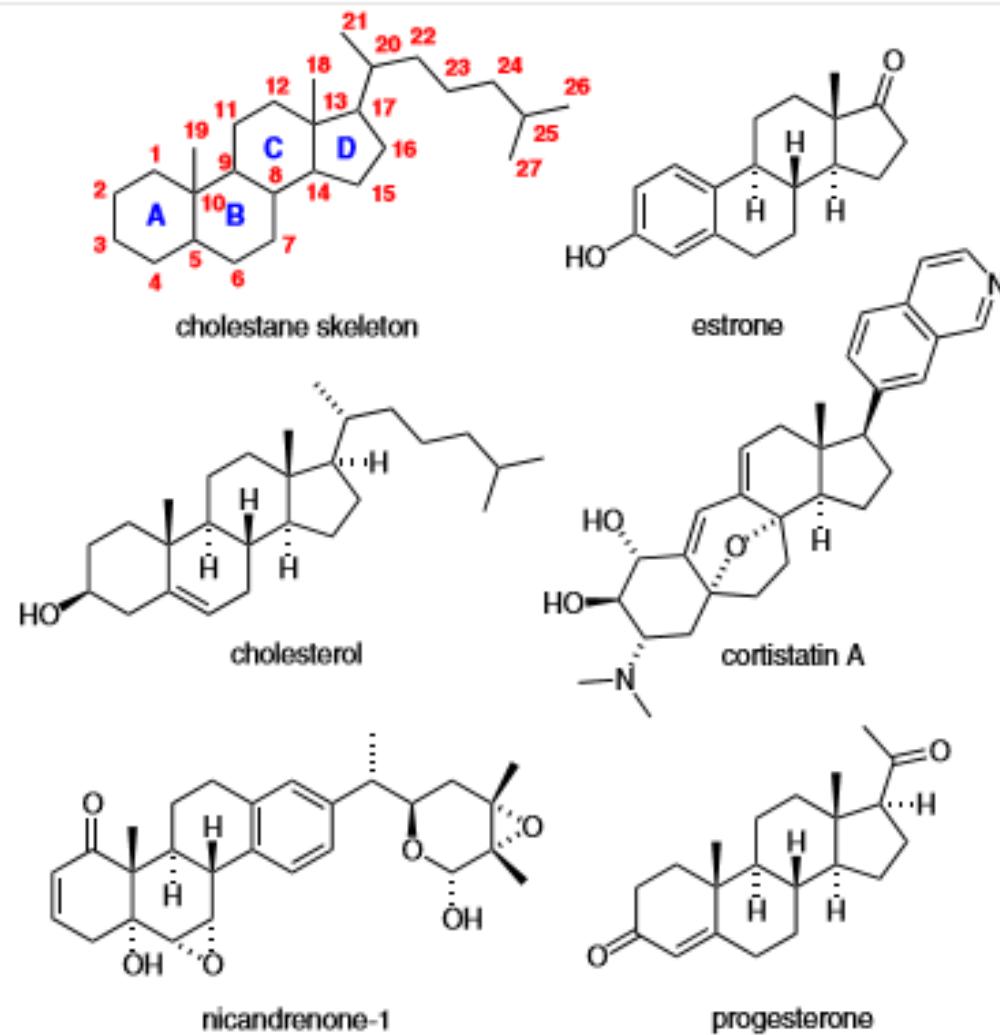


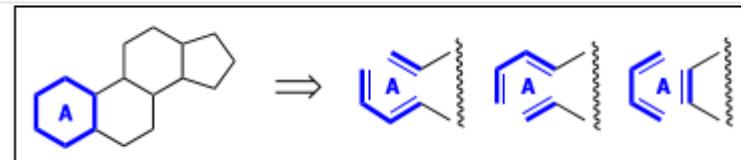
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**Figure 1** Selected steroid natural products

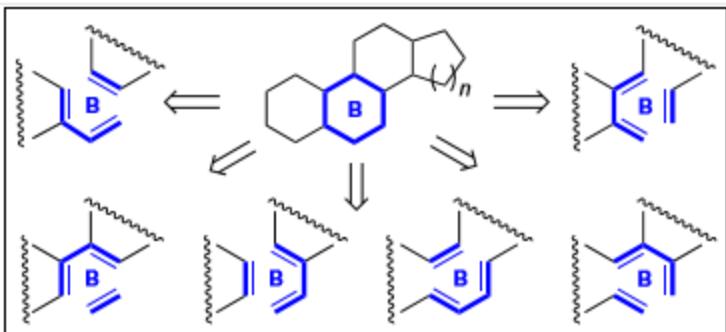


## 2.2 Construction of the A-Ring



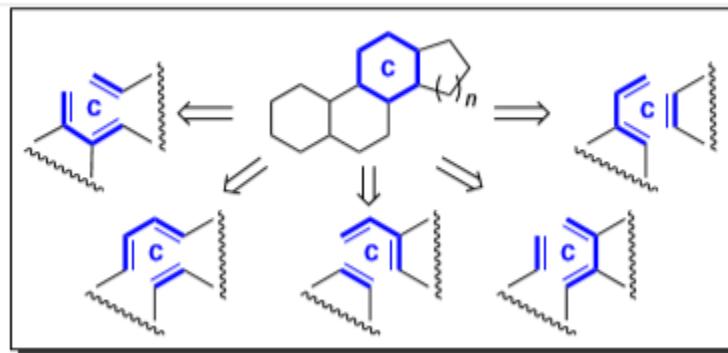
**Scheme 8** A-ring disconnections reported so far

