

Empirical Quantitative Correlation of Substituent Size with Proton Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Chemical Shift Difference between Nonequivalent Geminal Methylene Protons of Hindered N-Substituted Acetanilides and Difluorooxyboranes

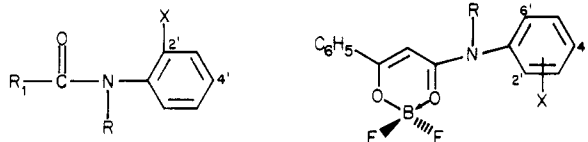
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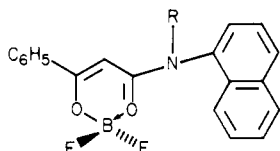
In *N*-ethyl- and *N*-benzyl-substituted difluorooxyboranes nonequivalence of the geminal methylene protons is exhibited in the ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) when the neighboring ortho *X* substituent on the arylamido moiety is sufficiently large. The observed chemical shift difference ($\Delta\delta_{\text{AB}}$) correlates quantitatively with the van der Waals radius (or a specially assigned "effective radius", r_{X}) of the *X* substituent, and the linear relationship ($\Delta\delta_{\text{AB}} = ar_{\text{X}} + b$) is rationalized in terms of a preferred conformation for the difluorooxyborane. The correlation also extends to the hindered *N*-substituted acetanilides.

The chemical shift difference ($\Delta\delta_{\text{AB}}$) between nonequivalent methylene protons in hindered amides such as 1-3 has been investigated extensively,¹⁻⁴ and the subject has been reviewed.⁵⁻⁷ Siddall² has observed that the degree of nonequivalence of the methylene protons for the *N*-ethyl derivatives is evidently very much a function of size of the groups R_1 and *X*: increasing the sizes of these moieties increases the value of $\Delta\delta_{\text{AB}}$ almost without exception. We have now found, from study with a series of hindered *N*-benzyl (5) and *N*-ethyl (6) difluorooxyboranes (Table I), a simple, empirical expression which correlates $\Delta\delta_{\text{AB}}$ quantitatively with the size of the substituent *X* in 5 and 6 and in the aforementioned amides.



- 1, $\text{R} = (\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CHCH}_2$; $\text{R}_1 = \text{CH}_3$
 2, $\text{R} = \text{C}_2\text{H}_5$; $\text{R}_1 = (\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CH}$
 3, $\text{R} = \text{C}_2\text{H}_5$; $\text{R}_1 = \text{CH}_3$
 4, $\text{R} = \text{C}_2\text{H}_5$; $\text{R}_1 = \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{COCCl}_2$

- 5, $\text{R} = \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CH}_2$
 6, $\text{R} = \text{C}_2\text{H}_5$
 7, $\text{R} = \text{CH}_3$
 8, $\text{R} = \text{H}$



- 9, $\text{R} = \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CH}_2$
 10, $\text{R} = \text{C}_2\text{H}_5$

- a, $\text{X} = 3',5'\text{-diCH}_3$; b, $\text{X} = 3'\text{-Cl}$; c, $\text{X} = 2'\text{-CH}_3$; d, $\text{X} = 2'\text{-C}_2\text{H}_5$; e, $\text{X} = 2'\text{-CH}_2\text{O}$; f, $\text{X} = 2'\text{-F}$; g, $\text{X} = 2'\text{-Cl}$; h, $\text{X} = 2'\text{-Br}$; i, $\text{X} = 2'\text{-C}_6\text{H}_5$; j, $\text{X} = 4'\text{-Br}$, $2'\text{-Cl}$, $3',5'\text{-diCH}_3$

In the ^1H NMR spectra of the hindered 5, the benzylic protons were exhibited as a typical AB quartet, while in the analogous 6, the methylene protons formed a symmetrical multiplet, consisting of two sets of six lines constituting the AB part of an apparent ABX_3 system with

overlap of some signals. For purposes of comparison, the meta-substituted 5a ($\text{X} = 3',5'\text{-diCH}_3$) and 5b ($\text{X} = 3'\text{-Cl}$) showed no detectable barrier to rotation ($\Delta\delta_{\text{AB}} = 0$) and neither did the *N*-methyl group in 7 (Table II). The respective $\Delta\delta_{\text{AB}}$ magnitudes in 5 and 6 were clearly a function of both the size and the nature of the corresponding *X* substituent. Thus, in 5, the $\Delta\delta_{\text{AB}}$ values, in the main, followed the intuitive ordering in size of *X*, increasing in the sequence $\text{F} < \text{OCH}_3 < \text{Cl} < \text{Br} < \text{C}_6\text{H}_5$, with the notable exceptions in this trend of the CH_3 and C_2H_5 groups (Table II). In the *N*-ethyl derivatives 6, however, $\Delta\delta_{\text{AB}}$ varied as expected² in all instances (Table II).

