PL, and CT) describe the deviation from this diagonal representation. This is reflected in the greater relative contribution of other terms, especially CT and MIX, denoting the increased amount of multicenter electron delocalization and CT at atoms with low electronegativity Be, B, and C.

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## Dimerization Energies of Lithium Compounds with **First-Row Substituents**

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Lithium compounds have a marked tendency to oligomerize;1 methyllithium is tetrameric in the crystal,<sup>2</sup> in solution,<sup>3</sup> and even in the gas phase.<sup>4</sup> Only a few aggregation energies are known experimentally: the dimerization energies of LiH,<sup>5</sup> LiOH,<sup>6</sup> and the lithium halides<sup>6</sup> and the trimerization energies of LiF and LiCl.<sup>6</sup> The energy of  $Li_4$ , the formal dimer of  $Li_2$ , has also been reported recently.<sup>7</sup> A number of calculations, some at very high levels of theory, are available for  $(Li_2)_2$ ,<sup>8</sup>  $(LiCH_3)_2$ ,<sup>9</sup>  $(LiNH_2)_2$ ,<sup>10</sup>  $(LiOH)_2$ <sup>11</sup> and  $(LiF)_2$ <sup>12</sup> To complete the first-row set, we carried

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out calculations at uniform levels for all the  $LiXH_n$  monomers and dimers where  $XH_{n+1}$  is the corresponding first-row hydride.<sup>13</sup> This set of data clarifies the essential nature of the interaction and permits detailed interpretations of the dimerization energies.

Earlier calculations<sup>8-12</sup> showed that all the dimers  $(LiXH_n)_2$ favor the same rhomboid structures with alternating Li and first-row atoms, X, and all Li-X distances equal. Consequently



 $D_{2h}$  symmetry was imposed on all dimers except (LiCH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, which has  $C_{2h}$  symmetry.<sup>9</sup> For both LiBH<sub>2</sub> and LiNH<sub>2</sub> two alternative structures were considered, corresponding to perpendicular and planar arrangements of the XH<sub>2</sub> groups.

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Table I. Dimerization Energies of Lithium First-Row Hydrides at Various Theoretical Levels

dimer		3-21G// 3-21G	6-21G// 3-21G	MP2/6-21G// 3-21G	6-31G*// 3-21G	MP2/6-31G*// 3-21G(est) <sup>a</sup>	exptl or best caled
$(Li_2)_2$	Dah	-12.4	-11.7	-15.3	-12.0	$-15.6 (-16.8)^g$	$-26.8,^{b}-15.4^{c}$
(LiBeH),	$D_{ab}$	-20.6	-19.4	-21.3	-19.7	$-21.6 (-22.2)^{g}$	
(LiBH,),	$D_{2h}^{(n)}$ (perp)	-26.8	-25.2	-26.2	-24.4	-25.4	
. 272	$D_{\rm ob}$ (plan.)	-36.9	-35.3	-34.1	-34.8	-33.6	
(LiCH <sub>2</sub> ),	Cab	-46.3	-45.1	-45.1	-42.5	-42.5	
(LiNH,),	$D_{ab}^{2n}$ (perp)	-83.4	-82.5	-81.9	-72.3	-71.7	
	$D_{\star h}$ (plan.)	-44.6	-43.6	-38.4	-43.8	-38.6	
(LiOH),	$D_{ab}^{2n}$	-82.5	-81.9	-77.8	-73.0	-68.9	$-63.5 \pm 8.5^{d,f}$
$(Lil^2)_2$	$D_{2h}^{2n}$	-87.3	-86.7	-83.9	-71.4	-68.6	$-63.3 \pm 5.7^{e,f}$

<sup>a</sup> MP2 correction taken from the 6-21G level. <sup>b</sup> Reference 7. <sup>c</sup> Reference 8. <sup>d</sup> Reference 6b. <sup>e</sup> Reference 6a. <sup>f</sup> The values given include zero point energy corrections. <sup>g</sup> MP2/6-31G\*//3-21G.

