

## 1: Chemistry -- Computational Organic Chemistry

*A recent paper by Papov, Shao, Bagdasarian, Benton, Zou, Yang, Houk, and Nelson uncovers a vinyl cation insertion reaction that once again involves dynamic effects. 1 They find that vinyl triflates and cyclic vinyl triflates will react with  $[Ph_3C]^+ [HCB_11Cl_{11}]^-$  and triethylsilane to generate vinyl cations that can then be trapped through a C-H insertion reaction.*

History[ edit ] Building on the founding discoveries and theories in the history of quantum mechanics , the first theoretical calculations in chemistry were those of Walter Heitler and Fritz London in The books that were influential in the early development of computational quantum chemistry include Linus Pauling and E. With the development of efficient computer technology in the s, the solutions of elaborate wave equations for complex atomic systems began to be a realizable objective. In the early s, the first semi-empirical atomic orbital calculations were performed. Theoretical chemists became extensive users of the early digital computers. A very detailed account of such use in the United Kingdom is given by Smith and Sutcliffe. For diatomic molecules, a systematic study using a minimum basis set and the first calculation with a larger basis set were published by Ransil and Nesbet respectively in The first configuration interaction calculations were performed in Cambridge on the EDSAC computer in the s using Gaussian orbitals by Boys and coworkers. Of these four programs, only Gaussian, now vastly expanded, is still in use, but many other programs are now in use. At the same time, the methods of molecular mechanics , such as MM2 force field , were developed, primarily by Norman Allinger. Computational chemistry has featured in several Nobel Prize awards, most notably in and Walter Kohn , "for his development of the density-functional theory", and John Pople , "for his development of computational methods in quantum chemistry", received the Nobel Prize in Chemistry. In theoretical chemistry, chemists, physicists, and mathematicians develop algorithms and computer programs to predict atomic and molecular properties and reaction paths for chemical reactions. Computational chemists, in contrast, may simply apply existing computer programs and methodologies to specific chemical questions. Computational chemistry has two different aspects: Computational studies, used to find a starting point for a laboratory synthesis, or to assist in understanding experimental data, such as the position and source of spectroscopic peaks. Computational studies, used to predict the possibility of so far entirely unknown molecules or to explore reaction mechanisms not readily studied via experiments. Thus, computational chemistry can assist the experimental chemist or it can challenge the experimental chemist to find entirely new chemical objects. Several major areas may be distinguished within computational chemistry: The prediction of the molecular structure of molecules by the use of the simulation of forces, or more accurate quantum chemical methods, to find stationary points on the energy surface as the position of the nuclei is varied. Storing and searching for data on chemical entities see chemical databases. Identifying correlations between chemical structures and properties see quantitative structureâ€”property relationship QSPR and quantitative structureâ€”activity relationship QSAR. Computational approaches to help in the efficient synthesis of compounds. Computational approaches to design molecules that interact in specific ways with other molecules e. Accuracy[ edit ] The words exact and perfect do not apply here, as very few aspects of chemistry can be computed exactly. However, almost every aspect of chemistry can be described in a qualitative or approximate quantitative computational scheme. Molecules consist of nuclei and electrons, so the methods of quantum mechanics apply. Therefore, a great number of approximate methods strive to achieve the best trade-off between accuracy and computational cost. Accuracy can always be improved with greater computational cost. Significant errors can present themselves in ab initio models comprising many electrons, due to the computational cost of full relativistic-inclusive methods. This complicates the study of molecules interacting with high atomic mass unit atoms, such as transitional metals and their catalytic properties. For geometries, bond lengths can be predicted within a few picometres and bond angles within 0. The treatment of larger molecules that contain a few dozen atoms is computationally tractable by more approximate methods such as density functional theory DFT. There is some dispute within the field whether or not the latter methods are sufficient to describe complex chemical reactions, such as those in biochemistry. Large molecules can be

