The Nature of the ortho Effect. I. Electrophilic Aromatic Substitution

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ortho, mela, and parapartialrate factorsfor 19 sets of electrophilic aromatic substitution data were correlated with the extended Hammett equation $Q_X = \alpha \sigma_{I,X} + \beta \sigma_{R,X} + \bar{h}$. Significant correlations were obtained for 17 out of the 19 sets of ortho partial rate factors, **13** out of **15** sets of meta, and 17 out of 19 sets of para. We find that in the sets studied there is no significant steric effect. The results indicate that $\alpha_0 = \alpha_p$ and $\beta_0 = 0.77 \beta_p$. The equality of α_o and α_p is accounted for in terms of the geometry of the transition state. The observation that the resonance effect for *ortho* substitution is smaller than that for para is in accord with the literature. The composition of the *ortho* electrical effect may be written $\epsilon_o = \beta_o/\alpha_p = 0.77\epsilon_p$. These results indicate that the *ortho-para* product ratio is given by log $(p_o/2p_p) = \beta'\sigma_R + h'$. Thus the *ortho-para* product ratio is depe solely upon the resonance effect of the substituent.

We have for some time been engaged in investigation of the effect of ortho substituents upon physical properties and chemical reactivity. In this paper we extend our studies to the effect of ortho substituents upon electrophilic aromatic substitution.' It has been suggested by de la Mare and Ridd² on the basis of a parallelism in the para-meta and ortho-meta product ratios that the ortho effect in nitration is primarily electronic in nature. They suggest, however, that halogenation of ortho-substituted benzenes is dependent at least in part on steric effects. We have two purposes in this work; the first is to determine the validity of the proposal of de la Mare and Ridd; the second is to investigate the magnitude and composition of the ortho electrical effect. To this end, we have examined the correlation of partial rate factors taken from the literature for 19 sets of aromatic substitution data with the extended Hammett equation. The reactions studied

$$
Q_{\mathbf{X}} = \sigma_{\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{X}} + \sigma_{\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{X}} + h \tag{1}
$$

include detritiation, nitration, chlorination, bromination, mercuration, and alkylation. The correlations were made by multiple linear regression analysis. The $\sigma_{\rm I}$ constants are taken from our collection;³ the $\sigma_{\rm R}$ constants are from

$$
\sigma_{\rm R} = \sigma_p - \sigma_{\rm I} \tag{2}
$$

The necessary σ_p values are from McDaniel and Brown⁴ with the exception of that for the phenoxy group.⁵ The data used in the correlations are presented in Table I.

Results

The results of the correlations are presented in Table 11.

 $ortho$ Partial Rate Factors.—Sets 1, 6, 9, and 15 gave excellent correlation; the results obtained for set 8 were very good; set 13 gave good results; sets 10 and 14 gave fair results. For sets 3, *5,* 7, 11, 12, 16, 18, and 19 poor but significant correlation was obtained. Exclusion of the value for $X = I$ in set 3 gave good results. Exclusion of the value $X = NHAc$ in set 5 gave excellent

results. Sets 4 and 17 did not give significant correlation. The results for set 4 were improved by the exclusion of $X = Ph$ (set 4A). The results for set 2 were not considered significant as α and β differed in sign.

meta Partial Rate Factors.-Excellent correlations were obtained for sets 1, 5, 6, **8,** 12, 13, 14, and 15. Very good results were obtained for set **16,** good results for sets 17 and 19. The results obtained for sets *3* and **7** were not significant. The results of sets 2 and 18 are considered to be not significant owing to the difference in sign between α and β . Exclusion of the value $X = I$ gave fair results for set 2.

para Partial Rate Factors.--Excellent correlation was obtained for sets 1, 6, and 14; sets **8,** 12, and 13 gave very good results. Exclusion of the value $X = \text{NHAe}$ gave excellent results for set 8 (set **SA).** Good results were obtained for sets 2, 15, and 16; exclusion of the value $X = I$ from set 2 gave excellent results (set 2A). Sets 3,5,7,9,10,11,18, and 19 gave poor but significant correlation. Exclusion from set *5* of the values for $X = NHAc$ and Ph resulted in an excellent correlation $(\text{set }5A)$. Sets 4 and 17 did not give a significant correlation; exclusion of the value $X = Ph$ from set 4 gave some improvement but the correlation remained not significant (set 4A).

