amine also affects the rate of the biological dealkylation. $25$  Diffusion to the enzyme site may be rate limiting and not the dealkylation reaction.

It has been argued that the N-oxide is not an intermediate in the biological dealkylation of tertiary amines because morphine is demethylated by rat liver microsomes 1.4 times more rapidly than N-trideuteriomorphine.<sup>24,26</sup> It was assumed that these data reflect a primary isotope effect and that cleavage of a proton adjacent to nitrogen is rate limiting. Essentially the same isotope effect (1.3) was observed in the oxidation of trimethylamine with chlorine dioxide (equations

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16-18), a reaction which is known to proceed by electron abstraction from nitrogen and not by  $\alpha$ -hydrogen abstraction.<sup>21</sup> It could be that a secondary isotope effect is being observed in the demethylation of morphine with the rate-limiting step being electron abstraction or N-oxide rearrangment. More work is required to decide this point.

**Registry No.**-Bu<sub>3</sub>N N-oxide, 7529-21-7; t-BuNMe<sub>2</sub> N-oxide, 17061-11-9; t-BuNMe, N-oxide picrate, 17061-12-0; PhCH2NMez N-oxide, 5400-82-8; (Ph- $\text{CH}_2$ )<sub>2</sub>NMe N-oxide picrate, 17072-69-4; (PhCH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>N N-oxide picrate, 17061-05-1 ; N-methylpiperidine Noxide picrate,  $17061-06-2$ ; PhNMe<sub>2</sub> N-oxide picrate, 17061-07-3; 4-picoline N-oxide picrate, 17061-08-4.

## **Structure-Acidity and Structure-Electronic Spectral Studies of Some Substituted Nitroanilines**<sup>1a</sup>

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The  $pK_a$ 's and electronic spectra of seven 3-substituted 4-nitroanilines have been measured. **A** good correlation was obtained between the  $pK_a$ 's and  $\sigma_m$ . The reaction constant for this series does not conform to that required by the additivity principle for the effect of a constant substituent. Reaction constants for correlations between  $pK_a$ 's and substituent constants for a series of 4-substituted 2-nitroanilines and a series of 5-substituted 2-nitroanilines also do not conform to that required by the additivity principle. The deviations for these three<br>series are discussed in terms of variation in resonance interaction between the constant nitro groups and the action site amino groups. The reaction constants for the above three series are compared with those for a series of 5-substituted 3-nitroanilines and a series of 4-substituted 3-nitroanilines. No significant results were obtained for correlations involving any of the spectral data. The excited-state  $pK_a^*$ 's have been calculated for a series of 4-substituted 2-nitroanilines and for a series of 5-substituted 2-nitroanilines. The pK<sub>a</sub>\*'s for both series correlate fairly well with  $\sigma_p$ <sup>+</sup>. They give good correlations when  $\sigma_p^{\pm}$  is used. The excitedstants for the two series are significantly different. Jaffe's assumption that in excited states meta- and parasubstituted compounds are correlated by lines of different slope appears to be valid for the 4- and 5-substituted 2-nitroanilines.

Successful structure-acidity correlations and, for some of the series, structure-electronic spectral correlations have been reported for the following series of organic compounds:  $\overline{4}$ -substituted 2-nitrophenols,<sup>3</sup> 5substituted 2-nitrophenols,<sup>4</sup> 4-substituted 2-chlorophenols,6 4-substituted 2-nitroanilines (111, see Chart  $\tilde{I}$ ),<sup>6</sup> 5-substituted 2-nitroanilines  $(IV)$ ,<sup>7</sup> and 5-substituted 3-nitroanilines  $(I)$ .<sup>8</sup> The  $pK_a$ 's for a series of 4-substituted 3-nitroanilines (VI) have also been reported.<sup>9</sup> These studies have been extended to a series of 3-substituted 4-nitroanilines (II), and the resulting data along with the data for I, 111, IV, and VI allow a comparison of the different substituent effects on the electronic spectra and acidities.

Jaffé and Jones<sup>10</sup> have reported correlations between excited-state  $pK^*$ 's and substituent constants for

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several different series of aromatic acids and bases. They suggested that (1) in excited states *meta* substituents may enter into direct resonance interaction with a side chain and (2) meta- and para-substituted compounds may fall on different correlation lines, *ie.,*  they may require different reaction constants. An investigation of the first of these suggestions has been reported previously.<sup>8</sup> A study of the  $pK_a^*$ 's of III and IV allows an investigation of the second suggestion.

