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## ABSTRACT

The standard enthalpy of formation of tri(tertiary-butylperoxy)borane has been determined from a thermochemical study of its hydrolysis in an isoperibol reaction calorimeter and the enthalpy of vaporisation has been determined using tensimetry. The strength of the peroxide bond, $E(B O-O R)$, and the boron-to-peroxide bond, $E(B-O O R)$, were derived and the corresponding values for tri(normal-butylperoxy) borane estimated. The role of boron containing coreactants in hydrocarbon autoxidations in directing the reaction towards increased alcohol:ketone ratios was explained in terms of the formation of organoperoxyboranes as intermediates and their subsequent decomposition under oxidation conditions.

Mesityldichloroborane and ortho-, meta-, and para-tolyldichloroboranes have been studied thermochemically and their standard enthalpies of formation derived. The enthalpies of vaporisation of meta-tolyldichloroborane and mesityldichloroborane have been determined tensimetrically. Derived boron-to-carbon bond energies were interpreted in terms of steric and electronic effects of the methyl substituents. The steric effect of ortho methyl substitution caused a decrease in the boron-to-carbon bond energy whilst meta-methyl substitution caused a similar decrease through an electronic effect.

Pure samples of rubidium and caesium tetrachloroborates have been prepared using a modified synthetic procedure. Hydrolyses were studied thermochemically from which the standard enthalpies of the two salts were derived. Using a semi-empirical equation, the 'thermochemical radius' of the tetrachloroborate anion and the lattice energies of the prepared tetrachloroborates were estimated. The thermodynamic instability of the alkali-metal tetrachloroborates relative to the corresponding tetrafluoro\%n.
borates was demonstrated. sman

A list of standard enthalpies of reaction of organoboron compounds was compiled for inclusion in 'CATCH' tables (Computer Analysis of ThermoCHemical data) processed by J.B. Pedley et al of the University of Sussex. The intent is that these tables should provide a widely accessible and readily updated source of thermodynamic data.

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'New associations and fresh ideas are more likely to come out of a varied store of memories and experience than out of a collection that is all of one kind'.

Dr. E.L. Taylor, 1948.
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## SYMBOLS, DEFINITIONS and UNITS

## I. SYMBOLS

The recommendations of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry have been followed with regard to symbols and nomenclature for thermodynamic quantities. These are as follows:

| Quantity | Symbol |
| :--- | :---: |
| Internal energy | U |
| Enthalpy | H |
| Gibbs energy | G |
| Entropy | S |
| Heat capacity | C |

The sign of energy changes etc., is always determined from the standpoint of the system, e.g. if energy is evolved from a system the energy change, $\Delta U$, for the process is negative. Symbols for thermodynamic quantities relating to substances in their standard states (q.v.), or to reactions with all participants in their standard states, are distinguished by the superscript, ${ }^{\circ}$. E.g. $S^{\circ}, \Delta H^{\circ}$.

## II. DEFINITIONS

The following definitions of standard states are used:
(i) For a gas, the standard state is that of a hypothetical ideal gas at 760 Torr (symbol, g).
(ii) For a liquid, the standard state is that of the pure substance under a pressure of 760 Torr (symbol, 1).
(iii) For a solid, the standard state is that of the pure crystalline substance, under a pressure of 760 Torr (symbol, c).

Temperature is not part of the definition of the standard state, and should therefore be quoted separately. The usual convention is followed in this work; a temperature dependent thermodynamic quantity written without a temperature subscript refers to 298.15 K .

If all the participants in a chemical reaction are in their standard states, the heat of reaction is referred to as the standard heat of reaction, $\Delta \mathrm{H}^{\circ}$ 。
'N', is defined as the mole ratio of water to compound in a specified chemical reaction, e.g. for the heat of solution of boric acid, $\mathrm{B}(\mathrm{OH})_{3}(\mathrm{c})+\mathrm{NH}_{2} \mathrm{O}(\mathrm{l})=\mathrm{B}(\mathrm{OH})_{3} \cdot \mathrm{NH}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ (solution).
III. UNITS

The International System of Units (SI base units) has been followed with one exception; the unit of pressure of torr (symbol, Torr) is used throughout this work. It is defined exactly in terms of SI units: Torr $=(101325 / 760) \mathrm{Nm}^{-2}$.

Many thermodynamics texts use the 'thermochemical calorie' as energy units and for purposes of comparison it is defined here in SI units:

$$
1 \text { thermochemical calorie, } \mathrm{cal}_{\mathrm{th}}=4.184 \mathrm{~J} .
$$

The precision of results is quoted throughout as twice the standard deviation of the mean, $\bar{s}$ :

$$
\bar{s}=\frac{\sum\left(x_{1}-\bar{x}\right)^{2}}{n(n-1)}
$$

where $\bar{x}$ is the arithmetic mean of $n$ results. All results are quoted in the form $x \pm 2 \bar{s}, i . e$. to within $95 \%$ confidence limits assuming a normal distribution. Net errors are calculated as the root of the sum of the squares of constituent errors.

## INTRODUCTION

Thermochemistry is concerned with the energy changes of chemical reactions and of associated physical processes involving substances of defined composition and may be regarded as a branch of the larger science of thermodynamics. One of the fundamental measurements in thermochemistry is the determination of heats of chemical reaction and this constitutes the experimental science of calorimetry. Such measurements are used to calculate standard heats of formation of compounds and these in turn may be used to predict (i) the heat changes in other chemical reactions and (ii) estimate the temperature coefficient of equilibrium constants.

The revival of interest in thermochemical measurements was due in part to the suggestion ${ }^{1,2}$ that the heat of formation of a compound from its constituent atoms could be taken as a measure of the strengths of the bonds in a molecule. Very soon the qualitative concept of bond strength was precisely defined in terms of bond-energy and bond dissociation energy ( $B D E$ ). There is now a large body of thermochemical information for covalent compounds containing a diversity of elements and from these data it is possible to examine such effects as strain and stabilisation (due to electron delocalisation) on the strengths of chemical bonds.

The aim of the research described in this thesis is concerned mainly with this latter kind of problem, viz. how heats of chemical reactions of organoboron compounds can be used to determine bond strengths and how these values can be interpreted in terms of structure and reactivity. It is first necessary to consider what thermochemical quantity can most meaningfully be related to structure. The total energy content of a
molecule in its ground state includes (a) intramolecular energy due to the chemical binding of the constituent atoms, (b) translational, rotational and vibrational energy, (c) intermolecular energy due to interaction of external force fields. Energy from effect (c) can be removed from consideration by specifying that the molecule is in the ideal-gas state. It is conventional to make no attempt to separate effects (a) and (b) and to regard the measure of the total chemical binding energy to be the energy change of the process:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\text { Molecule (ground state, ideal gas, } \mathbb{T}_{1} \text { ) } \rightarrow & \text { Atoms (ground state, } \\
& \text { ideal gas, } \mathrm{T}_{1} \text { ) }
\end{aligned}
$$

This process, known as the energy of atomisation of the molecule, uses an energy reference state that is amenable to experimental study, namely the total energy of the constituent atoms at infinite separation. For most purposes, it is convenient to combine the $\Delta(p V)$ quantity for the reaction with the energy change and hence to deal with the heat of atomisation, $\Delta H_{a}^{O}, T_{1}$. If the heat of atomisation is equated to the total chemical bonding energy, the problem then arises as to how this quantity can be subdivided in terms of energies of individual bonds.

There are three ways (at least) of examining the problem of bond strength.
(i) One could consider the force required to stretch or distort a bond. This information stated in terms of 'force constants' is obtained spectroscopically. Apart from the difficulties involved in their determination, stretching force constants reflect the resistance of a bond to small perturbations. There is no theoretical justification in correlating them with thermodynamic quantities although correlation in groups of compounds with related structure is often reported.
(ii) One could allocate the energy required to split a molecule completely into its constituent atoms among the various bonds in the molecule to provide an index of the 'strength' of these bonds.
(iii) One could measure the energy required to break a particular bond.

In order to obtain values for (ii) and (iii), the elements in their standard states are arbitrarily taken to have zero enthalpy of formation and define the standard enthalpy of formation of a compound, $\Delta H_{f}^{O}$, as the heat change when it is formed from its elements in their standard states at a given temperature. In general terms the heat of any reaction, $\Delta H^{\circ}$, can be equated to the difference between the sum of the heats of formation of the products of the reaction and the sum of the heats of formation of the reactants, or:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Delta H^{\circ}=\sum \Delta H_{f}^{O}(\text { products })-\sum \Delta H_{f}^{O} \text { (reactants) } \quad \ldots \tag{I.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

If the heat of a reaction is measured, and all but one of the heats of formation are known, this unknown standard heat of formation is easily calculated. From the standard heat of formation of a gaseous compound, it is possible to calculate the heat of atomisation from the relationship:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{a}}^{\mathrm{O}}=\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}} \text { (atoms, ideal gas) }-\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}} \text { (compound, ideal gas) } \tag{I.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Here, $\Delta H_{f}^{O}$ (atoms, g) is the sum of the heats of formation of the gaseous atoms in their ground state from their standard state. Equation (I.2) corresponds to the dissocation of the compound into the separate constituent atoms, with the complete rupture of the chemical bonds. The heat change of this dissociation is put equal to the sum of the
bond-energies in the molecule, $\sum \mathrm{E}(\mathrm{b})$, and therefore:

$$
\Delta H_{a}^{\circ}=\sum \mathrm{E}(\mathrm{~b})
$$

The various relationships are shown in Figure 1. For a molecule of the type $A B_{n}$, containing only $A-B$ bonds, it is reasonable to divide the heat of atomisation of the compound amongst the $n$ bonds $A-B$, so that the bond-energy of the $A-B$ bond, $E(A-B)$ in the gaseous state is defined by the expression:
$\mathrm{n} \cdot \mathrm{E}(\mathrm{A}-\mathrm{B})=\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{a}}^{\mathrm{O}}=\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}} \mathrm{A}(\mathrm{g})+\mathrm{n} \cdot \Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}} \mathrm{B}(\mathrm{g})-\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}} \mathrm{ABn}(\mathrm{g}) \quad \ldots$ (I.4)

The bond energy, $E(A-B)$ or bond-energy term, as it is generally known, is therefore identified with case (ii) above.

However, the idea of the energy of a molecule being 'localised' in a number of bonds between atoms is a highly artificial one, in that the total energy of a molecule is the resultant of the attractive and repulsive energies between bonded and non-bonded atoms. Nevertheless, it is still convenient to consider the net attractive energy as the sum of the bond-energies. It is undisputed that whatever values are attributed to individual bond-energies in a polyatomic molecule, their sum must be equal to the enthalpy of atomisation of the gaseous molecule. The original assumption made ${ }^{3,4}$ was that the bond-energy term for a bond of a given type has a characteristic value, independent of the environment and factors such as the hybridisation states of the bonded atoms, i.e. bond-energy terms were considered to be additive and transferable from one molecular structure to another. It is this assumption that underlies the application of bond-energy terms to structure and reactivity studies of molecules.

figure 1.1

The energy required to break a specific bond in a molecule, case (iii) above, is the most direct measure of the strength of $a$ bond and is generally referred to as the bond-dissociation energy, BDE. The BDE is defined as the enthalpy change associated with the reaction in which one mole of a bond is homolytically broken, reactants and products being in the ideal gas state. It follows that for a diatomic molecule, the bond-energy term is the same as the BDE (at 298.15K). The BDE, for example, $D(R-X)$ is more strictly defined as $\Delta U(O K)$ for the reaction:

$$
R-X(g) \rightarrow R^{\prime}(g)+X^{\prime}(g) \quad \ldots \quad \text { (I.5) }
$$

where $R-X, R^{\prime}$ and $X^{\prime}$ are in their ground vibrational states, and it is this quantity $D_{0}^{0}$ which is generally derived from spectroscopic measurements. Dissociation energies derived from equilibrium studies and from activation energies are generally quoted as $\Delta \mathrm{H}^{\circ}$ (298.15K) values. Fortunately, $\Delta H$ (298.15K) is not very different from $\Delta U(O K)$ and it has been shown ${ }^{5}$ that the maximum difference would be $\approx 10.8 \mathrm{~kJ}$. For the dissociation of bonds in polyatomic molecules, the uncertainty of the determination is rarely less than $\pm 4 \mathrm{~kJ}$ and therefore the use of data at 298.15K for dissociation energies should not cause confusion.

Bond-energy terms defined above have been critisised on the ground that the heats of atomisation used refer to the atoms in their ground states, whereas the valence state should be the relevant state. However, this lack of an absolute 'valence' basis in the bond-energy terms used is not important as far as the uses to which they are usually put. One use of bond-energy terms is that of calculating heats of formation of compounds for which experimental data are lacking. Another use is to compare
calculated heats of formation with those observed for compounds in which perturbing effects are expected. The difference between the two can then be used as a measure of these effects, for example, in terms of 'strain' energy or similar concepts. Modern-bond energy schemes, which are based on the additivity properties of bond-energy terms for specific kinds of bonds in molecules, allow the calculation of standard heats of formation of a wide range of covalent molecules. These schemes are discussed in Appendix I.

The experimental aspects of calorimetry of organometallic compounds are manifold. The field can be conveniently divided into combustion calorimetry and reaction calorimetry, and it is the latter with which this thesis is concerned. 'Reaction calorimetry' refers to the measurement of the energy or heat of any reaction other than combustion, usually one in which the carbon skeleton remains intact. The technique finds application to compounds that readily undergo unique quantitative reactions at moderate temperatures. For example, the hydrolytic instability of many organoboron compounds provides a simple aqueous hydrolysis reaction highly suited for solution reaction calorimetry. Thus the difficulty found in preparing and handling such moisture sensitive compounds is compensated by the ease with which calorimetric studies can be made.

Solution reaction calorimetry of a number of mainly aliphatic boron compounds has been studied extensively ${ }^{6}-12$ using simple reactions such as hydrolysis, hydroboration, aqueous oxidation and reduction reactions. Similar reactions have been exploited in the thermochemistry of some arylboron compounds 13-15 and these have provided some important 'key' data i.e. standard heats of formation of simple arylboron compounds that
occur as products in other reactions. Indeed, one of the main points to observe in selecting a reaction for calorimetric study is the availability of standard heats of formation for the products and reactants in calculating the unknown $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}$ of the compound. Details of a compilation of standard heats of formation of organoboron compounds processed by computer is given in Appendix II.

The merit of combustion calorimetry (from this point of view) lies in the drastic degradative powers of combustion reactions, thus giving products that are usually simple compounds ( $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}, \mathrm{CO}_{2}$ etc., ) having wellestablished $\Delta H_{f}^{O}$ values. - From the viewpoint of the combustion thermochemist utilising this technique, boron is most definitely not a 'well-behaved' element, i.e. combustion of boron-containing compounds are not 'clean'. This means that it is difficult to define the final thermodynamic state due to incomplete combustion and undesirable sidereactions. The use of a rotating bomb calorimeter in place of a static bomb ${ }^{16}$ and fluorine bomb calorimetry are two techniques obviating this difficulty. Only in the case of a direct synthesis from the elements is the heat of reaction a direct measure of the heat of formation.

The appeal of solution reaction calorimetry is that it can be applied to a variety of organoboron compounds having reactions which are established as quantitative and are rapid ( $t_{\frac{1}{2}}$ reaction $\leqslant 5 \mathrm{~min}$.) at temperatures $\approx 298 \mathrm{~K}$. An exhaustive review on the thermochemistry of boron compounds has been published. ${ }^{17}$

Calorimeters of various designs have been devised for the measurement of reactions in the solution phase. The most commonly used apparatus for the determination of $\Delta H^{\circ}$ for a 'fast' chemical reaction is the
constant-temperature-environment, (C.T.E.) or isoperibol calorimeter, in which the surroundings are held at a constant temperature and the calorimeter-cell is insulated to some extent from these surroundings. The rate of heat exchange between the calorimeter-cell and surroundings is then small and calculable by the known laws of heat flow. A description of the calorimeter used is given in Chapter I,C.

The derivation of the standard heat of formation in the hypothetical ideal-gas state, $\Delta H_{f}^{O}$ (ideal gas) requires knowledge of the standard heat of vaporisation of the liquid at $298.15 \mathrm{~K}, \Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{V}}^{\mathrm{O}}$ and for a solid it requires knowledge of the standard heat of sublimation of the compound at 298.15 K , $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{S}}^{\mathrm{O}}$. Thus from the first law of thermodynamics it is evident that

$$
\begin{aligned}
\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}(\mathrm{~g}) & =\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}(\mathrm{l})+\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{v}}^{\mathrm{O}} \\
\text { and } \Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}(\mathrm{~g}) & =\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}(\mathrm{c})+\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{S}}^{\mathrm{O}}
\end{aligned}
$$

The determination of accurate values of heats of vaporisation and sublimation is therefore an important aspect of thermochemistry. There are various methods of determining these values and a comprehensive account is available. ${ }^{18}$ The vapour-pressure method used in this work is described in Chapter, I,F.

This work describes the thermochemical study of tri(tertiarybutylperoxy) borane, four aryldichloroboranes and some alkali-metal tetrachloroboranes, and various bond-energy terms and thermodynamic functions have been derived from the determined standard heats of formation, $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{0}(\mathrm{~g})$. The determination of $E\left(B O-O B u^{t}\right)$ and $E\left(B-00 B u^{t}\right)$ in tri (tertiary-butylperoxy) borane is described in Chapter III and the bond-energies are discussed in the context of hydrocarbon oxidation in the presence of boron containing co-reactants. An examination of the aryl carbon-boron bond energy forms
the subject of Chapter IV and the following compounds were studied calorimetrically: mesityldichloroborane, ortho-, meta-, and paratolyldichloroboranes. The values obtained are discussed in terms of electronic and steric features of the molecules and a comparison made with $E(B-C)$ in phenyldichloroborane, diphenylchloroborane, triphenylborane and tricyclohexylborane.

The preparation and calorimetry of analytically pure samples of rubidium and caesium tetrachloroborates is described in Chapter $V$. The determined standard heats of formation are used to estimate the 'thermochemical radius' of the tetrachloroborate anion, the lattice energies of the two salts and the standard enthalpy of formation of $\mathrm{BCl}_{4}{ }^{-}(\mathrm{g})$. The thermodynamic instability of the tetrachloroborates relative to the corresponding tetrafluoroborates is discussed.

## CHAPTER I

## Experimental Techniques

A. Proton magnetic resonance spectra.
B. Raman spectra.
C. Calorimetry.
D. Precision resistance measurements.
E. Differential scanning calorimetry.
F. Measurement of enthalpies of vaporisation.
G. Purification of solvents and reagents.
H. Handling of moisture sensitive compounds.
I. Autoclave reactions.

## A. Proton magnetic resonance spectra.

'H magnetic resonance spectra were recorded with a Varian spectrometer, Model HA-60 on neat liquids with an internal TNS standard.

## B. Raman spectra.

Solid-state Raman spectra were obtained using a Coderg spectrometer, Type CPH 100 with a laser-source excitation wavelength of 514.5 nm .

## C. Calorimetry.

The calorimeter used for the determination of heats of reaction in this work was a constant-temperature-environment (C.T.E.) or isoperibol calorimeter designed and constructed in this laboratory. Detailed accounts of the construction and operating procedures are available. 19, 20 The convention used in describing the apparatus in this text is as follows:
(i) The 'calorimeter-vessel' refers to the evacuated unsilvered Dewar vessel containing the temperature sensor, heater, stirrer, ampoule etc., in which the reactions are carried out (Figure 1.1).
(ii) The 'calorimeter' refers to the apparatus as a whole i.e. the ancillary electronic equipment and the thermostat-bath containing the two calorimeter-vessels.

The principle of operation of the calorimeter is that the thermal energy produced in a chemical reaction is compared with a measured amount of electrical energy required to produce a similar temperature in the solution. The experiment therefore consists of two parts:
(a) the measurement of the temperature change produced by a chemical reaction (the reaction period) and (b) the measurement of the temperature change and the amount of electrical energy required to produce a comparable

figure 1.1
temperature rise with that in (a), (the calibration period). Thermistors are used to detect and measure temperature changes and the temperatureresistance relationship is given by:

$$
R=A e^{B / T}
$$

where $R=$ resistance $(\Omega), T=$ temperature $(K)$ and $A, B$ are thermistor constants. The change in the thermistor resistance caused by the heat of a reaction is displayed on a linear chart-recorder and this provides a direct visual record of the temperature-time profile of the reaction. The compound whose heat of reaction is being determined is contained in an ampoule equipped with two fracture bulbs (Figure 1.1) and the reagent solution ( $200.0 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ ), pre-equilibrated to ca. 298 K , is placed in the calorimeter-vessel. Each vessel is immersed in the water-thermostat bath maintained at $298.15 \mathrm{~K} \pm 0.01 \mathrm{~K}$ and reactions and calibrations are started at a solution temperature of 298 K after thermal equilibration (ca. 1.5 h ).

The accuracy and precision of the calorimeter is assessed using a test chemical reaction for which the enthalpy of reaction is accurately known. The neutralisation of tris-hydroxymethylaminomethane (THAM) in excess $0.1 \mathrm{~mol} . \mathrm{dm}^{-3}$ hydrochloric acid is widely used; THAM is a nonhygroscopic crystalline solid which can be easily purified and analysed. The enthalpy of neutralisation has been measured at several thermochemical laboratories under rigorously controlled experimental conditions and the results are collected in Table 1.1.

TABLE 1.1

$$
\text { Tham }(c)+n H C l \cdot \mathrm{NH}_{2} \mathrm{O}=\left[\text { Tham } \mathrm{H}^{+}+\mathrm{Cl}^{-}\right] n-1 \mathrm{HClNH} 20
$$

| $N$ | $-\Delta H / \mathrm{kJmol}^{-1}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| $373-1120$ | $29.736 \pm 0.008^{21}$ |
| $1138-1462$ | $29.752 \pm 0.008^{22}$ |
| $1320-1390$ | $29.757 \pm 0.008^{23}$ |
| $1170-1574$ | $29.744 \pm 0.006^{24}$ |
| 1345 | $29.770 \pm 0.029^{25}$ |
| 1345 | $29.790 \pm 0.029^{26}$ |

In practice the weight of the compound whose standard heat of formation is being determined is adjusted such that the reaction generates a similar temperature rise in the calorimeter-vessel as does the test THAM reaction. This means that the calorimeter is never operated outside the limits of temperature change, calibration time etc., as found in the test-reaction. Under these conditions, the use of a test-reaction as an indication of overall accuracy in $\Delta H^{\circ}$ values of other chemical reactions is justified.

A number of modifications were made to the original design for the calorimeter-vessel ${ }^{20}$ to improve performance and these are listed below:
(i) The stirring pattern within the liquid contained in the original vessel was found to be inadequate for reactions which gave products sparingly soluble in the reaction solution. An extra paddle, fabricated from polytetrafluoroethylene, was placed on the stirrer-shaft and this helped produce even agitation near the surface of the solution.
(ii) Thermistors are sensitive to changes in light intensity, to pressure changes and to mechanical shock; they must therefore be shielded and rigidly mounted. The thermistor support was reconstructed such that the tip of the thermistor was located ca. 3 cm below the surface of the solution thus minimising the effects of glass particles from broken ampoule bulbs. The sides of the glass thermostat-tank were covered using matt-black paper to reduce reflection of light and changes in light intensity during the course of an experiment.
(iii) Solid-state heaters (R-24 Tronac heater, TRONAC INC., OREM, PROVO,' UTAF, U.S.A., nominal resistance $100 \Omega$ ) were used to replace the laboratory-made wire-wound heaters. These are encapsulated in polytetrafluoroethylene tubing and have the advantage of small-size, low heat-capacity and hence rapid response. The heaters were operated to dissipate ca. 1 watt during calibration.

> (iv) The ampoule holder and support were redesigned to allow easier fracture of the two ampoule bulbs. The positions of the fracture-bulbs glass blown on the ampoule wall were standardised (Figure 1.1).

The results for the enthalpy of neutralisation of THAM in excess $0.1 \mathrm{~mol} . \mathrm{dm}^{-3} \mathrm{HCl}$ before and after the modifications are shown in Table 1.2. B.D.H. 'Aristar' grade THAM (minimum purity 99.9\%) was used for each determination. A significant improvement in accuracy and precision was noted after calorimetric modifications.

TABLE 1.2
Heat of neutralisation of THAM in excess

$$
0.1 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3} \mathrm{HCl}
$$

| Before modifications |  | After modifications |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| N | $-\Delta \mathrm{H} / \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}{ }^{-1}$ | N | $-\triangle \mathrm{H}^{\prime} / \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ |
| 1310 | 29.83 | 1275 | 29.79 |
| 1220 | 29.87 | 1301 | 29.79 |
| 1197 | 29.87 | 1365 | 29.75 |
| 1344 | 30.04 | 1189 | 29.79 |
| 1315 | 29.92 | 1340 | 29.79 |
| 1364 | 29.79 | 1260 | 29.75 |
| 1326 | 29.87 | 1265 | 29.83 |
| 1251 | 29.86 | 1305 | 29.83 |
| 1362 | 29.96 | 1200 | 29.75 |
|  |  | 1319 | 29.79 |
| mean $=29.89 \pm 0.14$ |  | mean |  |

## D. Precision resistance measurements.

Precision resistance values of the calorimeter heaters and heatercircuit resistors ${ }^{20}$ are necessary to achieve accuracy in the derived standard heats of reaction. The resistances of two Tronac heaters, numbers 1 and 2, and three high-stability resistors comprising the heater circuit (nominal resistances $1 \Omega, 10 \Omega$ and $100 \Omega$ respectively) were measured potentiometrically against a standardised resistor (NPL, grade 2 resistor, nominal value $10.000 \pm 0.001 \Omega, H . W$. Sullivan Ltd.).

The value of the standard resistor was determined potentiometrically using a Class S resistor ( $10.00012 \pm 0.00005 \Omega, 293 \mathrm{~K}$, Cambridge Instruments Ltd.) and the Tronac heaters were measured at 298 K in a stirred thermostat-bath to prevent local overheating and to simulate as near as possible the working conditions in the calorimeter-vessel. The determinations were made using a 4-Range High Precision Stabaumatic Potentiometer, Type 5545 (H. Tinsley \& Co. Ltd.) and potential-drop values were measured to a precision of $\pm 3 \times 10^{-5} \mathrm{~V}$.

## E. Differential scanning calorimetry (D.S.C.).

D.S.C. is a technique which allows the direct measurement of enthalpies of transitions and has been used to determine the standard heat of fusion of para-tolyldichloroborane. (Perkin-Elmer D.S.C. 1B instrument). It can also be used to determine the heat capacities and purities of compounds. The technique is a development of 'classical' differential thermal analysis, D.T.A., and the basic difference between the two methods is shown in Figure 1.2. In D.S.C. the power to individual heaters located in the sample and reference holders is vaired continuously in response to sample thermal effects to prevent the development of a differential temperature between sample and reference. The differential power provided is recorded as ordinate versus programmed temperature as abscissa. One of the numerous practical benefits of D.S.C. is that a peak area is a true electrical energy measurement, and does not depend on any of the thermal constants of the sample or apparatus, e.g. emissivity, thermal conductivity etc. Figure 1.2 shows a typical (idealised) output from a D.S.C. During an endothermic change, heat is automatically supplied to the sample in order to compensate for the heat loss associated

CLASSICAL D.T.A.

D.S.C.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& S=\text { SAMPLE } \\
& R=\text { REFERENCE }
\end{aligned}
$$


(a)

(b)
figure 1.2
with the endothermic change; the opposite applies in the case of an exothermic change. If a linear time-base recorder is used, peak areas represent the energy of the associated transitions and are theoretically independent of scanning speed, temperature, nature of sample or mode of operation (heating, cooling or isothermal). Calibration is made using a material of precisely known thermal characteristics, usually indium metal, and this provides the area-to-calories constant. Samples are contained in small aluminium metal pans equipped with lids for sealing (Figure 1.4).

The required heat of fusion of a sample is calculated from the general formula:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \left.\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\text {fus }}^{\mathrm{O}}=\frac{\mathrm{M}_{1} \cdot \frac{\text { area }}{\mathrm{g}_{1}} \frac{\text { area (indium) }}{} \cdot \mathrm{g}_{\text {In }} \cdot \frac{3261.85}{114.82}}{(\text { joule mol }}{ }^{-1}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

where $M_{1}=$ molecular weight of compound.
$g_{1}=$ weight of compound, g.
$g_{I n}=$ weight of $\operatorname{In}$ in calibration, $g$.
$3261.85=\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\text {fus }}^{\mathrm{O}}$ In metal, joule mol ${ }^{-1}$
$114.82=$ atomic weight In.

Peak areas are measured using a planimeter.
F. Measurement of enthalpies of vaporisation.

The two methods most frequently used are the direct calorimetric method, in which the amount of electrical energy needed to vaporise isothermally a measured quantity of a liquid is determined, and the indirect vapourpressure method using a tensimeter. The latter method was used in this
work and the standard heats of vaporisation of meta-tolyldichloroborane, mesityldichloroborane and tri(tertiary-butylperoxy)borane were derived from vapour-pressure measurements.

The apparatus (Figure 1.3) consisted of a strain-gauge (Bell and Howell, type 4-366 general purpose pressure transducer, Serial No. L34035) incorporated into a glass tube equipped with a greaseless joint for connexion to avacuum line. The strain-gauge was sealed into the apparatus using 'Tbrrseal' resin (Varian Ltd.). The nominal 40 mV full range output ( $0-$ ca. 500 Torr) was amplified to ca. 10V, giving 0.015 V per Torr. The voltage was registered on a digital voltmeter (Marconi Ltd., TF 2660) with a precision of $\pm 1 \mathrm{mV}$. The apparatus was immersed to the level of the top of the transducer in an oil-thermostat bath operating over the temperature range $298 \mathrm{~K}-363 \mathrm{~K}$ and the temperature coefficient of the transducer response was determined in the form of a voltage versus temperature graph after evacuating the tube to $10^{-4} \mathrm{Torr}$, (i.e. effectively zero pressure). The graph was used to reduce all pressure measurements to 298.15 K. The corrected voltage output from the transducer was calibrated in terms of pressure by using water as a standard substance.

The heats of vaporisation over the temperature range used were calculated from the integrated form of the Clausius-Clapeyron equation:

$$
\log _{10}(\mathrm{P} / \text { Torr })=-\frac{\Delta H_{\mathrm{vap}}}{2.303 \mathrm{R}} \cdot \frac{1}{\mathrm{~T}}+\text { const. }
$$

It follows from the form of the equation that a plot of $\log P$ versus $\frac{1}{T}$ should give a straight line of slope $=-\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\text {vap. }} / 2.303 \mathrm{R}$. The value obtained by the above method refers to the mean temperature of the range over which measurements were taken. These values were 'corrected' to 298.15 K using an empirical equation ${ }^{27}$ :

figure 1.3

$$
\frac{\Delta H_{\operatorname{vap} .} T / K}{\Delta H_{\text {vap. }} 298.15 \mathrm{~K}}=\left[\frac{1-\mathrm{T} / \mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{c}}}{1-298.15 \mathrm{~K} / \mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{c}}}\right]^{0.38}
$$

where $T / K=$ mean temperature
$T_{C} / K=$ critical temperature.
The value of $T_{c}$ for different compounds can be estimated. ${ }^{28,} 29$ The boiling point temperature, which is required for this estimation, was obtained by extrapolation of the $\log _{10}(\mathrm{P} /$ Torr $)$ vs. $\frac{1}{\mathrm{~T}}$ graphs to 760 Torr vapour-pressure. The equations used to estimate $T_{c}$ give values within $5 \%$ agreement of the experimental values. ${ }^{29}$
G. Purification of solvents and reagents.
I. Separation of t-butyl hydroperoxide from_di t-butylperoxide in_a commercial_sample.
t is tertiary -
Commercial hydroperoxide (Koch-Light Co. Ltd.) contains ca. 30\% di t-butylperoxide as an impurity. Fractional distillation under reduced pressure was used to separate the components. 30 An air fractionation-column (Quickfit, length 9 dm ) was connected to a doublehelix water-cooled condenser equipped with three collection flasks $\left(100 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}\right)$. Impure hydroperoxide $\left(300 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}\right)$, previously dried over molecular sieves, (4A) was contained in a round-bottom flask connected to the column. The flask was heated carefully in a water-bath and the two fractions were collected under reduced pressure (Table 1.3). Complete separation was achieved under these conditions and $100 \%$ pure hydroperoxide was isolated.

