

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



**II. Pericyclic Reactions  
7. Claisen Rearrangement,  
The Nazarov Reaction**



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## II Pericyclic Reactions 20 Hrs

Molecular orbital symmetry, Frontier orbitals of ethylene, 1,3-butadiene, 1, 3, 5-hexatriene, allyl system, Classification of pericyclic reactions. FMO approach, Woodward-Hoffman correlation diagram method and PMO approach for pericyclic reaction under thermal and photochemical conditions.

Electrocyclic reactions: Conrotatory and disrotatory motion,  $4n$  and  $(4n+2)$  systems, Cycloaddition reaction:  $[2+2]$  and  $[4+2]$  cycloaddition reaction, Cycloaddition of ketones, Secondary effects in  $[4+2]$  cycloaddition. Stereochemical effects on rate of cycloaddition reaction, Diels-Alder reaction, 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition, Chelotropic reaction, The Nazarov reaction.

Sigmatropic rearrangement: Suprafacial and antarafacial shift involving H and carbon-moieties, Peripatetic cyclopropane bridge, Retention and inversion of configuration,  $[3,3]$ -,  $[1,5]$ -,  $[2,3]$ -,  $[4,5]$ -,  $[5,5]$ -, and  $[9,9]$ -Sigmatropic rearrangements, Claisen rearrangements (including Aza-Claisen, Ireland-Claisen), Cope rearrangements (including Oxy-Cope, Aza-Cope), Sommelet-Hauser rearrangements, Group transfer reaction, Ene reaction, Mislow - Evans rearrangement, Walk rearrangement.

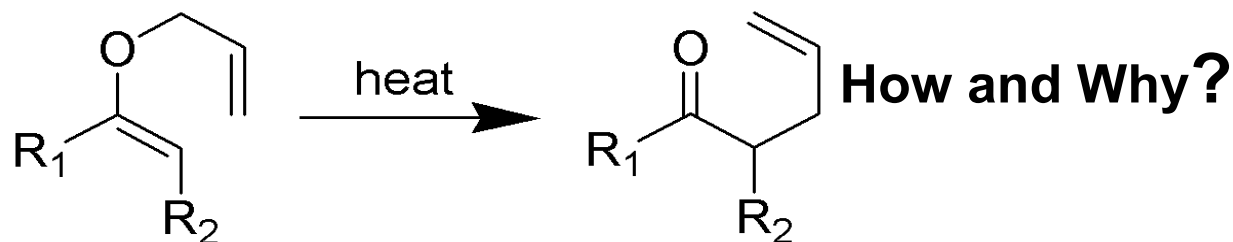
### Coverage:

1. Claisen Rearrangement
2. The Nazarov Reaction

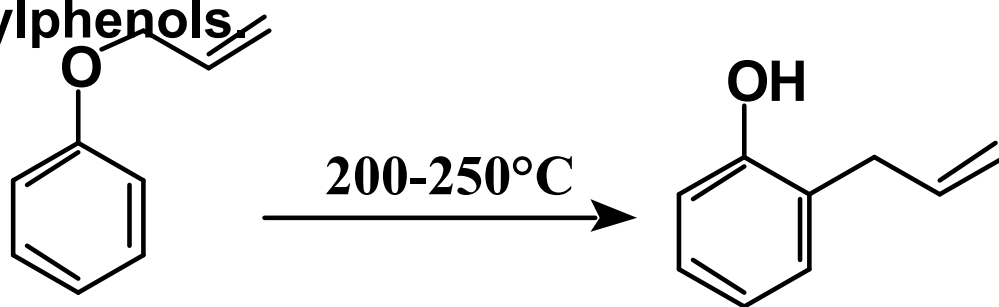
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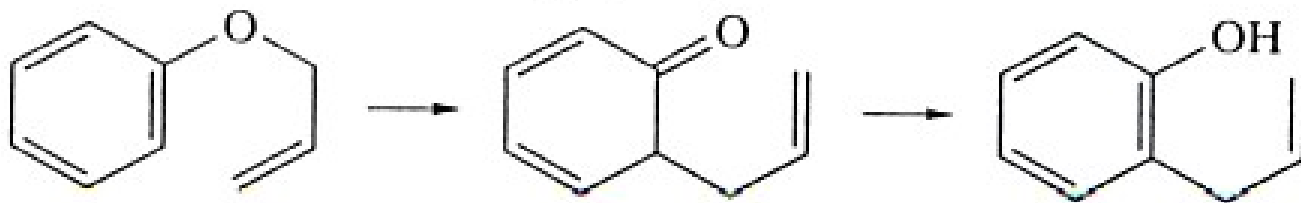