#### **Results and Discussion**

**Correlation of the pK,'s and Electronic Spectra of 3- Substituted 4-Nitroanilines (11) with Substituent Constants and Comparison** with **Correlations for Series I, 111, IV, and** VI.-For a series of 4-substituted 2-nitroanilines  $(III)$ ,<sup>6</sup> a good quantitative relationship exists between the  $pK_a$ 's and  $\sigma_p$ <sup>11a</sup> A similar relationship exists between  $pK_a$  and  $\sigma_m$ <sup>11a</sup> for a series of 5-substituted 2-nitroanilines  $(IV).$ <sup>7</sup> However, the Hammett  $\rho$  values<sup>12a</sup> of  $-3.23$  for III and  $-3.10$  for IV do not conform to that required by the additivity principlelIb for a constant *ortho* substituent, since both are significantly more negative than that predicted by the

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 $\rho$  value of  $-2.77$  found<sup>11c</sup> for a series of *meta*- and *para*-substituted anilines  $(V)$ . In III and IV, the nitro group can affect the amino group by a combination of polar, resonance, steric, and intramolecular hydrogenbonding effects. It was thought desirable to extend the scope of the above studies to a series of substituted nitroanilines in which the nitro group affects the amino group only by polar and resonance effects. Such a series is the 3-substituted 4-nitroanilines (II). The  $pK_a$ 's and absorption spectra of II have been measured and are recorded in Table I.

For II, a good correlation<sup>13a,14</sup> has been obtained between the  $pK_a$ 's and  $\sigma_m$  as indicated in eq 1. The  $\rho$ 

(13) G. W. Snedecor, "Statistical Methods," 5th ed, The Iowa State College Press, Ames, Iowa, 1956: (a) Chapter 6; (b) pp 46, 418, and 441.

TABLE I ACIDITY AND SPECTRAL DATA FOR 3-SUBSTITUTED 4-NITROANILINES

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3 substituent	$\n  pKB\n$	$\lambda_{\rm b}{}^a$	$v_{\rm b}{}^b$ X $10 - 4$	$\epsilon \text{h}^c \times$ $10^{-3}$	$\lambda_a$ <sup>d</sup>	$v_{\rm a}$ ° $\times$ $10^{-4}$	$\epsilon_{\rm a}^{f}$ X $10 - 1$
$H$ and $H$	1.02 <sup>o</sup>	380 <sup>h</sup>	2.63	12.98	259	3.86	8.19
$CF_{2}$	$-0.05$	$380^i$	2.63	10.07	$237.5^{i}$	4.21	4.72
Cl -	0.26	$376.5^{k}$	2.66	10.42	253'	3.95	4.24
COCH <sub>3</sub>	$-0.14$	388.5	2.57	14.06	258	3.87	6.19
NO <sub>2</sub>	$-1.20$	386 -	2.59	11.17	$\ddotsc$		$\cdots$
CO <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>5</sub>	$-0.11$	$382m$ 2.62		12.54	250 <sup>n</sup>	4.00	4.80
CH <sub>s</sub>	$1.41^{\circ}$ 379			2.64 11.38 256		3.91	5.76
$\Delta_{\rm b}$ (m $\mu$ ) = $\lambda_{\rm max}^{\rm NaOH}$ . $\delta \nu_{\rm b}$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> ) = $(1/\lambda_{\rm b} \times 10^7)$ . $\epsilon_{\rm b}$ = ex							
tinction coefficient in basic solution. $d \lambda_a$ (m $\mu$ ) = $\lambda_{\text{max}}^{\text{HCl}}$ . $\bullet \nu$							
$\text{cm}^{-1}$ = $(1/\lambda_a \times 10^7)$ . $\ell_a$ = extinction coefficient in acidion							
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 $\overline{\mathbf{s}}$ Soc., 75, 3812 (1953), report a thermodynamic p $K_a$  of 0.98.<br>
<sup>b</sup> There is an inflection at 226 m $\mu$  ( $\epsilon$ 6103). **i** There is another peak at 230 mµ ( $\epsilon_{\text{max}}$  7053). H. H. Szmant and J. F. Anzenberger, J. Amer. Chem. Soc., 76, 3785 (1954), report  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  370 mµ ( $\epsilon_{\text{max}}$ 11,600) and  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  234.5 mu ( $\epsilon_{\text{max}}$  7420), both in 95% equeous ethanol. *i* This is a shoulder; ref *i* reports  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  245 m $\mu$  ( $\epsilon_{\text{max}}$  4940) for 10 M alcoholic HCl. \* There is an inflection at 256.5 m $\mu$  and a plateau at 230.5 m $\mu$ .  $\iota$  There is an inflection at 295 m $\mu$ .  $\iota$  There is a shoulder at 257 m<sub>H</sub>. \* This is a shoulder. \* p $K_a$  reported as 1.58<br>by H. C. Brown, D. N. McDaniel, and O. Häfliger in "Determination of Organic Structures by Physical Methods," E. A. Braude and F. C. Nachod, Ed., Academic Press Inc., New York, N. Y., 1955, p 594.

