

## 염화페네틸의 친핵반응성에 대한 분자궤도론적 연구

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## Molecular Orbital Studies on Nucleophilic Reactivities of Phenethyl Chlorides.

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요 약 1-염화 및 2-염화 페네틸의 친핵성 반응에 대하여 분자 궤도론적 방법을 적용하여 상대적인 반응성을 연구하였다. EHT 계산에 의한 Population Analysis로 부터 할로젠 교환반응의 상대 속도를 설명할 수 있음을 밝혔으며 친핵성이 적은 Nucleophile의 경우 상대반응성이 바뀐다는 사실도 결합형성 과정이 중요하다는 것으로 이론적인 해석이 가능함을 밝혔다.

**Abstract** Nucleophilic reactivities of 1-and 2-phenethyl chlorides have been investigated MO-theoretically using the EHT method. It has been shown that results of population analysis are consistent with the experimental order of relative nucleophilic reactivities and furthermore the reversal of the reactivity order for the less reactive nucleophile,  $I^-$ , could also be explained satisfactorily.

### Introduction

The molecular orbital (MO) theory has been used successfully to account for chemical reactivities of both conjugated and saturated organic compounds. In particular Fukui and his collaborators<sup>1</sup> were able to predict reactivities of saturated carbon compounds using the extended Hückel theory (EHT) developed by Hoffmann.<sup>2</sup>

In this work we have carried out EHT calculations on 1-and 2-phenethyl chlorides to investigate theoretically the relative nucleophilic reactivities. The principal advantage of the EHT method lies in its computational sim-

plicity compared with other more sophisticated sigma MO approximation. Typically an EHT calculation on a compound of about 40 valence atomic orbitals (VAO) takes less than 3 minutes of computer time with IBM 360/50 whereas a CNDO calculation<sup>3</sup> on the same would require more than 30 minutes.

In the EHT method, MO  $\psi_j$  are constructed as a linear combination of Slater type atomic orbitals  $\phi_i$ ,

$$\psi_j = \sum_{i=1}^n C_{ij} \phi_i \quad (1)$$

where  $n$  is the number of VAO. The Slater atomic orbital is in turn given as,

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$$\phi_i = N r^{n-1} \exp(-rZ) Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi) \quad (2)$$

where  $Z$  is the orbital exponent for the atom and other terms have their usual significances.<sup>4</sup> The summation in (1) is over all valence orbitals thought to be of importance, namely the 1s orbital for hydrogen, 2s, 2p<sub>x</sub>, 2p<sub>y</sub> and 2p<sub>z</sub> orbitals for the second row elements, and 3s, 3p<sub>x</sub>, 3p<sub>y</sub> and 3p<sub>z</sub> orbitals for the third row elements. The usual secular equation (3) is then solved with approximations

$$\sum_{i=1}^m (H_{ij} - ES_{ij}) C_{ij} = 0, \quad j=1, 2, \dots, m. \quad (3)$$

that the Coulomb integral  $H_{ii}$  is equal to the negative of valence state ionization potential (VSIP) and the off-diagonal matrix element  $H_{ij}$  is given by<sup>5</sup>

$$H_{ij} = 0.5K(H_{ii} + H_{jj})S_{ij} \quad (4)$$

The value of  $K$  is normally taken as 1.75.

### Calculations

The computer program for EHT calculation was obtained from Quantum Chemistry Program Exchange, Indiana University, USA.

Input data in this program are the orbital exponents  $Z$ , VSIP,  $-I$ , of AO's and cartesian coordinates of atoms in the molecule.  $Z$  and  $-I$  values used in this work are summarized in Table I. The cartesian coordinates were deter-

Table I The Orbital Exponents,  $Z$  and VSIP Used.

AO	$Z^{(a)}$	VSIP (ev) <sup>(b)</sup>
H 1s	1.00	-13.60
C 2s	1.59	-21.01
2p	1.59	-11.27
Cl 3s	2.20	-25.23
3p	2.20	-13.34

(a) E. Clementi and D. L. Raimondi, *J. Chem. Phys.*, **38**, 2686 (1963).

(b) J. Hinze and H. H. Jaffe, *J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, **84**, 540 (1962).

mined by using interatomic distances and valence angles obtained from the literature.<sup>6</sup> Actual calculation was carried out with another program.<sup>7</sup> The Mulliken population analysis<sup>8</sup> has been carried out and the following MO quantities have been calculated.

