

# Stereochemistry

Compound with same formula and structure but different configuration, spatial arrangement.  
Non-spherical orbitals have greater concentration in a particular direction leading to directional bonds.

Two types; Optical and geometrical

Optical stereoisomerism: due to asymmetry they rotate the plane of polarisation of plane polarised light.

Types of optical isomer; enantiomer, diastereomer and mesomer.

Enantiomer: optical isomers rotating the plane of light in equal and opposite direction by the same amount.

Diastereomer: When they rotate by different amount than it is called diastereomer.

Mesomer: optical isomer with no rotation

Assymetry: non super imposition on the mirror image. No element of symmetry.

Dissemtry: Non superimposition on mirror image. have some element of symmetry.

Optical activity may be due to crystalline form or molecular form called anatiomorphous.

Quartz, benzil, sodium chlorate etc are optically active in crystal form due to asymmetry in spiral structure. evaporation dissolution or fusion leads to loss of optical isomerism.

Chirality or handedness, Kelvin (1884)

asymmetry is also called Chirality.

## Conventions in stereochemistry

*d* or *l* for dextrorotatory and laevorotatory. useful in case of one chiral centre.

van't Hoff (1874)

+/- based on solid model and projection from the centre of the molecule.

diastereomer with two chiral centres can be --/ ++/+-/+-.

useful in case of two chiral centres.

Fischer (1891)

projection of mechanical model in plane.

useful for more than 2 chiral centres.

D/ L notation to show the stereo-chemical relationship between the compound.

A standard was chosen and then rest were related to it if the stereo-centre is not affected.

Disadvantage

D-mannose gave D-Mannonic acid and L-Mannose gave L-mannonic acid but both the mannoic acids were same.

Rosanoff (1906)

instead of arbitrary standard D-Glyceraldehyde was taken as the standard and rest were related to it.

e.g. glyceraldehyde was used as standard and then sugar molecules were related to it.

## Conventions of drawing

Three groups are above the paper and one below

for D-(+)-glyceraldehyde H was at left bottom, OH at right bottom, and aldehyde at the top of the triangle

if the tetrahedron is rotated so that the group behind appears below front triangle. Top and bottom is shown in broken vertical line. asymmetric carbon is at the point where lines intersect.

**Fischer projection:** vertical line is behind whereas the horizontal line is in front of the paper.

Absolute configuration: Bijvoet (1951) sodium rubidium tartarate by x-ray crystallography.

### Correlation of configuration

Configuration of unknown compound was related to the compound with known configuration.

Correlation of Glyceraldehyde with tartaric acid

D(+)-glyceraldehyde  $\rightarrow$  *meso*-tartaric acid + (-) tartaric acid

so (-)-tartaric acid is D(-)-tartaric acid

(+)-tartaric acid  $\rightarrow$  D(-)-glyceric acid

so (+)-tartaric acid is D(+)-tartaric acid

Methods of correlation

Chemical reaction without displacement at chiral centre

Chemical reaction with displacement at chiral centre.

X-ray analysis

asymmetric induction

Optical rotation

Quasi racemic compound

Enzyme action

### Absolute configuration

Cahn (1956)

groups attached to chiral carbon is arranged as per the sequence rule

1) Sequence rule

- Atoms attached to the asymmetric carbon is prioritized as per atomic number
- If atoms have same atomic number, then comparison is made between the next atom attached to group. This continues till the sequence is clear.
- Multiple bonds are replicated with same atom. duplication for double bond, triplication for triple bond.  
e.g. -CHO becomes CH(O)-O(C)
- Rings are treated as branch
- Unsaturation in ring is treated by duplication of branch

2) conversion rule

when viewed from outside, with lowest priority group hiding behind the chiral carbon, the clockwise or right handed sequence is termed R (Rectus) and antilock or left handed sequence as S (sinister)

D(+)-Glyceraldehyde

From Fischer convention: H on left, OH on right, CHO on top and CH<sub>2</sub>OH below.

