

Today

Sections 2.6 - 2.9

How structure affects acidity and basicity

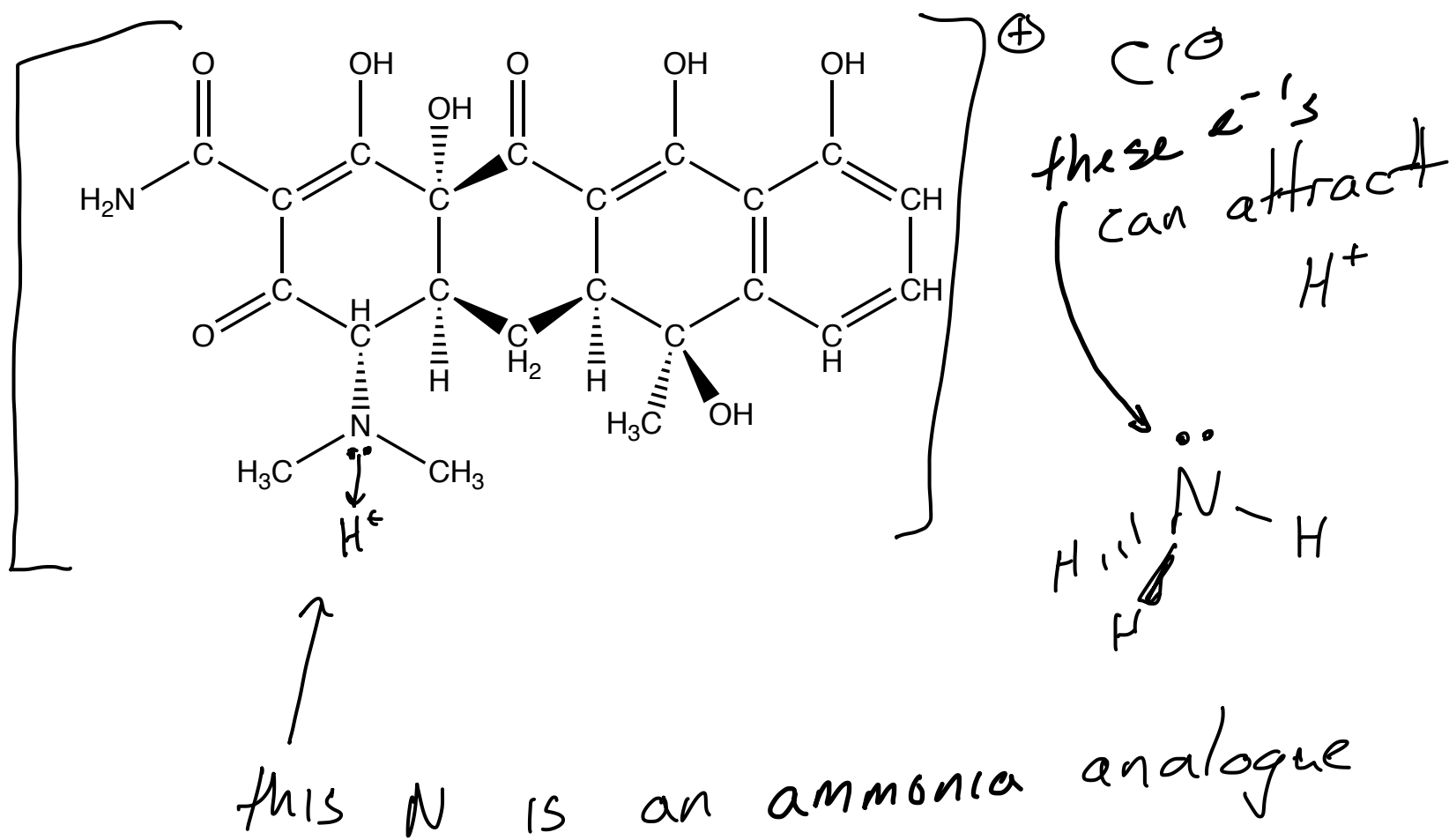
Next Class

Sections 3.1-3.3

Nomenclature of Alkanes and Cycloalkanes, Alkyl  
Halide, Ethers, and Alcohols

It is our first attempt to relate structure to reactivity using a chemistry that you have already studied.

