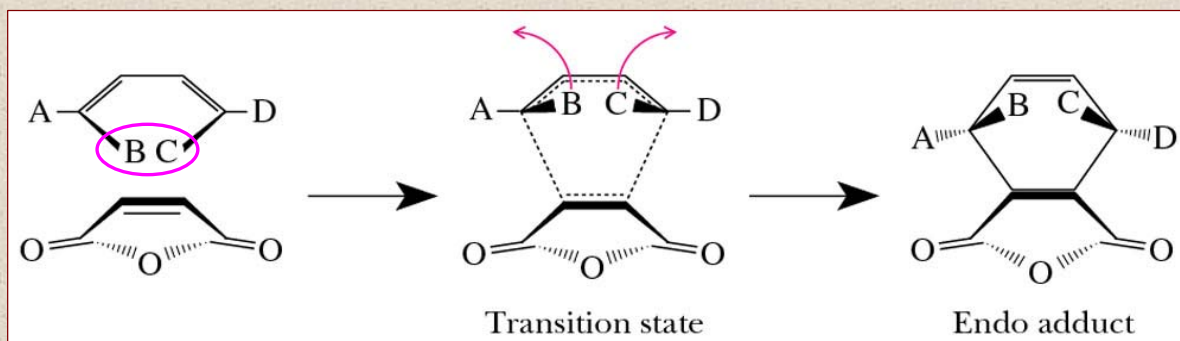
**cis-alkene gives cis products**

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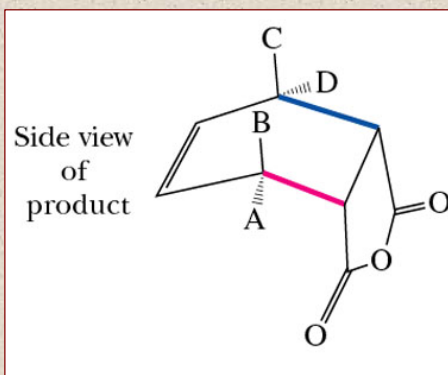
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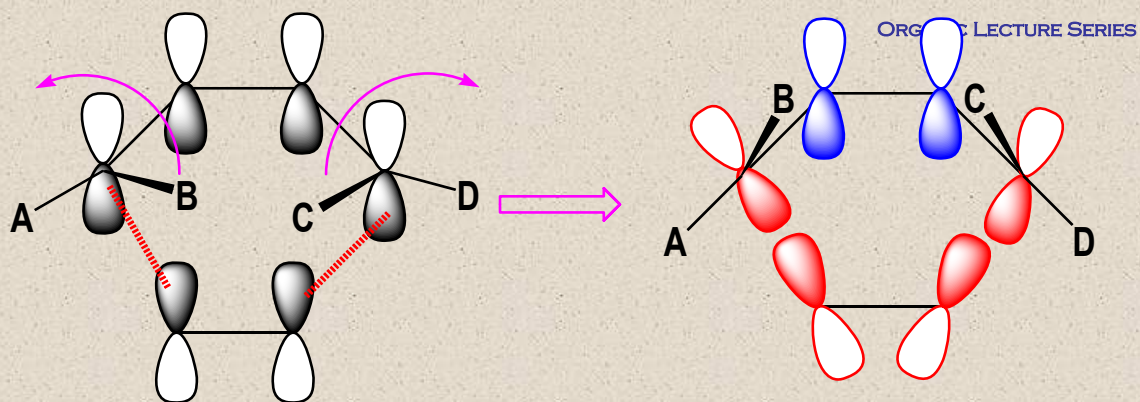


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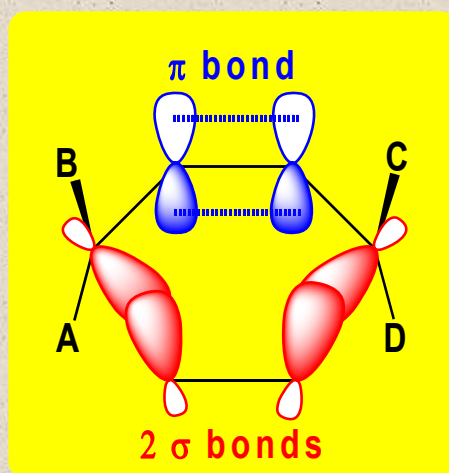


The diene's substituents are turned "inside out"

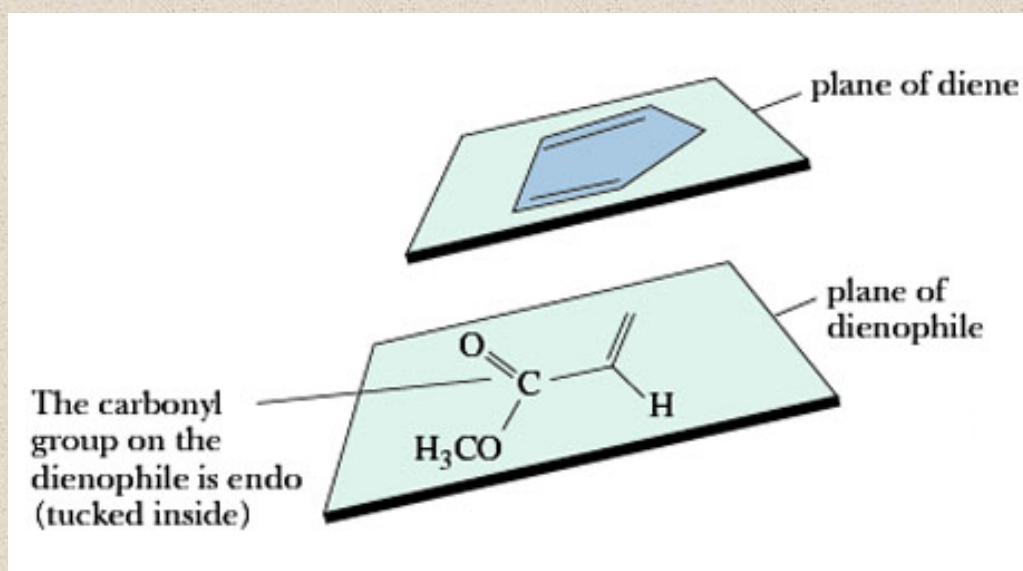




B rotates counterclockwise  
 C rotates clockwise  
 This is called:  
**Disrotation**



## Summary



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- 1 New bonds form
- 2 Envelope flap moves up
- 3 H moves to exo position;  $-\text{CO}_2\text{CH}_3$  moves to endo position