**Claisen rearrangement:** A thermal rearrangement of allyl phenyl ethers to form 2-allylphenols



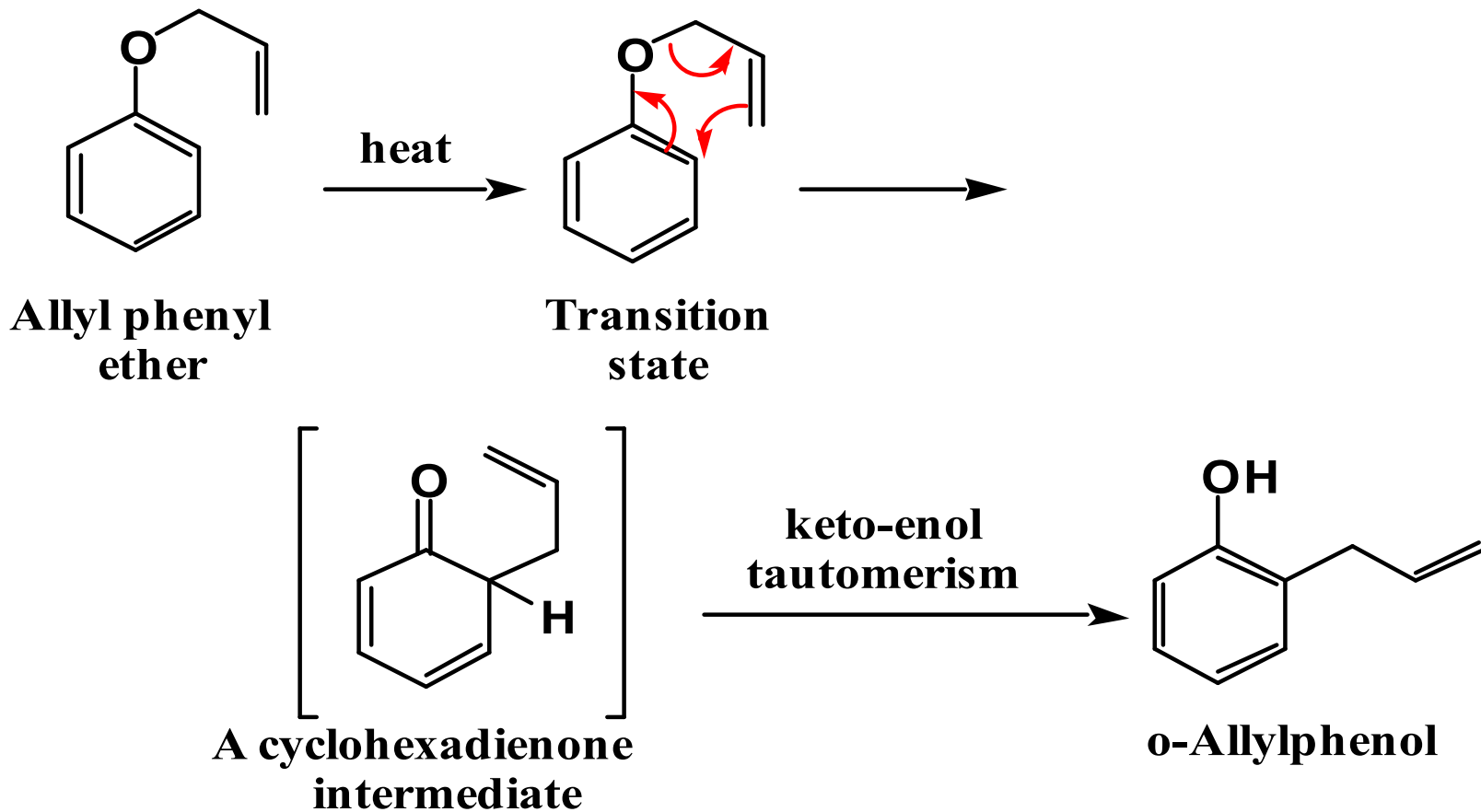
Allyl phenyl ether

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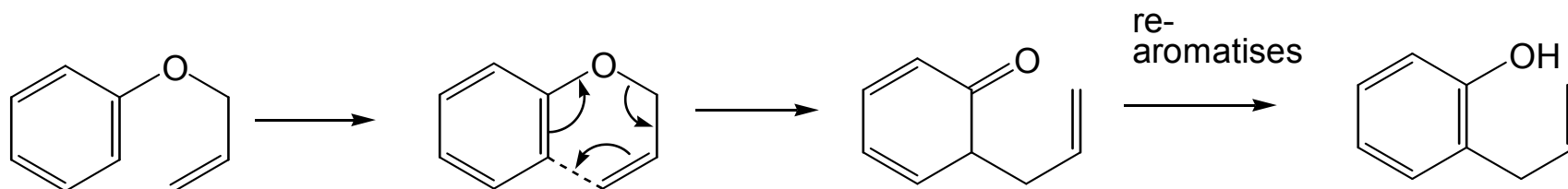