## 2.2 Construction of the B-Ring

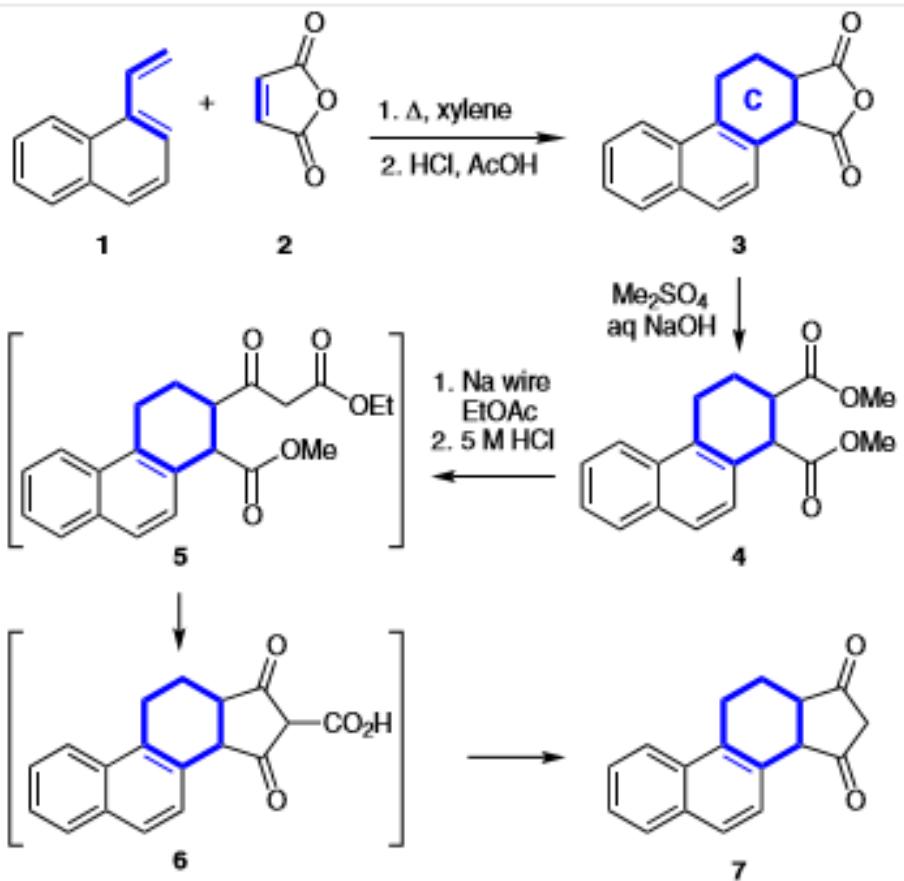


**Scheme 13** B-ring disconnections reported so far

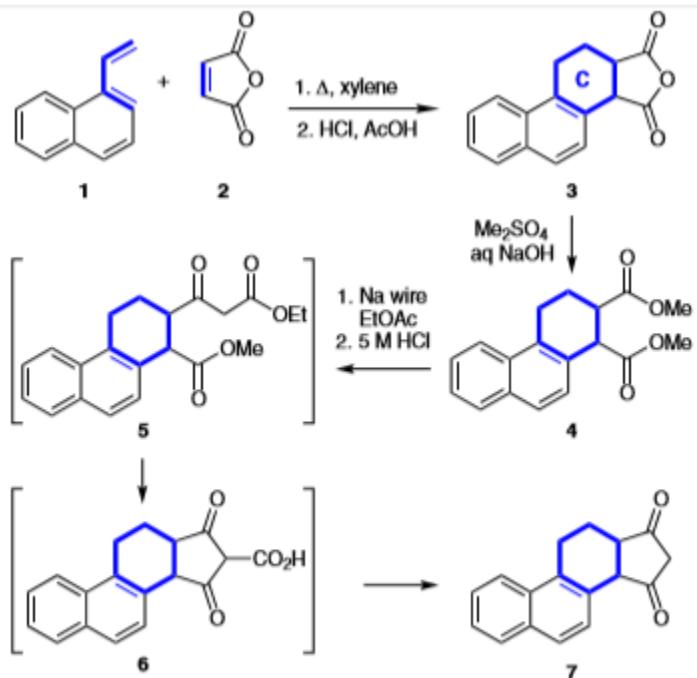
## 2.3 Construction of the C-Ring



**Scheme 27** C-ring disconnections reported so far

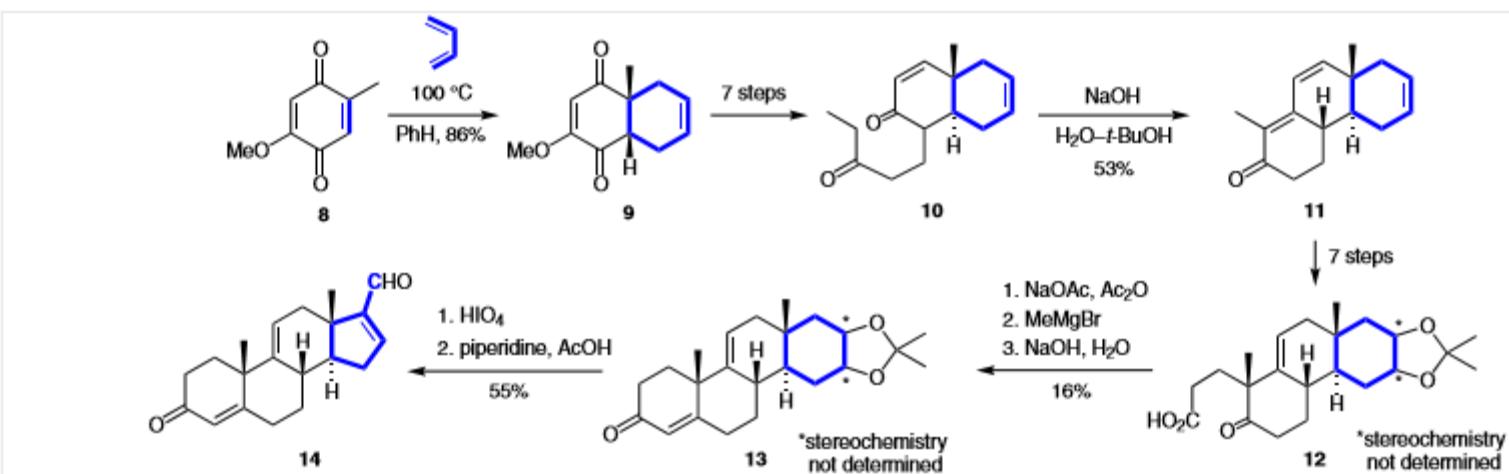


**Scheme 1** Cohen and Warren's 1937 synthesis of the steroid skeleton (stereochemistry and yields not reported)

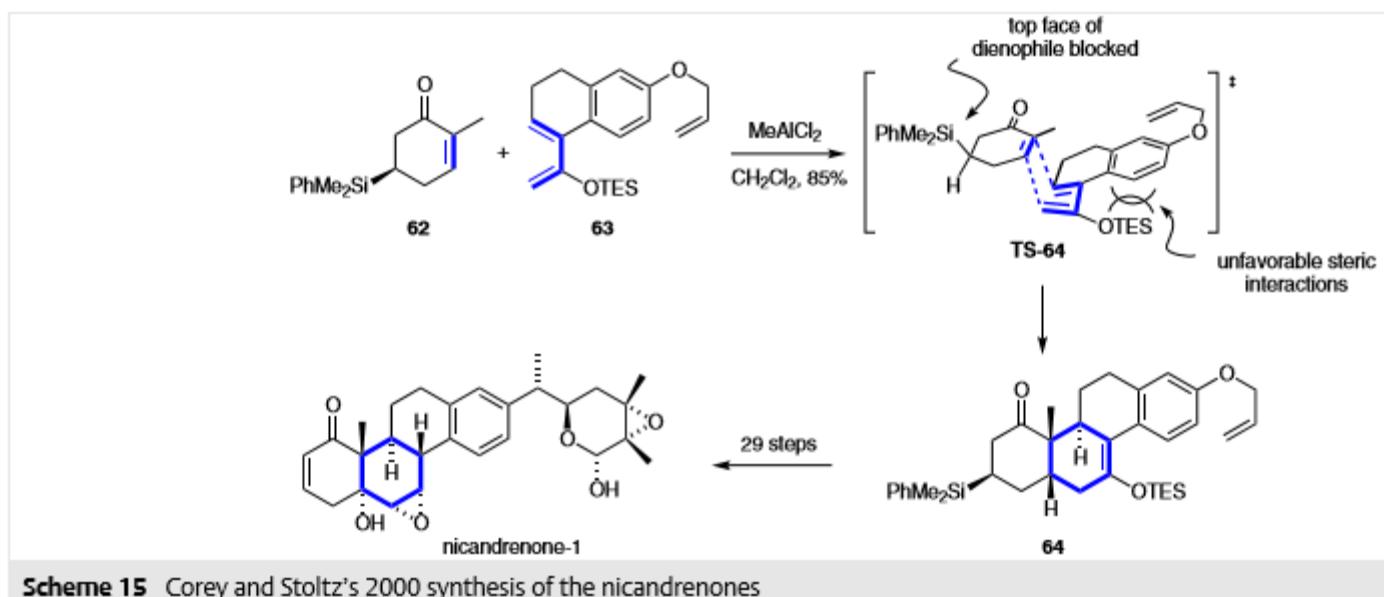


**Scheme 1** Cohen and Warren's 1937 synthesis of the steroid skeleton (stereochemistry and yields not reported)

The utility of the DA reaction in the construction of the steroid skeleton dates back to 1937.<sup>4</sup> In the first report, by Cohen and Warren, the C-ring was formed by way of a DA reaction between 1-vinylnaphthalene (**1**) and maleic anhydride (**2**), and an acid-catalyzed alkene isomerization to give naphthalene **3** (Scheme 1). On exposure to sodium hydroxide and dimethyl sulfate, the anhydride was converted into diester **4**, which in turn underwent a regioselective intermolecular Claisen condensation with ethyl acetate to give keto diester **5**. Dieckmann condensation and hydrolysis gave diketo acid **6**, which underwent decarboxylation *in situ* to give the tetracarbocyclic product **7**.



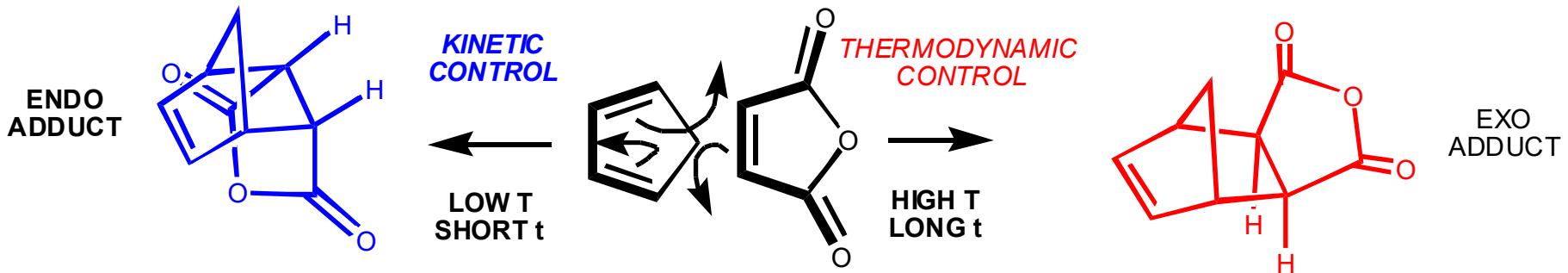
**Scheme 2** Woodward's 1952 formal synthesis of steroids employing an early-stage DA reaction



**Scheme 15** Corey and Stoltz's 2000 synthesis of the nicandrenones

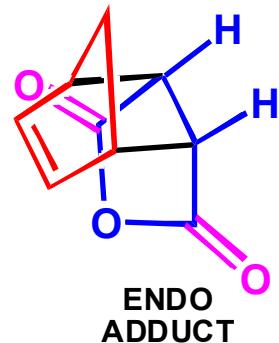
An example of the use of this DA disconnection in total synthesis is the 2000 publication on the preparation of the nicandrenones by Corey and Stoltz,<sup>38</sup> which featured an unusual *exo*-selective DA reaction between enol ether **63** and enantiopure enone **62** (Scheme 15). The dienophile's bulky dimethylphenylsilyl substituent steers the diene away from its top face. Steric interactions between substituents on the diene in the *cisoid* form lead to a nonplanar conformation, which disfavors *endo*-mode transition states.<sup>39</sup> These features combine to favor **TS-64**, which leads to *exo* adduct **64**.

# Esercizi su Pericicliche



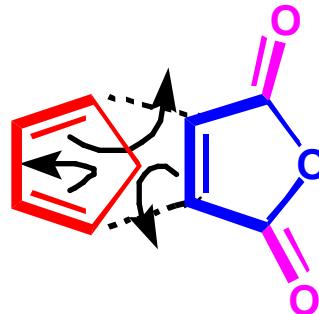
# Interazioni secondarie di orbitali molecolari

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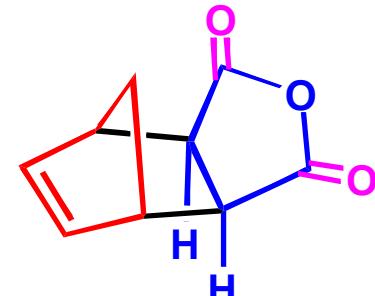


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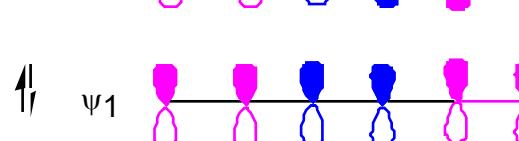
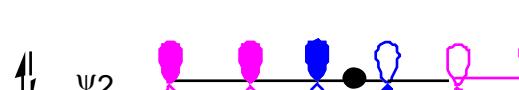
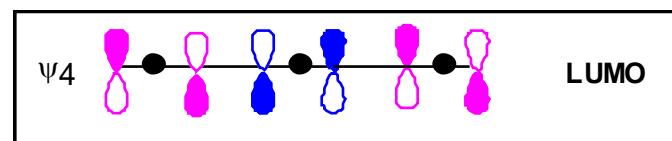
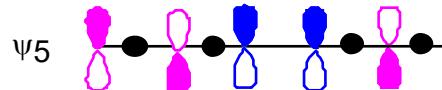
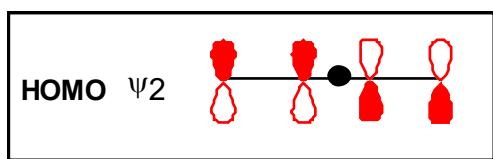
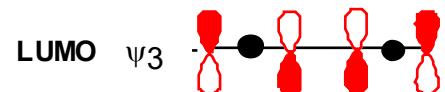
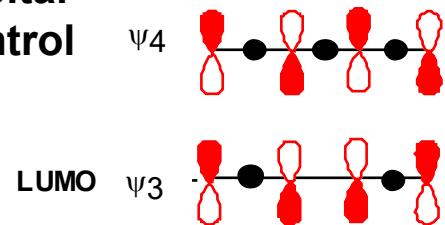
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Secondary Orbital  
Interaction Control



# Interazioni secondarie di orbitali molecolari

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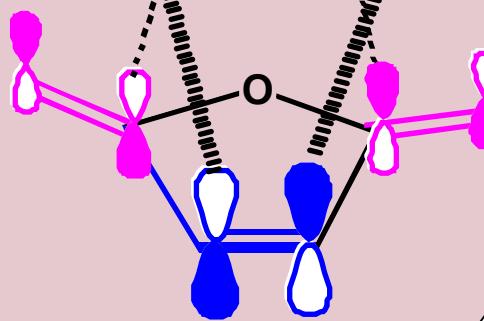
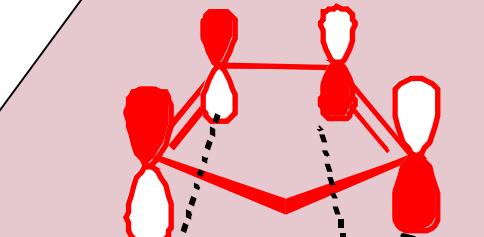
Primary  
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Interactions  
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Secondary  
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$[\pi 4s + \pi 2s]^{\ddagger}$

