## CHEMISTRY 31

Organic Chemistry Lecture I

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### What is Organic Chemistry?

1780's Chemistry of compounds from living organisms

Vitalism: 1750-1850 Inorganic compounds – non-living source Organic compounds – living source

August Kekule (1861) Organic chemistry = a study of the compounds of carbon

### Origins of Life

#### Stanley Miller 1950



Synthesis of amino acids, formaldehyde, purines and pyrimidines from earth's primordial atmosphere (H<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, O<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>3</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>) and static discharge

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### **Atomic Structure**

- Structure of an atom
  - Positively charged *nucleus* (very dense, protons and neutrons) and small (10<sup>-15</sup> m)
  - Negatively charged electrons are in a cloud (10<sup>-10</sup> m) around nucleus
- Diameter is about 2 × 10<sup>-10</sup> m (200 picometers (pm)) [the unit angstrom (Å) is 10<sup>-10</sup> m = 100 pm]





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### Atomic Number and Atomic Mass



- The atomic number (Z) is the number of protons in the atom's nucleus (neutral atom then has same number of electrons)
- The mass number (A) is the number of protons plus neutrons
- All the atoms of a given element have the same atomic number
- Isotopes are atoms of the same element that have different numbers of neutrons and therefore different mass numbers (<sup>13</sup>C, <sup>2</sup>H or D)
- The atomic mass (atomic weight) of an element is the weighted average mass in atomic mass units (amu) of an element's naturally occurring isotopes

### Atomic Structure: Orbitals

- Quantum mechanics: describes electron energies and locations by a *wave equation* 
  - Wave function solution of wave equation
  - Each wave function is an **orbital**,  $\psi$
- A plot of  $\psi^2$  describes where electron most likely to be
- Electron cloud has no specific boundary so we show most probable area

### Shapes of Atomic Orbitals for Electrons

- Four different kinds of orbitals for electrons based on those derived for a hydrogen atom
- Denoted s, p, d, and f
- s and p orbitals most important in organic chemistry
- s orbitals: spherical, nucleus at center
- *p* orbitals: dumbbell-shaped, nucleus at middle



### Orbitals and Shells

- Orbitals are grouped in shells of increasing size and energy
- Different shells contain different numbers and kinds of orbitals
- Each orbital can be occupied by two electrons
- First shell contains one *s* orbital, denoted 1*s*, holds only two electrons
- Second shell contains one s orbital (2s) and three p orbitals (2p), eight electrons
- Third shell contains an s orbital (3s), three p orbitals (3p), and five d orbitals (3d), 18 electrons





- In each shell there are three perpendicular p orbitals,  $p_x$ ,  $p_y$ , and  $p_z$ , of equal energy
- Lobes of a p orbital are separated by region of zero electron density, a node



## Atomic Structure: Electron Configurations

- Ground-state electron configuration of an atom lists orbitals occupied by its electrons. Rules:
- 1. Lowest-energy orbitals fill first:  $1s \rightarrow 2s \rightarrow 2p \rightarrow 3s$  $\rightarrow 3p \rightarrow 4s \rightarrow 3d$  (*Aufbau ("*build-up") principle)
- 2. Electron spin can have only two orientations, up ↑ and down ↓. Only two electrons can occupy an orbital, and they must be of opposite spin (*Pauli exclusion principle*) to have unique wave equations
- 3. If two or more empty orbitals of equal energy are available, electrons occupy each with spins parallel until all orbitals have one electron (*Hund's rule*).

### **Electron Configuration and Bonding**



How do atoms fill octet? BONDING Ionic = bonds from exchanging electrons Covalent = bonds from sharing electrons

Valency = number of covalent bonds needed to fill valence octet C = tetravalent N = trivalent O = divalent H = monovalent

### Drawing Structures and Bonds

- Lewis structures (electron dot) show valence electrons of an atom as dots
  - Hydrogen has one dot, representing its 1s electron
  - Carbon has four dots  $(2s^2 2p^2)$
- Kekule structures (line-bond structures) have a line drawn between two atoms indicating a 2 electron covalent bond.
- Stable molecule results at completed shell, octet (eight dots) for main-group atoms (two for hydrogen) (third row atoms can expand beyond octet)





