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Evaluation of entropies of fusion of polychlorinated naphthalenes by model congeners: A DSC study

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Abstract

Thirteen congeners of polychlorinated naphthalenes (PCN) were synthesized and studied by differential scanning calorimetry (DSC). Melting points (T_m) were obtained for all thirteen, and enthalpies of fusion (ΔH_f) were obtained for nine congeners. Melting points of other PCNs, except for five, were found in literature. In addition, experimental ΔH_f values determined by DSC were found only for 1- and 2-mono-chloronaphthalenes in the literature. The missing or uncertain values of the eight melting points and 64 enthalpies of fusion were estimated by multiple linear regressions using a set of thirteen molecular descriptors as candidates for independent variables. The stepwise model of regression (SMLR) appeared to be most effective. The perfect linearity for melting points was reached with three variables: solubility parameter (DB), ionization potential (IP) and dipole moment (μ). Similarly, SMLR produced linear result for ΔH_f values with descriptors μ , *S* (polarizability), and *L* (the logarithm of the gas–hexadecane partition coefficient). The individual entropy of fusion values (ΔS_f) were calculated for all 75 PCNs as ratio of ΔH_f and melting point (in Kelvin).

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1. Introduction

Polychlorinated naphthalenes (PCN) are commercial products used in electrical devices, as impregnating agents to produce waterproof materials, flame retardants and pesticides [1]. Also they are formed in metallurgy and in waste disposal, especially by incineration. They are leaked as persistent contaminants to the environment. Some tetra- to hexa-CN congeners show high biomagnification rates and dio[xin-t](#page-6-0)ype of toxicity and thus can be considered as significant ecotoxic hazard especially to the aquatic wildlife [1,2]. Therefore, the determination of property data of PCN congeners for modeling their environmental fate is an important and necessary task, as it has been with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB), polychlorinated dibenzo-*p*-dioxin[s \(PCD](#page-6-0)D) and polychlorinated dibenzo-[furans](#page-7-0) (PCDF). This data is necessary for determining the temperature dependence coefficients of physical properties to predict the fate of a chemical compound at different environmental conditions. The first temperature coefficients published for PCNs were those for the liquid state vapor pressure (*P*l) derived from gas chromatographic data [3]. To obtain coefficients for water solubility (S) , octanol-water partition coefficient (K_{ow}) and volatility (H) , reliable values of melting point $(T_m K)$ and enthalpy of fusion (ΔH_f) corresponding the entropy of fusion $(\Delta S_f = \Delta H_f/T_m)$ are n[ecess](#page-6-0)ary parameters [4,5]. Most data for T_m are available [1,6–11] but ΔH_f (or ΔS_f) have been previously measured only for the two monochloro naphthalene congeners [12,13].

The aim of the present work [was](#page-7-0) [to](#page-7-0) measure accurate melting p[oint](#page-6-0) [and](#page-6-0) ΔH_f values from available pure PCN compounds with differential scanning calorimetry (DSC). These values and measured melting points from literature were used to estimate the missing T_m and ΔH_f values of all the other PCN congeners. Finally, ΔS_f values were calculated for all 75 congeners (see appendix for molecular structures with Cl substitution, PCN codes and CAS registry numbers for all 75 PCNs; Fig. A.1 and Table A.1) for use in the QSAR estimation of S_w , K_{ow} and *H* temperature coefficients.

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2. Materials and methods

2.1. Reference compounds

Experimental DSC data from literature was only found for 1-chloronaphthalene (PCN1) [12] and 2-chloronaphthalene (PCN2) [12,13]. The other substances for the study were synthesized in the St. Petersburg University via a sequence of selective substitutions in the naphthalene ring system (Fig. 1) [9,14–20].

Starting materials [for th](#page-7-0)e syntheses were naphthalene, 1, [2,3,4-t](#page-7-0)etrachloronaphthalene-bis(hexachlorocyclo-pentadiene) adduct (Aldrich), 1,2,-dichloro-3-nitronaphthalene-bis(hexachlorocyclopentadiene) adduct (Aldrich) [and Naphth](#page-7-0)ol Yellow S (Aldrich). Purities determined by NMR and GC-ECD were 97–99%.