HOMO  
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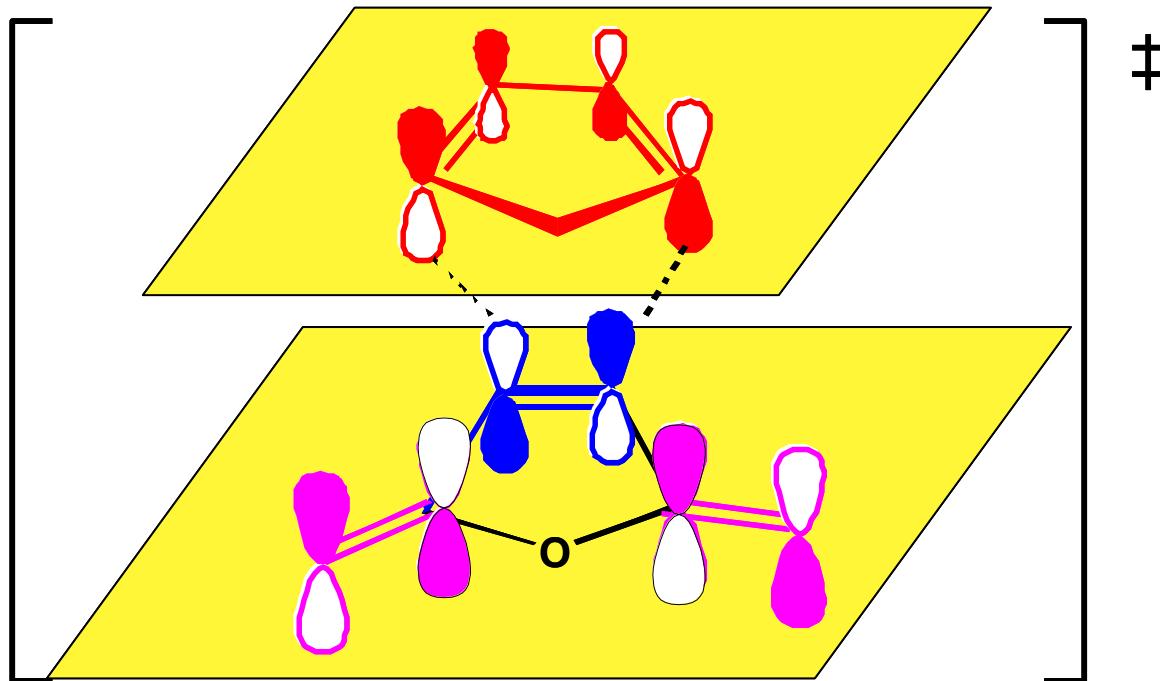
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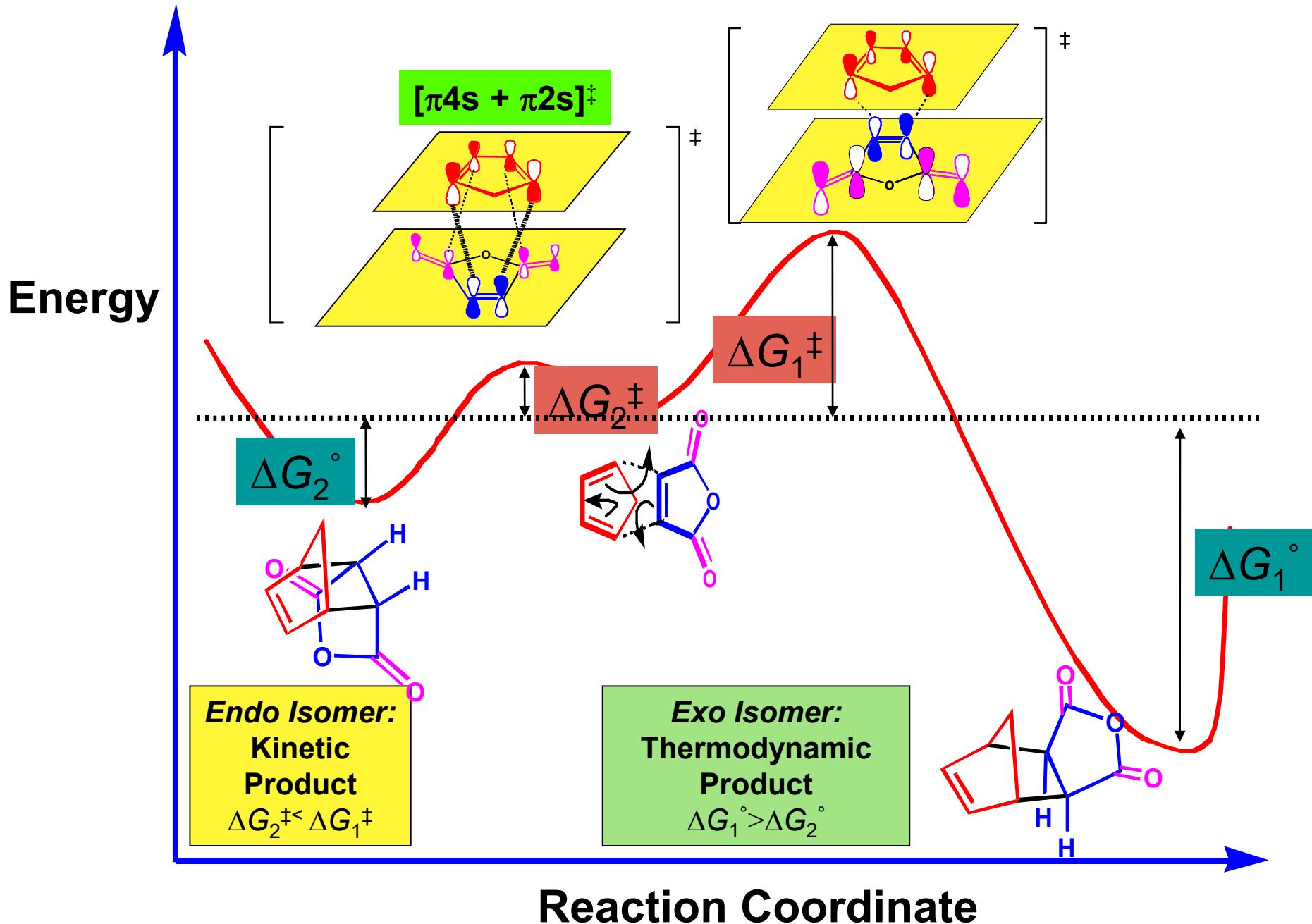
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# Interazioni secondarie di orbitali molecolari

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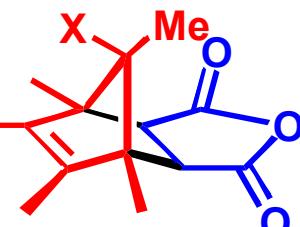
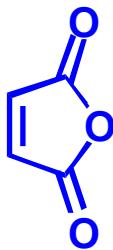
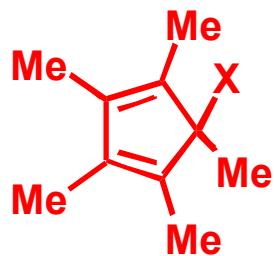


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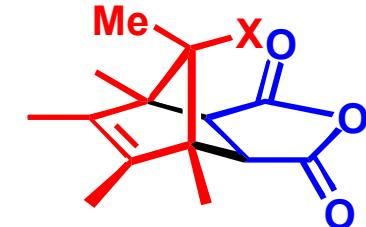


Qual è il prodotto TERMODINAMICO?

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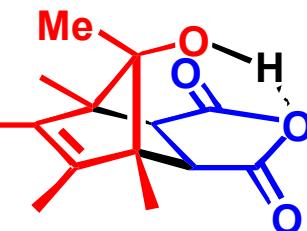
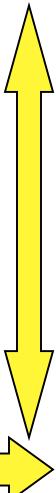


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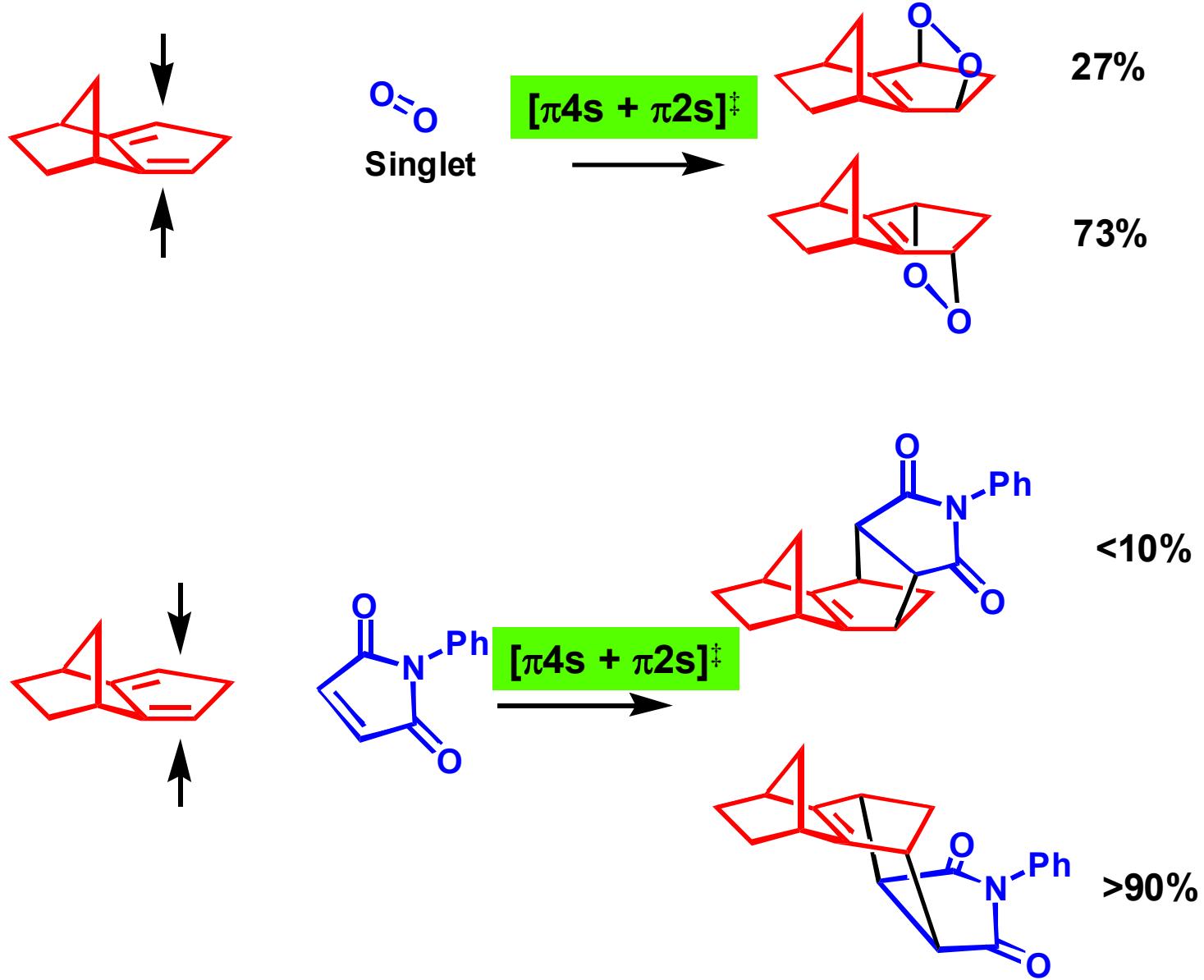