The results seem to show that partial rate factors are well correlated with eq 1. It is of particular interest to note that, of the ortho-substituted sets which gave poor but significant correlation, five had only four members. Of the para-substituted sets which gave poor but significant correlation, five out of seven had only four members. We believe that, had more data been available for these sets, the correlation would be much improved.

Discussion

The ortho Substituent Effect.-In addition to the loalized and delocalized electrical effects characteristic of any substituent bonded to sp2-hybridized carbon atoms, ortho substituents are also capable in some cases of proximity effects of various types. We may represent the effect of ortho substituents by an equation analogous to that proposed by Taft⁶ (eq 3), where ζ is

$$
Q_{\mathbf{X}} = \alpha \sigma_{\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{X}} + \beta \sigma_{\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{X}} + \psi \zeta_{\mathbf{X}} + h \tag{3}
$$

⁽¹⁾ **L.** *M.* Stock and *H. C.* **Brown,** *Advan. Phpls.* **Org.** *Chem.. 1,* **35** *(1963).* **(2)** P. B. D. de la Mare and J. H. Ridd, "Aromatic Substitution," Butterworth and Co. (Publishers) Ltd., London, 1959, **PP 82,** 142.

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a parameter characteristic of the proximity effect of the X substituent and ψ is its coefficient. The proximity effect may consist of any combination of the following contributions: (1) intramolecular hydrogen bonding between substituent and reaction site; **(2)** intramolecular van der Waals and London forces between substituent and reaction site; **(3)** steric inhibition of resonance either between reaction site and skeletal group or substituent and skeletal group or both; **(4)** steric interference with solvation; **(5)** steric inhibition of the reagent. For our present purposes we shall make no attempt to dissect the proximity effect into contributions but simply consider the over-all proximity effect.

We may now consider a number of special cases of interest. (1) The proximity effect is zero. In this case eq **3** simplifies to

$$
Q_{\mathbf{X}} = \alpha \sigma_{\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{X}} + \beta \sigma_{\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{X}} + h \tag{1}
$$

(2) $\zeta_{\rm X}$ = constant. Equation 3 now simplifies to

$$
Q_{\mathbf{X}} = \alpha \sigma_{\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{X}} + \beta \sigma_{\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{X}} + h' \tag{4}
$$

where $h' = h + \psi_{X}$. Equation 4 is equivalent to eq **1. (3A)**

$$
\zeta_X = m\sigma_{1,X} + c \tag{5}
$$

Then

$$
Q_{\mathbf{X}} = (\alpha + m\psi)\sigma_{1,\mathbf{X}} + \beta\sigma_{\mathbf{R},\mathbf{X}} + h + \psi c \tag{6}
$$

$$
Q_{\mathbf{X}} = \alpha' \sigma_{1,\mathbf{X}} + \beta \sigma_{\mathbf{R},\mathbf{X}} + h' \tag{7}
$$

Equation **7** is equivalent to eq 1. **(3B)**

$$
\zeta_{\mathbf{X}} = m\sigma_{\mathbf{R},\mathbf{X}} + c \tag{8}
$$

Then

$$
Q_{\mathbf{X}} = \alpha \sigma_{\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{X}} + (\beta + m\psi)\sigma_{\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{X}} + h + \psi c \tag{9}
$$

$$
Q_{\mathbf{X}} = \alpha \sigma_{\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{X}} + \beta' \sigma_{\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{X}} + h' \tag{10}
$$

Equation 10 is equivalent to eq 1. $(3C)$

$$
\zeta_{\mathbf{X}} = m\sigma_{\mathbf{I},\mathbf{X}} + n\sigma_{\mathbf{R},\mathbf{X}} + c \tag{11}
$$

Then

$$
Q_{\mathbf{X}} = (\alpha + m\psi)\sigma_{1,\mathbf{X}} + (\beta + n\psi)\sigma_{\mathbf{R},\mathbf{X}} + \psi c + h \qquad (12)
$$

$$
Q_{\mathbf{X}} = \alpha' \sigma_{\mathbf{I}} + \beta' \sigma_{\mathbf{R}} + h' \tag{13}
$$

