$$
\begin{equation*}
\left|\beta_{\mathrm{dp}}(\mathbf{k})\right|^{2}=2 \beta_{\mathrm{dp}}^{2}\left[2-\cos \left(k_{x} a\right)-\cos \left(k_{y} a\right)\right] \tag{A4}
\end{equation*}
$$

The solution to the secular equation is:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\epsilon(\mathbf{k})=\left\langle\epsilon_{\mathrm{dp}}\right\rangle \pm \sqrt{\left(\Delta \epsilon_{\mathrm{dp}} / 2\right)^{2}+\left|\beta_{\mathrm{dp}}(\mathbf{k})\right|^{2}} \tag{A5}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\left\langle\epsilon_{\mathrm{dp}}\right\rangle=\left(\epsilon_{\mathrm{d}}+\epsilon_{\mathrm{p}}\right) / 2$ and $\Delta \epsilon_{\mathrm{dp}}=\left|\epsilon_{\mathrm{d}}-\epsilon_{\mathrm{p}}\right|$. Eliminating $\left\langle\epsilon_{\mathrm{dp}}\right\rangle$ by choice of the energy zero, an exact solution for the density of states, $g(\epsilon)$, can be obtained from the formula for the band dispersion in eq A5:

$$
\begin{equation*}
g(\epsilon)=\frac{4|\epsilon|}{\pi^{2} \beta_{\mathrm{dp}}{ }^{2}} K\left(\left[E^{2}\left(2-E^{2}\right)\right]^{1 / 2}\right] \tag{A6a}
\end{equation*}
$$

$K(z)$ is a complete elliptic integral of the first kind; ${ }^{21} E$ is restricted to the range $0 \leq E^{2} \leq 2$ and is related to $\epsilon$ by the equation:

$$
\begin{equation*}
E^{2}=\frac{\epsilon^{2}-\left(\Delta \epsilon_{\mathrm{dp}} / 2\right)^{2}}{4 \beta_{\mathrm{dp}}^{2}} \tag{A6b}
\end{equation*}
$$

The $\pi$ DOS has the form shown in Figure 2 where $\Delta \epsilon_{\mathrm{dp}}=1.0 \mathrm{eV}$, and $\left|\beta_{\mathrm{dp}}\right|=1.8 \mathrm{eV}$.

The form of the Wannier functions for the superdegenerate band can be determined from eq 10 and A 1 :

$$
\begin{equation*}
\omega(0)=\frac{1}{N^{1 / 2}} \sum_{\mathbf{k}}^{B Z} \chi(\mathbf{k})=N^{1 / 2}(a / 2 \pi)^{2} \int_{-\pi / a}^{\pi / a} \int_{1} \chi(\mathbf{k}) \mathrm{d} k_{x} \mathrm{~d} k_{y} \tag{A7}
\end{equation*}
$$

where the Wannier function considered is that centered on the origin ( $\mathbf{R}=0$ ). After simplification, expressions for the Wannier function coefficients can be derived. The magnitude of the "inner" orbital coefficients illustrated in $\mathbf{1 5 b}$ was determined by numerical integration:
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$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{4}{\pi^{2}} \int_{2^{-1 / 2}}^{1} \frac{E(x)-x_{1}^{2} K(x)}{x_{1} x^{2} \sqrt{2 x^{2}-1}} \mathrm{~d} x \approx 0.47239 \tag{A8}
\end{equation*}
$$

$K(x)$ and $E(x)$ are complete elliptic integrals of the first and second kind, respectively, and $x_{1} \equiv\left(1-x^{2}\right)^{1 / 2}$. This value indicates that $89.3 \%$ of the electron density resides on the "inner" centers, which is to be compared to $100 \%$ implied by $\mathbf{1 5 a}$. The remainder of the electron density resides on centers further removed.

## Appendix II

All the computations were carried out using a program employing the extended Hückel method ${ }^{22 a}$ which may be used for both molecular and crystal calculations. It has been developed to its present state by M.-H. Whangbo, S. Wijeyesekera, M. Kertesz, C. N. Wilker, C. Zheng, and the author. The weighted Wolfsberg-Helmholz formula ${ }^{22 b, c}$ was used for the $H_{i j}$ matrix elements. Pt and As parameters were taken from ref 6; Mo parameters are from ref 23. Exponents for P and As are originally from ref 24 ; the P p orbital energy was extrapolated from Her-man-Skillman ${ }^{25}$ tables so that is in alignment with EH parameters of adjacent elements of the periodic table. Exponents for the transition metals are originally from ref 26 . See Table I.

In the results reported for ${ }_{\infty}^{2}\left[\mathrm{Pt}_{3}\left(\mathrm{As}_{2}\right)_{2}{ }^{2-}\right]$ and ${ }_{\infty}^{2}\left[\mathrm{MoH}_{2} \mathrm{P}\right]$ layers in Figures 4 and 5, matrix elements were computed between atoms separated by less than $6.55 \AA$. Both are two dimensional hexagonal systems in which $1 / 12$ th of the Brillouin zone was covered by $k$-point meshes: 105 points were used for ${ }_{\infty}^{2}\left[\mathrm{Pt}_{3}\left(\mathrm{As}_{2}\right)_{2}{ }^{2-}\right] ; 300$ points were used for ${ }_{\infty}^{2}\left[\mathrm{MoH}_{2} \mathrm{P}\right]$.
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# Gas-Phase Isotope Fractionation Factor for Proton-Bound Dimers of Methoxide Anions 

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#### Abstract

The gas-phase isotope fractionation factor, $\phi_{\mathrm{gp}}$, for $\mathrm{A}_{2} \mathrm{~L}^{-}$(where $\mathrm{A}=\mathrm{MeO}$ and $\mathrm{L}=\mathrm{H}$ or D ) has been measured by ion cyclotron resonance spectroscopy. The value for $\phi_{\mathrm{gp}}$ is $0.33 \pm 0.06$. The gas-phase value is compared with the solution measurements. Ab initio calculations on the electronic structure of the dimer have been performed at the $\mathrm{DZ}+\mathrm{P}$ level. The dimer is found to be asymmetric with a central barrier to proton transfer on the order of $2 \mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{mol}$. The harmonic force field for the dimer has been determined with the 4-31G basis set. These results are used to calculate a theoretical value for $\phi_{\mathrm{gp}}$ of 0.37 in excellent agreement with the experimental value. The calculated hydrogen bond strength is $25.6 \mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{mol}$.


Over the past 15 years, determinations of proton transfer equilibrium constants have increased the understanding of gasphase reaction dynamics and the effect that solvent molecules have on analogous solution-phase equilibrium. ${ }^{1}$ In contrast, the rates of proton transfer reactions are not as easily determined in either the gas or solution phase, especially when the proton donor-ac-

[^0]ceptor separation is small. ${ }^{2}$ A description of the potential energy surface for small proton-acceptor separation would aid in the

[^1]separation of intrinsic and solvation effects on the rates of proton transfer reactions.

