# The Intramolecular Diels–Alder Reaction as Part of Multi-step Reactions in Total Syntheses of Complex Natural Products

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## **The Diels-Alder Reaction**



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Kurt Alder

1950 Nobel Prize in Chemistry: "For their discovery and development of the diene synthesis"



Cortisone

R. B. Woodward and coworkers, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1951**, *73*, 2403.



Cantharidin

G. Stork and coworkers, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1951**, *73*, 4501.



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# **Intramolecular Diels–Alder – Fundamentals**



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**Type II Dienes** 



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## **Predicting relative Stereochemistry**





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- Introduction
- Definition
- Examples of Heteroatom Dienes/Dienophiles
- Examples of all Carbon Dienes/Dienophiles
- Conclusion

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# Examples of IMDA Triggered by:

- Heat
- Activating Reagents (Acetylation, Sulfonylation)
- Fragment Couplings
- Elimination
- Oxidation

Examples of Heteroatom Dienes/Dienophiles

# Total Synthesis of VM55599. Utilization of an Intramolecular Diels–Alder Cycloaddition of Potential Biogenetic Relevance



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## Stereoselective Total Syntheses and Reassignment of Stereochemistry of Cylindrospermopsin



Heintzelman, G. R.; Fang, W.-K.; Keen, S. P.; Wallace, G. A.; Weinreb, S. M. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2002, 124, 3939-3945.

## An enantioselective synthesis of (–)-FR182877 provides a chemical rationalization of its structure





# Total Synthesis of (±)-Fasicularin Based on Stereocontrolled Intramolecular Acylnitroso-Diels–Alder Reaction



Abe, H.; Aoyagi, S.; Kibayashi, C. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2000, 122, 4583-4592.

# Examples of all Carbon Dienes/Dienophiles

# Total Synthesis of (–)-Ircinianin and (+)-Wistarin





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## **Enantioselective Total Syntheses of Manzamine A and Related Alkaloids**



Humphrey, J. M.; Liao, Y.; Ali, A.; Rein, T.; Wong, Y.-L.; Chen, H.-J.; Courtney, A. K.; Martin, S. F. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2002**, *124*, 8584-8592.

## IMDA Reaction of an in Situ-Generated, Heteroatom-Stabilized Allyl Cation: Total Synthesis of (±)-Lycopodine



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# Total Synthesis of (±)-Stenine Using the IMDA Cycloaddition of a 2-Methylthio-5-amido-substituted Furan



Ginn, J. D.; Padwa, A. *Org. Lett.* **2002**, *4*, 1515. Padwa, A.; Ginn, J. D. *J. Org. Chem.* **2005**, *asap*.

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### **Biomimetic Synthesis of (±)-Pinnatal and (±)-Sterekunthal A**



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# Total Synthesis of (+)-Elisabethin A



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- Seek the intramolecular Diels–Alder reaction in your natural product synthesis even though it might not be obvious!
- Many intramolecular Diels–Alder reactions can be initiated by simple activation
- It is difficult to imagine that Nature would not take advantage of IMDA.