

EFFECTS OF FIXED SUBSTITUENTS UPON SUBSTITUENT CHEMICAL SHIFTS OF THE  
C-1 ATOM IN m- AND p-DISUBSTITUTED BENZENES. CORRELATION WITH  
INDUCTIVE SUBSTITUENT PARAMETER ( $\rho$ )

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Bromilow, Brownlee, Topsom and Taft<sup>1</sup> reported that the effect of a fixed substituent (Y) on the substituent <sup>13</sup>C-chemical shifts of the C<sub>1</sub> atom directly bonded to the Y group (C<sub>1</sub>-SCS) in p-substituted benzenes (p-X-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-Y) is controlled by the  $\sigma$ -charge density at the C<sub>1</sub>-atom on the basis of their dual substituent parameter approach. Recently, Lynch<sup>2</sup> concluded that the slope parameter ( $b$  in equation:  $\delta = a_0 + b\delta_0$ ) depends on the ionization potential of the key atom in the Y group, examining a wider variety of systems by the single parameter approach using the shift-shift relationship of C<sub>1</sub>-SCS ( $\delta$ ) with the corresponding C<sub>p</sub>-SCS ( $\delta_0$ ) in monosubstituted benzenes (XC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>).

We<sup>3</sup> have also treated C<sub>1</sub>-SCS in disubstituted benzenes with the same method as that reported by Lynch.<sup>2</sup> This communication describes our finding that the slope parameters ( $b$ ) in the m- and p-series are linearly correlated with the inductive substituent parameter<sup>4</sup> ( $\rho$ :Iota) of the group Y.

Our new observed data on C<sub>1</sub>-SCS as well as those selected from the literature<sup>5-12</sup> were treated with the shift-shift relationship using the data on monosubstituted benzenes recommended by Lynch.<sup>2</sup> The results are summarized in the TABLE.

The slope parameters ( $b$ ) obtained here and reported by Lynch<sup>2</sup> were plotted against parameter  $\rho$  and linear relationships were obtained in the p- and m-series as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, respectively. Deviations for the Cl, Br, I, CN, C≡CH and CF<sub>3</sub> groups in the p-series are attributed to the spin-orbit coupling for the heavy halogen atoms,<sup>13</sup> the magnetic anisotropies for the C≡CH and CN groups,<sup>14</sup> and the unsuitable  $\rho$  value for the CF<sub>3</sub> group probably owing to an overestimation of the electronegativity (the correct  $\rho$  value can be estimated



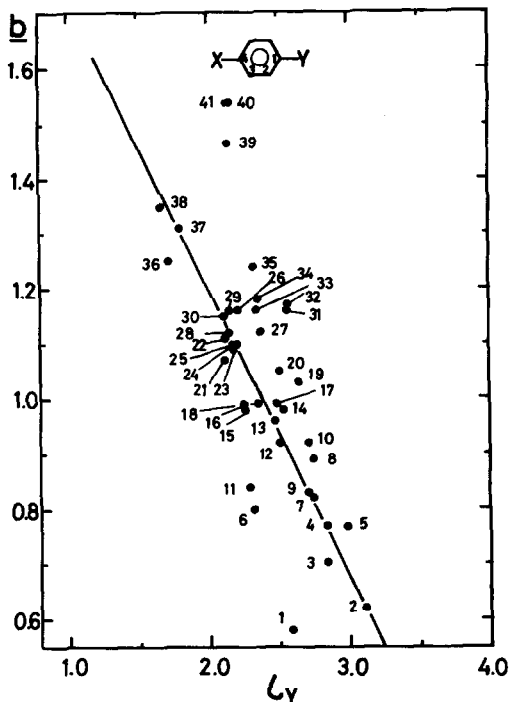


Fig. 1. Plot of  $\underline{b}$  against  $\underline{1}$  in the p-series.

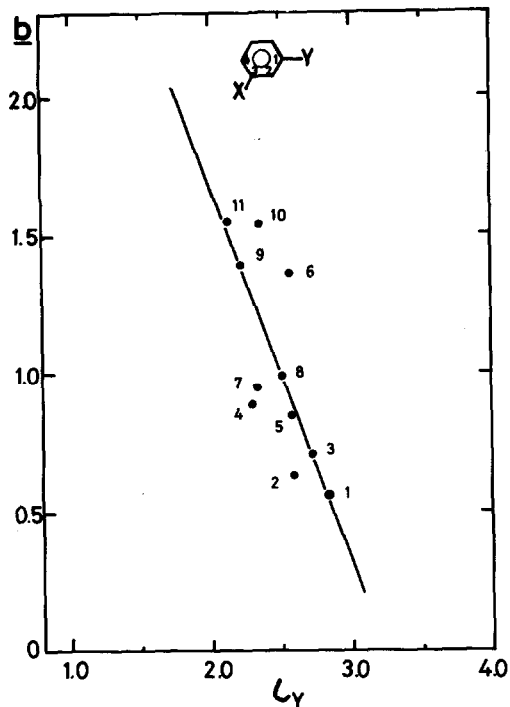


Fig. 2. Plot of  $\underline{b}$  against  $\underline{1}$  in the m-series.

to be ca. 2.5, by judging from many plots of  $^{13}\text{C}$ -SCS in various systems against  $\underline{1}$ .

In the m-series, the shift-shift relationships were found to have not enough high  $r$  values (see the TABLE) because of the small  $^{13}\text{C}$ -SCS. Therefore, plot of  $\underline{b}$  against  $\underline{1}$  is scattered more than those in the p-series.

The features of the plots shown in Figs. 1 and 2 are quite similar to that of the  $\text{C}_\alpha$ -SCS in substituted alkanes against  $\underline{1}$  reported previously.<sup>4</sup> This fact indicates that the slope parameters are controlled by the  $\sigma$ -electron density at the  $\text{C}_1$  atom as suggested by Bromilow *et al.*<sup>1</sup>

Moreover, Lynch's result<sup>2</sup> implies that both electron density and excitation energy terms in the paramagnetic shielding expression in  $^{13}\text{C}$  chemical shift formalism<sup>15</sup> are reflected in parameter  $\underline{1}$ ; the latter energy term is considered to depend on ionization potential.

In conclusion, we have succeeded in unifying the two different interpretations by Bromilow *et al.*<sup>1</sup> and Lynch,<sup>2</sup> employing the  $\underline{1}$  parameter. Thus, the  $\underline{1}$  parameter should be very useful for interpreting  $^{13}\text{C}$ -SCS.<sup>4,16</sup> The applications of the inductive substituent parameter  $\underline{1}$  to other linear free-energy relationships are in progress.<sup>17</sup>

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