Step 1: Lowest priority at the bottom.

interchange of H and OH makes it L (-) glyceraldehyde and

interchange of H and CH<sub>2</sub>OH again restores D(+)-Glyceraldehyde.

sequence rule designated this as right handed, clock wise or R configuration

## Optical isomerism in molecule without chiral carbon

optical activity due to **chiral axis**

**biphenyls** (Christie and Kenner, 1922)

conditions

- 1) neither ring should have vertical plane of symmetry.
- 2) Ortho position should be substituted with large group prevent free rotation and forces two benzene ring to be perpendicular to each other.

If rotational barrier is  $> 75$  KJ/mol. separable rotational isomer is possible. such isomers are called atropisomers

Chiral axis is derived from chiral centre (with  $abab'$  groups) by elongating the tetrahedron with  $a$  and  $b$  on one end and  $a'$  and  $b'$  on end.

for chiral centre all four group should be different but for chiral axis  $a \neq b$  is sufficient

### Rule for assignment of absolute configuration

groups at the near end are given preference over far end for example  $a$  and  $b$  are at the near end if  $a > b$  and  $a' > b'$  then  $a=1$ ,  $b=2$ ,  $a'=3$ ,  $b'=4$

in the conventional tetrahedron the  $b'$  will be behind

with a partial rotation the  $b'$  will be brought down and shown in the fischer projection

### molecular over crowding

nonbonded carbon atom cannot approach closer than  $3 \text{ \AA}$ . if atom approach each other then there will be out of plane buckling and helix is formed

optical activity *due to helicity*. e.g benzophenanthrene

the buckling is distributed all over the structure

Spiran

if both double bond of allene is replaced with ring systems. two rings perpendicular to each other and chirality due to asymmetry of molecule as whole.

Nomenclature

prefix spiro-

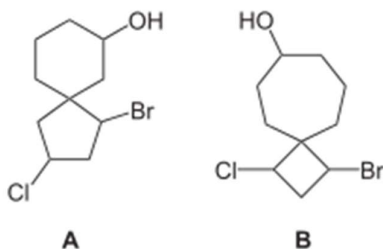
Number of carbon atom in the nucleus

Number placed in square bracket indicating the number of carbon atom joined to the junction C atom

total number of atom denoted as in any hydrocarbon

numbering begin with the smaller ring

substitution is indicated before the ring



compound A is called *1-bromo-3-chlorospiro[4.5]decan-7-ol*, and  
compound B is called *1-bromo-3-chlorospiro[3.6]decan-7-ol*

Adamantane

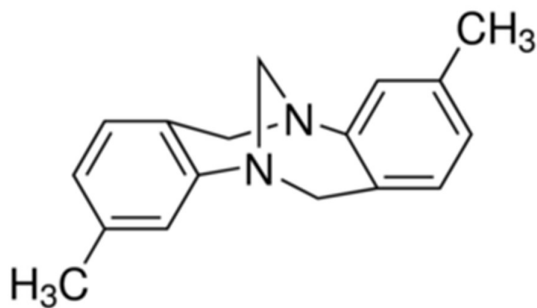
centre of chirality is *unoccupied centre*. this may be considered as analogue of chiral carbon.

### compounds with nitrogen

quadricovalent unielectrovalent like carbon

but unresolvable due to fast racemisation

if anchored in fixed confirmation then resolvable. e.g troger base



### oximes

oxime of cyclohexanone-4-carboxylic acid

phosphorus compounds

tertiary phosphines

Arsenic compounds

silicon compounds

tin compounds

### Geometrical isomerism

Maleic acid and fumaric acid  $C_4H_4O_4$

they are not structural isomer because both

on catalytic reduction produce succinic acid

on addition of  $Br_2$  produce dibromosuccinic acid

with  $KMnO_4/OH^-$  give tartaric acid

no free rotation of double bond

2 H and 2  $-COOH$  are in same plane. they are not optically active due to superimpossibility of the mirror image.

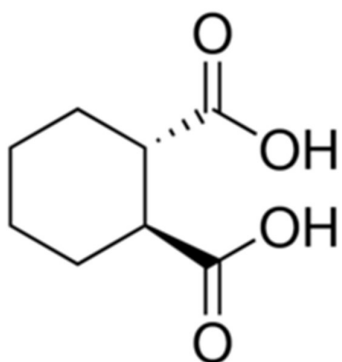
Cis-trans isomerism

when identical group are on same side then it is *cis*, maleic acid,

when on opposite side it is *trans*, fumaric acid.