studied by semi-empirical approximate methods. Even larger molecules are treated by classical mechanics methods that use what are called molecular mechanics MM. Methods[ edit ] One molecular formula can represent more than one molecular isomer: Each isomer is a local minimum on the energy surface called the potential energy surface created from the total energy  $E$ . A stationary point is a geometry such that the derivative of the energy with respect to all displacements of the nuclei is zero. A local energy minimum is a stationary point where all such displacements lead to an increase in energy. The local minimum that is lowest is called the global minimum and corresponds to the most stable isomer. If there is one particular coordinate change that leads to a decrease in the total energy in both directions, the stationary point is a transition structure and the coordinate is the reaction coordinate. This process of determining stationary points is called geometry optimization. The determination of molecular structure by geometry optimization became routine only after efficient methods for calculating the first derivatives of the energy with respect to all atomic coordinates became available. Evaluation of the related second derivatives allows the prediction of vibrational frequencies if harmonic motion is estimated. More importantly, it allows for the characterization of stationary points. The frequencies are related to the eigenvalues of the Hessian matrix  $H$ , which contains second derivatives. If the eigenvalues are all positive, then the frequencies are all real and the stationary point is a local minimum. If one eigenvalue is negative  $\nu$ . If more than one eigenvalue is negative, then the stationary point is a more complex one, and is usually of little interest. When one of these is found, it is necessary to move the search away from it if the experimenter is looking solely for local minima and transition structures. This leads to the evaluation of the total energy as a sum of the electronic energy at fixed nuclei positions and the repulsion energy of the nuclei. A notable exception are certain approaches called direct quantum chemistry, which treat electrons and nuclei on a common footing. Density functional methods and semi-empirical methods are variants on the major theme. For very large systems, the relative total energies can be compared using molecular mechanics. The ways of determining the total energy to predict molecular structures are: Ab initio methods[ edit ] Main article: This does not imply that the solution is an exact one; they are all approximate quantum mechanical calculations. It means that a particular approximation is rigorously defined on first principles quantum theory and then solved within an error margin that is qualitatively known beforehand. Diagram illustrating various ab initio electronic structure methods in terms of energy. Spacings are not to scale. The simplest type of ab initio electronic structure calculation is the Hartree-Fock method HF, an extension of molecular orbital theory, in which the correlated electron-electron repulsion is not specifically taken into account; only its average effect is included in the calculation. As the basis set size is increased, the energy and wave function tend towards a limit called the Hartree-Fock limit. Many types of calculations termed post-Hartree-Fock methods begin with a Hartree-Fock calculation and subsequently correct for electron-electron repulsion, referred to also as electronic correlation. To obtain exact agreement with experiment, it is necessary to include relativistic and spin orbit terms, both of which are far more important for heavy atoms. In all of these approaches, along with choice of method, it is necessary to choose a basis set. This is a set of functions, usually centered on the different atoms in the molecule, which are used to expand the molecular orbitals with the linear combination of atomic orbitals LCAO molecular orbital method ansatz. Ab initio methods need to define a level of theory the method and a basis set. The Hartree-Fock wave function is a single configuration or determinant. In some cases, particularly for bond breaking processes, this is inadequate, and several configurations must be used. Here, the coefficients of the configurations, and of the basis functions, are optimized together. The total molecular energy can be evaluated as a function of the molecular geometry; in other words, the potential energy surface. Such a surface can be used for reaction dynamics. The stationary points of the surface lead to predictions of different isomers and the transition structures for conversion between isomers, but these can be determined without a full knowledge of the complete surface. A particularly important objective, called computational thermochemistry, is to calculate thermochemical quantities such as the enthalpy of formation to chemical accuracy. To reach that accuracy in an economic way it is necessary to use a series of post-Hartree-Fock methods and combine the results. These methods are called quantum chemistry composite methods. Density functional methods[ edit ] Main article: Density functional theory Density functional theory DFT methods are often considered to be ab

