CARBON-13 AND NITROGEN-14 NMR SPECTRA OF l-(SUBSTITUTED PHENYL)PYRIDINIUM SALTS

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The ¹³C and ¹⁴N-NMR spectra of 1M solutions of 1-(substituted phenyl)pyridinium salts (4-CH₃, 4-OCH₃, H, 4-Cl, 4-Br, 4-I, 3-NO₂, 4-NO₂, 2,4-(NO₂)₂ (the ¹³C-NMR only)) have been mea-
sured in heavy water at 30°C. The ¹³C and ¹⁴N chemical shifts, the ¹*J*(CH) coupling constants, some³ *J*(CH) coupling constants, and values of half-widths Δ 1/2 of the ¹⁴N-NMR signals are given. The ¹³C chemical shifts of C₍₄₎ correlate with the σ^0 constants ($\delta C_{(4)} = (1.79 \pm 0.097) \sigma^0$ $+$ (147.67 \pm 0.041)), whereas no correlation of the nitrogen chemical shifts with the σ constants has been found. The half-widths Δ 1/2 correlate with the σ^0 constants (Δ 1/2 = (76.2 + 4.9) σ^0 + $+$ (106 \cdot 4 $+$ 2 \cdot 2)) except for 1-phenylpyridinium chloride.

Pyridinium salts were often studied by NMR spectroscopy. The compounds C_5H_5NR were studied by ¹³C-NMR spectroscopy $(R = H (ref.^1), CH_3 (ref.^2),$ $O^{(-)}$ (ref.^{3,4}) and by means of nitrogen NMR spectroscopy ($R = H$ (ref.⁵), CH₃ $(ref.^6)$, C_2H_5 (ref.⁷), $O^{(-)}$ (ref.^{4,8}), OH (ref.⁹), BR₃ (ref.¹⁰). So far only little attention has been paid to salts carrying phenyl group at nitrogen. Takeuchi and Dennis² measured the 13C_NMR spectra of I-phenyl-3-hydroxypyridinium chloride *(I)* and I-phenylpyridinium-3-0Iate *(II).*

This paper gives results of a study of l-(substituted phenyl)pyridinium salts *III* by means of 13C and 14N-NMR spectroscopy. The aim of the work was to establish the substituent effects on the 13 C chemical shifts and 14 N-NMR parameters.

EXPERIMENTAL

The used l-(phenyl, 4-methyl-, 4-methoxy-, 4-chloro-, 4-bromo-, 4-iodo, 2,4-dinitrophenyl)pyridinium chlorides and 1-(3-nitro-, 4-nitrophenyl)pyridinium bromides were prepared according to ref.¹¹. 1-Methyl- and 1-ethylpyridinium salts were prepared by reaction of the respective alkyl iodides with pyridine in benzene¹², and 1-pyridinium trifluoroacetate was prepared by mixing equimolar amounts of pyridine and trifiuoroacetic acid in heavy water.

The 13° C and 14° N-NMR spectra were obtained at 25:047 and 7:196 MHz, respectively, using a JNM-FX 100 (JEOL) spectrometer equipped with a multinuclear probe and working in the FT mode. The spectra were recorded for 1 M solutions of the pyridinium salts in deuterium oxide and trideuteriomethanol (CD₃OH) at 30° C. The solutions were placed in 10 mm NMR test tubes and D_2O or CD_2OH were used as lock. The carbon chemical shifts were referred to external tetramethylsilane in D₂O or internal tetramethylsilane in CD₃OH, the nitrogen chemical shifts were referred to external neat nitromethane⁵. For obtaining the ¹³C chemical shifts the following parameters were used: SW 5000 Hz, 8 k, PW 8 μ s (23 μ s \sim 90°), PR 3 s, proton noise decoupling. For obtaining the coupling constants: SW 1000 Hz, 8 k, PW 20 us, PR 10 s, gated decoupling. The parameters for obtaining the 14 N NMR spectra were as follows: SW 3000 Hz, 4 k, 50 µs (55 µs \sim 90°), PR 0.75 s. We used 8 k points memory for the protonated pyridine, methyl- and ethylpyridinium iodides and 1-phenylpyridinium chloride in CD_3OH .

