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**Chem 633: Advanced Organic Chemistry
Final Exam**

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Write your answers in the space provided.

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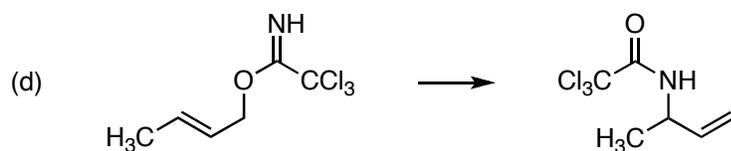
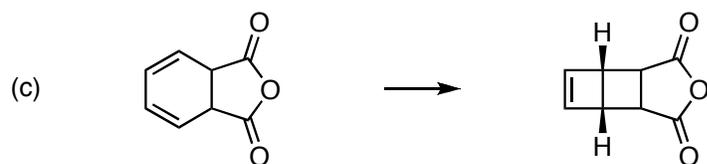
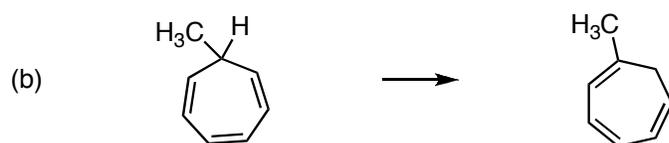
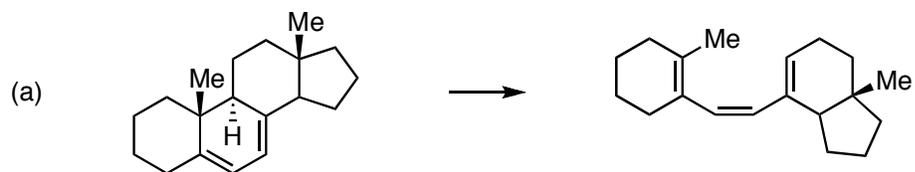
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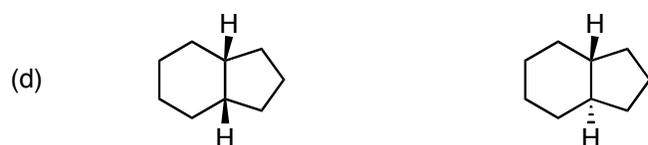
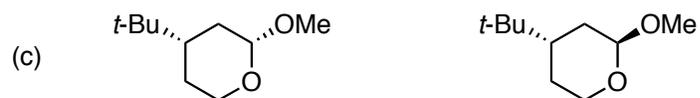
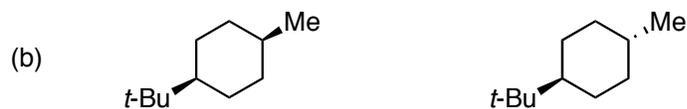
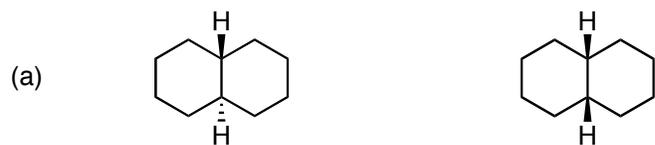
Calculators are unnecessary and prohibited.

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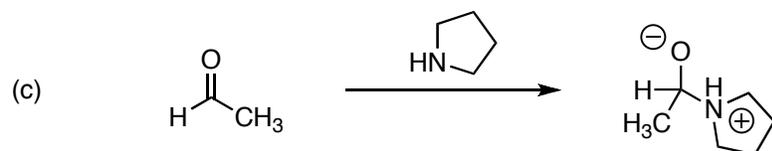
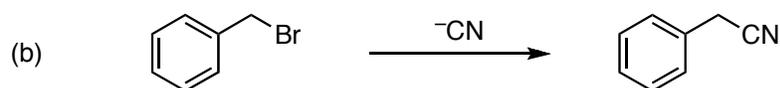
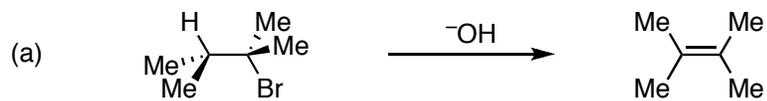
1. (8 points) For the following reactions, please state the conditions (thermal or photochemical) that must be used for these to be “allowed” transformations. No explanation is necessary.



2. (8 points) Please circle the lower energy isomer in each of the following pairs.



