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# SPECTROSCOPIC STUDY OF SUBSTITUENT EFFECTS OF MAIN GROUP IV ELEMENTS IN ACETYLENIDES

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## Summary

Shifts of frequencies ( $\Delta \nu$ ) of the O–H stretching modes in the IR spectra of phenol (acceptor) when hydrogen-bonded to acetylenides of Main group IV elements,  $R_3MC \equiv CX$  and  $R_3MC \equiv CM'R_3$  (M, M' = C, Si, Ge, Sn; R = Alk; X = various substituents) have been measured. These shifts are a quantitative measure of the electron-donor properties of the acetylenides. The  $\Delta v$  parameter has been shown for  $R_3MC = CX$  compounds to correlate linearly with the  $\sigma_p$ -constants of the substituents X. The  $\sigma_{\rm p}$ -constants of some organometallic R<sub>3</sub>M substituents have been determined from this correlation. The electron-donor properties of acetylenides have been estimated by means of electronic absorption spectroscopy of charge-transfer (CT) complexes of  $R_3MC \equiv CX$  (M = C, Si, Ge) compounds (donors) with iodine (acceptor). The charge-transfer frequencies ( $\nu_{CT}$ ) were a quantitative measure of these properties in the CT state. The correlation between  $\Delta \nu$  and  $\nu_{CT}$  has been analysed. The effects of  $d_{\pi} - p_{\pi}$  interaction and of  $\sigma, \pi$  conjugation have been shown to be practically unchanged while  $\pi,\pi$  and  $p,\pi$  conjugations increase in the CT state. The significant role of direct resonance interaction was established in both the ground and CT states.

## Introduction

Acetylenides of the R<sub>3</sub>MC=CX type (M = Si, Ge, Sn; X = various substituents) have been studied by many workers using a variety of physical methods. In order to obtain information on the electronic effects of the organometallic substituents MR<sub>3</sub> and the nature of the chemical bonding in the -M-C=C- fragment, IR spectroscopy (analysis of frequencies and intensities of  $\nu(C=C)$ ,  $\nu(C-H)$ ,  $\nu(M-C)$  stretching modes and hydrogen bonding by acetylene hydrogen atoms) [1-10],

NMR spectroscopy (analysis of <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C, <sup>19</sup>F, <sup>29</sup>Si, <sup>117,119</sup>Sn chemical shifts, and a variety of spin-spin coupling constants of individual compounds, as well as of their donor acceptor complexes) [5,11,15], Mössbauer spectroscopy [16,17], electronic absorption spectroscopy [18–22] and dipole moments analysis [22–24] have been used.

It has also been repeatedly claimed that as well as donor properties (+*I* effect),  $R_3M$  groups (M = Si, Ge, Sn) in  $R_3M$ —C=C-fragments may exhibit acceptor properties ( $d_{\pi}$ — $p_{\pi}$  interaction). In addition, in a series of alkynes and their derivatives the role of  $\pi, \pi$ -;  $p, \pi$  conjugation effects was found to be substantial [25]; organometallic acetylenides were not very well understood in this respect. The effects of the substituents in the transition from the ground to the excited state were also unknown. It was thus interesting to investigate these properties of acetylenides with the aim of obtaining new data on Hammett-Taft type  $\sigma$ -constants, making allowance for the electronic effects of the organometallic substituents.

The aim of this work was to investigate trends in the electronic structure changes of organometallic acetylenides influenced by substituents, in order to obtain data on the poorly understood problems of electronic shift mechanisms.

# **Results and discussion**

In this work we have studied the influence of substituents on the  $\pi$ -donating properties of acetylenides in the ground electronic state by IR spectroscopy. Frequency shifts ( $\Delta \nu$ ) of O—H stretching modes of phenol when hydrogen bonded (|||···H—O—Ph) to acetylenes were measured. The parameter  $\Delta \nu$  for a C wide range of electron-donors on the acetylenes were related to the enthalpy of formation of hydrogen bonds by an approximately linear relationship [27]. For a few compounds with similar structure the linear relationship between  $\Delta \nu$  and  $\Delta H$  was followed fairly precisely [28]. The  $\Delta \nu$  parameter gives information about specific details of the influence of the substituents on the electron-donating properties of the compounds. The influence of substituents on  $\Delta \nu$  can be described in terms of Hammett-Taft  $\sigma$  constants [29].

Table 1 presents frequency shifts  $\Delta \nu$  for phenol dissolved in the organometallic compounds. It should be noted that organometallic acetylenides are known to take part in donor-acceptor interaction with electron-donating compounds, of which phenol is an example. This interaction is most pronounced in tin derivatives, the Sn- $C_{sp}$  bond being cleaved in the presence of phenol. By virtue of the fact that the tin derivatives are stable under the conditions we have chosen (when the phenol concentration is significantly lower than the concentration of the organometallic compound) it may be assumed that under these conditions the degree of association with the tin atom is small and its influence on the  $\pi$ -donor properties of the compounds studied may be ignored. This applies to a greater degree to acetylenides of silicon and germanium.

