

**M.Sc. Semester-IV  
Core Course-9 (CC-9)  
Synthetic Organic Chemistry**



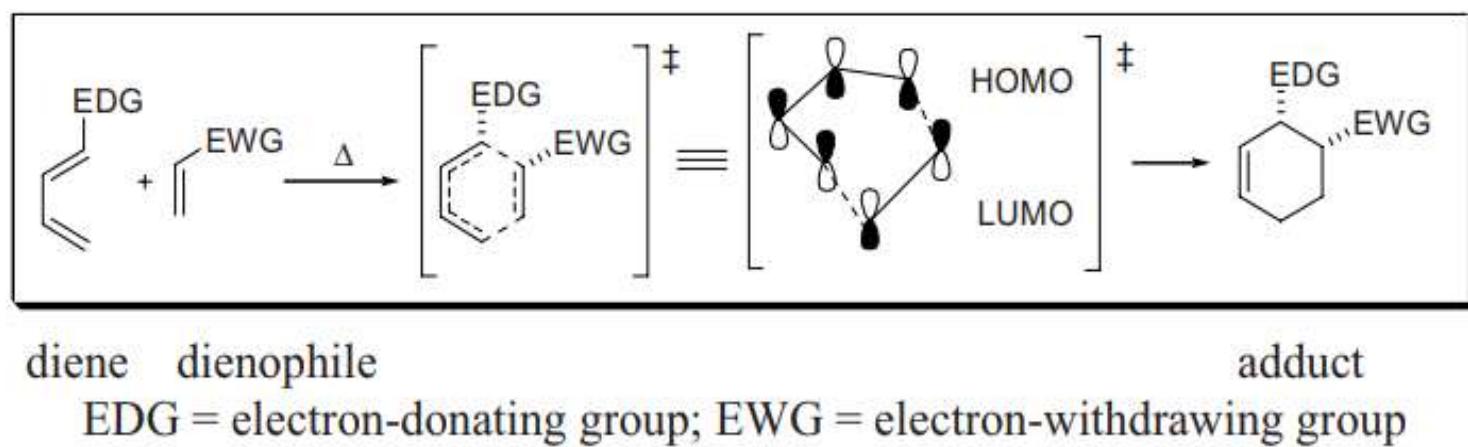
**II. Pericyclic Reactions  
12. Diels-Alder Reaction**



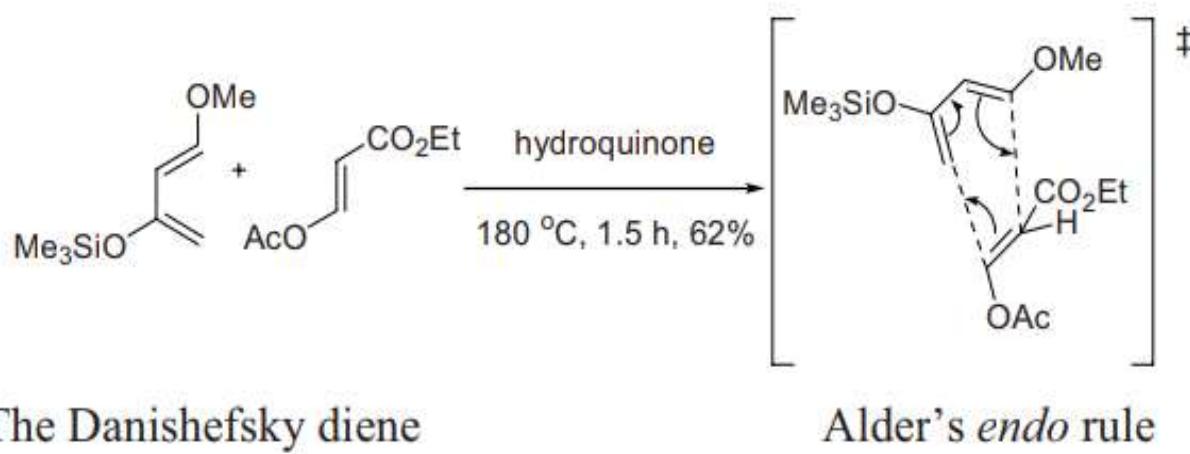
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## Diels–Alder reaction

The Diels–Alder reaction, inverse electronic demand Diels–Alder reaction, as well as the hetero-Diels–Alder reaction, belong to the category of *[4+2]-cycloaddition reactions*, which are concerted processes. The arrow pushing here is merely illustrative.

