

A final point of uncertainty concerns the relative magnitude of the two stretching frequencies  $\nu_1$  and  $\nu_3$ . A number of measurements of crystals of hydronium ion salts have led to the assignment of widely separated frequencies to these two modes.<sup>20</sup> These assignments have not been followed in all such measurements,<sup>22,24</sup> but  $\text{H}_3\text{O}_4^+\text{Br}^-$  offers an example of where they have.<sup>23</sup> Giguère's recent demonstration that  $\nu_1$  and  $\nu_3$  are very closely spaced for solutions of hydronium halides in liquid sulfur dioxide,<sup>28</sup> however, strongly suggests that the same may be true of aqueous solutions. Indeed, this is certainly the normal situation<sup>47</sup> for pyramidal hydrides of the type  $\text{XH}_3$ . Calculations were carried

out, therefore, with the covalent O-H stretching interaction force constant for  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  taken as zero. Other force constants were unchanged from model 6 (Table VII), and there was no effect on the calculated value of  $L$ . For  $L = 9.0$ , values of  $\nu_1(a) = 2530$  and  $\nu_3(e) = 2620$  were obtained.

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## Solvent Isotope Effects upon Proton Transfer from the Hydronium Ion

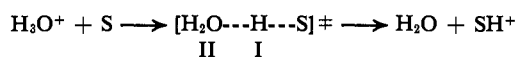
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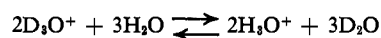
**Abstract:** Model calculations of solvent isotope effects for reactions of  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  are described. Models for  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  take account of librational modes, and force constants are chosen to yield the constant  $L = 9.0$  for the equilibrium  $2\text{D}_3\text{O}^+ + 3\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons 2\text{H}_3\text{O}^+ + 3\text{D}_2\text{O}$ . Primary and secondary isotope effects  $(k_{\text{H}}/k_{\text{D}})_I$  and  $(k_{\text{H}}/k_{\text{D}})_{II}$  for proton transfer from  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  are calculated. It is found that as the structure of the transition state is varied from reactant-like to product-like the secondary isotope effect increases monotonically, while the primary isotope effect passes through a maximum. The parameter  $\alpha$  defined by  $(k_{\text{H}}/k_{\text{D}})_{II} = L^{-\alpha/3}$  provides a measure of the extent of proton transfer in the transition state. Contributions from "transfer" isotope effects are taken into account. Deviations from the rule of the geometric mean (RGM) for isotopic exchange equilibria are considered in detail within the framework of Bernstein's rules, and are ascribed mainly to contributions from bending vibrations. The deviations are underestimated by harmonic calculations, but calculations and experiment combined yield practical estimates for both D and T fractionation in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$ . Deviations are canceled between  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  but cause discrepancies of up to 10% in the fractionation of single exchangeable hydrogens. Their effect upon the separation of primary and secondary kinetic isotope effects for proton transfer from  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  is tested. Maximum discrepancies between experimental methods based on (i) kinetic dependence in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ - $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  mixtures, (ii) isotope distribution in the products, and (iii) tritium transfer in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  are again 10% and are associated principally with fractionation of the reacting hydrogen. Neglect of deviations from the RGM does not obscure the strong correlations between isotope effects and transition state structure.

It has been recognized for some time that solvent isotope effects<sup>4,5</sup> upon rate-determining proton transfer from the hydronium ion in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  comprise two contributions; a primary effect  $(k_{\text{H}}/k_{\text{D}})_I$  from the reacting hydrogen of the  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  unit, and a secondary effect  $(k_{\text{H}}/k_{\text{D}})_{II}$  from the nonreacting hydrogens.<sup>6,7</sup>



Methods have been developed for separating the two

effects,<sup>8-11</sup> and it has been suggested that  $(k_{\text{H}}/k_{\text{D}})_{II}$  may be related to the equilibrium isotope effect for the reaction<sup>8,12,13</sup> through a free-energy relation of the form  $(k_{\text{H}}/k_{\text{D}})_{II} = L^{-\alpha/3}$ , where  $L$  is the equilibrium constant for isotope exchange between  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$



and  $\alpha$  is a parameter analogous to the exponent of the Brønsted relation.<sup>5,13-15</sup>

This is of interest because  $\alpha$  may be interpreted as an index of the "extent of proton transfer" in the transi-

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Table I. The Relation of Transition State Parameters to Their Limiting Values in Reactants and Products<sup>a</sup>

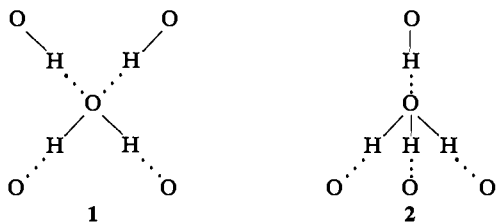
Bond lengths and angles	Stretching force <sup>b</sup> constants	Bending force <sup>b</sup> constants
$r_5 = R_5 - 0.6 \log(1 - z)$	$f_{r_5} = (1 - z)F_{R_5}$	$f_{\varphi_2} = (1 - z)^2 F_{\Phi_2}$
$r_6 = R_6 - 0.6 \log z$	$f_{r_6} = zF_{R_6'}$	$f_{\varphi_3} = (1 - z)^2 F_{\Phi_3}$
$\varphi_9 = 180^\circ$	$f_{r_6}{}^c = (1 + y^2(1 - y)^2)(f_{r_5} f_{r_6})^{1/2}$	$f_{\varphi_{11}} = z^2 F_{\Phi_{11}'}$
$\varphi_{11} = 180^\circ$		$f_{\varphi_{12}} = z^2 F_{\Phi_{12}'}$
$\varphi_{12} = 180^\circ$		$f_{\varphi_9}{}^c = f_{\varphi_{10}} = 16y^2(1 - y)^2 F_{\beta}$

<sup>a</sup> All parameters not listed here have the dependence on  $z$  given in the text. <sup>b</sup> Subscripts denote coordinates in **3** to which force constants refer. <sup>c</sup>  $y = f_{r_6}/(f_{r_5} + f_{r_6})$ .

tion state. In this paper, we report model calculations designed to test the validity of the relation and of some of the assumptions on which it rests.

### The Models and Calculations

The method of the calculations is similar to that applied previously to primary isotope effects.<sup>16,17</sup> Vibration frequencies and isotope effects are evaluated from force constants and geometries assigned to models for the reactants, products, and transition state. A suitable model is considered to consist of the minimum number of atoms permitting an adequate representation of the vibrational modes contributing to the isotope effect. The principal new feature of calculations for proton transfer from the hydronium ion in aqueous solution is that librational modes arising from hindered rotations of H<sub>2</sub>O and H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> within the hydrogen-bonded water lattice have to be considered. These modes are known<sup>18,19</sup> to contribute substantially to solvent isotope effects in H<sub>2</sub>O and D<sub>2</sub>O.

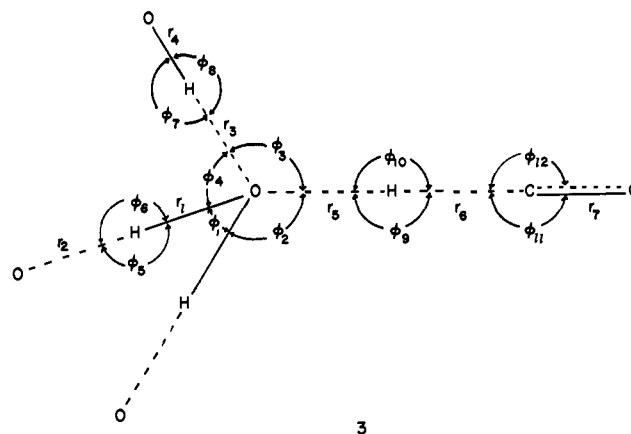


The models **1** and **2** chosen for H<sub>2</sub>O and H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> are described in detail in the preceding paper.<sup>20</sup> Force constants for H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> were assigned to yield calculated frequencies which, when combined with the frequencies for H<sub>2</sub>O, gave the experimentally determined value<sup>19,21</sup> of 9.0 for the equilibrium constant  $L$ . The values chosen differed only slightly from those used previously,<sup>20</sup> and it was assumed that isotopic fractionation in the solvation shell of the H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> unit makes no contribution to the isotope effect. For the substrate, a two-atom "olefinic" fragment C=C was used, which gives a linear carbonium ion species H—C—C<sup>+</sup> as product. Adoption of a linear configuration for the product allows a satisfactory treatment of hydrogen bending vibrations while minimizing the complexity of the model. The effectiveness of this approximation in treating bending modes in the product and transition state is discussed in ref 16.