The compounds we studied (Table 1) are represented by four series, i.e. carbon, silicon, germanium and tin derivatives, each of them including fixed ( $R_3C$ ,  $R_3Si$ ,  $R_3Ge$ ,  $R_3Sn$ ) and variable substituents bound to the triple bond. It should be noted, that the influence of  $R_3M$  on the  $\Delta\nu$  parameter depends much more on

Number	Compound	M = C		M = Si		M = Ge		M = Si		o <sub>p</sub> (X)
		Δν(OH)	νċτ X 10 <sup>-3</sup>	Δµ(OH)	<sup>ν</sup> CT X 10 <sup>-3</sup>	Δν(OH)	νcT X 10 <sup>-3</sup>	Δν(OH)	νCT X 10 <sup>-3</sup>	
	ערי(גאס), אניניאט), C≡CSn(CH,	170	1	147	1	165	1	178	1	
. 01	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> MC≡CSn(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	172	I	164	I	169	1	1	1	
. 03	(C,Hc),MC≡CSn(CH,),	1	ł	149	I	170 a	l	I	I	
4	(C,H,),MC≡CSn(C,H,),	ł	I	158 a	ł	l	I	190	I	
Q	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> MC≡CGe(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	153	34.3	135	36.7	149	35.0	165	1	
9	(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> MC≡CGe(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	I	I	135, 141 a	36.5	164, 165 a	34.2	169	I	
7	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> MC≡CGeC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	155	33.7	137, 142 a	35.3	Ī	I	170 a	ł	
8	(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> MC≡CGe(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	1	I	l	1	168 a	I	ł	l	
8	(n-C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>0</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> MC≡CGe(C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>0</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	I	i	l	I	159 a	I	I	ł	
10	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> MC=CSI(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	131	35.0	121	36.1	135	36.7	147	I	
11	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> MC≡CSi(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	135	34.6	123	35,3	135	35.5	149	ł	
12	(C,H,)₃MC≡CSI(C2H,)₃	I	I	130, 130 a	35.1	142 a	1	154	I	
13	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> MC=CC(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	140	34.0	131	35.0	163	34.3	170	I	-0.197
14	(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> MC≡CC(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	1	I	135	34.6	155	33.7	172	1	-0,197
15	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> MC≡CCH <sub>2</sub> SI(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	i	[	139	35.1	158	34.2	190	1	
16	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> MC≡COCH <sub>3</sub>	I	I	144	31.8	l	I	I	I	-0.268
17	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> MC≡COC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	I	i	150	32,3	I	1	I	1	-0,250
18	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> MC≡CCH <sub>3</sub>	129	34.5	122	35.9	144, 143 b	34.3	154	1	-0.170
19	(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> MC≡CCH <sub>3</sub>	1	I	I	I	l	1	165	I	-0.170
20	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> MC≡CC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	137	34.8	1	ł	148	1	160	I	-0.151
21	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> MC≡CCH <sub>2</sub> N(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	I	I	125	1	150	I	160	I	-0.150
22	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> MC=CCH=CH <sub>2</sub>	104	I	105	I	<b>116</b> b	I	I	1	-0.020
23	(C2H5)3MC=CCH=CH2	ł	I	I	1	122, 121 <sup>b</sup>	1	I	I	-0.020
24	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> MC≡CCH <sub>2</sub> OC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	1	I	I	1	t	1	140	1	-0.010
26	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> MC≡CPh <sup>c</sup>	100	34,5	106	34,5	119	34,5	140	ł	-0.010
26	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> MC≡CSCH <sub>3</sub>	105	28.6	107	29.2	127	28,8	135	I	0
27	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> MC≡CSC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	106	28.6	109	29.1	129	28.7	136	I	0
28	(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> MC≡CSC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	ł	1	I	1	I	I	140	1	0
29	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> MC=CCH <sub>2</sub> Br <sup>d</sup>	I	1	84	36,8	95	36.2	110	I	+0.150
30	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> MC≡CCH <sub>2</sub> Cl d	78	37.0	80	37.3	90, 90 <sup>b</sup>	36.5	111	1	+0.180
31	(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> MC≡CCH <sub>2</sub> Cl d	I	1	1	1	I	1	119	1	+0.180
32	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> MC=CI	79	33,9	19	34.5	94	32.3	I	I	+0,180
83	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> MC≡CBr	64	34.0	75	35,0	84	35.7	66	I	+0.230
34	(cH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> Mc≡cci	59	34,5	70	35.7	79	36,0	I	1	+0.230
35	(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> MC≡CCI	I	ł	I	I	ł	ł	06	I	+0.230
36	(cH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> MC≡CC <sub>6</sub> F <sub>5</sub>	50	I	49	I	64	I	74	I	+0,350
<sup>a</sup> Ref. 10, when pher	b Ref. 8, c The $\Delta \nu$ values of phe nol forms hydrogen bonds with t	enol when hy halogens.	/drogen bonds a	re formed wit	h the <i>n</i> -system	of the aromati	le ring are with	in 30-40 cn	$1^{-1}, d \Delta \nu = 40^{-1}$	-60 cm <sup>-1</sup>

the nature of M than on the alkyl radical R (CH<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, n-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>). Therefore, comparing  $\Delta \nu$  values we used fixed Alk<sub>3</sub>M substituents and various Alk substituents with unchanged M.