The use of the isotopes of hydrogen has proven to be a very sensitive technique for studying proton transfer reactions in solution. ${ }^{3}$ Similar use of isotopes in the gas phase has only recently been initiated. ${ }^{4}$ Because gas-phase proton transfers generally occur at or near the ion-molecule collision rate ( $k=1-2 \times 10^{9}$ $\mathrm{cm}^{3}$ molecules ${ }^{-1} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$ ), kinetic isotope effects (KIE) are usually difficult to observe. ${ }^{5}$ Equilibrium isotope effects (EIE) can be observed by using the technique of ion cyclotron resonance (ICR) spectroscopy, ${ }^{6}$ and such effects can then be used to obtain information about the potential describing the motion of the proton. This should lead to further insight on the effects of solvent on the proton transfer.

Our approach to the study of intramolecular proton transfers and solvent effects is to determine gas-phase proton transfer equilibrium constants for isotopically substituted species in an ion cyclotron resonance spectrometer. Specifically we determine the isotope fractionation factor for the bridging proton in proton-bound dimer anions. Kreevoy and co-workers ${ }^{7,8}$ have recently determined the isotope fractionation factors in the solution phase for a number of homoconjugate complexes $\mathrm{A}_{2} \mathrm{~L}^{-}$, where L is a positively charged isotope of hydrogen (the lyate ion) and $\mathrm{A}^{-}$is some anion, e.g., 4 -nitrophenolate. The isotope fractionation factor $\phi$ can be defined as the ratio $\left(\chi_{\mathrm{D}} / \chi_{\mathrm{H}}\right)_{\text {solute }} /\left(\chi_{\mathrm{D}} / \chi_{\mathrm{H}}\right)_{\text {solven }}$ for the chemically exchangeable protons where $\chi$ is the appropriate activity. For example, for an acid LA with a single exchangeable hydrogen, $\phi$ becomes equal to

$$
\phi=\{[\mathrm{DA}] /[\mathrm{HA}]\} /\{x /(1-x)\}
$$

where $x$ is the fraction of deuterated solvent present. In solution, isotope fractionation factors are usually measured in a nonexchanging solvent with two exchangeable solutes. One solute is then related back to a standard state of a $50: 50$ mixture of liquid HOD and $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$. In the experiments discussed below, the gas-phase isotope fractionation factors are obtained from the measurement
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of equilibrium constants for ligand exchange reactions of the form of reaction 1. The equilibrium constant $K_{1}$ for reaction 1 is equal

$$
\begin{equation*}
[\mathrm{A} \cdot \mathrm{H} \cdot-\mathrm{A}]^{-}+\mathrm{DA} \rightleftharpoons[\mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{D}-\mathrm{A}]^{-}+\mathrm{HA} \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

to the ratio of the gas-phase isotope fractionation factor of the proton-bound dimer of $\mathrm{A}^{-}, \phi\left(\mathrm{ALA}^{-}\right)$, and that for $\mathrm{AL}, \phi(\mathrm{AL})$, both of which are related back to the standard state, in this case $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$.

$$
\begin{gather*}
K_{1}=\left([\mathrm{ADA}]^{-} /[\mathrm{AHA}]^{-}\right)([\mathrm{AH}] /[\mathrm{AD}])  \tag{2a}\\
=\phi(\mathrm{ALA})^{-} / \phi(\mathrm{AL}) \tag{2b}
\end{gather*}
$$

The gas-phase isotope fractionation factor for the proton-bound dimer of the ethoxide anion has previously been measured, $\phi_{\mathrm{gp}}(\mathrm{A}$ $\left.=\mathrm{EtO}^{-}\right)=0.46 \pm 0.1$, using the proton transfer equilibrium given below in (3). ${ }^{9}$ We have now determined the gas-phase isotope

$$
\begin{equation*}
[\mathrm{EtOHOEt}]^{-}+\mathrm{EtOD} \rightleftharpoons[\mathrm{EtODOEt}]^{-}+\mathrm{EtOH} \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

$$
K_{3}=\phi\left(\mathrm{EtOLOEt}^{-}\right) / \phi(\mathrm{EtOL})
$$

fractionation factor for the proton-bound dimer of methoxide anion. An important reason for measuring $\phi\left(\mathrm{A}=\mathrm{OMe}^{-}\right)$is that, unlike the case for $\mathrm{A}=\mathrm{OEt}^{-}$, the isotope fractionation factor for $\mathrm{A}=\mathrm{OMe}^{-}$has been recently determined in the solution phase. ${ }^{10}$ Furthermore, the decrease in the number of degrees of freedom makes the system more tractable for theoretical study. By comparing the gas-phase and solution-phase work, the effect of solvation on the value for $\phi$ can be observed, and from a comparison of the values of $\phi$ for $\mathrm{A}=\mathrm{OEt}^{-}$and $\mathrm{OMe}^{-}$, the effect of alkyl group size can be postulated.
Kreevoy et al..$^{78}$ have suggested that the isotope fractionation factors can be used to predict the qualitative shape of the potential energy surface for small proton donor-acceptor separation. The qualitative features of the surface predicted from the isotope fractionation factor can be compared with portions of the surface calculated from ab initio molecular orbital theory. There are some ab initio calculations ${ }^{11.12}$ available for the $\left[\mathrm{MeO}-\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{OMe}^{-}\right.$surface at the SCF level using 4-31G basis sets. The geometry of this complex suggests that the proton is not bonded in the center of the potential but rather is preferentially bonded to one $\mathrm{MeO}^{-}$group giving a double-well potential. Even more accurate calculations including correlation corrections are available for the [ $\mathrm{HO}-\mathrm{H}-$ $\mathrm{OH}]^{-}$surface, ${ }^{13,14}$ and although a double-well potential is found, the barrier to proton transfer is predicted to be very low, 0.15 $\mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{mol}$ at the SCF-CI level. ${ }^{13}$ In order to better understand the potential energy surface for [ $\mathrm{MeO}-\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{OMe}]^{-}$, extensive $a b$ initio calculations have been performed, including a vibrational analysis of the dimer.