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In the transition state, it was supposed that one of the H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> hydrogens becomes partially bonded to the substrate and that in other respects the geometry is intermediate between that of reactants and products. The structure of the transition state was specified by a parameter  $z$  denoting the order of the partial bond between the reacting hydrogen and the substrate. Taking the order of the partial O—H<sup>+</sup> bond as  $(1 - z)$ , and assuming that the bond lengths, angles, and force constants of the transition state depend upon simple functions of  $z$  in such a way as to reduce to their corresponding values in reactants and products in the limits that  $z \rightarrow 0$  or 1, it was possible to specify the geometry and force field of the transition state almost entirely in terms of  $z$  and of the bond lengths, angles, and force constants of the reactants and products. The limiting values of stretching and bending force constants for bonds between C=C and H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> as  $z \rightarrow 0$ , and between +C—C—H and H<sub>2</sub>O as  $z \rightarrow 1$ , were taken to be zero.

The bond lengths and angles to be assigned in the transition state are shown in **3**. The model has C<sub>s</sub>



symmetry and, for clarity, parameters are not duplicated. In most cases, transition state parameters were expressed as the weighted arithmetic mean of their values in reactants and products, *i.e.*

$$r = zR' + (1 - z)R \quad \varphi = z\Phi' + (1 - z)\Phi$$

$$f = zF' + (1 - z)F$$

where  $r$ ,  $\varphi$ , and  $f$  denote bond lengths, bond angles, and force constants, and small letters, capitals, and primed capitals refer to the transition state, reactants, and products, respectively. Exceptions, which pertain mainly to the bond lengths and force constants associated with the reacting bonds, are listed in Table I using the above notation and that of **3**. The treatment of these parameters has been described in detail previously,<sup>16</sup> and only minor modifications were made here. However, it may be noted that the maximum value of

**Table II.** Force Constants for Reactants, Products, and Transition State ( $z = 0.5$ )

Stretching force constants, mdyn/Å				Bending force constants, (mdyn Å)/rad <sup>2</sup>			
Coord	Reactant	Product	TS	Coord	Reactant	Product	TS
$r_1$	3.65	6.55	5.10	$\varphi_1$	0.60	0.65	0.625
$r_2$	0.3	0.12	0.21	$\varphi_2$	0.60	0 <sup>a</sup>	0.15
$r_3$	0.02	0.12	0.07	$\varphi_3$	0.02	0 <sup>a</sup>	0.005
$r_4$	7.0	7.0	7.0	$\varphi_4$	0.02	0.067	0.0435
$r_5$	3.65	0.0	1.825	$\varphi_5 = \varphi_6$	0.08	0.067	0.0735
$r_6$	0 <sup>a</sup>	4.8	2.4	$\varphi_7 = \varphi_8$	0.02	0.067	0.0435
$r_7$	9.7	4.5	7.1	$\varphi_9 = \varphi_{10}$	0 <sup>a</sup>	0 <sup>a</sup>	0.19 <sup>b</sup>
$r_1 r_1^c$	0.4	-0.25	0.075	$\varphi_{11} = \varphi_{12}$	0	0.98	0.245
$r_1 r_6^c$	0.4	0.0	0.2	$\varphi_1 \varphi_2^c$	0.13	0 <sup>a</sup>	0.065
$r_5 r_6^c$	0	0.0	2.2				

<sup>a</sup> In the limiting product- and reactant-like transition state, one of the O—H groups in 1 and 2 is replaced by C=C or C—C—H<sup>+</sup>. Since no hydrogen bonds are formed to hydrocarbons, the corresponding force constants were assigned the value zero. <sup>b</sup>  $F_\beta = 0.2$ . <sup>c</sup> Interaction force constant.

**Table III.** Vibration Frequencies (cm<sup>-1</sup>) Calculated from Models for H<sub>2</sub>O, H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>, C=C, +C—C—H, and a Proton-Transfer Transition State ( $z = 0.5$ )

H <sub>3</sub> O <sup>+</sup>	H freq	D <sup>a</sup> freq	H <sub>2</sub> O	H freq	D <sup>a</sup> freq	TS <sup>b</sup>	H freq	D <sup>a</sup> freq
$\nu_1$ (a)	2840	2020	$\nu_1$	3355	2425	$\nu_L^\ddagger$	655i	4751
$\nu_2$ (e)	2540	1860	$\nu_3$	3550	2605	$\nu_R^\ddagger$	510 <sup>c</sup>	460 <sup>c</sup>
$\nu_2$ (a)	1140	860	$\nu_2$	1645	1200	$\nu_{R_1}$	3090	2265
$\nu_4$ (e)	1630	1180				$\nu_{R_7}$	3070	2210
				715	530		985	980
$\nu_L$ (a)	580	410	$\nu_L$	710	500	$\nu_{\varphi_1}$	1570	1150
(e)	610	435		645	470	$\nu_{\varphi_{10}}$	1200	865
						$\nu_\varphi$	1130	820
C=C			+C—C—H					
$\nu_8$	1085	1085	$\nu_8$	2900	2090	$\nu_L$	770	600 <sup>c</sup>
			$\nu_b$ (e)	1240	925		695	510
							615	410

<sup>a</sup> Solvating hydrogens are not isotopically substituted. <sup>b</sup>  $\nu_R^\ddagger$  and  $\nu_L^\ddagger$  denote the real and imaginary stretching modes associated with O—H—C. Otherwise, subscripts for  $\nu$  refer to 3, except that  $\nu_L$  denotes librations. <sup>c</sup>  $\nu_R^\ddagger$  and the 600-cm<sup>-1</sup> librational mode are strongly coupled in the deuterium transition state.

the primary isotope effect  $(k_H/k_D)_I$  is particularly sensitive to the extent of proton tunneling and the choice of the maximum value,  $F_\beta$ , for the O---H---C bending force constant. The value of  $F_\beta = 0.2$  used here is smaller than that derived, by analogy, from the bending force constants of the bihalide ions<sup>16</sup> ( $F_\beta \sim 0.35$ ). The lower value gives better agreement with observed isotope effects and is consistent with the net positive charge in transition state 3.

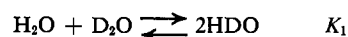
The dependence of both the bending force constants and the stretch-stretch interaction force constant associated with the O---H---C unit upon transition state structure was handled in the same manner as before,<sup>16</sup> save that the force constants were maximized when the stretching force constants of the partial bonds to hydrogen were equal ( $f_{r_5} = f_{r_6}$ ), rather than when the partial bond orders were equal ( $z = (1 - z) = 0.5$ ).

Limiting values of the transition state force constants, as  $z \rightarrow 0$  or 1, are shown in Table II. The corresponding frequencies are listed in Table III. The frequencies were derived by the Wilson FG matrix method,<sup>22</sup> and isotope effects upon rates and equilibria were calculated in the usual manner<sup>23</sup> using the Redlich-Teller product

rule<sup>22</sup> and the first two expansion terms of Bell's correction for proton tunneling.<sup>24</sup>

## Results and Discussion

An important assumption in the treatment of solvent isotope effects outlined in the introduction is that the effect of substitution at one isotopic position in a molecule or transition state is independent of that at any other. For symmetrical species, such as H<sub>2</sub>O and H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>, this implies that isotopic disproportionation equilibria should be statistically controlled and conform to the "rule of the geometric mean" or RGM.<sup>4,5,25</sup> Thus, for water, the ideal value of the equilibrium constant  $K_1$  is 4.0.



In practice it is now established that the rule of the mean is not exactly obeyed,<sup>5,26-36</sup> and one object of

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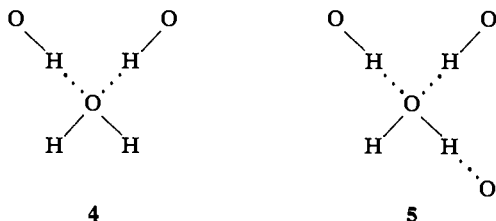
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the present work was to use a combination of calculations and experiment to obtain practical estimates of the effect of deviations upon currently used simple treatments of solvent isotope effects.

**Water.** For water the value of  $K_1$  may be calculated from the partition function ratio  $4Q_{\text{HDO}}^2/Q_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}Q_{\text{D}_2\text{O}}$ , in which the  $Q$ 's are partition functions, exclusive of symmetry numbers, for the isotopic water species, and the factor 4 arises from the product of symmetry numbers for  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ . Calculations for  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  in the gas phase, assuming free rotation and using a harmonic force field, give  $K_1 = 3.87$ . This value may be compared with the best results of anharmonic calculations, 3.72<sup>28</sup> and 3.85,<sup>27</sup> and the experimental values<sup>29</sup> of 3.74 and 3.76 (all at 25°). In the liquid, a harmonic calculation based on model 1 gives  $K_1 = 3.91$ . Although no precise direct measurements have been made for the liquid, the vapor pressures of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , and  $\text{HDO}$  conform closely to the rule of the mean,<sup>37</sup> so that the same value for liquid and vapor may sensibly be used. Here the value of 3.76 has been taken (cf. ref 26).