The electronic effects of the variable substituents change over a sufficiently wide range and apart from an inductive component, they may include a resonance one. It is known that the influence of such substituents on spectral parameters of derivatives of benzene [30], naphthalene [31], furan and thiophene [32] and ethylene [33] is brought about both by inductive and resonance mechanisms.

Treatment of the data obtained by the least squares method disclosed that  $\Delta \nu$  values of the compounds studied are connected with the Hammett  $\sigma_p$  constants of the varying substituents (Fig. 1) by a linear correlation for each series of organometallic acetylenides, as well as for the carbon derivatives.

 $\Delta \nu_{\rm C} = -(167 \pm 8) \,\sigma_{\rm p} + (105 \pm 2) \qquad r = 0.988 \qquad n = 12 \tag{1}$ 

(M = C, compounds 13, 18, 20, 22, 25, 27, 30, 32, 33, 34, 36)

 $\Delta \nu_{\rm Si} = -(148 \pm 5) \,\sigma_{\rm p} + (105 \pm 1) \quad r = 0.992 \qquad n = 17 \tag{2}$ 

(M = Si, compounds 13-18, 21, 22, 25-27, 29, 30, 32-34, 36)

$$\Delta \nu_{\rm Ge} = -(166 \pm 6) \,\sigma_{\rm p} + (121 \pm 1) \quad r = 0.989 \qquad n = 17 \tag{3}$$

(M = Ge, compounds 13-15, 18, 20-23, 25-27, 30, 32-34, 29, 36)

 $\Delta \nu_{\rm Sn} = -(164 \pm 8) \,\sigma_{\rm p} + (136 \pm 1) \quad r = 0.985 \qquad n = 18 \tag{4}$ 

(M = Sn, compounds 13-15, 18-21, 24-31, 33, 35, 36)

From correlation analysis data it follows that the  $\pi$ -donor properties of acetylenides in each series (M = Si, Ge, Sn) increase with increasing electron-donating properties of the substituents on the opposite positions of the triple bond, as well as on transition from silicon to germanium and further to tin derivatives. The latter agree with the increase of donor properties of organometallic substituents in the series  $R_3Si < R_3Ge < R_3Sn$ .

When allowance was made for the significally higher electronegativity (in brackets) of the carbon (2.55) and germanium (2.01) atoms compared to silicon (1.90) in the absence of  $d_{\pi} - p_{\pi}$  interaction [34], it was hoped that  $\Delta \nu$  values for silicon derivatives would be not lower than those for germanium derivatives, and markedly higher than for carbon compounds. This was, however, not supported by the experimental results. Along with the donor properties of the Alk<sub>3</sub>M group these groups in acetylenides show acceptor properties, decreasing in the series  $R_3Si > R_3Ge > R_3Sn$ , due to  $d_{\pi} - p_{\pi}$  interaction.

Thus,  $\Delta\nu$  values in the compounds  $R_3M-C\equiv C-X$  depend upon inductive and resonance effects of the X substituents, as well as upon inductive and resonance effects of the  $R_3M$  groups ( $d_{\pi}-p_{\pi}$  interaction). Yet the influence of the substituents on the ground state parameter  $\Delta\nu$  is not exhausted by these electronic effects. Really, the analysis of  $\Delta\nu$  has shown that the change in their values with varying element M and with fixed substituent X depends on the character of X. So, for compounds 13 and 18 where, X is a typical electron donor,  $C(CH_3)_3$  ( $\sigma_p =$ -0.197) or  $CH_3$  ( $\sigma_p = 0.17$ ),  $\Delta\nu$  values increase with changing M in the series



Fig. 1. Correlation  $\Delta \nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) vs.  $\sigma_p$  for acetylene derivatives (3-carbon, o-silicon, o-germanium, o-tin)

Si < C < Ge. The minimum value of  $\Delta \nu$  for M = Si corresponds to maximum  $d_{\pi} - p_{\pi}$  interaction in the  $\geq$ Si-C=C fragment.