**Table II.** Geometrical Parameters (Å) of  $\text{LiXH}_n$  Monomers and Dimers Used for the Electrostatic Calculations and Resulting Dimerization Energies (kcal/mol)

	mono- mers <sup>a, b</sup>	dir	dimeri- zation			
Х	Li-X	Li-X	Li-Li	X-X	E <sup>c</sup>	
Li	2.816	3.164	2.686	5.728	-2.5	
Be	2.496	2.774	2.402	5.001	-8.1	
B (perp)	2 261	2.482	2.253	4.423	-19.0	
(plan.)	2.201	2.424	2.325	4.255	-33.3	
С	2.001	2.143/2.157	2.174	3.710	-43.6	
N (perp)	1 714	1.908	2.236	3.093	-52.7	
(plan.)	1./14	1.869	2.021	3.145	-53.2	
0	1.537	1.730	2.184	2.685	-59.7	
F	1.520	1.684	2.235	2.520	-71.4	

<sup>a</sup> Reference 19. <sup>b</sup> Calculated with the 3-21G basis set. <sup>c</sup> Calculated by using Coulomb's law; see text and caption, Figure 1.

(about 5 kcal/mol) from the experimentally known dimerization energies for LiOH and LiF.<sup>6</sup> Somewhat better results that more nearly reproduce experimental values can be obtained by adding diffuse functions on the electronegative atoms N, O, and  $F^{10,11}$ and correcting for zero point energy differences. As can be seen from Table I, the dimerization energies of LiXH<sub>n</sub> become more negative with increasing electronegativity of X. The gain in Coulombic energy during dimerization increases with increasing charge separation.

Figure 1 shows a plot of dimerization energies vs. the Pauling electronegativity of X. A remarkably linear relationship results. Only  $(LiOH)_2$  and  $(LiNH_2)_2$  deviate from the correlation line. The perpendicular conformation of the latter allows the nitrogen lone pairs to enhance stability via multicenter bonding. The same is true for  $(LiOH)_2$  but to a lesser extent.  $(LiF)_2$  is totally ionic and thus lies on the correlation line.

In the planar  $(\text{LiNH}_2)_2$  conformation, the nitrogen lone pairs participate in a destabilizing  $4\pi$ -electron interaction. Steric effects are not responsible for the downward deviation of the planar form, since  $(\text{LiBH}_2)_2$ , which prefers a planar rather than a diborane-like structure, correlates well.

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well for the calculated dimerization energies. The electrostatic dimerization energy (triangular points in Figure 1) was calculated by treating Li and  $XH_n$  as point positive and negative charges at the 3-21G calculated heavy-atom positions for monomer and dimer (see Table II). The dimerization energy is then the increase in electrostatic energy on going from two monomers to a dimer. With the exception of LiNH<sub>2</sub> the agreement from LiBH<sub>2</sub> to LiF is remarkable. The "covalent" dimers Li<sub>4</sub>, (LiBeH)<sub>2</sub>, and (LiBH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (perpendicular) are more stable than would be predicted by the electrostatic model, indicating the preference of these elements for multicenter bonding. The deviations for perpendicular NH<sub>2</sub> and for OH indicate the extra involvement of the lone pair electrons in the dimer, compared with the monomer (i.e.,  $\sigma$  interactions involving these electrons in the dimer are more favorable than  $\pi$  interactions in the monomer). The planar form of (LiN- $H_2$ ) lies well below the "electrostatic" line, an indirect indication of some  $\pi$ -stabilization in LiNH<sub>2</sub> (any  $\pi$ -acceptor character of lithium is decreased in the  $4\pi$ -electron dimer relative to the monomer). The large (8.2 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>) energy difference between planar and perpendicular  $(LiBH_2)_2$  is at first sight surprising but reflects the favorable interaction between the inplane  $\pi_{BH}$ , orbitals and the unsymmetrical combination of the lithium 2s atomic orbitals. This leads to shorter B-Li and B-B but a longer Li-Li distance and hence an increase in electrostatic attraction.

Our conclusion that dimerization energies of LiX compounds are dominated by electrostatic interactions has been confirmed by a Morokuma analysis.<sup>12a,23</sup> The results have wider implications and provide insights into quantitative aspects of lithium chemistry. An increasing number of LiXR<sub>n</sub> dimers are being observed experimentally, e.g., by X-ray crystallography.<sup>24</sup> The R substituents are indicated by our further calculations to influence dimerization energies minimally.<sup>25</sup> The factors controlling higher aggregation<sup>9,10</sup> as well as solvation energies<sup>25</sup> will be reported subsequently.

