

CONFORMATION AND ANISOTROPY OF CHEMICAL BONDS IN CYCLIC
ETHERS INVESTIGATED BY N.M.R. SPECTROSCOPY

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In the given work conformations of cyclic ethers of carbonic and sulphureous acids of 2,2-dimethylpropandiol-1,3, propandiol-1,3 and ethandiol-1,2 have been studied. Part of n.m.r spectra of protons (PMR) is shown in Fig. 1. The spectra (a,b,d) were obtained using n.m.r. spectrometer operating at 24.46 Mc/s^1 at resolution of 5 parts in 10^8 got by means of Anderson's shims², spectrum (c) attained by JNM-3 high-resolution spectrometer.

In PMR spectrum of 2,2-dimethylpropandiol-1,3 carbonate (a) a wide methylene peak showing an unresolved multiple structure with a chemical shift $\tau = 6.13 \pm 0.04$ p.p.m. (4) and the peak of methyl groups with $\tau = 9.03 \pm 0.04$ p.p.m. (6)⁺ may be found. The crystals of the compound were dissolved in CCl_4 at concentration of $\sim 35\%$. The sulphite spectrum (b) consists a methylene quartet the centre of which has $\tau = 6.17$ p.p.m. (4) and a methyl duplicate with the centre $\tau = 9.09$ p.p.m. (6). Unresolved multiplicity may be found in each peak of the quartet arising from indirect spin-spin interaction with CH_3 group. The sulphite sample was degassed by means of repeatedly freezing, pumping out till 10^{-3} mm Hg and defreezing again.

The fact that we have a striking difference in the spectrum of carbonite and that of sulfite is explained by conformations of cyclic ethers. It is well known that the CO_2 group of carbonic acid derivatives is flat whereas the SO_2 group of sulphureous acid derivatives is pyramidal³. The conformational formulars carbonite and sulfite see Fig. 1. Thanks to the flat structure of CO_2 group the transition of one form of the chaire into the other gives an equivalent structure. If it is sulphite both conformational forms

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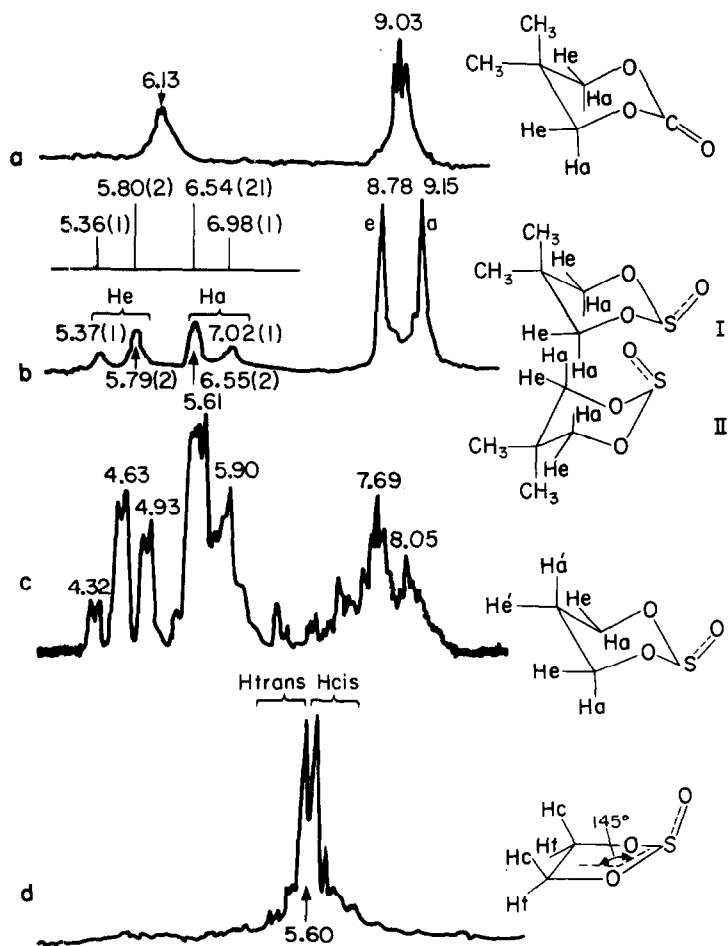


FIG. 1

are not equivalent and that is why we have an axial and equatorial unequivalence of H in CH_2 and splitting peak of CH_3 . The quartet of methylene protons arises from axial and equatorial proton interaction, i.e. we have merely AB system. Spin Hamiltonian of the like system is well known⁴. The theoretical spectrum of methylene protons in case of $\delta_{AB} = \tau_a - \tau_e = 1.10$ p.p.m. and $J_{AB} = 11$ C/S is shown in Fig. 1 (b).

