

from cyclohexane to colourless prisms (168 mg; 68.5%), m.p. 90–91° (Lit. for unlabeled compound: 90.8–91.5° [15]). The compound sublimed at 60°/0.1 Torr.

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## 31. The Derivation of Inductive Substituent Constants from $pK_a$ Values of 4-Substituted Quinuclidines.

### Polar Effects. Part I

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*Summary.* Thermodynamic  $pK_a$ -values have been determined for 38 4-substituted quinuclidinium perchlorates. They are remarkably sensitive to the polar effect of the substituent and cover a range of 3.63  $pK_a$  units. Furthermore, they vary linearly and almost equally with temperature since the contribution of the  $T\Delta S^\circ$  term to the free energy of ionization is relatively small and constant. The magnitude of the polar effect of the 4-cyano group varies with the solvent and appears to depend on its ability to form hydrogen bonds to the substituent rather than its dielectric constant.

New inductive substituent constants  $\sigma_I^q$  are derived from the  $pK_a$  values. Their correlation with known inductive constants is only fair or unsatisfactory, especially as regards the relative order of hydrogen and the alkyl groups. The discrepancies can be ascribed mainly to the different models used to derive the substituent constants.

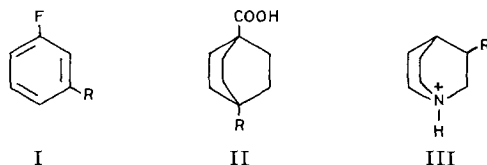
Several methods have been developed for the quantitative determination of polar substituent effects on the reactivity (rates and equilibria) at a non-conjugating reaction center.

Of these methods one due to *Taft* [1] has been most widely used. It is based on measurements of differences of hydrolysis rates of substituted and unsubstituted esters under acidic and alkaline conditions. The polar substituent constants  $\sigma^*$  obtained in this way are proportional to *Taft's* inductive constants  $\sigma_I^1$  and are assumed to be devoid of contributions from steric and conjugative effects, a view which has been questioned by *Shorter* [2] and, more recently, by *Charton* [3].

A second method, also due to *Taft* [4], is based on the chemical shifts of  $^{19}\text{F}$  in the NMR.-spectra of meta-substituted fluorobenzenes (I). These shifts correlate well with *Taft's*  $\sigma_I$  constants and are practically independent of the solvent.

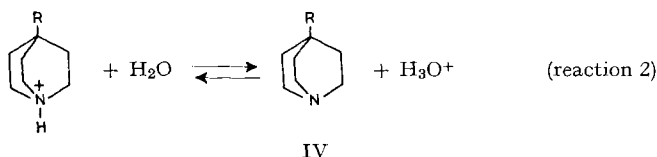


Using a more direct approach *Charton* has derived 'inductive' substituent constants  $\sigma_I$  from  $\text{p}K_a$  values of substituted acetic acids in water (reaction 1) [5]. Although satisfactory for small substituents, the method is considered to be unreliable when bulky groups hinder the solvation of the carboxylate ion [2]. Furthermore, the relative acidities of carboxylic acids are frequently temperature dependent because of the large contribution of the entropy term to the free energy of ionization [6].



Some of these defects are absent in rigid highly symmetrical acids, such as the 4-substituted bicyclo[2.2.2]octane carboxylic acids (II) of *Roberts* [7]. However, in these compounds substituent effects tend to be attenuated due to the large number of intervening bonds. Thus, the  $\text{p}K_a$  of II, where  $\text{R} = \text{H}$  and  $\text{COOC}_2\text{H}_5$ , respectively, differ by less than 0.5 units and those of the 4-alkyl derivatives are practically indistinguishable [8].

Much stronger responses to substituents are observed in the  $\text{p}K_a$  of 3-substituted quinuclidinium salts (III) which were measured in this laboratory [9]. However, free rotation of unsymmetrical substituents R, such as  $\text{COCH}_3$  and  $\text{CONH}_2$ , leads to varying dipole orientations and, therefore, no definite conclusions concerning the magnitude of polar substituent effects can be drawn from these measurements.



Most of the shortcomings of present methods for determining polar or inductive substituent effects are absent in 4-substituted quinuclidines (IV) (reaction 2) and it has been recognized for some time that these highly symmetrical and sufficiently

<sup>1)</sup>  $\sigma_I = 0.45 \sigma^*$

Table 1. Thermodynamic  $pK_a$ -values for 4-R-quinuclidinium-perchlorates in water at 25.0 °C