For compounds 25–27 and 32–34 substituents X ( $C_6H_5$ , SCH<sub>3</sub>, SC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, I, Cl, Br) represent acceptors relative to the (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>M groups located on the opposite positions of the triple bond; their  $\sigma_p$  constants change in the –0.01 to 0.23 range. Values for these compounds increase with M in the series C < Si < Ge, in which the silicon atom position differs from that in the corresponding series for compounds 13 and 18. This results from the effect of direct resonance interaction between substituents located at the opposite positions of the triple bond  $C^{H_3}$ 

 $c_{H_1} \leftarrow c_{H_1} c_{H_1} \sim c_{H_1}$  This effect increases firstly with increasing atomic num-

bge of M in the series C < Si < Ge < Sn due to increasing polarizability of

M—CH<sub>3</sub> bonds in the series [35,36] and, secondly, with the increase of acceptor properties of the substituent X. In the event that the donor-acceptor properties of the conjugated substituents  $(CH_3)_3M$  and X are similar, as is the case for compounds 13 and 18, then direct resonance interaction is absent or is negligible. With increasing difference in donor-acceptor properties between  $(CH_3)_3M$  and X for compounds 25—27 and 32—34 the influence of this effect increases. Clearly,  $d_{\pi}$ — $p_{\pi}$ -interaction and direct resonance interaction act in opposite directions; therefore an increase in the second effect masks the activity of the first one. It should be noted that the pronounced effect of resonance interaction even in the ground electronic state confirms the [25] finding on the role of conjugation effects in acetylene derivatives. This means that for the acetylene derivatives studied, the  $\Delta \nu$  parameter depends also upon direct resonance interaction between the substituents  $(CH_3)_3M$  and X as well as the above quoted inductive and resonance effects.

From the above it will be obvious that contributions from the resonance interaction are alternating even for the series with the invariable M atom. Therefore, equations 1-4 derived by assumption of the absence or constant contributions to direct resonance interaction should be considered approximate relations. In general, in each of four series with an invariable substituent  $(CH_3)_3M$ (i.e. with constant +*I* effect and  $d_{\pi}-p_{\pi}$  interaction with M = Si, Ge, Sn), the dominating effect on  $\Delta v$  is influenced by electronic effects of the substituent X, characterized by the  $\sigma_{\rm p}$  constant. In this case, as a first approximation, the influence of the direct resonance interaction may be neglected, considering that the main manifestation of its influence on  $\Delta v$  is the reduced accuracy of eqs. 1–4 in correlation analysis. Strictly speaking, the  $\sigma_{\rm p}$  constants of one and the same substituent calculated from eqs. 1–4 should depend on the extent of direct resonance interaction in the series used for calculation of  $\sigma_{p}$  values. We obtained evidence for this in calculations according to eqs. 1–4 of  $\sigma_{\rm p}$  constants for organometallic substituents in compounds 1-12 (Table 1) of  $R_3MC \equiv CM'R_3$ type, using  $\Delta \nu$  values for these compounds. (The compounds given, containing two organometallic substituents, were not used for obtaining the correlation relationships of eqs. 1–4, since the data in the literature on their  $\sigma_n$  constants are not reliable.)

As can be seen from Table 2, all the substituents  $MAlk_3$  bound to the triple bond exhibit an electron-donor effect, increasing in the series  $Alk_3Si < Alk_3Ge < Alk_3Sn$ , as well as on transition from methyl to ethyl derivatives. A characteristic property of  $\sigma_p$  constants of  $MAlk_3$  substituents is their dependence on the

TABLE	2
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CALCULATED O	VALUES OF ORGANOMETALLIC SUBS'	TITUENTS MAIK3 IN UNSYMMETRICAL
ORGANOMETAL	LIC COMPOUNDS Alk <sub>3</sub> MC≡CM Alk <sub>3</sub>	-

MAIk <sub>3</sub>	$\mathbf{M'} = \mathbf{C}$	M' = Si	M' = Ge	M' = Sn	
Si(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	-0.16	-0.11	0.08	0.07	
Ge(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	0.29	-0.21	-0.18	0.19	
Sn(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	0.39	0.29	-0.28	-0.26	
Si(C2H5)3	0.18	0.14	0.10	0,09	
Ge(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	-0.30	-0.24	-0.20	0.21	
Sn(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	-0.40	0.34	0.29	0.33	

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nature of the second M'Alk<sub>3</sub> substituent in the molecule.  $\sigma_p$  constant values of MAlk<sub>3</sub> increase with the increasing atomic number of the element M.

# Hyperconjugation effects ( $\sigma,\pi$ -conjugation $\overset{H_{3}C}{\underset{H_{3}C}{\leftarrow}} c = c^{-}$ increase with the

increasing atomic number of M; in the series  $(CH_3)_3M'C \equiv CMAlk_3$  an increase in the  $\sigma_p$  constants of the MAlk<sub>3</sub> groups is seen. The latter is associated with decreasing donor properties of MAlk<sub>3</sub> groups under the influence of M'(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> substituents. Due to hyperconjugation effects and  $d_{\pi}-p_{\pi}$  interaction,

lar orbital (HOMO) becomes more delocalized, while the  $\pi$ -system becomes more sensitive to the influence of substituents. Therefore, despite the relatively small difference in donor-acceptor properties of organometallic substituents in the studied Alk<sub>3</sub>MC=CM'Alk<sub>3</sub> type compounds, these substituents, even in ground electronic state, interact efficiently with each other, and enter into direct resonance interaction. This means that  $\sigma_p$  constants of organometallic substituents for compounds 1—12 are estimated. Such features of  $\sigma_p$  constants of organometallic substituents, noted earlier [35], are due to the high polarizability of elements M of the silicon subgroup and of organometallic compounds as a whole, as well as to the significant role of conjugation effects of  $\sigma, \pi$ -;  $\sigma, \sigma$ -type involving M—C bonds in these compounds [36].