Such like differences in shifts of cis-, trans-, axial and equatorial protons of CH_2 and the splitting of CH_3 peak of sulphites may be explained by action of electrical fields of bonds and their magnetic anisotropy.

Buckingham⁵ for the change in proton shielding in X-H bond gives the formula

$$\Delta\delta^{\text{el}} = -2 \times 10^{-12} E_z - 10^{-18} E^2 - \dots \quad (1)$$

where E_z - electric field component in the direction of X-H. E and E_z may be defined by supposed geometrical molecular model. The change of chemical shift due to anisotropy $\Delta\chi^G = \chi_{\parallel} - \chi_{\perp}$ for dipolar approximation and if G-group of electrons has axial symmetry according to McConnell⁶ is

$$\Delta\delta^{\text{an}} = \frac{\Delta\chi^G}{3 R^3 N} \langle 1 - 3 \cos^2 \theta \rangle_{\text{av}} \quad (2)$$

Formulas (1) and (2) have been used for the structure analysis of molecules.

Ethylene sulfite. A symmetric 1 spectrum (Fig. 1,d) corresponding to A_2B_2 system⁷ is indicative of the fact that OSO₂ atoms do not invert their configuration. The values $\Delta\tau_{\text{el}} = \Delta\delta_{\text{t}}^{\text{el}} - \Delta\delta_{\text{c}}^{\text{el}}$ for an uneven ring placing dipole on different distances on S=O have been found, and then the value of $\Delta\chi$ has been defined by (2) according to the remainder. Supposing S=O bond has $\chi_{xx} \approx \chi_{yy} > \chi_{zz}$ the value $\Delta\chi_{\text{S=O}} = 13.5 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ mole}^{-1}$ has been found. This value is typical of a structure given in Fig. 1(d) the centre of dipole being at a distance of 0,49 Å from the terminal oxygen. For $\Delta\chi > 0$ H_{trans} protons peak are shifted 0.20 p.p.m. to lower field from the H_{cis} protons. Another conformational structure and $\chi_{xx} > \chi_{yy} \approx \chi_{zz}$, seeming to be more real for p²-pd hybrid acute bond, results in an unreal

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value $\Delta\chi_{\text{S=O}}$.

2,2-dimethylpropanedio l-1,3 sulphite. The value $\Delta\chi_{\text{S=O}}=13.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ mole}^{-1}$ as well as $\delta_{\text{AB}} = \tau_a - \tau_e = 1.10$ p.p.m. known from spectrum (Fig.1,b) have been used for estimating of anisotropy of the other bonds. According to the structure II the values $\Delta\chi_{\text{S-O}}=13 \times 10^{-6} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ mole}^{-1}$, $\Delta\chi_{\text{C-O}}=9 \times 10^{-6} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ mole}^{-1}$ have been obtained. In case of I we get less satisfactory results. Van-der-Vaal's radii of atoms do not contradict structure II. PMR spectra of this compound have been investigated at different temperature. No changes in spectra have been found.

Propanedio l-1,3 sulphite (Fig. 1,c). Calculations using the information concerning the moleculars of the preceding compounds show that anisotropy of all bonds shift the resonance H_e protons 1.44 p.p.m. to the lower field if compared to H_a protons but the influence of the electric fields lessens this value to 1.02 p.p.m. The entire unequivalence of H'_a and H'_e protons is 0.04 p.p.m. Thus in this case we have $A_2B_2X_2$ system.

Ethylene carbonate. Calculations carried out using Narasimhan and Roger's data⁸ (i.e. $\Delta\chi'_{\text{C=O}} = \chi_{zz} - \chi_{yy} = 2.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ mole}^{-1}$, $\Delta\chi''_{\text{C=O}} = \chi_{zz} - \chi_{xx} = 6.6 \times 10^{-6} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ mole}^{-1}$) and if it is supposed that the centre of dipole be placed at terminal oxygen of C=O band, indicate that H_{cis} and H_{trans} protons are not equivalent and as far as 0.19 p.p.m. from each other, cis-protons being stronger shielded than those of trans-.

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