The apparent discontinuities in the trend of $\Delta\delta_{\text{AB}}$ observations in 5 disappear on taking cognisance of two types of *X* substituent and R-X interactions. Thus, " α "-type *X* substituents, specifically alkyl groups, interact with all R (C_2H_5 , $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CH}_2$) in a conventional "steric" manner, while " β "-type groups, i.e., those possessing lone pair(s) and/or π electrons (such as halogen, phenyl, methoxy), experience, in addition, a superimposed "electronic" repulsion from a similarly endowed R ($\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CH}_2$ in 5).⁸ In consequence, the $\Delta\delta_{\text{AB}}$, which is a function of substituent "size" (vide infra), is greater, in, for example, 5g ($\text{X} = \text{Cl}$) than in 5c ($\text{X} = \text{CH}_3$), despite the Cl atom being the "smaller" substituent.

A simple linear regression analysis of the observed $\Delta\delta_{\text{AB}}$ with the size (r_{X}) of the *X* substituent in the two series 5 and 6 revealed that the variables were correlated satisfactorily by the relationship shown in eq 1.

$$\Delta\delta_{\text{AB}} = ar_{\text{X}} + b \quad (1)$$

In eq 1, the r_{X} of simple *X* (F, Cl, Br, I, CH_3) is measured by the van der Waals radius (\AA) and that of more complex *X* (such as C_2H_5 and C_6H_5) by an assigned "effective radius" which was selected to give the best overall agreement with the experimental data (Table II); *a* and *b* are constants for a particular amide series. The experimental $\Delta\delta_{\text{AB}}$ values and those calculated from eq 1 are compared in Table II and the correspondence is surprisingly good, considering that no provision is made for other factors⁹ which affect the magnitude of geminal nonequivalence.

Equation 1 and other findings with 5 and 6 may be rationalized in terms of a preferred conformation for these compounds shown (Figure 1) with greater stereochemical

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Table I. Analytical Data of Difluoroxyboranes 5, 6, 7, 9, and 10

compd	mp, °C	molecular formula	anal.					
			calcd			found		
			C	H	N	C	H	N
5b	155-157	C ₂₂ H ₁₇ BClF ₂ NO ₂	64.19	4.16	3.40	64.39	4.19	3.37
5c	129-130	C ₂₃ H ₂₀ BF ₂ NO ₂	70.61	5.15	3.58	70.66	5.30	3.63
5d	160-161	C ₂₄ H ₂₂ BF ₂ NO ₂	71.13	5.47	3.46	71.17	5.60	3.59
5e	156-157	C ₂₃ H ₂₀ BF ₂ NO ₃	67.84	4.95	3.44	67.38	4.78	3.25
5f	172-173	C ₂₂ H ₁₇ BF ₃ NO ₂	66.86	4.34	3.55	66.53	4.29	3.49
5g	132-133	C ₂₂ H ₁₇ BClF ₂ NO ₂	64.19	4.16	3.40	64.53	4.27	3.35
5h	156-157	C ₂₂ H ₁₇ BBF ₂ NO ₂	57.93	3.76	3.07	57.77	3.87	3.00
5i	151-153	C ₂₆ H ₂₂ BF ₂ NO ₂	74.19	4.89	3.09	74.41	4.57	2.87
6c	165-166	C ₁₈ H ₁₈ BF ₂ NO ₂	65.68	5.51	4.26	65.81	5.67	4.15
6e	120-121	C ₁₈ H ₁₈ BF ₂ NO ₃	62.64	5.26	4.06	62.61	5.16	4.08
6f	155-156	C ₁₇ H ₁₅ BF ₃ NO ₂	61.29	4.54	4.21	61.47	4.62	3.87
6g	129	C ₁₇ H ₁₅ BClF ₂ NO ₂	58.41	4.33	4.01	58.36	4.36	4.13
6h	133-134	C ₁₇ H ₁₅ BBF ₂ NO ₂	51.82	3.84	3.56	52.12	3.83	3.57
6i	162-163	C ₂₃ H ₂₀ BF ₂ NO ₂	70.61	5.15	3.58	70.37	4.95	3.71
7g	151	C ₁₆ H ₁₃ BClF ₂ NO ₂	57.27	3.90	4.18	57.58	4.36	4.12
7i	185	C ₂₂ H ₁₈ BF ₂ NO ₂	70.05	4.81	3.71	70.28	4.79	3.36
9	184-185	C ₂₆ H ₂₀ BF ₂ NO ₂	73.09	4.72	3.28	73.55	4.62	3.36
10	177-178	C ₂₁ H ₁₈ BF ₂ NO ₂	69.07	4.97	3.84	69.52	4.86	3.95