Nr.	R	$pK_a^T$	$\pm s^a)$	$N^b)$	$\sigma_I^{q,e)}$
1	H	11.12	0.017	8	-
2	CH <sub>3</sub>	11.01	0.002	2	0.11
3	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	11.09	0.004	2	0.03
4	<i>i</i> -C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub>	11.20	0.004	2	-0.08
5	<i>t</i> -C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub>	11.27	0.004	3	-0.15
6	CH <sub>2</sub> OH	10.46	0.003	2	0.66
7	CH <sub>2</sub> OCH <sub>3</sub>	10.46	0.014	2	0.66
8	CH <sub>2</sub> OCOCH <sub>3</sub>	10.24	0.012	2	0.88
9	CH <sub>2</sub> OSO <sub>2</sub> C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> - <i>p</i>	9.84	0.003	2	1.28
10	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl	10.15	0.003	2	0.97
11	CH <sub>2</sub> Br	10.10	0.016	2	1.02
12	CH <sub>2</sub> J	10.08	0.008	2	1.04
13	CH(OH) <sub>2</sub>	9.89	0.011	2	1.23
14	CH=CH <sub>2</sub>	10.56	0.008	2	0.56
15	C(CH <sub>3</sub> )=CH <sub>2</sub>	10.52	0.007	5	0.60
16	C≡CH	9.48	0.015	2	1.64
17	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	10.18	0.015	2	0.94
18	COO <sup>-d)</sup>	10.54	0.016	3	0.58
19	COOCH <sub>3</sub>	9.42	0.007	2	1.70
20	COOC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	9.42	0.003	2	1.70
21	COCH <sub>3</sub>	9.43	0.005	3	1.69
22	CONH <sub>2</sub>	9.34	0.002	2	1.78
23	CN	8.08	0.015	5	3.04
24	NH <sub>2</sub> <sup>e)</sup>	10.14	0.013	2	0.98
25	NHCH <sub>3</sub> <sup>e)</sup>	10.32	0.017	2	0.80
26	N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> <sup>e)</sup>	10.15	0.030	2	0.97
27	NHCOCH <sub>3</sub>	9.54	0.005	2	1.58
28	NHCOOC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	9.56	0.015	2	1.56
29	NO <sub>2</sub>	7.64	0.013	2	3.48
30	OH	9.44	0.013	2	1.68
31	OCH <sub>3</sub>	9.31	0.011	2	1.81
32	OCOCH <sub>3</sub>	9.00	0.014	2	2.12
33	SCH <sub>3</sub> <sup>f)</sup>	9.46	0.005	2	1.66
34	SO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>	7.89	0.035	2	3.23
35	F	8.55	0.008	3	2.57 <sup>g)</sup>
36	Cl	8.61	0.001	2	2.51
37	Br	8.47	0.011	4	2.65
38	J	8.78	0.001	2	2.34

a) Standard deviation.

b) Number of titrations.

c)  $\sigma_I^q = pK_a^H - pK_a^R$ .

d) The  $pK_a$  of the COOH group in the hydroperchlorate is  $3.54 \pm 0.021$ .

e) The  $pK_a$ -values of the three di-hydroperchlorates are  $6.79 (\pm 0.001)$ ,  $6.91 (\pm 0.001)$  and  $6.41 (\pm 0.004)$ , respectively.

f) The  $pK_a$  of quinuclidine-4-thiol [12f] could not be determined accurately because of overlapping of  $pK_a^1$  and  $pK_a^2$ .

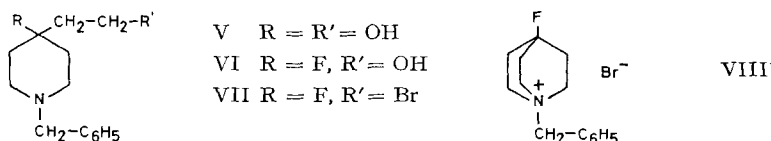
g) The constants for the halogens are possibly composite numbers (see text).

water soluble compounds should be particularly suitable for the derivation of polar substituent constants [10] [11]. Thus, although the 4-substituent is close to the reaction center (ca. 2.55 Å) it cannot interfere with solvation by a steric effect. Furthermore, its net polar effect is orientated in the axis of the molecule and is transmitted through three ethano-bridges, *i.e.* a region of low dielectric constant. The resultant effect should therefore be strong and relatively independent of the surrounding medium. Finally, reactants and products carry a single positive charge (reaction 2) and less differential solvation occurs than in the ionization of neutral acids (reaction 1). But despite the merits of 4-substituted quinuclidines their inaccessibility has presented a severe obstacle to systematic studies. Recently, a large number of new representatives has become available in this laboratory and preliminary  $pK_a$  values have been obtained [12a-f].

In this study thermodynamic, *i.e.* concentration-independent  $pK_a^T$  values for quinuclidinium perchlorate and 38 4-derivatives, including the hitherto unknown 4-fluoro-derivative, have been measured and the derived inductive substituent constants correlated with published data. Also, the effect of temperature on the  $pK_a^T$  of a selected group of quinuclidinium salts has been measured and the contribution of the enthalpy and entropy terms to the free energy of reaction (2) calculated.

Furthermore,  $pK_a$  measurements of quinuclidine and its 4-cyano-derivative in solvents of different dielectric constant have led to an evaluation of the influence of the solvent on the magnitude of the polar substituent effect. Finally, reference is made to a recent paper of *Palecek & Hlavaty* [13] who measured and discussed the  $pK_a$  of some known 4-substituted quinuclidines in mixed solvents.