initio methods for determining the molecular electronic structure, even though many of the most common functionals use parameters derived from empirical data, or from more complex calculations. In DFT, the total energy is expressed in terms of the total one- electron density rather than the wave function. In this type of calculation, there is an approximate Hamiltonian and an approximate expression for the total electron density. DFT methods can be very accurate for little computational cost. Some methods combine the density functional exchange functional with the Hartreeâ€”Fock exchange term and are termed hybrid functional methods. Semi-empirical quantum chemistry methods Semi-empirical quantum chemistry methods are based on the Hartreeâ€”Fock method formalism, but make many approximations and obtain some parameters from empirical data. They were very important in computational chemistry from the 60s to the 90s, especially for treating large molecules where the full Hartreeâ€”Fock method without the approximations were too costly. The use of empirical parameters appears to allow some inclusion of correlation effects into the methods. Primitive semi-empirical methods were designed even before, where the two-electron part of the Hamiltonian is not explicitly included. Molecular mechanics In many cases, large molecular systems can be modeled successfully while avoiding quantum mechanical calculations entirely. Molecular mechanics simulations, for example, use one classical expression for the energy of a compound, for instance the harmonic oscillator. All constants appearing in the equations must be obtained beforehand from experimental data or ab initio calculations. The database of compounds used for parameterization, i. A force field parameterized against a specific class of molecules, for instance proteins, would be expected to only have any relevance when describing other molecules of the same class. These methods can be applied to proteins and other large biological molecules, and allow studies of the approach and interaction docking of potential drug molecules. Computational chemical methods in solid state physics Computational chemical methods can be applied to solid state physics problems. The electronic structure of a crystal is in general described by a band structure , which defines the energies of electron orbitals for each point in the Brillouin zone. Ab initio and semi-empirical calculations yield orbital energies; therefore, they can be applied to band structure calculations. Since it is time-consuming to calculate the energy for a molecule, it is even more time-consuming to calculate them for the entire list of points in the Brillouin zone. The potential representing the interatomic interaction is given by the potential energy surfaces. In general, the potential energy surfaces are coupled via the vibronic coupling terms.

## 2: Theory and Computation | UCLA Chemistry and Biochemistry

*Steven McKerrall Modern Computational Organic Chemistry Baran Lab Group Meeting 4 Basis Functions & Basis Sets The Hartree-Fock limit, EHF, is reached only for an infinite set of atomic orbitals.*

