CHEM 222 section 01

LECTURE #15

Tues., Oct.23, 2007

Lecture topics & readings

Today's class

- diene reactivity: Diels-Alder reactions

Before next class

- build molecular models ⇒ visualize Diels-Alder rxns
- read & review all Ch.7 topics

Next class

- rxns of benzene: Ch. 14.1-...

Midterm exam: Tues. Oct. 30 (some mult.choice, some written)
 everything to end of NMR...





requires heat (not light)

Useful reactions: 2 new C-C bonds cyclic product

Mechanism: concerted, via cyclic shift of $e^{-s} = a$ pericyclic rxn [4+2] cycloaddition



Use molecular orbitals to understand pericyclic rxns

Pericyclic reactions: obey conservation of orbital symmetry

- rxn occurs because of overlap of in-phase orbitals
- consider the HOMO & LUMO of each reactant:



Diels-Alder rxn due to in-phase overlap of HOMO & LUMO



Notice:

- one molecule "lands on" the other ⇒ syn addition wrt to both reactants
- both options lead to in-phase, end-on orbital overlap \Rightarrow 2 σ -bonds form
- π -e⁻s in diene rearrange simultaneously (not shown) \Rightarrow 1 new π -bond

Diels-Alder rxn: [4+2] cycloaddition with 1,4- regiochem.



resonance contributors of the dienophile



Dienophiles = more reactive with EWG substituents

Maleic anhydride - a reactive dienophile

$$\begin{array}{cccc} H_3C & H \\ & & | & | \\ CH_2 = C - C = CH_2 + 0 & \longrightarrow \end{array}$$

Stereochem.: configuration of reactants does not change during rxn
syn addition from top OR bottom ⇒ new asymmetric centres = racemic
dienophile: if substituents are cis ⇒ will remain cis in product
diene: if substituents are s-cis ⇒ will remain cis in product

Predicting products with asymmetric dienes & dienophiles



In this orientation, or with substituents opposite?



So: which is the major product?



Hint: draw resonance structures to reveal electrostatic steering

Diels-Alder rxn requires diene in s-cis conformation



Rank these dienes in order of increasing reactivity to a dienophile: H_3C H_3C







Retrosynthetic analysis of Diels-Alder 1,4-cycloadditions

What diene and what dienophile were used to synthesize the following compound?





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