## Experimental and Computational Details

Experiments were carried out with use of ion cyclotron resonance (ICR) spectrometry. ${ }^{15,16}$ The ICR was a modified Varian 5900 spec-

Scheme I
$\mathrm{MeONO} \longrightarrow \mathrm{e}^{-} \longrightarrow \mathrm{MeO}^{-}+\mathrm{NO}$
$\mathrm{MeO}^{-}+\mathrm{MeOCHO} \longrightarrow[\mathrm{MeOHOMe}]^{-}+\mathrm{CO}$
$[\mathrm{MeOHOMe}]^{-}+\mathrm{MeOD} \rightleftharpoons[\mathrm{MeODOMe}]^{-}+\mathrm{MeOH}$
$\mathrm{id}(m / e=63) \quad$
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Table I. Summary of Pressure Ratio Effects on $K_{6}$

| $P_{1} / P_{2}{ }^{a}$ | $10^{5} \mathrm{P}_{\text {TOT }}{ }^{\text {b }}$ | no. of exptl points ${ }^{\text {e }}$ | $I_{63}{ }^{d}$ | $I_{64}$ | $I_{64} / I_{63}$ | $\mathrm{MeOH} / \mathrm{MeOD}^{\text {e }}$ | $K_{6}{ }^{f}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0.67 | 2.5 | 6 | 0.648 | 0.352 | 0.543 | 0.227 | 0.123 |
| 1.4 | 3.6 | 4 | 0.551 | 0.450 | 0.816 |  | 0.185 |
| 2.2 | 4.8 | 8 | 0.494 | 0.506 | 1.025 |  | 0.233 |
| 3.0 | 6.0 | 6 | 0.460 | 0.540 | 1.172 |  | 0.266* |
| 3.9 | 7.3 | 5 | 0.462 | 0.538 | 1.165 |  | 0.264* |
| 0.23 | 3.2 | 2 | 0.656 | 0.344 | 0.525 | 0.200 | 0.105 |
| 0.38 | 3.6 | 2 | 0.622 | 0.378 | 0.608 |  | 0.122 |
| 0.62 | 4.2 | 2 | 0.586 | 0.414 | 0.707 |  | 0.141 |
| 0.78 | 3.2 | 2 | 0.582 | 0.419 | 0.720 |  | 0.144 |
| 0.85 | 4.8 | 2 | 0.566 | 0.434 | 0.789 |  | 0.154 |
| 1.11 | 3.8 | 2 | 0.560 | 0.440 | 0.784 |  | 0.156 |
| 1.44 | 4.4 | 2 | 0.530 | 0.470 | 0.888 |  | 0.178 |
| 1.90 | 5.2 | 2 | 0.502 | 0.498 | 0.990 |  | 0.198 |
| 2.45 | 6.2 | 1 | 0.482 | 0.518 | 1.075 |  | 0.215 |
| 2.78 | 6.8 | 1 | 0.477 | 0.523 | 1.096 |  | 0.219 |
| 3.22 | 7.6 | 1 | 0.448 | 0.552 | 1.232 |  | 0.256* |
| 3.44 | 8.0 | 2 | 0.400 | 0.600 | 1.500 |  | 0.300* |

${ }^{a} P_{1}=$ pressure of $\mathrm{MeOH} / \mathrm{D}$ mixture. $P_{2}=$ pressure of $\mathrm{MeONO} / \mathrm{MeOCHO}$ mixture. ${ }^{b}$ Total pressure in torr. ${ }^{\text {c }}$ Number of experimental points used in determining $K_{6}$ at each $P_{1} / P_{2}$ ratio. ${ }^{d}$ All intensities are corrected for mass effects and scaled to 1 for the total ion intensity. ${ }^{e}$ Measure of $\mathrm{MeOH} / \mathrm{MeOD}$ ratio. ${ }^{f}$ Values with an asterisk are used in the determination of $K_{6}$.

Table II. Summary of Experimental Results Used in Determining $K_{6}$

| $P_{1} / P_{2}{ }^{a}$ | $10^{5} P_{\text {TOT }}{ }^{b}$ | no. of exptl. <br> points ${ }^{c}$ | $I_{63}{ }^{d}$ | $I_{64}$ | $I_{64} / I_{63}$ | $\mathrm{MeOH} / \mathrm{MeOD}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4.0 | 5.0 | 6 | 0.438 | 0.563 | 1.284 | 0.221 |  |
| 4.5 | 6.4 | 8 | 0.542 | 0.458 | 0.845 | 0.431 |  |
| 4.6 | 5.6 | 3 | 0.715 | 0.285 | 0.399 | 0.695 |  |
| 3.0 | 9.6 | 5 | 0.679 | 0.321 | 0.473 | 0.364 |  |
| 3.8 | 5.3 | 3 | 0.672 | 0.328 | 0.488 | 0.695 | 0.2715 |
| 2.2 | 5.0 | 3 | 0.786 | 0.214 | 0.272 | 0.329 |  |
| 5.6 | 5.9 | 1 | 0.453 | 0.547 | 1.208 | 0.349 |  |

${ }^{a} P_{1}=$ pressure of $\mathrm{MeOH} / \mathrm{D}$ mixture. $P_{2}=$ pressure of MeONO/MeOCHO mixture. ${ }^{b}$ Total pressure in torr. ${ }^{c}$ Number of experimental points used in determining $K_{6}$ at each $P_{1} / P_{2}$ ratio. ${ }^{d}$ All intensities are corrected for mass effects and scaled to 1 for the total ion intensity. ${ }^{e}$ Measure of $\mathrm{MeOH} / \mathrm{MeOD}$ ratio.
trometer with a rectangular cell. ${ }^{17,18}$ Because of space charge effects due to trapped electrons, tuning was difficult and many experiments were performed to obtain reproducibility. All ion populations were obtained by correcting the peak intensities by $1 / \mathrm{m}$.

The ICR cell was nominally at room temperature while the inlet line chamber was heated to $50^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ in order to improve the control of the pressures of the formates and alchols in the system by reducing the possible condensation within the leak valve orifice. Total pressures were in the range of $2.5 \times 10^{-5}$ to $1 \times 10^{-4}$ torr. ${ }^{19}$ Both ethyl and methyl nitrite were synthesized by standard procedures. ${ }^{20}$ All other compounds were obtained from commercial sources and checked for impurities after several freeze-pump-thaw cycles.

The $a b$ initio calculations were done with the program $\mathrm{HONDO}^{21}$ on an IBM 3081 computer. Calculations were done with $3-21 \mathrm{G},{ }^{22} 4-31 \mathrm{G},{ }^{23}$ and double- $\zeta$ plus polarization basis sets ${ }^{24}(\mathrm{DZ}+\mathrm{P})$. Geometries were determined with gradient techniques. ${ }^{25}$ Force fields were calculated with the $3-21 \mathrm{G}$ and $4-31 \mathrm{G}$ basis sets at the optimum geometry determined with that basis set. The force fields were determined by numerical differentiation of the gradient.