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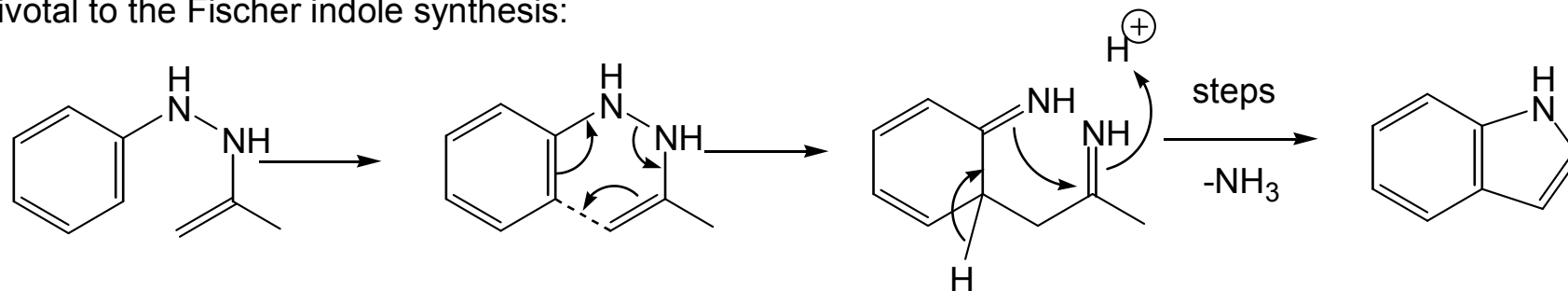


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Claisen reactions are generally irreversible and synthetically useful:



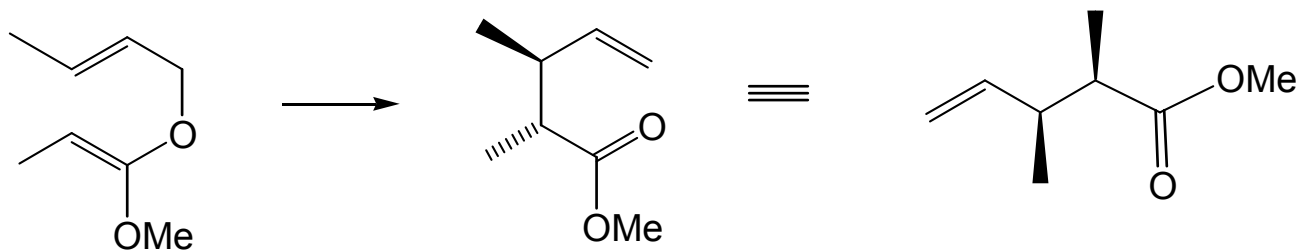
A [3,3]-sigmatropic reaction is pivotal to the Fischer indole synthesis:



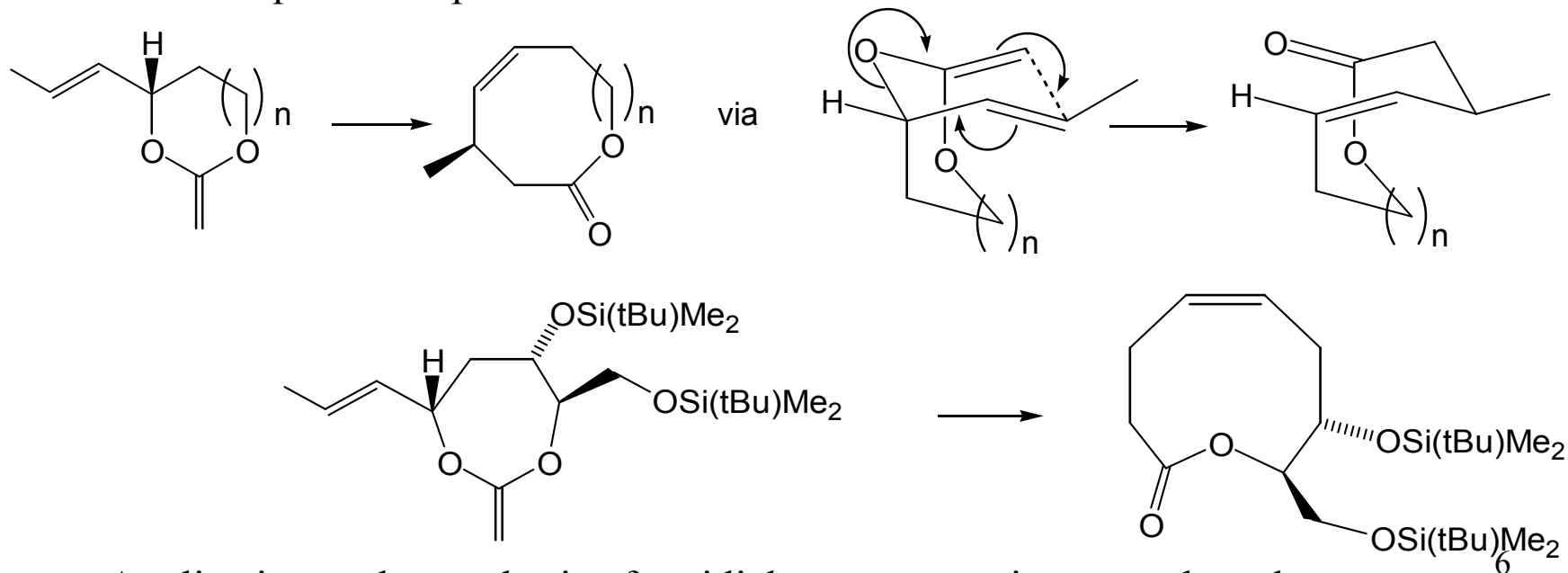
**Important: Don't get confused with the Claisen Reactions of esters.**

# Claisen Rearrangement

The Ireland-Claisen reaction is a useful method for constructing esters, particularly of difficult medium-ring products, with high stereoselectivity.



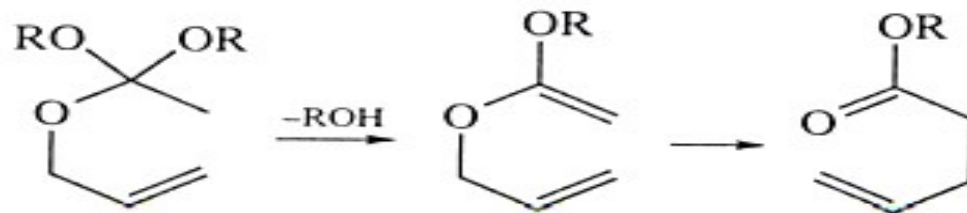
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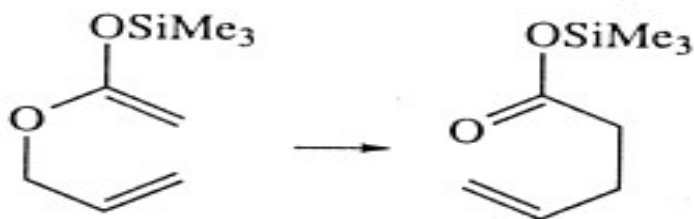
Application to the synthesis of ascidialactone, a marine natural product.

