Lecture 3 Stereochemistry

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HINT

Stereochemistry is a difficult topic for many students. Use your models to help you see the relationships between structures.

Isomerism in Organic Chemistry

Stereoisomerism



Conformational Isomerism



Staggered conformation Lowest in energy H H H H H H

Eclipsed conformation Highest in energy

• Configuration Isomerism





H₃C H H CH₃

trans-2-Butene Boiling point = 1°C



cis-trans isomerism

optical isomerism

Conformational Isomerism

Conformation of Alkane & Cycloalkane

• Conformational isomerism: stereoisomerism of molecules due to the rotation of single bonds



single bond can rotate freely

• Methods of drawing molecule conformations





• Practice: draw a Newman projection of the following compound, as viewed from the angle indicated:



When viewed from the perspective of the observer...





• Conformation of ethane



Staggered conformation Lowest in energy

> 交叉式 (能量低)



Eclipsed conformation Highest in energy

> 重叠式 (能量高)









all staggered & eclipsed conformations are degenerate

• Classical explanation: steric hindrance



• Modern explanation: orbital interaction



Conformation of propane



all staggered & eclipsed conformations are degenerate

Conformation of butane





Gauche 【间扭式】



• Gauche interactions





Methyl groups are farthest apart



<u>Gauche</u>

Methyl groups experience a gauche interaction



<u>Gauche</u>

Methyl groups experience a gauche interaction

• Practice

Consider the following compound:



(a) Rotating only the C3—C4 bond, identify the lowest energy conformation.

(b) Rotating only the C3—C4 bond, identify the highest energy conformation.







• Conformation of cycloalkanes





• Conformation of cyclohexane















• Drawing chair conformations



Draw a line going down at a 60° angle, ending just before the center of the V.

Draw a line parallel to the left side of the V, ending just before the left side of the V.

Draw a line parallel to the line from Step 2, going down exactly as low as that line.

Connect the dots.



• Drawing chair conformations



Monosubstituted cyclohexane



 Practice: the most stable conformation of 5-hydroxy-1,3-dioxane has the OH group in an axial position, rather than an equatorial position. Provide an explanation for this observation.



5-hydroxy-1,3-dioxane



forming *intra*molecular hydrogen bonding

• Disubstituted, polysubstituted cyclohexanes



• Comparison of 1,3-diaxial interactions

SUBSTITUENT	1,3-DIAXIAL INTERACTIONS (KJ/MOL)	EQUATORIAL-AXIAL RATIO (AT EQUILIBRIUM)
—Cl	2.0	70 : 30
-OH	4.2	83 : 17
$-CH_3$	7.6	95 : 5
$-CH_2CH_3$	8.0	96 : 4
—CH(CH ₃) ₂	9.2	97 : 3
—C(CH ₃) ₃	22.8	9999 : 1

Practice: draw the more stable chair conformation of the following compound:
Et













Configuration Isomerism

cis-trans Stereoisomerism, Chirality & Optical Activity

• *cis-trans* isomerism of cycloalkanes



cis-1,2-Dimethylcyclohexane



trans-1,2-Dimethylcyclohexane

• *cis-trans* isomerism of alkenes







trans-but-2-ene
• Defects of cis-trans isomerism



For four different groups...

cannot use *cis/trans* to indicate configuration!

• *Z*/*E* configurations



OCH₃

Η

- 顺序规则(Cahn-Ingold-Prelog System)
 - •比较每个单原子基团的原子序数大小,原子序数大在前
 - •如果两个多原子基团的第一个原子相同,则比较与之相连的其它原子
 - 含双键/三键的基团可以认为连有两个或三个相同的原子
 - · 若参与比较的原子连接的键不足四个,则可以补充原子序数为0的假想原 子作为参照

• Practice: identify the configuration of the following alkene:





右下角的双键不存在立体异构



• Chirality and chiral objects



nonsuperimposable

• Achiral objects



superimposable

• Molecular chirality



• Chirality center: a tetrahedral carbon bearing four different groups



• Practice

Propoxyphene, sold under the trade name Darvon, is an analgesic (painkiller) and antitussive (cough suppressant). Identify all chiral centers in propoxyphene:





These carbon atoms cannot be chiral centers

排除sp²杂化的碳原子



These carbon atoms cannot be chiral centers

排除CH₂和CH₃



• Practice: identify all chiral centers in each of the following compounds:



(a) This compound has two chiral centers:



(b) This compound has five chiral centers:



- 对映异构体(enantiomer)
- 互为实物与镜像而不可重叠(nonsuperimposable)的立体异构体, 称为对映异构体, 简称为对映体
- 当两个化合物是一对对映体时,每一个化合物都被称为另一个的 对映体

•一个手性化合物<u>只有一个</u>对映体



• Absolute configurations: *R/S* designation



• Designating configuration using the Cahn-Ingold-Prelog system





剩下的三个基团按大小排序





Clockwise = **R** 顺时针为R构型 •当第一个原子相同时,比较其它基团





•比较多重键时,反复计算多重键所连接的原子



• 变换基团对R/S构型的影响



在手性中心上任意两个基团的交换都会使构型发生反转

A REVIEW OF CAHN-INGOLD-PRELOG RULES: ASSIGNING THE CONFIGURATION OF A CHIRAL CENTER

STEP 3

STEP 1

STEP 2

Identify the four atoms directly attached to the chiral center. Assign a priority to each atom based on its atomic number. The highest atomic number receives priority 1, and the lowest atomic number (often a hydrogen atom) receives priority 4. If two atoms have the same atomic number, move away from the chiral center looking for the first point of difference. When constructing lists to compare, remember that a double bond is treated as two separate single bonds.