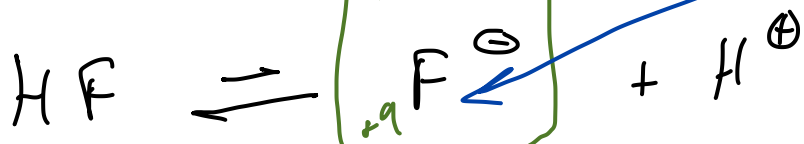
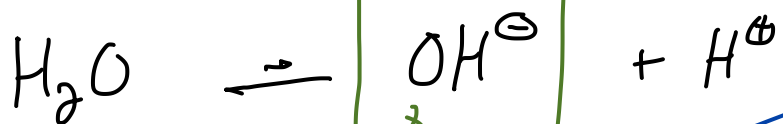
Also...



Five ways to stabilize the electrons

make these more stable and  $H^+$  will come off more easily Section 2.6 - 2.9

Same Shell More Positive Nucleus



weakest acid  
all the  $\ominus$  charged atoms are using the  $n=2$  valence shell

more positive nucleus  
stabilizes conjugate base

strongest acid

the weaker the conjugate base the stronger the acid

$CH_4, \sim 50$     $NH_3, \sim 36$     $H_2O, 15.6$     $HF, 3.18$

HCl

Four ways to stabilize the electrons

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Same Column Larger Valence Shell

$n=2$

3, 18



-7



-9



-10

concentrated charge  
is higher in E  
less stable  
more reactive  
than diffuse  
charge

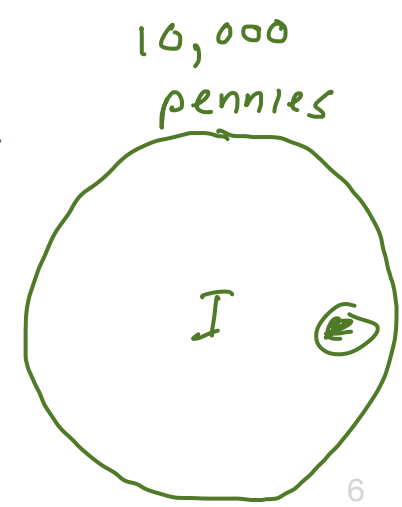
$n=5$

highest  $\oplus$  charge  
but  $e^{-}$ 's are also  
diffuse  
most diffuse  
 $e^{-}$ 's

HF, 3.18    HCl, -7    HBr, -9    HI, -10



#100 bill



## Stabilizing electrons by spreading them out

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Same Column Larger Valence Shell

HF, 3.18      HCl, -7                  HBr, -9                  HI, -10

Size

Stabilizing electrons by spreading them out

by resonance

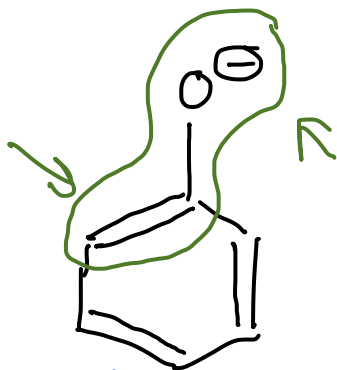
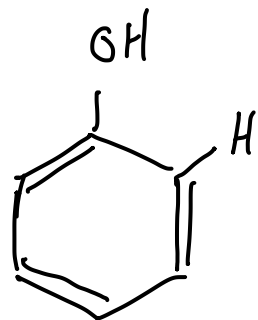
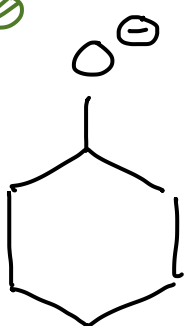
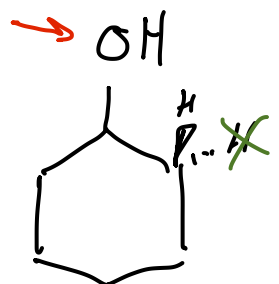
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Resonance  
cyclohexanol, 16.0