It may be objected that for liquid water 1 does not provide an adequate model. However, for the partially hydrogen-bonded species,<sup>20</sup> 4 and 5, the calculations



give  $K_1 = 3.90$  and 4.02, respectively. For 5, there is a slight modification of the treatment insofar as there are two species,  $\text{HDO}$  and  $\text{HDO}'$ , with hydrogen and deuterium atoms, respectively, bound, but in this case  $K_1$  is simply given by an effective equilibrium constant expressing the total concentration of  $\text{HDO}$  species relative to the concentrations of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ :  $(\Sigma[\text{HDO}])^2/[\text{H}_2\text{O}][\text{D}_2\text{O}] = (Q_{\text{HDO}} + Q_{\text{HDO}'})^2/Q_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}Q_{\text{D}_2\text{O}}$ . Thus, deviations from the RGM are not drastically different from those of model 1, and when this is true it is not hard to show that  $K_1$  for water considered as a mixture of species must be close to  $K_1$  for the dominant component, which at 25° seems likely to be the fully hydrogen-bonded water<sup>20</sup> represented by 1.

It is evident that for  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  the calculations consistently underestimate deviations from the RGM.<sup>38</sup> However, the calculated deviations have the correct direction and order of magnitude, and in what follows we have used calculations and experiment hand in hand to interpolate realistic or "practical" deviations for transition states and other species for which direct experimental measurements are lacking.

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(38) Only a small part of the difference is due to the use of observed rather than zero-order frequencies; e.g., our value of  $K_1 = 3.87$  for  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  in the gas phase compares with  $K_1 = 3.84$  calculated from zero-order frequencies.<sup>27</sup>

**Bernstein's Rules.** In comparing deviations from the rule of the mean from molecule to molecule, and between calculations and experiment, a convenient formalism is offered by Bernstein's rules.<sup>30,39</sup> Bernstein defined an additive property of a molecule as one which could be expressed in terms of a constant contribution from each atom plus an interaction term for each atomic pair. For such a property,  $P$ , of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , and  $\text{HDO}$ , the following relationship is implied

$$2P_{\text{HDO}} = P_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} + P_{\text{D}_2\text{O}} + \Delta_{\text{HD}}$$

where  $\Delta_{\text{HD}} = 2p_{\text{HD}} - p_{\text{HH}} - p_{\text{DD}}$ , and  $p_{\text{HD}}$ ,  $p_{\text{HH}}$ , and  $p_{\text{DD}}$  represent the interaction terms between pairs of isotopic hydrogens. If we identify  $\ln Q$  with  $P$ , where  $Q$  is again a partition function exclusive of symmetry numbers, we have

$$\Delta_{\text{HD}} = 2 \ln Q_{\text{HDO}} - \ln Q_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} - \ln Q_{\text{D}_2\text{O}}$$

and since we are dealing with products and ratios of partition functions, we may conveniently define a parameter  $\delta_{\text{HDO}}$  exponentially related to  $\Delta_{\text{HD}}$  and equal to  $-\Delta_{\text{HD}}$  in the limit that  $\delta_{\text{HDO}}$  is small (which is normally the case).

$$1 - \delta_{\text{HDO}} = e^{\Delta_{\text{HD}}} = Q_{\text{HDO}}^2/Q_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}Q_{\text{D}_2\text{O}}$$

Clearly  $\delta_{\text{HDO}} = 1 - K_1/4$  and provides a measure of the deviation of water from the rule of the mean.

Calculated values of  $\delta_{\text{HDO}}$  together with  $K_1$  and  $Q_{\text{D}_2\text{O}}/Q_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$  are listed in Table IV. Also shown are the

**Table IV.** Calculated Deviations from the Rule of the Mean for Isotopic Water and Hydronium Ion Species

	L = H, M = D	L = H, M = T	L = D, M = T
$Q_{\text{M}_2\text{O}}/Q_{\text{L}_2\text{O}}$	1436.6	38912	27.086
$K_1$	3.915	3.826	3.984
$\delta_{\text{LMO}}$	0.0214	0.0434	0.0041
$Q_{\text{M}_1\text{O}^+}/Q_{\text{L}_1\text{O}^+}$	18160	157560	86.763
$K_2$	25.87	24.70	26.77
$K_3$	25.89	24.75	26.77
$\delta_{\text{L}_2\text{MO}^+}$	0.0141	0.0292	0.0028
$\delta_{\text{M}_1\text{LO}^+}$	0.0139	0.0286	0.0028
$L^a$	8.991	23.73	2.640

<sup>a</sup>  $L$  is the equilibrium constant for  $2\text{M}_2\text{O}^+ + 3\text{L}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons 2\text{L}_3\text{O}^+ + 3\text{M}_2\text{O}$  and is not to be confused with  $L$ , which conventionally denotes an unspecified hydrogen isotope.

corresponding values for  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{T}_2\text{O}$ , and  $\text{THO}$ , and  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{T}_2\text{O}$ , and  $\text{DTO}$ , which are of importance in connection with measurements involving tritium tracers.

Bernstein's rules are readily generalized to molecules with more than two hydrogens. For isotopic modifications  $\text{XH}_m\text{D}_{n-m}$  of the hydride  $\text{XH}_n$ ,  $\Delta_{\text{HD}}$  for an additive property  $P$  is given by  $n - 1$  relations of the form

$$P_{\text{XH}_m\text{D}_{n-m}} = (m/n)P_{\text{XH}_n} + [(n - m)/n]P_{\text{XD}_n} + [m(n - m)/2]\Delta_{\text{HD}}$$

The validity of applying the rules to isotopic partition functions is considered further below.

**A Simple Interpretation of Deviations from the Rule of the Mean.** Bigeleisen and Goldstein<sup>30</sup> have pointed out that deviations from the RGM for harmonic zero-point energies of isotopic hydrides of the type  $\text{XH}_n$

(39) H. J. Bernstein, *J. Chem. Phys.*, **20**, 263 (1952).

derive principally from bending modes, in which the motion of the hydrogens is strongly correlated. This suggests that the zero-point energy of  $XH_n$  should be written in the approximate form

$$ZPE = a + 2b\mu_H^{1/2} + c(\mu_H + \mu_H)^{1/2}$$

where  $\mu_H$  is the reciprocal mass of hydrogen and  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  are constants. The first two terms of this expression are the usual zero-order approximation for hydrogen zero-point energy, and the third term takes account of the H-X-H bending vibrations, with the assumption that the mass of X may be neglected and that no interaction with other vibrations occurs.<sup>40</sup> If this expression is applied specifically to  $XH_2$ , the zero-point energies for  $XD_2$  and  $XHD$  may be written as follows

$$ZPE_{XD_2} = a + 2b\mu_D^{1/2} + c(\mu_D + \mu_D)^{1/2}$$

$$ZPE_{XHD} = a + b(\mu_H^{1/2} + \mu_D^{1/2}) + c(\mu_H + \mu_D)^{1/2}$$

Assuming that zero-point energy is an additive property in Bernstein's sense, these relations may be combined to yield a value for  $\Delta_{HD}$  which may readily be shown to apply not only to  $XH_2$  but to  $XH_3$  and higher hydrides also.

$$\Delta_{HD} = (c/kT)[2(\mu_H + \mu_D)^{1/2} - (2\mu_H)^{1/2} - (2\mu_D)^{1/2}]$$

It is apparent that on this interpretation only the H-X-H bending vibrations contribute to  $\Delta_{HD}$ .<sup>41</sup> The interpretation may be tested by writing  $\Delta_{HT}$ , the Bernstein parameter for zero-point energy changes accompanying substitution of tritium. When  $\Delta_{HT}$  and  $\Delta_{HD}$  are compared for the same molecule  $\Delta_{HT}/\Delta_{HD}$  is given by

$$\frac{\Delta_{HT}}{\Delta_{HD}} = \frac{2(\mu_H + \mu_T)^{1/2} - (2\mu_H)^{1/2} - (2\mu_T)^{1/2}}{2(\mu_H + \mu_D)^{1/2} - (2\mu_H)^{1/2} - (2\mu_D)^{1/2}}$$

and is predicted to be independent of the molecule considered. A similar independence is expected of  $\Delta_{HD}/\Delta_{DT}$  in a comparison of H-D and D-T isotope exchange, and substitution of the masses of H, D, and T leads to the values  $\Delta_{HT}/\Delta_{HD} = 2.23$  and  $\Delta_{HD}/\Delta_{DT} = 3.81$ .

Harmonic calculations were carried out for the molecules  $NH_3$ ,  $CH_4$ ,  $CH_2Br_2$ ,  $CH_3Br$ ,  $H_2O$  (gas and liquid models), and  $H_3O^+$  (hydrated and unhydrated) and gave average values of  $\Delta_{HT}/\Delta_{HD} = 2.14$  and  $\Delta_{HD}/\Delta_{DT} = 3.64$ , with standard deviations of 0.08 and 0.17, respectively.<sup>42</sup> The reasonable constancy of these values and satisfactory agreement with those predicted supports the qualitative validity of this simple interpretation.

