MS.06.08.04 HYDROGEN-BOND PATTERN FUNCTIONALITY AND GRAPH SETS. J. Bernstein, Department of Chemistry, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer Sheva, Israel 84996, and R. E. Davis, Department of Chemistry, University of Texas, Austin, TX 78712, U.S.A.

One of the most promising approaches for defining and understanding hydrogenbond patterns in crystals and multimolecular arrays was developed by the late M.C. Etter (1990), who applied a shorthand graph theory to recognize, summarize, and then to utilize patterns of hydrogen bonding. There has been an increasing use and recognition of the power of the method, and the very formalism of the procedure has led to new insights about characterizing and classifying arrays of molecules (Bernstein et al., 1995). This efficient shorthand notation for describing hydrogenbonded networks makes the patterns easy to describe, compare and recall, and a new language describing the structures of macro- and macromolecular ensembles is emerging.

In the course of developing and refining this new language we have come to recognize the existence of hydrogen-bond pattern functionality that is based on properties of molecular recognition dictated by the characteristics of hydrogen bonding but that cuts across traditional lines of chemical functionality. For instance, the ring pattern commonly associated with the carboxylic acids, I, has been found for eighty different combinations (i.e. chemical functional groups, II = AA = any atom, D = hydrogen bond donor, A = hydrogen bond acceptor), thus demonstrating how this hydrogenbond pattern functionality crosses the boundaries of traditional chemical group functionality.

We will review the basics tenets of the use of graph sets to characterize hydrogen-bond networks, and will provide examples demonstrating the recognition and potential use of hydrogen-bond pattern functionality.


MS06.08.05 INTERMOLECULAR INTERACTIONS IN CHIRAL-AT-METAL COMPLEXES - CHIRALITY CHANGES AT THE CRYSTALLIZATION PROCESS. F.J. Lahoz and R. Atencio, Departamento de Química Inorgánica, Instituto de Ciencia de Materiales de Aragón, Facultad de Ciencias, Universidad de Zaragoza, 50009 Zaragoza, Spain.

In the course of our studies on transition metal complexes with chiral metal centers we have been surprised by the occurrence of anomerization processes (chirality changes at the metal center) associated to the crystallization process. Furthermore, in some cases, the ratio between diastereoisomers observed in solution is dramatically altered upon crystallization, with the unique presence, in the solid state, of the minor-in-solution diastereoisomer. Here we present a detailed analysis of the intra and inter-molecular interactions of these chiral-at-metal complexes in a search of the factors that control the different stability of diastereoisomers in solution and in the solid state.

The studied complexes are new non-nuclear neutral or nonionic species of the type [Cp*M(phen),] containing Rh or Ir as chiral metal centers. They all present a bonded C5Mes group (C5*) as a fixed ligand to restrict the synthetic processes. The asymmetry of the complexes is related to the N,O-quatlele coordination of a chiral aminocoumaride (aa = L-proline, L-valinate, etc.), the third ligand L varies among different neutral or anionic N, P or C donor groups.

The crystal structures have been investigated by means of empirical packing potential calculations, van der Waals volume analysis and computer graphics. In general, the packing of these complexes seems to be fundamentally controlled by the steric effects associated to the C5Mes groups. In most of the cases, a columnar arrangement of the molecules around a helical axis has been observed, always with an external and parallel-to-the-axis disposition of the C5* rings. No significant hydrogen bonding has been detected.

Additionally, the influence of the different metal center has been considered and a comparison between two analogous complexes [Cp*M(L-valinate)(PF6)] (M = Ru or Ir), only differing at the metal, has been carried out. Interestingly, both crystalline organizations show a peculiar packing based on layers formed by an intercrossing of the phenyl groups of the PF6 ligands, surprisingly in an analogous way to those observed in the free ligand or in its oxide.

MS06.08.06 THE SCOPE AND THE LIMITS OF VSEPR-THEORY AS MIRRORED BY THE STEREOCHEMISTRY OF Xe (VI). Arkady Ellerman, Konrad Seppelt, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Chemistry Dept., P.O.B. 653, Beer Sheva, Israel and Institute of Inorganic and Analytical Chemistry, FU Berlin, Germany.

Even the first reports of the molecular structure of Xe-containing compounds in the highest oxidation state, in particular XeF6, exhibited some interesting features, which could not be explained on a basis of Valence Shell Electron Pair Repulsion theory, which serves as a reliable model for predicting molecular geometry, if the coordination number 6 is not exceeded. The general question of this theory is whether to consider electron lone pairs (LP) as additional ligands.

We present low-temperature X-ray analysis of single crystals of a variety of exotic Xe (VI) derivatives [NO]2+XeF6-, Cs+XeF7-, (NO)2+XeF7-, Cs3+XeF7-·2BrF3 has been performed. The LP is stereochemically active only in the case of XeOF5- (pentagonal pyramidal configuration Cs5). The anion XeF7- possesses Cs symmetry with an Xe atom in the center of a capped octahedron. No suitable space for LP has been found. However, the bond length and angles are in accord with VSEPR.

Our re-determination of the structure of [NO]2+XeF7-·2BrF3 has shown, that the bonds in a square antiprismic anion are not regular in contrast to the isostructural Re and W derivatives. This mystery of this anomaly was solved only after obtaining the structure of Cs3+XeF7-·2BrF3, which shed light on the reliability of VSEPR for different coordination numbers.

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MS06.08.07 STRUCTURE AND REACTIVITY OF HOST-GUEST INCLUSION COMPOUNDS. Anita Coetzee, Mino R. Caira and Luigi R. Nissimbeni, Department of Chemistry, University of Cape Town, Rondebosch, 7700,South Africa, Edwin Weber and Andreas Wierig, Institut fur Organische Chemie, Technische Universitat Bergakademie Freiberg, Leipziger Strasse 29 D-09596 Freiberg, Germany.

The reactivity of a host-guest system can often be related to the crystallographic structure of the host-guest inclusion compound. The rate of guest uptake or release is of interest in the study of inclusion compounds between solid hosts and volatile guest molecules. Guest molecules are most commonly either entrapped in cavities formed by the host compound, or along channels, running through the host network. Molecules which contain the fluorene moiety have proved to be successful hosts, capable of forming inclusion compounds with a wide variety of guest. Inclusion compounds of 2,2'-bis (9-hydroxy-9-fluorenyl) biphenyl have been studied extensively. Substituting the fluorene moieties at the 2- and 7-positions with bulky groups such as halogens or p-tert-butyI, also yields successful compounds, which are often stabilised by hydrogen bonding between host and guest. The structures of the inclusion compounds of related host molecules with acetone have been elucidated and the kinetics of desolvation have been studied, using isothermal thermogravimetry.