## TABLE 1.3

Separation of peroxides under reduced
pressure

| Peroxide | Water bath <br> temperature $/ \mathrm{K}$ | Distillation <br> temperature/K | Pressure at <br> manometer/Torr |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| di t-butylperoxide | 337 | $311-321$ | $50-35$ |
| t-butyl hydroperoxide | 337 | 313 | 15 |
| Ambient temperature $=295 \mathrm{~K}$ |  |  |  |

II. Dry tetrahydrofuran (THF) for Grignard_reactions. ${ }^{31}$

Commercial THF (2000 $\mathrm{cm}^{3}$, B.D.H. Chemicals Ltd) was refluxed over ca. 0.3 weight per cent of cuprous chloride for 0.5 h to destroy any peroxides, then distilled. ${ }^{32}$ The solvent was transferred to a reflux apparatus connected to a dry-nitrogen supply and freshly cut pieces of sodium metal (ca. 10 g ) and benzophenone (ca. 50 g ) added. The solvent was gently refluxed until the whole of the solution became royal-blue coloured due to the benzophenone radical formed in the totally anhydrous solvent.


Anhydrous THF was distilled from the mixture and used immediately (peroxides will quickly build up in the absence of a stabiliser).
III. Dry chloroform. ${ }^{33}$

Chloroform (May \& Baker Chemicals Ltd., containing ca. 1\% ethyl alcohol) was shaken four times with an equal volume of distilled water in a separation funnel and then dried over anhydrous calcium chloride for 24 h . The purified solvent was finally dried over molecular sieves ( $4 \AA$ ) for a further 24 h and stored in the dark.

## IV. Nitrobenzene.

Nitrobenzene (Koch-Light Ltd.) was dried and stored over molecular sieves ( $4 \AA$ ) and used without further treatment.
H. Handling of moisture sensitive compounds.

All of the materials studied in this work are highly moisture sensitive and had to be handled in an efficient 'dry-box'. Initial failure of some experiments with a final purified product was traced to manipulation in an insufficiently dry atmosphere and hence great care in ensuring high-efficiency in drying was subsequently taken. Many types of dry-boxes have been described in the literature. 34, 36 A 'Mecaplex' dry-box of perspex construction, was filled with nitrogen gas and desiccated using phosphorus pentoxide. An equilibrium value for the relative humidity of $<10 \%$ was routinely achieved; the relative efficiency of $\mathrm{P}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{5}$ as a desiccant is shown in Table 1.4.

Samples of the compounds for analysis, calorimetry, D.S.C., tensimetry, Raman spectroscopy and proton resonance spectroscopy were loaded in the dry-box as detailed below. The various techniques are shown in Figure 1.4.

TABLE 1.4
Common desiccants with their approximate gas-drying efficiencies. 37

| Desiccant | Residual water ( $\mathrm{mg} / 1000 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ ) |
| :---: | :---: |
| Efficient trap at 77 K | $10^{-23}$ |
| $\mathrm{CaH}_{2}$ | $<10^{-5}$ |
| Efficient trap at 173 K | $1 \times 10^{-5}$ |
| $\mathrm{P}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{5}$ | $2 \times 10^{-5}$ |
| $\mathrm{Mg}\left(\mathrm{ClO}_{4}\right)_{2}$ | $5 \times 10^{-4}$ |
| Efficient trap at 195 K | $5 \times 10^{-4}$ |
| BaO | $7 \times 10^{-4}$ |
| Molecular sieves | 0.001 |
| Silica gel; active $\mathrm{Al}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$; KOH | $\approx 0.002$ |
| $\mathrm{CaSO}_{4}$ | 0.005 |
| $\mathrm{CaO} ; 96 \% \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ | $\approx 0.01$ |
| $\mathrm{CaCl}_{2}$ | $\approx 0.2$ |

Analysis_
(a) Solids which were to be analysed by volumetric estimation of a hydrolysate were transferred to a polythene sample tube equipped with a tight fitting cap. After re-weighing, the cap was almost removed from the tube such that subsequent shaking in a flask with the reagent would dislodge it completely.
(b) Liquids were transferred to a calorimeter ampoule using a small glass pipette and the ampoule sealed with a lightly greased cone of the appropriate size. Reaction was initiated by fracturing the ampoule bulbs under the reagent solution.

Calorimetry
(a) Solids were loaded into an ampoule using a small glass-funnel and care was taken to ensure that no solid was deposited above the top fracture-bulb.
(b) Liquids were loaded using a 'Agla' glass-needle attached to a Luer-fitting syringe. Again no liquid was deposited above the upper fracture-bulb.
D.S.…_

Untreated aluminium D.S.C. sample pans (Volatile sample pan, part No. 219 - 0062) were loaded using an 'Agla' glass-needle (compound heated above transition) and the lids were secured in the dry-box using a special press.

Tensimetry_
The tensimeter was evacuated to ca. $10^{-3}$ Torr and filled with dry nitrogen. The arm of the tensimeter was stoppered using a greaseless cone sealed at one end, and the tensimeter transferred to the dry-box. The stopper was removed and the apparatus allowed to finally dry for at least 0.5 h before loading.

Raman samples
Raman sample tubes made from capillary tubes sealed at one end were dried in an oven at 393 K and cooled in a desiccator. The tubes were left in the dry-box for several hours before loading.

figure 1.4

Standard N.M.R. tubes were dried in an oven at 393 K , cooled and desicated in the dry-box for 0.5 h before filling.

## I. Autoclave reactions.

A high-pressure reaction bomb (A Parr-High pressure Autoclave, Series 4652, $500 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ capacity) was used for the synthesis of rubidium and caesium tetrachloroborates. The reagents ( $\mathrm{BCl}_{3}$, alkali-metal chloride and nitrobenzene) were contained in a spherical borosilicate glass ampoule (nominal capacity $80 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ ) equipped with a neck for sealing. A pressure-equalising fluid was used in the autoclave; iso-pentane was selected for this reaction from vapour-pressure data. ${ }^{38}$ A neoprenerubber ' 0 ' ring was used to replace the Nimonic alloy ring supplied with the apparatus since the metal seal was found to leak considerably at 363 K .

A procedure (employing the same principle as above) for high-pressure temperature ( 573 K ) reactions with $\mathrm{PCl}_{5}$ in glass-ampoules but using nitrogen-gas as the pressure equaliser has been reported. ${ }^{39}$

## CHAPTER II

Synthesis and Analysis of Compounds
I. Tri(tertiary-butylperoxy) borane.
II. Tolyldichloroboranes.
III. Rubidium and caesium tetrachloroborates.

## I. Tri(tertiary-butylperoxy) borane.

The compound was prepared in good yield by the reaction of boron trichloride and tertiary-butyl hydroperoxide ${ }^{40}$ :

$$
3 t-\mathrm{BuOOH}+\mathrm{BCl}_{3} \xrightarrow[298 \mathrm{~K}]{\text { n-pentane }}(\mathrm{t}-\mathrm{BuOO})_{3} \mathrm{~B}+3 \mathrm{HCl} \quad \ldots \quad \text { (2.1) }
$$

where t-Bu is tertiary-butyl. The apparatus used ${ }^{40}$ is shown in Figure 2.1. The usual precautions were taken in handing peroxides. ${ }^{41}$

Procedure.
The apparatus was connected at $B$ to a vacuum line provided with a tap to a dry-nitrogen supply. Purified hydroperoxide (16 g) with an equal volume of pentane (reagent grade) was placed in the apparatus at A, cooled to 273 K and stirred using a magnetic-follower (polytetrafluoroethylene). The cold finger (at position C) was charged with solid carbon-dioxide/acetone mixture and $\mathrm{BCl}_{3}(7.0 \mathrm{~g})$ was allowed to distil into the reaction mixture through tap $D$.

The contents of A were allowed to warm to ca. 298 K and stirred for 2 h , after which the refigerant in the cold-finger was removed. Pentane and any residual hydroperoxide were removed from the reaction product at 1 Torr pressure and finally at $10^{-1}$ Torr pressure.

The cold finger was then placed in position F, and the product distilled into the receiver $G$ at $10^{-4}$ Torr from a bath at ca. 343 K . The distilled material (m.p. 285-288 K) was recrystallied from pentane at 193 K three times in a dry-box. Purified samples were stored at room temperature under dry nitrogen.

figure 2.1

## Analysis

(t-BuOO) ${ }_{3} \mathrm{~B}$ reacts quantitatively with water to produce orthoboric acid and the parent alkyl hydroperoxide ${ }^{42}$ :

$$
(t-\mathrm{BuOO})_{3}+3 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O} \longrightarrow 3 \mathrm{t}-\mathrm{BuOOH}+\mathrm{B}(\mathrm{OH})_{3} \quad \ldots \quad \text { (2.2) }
$$

A suitable volumetric technique for the determination of alkyl hydroperoxides involves reduction of the peroxide by ferrous ion in acid aqueous solution ${ }^{43}$ :

$$
\mathrm{t}-\mathrm{BuOOH}+\mathrm{Fe}^{2+} \xrightarrow[\text { solution }]{\text { acid }} \mathrm{t}-\mathrm{BuO}^{\bullet}+\mathrm{Fe}^{3+}+\mathrm{OH}^{-} \quad \ldots \quad \text { (2.3) }
$$

In this method, excess standard $\mathrm{Fe}^{2+}$ solution is run into an aqueous solution of the hydroperoxide; the excess of ferrous-ion is then determined with standard potassium permanganate solution. The t-butoxy radical generated in the initial oxidation process can react by two different routes:


When ferrous-ion solution is run into a solution of the hydroperoxide, reaction (2.4) is inhibited as the hydroperoxide is in excess and the radical produced in (2.3) disproportionates as shown (2.5). 44

A stoichiometry of hydroperoxide to ferrous-ion of exactly 1:1 is observed under these conditions.

Boron was titrated as boric acid in the presence of mannitol using a standard volumetric procedure ${ }^{45}$; no explanation for the slightly high results was found. The analytical results are shown in Table 2.1.

TABLE 2.1
Analysis of tri(tertiary-butylperoxy)borane

| Determination | Batch | \% required | $\%$ found |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Peroxidic | A | 34.5 | 34.6 |
| oxygen | B | 34.5 | 34.55 |
|  | C | 34.5 | 34.5 |
| Boron content | A | 3.90 | 4.05 |
|  | B | 3.90 | 4.08 |
|  | C | 3.90 | 4.20 |

II. Tolyldichloroboranes.

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46,47,48
$$

The aryldichloroboranes were synthesised by established procedures according to the reactions (2.6) and (2.7) :

where Ar is ortho-tolyl, meta-tolyl, para-tolyl and mesityl.

## Typical procedure

The arylhalide ( 0.5 mole ) and magnesium ( 0.5 mole ) were reacted together in a conventional Grignard type apparatus in THF ( 1.5 mole ); no initiator was required. The solution of the arylmagnesium halide was then diluted to $500 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ using THF.
$\mathrm{HgCl}_{2}$ ( 0.5 mole) was dissolved in THF (400 $\mathrm{cm}^{3}$ ) contained in a $2000 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ flask (3-neck, round-bottom) fitted with a mechanical stirrer, a reflux condenser and a dropping funnel. The stirring was started and the mercuric chloride dissolved to give a clear solution; the arylmagnesium halide solution ( 0.5 mole $/ 500 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ THF) was then added dropwise. The mixture was allowed to reflux by the heat of the reaction and following the addition of all the reagent was stirred for a further 0.5 h and left to stand overnight.

The precipitate formed during the reaction was filtered and washed with THF; the filtrate, combined with washings, was evaporated on a water bath to leave a white solid. The solid was treated with $1 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3} \mathrm{HCl}$ ( $700 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ ) and the crude material collected in a No. 1 sintered glass funnel. The material was washed with dilute HCl and crystallised from THF. White crystals of the pure compound were dried at 353 K . The dry arylmercuric chloride ( 0.5 mole), dry benzene ( $150 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ ) and $\mathrm{BCl}_{3}$ ( 0.5 mole) were mixed in a $250 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ flask equi pped with a 'cold-finger' condenser and a dry-nitrogen supply. The condenser was charged with solid carbon-dioxide/acetone mixture and the contents of the flask were gently refluxed for 4 h . Mercuric chloride produced during the reaction was filtered in a No. 1 sinter and the filtrate returned to a single-neck 250 cm flask. Benzene was evaporated from the product at 10 Torr pressure and the aryldichloroborane was fractionally distilled and collected in a $50 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ flask. Boiling point data are collected in Table 2.2.

TABLE 2.2
Fractional distillation of aryldichloroboranes

| Ar in <br> ArBCl $_{2}$ | Preparative <br> b.p. | Literature <br> b.p. |
| :--- | :---: | ---: |
| ortho-tolyl | $362 \mathrm{~K} / 10 \mathrm{Torr}$ | $361-364 \mathrm{~K} / 10 \mathrm{Torr} 47$ |
| meta-tolyl | $342-344 \mathrm{~K} / 9 \mathrm{Torr}$ | $359-361 \mathrm{~K} / 15 \mathrm{Torr}^{47}$ |
| para-tolyl | $363 \mathrm{~K} / 10 \mathrm{Torr}$ | $365 \mathrm{~K} / 10 \mathrm{Torr}^{47}$ |
| mesityl | $347 / 6 \mathrm{Torr}$ |  |

During the synthesis of the ortho-isomer contamination by meta-isomer from an isomerisation reaction has been noted. 49 Hence the isomeric purity of the samples was checked using proton magnetic resonance spectroscopy. Comparison of the intensity of the signal from the meta-isomer methyl protons ( $\delta=2.15 \mathrm{ppm}$ ) with the intensities of the signals from the ${ }^{13}$ C satellites from the ortho-isomer methyl protons ( $\delta=2.44 \mathrm{ppm}$ ) revealed that the concentration of the meta-isomer in the ortho-isomer sample to be less than 0.5 mass per cent. No isomeric contamination could be detected in the sample of the para-isomer. The isomeric purity of the ortho-isomer was checked after calorimetry and no significant increase in impurity was found.

## Analysis

Analysis for chloride ${ }^{50}$ on hydrolysis and for boron ${ }^{45}$ were by conventional procedures (Table 2.3).

TABLE 2.3
Analysis of tolyldichloroboranes

| Ar in <br> $\mathrm{ArBCl}_{2}$ | Chlorine \% <br> Required | Found | Required | Found |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ortho-tolyl | 41.02 | 41.1 | 6.25 | 6.25 |
| meta-tolyl | 41.02 | 40.8 | 6.25 | 6.26 |
| para-tolyl | 41.02 | 40.6 | 6.25 | 6.26 |
| mesityl | 35.29 | 35.4 | 5.38 | 5.35 |

III. Rubidium and caesium tetrachloroborates.

These compounds were prepared by reacting boron trichloride and the appropriate alkali-metal chloride in nitrobenzene under pressure ${ }^{51}$ :

$$
\mathrm{MCl} \text { (solution) }+\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{NO}_{2} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{3} \rightleftharpoons \mathrm{MBCl}_{4}+\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{NO}_{2} \cdots
$$

where $\mathbb{M}$ is Rb or Cs . The use of an autoclave is described in Chapter I, section I.

Procedure
Caesium chloride, 6.0 g (or rubidium chloride, 4.0 g ) was loaded into a dry ampoule with nitrobenzene ( $50 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ ) under dry-box conditions. The contents of the ampoule were cooled to 193 K and $\mathrm{BCl}_{3}\left(20 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}\right)$ at 193 K added. The ampoule was sealed and allowed to warm to room temperature gradually. The autoclave was charged with the ampoule and iso-pentane ( $100 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ ) then heated to 363 K for 4 h . After reaction the ampoule was cooled to 193 K before opening.

The contents of the ampoule were transferred to a conical flask using nitrobenzene ( $50 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ ) under dry-box conditions and any insoluble material allowed to settle. The supernatant liquid was carefully decanted into a $1000 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ conical flask containing dry chloroform (ca. $500 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ ). The precipitated tetrachloroborate was allowed to settle and then collected on a No. 3 sinter. The isolated product was washed three times with portions of chloroform ( $20 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ ) and vacuum dried at 20 Torr for $0.5 \mathrm{~h}(298 \mathrm{~K})$.

The impure product was transferred to a conical flask containing nitrobenzene $\left(100 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}\right)$ and $\mathrm{BCl}_{3}\left(15 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}\right)$. Nitrobenzene was added in $50 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ portions, shaking the flask between additions, until the whole of the tetrachloroborate had dissolved. The solution was allowed to stand for at least 1 h and the supernatant decanted from any insoluble material. The product was again precipitated by the addition of chloroform and collected on a No. 3 sinter. The purified material was washed several times with portions of chloroform ( $10 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ ) to give a pure white product and finally vacuum dried on the sinter at $10^{-3} \mathrm{Torr}$ for $2 \mathrm{~h}(308 \mathrm{k})$. The dry tetrachloroborate was stored under nitrogen on the sinter and all subsequent sampling of the product was made in a dry-box.

## Analysis

The presence of the $\mathrm{BCl}_{4}{ }^{-}$group in each compound was confirmed from the observed vibrational frequencies in the Raman spectrum. ${ }^{52}$

Alkali-metal_content: The gravimetric method using sodium tetraphenylboron as reagent was used. 53

Total chloride_content: The conventional Volhard method was used to determine the chloride content of a hydrolysed sample of the tetrachloroborate. ${ }^{50}$

Combined_HCl_and_boron determination: The compounds hydrolyse according to the following equation:

$$
\mathrm{MBCl}_{4}+3 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O} \longrightarrow \mathrm{MCl}+\mathrm{B}(\mathrm{OH})_{3}+3 \mathrm{HCl} \ldots \text { (2.9) }
$$

Hence, exactly 0.75 of the chlorine content as hydrochloric acid can be determined by titration with $0.1 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3} \mathrm{NaOH}$ and similarly boron can be titrated as a strong monobasic acid after the addition of mannitol. 45 A temperature compensated Ingold electrode was used for the determination; standardisation to $\mathrm{pH}=7.0$ and 4.0 was made using buffer solutions.

The analytical results are collected in Table 2.4.

TABLE 2.4
Analysis of rubidium and caesium tetrachloroborates

| Determination | \% required | \% found | purity (\%) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ${ }^{\mathrm{RbBCl}_{4}}$ |  |  |  |
| Rubidium content | 35.90 | $35.95: 36.02$ | 100.2 |
| Total chloride | 59.56 | 59.50 | 99.9 |
| Chloride via HCl | 59.56 | 59.40 | 99.7 |
| Boron content | 4.54 | 4.55 | 100.13 |
| Overall purity . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 100.0 |  |  |  |
| ${ }_{-\mathrm{CsBCl}_{4}}$ |  |  |  |
| Caesium content | 46.55 | 46.58 : 46.60 | 100.06 |
| Total chloride | 49.66 | 49.52 | 99.8 |
| Chloride via HCl | 49.66 | 49.63 | 99.9 |
| Boron content | 3.786 | 3.78 | 99.9 |
| Overall purity . | -• | -•••• | - 99.9 |

Although the above values would also be obtained for a mixture $\left(\mathbb{M C l}+\mathrm{BCl}_{3}\right)$, the following evidence strongly supports the conclusion that the product contains the $\mathrm{BCl}_{4}^{-}$anion.
(i) the vibrational frequencies noted for $\mathrm{BCl}_{4}^{-}$in the Raman spectrum are very much different from those for $\mathrm{BCl}_{3} .54$
(ii) the vapour-pressure of a mixture containing $\mathrm{BCl}_{3}$ would be reasonably high (b.p. $\mathrm{BCl}_{3}, 28 \mathrm{~K} / 760 \mathrm{Torr}$ ) and consequently during the final drying stage ( $10^{-4}$ Torr/308 K for 2 h ) some loss of $\mathrm{BCl}_{3}$ would be expected. The compound would therefore be deficient in both chlorine and boron.

Density determination: The density of each compound was determined in dry carbon tetrachloride at 298 K using a conventional specific gravity bottle. These densities are required for buoyancy corrections in calorimetric experiments. The results were $\mathrm{RbBCl}_{4}(\mathrm{c})=2.40 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{cm}^{3}$ and $\mathrm{CsBCl}_{4}(\mathrm{c})=2.68 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{cm}^{3}$.

# The Thermochemistry of Tri(t-butylperoxy)borane and 

the Role of Organoperoxyboranes in Hydrocarbon Oxidation

## Introduction

Experimental Results

Results

Discussion

## Introduction

The action of boric acid to favour alcohol formation in the airoxidation of hydrocarbons $\left[\mathrm{C}_{6}-\mathrm{C}_{16}\right.$ ] has been known for many years, the earliest patent application date being 1928. 55 Hydrocarbon oxidation in the presence of boron compounds is a complex process sensitive to changes in many reaction variables. The standard procedure consists of passing air or dilute oxygen in a nitrogen stream through a suspension of boric acid in the heated substrate $(438-448 \mathrm{~K}) .56$ The alcohol:ketone ratio is increased on addition of boric acid from 1-1.5, as is normally obtained, to 5-10 for many hydrocarbons.

Boron compounds are unique is this context in that it is the only element which directs the reaction successfully to increased alcoholic yields. 57 Although silicic and antimonic acids enhance the yields of alcohols during paraffin hydrocarbon autoxidations, they are less efficacious than are boron compounds (e.g. boric acid, metaboric acid, or pyroboric acid). 57 Considerable data are at hand to show that the presence of boron compounds does not change the essential free-radical chain reaction character of alkane autoxidations. 58 Induction periods are observed with and without boron present and the reaction is autocatalytic under both conditions. 59 Various proposals ${ }^{60}$ as to the role of boron compounds have been made and the most important of these are:-
(a) boron compounds (e.g. metaboric acid) serve to esterify the produced alcohol, ROH.
(b) the $\geqslant \mathrm{BOH}$ group serves as a hydrogen atom source in the abstraction process $>\mathrm{BOH}+\mathrm{RO}_{2} \rightarrow>\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{O}^{\circ}+\mathrm{ROOH}$.
(c) boron compounds react with hydroperoxide formed during the oxidation to produce alcohol:

$$
3 \mathrm{ROOH}+\mathrm{B}(\mathrm{OR})_{3} \rightleftharpoons \mathrm{~B}(\mathrm{OOR})_{3}+3 \mathrm{R} \cdot \mathrm{OH}
$$

(d) Peroxyboranes are formed as intermediates leading directly to the production of free alcohol or possibly directly to a boric acid ester, $\mathrm{OBOR}_{3}{ }^{-}$

The question of the inclusion of peroxyboranes in the reaction sequence is of importance and has been suggested by several workers. It has been inferred that alkyl peroxyborates are the chief intermediates in alkane autoxidations and that they subsequently give rise to the boron compound ester. ${ }^{61}$ Further, it has been proposed that the direct interaction of alkylperoxy radicals with the boron coreactant accounts for the inhibitory effect of boron compounds in hydrocarbon oxidations. ${ }^{58}$ There is also evidence to show that orthoboric acid, metaboric acid and their esters catalyse the decomposition of hydroperoxides; the decomposition is directed towards alcohol formation, thereby possibly accounting for the enthanced selectivity in hydrocarbon oxidations in the presence of boric acid. ${ }^{62}$ The question arises as to whether these reactions proceed to give a peroxyborane species with liberation of alcohol. It has been established that other acids such as dodecane dicarboxylic acid, arsenious oxide, trichloroacetic acid, phthalic anhydride and $\mathrm{P}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{5}$ do not direct the decomposition of hydroperoxides towards alcoholic products. 63 Apparently the Lewis acidity of trigonal boron uniquely allows boric acid and its esters to alter the normal course of the oxidation of many saturated aliphatic and alicyclic materials.

The feasibility of many of the proposed intermediates and reaction schemes would be clarified if thermodynamic data for compounds containing the organoperoxyborane grouping were available. Compounds selected for
thermodynamic study should ideally exhibit the following properties:
(a) be easily purified
(b) be stable over a reasonable temperature range to allow $\Delta H_{\text {vap }}^{0}$. to be measured and
(c) have a suitable quantitative chemical reaction at 298 K for calorimetry (and available $\Delta H_{f}^{O}$ ancillary data).

Of the organoperoxyboranes synthesised to date ${ }^{64}$ only tri-t-butyl peroxyborane and tri-n-butylperoxyborane satisfy the above conditions. Tri-t-butylperoxyborane was selected and studied in detail. The standard heat of formation of $t-\mathrm{BuOOH},(1)$ (produced in the calorimetric hydrolysis reaction) is in dispute, two different combustion calorimetry values having been reported in the literature. (Details in Appendix III).

It was therefore necessary to measure $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{0}[t-\mathrm{BuOOH}, ~ I]$ independently and this was achieved using solution reaction calorimetry.

## Experimental Results

## I. Calorimetric results

(a) tri-t-butyl peroxyborane, (1)

The aqueous hydrolysis of this peroxy compound proceeds rapidly and completely liberating the corresponding alkyl hydroperoxide. 65

$$
(t-\mathrm{BuOO})_{3} \mathrm{~B}, 1+(\mathrm{N}+3) \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}, 1 \rightarrow\left[3 \mathrm{t}-\mathrm{BuOOH}+\mathrm{B}(\mathrm{OH})_{3}\right] \mathrm{N} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(\mathrm{aq}) \Delta \mathrm{H}, \quad \ldots \quad \text { (3.1) }
$$

and the standard heat of formation is calculated from the equation:
$\Delta \mathrm{H}_{f}^{\mathrm{O}}\left[(\mathrm{t}-\mathrm{BuOO})_{3} \mathrm{~B}, \mathrm{I}\right]=3 \cdot \Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}\left[\mathrm{t}-\mathrm{BuOOH}, \mathrm{NH}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right]+\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}\left[\mathrm{B}(\mathrm{OH})_{3}, \mathrm{NH}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right]-3 \Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{0}\left[\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}, I\right] \quad-\Delta \mathrm{H} \quad \ldots$ (3. 2$)$
Table 3.1 lists the results obtained for the hydrolysis of ( $t-\mathrm{BuOO})_{3} \mathrm{~B}, 1$.

Table 3.1
Heats of hydrolysis of tri-t-butylperoxyborane, reaction 3.1

| $N$ | $-\Delta \mathrm{H}^{2} / \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 2983 | 58.16 |
| 3483 | 58.99 |
| 2746 | 58.99 |
| 2344 | 58.99 |
| 3090 | 58.58 |
| 3069 | 58.99 |
| 2993 | 58.16 |
| 3243 | 58.16 |
| 3012 |  |

(b) t-butyl hydroperoxide, 1. The calorimetric equations are described in Appendix III.

Table 3.2
Heat of reaction of $t-\mathrm{BuOOH},(1)$ in $0.9 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}{ }^{-3}$ ammonium ferrous sulphate solution, reactions 2.3-2.5

| $N$ | $-\Delta \mathrm{H}^{\prime} / \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 17094 | 226.98 |
| 10384 | 225.94 |
| 9496 | 227.19 |
| 10582 | $<-\Delta H\rangle$ |

Table 3.3
Ferric iron analyses of post-reaction solutions (from reactions in Table 3.2)

| Weight $t-\mathrm{BuOOH} / \mathrm{g}$ | \% yield $\mathrm{Fe}^{3+}$, based on a $2.0: 1.0$ ratio <br> of $\mathrm{Fe}^{3+}$ to ROOH (Equations $\left.2.3-2.5\right)$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 0.0587 | 92.1 |
| 0.0967 | 92.3 |
| 0.1061 | 92.0 |

The heat of solution of the hydroperoxide in aqueous orthoboric acid was determined; the final molar ratio of $B(O H)_{3}$ to ROOH was 3:1.

## Table 3.4

Heat of solution of $t-B u O O H(1)$ in aqueous orthoboric acid

| $N$ | $-\Delta H \quad\left(\mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}\right)$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1039 | 9.54 |
| 1010 | 9.50 |
| 1028 | 9.46 |
| 1021 | 9.62 |
| 1010 | 984 |
| 972 |  |
| 990 | 9.50 |
|  | 9.54 |

II. Tensimetry (Chapter I, F)

The heat of vaporisation of water was calculated from the calibration graph and the result was found to be in satisfactory agreement with literature values. $\quad \Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{vap}}^{0}=44.14 \pm 0.4 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$; lit. value $=$ $43.88 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$. The results for the peroxyborane are set out in Table 3.5 .

Table 3.5
Vapour-pressure measurements for $(t-\mathrm{BuOO})_{3} B,(1)$

| Temperature/K | Reading/V Correction/V | Corrected/V <br> reading | Pressure/Torr |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 328.15 | -0.230 | +0.280 | +0.050 | 28.4 |
| 338.15 | +0.612 | +0.378 | +0.990 | 70.8 |
| 343.15 | +1.213 | +0.410 | +1.623 | 111.5 |
| 346.15 | +1.883 | +0.440 | +2.323 | 148.5 |

Results

## I. Standard heats of formation

The following standard heats of formation were calculated using the appropriate $\Delta \mathrm{H}^{\prime}$ value and the ancillary data in Table 3.6.
(a) $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{f}^{0}\left[(t-\mathrm{BuOO})_{3} \mathrm{~B}, \mathrm{I}\right] \quad=-1066.1 \pm 5.0 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}{ }^{-1}$
(b) $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}\left[(\mathrm{t}-\mathrm{BuOO})_{3} \mathrm{~B}, \mathrm{~g}\right]=-974.0 \pm 5.7 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$ (from. (d) below)
(c) $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{f}^{\mathrm{O}}[\mathrm{t}-\mathrm{BuOOH}, 1] \quad=-293.3 \pm 4.1 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$ (Appendix III)
(d) The enthalpy of vaporisation of $(t-B u 00)_{3} B, 1\left(92.1 \pm 2.1 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}\right)$ was calculated from the experimental data in Table 3.5. These data are represented in the form $\log _{10} \mathrm{P} / \operatorname{Torr}=\mathrm{a}-\frac{\mathrm{K}}{\mathrm{T}} / \mathrm{K}$ where $\mathrm{a}(=15.18)$ and $b\left(=4.508 \times 10^{-3}\right)$ were obtained from a least-squares analysis.

Table 3.6
Ancillary thermochemical data

| Compound (state) | $-\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}} / \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(\mathrm{l})$ | $285.83 \pm 0.008^{67}$ |
| $\mathrm{~B}(\mathrm{OH})_{3}, 3090 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}, \mathrm{aq}$. | $1072.40^{68}$ |
| $\mathrm{t}-\mathrm{BuOOH}(\mathrm{l})$ | $293.72 \pm 5.0^{69}$ |
| $\mathrm{t}-\mathrm{BuOOH}, 1000 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}, \mathrm{aq}$. | $303.21 \pm 5.0^{69 \text { and this }}$work |
| $\mathrm{OH}^{-}, \mathrm{aq} \cdot \mathrm{molality=1}$ | $230.0^{68}$ |
| $\mathrm{Fe}^{2+}$, aq.molality=1 | $89.12^{68}$ |
| $\mathrm{Fe}^{3+}, \mathrm{aq} \cdot \mathrm{molality=1}$ | $48.53^{68}$ |
| $\mathrm{t}-\mathrm{BuOH},(\mathrm{l})$ | $359.20 \pm 0.8^{70}$ |
| $\mathrm{t}-\mathrm{BuOH}, 8188 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}, \mathrm{aq}$. | $376.52 \pm 0.8^{71}$ |
| $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{CO}(\mathrm{l})$ | $248.0^{72}$ |
| $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{CO}, 10000 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}, \mathrm{aq}$. | $260.5^{72}$ |
| $\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{6}(\mathrm{~g})$ | $84.7^{72}$ |

II. Bond-energy terms
(a) $E(B O-O R)$ in t-butyl peroxyborane

The calculation utilises the following hypothetical dissociation:

$$
(\mathrm{n}-\mathrm{BuO})_{3} \mathrm{~B}, \mathrm{~g} \longrightarrow \mathrm{~B}\left(\mathrm{O}^{\bullet}\right)_{3}, g+3 \cdot \mathrm{n}-\mathrm{Bu}, \mathrm{~g}
$$

This permits $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}} \mathrm{B}\left(\mathrm{O}^{\circ}\right)_{3}$ to be calculated from:

$$
\Delta H=\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{0}\left[\mathrm{~B}\left(0^{\circ}\right)_{3^{g}} \mathrm{~g}\right]+3 \Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{0}[\mathrm{n}-\mathrm{Bu}, \mathrm{~g}]-\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{0}\left[(\mathrm{n}-\mathrm{BuO}) \frac{B_{3} g}{}\right]
$$

Assuming $\Delta H=3 . D(n-B u-O H)$ and using $D(n-B u-O H)=380.7 \pm 8.4,73$ $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}[\mathrm{n}-\mathrm{Bu} \cdot, \mathrm{g}]=71.1 \pm 8.4^{73}$ and $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}\left[(\mathrm{n}-\mathrm{BuO}) 3^{\mathrm{B}}, \mathrm{g}\right],\left(=-1145.2 \pm 2.5^{72}\right) \Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}$ $\left[\mathrm{B}\left(0^{\circ}\right)_{3}, \mathrm{~g}\right]$ is calculated to be $-216.3 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$.