# Claisen Rearrangement : Examples

1. Ortho ester Claisen rearrangement



2. Claisen rearrangement of *O*-allyl-*O'*-trimethylsilyl ketene acetals



3. Ester enolate Claisen rearrangement

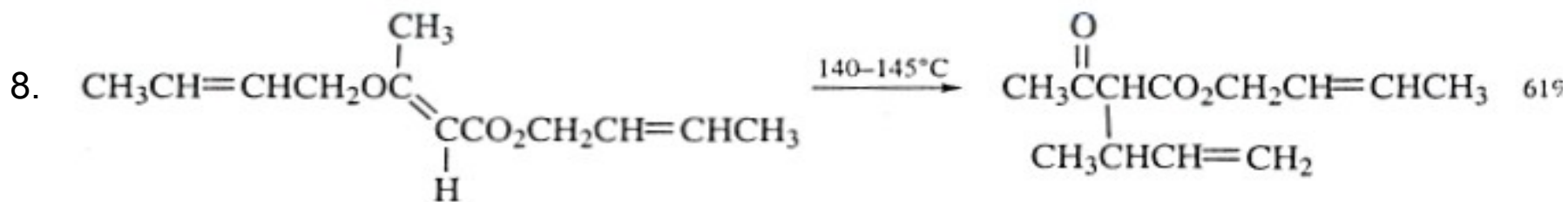
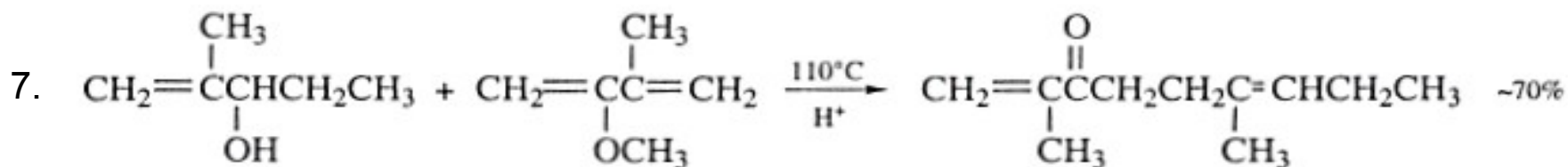
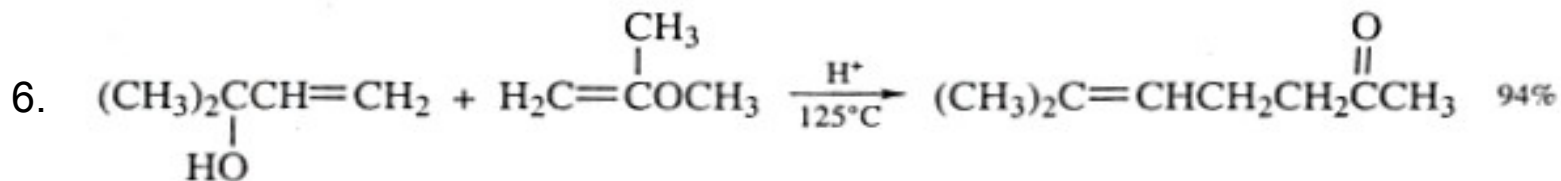
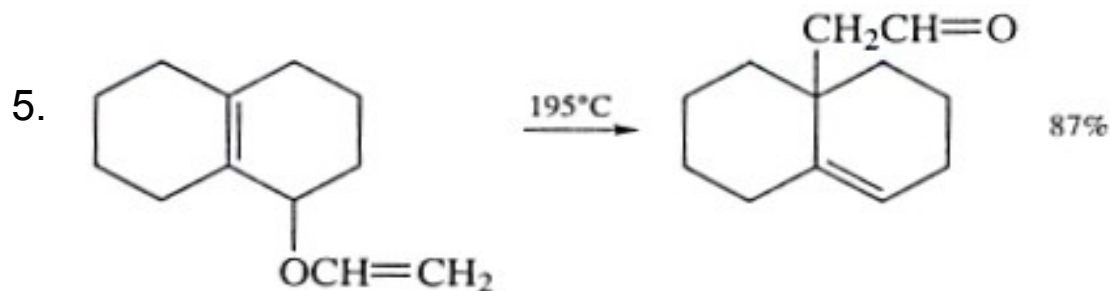