The  $\sigma_p$  constants for symmetrical compounds  $R_3MC\equiv CMR_3$  (where M is fixed and R are the same radicals) are fairly close to the true value, since direct resonance interaction effects are cancelled out in these compounds. The  $\sigma_p$  constants for MAlk<sub>3</sub> substituents in symmetrical compounds, calculated from  $\Delta \nu$  values, are given in Table 3.

The  $\sigma_p$  constant is the sum of two components;  $\sigma_p = \sigma_I + \sigma_R$ . The values of inductive  $\sigma_I$  constants for organometallic substituents given in literature [39] allow estimation of  $\sigma_R$  constants, characterizing the role of resonance interactions involving MAlk<sub>3</sub> substituents. It follows from the  $\sigma_R$  constants obtained, that in accordance with literature data [e.g., 2, 7, 8], in the ground electronic state of substituted acetylenes, the Alk<sub>3</sub>Si group shows M type acceptor properties towards the triple bond, attributed to  $d_{\pi}-p_{\pi}$  interaction. It is known [29] that

METALLIC CO	METALLIC COMPOUNDS Alk <sub>3</sub> MC=CMAlk <sub>3</sub>						
Substituent	σp	$\sigma_{I}^{a}$	σ <sub>R</sub>				
С(СН <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	0.20	0.05	0.15				
Si(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	-0.11	-0.15	+0.04				
$Si(C_2H_5)_3$	-0.14	-0.18	+0.04				
Ge(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	-0.18	-0.12	-0.06				
Ge(C2H5)3	-0.20	-0.13	0.07				
Sn(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	-0.26	0.13	0.13				

TABLE 3

CALCULATED  $\sigma_p$  AND  $\sigma_R$  VALUES OF SUBSTITUENTS MAIK<sub>3</sub> IN SYMMETRICAL ORGANOMETALLIC COMPOUNDS Alk<sub>3</sub>MC=CMAik<sub>3</sub>

<sup>a</sup> Ref. 39.

Compounds	$\Delta \nu (\mathrm{cm}^{-1})$	Substituent	$\sigma_{\mathbf{p}}$
(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Sn[C=CC(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	152	Sn(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> [C=CC(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ]	-0.28
$(CH_3)_2 Sn[C=CSi(CH_3)_3]_2$	132	Sn(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> [C≡CSi(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ]	-0.18
$(CH_3)_2Sn[C=CSi(C_2H_5)_3]_2$	128	$Sn(CH_3)_2[C \equiv CSi(C_2H_5)_3]$	-0.16
$CH_3Sn[C=CSi(C_2H_5)_3]_3$	114	$Sn(CH_3)[C \equiv CSi(C_2H_5)_3]_2$	-0.06
$CH_3Sn[C=CGe(C_2H_5)_3]_3$	129	$Sn(CH_3)[C \equiv CGe(C_2H_5)_3]_2$	-0.05

CALCULATED  $a_{-}$  VALUES OF SOME ORGANOMETALLIC SUBSTITUENTS

with increasing atomic number of the silicon subgroup element, its tendency to  $d_{\pi}-p_{\pi}$  interaction decreases. This is one of the reasons for decreasing  $\sigma_{\rm R}$  constants on going from Alk<sub>3</sub>Si to Alk<sub>3</sub>Ge and further to Alk<sub>3</sub>Sn. The second reason is apparently the strengthening of hyperconjugation ( $\sigma,\pi$  conjugation) in the Alk<sub>3</sub>MC $\equiv$ C fragment with increasing atomic number of M, leading to increasing donor properties of this fragment. Simultaneously, values of  $\sigma_{\rm R}$  constants of organometallic substituents are higher than the  $\sigma_{\rm R}$  constant for the tert-butyl group (-0.15) for any M. Taking into account the approximative values of  $\sigma_{\rm p}$ and hence of  $\sigma_{\rm R}$  constants, this suggests that there is some acceptor effect of the tin atom towards the triple bond ( $d_{\pi} - p_{\pi}$  interaction). In the absence of this effect due to increasing hyperconjugation with increasing M atomic number increasing of negative values of  $\sigma_{\rm R}$  constants would be observed in the series C < Si < Ge < Sn, in contradiction with experiment. Equations 1–4 allow for the calculation of  $\sigma_{\mathbf{p}}$  constants of organometallic substituents with more complex structure, on the basis of  $\Delta \nu$  values (Table 4). The  $\sigma_{\rm p}$  constant values for organometallic substituents containing acetylene groups are appreciably higher than the values of  $\sigma_{\rm p}$  constants of Alk<sub>3</sub>M-type substituents (Tables 2–4). This points to pronounced acceptor properties of alkynyl fragments attached to the M atom.