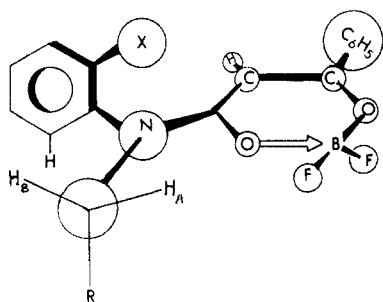


Figure 1. Lowest energy (preferred) conformation for hindered 5 and 6.

explicitness than was feasible for the related conformer of 4j.¹⁰ Specifically, whereas the relative atomic dispositions in the flexible C₆H₅COCCl₂ appendage in 4j were a matter of conjecture that of the difluoroxyborane cycle, which incorporates the corresponding (albeit modified) C chain in 5 and 6, can be more easily discerned and specified.

Figure 1 shows an *exo* (coordinated) amide CO group¹⁰ and features the plane of the benzene ring approximately perpendicular to that of the difluoroxyborane cycle and with the substituents R and X suitably staggered for minimal interactions.¹¹ In support of and explicable in terms of the preferred conformer, the ¹H NMR of hindered 5 showed a one-proton aromatic absorption near δ 6.7-6.8 (absent in 6 and 7), attributed to shielding of the 6'-proton by the proximate benzyl group. In Figure 1, the methylene protons, H_A and H_B, reside in disparate magnetic environments, and this is reflected in the ¹H NMR by the $\Delta\delta_{AB}$ exhibited in the hindered 5 and 6. Moreover, a consequence of coordination of the CO group in the latter structures is reduced deshielding of the H_A proton, leading to the expectation of a smaller $\Delta\delta_{AB}$ than that in the parent benzoyletanilides.

The proportion of preferred conformer (Figure 1) in the conformer population (i.e., ρ) is expected to increase with the size of either or both R and X. A simplistic rationalization of eq 1 supposes that ρ varies directly with the

"extent of steric hindrance" between R and X in 5 and 6 and that a measure of the latter is the difference between the combined "size" of X and R (i.e., $r_X + r_R$) and a magnitude, r_H , pertaining to incipient hindrance in the molecule.¹² Accordingly, $\rho \propto [(r_X + r_R) - r_H]$. Another assumption is that the less favored conformers in the population make hardly any contribution to the magnitude of $\Delta\delta_{AB}$ in 5 and 6, perhaps because of intrinsic factors and/or owing to fortuitous cancellation of opposing effects. This permits ρ to be equated with the observed $\Delta\delta_{AB}$ ⁹ and leads to $\Delta\delta_{AB} \propto [r_X - (r_H - r_R)]$. The value of r_H is determined by the spacial interrelationships of the various groups around the N atom and is expected to remain more or less the same in a particular series having specific N substituents, as in 5. Thus, with the proviso that the term $(r_H - r_R)$ is invariant in a series, and introduction of an appropriate proportionality factor (fortuitously ≈ 1),¹³ $\Delta\delta_{AB}$ is seen to vary with r_X as in eq 1.

