

## Supporting Information

### Spin-Coupled Study of the Electronic Mechanism of the Hetero-Diels-Alder Reaction of Acrolein and Ethene

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**Supplementary Information:** Numerical data used to construct Figure 4.

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**Table S1.** Evolution of overlap integrals  $\langle \psi_\mu | \psi_\nu \rangle$  between nearest-neighbor active SC orbitals along the MP2/6-31G(d) IRC for the gas-phase cycloaddition reaction of *s-cis*-acrolein and ethene. These data are illustrated in Figure 4a, with the numbering scheme and phases of the orbitals shown in Figure 3. The corresponding overlap integrals in isolated *s-cis*-acrolein, (with  $P_1^{\text{CC}} = 0.938$ ) are  $\langle \psi_1 | \psi_2 \rangle = 0.623$ ,  $\langle \psi_3 | \psi_4 \rangle = 0.632$  and  $\langle \psi_2 | \psi_3 \rangle = 0.307$ .

$R_{\text{IRC}}$ (amu $^{1/2}$ bohr)	$\langle \psi_1   \psi_2 \rangle$	$\langle \psi_3   \psi_4 \rangle$	$\langle \psi_5   \psi_6 \rangle$	$\langle \psi_4   \psi_5 \rangle$	$\langle \psi_2   \psi_3 \rangle$	$\langle \psi_1   \psi_6 \rangle$
-1.19482	0.615	0.631	0.626	0.284	0.338	0.175
-0.89489	0.613	0.631	0.625	0.298	0.347	0.190
-0.59503	0.612	0.631	0.624	0.309	0.358	0.207
-0.29569	0.611	0.630	0.622	0.315	0.373	0.226
0	0.618	0.598	0.588	0.302	0.403	0.273
+0.09910	0.545	0.367	0.232	0.633	0.657	0.614
+0.29711	0.488	0.357	0.233	0.680	0.662	0.611
+0.59685	0.420	0.335	0.240	0.701	0.651	0.603
+0.89673	0.377	0.308	0.237	0.720	0.639	0.603
+1.19671	0.347	0.280	0.225	0.738	0.632	0.612

**Table S2.** Chirgwin-Coulson weights ( $P_k^{\text{CC}}$ ) of the Rumer spin functions included in the active-space spin-coupling pattern for the gas-phase cycloaddition reaction of *s-cis*-acrolein and ethene. These data are illustrated in Figure 4b, with the Rumer functions  $\Theta_{00;k}^6$  depicted in Figure 1 and the ordering of the orbitals shown in Figure 3.

$R_{\text{IRC}}$ (amu $^{1/2}$ bohr)	$P_1^{\text{CC}}$	$P_2^{\text{CC}}$	$P_3^{\text{CC}}$	$P_4^{\text{CC}}$	$P_5^{\text{CC}}$
-1.19482	0.798	0.076	0.076	0.032	0.018
-0.89489	0.760	0.078	0.097	0.044	0.022
-0.59503	0.710	0.079	0.122	0.061	0.028
-0.29569	0.645	0.080	0.152	0.087	0.035
0	0.499	0.067	0.213	0.162	0.059
+0.09910	0.163	0.066	0.212	0.462	0.097
+0.29711	0.132	0.059	0.198	0.531	0.080
+0.59685	0.092	0.045	0.161	0.644	0.057
+0.89673	0.059	0.033	0.122	0.743	0.043
+1.19671	0.037	0.024	0.091	0.815	0.034

**Table S3.** Values of the generalized Wiberg indices ( $W_{AB}$ ) for nearest-neighbor atoms, numbered as in Scheme 1. These data are illustrated in Figure 4c.

$R_{\text{IRC}}$ (amu $^{1/2}$ bohr)	$W_{12}$	$W_{34}$	$W_{56}$	$W_{45}$	$W_{23}$	$W_{16}$
-1.19482	0.666	0.663	0.733	0.075	0.120	0.031
-0.89489	0.648	0.634	0.702	0.104	0.137	0.042
-0.59503	0.625	0.594	0.661	0.144	0.160	0.059
-0.29569	0.592	0.543	0.605	0.200	0.191	0.083
0	0.507	0.427	0.473	0.335	0.274	0.155
+0.09910	0.340	0.266	0.301	0.528	0.438	0.303
+0.29711	0.294	0.218	0.246	0.595	0.488	0.355
+0.59685	0.228	0.157	0.176	0.687	0.562	0.434
+0.89673	0.174	0.109	0.121	0.764	0.625	0.507
+1.19671	0.134	0.075	0.082	0.824	0.671	0.566