Atomic Orbital Population,

$$N_r = 2 \sum_i^A \sum_j^A C_i^r C_j^r S_{ij}$$

Gross Atomic Population,

$$M_A = \sum_r^A N_r$$

Atomic Orbital Bond Population,

$$N_{rs} = 4 \sum_i^A \sum_j^B C_i^r C_j^s S_{ij}$$

Atomic Bond Population,

$$M_{AB} = \sum_r^A \sum_s^B N_{rs}$$

Valence Inactive Atomic Orbital Population,

$$P_r = 2(C_i^r)^2$$

Valence Inactive Atomic Population,

$$P_A = \sum_r^A \sum_i^A 2(C_i^r)^2$$

Formal Charge

$$Q_A = n_A - M_A$$

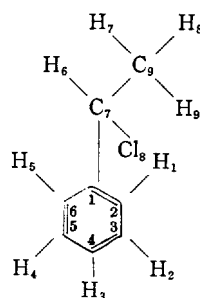
where  $C_i^r$  is the coefficient of AO  $r$  in the  $j$ -th MO,  $\sum_i^A$  signifies the summation over all the AO's of atom  $A$ , and  $n_A$  is the number of electrons in atom  $A$ .

### Results and Discussion

Results of calculations are summarized in Tables II and III, where numbering schemes for hydrogen and non-hydrogen atoms are also shown.  $\epsilon$ 's are orbital energies for the lowest unoccupied (LU) and hight occupied (HO) MO's.

The total energies of two compounds are different only by 1.2 Kcal; 1-phenethyl (1-PEC)

Table II Results for 1-Phenethyl Chloride (1-PEC)



Total Energy = -827.698 ev.  
 = -19094.973 Kcal.  
 $\epsilon^{LU} = -7.976$  ev.  
 $\epsilon^{HO} = -12.171$  ev.  
 $\Delta\epsilon = 4.195$  ev.

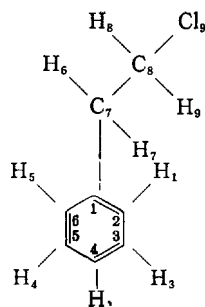
	Atomic Population					Gross	$\frac{1}{2}P_A$	$Q_A$
	Orbital							
	s	$p_x$	$p_y$	$p_z$				
H <sub>1</sub>	0.8880				0.8880	0.5907	+0.1120	
H <sub>2</sub>	0.9100				0.9100	0.6067	+0.0900	
H <sub>3</sub>	0.9099				0.9099	0.6095	+0.0901	
H <sub>4</sub>	0.9098				0.9098	0.6095	+0.0902	
H <sub>5</sub>	0.9075				0.9075	0.6067	+0.0925	
H <sub>6</sub>	0.9083				0.9083	0.6247	+0.0917	
H <sub>7</sub>	0.8828				0.8828	0.5885	+0.1172	
H <sub>8</sub>	0.8691				0.8691	0.5771	+0.1309	
H <sub>9</sub>	0.8860				0.8860	0.5928	+0.1140	
C <sub>1</sub>	1.1513	0.9217	0.9212	0.9446	3.9378	2.7498	+0.0622	
C <sub>2</sub>	1.1647	0.9957	0.9592	1.0254	4.1451	2.8677	-0.1451	
C <sub>3</sub>	1.1610	0.9355	0.9912	0.9995	4.0872	2.7859	-0.0872	
C <sub>4</sub>	1.1612	0.9780	0.9505	1.0209	4.1106	2.8133	-0.1106	
C <sub>5</sub>	1.1610	0.9774	0.9505	0.9992	4.0881	2.7877	-0.0881	
C <sub>6</sub>	1.1623	0.9435	0.9916	1.0273	4.1247	2.8323	-0.1247	
C <sub>7</sub>	1.1367	0.9203	1.0012	0.6844	3.7426	2.4668	+0.2574	
Cl <sub>8</sub>	1.8384	1.9463	1.9820	1.5521	7.3189	7.1391	-0.3189	
C <sub>9</sub>	1.1595	1.0457	1.0814	1.0833	4.3698	2.9105	-0.3698	

being more stable than 2-phenethyl (2-PEC). The ortho and para carbon atoms of the benzene ring have excess electron population over the meta position and these excess electrons are mainly placed on  $\pi$  orbitals. Thus according to this EHT calculation, the chloroethyl group is a weak electron donating substituent.

Chlorine atoms have a formal charge of -0.32 and the excess electron population on this atom are mostly valence inactive. This means that

C-Cl bond has high polarity and covalent nature of the linkage is relatively weak. This is also shown in the  $M_{AB}$  values of C-Cl bonds which are given with other values of interest in Table IV. It can be seen from this Table that  $M_{C-Cl}$  values are particularly low compared with other  $M_{AB}$  values. In comparing two similar reactions we are more or less obliged to assume that changes in solvation energy are the same, because of the complexity of solvent effects.

