CH 15: Benzene and Aromaticity
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Aromaticity and Biomolecules
Aromatic ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR and IR.

## Summaries

1. Name aromatics and draw aromatics from names.
2. Draw resonance structures of aromatics. What is the structure of benzene?
3. What is aromaticity?
4. How is aromatic stability calculated?
5. Write a molecular orbital diagram of benzene. Write an orbital diagram of any aromatic polygon.
6. Determine which organic cyclic cations and anions are aromatic, anti-aromatic or not aromatic.
7. Determine the aromaticity of heterocylics.
8. Determine if aromatic N compounds are basic (nucleophilic) or not.
9. Understand ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR of aromatics. Predict structure and assign NMR's.
10. Understand ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR of aromatics. Predict structure and assign NMR's.
11. Retain a little bit about IR of aromatics.

## Benzene and Derivatives: Unusually Stable Molecules

We have a whole two chapters on Aromatic molecules. Aromatic molecules are so interesting because they are unusually
Structure of Benzene: It's fun to draw resonance structures of Benzene:
Draw two:

How about anthracene:


Draw 3 more resonance structures!




Naming:
Name the following by IUPAC names and by o,m,p convention:





IUPAC
o,m,p:
Common names. You can't avoid these names so don't even try!

o-xylene

toluene


phenol
aniline



IUPAC
Names
Sometimes benzene is a substituent: Draw
(S) 2-Phenyl pentane Benzyl chloride

Diphenyl acetylene
trans-1,2-diphenyl ethylene

What is aromaticity?

What is the difference between benzene and cyclohexatriene?
(a) How about structure? Normal $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}$ bond length=134pm normal C-C bond length=154pm. What is the meaning of this?
What bond lengths would we expect for cyclohexatriene?
C-C
$\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}$
You can refer to butadiene, (C-C)=148pm; (C=C)=135pm.
What bond lengths would we expect for benzene?
C-C
$\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}$
Can you justify the actual $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}$ and $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}$ bond lengths being the same and equal to 140 pm .
(b) What about heats of hydrogenation?
$\Delta \mathrm{H}($ Hydrogenation $)=$ Heat released when a pi bonds reacts with $\mathrm{H}_{2}$.
$\mathrm{R}_{2} \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CR}_{2}+\mathrm{H}_{2} \rightarrow \mathrm{HR}_{2} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{CR}_{2} \mathrm{H} \Delta \mathrm{H}(\mathrm{RXN})=\Delta \mathrm{H}($ Hydrogenation $)$
Typically, $\sim 30 \mathrm{Kcal} / \mathrm{mole}$ for the above reaction.*
Review: What is the energy stabilization of more substituted alkenes vs less substituted alkenes.


The alkene with lowest or highest $\Delta \mathrm{H}$ (Hydrogenation) is the most or least stable?
For ease of calculation assume $30 \mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{mol}$ for each double bond.
So, cyclohexatriene with 3 separated alkenes were to react with 3 moles of $\mathrm{H}_{2}$,


What is the $\Delta \mathrm{H}(\mathrm{Hyd})=$ ?


Measured $\Delta \mathrm{H}(\mathrm{Hyd})$ for benzene $=50 \mathrm{Kcal} / \mathrm{mol}$.
Benzene has a much smaller $\Delta \mathrm{H}(\mathrm{Hyd})$ than 3 separated double bonds. This means that less energy is released in the reaction. We can say that $\qquad$ $\mathrm{Kcal} / \mathrm{mole}$ is hidden or tied up in Benzene and cannot come out in this reaction.

This difference is called the resonance energy of benzene. That is, less energy is released when benzene is hydrogenated. The double bonds must be separated from each other (or the conjugation ${ }^{*}$ must be broken) in order to react.
*One problem with this type of calculation is that the actual first hydrogenation energy is not $30 \mathrm{Kcal} / \mathrm{mole}$, but $28 \mathrm{Kcal} / \mathrm{mole}$. The second double bond releases $30 \mathrm{Kcal} / \mathrm{mole}$. Why is $2 \mathrm{Kcal} / \mathrm{mole}$ less released for the first double bond?

Huckel Rule: Since Benzene is so stable, people have tried to find the property that makes benzene so special.
We have come up with the following rules so far.
(1) A cyclic compound that is planar.
(2) All $\mathrm{sp}^{2}$ atoms or $\qquad$
(3) The number of pi electrons must fit an equation based on $4 n+2$, where $n$ is a natural \#: from the set ( $0,1,2,3,4, \ldots$ ). Giving solutions $=2,6,10,14,18, \ldots$
Molecules with these properties are called $\qquad$ and are unusually $\qquad$
Molecules with the alternate even number electrons $(4,8, \ldots)$ are called anti- $\qquad$ and are un- $\qquad$
Only simple cyclic compounds can possibly be anti-aromatic, since most molecules will distort from planarity to avoid being destabilized electronically!
These are numbers are derived by the molecular orbitals of the molecules involved.