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Tables I to III give the 13 C chemical shifts, 1 J(CH) coupling constants and some $3J(CH)$ coupling constants for 1-(substituted phenyl)pyridinium salts. The assignment was carried out on the basis of comparison of the decoupled and coupled spectra, by means of the substituent effects¹³ and by comparison with the published

TABLE 1

Carbon-13 Chemical Shifts (in ppm from external tetramethylsilane, ± 0.05 ppm) for Solution of 1-(Substituted Phenyl)pyridinium Salts in $D_2O(1 \text{ mol}^{-1})$

	X Y	C(2)	C(3)		$C(4)$ $C(1')$ $C(2')$ $C(3')$ $C(4')$ $C(5')$			C(6')
	Cl 4'-CH ₃ ^a				145.02 129.48 147.46 141.26 124.75 132.10 143.51 132.10 124.75			
	Cl $4'$ -OCH ₃ ^b				145.22 129.52 147.36 137.12 126.65 116.81 162.22 116.81 126.65			
Cl H					145.26 129.48 147.75 143.66 125.14 131.67 132.64 131.67 125.14			
	Cl 4'-Cl				145.36 129.67 148.14 142.29 126.84 131.71 138.20 131.71 126.84			
	Cl 4'-Br				145-31 129-76 148-23 142-78 127-09 134-78 126-60 134-78 127-09			
	Cl 4'-I				145.26 129.82 148.28 145.26 127.04 140.83 99.16 140.83 127.04			
	Br 3'-NO ₂				145-70 129-72 148-82 143-95 121-34 149-51 127-43 133-13 132-06			
	Br 4'-NO ₂							145.61 129.91 149.16 147.89 127.43 ^c 127.14 ^c 150.18 127.14 ^c 127.43 ^c
	Cl 2', 4'-(NO ₂) ₂				146.58 129.72 150.43 139.85 143.95 123.72 150.62 131.96 132.64			

 $^a \delta\text{CH}_3$ = 21.54; $^b \delta\text{OCH}_3$ = 57.21; ^c the assignment can be opposite.

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carbon chemical shifts of 1-phenyl-3-hydroxypyridinium chloride (I) and 1-phenylpyridinium-3-0Iate *(II).* In contrast to pyridine (the 1M solution was measured under the same experimental conditions: $\delta(C2) = 149.36$; $\delta(C3) = 125.33$; $\delta(C4) =$ = 138.39), the absorption of C₍₄₎ is shifted downfield as compared with C₍₂₎. Values of the chemical shifts of $C_{(4)}$ of the pyridine nucleus are also affected by the benzene

TABLE II Coupling Constants ¹ *J(CH)* (in Hz) for 1-(Substituted Phenyl)pyridinium Salts in D₂O

 $a^2 \pm 0.6$ Hz; $b^2 \pm 0.3$ Hz; c^2 J/CH_3) = 127.2 Hz; d^2 $JOCH_3$) = 145.6 Hz; e^2 $J/C4$ H) = 164.6 Hz $f^{-1}J(C4' H) = 173.1 Hz$.

TABLE III

Coupling Constants $3J$ (CH) for 1-(Substituted Phenyl)pyridinium Salts in D₂O

 $a^2 \pm 0.5$ Hz; $b^2 \pm 0.3$ Hz; $c^3 J(C9' H) = 8.0$; 4.9 Hz; $c^3 J(C7' H) = 7.8$; 4.4 Hz; $d^3 J(C5' H) =$ $= 5.4$ Hz.

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ring substituents more than those of $C_{(2)}$, and they correlate with the σ^0 constants according to Eq. (1) :

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\delta(C4) = (1.79 \pm 0.097) \sigma^0 + (147.67 \pm 0.041), r = 0.9913.
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 (1)

From Eq. (1) we calculated for the 2,4-dinitro derivative the value $\sigma^0 = 1.55$ which approximately equals 2 . $\sigma_{4-\text{NO}}^0$, (i.e. 2 . 0.808). For C₍₂₎ there exists a similar dependence on σ^0 , however, difference in the chemical shifts of C₍₂₎ is 0.68 ppm only, and the error \pm 0.05 ppm affects the correlation ($r = 0.9260$). Recently the reaction rates of 1-(substituted phenyl)pyridinium salts with nucleophiles were measured $14 - 16$. The rate constants of the attack at 2 or 4 positions correlate with the σ^0 constants, too.