4. Claisen rearrangement of *O*-allyl-*N,N*-dialkyl ketene amins



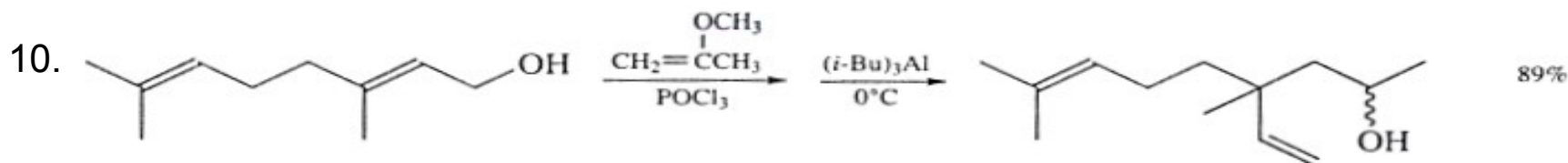
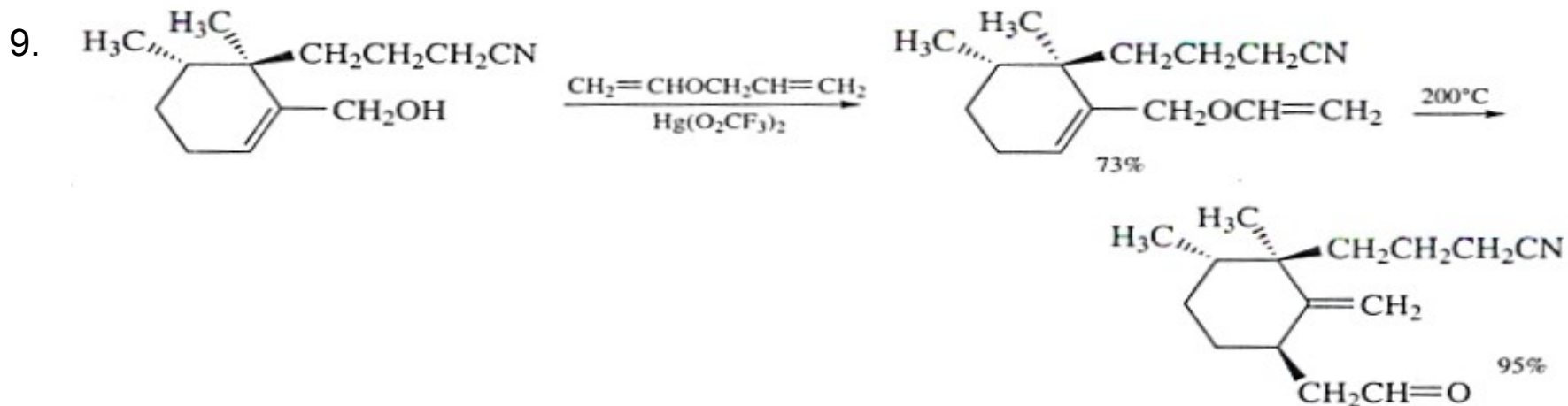
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## Rearrangement of allyl vinyl ethers

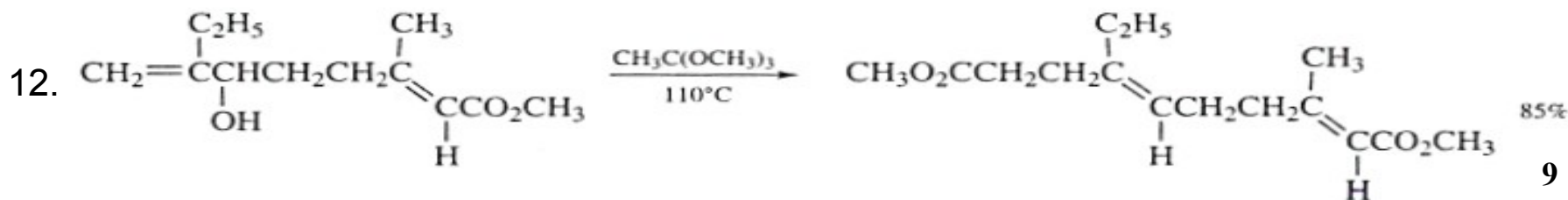
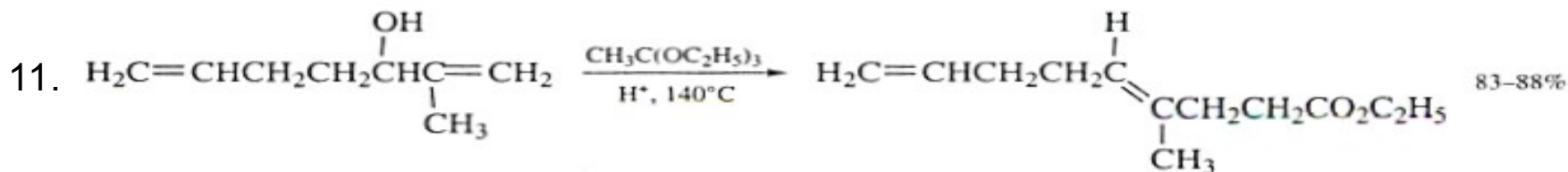