## Justification for the Huckel Rule

Examine the orbitals of benzene. (Only the three of the orbitals are filled. Don't memorize - just count nodalplanes.)

Two equivalent anti-bonding
All anti-bonding 3 nodes senarios. How many nodes?




Two equivalent bonding senarios. How many nodes?


All bonding 0 nodes

These orbitals are made from 6 p orbitals. How many e-s are in the benzene system? $\qquad$ Put these electrons in the benzene system above. Use Hund's rule. Are all the electrons paired? Now examine the bonding orbitals for cyclobutadiene: (The highest orbital is not shown).


All bonding 0 nodes


Two equivalent part bonding senarios. How many nodes?


All bonding 0 nodes

These orbitals are made from 4 p orbitals. How many es in the butadiene system? Populate the orbitals according to Hund's rule. What is the result? Is this a stable molecule? We call this situation antiaromatic and these molecules do not hang around.

## Fate of cyclobutadiene

Provide the arrows that account for this reaction.


If planar would cyclooctatetraene be aromatic? How does cyclooctatetraene avoid being antiaromatic?
Applying the Huckel Rule: Check the following structures and ions for aromaticity.
We can go through the simple cyclic molecules and check for aromaticity using all three rules.

ring $=3$


4


5


6


7


8

To orient the orbitals use the shape of the polygon.

1. Put an apex down. 2. Put an orbital at every vertex. 3. Fill the orbitals with the proper $\#$ of e-s. If all of the orbitals have paired electrons the molecule is aromatic. If there are unpaired electrons, the planar structure would be anti-aromatic.

Ring=3 First draw cyclopropene. Is it aromatic? Use all rules.
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Ring=4 Butadiene (previously discussed) is unstable because it is $\qquad$ . Draw the square form of butadiene and fill the orbtials:

Ring=5 Cyclpentadiene is not aromatic. Why?


Are there any resonance structures?
But cyclopentadiene is quite acidic. Examine the acid dissociation reaction below.


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\mathrm{pKa}=15
$$

Draw a pentagon and fill the orbitals for $\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}^{+}$and $\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}{ }^{--}$.

Proof of aromaticity of cylcopentadienyl anion lies in the pKa of $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}$ in cyclopentadiene (15) vs C-H of an aliphatic $\mathrm{R}_{3} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}$ (45). How many times more acidic is cyclopentadiene? cyclopentadiene so much more acidic? It has to do with the stability of the anion. How would this work?

How is cyclopentadienyl anion aromatic? You might think that the hybrization of $C$ with the anion is $\mathrm{sp}^{3}$. But the C can rehybridize. When the 2 pi electrons populate a $p$ orbital, how many electrons are in the pi system? $\qquad$ . The reaction below goes far to the right. Why? How many resonance structures are there for cyclopentadienyl anion? Draw some.


The molecule exists in the most stable form!!!!!! That’s how nature works.

Practice
Removing hydride gives cyclopentadienyl cation? What about this molecule? Is it aromatic? Are there resonance structures? Draw some. This is an example where resonance does not lead to stability.
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Orbitals of Benzene

http://user.mc.net//buckeroo/ARSY.html
Benzene and Derivatives Step by Step
The Story of Furan:


How many pi electrons from $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}$ ? $\qquad$
How many LP electrons on O? $\qquad$
Is furan aromatic just be pi electrons from $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}$ ? $\qquad$
Here is furan with LP's shown:


What is the hybridization of the O ? $\qquad$

Now, what would be the advantage of one of the LP changing to a p-orbital yielding:


How many pi electrons now? $\qquad$
What is the hybridization of the O now? $\qquad$
Make sure you understand why the O rehybridizes!!!!! Ask questions until you understand!
Now, consider pyrrole. Pyrrole has the formula $\mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{~N}$. Draw pyrrole wth its LP:

Which atom rehybridizes? $\qquad$ Why does pyrrole rehybridize?

Redraw pyrrole.

One way we know that pyrrole is aromatic is that the lone pair on the N : has almost no basicity. What actually happens when pyroole is mixed with strong acid is this reaction. Explain.


Notice the N : does not react at all. What type of reaction occurs.

Pyridine has the formula $\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{~N}$. Draw pyridine with LP.

Can the LP on pyridine be basic without breaking the aromaticity of the ring? Draw the acid reaction of pyridine with $\mathrm{H}^{+}$.

The pyridinium ion, $\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{~N}^{+}$, has a pKa of 5 . More on this in chapter 24 .