2.2. DSC measurements

Samples of 13 *tri*- to *hepta*-CN model compounds could be studied by DSC. Melting transitions and enthalpy changes of the PCN model compounds were determined on power compensation type Perkin-Elmer PYRIS 1 DSC device. The measurements were carried out under nitrogen atmosphere (flow rate 50 ml min^{-1}) using $50 \mu l$ sealed aluminum sample pans with pin holes. The sealing was made by using a $30 \mu l$ aluminum pan with pinholes as sealer pan to ascertain good thermal contact between the sample and pan, and to minimize the free volume inside the pan, because the sample volume is gently squeezed by the cover-pan. The temperature calibration was carried out using three standard materials (*n*-decane, In, Zn) and energy calibration by using an indium standard ($\Delta H = 28.45$ J g⁻¹). The samples were first heated at a rate of 10° C min⁻¹ from the room temperature to ca. 40° C below the expected (literature) melting point of each compound. Then samples were held for 5 min at the selected temperature before heating ca. 15 ◦C above the observed melting transitions with heating rate of 2° C min⁻¹. To set the final experimental conditions, the preliminary measurements were carried out with a heating rate of 10° C min⁻¹ to find out the approximate melting point for the compounds. Two or three samples of each congener were measured using sample weights from 2 to 4 mg. The absolute average error for temperature was $0.5\textdegree C$ and for melting enthalpies 0.7 kJ mol⁻¹. Measured samples were weighed afterwards to verify that sample weights remained unchanged during the measurement.

The measurement setup of compounds PCN41 and PCN61 deviated slightly from the others as the available sample amounts

Fig. 1. Scheme of syntheses. H \rightarrow Cl:SO₂Cl₂/SbCl₃; H \rightarrow SO₂Cl: (1) H₂SO₄ or H₂SO₄/SO₃; (2) SOCl₂; H \rightarrow NO₂:NO₂BF₄/Sulfolane; NO₂ \rightarrow Cl:C₅Cl₆, reflux; SO₂Cl → Cl:C₅Cl₆, reflux; Cl → H:Zn/AcOH, reflux; decomposition of substituted naphthalene/hexachlorocyclopenta-diene adducts: heat in vacuo at 150–200 °C.

of these compounds were very small compared to the others. Therefore, the final enthalpy measurements were carried out with a heating rate of 10° C min⁻¹ to increase the sensitivity of the measurements as about 1/10 of the above given sample weights (0.15–0.6 mg) were used on the final measurements. For these measurements the calibration of the equipment was made with given heating rate.

The compounds that showed several endothermic transitions (PCN27, PCN53, PCN57 and PCN73), the melting point was confirmed by comparing all the found endothermic peak values to the reported literature values and consequently the minor endothermic transitions were designated to be caused either by the solid-solid phase transitions and/or the melting of a potential polymorph, as based on the GC-MS analyses the samples were highly pure. For these compounds, the phase transition temperatures and enthalpies can also be seen in Table 1. This way, melting points of these compounds were usable for the evaluation. But the melting enthalpies of above-mentioned compounds were rejected from the regression analysis, as it could not be ascertained that the observed enthalpy would represent melting of a whole sample weight. In addition, closer inspection of these four compounds suggested that they may be somewhat less crystalline as their physical appearance resembled cotton.

All the tabulated melting points were obtained as a peak maximum value instead of an extrapolated onset, since the maximum value describes better the completeness of the melting transition and in that regard it is more comparable to the literature values which are in most cases measured only by a melting point apparatus. Secondly, the peak maximum value is somewhat less affected by the lack of crystallinity and purity of the sample than the extrapolated onset value of a melting transition.