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pK_a = 1.12 - 3.13 \sigma_m
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,  $-0.974$ , 0.21, 99.9% (1)

value of  $-3.13$  in eq 1 is significantly more negative than predicted by the additivity principle and in fact is very similar to the  $\rho$  values for III and IV. This means that the electrical effects of the substituents are more effectively transmitted to the reaction sites in II, III, and IV than in V. One would expect some deviation in  $\rho$  from that predicted by the additivity principle whenever there exists a significant interaction between the constant substituent and the reaction site. The deviations of the  $\rho$  values for III and IV from that for V might arise owing to variations in steric or intramolecular hydrogen-bonding interactions between the constant nitro group and the amino group. However, as noted above, the  $\rho$  value for II, where these latter interactions are not possible, is very similar to the  $\rho$  values for III and IV. This indicates that the latter interactions are not significantly important in causing the deviations of the  $\rho$ values. Also, for a series of 5-substituted 3-nitroanilines (I)<sup>8</sup> and for a series of 4-substituted 3-nitroanilines (VI)<sup>9</sup> the  $\rho$  values of -2.87 and -2.83 are close to that of  $-2.77$  predicted by the additivity principle. In both I and VI, the only direct effect of the nitro group on the reaction site is an inductive one. Thus, it appears that the inductive effect of the constant nitro group does not significantly affect the reaction constant. The variable effect on the reaction site of the constant nitro group in II, III, and IV which causes the deviations of the  $\rho$ 's from the predicted value appears to be due to variation in resonance interaction between the constant nitro group and the reaction site amino group. This variation in resonance interaction arises because of the different electron demands of the various substituents.

In an attempt to obtain a more significant relation and perhaps account for the deviation of the  $\rho$  value,

 $(14)$  In the equations throughout this paper,  $r$  is the linear correlation coefficient and s is the standard deviation from regression. The percentage value given at the end of each equation is the percentage confidence level as determined by the Student "t" test.<sup>13b</sup>

the pK<sub>a</sub>'s of II were correlated with  $\sigma_m$ <sup>+</sup>,<sup>15</sup>  $\sigma_p$ <sup>+</sup>,<sup>15</sup> or  $\sigma_{\rm R}$ .<sup>16</sup> However, in no case was there any correlation more significant than that reported in eq **1.** Similar correlations were carried out on I11 and IV. No correlations more significant than originally reported<sup>6,7</sup> were obtained.

For **11,** there is no significant correlation between  $\nu_{\rm b}$  and  $\nu_{\rm a}$ ,  $\nu_{\rm b}$  and  $\sigma_m$ ,  $\nu_{\rm a}$  and  $\sigma_m$ ,  $\Delta \nu$  (where  $\Delta \nu = \nu_{\rm b}$  –  $\nu_a$ ) and p $K_a$ , or  $\Delta \nu$  and  $\sigma_m$ .

The negative values for the  $\rho$ 's of series I, II, III, IV, and VI indicate that an electron-withdrawing substituent increases the acidity of a substituted nitroanilinium ion relative to the respective unsubstituted nitroanilinium ion and this is observed in every case. In general, it has been observed that the acid strengths of the substituted nitroanilinium ions decrease in the following order:  $III > IV > II > I > VI$ . It has been pointed out<sup>17</sup> that substitution in benzenes does not produce great changes or new bands in the uv spectra, but only modifies the spectrum of the parent compound. Perturbation resulting from the introduction of a substituent causes shifts in absorption bands and changes in intensity of these bands. An examination of Table I shows that for  $\lambda_b$  of II, relative to p-nitroaniline, electron-donating groups and halogens cause blue shifts *(ie.* , shifts to shorter wavelengths) while electron-withdrawing groups cause red shifts (i.e., shifts to longer wavelengths). This same order has been observed for  $\lambda_b$  of I<sup>s</sup> relative to *m*-nitroaniline. The same relationship has also been observed for  $\lambda_b$ of IV,7 but the opposite order is observed for  $\lambda_b$  of III,<sup>6</sup> both relative to *o*-nitroaniline. For VI, if R =  $F$  or OCH<sub>3</sub>, a red shift is observed while a blue shift is observed if  $R = Cl$ . No change was observed when the **4** substituent was Br or **CH3.'8** 

For I, III, and IV, where  $\lambda_b'$  values (<sup>1</sup>L<sub>a</sub> bands) were found, it was observed that, in general, electrondonating groups and halogens cause red shifts (for 111, halogens cause blue shifts) while electron-withdrawing groups cause blue shifts. For these same three series,  $\lambda_a$  is affected in the same way by substituents as is  $\lambda_b'$ .