Equation 13 is again equivalent to eq 1. (4A) $\alpha \sigma_{I,X} \approx$ $\beta \sigma_{R,X} \gg \psi_{SX}$. Then

$$
Q_{\rm X} = \alpha \sigma_{\rm I,X} + \beta \sigma_{\rm R,X} + h \tag{1}
$$

(4B) $\psi_{X} \cong \alpha \sigma_{I,X} = \beta \sigma_{R,X}$. In this case eq 3 applies. $(4C) \zeta_X \gg \alpha \sigma_{I,X} \approx \beta \sigma_{Y,X}$. Then

$$
Q_X = \psi \zeta_X + h \tag{14}
$$

 $(5A) \sigma_{I,X} = 0$. Then

$$
Q_X = \beta \sigma_{R.X} + \psi \zeta_X + h \tag{15}
$$

(5B) $\sigma_{R,X} = 0$. Then

$$
Q_{\mathbf{X}} = \alpha \sigma_{\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{X}} + \psi \zeta_{\mathbf{X}} + h \tag{16}
$$

$$
(5C) \sigma_{I,X} = \sigma_{R,X} = 0. \quad \text{Then}
$$

$$
Q_X = \psi_{SX} + h \tag{17}
$$

(6A) $\sigma_{I,X}$ = constant.

$$
Q_{\mathbf{X}} = \beta \sigma_{\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{X}} + \psi \zeta_{\mathbf{X}} + h' \tag{18}
$$

where $h' = \alpha \sigma_{I,X} + h$. (6B) $\sigma_{Q,X}$ = constant.

$$
Q_{\mathbf{X}} = \alpha \sigma_{\mathbf{I}} + \psi \zeta_{\mathbf{X}} + h' \tag{19}
$$

where $h' = \beta \sigma_{R,X} + h$. (6C) $\sigma_{I,X} = a$ constant, $\sigma_{R,X} =$ a constant. Then

$$
Q_{\mathbf{X}} = \psi \zeta_{\mathbf{X}} + h' \tag{20}
$$

where $h' = \alpha \sigma_{I,X} + \beta \sigma_{R,X} + h$.

The results of the correlations have shown that the partial rate factors for ortho substitution are correlated successfully by eq 1. Then we may exclude cases **4B, 4C, 5A, 5B,** FjC, **6A) 6B,** and *GC.* Thus the proximity effects must be either 0, constant, or a linear function of σ_{I} , σ_{R} , or both. Of the contributions to the proximity effect we have cited, only the van der Waals and possibly the London interactions between reaction site and substituent should lead to a relationship between ζ and σ_I or σ_R or both. We infer then that certainly all of the other contributions to the proximity effect are either constant or zero and that in accord with the suggestion of de la Mare and Ridd the effect of ortho substituents upon electrophilic aromatic substitution is primarily an electrical effect.

Localized ortho Electrical Effect.-To make possible a comparison of α_o with α_p we have carried out a correlation by means of simple regression analysis. The results of the correlation are given in Table 111; they show that the α values are equal for *ortho* and para substitution. To account for this observation let us consider the intermediate in electrophilic aromatic substitution. In this intermediate (I) positive charges are located at carbons *2,* 4, and 6. If we compare the ortho-substituted intermediate with the para-substituted intermediate (11) we see that the substituent

in each case is adjacent to one charge and about the same distance from the other two. Thus the localized effect of the substituent should be the same in the ortho- and in the para-substituted intermediates as the geometry is essentially the same. The transitionstate structure will resemble to some extent the structure of the intermediate. Therefore it is not unreasonable to assume that the ortho and para transition states will have the same geometry and will exhibit the same localized effect.

The Delocalized Electrical Effect.-For purposes of comparison values of β _o have been correlated with values of β_p . The results of the correlation are presented in Table III. The results show that β_e is = $0.77\beta_n$; that is, the effect of resonance upon ortho substitution is somewhat less than that upon para substitution. This result is in accord with arguments presented by Norman and Radda' to the effect that the para-substituted intermediate is stabilized to a greater extent by resonance than is the ortho-substituted intermediate. **Composition of the** *ortho* **Electrical Effect.**--We find it conventient to describe the composition of the elec-