Table 1 Melting points, enthalpies and entropy changes of the reference compounds

2.3. Utilization of the measured values to estimate T_m , ΔH_f *and Sf for all PCNs*

Extrapolation of the experimental DSC results of melting points (T_m ; 15 compounds) and enthalpies of fusion (ΔH_f ; 11 compounds) by the multiple linear regressions (MLR) [21] proved to be the most suitable method to estimate T_m , ΔH_f and ΔS_f values for all the other PCNs. In this work statistic software package SPSS was used. T_m and ΔH_f estimates (dependent variables) were regressed by a set of molecular desc[riptors](#page-7-0) (MD) as independent (explanatory) variables. The analysis was carried out so that the variables were selected from the total MD set using set criteria of *F* values and using "enter" and "remove" by trial regression. In basic mode (MLR) the trial was made once for all MDs.

With only few training values of ΔH_f (experimental DSC), use of a stepwise multiple linear regression mode (SMLR) appeared to be the best method to carry out the regression analysis. Same regression mode was utilized successfully also for the regression analysis of the previously unknown melting points of the five PCNs. In SMLR analysis, the MDs was added one at the time in step-by-step manner and the regression trial was repeated until the overall correlation (R) and significance (p) of F in ANOVA could not be improved any further by the enter/remove procedures of MDs. The independent variables applied to the analysis were as follows:

(1) Molecular descriptors (MDs; for RRT estimation) of Rayne and Ikonomou [22]: MW: molecular weight, SQRN: square root of the number of chlorine atoms, μ : dipole moment, IP: ionization potential, NORT: number of chlorines in

 ΔH_f values of (a and b) were not used in regression analysis. α Transition temperature.

^b Enthalpy of the suggested solid-solid phase transition or melting of a polymorph.

^c Melting enthalpy.

positions 1,4,5,8, and NMET: number of chlorines in positions 2,3,6,7.

- (2) The solvation descriptors of Abraham and Al-Hussaini [23]: *E*: excess molar refraction, *S*: the dipolarity/polarizability, *L*: the logarithm of the gas–hexadecane partition coefficient, B: the hydrogen bond basicity, and *V*: the McGovan volume.
- (3) Finally, three new MDs were added: NC: [numb](#page-7-0)er of carbon atoms fully substituted to C and Cl atoms, VB: liquid state molar volume calculated from increments [24,25], and DB: solubility parameter from dividing the dispersion component ΣF_{di} of the molar attraction constant [26] with VB [25].

With given variable set, the previously unknown values of PCN congeners were able to predict [by the](#page-7-0) SMLR. In addition, it was noted that, the values for variables μ and IP for five of the *di*-CN congeners were absent from the reported set of Rayne and Ikonomou [22]. In our case, variable μ was first estimated as dependent and the other MDs as independent variables by SMLR, and then contrary, IP as dependent and the other MDs (including μ data) as independent, and consequently the MD table was [comp](#page-7-0)leted also by μ and IP for all 75 PCNs. Estimations of the five unknown and three uncertain melting points (study set) together with 67 known and most reliable values (training set) were achieved by SMLR as the training set. Similarly, ΔH_f values were produced by SMLR using nine experimental and two literature [12,13] values as the training set. The entropies of fusion, ΔS_f (J K⁻¹ mol⁻¹), were calculated for all the 75 PCN congeners by dividing the observed or predicted enthalpies of fusion, ΔH_f (J mol⁻¹), by the melting temperatures, T_m , in [Kelvin](#page-7-0) [sca](#page-7-0)le.

3. Results and discussion

3.1. Differential scanning calorimetry

Examples of the DSC scans are illustrated in Fig. 2.The DSC results for two mono-CNs [12,13] and 13 PCNs (model substances) are presented in Table 1.

Fig. 2. DSC scans of some of the PCNs. Measurements are made with a heating rate of 2 ◦C min−¹ (except for PCN61; 10 ◦C min−1) and are slightly shifted on *y*-axis for clarity.

3.2. Molecular descriptors

The five missing μ and IP values were obtained by SMLR as dependent variables and all other molecular descriptors (MDs) as the candidate explanatory variables. Summary of the regression results is shown in Table 2.