Inserting this figure into the thermochemical equation for the corresponding peroxyborane dissociation:

$$
(t-\mathrm{BuOO})_{3^{B}, g} \longrightarrow \mathrm{~B}\left(0^{\circ}\right)_{3}, g+3 \cdot t-\mathrm{BuO}, g
$$

and using $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{0}\left[\mathrm{t}-\mathrm{BuO} 0^{\circ}, g\right]=-90.37^{74}, \Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{0}[$ peroxyborane, g], we have $E(B O-O R)=162.3 \pm 12 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$.
(b) $\mathbb{E}(B-00 R)$ in $t$-butyl peroxyborane

The following equation was used:
$(t-\mathrm{Bu} 00)_{3^{B}} \mathrm{~B}, \mathrm{~g} \longrightarrow \mathrm{~B}, \mathrm{~g}+3 \mathrm{t}-\mathrm{Bu} 00^{\circ}$, g, where $\Delta \mathrm{H}=3 . \mathrm{E}(\mathrm{B}-00 \mathrm{R})$.
Using $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}[\mathrm{B}, \mathrm{g}]=555.6 \pm 16.7,{ }^{17} \Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{0}\left[\mathrm{t}-\mathrm{Bu} 00^{\circ}, \mathrm{g}\right]=-80.3 \pm 8.3^{74}$ and $\Delta H_{f}^{0}\left[\right.$ peroxyborane, g], $E(B-O O R)$ was calculated to be $429.3 \pm 19 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}{ }^{-1}$. The high error is due mainly to the uncertainty in $\Delta H_{f}^{0}[B, g]$.

The corresponding data for the normal-butyl derivative was estimated using Benson's group additivity scheme ${ }^{75}$ (Appendix I for details) for $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}\left[(\mathrm{n}-\mathrm{Bu} 00)_{3} \mathrm{~B}, \mathrm{~g}\right]$ as follows:
The t-BuO group was calculated from:

$$
\begin{aligned}
3 \mathrm{C}\left(\mathrm{H}_{3}\right)(\mathrm{C}) & = \\
\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{O})\left(\mathrm{C}_{3}\right) & =-26.5 \\
\mathrm{O}(\mathrm{O})(\mathrm{C}) & =-18.6 \\
& -172.9
\end{aligned}
$$

The unique group, $O(O)(B)$ can be calculated using the measured value of $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}\left[(\mathrm{t}-\mathrm{BuOO})_{3} \mathrm{~B}, \mathrm{~g}\right]$ thus:
$3.0(0)(B)=\Delta H_{f}^{0}\left[(t-B u 00){ }_{3} B, g\right]-3 . \Delta H_{f}^{0}[t-B u 00, g]=-455.2 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$

The normal -BuO group was calculated using the scheme:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{C}\left(\mathrm{H}_{3}\right)(\mathrm{C}) & =-42.2 \\
2 . \mathrm{C}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2}\right)\left(\mathrm{C}_{2}\right) & =-41.2 \\
\mathrm{C}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2}(\mathrm{C})(0)\right. & =-33.5 \\
\mathrm{O}(\mathrm{O})(\mathrm{C}) & =-18.8 \\
& -135.7
\end{aligned}
$$

therefore, the required standard heat of formation can be calculated from:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\Delta \mathrm{H}_{f}^{O}\left[(n-\mathrm{BuOO})_{3} \mathrm{~B}, \mathrm{~g}\right] & =3 \cdot \Delta \mathrm{H}_{f}^{0}[n-\mathrm{BuO}, \mathrm{~g}]+3 \Delta \mathrm{H}_{f}^{\mathrm{O}} \mathrm{O}(\mathrm{O})(\mathrm{B}) \\
& =-862.3 \pm 9 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}
\end{aligned}
$$

(c) $E(B O-O R)$ in n-butyl peroxyborane

The following hypothetical dissociation was used:

$$
(\mathrm{n}-\mathrm{BuOO})_{3} \mathrm{~B}, \mathrm{~g} \longrightarrow \mathrm{~B}\left(\mathrm{O}^{\circ}\right)_{3}, g+3 \cdot \mathrm{n}-\mathrm{Bu} 0^{\circ}, g
$$

therefore $3 \mathrm{E}(\mathrm{BO}-\mathrm{OR})=\Delta \mathrm{H}=\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}\left[\mathrm{B}\left(\mathrm{O}^{\circ}\right)_{3}, \mathrm{~g}\right]+3 \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}[\mathrm{n}-\mathrm{BuO}, g]-\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}\left[(\mathrm{n}-\mathrm{BuOO}){ }_{3} \mathrm{~B}, \mathrm{~g}\right]$ Using the estimated value of $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{0}[$ peroxyborane, $g]$ above and $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{0}\left[\mathrm{n}-\mathrm{BuO}{ }^{\circ}, g\right]$ $=-55.7, \mathrm{E}(\mathrm{BO}-\mathrm{OR})=159.4 \pm 14 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$.
(d) $E(B-00 R)$ in n-butyl peroxyborane

This calculation requires $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}\left[\mathrm{n}-\mathrm{BuOO} 0^{\circ}, \mathrm{g}\right]$ which is itself derived from $\Delta H_{f}^{O}[n-B u 00 H, g]$; accordingly these values were calculated using the group additivity scheme.
$\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}[\mathrm{n}-\mathrm{BuOOH}, \mathrm{g}]=1 \cdot \mathrm{n}-\mathrm{BuO}$ group $+\mathrm{O}(\mathrm{H})(\mathrm{O})=-203.7 \pm 4 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}{ }^{-1}$ $\left(\mathrm{O}(\mathrm{H})(\mathrm{O})=-68.07^{75} \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}\right)$

Considering the dissociation: $n-\mathrm{BuOOH} \rightarrow \mathrm{n}-\mathrm{BuOO}^{\circ}+\mathrm{H}^{\bullet}$, it is assumed that $D(\mathrm{ROO}-\mathrm{H})=D(\mathrm{HOO}-\mathrm{H})^{76}=376.6 \pm 8 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$.
Therefore: $\quad \Delta \mathrm{H}=\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}\left[\mathrm{n}-\mathrm{BuOO}^{\circ}, \mathrm{g}\right]+\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}\left[\mathrm{H}^{*}, \mathrm{~g}\right]-\Delta \mathrm{H}_{f}^{\mathrm{O}}[\mathrm{n}-\mathrm{BuOOH}, \mathrm{g}]$
$\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{o}}\left[\mathrm{n}-\mathrm{BuOO}{ }^{\circ}, \mathrm{g}\right]$ was calculated to be $-44.8 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$

Hence 3. $\mathrm{E}(\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{OR})=\Delta \mathrm{H}=\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}(\mathrm{B}, \mathrm{g}]+3 \cdot \Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{0}\left[\mathrm{n}-\mathrm{BuOO} 0^{\circ}, g\right]-\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}\left[(\mathrm{n}-\mathrm{BuOO})_{3} \mathrm{~B}, \mathrm{~g}\right]$ $E(B-O O R)=436.0 \pm 20 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$. Again the high error is principally due to the $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}[\mathrm{B}, \mathrm{g}]$ uncertainty. The results of the bond-energy calculations are presented in Table 3.9 (Discussion).

The various standard heats of formation determined are collected below in Table 3.7.

Table 3.7
Heats of formation of some peroxyboranes and hydroperoxides

| Compound | $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}\left(\mathrm{I} / / \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}\right.$ | $\Delta \mathrm{H}^{\circ}(1 \rightarrow \mathrm{~g}) / \mathrm{kJ}$ | $\Delta H_{f}^{O}(g) / k J ~ \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| t-butyl peroxyborane | $-1066.1 \pm 5.0$ | $92.1 \pm 2.1$ | $-974.0 \pm 5.4$ (Exper.) |
| n-butyl <br> peroxyborane | - | - | -862.3士9 (Calc.) |
| t-butyl <br> hydroperoxide | $-293 \cdot 3 \pm 4 \cdot 1$ | $47.74 \pm 0.16^{69}$ | -245.6 $\pm$ - 2 (Exper.) |
| n-butyl <br> hydroperoxide | - | - | $-203.7 \pm 4$ (Calc.) |

The difference in the thermodynamic stability of the normal- and tertiary-butylperoxyboranes and hydroperoxides, measured in terms of $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{f}^{0}$, conforms to a trend noted in other normal-butyl and tertiary-butyl isomers (Table 3.8).

Table 3.8
$\Delta H_{f}^{O}$ values for $n$-butyl and t-butyl isomers of some organic compounds ${ }^{72}$

| Compound (g) | $-\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}} / \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| t-butanol |  |
| n-butanol | 312.5 |
| di-t-butyl ether | 275.3 |
| di-n-butyl ether | 364.4 |
| t-butylamine | 333.9 |
| n-butylamine | 120.9 |

## Discussion

Although a large body of experimental information is available on saturated hydrocarbon autoxidation in the absence of boron compounds, relatively little has been done towards mechanism elucidation of oxidations with boron coreactants/catalysts present. However, various workers have reported their experimental findings of the characteristics of alkane oxidation in the presence of boric acid ${ }^{60}$ and these are listed below:-
(i) Autoxidation is a free-radical chain reaction having zero-order overall kinetics.
(ii) Boron compounds inhibit the overall reaction rate.
(iii) Hydroperoxide levels during autoxidation are lower in the presence of boron compounds than in their absence.
(iv) The hydrocarbon skeletal structure is preserved in the product alcohol i.e. $\mathrm{RH} \longrightarrow \mathrm{ROH}$.
(v) The relative reactivity of various positions in a hydrocarbon undergoing oxidation is tertiary carbon $>$ secondary $C>$ primary $C$.
(vi) The alcohol is isolated from the oxidate in the form of a boron ester.
(vii) Water has a deleterious effect on oxidations in the presence of boron coreactants.
(viii) Boron compounds are unique in directing the course of an oxidation towards an alcoholic product.

It is first necessary to examine some aspects of boron chemistry in detail before formulating a mechanism. The relevant areas of boron chemistry to be considered are listed below:-
I. Thermodynamic study of the peroxyborane grouping, $\rangle$ BOOR.
II. Thermal decomposition of some peroxyboranes in hydrocarbon solution.
III. Autoxidation of boron compounds.
IV. Decomposition of hydroperoxides in the presence of boron compounds.
V. Mechanism of hydrocarbon autoxidations.
I. Thermodynamic study of the peroxyborane grouping

The results of the bond-energy term calculations are summarised in Table 3.9.

Table 3.9
Bond-energy terms in $(\mathrm{ROO})_{3} B(g)$

| $R$ | $E(B O-O R) / \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ | $E(B-00 \mathrm{R}) / \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| t-butyl | $162 \cdot 3 \pm 12$ | $429 \cdot 3 \pm 19$ |
| n-butyl | $159.4 \pm_{14}$ | $436.0 \pm 21$ |

These values are realistic in magnitude and are compared with bonddissociation energies (BDE) and bond-energy terms (E) from similar compounds (Table 3.10).

Table 3.10
Selected $B D E$ and $E$ values

| Bond | BDE or $\mathrm{E} / \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| -1 |  |
| $D\left(t-\mathrm{BuO}_{-}-\mathrm{OBu}^{t}\right)$ | $156.9^{75}$ |
| $D(\mathrm{t}-\mathrm{BuO}-\mathrm{OH})$ | $179.9^{75}$ |
| $D(\mathrm{HO}-\mathrm{OH})$ | $213.4^{75}$ |
| $\mathrm{E}(\mathrm{B}-0)$, esters | $460.2^{77}$ |

It is likely that $\mathrm{E}(\mathrm{R}-00 \mathrm{~B}<)$ is similar to $\mathrm{E}(\mathrm{R}-00 \mathrm{H}), 75292.9 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$ and this strongly indicates that the weakest bond in an alkyl peroxyborane is the peroxy linkage. Homolytic cleavage of the oxygen-oxygen bond in both tri n-butyl and tri t-butyl peroxyborane is indicated by their catalysis of the polymerisation of styrene and methyl methacrylate. 65

## II. Thermal decomposition of some peroxyboranes in hydrocarbon solution

The decomposition of a series of peroxyboranes in hydrocarbon solution at temperature above 403 K have been studied kinetically. 78,79,80 A typical reaction sequence ${ }^{78}$ [for ( $\left.t-\mathrm{BuOO}\right)_{3} B$ in n-nonane(SH)] is shown overleaf:-

| $(t-\mathrm{BuOO}){ }_{3} \mathrm{~B} \rightarrow(\mathrm{t}-\mathrm{Bu} 00)_{2} \mathrm{BO}^{\circ}+\mathrm{t}-\mathrm{BuO}$ | ... | (3.3) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $(\mathrm{t}-\mathrm{BuOO})_{2} \mathrm{BO}^{\circ}+\mathrm{SH} \longrightarrow(\mathrm{t}-\mathrm{BuOO})_{2} \mathrm{BOH}+\mathrm{S}^{\bullet}$ | -•• | (3.4) |
| $(\mathrm{t}-\mathrm{BuOO})_{3} \mathrm{~B}+\mathrm{S}^{\bullet} \longrightarrow(\mathrm{t}-\mathrm{BuOO})_{2} \mathrm{BOS}+\mathrm{t}-\mathrm{BuO} \cdot$ | -•• | (3.5) |
| $t-\mathrm{BuO}^{\circ}+\mathrm{SH} \longrightarrow \mathrm{t}-\mathrm{BuOH}+\mathrm{S}^{\bullet}$ | -•• | (3.6) |
| $t-\mathrm{BuO}^{\bullet} \longrightarrow\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{CO}+\mathrm{CH}_{3}{ }^{\text {- }}$ | -•• | (3.7) |
| $\mathrm{CH}_{3}{ }^{+} \mathrm{SH} \longrightarrow \mathrm{CH}_{4}+\mathrm{S}^{\bullet}$ | ... | (3.8) |
| $25^{\circ} \quad \longrightarrow \quad S-S$ | ... | (3.9) |

The activation energies of the spontaneous reaction (3.3) and the induced decomposition (3.5) were calculated for each of the peroxyboranes studied and the results are presented in Table 3.11.

Table 3.11
Activation energies ( $\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{ACT}}$ ) for steps (3.3) and (3.5) in the decomposition. of some peroxyboranes in n-nonane solution (at temperatures $>403 \mathrm{~K}$ )

| Peroxyborane | $\mathrm{E}_{A C T}($ Spont $3 \cdot 3) \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{ACT}}(\text { induced } 3.5) / \\ & \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1} \end{aligned}$ | Order of reaction |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $(t-\mathrm{BuOO})_{3} \mathrm{~B}$ | 136.4 | 174.0 | 1st |
| $(t-\mathrm{BuOO}){ }_{2} \mathrm{~B} \cdot 0 \mathrm{Ou}^{-\mathrm{n}}$ | 125.5 | 131.8 | $1 s t$ |
| $t-\mathrm{BuOO} \cdot \mathrm{B}(\mathrm{OBu}-\mathrm{n})_{2}$ | 125.5 | 104.6 | 1st |
| t-BuOO.B(OMe) 2 | 121.3 |  | 2nd |
| $(\mathrm{t}-\mathrm{BuOO}){ }_{2} \mathrm{BOH}$ | 117.1 |  | 1st |

Tests in which t-butyl peroxide was added to the initial solution
(reactions 3.6) were carried out with the aim of confirming the effect of the induced decomposition reactions (reaction 3.5 above); a considerable
acceleration of the decomposition of the peroxyborane in n-nonane solution was observed. For both the di- and tri-peroxyboranes, $E$ (spontaneous) E (induced) while the converse effect is noted for the monoperoxyborane; similar results have been observed for decompositions of t-butylperoxytriethylsilicon in n-decane. 81 The interpretation of these facts is that decompositions involving two or more peroxy groupings proceed via a different mechanism to that in which only one peroxy group is present. The character and yield of the compounds formed in all the decompositions is consistent with a free-radical reaction mechanism.

It is significant that the values of $\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{ACT}}$ (spont.) and $\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{ACT}}$ (induced) for tri (tert-butylperoxy)borane are similar in magnttude to the $E(B O-O R)$ bond-energy terms obtained in this work, accepting the various approximations involved. This would also strongly indicate that the activation energies of the various peroxyborane decompositions $78,79,80$ can be taken to be close to the $\mathrm{BDE}^{\mathbf{*}}$ s of the initial homolytic cleavage reaction (reaction 3.3 etc). This, of course, assumes that reactions are in the ideal gas states, that the radicals are formed in their ground states and that the activation energy for the reverse reaction is zero.

The rate constants for the process $\mathrm{ROOBR}_{2} \rightarrow \mathrm{RO}+{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{OBR}_{2}$, have been measured and are $1.1 \times 10^{-5} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$ for $\mathrm{R}=\mathrm{n}$-butyl, $3.8 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$ for $R=$ sec-butyl and $5.2 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$ for $\mathrm{R}=$ exo 2 -norbornyl (all at 303 K ). ${ }^{82}$

## III. Autoxidation of boron compounds

Detailed studies ${ }^{82}$ of the oxidation of boron compounds have showed that the process follows a free-radical chain mechanism and not a polar mechanism as was first assumed. 83,84 The following steps have been proposed: ${ }^{82}$


In the early stages of the reaction initiation is by the direct reaction between the borane and oxygen, but as the reaction proceeds, the unimolecular decomposition of the alkylperoxyborane, or its bimolecular reaction with alkylborane become more important. The propagation rate constants for some organoboron compounds at 303 K are in the range $k_{p}=10^{4}-10^{6} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$. Comparing the rate constants for radical displacement on boron by peroxy radical with rate constants for hydrogenatom abstraction by these radicals, it is shown that the former displacement is clearly among the most rapid reactions of peroxy radicals known. For example, in the kinetic study of the reaction of an alkylperoxy-radical at $B$ in tri-alkylboranes, the rate was shown to be $10^{7}$ times faster than the similar reaction of hydrogen with toluene. The high rate of autoxidation of many organoboron compounds compared with hydrocarbons can therefore be accounted for by the relative propagation rate constants of the two reactions. Reactions such as $\mathrm{RO}^{\circ}+\mathbb{\mathbb { N R } ^ { \prime }} \longrightarrow \mathrm{ROM}+\stackrel{?}{R}^{\bullet} \quad$ ( $\mathrm{RM}=$ organometallic compound) have also been studied. 85 These are very fast reactions ( $k=10^{5}-10^{7} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$ ) and are characterised by low activation energies ( $0-20 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$ ).
IV. Decomposition of hydroperoxides in the presence of boron compounds

There is evidence to show that orthoboric acid, metaboric acid and their esters catalyse the decomposition of hydroperoxides and that the decomposition is directed towards alcohol formation. ${ }^{86}$ The decreases
in hydroperoxide concentration during autoxidation can be considerable and in some instances may be halved. 63, 87

A number of mechanisms have been proposed to account for this action and one scheme ${ }^{88}$ involves an initial association between hydroperoxide and boric acid:

$$
\mathrm{ROOH}+\left.\mathrm{B}(\mathrm{OH})_{3} \rightleftharpoons \mathrm{RO}\right|_{\mathrm{H}} \rightleftharpoons \mathrm{O} \ldots \mathrm{H} . . \mathrm{OB}(\mathrm{OH})_{2} \ldots \text { (3.14) }
$$

homolytic decomposition of this complex is envisaged to give alkoxy radicals which sequentially abstract hydrogen from the hydrocarbon to produce alcohol:

Some workers ${ }^{89}$ have found that boric acid esters are about as effective as boric acid in directing n-paraffin oxidations towards alcohol. A series of esters (n-propyl to n-cetyl) was found to give selectivity for alcohol even at concentrations equivalent to only $0.2 \%$ boric acid. A mechanism not involving hydrogen bonding was proposed:

$$
\mathrm{ROOH}+\mathrm{B}\left(\mathrm{OR}^{\imath}\right)_{3} \rightarrow\left[\begin{array}{c}
\mathrm{RO} \ldots \mathrm{O}: \mathrm{B}\left(\mathrm{OR}^{\imath}\right)_{3}
\end{array}\right] \rightarrow \mathrm{RO}^{\bullet}+\mathrm{HO}^{\bullet}+\mathrm{B}\left(\mathrm{OR}^{\imath}\right)_{3} \ldots \text { (3.16) }
$$

The production of alcohol via reactions such as:

$$
\begin{equation*}
3 \mathrm{ROOH}+\mathrm{B}\left(\mathrm{OR}^{\boldsymbol{r}}\right)_{3} \rightleftharpoons \mathrm{~B}(\mathrm{OOR})_{3}+3 \mathrm{R}^{\mathbf{r}} \mathrm{OH} \tag{3.17}
\end{equation*}
$$

is unlikely in that such equilibria are known to lie largely on the left. 90 A further possibility is that interaction of hydroperoxide with the boron coreactant could lead directly to the boric acid ester, without any free alcohol being formed. This proposal received some support from the experimental evidence that no free alcohol was detected in the oxidate from cyclododecane. 63

## V. Mechanism of hydrocarbon autoxidation

The stages of hydrocarbon oxidation are examined below as to how boron compounds might influence the course of autoxidation at each step. Non-catalysed oxidation of hydrocarbons $91,92,93$ in the liquid phase may be considered to proceed as follows ${ }^{94}$ :

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{RH} \xrightarrow{\mathrm{O}_{2}} \mathrm{R}^{\cdot} \text { (chain initiation) }
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \begin{array}{l}
\mathrm{R}^{\cdot}+\mathrm{R}^{\bullet} \longrightarrow \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{R} \\
\mathrm{RO}_{2}^{\cdot}+\mathrm{R}^{\cdot} \rightarrow \mathrm{ROOR} \\
\mathrm{RO}_{2}^{\cdot}+\mathrm{RO}_{2}^{\cdot} \rightarrow \mathrm{ROH}+\mathrm{RCOR}+\mathrm{O}_{2}
\end{array} \quad\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\text { chain } \\
\text { termination } \quad \ldots \text { (3.22) }
\end{array}\right.
\end{aligned}
$$

Radicals $\mathrm{R}^{\circ}$, can also be formed termolecularly:

$$
\begin{equation*}
2 \mathrm{RH}+\mathrm{O}_{2} \quad \rightarrow \mathrm{R}^{\bullet}+\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}+\mathrm{R}^{\bullet} \tag{3.23}
\end{equation*}
$$

The rate of reaction (3.19) is some $10^{4}-10^{7}$ times that of reaction (3.20) and this means that the overall rate-determining propagation step is the abstraction of a hydrogen atom by a peroxy radical to give hydroperoxide molecule. Other reactions which are thought to take place as the hydroperoxide level builds up are:

$$
\begin{align*}
& 2 \mathrm{ROOH} \longrightarrow \mathrm{RO}^{\bullet}+\mathrm{RO}_{2}^{\bullet}+\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}  \tag{3.24}\\
& \text { and } \mathrm{ROOH}+\mathrm{RH} \longrightarrow \mathrm{RO}^{\bullet}+\mathrm{R}^{\bullet}+\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O} \tag{3.25}
\end{align*}
$$

## VI. Mechanism

The primary information provided by the present thermochemical study of the peroxyborane grouping is the close similarity in properties between peroxyboranes and organic peroxides. Substantially all of the unusual features of peroxide reactivity can be associated with the fact that the

0-0 bond can be easily broken and can undergo reactions of several kinds. The C-OOR bond-strength in many organic peroxides is of the order $300 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$ and hence one characteristic of these peroxides is the presence of a relatively weak $0-0$ bond $\left(\approx 170 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}\right)$ flanked by two generally stronger C-OOR bonds (in hydroperoxides one of these is a $00-\mathrm{H}$ bond). This trend is evident in the peroxyboranes except that the B-00R bond-strength (Table 3.10) is somewhat higher than the corresponding C-OOR bond-strength. It would be inappropriate to attempt a full explanation of the role of boron coreactants in oxidation processes solely on the basis of the determined "peroxide" properties of peroxyboranes. However, some general conclusions may be drawn and the various aspects of boron chemistry summarised in Sections II to IV can be combined with the known stages of hydrocarbon autoxidation (Section $V$ ) to provide a basis for mechanism elucidation. The following reaction scheme is proposed; $\mathrm{B}(\mathrm{OH})_{3}$ is a typical coreactant/catalyst and RH is the hydrocarbon undergoing oxidation ( $\mathrm{T}=440 \mathrm{~K}$ ).

Initiation reactions:

$$
\mathrm{RH}+\mathrm{O}_{2} \longrightarrow \text { radicals i.e. } \mathrm{R}^{\bullet} \quad \ldots \quad \text { (3.26) }
$$

Propagation reactions:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{R}^{\bullet}+\mathrm{O}_{2} \longrightarrow \mathrm{RO}_{2}{ }^{\bullet} \quad \cdots \text { (3.27) } \\
& \left\{\begin{array}{l}
\mathrm{RO}_{2}{ }^{\bullet}+\mathrm{RH} \rightarrow \mathrm{ROOH}+\mathrm{R}^{\bullet} \\
\left(\mathrm{RO}_{2} \cdot \mathrm{~B}(\mathrm{OH})_{3} \rightarrow \mathrm{ROOB}(\mathrm{OH})_{2}+{ }^{\cdot} \mathrm{OH}\right.
\end{array}\right. \\
& \mathrm{ROOB}(\mathrm{OH})_{2} \rightarrow \mathrm{RO}^{\bullet}+{ }^{\cdot} \mathrm{OB}(\mathrm{OH})_{2} \quad \cdots \quad(3.30)
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{ROOB}(\mathrm{OH})_{2}+\mathrm{R}^{\bullet} \rightarrow \mathrm{ROB}(\mathrm{OH})_{2}+{ }^{\cdot} \mathrm{OR} \quad \cdots \text { (3.32) }
\end{aligned}
$$

reactions involving the ${ }^{\circ}$ OR radical:

| $\mathrm{RO}+\mathrm{RH} \longrightarrow \mathrm{ROH}+\mathrm{R}^{\bullet}$ | $\cdots$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{RO}^{\bullet}+\mathrm{B}(\mathrm{OH})_{3} \longrightarrow \mathrm{ROB}(\mathrm{OH})_{2}+^{\bullet} \mathrm{OH}$ | $\ldots$ |

Termination reactions:

| $\begin{array}{r} \text { RO }^{\bullet} \longrightarrow \text { non-radical product }+ \text { a radice } \\ \\ \left(\mathrm{Y}^{\bullet}\right. \text { is usually a small radical } \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \left(\mathrm{Y}^{\bullet}\right) \\ & \mathrm{CH}_{3}, \mathrm{C} \end{aligned}$ | $(3.35)$ <br> c.) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $Y^{\bullet}+Y^{\bullet} \longrightarrow Y-Y$ | -•• | (3.36) |
| $\mathrm{R}^{\bullet}+\mathrm{R}^{\bullet} \longrightarrow \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{R}$ | -•• | (3.37) |
| $\mathrm{RO}_{2}{ }^{\bullet}+\mathrm{RO}_{2}^{\bullet} \rightarrow$ non-radical products | -• | (3.38) |

The main feature of this mechanism is the competition between the boron coreactant and RH for reaction with $\mathrm{RO}_{2}$ radicals (3.28 and 3.29). Similar reactions occur with RO • (3.33 and 3.34) . The sequence involving peroxyboranes (or radicals generated from them) are detailed in 3.30 (spontaneous decomposition), 3.31 and 3.32 (induced decomposition). Expected characteristics of the proposed mechanism (3.26-3.38) would be general inhibition of reaction (disruption of the chain-propagation step 3.28) and attendant low hydroperoxide levels. Both of these features are noted experimentally. The inhibitory influence of boron compounds has been observed in some closely related free-radical processes, e.g. boron and boric acid inhibit the air oxidation of graphite at a level of 0.1 mole \%. 95 Of the proposals (a-d, Introduction), it would seem unlikely that (a), (b) or (c) alone could account for the effect of boron compounds in hydrocarbon autoxidations. Simple esterification processes (a) are highly unlikely and there is reasonable evidence to show that the BOH group does not serve as a hydrogen atom source. 96 Reaction (c) is equally unlikely to be operative (Section IV).

While the experimental observations (i-viii, Discussion) are consistent with the above mechanism, it is clear that alternative mechanisms may also satisfy these observations. Hence this work provides a plausible but not unequivocal mechanism for hydrocarbon autoxidation in the presence of boron containing coreactant/catalysts.

## CHAPTER IV

The Thermochemistry of Mesityldichloroborane, Ortho-, Meta-, and

Para-Tolyldichloroboranes, and the Boron-to-Carbon Bond Strength.

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## Introduction

The occurrence of $\pi$ character in carbon-boron bonds has frequently been postulated to explain the properties of certain organoboron compounds. Chemical and spectroscopic evidence for ( $C-B$ ) $\pi$ bonding has been reviewed. 97 An analysis of the available data suggests that much of the evidence is circumstantial and most of the data taken individually are inconclusive. ${ }^{98}$

Thermochemical studies 99,100 of $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{BX}_{2}(\mathrm{I}),\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right){ }_{2} \mathrm{BX}(I I)$, $\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{3} \mathrm{~B}$ (III) and (cyclo-C $\left.\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{11}\right)_{3} \mathrm{~B}$ (IV), where $\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{Cl}$, Br , showed the order of boron-carbon bond strength, E, in these molecules to be $E(I)>E(I I)>E(I I I) \gg E(I V)$. The marked enhancement of the boroncarbon (aromatic) bond energy compared with the boron-carbon (aliphatic) bond energy was discussed in terms of $p \pi \quad-p \pi$ bonding. The successive decrease in $E$ on replacement of halogen by phenyl in the series $\left(C_{6} H_{5}\right){ }_{3-n} \mathrm{BX}_{\mathrm{n}}$ ( $\mathrm{n}=0,1,2$ ) was rationalised by proposing an increased steric interaction causing the phenyl groups to be twisted out-of-plane relative to the boron atom with concomitant reduction in resonance stabilisation. 99 Support for the above conclusion comes from a spectroscopic study of all the phenylhaloboranes of the type, $\left(C_{6} H_{5}\right)_{3-n} B X_{n},(n=1,2$ and $X=F, C l$, $\mathrm{Br}, \mathrm{I})$. The same study also shows that the structure of $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{BF}_{2}$ and of $\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{2} \mathrm{BF}$ are distinctly different from those of the other halides. 101

Several methyl substituted aryldichloroboranes and aryldifluoroboranes have been studied using dipole moment measurements, N.M.R., I.R., and U.V. spectroscopy ${ }^{102}$ and the conclusion drawn that the majority of data indicated the presence of considerable carbon-boron $\pi$ bonding.

Molecular orbital calculations of the $\pi$ electronic structures of $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{BCl}_{2}{ }^{103}$ and $\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{2} \mathrm{BCl}{ }^{104}$ show that the electron density on boron mainly originates from the halogen orbitals and that the contribution from the phenyl ring(s) is small.

The present thermochemical study on mesityldichloroborane, ortho-, meta-, and para-tolyldichloroboranes investigates the steric and electronic influence of the methyl substituent (s) in the aromatic ring on $E(B-C)$. Results of previous studies 99,100 indicate that in the case of these molecules, methyl groups positioned ortho to the $-\mathrm{BCl}_{2}$ group should cause a decrease in $E(B-C)$ whilst para-methyl groups should cause little change (relative to $E(B-C)$ in phenyldichloroborane).