3 groups

- double bond,  $C=C$ ,  $C=N$ ,  $N=N$
- cyclic structure, homocyclic, heterocyclic, fused ring
- restricted rotation about single bond. hexahydrophthalic acid.



### disadvantage

- when four groups are different
- deviates from alphabetical nomenclature
- italicisation of group poses difficulty in pronunciation

### E-Z nomenclature

Double bond is considered as  $UXC=CYZ$

U, X, Y and Z are arranged as the sequence rule.

$U > X$  and  $Y > Z$

if U and Y are on same side then it is seqcis or Z (Zusammen; together) otherwise it is seqtrans or E (entgegen; opposite)

number of geometrical isomer possible

$2^n$ , where n is number of double bonds when ends are different

$2n-1 + 2p-1$ , where  $p = n/2$  when n is even and  $p = (n+1)/2$  when n is odd.

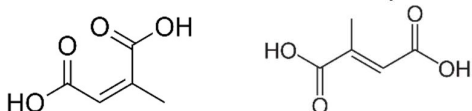
cumulene  $C=C=C$  also show geometrical isomerism

determination of configuration

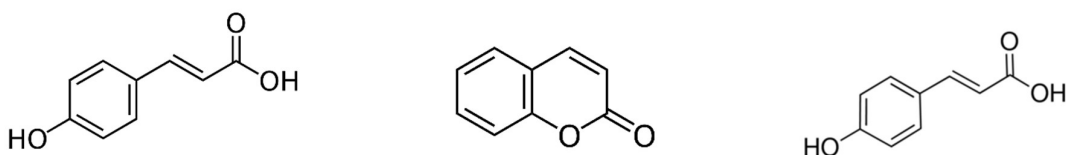
ease of intramolecular cyclization

maleic gives maleic anhydride so cis

citraconic acid forms anhydride but not mesaconic so citraconic is cis



coumaric forms coumarin, lactone but not coumarinic acid former is cis



conversion to compound with known configuration

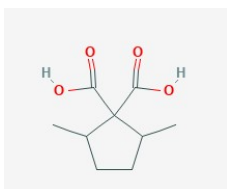
on hydrolysis one form of trichlorocrotonic acid gives fumaric so it is trans

on reduction it gives crotonic acid so it is trans and isocrotonic is cis

### less symmetrical derivative

2,5-dimethylcyclopentane-1,1-dicarboxylic acid in two forms

on decarboxylation trans gives single product but cis gives two products



### Optical activity

*cis*-hexahydrophthalic acid is optically inactive due to plane of symmetry

*trans*- form is active

### Dipole moment

when groups have linear moment *cis*-1,2-dichloroethylene 1.85 D, of *trans* is Zero. disadvantage

in case of nonlinear moment of diethyl maleate 2.54 D and of fumarate is 2.38 D

### X-ray crystallography

#### Spectroscopic

**UV:** if better conjugation or planarity then longer absorption wavelength ( $\lambda_{\max}$ ) and larger molar extinction coefficient ( $\epsilon$ ).

**IR:** = C-H bend *cis* is lower wavenumber ( $\nu$ ) than *trans*

**NMR:** coupling constants are different

**MS:** *Trans* have higher intensity of molecular ion due to steric effect.

**Surface film formation** by *trans* form of long chain unsaturated fatty acid.

**Solid solution:** Fumaric acid (*trans*) forms solid solution with Succinic acid (saturated) but maleic acid does not. due to similarity in structure.

### Physical properties

Melting point of *cis* is lower than *trans*

Boiling point, density, refractive index, solubility, heat of combustion ( $\Delta_{\text{combustion}}H$ ), heat of hydrogenation ( $\Delta_{\text{Hydrogenation}}H$ ), dipole moment, dissociation constant of *cis* are more than *trans*.

