## Homotopic H's

## - Homotopic Hydrogens

Hydrogens are chemically equivalent or homotopic if replacing each one in turn by the same group would lead to an identical compound




3-Chloro-2-methylpropene
1-Chloro-2-methylpropene

# If replacement of each of two hydrogens by some group leads to enantiomers, those hydrogens are enantiotopic 



## Di̊stereotoppic RTs

## If replacement of each of two

 hydrogens by some group leads to diastereomers, the hydrogens are diastereotopic- Diastereotopic hydrogens have different chemical shifts and will give different signals



## Vinyl Protons



## Integração

## INTEGRATION OF A PEAK

Not only does each different type of hydrogen give a distinct peak in the NMR spectrum, but we can also tell the relative numbers of each type of hydrogen by a process called integration.

## Integration $=$ determination of the area under a peak

The area under a peak is proportional to the number of protons that generate the peak.

## Benzyl Acetate

The integral line rises an amount proportional to the number of H in each peak


$55: 22: 33=5: 2: 3$
simplest ratio of the heights
Actually:

## SPIN-SPIN SPLITTING

Bonded to the same carbon: two bonds between protons

spin-spin splitting is normally observed (if nonequivalent)

Bonded to adjacent carbons: three bonds between protons

spin-spin splitting is normally observed
(this is the most common case)

## SIGNAL SPLITTING; THE ( $\mathrm{N}+1$ 1) RULE

- Peak: the units into which an NMR signal is split; doublet, triplet, quartet, etc.
- Signal splitting: splitting of an NMR signal into a set of peaks by the influence of neighboring nonequivalent hydrogens
- $(n+1)$ rule: if a hydrogen has $n$ hydrogens nonequivalent to it but equivalent among themselves on the same or adjacent atom(s), its ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$-NMR signal is split into $(n+1)$ peaks


## Signal Splitting (n + 1)



For these hydrogens, $\mathrm{n}=\mathbf{1}$; their signal is split into $(1+1)=2$ peaks; a doublet
$\mathrm{CH}_{3}-\mathrm{CH}-\mathrm{Cl}$ Cl

For this hydrogen, $n=3$; its signal is split into $(3+1)=4$ peaks; a quartet

## Siennal Splitting (m + 1)

Problem: predict the number of ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}$ signals and the splitting pattern of each
(a) $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \stackrel{\mathrm{O}}{\mathrm{O}} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}$
(b) $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \stackrel{\mathrm{O}}{\mathrm{C}} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}$
(c) $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \stackrel{\mathrm{O}}{\mathrm{O}} \mathrm{CH}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2}$

## Origins off Signol Splittiong

- Signal coupling: an interaction in which the nuclear spins of adjacent atoms influence each other and lead to the splitting of NMR signals
- Coupling constant (J): the separation on an NMR spectrum (in hertz) between adjacent peaks in a multiplet;
- a quantitative measure of the influence of the spin-spin coupling with adjacent nuclei


## 1,1,2-Tribromoethane



## Orioins of Signal Splitting



## $H_{b}$ in 1,1,2-Tribromoethane



## THE TRIPLET IN ${ }^{1} H$ NMR



$H_{a}$ is coupled to $H_{b}$ and $H_{b}$
$H_{b}$ can both be parallel, anti-parallel or one parallel and one anti-parallel
$\therefore \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{a}}$ splits into a 1:2:1 triplet peak

## $H_{a}$ in 1,1,2-Tribromoethane



## Origins off signal Splitting



One $\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{b}}$ atom




Two equivalent $\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{b}}$ atoms



Three equivalent $\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{b}}$ atoms


Observed splitting in signal of $\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{a}}$

## The Quartet in 1 HicliR



Chemical Shift

## $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{OCH}_{3}$


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## SIGNAL SPLITTING

- Pascal's Triangle
- as illustrated by the highlighted entries, each entry is the sum of the values immediately above it to the left and the right


## Origins of Signal Splitting

because splitting patterns from spectra taken at 300 MHz and higher are often difficult to see, it is common to retrace certain signals in expanded form ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$-NMR spectrum of 3-pentanone; scale expansion shows the triplet quartet pattern more clearly


## Equivalent Protons do not Couple



Three C-H protons are chemically equivalent; no splitting occurs.


Four C-H protons are chemically equivalent; no splitting occurs.

## COUPLING CONSTANTS

- Coupling constant (J): the distance between peaks in a split signal, expressed in hertz
- the value is a quantitative measure of the magnetic interaction of nuclei whose spins are coupled



## Physicall Basis for $(n+\mathbb{1})$ Rulle

- Coupling of nuclear spins is mediated through intervening bonds
- H atoms with more than three bonds between them generally do not exhibit noticeable coupling
- for H atoms three bonds apart, the coupling is referred to as vicinal coupling






## Coupling Comstwnits

$\circ$ an important factor in vicinal coupling is the angle $\alpha$ between the $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}$ sigma bonds and whether or not it is fixed

- coupling is a maximum when $\alpha$ is $0^{\circ}$ and $180^{\circ}$; it is a minimum when $\alpha$ is $90^{\circ}$



## MECHANISM OF COUPLING - THREE BOND COUPLINGS, ³ J



This observation was quantified by Martin Karplus, who determined that the experimental data best fit the following equation:

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3 J_{H H}=A+B \cos \alpha+C \cos 2 \alpha
$$

Where $A, B$, and $C$ are empirically determined constants
This observation showed the variation of coupling constant with dihedral