stronger  
phenol, 10.0

16

10

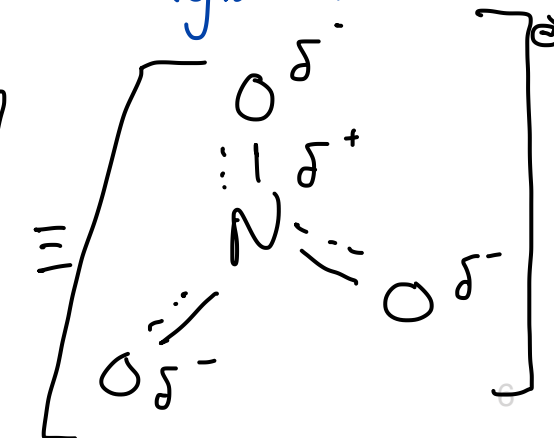
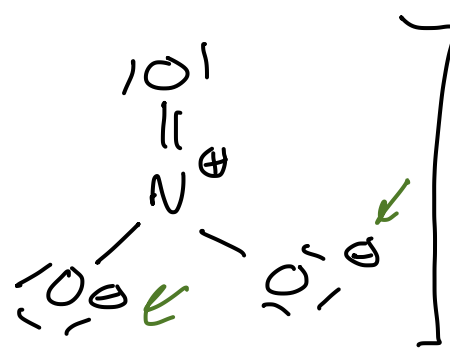
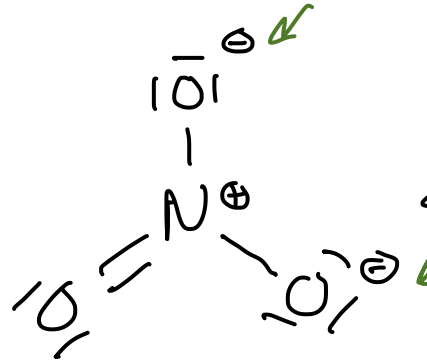
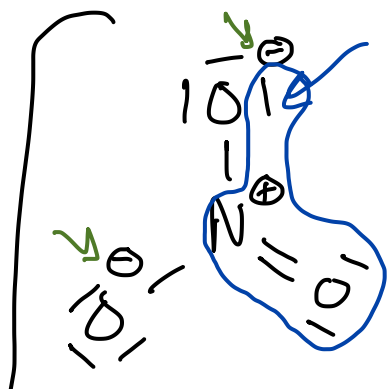


resonance contributors

$e^-$ 's are stuck here on the O atom

$H^+$   
the  $e^-$ 's on the O atom are part of the delocalized  $\pi$  system

resonance hybrid



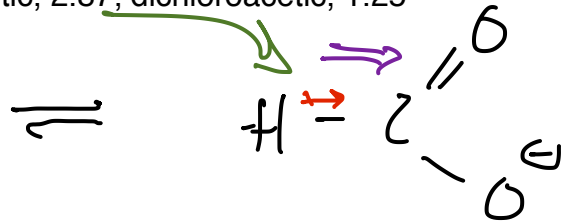
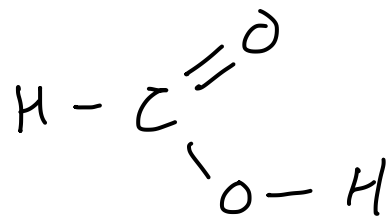
Stabilizing electrons by spreading them out

Inductive effect  
a dipole can induce

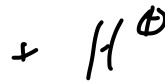
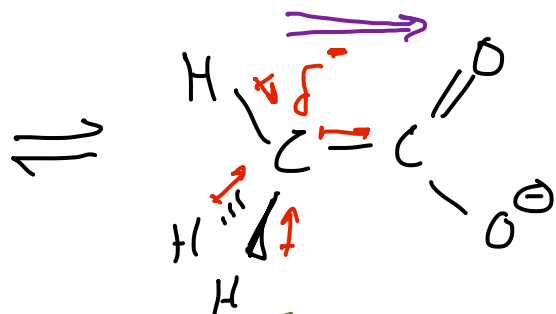
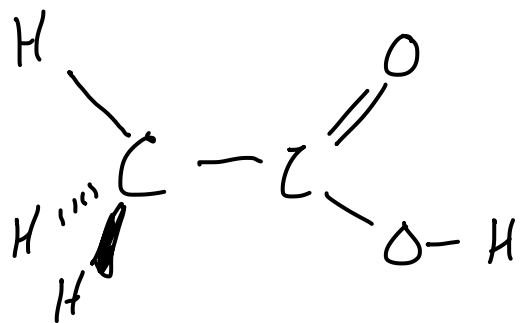
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Inductive Effect