The Alk<sub>3</sub>MC=CH-type acetylenides investigated earlier [7,37] do not obey eqs. 1–4. For M = C, Si, Ge and Sn experimental  $\Delta \nu$  values equal 92, 84, 99 and 115–120 cm<sup>-1</sup> whereas  $\Delta \nu$  values calculated on the basis of eqs. 1–4 [ $\sigma_p(H) = 0$ ] equal 105, 105, 121 and 136 cm<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. The lower observed  $\Delta \nu$  values compared to those calculated are probably a result of the lower  $\pi$ -donating properties of Alk<sub>3</sub>MC=CH-type acetylenes due to self-association attributed to

the formation of hydrogen bonds of  $C - H \cdots \overset{C}{\overset{U}{\overset{U}{\overset{U}{\overset{U}{\overset{U}{\phantom{U}}}}}}}$  type. Thus, the  $\Delta \nu$  parameter c reflects the influence of the substituents on the ground electronic state of organometallic derivatives of acetylene.

We now consider the change of substituent electronic effects on transition of the compounds studied from the ground state to the charge-transfer (CT) state. For this purpose we analyse the relationship between  $\Delta \nu$  and the frequencies of the CT bands ( $\nu_{CT}$ ) in electronic absorption spectra of CT complexes of the studied compounds with iodine. Organotin compounds react with iodine, therefore their CT complexes have not been studied.

Acetylene derivatives ( $\pi$ -donors, D) form CT complexes with iodine ( $\sigma$ -acceptor, A) of  $\pi$ ,  $\sigma$  type: a new CT band ( $\nu_{CT}$ ) appears in the electronic absorption spec-

TABLE 4

trum. As this takes place electron transfer from D to A occurs, and a positive charge arises on molecule D, the presence of which may lead to a change in the interaction mechanism of substituents with the electron-deficient center [30,33]. It was found for derivatives of benzene [30], furan and thiophene [32], cyclopropane [40] and ethylene [33] that the frequency  $\nu_{CT}$  decreases with the increasing donor properties of the substituents in the molecule. A linear correlation has been found between  $\nu_{CT}$  and  $\sigma_p^+$  constants of substituents on the ring for benzene derivatives [41]. This demonstrated that the substituents exhibit an electronic +*E* effect in the CT state (positive charge on molecule D), while in the ground state they exhibit a mesomeric +*M* effect. Therefore the points corresponding to compounds with substituents of +*M* type deviate markedly from the  $\Delta \nu$  vs.  $\nu_{CT}$  correlations in the benzene and ethylene [33] series.

The relationship between  $\Delta v$  and  $v_{CT}$  for acetylenes is also of a complicated nature (Fig. 2). Yet for the group of points corresponding to compounds 5–7, 10–15, 18, 20, 29 and 30 the values of  $\Delta v$  and  $v_{CT}$  are connected by the linear equation

$$\Delta \nu = -(0.022 \pm 0.002) \nu_{\rm CT} + (918 \pm 67) \quad r = 0.935, \quad n = 22 \tag{5}$$

For the compounds that obey eq. 5, a decrease in values (i.e. decrease of  $\pi$ -donor properties while forming a hydrogen bond with phenol in the ground state) is accompanied by a regular increase in  $v_{\rm CT}$  values (i.e. with decrease of  $\pi$ -donor properties of the compounds formation of CT complex with iodine). The decrease of  $\Delta v$  and the increase of  $v_{\rm CT}$  is due to an increase of acceptor properties of the substituents bound to the triple bond. Equation 5 denotes that both in the ground and in CT state the influence of substituents either



Fig. 2. Correlation  $\Delta \nu$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) vs.  $\nu_{CT}$  (cm<sup>-1</sup>) for acetylene derivatives (o-carbon,  $\triangle$ -silicon,  $\square$ -germanium)

remains invariable or is connected by a linear relationship. It is characteristic that the point corresponding to compound 15 obeys eq. 5. This indicates that the effect of  $\sigma_{,\pi}$  conjugation of the (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>SiCH<sub>2</sub> fragment with the triple bond

# in $(CH_{3})_{3}$ $CH_{2}$ $CH_{2}$ $CH_{3}$ does not change appreciably on transition

of the molecule from the ground state to the CT state. An analogous phenomenon is observed [33] for allyl derivatives of silicon subgroup elements. However, for benzene derivatives a significant increase of the  $\sigma,\pi$  conjugation effect on transition of the molecule to the CT state is observed [30]. Apparently, electronic effects in a conjugated system of bonds do not increase sufficiently in acetylene derivatives in the CT state. The compounds that obey eq. 5 do not contain substituents of +*M* type bound to the triple bond. It is probably the main reason for the fact that electronic effects of substituents in the ground and CT states of these compounds differ slightly.