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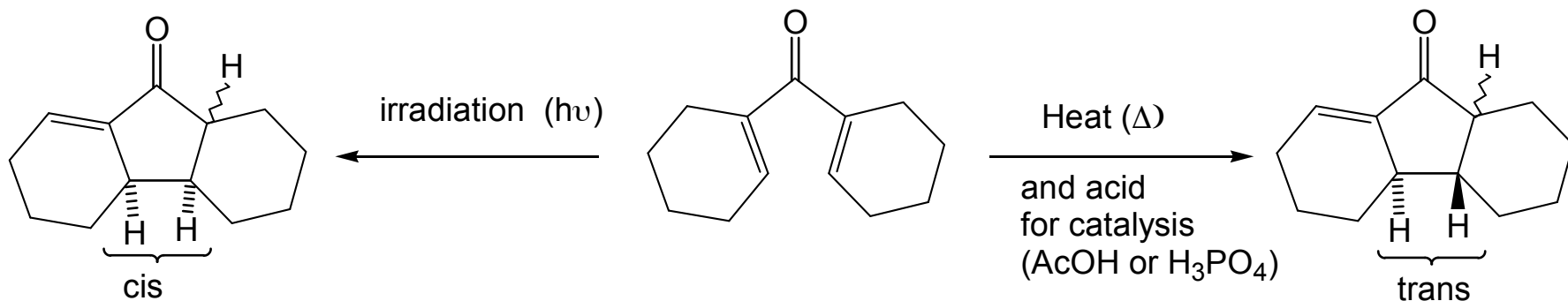


## Rearrangement via Ortho Esters



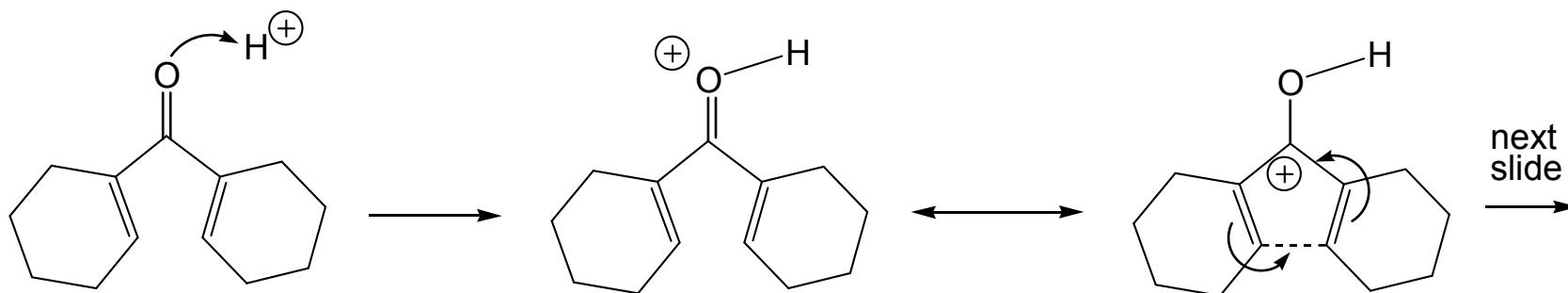
## The Nazarov Cyclisation Reaction :

The Nazarov cyclisation usually carried out under acidic/thermal conditions. The position adjacent to the ketone is a mixture of isomers in each case. Only the relative stereochemistry between the lower hydrogens is controlled.

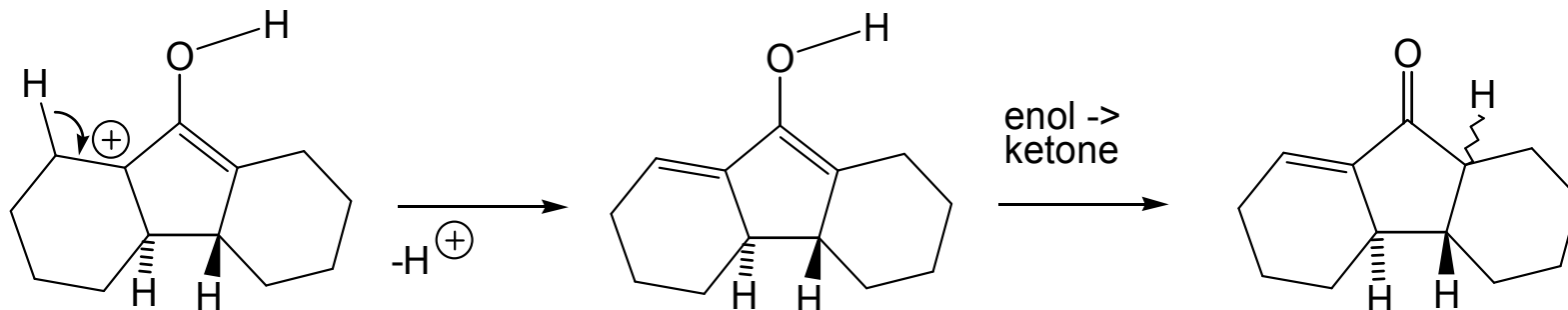


All we need to know is the number of electrons involved (i.e.  $4n$  or  $4n+2$ ) and whether the reaction is photochemical or thermal:

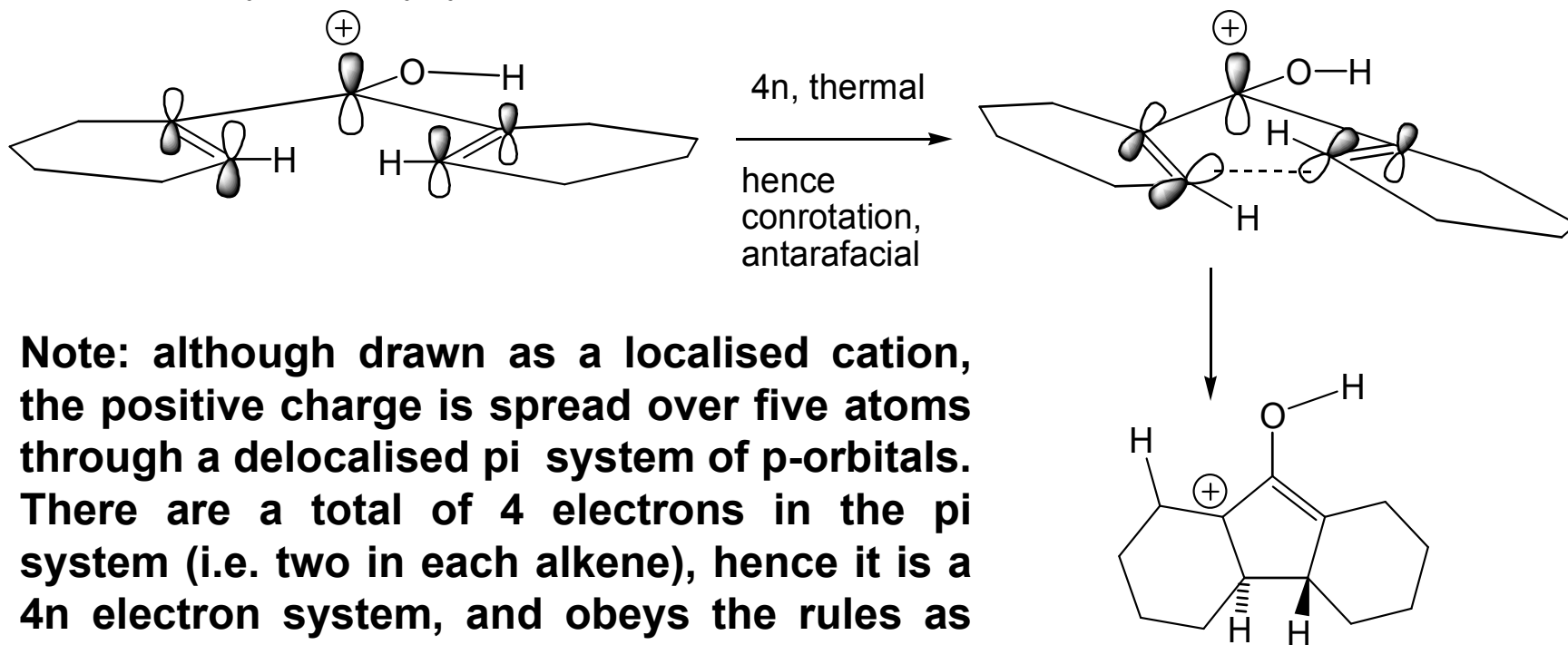
**Mechanism:**



## The Nazarov Cyclisation, cont....



Stereochemistry in the key cyclisation step:



**Note:** although drawn as a localised cation, the positive charge is spread over five atoms through a delocalised pi system of p-orbitals. There are a total of 4 electrons in the pi system (i.e. two in each alkene), hence it is a  $4n$  electron system, and obeys the rules as usual.

# Thank You



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