## Experimental Results

## I. Calorimetry

Generally arylboron compounds readily deboronate to aromatic hydroxy compounds and orthoboric acid with hydrogen peroxide in a basic medium ${ }^{105,}$ 106,107, and this reaction (4.1) was used to determine the standard heats of formation of the arylhaloboranes. The calorimetric fluid used was an aqueous solution $0.1 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}$ with respect to $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}$ and $1.00 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}{ }^{-3}$ with respect to NaOH (this mixture designated aqueous excess base and abbreviated a.e.b.)

$$
\mathrm{ArBCl}_{2}(1)+\left[\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}+2 \mathrm{NaOH}\right] \mathrm{a} \cdot \mathrm{e} \cdot \mathrm{~b} \cdot=\left[\mathrm{ArOH}+\mathrm{B}(\mathrm{OH})_{3}+2 \mathrm{NaCl}\right] \mathrm{a} \cdot \mathrm{e} \cdot \mathrm{~b} \cdot \quad(4 \cdot 1)
$$

and therefore:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}\left[\mathrm{ArBCl}_{2}, 1\right] & =\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}[\mathrm{ArOH}, \mathrm{a} \cdot \mathrm{e} \cdot \mathrm{~b} \cdot]+\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}\left[\mathrm{~B}(\mathrm{OH})_{3}, \mathrm{a} \cdot \mathrm{e} \cdot \mathrm{~b} \cdot\right]+2 \Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}[\mathrm{NaCl}, \text { a.e.b. }] \\
& -2 \Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}[\mathrm{NaOH}, \mathrm{a} \cdot \mathrm{e} \cdot \mathrm{~b} \cdot]-\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}\left[\mathrm{H}_{2}{ }_{2}, \mathrm{a} \cdot \mathrm{e} \cdot \mathrm{~b} \cdot\right]-\Delta \mathrm{H}
\end{aligned}
$$

Quantities of the aryldichloroboranes were chosen such that both peroxide and base were in excess. The para-isomer was studied at 303.15 K where the sample is liquid and no correction of the results to 298.15 K was made.

Table 4.1
Enthalpies of reaction for equation 4.1

| N | $-\triangle \mathrm{H} / \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}{ }^{-1}$ | N | $-\Delta \mathrm{H} / \mathrm{kJ}$ mol |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{Ar}=\mathrm{C} \\ & \text { (ortho } \end{aligned}$ |  | $\mathrm{Ar}=:$ <br> (para |  |
| 28812 | 720.9 | 25431 | 686.2 |
| 23760 | 723.4 | 20269 | 677.8 |
| 35540 | 724.2 | 32499 | 679.9 |
| 23269 | 720.0 | 24028 | 687.0 |
| 42414 | 715.5 | 28115 | 685.3 |
| 28182 | 715.0 | 26159 | 686.? |
| 25671 | 722.2 | 28879 | 678.2 |
| 30727 | 716.7 | 20508 | 675.7 |
| 30341 | 716.3 | 30054 | 674.9 |
| 29230 | 718.4 |  |  |
| 32387 | 720.9 | at |  |
| $<-\Delta H$ |  | $<-\triangle H$ |  |
| $\mathrm{Ar}=$ <br> (meta |  | $\mathrm{Ar}=2$ <br> (mesit | $\mathrm{H}_{2}(1)$ |
| 27847 | 714.6 | 30861 | 686.2 |
| 28490 | 706.7 | 29317 | 692.4 |
| 28785 | 706.7 | 28490 | 692.9 |
| 28503 | 719.2 | 27708 | 687.8 |
| 23540 | 718.0 | 24801 | 689.9 |
| 26205 | 705.4 | 29709 | 684.5 |
| 23741 | 715.0 | 29010 | 687.0 |
| 23588 | 713.8 | 24857 | 687.8 |
|  |  | 24857 | 690.8 |
| $\langle-\Delta \mathrm{H}\rangle=712.5 \pm 3.8$ |  | $\langle-\Delta \mathrm{H}\rangle=688.7 \pm 1.9$ |  |

The enthalpies of mixing of the products in all of the calorimetric reactions were assumed to be zero and the enthalpies of solution of $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}, \mathrm{NaCl}$ and NaOH in a.e.b. were assumed to be equal to the corresponding values in water. The thermal effect of the catalysis of the decomposition of hydrogen peroxide by base is known to be negligible. The enthalpies of reaction (equation 4.1 ) are given in Table 4.1; the enthalpies of neutralisation of mesityldichloroborane and meta-tolyldichloroborane were determined in the same calorimeter. (Table 4.2).

## Table 4.2

Enthalpies of neutralisation for $\operatorname{ArOH}(\mathrm{c}$ orl $)+$ a.e.b. $=[\mathrm{ArOH}, \mathrm{a} \cdot \mathrm{e} \cdot \mathrm{b} \cdot]$

| N | $-\triangle \mathrm{H} / \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{Ar}=\mathrm{m}^{-1}$ | $-\mathrm{CH}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4}(1)$ | N | $\mathrm{Ar}=2,4,6\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{6}(\mathrm{c})$ |
| 1348 | 28.5 | 1372 | 13.4 |
| 1515 | 28.7 | 1247 | 13.4 |
| 958 | 28.7 | 1182 | 12.6 |
| 829 | 28.7 | 1162 | 13.0 |
| $\langle-\Delta \mathrm{H}\rangle=28.7 \pm 0.1$ | $<-\Delta \mathrm{H}\rangle=13.0 \pm 0.4$ |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |

## II. Tensimetry

The enthalpies of vaporisation of meta-tolyldichloroborane and mesityldichloroborane were determined using the procedure described in Chapter I, F and Chapter III (in experimental results section). The measurements are set out in Table 4.3.

## Table 4.3

$$
\text { Vapour-pressure measurements of } \mathrm{ArBCl}_{2}(1)
$$

| Temperature K | Reading V | Correction V | Corrected reading V | Pressure Torr |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{Ar}=$ meta-tolyl |  |  |  |  |
| 343.15 | $+0.310$ | +0.410 | +0.720 | 64.6 |
| 348.15 | +0.664 | +0.455 | +1.119 | 85.0 |
| 353.15 | +1.114 | +0.485 | +1.599 | 110.5 |
| 358.15 | +1.657 | $+0.512$ | +2.163 | 140.5 |
| Ar = mesityl |  |  |  |  |
| 338.15 | -0.363 | +0.378 | +0.015 | 26.5 |
| 348.15 | -0.114 | +0.455 | +0.331 | 43.0 |
| 358.15 | $+0.320$ | +0.512 | +0.832 | 69.5 |

III
Differential scanning calorimetry (D.S.C.)
The enthalpy of fusion of para-tolyldichloroborane (mp 300.15 K) was determined and calculated as described in Chapter I, E. Three separate samples were run and the average area of several scans from each sample was used in the calculation of results. The enthalpy of fusion was found to be $4.39 \pm 0.13 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$, where the uncertainty interval quoted is the range of the determinations and includes a calibration error.

IV N.M.R. spectra
'H n.m.r. spectra of ortho-tolyldichloroborane and para-tolyldichloroborane used in the determination of the meta-isomer concentration (Chapter II, II) are shown in Figure 4.1.

figure 4.1

## Results

## I Standard heats of formation

The following standard heats of formation were calculated using equation 4.2, the appropriate $-\Delta H$ value (Table 4.1) and the ancillary data in Table 4.5. The term ( $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}[\mathrm{NaCl}$, a.e.b. $]-\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{0}[\mathrm{NaOH}$, a.e.b. $]$ reduces to $\left(\Delta H_{f}^{0}\left[\mathrm{Cl}^{-}\right.\right.$,aq. $]-\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{0}\left[\mathrm{OH}^{-}\right.$, aq. $]$and the value for $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}\left[\mathrm{B}(\mathrm{OH})_{3}, \mathrm{c}\right]$ is the mean of two reliable determinations. 108, 109

Table 4.4
Standard enthalpies of formation of $\mathrm{ArBCl}_{2}(1)$

| Compound | $-\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{o}} / \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{o}^{-1} \mathrm{CH}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2}(1)$ | $300.7 \pm 2.5$ |
| $\mathrm{~m}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2}(1)$ | $309.8 \pm 4.1$ |
| ${\mathrm{p}-\mathrm{CH}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2}(1)}_{2,4,6,\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{2} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2}(1)}$ | $334.8 \pm 3.6$ |

Table 4.5
Ancillary thermochemical data

| Compound (state) | $-\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}} / \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}{ }^{-1}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{B}(\mathrm{OH})_{3}(\mathrm{c})$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1094.0 \pm 0.8^{108} \text { and } 1095.0 \pm 1.3 \\ & \text { mean }=1094.5 \pm 1.2 \end{aligned}$ |
| $\mathrm{B}(\mathrm{OH})_{3}, \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{e} . \mathrm{b}$. | $1116.5 \pm 1.2^{1 \uparrow 0}$ |
| [ $\mathrm{Cl}^{-}$, aq - $\mathrm{OH}^{-}$,aq] | $-62.83{ }^{111}$ |
| $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}, \mathrm{aq}$ | $191.2^{111}$ |
| - $-\mathrm{CH}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2}$, a.e.b. | $220.5 \pm 1.1^{112,113}$ |
| $\mathrm{m}-\mathrm{CH}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2}$, a.e.b. | $222.7 \pm 1.1112$, this work |
| $\mathrm{p}-\mathrm{CH}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{BCl}_{2}$, a.e.b. | $216.4 \pm 0.9^{112,113}$ |
| $2,4,6,\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3} \cdot{ }_{6} \mathrm{H}_{2} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2}, \mathrm{a} \cdot \mathrm{e} \cdot \mathrm{~b} \text {. }$ | $284.9 \pm 4.2{ }^{113}$ |

The enthalpies of vaporisation of $\mathrm{m}-\mathrm{CH}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2}$ and $2,4,6,\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{2} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2}$ were calculated from the data in Table 4.3. These data are represented in the form $\log _{10} \mathrm{P} /$ Torr $=\frac{\mathrm{a}-\frac{\mathrm{b}}{\mathrm{T}} / \mathrm{K}}{}$, where a and b were obtained from a leastsquares analysis. For meta-tolyldichloroborane $a=9.90$ and $b=2.776 \times 10^{-3}$ and for mesityldichloroborane $a=8.91$ and $b=2.533 \times 10^{-3}$. The enthalpies of vaporisation of the four aryldichloroboranes are collected in Table 4.6.

Table 4.6
Enthalpies of vaporisation of $\mathrm{ArBCl}_{2}(1)$

| Compound | $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{vap}}^{\mathrm{O}} \cdot \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $0-\mathrm{CH}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2}$ | $46.9 \pm 0.9^{113}$ |
| $\mathrm{~m}_{-\mathrm{CH}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2}}$ | $55.2 \pm 2.6$ |
| ${\mathrm{p}-\mathrm{CH}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2}}^{2,4,6\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{2} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2}}$ | $40.7 \pm 1.3^{113}$ |

The enthalpies of formation of the aryldichloroboranes in the gaseous state were calculated from the respective enthalpies of formation and transition; these are collected in Table 4.7.

## Table 4.7

Enthalpies of formation and transition of $\mathrm{ArBCl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}{ }^{-1}\right)$

| Compound | $\Delta H_{f}^{O}(\mathrm{c})$ | $\Delta H_{f}^{O}(\mathrm{c} \rightarrow 1) \Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}(\mathrm{l})$ | $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}(\mathrm{l} \rightarrow \mathrm{g})$ | $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}(\mathrm{g})$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | - | -300.7 | $46.9 \pm 0.9$ | $-253.8 \pm 2.7$ |
| $\mathrm{m}_{-\mathrm{CH}_{3}} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2}$ | - | -309.8 | $55.2 \pm 2.6$ | $-254 \cdot 6 \pm 4 \cdot 7$ |
| $\mathrm{p}-\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2}$ | $-339.2 \pm$ | 4.39 $\pm 0.13^{*}-334$. | $40 \cdot 7 \pm 1.3$ | $-294.1 \pm 3.8$ |
| $2,4,6,\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{BCl}_{2}$ |  | -395.8 | $51.5 \pm 2.6$ | $-344 \cdot 3 \pm 5 \cdot 3$ |

* mp 300.15 K


## II. Bond-energy terms

The boron-carbon bond energy in the arylhalogenoboranes, $\mathrm{ArBCl}_{2}$, is defined in equations 4.3 and 4.4:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \quad \mathrm{ArBCl}_{2}(\mathrm{~g})=\mathrm{Ar}(\mathrm{~g})+\mathrm{B}(\mathrm{~g})+2 \mathrm{Cl}(\mathrm{~g}) \quad \ldots \quad \Delta \mathrm{H} \\
& \text { where } \Delta \mathrm{H}=2 \mathrm{~F}(\mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{Cl})+\mathrm{E}(\mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C})
\end{aligned}
$$

The difference in the bond energies for the ortho- and para- isomers is given in equations $4.5,4.6$ and 4.7 below:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{E}(\mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C})_{\mathrm{p}}-\mathrm{E}(\mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C})_{\mathrm{o}}=\Delta \mathrm{H} \text { (para isomer) }-\Delta \mathrm{H} \text { (ortho isomer) (4.5) } \\
& =\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}\left[\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{CH}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2}, \mathrm{~g}\right]-\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}\left[\mathrm{p}-\mathrm{CH}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2}, \mathrm{~g}\right] \\
& +\left(\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}\left[\mathrm{p}-\mathrm{CH}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot, \mathrm{~g}\right]-\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}\left[\mathrm{o}-\mathrm{CH}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot, \mathrm{~g}\right]\right) \\
& \approx \Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}\left[\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{CH}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{BCl}_{2}, \mathrm{~g}\right]-\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}\left[\mathrm{p}-\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2}, g\right] \quad \ldots \quad \text { (4.7) }
\end{aligned}
$$

Equating the term in parentheses in (4.6) to zero is equivalent to equating the carbon-to-ortho hydrogen bond dissociation energy to the carbon-to-para hydrogen bond dissociation energy in toluene. There is no direct evidence ${ }^{114,115}$ to support this above assumption, but it is likely that the steric effect of a methyl group on an ortho-hydrogen is small and that the difference in the electronic effect of the methyl group on the ortho- and para- hydrogens is similarly small. The assumption is probably valid to within $\pm 4 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1} \cdot \mathrm{E}(\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{C})_{\mathrm{p}}-\mathrm{E}(\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{C})_{0}=$ $40.3 \pm 4.7 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$ and using similar assumptions as above for the meta-isomer, $\mathrm{E}(\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{C})_{\mathrm{p}}-\mathrm{E}(\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{C})_{\mathrm{m}}=39.7 \pm 5.3 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}{ }^{-1}$.

In order to derive explicit values for the boron-carbon bond energies rather than their difference, it is necessary to estimate $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}\left[\mathrm{CH}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot, \mathrm{~g}\right]$. If the assumption is made that $\mathrm{D}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}-\mathrm{H}\right) \approx \mathrm{D}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4}-\mathrm{H}\right)$, this function is readily obtained from equation 4.8:
$\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}\left[\mathrm{CH}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot, \mathrm{~g}\right]=\mathrm{D}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}-\mathrm{H}\right)^{116}-\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}[\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{g}]^{117}+\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}\left[\mathrm{CH}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}, \mathrm{~g}\right]^{111} \ldots$ (4.8). In support of this second assumption, gas-phase kinetic studies ${ }^{118}$ indicate $\mathrm{D}\left(\mathrm{CF}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4}-\mathrm{H}\right)=456 \pm 10 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$, a figure close to the accepted value 116 for $D\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}-\mathrm{H}\right)=460 \pm 8 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}{ }^{-1}$. It is probable that $-\mathrm{CF}_{3}$ will have a more marked influence on the ring $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}$ bond energies than $-\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ so the assumption is most likely valid to within the difference between $\mathrm{D}\left(\mathrm{CF}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4}^{-\mathrm{H}}\right)$ and $\mathrm{D}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}-\mathrm{H}\right)$, i.e. $\pm 4 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}{ }^{-1}$. $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}\left[2,4,6,\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right.$. $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{3}, g$ ] is not available and the standard enthalpy of formation of $2,4,6\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{2} \cdot(\mathrm{~g})$ was estimated as indicated below (4.9):

$$
\begin{aligned}
\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}\left[2,4,6\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{2} \cdot, \mathrm{~g}\right]= & \Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}\left[2,4,6\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{2} \cdot \mathrm{OH}, \mathrm{~g}\right]^{113}-\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}[\mathrm{OH}, g]^{111} \\
& +\mathrm{H}\left(\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{Ar}}-\mathrm{OH}\right)^{116,119}
\end{aligned}
$$

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Ancillary data required to calculate $\mathrm{E}(\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{C})$ in $\mathrm{ArBCl}_{2}$ (equation 4.10) is contained in Table 4.8.

Table 4.8
Ancillary thermochemical data

| Species | $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}} / \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| ${ }^{-}-\mathrm{CH}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot(\mathrm{~g})$ | $292 \pm 8$ |
| $\mathrm{m}^{-\mathrm{CH}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot(\mathrm{~g})}$ | $292 \pm 8$ |
| $\mathrm{p}-\mathrm{CH}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{CO}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot(\mathrm{~g})$ | $292 \pm 8$ |
| 2,4,6, $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{2} \cdot(\mathrm{~g})$ | $231 \pm 10$ |
| B (g) | $555.6 \pm 16.7^{120}$ |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(\mathrm{g})$ | $121.0 \pm 0.1^{120}$ |
| $\mathrm{E}(\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{Cl})$ | $440.1^{120}$ |

The required bond-energies were calculated using
$E(B-C)=\Delta H_{f}^{O}[A r, g]+\Delta H_{f}^{O}[B, g]+2 \Delta H_{f}^{O}[C l, g]-2 E(B-C l)-\Delta H_{f}^{O}\left[\mathrm{ArBCl}_{2}, g\right] \ldots(4 \cdot 10)$

Table 4.9
Boron-carbon bond energies in $\mathrm{ArBCl}_{2}$ (eqn. 4.10)

| Compound | $\mathrm{E}(\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{C})^{*} / \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $0-\mathrm{CH}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2}$ | $463 \pm 10$ |
| $\mathrm{~m}_{-1} \mathrm{CH}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2}$ | $463 \pm 10$ |
| $\mathrm{p}-\mathrm{CH}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2}$ | $504 \pm 10$ |
| $2,4,6,\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{2} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2}$ | $491 \pm 12$ |

* The major part of the error in these values is from $\Delta H_{f}^{O}[B, g]$ and $\Delta H_{f}^{O}[$ aryl radical, g]; the differences between appropriate values will lead to error cancellation.

A mass spectroscopic study of photoionisation yields from $\mathrm{B}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{4}$ and $\mathrm{BCl}_{3}$ gives $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}\left[\mathrm{BCl}_{2}, \mathrm{~g}\right]=-61 \pm 5 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}{ }^{-1}$. Using this result it is possible to calculate bond dissocation energies in the aryldichloroboranes which do not include the implicit assumption of bond-energy transferability as do the bond-energy calculations described above. The same trends are observed in the bond dissociation energy results although the absolute magnitudes differ. (Table 4.10).

Table 4.10
Bond dissociation energies in $\mathrm{ArBCl}_{2}$

| Compound | $D\left(\mathrm{Aryl}-\mathrm{BCl}_{2}\right) / \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $0-\mathrm{CH}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2}$ | $485 \pm 10$ |
| $\mathrm{~m}_{-\mathrm{CH}}^{3}$ • $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2}$ | $485 \pm 10$ |
| $\mathrm{p}-\mathrm{CH}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2}$ | $525 \pm 10$ |
| $2,4,6,\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6}^{\mathrm{H}}, \mathrm{BCl}_{2} 514 \pm 12$ |  |

Discussion

In order to discuss the significance of the above derived bond energies, it is necessary to examine the nature of the B-C bond in detail, and in particular, the question of $B-C \pi$ bonding.

## I. Bonding considerations

Boron trihalides, which may be considered the parent molecules for the arylhaloboranes, are known to have a planar structure, $\left(D_{3 L}\right)$ in the gaseous phase, and the observed bond lengths in each halide differ significantly from the sum of the covalent single-bond radii. Several different kinds of experimental evidence ${ }^{98}$ support the "partial double-bond character" in the boron-halogen bond and this simple generalisation assists in the correlation of a broad spectrum of properties. Accordingly, the trihalide molecule may be considered to have a structure, $\mathrm{X}_{\mathrm{X}}^{\delta_{+}}$with
the partial double-bond and single-bonds resonating among the three equivalent positions, the extent of $p \pi \sim p \pi$ donation depending, inter alia, X.

It is reasonable to assume that similar $p \pi-p \pi$ bonding will occur in the aryldichloroboranes. The extant literature ${ }^{122-125}$ suggests that although $\mathrm{p} \pi-\mathrm{p} \pi$ donation probably occurs in the boron-halogen bond in the aryldichloroboranes, the main contribution to electron density on the electrophilic boron atom comes from $p \pi-p \pi$ bonding in the boron-carbon bond. A commoner form is the quinoid type structure, Cl and the contribution of these structures is supported by the large dipole moment in $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{BCl}_{2}^{126}$ (3.07D).

The proton magnetic resonance of all phenylhaloboranes ${ }^{101}$ are typical of a monosubstituted benzene ring in which substituents are electron withdrawing. Two groups of peaks are observed, the area of which
integrates to a low field/high field ratio of $2 / 3$. The two less shielded protons are those in the ortho-position to the dihaloborane group. For methyl substituted boranes, ${ }^{102}$ the shift of the ortho-protons show a dependence on the position of the second substituent in the ring giving an order of increasing $\delta \mathrm{H}$ values, meta<para<ortho (where 'meta', 'para' and 'ortho' refer to the position of the second substituent). A similar correlation for the meta/para proton multiplets gives an order of increasing $\delta H$ values, para<ortho<meta. The methyl proton resonances are positioned in order of increasing electron density (decreasing $\delta \mathrm{H}$ ) as $\mathrm{o}-\mathrm{CH}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2}<\mathrm{p}-\mathrm{CH}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2}<\mathrm{m}-\mathrm{CH}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2} \cdot$

In summary, the nature of the bonding in the aryldichloroboranes is that boron-carbon $\pi$ bonding will be important and the extent of this bonding will be a function of the electron withdrawing or electronreleasing properties of the aryl ring.
II. Bond-energies in related molecules and ${ }^{11}$ B n.m.r. spectra

Data are available 99,100 for the boron-carbon bond energy in triphenylborane, tricyclohexylborane, diphenylchloroborane and phenyldichloroborane. Table 4.11 lists updated values from reference 127.

Table 4.11
Boron-carbon bond energies in $\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{3-n} \mathrm{BCl}_{n}(\mathrm{n}=0,1,2)$
and tri (cyclohexyl) borane

| Compound | $\mathrm{E}(\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{C}) / \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2}$ | $508 \pm 10^{*}$ |
| $\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{2} \mathrm{BCl}$ | $485 \pm 10^{*}$ |
| $\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{3} \mathrm{~B}$ | $462 \pm 10$ |
| $\left(\mathrm{c}-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{11}\right)_{3} \mathrm{~B}$ | $370 \pm 12$ |

* evaluated assuming that $E(B-C l)$ in these molecules is equal to $\mathrm{E}(\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{Cl})$ in $\mathrm{BCl}_{3}$.

Two noteworthy features of these data are firstly, the wide divergence of the boron-carbon (aliphatic) bond-energy from the boron-carbon(aromatic) bond-energy and secondly, the reduction in the bond-energy with successive phenyl group substitution. These data will be discussed in conjunction with the results for the aryldichloroboranes.

The ${ }^{11}$ B resonances of some boron compounds ${ }^{128}$ are compared in Table 4.12.

Table 4.12
${ }^{11}$ B chemical shifts in some boron compounds

| Compound | ${ }^{11} \mathrm{~B} / \mathrm{ppm}$ | Compound | ${ }^{11} \mathrm{~B} / \mathrm{ppm}$ | Compound | $11_{\mathrm{B}} / \mathrm{ppm}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3} \mathrm{~B}$ | -86.2 | $\left(\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{3} \mathrm{~B}$ | -86.5 | $\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{3} \mathrm{~B}$ | $-60 \pm 4$ |
| $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{BCl}$ | -77.2 | $\left(\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{2} \mathrm{BCl}$ | -78.0 | $\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{2} \mathrm{BCl}$ | -61.0 |
| $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{BCl}_{2}$ | -62.3 | $\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{BCl}_{2}$ | -63.4 | $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{BCl}_{2}$ | -54.8 |
| $\mathrm{BCl}_{3}$ | -45.6 | $\mathrm{BCl}_{3}$ | -45.6 | $\mathrm{BCl}_{3}$ | -45.6 |

$$
\delta=\frac{H_{B}-H_{r}}{H_{r}} \times 10^{6}, \mathrm{BF}_{3}: O\left(C_{2} H_{5}\right)_{2}, \delta=0
$$

Of interest is the effect of the phenyl groups in triphenylborane compared with triethylborane and trimethylborane; the resonance effect of the phenyl groups permits greater shielding and a shift to higher field.

## Bond-energies in the arylhaloboranes

For brevity the available data are tabulated in Table 4.13.

Table 4.13
Summary of bond-energy values ( kJ mol ${ }^{-1}$ )

| Compound | $E(\mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C})$ | Compound | $E(\mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C})$ |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $0-\mathrm{CH}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2}$ | $463 \pm 10$ | $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2}$ | $508 \pm 10$ |
| $\mathrm{~m}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2}$ | $463 \pm{ }^{ \pm} 0$ | $\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{2} \mathrm{BCl}$ | $485 \pm 10$ |
| $\mathrm{p}-\mathrm{CH}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2}$ | $504 \pm 10$ | $\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{3} \mathrm{~B}$ | $462 \pm 10$ |
| $2,4,6,\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{2} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2}$ | $491 \pm 12$ | $\left(\mathrm{c}-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{11}\right)_{3} \mathrm{~B}$ | $370 \pm 12$ |

These data show that the difference in bond-energies in the methyl substituted aryldichloroboranes lie approximately in the range observed for phenyldichloroborane and the progressively substituted phenylhaloboranes. The wide divergence of the boron-carbon (aliphatic) and the boron-carbon (aromatic) bond-energies similarly applies. Bond-length shortening is observed in boron-carbon (aromatic) bonds, e.g. $\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{C}$ in $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{BCl}_{2}{ }^{122}=0.152 \mathrm{~nm}$ and in $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3} \mathrm{~B}^{129}=0.156 \mathrm{~nm}$; this correlates with the above bond-energy data. It is tacitly assumed that the boron-halogen bond strength remains constant in the phenylhaloboranes and the aryldihaloboranes and that the observed variation in $E(B-C)$ is due to the influence of the aromatic moiety. This is probably justified as the B-Cl bond length varies little with environment, ${ }^{130}$ e.g. in $\mathrm{BCl}_{3}, 0.173 \pm 0.002 \mathrm{~nm}$ and $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{BCl}_{2}$, $0.172 \pm 0.003 \mathrm{~nm}$.

The difference between the boron-carbon bond energy in
$\mathrm{p}-\mathrm{CH}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2}$ and $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{BCl}_{2}$ is $4 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}{ }^{-1}$ which is within experimental
error and so is not significant. Accepting the validity of the assumptions discussed above and the transferability of the B-Cl bondenergy from $\mathrm{BCl}_{3}$ to $\mathrm{ArBCl}_{2}$, this implies that the electronic effect of a para-methyl substituent on the B-C bond-energy in the aryldichloroboranes is negligible. Phenyldichloroborane is planar by electrondiffraction ${ }^{122}$ and by analogy the structure of $\mathrm{p}-\mathrm{CH}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2}$ would probably also be planar. At most, the effect of a para-methyl group would be to augment the B-C bond-energy slightly through hyperconjugation. 97

The B-C bond-energy in the ortho-isomer is some $40 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$ less than both $\mathrm{p}-\mathrm{CH}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2}$ and $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2}$; this is significant and reflects the steric effect of an ortho-methyl substituent. Spectroscopic evidence indicates that in diphenylhaloboranes, ${ }^{101}$ the two phenyl groups are twisted out-of-plane relative to the $C_{2} B$ skeleton and this would reduce ring-ring steric interaction at the expense of resonance stabilisation. Further, there is evidence that in triphenylborane the three phenyl rings are twisted $\approx 45^{\circ}$ from the $C_{3} B$ plane ${ }^{131}$ and this would lessen resonance stabilisation more so. The $\mathrm{E}(\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{C})$ values for $\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right) \mathrm{BCl}_{2} \mathrm{BCl}$ and $\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{3} \mathrm{~B}$ of 485 and $462 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}{ }^{-1}$ respectively reflect these trends. Similarly, it is probable that in ortho $-\mathrm{CH}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2}$, the $-\mathrm{BCl}_{2}$ group is twisted out of the ring plane to minimise steric interaction resulting in loss of $p \pi-p \pi$ character in the $B-C$ bond.

In mesityldichloroborane there are two methyl groups flanking the dichloroborane group. However, the steric effect of the 'șecond' methyl group would not be added to that of the first inasmuch that rotation of the $-\mathrm{BCl}_{2}$ group away from the plane of symmetry (ring plane) would result in an equivalent 'space' being formed to accommodate this group. The observed increase from 463 to $491 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$ (i.e. from ortho-
tolyl to mesityl-dichloroborane) could arise from the input of electron density into the B-C bond from the 'second' methyl group relative to the hydrogen atom in the ortho-isomer. The para-methyl group would not be expected to influence the boron-carbon bond energy.

The proportionately low value of $E(B-C)$ in the meta-isomer indiciates that the meta-methyl group inhibits the stabilisation of the quinoid structure describing the aryldihaloboranes to the extent that the B-C bond strength approaches that in $\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{3} \mathrm{~B}$ where there is minimum resonance stabilisation.

Indirect evidence for the nature of the bonding in arylhaloboranes comes from the study of $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{BF}_{2}$ and $\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right){ }_{2} \mathrm{BF} .101$ Additionally, $1_{H}$ n.m.r. evidence ${ }^{102}$ supports the picture that a fluorine atom may more easily $\pi$-bond to boron than a chlorine atom. Thus, the boron atom requires less electron density to be abstracted from the aryl ring in the fluoroboranes than in the chloroboranes to satisfy its electrophilic character.

Mass spectral data ${ }^{101}$ indicates that in phenyldifluoroborane the boron-carbon bond is readily cleaved and the $-\mathrm{BF}_{2}$ group is left intact. In contrast, the spectrum of phenyldichloroborane indicates ready loss of HCl from the parent molecule. An analogous situation is noted in the spectrum of phenyldibromoborane $\left(E(B-C)^{99}=494 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}\right.$, cf. $\mathrm{E}(\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{C})$ in $\left.\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{BCl}_{2}=508 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}\right)$.

Many examples of bond weakening have been attributed to steric effects 119 but the magnitudes have only been a few kJ , hardly enough to distinguish them from zero point energy corrections or other small effects. However, in this study the differences noted are somewhat larger (between 15 and 46 kJ mol ) and therefore reflect more accurately changes in the B-C bond strength between isomers.

# CHAPTER V <br> The Synthesis and Some Thermodynamic Functions <br> of Rubidium and Caesium Tetrachloroborates 

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## Introduction

In contrast to the ready preparation of tetrafluoroborates, the corresponding tetrachloroborates have proved difficult to isolate and were not characterised until 1957 when pyridinium tetrachloroborate was prepared. 132 Subsequently, autoclave syntheses ${ }^{133}$ at 773 K of $\mathrm{M}^{\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{BCl}}^{4}}(\mathrm{M}=\mathrm{Cs}, \mathrm{Rb}$ and K$)$ from MCl and $\mathrm{BCl}_{3}$ provided clear evidence of the existence of alkali-metal salts although the purity of the products obtained was low $\approx 90$ per cent. This synthetic route was modified later ${ }^{51}$ by inclusion of a nitrobenzene solvent when smooth reactions proceeded at $\approx 373 \mathrm{~K}$. The maximum purity of $\mathrm{CsBCl}_{4}$ isolated using this procedure was 97.5 per cent but the potassium salt was considerably less pure. Sodium chloride was quantitatively recovered, without even visible alteration of crystalline size, ${ }^{133}$ from a $\mathrm{NaCl}-\mathrm{BCl}_{3}$ sealed-tube reaction at 773 K , similarly, sodium chloride was precipitated by chloroform from a nitrobenzene:boron trichloride mixture. 51

The formation of chloroborates only by alkali-metal ions of low polarising power and the extreme hydrolytic instability suggest that the stability of the chloroborate lattice is marginal. Approximate measurements of the dissociation pressures of potassium, rubidium and caesium tetrachloroborates indicate that these chloroborates are more prone towards dissociation than the corresponding fluoroborates. 133 The thermochemical interest in the tetrachloroborates lies in the determination of the lattice energies of the alkali-metal salts and the standard enthalpy of formation of $\left[\mathrm{BCl}_{4}^{-}, \mathrm{g}\right]$. This ion occurs in several compounds whose thermodynamic properties are largely unknown, e.g. $\left[\mathrm{PCl}_{4}^{+}\right]\left[\mathrm{BCl}_{4}^{-}\right],\left[\mathrm{PCl}_{3} \mathrm{Br}^{+}\right]\left[\mathrm{BCl}_{4}^{-}\right]$.