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## Method and Results

The reaction scheme used to form the proton-bound dimers of the methoxide anion is shown in Scheme I (reactions 4-6). The methoxide anion is formed by dissociative electron impact of methyl nitrite, with an electron energy of approximately $30 \mathrm{ev}{ }^{26,27}$ Riveros et al. ${ }^{28}$ have shown that alkoxides react with alkyl formates to displace CO and form proton-bound alkoxide dimers. In Scheme I, reaction with methyl formate yields the proton-bound methoxide dimer, reaction 5. From the previous experiments carried out by Ellenberger et al. for [EtOLOEt] ${ }^{-9}$ where $\mathrm{L}=\mathrm{H}$, D, a pressure ratio of approximately $8: 1$ for $\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{EtOCHO}): \mathrm{P}$ (EtONO) was shown to give optimum production of the dimer. We employed a similar pressure ratio for $\mathrm{P}(\mathrm{MeOCHO})$ : P . ( MeONO ) in all of the experiments. The addition of a mixture of methanol and methanol- $d_{1}$ leads to ligand exchange with the dimer and equilibrium occurs between the proton- and deuter-on-bound dimers. Double resonance experiments have shown that transfers occur in both directions and thus equilibrium can be reached. The data in Figure 1 and Table I demonstrate that equilibrium for reaction 6 is attained. The pressure ratios of methanol/methanol $-d_{1}$ and methyl nitrite/methyl formate are held constant, while the relative pressures of [ $\mathrm{MeOH}+\mathrm{MeOD}]$ and [ $\mathrm{MeOCHO}+\mathrm{MeONO}$ ] were changed. As shown in Figure 1, as the pressure of the methanol mixture is increased relative to the $[\mathrm{MeONO}+\mathrm{MeOCHO}]$ pressure, the ratio of $[\mathrm{MeOHOMe}]^{-}$ ( $m / e 63$ ) to [MeODoMe] ${ }^{-}(m / e 64)$ rapidly decreases until a constant value is obtained at high pressure. The value of $K_{6}$ from

[^3]

Figure 1. Plot of relative intensity of $I_{63}$ and $I_{64}$ as a function of the ratio of the pressure of the $\mathrm{MeOH} / \mathrm{D}$ mixture to the pressure of the MeO $\mathrm{CHO} / \mathrm{MeONO}$ mixture. The figure shows the approach to equilibrium from Scheme I.

Table I is an average of the four starred sets of data giving $K_{6}$ $=0.27$. The $[\mathrm{MeOH}] /[\mathrm{MeOD}]$ ratio given in Table I was essentially constant $(\sim 0.20)$. Table II is a summary of the experimental results in which the $[\mathrm{MeOH}] /[\mathrm{MeOD}]$ ratio was varied from 1.1 to 0.2 (at various $P_{1} / P_{2}$ and $P_{\text {tot }}$ values). All of the measurements of these $K_{6}$ values are at or near equilibrium. The best average value from all of our experimental results is $K_{6}$ $=0.31+0.06 .{ }^{29}$

In order to determine the equilibrium constant $K_{6}$, the ratio [ MeOH$] /[\mathrm{MeOD}]$ within the ICR system was needed. Previous work by Ellenberger et al. ${ }^{17}$ suggested that large amounts of $\mathrm{H} / \mathrm{D}$ exchange probably takes place in the ICR inlet system, in which case the isotope ratio within the cell is different from that in the sample bulb and must be determined in situ. ${ }^{30}$ Unlike EtOH/D mixtures, where the isotope ratios could also be measured from the ratio fragmentation peaks at $m / e 31$ and $32^{9}$ in the positive ion mass spectra, the positive ion mass spectra of the $\mathrm{MeOH} / \mathrm{D}$ mixtures do not have any such fragmentation peaks. ${ }^{31}$ We have shown ${ }^{18}$ that the trimethylsilyl cation $\mathrm{SiMe}_{3}{ }^{+}$, formed by electron impact on tetramethylsilane, readily forms collision complexes with methanol (reaction 7). The ratio of the adduct peaks $I_{105} / I_{106}$

$$
\begin{align*}
\mathrm{Me}_{3} \mathrm{Si}^{+}+\mathrm{MeOH} / \mathrm{O} \longrightarrow & \mathrm{Me}_{3} \mathrm{Si}^{+}-\mathrm{O} \mathrm{Me}_{\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{D})}  \tag{7}\\
& (\text { m/e }=105(106))
\end{align*}
$$

(corrected by $1 / m$ ) was used to measure the in situ $\mathrm{MeOH} / \mathrm{D}$ ratio listed in Tables I and II. ${ }^{32}$

Three different routes were tried in order to determine the isotope fractionation factor for the proton-bound methoxideethoxide mixed dimer; none of these were successful. Substitution of $\mathrm{EtOH} / \mathrm{D}$ for $\mathrm{MeOH} / \mathrm{D}$ in reaction 6 of Scheme I leads to the dominant formation of the proton-bound dimer of $\mathrm{EtO}^{-}$. In a

[^4]Scheme II

| $\mathrm{EtO}^{-}+\mathrm{MeOCHO}$ | $\longrightarrow[\mathrm{MeOHOE} \dagger]^{-}+\mathrm{CO}$ |
| ---: | :--- |
| $[\mathrm{MeOHOE} \dagger]^{-}+\mathrm{MeOD}$ | $\longrightarrow[\mathrm{MeODOE} \dagger]^{-}+\mathrm{MeOH}$ | (8)

Table III. Geometry of $\left[\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{OCH}_{3}\right]^{-a}$

|  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| parameter | 3-21G | 4-31G | DZ+P |
| $r\left(\mathrm{C}_{1}-\mathrm{O}_{2}\right)$ | 1.398 | 1.384 | 1.352 |
| $r\left(\mathrm{C}_{1}-\mathrm{H}_{4}\right)$ | 1.102 | 1.103 | 1.111 |
| $r\left(\mathrm{C}_{1}-\mathrm{H}_{5}\right)$ | 1.100 | 1.104 | 1.112 |
| $r\left(\mathrm{C}_{1}-\mathrm{H}_{6}\right)$ | 1.105 | 1.104 | 1.113 |
| $r\left(\mathrm{C}_{1}-\mathrm{O}_{2^{\prime}}\right)$ | 1.401 | 1.402 | 1.375 |
| $r\left(\mathrm{C}_{1},-\mathrm{H}_{4}{ }^{\prime}\right)$ | 1.100 | 1.090 | 1.100 |
| $r\left(\mathrm{C}_{1},-\mathrm{H}_{5}{ }^{\prime}\right)$ | 1.098 | 1.088 | 1.096 |
| $r\left(\mathrm{C}_{1}-\mathrm{H}_{6^{\prime}}\right)$ | 1.099 | 1.091 | 1.099 |
| $r\left(\mathrm{O}_{2}-\mathrm{H}_{3}\right)$ | 1.245 | 1.428 | 1.417 |
| $r\left(\mathrm{O}_{2},-\mathrm{H}_{3}\right)$ | 1.171 | 1.051 | 1.035 |
| $r\left(\mathrm{O}_{2}-\mathrm{O}_{2^{\prime}}\right)$ | 2.414 | 2.473 | 2.451 |
| $\theta\left(\mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{C}_{1} \mathrm{H}_{4}\right)$ | 112.7 | 113.1 | 113.4 |
| $\theta\left(\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{C}_{1} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)$ | 113.9 | 113.9 | 114.2 |
| $\theta\left(\mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{C}_{1} \mathrm{H}_{6}\right)$ | 114.6 | 114.0 | 114.4 |
| $\theta\left(\mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{C}_{1} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)$ | 105.3 | 105.1 | 104.7 |
| $\theta\left(\mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{C}_{1} \mathrm{H}_{6}\right)$ | 104.7 | 104.9 | 104.8 |
| $\theta\left(\mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{C}_{1} \mathrm{H}_{6}\right)$ | 104.6 | 104.9 | 104.2 |
| $\theta\left(\mathrm{C}_{1} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{3}\right)$ | 108.8 | 114.1 | 109.1 |
| $\theta\left(\mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{C}_{1}, \mathrm{H}_{4}\right.$ ) | 114.6 | 112.8 | 113.6 |
| $\theta\left(\mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{C}_{1} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right.$ ) | 110.8 | 109.4 | 109.6 |
| $\theta\left(\mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{C}_{1} \mathrm{H}_{6}\right.$ ) | 114.5 | 112.7 | 113.3 |
| $\theta\left(\mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{C}_{1}, \mathrm{H}_{5^{\prime}}\right)$ | 105.5 | 107.4 | 106.8 |
| $\theta\left(\mathrm{H}_{4}, \mathrm{C}_{1}, \mathrm{H}_{6}{ }^{\prime}\right)$ | 105.1 | 106.9 | 106.3 |
| $\theta\left(\mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{C}_{1}, \mathrm{H}_{6}\right)$ | 105.5 | 107.4 | 106.9 |
| $\theta\left(\mathrm{C}_{1} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{3}\right)$ | 109.6 | 110.3 | 109.9 |
| $\theta\left(\mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{2^{\prime}}\right)$ | 174.9 | 172.5 | 177.4 |
| $\psi\left(\mathrm{H}_{6}-\mathrm{C}_{1}-\mathrm{O}_{2}-\mathrm{H}_{3}\right)$ | 96.5 | 94.2 | 98.1 |
| $\psi\left(\mathrm{H}_{5},-\mathrm{C}_{1}-\mathrm{O}_{2}-\mathrm{H}_{3}\right)$ | $174.0$ | $179.4$ | $176.6$ |
| $\psi\left(\mathrm{C}_{1}-\mathrm{O}_{1}-\mathrm{O}_{1}-\mathrm{C}_{1}\right)$ | $106.9$ | $103.6$ | $104.5$ |
| energy (au) | -228.190246 | -229.142674 | -229.540404 |

