

$P_4O_7$ . Analysis of the THF-soluble, benzene-insoluble solid showed  $Ph_3PO$  and no  $Ph_3P$ . The reaction was also attempted in benzene and diethyl ether, and no reaction occurred at room temperature over a several-day period. Similarly, no reaction occurred between  $P_4O_6$  and  $Me_3NO$  in THF at room temperature.

(k) **Reaction of  $P_4O_7$  with  $P_4S_{10}$ .** In a typical reaction 0.3 g (1.3 mmol) of  $P_4O_7$  and 0.8 g (1.8 mmol) of  $P_4S_{10}$  were added to an NMR tube in a drybox. The tube was placed on a vacuum line, and about 1.0 mL of toluene was transferred to the tube which was then sealed. The tube was inverted, transferring all of the liquid and solid to the sealed end of the tube. The tube was then heated to 125 °C for about 1 h until all of the  $P_4O_7$  had reacted. After all of the  $P_4O_7$  had been consumed, the temperature was increased to 150 °C. The reaction was monitored by  $^{31}P$  NMR spectroscopy every 2 h. Initially after 1 h of heating, the major product was  $P_4O_7S_2$ , with 2 h of additional heating producing  $P_4O_7S_2$  with some  $P_4O_8$  and  $P_4O_6S_2$ . Further oxidation of  $P_4O_6S_2$  occurred more readily than  $P_4O_7S_2$  or  $P_4O_8$ , as observed by the large quantities of  $P_4O_6S_3$  and  $P_4O_6S_4$ . Extended heating for 30–45 h yielded  $P_4O_8S$ ,  $P_4O_8S_2$ ,  $P_4O_7S_3$ ,  $P_4O_6S_3$ , and primarily  $P_4O_6S_4$ . Some  $P_4S_3$  was also observed.

(l) **Reaction of  $P_4O_7$  with  $P_4Se_{10}$ .** The same procedure was used as in the above reaction of  $P_4O_7$  with  $P_4S_{10}$ . The products identified by NMR spectroscopy after 2 h of heating at 145 °C were  $P_4O_7Se$ ,  $P_4O_8$ , and  $P_4O_6Se_2$ . Due to the extreme sensitivity and the mixture of products, no compound isolation was achieved.

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$S_8$ , 10544-50-0;  $P_4O_{10}$ , 16752-60-6;  $Ph_3P$ , 603-35-0;  $P_4Se_{10}$ , 62493-85-0;  $Ph_3PO$ , 791-28-6.

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## Thermodynamics of the $AlCl_4^-$ Ion by Lattice-Energy Studies

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Using the recently obtained crystal structure data for lithium, sodium, potassium, cesium, and ammonium tetrachloroaluminates, we have computed the total lattice energies by using the method of Jenkins and Pratt.  $\Delta H_f^\circ(AlCl_4^-(g))$  is estimated to be  $-1188 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ , and the halide ion affinities for the processes  $AlCl_3(ss) + Cl^-(g) \rightarrow AlCl_4^-(g)$  are determined, where (ss) represents (c), (l), and (g).

This study concerns the crystal structures and associated thermochemical data of tetrachloroaluminate salts. From a knowledge of the crystal structures of  $LiAlCl_4$ ,  $NaAlCl_4$ ,  $KAlCl_4$ ,  $CsAlCl_4$ , and  $NH_4AlCl_4$ , thermodynamic parameters, "basic" radii, and charge distribution for the  $AlCl_4^-$  anion are obtained which confirm in part and extend the results of previous studies. Studies on these systems are of inherent interest because of the importance<sup>1,2</sup> of tetrahalometalate salts as electrolytes,<sup>3</sup> as heat-exchange fluids in nuclear reactors,<sup>4</sup> and as catalysts in organic systems and because of their thermal stability and use as media for the preparation of unusual oxidation states. The study of the effective charges

in tetrahalometalate ions has received attention in connection with the estimation of bonding energies in conjunction with the ESCA technique<sup>5</sup> and NQR spectroscopy.<sup>6</sup>

### Crystal Structure Data

Table I gives the lattice parameters and structural details concerning the tetrachloroaluminates for the alkali metal salts (except rubidium) and the ammonium salt.