This simplistic derivation, in the absence of a more rigorous treatment, was useful in helping to coordinate a number of diverse concepts and observations. In particular, since the relative spatial orientations of the benzene ring bearing X, the amide group, and the methylene protons in Figure 1 are similar to those in the model proposed² for amides such as 3, it was expected that eq 1 would be valid also for the latter compounds. Gratifyingly, good linear correlations were confirmed by simple regression analysis in the series of amides 1-3, and the results are collected in Table III.

Application of eq 1 offers a means of estimating the size of a substituent appropriate to steric hindrance in amides as opposed to an "A" value which pertains to the cyclohexane system. For example, the I atom (2.15 Å) is significantly "bigger" than Cl (1.80 Å) in the present cir-

(12) This "extent of steric hindrance" is clearly analogous to the "interference value" in hindered biphenyls [R. Adams and H. C. Yuan, *Chem. Rev.*, 12, 285 (1933)].

(13) Values of $\Delta\delta_{AB}$ approximating closely those derived from eq 1 are generated from the simplified expression $\Delta\delta_{AB} = r_X - c$ ($c = 0.65$ for 5; 1.31 for 6; 0.79 for 1; 1.14 for 2; 1.15 for 3). In this latter equation, the relation $c = (r_H - r_R)$ is convenient for rationalizing other observations in Tables II and III. Thus, it may be inferred that in two series of amides with a common R₁ (such as 5 and 6 or 1 and 3), the one bearing the "bigger" R substituent will show the more substantial $\Delta\delta_{AB}$ values; this result follows [from $c = (r_H - r_R)$] when the geometry around the N atom (and hence r_H) is much the same in both instances. Further, it has been reported that $\Delta\delta_{AB}$ is roughly proportional to the "A" value of the R₁ group,⁴ and this leads to the proposal that a "large" R₁ should correlate with a "small" r_H .

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(11) The postulated relative spatial orientations depicted in Figure 1, as well as the individual B (sp³) and N (sp²) hybridizations, are supported from a subsequent X-ray structure determination of the related difluoroxyborane from *N*-ethyl-2'-chloroferrocenylacetanilide and BF₃ (J. S. Field, private communication).

Table II. Experimental and Calculated ^1H NMR^a Chemical Shift Differences ($\Delta\delta_{\text{AB}}$) between Methylene Protons in Difluorooxyboranes 5, 6, 7, 9, and 10

compd	X	r_{X}^b	methylene (benzylic) protons		$\Delta\delta_{\text{AB}}$ ($\text{H}_\text{A} - \text{H}_\text{B}$)		H_C	other (multiplicity, no. of protons, assignment)
			H_A^c	H_B^c	exptl	calcd ^d		
5b			5.0	5.0	0		5.36	6.7-7.8 (m, 14 H, Ar H)
5c	CH_3	2.0	5.33, 5.12 (5.23)	4.76, 4.53 (4.65)	0.58		5.21	1.96 (s, 3 H, ArCH_3), 6.77 (dd, 1 H, 6'-H), 7.0-7.7 (m, 13 H, Ar H)
5d	C_2H_5	2.15 ^e	5.45, 5.22 (5.34)	4.67, 4.46 (4.57)	0.77		5.22	1.07 (t, 3 H, $J = 7.5$ Hz, $\text{ArCH}_2\text{-CH}_3$), 2.37 (q, 2 H, $J = 7.5$ Hz, ArCH_2CH_3), 6.72 (dd, 1 H, 6'-H), 7.0-7.7 (m, 13 H, Ar H)
5e	CH_3O	1.52 ^f	5.49, 5.26 (5.38)	4.59, 4.36 (4.48)	0.90	0.90	5.33	3.68 (s, 3 H, OCH_3), 6.7-7.7 (m, 14 H, Ar H)
5f	F	1.35	5.46, 5.22 (5.34)	4.72, 4.50 (4.61)	0.73	0.75	5.36	6.7-7.7 (m, 14 H, Ar H)
5g	Cl	1.80	5.71, 5.48 (5.60)	4.50, 4.26 (4.38)	1.22	1.15	5.22	6.75 (dd, 1 H, 6'-H), 6.9-7.7 (m, 13 H, Ar H)
5h	Br	1.95	5.80, 5.55 (5.68)	4.45, 4.21 (4.33)	1.35	1.28	5.22	6.75 (m, 1 H, 6'-H), 7.0-7.9 (m, 13 H, Ar H)
5i	C_6H_5	2.45 ^e	5.42, 5.18 (5.30)	3.70, 3.46 (3.58)	1.72	1.73	5.60	6.71 (dd, 1 H, 6'-H), 6.9-7.8 (m, 18 H, Ar H)
9	C_4H_4	1.95 ^e	5.80, 5.56 (5.68)	4.61, 4.37 (4.49)	1.19	1.28	5.15	6.90 (m, 1 H, 6'-H), 7.2-8 (m, 16 H, Ar H)