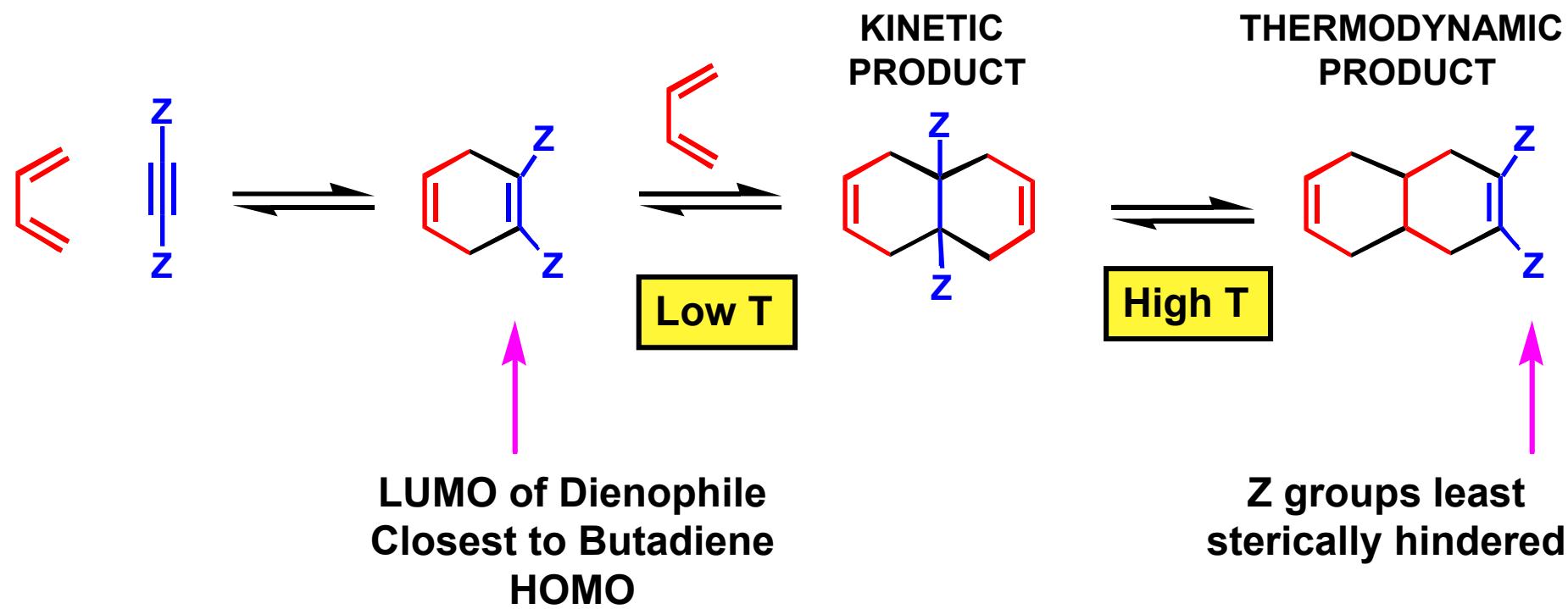
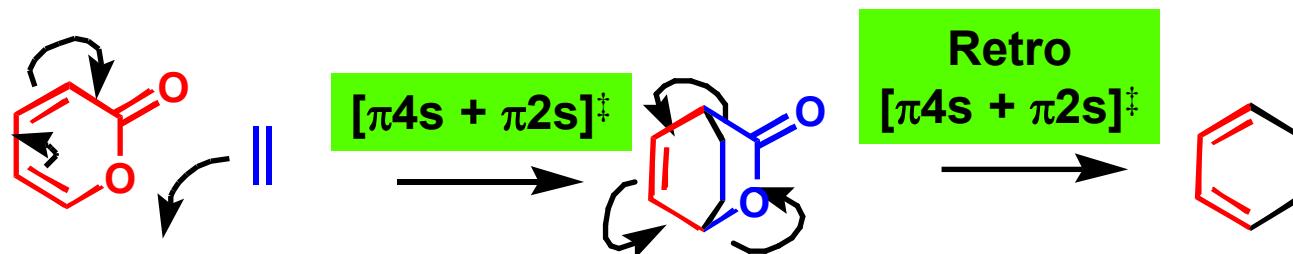
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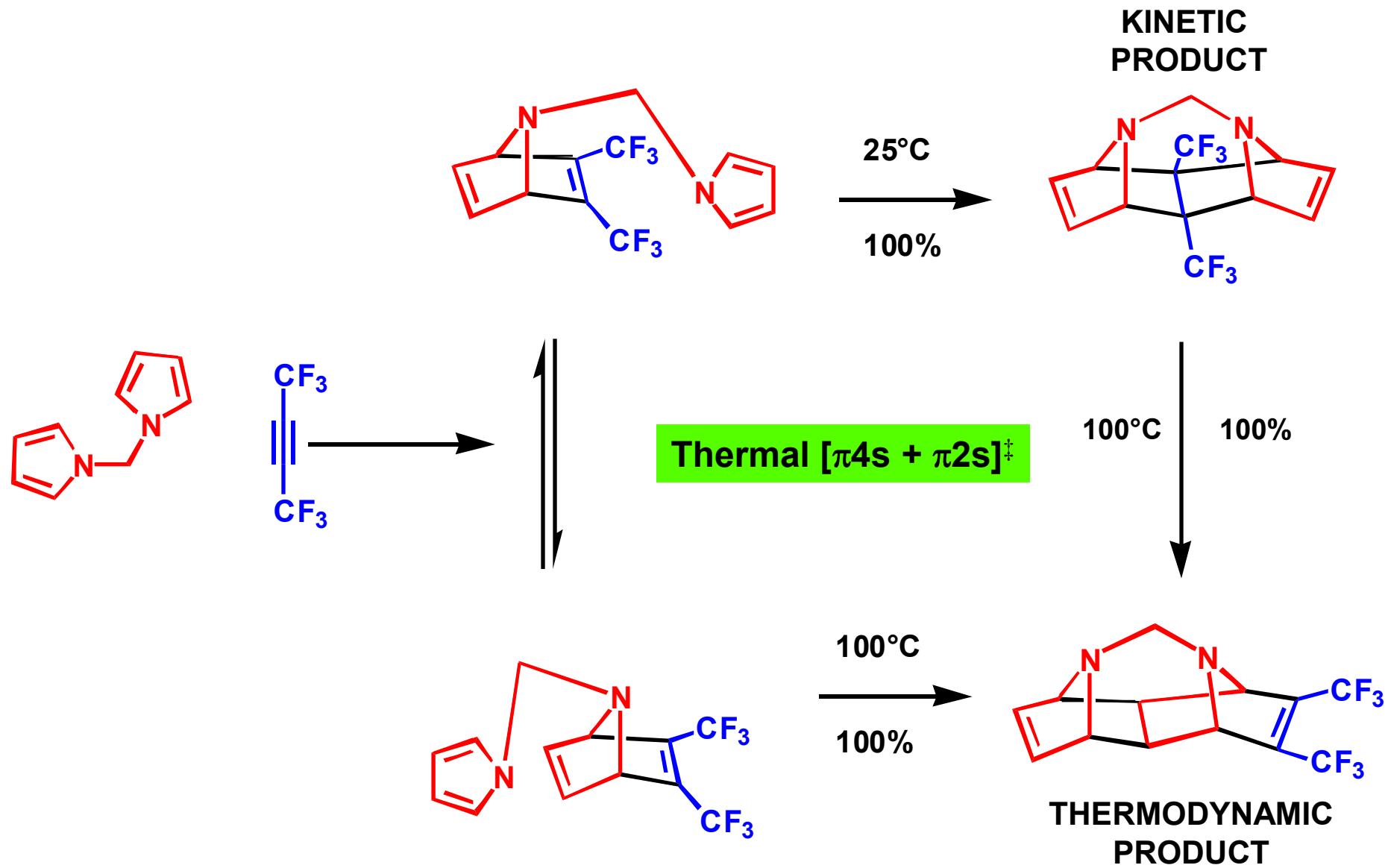
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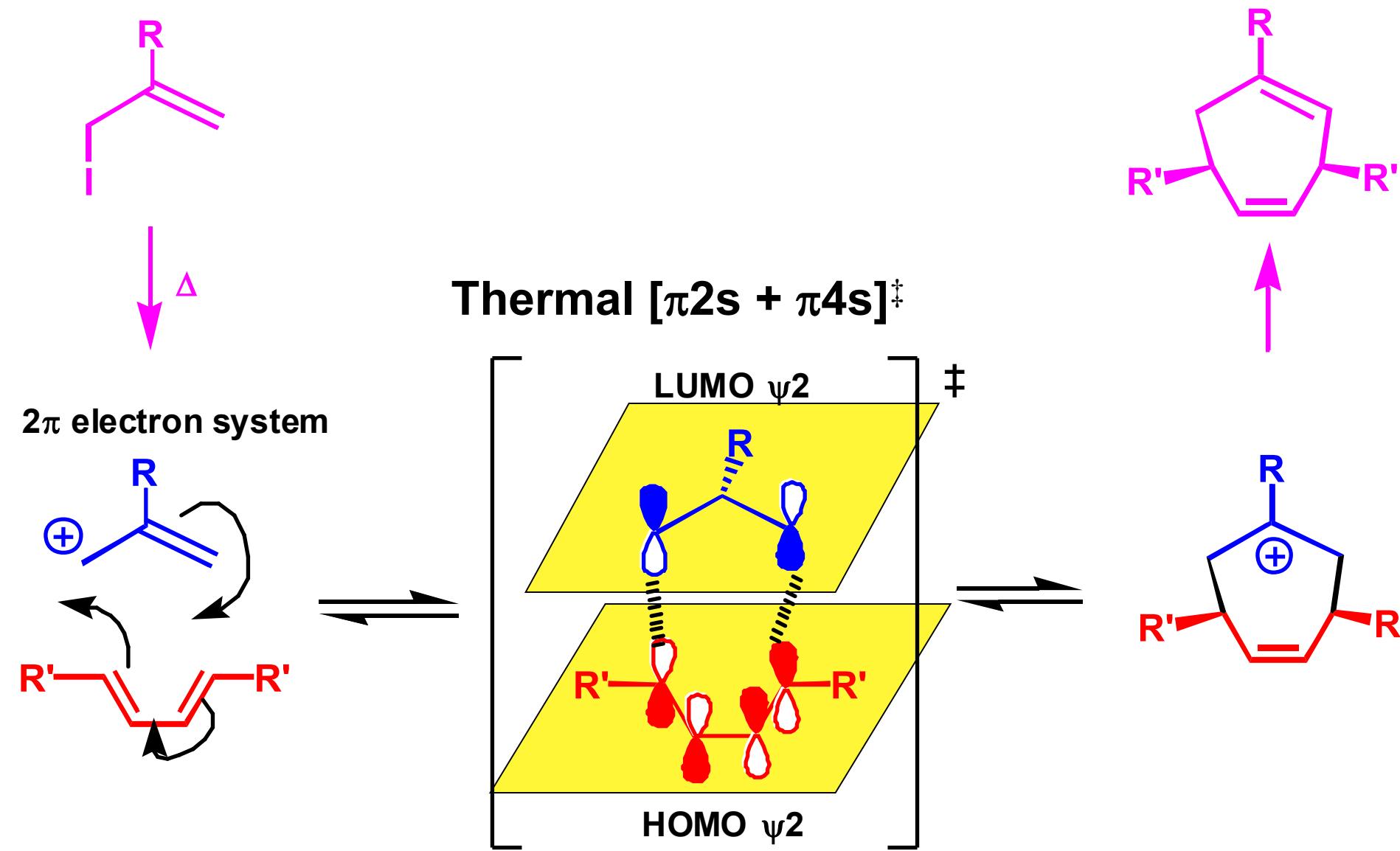
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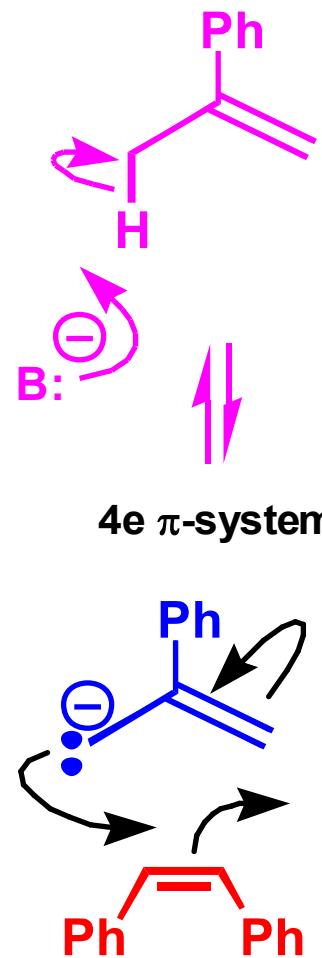




