Xe in cryptophane cages



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- Temperature dependence of Xe @cryptoA
- Xe isotope shifts upon deuteration of cage

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Xe as a biosensor

(Pines, Wemmer, et al. 2001)



¹²⁹Xe ppm

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Multiplexing



chemical shift

The cryptophanes

- Two cyclotriveratrylene bowls
- Connected by aliphatic linker (CH₂)_n
- n=2 Cryptophane-A (cryptoA)
- n=3 Cryptophane-E (cryptoE)
- n=2,2,3 Cryptophane-223
- n=2,3,3 Cryptophane-233



To calculate average Xe chemical shifts we need:

- Solution structures of cryptophanes-A, -223, -233, and -E
- Suitable fragment for *ab initio* calculations of xenon shielding surface
- Reasonable set of potential functions





The average structure of Xe@cryptoA to be used for Monte Carlo simulations



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σ(Xe): DFT vs. Hartree-Fock



 Electron correlation is necessary to properly describe xenon shielding response to electronic environment of the bowl.
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 For many Xe locations, Hartree-Fock leads to Xe that is shielded compared to free atom, contrary to experiment!

Xe interacting with aromatic systems



- •Electron correlation is necessary to properly describe Xe@benzene
- Ring currents (probed by neutron) do not fully account for the Xe shielding response
- Even with electron correlation a small positive shielding is found at intermediate distances



Xe shielding surface calculations in the model fragment

- Single cyclotriveratrylene
- Hartree-Fock and DFT (B3LYP)

- 6-311G** basis set on C, O, and H atoms
- 240 basis functions on Xe atom

5-site representation of the shielding surface



Representation of ab initio values by site-site shielding functions

Ab initio points fit to the following site-site functional form:



The Xe shielding surface for Xe@cryptoA



One-body distribution function for Xe@cryptoA from Monte Carlo simulations



Monte Carlo average shielding for Xe@cryptoA

 $\delta(ppm)$ relative to free Xe atom



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Temperature dependence of Xe@cryptoA not including cage deformation





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Average structures of Xe@cryptoA and Xe@cryptoE



Average structure of Xe@cryptoE arrived at using same method
The same shielding surface can be used for both cages

Xe@cryptoA vs. Xe@cryptoE

Experiment (Pines et al. 2000)*

Our MC Simulations



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Determination of the solution structures of cryptophanes-223, and -233 by molecular dynamics simulations:

Equilibration of solvent (CHCl₂)₂ at room temperature (120 molecules)
Introduce cryptophane with guest to replace 5 (CHCl₂)₂ molecules
Relax solvent around solute
Simulated all-atom annealing
MD to find low energy structure

Quantum-mechanically optimized cryptophane-A and -E structures are used to calibrate the method using guests: CH_4 , $CHCl_3$, CCl_4



¹²⁹Xe@cryptophanes



Comment on the Xe biosensor?

- Assume mechanical deformation of the cage, with no change in electronic factors
- a → b: MD of 2 cages linked by tether in the solvent
- a → c: MD of cage against a stationary polymer membrane representing the protein



Chiralization of Xe



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Comment on the Xe biosensor

- Mechanical deformation of the cage alone can account for sensing action with no change in electronic factors
- Xe shifts to more positive chemical shift upon binding
- longer tether → smaller shift; shorter tether → larger shift



CONCLUSIONS

• Average structure in solution can not be obtained directly from X-Ray data

Monte Carlo simulations reproduce

a) the signs and relative magnitudes of the chemical shifts of Xe in cryptophanes-A, 223, 233, and E
b) the sign and magnitude of the temperature coefficient for Xe@cryptophane-A

c) the signs and magnitudes of the isotope effects for Xe@cryptophane-A

 Mechanism is proposed for sensing action: Upon binding, mechanical deformation of cage due to buffeting against the protein results in a smaller average inside volume for encapsulated Xe, thus a larger chemical shift; predict larger shift for shorter tether

Epilogue

Later experiments using various tether lengths prove our larger Xe shift for shorter tether prediction:



biosensor model courtesy of T. J. Lowery

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