This section describes the calorimetry of analytically pure samples of rubidium and caesium tetrachloroborates prepared using a modified synthetic procedure (Chapter II, section III). Some derived thermodynamic functions of each of the salts are discussed. The mechanism of formation of the alkali-metal tetrachloroborates has been studied using ${ }^{36} \mathrm{CD}$ as a radio tracer. It was concluded ${ }^{134}$ from reactions between $\mathrm{BCl}_{3}$ and labelled $\mathrm{M}^{36} \mathrm{CD}$, that exchange occurred between ionised solute and $\mathrm{BCl}_{3}$, i.e.

$$
{ }^{36} \mathrm{Cl}^{-}+\mathrm{BCl}_{3} \leftrightarrows \mathrm{BCl}_{3}{ }^{36} \mathrm{Cl}^{-}
$$

rather than by:

$$
\mathrm{M}^{36} \mathrm{CP}+\mathrm{BCl}_{3} \leftrightarrows \mathrm{MCl}+\mathrm{BCl}_{2}{ }^{36} \mathrm{Cl}
$$

Studies of halogen exchange in nitrobenzene solutions using ${ }^{11} \mathrm{~B}$ n.m.r. as probe, ${ }^{135}$ revealed that rapid halogen exchange occurred between the boron trihalide:nitrobenzene complex and the ionised metal salt:

$$
\mathrm{BX}_{3} \cdot \varnothing_{\mathrm{NO}_{2}}+\mathrm{X}^{-} \leftrightarrows \mathrm{BX}_{4}^{-}+\not \mathrm{NO}_{2}
$$

where $\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{Cl}, \mathrm{Br}$ and $\varnothing=\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}$. This was observed for both $\mathrm{BCl}_{3}$ complexed with $\mathrm{Cl}^{-}$and $\mathrm{BBr}_{3}$ complexed with $\mathrm{Br}^{-}$; in addition, exchange of $\mathrm{BBr}_{3} \cdot \phi \mathrm{NO}_{2}$ with chloride ion produced all possible ion combinations rapidly.

Experimental Results
The alkali-metal tetrachloroborates hydrolyse rapidly ${ }^{133}$ according to: $\mathrm{MBCl}_{4}(\mathrm{c})+(\mathrm{N}+3) \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(1)=\left[\mathrm{MCl}+\mathrm{B}(\mathrm{OH})_{3}+3 \mathrm{HCl}\right] \mathrm{N} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}($ soln. $) \ldots(5.1)$

The calorimetric fluid used was single distilled water and the enthalpies of reaction (5.1) are collected in Table 5.1. The mole ratios, $\mathbb{N}$, from equation 5.1 include a buoyancy correction for sample mass.

Table 5.1

Heats of hydrolysis of Rb and Cs tetrachloroborates

| N | $-\Delta \mathrm{H}(\mathrm{M}=\mathrm{Rb}) / \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}{ }^{-1}$ | N | $-\triangle H(M=C s) / k$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 11167 | 211.4 | 9721 | 197.9 |
| 14374 | 212.6 | 7754 | 198.9 |
| 14411 | 209.8 | 10394 | 199.0 |
| 9078 | 210.0 | 9004 | 199.7 |
| 9747 | 209.2 | 7068 | 200.0 |
| 9842 | 208.7 | 9815 | 199.0 |
| 12237 | 211.0 | 10725 | 199.0 |
| 7559 | 208.9 |  |  |
| 9004 | 209.2 |  |  |
| 10203 | 210.2 |  |  |
| $\langle-\Delta H\rangle=210.1 \pm 0.8$ |  | $\langle-\Delta \mathrm{H}\rangle=199.1 \pm 0.6$ |  |

Results
The standard enthalpies of formation were calculated from equation (5.2) using the ancillary data in Table 5.2; the enthalpies of mixing of the products was assumed to be zero. Ignoring the thermal effect of the different extent of dilution of the products introduces a maximum error of $0.1 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$.

Table 5.2
Ancillary thermochemical data

| Species | $-\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}} / \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{RbCl}, 10000 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | $418.08 \pm 0.1567,136$ |
| $\mathrm{CsCl}, 10000 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | $425.12 \pm 0.1567,136$ |
| $\mathrm{HCl}, 3300 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | $116.82 \pm 0.08137$ |
| $\mathrm{~B}(\mathrm{OH})_{3}, 10000 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | $1072.53 \pm 1.3^{68}$ |
| $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(1)$ | $285.83 \pm 0.04137$ |

Hence, $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}\left[\mathrm{RbBCl}_{4}, \mathrm{c}\right]=-923.5 \pm 1.6 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$
and $\quad \Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}\left[\mathrm{CsBCl}_{4}, \mathrm{c}\right]=-941.4 \pm 1.4 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$.

## Discussion

Heats of formation of two salts with a common anion may be used, 138 in combination with readily available ancillary data, to determine a 'thermochemical radius' for that anion. This permits estimation of the lattice energies of salts containing that anion via a derived equation 138,139 (Kapustinskii's equation). This method of estimation is only useful when crystallographic dimensions are not available and hence a more refined calculation ${ }^{138}$ of the lattice energy is not possible.

Thus:

$$
U_{0}=\frac{287.2 \mathrm{~V} 2+2-}{r_{c}+r_{a}}\left[1-\frac{0.345}{r_{c}+r_{a}}\right] 4.184 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}
$$

where $V=$ number of ions per molecule, $Z+$ and $Z-$ are the cationic and anionic charges respectively, and $r_{c}$ and $r_{a}$ are the cationic and anionic radii (the equation is written for $r_{c}$ and $r_{a}$ in $\AA$ ). For a uni-univalent salt equation (5.3) becomes,

$$
U_{o}=\frac{574.4}{r_{c}+r_{c}}\left[1-\frac{0.345}{r_{c}+r_{a}}\right] 4.184 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}
$$

therefore, only a knowledge of $r_{c}$ and $r_{a}$ is needed to estimate lattice energies. In considering the tetrachloroborates, the ionic radii of the alkali-metal cations are known and hence a 'thermochemical radius' may be ascribed to the complex anion, $\mathrm{BCl}_{4}{ }^{-}$, by the method described in Appendix IV (Yatsimirskii's method ${ }^{140}$ ).

Consider two salts $\mathrm{M}_{1} \mathrm{BCl}_{4}$ and $\mathrm{M}_{2} \mathrm{BCl}_{4}$.

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathrm{M}_{1} \mathrm{BCl}_{4}(\mathrm{c}) \rightarrow \mathrm{M}_{1}^{+}(\mathrm{g})+\mathrm{BCl}_{4}^{-}(\mathrm{g}) \quad \ldots \mathrm{U}_{1}+2 \mathrm{RT} \quad \ldots \tag{5.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

and $\mathrm{M}_{2} \mathrm{BCl}_{4}(\mathrm{c}) \rightarrow \mathrm{M}_{2}^{+}(\mathrm{g})+\mathrm{BCl}_{4}{ }^{-}(\mathrm{g}) \quad \cdots \mathrm{U}_{2}+2 \mathrm{RT} \quad \ldots$
$\therefore \mathrm{U}_{1}-\mathrm{U}_{2}=\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}^{\mathrm{O}}} \mathrm{M}_{1}^{+}(\mathrm{g})-\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}} \mathrm{M}_{2}^{+}(\mathrm{g})-\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}} \mathrm{M}_{1} \mathrm{BCl} 4$ (c) $+\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}} \mathrm{M}_{2} \mathrm{BCl}{ }_{4}(\mathrm{c})$
From equation (5.4) it follows that:


To solve for $\mathrm{r}_{\mathrm{BCl}_{4}}$-, equation (5.8) reduces to:
$0=r^{4}+2 r^{3}\left(m_{1}+m_{2}\right)+r^{2}\left[m_{1}{ }^{2}+m_{2}{ }^{2}+4 m_{1} m_{2}+c\left(m_{1}-m_{2}\right)\right]$
$+\mathrm{r}\left[2 \mathrm{~m}_{1}{ }^{2} \mathrm{~m}_{2}+2 \mathrm{~m}_{1} \mathrm{~m}_{2}{ }^{2}+\mathrm{c}\left(\mathrm{m}_{1}{ }^{2}-\mathrm{m}_{2}{ }^{2}\right)-0.69 \mathrm{c}\left(\mathrm{m}_{1}-\mathrm{m}_{2}\right)\right]$
$+\left[\mathrm{m}_{1}{ }^{2} \mathrm{~m}_{2}{ }^{2}+\mathrm{c}\left(\mathrm{m}_{1}{ }^{2} \mathrm{~m}_{2}-\mathrm{m}_{2}{ }^{2} \mathrm{~m}_{1}\right)+0.345 \mathrm{c}\left(\mathrm{m}_{2}{ }^{2}-\mathrm{m}_{1}{ }^{2}\right)\right] \quad \ldots$
where $m_{1}$ and $m_{2}$ equal $r_{M_{1}}+$ and $r_{M_{2}}+$ respectively, the ionic radii of cations, $r=r_{\mathrm{BCl}_{4}}$ which is the 'thermochemical radius' of the anion, and
$c=\frac{574.4}{U_{1}-U_{2}} . \quad$ By calculating $U_{1}-U_{2}$ from equation (5.7) the
'thermochemical radius' of the $\mathrm{BCl}_{4}{ }^{-}$ion can be found from equation (5.9). The input data required for the calculation of $\mathrm{r}_{\mathrm{BCl}_{4}}-$ are listed in Tables 5.3 and 5.4.

## Table 5.3

Thermochemical input data

| Compound, species | $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{0} / \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}$ |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{Rb}^{+1}(\mathrm{~g})$ | ionic radius $/ \mathrm{nm}$ |  |
| $\mathrm{Cs}^{+}(\mathrm{g})$ | $487.8 \pm 4$ | $0.148^{141}$ |
| $\mathrm{RbBCl}_{4}(\mathrm{c})$ | $458.5 \pm 4$ | $0.169^{141}$ |
| $\mathrm{CsBCI}_{4}(\mathrm{c})$ | $-923.5 \pm 1.6$ |  |

Table 5.4
Thermochemical data for $\mathrm{Rb}^{+}(\mathrm{g})$ and $\mathrm{Cs}^{+}(\mathrm{g})$

| Species $\Delta H_{\text {sub }} / \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ | I.P. $/ \mathrm{eV}$ | $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{0} / \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}$ |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{Rb}(\mathrm{g})$ | $79.5 \pm 4^{142}$ | $4.176^{144}$ | $487.8 \pm 4^{*}$ |
| $\mathrm{Cs}(\mathrm{g})$ | $76.7 \pm 4^{143}$ | $3.893^{144}$ | $458.5 \pm 4^{*}$ |

* See Appendix IV for conversion of I.P. (at 0 K ) to $\Delta H_{f}^{O}$ at 298.15 K .

One main source of error in the calculation of $r_{\mathrm{BCl}_{4}}$ - arises in $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}} \mathrm{Rb}^{+}(\mathrm{g})$ and $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}} \mathrm{Cs}^{+}(\mathrm{g})$ which themselves arise from the uncertainty in the heats of sublimation of Rb and Cs . Hence the resulting thermochemical radius has a large error; $\mathrm{r}_{\mathrm{BCl}_{4}}-=0.45 \pm 0.145 \mathrm{~nm}$.

From covalent bond lengths and van der Waal's radii, the radii of circumscribing spheres for $\mathrm{BCl}_{4}^{-}$and $\mathrm{BF}_{4}^{-}$may be estimated as 0.35 and 0.28 nm respectively, (Table 5.5).

Table 5.5
Calculation of circumscribing radii

| Bond, radius | Iength/nm |
| :--- | :--- |
| $B-F\left(\mathrm{sp}^{3}, \mathrm{~B}\right)$ | $0.142^{145}$ |
| $\mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{Cl}\left(\mathrm{sp}^{3}, \mathrm{~B}\right)$ | $0.183^{146}$ |
| $\mathrm{~F}($ van der Waals $)$ | $0.135^{141}$ |
| $\mathrm{Cl}($ van der Waals $)$ | $0.180^{141}$ |

It has been demonstrated ${ }^{147}$ that for a series of ions of similar structure (e.g. in the tetrahedral ions, $\mathrm{MnO}_{4}{ }^{-}, \mathrm{BF}_{4}{ }^{-}, \mathrm{SO}_{4}{ }^{=}, \mathrm{GO}_{4}{ }^{=}$, and $\mathrm{MoO}_{4}{ }^{-}$) that the ratio of the 'thermochemical radius' and the radius of the circumscribed sphere is virtually constant. An updated value for the thermochemical radius for $\mathrm{BF}_{4}^{-}$is 0.24 nm (calculated using $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}$ values for group I tetrafluoroborates ${ }^{148}$ ) and this gives $\frac{\text { thermochemical radius }}{\text { circumscribing radius }}=$ $\frac{0.24}{0.28}=0.85$. Using this value to calculate the radius forBCl ${ }_{4}{ }^{-}$, i.e. thermochemical radius $=0.85 \times 0.35$, which gives 0.31 nm , it becomes evident that the lower limit of 0.30 nm as calculated using the present thermochemical data is the most realistic value to use in subsequent calculations.

Substituting this radius ( 0.30 nm ) in equation (5.4), the following lattice energy estimates result:

$$
\mathrm{U}_{0}\left[\mathrm{RbBCl}_{4}, \mathrm{c}\right]=494 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}
$$

and $\mathrm{U}_{0}\left[\mathrm{CsBCl}_{4}, \mathrm{c}\right]=473 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$
The enthalpy of formation of the gaseous tetrachloroborate anion can now be calculated:

$$
\mathrm{MBCl}_{4}(\mathrm{c}) \longrightarrow \mathrm{M}^{+}(\mathrm{g})+\mathrm{BCl}_{4}^{-}(\mathrm{g}) \quad \ldots \mathrm{U}_{0}+2 \mathrm{RT} \quad \ldots \quad \quad(5.10)
$$

amd therefore,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}\left[\mathrm{BCl}_{4}^{-}, \mathrm{g}\right]=\mathrm{U}_{\mathrm{o}}+2 \mathrm{RT}-\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}\left(\mathrm{M}^{+}, \mathrm{g}\right]+\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}\left[\mathrm{MBCl}_{4}, \mathrm{c}\right] \tag{5.11}
\end{equation*}
$$

From (5.11), $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}\left[\mathrm{BCl}_{4}^{-}, \mathrm{g}\right] \approx-921 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}$, which is the average value for $\mathrm{M}=\mathrm{Rb}$ and Cs. This is compared with the value of $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}\left[\mathrm{BF}_{4}^{-}, \mathrm{g}\right]=$ $-1807 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$, calculated using 0.24 nm for the thermochemical radius of $\mathrm{BF}_{4}^{-}$in Kapustinskii's equation and enthalpy of formation ${ }^{148}$ data for $\mathrm{LiBF}_{4}, \mathrm{NaBF}_{4}$ and $\mathrm{KBF}_{4}$.

From a knowledge of the thermochemical radius of $\mathrm{BCl}_{4}^{-}$and $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{0}\left[\mathrm{BCl}_{4}{ }^{-}, \mathrm{g}\right]$, the lattice energy and enthalpy of formation of salts containing the tetrachloroborate anion can be estimated using equations (5.4) and (5.11). The results of these calculations are shown in Table 5.6 together with the ancillary data used.

Table 5.6

> Lattice energies and enthalpies of formation of other tetrachloroborate compounds

| Compound | ionic <br> radius/nm $\mathrm{N}^{+}$ | $\begin{gathered} \Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}\left[\mathrm{M},{ }_{\mathrm{g}}\right]^{149} \\ \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \mathrm{U}_{0}\left[\mathrm{MBCl}_{4}, \mathrm{c}\right] \\ \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1} \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} -\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}\left[\mathrm{MBCl}_{\mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{~mol}}{ }^{4}, \mathrm{c}\right] \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{LiBCl}_{4}$ | 0.06 | 687.4 | 604 | 815 |
| $\mathrm{NaBCl}_{4}$ | 0.95 | 610.4 | 555 | 870 |
| $\mathrm{KBCl}_{4}$ | 0.133 | 514.6 | 511 | 922 |
| $\mathrm{NH}_{4} \mathrm{BCl}_{4}$ | 0.144 | 619.2 | 499 | 805 |

The sensitivity of lattice enthalpies to choice of anion radius is ca. $70 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1} \mathrm{~nm}^{-1}$.

The thermodynamic instability of the tetrachloroborates compared with the tetrafluoroborates may not be readily deduced from the relative magnitudes of the lattice energies $\left[U_{0}\left[\mathrm{RbBF}_{4}\right] \approx 569 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}\right.$ and $\mathrm{U}_{0}\left[\mathrm{CsBF}_{4}\right] \approx 543 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$ via Kapustinskii's equation $\left.{ }^{138}\right]$, although the gas phase enthalpies of formation of the complex ions is significant. However, if the dissociation enthalpies for the reactions:

$$
\begin{align*}
& \mathrm{M}^{\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{BCl}}^{4}} \text { (c) }  \tag{5.12}\\
& \mathrm{M}^{\mathrm{I}} \mathrm{BF}_{4}(\mathrm{c}) \quad \mathrm{M}^{\mathrm{I}} \mathrm{Cl}(\mathrm{c})+\mathrm{BCl}_{3}(\mathrm{~g}) \\
& \leftrightarrows \mathrm{M}^{\mathrm{I}} \mathrm{~F}(\mathrm{c})+\mathrm{BF}_{3}(\mathrm{~g})
\end{align*}
$$

are calculated for the alkali-metal salts, a clear demonstration of thermodynamic stability results, (Table 5.7).

Table 5.7
Dissociation enthalpies for $M^{I} B_{4}\left(M^{I}=\right.$ alkali metal, $\left.X=F, C l\right)$, reactions 5.12

| Compound | $\Delta \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{O}}(\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{Cl}) / \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ | $\Delta \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{O}}(\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{F}) / \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{LiBX}_{4}$ | $31 \dagger$ | $111^{*}$ |
| $\mathrm{NaBX}_{4}$ | $57 \dagger$ | $151 *$ |
| $\mathrm{KBX}_{4}$ | $80 \dagger$ | 199* |
| $\mathrm{RbBX}_{4}$ | 91 | $209+$ |
| $\mathrm{CsBX}_{4}$ | 106 | $214^{\dagger}$ |

f $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}\left[\mathrm{MBCl}_{4}, \mathrm{c}\right]$ from Table 5.6 .

* $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}\left[\mathrm{NBF}_{4}, \mathrm{c}\right]$ from ref. 148.
t Calculated from $\mathrm{U}_{0}\left[\mathrm{MBF}_{4}, \mathrm{c}\right]^{138}$ and $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}\left[\mathrm{BF}_{4}^{-}, \mathrm{g}\right]=-1807 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}{ }^{-1}$. The relative stability is further demonstrated in the magnitudes of the dissociation pressures in the reaction:

$$
\begin{equation*}
M^{I} B_{4}(c) \longrightarrow M^{I} X(c)+B X_{3}\left(g, p_{B X_{3}}\right) \tag{5.13}
\end{equation*}
$$

$\mathrm{M}=\mathrm{Rb}$ or Cs and $\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{F}$ or Cl .
Table 5.8
Dissociation pressures for reaction (5.13)

| Compound | $\mathrm{p}_{\mathrm{BX}_{3}(333 \mathrm{~K}) / \text { Torr }}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{RbBCl}_{4}$ | $20^{*}$ |
| $\mathrm{RbBF}_{4}$ | $5 \times 10^{-11} \ddagger$ |
| $\mathrm{CsBCl}_{4}$ | $4.0^{*}$ |
| $\mathrm{CsBF}_{4}$ | $5 \times 10^{-11} \ddagger$ |
| $150, \ddagger$ extrapolated values from ref. 151. |  |

The values for $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{0}\left[\mathrm{BCl}_{4}^{-}, g\right]$ and $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{f}^{\mathrm{O}}\left[\mathrm{BF}_{4}^{-}, \mathrm{g}\right]$ allow the enthalpy changes in the gas-phase formation of the complex ions to be estimated:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathrm{BX}_{3}(\mathrm{~g})+\mathrm{X}^{-}(\mathrm{g}) \leftrightarrows \mathrm{BX}_{4}^{-}(\mathrm{g}) \quad \ldots \tag{5.14}
\end{equation*}
$$

Thus for $\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{Cl}, \Delta \mathrm{H}^{\circ}=-272 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$ and for $\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{F}, \Delta \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{O}}=-393 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}{ }^{-1}$, this moderate difference in values indicates the relative stability of the two complex ions in the gas phase with respect to dissociation to $\mathrm{BX}_{3}$ 。

In a study ${ }^{145}$ of the acceptor properties, reorganisation energies, and $\pi$-bonding in boron and aluminium halides, reorganisation energies were evaluated and were defined as the energies required to destroy the $\pi$-bonding plus any energy change (+ve or -ve) which occurs as a result of changing from $\mathrm{sp}^{2}$ to $\mathrm{sp}^{3}$ orbitals for the metal atom. The following reactions were considered:

$$
\begin{array}{lll}
\mathrm{BF}_{4}^{-}(\mathrm{g}) & \leftrightarrows \mathrm{BF}_{3}(\mathrm{~g})+\mathrm{F}^{-}(\mathrm{g}), \Delta \mathrm{H}_{1} & \ldots \\
\mathrm{BF}_{4}^{-}(\mathrm{g}) & \leftrightarrows \mathrm{BF}_{3}^{*}(\mathrm{~g})+\mathrm{F}^{-}(\mathrm{g}), \Delta \mathrm{H}_{2} & \ldots \\
\mathrm{BF}_{4}^{-}(\mathrm{g}) & \leftrightarrows \mathrm{B}^{*}(\mathrm{~g})+3 \mathrm{~F}^{*}(\mathrm{~g})+\mathrm{F}^{-}(\mathrm{g}), \Delta \mathrm{H}_{3} & \ldots \tag{5.17}
\end{array}
$$

$\mathrm{B}^{*}$ and $\mathrm{F}^{*}$ refer to the species arising from $\mathrm{BF}_{3}{ }^{*}$.
It is clear that $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{2}-\Delta \mathrm{H}_{1}$ is just the reorganisation energy, the reorganised $\mathrm{BF}_{3}$ molecule being denoted by $\mathrm{BF}_{3}{ }^{*}$. It is argued that $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{2} \quad \frac{1}{4} \Delta \mathrm{H}_{3}$ since $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{2}$ represents (approximately) the enthalpy change when one $\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{F}$ link in $\mathrm{BF}_{4}^{-}$is broken and all of the resonance stabilisation gained by delocalising the negative charge over the ion is lost. $\frac{1}{4} \Delta \mathrm{H}_{3}$ represents the average enthalpy change for breaking one B-F link plus one-fourth of the resonance (charge delocalisation) stabilisation energy of $\mathrm{BF}_{4}^{-}$. Clearly, it is assumed here that the energy to break one bond

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in (5.16) (excluding the resonance effect) is the same as $\frac{1}{4}$ of the total bond-breaking energy (again excluding the resonance effect) in (5.17). Accepting this assumption it follows that:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{1}{4} \Delta \mathrm{H}_{3}-\Delta \mathrm{H}_{1}>\mathrm{E}_{\text {reorg }} \quad \ldots \tag{5.18}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $E_{\text {reorg }}=$ the reorganisation energy.
Corresponding reactions and considerations apply in the case of $\mathrm{BCl}_{4}{ }^{-}(\mathrm{g})$. Using the derived value for $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}\left[\mathrm{BCl}_{4}{ }^{-}, \mathrm{g}\right]$ in this work and an updated value for $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{0}\left[\mathrm{BF}_{4}^{-}, \mathrm{g}\right]$, reorganisation are calculated according to equations (5.15-5.17). The results are tabulated (Table 5.9) along with the original calculated values using simple mO theory. ${ }^{145}$

Table 5.9
Reorganisation energies in some boron halides $/ \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$

| Halide | $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{1}$ | $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{3}$ | $\mathrm{E}_{\text {reorg. }}{ }^{\text {(this work) }} \mathrm{E}_{\text {reorg }}\left(\right.$ calc ${ }^{145}$ |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{BF}_{3}$ | 394 | 2300 | $<180$ | 202 |
| $\mathrm{BCl}_{3}$ | 268 | 1593 | $<130$ | 127 |
| $\mathrm{BBr}_{3}$ | - | - | - | 110 |

## APPENDIX I

Estimation of Thermodynamic Properties
by Additivity Rules

Several thermodynamic functions $H, S, C p$ etc., have been shown to obey, with varying accuracy additivity rules. The basis of a general approach to the construction of additivity rules 152,153 is set out in Table AI.1. RNR and SNS are molecules, containing the groups (or atoms) $R$ and $S$ respectively, attached to a common molecular framework $N_{1}$ and $\Phi$ is a molecular property.

Table AI. 1
Additivity rules for the estimation of molecular properties

| Rule | Statement |
| :---: | :---: |
| Limiting law. | RNR + SNS $\leftrightarrows 2$ SNR. For this <br> disproportionation, $\Delta \Phi \rightarrow 0$ as the separation between $R$ and $S$ becomes large compared to their own dimensions. |
| Zero-order approximation; <br> Additivity of atomic properties. | $\mathrm{R}_{2}+\mathrm{S}_{2} \leftrightarrows 2 \mathrm{RS}$. The molecular framework $N$ permitted to vanish; net changes in molecular properties vanish except for statistical contributions.* |
| First-order approximation; <br> Additivity of bond properties. | Permit the molecular framework $N$ to become a single atom (such as $0, S$ ) or a partially substituted atom (such as $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$, $\mathrm{NH}, \mathrm{CO})$. |
| Second-order approximation; <br> Additivity of group properties. | This approximation is obtained with the increase in size of the molecular framework N to two atoms or to structural elements having distances of about $0.3-0.5 \mathrm{~nm}$ between attached groups. |

This is not accurate in terms of the statement of the rule since ring compounds such as aromatics, alicyclics, cannot be made to undergo disproportionation without breaking the ring at two points. Thus for the additivity rule, such structures must be considered as irreducible entities whose properties are not to be expected to be additive in the atoms composing their structures.

The second order approximation has been further developed; consider the disproportionation equation:
$\mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{CH}_{2} \cdot \mathrm{CH}_{2}-\mathrm{Cl}+\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{CH}_{2} \cdot \mathrm{CH}_{2}-\mathrm{H} \leftrightarrows 2 \cdot \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{CH}_{2} \cdot \mathrm{CH}_{2}-\mathrm{Cl} \quad \ldots$
and
$\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{CH}_{2} \cdot \mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H}+\mathrm{CH}_{3}-\mathrm{CH}_{2} \cdot \mathrm{O}-\mathrm{CH}_{3} \leftrightarrows \mathrm{CH}_{3}-\mathrm{CH}_{2} \cdot \mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H}+\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{CH}_{2} \cdot \mathrm{O}-\mathrm{CH}_{3} \quad \cdots$

It is observed that the change in group substitution takes place on adjacent atoms rather than on the same atom as in the previous (1st) approximation. The disproportionation thus leaves unchanged the nearest neighbours of the atom or group being interchanged. In (I.1) the Cl atoms are bound to carbon atoms having 2 H atoms and 1 C atom as neighbouring ligands and this relationship is preserved in the disproportionation. If a group is defined as a polyvalent atom together with its ligands, then it can be shown that this second-order approximation is equivalent to the rule of additivity of group properties. As in the previous case, ring systems and unsaturated centres are preserved in disproportionations and so must be considered as irreducible, structural entities. This rule of additivity of group properties is restricted to the class of compounds containing at least two polyvalent atoms (i.e. two groups).

The group additivity property may be illustrated with the compounds from the series $C_{2} X_{n} Y_{6-n}$. There are 7 compounds having different formulas in this series and 3 isomers; a total of 10 compounds. 6 distinct frameworks about which to construct disproportionation equations can be selected from this series. These are:

3 symmetrical nuclei: $-\left(\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{X}_{4}\right)-,-(\mathrm{CXY}-\mathrm{CXY})-,-\left(\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{Y}_{4}\right)-$.
and 3 unsymmetrical nuclei: $-\left(\mathrm{CX}_{2} \cdot \mathrm{CY}_{2}\right)-,-\left(\mathrm{CX}_{2} \cdot \mathrm{CXY}\right)-,-\left(C Y_{2} \cdot \mathrm{CXY}\right)-$.

A total of 6 disproportionation equations using the above nuclei can be written, e.g.
(Sym) $X\left(C_{2} X_{4}\right) X+Y\left(C_{2} X_{4}\right) Y \leftrightarrows 2 X\left(C_{2} X_{4}\right) Y \quad \ldots$
(Unsym) $X\left(\mathrm{CX}_{2} \cdot \mathrm{CY}_{2}\right) \mathrm{X}+\mathrm{Y}\left(\mathrm{CX}_{2} \cdot \mathrm{CY}_{2}\right) \mathrm{Y} \leftrightarrows \mathrm{X}\left(\mathrm{CX}_{2} \cdot \mathrm{CY}_{2}\right) \mathrm{Y}+\mathrm{Y}\left(\mathrm{CX}_{2} \cdot \mathrm{CY}_{2}\right) \mathrm{X}$
Thus there will be 6 relations of additivity for the properties of the 10 compounds and so only 4 of the compounds can be independent of the rest. Further inspection shows that these correspond to the 4 groups contained in the series:

$$
\mathrm{C}-(\mathrm{C})(\mathrm{X})_{3} ; \quad \mathrm{C}-(\mathrm{C})(\mathrm{Y})_{3} ; \quad \mathrm{C}-(\mathrm{C})(\mathrm{X})(\mathrm{Y})_{2} ; \quad \mathrm{C}-(\mathrm{C})(\mathrm{X})_{2}(\mathrm{Y}) .
$$

If we are given the properties of any 4 compounds in the series in each of which is contained at least one of these groups, then it is possible through the 6 disproportionation equations to deduce the properties of all others. While this may be done through the use of such equations, the group additivity property leads to the direct method of writing the properties of a compound as the sum of the properties of its groups. Thus, $\left(\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{X}_{6}\right)=2\left[\mathrm{C}-(\mathrm{C})(\mathrm{X})_{3}\right]$ while $\mathrm{CX}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{CY}_{3}=\left[\mathrm{C}-(\mathrm{C})(\mathrm{X})_{3}\right]+\left[\mathrm{C}-(\mathrm{C})(\mathrm{Y})_{3}\right]$, etc. Groups are obtained from measured data. For example, in the case of $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{0}$ for dimethyl peroxide $2\left[\mathrm{C}-(\mathrm{O})(\mathrm{H})_{3}\right]+2[0-(0)(\mathrm{C})]=-125 \cdot 5$, so that the sum of the $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{0}\left[\mathrm{C}-(\mathrm{O})(\mathrm{H})_{3}\right]$ and $[0-(0)(\mathrm{C})]$ groups is -62.8 . Pairs of groups are awkward to handle, so the convention adopted is that all $\left[\mathrm{C}-(\mathrm{X})(\mathrm{H})_{3}\right]$ are assigned the same value. The heat of formation $\left[\mathrm{C}-(\mathrm{X})(\mathrm{H})_{3}\right]$ is -42.3 , giving $[\mathrm{O}-(\mathrm{O})(\mathrm{C})]=-20.5$. The group $[\mathrm{O}(\mathrm{O})(\mathrm{H})]$ is obtained directly from hydrogen peroxide, $2[0-(0)$ (H) $]=-136.0$, that is $[0-(\mathrm{O})(\mathrm{H})]=-68.2$. We now have the values of the groups necessary to calculate the heat of formation of methyl hydroperoxide. The result is
$\left[\mathrm{C}-(\mathrm{O})(\mathrm{H})_{3}\right]+[\mathrm{O}(\mathrm{O})(\mathrm{C})]+[\mathrm{O}(\mathrm{O})(\mathrm{H})]=-42.3-20.5-68.2=-130.9 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}{ }^{-1}$, which is, of course, identical to that obtained by the simple disproportionation reaction:

$$
\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OOCH}_{3}+\mathrm{HOOH} \leftrightarrows 2 \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OOH}
$$

Aside from their obvious use in calculating thermodynamic properties, the additivity rules can be extremely useful in many auxiliary contexts as well. One immediate use is in the checking of data for self-consistency; also in a series of homologous or related compounds the rules can be used to check errors either in the data or in calculations.