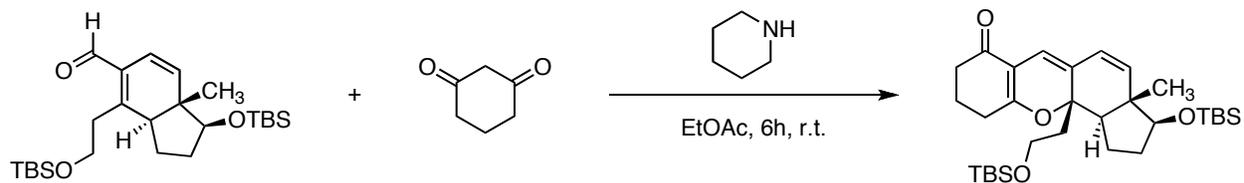
3. (8 points) For each of the transformations shown, please clearly identify the frontier molecular orbitals that interact. You do not need to draw the FMO's, just name them (lp_{Br} or n_{Br} , p_C , σ_{C-C} , etc.).



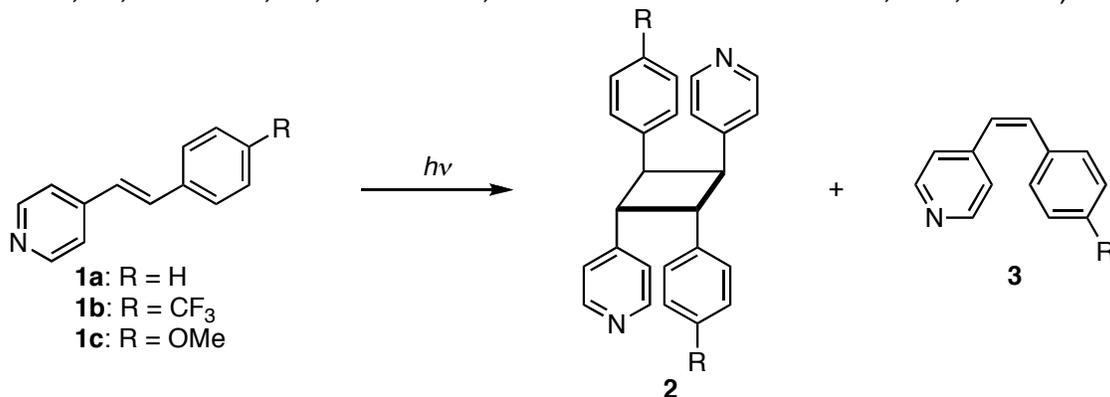
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4. (8 points) Please propose a reasonable arrow-pushing mechanism for the following transformation (Yamashita, S.; Iso, K.; Hirma, M. *Org. Lett.* **2008**, *10*, 3413).



5. (12 points) The Yamada group recently studied the effect of hydrochloric acid (HCl) and aromatic substitution on the following photodimerization of *trans*-styrylpyridines (Yamada, S.; Uematsu, N.; Yamashita, K. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2007**, *129*, 12100).



(a) Please draw a reasonable arrow-pushing mechanism for the formation of cyclobutane **2**.

(b) Please draw a reasonable mechanism for the formation of *cis*-olefin **3**.

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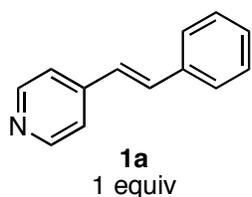
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(c) Without HCl, olefin **3** is the major product observed (entry 1). With added HCl, product **2** becomes the major product with the ratio of **2:3** increasing with increasing equivalents of HCl (entries 2-6).

Entry	Substrate	Equiv HCl	Yield of 2 (%)	Yield of 3 (%)
1	1a	0	20	52
2	1a	1	50	26
3	1a	2	58	22
4	1a	3	64	10
5	1a	5	67	9
6	1a	10	71	8

What intermediate forms when you combine 1 equivalent of **1a** and 1 equivalent of HCl?



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HCl



1 equiv



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(d) With 3 equivalents of HCl, there was a substantial substituent (R) effect on the ratio of **2**:**3**, as shown in the table below.