The Theory and Computation Group in molecular and biochemical sciences at UCLA has been formed to bring together scientists who are developing and applying computation and simulation for the solutions of chemical and biological problems. Theory, mathematics, and computation comprise a fundamental research core of physical and life sciences, and UCLA excels in all areas, from quantum and statistical mechanics through bioinformatics. The Theory and Computation graduate program involves training in the whole broad field, but also concentration on research on one of the forefront fields of theory and computation. Alexandrova Professor Anastassia Alexandrova and her group work on theory and computation of materials, ranging from novel catalytic interfaces to artificial enzymes, and to small clusters in the gas phase and variety of other contexts. The group explores the last frontier of inorganic chemistry, in terms of their electronic structure and chemical bonding. They also develop new computational methods for multi-scale modeling of complex materials in realistic conditions relevant to their use in technology, Professor Paula L. Diaconescu The Diaconescu group designs metal complexes supported by ferrocene-based chelating ligands. Eisenberg Professor David Eisenberg and his research group focus on protein interactions. In their experiments they study the structural basis for conversion of normal proteins to the amyloid state and conversion of prions to the infectious state. In bioinformatic work, they derive information on protein interactions from genomic and proteomic data, and design inhibitors of amyloid toxicity. Gelbart Professor William M. Gelbart directs a research program, with Professor Charles M. Knobler, which features the interplay between a range of theoretical and experimental approaches to elucidating the physics of viral infectivity. Differences between the life cycles of DNA and RNA viruses -- in particular, how their genomes are packaged into and released from virus particles -- are investigated in terms of the differences between DNA and RNA molecules as physical objects. The tools and methods range from the statistical mechanics of simple models to in vitro systems consisting of a few purified components and to cell culture studies. Gimzewski Professor James Gimzewski focuses on nanoscale science and technology with an emphasis on mechanics on the nanoscale. His research consists of: This work is related to cancer, the action of drugs, environmental factors and other mutations in individual cells. His research pioneers the role of mechanics and cellular motion with the aim to develop new forms of medical diagnoses at the single cell level. His group develops qualitative rules to understand reactivity, models complex organic reactions with computational methods, and experimentally tests the predictions of theory. Current interests include the computational design of enzymes to catalyze unnatural reactions, the quantitative modeling of stereospecific reactions used in synthesis, mechanisms and selectivities of organometallic reactions, studies of mechanisms and dynamics of cycloaddition reactions. His group studies 1 analysis of alternative splicing and genome evolution, 2 analysis of protein evolutionary pathways, and 3 development of a general framework for working with genomic data as an abstract graph database. His research involves the application of continuum mechanics and hydrodynamics to biomaterials ranging in length scale from single proteins to biopolymer networks spanning tens of microns, as well as studying some aspects of the statistical mechanics of neuronal networks, phase transitions in colloidal crystals, and even laser trapping of colloidal particles with more complex shapes. He also investigates chemical reaction dynamics in extreme conditions, such as the hypersonic impact of molecular clusters on solid surfaces. Professor Daniel Neuhauser Professor Daniel Neuhauser is interested in a theoretical understanding of nanoscale devices capable of controlling: His group uses computer-aided simulations to model the physical properties of various classes of nanosystems. Professor Philippe Sautet Prof. A large part of the activity aims at understanding molecular reactivity on the surface of heterogeneous catalysts from a computational chemistry approach. Schwartz Professor Benjamin Schwartz conducts research in the electronic structure of conjugated polymers. Such materials have the electrical properties of semiconductors but the mechanical properties and processing advantages of plastics. His group also studies solvent effects on chemical reactivity, and photochemistry.

Professor Alexander Spokoyny Research in the Spokoyny laboratory is devoted towards establishing new synthetic avenues, structural understanding, and applications for inorganic and organomimetic clusters.

### 3: Computational Organic Chemistry

*The approach here is to benchmark a few computational methods against a conformationally flexible drug-like molecule, in this case 1. A variety of conformations were optimized using the different computational methods, and 13 C chemical shifts evaluated from a Boltzmann-weighted distribution.*

Even though he reported on the field via a blog in the 7 years since the first edition was published, the author decided to publish a welcome second edition. The key concept to both is the application of Quantum Mechanics QM for description of chemical reactions and properties. Use of these principles, aided of course by ever increasing computing power, is being used to determine details in both reactivity and structure determination of chemical compounds. Much of the material has been updated including two new chapters on spectroscopy and enzymes. The Preface is probably the best review of both the book and the field of computational organic chemistry, beginning with the history and rapid evolution of the field. The ready availability of the number of computer programs also facilitates growth and practice. The book is aimed both at existing or potential practitioners of computational chemistry and the latter can include both prospective occasional users or graduate students seeking an entry into the field. According to the author, prior expertise in quantum chemistry is not necessary to read the book but the QM taught in a typical undergraduate physical chemistry course should suffice. Chapter 1 is an introduction to the field, its concepts and definitions of the myriad abbreviations used. It can be used to better the understanding of subsequent chapters. Chapter 2 is on spectroscopy and the ability to use calculated spectra in structure determination. Chapter 3 is a brief introduction to several concepts of organic chemistry— including isomerism, acidity, and aromaticity— amenable to the application of computational studies. Chapter 4 covers pericyclic reactions including my favorite, the Diels-Alder reaction. Radicals, and carbenes are covered in Chapter 5 and carbanions as well as organic catalysis in Chapter 6. Solvent effects are the subject of Chapter 7 and dynamic effects in reactions in Chapter 8. Although many biochemical molecules are too large for effective computation, the smaller molecules involved are covered in Chapter 9, the other new chapter. The author emphasizes the personal aspects of the field. The first edition contained, at the end of several chapters, six interviews with a computational chemist working in that particular aspect, including the late Paul Schleyer. These are reprinted in this second edition and three additional interviews have been added. The book is lavishly illustrated, references are at the end of each chapter, and the index is extensive. The author maintains an associated website [www](http://www). In addition, the related blog [www](http://www). I was especially pleased when, in both editions, the author described the controversy generated by Dewar 30 years ago that the mechanism of the Diels-Alder reaction was not concerted. However, Dewar was using semiempirical calculations whereas ab initio methods confirm other studies that the reactions are concerted and synchronous. Why is this book being reviewed in the CIB? It is a treatise in the broader field of chemical information, of value to others than practitioners. Also the number of venues for book reviews in both chemical information and computational chemistry has become increasingly limited. Recommended for the audiences described in the third paragraph.