All the tetrachloroaluminates crystallize with four molecules per unit cell ( $Z = 4$ ). The structure of  $LiAlCl_4$  is given in ref 7. The  $NaAlCl_4$  structure of Baenziger<sup>8</sup> has been refined by Scheinert and Weiss<sup>6</sup> and refined also in this laboratory<sup>9</sup> with an improved accuracy.  $KAlCl_4$ <sup>10</sup> has been determined to have two molecular formulas in the asymmetric unit.

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Table I. Structural Parameters for  $\text{MAlCl}_4$ 

salt	cell parameters				$V, \text{\AA}^3$	space group	coordination	
	$a, \text{\AA}$	$b, \text{\AA}$	$c, \text{\AA}$	angle, deg			$\text{M}^+/\text{AlCl}_4^-$	$\text{M}^+/\text{Cl}^a$
$\text{LiAlCl}_4$	7.007 (3)	6.504 (4)	12.995 (10)	$\beta = 93.32 (5)$	591	$P2_1/c$	4/4	1/6
$\text{NaAlCl}_4$	10.322 (3)	9.886 (3)	6.167 (2)	90	629	$P2_12_12_1$	6/6	1/8
$\text{KAlCl}_4$	10.481 (9)	7.183 (5)	9.273 (5)	$\alpha = 93.10 (3)$	698	$P2_1$	7/7	1/9
$\text{CsAlCl}_4$	11.641 (8)	7.116 (5)	9.373 (7)	90	776	$Pnma$	7/7	1/12
$\text{NH}_4\text{AlCl}_4$	11.022 (6)	7.072 (3)	9.257 (5)	90	722	$Pnma$	7/7	1/12

<sup>a</sup> Taking into account the  $\text{M}^+ \cdots \text{Cl}$  distances lower than the shortest  $\text{M}^+ \cdots \text{Al}$  length.

Table II. Previous Calculations on  $\text{AlCl}_4^-$  Salts

salt	$U_{\text{pot}}, \text{kJ mol}^{-1}$	$q_{\text{Cl}}$	$\Delta H_f^\circ(\text{AlCl}_4^-(\text{g})), \text{kJ mol}^{-1}$	halide ion affinity, $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$
$\text{NaAlCl}_4^b$	592.0	-1.0	$-1188 \pm 28$	$-364 \pm 28$
	536.0	-0.2		
	540.6	0.0		
av	556.2	$-0.4^a$		
$\text{CsAlCl}_4^b$	491.6	-0.1		
	510.4	-0.2	$-1196$	
	510.9	0.0		
av	504.3	$-0.4^a$		
$\text{NaAlCl}_4^c$	555.8	$-0.59$		
$\text{CsAlCl}_4^c$	486.4	$-0.59$		

<sup>a</sup> Average value corresponds to charge  $q_{\text{Cl}} = -0.4$ . <sup>b</sup> Reference 13. <sup>c</sup> Reference 18.

The structure of the cesium salt  $\text{CsAlCl}_4$  has previously been determined by Gearhart,<sup>11</sup> and the more recent and more accurate structure used here was determined by using counter reflections in these laboratories.<sup>9</sup>  $\text{NH}_4\text{AlCl}_4$ ,<sup>12</sup> determined to be isomorphous with the cesium salt and confirmed from X-ray, NMR, and molecular spectroscopy (Raman and infrared) studies to have a freely rotating  $\text{NH}_4^+$  ion at room temperature, has the structural features given in Table I.

### Previous Literature Calculations

Gearhart<sup>11</sup> and Gearhart, Beck, and Wood<sup>13</sup> have calculated, on the basis of the structures of  $\text{NaAlCl}_4$ <sup>8</sup> and  $\text{CsAlCl}_4$ ,<sup>11</sup> the enthalpy of formation of the gaseous  $\text{AlCl}_4^-$  ion,  $\Delta H_f^\circ(\text{AlCl}_4^-(\text{g}))$ , and the halide ion affinity of  $\text{AlCl}_3$ , on the basis of Wood's modifications<sup>14-16</sup> of the Ladd and Lee equation.<sup>17</sup> Their results are summarized in Table II. Jenkins<sup>18</sup> repeated the Gearhart et al.<sup>11,13</sup> calculations retaining the lattice energy as a function of the charge  $q_{\text{Cl}}$  on the terminal atoms of the  $\text{AlCl}_4^-$  ion, obtaining the results of Table II.