**Deviations from the Rule of the Mean for Tritium.** The constancy of  $\Delta_{HT}/\Delta_{HD}$  and  $\Delta_{HD}/\Delta_{DT}$  suggests a way of realistically assessing deviations from the rule of the mean for exchange of tritium. Because  $\Delta$  is small,  $\delta \sim -\Delta$ , and since zero-point energy makes a dominant contribution to differences in isotopic partition function ratios, we might expect that  $\delta_{HT}/\delta_{HD}$  and  $\delta_{HD}/\delta_{DT}$ , where the  $\delta$ 's refer to complete partition functions, will

(40) Including the mass of X this term becomes  $c[2\mu_H + \mu_X(1 - \cos \theta)]^{1/2}$ , where  $\theta$  is the H-X-H angle and the expression in brackets is the on-diagonal element of the G matrix for the bending coordinates. Even so, the mass dependence of the zero-point energy for bending is given exactly only in the case of a linear triatomic molecule  $XH_2$ .

(41) In  $H_2$ , correlation of H atoms occurs in the stretching mode.<sup>30</sup> For isotopic hydrogen molecules the expressions in this section are rigorously correct within the harmonic approximation.

(42) Serious discrepancies are found only for  $CH_2Br_2$ :  $\Delta_{HT}/\Delta_{HD} = 2.41$  and  $\Delta_{HD}/\Delta_{DT} = 2.83$ .

also be constant from molecule to molecule. In fact, calculations for the molecules listed above gives  $\delta_{HT}/\delta_{HD} = 2.02$  and  $\delta_{HD}/\delta_{DT} = 5.35$ , with standard deviations of 0.04 and 0.25. Therefore, we have combined the calculated ratios of  $\delta_{HTO}/\delta_{HDO}$  and  $\delta_{HDO}/\delta_{DTO}$  with the experimental value of  $\delta_{HDO}$  to obtain practical values of  $\delta_{HTO}$  and  $\delta_{DTO}$  for water. These values, together with the derived values of  $K_1$  for HTO and DTO and the corresponding experimental value for HDO are shown in Table V.

Table V. Experimental and Practical Values for Deviations from the Rule of the Mean for  $H_2O$  and  $H_3O^+$

Isotopes	$H_2O$		$H_3O^+{}^a$	
	$K_1$	$\delta$	$K_2, K_3$	$\delta$
H, D	3.76	0.06	24.6	0.031
H, T <sup>b</sup>	3.52	0.12	22.2	0.063
D, T <sup>b</sup>	3.96	0.011	26.45	0.006

<sup>a</sup> Values for ammonia in the gas phase. <sup>b</sup> Values for H, T and D, T fractionation were interpolated in the manner described in the text.

Despite its shortcomings, in default of direct measurements, this procedure appears to offer a reasonable method for estimating experimentally based values of  $\delta_{HT}$  and  $\delta_{DT}$ .

**Fractionation Factors.** Experimentally, deviations from the rule of the mean for liquid water are revealed by the dependence of fractionation factors upon the isotopic composition of the solvent.<sup>31-33</sup> A fractionation factor,  $\phi$ , measures the D/H ratio at an exchangeable position in a solute relative to that in the solvent;<sup>43</sup> for a solute X-H

$$\phi = \frac{[X - D](1 - x)}{[X - H]x}$$

where  $x$  is the atom fraction of deuterium in the water. For fractionation of a single hydrogen site, deviations from the RGM are confined to the solvent and are reflected in the dependence of  $\phi$  upon  $x$ .

Extreme values of  $\phi$  are found when the solvent composition approaches pure  $H_2O$  or pure  $D_2O$ . These are conveniently denoted  $\phi_0$  and  $\phi_\infty$ .

$$\lim_{D/H \rightarrow 0} \phi = \phi_0 = \frac{Q_{X-D} Q_{H_2O}}{Q_{X-H} Q_{D_2O}}$$

$$\lim_{D/H \rightarrow \infty} \phi = \phi_\infty = \frac{Q_{X-D} Q_{HDO}}{Q_{X-H} Q_{D_2O}}$$

As pointed out by Gold,<sup>32</sup> the dependence of  $\phi$  upon  $x$  is usefully expressed in terms of the ratio  $\phi_{rel} = \phi/\phi_0$ , and in Figure 1 ( $1.0 - \phi_{rel}$ ) is shown plotted against  $x$  (cf. ref 32 and 33). The extreme value of  $1.0 - \phi_{rel}$  at  $x = 1$ , given by  $1.0 - \phi_\infty/\phi_0$ , represents the maximum error that can be incurred in measurement of the fractionation factor by neglect of deviations from the RGM. Moreover, since

$$\phi_\infty/\phi_0 = Q_{HDO}^2/Q_{H_2O}Q_{D_2O}$$

it follows that

$$1.0 - \phi_\infty/\phi_0 = \delta_{HDO} = 0.06$$

(43) E. A. Halevi, F. A. Long, and M. A. Paul, *J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, **83**, 305 (1961).

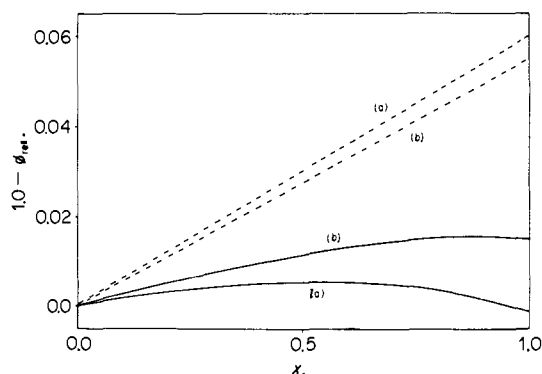


Figure 1. Plots of  $1.0 - \phi_{rel}$  vs.  $x$ : (a) ----, for a single fractionating hydrogen; —, for  $H_3O^+$  ( $\phi_{rel} = l_{rel}$ ); (b) transition state ( $z = 0.5$ ), ----, reacting hydrogen; —, nonreacting hydrogen.

The dependence of  $\phi_{rel}$  upon  $x$  may thus be used to determine  $\delta_{HDO}$  and  $K_1$ , and measurements by Kresge and Chiang<sup>31</sup> and by Gold<sup>32</sup> have given values consistent with those obtained by other methods.

A fractionation factor  $\phi_T$  may also be derived from measurements of tritium fractionation in  $H_2O$  and  $D_2O$ .<sup>44</sup>

$$\phi_T = \frac{[X-T][H_2O]}{[X-H][HTO]} \frac{[X-T][D_2O]}{[X-D][DTO]} = \frac{Q_{X-D} Q_{DTO} Q_{H_2O}}{Q_{X-H} Q_{HTO} Q_{D_2O}}$$

comparing  $\phi_T$  and  $\phi_0$

$$\frac{\phi_T}{\phi_0} = \frac{Q_{DTO} Q_{HDO}}{Q_{HTO} Q_{D_2O}}$$

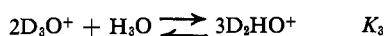
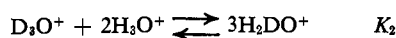
rewriting in terms of the Bernstein parameters,  $\delta$ , for HDO, HTO, and DTO

$$\frac{\phi_T}{\phi_0} = \frac{(1 - \delta_{DTO})^{1/2} (1 - \delta_{HDO})^{1/2}}{(1 - \delta_{HTO})^{1/2}}$$

and from the values of  $\delta$  listed in Table V,  $\phi_T/\phi_0 = 1.028$

Thus, different methods of determination lead to different values for  $\phi$ , with  $\phi_T > \phi_0 > \phi_\infty$ , and a possible range of nearly 10%. The calculated relative magnitudes of  $1.0:1.064:1.094$  for  $\phi_\infty:\phi_0:\phi_T$  are in good qualitative agreement with experimental measurements for trimethoxybenzene<sup>31,44</sup> of  $1.0:1.04:1.10$ .

**The Hydronium Ion.** Deviations from the rule of the mean for the hydronium ion may be expressed in the same manner as for water. Since  $H_3O^+$  has three hydrogens, however, two independent isotopic disproportionation equilibria and associated Bernstein parameters may be written



$$1 - \delta_{H_2DO} = Q_{H_2DO^+}/Q_{H_3O^+}^{2/3} = K_2^{1/3}/3$$

$$1 - \delta_{D_2HO} = Q_{D_2HO^+}/Q_{H_3O^+}^{1/3} = K_3^{1/3}/3$$

where, as usual, symmetry numbers are omitted from the partition functions. Values of  $K_2 = 25.87$  and  $K_3 = 25.89$  were calculated from model 2 and are listed together with  $\delta_{H_2DO}$  and  $\delta_{D_2HO}$  in Table IV. For  $H_3O^+$ , the calculations allow a test of the applicability of Bernstein's rules, since for  $\ln Q$  to be an additive property, we should have  $\delta_{H_2DO} = \delta_{D_2HO}$  and  $K_2 = K_3$ . As seen

(44) A. J. Kresge, D. P. Onwood, and S. Slac, *J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, **90**, 6982 (1968).

from Table IV, the rules do apply to an excellent approximation ( $\sim 2\%$  in  $\delta$ ), a finding which is in line with earlier calculations of harmonic zero-point energies.<sup>30,34</sup> In this paper, it is further assumed that the rules apply to real as well as to harmonic partition functions.