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## Studies of Inclusion Complexes of Cycloamyloses in the Solid State by NMR Methods

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Although previous studies<sup>1,2</sup> of inclusion complexes of the Schardinger dextrins (otherwise known as cyclodextrins or cycloamyloses) using NMR methods have provided valuable insight, those studies have been confined to soluble complexes. Prompted by the rapidly growing interest in the use of modified cycloamyloses as model enzymes, 3-6 and also by commercial use of solid cycloamyloses to sequester a variety of organic substances,7 we have evaluated two NMR methods for studying these substances in the solid state. We now demonstrate that <sup>13</sup>C NMR using the cross polarization-magic angle spinning (CP/MAS) method<sup>8</sup> provides a direct measure of the extent of complexation and that the deuterium quadrupolar echo method9 gives insight concerning the motion of the guest-substrate within the annulus of the cycloamylose ring.

The <sup>13</sup>C CP/MAS spectrum of the solid complex formed by benzene with heptakis(2,6-di-O-methyl)- $\beta$ -cyclodextrin (2,6-di-O-Me- $\beta$ -CD) is shown in Figure 1. Measurement of the relative magnitudes of the <sup>13</sup>C resonances indicates that the complex contains 1.0 m equiv of benzene, in good agreement with the value obtained by UV measurement. A series of aromatic molecules such as monosubstituted and symmetrical disubstituted benzenes were studied; their combining ratios of "guest" to "host" are 1:1 with the exception (of ratio 1:2) for larger molecules such as biphenyl. The deuterium solid echo spectrum (Figure 2) of the equivalent complex of benzene- $d_6$  gave a quadrupole splitting of 48 kHz. For rigidly bound benzene, we would expect<sup>10</sup> a splitting of 144 kHz; rapid rotation of the benzene about its 6-fold axis within the cavity would give a splitting of 70 kHz, and about a 2-fold axis a 16-kHz splitting. Thus it is clear that rapid rotation occurs about the 6-fold axis and that the axis itself undergoes additional angular fluctuations (rms angle approximately 20°).

Combined use of both of the above methods, but particularly the latter, enables direct evaluation to be made of various factors that influence the mobility of the guest molecule within the annulus of the host. The quadrupole splittings (40.0 kHz) for (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO in the  $\alpha$ -CD complex at 20 °C is substantially larger than that of the  $\beta$ -CD complex (7.4 kHz) at the same temperature; cooling the  $\beta$ -CD sample to -23 °C increases the splitting to 38.8 kHz. Both these observations reflect the decreased mobility of Me<sub>2</sub>SO in the smaller annulus of the  $\alpha$ -CD (4.7-5.2 Å) vs. that of the

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**Figure 2.** Deuterium NMR spectra of benzene- $d_6$ : (A) within the cavity of 2,6-di-O-Me- $\beta$ -CD; (B) of 2,3,6-tri-O-Ac- $\beta$ -CD. 90° pulse length was 2.5  $\mu$ s, with a  $\tau$  delay of 100  $\mu$ s. A recycle delay of 1.0 s was used.

 $\beta$ -CD (6.0-6.4 Å). It is also possible to vary the mobility of the guest by changing the substituents attached to the host. Thus benzene- $d_6$  gives a splitting of 48 kHz when sequested in the 2,6-di-O-Me- $\beta$ -CD, which increases to 68.5 kHz for the complex with 2,3,6-tri-O-Ac- $\beta$ -CD, close to the theoretical value for pure  $C_6$  rotation. A similar differential is found for  $C_6H_5CH_2D$ , the respective values being 30 and 40 kHz; the latter is close to the value (45 kHz) expected<sup>11</sup> for fast rotation of a methyl group about its 3-fold axis. Additional fast motion of the long molecular axis may be the source of the smaller splitting observed. Intuitively it is reasonable to expect an increase in motion due to decreased barriers to aliphatic conformational changes with increase in distance of the pendant group from the annulus; this is nicely illustrated by the decreases in the magnitude of the quadrupole splitting of  $C_6H_5CH_2D$  (29 kHz) compared to  $C_6H_5CH_2CH_2D$ (<5 kHz) at 20 °C. On cooling to -90 °C, the latter splitting increases to 37 kHz. This latter observation indicates that the molecular motion is almost completely confined to the methyl group, with some additional motion of the aliphatic chain being responsible for the slight reduction of the quadrupole splitting from the 44 kHz value expected for a pure methyl rotation.

Supportive evidence that is indicative of differential motion of various functional groups in the solid complexes stems from the <sup>13</sup>C CP/MAS measurements used to differentiate between the resonances of carbons that are protonated from those that are not. From the elegant concept of dipolar dephasing,<sup>12</sup> a delay time of ca 40-100  $\mu$ s is introduced between the end of the cross-polari-

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