

^{13}C NMR SPECTRA OF ALLYLIC BORON "ATE" COMPLEXES. RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF σ - π CONJUGATION BETWEEN THE DOUBLE BOND AND THE CARBON-BORON BOND

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Summary: Carbon-13 NMR spectra of allylic boron "ate" complexes clearly indicate, for the first time, the relative importance of σ - π conjugation between the double bond and the carbon-boron bond.

We recently reported that allylic boron "ate" complexes undergo a facile and regioselective head-to-tail coupling with allylic halides,¹ while the corresponding trivalent allylic borons do not react with such halides (eq 1).



This result suggests that the C_γ of the "ate" complexes must bear negative charge as is shown by a pair of resonance structures (eq 2). We here report the first evidence for the presence of such a conjugation with the aid of ^{13}C NMR spectra.

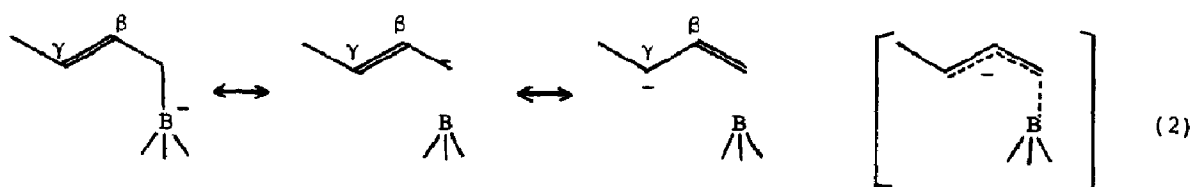

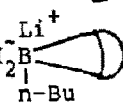

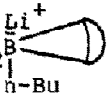

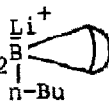
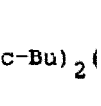



Table I. Carbon-13 Chemical Shifts and Substituent Effects of Tri- and Tetra-valent Boron Atoms^a

Compound	Chemical Shift ^b		Substituent Effect	
	δC_{β}	δC_{γ}	$\Delta \delta C_{\beta}$	$\Delta \delta C_{\gamma}$
$CH_3C_{\gamma}H=C_{\beta}HCH_2B$ 	138.3 [136.6] ^d	e	12.5 [12.3]	e
$CH_3C_{\gamma}H=C_{\beta}HCH_2B$ 	140.5 [139.1]	122.6 [122.3]	14.7 [14.8]	-3.2 [-2.0]
$C_{\gamma}H_2=C_{\beta}HCH_2B$ 	136.6	(114.0) ^f	3.5	(-1.0)
$C_{\gamma}H_2=C_{\beta}HCH_2B$ 	149.3	109.5	16.2	-5.5
$CH_3C_{\gamma}H_2C_{\beta}H_2CH_2B$ 	28.2	27.5	3.2	2.5
$CH_3C_{\gamma}H_2C_{\beta}H_2CH_2B$ 	29.9	28.9	4.9	3.9
$C_{\gamma}H_3C_{\beta}H_2CH_2B(n-Pr)_2$ ^g	18.1	17.6	2.0	2.0
$C_{\gamma}H_3C_{\beta}H_2CH_2B(CH_3)(sec-Bu)(n-Bu)$ ^h 	27.1	15.2	2.1	2.0
$CH_3C_{\gamma}H=C_{\beta}HCH_3$ ⁱ	125.8 [124.3]	125.8 [124.3]		
$C_{\gamma}H_2=C_{\beta}HCH_3$ ⁱ	133.1	115.0		
$CH_3C_{\gamma}H_2C_{\beta}H_2CH_3$ ⁱ	25.0	25.0		
$C_{\gamma}H_3C_{\beta}H_2CH_2CH_3$ ⁱ 	25.0	13.2		
$C_{\gamma}H_3C_{\beta}H_2CH_3$ ⁱ	16.1	15.6		

^a All spectra were assigned by noise-modulated proton decoupling. Single-frequency off-resonance decoupled spectra were used to assign the resonance in question.

Table 1. (continued)

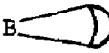

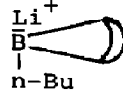

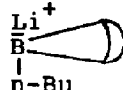
cases. ^b In parts per million (± 0.1) (downfield positive) from Me_4Si , converted using $\delta(\text{C}_6\text{D}_6)$ 128.7. Chemical shifts of other carbons, not important in the present discussion, are omitted. ^c In parts per million with respect to the corresponding hydrocarbons (2-butene, propene, butane, and propane). Higher values correspond to lower shielding. ^d [cis isomer]. ^e Not obvious owing to the rapid allylic rearrangement. ^f Estimated value from a broad peak. ^g D. J. Hart and W. T. Ford, *J. Org. Chem.*, **39**, 363 (1974). ^h Several assumptions are made owing to the lack of an appropriate sample. For example, $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2(\text{CH}_3)\text{CH}-$ is used instead of $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$.  refers to 9-borabicyclo[3.3.1]nonane.

Table 2. Difference in Substituent Effect between Tri- and Tetravalent Boron Atoms^a

Compound	Substituent	$\Delta\Delta\delta\text{C}_\beta$	$\Delta\Delta\delta\text{C}_\gamma$
$\text{CH}_3\text{C}_\gamma\text{H}=\text{C}_\beta\text{HCH}_2-\text{B}<$	Trivalent 	9.3 [9.1] ^b	-
	Tetravalent 	9.8 [9.9] ^b	-7.1 [-5.9] ^b
$\text{C}_\gamma\text{H}_2=\text{C}_\beta\text{HCH}_2-\text{B}<$	Trivalent 	1.5	(-3.0) ^c
	Tetravalent 	14.1	-7.5

^a $\Delta\Delta\delta\text{C}_n = \Delta\delta\text{C}_n$ (allylic boron or borate) - $\Delta\delta\text{C}_n$ (alkylboron or borate).

^b [cis isomer]. ^c Estimated value.

The carbon-13 chemical shifts of C_{β} and C_{γ} of allylic borons, allylic borates, alkylborons, alkylborates, olefins, and alkanes are summarized in the Table 1. The substituent effects of tri- and tetravalent boron atoms, listed in the Table 1, are obtained as previously described.² Table 2 summarizes the difference in substituent effect between tetra- and trivalent boron atoms. Comparison of the data leads to the following conclusions; i) the γ -carbons are shielded, while the β -carbons are deshielded by both tri- and tetravalent boron atoms; ii) the extent of the shielding and deshielding is greater in the tetravalent borons (ate complexes) than in the trivalent borons. Consequently the present work clearly indicates the relative importance of the σ - π conjugation between the $C-\bar{B}\equiv$ bond and the π system in allylic boron "ate" complexes.³

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