### Theoretical Section

Jenkins and Pratt have recently described what they regard as an improved method for the calculation of the lattice energies of complex salts (in that the method incorporates a minimization procedure within the Huggins and Mayer<sup>19</sup> framework). An account of the theory for cubic salts is given in ref 20 and for noncubic salts in ref 21.

Briefly, the method involves minimization of eq 1 with

$$U_{\text{pot}} = U_{\text{elec}} - U_{\text{R}} + U_{\text{dd}} + U_{\text{qd}} \quad (1)$$

respect to the cell lengths  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$ .  $U_{\text{elec}}$  is the electrostatic energy, and it and its derivatives are calculated as a function of the charge on the chlorine atom of the  $\text{AlCl}_4^-$  ion,  $q_{\text{Cl}}$ , by using a recently developed program.<sup>22</sup>  $U_{\text{R}}$ , the repulsion energy, is calculated by using the extended Huggins and Mayer<sup>19</sup> approach, in a manner almost identical with that for the  $\text{ClO}_4^-$  ion, as described in ref 21. Dispersion energies  $U_{\text{dd}}$  (dipole-dipole) and  $U_{\text{qd}}$  (dipole-quadrupole) and their derivatives are calculated by extensive summations as outlined in previous work. This approach yields three derivatives of  $U_{\text{pot}}$  with respect to cell length, each of which gives a relationship between an unknown "basic" radius and the unknown charge on the Cl atoms. We can take the basic radius of the