## More Complex Splitting Patterns

- thus far, we have concentrated on spin-spin coupling with only one other nonequivalent set of H atoms
- more complex splittings arise when a set of H atoms couples to more than one set H atoms
- a tree diagram shows that when $H_{b}$ is adjacent to nonequivalent $H_{a}$ on one side and $\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{c}}$ on the other, the resulting coupling gives rise to a doublet of doublets



## More Complex Splitting Patterns

$\circ$ if $\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{c}}$ is a set of two equivalent H , then the observed splitting is a doublet of triplets



## More Complex Splitting Patterns

- because the angle between C-H bond determines the extent of coupling, bond rotation is a key parameter
- in molecules with relatively free rotation about C-C sigma bonds, H atoms bonded to the same carbon in $\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ and $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ groups generally are equivalent
- if there is restricted rotation, as in alkenes and cyclic structures, H atoms bonded to the same carbon may not be equivalent
- nonequivalent H on the same carbon will couple and cause signal splitting
- this type of coupling is called geminal coupling



## More Complex Splitting Patterns

- in ethyl propenoate, an unsymmetrical terminal alkene, the three vinylic hydrogens are nonequivalent



## More Complex Splitting Patterns

a tree diagram for the complex coupling of the three vinylic hydrogens in ethyl propenoate


## More Complex Splitting Patterns

- Complex coupling in flexible molecules
- coupling in molecules with unrestricted bond rotation often gives only $m+n+$ I peaks
- that is, the number of peaks for a signal is the number of adjacent hydrogens +1 , no matter how many different sets of equivalent H atoms that represents
- the explanation is that bond rotation averages the coupling constants throughout molecules with freely rotation bonds and tends to make them similar; for example in the $6-$ to $8-\mathrm{Hz}$ range for H atoms on freely rotating $s p^{3}$ hybridized C atoms


## More Complex Splitting Patterns

- simplification of signal splitting occurs when coupling constants are the same



## More Complex Splitting Patterns

- an example of peak overlap occurs in the spectrum of 1-chloro-3iodopropane
- the central $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ has the possibility for 9 peaks (a triplet of triplets) but because $\mathrm{J}_{\mathrm{ab}}$ and $\mathrm{J}_{\mathrm{bc}}$ are so similar, only $4+1=5$ peaks are distinguishable



## STEREOCHEMISTRY \& TOPICITY

- Depending on the symmetry of a molecule, otherwise equivalent hydrogens may be
- homotopic
- enantiotopic
- diastereotopic
- The simplest way to visualize topicity is to substitute an atom or group by an isotope; is the resulting compound
- the same as its mirror image
- different from its mirror image
- are diastereomers possible


## Stereochemistry \& Topicity

- Homotopic atoms or groups


Dichloromethane (achiral)

- homotopic atoms or groups have identical chemical shifts under all conditions


## Stereochemistry \& Topicity

- Enantiotopic groups


Chlorofluoromethane (achiral)


Chiral

Substitution produces a stereocenter; therefore, hydrogens are enantiotopic. Both hydrogens are prochiral; one is pro-R-chiral, the other is pro-S-chiral.

- enantiotopic atoms or groups have identical chemical shifts in achiral environments
- they have different chemical shifts in chiral environments


## Stereochemistry \& Topicity

- Diastereotopic groups
- H atoms on C-3 of 2-butanol are diastereotopic
- substitution by deuterium creates a chiral center
- because there is already a chiral center in the molecule, diastereomers are now possible

- diastereotopic hydrogens have different chemical shifts under all conditions


## Stereochemistry \& Topicity

- The methyl groups on carbon 3 of 3-methyl-2butanol are diastereotopic
$\bigcirc$ if a methyl hydrogen of carbon 4 is substituted by deuterium, a new chiral center is created
- because there is already one chiral center, diastereomers are now possible


3-Methyl-2-butanol

- protons of the methyl groups on carbon 3 have different chemical shifts


## Stereochemistry and Topicity

- ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}$ spectrum of 3-methyl-2-butanol
- the methyl groups on carbon 3 are diastereotopic and appear as two doublets



## 1,1-Dichloroethane



## Ethyl benzene



## Methyl Isopropyl Ketone



## 1-Nitropropane



## Differentiateusing ${ }^{1} \mathbf{H}$ NMR

(a) $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CH}=\mathrm{CHCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}$ and
(b) $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{OCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}$ and

(c) $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{COCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}$
$\stackrel{\text { I }}{\|}$
(d) $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) \mathrm{CCH}_{3}$

$\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{CHCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}$
$\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3}$
and

$\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CCH}_{3}$
and
$\stackrel{\stackrel{\mathrm{O}}{\|}{ }_{\mathrm{CH}}^{3} \mathrm{CH}=}{\mathrm{CHCCH}}{ }_{3}$

## Coupling Constants (J values)


(free rotation) $7 \mathrm{~Hz}^{\mathrm{a}}$

Approx. $J$
8 Hz
(ortho)

2 Hz
(meta)

${ }^{\text {a }}$ The value of 7 Hz in an alkyl group is averaged for rapid rotation about the carbon-carbon bond. If rotation is hindered by a ring or bulky groups, other splitting constants may be observed.

## Para Nitrotoluene



## Bromoethane



Quartet due to coupling with $-\mathrm{CH}_{3}$
Triplet due to coupling with $-\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Br}$ (c) 2004 Thomson/Brooks Cole

## para-Methoxypropiophenone



## Styrene



## $\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{a}}$ splitting in Styrene "Tree" Diagram




## In the system below, Hb is split by two different sets of hydrogens : Ha and Hc

- Theortically Hb could be split into a triplet of quartets (12 peaks) but this complexity is rarely seen in aliphatic systems


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