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					RESULTS OF CORRELATIONS WITH EQ 1								
	ortho partial rate factors-												
Set	$-\alpha$	$-\beta$		\boldsymbol{h}	R^a	Fo		r^c	$s_{\rm estd}{}^d$	$s\alpha^d$	$s\beta^d$		
01	9.93	4.75		2.04	0.987		56.59	0.675	0.406	$1.06\,$	1.84		
02	$5\,.00$	-5.20		1.96	0.999	222.8		0.680	0.121	0.388	1.49		
$03\,$	$2\,.82$	0.174		0.360	0.975		18.93	0.612	0.207	0.566	0.944		
03A	$3\,.29$	$1\,.27$		0.188	0.9998	1041		0.729	0.0286	0.0906	0.169		
$04\,$	9.68	$8.91\,$		0.379	0.772		2.214	0.934	1.04	$5.26\,$	6.58		
04A	1.67	1.86		-1.31	0.999	186.3		0.952	0.144	0.919	1.21		
$05\,$	12.3	$15.5\,$		1.11	0.794		5.121	0.649	1.98	$3.96\,$	5.91		
$05\mbox{\AA}$	12.7	15.1		0.838	0.922		14.16	0.646	1.22	2.44	3.63		
$06\,$	4.33	1.30		$1\,.01$	0.999	462.1		$0\ldotp805$	0.0736	0.213	0.433		
07	4.66	1.55		1.12	0.999	180.0		0.729	0.0996	$0\,.315$	0.586		
$08\,$	6.71	$18.0\,$		-1.75	0.996	125.1		0.875	0.322	2.54	1.83		
09	2.73	0.769		0.405	0.9997	$1545\,$		0.805	$\boldsymbol{0.0255}$	0.0739	0.150		
010	4.78	1.41		0.770	0.9996	662.5		0.729	0.0540	0.171	0.318		
011	3.67	1.35		0.524	0.999	183.6		0.729	0.0766	0.242	0.451		
012	4.19	$5.42\,$		-0.525	0.959		11.54	0.784	0.279	0.879	1.60		
013	$5.33\,$	8.21		-0.829	0.957		16.19	0.511	0.518	1.17	1.56		
014	5.66	5.16		-0.426	0.998		230.3	0.805	0.106	0.308	0.626		
015	2.62	0.731		0.346	0.994		120.2	0.687	0.0909	0.211	0.413		
016	2.95	2.43		-0.00169	0.956		10.52	0.784	0.232	0.729	1.32		
017	2.95	2.10		0.0283	0.991		26.40	0.729	0.144	0.455	0.846		
018	2.73	1.90		0.0877	0.998		131.6	0.729	0.0601	0.190	0.354		
019	3.12	2.26		0.0444	0.998		119.4	0.729	0.0711	0.225	0.419		
	Set	$s_{\rm h}{}^d$	$n^{\rm e}$	$\text{C.L.}\,\ensuremath{\mathrm{reg}}^f$	$t\alpha^{\mathcal{G}}$	$C.L. \alpha^f$	$t\beta^g$	$C.L.\beta'$	$t_{\rm h}{}^g$	C.L.h'			
	01	0.339	6	99.5	9.368	99.0	2.582	$90.0\,$	6.017	99.0			
	$02\,$	0.208	$\overline{4}$	\ldots, h	12.89	95.0	3.490	80.0	9.420	90.0			
	$03\,$	0.208	$\bf 5$	90.0	4.982	$95.0\,$	0.1843	$20.0\,$	1.731	50.0			
	03A	0.0332	$\overline{\mathbf{4}}$	97.5	36.31	98.0	7.515	90.0	5.662	80.0			
	$04\,$	0.997	6	90.0	1.840	80.0	1.354	$50.0\,$	$3\,.801$	$95.0\,$			
	04A	0.211	$\overline{4}$	90.0	1.817	50.0	1.537	50.0	6.209	80.0			
	$05\,$	1.27	$\boldsymbol{9}$	90.0	3.106	$95.0\,$	2.623	$95.0\,$	0.8740	50.0			
	05A	0.785	$\bf 8$	99.5	$5\,.205$	99.0	4.160	99.0	1.068	50.0			
	${\bf 06}$	0.0708	5	99.5	20.33	99.0	$3\, .002$	90.0	14.27	$99.9\,$			
	$07\,$	1.16	$\overline{\mathbf{4}}$	90.0	14.79	95.0	2.645	$50.0\,$	0.9655	20.0			
	$08\,$	0.299	$\tilde{\text{o}}$	99.0	2.642	80.0	9.836	98.0	5.853	$95.0\,$			
	${\bf 09}$	0.0246	$\bf 5$	99.9	36.94	99.9	$5\,.127$	$95.0\,$	16.46	99.0			
	$010\,$	0.0627	$\overline{4}$	95.0	27.95	95.0	4.434	80.0	12.28	90.0			
	$011\,$	0.0889	$\overline{\mathbf{4}}$	90.0	15.17	95.0	2.993	50.0	5.894	80.0			
	$012\,$	0.261	5	90.0	4.767	95.0	3.388	90.0	$2\,.011$	$80.0\,$			
	${\bf 013}$	0.445	6	97.5	4.556	98.0	$5\,.263$	$98.0\,$	1.863	$80.0\,$			
	014	0.102	$\overline{4}$	95.0	18.38	95.0	8.243	90.0	4.176	80.0			
	$015\,$	0.0732	6	99.5	12.42	99.0	1.770	80.0	5.726	98.0			
	016	0.216	$\bf 5$	90.0	4.046	90.0	1.841	50.0	0.0078	20.0			
	017	0.167	$\overline{\mathbf{4}}$	90.0	6.484	90.0	2.482	$50.0\,$	0.0169	$20.0\,$			
	018	0.0697	$\overline{4}$	90.0	14.37	95.0	5.363	80.0	1.258	50.0			
	019	0.0826	$\overline{4}$	90.0	13.87	95.0	4.394	80.0	0.5375	20.0			

