STEREOELECTRONIC EFFECTS (S.E.)

IN ORGANIC CHEMISTRY

SECTION 1: Fundamental Concepts

INTRODUCTION

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VIDEO: https://youtu.be/h1biL-1o394

The organic chemist made an important step in the understanding of chemical reactivity when he realized the importance of electronic stabilization caused by the delocalization of electron pairs (bonded and non-bonded) in organic molecules. Indeed, this concept led to the development of the resonance theory for conjugated molecules and has provided a rational for the understanding of chemical reactivity (1, 2, 3). The use of "curved arrows" developed 50 years ago is still a very convenient way to express either the electronic delocalization in resonance structures or the electronic "displacement" occurring in a particular reaction mechanism. This is shown by the following examples.

$$CH_{3} - \ddot{\Box} - CH_{2} - CI \qquad \longleftrightarrow \qquad CH_{3} - \dot{\Box} = CH_{2} \quad CI^{-}$$

$$CH_{2} = CH - \dot{C}H_{2} \qquad \longleftrightarrow \qquad \dot{C}H_{2} - CH = CH_{2}$$

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$$R - C \qquad \overleftrightarrow{\dot{O}} \qquad \Leftrightarrow \qquad R - C \qquad \overleftrightarrow{\dot{O}} \qquad \vdots$$

$$CH_{3} - \ddot{\Box} - CH = CH_{2} + H^{+} \qquad \Leftarrow \qquad CH_{3} - \ddot{\Box} = CH - CH_{3}$$

$$H - \ddot{\Box} = CH_{3} - CI \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad CH_{3} - \ddot{\Box} H + CI^{-}$$

Stereoelectrochemistry being an important factor in organic molecules, it means that the electronic delocalization must be taken into account in three-dimension. This leads to what is called « **stereoelectronic effects** ». In other words, electron delocalization can take place only when there is proper alignment of orbital.

Foundational Concept: Hückel Model vs Pauling-Slater Model



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Hybridization O + 8 + 00 + 12s 1x + 1y + 25/2 $O + \begin{cases} + \\ s \\ + \\ p_{Y} \end{cases} \rightarrow o \\ s \\ p_{y} \end{cases}$ each lobe: 5P2 = 1 5 3 P Tau (2 osbital) 5\$2 7 Siv + + -> SP2 Cboud

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VALENCE BOND (VB) AND MOLECULAR ORBITAL (MO)

- (1) Both models predict the behavior of electrons in bonds by using quantum-mechanical results about the nature of electrons obtained from the "Schrödinger equation".
- (2) MO was born out of <u>primarily physical interest</u> and considers the electron as spread out over the entire system of atomic centres in a molecule.
- (3) VB was born out of <u>primarily chemical interest</u> and considers the electron as localized to a definite range of atomic centres.

VB is associated with Lewis' classical valence theory of chemical bonding, i.e., one electron from each atomic centre forms the electron pair in a covalent bond. Such restriction is absent in MO theory.

- (4) Both models refer to atomic orbitals, s, p, d, f, which by hybridization leads to σ , π and τ hybridized atomic orbitals which by association can form bonding in molecules.
- (5) Thus, olefins (C=C) can either be $\sigma-\pi$ or τ (Bent-equivalent Bond).



There was however a problem.

How to explain electronic conjugation in organic molecules?

Valence Bond method (VB)

Pauling introduced the "theory of resonance"



Cf. G.W. Wheland, Resonance in Organic Chemistry, Wiley, NY, 1955

Molecular Orbital theory (MO)

Introduced by Mulliken, Coulson, Longuet-Higgins and Lennard-Jones. "MO based method known as a "generalized perturbation model" is used to describe bonds in difficult-to-model conjugated bonds in aromatic compounds.

N.B. Methods (MO) were accurate and the maths were simpler than the VB model. MO became much more popular, but experimental organic chemists continued to use the theory of resonance!