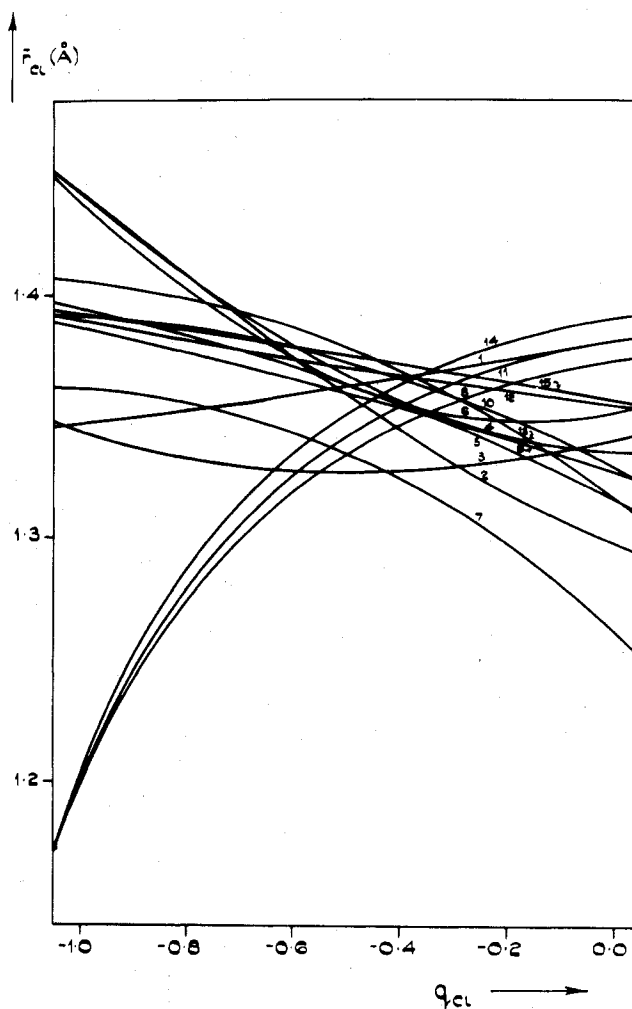


Figure 1. "Basic" radii ( $\text{\AA}$ ) of chlorine atoms having charge  $q_{\text{Cl}}$  in the model of the  $\text{AlCl}_4^-$  ion plotted as a function of  $q_{\text{Cl}}$ . Key: 1,  $\text{Li}_a^+$ ; 2,  $\text{Li}_b^+$ ; 3,  $\text{Li}_c^+$ ; 4,  $\text{Na}_a^+$ ; 5,  $\text{Na}_b^+$ ; 6,  $\text{Na}_c^+$ ; 7,  $\text{K}_a^+$ ; 8,  $\text{K}_b^+$ ; 9,  $\text{K}_c^+$ ; 10,  $\text{Cs}_a^+$ ; 11,  $\text{Cs}_b^+$ ; 12,  $\text{Cs}_c^+$ ; 13,  $\text{NH}_4_a^+$ ; 14,  $\text{NH}_4_b^+$ ; 15,  $\text{NH}_4_c^+$ .

cation from previous work, so assigning  $r_{\text{Cl}}$ , the basic radius of the chlorine atom, as a function of  $q_{\text{Cl}}$ , when a model of four partially charged chlorine atoms is taken to represent the  $\text{AlCl}_4^-$  ion, in considering the repulsion energy. On the graphs (Figure 2) of lattice energy variation with  $q_{\text{Cl}}$  we give the curves derived from the "spherical" model of the  $\text{AlCl}_4^-$  ion. This model clearly is not a good one for an ion with  $T_d$  symmetry, and this is borne out by the poor intersection points obtained (especially  $\text{Na}^+$  and  $\text{K}^+$ ). The clear superiority of the four chlorine atom model is brought out in Figure 2. Figure 1 shows the combined radii plots for this model of the  $\text{AlCl}_4^-$  ion for the three derivatives of the five salts  $\text{LiAlCl}_4$ ,  $\text{NaAlCl}_4$ ,  $\text{KAlCl}_4$ ,  $\text{CsAlCl}_4$ , and  $\text{NH}_4\text{AlCl}_4$ . In the key to Figure 1,  $\text{Li}_c^+$  denotes the curves generated by the derivative with respect to  $c$  for  $\text{LiAlCl}_4$ .

Figure 2 shows the determination of the lattice potential energies,  $U_{\text{pot}}(\text{MAlCl}_4)$  ( $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ ), from their plots against