${ }^{a}$ All distances in $\AA$. All angles in deg. $\psi$ is a torsion angle.
second attempt, reaction of $\mathrm{MeO}^{-}$with EtOCHO is observed to form the mixed proton-bound dimer anion. However, side reactions lead to the formation of the proton-bound dimer of $\mathrm{EtO}^{-}$, and equilibrium for the mixed species cannot be observed. Finally, the mixed dimer can be formed by dissociative electron bombardment of ethyl nitrite to form the ethoxide anions which then react with methyl formate, yielding the mixed dimer and CO as shown in Scheme II. Although double resonance is observed in both directions for reaction 9, equilibrium was probably not reached since reactions $10 \mathrm{a}, 10 \mathrm{~b}$, and 11 become dominant at high pressures, leading to the formation of proton-bound methoxide dimers.

## Computational Results

A set of calculations has been made in order to determine the structure of the proton-bound dimer of the methoxide anion. The initial calculations were done with the $3-21 \mathrm{G}$ basis set. At first the geometry was optimized in $C_{2 h}$ symmetry in the all-trans structure.



Figure 2. Computer graphic structure for [ MeOHOMe$]^{-}$. The plot is generated with the program ANIMOL. The radii for C and O are taken as $1.5 \times$ covalent radii and the radius for H is $2.0 \times$ covalent radius.

The calculations demonstrated that the symmetric structure is indeed a minimum at this level of basis set given the position of the methyl groups. However, a determination of the force field showed the presence of three negative eigenvalues corresponding to three imaginary frequencies. Subsequent calculations demonstrated that these were due to the torsional motion about the $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{O}$ axis and the methyl torsions. The geometry was then optimized in $C_{1}$ symmetry with the parameters given in Table III. this was the starting structure for further optimizations. As can be seen in Table III, the structure is asymmetric with respect to the proton interaction with the two oxygens, $r\left(\mathrm{O}_{2}-\mathrm{H}_{3}\right)$ and $r$ -$\left(\mathrm{O}_{2}^{\prime}-\mathrm{H}_{3}\right)$, but only slightly so. Subsequent optimizations with the $4-31 \mathrm{G}$ and DZ+P basis sets lead to structures which are clearly asymmetric as shown in Table III. A computer graphics depiction ${ }^{33}$ of the structure is given in Figure 2. Here, the structure can best be described as the interaction of methanol with a methoxide anion. In order to compare the structure of the dimer with the monomers, the geometries for $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OH}\left(\mathrm{C}_{s}\right)$ and $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{-}$ $\left(C_{3 v}\right)$ were determined with the $\mathrm{DZ}+\mathrm{P}$ basis set and are given in Table IV. The methanol-like fragment in the dimer has a longer C-O bond $(1.375 \AA$ ) than does the methoxide-like fragment ( 1.352 $\AA$ ). However, the $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O}$ bond in the methanol-like fragment is substantially shorter than that in methanol. Other differences are the longer $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}$ bonds and smaller HCH angles in the fragment as compared to methanol and, of course, the quite long $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H}$ bond in the fragment. Thus, the proton is partially transferred to the methoxide. As a consequence, some amount of $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{-}$ character is found in the methanol fragment leading to the above deviations. In the methoxide fragment, the presence of the methanol fragment is large enough to perturb the structure as compared to that of an isolated methoxide ion. The $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O}$ bond is longer in the fragment while the CH bonds are shorter; the HCH angles have also increased in the fragment. The $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{O}$ bond is approximately linear as would be expected from the structure for $[\mathrm{HO}-\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{OH}]^{-} .11,13,14$ The $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{O}$ distance is similar to that found in $\mathrm{OH}^{-}--\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ at the $6-31 \mathrm{G}^{*}$ level. ${ }^{11,14 b}$ The orientation of the methyl groups relative to the $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{O}$ axis is similar to that found in peroxides. This differs from the structure of the pro-ton-bound dimer of two hydroxides ${ }^{11,13,14}$ which has a planar structure.

In order to estimate the barrier to proton transfer from one $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{-}$to the other, a partially symmetrized structure was constructed. The $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H}$ and $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O}$ bond distances were made equal with the remaining parameters taken from the DZ +P basis set geometry. The $\mathrm{DZ}+\mathrm{P}$ energy was calculated at this point and gives a barrier of $2.18 \mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{mol}\left(761 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right)$. Since an optimum
(33) R, M. Hilmer Proceedings of the National Computer Graphics Association, submitted 1985.