For the individual carbon atoms of the benzene ring of l-(substituted phenyl) pyridinium salts we calculated the substitution chemical shifts with respect to 1-phenylpyridinium chloride and compared them with the values of these shifts of the monosubstituted benzenes¹³. In the case of the 4-substituted phenyl derivatives the absolute values of the differences between the published¹³ and the calculated substitution chemical shifts for $C_{(1)}-C_{(3)}$ were less than 1.1 ppm, those of $C_{(4)}$ were less than 2.5 ppm. The same situation was encountered with the 3-nitro derivative (the difference for $C_{(3')}$ was 2.2 ppm, for the other it was less than 1.1 ppm). With 2,4-dinitro derivative the greatest difference (3.5 ppm) was found for $C_{(1')}$. The ¹³C chemical shifts of C₍₄₎ of monosubstituted benzenes correlate very well with the σ^+ constants¹⁷. Changes in the ¹³C chemical shifts for C_(1') of 1-(4-substituted phenyl)pyridinium salts can also be expressed by σ^+ better than by σ^0 , but the correlation coefficient is low $(r = 0.9515)$.

TABLE **IV**

Nitrogen-14 NMR Parameters (δ in ppm from External Neat Nitromethane, ± 0.3 ppm; $\Delta_{1/2}$ in Hz, $\pm 4\%$) for Solutions of 1-(Substituted Phenyl)pyridinium Salts in D₂O (l mol 1⁻¹)

The ¹⁴N chemical shifts and the half-widths of the nitrogen signals ($\Delta 1/2$) are given in Table IV along with the σ^0 constants¹⁸ used for the correlations in this paper. The upfield shifts are taken as positive (screening-constant scale¹⁹). For comparison of the derivatives C_5H_5NR we measured the ¹³C and ¹⁴N chemical shifts of the compounds with $R = H$, CH₃, C₂H₅ in D₂O (Table V). The ¹⁴N chemical shifts for $R = H$ and CH₃ are practically identical (the α effect²⁰). The difference in the $14N$ chemical shifts for 1-methyl- and 1-ethylpyridinium iodides (14.2 ppm) corresponds to the β effect²⁰ (δ (CH₃NO₂) – δ (C₂H₃NO₂) = 12; δ (CH₃NH₂) – $- \delta(C_2H_1NH_2) = 19)^{21}$. The ¹⁴N chemical shifts of 1-phenylpyridinium and 1-ethylpyridinium chlorides are almost the same.The nitrogen chemical shifts of the compounds C_5H_5NR ($R = CH_3$, C_2H_5 , C_6H_5) in trideuteriomethanol only differ very little (Table V) from the values found in heavy water. Thus solvation does not markedly affect the nitrogen chemical shifts of the salts studied. Values of the ¹⁴N chemical shifts of 1-(substituted phenyl)pyridinium salts do not correlate with the σ constants. Similarly no simple correlation was observed⁸ between the $15N$ chemical shifts of alkylpyridinium salts with the calculated electron densities. The half-widths Δ 1/2 of the nitrogen signals correlate (except for Δ 1/2 of 1-phenylpyridinium chloride) with the σ^0 constants according to Eq. (2):

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\Delta 1/2 = (76.2 \pm 4.9) \sigma^0 + (106.4 \pm 2.2), \quad r = 0.9900.
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 (2)

TABLE V
The NMR Parameters of Solutions of Compounds C_5H_5NR $X^{(-)}$ in D_2O or CD_3OH (1 mol 1⁻¹) Carbon-13 chemical shifts in ppm from external tetramethylsilane in $D₂O$ or from internal tetramethylsilane in CD₃OH; \pm 0⁻05 ppm. Nitrogen-14 NMR parameters: δ in ppm from external neat nitromethane; ± 0.1 ppm and $A_{1/2}$ in Hz; ± 1 Hz.

 $a^2 \delta(CH_3) = 50.04$; $b^3 \delta(CH_3) = 80.29$; $c^2 \delta(CH_2) = 58.62$; $\delta(CH_3) = 17.30$; $d^3 \delta(CH_2) = 59.24$, δ (CH₃) = 17.82; e δ (C1') = 145.09, δ (C2') = 126.34, δ (C 3') = 132.48, δ (C4') = 133.46.

The half-width Δ 1/2 of 1-phenylpyridinium chloride is markedly smaller, which can be due to different influence on the η value (the η value describes deviation of the gradient of electric field from axial symmetry) exerted by the proton at 4' position .as compared with the other substituents or to various contributions of different relaxation mechanisms.

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