**Results.** - The 4-substituted quinuclidines selected for this study are listed in Table 1 and are numbered 1-38. The hitherto unknown 4-fluoroquinuclidine (**35**) was prepared from 1-benzyl-4-hydroxy-4( $\beta$ -hydroxyethyl)-piperidine (V). The latter was converted to the tertiary fluoride VI with 100% hydrofluoric acid. Treatment of VI with thionyl bromide furnished the fluorobromide VII which cyclized to the quaternary salt VIII upon heating in benzene. Hydrogenation over palladium yielded the hydrobromide of **35** which was converted to the hydroperchlorate in the usual way.



The thermodynamic  $pK_a$  values ( $pK_a^T$ ) for the hydroperchlorates **1-38** were obtained by potentiometric titration of aqueous solutions of the salts with NaOH at 25.0°C. From the volume of added titrator and the resulting pH the  $pK_a^T$  values were calculated with equation (1) [14]

$$pK_a^T = \text{pH} + \log \frac{C_T - C_A + [\text{HO}^-] - [\text{H}^+]}{C_A - [\text{HO}^-] + [\text{H}^+]} \cdot f_{\text{HQ}^+} \quad (1)$$

where  $f_{\text{HQ}^+}$  is the activity coefficient of the quinuclidinium ion  $\text{HQ}^+$  and  $C_T$  is the sum of  $[\text{HQ}^+]$  and  $[\text{Q}]$ ,  $C_A$  is the concentration of NaOH. Equation (1) includes a

correction for dilution by the titrator and furnishes a  $pK_a^T$  value for every titration point. The activity coefficients  $f_{\text{HQ}^+}$  were calculated with the *Debye-Hückel* formula (2) [14].

$$-\log f_{\text{HQ}^+} = \frac{0.5115 \sqrt{I} \cdot z^2}{1 + 0.3291 \cdot \overset{\circ}{a} \cdot \sqrt{I}} \quad (2)$$

where  $z$  is the ionic charge,  $\overset{\circ}{a}$  is the mean interionic distance (5 Å) and  $I$  the ionic strength, *i.e.*  $0.5 \cdot \sum_i c_i \cdot z_i^2$ . For the monocationic acids  $\text{HQ}^+$   $I$  follows from equation (3):

$$I = 0.5 ([\text{Na}^+] + [\text{HQ}^+] + [\text{H}^+] + [\text{ClO}_4^-] + [\text{HO}^-]) = C_T + [\text{HO}^-] \quad (3)$$

since  $[\text{HQ}^+]$  equals  $[\text{ClO}_4^-] + [\text{HO}^-] - [\text{Na}^+] - [\text{H}^+]$  due to the balance of charges.

Since equation (1) requires concentration instead of activity terms, as obtained from pH measurements,  $[\text{H}^+]$  and  $[\text{HO}^-]$  were calculated with equation (2) by the method of successive approximations [14]. The  $f_{\text{H}^+}$  values so obtained furnish  $[\text{H}^+]$  according to (4).

$$[\text{H}^+] = \frac{10^{-\text{pH}}}{f_{\text{H}^+}} \quad (4)$$

The dicationic acids **24**, **25** and **26** have two dissociable protons and therefore two  $pK_a$  values.  $pK_a^1$  corresponds to reaction at the 4-amino group,  $pK_a^2$  to the reaction at the 1-aza position. This follows from the signal for the  $\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_2$  group ( $s$ , 6H) at 2.92 ppm in the NMR.-spectra of **26**-dihydroperchlorate in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  which undergoes a large shift of 0.63 ppm upfield upon formation of the mono-hydroperchlorate ( $\delta = 2.29$  ppm). A smaller shift upfield results upon formation of the free base **26** ( $\delta = 2.11$ ). The  $pK_a^T$  values in Table 1 pertain to  $pK_a^2$  values.  $pK_a^1$  values are included as footnotes. The latter were calculated from equation (1) by replacing  $f_{\text{QH}^+}$  with  $f_{\text{QH}_2^{++}}/f_{\text{QH}^+} = 4$ .  $pK_a^2$  is calculated with equation (5), the ionic strength  $I$  being given by (6).

$$pK_a^2 = \text{pH} + \log \frac{2 C_T - C_A + [\text{HO}^-] - [\text{H}^+]}{C_A - C_T - [\text{HO}^-] + [\text{H}^+]} \cdot f_{\text{QH}^+} \quad (5)$$

$$I = 2 C_T + [\text{HO}^-]. \quad (6)$$

The  $pK_a^T$  values were derived from 15 to 20 titration points and submitted to a *Nalimov* test [15] in order to eliminate random deviations. The results are listed in Table 1 together with the standard deviations  $s$  and the number of titrations  $N^2$ ). The agreement between the  $pK_a^T$  values and the uncorrected  $pK_a$  values reported earlier [12 c-f] is satisfactory with the exception of the values for the strongest bases **1-5**. The  $pK_a$  values measured by *Palecek & Hlavaty* [13] in 5% aqueous ethanol deviate more, *i.e.* on the average by 0.07 units.