A very important use of the laws of bond or atom additivity is in deriving heats of reaction from the measurement of equilibrium constants at a single temperature. The usual method of measuring $K$ (equilibrium) at two different temperatures in order to calculate $\Delta H$ may be either difficult, impractical because of a side reaction, or very inaccurate. In such cases a relatively poor measurement of $\mathrm{K}(\mathrm{eq})$ together with estimates of $\Delta \mathrm{S}$ from either the rules of atom or bond additivity may give a value of $\Delta H$ with good precision. Thus, since $\Delta H=\Delta G-T \Delta S=$ $-R T \ln K_{e q}+T \Delta S$, a measure of $K$ eq to $\pm 20 \%$ will introduce an error in $\Delta \mathrm{H}$ of only $\pm 1.6 \mathrm{~kJ}$ at 400 K , and $\pm 3.2 \mathrm{~kJ}$ at 800 K . An estimate of $\Delta \mathrm{S}$ to $\pm 8 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1} \mathrm{~K}$ will represent $\pm 3.2 \mathrm{~kJ}$ in $\Delta \mathrm{H}$ at 400 K and only $\pm 6.5 \mathrm{~kJ}$ at 800 K .

Finally, disproportionation equations may be used directly to predict heats of reaction among a related series of compounds where other thermodynamic data are lacking and the heats of reaction of a few members of the series are known.

This Appendix lists standard enthalpies of formation of some organoboron and inorganic boron compounds derived from a set of enthalpies of reaction compiled at Royal Holloway College and processed by Dr. J.B. Pedley at the School of Molecular Sciences, University of Sussex.

In the method described, ${ }^{154}$ standard enthalpies of reaction are punched on to cards, and a computer generates tables of self-consistent standard enthalpies of formation of the substances involved. Computers can obviously be used for storage and routine up-dating of standard enthalpies of formation as new data becomes available. Thus even though there may still be doubt concerning the absolute reliability of a given standard enthalpy of formation, it is possible to ensure that all data is at all times mutually consistent and up-to-date. The conventional typesetting and proof reading of tables which include numerical data is very tedious and subject to error. The use of automatic typesetting techniques operated directly by the computer virtually eliminates this source of error.

The method of analysis is as follows: The standard enthal $\mathrm{py}, \Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{j}}^{\mathrm{o}}$ of a reaction at 298.15 K is given by the equation:

$$
\Delta \mathrm{H}_{j}^{\mathrm{O}}=\sum_{i} \nu_{i j} \Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{fi}}^{0} \quad \ldots
$$

where $\nu_{i j}$ is the stoichiometric number (positive for products, negative for reactants) of the substances $i$ in the reaction $j$ and $\Delta H_{f i}^{O}$ is the standard enthalpy of formation of $i$.

Some of the simultaneous equations are overdetermined and the standard enthalpies of formation can be obtained by the method of least squares by use of the equations:

$$
\sum_{i} \Delta H_{f i}^{0} \sum_{j}{ }_{i j} w_{j}^{2} \nu_{k j}=\sum_{j} \Delta H_{j}^{0} W_{j}^{2} \nu_{k j}
$$

where $i$ and $k$ denote substances and $j$ the corresponding reactions. The weighting factors $W_{j}$ are set equal to the reciprocals of the uncertainty intervals. When the enthalpy of formation of a substance k is determined from only one reaction, equations (II. 2 ) reduce to a single equation:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\nu_{k j} \Delta H_{f k}^{0}=\Delta H_{j}^{0}-\sum_{i} \Delta H_{f i}^{0} \nu_{i j} \tag{II.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\sum$ denotes summation over all substances except $k$. i
The residuals $\Delta_{j}$ associated with each of the interdependent reactions are computed from the expression:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Delta_{j}=\Delta H_{j}^{0}-\sum_{i} y_{i j} \Delta H_{f i}^{o} \quad \ldots \tag{II.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

The values of $\Delta_{j}$ indicate the compatibility of the interdependent enthalpies of reaction.

The output consists of the empirical formulae of the compounds, their names, their molecular weights, the reactions in which they occur and the derived standard enthalpies of formation at 298.15 K . These are followed by a list of substances, other than boron compounds, which appear in the list of reactions. These enthalpies of formation of these compounds are taken from results of other compilations ${ }^{111,} 136$ or are key values. ${ }^{117}$ The compiled enthalpies of reaction are listed numerically along with their respective 'residuals', that is, the differences between the experimental value of the standard enthalpy of reaction and that calculated from the derived standard enthalpies of formation of the species in the reaction. The uncertainties (errors) on the standard enthalpies of formation are calculated by the usual
square root of sum of squares rule from the uncertainty of the reaction and the standard deviation and stoichiometric coefficients of the other species in the reaction.

The following symbols are used to indicate the states of the substances involved.
(c) crystalline solid
(L) liquid
(G) gaseous
(Am) glassy or amorphous
(A) completely dissociated species at infinite aqueous dilution
(AO) undissociated species at infinite aqueous dilution

For solutions which are not infinitely dilute, the number of moles of water associated with one mole of solute is indicated in brackets, eg ( $1000 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ ).

Elements in their standard reference states are indicated by the symbols (CS), (LS) and (GS) and these, with the hydrogen ion at infinite dilution and the gaseous electron, are defined to have zero enthalpy of formation.

The literature search for results on substances containing boron was not exhaustive, nor was the assignment of reliability unambiguous. Nevertheless, the tables represent values which are mutually self-consistent and it is a trivial matter to incorporate new values and recalculate the standard enthalpies of formation.

| COMPOUND | FORMULA WEIGHT | $\Delta H_{k}^{0}$ | ERRDR $1 \text { mod }^{-1}$ | $\underset{k J_{\text {mid }}}{\Delta H_{f}^{-1}}$ | REACTIONS for $\Delta H_{f}^{*}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - 1 (cs) | 10.810 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |  |
| * 1 (can3)3(t) | 55.915 | -36.16 ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 0.981 | . 142.958 | 12 |
|  | 55.915 | -29.330 | 0.981 | -122.754 | 3 |
|  | 97.906 | -45.328 | 0.700 | -989.653 | 4 |
| - 1 (c2us) 3 (0) | 97.996 | -36.528 | 0.704 | -152.834 | 7 |
| (8 817 R (16) | 124.036 | -44.623 | 0.467 | . 105.078 | 8 |
|  | 140.077 | -66. 397 | 0.762 | -277,804 | $\begin{array}{ll}10 \\ 12 & 11\end{array}$ |
|  | 140.077 | -56.397 | 0.821 | -235.964 | 13 |
| -1 (c3世7) 3 (L2) | 140.077 | -70.157 | 0.602 | -293.537 | 14 is |
| - ( (e3 \% 7) 3(02) | 140.077 | -60. 157 | 0.728 | -251.647 | 17 |
| \& ¢ c10 421(t) | 152.0 ss | -67.313 | 0.625 | . 281.638 | 18 |
|  | 182.158 | -83.925 | 0.447 | -351.149 | $\begin{array}{ll} 19 & 20 \\ 21 & 22 \end{array}$ |
| - ( (can9) 3(61) | 182.158 | -69.125 | 0.679 | -289.218 | 23 |
|  | 182.158 | -89:177 | 0.352 | -373.198 | $\begin{array}{ll} 26 & 25 \\ 26 & 27 \end{array}$ |
| -1ec440)3(62) | 182.158 | -75.377 | 2.039 | -315.37\% | 26 |
|  | 182.958 | -79.283 | 1.000 | -327.536 | 20 |
| -1 (cang) 3(03) | 182.158 | -63.983 | 1.614 | -267.7ns | 30 |
| * (C1N2C640)3(1) | 224.239 | -10R. 376 | n.sus | -453.446 | 31 33 |
|  | 224.239 | -99.176 | 0.777 | -381.481 | 34 |



| H3）201日103（0） | 113.675 | －33A．747 | 0．238 | －1375．066 | 96 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| （c2n5）201日1：30） | 149.979 | －．354．262 | 0．319 | －1482．232 | 97 |
| （c2ns）201日103（0） | 141.929 | －363．56？ | 0.23 n | －1437．463 | 9n |
|  | 958.872 | －71：064 | n，3R4 | －290，842 | no |
| C6H5日ICL2（6） | 158．12？ | －6n． 364 | 0.554 | －252，563 | 90 |
| （ C（no） 2 nicticl） | 160.695 | －99．371 | 0.929 | －615．709 | 101 |
| （C4NO） 2 a 1 CL （ $1(0)$ | 160.409 | －87．371 | 0.969 | －369．561 | 191 |
| （c6n5）209019（L） | 200.475 | －34．550 | 0.853 | －132．00s | 102 |
|  | 300.475 | －29．650 | 0.972 | －90．506 | 103 |
| C2 $2402 \mathrm{CL} 1 \mathrm{Bict)}$ | 106.316 | －180． 516 | 0.425 | ．755．279 | 04 |
|  | 108．332 | －18A．306 | 0.233 | －779．504 | 105 |
|  | 108.332 | －17A．106 | 17.382 | －745．190 | 106 |
| c 245018 ¢CL z（l） | 126.777 | －157：387 | 0.833 | －658．507 | 107 |
| C2H30189CL2（i） | 126.777 | －148．987 | 0.857 | ．623．362 | 108 |
|  | 195.667 | －16R．3AR | 0.152 | －704．535 | 104 |
|  | 120.343 | －191．006 | 0.323 | －799．420 | 110 |
| （C2世501）2 2 （CL1（L） | 136.386 | －205．663 | 0.714 | －859．406 | 111 |
|  | 136.356 | －190．903 | 0.742 | －820．695 | 112 |
| C6 \％S 18 R 2（L） | 247.724 | －44．310 | 0.384 | －172．841 | 113 |
|  | 267.726 | －3n：890 | 0.630 | －128．904 | 194 |
| （C4KO） 2 A 18R（CL） | 204.946 | －84：893 | 0.657 | －355．193 | 29 6s |
|  | 204.946. | －72．393 | 0.724 | －302．893 | 115 |
| （C6n5） 2 日 18R4（L） | 264.926 | －15．896 | 0.927 ． | －66．509 | 116 |
| （c6us） 2 日lari（0） | 246.926 | －1．496 | 1.054 | －6．260 | 117 |
| （c＊N0）20111（t） | 254.967 | －66．825 | 1.021 | －279．590 | 2266 |
|  | 51.942 | －53．825 | 1778 | －225，2 | $1{ }^{1}$ |
| （C1世3）231日1H3（L） | 75.964 | －20．310 | 0.260 | －84．977 | 119 |
|  | 75.964 | －10．210 | 0.167 | －42．799 | 120 |
| （C1N3S1）3n9（L） | 152.095 | －49．815 | 0.323 | －208．676 | 121 |
| （C1N3S1）381（0） | 152.005 | －36．915 | 0.380 | －154．452 | 122 |
| （C2世5）2S1日1世3（0） | 104.098 | －29．610 | 0.167 | －90．616 | 123 |
| （C2M531）301（4） | 194.176 | －81．405 | 0.417 | － 340.598 | 124 |
|  | 194.176 | －66．705 | 0.651 | －279．094 | 125 |
| C8H952日iくし） | 180.000 | －33：20n | 0.553 | －134．758 | 120 |
| c－H11 3 2 ¢ 1（L） | 194.117 | － 36.78 R | 0.633 | －153．921 | 127 |
| （c3n731）3日1（L） | 236.257 | －10n． 285 | 0.625 | －619．592 | 128 |
|  | 236.257 | －79．685 | 0.800 | －332．569 | 129 |
| （c4nosi）3nict） | 276.338 | －196．675 | 0.323 | －6R8． 168 | 130 |
|  | 278.338 | －9．9．775 | 0.595 | －392．355 | 131 |
| （es wif 3 1） 3 （106） | 320.419 | －135，225 | 0.233 | －563．781 | 132 |
|  | 320.419 | －110：225 | 0.551 | －461．191 | 133 |
| （C6世331）381（C） | 336.308 | 16．285 | 0.323 | 60，936 | 136 |
| （C60581）3E1（6） | 338.30 A | 46．285 | 1.698 | 193.656 | 135 |
| C2H432CLisicl） | 138.437 | －65．688 | 0.417 | －274．830 | 136 |
|  | 152.486 | －72：668 | 0.417 | －304．043 | 137 |
| C3 H682CL1 8 1 （L2） | 152.466 | －71．908 | 0.417 | －301．914 | 134 |
|  | 64.892 | －20．920 | 0.238 | －97．529 | 134 |
|  | 72.946 | －10．747 | 0.263 | －82．629 | 146 |
|  | 72.946 | －67．519 | 1.121 | －2世2．494 | 141 |
|  | 72.946 | －59． 719 | 1.019 | －274．700 | 142 |
|  | 16.978 | －57．039 | $1.129^{\circ}$ | －221．496 | 143 |



| K 1 I 1（8000 n20） | 127．013 | －11：5as | 0.004 | －36．780 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ＊ 1 n $3(6)$ | 17.031 | －10．0no | 0.003 | －63．940 |
| $n 2(6 s)$ | 28.013 | n．nno | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| C102（f） | 44.090 | －04．059 | 0.000 | －393，509 |
| C 2 M A（G） | 28.054 | 12.450 | 0.000 | 52.091 |
| c i（cs） | 12.011 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0,000 |
| C（ M90（4） | 58．176 | －3n， 360 | 0.000 | －127．076 |
| c（ ${ }^{\text {c a }}$（G） | 56.108 | －4．280 | 0.000 | －17．824 |
| c $6 \mathrm{HSOTH9}(\mathrm{c}$ ） | 94.113 | －30．450 | 0.000 | －165．059 |
| cs स1901世4（1） | 100．161 | －83．200 | 0.000 | －348． 109 |
| C 6 H2（L） | 84.162 | －17：290 | 0.000 | －72．341 |
| c 7 H16（t） | 98.189 | －23．330 | 0.000 | －97．613 |
| c 8 H16（L1） | － 412.216 | －20．190 | 0.000 | －121．796 |
| c 8 H16（L2） | 112.216 | －20；190 | 0.000 | －121．796 |
| c $101(6)$ | 28.090 | －26．417 | 0.000 | －110．529 |
|  | 32.042 | －58．749 | 0.000 | －245．806 |
| c $1 \times 301 \mathrm{ncti}$ ） | 32.042 | －57．010 | 0.000 | －230．530 |
| （c1世3）20101（L） | 58.080 | －50．270 | 0.100 | －247．986 |
| c 3 ¢ 701 H 9 （L2） | 60.096 | －76．020 | 0.000 | －318．068 |
|  | 46.069 | －66．470 | 0.000 | －277．901 |
| c 3 ¢ 709 Cl （19） | 60.096 | －72．510 | 0.000 | －303．382 |
|  | 74.123 | －78．290 | 0.000 | －327．565 |
|  | $32.042^{\circ}$ | －58．769 | 0.000. | － 245.800 |
|  | 66.059 | －63．990 | 0.000 | －184．054 |
| C 1 н 3（f） | 15.035 | 31． 200 | n．000 | 138．909 |
|  | 27.046 | 160．00n | 0.000 | 669.460 |
| C 2 nser ） | 29.062 | 25.000 | 0.000 | 104.600 |
| C3 3 7（G） | 43.089 | 15.000 | 0.000 | 62.760 |
| （C2M5）201（02） | 24.123 | －60．260 | 0.000 | －252．128 |
|  | 62.069 | －10月．730 | 0.000 | －654．926 |
| C 2 H50141（3500 n 20$)$ | 46.069 | －68．900 | 0.000 | －288．278 |
| C 1 N3C10 ¢ CLicl） | 78.498 | 465．600 | 0.000 | －274．470 |
| （3H602（L） | 76.006 | －119．580 | 0.000 | －500．323 |
| C $2 \times 501$ M $1(2500 \mathrm{H} 20)$ | 16.089 | －68，40n． | 0.000 | －288．278 |
|  | 62.130 | －8．890 | 0.000 | －37．196 |
| C1H3sinles） | 46.103 | －5，400 | 0.000 | －22．594 |
| （C2N5）281（t2） | 90.184 | － 19.890 | 0.000 | －83．220 |
| czussinict， | 62.130 | －17．530 | 0.000 | －73．346 |
|  | 94.190 | －12：860 | 0.700 | －53．723 |
|  | 198.217 | －18：820 | 0.000 | －72．743 |
| C3世781世101） | 76.157 | －23，790 | 0.000 | －99．537 |
|  | 00.186 | －29．720 | 0.000 | －124．36d |
|  | 104.219 | －36．770 | 0.000 | －15u．917 |
|  | 110.176 | 15，30n | 0.000 | 66.015 |
|  | 108.297 | －12．820 | 0.000 | －78．749 |
|  | 31.058 | 5．500 | 0.000 | 23.012 |
| （C1世3）¢ ¢（\％） | 59.112 | －9．07\％ | 0.000 | －23．723 |
|  | 81.346 | －67．567 | 0.000 | －286．884 |
|  | 73.139 | －17．180 | 0.000 | －74．797 |
|  | 45.085 | －4．660 | 0.000 | －19．447 |
|  | 91．546 | －6A．A69 | 11.000 | －2A7．219 |


| (c1世3)\|p!(\%) | 76.070 | -22.90n | 0.0001 | 004.140 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (C1n3) gak ictio | 120.027 | 2,800 | 11.100 | 91.713 |
| $1203(4)$ | 09.618 | -2.00.637 | 0.236 | -1233.689 |
| (38403(C) | 61.832 | -261.568 | 0.117 | -1096.601 |
| E2 2 a(G) | 27.648 | 9,360 | 0.264 | 39.162 |
| - 1 (cs) | 10.810 | 0,000 | 0.000 | v,000 |
| 12 n (c) | 69.618 | -303.996 | 0.235 | -1271.919 |
| k 3 : $103(4,1)$ | 61.132 | -256.160 | 0.117 | -1071.773 |
| H 3 -10 3(29030н20) | 61.832 | -256.167 | 0.117 | -1071.803 |
| -1 F $2(6)$ | 48.807 | 0.000 | n. 000 | 0.000 |
| -1 E3(a) | 67.805 | -271.502 | 0.127 | -1135.984 |
| K 3 : $103(3500 \times 20)$ | 61.832 | -256.174 | n.117 | -1071.832 |
| - iclsel) | 117.180 | -102.108 | 0.146 | -627.220 |
| * $38103(2500 \mathrm{n} 20)$ | 61.832 | -256.175 | 0.117 | -1071.836 |
|  | 72.946 | -33.347 | n.147 | -139.524 |
| K $18102(c 3)$ | 43.817 | -188.52n | 0.000 | -788.768 |
|  | 87.812 | -374.356 | 0.162 | -1574.665 |
| H 3 日 $103(4000$ n20) | 69.832 | -7.54.173 | 0.117 | -1071.828 |
| na 109 ¢ $1(C)$ | 39.907 | -101.990 | 0.000 | -420.726 |
| ma lCl i(c) | 58.443 | -98.232 | 0.000. | . 411.003 |



-1411.400 2.00004/14
QESIDUAL 0.045
QESIDUAL 0.065
$-1 \angle 1 U .600$
g.OnO 4915
-1G1u.b0n S.0no
HEsidual 0.357
-794,50n 5,4100A1/12

4.83n $0.02061 / 12$
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { GESIOUAL } & 0.020 \\ 0,0111\end{array}$


-2360.<0n 2.00004/19 - residual 2.118
-237n.40n 7.20069192 RESIUUAL 2.672
-172.50n 2.1006314 MESIDUAL 2.ג10
$8.80 n$
$8.10061 / 12$
$8.90003 / 4$
RESZ.BON $2.400 ~ O A / S ~$
-2899.von 9.0001212 RESIDUAI. U.114
$-3294.4002 .00056 / 95$ REssoual $=0.026$
-329n.80n 3.100 63/4 RESIUUAL -U.UAS
-3392.mun 3.900 7212 HEsioual U.130

10,00n 0.SNO 6A1?
-32np.00n 2. lllunatis






































megidual -0.100
RESIOUAL -0.239
GEsidual O.364
$57,200 \quad 0.0006310$
......... .....
-3<09.con 2.nno 63/4 HEIIOUAL -U, INS
$-3303.00 n$
aEsioual
a.nno 7212 hesioval U.4is
110.000 U.500 46/?
$-3494,200$ 1,200 1217
-a236.400 R.UnO 04/4 hEBIDUAI - <, oAS
-4254.00n 4.0n061/1, RESIOUAL -2.12y


-20.960 1,500.5312 RESIOUAL OU.ONO
$14.800 \quad 0.30063 / \mathrm{s}$
-4e98.20n 2.00004/15 RESIDUAL 4.011
$-4222.00 n ~ 9.30 n 63 / 9$
RESIOUAL 4.770
-946.2un 9.5006310
RESIDUAL 13,455
-423n.00N 9.3no 7212 RESIDUAL 5,565
13.80n 2,00064/15
-4244.800 2.00064/15
14.300 1.00064/13
59.00n 2.00084/1

AE\&IDUAL -0.190

RESIOUAL $0.239^{-0.0}$

GEsSDUAL 0.3n4
$57.200 \quad 0.0006310$
-256.800 1.6006715
19.500 0.300 07/5

- $269.000 \quad 2.50061 / 9$ $19.5001 .000 .67 / 5$
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { E13A.60n } 0.0 n 061 / 13 \\ \text { REsioun } & 1.275\end{array}$
-6134.30n 0.700 7212 RESIUUAL 1.157
$21.2000 .70003 / 4$
-135.40n U.60061/19 $24.40 n \quad 0.10063 / 5$
$.935 .700 \quad 0.50069119$
$27.600 \quad 0.70063 / \mathrm{n}$
-116.300 0.0006:113 20,600 2,000 05/4
-4290.40n 2.000 1212
$-4262.000 \quad 3.2007212$
0.4229 .0013 .4007212 $0.610 \quad 0.09092 / 4$
-4.095 U.usu se1s




 $2(0)$





































 （01～1；2《4）






| COMPOUND | $\begin{aligned} & \text { FORMULA } \\ & \text { WEIGHT } \end{aligned}$ |  | $H_{f}^{0} \in R$ $\ell_{\text {mot }}$ | ROR $\triangle H_{f}^{\circ}$ $\mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mot}^{-}$ | REACTIONS ${ }_{0}$ For $\Delta H_{f}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| B 1 （ess） | 10.810 | 0.010 | 0.1000 | 0．aun |  |  |
| B $1(1)$ | 10.410 | 5．26n | 1.1000 | 22.018 | 1 |  |
| B 1 （（G） | 10．810 | 326.100 | 1.424 | 1304．1．122 | ， |  |
| －z（6） | 21.670 | 102．710 | $5.0 n 11$ | 806.257 | ， |  |
| B 909（6） | 26．819 | －44．80n | 5.1001 | －187．4．43 | ， |  |
| B102（6） | 42.810 | －74．336 | 2.519 | －311．031 | ， |  |
| 日 $102-(\mathrm{A})$ | 42. 月n9 | －984，600 | 0.100 | －772．306 | 6 |  |
| B $211(6)$ | 37.619 | 23.000 | 5.000 | 96.232 | 7 |  |
| B $202(6)$ | 53.619 | －905．780 | 2.411 | －442．585 | 98 | 9 |
| B203（1） | 69.618 | －207．416 | 0.617 | －1244．390 | 8 42 52 | $\begin{aligned} & 11 \\ & 42 \\ & 45 \end{aligned}$ |
| B $203(6)$ | 69.618 | －196．573 | 4.00 c | －822．463 | － | 12 |
| B1＊ $1(6)$ | 11.818 | 104.653 | 1.429 | 437.888 | 13 |  |
| B $1 \times 2(6)$ | 12．826 | 46.190 | 2.509 | 193.217 | 14 |  |
| B $\mathrm{H}^{\text {¢ } 3(6)}$ | 13.836 | 24.2 8n | 2.500 | 109．5 HB | is |  |
|  | 14.842 | 11.510 | 0.110 | 48.158 | 16 |  |
| B4 $410(6)$ | 53.320 | 16.888 | 1.250 | 70.659 | 17 |  |
| B 3 ¢ 9 （t） | 63.122 | 11.106 | 1.250 | 46.719 | 18 |  |
| B549（G） | 63.172 | 18.424 | 1.250 | 77.085 | 19 |  |
| － 5 \＃19（1） | 65.138 | 17.500 | 1.100 | 73.220 | 20 |  |
| － 5 nil（ ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 65．138 | 26.060 | 1.667 | 109.035 | 21 |  |
| －6 H10（t） | 74.940 | 13.450 | 0.100 | 56.275 | 22 |  |
| － 6 hoces） | 74.940 | 24.232 | 2.500 | 109.387 | 23 |  |
| B10 nis（e） | 122.212 | －7．279 | 1.562 | －30．647 | $\begin{aligned} & 24 \\ & 27 \end{aligned}$ | 25 |
| －10 niact | 122.292 | －2．049 | 1.562 | －8．572 | 25 | 28 |
| Bin ntact | 122.212 | 10.770 | 1.562 | 45.063 | 28 28 | ${ }^{27}$ |
| ＊ 1 A $102(\mathrm{Cl})$ | 43.817 | －189．866 | 0.109 | －796．410 | $\begin{aligned} & 29 \\ & 38 \end{aligned}$ | 37 |
|  | 43.817 | －180．8no | 0.333 | －796．123 | 30 |  |
| N 1 H $102(C 3)$ | 43.817 | －188．000 | 0.333 | －786．592 | 31 |  |
|  | 43.817 | －140．076 | 2.519 | －586．069 | 32 |  |
| B1（01世1）2（G） | 44.825 | －114．000 | 19．3no | －676．076 | 33 |  |
|  | 29.833 | －69．149 | 0.333 | －249．604 | 34 |  |
|  | 45.833 | －153．119 | 0.276 | －647．649 | 35 |  |
| н 3 a $103(\mathrm{O})$ | 61.832 | －237．253 | 0.625 | －992．647 | 36 |  |
| B3609世1）（er） | 89.050 | －334．65s | 5.000 | －1600． 197 | 39 |  |
|  | 89.650 | －307．000 | 5． 100 | －1286．6n8 | 40 |  |
| © 3103 м 3 （c） | 83.652 | －309．860 | 1.179 | －1262．9A2 | ${ }^{6}$ |  |
|  | 83.452 | －291．160 | 0.814 | －1218．213 | $\begin{aligned} & 42 \\ & 44 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 43 \\ & 04 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | 131.450 | －555．267 | 1.007 | －2323．237 | 6 |  |
| －1f1（f） | 20．878 | －28．74 | 2.675 | －120．254 | $\begin{aligned} & 46 \\ & 48 \end{aligned}$ | 47 |
| B1： $2(6)$ | 48.807 | －130．00n | 5.006 | －543．920 | 49 |  |
| B1： 4 －（A） | 26．8n4 | －376．60n | 1.004 | －15／4．RSA | 50 |  |
| A 2 Fact ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 07.146 | －346．2n0 | 1.000 | －1460．13s | 5 |  |
|  | 4S．ana | －1．3．544 | 0.967 | －600．5i7 | 5 | 33 |
| A 101， $2(6)$ | 64. n．6 | －850．000 | 3.000 | －1066．010 | 56 |  |




|  | $1120611006)$ | 218.786 | -116.7.440 | 2.199 | -4051.960 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | い 2 а в пиз(c) | 308.354 | -1409.415 | 2.671 | -58.an. 257 | 108 |
|  | na 1 a $102(6)$ | 05.700 | - 353.808 | 0.128 | -9\%9.048 | 104 |
|  |  | 65.740 | -229.338 | 0.183 | -959.550 | 106 |
|  | na 9 119 $02(6)$ | 65.740 | -160.848 | 3.836 | -673.616 | 169 |
|  | NA 2 a $607(c)$ | 204.215 | -170.433 | 1.589 | -3261.146 | 167 |
|  | Na 2 B 4 n (16) | 209.295 | -774.633 | 1.589 | - 5241.063 | 168 |
|  | Na 2 a 6 Dio(c) | 270.834 | -1080.189 | 1.855 | -6557.082 | 169 |
|  | NA 1 A 1 H4(C) | 37.832 | -44.964 | 0.154 | -188.129 | 170 |
|  | $\times 2 \mathrm{ac} 0$ \% (C) | 233.440 | -796.900 | 1.000 | -3334.230 | 171 |
|  |  | 233.440 | -7AN. 900 | 1.000 | - 3289.042 | 172 |
|  | k 2 h 6090 ( C ) | 303.058 | -1101.449 | 2.105 | -4008.662 | 173 |
|  |  | 372.676 | -1413.085 | 2.664 | -5912.264 | 174 |
|  |  | 372.676 | -1305.715 | 2.479 | -5839.672 | 175 |
|  |  | 53.944 | -54.115 | 0.455 | -226.417 | 176 |
|  | * 1 n 1 : 4(C) | 125.906 | -413.785 | 0.323 | -1731.277 | 177 |
|  | - 2(fis) | 34.999 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |  |
|  | W 1 (1) | 9.008 | 52.103 | 0.000 | 217.999 |  |
| $\cdots$ | * 2 (6) ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | 2.016 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |  |
| - | $\cdots 201(1)$ | 18.095 | -68.315 | 0.000 | -285.830 |  |
| - | - 2 (6) ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 37.997 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |  |
| N |  | 20.006 | -65.320 | 0.072 | -273.297 |  |
| 署 | ${ }^{\prime} 1$ F $1(3.0 \mathrm{HzO}$ | 20.066 | -76.735 | 0.070 | -321.059 |  |
| $\stackrel{F}{\circ}$ | H 1 f $1(25$ H20) | 20.008 | -77.095 | 0.070 | -322.230 |  |
|  | ci ${ }^{(10)}$ | 35.453 | 28.989 | 0.001 | 121.240 |  |
| - | ct 2(Gs) | 70.906 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |  |
| $\sim$ | H TCL i(g) | 36.661 | -22.063 | 0.003 | -92.312 |  |
| $\underline{2}$ | H TCL $9(200420)$ | 36.461 | -39.729 | 0.001 | -166.193 |  |
| O | Ek 1 ( 6 ) | 79.904 | 26.735 | 0.009 | 119.859 |  |
| $\sum_{9}$ | 8 z (15) | 159.808 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |  |
|  | н 9 вк 1 (2000 н20) | 10.912 | -28.971 | 0.009 | -121.215 |  |
|  | $12(c s)$ | 253.809 | 0.000 | 0.1000 | 0.000 |  |
|  | * 111 (2000 н211) | 127.913 | -13.537 | 0.006 | -56.639 |  |
|  | S 1 (fi) | 32.060 | 6R. 2100 | 0.000 | 276.081 |  |
|  | s i(cs) | 32.060 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |  |
|  | W 1.410 3(1000 w 20$)$ | 63.013 | -40.442 | 0.112 | -206.854 |  |
|  | N $2(1,5)$ | 28.013 | 0.000 | 0.000 | - 0.000 |  |
|  | $N$ ( d 4 CL $9(30042 n)$ | 53.492 | -71.678 | 0.002 | -299.904 |  |
|  | W $1 \times 10$ ( $3(100+20)$ | 63.013 | -40.398 | 0.112 | -206.679 |  |
|  | - 1 (css) | 30.974 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |  |
|  | c i (cs) | 12.011 | 0.000 | 0.001 | 0.000 |  |
|  | PE $101(\mathrm{Cl})$ | 22.3 .109 | -52.340 | 0.000 | -218.941 |  |
|  | - 1(cs) | 10.810 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |  |
|  | - 1(4) | 10.810 | 130.5n0 | 1.001 | 546.012 |  |
|  | B243(c) | 69.818 | -303.996 | 0.235 | -1274.919 |  |
|  | - $2116(6)$ | 27.868 | 0.360 | 0.254 | 30.162 |  |
|  | -1 (am) | 10.410 | - 9.172 | 0.294 | 4.904 |  |
|  | N3 ¢ 1030 cc | 09.837 | -261.56A | 0.117 | -1094.401 |  |
|  |  | 81.85 | -2Sin.in2 | 0.117 | -1079.865 |  |
|  |  | 94.818 | -296.179 | 0.117 | -1079.Aj8 |  |
|  | $n$ \% 1 B(am) | A9.AsA | -240.657 | 0.230 | -1253.641 |  |


| B 1 , s(fi) | 67.8n5 | -219.3n2 | 0.177 | -1153.984 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - 10 cisa) | 197.960 | -06.489 | 0.110 | -403.645 |
|  | 91.832 | -256.173 | 0.197 | -10\%1. A /R |
| M 3 h 10 3(70no has) | 09.832 | -256.1/9 | 0.197 | -1071. 119 |
| * $141(C)$ | 24.817 | -60.078 | 0.227 | -251.157 |
|  | 87.812 | -376.354 | 0.182 | -1574.805 |
| n 3 月 $103(300420)$ | 61.832 | -256.188 | 0.197 | -9071.ay9 |
| B ¢ ¢ $1(C)$ | 55.259 | -17.00n | 1.000 | -71.928 |
|  | 61.832 | -756.207 | 0.197 | -1071.970 |
| * 3 ก 1 ก $3(4 n)$ | 69.83 ? | -256.16n | 0.117 | -1071.773 |
| al 1 (css) | 26.981 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
|  | 169.873 | -24.328 | 0.000 | -109.788 |
| ag iccs) | 107.868 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| CR $1(C, s)$ | 51.996 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| HO 1 (cs) | 95.940 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| $v i(c s)$ | 50.941 | $0.0 n 0$ | 0.000 | 0.010 |
| n ${ }^{\text {Pa }}$ i (cs) | 92.096 | 0.000 | 0.1000 | $0.00 n$ |
| Ta 1 (rss) | 180.948 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| $11 \mathrm{~T}(\mathrm{cs})$ | 47.900 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| 2k 1 c a ( C$)$ | 103.231 | -48.500 | 0.000 | -202.924 |
| 2k 102(C) | 123.219 | -263.040 | 0.000 | -1100.559 |
| 2R a (cs) | $09.27 n$ | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| $n \mathrm{~m}$ i (cs) | 178.490 | $0.0 n 0$ | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| BE 1(cs) | 9.092 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| mg $101(c)$ | 40.304 | -143.810 | 0.000 | -609.709 |
| MG i(Gis) | 24.305 | 35.300 | 0.000 | 147.695 |
| Ca a (ii) $^{\text {a }}$ | 40.080 | 42.600 | 0.000 | 178.238 |
| CA 1:2(fi) | 28.077 | -186.800 | 0.000 | -781.579 |
|  | 59.078 | -65.000 | 0.000 | -271.960 |
| い201(c) | 29.881 | -142.400 | 0.000 | -595.812 |
|  | 68.946 | -115.721 | 0.000 | -486.171 |
| (1) 1 (cs) | 6.944 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| (1) 1CL $1(600$ H20) | 42.304 | -106.221 | 0.000 | -446.429 |
| NA 2 " icc) | 61.979 | -99.400 | 0.000 | -415.890 |
| NA 9 C.L 9 (60 H20) | 58.443 | -97.340 | 0.000 | -607.274 |
| k ( $(\mathrm{cs})$ | 39.102 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.010 |
| K 2010 ) | 04.203 | -86.410 | 0.000 | -361.498 |
| $k$ TCLI(C) | 74.555 | -104.175 | 0.000 | -435.868 |
| K91103(6) | 109.107 | -117.700 | 0.000 | -492.719 |