Table IV. Molecular Geometries of $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OH}$ and $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{-a}$

|  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| parameter | 3-21G | 4-31G | DZ + P | expt ${ }^{6}$ |
| $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OH}$ |  |  |  |  |
| $r(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O})$ | 1.440 | 1.429 | 1.403 | 1.427 |
| $r\left(\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H}_{1}\right)$ | 0.966 | 0.951 | 0.945 | 0.956 |
| $r\left(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}_{2}\right)$ | 1.079 | 1.076 | 1.081 | 1.096 |
| $r\left(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}_{3}\right)$ | 1.085 | 1.082 | 1.088 | 1.096 |
| $\theta\left(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H}_{1}\right)$ | 110.3 | 112.9 | 109.6 | 108.9 |
| $\theta\left(\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}_{2}\right)$ | 106.4 | 106.6 | 107.0 | 109.9 |
| $\theta\left(\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}_{3}\right)$ | 112.2 | 111.5 | 111.9 | 109.9 |
| $\theta\left(\mathrm{H}_{2}-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}_{3}\right)$ | 108.5 | 109.0 | 108.5 | 109.0 |
| $\theta\left(\mathrm{H}_{3}-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}_{3}{ }^{\prime}\right)$ | 108.9 | 109.2 | 108.9 |  |
| energy (au) | -114.398018 | -114.871510 | -115.074381 |  |
| $\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{CO}^{-}$ |  |  |  |  |
| $r(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O})$ | 1.348 | 1.362 | 1.325 |  |
| $r(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H})$ | 1.134 | 1.123 | 1.128 |  |
| $\theta(\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H})$ | 117.3 | 115.6 | 115.9 |  |
| $\theta(\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H})$ | 100.7 | 102.6 | 102.3 |  |
| energy (au) | -113.724797 | -114.218405 | -114.424706 |  |

${ }^{a}$ All distances in $\AA$. . All angles in deg. ${ }^{b}$ Kojima, T.; Breig, E. L.; Lin, C. C. J. Chem. Phys. 1961, 35, 2139.
geometry for the symmetric species was not obtained, this represents an upper limit to the energy of this process.

The structure of $[\mathrm{MeO}-\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{OMe}]^{-}$has been determined by Jorgenson and Abraham ${ }^{11}$ at the SCF level using a 4-31G basis set. A linear OHO bond and a $C_{s}$ structure were assumed and not all parameters were optimized. The $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{O}$ distance of 2.54 $\AA$ is longer than our value and the short $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H}$ distance, $1.02 \AA$, is in good agreement with our larger calculations. No barrier to hydrogen transfer was calculated. The structure of $[\mathrm{HO}-\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{OH}]^{-}$ has been determined with a large [ $5 \mathrm{~s} 4 \mathrm{pld} / 3 \mathrm{slp}$ ] basis set. ${ }^{13}$ The value for the $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{O}$ distance is $2.55 \AA$, and the value for the OH distance is $1.02 \AA$. The barrier to proton transfer is $1.4 \mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{mol}$ at this level. When correlation effects are included, ${ }^{13}$ the OH bond lengthens to $1.09 \AA$, the $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{O}$ distance decreases to $2.47 \AA$, and the barrier to proton transfer decreases to a value of $0.15 \mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{mol}$. We would thus expect our calculated barrier to also decrease if correlation corrections and diffuse basis functions were included.
The vibrational frequencies for $[\mathrm{MeOHOMe}]^{-}$and $[\mathrm{MeO}-$ DOMe] ${ }^{-}$determined with the $4-31 G$ basis set are given in Table V. Our discussion focuses on the proton-bound dimer. There are six low-lying modes ( $<500 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ ) predicted for the protonbound dimer as compared to one low-lying mode (the torsion) for the methanol monomer. These low-energy modes are due in part to the methyl torsions, the torsion about the $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{O}$ axis, and the stretch of the two O atoms. This latter mode is expected to be at $357 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. The motion of the central proton comes at much higher frequencies. The asymmetric stretch is predicted to occur at $2124 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ while the out-of-plane bend similar to the $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H}$ bend in the monomer is at $1737 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. The calculated frequencies for $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OH}, \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OD}$, and $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OD}^{-}$are given in Table VI. The corresponding OH stretching mode in $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OH}$ is much higher, $3975 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ ( $3681 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$, exptl), while the bend is lower, $1473 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ ( $1345 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$, exptl) $)^{34}$ The in-plane $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H}$ bending mode is at $1454 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. These values can be compared with those for $\mathrm{FHF}^{-}$ which is a symmetric dimer. For $\mathrm{FHF}^{-}$, the calculated frequencies with the $4-31 \mathrm{G}$ basis set are 649,1307 , and $1384 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ for the symmetric stretch, the asymmetric stretch, and the bend, respectively. The experimental values known for the latter two are 1364 and $1217 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$, respectively. ${ }^{34}$ Thus, the motion of the proton in the methoxide dimer is more constrained than motion in the symmetric bifluoride dimer.

[^5]Table V. Vibrational Frequencies for [ MeOHOMe ] ${ }^{-}$and [MeODOMe] ${ }^{-}$at the $4-31 \mathrm{G}$ Level (in $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ )

| freq | $[\mathrm{MeOHOMe}]^{-}$ | $[\mathrm{MeODOMe}]^{-}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| $\nu_{1}$ | 3167 | 3166 |
| $\nu_{2}$ | 3120 | 3120 |
| $\nu_{3}$ | 3099 | 3097 |
| $\nu_{4}$ | 2971 | 2968 |
| $\nu_{5}$ | 2931 | 2930 |
| $\nu_{6}$ | 2928 | 2928 |
| $\nu_{7}{ }^{a}$ | 2124 | 1497 |
| $\nu_{8}{ }^{b}$ | 1737 | 1367 |
| $\nu_{9}$ | 1684 | 1685 |
| $\nu_{10}$ | 1676 | 1675 |
| $\nu_{11}$ | 1669 | 1669 |
| $\nu_{12}$ | 1666 | 1666 |
| $\nu_{13}$ | 1639 | 1639 |
| $\nu_{14}{ }^{d}$ | 1592 | $1708^{c}$ |
| $\nu_{15}{ }^{c}$ | 1454 | 1030 |
| $\nu_{16}$ | 1272 | 1280 |
| $\nu_{17}$ | 1267 | 1272 |
| $\nu_{18}$ | 1262 | 1266 |
| $\nu_{19}$ | 1243 | 1157 |
| $\nu_{20}$ | 1145 | 1135 |
| $\nu_{21}$ | 1128 | 1107 |
| $\nu_{22}{ }^{e}$ | 357 | 345 |
| $\nu_{23}$ | 168 | 166 |
| $\nu_{24}$ | 129 | 128 |
| $\nu_{25}$ | 106 | 106 |
| $\nu_{26}$ | 100 | 100 |
| $\nu_{27}$ | 53 | 53 |

${ }^{a}$ Asymmetric stretch $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{D})-\mathrm{O} .{ }^{b} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{D})$ bend-out of plane. ${ }^{c}$ Mode with some component of $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{D}-\mathrm{O}$ asymmetric stretch. ${ }^{d} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O}-$ $\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{D})$ bend-in plane as in $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OH}$. ${ }^{e}$ Mode with large component of $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{O}$ stretch.