The *temperature dependence* of the  $pK_a^T$  values for five compounds, namely **1**, **2**, **4**, **23** and **33**, was determined by measurements at 15.0°, 25.0° and 35.0° (Table 2). As shown in Fig. 1 the  $pK_a^T$  values decrease linearly with temperature. The thermodynamic functions  $\Delta G^0$ ,  $\Delta H^0$  and  $T\Delta S^0$  for reaction (2) were calculated in the usual

2) The computer programs developed for these measurements are contained in [16].

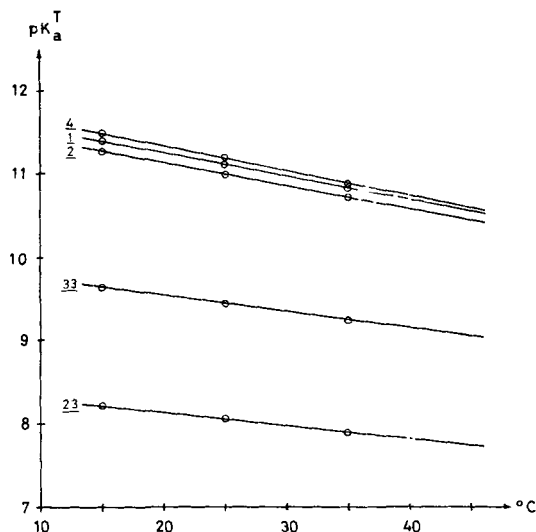

 Fig. 1. Plot of  $pK_a^T$  against temperature ( $^{\circ}C$ )

 Table 2. Temperature dependence of the  $pK_a^T$ -values for 4-R-quinuclidinium perchlorates in water

Nr.	R	15.0 $^{\circ}$	25.0 $^{\circ}$	35.0 $^{\circ}$
<b>1</b>	H	11.40	11.12	10.85
<b>2</b>	CH <sub>3</sub>	11.28	11.01	10.73
<b>4</b>	<i>i</i> -C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub>	11.49	11.20	10.90
<b>23</b>	CN	8.20	8.08	7.89
<b>33</b>	SCH <sub>3</sub>	9.64	9.46	9.25

way from the relationship  $\Delta G^0 = \Delta H^0 - T\Delta S^0 = 2.303 RT pK_a^T$  and are listed in Table 3.

 Table 3. Thermodynamic functions for the protonation equilibrium of 4-R-quinuclidinium perchlorates at 298 $^{\circ}K$  in kcal/mol

Nr.	R	$\Delta G^{\circ}$	$\Delta H^{\circ}$	$T\Delta S^{\circ}$
1	H	15.16	11.17	- 3.99
2	CH <sub>3</sub>	15.01	11.17	- 3.85
4	<i>i</i> -C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub>	15.78	11.98	- 3.87
23	CN	11.02	6.28	- 4.74
33	SCH <sub>3</sub>	12.90	7.91	- 4.99

In order to determine the dependence of substituent effect upon solvent  $pK_a$  values (uncorrected) for **1** and **23** were measured in three additional solvents of widely different dielectric constant  $\epsilon$ , i.e. 50% ethanol, 80% ethanol and 80% methyl cellosolve, according to equation (7) (Table 4).

$$pK_a^C = pH + \log [QH^+]/[Q]. \quad (7)$$

Table 4.  $pK_a^C$ -values of quinuclidine (**1**) and 4-cyanoquinuclidine (**23**) in various solvents at 25.0°C

Solvent	$\epsilon$	$pK_a^C$ <sup>a)</sup>		$\Delta pK_a^C$
		<b>1</b>	<b>23</b>	
Water <sup>b)</sup>	78	11.12	8.08	3.04
50% (w/w) ethanol	49	10.15	7.29	2.86
80% (v/v) ethanol	35	9.53	6.88	2.65
50% (w/w) methylcellosolve	33	9.52	6.93	2.59

a) Concentration constant (see eq. (7)).  
b) Thermodynamic  $pK_a$ -values were used.

The  $\epsilon$  values for the last two solvents are not reported in the literature and were therefore determined in the usual way [17] with the aid of a calibration curve obtained with solvents of known  $\epsilon$  [18]. The values of  $\Delta pK_a$  in Table 4 measure the effect of the cyano group as a function of the solvent.

**Discussion.** – The  $pK_a^T$  values listed in Table 1 cover a wide range, *i.e.* from 11.27 for the weakest acid **5** to 7.64 for the strongest **29**. Polar substituent effects are therefore strongly transmitted through the quinuclidine molecule, in fact more so than in the case of substituted acetic acids, although one more  $\sigma$ -bond intervenes between substituent and dissociable proton in the former models. Thus, the difference between the  $pK_a$  for acetic acid and its nitro-derivative is 3.08 [19], in the case of quinuclidine (**1**) and its 4-nitro-derivative it is 3.48.