Values of μ found in literature [7,27] deviated from those of Rayne and Ikonomou [22], which were used in our MD table. As can be seen on Table 2, the SE of the dipole moment (μ) values was rather high. This indicates that Rayne and Ikonomou values [22] used as tr[aining](#page-7-0) [se](#page-7-0)t $(N=70)$ might be inaccurate. Furthermor[e,](#page-7-0) [valu](#page-7-0)es of μ found in literature [7,27] for some PNS seemed to be inaccurate also. The adding of five regressed values of the low-chlorinated naphthalenes could be justified [by](#page-7-0) practical reasons as the set of μ appeared to be generally applicable explanatory variable bot[h for](#page-7-0) T_m and ΔH_f values in regressions (see below). Accordingly, total set of dipole moment values was necessary to include in the MD table. Instead, for IP values low SE values indicated a high accuracy of training set values.

Table 2

Summary of the SM[LR results fo](#page-7-0)r μ and IP of five PCN congeners

Dependent variable: μ			S.E. of mean predicted value $= 11.7\%$	Regressed values						
ANOVA model 4 Sum of square 10.82 Regression		df	Mean square	F	Significance	Compound	μ registry	S.E.		
		2.705 4		13.857	3.16E-08	PCN4	0.865	0.1254		
Residual	12.69	65	0.195			PCN7	0.9421	0.1213		
Total	23.51	69				PCN ₈	0.9976	0.1203		
Predictors:	(Constant)	NC	S	L	DB	PCN11	1.4801	0.1343		
Coefficients:	27.501	-2.177	9.354	0.829	-1.525	PCN ₁₂	0.9561	0.1209		
Dependent variable: IP		S.E. of mean predicted value $= 0.18\%$				Regressed values				
ANOVA model 3	Sum of square	df	Mean square	\boldsymbol{F}	Significance	Compound	IP registry	S.E.		
Regression	0.3771	3	0.12571	27.459	1.21E-11	PCN4	8.9539	0.0166		
Residual	0.3022	66	0.00458			PCN7	8.9518	0.0163		
Total	0.6793	69				PCN ₈	8.9502	0.0162		
Predictors:	(Constant)	NMET	S	μ		PCN ₁₁	9.0016	0.0169		
Coefficients: 9.276		0.087	-0.363	-0.028		PCN ₁₂	9.0368	0.0215		

Table 3 SMLR results of estimation of T_m (in $\rm{°C}$) for five unknown and three uncertain PCNs

Model summary				Dependent variable: Tm						
Model	R	R^2				Adj. R^2	S.E. of the estimate			
1	0.772	0.597				0.590	28.386			
2	0.790	0.625				0.613	27.601			
3	0.801	0.642				0.625	27.177			
1			Predictors: (Constant), DB							
\overline{c}			Predictors: (Constant), DB, IP							
3			Predictors: (Constant), DB, IP, μ							
ANOVA			Sum of square	df	Mean square	F	Significance			
Model 3	Regression		83323	3	27774	37.605	4.72E-14			
	Residual		46530	63	739					
Total	129853		66							
Coefficients						S.E. of mean predicted value $=4.9\%$				

Table 4 SMLR regression of ΔH_f values as KJ mol⁻¹

3.3. Melting points

Experimental melting points of five PCNs are still unknown. The reported melting temperatures of 70 PCNs are mostly measured using a melting point apparatus [1,6–11] and only few by DSC ([12,13], this work). Due to deviations found in some of the reported data, the melting points of three other PCNs were considered as "uncertain" and were excluded from the training set and because of this [the SMLR](#page-6-0) was performed using 67 ["bes](#page-7-0)t known" T_m values. As a result of SMLR of melting points, only three predictors remained as a significant variable once the optimal *R* value was reached with satisfactory significance of ANOVA F (37.6, $p = 4.7E^{-14}$). Part of the summary of SMLR is shown in Table 3.