No experimental measurements of deviations from the rule of the mean for  $H_3O^+$  exist, but measurements for ammonia in the gas phase<sup>35</sup> yield values of  $K_2 = 24.7$  and  $K_3 = 24.5$ . Since the intention of this work is to make realistic, though not necessarily exact, estimates of deviations from the RGM, it seemed sensible to take ammonia as a model for  $H_3O^+$  in solution and adopt the practical values of  $K_2 = K_3 = 24.6$ .

The practical values of  $K_2$ ,  $K_3$ , and  $\delta$  for  $H_3O^+$  are listed in Table V for fractionation of H and D, H and T, and D and T. Values of  $\delta$  for tritium fractionation were derived in the same way as for  $H_2O$  by combining the experimental value of  $\delta_{H_2DO}$  with the calculated values of  $\delta_{H_2DO}$ ,  $\delta_{H_2TO}$ , and  $\delta_{D_2TO}$  based on model 2 and listed in Table IV. The values may be used to investigate reactions of  $H_3O^+$  involving all three isotopes of hydrogen.

Values of  $K_1$ ,  $K_2$ , and  $K_3$  from Table V can be used in conjunction with the equilibrium constant  $L$  (Table IV) to examine the dependence of  $l$ , the fractionation factor for the hydronium ion, upon the deuterium atom fraction,  $x$ , of the solvent water.<sup>32</sup> The value of  $l$  is given by

$$l = \frac{[3[D_3O^+] + 2[D_2HO^+] + [DH_2O^+]](1-x)}{[3[H_3O^+] + 2[DH_2O^+] + [D_2HO^+]]x}$$

and as before, it is convenient to consider  $l_{rel} = l/l_0$ , where

$$l_0 = \lim_{D/H \rightarrow 0} l = \frac{Q_{H_2DO} + Q_{H_2O}}{Q_{H_3O} + Q_{HDO}}$$

Figure 1 shows a plot of  $1.0 - l_{rel}$  vs.  $x$ , and it may be noted that at  $x = 1$ ,  $l_{rel} = l_\infty/l_0$ , where

$$l_\infty = \lim_{D/H \rightarrow \infty} l = \frac{Q_{D_3O} + Q_{HDO}}{Q_{HD_2O} + Q_{D_2O}}$$

Again, the maximum value of  $1.0 - l_{rel}$  represents the greatest error introduced into measurements of  $l$  by neglect of deviations from the rule of the mean. This is so small ( $\sim 0.5\%$ ) as to be beyond the limits of detection by existing experimental methods, and it is apparent that cancellation of deviations from the rule of the mean between  $H_3O^+$  and  $H_2O$  is practically complete.

This is of importance in connection with the demonstration that measurable fractionation in the hydronium ion is confined to three equivalent hydrogens<sup>19,21,45,46</sup> (as has been assumed here), which was based on the observed identities of  $l_0$ ,  $l_\infty$ , and  $L^{-1/6}$ . Since, from Figure 1,  $l_0 = l_\infty$  to better than 0.1%,<sup>47</sup> and within the accuracy of Bernstein's rules  $L^{-1/3} = l_0/l_\infty$ , it is reasonable to consider that the conclusion is not sensibly affected by the assumption made that the isotopic equilibria conform to the rule of the mean.

**The Equilibrium Constant  $L$ .** As noted above, force constants in model 2 for the hydronium ion were as-

(45) A. J. Kresge and A. L. Allred, *ibid.*, **85**, 1541 (1963); V. Gold, *Proc. Chem. Soc.*, 141 (1963).

(46) V. Gold and B. M. Lowe, *J. Chem. Soc. A*, 936 (1967).

(47)  $l_0 = l_\infty$  if Bernstein's rules are obeyed and  $(1 - \delta_{HDO})^{1/2} = 1 - \delta_{H_2DO}$ ; i.e., if  $K_1^{1/2} = K_2^{1/3} = K_3^{1/3}$  (cf. ref 32).

Table VI. Calculated Isotope Effects for Proton Transfer with "Practical" Corrections<sup>a</sup>

<i>z</i>	$\frac{k^H(\text{H}_2\text{O})}{k^D(\text{H}_2\text{O})}$	$\frac{k^H(\text{H}_2\text{O})}{k^H(\text{D}_2\text{O})}$	$\frac{k_H}{k_D}$	$(1 - R_1) \times 10^2$	$(1 - R_2) \times 10^2$	$(1 - R_1^T) \times 10^2$	Swain exponent
0 <sup>b</sup>	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0	0	
0.125	3.10	0.946	2.95	0.5	0.3	1.3	1.440
0.25	4.70	0.864	4.16	2.3	0.4	3.9	1.441
0.375	6.27	0.788	5.16	4.4	0.8	6.9	1.429
0.5	6.08	0.730	4.69	5.5	1.2	8.5	1.429
0.625	4.40	0.681	3.18	5.8	1.6	8.9	1.441
0.75	2.81	0.634	1.89	5.7	2.4	8.9	1.448
0.875	1.75	0.566	1.06	6.0	2.9	9.1	1.450
1.0 <sup>c</sup>	0.677	0.470	0.339	6.0	3.0	9.2	1.457

<sup>a</sup>  $k^H(\text{H}_2\text{O})/k^H(\text{D}_2\text{O})$ ,  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ , and  $R_1^T$  are practical values, interpolated as described in the text. <sup>b</sup> Reactants. <sup>c</sup> Products.

signed to give agreement with the best experimental value<sup>19,21</sup> of 9.0 at 25° for the equilibrium constant,  $L$ , for fractionation of hydrogen and deuterium isotopes between  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$

$$L = \frac{Q_{\text{H}_3\text{O}^+}^2 Q_{\text{D}_2\text{O}}^3}{Q_{\text{D}_3\text{O}^+}^2 Q_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}^3}$$

It was found that the calculations precisely reproduced the measured temperature dependence<sup>21</sup> of  $L$  in the range 0–50°.

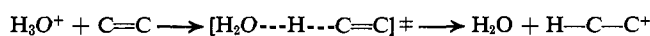
Calculations were also made of the corresponding equilibrium constants for fractionation of H and T and of D and T



and their values are recorded in Table IV. From values of  $L(\text{H},\text{T})$  and  $L(\text{H},\text{D})$ , the exponent of the Swain relation<sup>48,49</sup> between deuterium and tritium isotope effects was calculated as 1.442, in precise agreement with the accepted value. The agreement was much poorer (1.38–1.40) for individual isotopic partition function ratios, and it is apparent that the presence of H–O–H bending modes in these species causes deviations from the Swain relation<sup>49</sup> in much the same way as they cause deviations from the rule of the mean. The good agreement for the equilibrium constant  $L$  again stems from far-reaching cancellation of zero-point energy for bending modes between  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$ .

No experimental measurements of  $L(\text{H},\text{T})$  have yet been reported, but the related value of the autoprotolysis constant for  $\text{T}_2\text{O}$ ,  $K_w(\text{T}_2\text{O})$ , has recently been measured.<sup>50</sup> Application of the Swain relation to the observed value of  $K_w(\text{H}_2\text{O})/K_w(\text{T}_2\text{O}) = 16.4$  gives  $K_w(\text{H}_2\text{O})/K_w(\text{D}_2\text{O}) = 7.0$ , in good agreement with recent measurements,<sup>49–51</sup> which fall in the range 7.06–7.35.

**Kinetic Isotope Effects.** Kinetic isotope effects were calculated for the model proton-transfer reaction



where model 2 was used for the hydronium ion and model 3 for the transition state. Several independent

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(49) J. Bigeleisen, "Tritium in the Physical and Biological Sciences," IAEA, Vienna, Vol. 1, 1962, p 161.

(50) M. Goldblatt and W. M. Jones, *J. Chem. Phys.*, **51**, 1881 (1969).

(51) A. K. Covington, R. A. Robinson and R. G. Bates, *J. Phys. Chem.*, **70**, 3820 (1966); L. Pentz and E. R. Thornton, *J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, **89**, 6931 (1967).

isotope effects can be calculated, depending on the positions of isotopic substitution. These may be specified by a notation in which the transferred hydrogen is indicated by a superscript and the nonreacting hydrogens in parentheses, as in  $k^H(\text{HDO})$ . Primary and secondary isotope effects,  $k^H(\text{H}_2\text{O})/k^D(\text{H}_2\text{O})$  and  $k^H(\text{H}_2\text{O})/k^H(\text{D}_2\text{O})$ , are listed in Table VI as a function of  $z$ , the partial H---C bond order, for transition states ranging in structure from reactant-like to product-like. Values for  $z = 0$  and 1 correspond to reactants and products, respectively. Also shown are values of  $k^H(\text{H}_2\text{O})/k^D(\text{D}_2\text{O})$ , which are directly accessible experimentally and are abbreviated  $k_H/k_D$ .