Points corresponding to compounds containing substituents of +M type (OCH<sub>3</sub>, SAlk, Cl, Br, I) deviate drastically from the correlation eq. 5 to lower  $\nu_{CT}$ values. The deviations are given in Table 5,  $\Delta\nu_{CT} = \nu_{CT}^{calcd} - \nu_{CT}^{obs}$ , where  $\nu_{CT}^{calcd}$ is  $\nu_{CT}$  calculated according to eq. 5 on the basis of  $\Delta\nu$  values in IR spectra. The analysis of  $\Delta\nu_{CT}$  values demonstrates that the conjugation effect of +M-type substituents with the triple bond is similar to the conjugation effect of these substituents with a benzene ring and a double bond. Actually, much as is observed for benzene derivatives [30],  $p,\pi$  conjugation effects in  $-\bar{\circ}-c=c$  and  $-\bar{s}-c=c$  fragments already appearing in the ground state, sharply increase in the CT state. Therefore, for some sum de 10, 17, 20, and 20, birk Ar

in the CT state. Therefore, for compounds 16, 17, 26 and 27 high  $\Delta \nu_{CT}$  values are observed (Table 5). As with benzene derivatives, higher  $\Delta \nu_{CT}$ 

#### TABLE 5

values of  $\nu_{\rm CT}$  and  $\Delta\nu_{\rm CT}$  in the electronic absorption spectra of the ct complex complexes studied

Number	Compounds	$\nu_{\rm CT}^{\rm obs.} \times 10^{-3}  ({\rm cm}^{-1})$	$\nu_{CT}^{\text{calcd.}} \times 10^{-3} (\text{cm}^{-1})$	$\Delta \nu_{\rm CT} \times 10^{-3}  (\rm cm^{-1})$
16	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> SiC≡COCH <sub>3</sub>	31.8	33.7	1.9
17	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> SiC≡COC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	32.3	33.4	1.1
26	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> CC≡CSCH <sub>3</sub>	28.6	35.4	6.8
26	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> SiC≡CSCH <sub>3</sub>	29.2	35.3	6.1
26	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> GeC≡CSCH <sub>3</sub>	28.6	34.4	5.6
27	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> CC≡CSC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	28.6	35.3	6.7
27	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> SiC≡CSC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	29.1	35.2	6.1
27	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> GeC≡CSC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	28.7	34.3	5.6
25	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> C≡CPh	34.5	35.6	1.1
25	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> SiC≡CPh	34.5	35.3	0.8
25	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> GeC≡CPh	34.5	34.7	0.2
34	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> CC≡CCl	34.5	37.4	2.9
34	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> SiC=CCl	35.7	36.9	1.2
34	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> GeC≡CCI	36.0	36.5	0.5
33	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> CC≡CBr	34.0	37.1	3.1
33	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> SiC≡CBr	35.0	36.7	1.7
33	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> GeC≡CBr	35.7	36.3	0.6
32	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> CC≡CJ	33.9	36.5	2.6
32	(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> SiC≡CJ	34.5	36.5	2.0

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values are observed for sulphur compounds (16 and 26, 17 and 27). The sulphur atom possesses higher polarizability compared to oxygen. It is likely that this is the main reason for the fact that in the CT state donor properties (electromeric +*E* effect) of AlkS groups increase to a greater degree than of CH<sub>3</sub>O group. So the differences between values of  $\sigma_p$  constant and  $\sigma_p^+$  constant (characterizing the influence of substituents in the CT state) for substituents SMe and OMe are equal to 0.6 and 0.5, respectively.

Halides are also substituents of +M type, therefore the points corresponding to halogen derivatives (compounds 32-34) deviate from the linear correlation (eq. 5) (Fig. 2, Table 5). The deviation  $\Delta v_{CT}$  is increased in the order Cl < Br < I. Thus, an additional donation of electron density from the halides to the triple bond in the CT state (an increase of  $p, \pi$  conjugation in this state) increases with rising polarizability of the halide atom with increasing atomic number. A similar phenomenon is also observed for ethylene derivatives, but practically does not show up in the CT state of benzene derivatives [30,33]. Increase of  $\pi, \pi$  conjugation in phenyl acetylenes (25) in the CT state takes place, manifesting itself in a deviation of corresponding points from the linear correlation eq. 5.

