# Organic chemistry 

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Fridrich Wöhler
1800-1882

Synthesis of urea from ammonium cyanate (1828)


# Jan Horbaczewski 



Absolved medical school of Vienna
Founded Institute of Medical Chemistry (1883)

Synthetised uric acid (1882)

1854-1942

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## Further experiments:

- Uric acid raises from degradation of cells with nucleus only
- Separated uric acid from xanthine and other purines

1854-1942

- Predicted that uric acid is degradation product of them


# Bonds in organic compounds 



## Chemical bond



Non-polar


## Polarity of bond

|  | Difference in electronegativity |
| :--- | :--- |
| Non-polar | $<0.4$ |
| Polar | $0.4-1.7$ |
| Ionic | $>1.7$ |

## Electronegativity


https://www.quora.com/What-are-the-definitions-of-oxidation-number-and-formal-charge

## $\sigma$ and $\pi$



## Covalent bond

## $\sigma$

Longer
Can rotate
$\pi$
Shorter
Cannot rotate

Multiple bond

stronger

## Orbital hybridization

Ground electron configuration of carbon C

$$
1 s^{2} 2 s^{2} 2 p^{2}
$$

$$
\frac{\uparrow \downarrow}{1 \mathrm{~s}} \frac{\uparrow \downarrow}{2 \mathrm{~s}} \frac{\uparrow}{2 \mathrm{p}_{\mathrm{x}}} \frac{\uparrow}{2 \mathrm{p}_{\mathrm{y}}} \frac{}{2 \mathrm{p}_{\mathrm{z}}}
$$

## Orbital hybridization

Excited state C*

$$
1 \mathrm{~s}^{2} 2 \mathrm{~s}^{1} 2 \mathrm{p}^{3} \quad \frac{\uparrow \downarrow}{1 \mathrm{~s}} \frac{\uparrow}{2 \mathrm{~s}} \frac{\uparrow}{2 \mathrm{p}_{\mathrm{x}}} \frac{\uparrow}{2 \mathrm{p}_{\mathrm{y}}} \frac{\uparrow}{2 \mathrm{p}_{\mathrm{z}}}
$$

## Orbital hybridization

Hybridization C*

$$
\frac{\uparrow}{1 \mathrm{~s}} \frac{\uparrow}{\mathrm{sp}^{3}} \frac{\uparrow}{\mathrm{sp}^{3}} \frac{\uparrow}{\mathrm{sp}^{3}} \frac{\uparrow}{\mathrm{sp}^{3}}
$$

## Orbital hybridization



Cannot rotate!

## Hybrid bonds

E.G. „1.5×" bond

- Longer than double, shorter than single
- Energetic properties between single and double
- Cannot rotate
- Carboxylic group
- Benzene nucleus



## Non-bonded interactions

- Van der Waals force
- Mostly in non-polar compounds
-Hydrophobic interactions



## Non-bonded interactions

Hydrogen bridges

$10 \times$ weaker than ionic and covalent bonds

## Non-bonded interactions

Hydrophobic interaction


Organic molecules

## Organic formulas

Summation formula
Structural formula

- All bonds
- Confusing

Rational

- Most used


## Perspective

- Arrangement in space




## Isomerism and conformation

Isomers: Identic summation formula, different arrangement
Isomeration = breaking and making bonds

Conformers: Various arrangement in space - rotation around bonds Change of conformation - no breaking and making bonds

## Constitutional isomers



1-propanol


2-propanol

## Tautomers



Keto-form


Enol-form

Tautomers are isomers
but they mostly can change each into the other spontaneously

## Peptide bond



Properties of „ $1.5 \times$ " bond

- Shorter than single
- Cannot rotate


## Configuration isomerism




## Optical isomerism



Compounds with center of chirality are optically active

# Selected derivatives of hydrocarbons 

## Halogen derivatives

Bonds C-Cl, C-Br, C-I are non-polar

- Mostly non-polar solvents, volatile
- E.g. tetrachlormethane $\mathrm{CCl}_{4}$, chloroform $\mathrm{CCl}_{3} \mathrm{H}$
- Narcotics
- Freons (e.g. $\mathrm{CCl}_{3} \mathrm{~F}$ )



## Hydroxyderivatives

Alifatic: alcohols

Aromatic: phenols
$\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{OH}$ bond is very polar
May form hydrogen bonds


## Alcohols

- Esterification
- Oxidation
- Alcoholates


## Esterification



Back reaction:
Hydrolysis of an ester


## Oxidation of alcohols

Primary


Secondary


Tertiary


## Phenols

- More acidic (phenolates)
- Oxidation to (semi)quinones



## Oxoderivatives

- Aldehydes
- Ketones
- Cannot form hydrogen bridges easily
- Oxidoreductions
- Formation of Schiff base


## Schiff base



## Ethers

- Group R-O-R
- Less polar
- Simple: explosive



## Carboxylic acids

- Weak acids
- Higher fatty acids
- Hydrogen bonds - can form dimers



## Carboxylic acids

- Reduction
- Decarboxylation
- Anhydrides


Acetic acid
Acetanhydride