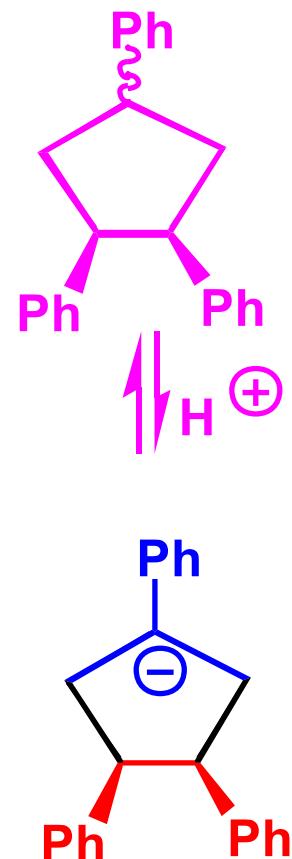
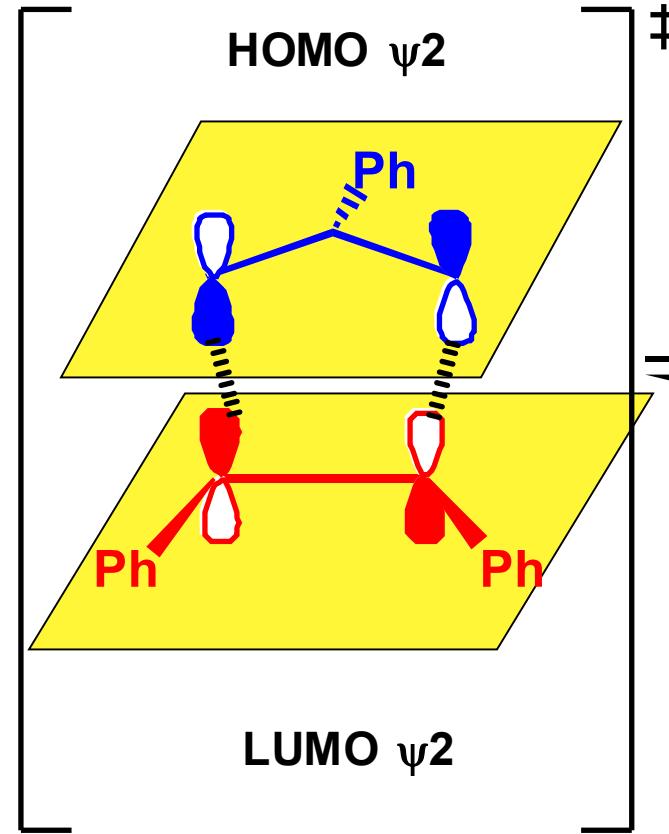
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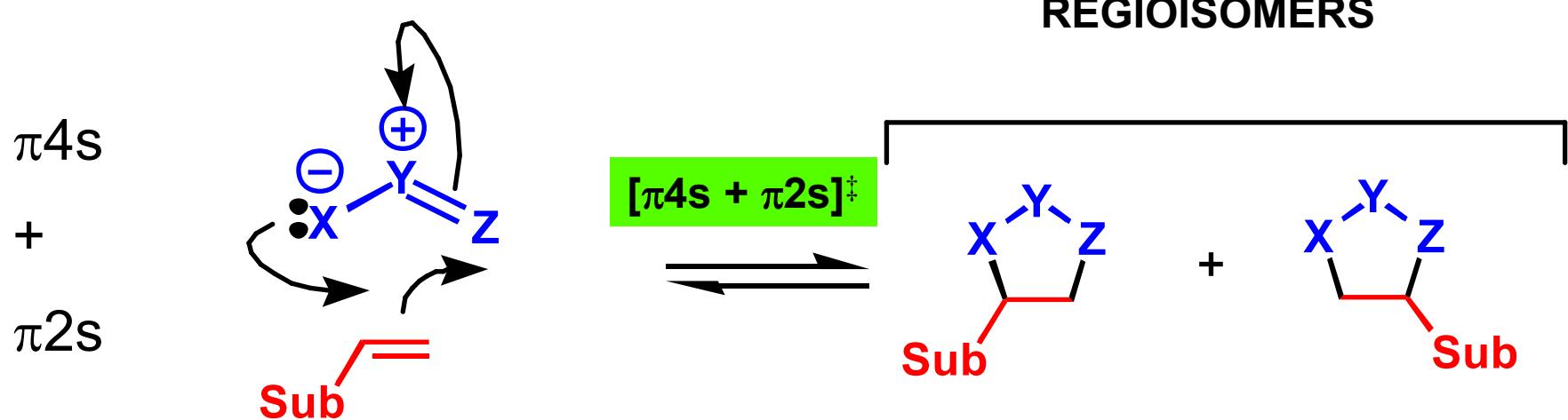
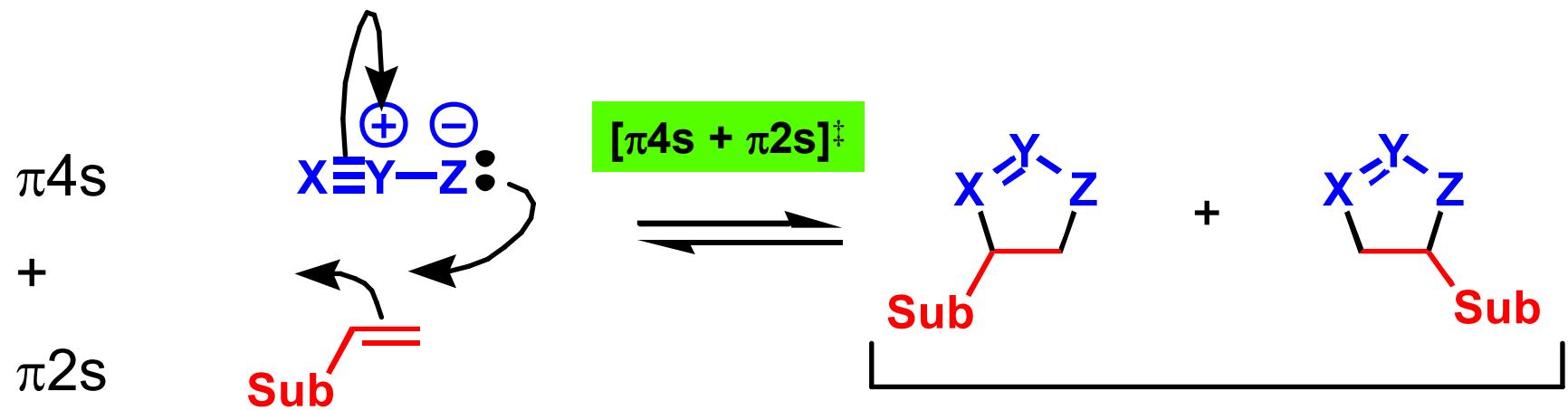
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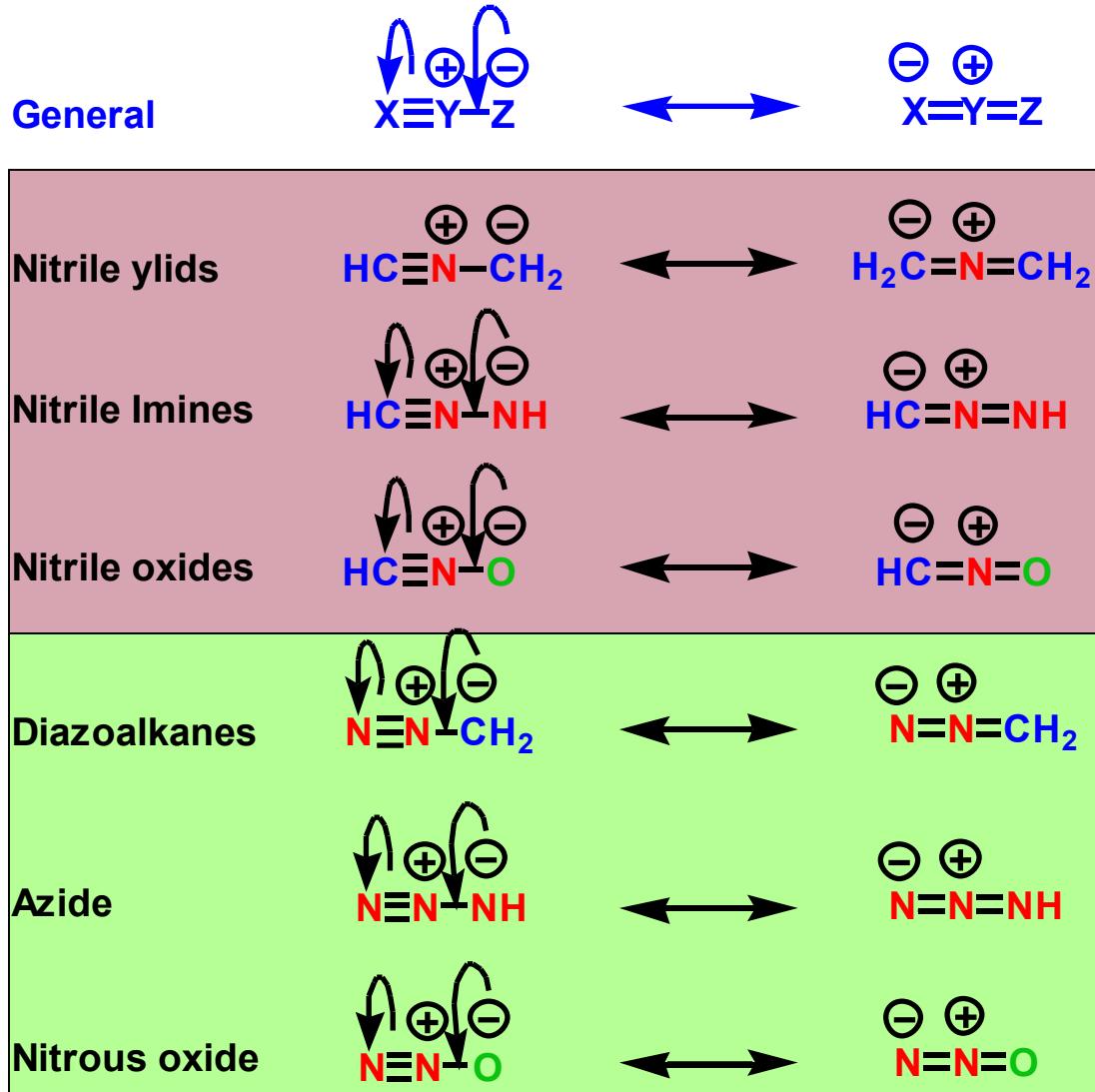