The first point to be considered is the dependence of isotopic substitution at one position upon that at another. This may be expressed by the isotope effect ratios  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ , where

$$\frac{k^H(\text{H}_2\text{O})}{k^D(\text{H}_2\text{O})} = R_1 \frac{k^H(\text{D}_2\text{O})}{k^D(\text{D}_2\text{O})} \quad \frac{k^H(\text{H}_2\text{O})}{k^H(\text{D}_2\text{O})} = R_1 \frac{k^D(\text{H}_2\text{O})}{k^D(\text{D}_2\text{O})}$$

$$R_2 = \frac{[k^H(\text{HDO})]^2}{k^H(\text{H}_2\text{O})k^H(\text{D}_2\text{O})}$$

$R_1$  measures the effect of deuterium substitution at the secondary position upon the primary isotope effect, and of substitution at the primary position upon the secondary isotope effect.  $R_2$  is evidently analogous to  $K_1$  for  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . We may anticipate that directly calculated values of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  underestimate the interdependence of isotopic substitution. However, by application of Bernstein's rules it is possible to use  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  as a basis for interpolating a more realistic "practical" set of isotope effects.

Bernstein's rules require minor modification for application to an unsymmetrical species such as a proton transfer transition state. However, we may define an additive property  $P$  in the usual way, and if we specify the isotopic composition of the transition state by a subscript of the type  $\text{H}_2\text{O}-\text{H}'$ , where the reacting hydrogen is distinguished by a prime, we may write with the normal assumptions

$$P_{\text{H}_2\text{O}-\text{D}'} + P_{\text{D}_2\text{O}-\text{H}'} = P_{\text{H}_2\text{O}-\text{H}'} + P_{\text{D}_2\text{O}-\text{D}'} + 2\Delta_{\text{HD}'}$$

and

$$2P_{\text{HDO}-\text{H}'} = P_{\text{H}_2\text{O}-\text{H}'} + P_{\text{D}_2\text{O}-\text{H}'} + \Delta_{\text{HD}}$$

where  $\Delta_{\text{HD}'} = (p_{\text{DH}'} + p_{\text{HD}'} - p_{\text{DD}'} - p_{\text{HH}'})$  and  $\Delta_{\text{HD}} = (2p_{\text{HD}} - p_{\text{HH}} - p_{\text{DD}})$ , and the contribution of interactions between nonreacting hydrogens, H–H, is denoted by  $p_{\text{HH}}$ , and between a reacting and nonreacting hydrogen, H–H', by  $p_{\text{HH}'}$ . It may be noted that  $\Delta_{\text{HD}'}$  involves only H–H' interactions and  $\Delta_{\text{HD}}$  only H–H interactions.

If  $Q$  is an additive property of the transition state, we may define parameters  $\delta_1$  and  $\delta_2$  as follows

$$(1 - \delta_1)^2 = e^{2\Delta_{HD}} = \frac{Q_{H_2O-D'}Q_{D_2O-H'}}{Q_{H_2O-H'}Q_{D_2O-D'}}$$

$$(1 - \delta_2) = e^{\Delta_{HD}} = \frac{Q_{HDO-H'}}{Q_{H_2O-H'}Q_{D_2O-H'}} = \frac{Q_{HDO-D'}}{Q_{H_2O-D'}Q_{D_2O-D'}}$$

where  $\delta_1$  and  $\delta_2$  are clearly analogous to the Bernstein parameters  $\delta_{HDO}$  and  $\delta_{H_2DO}$  defined for  $H_2O$  and  $H_3O^+$ . The applicability of the rules is verified by lack of dependence of calculated values of  $\delta_2$  upon the isotope in the primary position.

If  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are written in terms of partition functions for the reactants and transition state, substitution of  $\delta_1$ ,  $\delta_2$ , and  $\delta_{H_2DO}$  gives<sup>52</sup>

$$R_1 = \left( \frac{1 - \delta_{H_2DO}}{1 - \delta_1} \right)^2 \quad R_2 = \frac{1 - \delta_2}{1 - \delta_{H_2DO}}$$

The virtue of this representation is that in the reactants ( $z = 0$ ),  $\delta_1 = \delta_2 = \delta_{H_2DO}$ , while in the products ( $z = 1$ ), in which H-H' interactions are absent and H-H interactions are those of the water molecule,  $\delta_1 = 0$  and  $\delta_2 = \delta_{HDO}$ . Since the calculated values of  $\delta_1$  and  $\delta_2$  for all transition states fall between their limiting values in reactants and products, they may reasonably be used as a basis for interpolating *practical* values of  $\delta_1$  and  $\delta_2$  from the practical and experimental values of  $\delta_{HDO}$  and  $\delta_{H_2DO}$  listed in Table V.<sup>53</sup>

The practical values of  $\delta_1$  and  $\delta_2$  may in turn be used to calculate the practical values of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  listed as  $1.0 - R_1$  and  $1.0 - R_2$  in Table VI. These values of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  may be used in conjunction with the calculated primary and solvent isotope effects  $k^H(H_2O)/k^D(H_2O)$  and  $k_H/k_D$  to derive realistically related values for all other deuterium isotope effects, of which the secondary effects,  $k^H(H_2O)/k^H(D_2O)$ , are shown in Table VI.

Calculations were also made of isotope effects for transfer of tritium. The effect of tritium upon deuterium substitution of the nonreacting hydrogens is given by  $R_1^T$ , where

$$k^H(H_2O)/k^H(D_2O) = R_1^T k^T(H_2O)/k^T(D_2O)$$

and  $R_1^T$  is analogous to  $R_1$  except that deuterium at the reacting position is replaced by tritium. From the calculated values of  $R_1^T$ , practical values may be derived in a manner sufficiently similar to that for  $R_1$  that it need not be detailed.<sup>54</sup> The practical values are listed in Table VI and may be used to derive practical estimates of the secondary deuterium isotope effect upon tritium transfer.

**The Effect of Supplementary Isotopic Substitution.** As can be seen from Table VI, all values of  $R_1$  and  $R_1^T$  are  $< 1.0$ . This means that D or T isotopic substitution at the primary position increases the secondary isotope effect, and at the secondary position increases the primary isotope effect. This result is in line with Bigeleisen's rule that zero-point energy changes ac-

(52) It is assumed that  $\delta_{H_2DO} = \delta_{HD_2O}$ , as required by Bernstein's rules.

(53) In fact it was assumed that  $\delta_1/\delta_{H_2DO} = \delta_1'/\delta_{H_2DO}'$  and  $(\delta_2 - \delta_{H_2DO})/(\delta_{HDO} - \delta_{H_2DO}) = (\delta_2' - \delta_{H_2DO}')/(\delta_{HDO}' - \delta_{H_2DO}')$ , where calculated values of  $\delta$  are distinguished from practical and experimental values by primes.

(54) The further assumption that  $p_{HT}' = p_{TH}'$  is required. The validity of this is borne out by the fact that calculated values of  $R_1^T/R_1$  fall within 2% of values predicted by assuming that  $\delta_1/\delta_1^T = \delta_{H_2DO}/\delta_{H_2TO}$ .

comparing substitution at one position in a molecule increase with the extent of deuterium substitution at other positions.<sup>50</sup> The magnitude of this effect depends on the degree of interaction between the isotopic positions, which is largely determined by the size of the bending force constant between the bonds. Since, for proton transfer from a hydronium ion, interaction between reacting and nonreacting hydrogens decreases in going to the transition state (and, more specifically, the force constant  $f_{\phi_2}$  in **3** decreases), the effect is greater in the reactants, with the result that kinetic isotope effects ( $k_H/k_D$ ) are increased. This should generally be the case for deuterium substitution at an atom *from* which hydrogen is transferred. For substitution at an atom *to* which hydrogen is transferred the converse is true, and the isotope effect should be diminished.

These "rules" include the reacting hydrogen itself, and they should apply to both kinetics and equilibria. The decrease in fractionation factor for a single exchangeable hydrogen with increasing deuterium content of water is one example of their application. The effect of tritium substitution is in the same direction but greater in magnitude than that of deuterium, as witnessed by the smaller values of  $R_1^T$  than  $R_1$ .

**Tests of Experimental Methods.** We now have in hand a set of deuterium and tritium isotope effects which may be used as a realistic basis for testing the effectiveness of current methods in making the separation of primary and secondary isotope effects,  $(k_H/k_D)_I$  and  $(k_H/k_D)_{II}$ , outlined in the introduction.

Experimentally, independence of isotopic substitution is normally assumed. This means that the kinetic dependence of a proton transfer reaction upon the deuterium atom fraction  $x$  of a mixed  $H_2O$ - $D_2O$  solvent may be written<sup>5,8</sup>

$$k_z/k_H =$$

$$(1 - x + x\phi_1)(1 - x + x\phi_2)^2/(1 - x + x)^3 \quad (1)$$

where  $k_z$  and  $k_H$  are rate constants for the mixture and pure  $H_2O$ , and  $l$ ,  $\phi_1$ , and  $\phi_2$  are composition-independent fractionation factors for  $H_3O^+$  and the reacting and nonreacting hydrogens in the transition state. Since  $(k_H/k_D)_I = l/\phi_1$  and  $(k_H/k_D)_{II} = l^2/\phi_2^2$ , the separation of primary and secondary isotope effects reduces to the determination of  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$ .

