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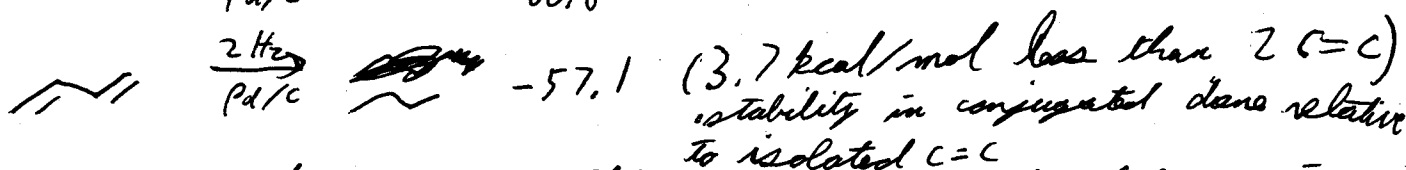
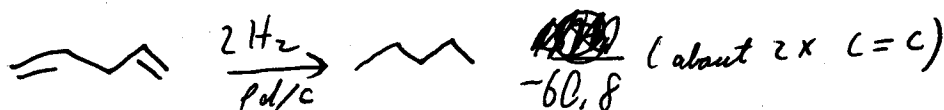
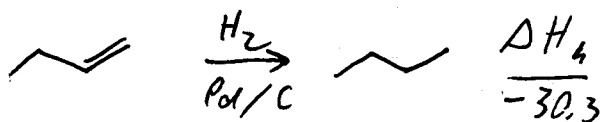
Recall: 3 classes of dienes

1) allenes ($=\dot{C}=\dot{C}=$)

2) conjugated dienes ($=\text{CH}-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$)

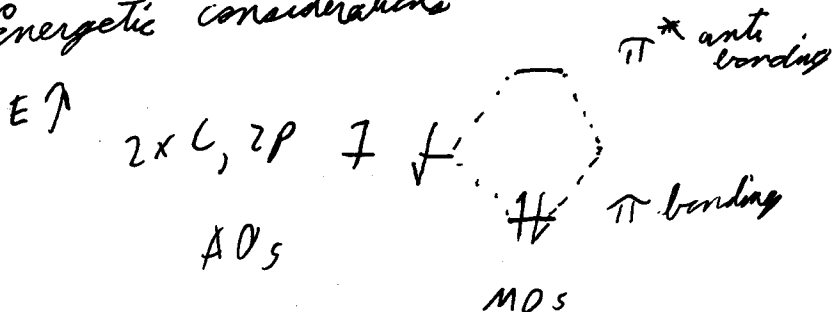
3) others ($\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$, etc) $\rightarrow \geq 1 \text{ } sp^3 \text{ C (b/w C=C units (n regular allenes))}$

Focus on conjugated dienes - ex. of delocalized bonding
 consider heats of hydrogenation (ΔH_h° , kcal/mol)



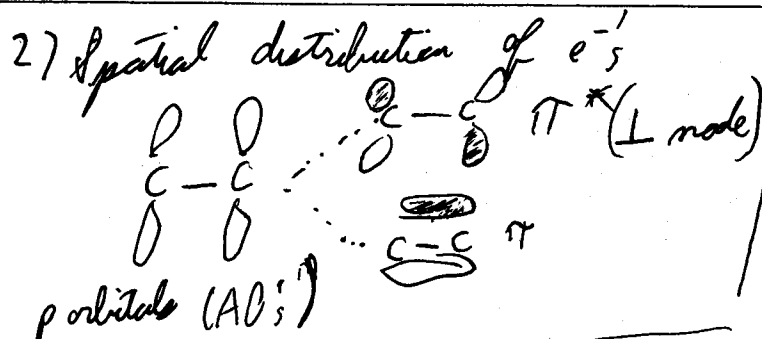
To understand origin of this extra stability (from e^- delocalization) consider π MO analysis
 Begin by recording π MO analysis of simple alkene $\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}_2$

1) Energetic considerations

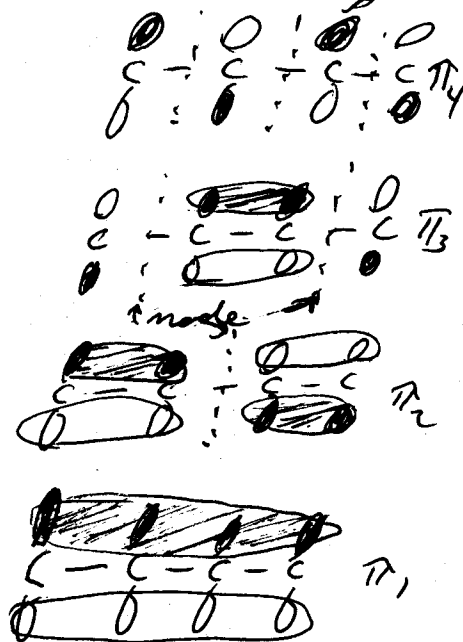
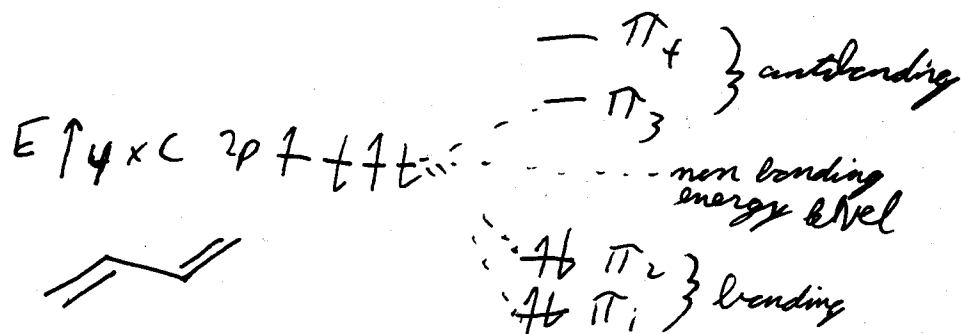


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Extend this MO analysis to conjugated diene (for ex.)

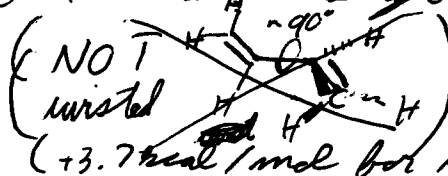


- Note: # of $\perp$ nodes increases as we move up. More $\perp$ nodes $\Rightarrow$ higher energy (e^- 's don't like confinement)
- Significance of π_1 : H2C=CH=CH-CH2
- Note: The drawing corresponds most closely to π_2
 - π_1 rationalizes energy stabilization

Structural consequences of π_1 (delocalized over 4C)

• Conformational preferences of conjugated diene

- prefer to have all 4 C's in a single plane ("planar")



(+3.7 kcal/mol for twist to π_2)

UV spectroscopy § 15.2 $\rightarrow$ ignore