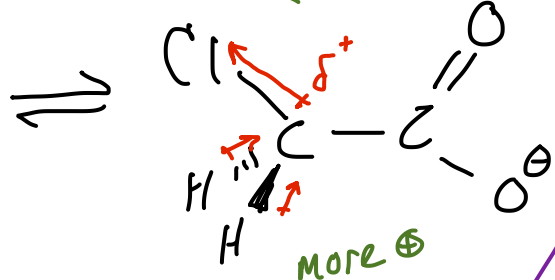
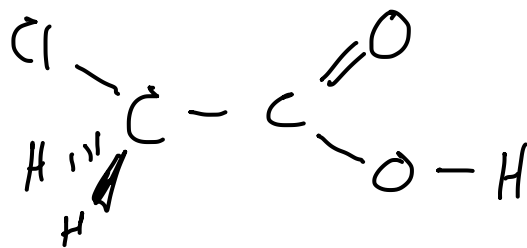
acetic, 4.76; formic, 3.75; chloroacetic, 2.87; dichloroacetic, 1.25



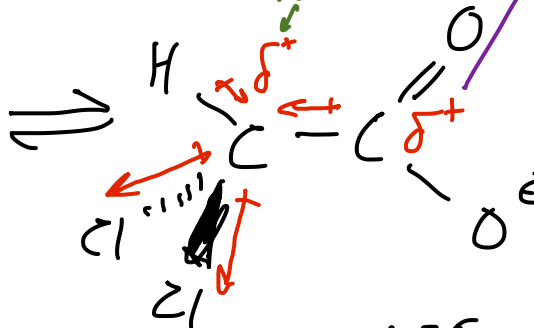
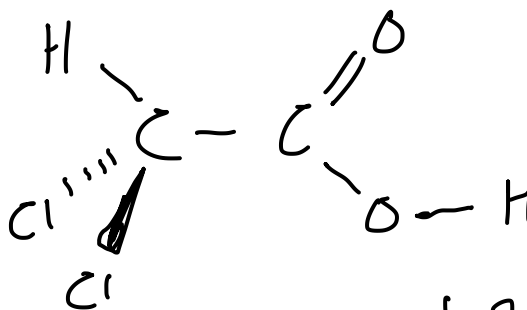
a secondary dipole



this partial  $\oplus$  charge stabilizes the  $\ominus$  on the O



the Cl's create a dipole and cause the C to become  $\oplus$



The  $\oplus$  C atom will now attract  $e^-$  from its neighbor, inducing a dipole

1.25

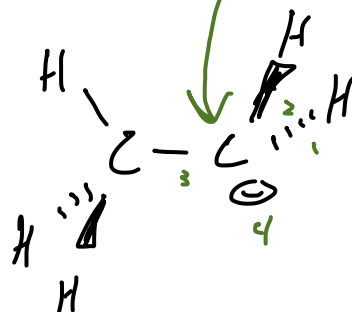
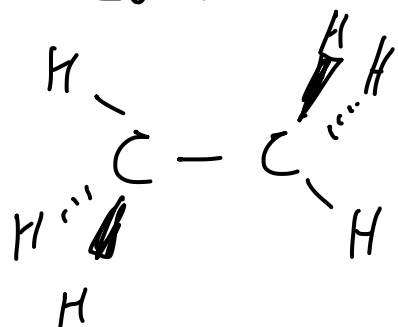
$K_a = 10^{-1.25}$

# Hybridization

Examine atom that bears the electrons after the  $H^+$  is lost

Compare methods of stabilization

ethane

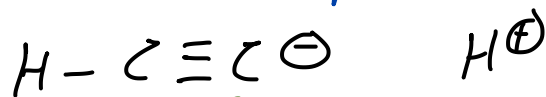


orbitals are  $sp^3$   
25% s 75% p

$H^+$

$pK_a \approx 50$

vs



$H^+$

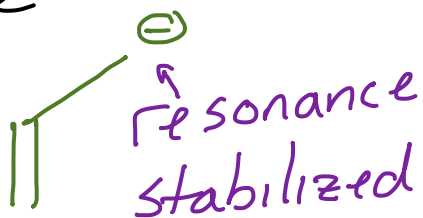
orbitals are  $sp$

not resonance stabilized

stronger acid

$pK_a \approx 25$

ethyne



50% s 50% p

\* more s character means  $e^-$  closer to nucleus so more stable



Practice: For each molecule, which proton is the most likely to be lost and for each pair, which is the stronger acid