compd	X	r_{X}^b	methylene protons		$\Delta\delta_{\text{AB}}^g$		H_C	other (multiplicity, no. of protons, assignment)
			multiplicity [first signal, twelfth signal (center)]		exptl	calcd ^h		
6c	CH_3	2.0	12-line multiplet [4.50, 3.27 (3.88)]; lines 6 and 7 separated by ~3 Hz		0.62	0.71	5.22	1.27 (t, 3 H, $J = 7.2$ Hz, NCH_2CH_3), 2.22 (s, 3 H, ArCH_3), 7.0-7.7 (m, 9 H, Ar H)
6d	C_2H_5	2.15 ^e	12-line multiplet [4.60, 3.20 (3.90)]; lines 6 and 7 separated by ~14 Hz		0.80	0.85	5.25	1.30 (t, 3 H, $J = 7.5$ Hz, CH_2CH_3), 1.22 (t, 3 H, $J = 7.5$ Hz, $\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_3$), 2.55 (q, 2 H, $J = 7.5$ Hz, ArCH_2CH_3), 7.0-7.7 (m, 9 H, Ar H)
6e	CH_3O	1.52 ^f	apparent 10-line multiplet centered near δ 3.85		~0.4 ⁱ	0.26	5.33	1.21 (t, 3 H, $J = 7$ Hz, NCH_2CH_3), 3.79 (s, 3 H, OCH_3), 7-7.7 (m, 9 H, Ar H)
6f	F	1.35	quartet (3.93)		0	0.10	5.34	1.25 (t, 3 H, $J = 7.0$ Hz, NCH_2CH_3), 3.93 (q, 2 H, $J = 7.0$ Hz, $\text{NCH}_2\text{-CH}_3$), 7.1-7.7 (m, 9 H, Ar H)
6g	Cl	1.80	12-line multiplet [4.47, 3.47 (4.0)]; lines 6 and 7 separated by ~7 Hz		0.52	0.52	5.25	1.28 (t, 3 H, $J = 7.0$ Hz, NCH_2CH_3), 7.2-7.7 (m, 9 H, Ar H)
6h	Br	1.95	12-line multiplet [4.50, 3.26 (3.88)]; lines 6 and 7 separated by ~5 Hz		0.64	0.66	5.15	1.25 (t, 3 H, $J = 7$ Hz, NCH_2CH_3), 7-7.8 (m, 9 H, Ar H)
6i	C_6H_5	2.45 ^e	12-line multiplet [4.25, 2.48 (3.38)]; lines 6 and 7 separated by ~37 Hz		1.18	1.13	5.6	1.05 (t, 3 H, $J = 7$ Hz, NCH_2CH_3), 7.1-7.8 (m, 14 H, Ar H)
6j	Cl	1.80	12-line multiplet [4.5, 3.4 (3.9)]; lines 6 and 7 separated by ~12 Hz		0.61	0.52	5.28	1.25 (t, 3 H, $J = 7.0$ Hz, NCH_2CH_3), 2.47 (s, 3 H, ArCH_3), 2.66 (s, 3 H, ArCH_3), 7.07 (s, 1 H, 6'-H), 7.3-7.7 (m, 5 H, Ar H)
10	C_4H_4	1.95 ^e	12-line multiplet [4.63, 3.38 (4.0)]; lines 6 and 7 separated by ~8 Hz		0.67	0.66	5.14	1.29 (t, 3 H, $J = 7$ Hz, NCH_2CH_3), 7-8.1 (m, 12 H, Ar H)
7g	Cl	1.80			0		5.29	3.45 (s, 3 H, NCH_3), 7.1-7.8 (m, 9 H, Ar H)
7i	C_6H_5	2.45			0		5.57	3.07 (s, 3 H, NCH_3), 7.1-7.8 (m, 14 H, Ar H)