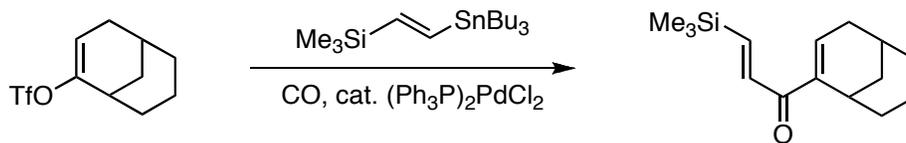
Entry	Substrate	Equiv HCl	Yield of 2 (%)	Yield of 3 (%)
1	1a	3	64	10
2	1b	3	27	43
3	1c	3	95	3

Please provide a rationale for how the addition of HCl and the use of more electron-rich aromatic groups favor formation of **2** over **3**. *Please illustrate your answer and use less than 10 words.*

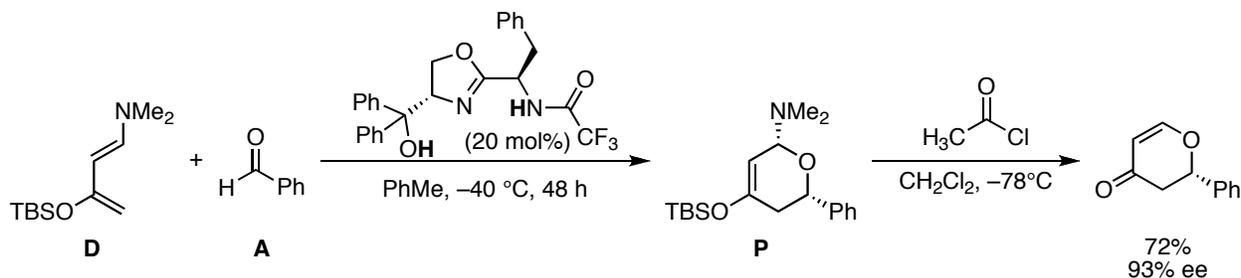
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6. (8 points) Please draw a reasonable arrow-pushing mechanism for the following transformation (Grossman, p. 330).



7. (30 points) The Sigman group has recently published a careful mechanistic study of their dual hydrogen-bond donor catalyst in the following hetero-Diels–Alder reaction (Jensen, K. H.; Sigman, M. S. *J. Org. Chem.* **2010**, *75*, 7194). Please note that the catalyst's hydrogens that participate in hydrogen bonding are in bold.



(a) Is product **P** the endo or exo hetero-Diels–Alder adduct? (No explanation necessary)

(b) Please rationalize the regiochemistry of the hetero-Diels–Alder reaction. *Illustrate your answer and use less than 10 words.*

(c) Please explain why the catalyst accelerates the hetero-Diels–Alder reaction. *Illustrate your answer and use less than 10 words.*

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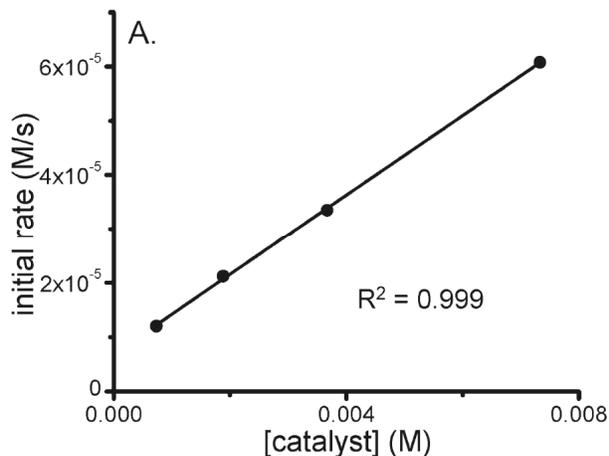
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(d) Please draw a catalytic cycle for the formation of product **P** (you do not need to consider pathways to the minor diastereomers or enantiomer).

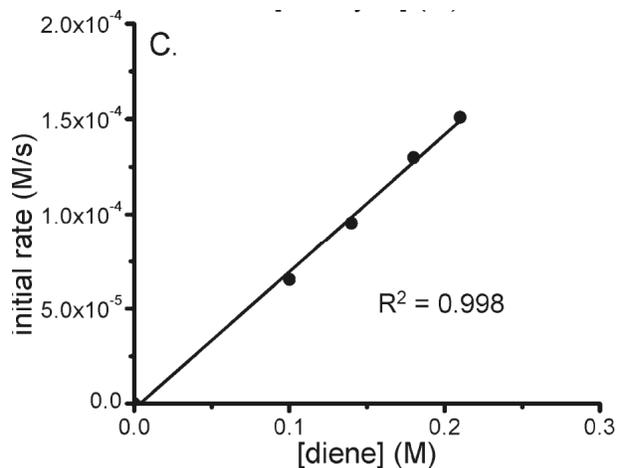
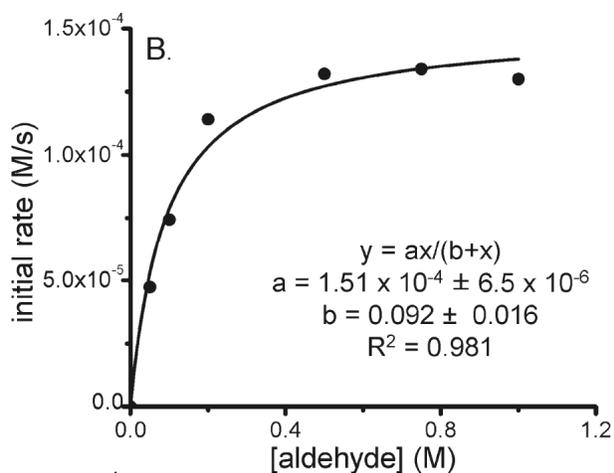
(e) Please write “one plus” catalytic rate expression for this catalytic cycle. Use the rate constants depicted in your catalytic cycle in (d).