TABLE II \mathbf{r} \mathbf{r} $\ddot{}$ \overline{p}

^a Multiple correlation coefficient. ^b F test for significance of regression. ^c Partial correlation coefficient of σ_1 on σ_R . ^d Standard errors of the estimate, α , β , and h . **c** Number of points in se of α , β , and h. \hbar Not significant owing to difference in sign of α and β .

trical effect in terms of the ratio of β to α . Thus

$$
a = \beta/\alpha \tag{21}
$$

Then, for *ortho* substitution we may write

$$
\epsilon_o = \beta_o/\alpha_o \tag{22}
$$

From the correlation of α_o with α_p we obtain $\alpha_o = \alpha_p$. From the correlation of β_o with β_p we obtain $\beta_o = 0.77 \beta_n$. Then

$$
\epsilon_0 = \frac{0.77 \beta_p}{\alpha_p} = 0.77 \epsilon_p \tag{23}
$$

For those sets of para partial rate factors studied here

CORRELATION OF α_0 with α_p and β_o with β_p s^d $s_{\rm m}{}^d$ t^e $C.L.^f$ r^c

 \boldsymbol{c}^b m^a $n^{\ensuremath{\theta}}$ $A = 1.00$ 0.515 0.976 0.643 0.0620 16.17 99.9 15 B $0.767 -0.139$ 0.967 1.37 0.0543 14.13 99.9 16 ⁴ Slope. \circ Intercept. \circ Correlation coefficient. \circ Standard error of the estimate and of *m*. \circ "*i*" test for significance of *m* (and of regression). *f* Confidence level for significance of regression. *I* Number of points in the set.

Table III

in which β was significant we find an average value ϵ_p of 1.15. Exclusion of those sets in which the value

^a Set numbers refer to Table I unless otherwise noted. Data are from Table I unless otherwise noted. ^b Cl₂/CCl₄/HClO₄/AgClO₄/25° (ref 7). ^c (3-O₂NC₆H₄SO₂O)₂ in PhX at room temperature: R. L. Dannle