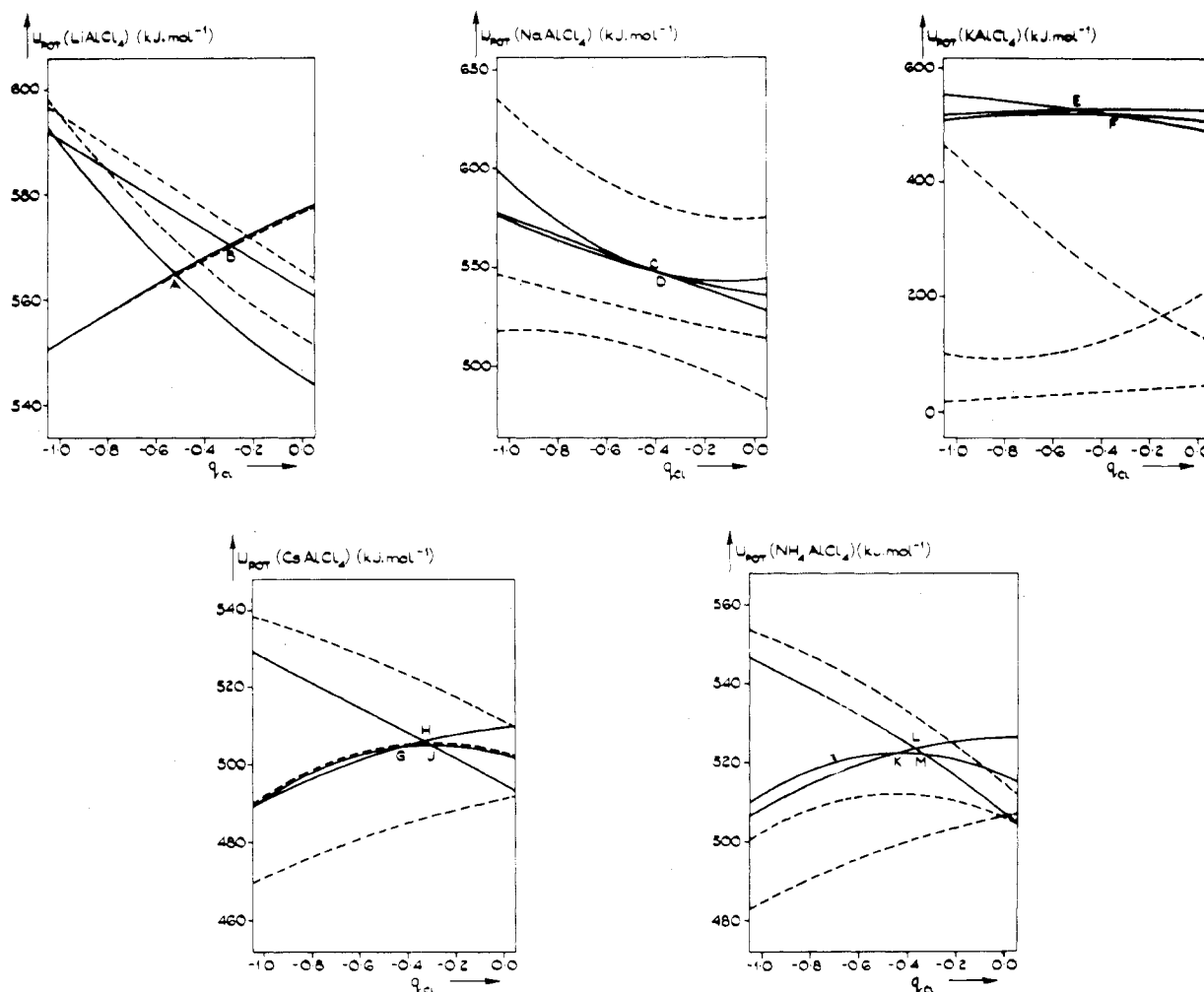


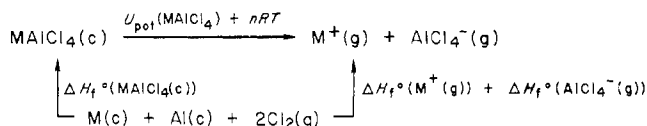
Figure 2. Lattice energies of tetrachloroaluminate salts as a function of  $q_{Cl}$  (hashed lines correspond to the spherical  $AlCl_4^-$  ion model).

Table III. Thermodynamic Data for Tetrachloroaluminate Salts ( $kJ\ mol^{-1}$ )

$M^+$	$\Delta H_f^\circ(M^+(g))$	$\Delta H_f^\circ(MAlCl_4(c))$
Li <sup>+</sup>	687.2	-1126 <sup>e</sup>
Na <sup>+</sup>	609.8	-1142, <sup>b,c</sup> -1140 <sup>a</sup> -1144, <sup>e</sup> -1148 <sup>f</sup>
K <sup>+</sup>	514.2	-1197, <sup>b,c</sup> -1194 <sup>#</sup> -1192 <sup>f</sup>
Cs <sup>+</sup>	452.3	-1222 <sup>a</sup>
NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	630.2 <sup>d</sup>	-1076, <sup>c</sup> -1089 <sup>h</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Reference 13. <sup>b</sup> Reference 24. <sup>c</sup> Reference 25. <sup>d</sup> Reference 28. <sup>e</sup> Reference 29. <sup>f</sup> Reference 30. <sup>#</sup> Reference 31. <sup>h</sup> Reference 32.

$q_{Cl}$ . If the lattice energies determined above, as functions of charge, are combined with the thermodynamic data in Table III by using the Born-Fajans-Haber<sup>23</sup> cycle



we can estimate values for  $\Delta H_f^\circ(AlCl_4^-(g))$  by using the appropriate lattice energies in eq 1

$$\Delta H_f^\circ(AlCl_4^-(g)) = U_{pot}(MAlCl_4) + nRT - \Delta H_f^\circ(M^+(g)) + \Delta H_f^\circ(MAlCl_4(c)) \quad (2)$$

where  $n$  is  $1/2$  for  $M = Li, Na, K,$  and  $Cs$  and  $n = 2$  for  $NH_4$ .