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(f) What do the following graphs tell you?



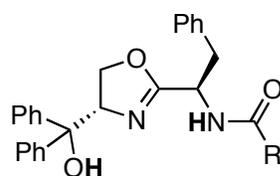
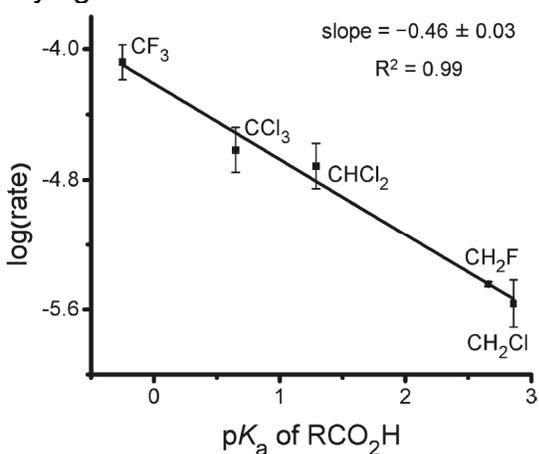
(Please note: The non-zero y-intercept above is attributed to a non-catalyzed background reaction due to these reactions being run at room temperature instead of $-40\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. Other reactions were run at colder temperatures.)



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(g) Show that the data in part (f) is consistent with your proposed catalytic cycle and rate expression.

(h) Sigman studied the effect of catalyst acidity by analyzing the activity of catalysts with varying R substituents.



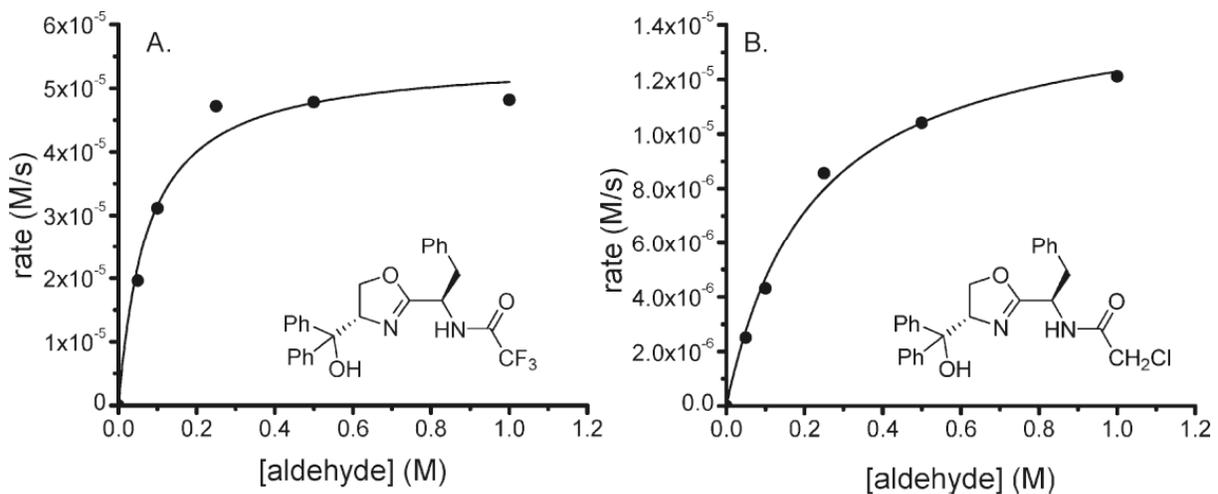
Conditions:
[A] = 0.78 M
[D] = 0.18 M
[catalyst] = 0.036 M

Which step of the catalytic cycle is being studied under these conditions?