^a Approximately 10% solutions in CDCl_3 . Data are reported as δ in parts per million from Me_4Si ; spectra determined at about 36 °C. ^b van der Waals radius (Å) of X ("Handbook of Chemistry and Physics", 57th ed., R. C. Weast, Ed., CRC Press, Cleveland, OH, 1976-1977). ^c Downfield signal; upfield signal (center). ^d $0.887r_{\text{X}} - 0.446$; $r^2 = 0.966$. ^e Assigned "radius" (Å). ^f van der Waals radius (Å) of O atom; a value of 1.52 Å [cf. J. P. Idoux, J. M. Scandrett, and J. A. Sikorski, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, **99**, 4577 (1977)] seems more appropriate than 1.4 Å. ^g Measured distance between corresponding signals of the halves of the AB spectrum (i.e., first and seventh lines) in parts per million. ^h $0.935r_{\text{X}} - 1.16$; $r^2 = 0.936$. ⁱ Measured distance between first and fifth lines (in parts per million).

Table III. Experimental and Calculated ^1H NMR^a Chemical Shift Difference ($\Delta\delta_{\text{AB}}$) between Methylene Protons in Amides 1-3

X	r_X^b	amide					
		1		2		3	
		exptl	calcd ^c	exptl	calcd ^d	exptl	calcd ^e
CH_3	2.0	1.24 ^f	1.24	0.85 ^f	0.87	0.84 ^g	0.83
C_2H_5	2.15	1.37 ^f	1.36			0.98 ^f	1.00
F	1.35					-	0.08
Cl	1.80			0.67 ^h	0.66	-	0.60
Br	1.95					0.77 ^{h,i}	0.77
I	2.15					1.02 ^h	1.00
C_6H_5	2.45	1.60 ^f	1.60	1.30 ^f	1.30	1.37 ^f	1.35
C_4H_4	1.95					0.80 ^f	0.77

^a Data are reported as δ in parts per million from Me_4Si .
^b As for Table II. ^c $0.795r_X - 0.346$; $r^2 = 0.999$.
^d $0.974r_X - 1.09$; $r^2 = 0.994$. ^e $1.16r_X - 1.49$; $r^2 = 0.993$. ^f Determined in CDCl_3 at about 43°C . ^g Determined in CDCl_3 at 40°C . ^h Determined in CDCl_3 at about 43°C . ⁱ X = 2'-bromo-4'-methyl.

cumstances, whereas their conformational energies are similar.¹⁴ This research provides a consistent framework for accommodating a host of previously apparently unrelated measurements and is being continued.

Experimental Section

Melting points were determined with a Kofler hot-stage apparatus and are uncorrected. ^1H NMR spectra were obtained (in CDCl_3) at 60 MHz, using a Hitachi Perkin-Elmer R-20 instrument, and chemical shifts (δ) are measured from internal tetramethylsilane as reference. The proton resonances of all compounds were integrated for confirmation of structure (s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; m, multiplet).

N-Substituted Difluoroxyboranes. The requisite parent difluoroxyboranes, **8**, were prepared from the appropriate benzoylacetylborane and boron trifluoride.¹⁵ The N-alkylation of **8** was carried out in dimethylformamide, using sodium hydride and either benzyl bromide, ethyl bromide, or methyl iodide (methyl tosylate) as appropriate,¹⁶ and afforded the corresponding **5**, **6**,

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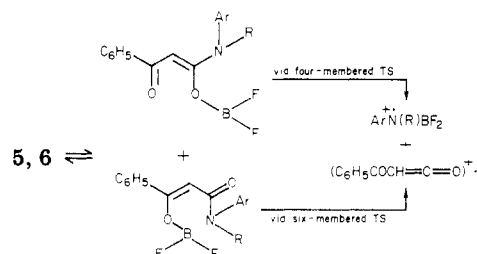
7, **9**, and **10**, respectively, in good yields. The crude reaction products, isolated after trituration with ethanol,¹⁶ were sufficiently pure (melting point) for most purposes (including ^1H NMR determination). Samples were obtained for elemental analysis by crystallization from chloroform-ethanol. New N-substituted difluoroxyboranes **5**, **6**, **7**, **9**, and **10** together with relevant details are listed in Table I. The mass spectra (measured (70 eV) on a Varian CH-5 spectrometer) which substantiated the respective structures featured the rearrangement ion, $\text{ArN}^+(\text{R})\text{BF}_2$, thought to originate from a six-membered transition state in which the N and B atoms are suitably aligned or even coordinated.¹⁷ It now seems more likely that the $\text{ArN}^+(\text{R})\text{BF}_2$ (and other species¹⁷) arise after intervention of acyclic difluoroxyborane intermediates.¹⁸