Table VI. Vibrational Frequencies for $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OH}, \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OD}, \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{-}$at the $4-31 \mathrm{G}$ Level (in $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ )

| freq | $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OH}$ <br> (calcd) | $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OH}$ <br> (exptl) | $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OD}$ <br> (calcd) | $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OD}$ <br> (exptl) | $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{-}$ <br> (calcd) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\nu_{1}{ }^{b}$ | 3975 | 3681 | 2897 | 2718 |  |
| $\nu_{2}$ | 3337 | 3000 | 3338 | 3000 | 2778 |
| $\nu_{3}$ | 3230 | 2960 | 3230 | 2960 | 2654 |
| $\nu_{4}$ | 3176 | 2844 | 3176 | 2843 | 2654 |
| $\nu_{5}$ | 1679 | 1477 | 1679 | 1473 | 1669 |
| $\nu_{6}$ | 1671 | 1477 | 1671 | 1473 | 1650 |
| $\nu_{7}{ }^{c}$ | 1635 | 1455 | 1635 | 1456 | 1650 |
| $\nu_{8}{ }^{c}$ | 1473 | 1345 | 928 | 864 |  |
| $\nu_{9}$ | 1270 | 1165 | 1352 | 1230 | 1274 |
| $\nu_{10}$ | 1158 | 1060 | 1270 | 1160 | 1274 |
| $\nu_{11}$ | 1097 | 1033 | 1100 | 1040 | 1113 |
| $\nu_{12}{ }^{d}$ | 339 | 295 | 271 | 213 |  |

${ }^{a}$ Reference 34. ${ }^{b} \mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{D})$ stretch. ${ }^{c} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{D})$ bend. ${ }^{d} \mathrm{CH}_{3}$ torsion.

It is unlikely that our harmonic potential approximation is properly describing the asymmetric motion of the proton. Comparison of the predicted frequency with that of the barrier height to proton transfer shows that the proton, even for the zero-point level, would be above the barrier and thus the harmonic approximation would not hold. A more appropriate potential for describing the motion of the proton would be a double minimum potential. Kreevoy ${ }^{7}$ has previously published such a description and we refer to his potential $V_{3}$ which has the form $V_{3}=453 y^{4}$ $-37.8 y^{2}$ where the energies are in units of $10^{3} \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ and $y$ is in angstroms. The barrier height for this potential is $790 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$, and the width of the potential defined as the distance between the two minima is $0.41 \AA$. This can be compared with our values of 760 $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ for the barrier height and a distance of $0.38 \AA$. Solution of the one-dimensional Schrodinger equation for this potential gives a zero-point energy frequency of $690 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ for protonic motion and $560 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ for motion of a deuteron.

The energy of the hydrogen bond at the $\mathrm{DZ}+\mathrm{P}$ level is $\Delta E=$ $25.9 \mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{mol}$. The value calculated by Jorgenson and Ibrahim ${ }^{11}$ of $25.7 \mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{mol}$ with a smaller basis set and a partially optimized geometry is in good agreement with our value. Inclusion of
zero-point effects lowers this value by $0.3 \mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{mol}$ to $\Delta E_{0}=25.6$ $\mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{mol}$. Comparison with experiment requires the value of $\Delta H$ for reaction 12 This requires conversion of $\Delta E_{0}$ (the bond strength

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\begin{equation*}
\mathrm{MeOH}+\mathrm{MeO}^{-} \rightarrow \mathrm{MeOH} \cdots \mathrm{OMe}^{-} \tag{12}
\end{equation*}
$$

at 0 K ) to $\Delta E_{298}$ and conversion of this value to $\Delta H_{29}$. The translational and rotational degrees of freedom can be treated classically and contribute $-3 R T$ to $\Delta E$. In general, vibrational corrections are small; however, the dimer has a number of very low frequency modes and these cannot be neglected. The vibrational correction will lead to a decrease in $\Delta E_{\text {vib }}(T)$ of $\sim 3.0$ $\mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{mol}$. The conversion term for going from $\Delta E$ to $\Delta H$ is $-\Delta n R T=-R T$. This gives $\Delta E_{0} \sim H_{298}=-25.6 \mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{mol}$. The best experimental value for this quantity is $-22.3 \mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{mol}, 36$ and the theoretical value is too high by $3 \mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{mol}$. This difference is due to a combination of basis set deficiency and correlation corrections. On the basis of results for $[\mathrm{HO}-\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{OH}]^{-}$, inclusion of diffuse functions would decrease $\Delta E_{0}$ since $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{-}$would be treated better relative to the other two structures. (This effect will be smaller in our study than in $[\mathrm{HO}-\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{OH}]^{-}$since we have more basis functions due to the presence of the methyl group.) Correlation corrections would be expected to increase $\Delta E_{0}$ and thus the two computational effects partially cancel.

## Discussion

The value of the gas-phase isotope fractionation factor of the proton-bound methoxide dimer is defined by $K_{13}$. Water is the usual standard-state adopted by solution-phase experimentalists because it commonly equilibrates with the types of compounds that are typically studied ${ }^{37.38}$ To obtain the gas-phase isotope

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left[\mathrm{MeOHOMe}^{-}{ }_{(\mathrm{g})}+\mathrm{HOD}_{(\mathrm{l})} \rightleftharpoons\left[\mathrm{MeODOMe}^{-}{ }_{(\mathrm{g})}+\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{(1)}\right.\right. \tag{13}
\end{equation*}
$$

fractionation factor for the proton-bound methoxide dimer from $K_{6}$, the value of $\phi$ for methanol in the gas phase must be calculated. This value can be obtained from the equilibrium constants $K_{14}$ and $K_{15}$. The value for $K_{14}$ is $1.12 \pm 0.04 .{ }^{39}$ The value for $K_{15}$

$$
\begin{gather*}
\mathrm{MeOH}_{(\mathrm{l})}+\mathrm{HOD}_{(\mathrm{l})} \rightleftharpoons \mathrm{MeOD}_{(\mathrm{l})}+\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{(\mathrm{l})}  \tag{14}\\
\mathrm{MeOH}_{(\mathrm{g})}+\mathrm{MeOD}_{(\mathrm{l})} \rightleftharpoons \mathrm{MeOD}_{(\mathrm{g})}+\mathrm{MeOH}_{(\mathrm{l})} \tag{15}
\end{gather*}
$$

is simply the ratio of vapor pressures $\left(V_{\mathrm{p}}\right)$ and $K_{15}=V_{\mathrm{p}}$ $(\mathrm{MeOD}) / V_{\mathrm{p}}(\mathrm{MeOH})=0.95 .{ }^{39,40}$ Multiplication of $K_{6}$ by the above correction factors gives a value for $\phi_{\mathrm{gp}}=0.33 \pm 0.06$ related to the standard state and $\phi_{\mathrm{gp}} \cong K_{6}$.