One relation between  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  is given by the solvent isotope effect for the reaction in pure  $D_2O$

$$k_D/k_H = \phi_1\phi_2^2/l^3$$

A second relation may be obtained by one of two methods: (a)  $\phi_1 = (l^3k_D/k_H)/\phi_2^2$  is substituted into the expression for  $k_z/k_H$  and  $\phi_2$  is adjusted to give the best fit of calculated to experimental values<sup>5,8</sup> and (b)  $\phi_1$  is determined independently by measuring the D/H ratio in the products as a function of  $x$ . The latter method is feasible when the reacting hydrogen is transferred to a nonexchangeable position in the products.<sup>5,14</sup>

The effectiveness of method a can be examined by evaluating  $k_z/k_H$  as a function of  $x$  from the calculated set of practical isotope effects, and then obtaining  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  from  $k_H/k_D$  and a best fit of eq 1 to the calculated values in the manner described. Values of  $(k_H/k_D)_I$  and  $(k_H/k_D)_{II}$  obtained in this way are shown in Table VII in the column headed "RGM." Method b can be investigated by using the calculated isotope effects to



Table VII. Primary and Secondary Isotope Effects Derived by Different Methods

z	Primary			Secondary			$\alpha^b$ ( $k_H/k_T$ )	$\alpha^b$ (RGM)
	From $k_H/k_T$	From $\phi_0$	RGM <sup>a</sup>	$k^T(\text{H}_2\text{O})$ $k^T(\text{D}_2\text{O})$	From $\phi_0$	RGM <sup>a</sup>		
0 <sup>c</sup>	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
0.125	3.10	3.10	3.13	0.958	0.950	0.942	0.06	0.08
0.25	4.70	4.70	4.84	0.899	0.884	0.859	0.15	0.21
0.375	6.17	6.27	6.58	0.846	0.824	0.784	0.23	0.33
0.5	5.98	6.08	6.45	0.797	0.772	0.728	0.31	0.43
0.625	4.39	4.40	4.68	0.748	0.723	0.680	0.40	0.53
0.75	2.82	2.81	2.98	0.696	0.672	0.632	0.50	0.63
0.875	1.75	1.75	1.87	0.625	0.604	0.563	0.64	0.78
1.0 <sup>d</sup>	0.675	0.677	0.842	0.511	0.500	0.403	0.92	e

<sup>a</sup> From a best fit to calculated values of  $k_z/k_H$ . <sup>b</sup>  $\alpha = \log(k_H/k_D)_{II}/2 \log l$ . This definition makes  $\alpha$  more sensitive to the method of measurement than the secondary isotope effects themselves. <sup>c</sup> Reactants. <sup>d</sup> Products. For a limiting product-like transition state, one of the hydrogen-bonding O-H groups of model 1 is replaced by H-C-C<sup>+</sup>, to which no hydrogen bond is formed. Consequently, the calculated value of  $(k_H/k_D)_{II}$  is larger and  $\alpha$  is smaller than for the products themselves. <sup>e</sup> The RGM method leads to poor values of the isotope effects and  $\alpha = 1.24$  for the products. This does not occur normally for equilibria involving  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  because  $l$  is not treated as an unknown.

determine  $\phi_1$  as a function of  $x$ . The limits  $\phi_1^0$  and  $\phi_1^\infty$ , which occur at  $x = 0$  and  $x = 1$ , should represent extreme values obtainable by method b. Table VII lists primary and secondary isotope effects derived from  $\phi_1^0$  and  $k_H/k_D$ , and Figure 1 shows the dependence of  $1.0 - \phi_1/\phi_1^0$  upon  $x$  for a transition state with the H---C bond order  $z = 0.5$  (it may be noted that  $\phi_1^\infty/\phi_1^0 = R_1 l_\infty/l_0$ ).

A third method<sup>10,44</sup> (c) of obtaining  $(k_H/k_D)_{II}$  is by measuring tritium transfer rates in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ . These values are given by the calculated product  $R_1^T k^{\text{H}}(\text{H}_2\text{O})/k^{\text{H}}(\text{D}_2\text{O})$  and are also shown in Table VII. In some cases a primary isotope effect can be found from the Swain relation, and Table VII lists calculated values of  $[k^{\text{H}}(\text{H}_2\text{O})/k^{\text{T}}(\text{H}_2\text{O})]^{1/1.44}$  for  $(k_H/k_D)_{II}$ .

Comparing the different methods, we may note that  $(k_H/k_D)_I$  and  $(k_H/k_D)_{II}$  derived from  $\phi_1^0$  are very close to the calculated values of  $k^{\text{H}}(\text{H}_2\text{O})/k^{\text{D}}(\text{H}_2\text{O})$  and  $k^{\text{H}}(\text{H}_2\text{O})/k^{\text{H}}(\text{D}_2\text{O})$  (Table VI). Although they are not shown, values from  $\phi_1^\infty$  were similarly close to  $k^{\text{H}}(\text{D}_2\text{O})/k^{\text{D}}(\text{D}_2\text{O})$  and  $k^{\text{D}}(\text{H}_2\text{O})/k^{\text{D}}(\text{D}_2\text{O})$ . The reason for this is that deviations from the rule of the mean for the nonreacting hydrogens in the transition state are largely canceled with those of the hydronium ion. This is illustrated by comparison of the dependences of  $\phi_2$  and  $l$  upon  $x$  shown in Figure 1. The cancellation is not as great as between  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  as can best be understood by deriving the relation between the limiting values of  $\phi_2$  and  $l$  as  $x \rightarrow 0$  and 1,  $\phi_2^\infty/\phi_2^0 = (l_\infty/l_0)(R_1^{1/2}/R_2)$ , and noting from Table VI that for reactant-like transition states  $R_1$  decreases more sharply with the extent of proton transfer than does  $R_2$ , so that  $R_1^{1/2}/R_2$  is consistently less than unity. (The sharp decrease in  $R_1$  occurs because the interaction between primary and secondary hydrogens is effectively removed ( $\delta_1 \rightarrow 0$ ) by a small degree of O-H<sup>+</sup> bond breaking.) Nonetheless, the cancellation is sufficiently complete to suggest that careful measurements of  $\phi_1$  as a function of  $x$  by method b may yield quite precise values for the different isotope effects. So far, no variation of  $\phi_1$  with  $x$  has been detected.<sup>5,14</sup>

The "best fit" method (a) gives isotope effects close to those from  $\phi_\infty$ , with  $(k_H/k_D)_I$  slightly greater and  $(k_H/k_D)_{II}$  slightly smaller. As would be expected, the weakest secondary isotope effects are from measurements with tritium, by method c. Values of  $(k_H/k_D)_I$  are close to  $k^{\text{H}}(\text{H}_2\text{O})/k^{\text{D}}(\text{H}_2\text{O})$  since, according to the

calculations, the Swain relation between primary isotope effects for deuterium and tritium was quite well obeyed (Table VI).

We may conclude that different methods yield the following relative magnitudes of isotope effects: for  $(k_H/k_D)_{II}$ , (c) > (b) > (a); and for  $(k_H/k_D)_I$ , (a) > (b) and, usually, (b) > (c). However, the largest discrepancies are little more than 10% and differences may be masked by experimental errors. Values obtained experimentally by the different methods are compared in Table VIII.

**Isotope Effects and Transition State Structure.** The main conclusion of the above analysis must be that neglect of interdependence of isotopic substitution does not obscure the strong correlations between  $(k_H/k_D)_I$  and  $(k_H/k_D)_{II}$  and the structure of the transition state, revealed both by the directly calculated isotope effects and by the derived values of Table VII. For a consistent method of determination,  $(k_H/k_D)_{II}$  decreases monotonically with the degree of proton transfer in the transition state, and calculation of the parameter  $\alpha$  defined by the relation

$$(k_H/k_D)_{II} = l^{2\alpha}$$

evidently provides a direct measure of transition state structure. Values of  $\alpha$  obtained from extreme values of  $(k_H/k_D)_{II}$  are shown in Table VII. Although  $\alpha$  underestimates the order of the partial bond to the substrate,  $z$ , its trend is unambiguous, and it is only moderately sensitive to the experimental method of determination.

As  $z$  increases,  $(k_H/k_D)_I$  also changes characteristically and passes through a maximum close to  $z = 0.5$ . This behavior has been predicted<sup>16,23,17,55</sup> and found<sup>56</sup> for primary isotope effects uncomplicated by the presence of large secondary effects. In the present case the maximum is clearly indicated by a plot of  $(k_H/k_D)_I$  vs.  $(k_H/k_D)_{II}$ , as shown by the dashed curve in Figure 2. This correlation is open to experimental test, and in Figure 2 the measured values of  $(k_H/k_D)_I$  and  $(k_H/k_D)_{II}$  from Table VIII are also plotted.