The  $pK_a^T$  values for 4-substituted quinuclidines show a remarkably similar temperature dependence, as illustrated with compounds **1**, **2**, **4**, **23** and **33** in Table 2. Thus,  $pK_a^T$  values decrease linearly and in almost the same degree as the temperature is increased from 15° to 35° (Fig. 1). This is due to the fact that the enthalpy term  $\Delta H^0$  contributes mainly to the free energy  $\Delta G^0$  of ionization and hence to the polar substituent effect (Table 3). On the other hand the contribution of the entropy term  $T\Delta S^0$  is relatively small and constant. By contrast the  $pK_a$  values for substituted acetic acids are mainly determined by the entropy term [6].

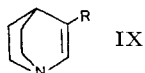
As for the  $pK_a^T$  values of compounds **1–38** (Table 1) the alkyl groups (**2–5**) are base-strengthening (or acid-weakening) in the accepted inductive order for reactions in solution [20]<sup>3)</sup>, however, with hydrogen occupying a medium position, namely  $\text{CH}_3 < \text{C}_2\text{H}_5 \sim \text{H} < i\text{-C}_3\text{H}_7 < t\text{-C}_4\text{H}_9$ . The differences between the alkyl groups are small, albeit significant and follow the order observed with the 3-alkyl-quinuclidines III [12c].

The relative polar effects of alkyl groups are still somewhat controversial and evidence at hand indicates that they can release or withdraw electrons in accordance with the requirements of the reaction [22] [23]. Since the quinuclidine molecule assumes a positive charge upon salt formation, its electron-releasing properties are elicited. Furthermore, large groups are better electron donors because they are more polarizable [20] [23].

The electron withdrawing role of methyl relative to hydrogen in 3- and 4-methyl-quinuclidine deserves special comment. It has been shown before that this order can be

<sup>3)</sup> This distinction is of prime importance since the order can be reversed in the gasphase [21].

observed when methyl is attached to saturated  $sp^3$  carbon atom, the evidence including solvolysis rates [24–26] and dipole moments of alkanes [27]. Now  $pK_a$  measurements support these findings. In contrast, methyl at unsaturated ( $sp^2$  and  $sp$ ) carbon atom is strongly electron releasing as shown earlier [28] by the comparison of the  $pK_a$  values for dehydroquinuclidine (IX, R = H) (9.88) and the 3-methyl-derivative (IX, R =  $CH_3$ ) (10.11).

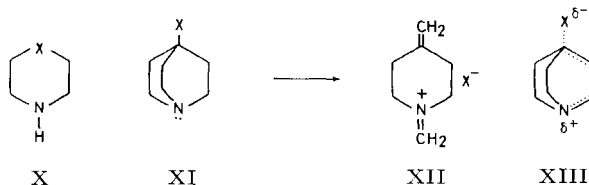


Substitution of a hydrogen atom in the 4-methyl group by an electronegative atom, such as oxygen or halogen, lowers the  $pK_a^T$  values substantially (6–13 in Table 1). The effect is especially pronounced in the 4-carbaldehyde **13**. A similar electron-withdrawing effect is exerted by unsaturated groups, such as alkenyl (**14** and **15**), alkynyl (**16**) and phenyl (**17**). It is noteworthy that substitution of the  $\alpha$ -hydrogen atom in the vinyl group of **14** by methyl, as in **15**, increases the electronegativity of the group as a whole significantly.

A stronger lowering of the  $pK_a^T$  values occurs when the  $sp^2$  or  $sp$  carbon atom bound to C(4) is attached to oxygen or nitrogen atom, as in the esters **19** and **20**, the ketone **21**, the amide **22** and the nitrile **23**. The carboxylate group in **18** is weakly electron-attracting despite its negative charge.

Of the substituents attached to C(4) by a hetero atom the amino groups in **24**, **25** and **26** are electron-attracting in the order  $NH_2 \sim N(CH_3)_2 < NHCH_3$ . Presumably, this is because the secondary amino group is most basic and therefore forms the strongest hydrogen bonds to water. The introduction of carbonyl groups, as in the amide **27** and the carbamate **28**, and of oxygen atoms, as in the nitro compound **29**, lowers  $pK_a^T$  appreciably.

The electron withdrawing effect of oxygen at C(4) in compounds **30**, **31** and **32** falls in the order  $HO < CH_3O < CH_3COO$ . The weaker effect of the hydroxy group is presumably due to its hydrogen bonding to oxygen in water, which should increase electron density at the C(4) oxygen atom. The  $pK_a^T$  values for the methoxy- and methylthio-derivatives (**31** and **33** resp.) confirm the results of Hall [30] who found morpholine (X, X = O) to be a weaker base than thiomorpholine (X, X = S). As expected the methyl-sulfone group in **34** is strongly electron attracting.