## 4: Computational Organic Chemistry | Chemical Information BULLETIN

*Computational chemistry is a branch of chemistry that uses computer simulation to assist in solving chemical problems. It uses methods of theoretical chemistry, incorporated into efficient computer programs, to calculate the structures and properties of molecules and solids.*

Scope[ edit ] This section needs additional citations to secondary or tertiary sources such as review articles, monographs, or textbooks. Please add such references to provide context and establish the relevance of any primary research articles cited. Unsourced or poorly sourced material may be challenged and removed. June Learn how and when to remove this template message Physical organic chemistry is the study of the relationship between structure and reactivity of organic molecules. More specifically, physical organic chemistry applies the experimental tools of physical chemistry to the study of the structure of organic molecules and provides a theoretical framework that interprets how structure influences both mechanisms and rates of organic reactions. It can be thought of as a subfield that bridges organic chemistry with physical chemistry. History[ edit ] This section needs expansion with: You can help by adding to it. June The term physical organic chemistry was itself coined by Louis Hammett in when he used the phrase as a title for his textbook. Thermochemistry and Chemical thermodynamics Organic chemists use the tools of thermodynamics to study the bonding , stability , and energetics of chemical systems. This type of analysis is often referred to as Benson group increment theory , after chemist Sidney Benson who spent a career developing the concept. Group increment data are available for radical systems. Physical organic chemists use conformational analysis to evaluate the various types of strain present in a molecule to predict reaction products. In addition to molecular stability, conformational analysis is used to predict reaction products. One commonly cited example of the use of conformational analysis is a bi-molecular elimination reaction E2. This reaction proceeds most readily when the nucleophile attacks the species that is antiperiplanar to the leaving group. The physical processes which give rise to bond rotation barriers are complex, and these barriers have been extensively studied through experimental and theoretical methods. Noncovalent bonding Cryptand with a metal cation demonstrating host-guest chemistry. Cryptands are tricyclic compounds that tightly encapsulate the guest cation via electrostatic interactions ion-dipole interaction. In addition, the hydrophobic effect “the association of organic compounds in water” is an electrostatic, non-covalent interaction of interest to chemists. The precise physical origin of the hydrophobic effect originates from many complex interactions , but it is believed to be the most important component of biomolecular recognition in water. The study of non-covalent interactions is also used to study binding and cooperativity in supramolecular assemblies and macrocyclic compounds such as crown ethers and cryptands , which can act as hosts to guest molecules. Acid-base reaction The principles of Induction and resonance can be used to explain the different acid dissociation constant or pKa values for phenol A and p-nitrophenol B. For B, the electronegative nitro group stabilizes the conjugate base phenoxide anion via induction and through resonance by delocalizing the negative charge. The properties of acids and bases are relevant to physical organic chemistry. In general, interactions between molecules of the same type are preferred. That is, hard acids will associate with hard bases, and soft acids with soft bases. The concept of hard acids and bases is often exploited in the synthesis of inorganic coordination complexes. Chemical kinetics Physical organic chemists use the mathematical foundation of chemical kinetics to study the rates of reactions and reaction mechanisms. Chemists have also used the principle of thermodynamic versus kinetic control to influence reaction products. Rate equation The study of chemical kinetics is used to determine the rate law for a reaction. The rate law provides a quantitative relationship between the rate of a chemical reaction and the concentrations or pressures of the chemical species present. The experimentally determined rate law refers to the stoichiometry of the transition state structure relative to the ground state structure. Determination of the rate law was historically accomplished by monitoring the concentration of a reactant during a reaction through gravimetric analysis , but today it is almost exclusively done through fast and unambiguous spectroscopic techniques. Catalysis[ edit ] This section cites its sources but does not provide page references. You can help to improve it by introducing citations that