TABLE V

RESULTS OF CORRELATIONS WITH EQ 29

Set	β'	h	\boldsymbol{r}	t	s	\boldsymbol{n}	n	C.L.
R ₂	2.48	0.191	0.800	3.528	0.453	0.702	9	99.0
R2A	4.02	0.359	0.968	8.605	0.222	0.468	7	99.9
R3	3.13	0.0344	0.891	3.392	0.257	0.924	5	95.0
R4	1.25	-0.142	0.498	1.148	0.485	1.09	6	50.0
R4A	3.40	0.254	0.955	4.535	0.228	0.751	4	95.0
R5	1.96	-0.0639	0.894	5.276	0.164	0.372	9	99.0
R5A	2.10	-0.00656	0.917	5.614	0.158	0.374	8	99.0
R6	1.96	0.116	0.935	4.584	0.122	0.427	5	98.0
$_{\rm R7}$	2.01	0.116	0.970	5.602	0.0889	0.358	4	95.0
R8	2.71	-0.677	0.677	1.593	0.620	1.70	5	50.0
R8A	3.63	-0.203	0.9995	30.14	0.403	0.120	3	95.0
R9	3.29	0.117	0.911	3.837	0.246	0.857	5	95.0
R10	3.57	0.242	0.888	2.732	0.324	1.31	4	80.0
R11	3.22	0.186	0.893	2.800	0.286	1.15	4	80.0
R12	-1.01	-0.899	0.431	0.827	0.346	1.23	5	50.0
R12A	0.122	-0.483	0.973	5.910	0.00560	0.0226	4	95.0
R14	-0.786	-1.47	0.375	0.808	0.295	0.973	6	50.0
R15	1.59	-0.298	0.855	3.300	0.146	0.483	6	95.0
R15A	1.92	-0.173	0.996	18.36	0.0300	0.105	5	99.9
R16	-0.201	-0.442	0.189	0.333	0.170	0.603	5	20.0
R17	0.770	-0.0397	0.794	1.844	0.104	0.417	4	50.0
R18	0.722	-0.0723	0.881	2.635	0.0680	0.274	4	80.0
R19	0.706	-0.0757	0.791	1.831	0.0957	0.386	4	50.0
R_{20}	2.10	0.280	0.889	4.760	0.265	0.440	8	99.0
R20A	3.30	0.345	0.958	6.644	0.177	0.497	6	99.0
R_{21}	1.85	-0.372	0.995	10.16	0.0443	0.182	3	90.0

of *h* was significant gives an average value of ϵ_p of **1.27.**

The *ortho-para* Ratio in Electrophilic Aromatic Substitution.---From the definition of partial rate factors we may write

$$
f_{X}^{o} = \frac{k_{\text{PhX}} \times 6 \times p_{0}}{k_{\text{PhB}} \times 2 \times 100}
$$
 (24)

where *p,* is per cent *ortho* substitution and *kphx* and k_{PhH} are rate constants for the substituted benzene and benzene itself. Similarly

$$
f_{\mathbf{X}}^p = \frac{k_{\text{PhX}} \times 6 \times p_p}{k_{\text{PhH}} \times 100} \tag{25}
$$

From eq 1 we may write

$$
\log f_{\mathbf{X}}^o = \alpha_o \sigma_{\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{X}} + \beta_o \sigma_{\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{X}} + h_o \tag{26}
$$

$$
\log f_{\mathbf{X}^p} = \alpha_p \sigma_{\mathbf{I}, \mathbf{X}} + \beta_p \sigma_{\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{X}} + h_p \tag{27}
$$

Then

$$
\log\left(\frac{f_X^{\circ}}{f_X^{\circ}}\right) = \log\left(\frac{p_o}{2p_p}\right)_X = (\alpha_o - \alpha_p)\sigma_{I.X} +
$$

$$
(\beta_o - \beta_p)\sigma_{R.X} + (h_o - h_p) \quad (28)
$$

Now as $\alpha_o = \alpha_p$ and $\beta_o = 0.77 \beta_p$ we write

$$
\log\left(\frac{p_o}{2p_p}\right)_X = -0.23\beta_p\sigma_{R,X} + h' = \beta'\sigma_{R,X} + h' \quad (29)
$$

where $h' = h_0 - h_p$. In the general case *h'* will equal zero.

To provide a test of eq **29** we have correlated it with all of the available data. The data used are set forth in Table IV. The results of these correlations are given in Table V. The results for set **R2** were significantly improved by the exclusion of the value for X = OMe and CHO (set **R2A).** Significant correlation was obtained for set **R4** on the exclusion of $X =$ OPh and *i*-Pr (set R4A) and set R8 on the exclusion of $X = Ph$ and $i\text{-}Pr$ (set R8A). As set 8A has only three points, two of which are alkyl groups, its value is doubtful. Exclusion of the point for $X =$ Ph (set **R12A)** gave a significant correlation for set **12.** Exclusion of the value for $X = I$ from set R15 gave an excellent correlation (set R15A). Elimination of the points for $X = CF_3$ and $X = OMe$ (set R20A) gave some improvement in the correlation for the set R20. It is noteworthy that the values of h' are not significantly different from zero.