α - π vs τ Bonds in Carbonyl Group and Antibonding Orbitals



 $\sigma - \pi$

The two antibonding orbitals π^* correspond to a single orbital



The two antibondiding orbitals τ^* correspond to two different orbitals and confer tetrahedral character to carbonyl group

The Antiperiplanar Hypothesis, a Traditional Stereoelectronic Concept is Based on



Staggered vs Eclipsed Conformation



Hyperconjugation Affecting Conformational Stability



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Biosynthesis of cyclopentenones from unsaturated fatty acids



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Conformational Analysis: Enol Ethers



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Enamine Conformation and Reactivity



N.B. Pyrrolidine enamines are more nucleophilic than piperidine enamines.

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Stereoelectronic Effects (S.E.) and Conformation of Acetals and Related Functions

Anomeric Effect

Axial Isomer is More Stable than the Equatorial One in Glycosides !



Conformation of Glycosides: *Exo* and *Endo* Anomeric Effects and Relative Stability



 α and β Glycosides exist exclusively in \textbf{A}_1 and \textbf{E}_1

Evidence by NMR and Rx

ANOMERIC EFFECT (explanation)



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Exo-Anomeric Effect and Steric Repulsion



Bond Length Changes in the Ground State of Axial and Equatorial Aryloxytetrahydropyrans (X-rays analysis)





<u>axial OAr</u>

- *x* : exocyclic bond increases
- *n*: endocyclic bond decreases with a greater pKA

equatorial OAr

- *x* : exocyclic bond increases to a less extent
- *n*: endocyclic bond does not change

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Relative Population of Two Species <u>a</u> and <u>b</u> at Equilibrium (25°C)

∆G (Kcal/mol)	a (%) b (%)	
0.0	50.0	50.0
0.1	54.2	45.8
0.2	58.3	41.7
0.3	62.3	37.7
0.4	66.2	33.8
0.5	69.8	30.2
0.6	73.2	26.8
0.7	76.4	23.6
0.8	79.3	20.7
0.9	81.9	18.1
1.0	84.3	15.7
1.2	88.2	11.8
1.4	91.3	8.7
1.6	93.6	6.4
1.8	95.3	4.7
2.0	96.6	3.4
2.5	98.5	1.5
3.0	99.4	0.6
3.5	99.7	0.3
4.0	99.9	0.1
5.0	100.0	0.0

Cyclohexane Conformation









2 x 0.4 = 0.8









1.7 + 0.85 = 2.55

0.85





3 x 0.85 = 2.55 kcal/mol

Evaluation of the Anomeric Effect



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1,7-Dioxaspiro[5.5]undecane (Spiroketal) Anomeric Effect and Relative Stability)



Fig. 2

	9A	9B	9C
Steric Effects	+1.6	+2.6	+3.6
A.E.	-2.8	-1.4	0
	-1.2 (0)	+1.2 (2.4)	3.6 (4.8 kcal/mol)

Gauche form of *n*-propyl ether $(OCH_2CH_2CH_3) = 0.4$ Gauche form of *n*-butane = 0.9

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Conformation of Mono and Dithioacetals





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Dithio Spiroketal



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Monothio Spiroketal



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Conformation of 1,3-Oxazine and 1,3-Diazane



Reverse Anomeric EFfect



THE ANOMERIC EFFECT

by R.U. Lemieux

- Unequivocal evidence for the conformational preferences of sugars and their derivatives became available in 1958 [1, 2].
- Thus, it became possible to assign a stereoelectronic contribution to the relative thermodynamic stabilities of the α- and β-forms of sugar derivatives since this contribution, by favoring the axial orientation, was opposite to that expected from a consideration of non-bonded interactions [3].
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THE ANOMERIC EFFECT (cont'd)

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• Riiber and Sørensen [4], in 1933, had introduced the term "anomeric" as a class name for the α - and β -forms of sugars and their glycosides. Accordingly, the term "anomeric effect" was introduced in 1959 [5] to describe this stereoelectronic feature which appeared to be a general property of acetal linkages. It was recognized [5] that the anomeric effect should have an important influence on the orientation of the aglycon of α glycoside.

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- The term "exo-anomeric effect" was introduced in 1969 [6] to specify this component of the overall anomeric effect in the case of glycosides wherein the pyranose ring is anchored in a specific chair conformation.
- The term "reverse-anomeric effect" was introduced in 1965 [7] in view of the observation that pyridinium α-glycopyranosides possessed abnormal high-energy conformations.

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