Correlation of the Excited-State  $pK_a$ <sup>\*</sup>'s of Some 4-**Substituted 2-Nitroanilines (111) and Some 5-Substituted 2-Nitroanilines (IV)** with **Substituent Con**stants.--Jaffé and coworkers<sup>10,19</sup> have outlined a method for calculating  $pK^*$ 's which only requires measurement of the absorption frequency of the basic and acidic forms of the compounds under study. The method depends on the Förster<sup>20</sup> cycle and may be applied to absorption spectra measurements provided pairs of corresponding states can be found. The wavenumbers in acidic solution for a series of 4 substituted 2-nitroanilines (111) and for a series of **5**  substituted 2-nitroanilines (IV) have been reported previously. $6,7$  The spectra of IIIa and IVa would be expected to resemble the spectra of the 3-substituted nitrobenzenes and the spectra of the 4-substituted nitrobenzenes, respectively.<sup>17</sup> Previous reports<sup>21</sup> for the 'La bands of the 3-substituted nitrobenzenes and the 4-substituted nitrobenzenes correspond very closely to those reported for  $IIIa<sup>6</sup>$  and  $IVa<sup>7</sup>$  and the latter bands are therefore classified as 'L<sub>a</sub> bands. The  ${}^{1}L_{a}$  bands in basic solution for III and IV have also been reported previously.<sup>7</sup>

The  $pK_a^*$ 's for III  $(pK_a^{*III})$  and IV  $(pK_a^{*IV})$ , calculated from the  $\nu$  values for the  $^1L_a$  bands, are recorded in Table II. The relationships between



 $pK_a^{*III}$  and  $\sigma_p$ ,  $\sigma_p^+$ , or  $\sigma_p^{\pm}$  ( $\sigma_p^{\pm}$  is the  $\sigma_p^{\pm}$  or the  $\sigma_p^$ value, whichever is applicable) are shown in eq **2-4**  while those for  $pK_a^{*IV}$  and  $\sigma_m$ ,  $\sigma_m^+$ , or  $\sigma_p^{\pm}$  are shown in eq 5-7. Equations 4 and 7 are statistically significant and their  $\rho$  values of  $-5.24$  and  $-3.27$  are significantly different; *i.e.*, the ranges of  $(\rho^{\pm} s_{\rho})$  for the two equations do not overlap  $(s_p$  is the standard error of  $\rho$ ). Even though eq *5* is not statistically significant, the *p* values

 $NO<sub>2</sub>$  -13.28 -7.86

- $pK_a$ <sup>\*III</sup> = -4.13 8.99 $\sigma_p$ , -0.925, 1.56, 1.50, 99.9% (2)  $pK_a^{*III} = -4.13 - 8.99\sigma_p$ ,  $-0.925, 1.56, 1.50, 99.9\%$  (2)<br> $pK_a^{*III} = -5.28 - 6.15\sigma_p^+$ ,  $-0.866, 2.07, 1.58, 98.8\%$  (3)
- $pK_A^{*III} = -4.88 5.24\sigma_p^{\pm}, -0.936, 1.45, 0.88, 99.8\%$  (4)
- *r* s *SP*   $pK_a^{*IV} = -3.12 - 4.38\sigma_m, -0.656, 1.85, 2.90, 77.1\%$  (5)

 $pK_s * iV = -3.17 - 4.19\pi + 1.0608$ , 1.95, 3.15, 72.4% (6)

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pK_a^{*IV} = -3.56 - 3.27 \sigma_p^{\pm}, -0.923, 0.95, 0.79, 97.4\% (7)
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of  $-8.99$  and  $-4.38$  for eq 2 and 5 are significantly different by the same test as that for the *p* values of eq 4 and 7. Of eq 2-7, the least significant is eq **6**  and the *p* values for eq **3** and **6** are not significantly different. Thus, in two of three cases, it appears that Jaffé's assumption that in excited states meta- and para-substituted compounds are correlated by lines of different slope is valid for I11 and IV. It is also of interest that the exalted substituent parameter,  $\sigma_p^{\pm}$ , gives the best correlations for both series. It is particularly significant that the  $pK_a^{*}$ 's of IV, where the 5 substituent is *meta* to the reaction center amino group, correlate best with the exalted substituent constants. Neither III nor IV correlates significantly with  $\sigma_{I}$ .<sup>16,22,23</sup> However, series IV correlates significantly with  $\sigma_R$  while series III correlates significantly with  $\sigma_{\rm R}$ '.<sup>24</sup>

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primary importance, these considerations being **op**posite to those previously reported<sup>8</sup> for I.