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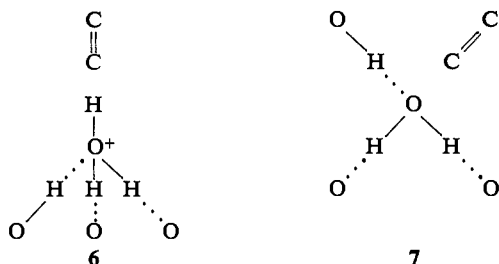
**Table IX.** Practical Isotope Effects with Preequilibrium Corrections

$z$	Primary				Secondary			
	$k_H/k_D$	RGM	$\phi_0$	$\phi_\infty$	RGM	$\phi_0$	$\phi_\infty$	$\alpha(\text{RGM})$
$0^a$	0.694	0.780	0.753	0.751	0.889	0.922	0.925	0.16
0.125	1.67	1.95	1.92	1.94	0.859	0.870	0.861	0.21
0.25	2.46	3.08	3.00	3.07	0.799	0.819	0.800	0.31
0.375	3.48	4.74	4.56	4.75	0.733	0.762	0.732	0.42
0.5	4.53	6.82	6.40	6.76	0.665	0.709	0.671	0.56
0.625	4.09	6.49	6.21	6.57	0.631	0.660	0.623	0.63
0.75	2.42	4.13	3.95	4.20	0.585	0.611	0.576	0.73
0.875	1.16	2.15	2.07	2.20	0.539	0.559	0.527	0.84
$1.0^b$	0.339	0.697	0.677	0.721	0.486	0.500	0.470	0.99

<sup>a</sup> Limiting reactant-like transition state. <sup>b</sup> Limiting product-like transition state and products.

Here, a preequilibrium is added in which a water molecule in the solvation shell of the substrate is replaced by  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$ .

This formulation follows naturally from considering the limiting reactant-like transition state as a hydronium ion with one of its solvating O—H groups replaced by the substrate C=C (model 6), as indeed has been done throughout these calculations. Since in the reactants the hydronium ion must be fully solvated and the sub-



strate completely surrounded by water molecules, a necessary preliminary to formation of the transition state is displacement of a water molecule adjacent to C=C (as in model 7) by  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$ . This may be pictured as exchange of a solvating water molecule and C=C between the solvation shells of  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . As may be seen, all kinetic isotope effects calculated solely from consideration of transition state 3 and the hydronium ion (2) are modified by a transfer effect arising from the zero-point energy difference between the water in model 7 and in its fully solvated form.

The isotope effect on going from model 7 to fully solvated water (model 1) was calculated by assuming that no hydrogen bonds are formed to carbon, and that bending and stretching force constants associated with the carbon-oxygen "bond" are zero. This led to a reduction in the net value of  $k_H/k_D$  of about 8%. It will be noted that with this model there is no effect on the equilibrium isotope effect, since C=C in 6 is simply replaced by H—C—C<sup>+</sup>, with no change in force constants in the water segment. There are, of course, other water molecules in the solvation shell of the substrate, but it was assumed that these are carried over unchanged into the transition state and product.

Since the preequilibrium process involves desolvation of  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$ , it was also considered that the limiting force constant for the reacting O—H<sup>+</sup> bond should be increased, and the value of 6.6 mdyne/Å appropriate to  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  in sulfur dioxide solution<sup>20</sup> was adopted. Values of  $k_x/k_H$  were evaluated using the previously calculated practical isotope effects modified by the fractionation associated with the preequilibrium. Primary and

secondary isotope effects were then determined by the best fit method and by combination of  $\phi_0$  and  $\phi_\infty$  with  $k_H/k_D$  in the manner described above.

From Table IX, in which  $(k_H/k_D)_I$ ,  $(k_H/k_D)_{II}$ , and values of  $\alpha$  are listed, it is apparent that there is no substantial change in the correlation of isotope effects with transition state structure, or even in the relative magnitudes of isotope effects derived by different methods. However, the transfer contribution does have the effect of reducing  $(k_H/k_D)_{II}$  and increasing  $\alpha$ . This is particularly noticeable for a limiting reactant-like transition state where the preequilibrium introduces a discontinuity with the reactants and  $\alpha$  no longer reduces to zero. On the other hand,  $\alpha$  does now approach unity for a limiting product-like transition state, which is not the case for calculations neglecting transfer where a discontinuity exists with the products (*cf.* Table VII footnote *d*).

The greater limiting O—H<sup>+</sup> force constant causes the primary isotope effect to reach its greatest value for a smaller degree of proton transfer. This factor and the decrease in secondary isotope effects, caused by the transfer contribution, combine to reduce the value of  $(k_H/k_D)_{II}$  at which  $(k_H/k_D)_I$  is a maximum, as is shown by the continuous curve in Figure 2. Interestingly, Figure 2 indicates that this model provides a considerably better fit to the experimental data than does the simpler one represented by the dashed line. Indeed, the fit would evidently be further improved by choice of an even larger value for the O—H<sup>+</sup> force constant.

## Conclusions

These calculations strongly support the view that neglect of deviations from the rule of the mean and of transfer contributions associated with protonation by  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  do not seriously impair simple treatments of solvent isotope effects. The largest discrepancies, of the order of 10%, arise in the measurement of fractionation factors for species with a single exchangeable hydrogen, or in the treatment of relatively product-like proton transfer transition states.

The calculated secondary isotope effects for the non-reacting bonds of  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  decrease continuously as the transition state passes from reactant-like to product-like, while the primary isotope effect passes through a maximum. Careful application of existing experimental methods should allow use of the secondary isotope effects as a criterion of transition state structure and provide an adequate test of the predicted correlation between primary and secondary effects.

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## Solvent Effects on Strong Charge-Transfer Complexes. IV. Trimethylamine and Sulfur Dioxide in the Vapor Phase

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**Abstract:** Thermodynamic constants for the formation of the 1:1 molecular complex between trimethylamine (TMA) and SO<sub>2</sub> have been obtained from PVT and vapor-density data for equimolar mixtures of these gases in the temperature range 35–44°. Results are in excellent agreement with those obtained previously from measurements of ultraviolet spectra. The present research supports the previous conclusion that the extinction coefficient and oscillator strength of the charge-transfer (CT) band of TMA–SO<sub>2</sub> are nearly the same in the gas phase as in the solvent heptane; in this respect the complex differs from all other CT complexes for which both gas-phase and solution data are available.

In previous publications we have reported thermodynamic and spectral data for the charge-transfer (CT) complex between trimethylamine (TMA) and sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) in the vapor phase,<sup>1</sup> in the nonpolar solvent heptane,<sup>1</sup> and in the moderately polar solvents dichloromethane and chloroform.<sup>2</sup> An interesting result of these studies was that the intensity of the CT absorption band changes very little when the medium is changed from vapor to a solvent. This observation is at variance with results obtained from vapor-phase studies of CT complexes with iodine,<sup>3–5</sup> tetracyanoethylene,<sup>5</sup> and carbonyl cyanide<sup>6</sup> as acceptors. In these cases, much lower intensities for the CT band have invariably been found in the vapor phase as compared to solution, both for weak<sup>3</sup> and, with iodine, also for stronger adducts.<sup>4,5</sup> There seems reason, however, to question the reliability of previously reported extinction coefficients of vapor-phase CT complexes.

Unfortunately, only two vapor-phase complexes have been studied independently by different workers.<sup>3–5,7</sup> For the weak benzene–I<sub>2</sub> complex, one report<sup>7</sup> concluded that only the product of the formation constant ( $K_c$ ) and the extinction coefficient for the CT band ( $\epsilon$ ) could be calculated. In the other case, that of the moderately strong diethyl sulfide–I<sub>2</sub> complex,<sup>4,5</sup> the reported values of  $\epsilon$  differed by a factor of more than 3, although the  $\epsilon K_c$  product agreed to within experimental error. This is somewhat surprising, since in this case a

sufficient amount of the acceptor was apparently in the complexed form at the highest donor concentrations to permit calculation of  $K$  and  $\epsilon$  separately.<sup>8,9</sup> However, random and systematic errors in absorbances are considerably larger for vapor-phase studies than in solution. Moreover, limitations are imposed by the low volatility and instability of reactants and complexes. We feel, therefore, that published extinction coefficients and formation constants for vapor-phase CT complexes should be regarded as highly uncertain. Since it is possible to determine the product  $\epsilon K_c$  for a given complex with reasonable accuracy from vapor-phase spectral data, this situation seems to call for the determination of  $K_c$  by nonspectral methods (*e.g.*, from PVT or vapor-density data) whenever it is feasible. With these methods, only one parameter ( $K_c$ ) has to be inferred from a set of measurements at varying concentrations of the reactants.<sup>10</sup> Consequently, an accurate value of  $K_c$  can be deduced for systems in which only a small percentage of either component is complexed, and spectral results for the  $\epsilon K_c$  product then will yield a reliable value for  $\epsilon$ . To avoid lengthy extrapolations, the classical methods should preferably be employed in the same temperature range as for the spectral study. We have therefore initiated programs in our laboratories aimed at the determination of formation constants for CT complexes in the vapor phase by classical methods. Since the TMA–SO<sub>2</sub> complex is apparently an exception with regard to the relationship between vapor-phase and solution CT absorption intensities, we have studied this complex by two independent nonspectral methods, in the temperature range 35–44°. PVT data found in the literature<sup>11</sup> have been used to calculate  $K_c$  at higher temperatures.

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