## REACTIONS


1 B（ $(0) \cdot 1$－ $1+(G)$



181（CS）＋102（as）＝18102－（A）
4B1（cs） 1 п $2(c(s)=28201(G)$
$2 \mathrm{~B} 1(\mathrm{cs})+2 \mathrm{E} 2 \mathrm{n} 3(\mathrm{~L})=3 \mathrm{~B} 202(0)$
2 2 $1(c s)+28203(1)=38202(0)$
$2 \mathrm{~B} 1(\mathrm{CS})+2 \mathrm{~B} 2 \mathrm{O} 3(\mathrm{G})=3 \mathrm{~B} 202(0)$
$2 \mu \mathrm{C} 101(\mathrm{C}) \cdot 2 \mathrm{E} 1(\mathrm{CS})=2 \mathrm{CG} 1(\mathrm{G})+1 \mathrm{~B} 202(G)$
$18203(C)=1 日 203(1)$
18203（1）18203（6）




1 B 4 Hin（G）＝ 6 （ $1(A M)+5 \mathrm{H} 2(G S)$


$285+9(G)=1081\left(A^{-4}\right)+042(05)$
$1081(C S)+11 \mathrm{w} 2(G S)=2 \mathrm{~B} 511(\mathrm{~L})$
2 © 5 H11（G）$=10$ B $9(A M) \cdot 11$ н $2(G S)$



1810 H14（C）$=10$（ 1 （AM） 7 H2（GS）

1810 H14（C）＝ 1810 H14（L）
1 B10 H14（S）$=10$ B 1 （AP） 7 H $2(G S)$
27 （ B19 H14（C）© 1 B10 M14（G）
1810 H94（C）＝ 1810 H14（G）
1810 Kィム（C）＝ 1810 H14（G）
1810 N14（C）© 1810 स14（G）

281810 H14（L）： 1 ค10 H14（G）
1890 N1G（L）＝ 1890 N1G（G）


$31281(C s) \cdot 1 \times 2(G S)+202(G S)=241 日 102(C 3)$
$3218203(L) \cdot 1 H 201(L)=2 N 10107(0)$



$\triangle H^{\circ}$ ERROR
kcalmol ${ }^{-1}$ REF．
s．200 1.000 71／2
195．600 1.000 NaS
$=6<.200$ 5．000 6＜11
$350.60010 .00071 / 2$
$207.480 \quad 10.00001 / 2$
$-184.000 \quad$ U．100 Nas
$46.00050 .00071 / 2$
284．000 15.0003019
RESTOUAL 4.009
RESIOUAL 15.060 Smat
74．4un $15.00050 / 1$ 2esiounl -1.400

2ss．4un $5.00031 / 1$ RESIDUAL $2.4 n 0$

$100.940 \quad 5.00071 / 2$ RESIOUAL $=0.103$
$77.950 \quad 1.00001 / 3$
$83.000 \quad 5.000641 \mathrm{~h}$
$39.200 \quad 5.000 \quad 64 / 5$
$11.510 \quad 0.100$ Nas
-14.200 1．000 011）
$7.260 \quad 0.03030 / 2$
$\begin{array}{cc}\text { RESSIDUAL } & 0.880 \\ -0.850 & 58 / 9\end{array}$
RESIDVAL -0.852

RESIOUAL 5.328
35.000 2．000 mas
$-40.4062 .00061 / 5$
$13.450 \quad 0.100$ NES
－17．200 2．00061／4

 aEsioual $\mathbf{- 0 . 9 4 9}$
$\begin{array}{lll}5 .<5 n & 0.010 \\ \text { ESIDUAL } & 0.020\end{array}$
RESIDUAL 0.020
1．80n 0．5nn 61／5
RESIOUAL 0．＜SO
RESIDCOUAL $0.93033 / 1$
RESI6．05n 0.450 S5／1

RESiDUAL
n．
nedo
17．810 0．010 bs／s
nesidual $=0.140$

RESIDUAL 0.244

－3HC．dan 0．7nn 71／9 RESIOUAL $-2,408$
－379．60n 0．6月0 71／1
－376．00n 0.680 i1／
90．321 10．010 60／5 ufsinual 4.137 HS．2C．11 10.1000 OU／A nesidual．2．ast
AN．14n 1 n．Allan Ce／a
EESIDUAL $2.33 \%$
M1．Bon 10．00n 0く1＂ QESIDUAI－3．ins





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## APPENDIX III

## Standard Enthalpy of Formation of

Tertiary-butyl hydroperoxide

It is extremely difficult to obtain standard enthalpies of formation of either peroxides or hydroperoxides from combustion calorimetry or other thermochemical measurements. The reasons for this are at least twofold. Firstly there is the difficulty of obtaining pure compounds and secondly problems imposed due to their thermal instability. Both of these are minimal for the fairly stable tertiary-butyl peroxide and maximal in the case small alkyl hydroperoxides which decompose heterogeneously on metal and glass surfaces.

There are two independent values for $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}[\mathrm{t}-\mathrm{BuOOH}, 1]$ both determined by combustion calorimetry; $-266.9 \pm 1.3 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$ in $1949^{155}$ and $-293.7 \pm 5.0 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$ in 1964.69 In a review ${ }^{156}$ of the kinetics of pyrolysis and $0-0$ bond dissociation energies of some alkyl hydroperoxides, an estimated value of $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{0}[\mathrm{t}-\mathrm{BuOOH}, \mathrm{g}]$ using a group additivity scheme revealed a difference of $26.4 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$ when compared with the 1949 value (Table A III.1). Combining this estimate with $\Delta H_{\text {vap }}^{\circ}$ $\left(47.74 \pm 0.17 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}\right)^{69}$ gives $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}[\mathrm{t}-\mathrm{BuOOH}, 1]=-292.7 \pm 4 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$, which is in good agreement with the 1964 figure.

The solution calorimetric method used in this work is based on reactions (2.3) - (2.5) described in Chapter II. This exploits the observation that in the presence of excess ferrous ion, (2.4) predominates (2.5) following the initial quantitative reaction (2.3). The calorimetric fluid used was $0.9 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}$ ammonium ferrous sulphate in $1 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}{ }^{-3} \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ freshly prepared and checked for $\mathrm{Fe}^{3+}$ ion content.

The relevant equations are:

$$
\begin{gather*}
t-\mathrm{BuOOH}(1)+\mathrm{Fe}^{?+} \longrightarrow \mathrm{t}-\mathrm{BuO}+\mathrm{Fe}^{3+}+\mathrm{OH}^{-} \\
\mathrm{t}-\mathrm{BuO}^{\circ}+\mathrm{Fe}^{?+}+\mathrm{H}^{+} \longrightarrow \mathrm{t}-\mathrm{BuOH}+\mathrm{Fe}^{3+} \\
\mathrm{t}-\mathrm{BuO} \tag{2.5}
\end{gather*}
$$

The methyl radicals produced in (2.5) react to form ethane, $2 \mathrm{CH}_{3}{ }^{\bullet} \longrightarrow$ $\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{6}, \mathrm{~g} .44,157$

The relative proportions of reactions (2.4) and (2.5) can therefore be determined from a ferric iron analysis of the final reaction mixture since (2.3) is quantitative. A standard spectrophotometric method was used ${ }^{158}$ and the usual precautions to prevent aerial oxidation were observed. The derived thermochemical equation relating reactions (2.3) - (?.5) is given below:
$\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}[\mathrm{t}-\mathrm{BuOOH}, I]=(1-\mathrm{x}) \cdot \Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}[\mathrm{t}-\mathrm{BuOH}, \mathrm{aq}]+(2-\mathrm{x}) \cdot \Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}\left[\mathrm{Fe}^{3+}, \mathrm{aq}\right]+\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}\left[\mathrm{OH}^{-}, \mathrm{aq}\right]$ $+\mathrm{X} \cdot \Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}\left[\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{CO}, \mathrm{aq}\right]+\mathrm{x} / 2 \cdot \Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{0}\left[\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{6}, \mathrm{~g}\right]-(2-\mathrm{x}) \cdot \Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{0}\left[\mathrm{Fe}^{2+}, \mathrm{aq}\right]-\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{0}\left[\mathrm{H}^{+}, \mathrm{aq}\right]-\Delta \mathrm{H}$. (III.1)
where x (moles) is the fraction of $t-\mathrm{BuO}^{\circ}$ radicals reacting via route (2.5). Post-calorimetry analysis (Table 3.3, Chapter III) gave $\mathrm{x}=0.16$ (average of three independent results). This value in combination with $\Delta \mathrm{H}$ (Table 3.2, Chapter III) gave $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{0}[\mathrm{t}-\mathrm{BuOOH}, 1]=-293.3 \pm 4.1 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}{ }^{-1}$, which is compared with other values in Table AIII.2.

Table AIII. 1
Comparison of some observed values of $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}$ for $\mathrm{ROOR}(\mathrm{g})$ and $\mathrm{ROOH}(\mathrm{g})$
with those estimated by a group additivity method. 156


Table AIII. 2


* using $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\text {vap }}^{\mathrm{O}}=47.7 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}{ }^{-1}$, ref. 69.

This independent determination of the standard enthalpy of formation of $t-\mathrm{BuOOH}(1)$ allows a high accuracy to be achieved in the derived value of $\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}\left[(\mathrm{t}-\mathrm{BuOO})_{3} \mathrm{~B}, 1\right]$; the interdependence of the standard enthalpies of formation of the two peroxides can be gauged from equation (3.1) (Chapter III)


The lattice energy of an ionic compound, $U_{0}$ at $O K$, may be defined as the internal energy change that takes place when one mole of the compound (at one atmosphere pressure) is converted into its gaseous ions at infinite separation. At OK these ions are stationary.

$$
M_{n}(\mathrm{c}) \longrightarrow \mathrm{M}^{\mathrm{n}+}(\mathrm{g})+\mathrm{nX}^{-}(\mathrm{g}) \quad \Delta \mathrm{H}=\mathrm{U}_{0} \quad \ldots \quad \text { (IV.1) }
$$

This energy arises predominatly from the coulombic attraction and interatomic repulsion terms. At temperatures above OK a further small quantity, ( $n+1$ ) RT, must be added to take account of the volume work in expanding ( $n+1$ ) moles of gas (assumed ideal).

The lattice energy at $298 \mathrm{~K}, \mathrm{U}_{298}$, can be related to other thermodynamic quantities by the Born-Haber cycle; this is shown below:

$\Delta H_{f}^{O}\left[M X_{n}, c\right], \Delta H_{f}^{O}[M, g]$ and $\Delta H_{f}^{O}[X, g]$ are the enthalpies of formation of crystalline $M X_{n}$, gaseous $M$ and gaseous $X$. $\sum^{n} I_{n}$ is the sum of the first $n$ ionisation potentials of $M$ and $E_{a}$ is the electron affinity of the radical $X$; these values are converted to enthalpies and corrected to 298 K by the addition of $\frac{5}{2} \mathrm{nRT}$ terms. This follows from:

$$
\begin{aligned}
M(g) & \longrightarrow M^{+}(g)+e^{-}(g) \quad I=U_{0} \\
M(g) & \longrightarrow M^{+}(g)+e^{-}(g) \quad U_{298} \\
U_{298}-U_{0} & =\int \Delta C_{v} d T \\
& =\int\left(\frac{3}{2} R+\frac{3}{2} R-\frac{3}{2} R\right) d T=\frac{3}{2} R T \\
\therefore \quad U_{298} & =I+\frac{3}{2} R T
\end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned}
& \text { Now } H_{298}=U_{298}+\Delta \boldsymbol{\nu}(R T) \\
&=U_{298}+R T \\
&=I+\frac{3}{2} R T+R T=I+\frac{5}{2} R T \\
& \therefore H_{298}=I+\frac{5}{2} R T .
\end{aligned}
$$

No interaction need be considered between the ions $M^{n+}(g)$ and $X^{-}(g)$
as they are in the hypothetical ideal gas state. From the Born-Haber cycle the following equation is derived,
$U_{298}\left[M X_{n}\right]=\Delta H_{f}^{0}[M, g]+n \Delta H_{f}^{0}[X, g]+\sum_{1}^{n} I_{n}-n E_{a}-\Delta H_{f}^{0}\left[M X_{n}, c\right]-(n+1) R T \ldots$ (IV2)
Consider $M($ s.s. $) \rightarrow M^{n+}(g)+n e^{-}(\mathrm{g}) \Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{0}\left[\mathrm{M}^{\mathrm{n}+}, \mathrm{g}\right]$
and $\quad n X(s . s)+.n e^{-}(g) \rightarrow n X^{-}(g) n \Delta H_{f}^{0}[\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{g}]$, then equation (2) becomes,
$\mathrm{U}_{298}\left[\mathrm{MX}_{\mathrm{n}}\right]=\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{0}\left[\mathrm{M}^{+}, \mathrm{g}\right]+\mathrm{n} \Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}[\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{g}]-\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}\left[\mathrm{MX}_{\mathrm{n}}, \mathrm{c}\right]-(\mathrm{n}+1) \mathrm{RT} \quad \ldots$ (IV.3)
The lattice energy at 298 K is related to the lattice energy at OK by, $U_{298}=U_{0}+\int_{0}^{298}\left(C_{p}^{0}\left[M^{+}\right]+n C_{p}^{0}[X]-C_{p}^{0}\left[M X_{n}\right]\right) d T-(n+1) R T \quad \ldots$ (IV.4)
assuming the specific heats $C_{p}^{0}\left[M^{+}\right]$and $C_{p}^{0}\left[X^{-}\right]$are $\frac{5}{2} R$ for an ideal monoatomic
gas, then equation (4) becomes,

$$
\begin{equation*}
U_{298}=U_{o}+\frac{3}{2}(n+1) R T-\int_{0}^{298} C_{p}^{0}\left[M X_{n}\right] d T \quad \ldots \tag{IV.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

This integration can be performed if the specific heat - temperature function of the compound $\mathrm{NX}_{\mathrm{n}}$ is known from $0-298 \mathrm{~K}$.

The use of the Born-Haber cycle in calculating lattice energies is necessarily restricted to those compounds for which the appropriate ionjsation potentials and electron affinity data are available. For ionic compounds with exactly known structural parameters, lattice energies can be obtained from extended 'term by term' calculations. These calculations involve the summing of attractive and repulsive interactions and have been discussed in detail. ${ }^{138}$

A semi-empirical expression has been developed for the determination of lattice energies in cases where structural data are lacking. 139 It was demonstrated that if the Madelung constants (the coefficient of the sum of the coulombic interaction terms characteristic of a crystal structure) for a number of structures were divided by $V$, the number of ions in one molecule, the values obtained were almost constant, (Table A IV.1).

## Table A IV. 1

The ratio $M / V$ for a number of structures

| Structure | Madelung <br> Const.M | $\mathrm{M} / \mathrm{V}$ | Average <br> coordination <br> No. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Caesium chloride | 1.763 | 0.88 | 8.0 |
| Sodium chloride | 1.748 | 0.87 | 6.0 |
| Fluorite | 2.519 | 0.84 | 5.33 |
| Wurtzite | 1.641 | 0.82 | 4.0 |
| Rutile | 2.408 | 0.80 | 4.0 |
| Amattase | 2.400 | 0.80 | 4.0 |
| Cuprite | 2.221 | 0.74 | 2.67 |

The equilibrium internuclear distance, $r_{0}$, in an ionic compound generally increases slightly with coordination number, thereby making the variations in $M / V r_{o}$ even less than $\mathbb{M} / V$. This alternative treatment considers all salts to crystallise in a sodium chloride type lattice.

The Born-Meyer expression for calculating the lattice energy of a cyrstal is given by:

$$
U_{0}=\frac{N M z_{1}, z_{2} e^{2}}{r_{0}}\left[1-\frac{p}{r_{0}}\right] \quad \ldots \quad \text { (IV.6) }
$$

where $N$ is the Avogadro constant, $M=$ Madelung constant, $z_{1}$ and $z_{2}$ are the cationic and anionic charges, $e=$ electronic charge, $r_{0}=$ equilibrium internuclear charge and $\rho$ is a constant. For the six-coordination sodium chloride lattice, $M / V r_{0}$ is $0.874 / r_{0}$ and $\rho$ is almost constant at 0.345. It was further assumed that the cation and anion 'touch' so that
$r_{o}$ may be replaced by $r_{c}$ and $r_{a}$, the cationic and anionic radii for six-coordination.

Thus the modified Born-Meyer equation becomes:

$$
U_{o}=\frac{287.2 V_{\mathbf{2 + 2}}}{\left(r_{c}+r_{a}\right)}\left[1-\frac{0.345}{\left(r_{c}+r_{a}\right)}\right] \quad \text { (IV.7) }
$$

an equation, initially derived by, and now associated with the name of Kapustinskii. It is generally found that lattice energies given by the semi-empirical equation (7) are lower than those by extended calculations or Born-Haber cycles. Attempts to extend this equation by wholly empirical deductions give closer results but do not, of course, have a firm theoretical justification.

A difficulty when using the Kapustinskii equation is to assign a value to the ionic radius if a complex cation or anion is present. A method has been proposed which overcomes this difficulty. ${ }^{140}$

Consider the reaction:

$$
\mathrm{MX}(\mathrm{c}) \quad \longrightarrow \mathrm{M}^{+}(\mathrm{g})+\mathrm{X}^{-}(\mathrm{g})
$$

the enthalpy of reaction is given by $U_{0}+2 R T$. It therefore follows that:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathrm{U}_{0}+2 R T=\Delta \mathrm{H}_{f}^{0}\left[\mathrm{M}^{+}, g\right]+\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{0}\left[\mathrm{X}^{-}, g\right]-\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}(\mathrm{MX}, \mathrm{c}] \ldots \tag{IV.8}
\end{equation*}
$$

Now, if two salts, $M_{1} X$ and $M_{2} X$, have a common anion, then:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{U}_{1}+2 \mathrm{RT}=\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}\left[\mathrm{M}_{1}^{+}, \mathrm{g}\right]+\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}\left[\mathrm{X}^{-}, \mathrm{g}\right]-\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}\left[\mathrm{M}_{1} \mathrm{X}, \mathrm{c}\right] \\
& \mathrm{U}_{2}+2 \mathrm{RT}=\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}\left[\mathrm{M}_{2}^{+}, \mathrm{g}\right]+\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{0}\left[\mathrm{X}^{-}, \mathrm{g}\right]-\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{\mathrm{O}}\left[\mathrm{M}_{2} \mathrm{X}, \mathrm{c}\right]
\end{aligned} \quad \text { (IV.9) } \quad \text { (IV.10) }
$$

Equation (9) - (10) yields:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathrm{U}_{1}-\mathrm{U}_{2}=\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{0}\left[\mathrm{M}_{1}^{+}, \mathrm{g}\right]-\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{0}\left[\mathrm{M}_{2}^{+}, \mathrm{g}\right]-\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{0}\left[\mathrm{M}_{1} \mathrm{X}, \mathrm{c}\right]+\Delta \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{f}}^{0}\left(\mathrm{M}_{2} \mathrm{X}, \mathrm{c}\right] \quad \ldots \tag{IV.11}
\end{equation*}
$$

From the Kapustinskii equation:
$\mathrm{U}_{1}-\mathrm{U}_{2}=$ const. $\left[\frac{1}{\left(r_{\mathrm{M}_{1}}++r_{X^{-}}\right)}\left(1-\frac{0.345}{\left(r_{\mathrm{M}_{1}}++\mathrm{r}_{\mathrm{X}^{-}}\right)}\right)-\frac{1}{\left(r_{\mathrm{M}_{2}}++\mathrm{r}_{\mathrm{X}^{-}}\right)}\left(\frac{0.345}{\left(r_{\mathrm{M}_{2}}++r_{\mathrm{X}}{ }^{-}\right.}\right)\right]$
... (IV.12)

Therefore, if the enthalpies of formation of the gaseous ions and crystalline salts and the ionic radii of $M_{1}^{+}$and $\mathbb{M}_{2}^{+}$are known, equations (11) and (12) may be equated and the quantity $r_{X^{-}}$calculated. A radius calculated in this way is known as a 'thermochemical radius'. Calculated values inserted into equation (7) yield lattice energies of salts containing that anion provided, of course, that the ionic radius of the cation is known. Also, substitution of the lattice energy into equations (9) or (10) will give the standard enthalpy of formation of the complex anion, $\Delta H_{f}^{0}\left[X^{-}, g\right]$.

Although it is necessary to make several assumptions in obtaining the modified equation (7), it provides a widely used and simple technique for estimating lattice energies in the absence of detailed structural jnformation.

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The standard enthalpies of formation of $o$ - and $p$-tolyldichloroboranes have been determined from a thermochemical study of their oxidative hydrolyses in an isoperibol reaction calorimeter. Combination of these results with enthalpies of vaporization give the standard enthalpies of formation of these compounds in the gas phase ( $-253.8 \pm 2.7$ and $-294.1 \pm 3.8 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$ respectively) from which the boron-carbon bond energy is derived. Structural implications of these results are discussed.

Previous thermochemical studies ${ }^{1,2}$ of $\mathrm{PhBX}_{2}$ (I), $\mathrm{Ph}_{2} \mathrm{BX}$ (II), $\mathrm{Ph}_{3} \mathrm{~B}$ (III), and (cyclo- $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{11}$ ) ${ }_{3} \mathrm{~B}$ (IV) where $\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{Cl}$ and Br showed the order of boron-carbon bond strength $(E)$ in these molecules to be $E(\mathrm{I})>E(\mathrm{II})>$ $E(\mathrm{III}) \geqslant E(\mathrm{IV})$. The marked enhancement of the boron-aromatic-carbon bond energy compared with the boron-aliphatic-carbon bond energy was discussed in terms of $p \pi-p \pi$ bonding. The successive decrease in $E$ on replacement of halogen by phenyl in the series $\mathrm{Ph}_{3-n} \mathrm{BX}_{n}(n=0,1$, and 2 ) was rationalized by suggesting increasing steric interaction causing the phenyl groups to be twisted out of plane with concomitant reduction in resonance stabilization. By inference, ortho-substitution in $\mathrm{PhBCl}_{2}$ should cause a decrease in $E$ and para-substitution should have no steric effect. Accordingly, calorimetric measurements on $o$ - and $p$ $\mathrm{Me} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2}$ were made.

## EXPERIMENTAL

Materials.-The aryldichloroboranes were synthesized by established procedures ${ }^{3-5}$ according to the reaction scheme

(A) (THF $=$ tetrahydrofuran). The b.p.s were $362 \mathrm{~K} / 12$ $\mathrm{mmHg} \dagger$ for $o-\mathrm{Me} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2}$ (lit., ${ }^{5} 36 \mathrm{I}-365 \mathrm{~K} / 12 \mathrm{mmHg}$ ) and $363 \mathrm{~K} / 10 \mathrm{mmHg}$ for $p-\mathrm{Me}^{-} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2}$ (lit., ${ }^{5} 365 \mathrm{~K} / 10$ mmHg . Analyses for chloride on hydrolysis and for boron were by conventional titrimetric procedures (Found for ortho-isomer: $\mathrm{B}, 6 \cdot 25 ; \mathrm{Cl}^{-}, 41 \cdot 1$. Found for para-isomer: B, 6.26; $\mathrm{Cl}^{-}, 40 \cdot 6$. Calc. for $\mathrm{C}_{7} \mathrm{H}_{7} \mathrm{BCl}_{2}: \mathrm{B}, 6 \cdot 25 ; \mathrm{Cl}$, $41 \cdot 02 \%$ ). This synthesis occasionally results in the contamination ${ }^{6}$ of the ortho-isomer by meta-isomer from isomerization. Hence the isomeric purities of the samples were checked by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ n.m.r. spectroscopy. Comparison of the intensity of the signal from the meta-isomer methyl protons ( $\delta=2.15$ p.p.m.) with the intensities of the signals from the ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ satellites from the ortho-isomer methyl protons

[^0]( $\delta=2.44$ p.p.m., $J_{\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}}=127 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ) showed the concentration of meta-isomer in the ortho-isomer sample to be less than 0.5 mass $\%$ ( $\delta$ values relative to tetramethylsilane). No isomeric contamination could be detected in the sample of the para-isomer. The isomeric purity of the orthoisomer was checked after calorimetry and no significant increase in impurity was found.

Calorimeters.-The glass calorimeter was operated in the isoperibol mode at $298.15 \pm 0.01 \mathrm{~K}$ or $303.15 \pm 0.01 \mathrm{~K}$, and is fully described elsewhere. ${ }^{7,8}$ The performance was checked periodically by measuring the enthalpy of neutralization of tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane (THAM) in excess of $0.1 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3} \mathrm{HCl}$. The mean of ten determinations was $\Delta H(298.15 \mathrm{~K}, \quad 1200<N<1364)=-29.79 \pm$ $0.08 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$. Hill et al. ${ }^{9}$ report $\Delta H(298.15 \mathrm{~K}, 1182<$ $N<1569)=-29.744 \pm 0.006 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}{ }^{-1}$ for the same reaction. $N$ is the mole ratio of water to THAM. Samples for calorimetry were handled in dry nitrogen and contained ${ }^{8}$ in glass ampoules with two fracture bulbs.

Differential Scanning Calorimetry.-The enthalpy of fusion of $p$-tolyldichloroborane was determined by use of the Perkin-Elmer D.S.C. 1B instrument. 'Volatile Sample' pans (part no. 219-0062) were filled in an atmosphere of dry nitrogen and then sealed. The instrument was calibrated with pure indium metal ( $99.999 \mathrm{~mol} \%$, Halewood Chemicals Ltd.). The heat of fusion of $p$-tolyldichloroborane was calculated from the average area of three replicate scans of the same sample, this process being repeated for two further samples. No attack of the aluminium sample pan and lid was evident from the observed constancy of the scan area for several repeated meltings and freezings of the same sample. Exothermic peaks were not observed on any of the scans; this was taken as additional evidence of no chemical reaction taking place.

Enthalpies of Vaporization.-These were determined from vapour pressures obtained over a range of temperature ( $360-440 \mathrm{~K}$ ) by use of semimicro ebulliometer based on the design ${ }^{10}$ of Hoover et al. and tested as described. ${ }^{1}$ These enthalpies were converted from the mean of the experimental temperature interval to $298 \cdot 15 \mathrm{~K}$ by use of Watson's equation. ${ }^{11}$

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## RESULTS

The calorimeter contained $200 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ of an aqueous solution, $0.1 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}$ with respect to $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}$ and $1.00 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}$ with respect to NaOH (this mixture designated aqueous excess of base, a.e.b.). Quantities of arylhalogenoborane were chosen so that both peroxide and base were in excess. The para-isomer was studied at $303 \cdot 15 \mathrm{~K}$ where the sample is liquid and the correction of the results to 298.15 K was ignored as were the enthalpies of mixing of the products. The enthalpies of solution of $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}, \mathrm{NaCl}$, and NaOH in (a.e.b.) were assumed equal to the corresponding values in water. The thermal effect of the catalysis of the decomposition of $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}$ by base was found to be negligible. Therefore

Table 1
Enthalpies of reaction for equation (1) at $298 \cdot 15 \mathrm{~K}$ : $n$ is the mole ratio of water to arylhalogenoborane

| $n$ for | $-\Delta H_{1} / \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ for ortho-isomer | $n \quad \mathrm{fo}$ | $-\Delta H_{1}{ }^{a} / \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ for para-isomer |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 28812 | 720.9 | 25431 | 686.2 |
| 23760 | $723 \cdot 4$ | 20269 | $677 \cdot 8$ |
| 35540 | $724 \cdot 2$ | 32499 | 679.9 |
| 23269 | $720 \cdot 0$ | 24028 | $687 \cdot 0$ |
| 42414 | $715 \cdot 5$ | 28115 | $685 \cdot 3$ |
| 28182 | $715 \cdot 0$ | 26159 | $686 \cdot 2$ |
| 25671 | $722 \cdot 2$ | 28878 | $678 \cdot 2$ |
| 30727 | 716.7 | 20508 | $675 \cdot 7$ |
| 30341 | $716 \cdot 3$ | 30054 | 674.9 |
| 29230 | $718 \cdot 4$ | Mean ( $\pm 2 \bar{s}$ ) | $681 \cdot 2 \pm 3 \cdot 3$ |
| 32387 | 720.9 |  |  |
| Mean ( $\pm 2 \bar{s}$ ) | ) $\overline{719.4 \pm 1.9}$ |  |  |
|  | a At 3 | K. |  |

for reaction (1) where $\mathrm{Ar}=o$ - or $p-\mathrm{Me} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4}$. we have relation (B). Enthalpies of neutralization of the phenols

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\begin{align*}
& \mathrm{ArBCl}_{2}(\mathrm{liq})+\left[\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}+2 \mathrm{NaOH}\right](\text { a.e.b. })= \\
& {\left[\mathrm{ArOH}+\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{BO}_{3}+2 \mathrm{NaCl}\right] \text { (a.e.b.) }} \tag{1}
\end{align*}
$$

$\Delta H_{\mathrm{f}}^{0}\left[\mathrm{ArBCl}_{2}\right.$, liq $]=\Delta H_{f}^{0}[\mathrm{ArOH}$, a.e.b. $]+$
$\Delta H_{f}^{0}\left[\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{BO}_{3}\right.$, a.e.b. $]+2 \Delta H_{\mathrm{f}}{ }^{0}[\mathrm{NaCl}$, a.e.b. $]-$
$2 \Delta H_{\mathrm{f}}{ }^{0}[\mathrm{NaOH}$, a.e.b. $]-\Delta H_{\mathrm{f}}^{0}\left[\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}\right.$, a.e.b. $]-\Delta H_{1}$
$(\mathrm{ArOH})$ were determined in the same calorimeter. The corresponding figure for boric acid is available. ${ }^{12}$
from ref. 13. Using heats of formation for the cresols from ref. $11, \Delta H_{\mathrm{f}}{ }^{0}\left[\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{BO}_{3}, \mathrm{c}\right]=-1094 \cdot 5 \pm 1 \cdot 2 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$ (mean of two ${ }^{14,15}$ reliable determinations) and the enthalpies of

Table 2
Enthalpies of neutralization for ArOH(cryst.) + a.e.b. $=$ [ArOH,a.e.b.] at $298.15 \mathrm{~K}: n$ is the mole ratio of water to phenol

| $n$ | $\Delta H / \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ <br> for ortho-isomer | $n$ | $-\Delta H / \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ <br> for para-isomer |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 979 | $15 \cdot 5$ | 738 | $17 \cdot 3$ |
| 860 | $15 \cdot 5$ | 656 | $17 \cdot 4$ |
| 884 | $15 \cdot 9$ | 737 | $16 \cdot 7$ |
| 925 | $16 \cdot 3$ | 776 | $16 \cdot 9$ |
| 855 | $16 \cdot 3$ | Mean $( \pm 2 \bar{s})$ | $17 \cdot 1 \pm 0 \cdot 3$ |
| Mean $( \pm 2 \bar{s})$ | $\frac{15 \cdot 9 \pm 0 \cdot 4}{}$ |  |  |

fusion and vaporization, we obtain the derived enthalpies of formation collected in Table 3.