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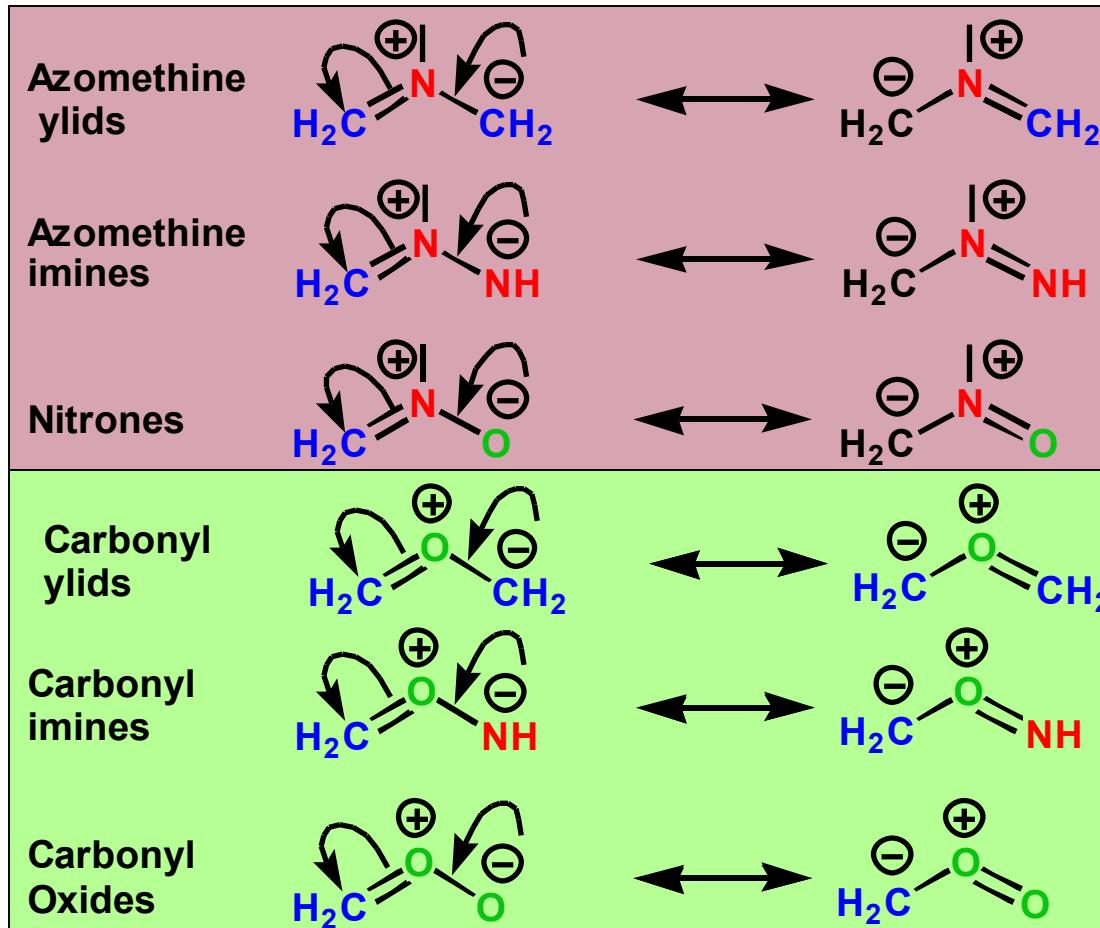
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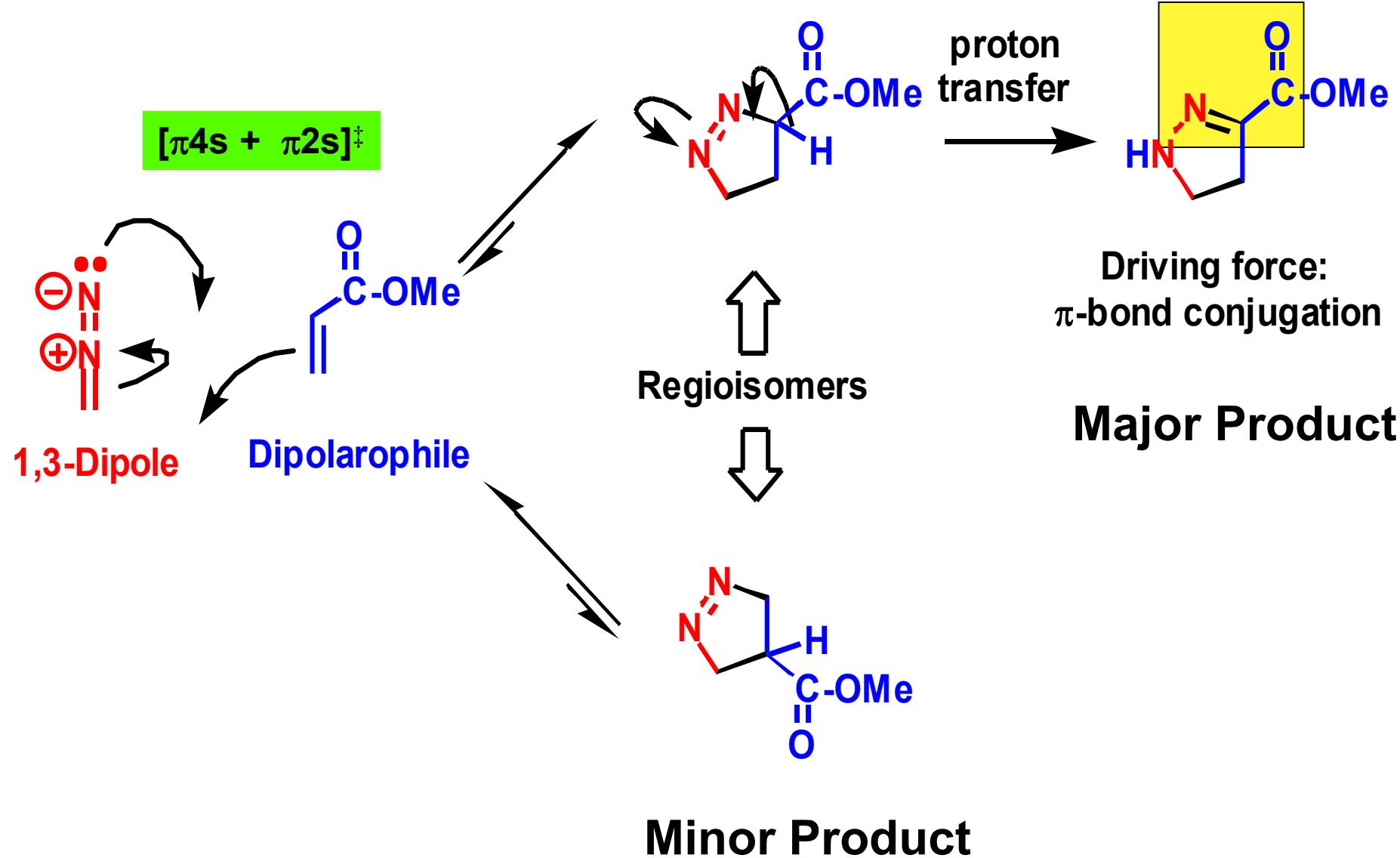
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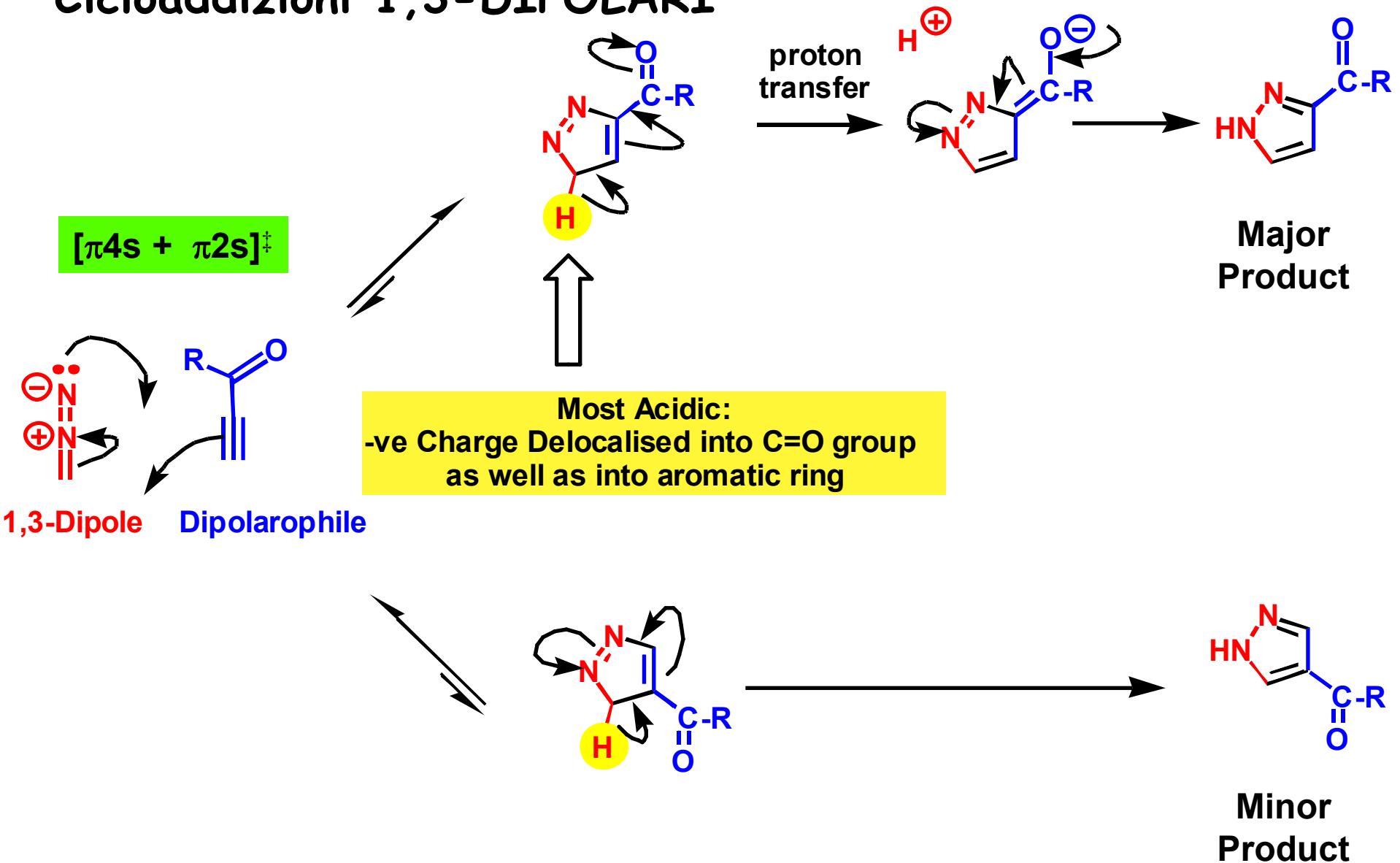
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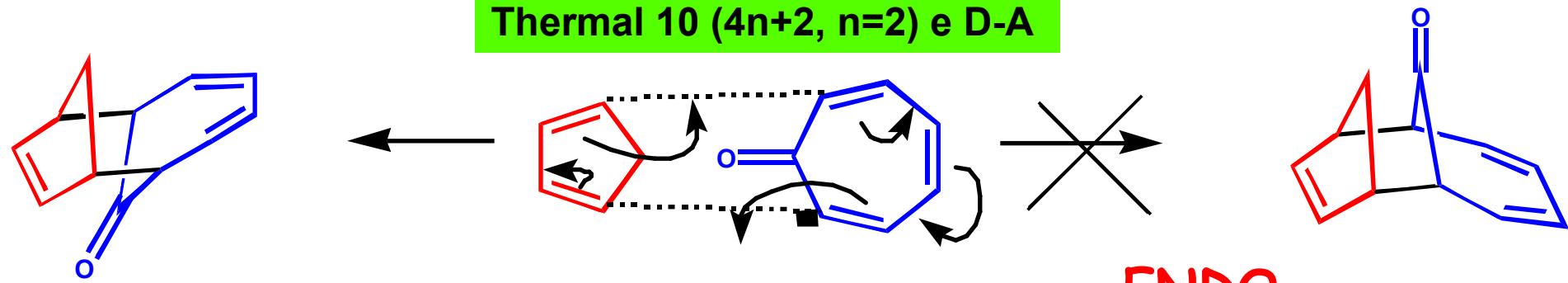