Registry No. **1c**, 7128-76-9; **1d**, 7128-77-0; **1i**, 6930-93-4; **2c**, 6932-98-5; **2g**, 13936-57-7; **2i**, 7215-53-4; **3c**, 6932-92-9; **3d**, 7111-32-2; **3f**, 76359-25-3; **3g**, 76359-26-7; **3i**, 7097-82-7; **3** (X = I), 13936-59-9; **3** (X = C_4H_4), 6930-96-7; **3** (X = 2-Br, 4-Me), 13936-58-8; **5b**, 76377-14-5; **5c**, 76391-54-3; **5d**, 76377-15-6; **5e**, 76377-16-7; **5f**, 76377-17-8; **5g**, 76377-18-9; **5h**, 76377-19-0; **5i**, 76377-20-3; **6c**, 76377-21-4; **6d**, 76377-22-5; **6e**, 76377-23-6; **6f**, 76377-24-7; **6g**, 76377-25-8; **6h**, 76377-26-9; **6i**, 76377-27-0; **6j**, 76377-28-1; **7g**, 76377-29-2; **7i**, 76377-30-5; **8b**, 76377-31-6; **8c**, 76377-32-7; **8d**, 76377-33-8; **8e**, 76377-32-7; **8f**, 76377-34-9; **8g**, 76377-35-0; **8h**, 76377-36-1; **8i**, 76377-37-2; **8j**, 76377-38-3; **9**, 76377-39-4; **10**, 76391-55-4; boron trifluoride, 7637-07-2; 3'-chlorobenzoylacetylborane, 962-06-1; 2'-methylbenzoylacetylborane, 71599-78-5; 2'-ethylbenzoylacetylborane, 76359-27-8; 2'-methoxybenzoylacetylborane, 92-16-0; 2'-fluorobenzoylacetylborane, 349-25-7; 2'-chloroacetylborane, 7342-28-1; 2'-bromoacetylborane, 41084-99-5; 2'-phenylacetylborane, 76359-28-9; 4'-bromo-2-chloro-3',5'-dimethylacetylborane, 76359-29-0.

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Structural Effects in Solvolytic Reactions. 35. Carbon-13 Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Studies of Carbocations. Effect of Increasing Electron Demand on the Carbon-13 Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Shifts in 2-Aryl-2-butyl and 4-Aryl-4-heptyl Carbocations. Correlation of the Data by a New Set of Substituent Constants, σ^{C^+}

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The ^{13}C NMR shifts of a series of meta- and para-substituted 2-phenyl-2-butyl and 4-phenyl-4-heptyl carbocations were measured in $\text{SbF}_5/\text{FSO}_3\text{H}/\text{SO}_2\text{ClF}$. The plots of the chemical shifts of the cationic carbon, $\Delta\delta^{\text{C}^+}$, in the various substituted derivatives against the values of substituent constants, σ and σ^+ , reveal only relatively poor correlations. However, excellent linear correlations are realized in the plots of $\Delta\delta^{\text{C}^+}$ against the new σ^{C^+} values proposed for these systems. The 2-aryl-2-butyl system yields a ρ^{C^+} value of -17.78 with a correlation coefficient $r = 0.9998$. The 4-aryl-4-heptyl system gives a ρ^{C^+} value of -14.57 with $r = 0.999$. The nearly perfect linear correlations observed for these systems support the validity and utility of these new σ^{C^+} constants.

During a systematic investigation of electrophilic aromatic substitution reactions, it was recognized that the

original Hammett σ constants, derived from the ionization of substituted benzoic acids, required modification to allow