#### Experimental Section

Materials.-The 3-substituted 4-nitroanilines which were commercially unavailable were prepared as indicated by footnotes to Table 111.



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Ultraviolet Spectra and Measurement of  $pK_n$ 's.—Stock solutions  $(0.0003 \text{ M})$  were prepared as described previously.<sup>8</sup> The absorption spectra were measured as described previously.<sup>3</sup> except that hydrochloric acid solutions of various concentrations, rather than buffered solutions, were used. The  $pK_a$ 's were rather than buffered solutions, we have used. The pK. A is the absorbance of the

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pK_a = H_0 - \log \frac{A - A_a}{A_b - A}
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 (8)

solution containing various concentrations of aqueous hydrochloric acid, *A,* is the absorbance of the solution in concentrated hydrochloric acid, *Ab* is the absorbance of the solution in **0.2**   $\tilde{M}$  sodium hydroxide, and  $H_0$  is the acidity function for hydrochloric acid.20

The medium shift was minimal in all cases and the absorbance of all solutions was measured at the wavelength at which **Ab**  was measured.

Calculation of the Excited-State  $pK_a^*$ 's.-The  $pK_a^*$ 's were

calculated using eq 9.<sup>10,19</sup> In eq 9, 
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\nu_b
$$
 and  $\nu_a$  represent the fre-  

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pK_a^* = \frac{(\nu_b - \nu_a)Nhc}{2.303RT} + pK_a
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 (9)

quencies of corresponding transitions in wavenumbers of a base and its conjugate acid, *N* is Avogadro's constant, h is Planck's constant, c is the velocity of light, and *R* is the **gas**  constant. The uncertainty involved in the calculation of  $pK<sub>a</sub>$ <sup>+</sup> has been treated elsewhere.<sup>10</sup>

**Registry No.**—IIb  $(R = H)$ , 100-01-6; IIb  $(R =$  $CF_8$ ), 393-11-3; **IIb** (R = CI), 825-41-2; **IIb** (R =  $COCH_3$ ), 16994-13-1; IIb (R = NO<sub>2</sub>), 610-41-3; IIb  $(R = \text{CO}_2\text{C}_2\text{H}_5), 16994-15-3$ ; **IIb**  $(R = \text{CH}_3), 611-05-2$ .

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# **Liquid Crystals. 11.' Effects of Terminal Group Substitution on the Mesomorphic Behavior of Some Benzylideneanilines**

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In an effort to prepare nematic compounds with crystal-nematic transition temperatures below **loo",** benzylideneaniline was substituted with a variety of functional groups in the para positions of both rings. Of the **21**  new compounds that were prepared by the acid-catalyzed condensation of appropriate para-substituted benzaldehydes with para-substituted anilines only nine exhibited nematic behavior. Trends in the mesomorphic behavior of a homologous series, namely, **p-n-alkoxybenzylidene-p'-aminoacetophenones,** are discussed in detail. The profound effect of changes in the nature of terminal groups on the probability of mesomorphism in beneylideneanils is demonstrated by comparison with para-substituted benzylidene-p'-aminobiphenyl derivatives. That some residual lateral intermolecular attractions are necessary in order to maintain nematic order is demonstrated by the fact that substitution of groups with dipoles acting along the long axis of the molecule destroys mesomorphic behavior. Replacement of oxygen by sulfur in the alkoxy group of benzyldeneanils results in loss of mesomorphic (enantiotropic) behavior.

Liquid crystallinity or mesomorphism<sup> $2$ </sup> is a unique state of matter intermediate between a crystalline solid and a normal isotropic liquid. The phenomenon is usually exhibited by long, rod-shaped molecules which contain dipolar groups. This permits the molecules to orient themselves with their long axes parallel. Since

rotation can occur only about the long axis of the molecule, compounds of this type behave as anisotropic liquids and are birefringent. Three main types of mesomorphic states have been recognized **:3** nematic mesophases, in which the molecules can rotate only about their long axes; smectic mesophases, in which the

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