There are other peculiarities in the change of substituent influence on transition of acetylene derivatives from the ground state to the CT state. It is worthwhile considering these features after comparing general trends in the influence of the substituent in the CT state of benzene, ethylene and acetylene derivatives. This has been partly considered [33]. The change of substituent influence is a result from perturbation of the  $\pi$ -electronic system in the transition to the CT state. This perturbation varies for benzene, ethylene and acetylene derivatives. Actually, in the electronically excited state produced due to electron transfer from the  $\pi$  HOMO to the lowest unoccupied molecular orbital (LUMO) of  $\pi^*$ type one of the six bonding electrons is transferred in benzene derivatives, one of two in ethylene derivatives and one of four in acetylene derivatives. As a consequence, perturbation is a maximum for ethylene and a minimum for benzene. When the  $\pi$  electron transfers from the HOMO of the donor to  $\sigma^*$  LUMO of acceptor (iodine), the amount of perturbation decreases compared to that in the electronically excited state, but their relative role in the series of benzene, acetylene and ethylene derivatives remains constant. Therefore, the positive charge arises on the aromatic ring or on the multiple bond in the CT state and simultaneously the conjugation system breaks (partially). These factors cause dissimilar effects in the three series of compounds studied. In benzene derivatives the positive charge is delocalized along the ring, and aromaticity in the CT state is reduced to a small degree. Therefore, in the CT state conjugation effects in the conjugated system of bonds remain: the presence of the positive charge increases conjugation with substituents of +M type moderately.

In ethylene derivatives the positive charge is localized on the C=C bond, the  $\pi$ -character of which is partially disturbed in the CT state. Therefore, in the CT state the conjugation effects in the conjugated system of bonds are weakening. The positive charge stimulates an increase in conjugation with +*M* -type substituents possessing lone electron pairs.

Acetylene derivatives in the CT state exhibit properties of intermediate character between benzene and ethylene derivatives. This conclusion is most likely true only in general view. Detailed investigations are essential to study the properties of particular substituents in the CT state.

A characteristic feature of acetylene derivatives, that does not obey eq. 5, is the decrease of deviation values  $\Delta \nu_{CT}$  in the series C > Si > Ge with the X substituent remaining fixed. This follows from a comparison of  $\Delta \nu_{CT}$  values in compounds 25–27 and 32–34 (Table 5, Fig. 2). It was demonstrated above, that in the ground state the direct resonance interaction takes place for these compounds

in accordance with the scheme

This effect is strengthening (i.e. donor properties of the  $(CH_3)M$  group increase) with the increase in the atomic number of M. In the CT state this effect is probably, as in the ground state, most prominent for organometallic compounds. At the same time as opposed to the ground state, in the CT state the influence of  $p, \pi$  or  $\pi, \pi$  conjugation of long effection pairs or  $\pi$ -electrons of X substituents with the multiple bond increases due to appearance on the latter of the positive

charge in CT state 
$$H_3C$$
  $M$   $c = c$ 

The two resonance effects, i.e. direct resonance interaction and  $p,\pi$  conjugation increased in the CT state, have opposite effects. Therefore, the total effect is not an additive sum of the two individual effects, but may be substantially weaker. So-called "dissipation" of the influence of the acceptor fragment, if this fragment is bound to two donof groups conjugated with it is a well known fact [e.g. 43]. The "dissipation" represents a decrease of acceptor fragment influence on donor groups in comparison with the influence it could exert on each group in the absence of another. In our case the acceptor fragment is the multiple bond with which  $(CH_3)_3M$  and X groups come into conjugation.

With the X substituent remaining unchanged, the weakening of conjugation of both donor groups with the multiple bond will be larger, the more donating the group  $(CH_3)_3M$  is. Hence, the weakening of conjugation must increase in the series Ge > Si > C, which repeats the series of increasing susceptibility of the  $(CH_3)_3M$  groups to direct resonance interaction. As far as the conjugation weakening considered must lead to lowering  $\Delta \nu_{CT}$  values, with X unchanged the lowest  $\Delta \nu_{CT}$  values may be expected for organogermanium compounds; for silicon and carbon derivatives  $\Delta \nu_{CT}$  values must increase. Such a nature of the dependence of  $\Delta \nu_{CT}$  values on the nature of substituent X is the case for compounds 25–27 and 32–34.

# Experimental

The IR spectra were recorded on a Zeiss UR-20 spectrometer, in the 3 000– $3600 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  region (LiF prism) using 0.1 cm thick CaF<sub>2</sub> cells. In studies of hydrogen bonding with phenol, the concentration of the phenol in CCl<sub>4</sub> (spectral grade) was 0.02 mol/l, those of the organometallic compounds was 0.5–1.5 mol/l. Some organotin compounds reacted with the phenol. In this case for studies of the hydrogen bonding pyrrole was used. Concentration of pyrrole in

CCl<sub>4</sub> was 0.02 mol/l and those of organometallic compounds were 0.5–1.0 mol/l. The frequency shift  $\Delta\nu$ (N–H) was recalculated in  $\Delta\nu$ (O–H) values for phenol. All measurements were referred to solutions of organometallic compounds in CCl<sub>4</sub>.

The electronic absorption spectra of CT complexes of the studied compounds with iodine in  $CCl_4$  were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer 402 spectrophotometer in the 25 000–40 000 cm<sup>-1</sup> region. The cells were 1 cm thick. Donor concentrations were about 0.02 mol/1; that of iodine was about 0.002 mol/1. All measurements were referred to iodine solutions in  $CCl_4$ . CT complexes of organotin compounds were not studied, as these compounds reacted with iodine.

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