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# Interazioni secondarie di orbitali molecolari

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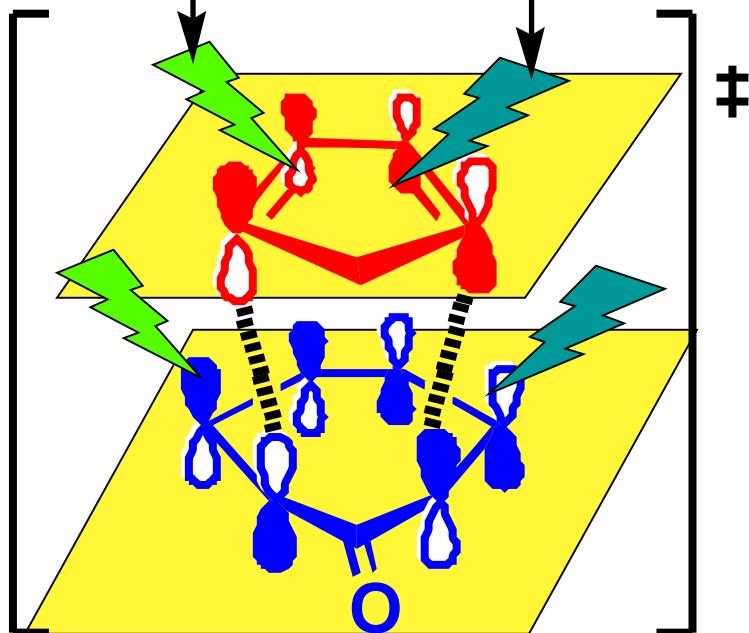
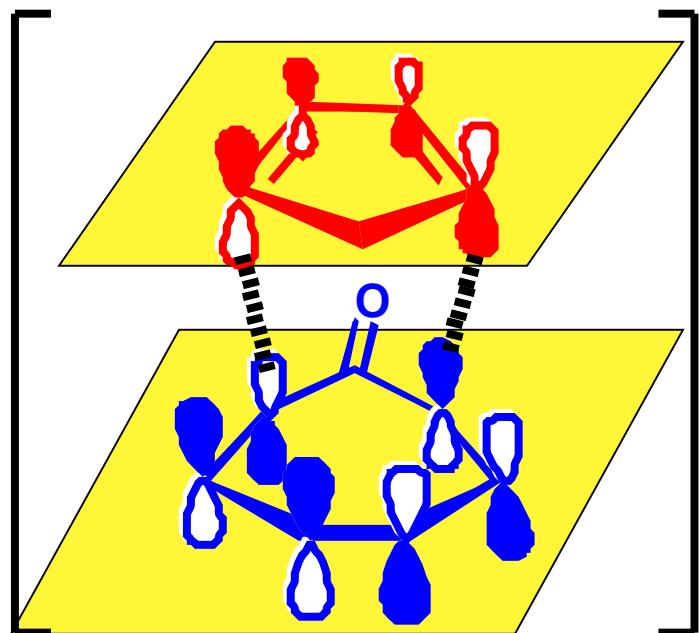


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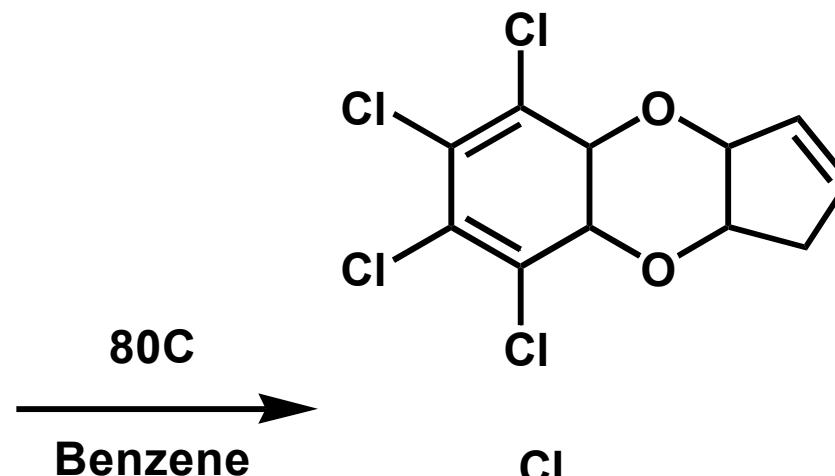
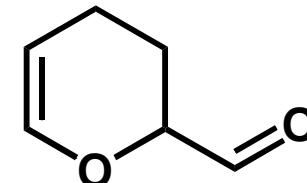
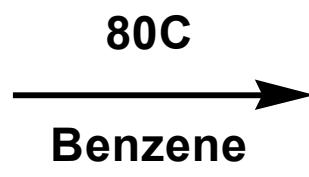
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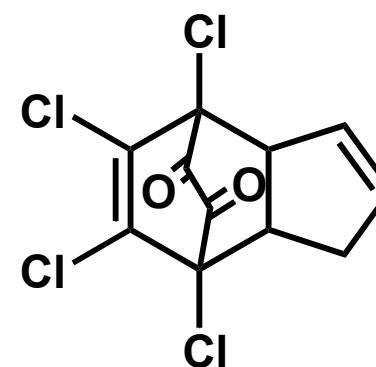


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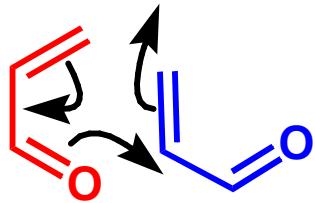


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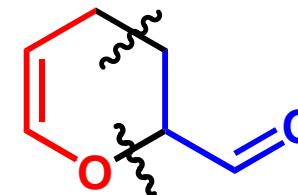


