# **PERICYCLIC REACTIONS**

### (PHARMACEUTICAL. CHEMISTRY)

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# **Introduction**

Pericyclic reactions are the reactions that occur by cyclic shift of electrons.

These reactions are stereospecific and stereo selective.

The energy of activation is supplied by heat(thermal method) or by UV light(photo induction)

### **Molecular Orbitals (LCAO Method)**

- Quantum mechanics shows that linear combination of a 2 atomic orbitals gives not one, but two combination and hence two molecular orbitals.
- A bonding orbital more stable than the component atomic orbitals.
- Anti bonding orbital less stable than the component atomic orbitals.
- In addition, orbitals of a third kind non bonding orbitals; electrons in these orbitals- unshared pairs.



11 Alor: c orbitals.

 $\mathbf{H}_2$  . Molecular orbitate :

### FMO METHOD

 Principle of the conservation of the orbital symmetry in the concerted reactions.

Symmetry allowed processSymmetry forbidden process.

The energy of transition state of symmetry allowed process is lower than the symmetry forbidden process

## INTERACTION BETWEEN MOLECULAR ORBITALS

Reaction takes place when the highest molecular orbital of one reactant interacts with the lowest energy molecular orbitals of other reactant.

The orbitals that interact are called <u>frontier</u> molecular orbitals for reaction



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### **HUCKLE MOBIUS METHOD**

Huckle system: i.e., In the absence of node. (4n+2)pi electrons : aromatic; stable in ground state.

(4n) pi electrons : anti aromatic; unstable in ground state.

Mobius system: i.e., In the presence of node. (4n)pi electrons :aromatic; stable in ground state.

(4n+2) pi electrons: anti aromatic; unstable in ground state.

# Types of pericyclic reactions

> Electrocyclic reactions

> Cyclo addition reactions

> Sigmatropic reactions

## **ELECTROCYCLIC REACTIONS**

Under the influence of heat or light, the conjugated polyene undergoes isomerisation to form a cyclic compound with a single bond between terminal carbons of original conjugated system.



Such interconversions are called electrocyclic reactions.

### **STEREOCHEMISTRY**

- These reactions are stereospecific and stereochemistry of products depends if reaction is thermal or photochemical.
- Two types of rotation.
  Conrotatory motion
  Disrotatory motion



In a conrolatory process symmetry about the  $C_p$  axis of rotation is maintained throughout the reaction.

In a disrotatory process symmetry about the  $\sigma_{\rm v}$  reflection plane is maintained throughout the reaction.

### **CYCLISATION OF 4n SYSTEM**

 <u>1,3 butadiene</u>: the cyclisation can be thermal as well as photo chemical reaction.

### • Thermal reaction:

- HOMO of conjugated diene is Ψ<sub>2</sub>. Bond formation requires overlap.
- > In these case, overlap of lobes  $C_1$  and  $C_4$  of diene.
- Thus for a new sigma bond to form rotation must be conrotatory.

### **Photo induced cyclisation**

On absorption of light, butadiene is converted into the excited state in which one electron from Ψ<sub>2</sub> has been raised to Ψ<sub>3</sub>.

So, disrotatory motion brings lobes of same phase together and stereochemistry is reversed.

Where as conrotatory motion brings orbitals of opposite phase together. Interaction is *antibonding* 





### Cyclisation of (4n+2)π system

### Thermal induced :

1,3,5 hexatriene is a  $(4n+2)\pi$  system and  $\Psi_3$  is homo in ground state which has m- symmetry.

### > **Photochemical induced** :

when an electron of 1,3,5 hexatriene is promoted by absorption of light,  $\Psi_4$  becomes the excited HOMO of C<sub>2</sub> system. Thus the p-orbitals are out of phase.





## **RING OPENING**



### SELECTION RULE FOR ELECTROCYCLIC REACTIONS

<u>No. of</u> <u>electrons</u>	<u>Mode of</u> <u>activation</u>	Symmetry allowed motion
4n	Thermal photochemical	Conrotatory disrotatory
4n+2	Thermal photochemical	Disrotatory conrotatory

### **HUCKEL MOBIUS METHOD**

<u>No.of</u> <u>electrons</u>	<u>No. of</u> <u>nodes</u>	<u>Aromaticity</u>	<u>Thermally</u> <u>allowed</u>	<u>hv allowed</u>
4n	zero	Anti aromatic		Disrotatory
4n	one	aromatic	conrotatory	—
4n+2	zero	Aromatic	Disrotatory	_
4n+2	One	Anti aromatic	-	conrotatory





### **CYCLO ADDITION REACTIONS**

It is a reaction in which two unsaturated molecules combine to form a cyclic compound, with pi electrons being used to form two new sigma bonds.

The Diel's-Alder Reaction is a (4+2) cyclo addition reaction, since it involves a system of 4 π electrons and a 2 π electrons.

### STEREOCHEMISTRY OF DIEL'S ALDER REACTION

> The diene must be in cisoid conformation.

The dienophile addition is <u>syn</u>; thus the reaction is a concerted one, i.e., both new bonds are formed in the same transition state.

Takes place in <u>endo</u>, rather than <u>exo.</u>





### **Thermal induced:**

(4+2)cycloaddition: eg: 1,3butadiene and ethylene.

There are two combinations i.e., overlap of HOMO of butadiene (Ψ<sub>2</sub>) with LUMO of ethylene(π\*).

And overlap of HUMO of ethylene(π) with the LUMO of butadiene (Ψ<sub>3</sub>).



## (2+2) CYCLO ADDITION REACTIONS

Dimerisation of ethylene.

> This involves the overlap of HOMO  $\pi$  of one molecule with LUMO  $\pi^*$  of other.