are more precise. June Main article: Catalysis Reaction coordinate energy diagram for uncatalysed and catalysed reactions, the latter without and with change in mechanism. The study of catalysis and catalytic reactions is very important to the field of physical organic chemistry. A catalyst participates in the chemical reaction but is not consumed in the process. Catalysts may also influence a reaction rate by changing the mechanism of the reaction. Kinetic isotope effect Although a rate law provides the stoichiometry of the transition state structure, it does not provide any information about breaking or forming bonds. Isotopic substitution changes the potential energy of reaction intermediates and transition states because heavier isotopes form stronger bonds with other atoms. Atomic mass affects the zero-point vibrational state of the associated molecules, shorter and stronger bonds in molecules with heavier isotopes and longer, weaker bonds in molecules with light isotopes. Substituent effects[ edit ] The study of how substituents affect the reactivity of a molecule or the rate of reactions is of significant interest to chemists. Substituents can exert an effect through both steric and electronic interactions, the latter of which include resonance and inductive effects. The polarizability of molecule can also be affected. Most substituent effects are analyzed through linear free energy relationships LFERs. The most common of these is the Hammett Plot Analysis. Therefore, two new scales were produced that evaluate the stabilization of localized charge through resonance. Hammett analysis can be used to help elucidate the possible mechanisms of a reaction. For example, if it is predicted that the transition state structure has a build-up of negative charge relative to the ground state structure, then electron-donating groups would be expected to increase the rate of the reaction. Steric and polar effects are analyzed through Taft Parameters. Changing the solvent instead of the reactant can provide insight into changes in charge during the reaction. The Grunwald-Winstein Plot provides quantitative insight into these effects.

## 5: Computational Organic Chemistry Â» Another procedure for computing NMR chemical shifts

*Computational Organic Chemistry covers a broad range of problems and challenges in organic chemistry where computational chemistry has played a significant role in developing new theories or where it has provided additional evidence to support experimentally derived insights. Readers do not have to be experts in quantum mechanics.*

## 6: Computational Chemistry | Department of Chemistry

*Computational Organic Chemistry provides a practical overview of the ways in which computational modeling methods and applications can be used in organic chemistry to predict the structure and reactivity of organic molecules.*

## 7: Physical organic chemistry - Wikipedia

*Understanding the mechanisms of chemical reactions, especially catalysis, has been an important and active area of computational organic chemistry, and close collaborations between experimentalists and theorists represent a growing trend.*

## 8: Computational chemistry - Wikipedia

*Chapter 3 is a brief introduction to several concepts of organic chemistryâ€”including isomerism, acidity, and aromaticityâ€”amenable to the application of computational studies. Chapter 4 covers pericyclic reactions including my favorite, the Diels-Alder reaction.*

## 9: Computational Organic Chemistry, 2nd Edition | Organic Chemistry | Chemistry | Subjects | Wiley

*The Liu group uses computational tools to study organic and organometallic reactions. We study how reactions occur, factors controlling rates and selectivity, and provide theoretical insights to help develop improved catalysts and reagents.*

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