In pure methanol, $\phi(\mathrm{MeOLOMe})^{-}=0.74$ as determined from NMR measurements. ${ }^{10}$ To investigate the effect of solvation on the isotope fractionation factor, Baltzer ${ }^{10 \mathrm{a}}$ decreased the concentration of methanol from that in the pure solution by adding dimethyl sulfoxide ( $\mathrm{Me}_{2} \mathrm{SO}$ ) and found that $\phi$ decreases from 0.74 to 0.38 as the concentration of $[\mathrm{MeOH}]$ decreases from $100 \%$ to $25 \% \mathrm{MeOH}$. Our gas-phase results are comparable to the solution-phase value when $X_{\mathrm{Me}_{2} \mathrm{SO}}$ is extrapolated to $100 \%$, giving $\phi=0.3$. This suggests that the methoxide anion is only singly solvated at low concentration in $\mathrm{Me}_{2} \mathrm{SO}$ was postulated by Baltzer. ${ }^{10 \mathrm{a}}$

The equilibrium constant for reaction 6 can in principle be calculated from partition functions. However, this requires all of the normal mode frequencies and, as discussed above, we cannot directly determine all of the frequencies from the region of the surface that we have calculated. To a first approximation, the value for $K_{6}$ is given by the following expression

$$
\begin{equation*}
K_{6}=\exp \left[\frac{h c}{k T}\left(\Delta \mathrm{ZPE}_{\text {complex }}-\Delta \mathrm{ZPE}_{\text {monomer }}\right)\right] \tag{16}
\end{equation*}
$$

[^6]where $\triangle$ ZPE is the difference in zero-point energies between $\mathrm{AHA}^{-}(\mathrm{AH})$ and $\mathrm{ADA}^{-}(\mathrm{AD})$. The value for $\triangle \mathrm{ZPE}$ was determined as one-half the sum of the vibrational frequencies for each species except as described below. For $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OH}$ and $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OD}$, the calculated value for $\triangle \mathrm{ZPE}$ is $746 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ as compared to an experimental value of $681 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1.34}$ (This latter value is not precise as the torsional frequency is not well-determined experimentally.) For the proton-bound dimers the situation is complicated by the fact that the asymmetric stretch of the proton (deuteron) is not well-treated in the harmonic approximation. We thus define the ZPE to be one-half the sum of all of the modes excluding the asymmetric stretch. We take the value for the asymmetric stretch zero-point frequency from that determined for the model potential $V_{3}$. The value for $\triangle Z$ PE for the asymmetric stretch is $130 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. (Examination of Kreevoy's other potentials ${ }^{7}$ shows that $\triangle$ ZPE is not strongly dependent on the barrier height and even with no barrier has a value of $200 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$.) The asymmetric stretch in the proton-bound dimer is quite distinct. Although this mode can be found in the deuteron-brund dimer, there is also a slightly higher lying mode with some asymmetric stretch character. From the above results, the calculated $\triangle Z P E$ for the dimer is $530 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. Substitution into eq 16 gives a calculated value for $K_{6}$ of 0.35 , in excellent agreement with the observed value of 0.31 , especially considering the approximations made in determining $\triangle$ ZPE and in the use of eq 16. The use of eq 16 assumes that the ratio of the translational, rotational, and electronic partition functions is
unity. This should be a good approximation since there should not be large isotope effects on these quantities. Another approximation in eq 16 is that the temperature dependences of the vibrational populations were neglected. Examination of the vibrations for the dimers shows that this is not that severe an approximation for $\mathrm{AH}(\mathrm{D}) \mathrm{A}^{-}$since the lowest lying modes (those that would be thermally populated) do not exhibit a large isotope dependence. This is not surprising since the vibrational modes involving the proton (deuteron) are at higher frequencies. There is likely to be a larger contribution from the monomer since the torsional potential does exhibit some isotope effect.

The good agreement of the calculated value of $K_{6}$ with the experimental value is consistent with Kreevoy's discussion ${ }^{7}$ of the role of the bending modes in raising the value of $\phi$ from that predicted by using only the asymmetric stretch. Although his discussion was qualitative, our results demonstrate that the modes external to the asymmetric stretch will indeed raise the value $\phi$ and thus moderate the isotope effect. However, the value for $\phi_{\mathrm{gp}}$ is still far from unity and demonstrates the presence of a large isotope effect. Comparison with our previous work on $\mathrm{A}=\mathrm{EtO}^{-}$ shows that substitution of Et for Me raises $\phi_{\mathrm{gp}}$ from 0.33 to 0.46 . Whether this is due to a change in the central barrier height or to the presence of additional modes external to the asymmetric stretch cannot be determined at this time.

Registry No. Methoxide anion, 3315-60-4.

# Reversible Formation and Disruption of Micelles by Control of the Redox State of the Head Group 

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#### Abstract

Electrochemical and spectroscopic studies of a functional surfactant, (ferrocenylmethyl)dodecyldimethylammonium bromide ( $\mathrm{I}^{+}$) with ferrocene as the redox moiety, are reported. The concentration dependence of the diffusion coefficient values for $\mathrm{I}^{+}$and its oxidized form $\mathrm{I}^{2+}$ show that the $\mathrm{I}^{+}$surfactants form redox-active micelles and that these micelles can be broken up into monomers by oxidation and re-formed by reduction. Feasibility of such reversible control of the formation-disruption of micelles is also demonstrated by a spectroscopic observation that a dye is solubilized or released according as the micelles are formed or broken up. In addition, the result of potential-step chronoamperometry is interpreted on the basis of the Nernst diffusion-layer model.


Functional micelles, i.e., aggregates of surfactant molecules to which functional groups are covalently bonded, possess advantages over nonfunctional ones in the following aspects: (1) ability to undergo specific reactions, e.g., redox reactions, ${ }^{1.7}$ (2) effective charge separation by using the functional surfactant as an electron acceptor, ${ }^{2-4}$ (3) reaction media in concentrating or fixing active sites, ${ }^{5}$ and (4) probes for the microenvironment of micelles. ${ }^{6}$ No studies have so far dealt with the effect of functional groups on the dynamic properties of micelles, e.g., the self-assembling be-

[^7]havior, or the static ones, e.g., the CMC and the aggregation number. The present paper deals with the reversible formation and disruption of micelles by control of the redox state of the surfactant-head group. ${ }^{7}$ The electroactive surfactant studied is the bromide salt of $\mathrm{FcCH}_{2} \mathrm{~N}^{+}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{25}\left(\mathrm{I}^{+}\right)$, where Fc represents the ferrocene moiety.

## Experimental Section

The bromide salt of $\mathrm{I}^{+}$was prepared by the following procedures: The mixture of equimolar a mounts of ((dimethylamino) methyl)ferrocene (Aldrich) and $n$-dodecyl bromide (Tokyo Kasei) was stirred for 2 h at $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The reaction product was recrystallized twice from acetone to give a yellow, crystalline product in $63 \%$ yield. It was identified by the elemental a nalysis. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{25} \mathrm{H}_{42} \mathrm{NFeBr}$ : $\mathrm{C}, 60.9 ; \mathrm{H}, 8.6 ; \mathrm{N}, 2.7$. Found: C, $60.8 ; \mathrm{H}, 8.6 ; \mathrm{N}, 2.7$. The IR and the electronic spectra for $\mathrm{I}^{+}$were respectively in fair agreement with those for ferrocene. ${ }^{8} \quad \mathrm{Li}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$
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