**Auwers Skita rule** states trends in boiling point, density, refractive index,

Comparison with similarly ortho and para substituted benzene with *cis* and *trans*.

*cis*-crotonic acid (m.p.; 15.5°C) *trans*-crotonic acid (m.p.; 72°C) *o*-toullic acid (105°C) and *p*-toullic acid (180°C)

### Stereoselective reaction and analysis of the product

#### Addition

Catalytic reduction give *cis* addition

*cis*-2,3-diphenylbutene gives meso isomers

*trans*- gives pair of enantiomer

Hydroxylation stereochemistry depends on reaction

*cis* (KMnO<sub>4</sub>, OsO<sub>4</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-OsO<sub>4</sub>) and

*trans* (H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>COOOH, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-SeO<sub>2</sub>)

Diels-Alder reaction *cis* addition

Methylene or carbene addition *cis* addition in photolysis method

Addition of halogen and halogen acid in polar medium gives *trans* product due to nonclassical carbocation formation with bridge bond

HBr addition with peroxide at low temp gives *trans* product.

#### Elimination

E2cB mechanism is faster in *trans* than in *cis*. *Trans* goes through slower E2 hexachlorocyclohexane has  $\beta$  form with all *cis* configuration so

elimination is slow.  
pyrolytic elimination of ester, Xanthates or amine oxide (cope reaction) is *cis*

Interconversion of isomers

photocatalysed transition singlet (cis)  $\rightarrow \leftarrow$  triplet (cis)  $\rightarrow \leftarrow$  triplet (trans)  $\rightarrow \leftarrow$  triplet (trans)  
trans is of lower energy than cis catalysed by Br<sub>2</sub> and BF<sub>3</sub>.

## Conformational analysis

Principle of rotation about the single bond produces different forms called conformers.

The study of existence of preferred conformations in molecules and the relating of physical and chemical properties of a molecule to its preferred conformation

best viewed in Newman projection

Torsion or dihedral angle: angle off ratio

Torsional energy; Energy required to move one energy minima to another energy minima

### Ethane

one methyl group is rotated while other is fixed

Eclipsed position: when dihedral angle is zero. energy is maximum

staggered: when angle is  $60^\circ$ . energy is minimum

energy difference 12.55KJ/mol

### 1,2-dichloroethane

staggered ; C-Cl bonds are  $180^\circ$  (transoid, anti)

Fully eclipsed: C-Cl bonds are  $0^\circ$  (cisoid, syn periplanar)

Eclipsed partially; C-Cl bonds are  $120^\circ$

Gauche or Skew: C-Cl bonds are  $60^\circ$

Staggered (0 KJ/mol) < gauche (4.6 KJ/mol) < Eclipsed (11.72 KJ/mol) < fully eclipsed (18.83 KJ/mol)

### Butane

Staggered (0 Kcal/mol) < gauche (0.8 Kcal/mol) < Eclipsed ( 3.4 Kcal/mol) < fully eclipsed (4.4-6.1 Kcal/mol)

### 1,2-diol

Gauche < Staggard due to H-bond < Eclipsed < fully eclipsed

## cyclic compounds

### Cyclohexane

two set of six H

Chair,

all C-H bond on adjacent carbon is skew,

two types of H, axial (*a* with ) and equatorial (*e*)

two chair forms possible with interchanging axial and equatorial H

boat

4 C-H skew and 2 C-H in eclipsed

four types of H, flagpole (*fp*), bowspirit (*bs*) boat-equatorial (*be*) and boat-axial (*ba*)

Conformation	Position	H-H distance in (Å)
Chair	1e,2e	2.49
	1e,2a	2.49
	1a,2a	3.06
	1a3a	2.51
Boat	2a,3a	2.27
	2e,3e	2.27
	1fp4fp	1.83



twist-boat

reduced fp interaction and reduced eclipsed conformations.

chair-boat 28.9 KJ/mol

chair-twist boat 22.2 KJ/mol

chair to twist boat energy barrier 37.7 KJ/mol