Interaction is antibonding and concerted reaction does not occur.

### **PHOTOCHEMICAL INDUCED**

### (2+2) CYCLO ADDITION

These are symmetry allowed process.

> Overlap of the HOMO( π\*) of an exited molecule with the LUMO (π\*) of a ground state molecule

### • (4+2) CYCLO ADDITION

These are symmetry forbidden process. In these HOMO is Ψ<sub>3</sub>,which has m symmetry and this molecular orbitals cannot overlap with overlap of LUMO of ethylene which has C<sub>2</sub> symmetry.



## SELECTION RULE FOR CYCLOADDITION REACTIONS

No. of electrons	Mode of activation	Allowed stereochemistry
4n	photochemical	Supra-supra
4n+2	thermal	supra-supra

## **ENDO-EXO STEREOCHEMISTRY**

Cyclic dienes are reactive in Diel's-Alder reaction because the two double bonds are held in *cis* conformation in 5 or 6 membered rings.

- Endo orientation : substituents project in to the cavity.
- Exo orientation: substituents project out of the cavity.
- Endo product is more stable than the exo product.




#### **HUCKLE MOBIUS METHOD**

<u>No.of</u> <u>electrons</u>	No. of modes	<u>Aromaticity</u>	Thermally allowed	<u>hv</u> <u>allowed</u>
4n	zero	Anti aromatic	-	s-s a-a
4n	one	Aromatic	s-a a-s	
4n+2	zero	Aromatic	s-s a-a	
4n+2	one	Anti aromatic	-	s-a a-s

#### SIGMATROPIC REARRANGEMENT

It is a concerted type of reaction, in which a group migrates with its sigma bond within a pi framework an ene (or) polyene.

The migration is accompanied by a shift in pi bonds.

Numbering of alkenyl chain...

Numbering of migrating group

#### Name of rearrangement

 For e.g; 1,3 sigmatropic rearrangement. In these 1 indicates position of atom in the migrating group and 3 indicates position of atom in alkenyl chain.

#### Similarly 1,7 and 3,3 sigmatropic rearrangement.







#### Sigmatropic Rearrangements are divided into two classes.

Migrating group is bonded through the same atom in both reactant and product.

Migrating group is bonded through different atoms in reactant and in product.



#### **MECHANISIM**

In the transition state, bonding arises from overlap between an orbital(HOMO) of an atom (or) free radical(G) and an orbital(HOMO) of an allylic free radical (pi framework).

HOMO of an allylic radical depends on the no. of carbons in pi frame work. The migrating group is passed from one end of allylic radical to the other.

#### **MIGRATION OF HYDROGEN**

Stereochemically, this shift can be supra (or) antra facial.

In the transition state, 3- centered bond is required and must involve the overlap between S orbital of H and lobe of P orbitals of 2 terminal carbons.

It depends not only on symmetry but also on geometry of system.



#### **MIGRATION OF CARBON**

Stereochemistry in migrating group...

Bonding through same lobe on carbon means attachement to same face of atom i.e., retention of configuration in G

And if bonding to 2 ends of pi framework through different lobes of P orbital. These lobes are on opposite faces of C.i.e., *inversion of configuration in G* 



## SELECTION RULES (G=H)

<u>No. of electrons</u>	<u>Thermally</u> <u>allowed</u>	Photochemically allowed
4n	anthra	supra
4n+2	supra	anthra

#### **SELECTION RULES (G=C)**

No. of electrons	<u>Thermally</u> <u>allowed</u>	Photochemically allowed
4n		Supra-retention anthra-inversion
4n+2	supra-retention Anthra- inversion	Anthra-retention Supra-inversion

#### **HUCKLE MOBIUS METHOD**

<u>No. of</u> <u>electrons</u>	<u>No. of</u> <u>nodes</u>	<u>Aromaticity</u>	<u>Thermally</u> <u>allowed</u>	<u>hv</u> <u>allowed</u>
4n	zero one	Anti aromatic Aromatic	- anthra	supra -
4n+2	zero one	Aromatic Anti aromatic	supra -	- anthra

## APPLICATIONS



#### **DIEL'S ALDER REACTION**







Rearrangement under thermal conditions makes possible an extension of the carbon chain of the molecule.



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#### **Mechanism of the Claisen Rearrangement:**

The Claisen Rearrangement may be viewed as the oxa-variant of the <u>Cope Rearrangement</u>:



Mechanism of cope Rearrangement

#### Mechanism of the ClaisenRearrangement



The reaction proceeds preferably *via* a chair transition state. Chiral, enantiomerically enriched starting materials give products of high optical purity.



# A boat transition state is also possible, and can lead to side products:



## The aromatic Claisen Rearrangement is followed by a rearomatization:



When the *ortho*-position is substituted, re-aromatization cannot take place. The allyl group must first undergo a Cope Rearrangement to the *para*-position before tautomerization is possible.



### **CONCLUSION**

➢ Pericyclic reactions are reactions in which the bond-making and bondbreaking is a concerted one-step process. They donot involve any ionic or radical intermediates, remain unaffected by solvent polarity, and take place only thermally or photochemically.

➤The stereochemical course of pericyclic reactions has been explained by the principle of conversion of orbital symmetry. An alternative simpler approach namely FMO. If the orbital symmetry permits bonding interaction between them the reaction is symmetry allowed otherwise it is symmetry forbidden.

>Well ordered transition states of these reactions they are highly sometimes even totally diastereoselective. Several other types of selectivity such as regio, site, and periselectivity are also observed.

> In sigmatropic rearrangements transfer of chirality from one end of a pisystem to the other takes place with high efficiency.

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# THANK YOU