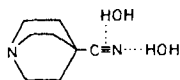


The  $pK_a^T$  values for the 4-haloquinuclidines **35–38** follow the electron attracting order  $Br > F > Cl > I$  instead of the usual inductive order  $F > Cl > Br > I$ , as observed in halo acetic acids. In addition,  $\Delta pK_a$  between the strongest and weakest acid is 0.59 units in the latter case but only 0.31 for the former compounds **35–38**.



These unexpected results are apparently connected to the well known ability of 4-haloquinuclidines (XI) to undergo solvolytic fragmentation to the immonium salts XII. The observed rate order<sup>4)</sup>, *i.e.*  $I > Br > Cl > F$  [31] is the reverse of the inductive order. Although practically no fragmentation occurs under the conditions of the  $pK_a$  measurements at 25.0°C<sup>5)</sup> it is conceivable that electrons are partly transmitted from nitrogen to halogen by *hyperconjugation* involving one or all three C-C  $\sigma$ -bonds of the ethano-bridges, as illustrated in XIII. This *incipient fragmentation* should be favored in a ionizing solvent, such as water, and tend to decrease the basicity of the nitrogen atom in the above fragmentation order. Although both inductive and hyperconjugative electron withdrawal are base-weakening, the order in which the halogens exert these effects will be reversed. It is at present not possible to assess the contributions of these effects to the total polar effect of the halogens and further studies are undoubtedly required. However, due to the decreasing inductive contributions in the order  $F > Cl > Br > I$  and the increasing hyperconjugative contribution in the reverse order the effect of the halogens will tend to become more equal and bromine might well show the strongest net effect.

The *solvent dependence* of the polar effect of the cyano group is illustrated by the  $pK_a$  values for quinuclidine (**1**) and its 4-cyano-derivative (**23**) in water and the three other solvents of varying dielectric constant  $\epsilon$  listed in Table 4, *i.e.* 50% ethanol, 80% ethanol and 80% methyl cellosolve. The  $\Delta pK_a$  values, which are included in the Table, are a measure of the substituent effect as a function of the solvent and they decrease from 3.04 in water ( $\epsilon = 78$ ) to 2.59 in 80% methyl cellosolve ( $\epsilon = 33$ ), *i.e.* by 15%<sup>6)</sup>. This is the reverse of what should be expected on the basis of the field and chain models for the transmission of polar effects because the latter should be strongest in the solvent of lowest dielectric constant<sup>7)</sup>. Clearly then, another effect is responsible, such as the interaction of the solvent with the cyano group itself. Thus, hydrogen bonding of its electron pairs to water molecules, as in XIV, should enhance the electronegativity of the group as a whole. Furthermore, the effect should become less pronounced as the ability to form hydrogen bonds is decreased. This result casts doubt on the constancy of 'substituent constants' regardless of solvent, as is tacitly assumed in many linear free energy relationships; however further studies of substituent-solvent interactions are needed.



XIV

- 4) The rate of fragmentation of 4-fluoroquinuclidine has not yet been measured. The stability of the base in water, however, indicates a very low reaction rate in keeping with the low nucleofugal activity of fluorine.
- 5) This applies also to the highly reactive 4-iodo-derivative **38** as evidenced by the constant  $pK_a$  values obtained throughout the titration.
- 6) *Paleček* [13] reports an 18% difference between the  $pK_a$  of **1** and **23** in 5% ethanol/water and 80% methyl cellosolve/water. Nevertheless, he states that the substituent effect is insensitive to the solvent.
- 7) For a recent review of the origin of the inductive effect see [32].

A new set of *inductive substituent constants* can be derived from the  $pK_a^T$  values of 4-substituted quinuclidines in water at 25.0° using hydrogen as the standard of reference, according to equation (8).  $\sigma_I^q$  is the inductive substituent constant<sup>8)</sup>

$$pK_a^H - pK_a^R = \rho \sigma_I^q \quad (8)$$

and  $\rho$  the reaction constant which is arbitrarily taken to be unity. The  $\sigma_I^q$  values so derived are listed in Table 1 and are correlated with published sets of substituent constants in Fig. 2 and 3.

The plot of  $\sigma_I^q$  against Taft's  $\sigma_I$  constants (Fig. 2) shows only a fair correlation (coefficient  $r = 0.906$ )<sup>9)</sup>. The point for hydrogen lies far off the regression line as do

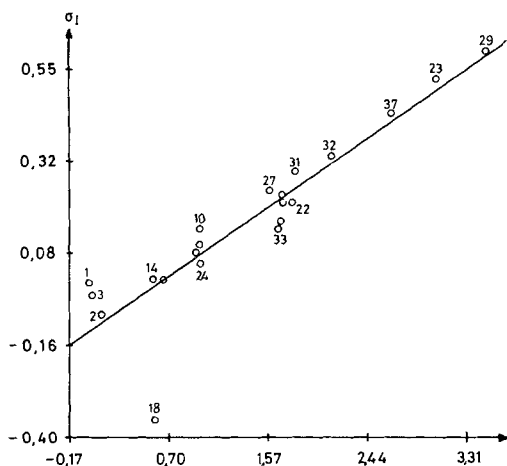


Fig. 2. Plot of  $\sigma_I^q$  against Taft's  $\sigma_I$  constants [4]