How does the catalyst acidity affect the rate of that step?

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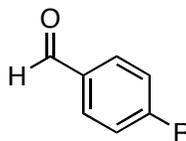
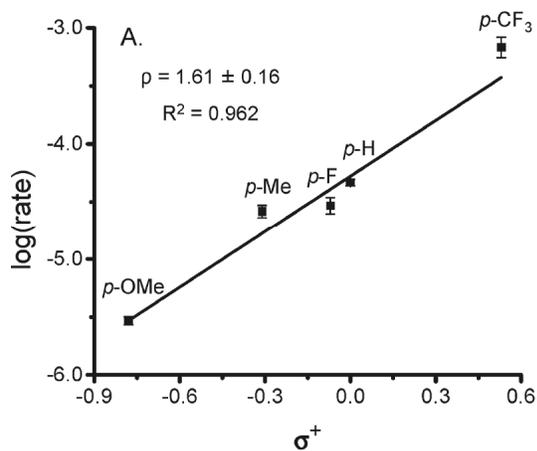
(i) Sigman also studied the rate dependence on [aldehyde] with different catalysts.



What do these graphs tell you? *Be brief!*

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(j) Finally, Sigman studied the effect of benzaldehyde substituents with his original catalyst and obtained the following data.



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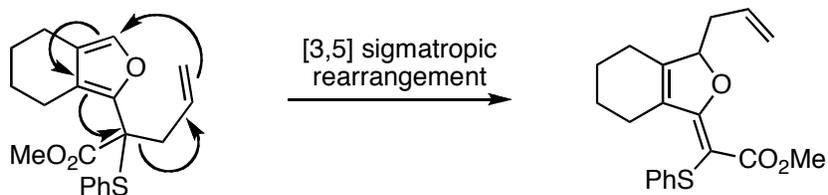
[A] = 1.0 M

[D] = 0.16 M

[catalyst] = 0.016M

What does this data tell you about the mechanism of the reaction? Is it consistent with your proposed catalytic cycle?

8. (9 points) A [3,5] sigmatropic rearrangement has been proposed to explain the following isomerization reaction, which proceeds upon standing at room temperature and is not a photochemically induced transformation (Kato, Y.; Miki, K.; Nishino, F.; Ohe, K.; Uemura, S. *Org. Lett.* **2003**, *5*, 2619).

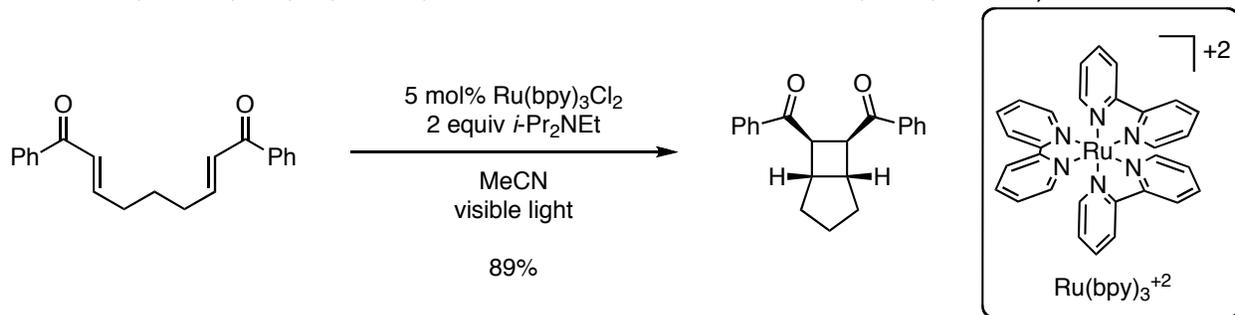


(a) Please illustrate why this mechanism is forbidden using Dewar-Zimmerman analysis.

(b) Please illustrate why this mechanism is forbidden using Fukui FMO (Frontier Molecular Orbital) analysis.

(c) Please propose an alternative arrow-pushing mechanism that proceeds via thermally allowed steps.

9. (9 points) In his recent seminar, Professor Dave MacMillan discussed related work from Prof Teshik Yoon's group, specifically the following reaction (Ischay, M. A.; Anzovino, M. E.; Du, J.; Yoon, T. P. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2008**, *130*, 12886).



(a) What is the role of Ru(bpy)₃Cl₂ in this reaction?

(b) Please draw a reasonable mechanism for this reaction, including a catalytic cycle to illustrate the role of Ru(bpy)₃Cl₂.

(c) Is this reaction enantioselective?