Model summary and ANOVA statistics were identical whether the SMLR was made by using melting points in Celsius or in Kelvin scale due to their constant difference of 273.15 degrees. However, this interrelation influenced the standard error of the mean prediction, which was in Celsius values, 4.9% (Table 3) and in Kelvin values only 1.6%. The latter error is significantly smaller than the error observed for the enthalpies (only 11 DSC measured values available, see Table 4). Therefore, the eight predicted *T*^m values are most probably good estimates for entropy determination ($\Delta S_f = \Delta H_f/T_m$). The melting points of the other 67 PCNs used for the entropy of fusion calculation were taken from the literature or from our model substance syntheses [9,14–20]. The T_m values selected for the entropy of melting calculation are listed in the Table 5. Based on the regression analysis, our estimated T_m values deviated significantly from the theoretical results of quantitative structure activity relationship [\(](#page-7-0)QSAR) procedures [10,28]. Both QSAR estimation methods produce only mean T_m [valu](#page-5-0)es within each isomer group, while our observed and regressed T_m values (Table 5) are specific for each PCN congener, are in good agreement with each other, and in that respect, appear to be the most accurate to be used in ΔS_f calculation.

3.4. Values of the enthalpy of fusion

The SMLR result for the ΔH_f values is described in Table 4 and Fig. 3. The significance of the linearity in the ANOVA results with four predictors was excellent: $F = 15.47$; $p = 0.002$. Plot of the predicted ΔH_f (*X*) against the eleven experimental DSC values (*Y*) is illustrated in Fig. 3.

Despite the limited number of experimental values, the statistical SE of the mean predicted value was 7.3%. As can be seen in Fig. 3, the trend line shows exact slope of 1 and is intercepting

Table 5 Final estimation results of T_m , ΔH_f , and ΔS_f

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Table 5 (*Continued*)

Entropies o[f fusio](#page-6-0)n (ΔS_f) calculated from observed (DSC) and regressed enthalpies of fusion (ΔH_f) values obtained by dividing by T_m [K] $(= T_m)$ $[°C] + 273.15$). Regressed T_m 's are printed in italics and underlined; others are experimental (DSC) or literature values.

at zero. At the moment, produced results seem to be the most accurate available, until more DSC measurements are performed for other PCN congeners in further studies.

3.5. Entropies of fusion

The estimated ΔS_f values were calculated as ratios of ΔH_f and T_m values. Results are presented together with the final observed and predicted estimated T_m and ΔH_f values in Table 5. The results were quite different (individual values) compared with those have been obtained by incremental calculation [29] and of QSAR estimates from MDs [30], because these two latter sets consist of overall value ("mean") of PCNs in each isomer group. However, Ruelle and Kesselring succeeded to estimate solubilities of several PCN congene[rs at 2](#page-7-0)5 ◦C using only one default entropy [of fus](#page-7-0)ion value $(56.48 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1} \approx 13.5 \text{ cal K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1})$ and the value of T_{m} [31]. Our entropy results include more differences between isomers, which will facilitate surveys of different environmental fate and risk. Therefore, individual ΔS_f values can be more practical for determination at least interim water solubility and log K_{ow} temperature coefficients [5] of all PCN congeners.

4. Conclusions

The using accurate [expe](#page-7-0)rimental DSC data of enthalpies of fusion together with precise melting points proved to be successful to obtain thermodynamic properties of polychlorinated naphthalenes for temperature dependent environmental fate estimation. More accurate temperature adjustments by these methods enable obtaining of more realistic risk estimations of PCN pollution in environment, as already have been demonstrated on modeling the fate of synthetic musks [5]. It can be concluded that, from a limited number of experimental results of pure model substances, several thermodynamic values of other congeners of the PCN family can be extrapolated with high probability by multivariate statistics using [mole](#page-7-0)cular descriptors. Also, it must be pointed out that confirming the predicted results with additional pure model compounds is necessary task to make in the long run. However, producing of pure congeners in the PCN family is both time consuming and difficult task to carry out for some of the congeners, and in that regard the extrapolated values can substantially speed up determination of the environmental fates of these ecotoxic compounds. Finally, computational chemistry [32] could also offer another way to compare experimental and predicted thermodynamic data.

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Appendix A

See Table A.1 and Fig. A.1.

Table A.1

Fig. A.1. Molecular structure of naphthalene and numbering of substitution sites for Cl.

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