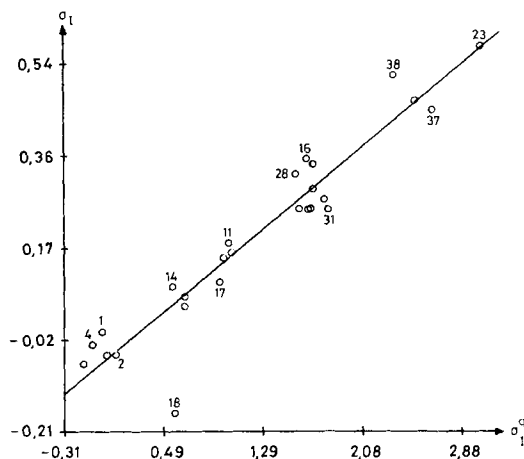


Fig. 3. Plot of  $\sigma_I^q$  against Charton's  $\sigma_I$  constants [5]

<sup>8)</sup> The superscript q indicates that quinuclidines are the standards of reference.

<sup>9)</sup> According to *Paleček* [13] excellent correlations are obtained.

those for the substituents  $C_2H_5$  (**3**),  $COO^-$  (**18**) and  $CH_3S$  (**33**). The correlation with *Charton's*  $\sigma_I$  constants ( $r = 0.949$ ) (Fig. 3) is also unsatisfactory<sup>9</sup>), especially for hydrogen, the alkyl groups and for  $COO^-$ , where even the order of the substituent constants is reversed. This fact points clearly to one of the main reasons for the discrepancies, namely the use of different standards. As mentioned, the inductive order for the alkyl groups at unsaturated  $sp^2$  and  $sp$  carbon atom is  $H < CH_3 < C_2H_5 < i\text{-Pr} < t\text{-Bu}$ , whereas at saturated  $sp^3$  carbon atom it is  $CH_3 < H \sim Et < i\text{-Pr} < t\text{-Bu}$ . Since the standards used by *Taft* and *Charton* are unsaturated compounds, *i.e.* substituted acetic acids and esters and fluorobenzenes, and those in the present study are saturated, poor correlation would be expected in some cases. Furthermore, when the inductive order is clearly disturbed by the incursion of an additional polar effect, as seems the case with the 4-haloquinuclidines, it is better to gauge the composite effect in terms of a polar substituent constant.

In *conclusion*, 4-substituted quinuclidines are excellent models for the determination of inductive substituent effects since the latter are strongly transmitted and easily determined by  $pK_a$  measurements. Furthermore, the  $pK_a$  values vary linearly and almost equally with temperature because the substituent effect is determined predominantly by the reaction enthalpy. However, the effect of a substituent can vary somewhat due to its interaction with the solvent. Obviously, solvent independent, intrinsic inductive constants can only result from measurements in the gas phase, *e.g.* by ion cyclotron resonance. However, most organic reactions are carried out in solution and therefore the standards by which rates and equilibria are compared should also be derived from reactions in solution.

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### Experimental Part

Melting points (m.p.) were determined on a *Kofler-Block* and are corrected. IR. spectra in  $cm^{-1}$ , NMR. spectra in  $\delta$ -values (ppm).

*1-Benzyl-4-fluoro-4-( $\beta$ -hydroxymethyl)-piperidine (VI)*. To 1.5 g (6.4 mmol) of 1-benzyl-4-hydroxy-4-( $\beta$ -hydroxyethyl)-piperidine (V) [31] in a teflon flask, which was cooled with ice in a *Dewar* flask, 30 g of hydrofluoric acid were added from a pressure bottle. The clear reaction mixture was kept at  $0^\circ$  for 4 days and the excess HF distilled *in vacuo* at  $20^\circ$  into a gas absorber. The residue was taken up in saturated aqueous  $K_2CO_3$  and the mixture extracted 4 times with ether. The ether extracts were dried over  $Na_2SO_4$  and evaporated through a *Vigreux* column. The residue, 1.72 g of a yellow oil, was flash-distilled in a bulb tube at  $100\text{--}110^\circ/0.01$  Torr to give a pure, slightly yellow wax of m.p.  $42\text{--}43^\circ$ . – IR. (KBr): 1075 (C–F), 1022 (C–O). – NMR. ( $CDCl_3/D_2O$ ): 1.71 (t, 2H); 1.89–2.20 (m, 4H); 2.20–2.75 (m, 4H); 3.54 (s, 2H)  $NCH_2$  Aryl.

$C_{14}H_{20}FNO$  (237.32) Calc. C 70.86 H 8.49 N 5.90% Found C 70.96 H 8.26 N 6.17%

*Hydroperchlorate*: from ethanol, m.p.  $103\text{--}104^\circ$ .