Table III Results for 2-Phenethyl Chloride (2-PEC)



Total Energy = -827.646 ev.

= -19093.785 Kcal.

 $\epsilon^{LU} = -7.978$  ev.

 $\epsilon^{HO} = -12.151$  ev.

 $\Delta\epsilon = 4.173$  ev.

	Atomic Population					$\frac{1}{2}P_A$	$Q_A$
	Orbital				Gross		
	$s$	$p_x$	$p_y$	$p_z$			
H <sub>1</sub>	0.8878				0.8878	0.5906	+0.1122
H <sub>2</sub>	0.9101				0.9101	0.6097	+0.0899
H <sub>3</sub>	0.9099				0.9099	0.6094	+0.0901
H <sub>4</sub>	0.9098				0.9098	0.6095	+0.0902
H <sub>5</sub>	0.9074				0.9074	0.6066	+0.0926
H <sub>6</sub>	0.8911				0.8911	0.6080	+0.1089
H <sub>7</sub>	0.8795				0.8795	0.5922	+0.1205
H <sub>8</sub>	0.8989				0.8989	0.6052	+0.1011
H <sub>9</sub>	0.8829				0.9929	0.5902	+0.1171
C <sub>1</sub>	1.1524	0.9051	0.9173	0.9222	3.8970	2.6956	+0.1030
C <sub>2</sub>	1.1651	0.9958	0.9605	1.0459	4.1674	2.8916	-0.1674
C <sub>3</sub>	1.1610	0.9353	0.9912	0.9977	4.0852	2.7833	-0.0852
C <sub>4</sub>	1.1612	0.9780	0.9505	1.0368	4.1266	2.8309	-0.1266
C <sub>5</sub>	1.1610	0.9770	0.9503	0.9982	4.0866	2.7852	-0.0866
C <sub>6</sub>	1.1625	0.9446	0.9916	1.0451	4.1438	2.8549	-0.1438
C <sub>7</sub>	1.1508	0.9784	1.0186	1.0489	4.1966	2.8237	-0.1966
C <sub>8</sub>	1.1498	0.7298	0.9432	1.0657	3.8884	2.5375	+0.1116
Cl <sub>9</sub>	1.8376	1.6244	1.8680	1.9970	7.3270	7.1468	-0.3270

Therefore it has been stated<sup>9</sup> that electronic theories only predict the reactivity in a vacuum at absolute zero where  $\Delta G^\ddagger = \Delta H^\ddagger$ . The solvation effect of 1-PEC and 2-PEC may not differ significantly and this assumption is probably a safe one. The various molecular orbital approaches have been used in predicting reactivities and these can be classified into polarized state and activated state approximations.<sup>9</sup> Their activity indices used in the first category are

charge, self-polarizability and free valence while those in the second are localization energy, reactivity number and frontier electron densities. In this work we will only be concerned with those reactivity parameters which are normally derived from the EHT analysis.

Table V shows the AO coefficients of C and Cl atoms which are broken in the nucleophilic attack. The LU levels are shown to be strong antibonding nature and this nature is stronger



Table VI Rate Constants,  $k_{ss}$ , of Reactions in Acetone  $\text{RCl} + \text{X}^- \rightarrow \text{RX} + \text{Cl}^-$

RCl	$\text{X}^- (k \times 10^4)$		
	$\text{Cl}^-$	$\text{Br}^-$	$\text{I}^-$
1-PEC	5.91	1.34	0.87
2-PEC	9.00	1.46	0.50

Thus bond formation will be easier in the case of 1-PEC than 2-PEC and rate will be faster accordingly. This is the reverse reactivity order to those obtained by activated state approximations above.

Halogen exchange reactions in acetone are typical  $\text{S}_\text{N}2$  reactions and best suited to test the predictions derived in this work. The experimental data clearly distinguish the above possibilities and the predictions of opposite reactivity order are exactly borne out.

The exchange reaction rate constants in Table VI<sup>(11)</sup> shows that for the nucleophiles of relatively large nucleophilicity,  $\text{Cl}^-$  and  $\text{Br}^-$ , the reactivity order is  $k_2\text{-PEC} > k_1\text{-PEC}$ , while for the less reactive  $\text{I}^-$ , it is reversed to  $k_1\text{-PEC} > k_2\text{-PEC}$ .

This is in good accord with our MO theoretical predictions derived in this work.

In conclusion, the EHT analysis of nucleophilic reactivities of phenethyl chlorides can provide the correct prediction of relative reactivity and can even correctly predict the reversal of reactivity order for the less reactive nucleophile.

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