Aromatic Molecules and Cancer:
PAHs do not break down very rapidly.


Benzo[a]pyrene


Pyrene

Dioxin Yuschenko poisoning agent


2,3,6,7-tetrachlorodibenzodioxin stays in the environment for up to 7 years.
http://www.websorcerer.com/Dioxin/index.html
HCAs from cooking red meat:


http://www.envimed.com/emb14.shtml http://neoplasia.nci.nih.gov/ccs/results.html
PBT Persistent Bioaccumulative and Toxic Chemicals --- mostly pesticides


DDT
DDE
para-Dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane http://www.epa.gov/opptintr/pbt/fact.htm http://pops.gpa.unep.org/01what.htm http://www.ecoinfo.ec.gc.ca/env ind/region/toxin descript/toxin description e.cfm

poly-chlorobiphenyls

## More on aromaticity and basicity

Let's go over the basicity of N : Ammonia is a weak base. Draw the reaction of $\mathrm{NH}_{3}$ with water:

For practice: Given that $\mathrm{pKa}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)=16, \mathrm{pKa}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)=33, \mathrm{pKa}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{4}{ }^{+}\right)=9$, predict the direction and extent.
Can pyrrole be an effective base?
What is the problem with the protonated pryrrole mentioned above?

Can pyridine be an effective base?
Does the cation break the aromaticity?


We can relate this property to H -bonding: Consider these bases. Are the bases aromatic? Explain the middle H bond. Circle the pyridine type N's and put a box around the pyrrole type N's. You can do the same analysis for $\mathrm{A}=\mathrm{T}$.

a purine
Cytosine
a
ww.imb-jena.de/IMAGE BPDIR.html
The H-bonding must occur like this. What would happen if the cytosine slipped down. Could the N-H on the cytosine be H -boned by the N : from the guanine. Why or why not?

Other examples of aromatic molecules you might know. Consider the NSAIDS: These molecules depend on the stable scaffold of the aromatic system.
Salicylic Acid Aspirin Acetaminophen Ibuprofen Naproxen

adenine
a purine
a pyrimidine
Sugar

> thymine


Adenine (part of ATP)
flavin (part of FAD)





$\mathrm{FADH}_{2}$
FAD
More advanced NSAIDS - Cox-2 Inhibitors
Celecoxib (Celebrex ${ }^{\mathrm{TM}}$ )
http://www.rci.rutgers.edu/~sji/GROUPFINAL111.ppt
Sex link to aromaticity?
http://www.ceri.com/q v7n2q3.htm

Aromatic NMR
Single substitution
First consider a simple nonpolar group on benzene.


Notice that there is a peak between 6-8 (aromatic) that integrates to 5 H . Notice the lack of splitting.
What happens when a more polarizing group is substituted. Polar means EWG or EDG.


Notice that the aromatic region is split into at least two parts, 2:3. The 2 are usually ortho because the polar groups influence is greatest in that postion. The 3 is usually meta and para, because they are the farthest away from the substitution site.

Now consider ortho, meta para. Para is the easy one. Ortho and meta are messy.
p-methoxytoluene: (top ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR bottom ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR)


Depending on polarity of the substituents, para has two sets of doublets. What would you expect from substitution with almost no polarity difference?


Assignments (ppm => ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ ): $157.65=>1,129.94=>2,113.81=>3^{*}, 55.15=>4,20.41=>5$. * accidental equivalence


You know there are two substituents because of the integration $=4 \mathrm{H}$ in aromatic region, but what nasty splittiings and assignments???!!!


Assignments (ppm => ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ ): $157.90=>1,130.68 \Rightarrow>2,126.88=>3,126.65=>4$, $120.38=>5,110.02=>6,55.12$ => 7, $16.17=>8$


Note the strange stuff in the aromatic region.


Assignments (ppm => ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ ): $159.81=>1,139.42$ => $2,129.23=>3,121.55$ => 4, $114.87=>5,110.89=>6,54.98=>7,21.47=>8$.

Practice:
Predict the structures of the formula $\mathrm{C}_{7} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{O}$. Assign all peaks.

$\mathrm{HSP}-47-29 \mathrm{~S}$
ppm

Notice 5 H in the aromatic region: monosubstituted by polarizing group. Must be O . No alcohol, so which functional group?

The next compound is an isomer of the above compound: $\mathrm{C}_{7} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{O}$ and shows alcohol in the IR:


HSP-40-215
ppm

The following compound has the formula $\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{10} \mathrm{O}_{2}$. IR shows a strong peak near $1700 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1-}$




The following compound has the formula $\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{12} \mathrm{O}$. IR shows a broad peak between 3300-3600 $\mathrm{cm}^{-1-}$