Table IV. Calculated Results<sup>a</sup>

salt	$U_{pot}(MAlCl_4)^c$ $kJ\ mol^{-1}$	$q_{Cl}$ intersecn <sup>c</sup>	ref pt <sup>b</sup>	$\Delta H_f^\circ(AlCl_4^-(g))$ , $kJ\ mol^{-1}$
LiAlCl <sub>4</sub>	564 } 567	-0.51 } -0.40	A	-1245
	570 } 567	-0.29 } -0.40	B	
NaAlCl <sub>4</sub>	547 } 546	-0.40 } -0.37	C	-1203
	545 } 546	-0.35 } -0.37	D	
KAlCl <sub>4</sub>	523 } 519	-0.49 } -0.42	E	-1187
	514 } 519	-0.35 } -0.42	F	
CsAlCl <sub>4</sub>	505 } 505	-0.40 } -0.34	G	-1168
	506 } 505	-0.33 } -0.34	H	
	505 } 505	-0.30 } -0.34	J	
NH <sub>4</sub> AlCl <sub>4</sub>	522 } 522	-0.44 } -0.38	K	-1193
	523 } 522	-0.37 } -0.38	L	
	522 } 522	-0.34 } -0.38	M	

<sup>a</sup> NB: only chemically realistic intercepts are included. <sup>b</sup> See Figure 2. <sup>c</sup> Average values are given on the right-hand side of the braces.

The appropriate plot of  $\Delta H_f^\circ(AlCl_4^-(g))$  vs.  $q_{Cl}$  is given in Figure 3.

## Results

Table IV gives a compilation of the assigned lattice energies, charges ( $q_{Cl}$ ), and  $\Delta H_f^\circ(AlCl_4^-(g))$  values derived from Figures 2 and 3. From Figure 3 it is seen that the curves for LiAlCl<sub>4</sub> (1, 2, and 3) lie well below those of the other salts; accordingly, we exclude these curves for the purpose of assigning  $\Delta H_f^\circ(AlCl_4^-(g)) = -1188 \pm 15\ kJ\ mol^{-1}$  at a charge distribution corresponding to  $q_{Cl} = -0.38 \pm 0.07$ .

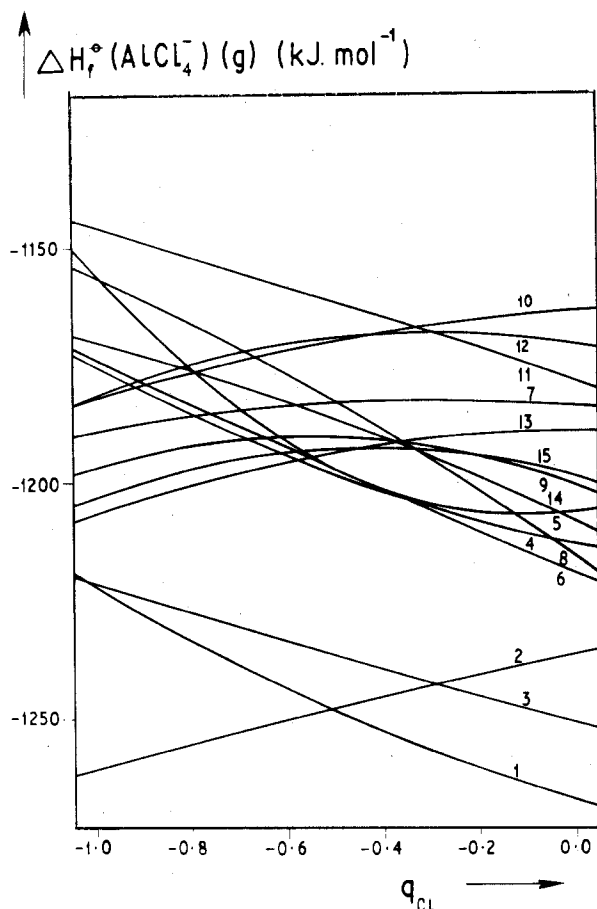
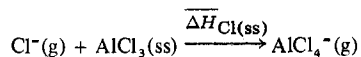