## Bonding Model #1: Valence Bond Theory

- Singly occupied orbital on one atom overlaps a singly occupied orbital on the other atom
- Electrons are paired and localized in the overlapping orbitals and are attracted to nuclei of both atoms
  - H–H bond results from the overlap of two singly occupied hydrogen 1s orbitals
  - Certain optimal distance
  - Smaller, more directional orbitals make stronger bonds due to better orbital overlap

pingpong ball - pingpong ball pingpong ball - basketball pingpong ball - watermelon





### Bond Length

- Distance between nuclei that leads to maximum stability
- If too close, they repel because both are positively charged
- If too far apart, bonding is weak



### Hybridization for the Carbon Atom



### *sp*<sup>3</sup> Orbitals

sp<sup>3</sup> hybrid orbitals: s orbital and three p orbitals combine to form four equivalent, unsymmetrical, tetrahedral orbitals (sppp = sp<sup>3</sup>), Pauling (1931)



### The Structure of Methane

- sp3 orbitals on C overlap with 1s orbitals on 4 H atoms to form four identical C-H bonds
- Each C–H bond has a strength of 438 kJ/mol and length of 109 pm
- Bond angle: each H–C–H is 109.5°, the tetrahedral angle.



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# Hybridization: *sp*<sup>3</sup> Orbitals and the Structure of Ethane

- Two C's bond to each other by σ overlap of an sp<sup>3</sup> orbital from each
- Three sp<sup>3</sup> orbitals on each C overlap with H 1s orbitals to form six C–H bonds
- C–H bond strength in ethane 423 kJ/mol
- C–C bond is 154 pm long and strength is 376 kJ/mol
- All bond angles of ethane are tetrahedral



one Csp<sup>3</sup>-Csp<sup>3</sup> σ bond 6 Csp<sup>3</sup>-H1s σ bonds

# Hybridization: *sp*<sup>2</sup> Orbitals and the Structure of Ethylene

- sp<sup>2</sup> hybrid orbitals: 2s orbital combines with two 2p orbitals, giving 3 orbitals (spp = sp<sup>2</sup>). This results in a double bond.
- sp<sup>2</sup> orbitals are in a plane with120° angles
- Remaining p orbital is perpendicular to the plane



## Double Bonds From sp<sup>2</sup> Hybrid Orbitals

- Two  $sp^2$ -hybridized orbitals overlap to form a  $\sigma$  **bond**
- *p* orbitals overlap side-to-side to formation a **pi** (π) **bond**
- sp<sup>2</sup>-sp<sup>2</sup>  $\sigma$  bond and 2p-2p  $\pi$  bond result in sharing four electrons and formation of C-C double bond
- Electrons in the  $\sigma$  bond are centered between nuclei
- Electrons in the π bond occupy regions of space above and below plane of sigma bond
- As a result of weaker orbital overlap, pi bonds are weaker than sigma bonds

### Structure of Ethylene

- H atoms form  $\sigma$  bonds with four  $sp^2$  orbitals
- H–C–H and H–C–C bond angles of about 120°
- C–C double bond in ethylene shorter and stronger than single bond in ethane (not twice as strong!)
- Ethylene C=C bond length 133 pm (C–C 154 pm)



one  $Csp^2-Csp^2 \sigma$  bond one  $Cp-Cp \pi$  bond 4  $Csp^2$ -H1s  $\sigma$  bonds

# Hybridization: *sp* Orbitals and the Structure of Acetylene

- C-C a triple bond sharing six electrons
- Carbon 2s orbital hybridizes with a single p orbital giving two sp hybrids
  - two p orbitals remain unchanged
- sp orbitals are linear, 180° apart on *x*-axis
- Two p orbitals are perpendicular on the y-axis and the z-axis





- Two sp hybrid orbitals from each C form sp-sp σ bond
- pz orbitals from each C form a  $p_z p_z \pi$  bond by sideways overlap and  $p_v$  orbitals overlap similarly



### Bonding in Acetylene

- Sharing of six electrons forms  $C \equiv C$
- Two *sp* orbitals form  $\sigma$  bonds with hydrogens



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one Csp-Csp  $\sigma$  bond two Cp-Cp  $\pi$  bonds 2 Csp-H1s  $\sigma$  bonds