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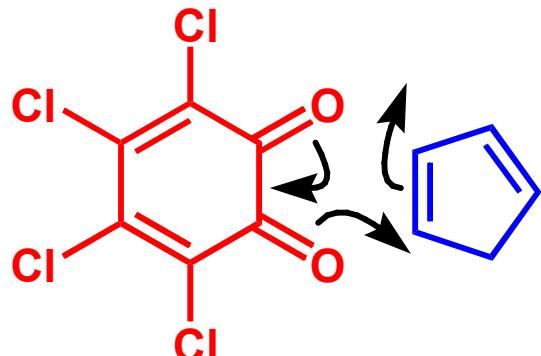
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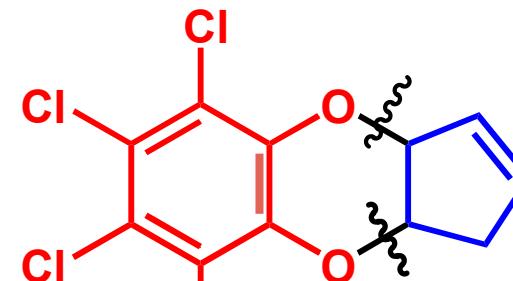
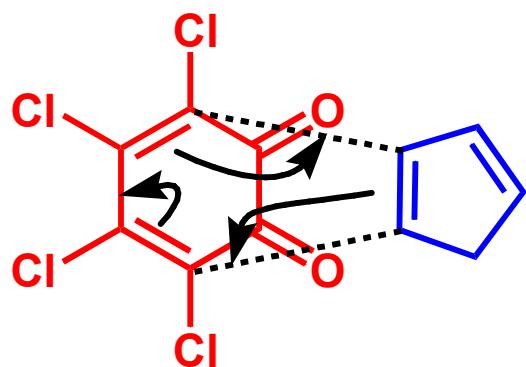
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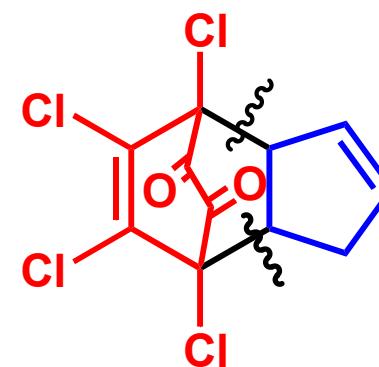
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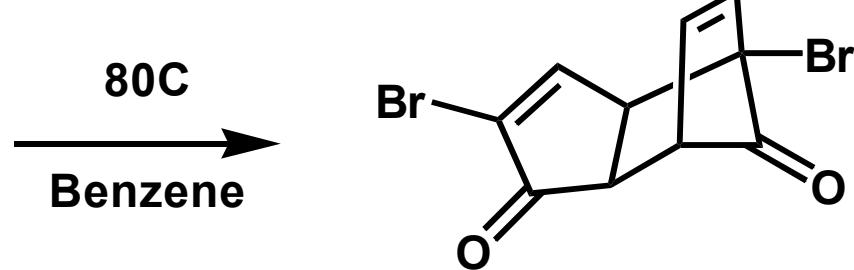
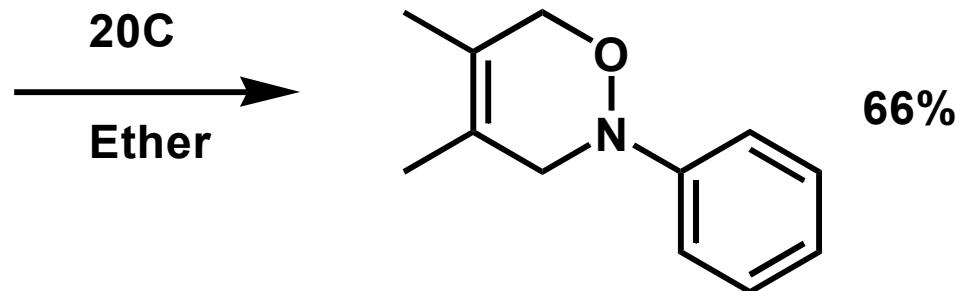
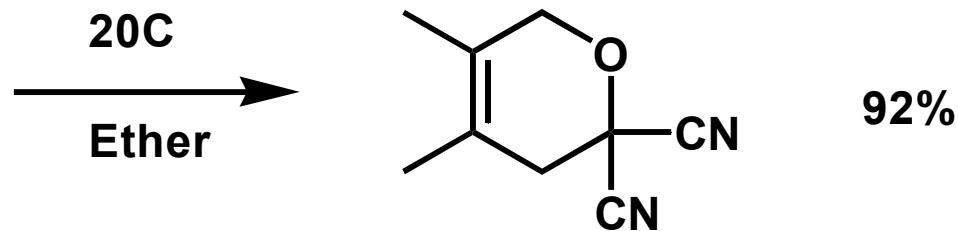
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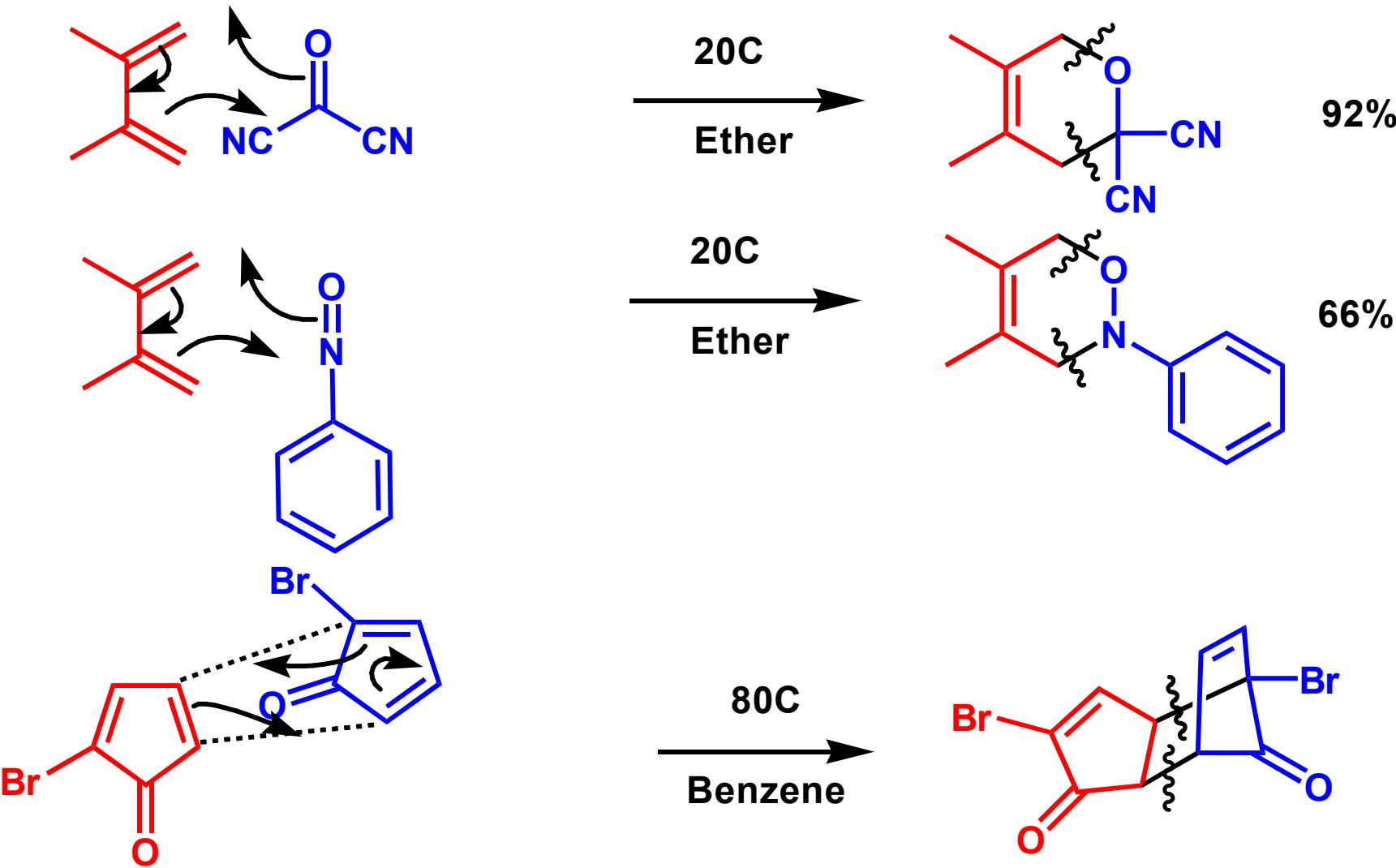
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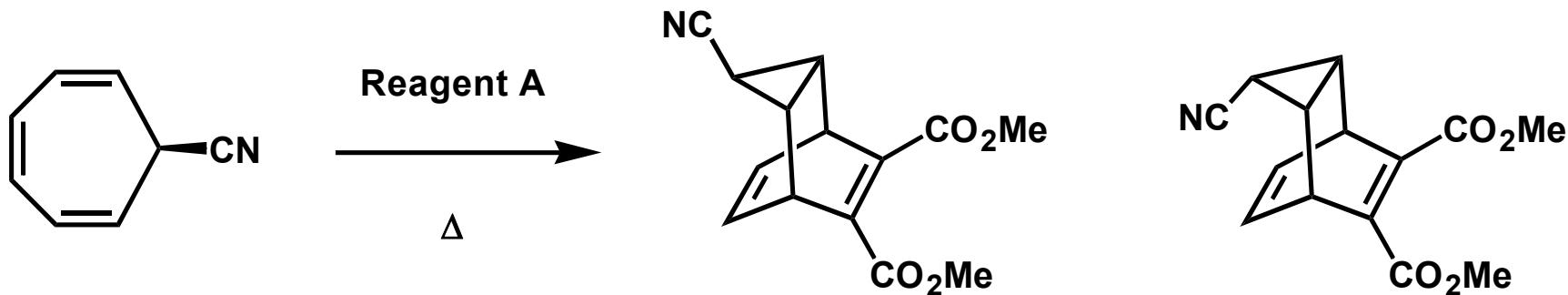
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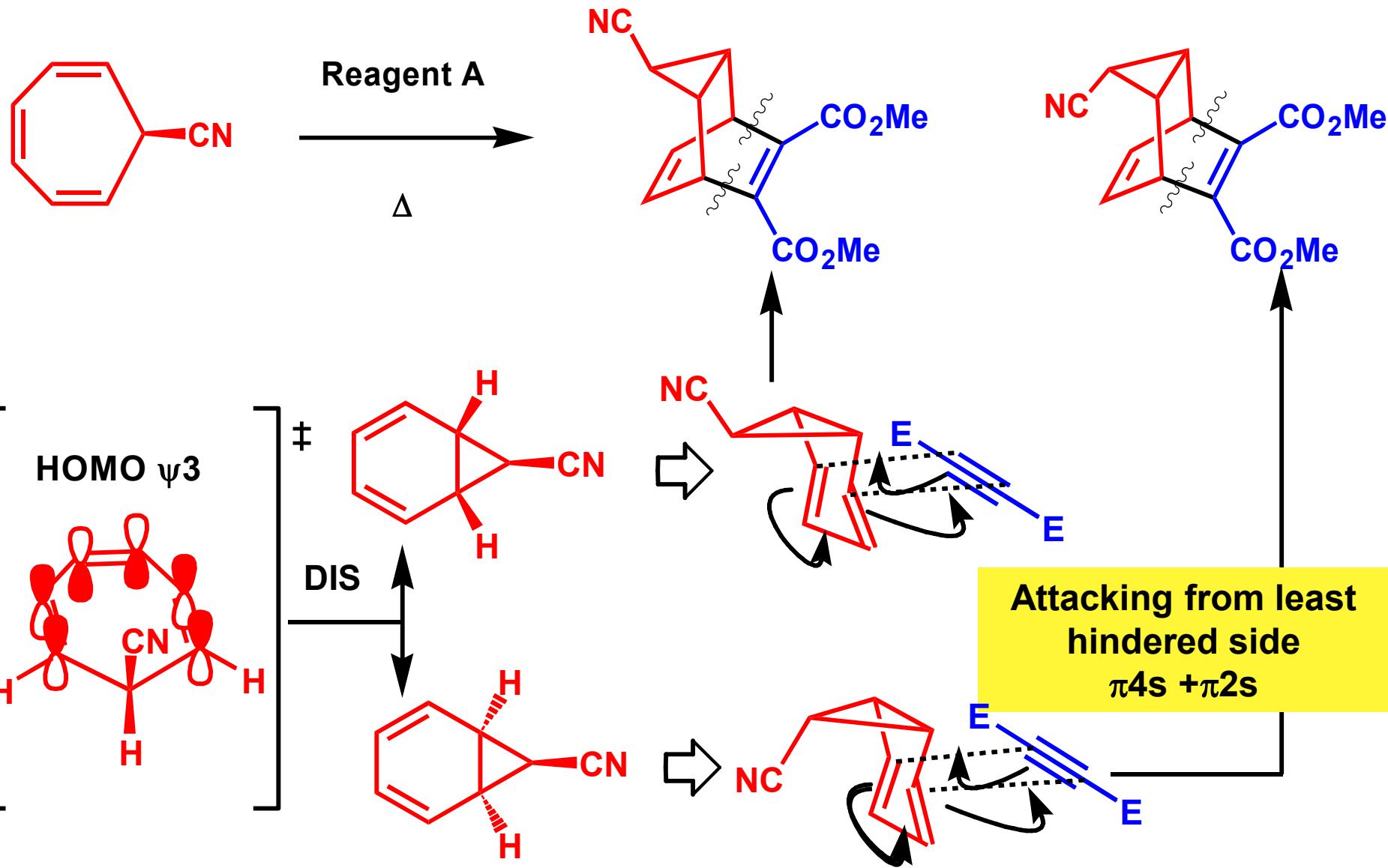
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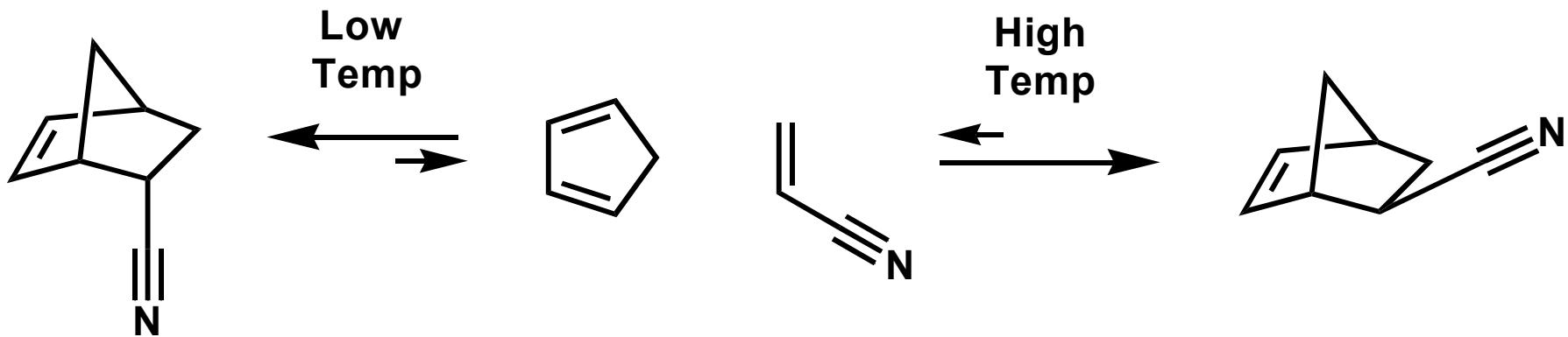
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# ESERCIZI

Rationalise the following reaction scheme utilising secondary orbital interactions.



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