Of 19 sets studied **12** gave significant correlation. All of the sets with eight or more members gave excellent correlation. We believe that, although the results are not absolutely certain, they do tend to support the validity of eq **29.**

Steric Effects of *ortho* Substituents.---For most of the substituents studied, the substituent effect can be accounted for in terms of electrical effects as noted above. Certain substituents consistently (or often) show deviations suggestive of steric effects. These substituents include t -Bu, i -Pr, CF₃, I, and occasionally Ph.

Preformed Substituting Reagents.--Of the 19 sets studied in this paper eight are based on the work of Olah, *et al.*⁸ who have used the so-called preformed substitution reagents. **A** referee has pointed out that this work has been criticized as the relative rates

(8) **Table I, footnotes** *b, e,* **and** /.

and thus the partial rate factors may be controlled by the rate of mixing and diffusion of the reagents. this were indeed the case we would expect no correlations for Olah's data or at the very least entirely different behavior for these sets. This is apparently not the case. There seems to be no difference in behavior between Olah's data and the other sets studied.

Variation of *ortho* Substitution with Reagent.-Equation 29 prcdicts that for a constant substrate, e.g., toluene

$$
\log\left(\frac{p_o}{2p_p}\right)^{\mathbf{x}} = m'\beta_p + h' \tag{30}
$$

where

$$
m' = -0.23\sigma_{R,X} \tag{31}
$$

Thus the variation of the *ortho-para* ratio with reagent should be a linear function of β_p for any given substrate. Equation **30** does not seem to be obeyed. We may perhaps account for this at least in part in terms of a steric effect of the reagent which is constant throughout a set of substituted benzenes but varies from one reagent to another. The small value of *m'* expected for most substituents suggests that the predominant effect of the reagent may well be steric.

Cyclopropylcarbinyl 3,5-Dinitrobenzoate Solvolysis. 1-Ring Substituent Effect Study

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The solvolysis rates of the 3,5-dinitrobenzoate derivatives of cyclopropylcarbinol (3-H), 1-methylcyclopropylcarbinol (3-Me), **1-phenylcyclopropylcarbinol** (3-Ph), 1-panisylcyclopropylcarbinol (S-An), cyclobutanol (4-H), 1-methylcyclobutanol (4-Me), and 1-phenylcyclobutanol (4-Ph) have been determined in 50 vol *yo* aqueous dioxane. The relative first-order rates were found to parallel closely those for the acetolysis of the corresponding tosylate derivatives. The implications of this solvolytic behavior are discussed in terms of transition-state geometry and charge distribution.

In a recent paper,¹ a rationale was advanced explaining the insensitivity of the rate of solvolysis of cyclopropylcarbinyl tosylate to 1-ring substituents, in terms of a molecular reorganization mechanism (Scheme I) paralleling the solvolysis mechanism of similarly substituted allylcarbinyl tosylates. The lack of sub-

stituent effect upon solvolysis rate was attributed to a homoallyllike transition state, T_1 , while the exclusive formation of ring expanded products was accommodated by a subsequent but greater structure reorganization, leading to a tertiarylike carbonium ion eventually captured by solvent.

That a poorer leaving group in a solvolysis reaction will generate a transition state with less charge development but with greater orbital reorganization is a generally accepted postulate.² Furthermore, it is well

established by the extensive work in the linear freeenergy field³ that substituent effects respond to variable charge development in classical SN1-type reactions. On the other hand, there is increasing evidence⁴ against a simple extension of substituent effects in classical ion formation to nonclassical ion formation. Accordingly, based upon the slight influence of γ substituents upon the reactivity of allylcarbinyl substrates,^{4d} one would predict little substituent effect dependency upon leaving group in the solvolysis of I-ring-substituted cy clopropylcarbinyl derivatives.

As a test of this thinking, the solvolytic behavior of seven cyclopropylcarbinyl 3,5-dinitrobenzoate derivatives was studied. The selection of leaving group was dictated by several considerations: (a) relative to tosylates, much more slowly ionizing 3,5-dinitrobenzoates would afford a more rigorous test of the proposed insensitivity of the transition state to 1-ring substituents; (b) high-purity substrates could be prepared with good room-temperature stability; and (c) t-cyclobutyl derivatives could be synthesized which would permit an assessment of the substituent effect upon the proposed intermediate capture by solvent.

Results **and Discussion**

The kinetic data are summarized in Table I. Each of the esters was allowed to solvolyze in 50 vol $\%$ aque-

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