### Comparison of C–C and C–H Bonds in Methane,

#### Table 1.2 Ethane, Ethylene, and Acetylene

		Bond		
Molecule	Bond	(kJ/mol)	(kcal/mol)	Bond length (pm)
Methane, CH <sub>4</sub>	( <i>sp</i> <sup>3</sup> ) C—H 1s	436	104	109
Ethane, CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	( <i>sp</i> <sup>3</sup> ) C—C ( <i>sp</i> <sup>3</sup> )	376	90	154
	( <i>sp</i> <sup>3</sup> ) C—H 1s	423	101	109
Ethylene, H <sub>2</sub> C=CH <sub>2</sub>	( <i>sp</i> ²) C <sup>—</sup> C ( <i>sp</i> ²)	728	174	134
	( <i>sp</i> ²) C−H 1s	465	111	109
Acetylene, HC≡CH	(sp) C $\equiv$ C (sp)	965	231	120
	(sp) C $-$ H 1s	556	133	106

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Note double and triple bonds described as combination of sigma and pi bonds

You should be able to explain trends in bond strength and length

### Hybridization of Nitrogen and Oxygen

- Elements other than C can have hybridized orbitals
- H–N–H bond angle in ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>) 107.3°
- N's orbitals (sppp) hybridize to form four sp<sup>3</sup> orbitals
- One sp<sup>3</sup> orbital is occupied by two nonbonding electrons, and three sp<sup>3</sup> orbitals have one electron each, forming bonds to H



#### Summary for Hybridization of Carbon (remember, neutral carbon always has four bonds) H-C-H Tetrahedral 4 electron groups = $sp^3$ (four $\sigma$ bonds) • 3 electron groups = $sp^2$ Trigonal (three $\sigma$ bonds) planar 120° (one $\pi$ bond) 2 electron groups = sp H-CEC-H Linear (two $\sigma$ bonds) 180° (two $\pi$ bonds) What do you predict for

CH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>, CH<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, :CH<sub>2</sub>

# Bonding Model # 2: Molecular Orbital Theory

- A molecular orbital (MO): where electrons are most likely to be found in a molecule (delocalized over the entire molecule not just between atoms like valence bond)
- Combine n atomic orbitals to give n molecular orbitals
- Additive combination (bonding) MO is lower in energy
- Subtractive combination (antibonding) forms MO is higher



### $\pi$ -Molecular Orbitals in Ethylene

- The π bonding MO is from combining p orbital lobes with the same algebraic sign
- The π antibonding MO is from combining lobes with opposite signs
- Only bonding MO is occupied



### Drawing Chemical Structures

- Chemists use shorthand ways for writing structures
- Condensed structures: C-H and C-C single bonds aren't shown but understood
  - If C has 3 H's bonded to it, write CH3
  - If C has 2 H's bonded to it, write CH2; and so on. The compound called 2-methylbutane, for example, is written as follows:
- Horizontal bonds between carbons aren't shown in condensed structures—the CH3, CH2, and CH units are simply written next to each other but vertical bonds are added for clarity



### **Skeletal Structures**

- Minimum amount of information but unambiguous
- C's not shown, assumed to be at each intersection of two lines (bonds) and at end of each line
- H's bonded to C's aren't shown whatever number is needed will be there (each neutral carbon will have four total bonds). H's on non-carbon atoms are shown.
- All atoms other than C and H are shown
- Non-bonding electrons not typically shown (assumed enough to satisfy charge - see Ch 2)
- Charges must be explicitly shown

## Examples

Compound	Kekulé structure	Skeletal structure
Isoprene, $ m C_5H_8$	$\begin{array}{c} H \\ H \\ C \\ H \\ C \\ H \\ C \\ H \\ H \\ H \\$	
Methylcyclohexane, $ m C_7H_{14}$	H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H H	
Phenol, $C_6H_6O$	$H \\ H \\ C \\ C \\ C \\ C \\ C \\ C \\ H \\ H \\ $	ОН

### **In-Class Practice Problems**

1. Explain why the hydrogens atoms in the following compound are not all in the same plane.



2. Predict the hybridization for each of the following central atoms.



3. Convert the following skeletal drawing into a Kekule drawing with all hydrogens and lone pairs.



### **In-Class Practice Problems**

For the following compound provide the following:

hybridization of atoms bond angles (assume ideal values) geometry around atom (electronic, atomic) describe bond overlap, orbital location of lone pairs provide number of pi-bonds, sigma bonds provide missing hydrogens (also in 3-D), lone pairs



Will not be asked specific bond length, strength values but you should be able to qualitatively compare bond lengths and strengths (predict which is stronger, shorter, etc and explain)

May be asked to draw and label orbitals involved in bonding