Figure 3. Plot of  $\Delta H_f^\circ(\text{AlCl}_4^-(g))$  vs.  $q_{\text{Cl}}$  for the tetrachloroaluminates. Key: 1,  $\text{Li}_a^+$ ; 2,  $\text{Li}_b^+$ ; 3,  $\text{Li}_c^+$ ; 4,  $\text{Na}_a^+$ ; 5,  $\text{Na}_b^+$ ; 6,  $\text{Na}_c^+$ ; 7,  $\text{K}_a^+$ ; 8,  $\text{K}_b^+$ ; 9,  $\text{K}_c^+$ ; 10,  $\text{Cs}_a^+$ ; 11,  $\text{Cs}_b^+$ ; 12,  $\text{Cs}_c^+$ ; 13,  $\text{NH}_4^+$ ; 14,  $\text{NH}_4^+$ ; 15,  $\text{NH}_4^+$ .

With  $\Delta H_f^\circ(\text{Cl}^-(g)) = -246 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ ,<sup>26</sup>  $\Delta H_f^\circ(\text{AlCl}_3(c)) = -706 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ ,<sup>24</sup>  $\Delta H_f^\circ(\text{AlCl}_3(l)) = -675 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ ,<sup>24</sup> and  $\Delta H_f^\circ(\text{AlCl}_3(g)) = -585 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ ,<sup>24</sup> the chloride ion affinities corresponding to the processes



are  $\overline{\Delta H}_{\text{Cl}(c)} = -236 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ ,  $\overline{\Delta H}_{\text{Cl}(l)} = -267 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ , and  $\overline{\Delta H}_{\text{Cl}(g)} = -257 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ .

### Discussion

The comparison of  $\Delta H_f^\circ(\text{AlCl}_4^-(g))$  and  $\overline{\Delta H}_{\text{Cl}(g)}$  values from this and earlier studies is very satisfactory; so too are the lattice energies of the  $\text{NaAlCl}_4$  and  $\text{CsAlCl}_4$  previously computed. The improved crystal structure data and the internal consistency of the calculation, as shown by the curves generated from the various derivatives, enable us to place more confidence in the lattice energy values than previously. The enthalpy of formation data for the complex salts are independently determined for three of the salts (sodium, potassium, and ammonium). There are, of course, inherent difficulties in measuring such quantities by virtue of the hygroscopic nature of the salts, and it is to such factors that we attribute the disappointing spread of the curves in Figure 3.

Table V gives the thermochemical radii given by Gearhart, Beck, and Wood<sup>13</sup> and the "basic" radius for the  $\text{AlCl}_4^-$  ion as estimated in this study. One is bound to comment on the

Table V. Radii for  $\text{AlCl}_4^-$  Ion

salt	thermochemical radii, Å				"basic" radius, Å
	a	b	c	d	
$\text{LiAlCl}_4$				3.46	2.3
$\text{NaAlCl}_4$	3.94	3.17	3.14	3.10	2.5
$\text{KAlCl}_4$				2.97	2.4
$\text{CsAlCl}_4$	3.95	2.95	3.14	2.94	2.5
$\text{NH}_4\text{AlCl}_4$				2.89	2.5

<sup>a</sup> Radii derived by taking  $M-X$  bond distance  $r_{M^+} + r_{\text{Cl}^-}$ .<sup>14</sup>  
<sup>b</sup> Radii necessary to give Gearhart, Beck, and Wood's lattice energies.<sup>14</sup> <sup>c</sup> Radii taken from Beck<sup>28</sup> and estimated from heat of solution.<sup>14</sup> <sup>d</sup> Thermochemical radii calculated from this study.

consistency of the basic radius of the  $\text{AlCl}_4^-$  ion as compared with the thermochemical radius.

This paper is the first we have produced to show the wealth of information that our new approach derives from crystal structure data for noncubic systems as compared to the other older approach represented by ref 18.

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