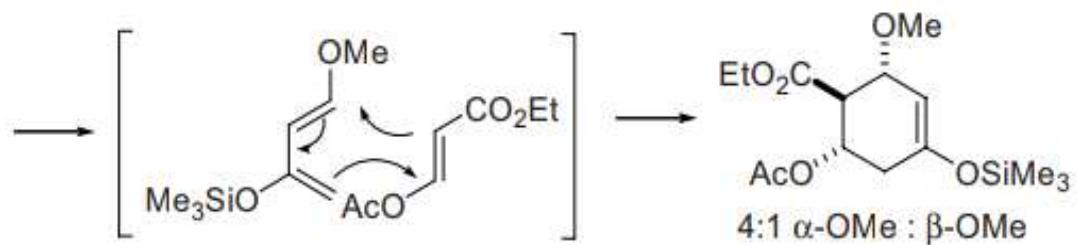


Example 1<sup>6</sup>

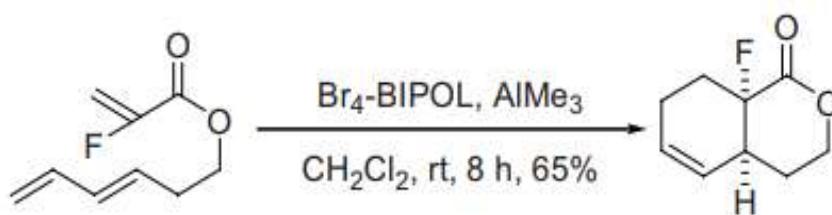


The Danzig diene

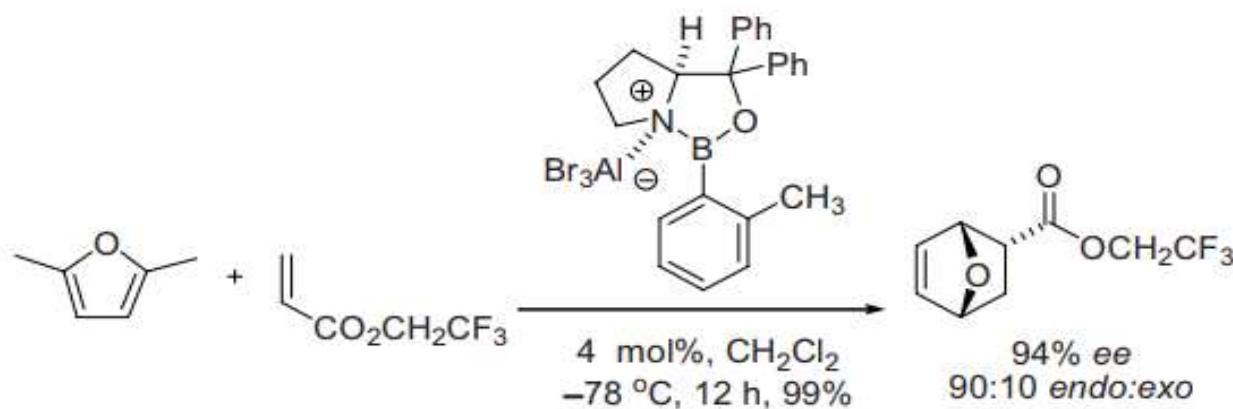
Alder's *endo* rule



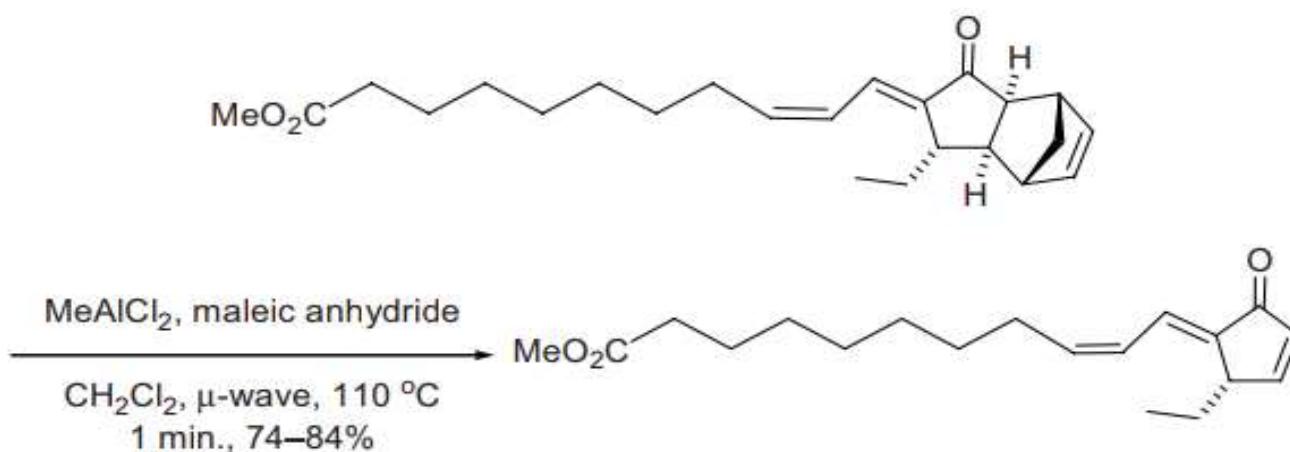
Example 2, Intramolecular Diels–Alder reaction<sup>7</sup>



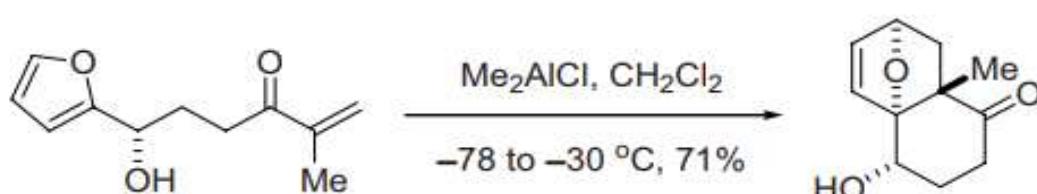
Example 3, Asymmetric Diels–Alder reaction<sup>5,8</sup>



Example 4, Retro-Diels–Alder reaction<sup>4,9</sup>



Example 5, Intramolecular Diels–Alder reaction<sup>11</sup>



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