$C_{14}H_{21}ClFNO_5$  (337.78) Calc. C 49.78 H 6.27 N 4.15% Found C 49.85 H 6.26 N 4.42%

*1-Benzyl-4-fluoroquinuclidinium bromide (VIII)*. To 3.0 g (12.6 mmol) of the above compound in 200 ml abs. benzene were added dropwise with stirring under  $N_2$  3.45 g (19 mmol) of distilled thionyl bromide. After 12 h at  $25^\circ$  and 3 h warming to  $45^\circ$  the mixture was cooled and slowly hydrolyzed with saturated aqueous  $K_2CO_3$  and extracted twice with 100 ml of benzene. The benzene extracts were dried over  $Na_2SO_4$ , filtered and boiled under reflux for 2 h, when 3.5 g

(92%) of the salt VIII had crystallized out. Recrystallization from 2-propanol yielded 2.90 g (77%), decomposition  $> 300^\circ$ . – IR. (KBr): 1090 (C–F).

$C_{14}H_{19}BrFN$  (300.22) Calc. C 56.01 H 6.38 N 4.67% Found C 55.81 H 6.36 N 4.78%

*4-Fluoroquinuclidinium bromide and perchlorate.* 2.9 g (9.6 mmol) of the above salt VIII were hydrogenated in 50 ml methanol over 300 mg of 10% Pd/C at normal pressure and temperature. Filtration and evaporation yielded the hydrobromide of **35** which was recrystallized twice from ethanol. 1.83 g (90%) needles, decomposition  $> 285^\circ$ . – IR. (KBr): 1090 (C–F).

$C_7H_{13}BrFN$  (210.10) Calc. C 40.02 H 6.24 N 6.67% Found C 39.90 H 6.05 N 6.53%

*Hydroperchlorate:* from ethanol, decomposition  $> 275^\circ$ .

$C_7H_{13}O_4ClFN$  (229.64) Calc. C 36.61 H 5.71 N 6.10% Found C 36.89 H 5.74 N 6.04%

The free base of **35** was liberated from the salts with saturated aqueous  $K_2CO_3$  and extracted with ether. After drying the ether was evaporated through a *Vigreux* column. Sublimation of the residue at  $25^\circ/10^{-2}$  Torr yielded pure 4-fluoroquinuclidine (**35**), m.p. (cap.)  $61\text{--}62^\circ$ . – MS. (*m/e*): 129 ( $M^+$ , 100), 128 (43), 110 (9), 69 (43), 44 (69), 43 (62).

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## 32. Ein Tricarbonylisen- $\pi$ -Komplex mit einem Silacyclohexadienyl-Liganden

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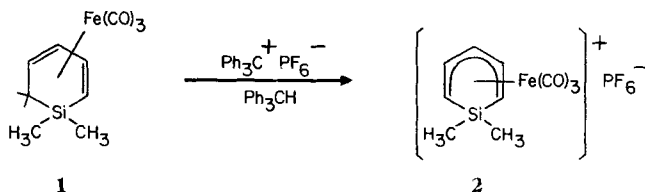
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**A Tricarbonyl Iron- $\pi$ -Complex with a Silacyclohexadienyl-Ligand.** – *Summary.* The triphenylmethyl cation abstracts a hydride ion from 1,1-dimethyl-1-silacyclohexa-2,4-diene-tricarbonyl iron to give the 1,1-dimethyl-1-silacyclohexadienyl-tricarbonyl iron cation.

Für die Existenz von Metall- $\pi$ -Komplexen mit einem Silacyclohexadienyl-Liganden wurde kürzlich ein erster Hinweis erhalten. 1,1-Dimethyl-1-silacyclohexa-2,4-dien-tricarbonylisen (**1**) [1] wird im Massenspektrometer z.T. zu Bis(1,1-dimethyl-1-silacyclohexadienyl)isen(II) pyrolysiert<sup>2)</sup>. Dessen Molekel-Ion tritt im Massenspektrum von **1** bei *m/e* 302 (C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>22</sub>FeSi<sub>2</sub>; Mol. Gew.: Ber. 302,0609, Gef. 302,0608) auf [1].

Die direkte Herstellung eines Silacyclohexadienyl-Metall- $\pi$ -Komplexes gelang nun durch die Abspaltung eines Hydrid-Anions aus **1** mittels Triphenylmethylhexafluorophosphat in Methylchlorid bei 0–10°.



1,1-Dimethyl-1-silacyclohexadienyl-tricarbonylisen-hexafluorophosphat (**2**), luftbeständige, hellgelbe Nadeln (aus Aceton) vom Smp. 175–177° (Ausbeute 80%), löslich in Wasser, Äthanol und Aceton, unlöslich in weniger polaren Solventien, ist der erste Übergangsmetall-Komplex mit einem durch das Metall stabilisierten pseudoaromatischen Silicium-Ringsystem (6 $\pi$ -Elektronensystem) als Liganden.

<sup>1)</sup> Experimentell mitbearbeitet von H. U. Kellenberger.

<sup>2)</sup> Pyrolyse-Experimente ausserhalb des Massenspektrometers zur Gewinnung dieser Verbindung sind im Gange.