Rotate the molecule so that the fourth priority is on a dash (going behind the plane of the page).

STEP 4

Determine whether the sequence 1-2-3 follows a clockwise order (*R*) or a counterclockwise order (*S*).

STEP 5

• Practice The following bond-line structure represents one enantiomer of 2-amino-3-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)propanoic acid, used in the treatment of Parkinson's disease. Assign the configuration of the chiral center in this compound.









 Practice: each of the following compounds possesses carbon atoms that are chiral centers. Locate each of these chiral centers and identify the configuration of each one:



Ephedrine A bronchodilator and decongestant obtained from the Chinese plant *Ephedra sinica*



Halomon An antitumor agent isolated from marine organisms

• Nomenclature of monochiral central compounds



• Nomenclature of polychiral central compounds



(2R,3S)-3-Methyl-2-pentanol

• Enantiomers have the same physical properties



Melting point = $25^{\circ}C$ Boiling point = $231^{\circ}C$

(S)-Carvone



Melting point = $25^{\circ}C$ Boiling point = $231^{\circ}C$







plane-polarized light



• Specific rotation



for compounds in a certain state, the specific rotation is a constant



• Positive specific rotation (+): dextrorotatory (D)



(S)-2-Bromobutane

• Negative specific rotation (-): levorotatory (L)



(R)-2-Bromobutane

• **Practice** When 0.300 g of sucrose is dissolved in 10.0 mL of water and placed in a sample cell 10.0 cm in length, the observed rotation is +1.99° (using the D line of sodium at 20°C). Calculate the specific rotation of sucrose.

Specific rotation =
$$[\alpha] = \frac{\alpha}{c \times l}$$

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$$\left[\alpha\right] = \frac{\alpha}{c \times l} = \frac{+1.99^{\circ}}{0.03 \text{ g/mL} \times 1.00 \text{ dm}} = +66.3$$

$$[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{20} = +66.3$$

- Optically pure/enantiomerically pure: a solution containing a single enantiomer
- Racemic mixture: a solution containing equal amounts of both enantiomers
- Enantiomeric excess, *ee*: the amount of an enantiomer is excess than the another enantiomer

• Calculation of % ee

%
$$ee = \frac{|\text{observed } \alpha|}{|\alpha \text{ of pure enantiomer}|} \times 100\%$$

- Practice
- The specific rotation of optically pure adrenaline in water (at 25°C) is -53. A chemist devised a synthetic route to prepare optically pure adrenaline, but it was suspected that the product was contaminated with a small amount of the undesirable enantiomer. The observed rotation was found to be -45° . Calculate the % ee of the product.

% ee =
$$\frac{|\text{observed } \alpha|}{|\alpha \text{ of pure enantiomer}|} \times 100\%$$

%
$$ee = \frac{45}{53} \times 100\%$$

= 85%

An 85% ee indicates that 85% of the product is adrenaline, while the remaining 15% is a racemic mixture of adrenaline and its enantiomer (7.5% adrenaline and 7.5% of the enantiomer). An 85% ee therefore indicates that the product is comprised of 92.5% adrenaline and 7.5% of the undesired enantiomer.



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Enantiomers & Diastereomers







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• Practice: identify whether each pair of compounds are enantiomers or diastereomers:



• Fischer projections



- •碳链放在垂直方向上,命名时编号最小的碳原子放在最上端
- ·投影时假定手性碳原子放在纸平面上,与垂直线相连的原子或基团表示伸向纸面后方;与水平线相连的原子或基团表示伸向纸面前方——"横前竖后"
- 手性碳位于横线与竖线交叉处, 用一个 "+" 号的交点表示



Rotation by 180° is allowed.



A 90° rotation is NOT allowed.



 Practice: for each set of examples, indicate the relationship of each of the other structures to the first structure. Examples of relationships: same compound, enantiomer, structural isomer.



• Rotational symmetry versus reflectional symmetry



trans-1,2-Dimethylcyclohexane



cis-1,2-Dimethylcyclohexane • Rotational symmetry



an axis of symmetry

• Reflectional symmetry



a plane of symmetry

• Two symmetry factors





centro symmetry (*inversion*)

The compounds in the above two cases do not have chirality!



• Conclusions

- The presence or absence of rotational symmetry is *irrelevant* to chirality
- A compound that has a **plane of symmetry** will be **achiral**
- A compound that lacks a plane of symmetry will <u>most likely</u> be chiral (although there are rare exceptions, which can mostly be ignored for our purposes)

• Practice: each of the following molecules has one plane of symmetry. Find the plane of symmetry in each case: (*Hint*: A plane of symmetry can slice atoms in half.)





• Practice: draw all possible stereoisomers for each of the following compounds. Each possible stereoisomer should be drawn only once:



• 阻转异构体(atropisomer)



•联烯(allene)



• Resolution of enantiomers



A pair of enantiomers

Diastereomeric salts

Resolution of Enantiomers



• Asymmetric synthesis



using chiral catalysts to achieve asymmetric synthesis