## DISCUSSION

The boron-carbon bond energy in the arylhalogenoboranes is defined by equations (2) and (3). Hence the

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\begin{gather*}
\mathrm{MeC}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2}(\mathrm{~g})= \\
\mathrm{Me} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot(\mathrm{~g})+\mathrm{B}(\mathrm{~g})+2 \mathrm{Cl}(\mathrm{~g}) \Delta H_{2}  \tag{2}\\
\Delta H_{2}=2 E(\mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{Cl})+E(\mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C}) \tag{3}
\end{gather*}
$$

difference in the bond energies for the isomers is given by equations (4)-(7). Equating the term in parentheses

$$
\begin{align*}
& E(\mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C})_{p}-E(\mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C})_{o}=\Delta H_{2}(\text { para-isomer })- \\
& \Delta H_{2} \text { (ortho-isomer) }  \tag{4}\\
& =\Delta H_{\mathrm{f}}{ }^{0}\left[0-\mathrm{Me} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2}, \mathrm{~g}\right]- \\
& \Delta H_{\mathrm{f}}{ }^{0}\left[p-\mathrm{Me} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2}, \mathrm{~g}\right]+\left(\Delta H_{\mathrm{f}}{ }^{0}\left[p-\mathrm{Me}^{\cdot} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4}{ }^{\circ}, \mathrm{g}\right]-\right. \\
& \left.\Delta H_{\mathrm{f}}{ }^{0}\left[0-\mathrm{Me} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot, \mathrm{~g}\right]\right)  \tag{5}\\
& \approx \Delta H_{\mathrm{f}}{ }^{0}\left[0-\mathrm{Me} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2}, \mathrm{~g}\right]- \\
& \Delta H_{\mathrm{f}}{ }^{0}\left[\rho-\mathrm{Me}^{2} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2}, \mathrm{~g}\right]  \tag{6}\\
& =40 \cdot 3 \pm 4.7 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1} \tag{7}
\end{align*}
$$

in equation (5) to zero is equivalent to equating the carbon to ortho-hydrogen bond dissociation energy to the carbon to para-hydrogen bond dissociation energy in toluene.

Table 3
Enthalpies of formation and transition for $o$ - and $p$-tolyldichloroboranes at $298 \cdot 15 \mathrm{~K} \mathrm{in} \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}{ }^{-1}$

|  | $\Delta H_{1}{ }^{\circ}$ (c) | $\Delta H(\mathrm{c} \longrightarrow \mathrm{liq})$ | $\Delta H_{1}{ }^{\text { }}$ (liq) | $\Delta H($ liq $\longrightarrow \mathrm{g})$ | $\Delta H_{i}{ }^{0}(\mathrm{~g})$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $o-\mathrm{Me} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2}$ | - | - | $-300 \cdot 7 \pm 2.5$ | $46.9 \pm 0.9$ | $-253 \cdot 8 \pm 2.7$ |
| $p-\mathrm{Me}^{\circ} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2}{ }^{\text {a }}$ | $-339 \cdot 2 \pm 3 \cdot 6$ | $4 \cdot 39 \pm 0.13^{\text {b }}$ | $-334 \cdot 8 \pm 3 \cdot 6$ | $40 \cdot 7 \pm 1 \cdot 3$ | $-294.1 \pm 3.8$ |

$a$ M.p. $300 \cdot 1 \mathrm{~K}$. ${ }^{b}$ The uncertainty interval is the range of three determinations and includes a calibration error.

Experimental results are in Tables 1 and 2. With the above approximations the term $\left(\Delta H_{1}{ }^{0}[\mathrm{NaCl}\right.$, a.e.b. $]$ $\Delta H_{\mathrm{f}}{ }^{0}[\mathrm{NaOH}$,a.e.b. $\left.]\right)$ reduces to $\left(\Delta H_{\mathrm{f}}{ }^{0}\left[\mathrm{Cl}^{-}\right.\right.$,aq] $-\Delta H_{\mathrm{f}}{ }^{0}-$ [ $\left.\mathrm{OH}^{-}, \mathrm{aq}\right]$ ) and this and the value for $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}(\mathrm{aq})$ were taken

[^1]There is no direct evidence ${ }^{\mathbf{1 6 , 1 7}}$ to support this assumption but it is likely that the steric effect of a methyl group on an ortho-hydrogen is small and that the difference in

[^2]the electronic effect of the methyl group on the orthoand para-hydrogens is similarly small. The assumption is probably valid to within $\pm 4 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$. In order to derive explicit values for the boron-carbon bond energies rather than their difference it is necessary to estimate $\Delta H_{f}{ }^{0}\left[\mathrm{Me}^{-} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot g\right]$. If we assume that $D\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}-\mathrm{H}\right) \approx$ $D\left(\mathrm{Me} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4}-\mathrm{H}\right)$ this function is readily obtained from equation (8). In support of this second assumption,
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$$
\begin{gather*}
\Delta H_{\mathrm{f}}{ }^{0}\left[\mathrm{Me} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4}, \mathrm{~g}\right]=D\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}-\mathrm{H}\right)^{18}-\Delta H_{\mathrm{f}}^{0}[\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{~g}]^{12}+ \\
\Delta H_{\mathrm{f}}{ }^{0}[\mathrm{MePh}, \mathrm{~g}]^{13}=192 \pm 8 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1} \tag{8}
\end{gather*}
$$
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gas-phase kinetic studies ${ }^{19}$ indicate $D\left(\mathrm{CF}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4}-\mathrm{H}\right)=$ $456 \pm 10 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}$, a figure close to the accepted value ${ }^{18}$ for $D\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}-\mathrm{H}\right)=460 \pm 8 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$. It is probable that $-\mathrm{CF}_{3}$ will have a more marked influence on the ring $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}$ bond energies than $-\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ so the assumption is probably valid to within the difference between $D\left(\mathrm{CF}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4}-\mathrm{H}\right)$ and $D\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}-\mathrm{H}\right)$, i.e., $\pm 4 \mathrm{~kJ}$. Values for the carbonboron bond energies in the title compounds are compared in Table 4 with corresponding recalculated results for

## Table 4

Values for the boron-carbon bond energy ${ }^{b}$ [defined by equations (2) and (3)] in arylhalogenoboranes and triphenylborane at 298.15 K

| $\quad$ Compound | $E(\mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C}) a / \mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}$ |
| :--- | :---: |
|  |  |
| $o-\mathrm{Me}^{-1}$ |  |
| $o-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{BCl}_{2}$ | $463 \pm 10$ |
| $p-\mathrm{Me}^{2} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2}$ | $504 \pm 10$ |
| $\mathrm{PhBCl}_{2}$ | $508 \pm 10$ |
| $\mathrm{PhBBr}_{2}$ | $489 \pm 10$ |
| $\mathrm{Ph}_{2} \mathrm{BCl}$ | $485 \pm 10$ |
| $\mathrm{Ph}_{2} \mathrm{BBr}$ | $475 \pm 10$ |
| $\mathrm{Ph}_{3} \mathrm{~B}$ | $462 \pm 10$ |

a The major part of the error in these values is from $\Delta H_{t}{ }^{0}[\mathrm{~B}, \mathrm{~g}]$ and $\Delta H_{t}{ }^{0}[$ aryl radical, g.$]$ The difference between appropriate values will lead to error cancellation. ${ }^{b}$ Ancillary heats of formation at 298.15 K required for the calculation of these results were taken from ref. (21) unless indicated otherwise and are as follows: $\mathrm{B}(\mathrm{g}), 555 \cdot 6 \pm 16 \cdot 7 ; \mathrm{Cl}(\mathrm{g}), 121 \cdot 0 \pm$ $0 \cdot 1 ; \operatorname{Br}(\mathrm{g}), \quad 111 \cdot 9 \pm 0.3 ; \quad \mathrm{Ph}(\mathrm{g}), \quad 325 \pm 8 ;{ }^{18} \quad \mathrm{PhBCl}_{2}(\mathrm{~g})$, $-265 \cdot 9 \pm 1 \cdot 7 ; \quad \mathrm{PhBBr}_{2}(\mathrm{~g}), \quad-115.5 \pm 1.7 ; \quad \mathrm{Ph}_{2} \mathrm{BCl}(\mathrm{g})$, $-84 \cdot 1 \pm 3 \cdot 8 ; \mathrm{Ph}_{2} \mathrm{BBr}(\mathrm{g}), 2 \cdot 5 \pm 3 \cdot 8 ; \mathrm{Ph}_{3} \mathrm{~B}(\mathrm{~g}), 143 \cdot 1 \pm 4 \cdot 2 \mathrm{~kJ}$ $\mathrm{mol}^{-1}$; also required are $E(\mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{Cl})=440 \cdot 1$ and $E(\mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{Br})=$ $365.7 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1} \mathrm{BX}_{3}$.
$\mathrm{Ph}_{3-n} \mathrm{BX}_{n}(n=0,1$, and $2, \mathrm{X}=\mathrm{Cl}$ and Br$)$. The latter results differ from those originally reported ${ }^{20}$ because of (a) the use of $\Delta H_{\mathrm{t}}{ }^{0}\left[\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}{ }^{\circ}, g\right]=325 \pm 18^{18} \mathrm{~kJ}$ $\mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ instead of $301 \pm 18^{1,20} \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$ and (b) the conversion ${ }^{21}$ of the original ${ }^{1}$ enthalpies of vaporization to 298.15 K by use of Watson's equation. ${ }^{13}$
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The difference between the boron-carbon bond energy in $p-\mathrm{Me}^{\cdot} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2}$ and $\mathrm{PhBCl}_{2}$ is $4 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}{ }^{-1}$ which is within experimental error and so is not significant. If we accept the validity of the assumptions discussed above and the transferability ${ }^{1}$ of the $\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{Cl}$ bond energy from $\mathrm{BCl}_{3}$ to $\mathrm{ArBCl}_{2}$, this implies that the electronic effect of a para-methyl substituent on the $\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{C}$ bond energy in the aryldichloroboranes is small. In contrast, the $\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{C}$ bond energy in $p-\mathrm{Me}^{-} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2}$ is greater than in the ortho-isomer by $c a .40 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$. This is significant and reflects the steric effect of an ortho-methyl substituent. It is known that the atoms in $\mathrm{PhBCl}_{2}(\mathrm{~g})$ are coplanar ${ }^{22}$ and a vibrational spectroscopic study ${ }^{23}$ of the diphenylhalogenoboranes supports the suggestion ${ }^{1}$ that the phenyl groups are twisted out of the skeletal plane in these molecules. Similarly, it is probable that in o-Me $\cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2}(\mathrm{~g})$ the $-\mathrm{BCl}_{2}$ group is twisted out of the ring plane to minimize steric interaction resulting in loss of $p \pi-p \pi$ character to the $\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{C}$ bond. A significant $p \pi$ contribution persists in this bond, however, as the boron to aliphatic carbon bond strength ${ }^{1}$ (ca. 370 $\mathrm{kJ} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ ) is much smaller.

A mass spectrometric study ${ }^{24}$ of photoionization yields from $\mathrm{B}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{4}$ and $\mathrm{BCl}_{3}$ gives $\Delta H_{\mathrm{f}}{ }^{0}\left[\mathrm{BCl}_{2}, \mathrm{~g}\right] 298=$ $-61 \pm 5 \mathrm{~kJ} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$. Using this result we can calculate bond dissociation energies in the aryldichloroboranes

Table 5
Bond dissociation energies in the aryldihalogenoboranes at 298.15 K

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\(o-\mathrm{Me} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2} \quad p-\mathrm{Me} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{BCl}_{2} \quad \mathrm{PhBCl}_{2}\)
    \(485 \pm 10 \quad 525 \pm 10 \quad 530 \pm 10\)
\(D\left(\right.\) Aryl \(\left.-\mathrm{BCl}_{2}\right) / \mathrm{kJ}\)
    \(\mathrm{mol}^{-1}\)
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which do not include the implicit assumption of bondenergy transferability as do the bond energy calculations described above. The same trends are observed in the bond dissociation energy results although the absolute magnitudes differ.

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Pure rubidium and caesium tetrachloroborates have been prepared by a modification of an established method. Their standard heats of formation at 298.15 K are $-220.7 \pm 0.4$ and $-225.0 \pm 0.3 \mathrm{kcal} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ respectively as obtained from a thermochemical study of their hydrolyses. Dissociation pressures of caesium tetrachloroborate have been determined over the range $55-80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. from which the equilibrium constant for the dissociation at $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ has been estimated as $8 \times 10^{-5}$.

In contrast to the ready preparation of tetrafluoroborates, corresponding tetrachloroborates have proved difficult to isolate and were not characterised until $1957^{1}$ when pyridinium tetrachloroborate was prepared. Subsequently Muetterties ${ }^{2}$ reported autoclave syntheses at $500{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ of $\mathrm{M}^{\mathrm{I}}\left[\mathrm{BCl}_{4}\right](\mathrm{M}=\mathrm{Cs}, \mathrm{Rb}$, and K$)$ from $\mathrm{M}^{\mathrm{I} C l}$ and $\mathrm{BCl}_{3}$ (under these conditions $\mathrm{Na}\left[\mathrm{BCl}_{4}\right]$ was not formed). This synthetic route was modified later ${ }^{3}$ by inclusion of a nitrobenzene solvent when smooth reaction proceeded at ca. $100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Approximate measurements by Muetterties revealed that the alkali-metal tetrachloroborates are thermodynamically less stable than the corresponding tetrafluoroborates in terms of both lower enthalpies of dissociation and higher dissociation pressures.

This paper describes a modification of Muetterties' synthetic procedure for rubidium and caesium tetrachloroborates and the aqueous-solution thermochemistry of these compounds; dissociation pressures and derived thermodynamic functions are reported for $\mathrm{Cs}\left[\mathrm{BCl}_{4}\right]$.

## EXPERIMENTAL

Materials.-Rubidium and caesium chlorides (B.D.H.) were dried at $110{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Chloroform (ethanol removed by water extraction), nitrobenzene, and carbon tetrachloride were dried over type 4A molecular sieves (B.D.H.).

Syntheses.-Caesium chloride $[6.0 \mathrm{~g}$ or rubidium chloride $(4 \cdot 0 \mathrm{~g})]$ was added to nitrobenzene $\left(50 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}\right)$ in a Pyrex glass ampoule (a spherical bulb with an 8 cm neck and volume of $c a .80 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ ) in a nitrogen-filled dry-box. The ampoule contents were cooled to $c a .-80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and boron trichloride $\left(20 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}\right)$ was added after which the ampoule was sealed. The autoclave (series 4652 , internal volume $500 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$, Parr Instrument Co., Moline, Illinois) was charged with the ampoule and isopentane ( $100 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ ) to act as a pressure equaliser (rough calculation indicates the pressure differential across the ampoule wall at $90^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ was 0.9 atm and the total autoclave internal pressure was 7 atm$). \ddagger$ The autoclave was maintained at $90^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 4 h when the ampoule was removed and opened at $-80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The following operations were carried out in a nitrogen-filled dry-box. The ampoule contents were washed into a conical flask with nitro-
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$\ddagger 1 \mathrm{cal}=4 \cdot 184 \mathrm{~J}, 1 \mathrm{~atm}=101.325 \mathrm{kPa}, 1 \mathrm{Torr}=(101.325)$ $760) \mathrm{kPa}$, and $1 \AA=10^{-10} \mathrm{~m}$.
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benzene ( $50 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ ), allowed to settle, and the supernatant liquid decanted into chloroform ( $500 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ ) when the tetrachloroborate precipitated. The impure product was collected on a glass sinter (No. 3) and vacuum-dried, followed by redissolution in nitrobenzene-boron trichloride ( $100 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$; $15 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ ) and reprecipitation with chloroform. The white precipitate was filtered off, washed with chloroform, and dried at room temperature for 2 h at 0.001 Torr.

Analysis.-Raman spectra (Coderg PHO, $6471 \AA$ exciting line) were compared with literature spectra ${ }^{4}$ of other tetrachloroborates and the presence of $\left[\mathrm{BCl}_{4}\right]^{-}$and the absence of $\mathrm{BCl}_{3}$ confirmed. Alkali-metal contents were determined gravimetrically ${ }^{5}$ using a sodium tetraphenylborate precipitant and total chloride contents were obtained from a Volhard titration ${ }^{6}$ on the hydrolysate. The liberated hydrochloric and boric acids in the hydrolysate were determined via potentiometric titration \{Found: B, 4.55; $\mathrm{Cl}^{-}, 59.5$; $\mathrm{Cl}^{-}$(equivalent to liberated HCl ), $44 \cdot 6 ; \mathrm{Rb}, 36 \cdot 0$. Calc. for $\mathrm{Rb}\left[\mathrm{BCl}_{4}\right]: \mathrm{B}, 4.55$; $\mathrm{Cl}, 59.55$; Rb, 35.9. Found: B, 3.80; $\mathrm{Cl}^{-}, 49 \cdot 5$; $\mathrm{Cl}^{-}$(equivalent to liberated HCl ), $37 \cdot 2$; Cs , 46.6. Calc. for $\mathrm{Cs}\left[\mathrm{BCl}_{4}\right]$ : $\mathrm{B}, \mathbf{3 . 8 0}$; $\mathrm{Cl}, \mathbf{4 9 . 6 5 ; ~ C s , ~} \mathbf{4 6} \cdot \mathbf{5 5} \%$ \} . Densities at $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ were measured under carbon tetrachloride as 2.40 and $2.68 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{~cm}^{-3}$ for $\mathrm{Rb}\left[\mathrm{BCl}_{4}\right]$ and $\mathrm{Cs}\left[\mathrm{BCl}_{4}\right]$ respectively.

Solution Calorimeter.-This was of all-glass construction, operated in the isoperibol mode at $25{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and has been previously described ${ }^{7}$ except for the following modifications. The calorimeter (of round-bottomed design) contained liquid ( $200 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ ) and additional stirrer blades [fabricated in poly(tetrafluoroethylene) (ptfe)] were fixed to the stirrer shaft $c a .1 \mathrm{~cm}$ below the surface of the liquid. The calibration heater was replaced by a nominal $100 \Omega$ ptfeencapsulated resistor (Tronac Inc., Provo, Utah) of low thermal capacity, and the platinum-resistance thermometer for ancillary temperature monitoring has been abandoned. The out-of-balance bridge signal was displayed directly on a 1 mV pen recorder so that the sensitivity was $c a .1 \Omega \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ pen displacement with a thermistor of ca. $150 \Omega \mathrm{~K}^{-1}$. The reaction resistance change was obtained by back extrapolation to a point corresponding to $63 \%$ of the total change and the calibration resistance change obtained similarly to a point corresponding to $50 \%$ of the total change. The ampoules had two fracture bulbs ${ }^{8}$ and reaction was initiated by breaking the bulbs with the stirrer blades. The theoretical precision of this system has been discussed briefly in

[^3]refs. 9 and 10 and the experimental precision and accuracy were checked by measuring the enthalpy of neutralisation of tris[(hydroxymethyl)amino]methane (thm) in excess of $0.1 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{dm}^{-3}$ aqueous hydrochloric acid. The mean of 10 runs was $\Delta H(298 \cdot 15 \mathrm{~K}, 1200<N<1364)=$ $-(7.12 \pm 0.02) \mathrm{kcal} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$. Hill et al. ${ }^{11}$ obtained $\Delta H$ (298.15 K, $1170<N<1574)=-(7 \cdot 109 \pm 0.003) \mathrm{kcal}$ $\mathrm{mol}^{-1}$, where $N$ is the mol ratio of water to thm. The uncertainties in the solution calorimetric results are quoted as $\pm 2 \sigma, \sigma$ being the standard deviation of the mean.
Dissociation Pressures.-These were measured with a strain-gauge pressure transducer (Bell and Howell, type 4366) fused to a glass $U$ tube. The sensitivity of this transducer is low ( $\approx 0.08 \mathrm{mV}$ Torr $^{-1}$ ) so the output was amplified using a chopper-stabilised amplifier (Ancom, type 15C-3) and displayed on a $3 \frac{1}{2}$-digit digital voltmeter. This combination gave a sensitivity of $\approx 12 \mathrm{mV}$ Torr $^{-1}$, giving a theoretical resolution of $\approx \pm 0.08$ Torr, but thermal zero and sensitivity shift combine to give an operating resolution of $\approx \pm 0.3$ Torr. The gauge was tested using water and the gradient of a graph of $\log _{\mathrm{e}}$ (output voltage) against $T^{-1}$ gave $\Delta H$ (vaporization, 316 K ) $=10.4 \mathrm{kcal} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ (lit. ${ }^{12} 10.52 \mathrm{kcal}$ $\mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ at $298 \cdot 15 \mathrm{~K}$ ). The results from this experiment were also used to calibrate the gauge. Temperature measurement was accurate to $\pm 0.05 \mathrm{~K}$.

## RESULTS

The tetrachloroborates hydrolysed rapidly and quantitatively ${ }^{2}$ according to equation (1). The observed
$\mathrm{M}\left[\mathrm{BCl}_{4}\right](\mathrm{c})+(n+3) \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(1)$

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\begin{equation*}
=\left(\mathrm{MCl}+\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{BO}_{3}+3 \mathrm{HCl}\right), n \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(\text { soln. }) \tag{l}
\end{equation*}
$$

enthalpies of reaction are collected in Table 1. Standard enthalpies of formation were calculated from equation (2), which assumes the enthalpies of mixing of the products are

Table 1
Heats of hydrolysis of rubidium and caesium tetrachloroborates

| $n *$ | $-\Delta H(\mathrm{M}=\mathrm{Rb}) /$ <br> $\mathrm{kcal} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ | $n *$ | $-\Delta H(\mathrm{M}=\mathrm{Cs}) /$ <br> $\mathrm{kcal} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 14411 | $50 \cdot 15$ | 10725 | 47.56 |
| 14374 | 50.82 | 10394 | 47.55 |
| 12237 | $50 \cdot 43$ | 9815 | 47.57 |
| 11167 | 50.53 | 9721 | 47.31 |
| 10203 | 50.24 | 9004 | 47.72 |
| 9842 | 49.89 | 7754 | 47.53 |
| 9747 | 50.00 | 7068 | 47.79 |
| 9078 | 50.19 | Mean $( \pm 2 \sigma)$ | $47.5 \pm 0 \cdot 1$ |
| 9004 | 49.99 |  |  |
| 7559 | 49.92 |  |  |
| Mean $( \pm 2 \sigma)$ | $50.2 \pm 0.2$ |  |  |

* These mol ratios from equation (1) include a buoyancy correction for sample mass.
zero, and the following ancillary data: $\Delta H_{\mathrm{f}}{ }^{\ominus}(\mathrm{RbCl}, 10000$ $\left.\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)=-99.923 \pm 0.037 ;{ }^{13,14} \Delta H_{\mathrm{f}}{ }^{\ominus}\left(\mathrm{CsCl}, 10000 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)=$
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$-101 \cdot 606 \pm 0.037 ;{ }^{13,14} \Delta H_{\mathrm{t}}{ }^{\ominus}\left(\mathrm{HCl}, 3300 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)=39.875 \pm$ $0.021 ;{ }^{12,15} \quad \Delta H_{\mathrm{f}}{ }^{\ominus}\left(\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{BO}_{3}, \quad 10000 \quad \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)=-256.34 \pm$ $0.31 ;^{13,16,17}$ and $\Delta H_{f}{ }^{\ominus}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}, 1\right)=-68.315 \pm 0.010^{15} \mathrm{kcal}$
$\Delta H_{\mathrm{f}}^{\ominus}\left(\mathrm{M}\left[\mathrm{BCl}_{4}\right], \mathrm{c}\right)=\Delta\left(H_{\mathrm{f}}^{\ominus} \mathrm{MCl}, 10000 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)+$
$\Delta H_{\mathrm{f}}^{\ominus}\left(\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{BO}_{3}, 10000 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)+3 \Delta H_{\mathrm{f}}^{\ominus}\left(\mathrm{HCl}, 3330 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right.$
$-3 \Delta H_{\mathrm{f}}^{\ominus}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}, \mathrm{l}\right)-\Delta H(\mathrm{M}=\mathrm{Rb}$ or Cs$)$
$\mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ (ignoring the thermal effect of the different extent of dilution of the products introduces a maximum error of $\left.0.025 \mathrm{kcal} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}\right)$. Hence $\Delta H_{\mathrm{f}}{ }^{\ominus}\left(\mathrm{Rb}\left[\mathrm{BCl}_{4}\right], \mathrm{c}, 298.15 \mathrm{~K}\right)=$ $-220.7 \pm 0.4 \mathrm{kcal} \mathrm{mol}{ }^{-1}$ and $\Delta H_{\mathrm{f}}{ }^{\ominus}\left(\mathrm{Cs}\left[\mathrm{BCl}_{4}\right], \mathrm{c}, 298.15 \mathrm{~K}\right)=$ $-225.0 \pm 0.3 \mathrm{kcal} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$. The dissociation-pressure

Table 2
Dissociation pressures for $\mathrm{Cs}\left[\mathrm{BCl}_{4}\right]$

| Dissociation pressures for $\mathrm{Cs}\left[\mathrm{BCl}_{4}\right]$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :--- |
| $\theta_{\mathrm{c}} /{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 55 | 60 | 65 | $\mathbf{7 0}$ | $\mathbf{7 5}$ | 80 |
| $p /$ Torr | 2.0 | 4.0 | 6.7 | 10.5 | $\mathbf{1 6 . 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 7 . 2}$ |

measurements for $\mathrm{Cs}\left[\mathrm{BCl}_{4}\right]$ are given in Table 2. A leastsquares fit of the results in Table 2 gives equation (3).

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\begin{equation*}
\log _{\mathrm{e}} p=-[(11790 \pm 360) / T]+(36 \cdot 7 \pm 10 \pm 1) \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

## DISCUSSION

Assuming the dissociation of $\mathrm{Cs}\left[\mathrm{BCl}_{4}\right]$ is given by equation (4), we may write $K_{p}=p_{\mathrm{BCl}}$, Torr and $K_{p / p \theta}=$

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\begin{equation*}
\mathrm{Cs}\left[\mathrm{BCl}_{4}\right](\mathrm{c}) \rightleftharpoons \mathrm{CsCl}(\mathrm{c})+\mathrm{BCl}_{3}(\mathrm{~g}) \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

$0.001316 p_{\mathrm{BCl}_{3}}$ taking the activities of the crystalline phases as unity. Hence equation (5) applies over the

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\ln K_{p / p \ominus}=-[(11790 \pm 360) / T]+(30 \cdot 1 \pm 1 \cdot 1)
$$

range $55-80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. From equation (5) we obtain $\Delta H_{4}{ }^{\circ}$ at the mid-point of the temperature range, i.e. $\Delta H_{4}{ }^{\ominus}$ $(341 \mathrm{~K})=23.4 \pm 0.7 \mathrm{kcal} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$. Using $\Delta H_{\mathrm{t}}{ }^{\ominus}\left(\mathrm{BCl}_{3}\right.$, $\mathrm{g})=-96 \cdot 15 \pm 0.30 \mathrm{kcal} \mathrm{mol}^{-1},{ }^{18} \Delta H_{\mathrm{f}}{ }^{\ominus}(\mathrm{CsCl}, \mathrm{c})=$ $-103.5 \pm 0.3 \mathrm{kcal} \mathrm{mol}^{-1},{ }^{14}$ and the calorimetric results described above, $\Delta H_{4}{ }^{\ominus}$ may be obtained directly, i.e. $\Delta H_{4}{ }^{\ominus}(298 \cdot 15 \mathrm{~K})=25.3 \pm 0.5 \mathrm{kcal} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$. Using heat capacities of similar substances, $\Delta C_{p}{ }^{\ominus}(4) \approx-3$ cal K ${ }^{-1}$ $\mathrm{mol}^{-1}$, gives a correction of $\approx 0.12 \mathrm{kcal} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ for the temperature difference in two measurements of $\Delta H_{4}{ }^{\ominus}$. Thus the agreement is only fair, although more confidence should be attached to the calorimetric result. Extrapolating equation (5) to 298.15 K we obtain the following estimates at $298 \cdot 15 \mathrm{~K}: K_{p / p \oplus} \approx 8 \times 10^{-5} ; \Delta G_{4}{ }^{\ominus} \approx 6 \mathrm{kcal}$ $\mathrm{mol}^{-1}$; and $\Delta S_{4}{ }^{\ominus} \approx 60 \mathrm{cal} \mathrm{K}^{-1} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$.

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may be used, ${ }^{19}$ in combination with readily available ancillary data, to determine a 'thermochemical radius' for that anion. This permits estimation of the lattice energies of salts containing that anion via Kapustinskii's equation. ${ }^{19,20}$ This method of estimation is only useful when crystallographic dimensions are not available and hence a more refined calculation ${ }^{19}$ of lattice energy is not possible. The equation for ' thermochemical radius' is a quartic whose coefficients include the differences between the heats of formation of the salts and the cation gases. Unfortunately the heats of sublimation ${ }^{21,22}$ of Rb and Cs , and hence the heats of formation of the ion gases, are not known to high accuracy. Hence the derived thermochemical radius for $\left[\mathrm{BCl}_{4}\right]^{-}(4 \cdot 48 \pm 1 \cdot 45$ $\AA$ ) has a large uncertainty. The ancillary data for this calculation were: $r\left(\mathrm{Rb}^{+}\right)=1.48 ;{ }^{23} \quad r\left(\mathrm{Cs}^{+}\right)=1.69 \AA$; ${ }^{23}$ $\Delta H_{\mathrm{f}}{ }^{\ominus}\left(\mathrm{Rb}^{+}, \mathrm{g}\right)=116.78 \pm \mathrm{l} \cdot 00 ;{ }^{21,24}$ and $\Delta H_{\mathrm{f}}{ }^{\ominus}\left(\mathrm{Cs}^{+}, \mathrm{g}\right)=$ $109.58 \pm 1.00 \mathrm{kcal} \mathrm{mol}^{-1} .22,24$ From covalent bond lengths and van der Waals radii, the radii of circumscribing spheres for $\left[\mathrm{BCl}_{4}\right]^{-}$and $\left[\mathrm{BF}_{4}\right]^{-}$may be estimated as 3.5 and $2.9 \AA$ respectively. The 'thermochemical radius ' of $\left[\mathrm{BF}_{4}\right]^{-}$is $2 \cdot 4 \AA$ (calculated using recent heats of formation ${ }^{25}$ for the Group 1 tetrafluoroborates) and this figure in comparison with the radii derived above leais us to prefer the lower limit of $3.0 \AA$ for the 'thermochemical radius ' of $\left[\mathrm{BCl}_{4}\right]^{-}$.

Using this value in the Kapustinskii equation we obtain the lattice-energy estimates $\Delta H_{\mathrm{L}}\left(\mathrm{Rb}\left[\mathrm{BCl}_{4}\right]\right)=119$ and $\Delta H_{\mathrm{L}}\left(\mathrm{Cs}\left[\mathrm{BCl}_{4}\right]\right)=114 \mathrm{kcal} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$, from which $\Delta H_{\mathrm{f}}{ }^{\mathrm{e}}\left(\left[\mathrm{BCl}_{4}\right]^{-}, \mathrm{g}\right) \approx-220 \mathrm{kcal} \mathrm{mol}{ }^{-1}$ \{cf. $\Delta H_{\mathrm{f}}{ }^{\mathrm{e}}\left(\left[\mathrm{BF}_{4}\right]^{-}\right.$, $\mathrm{g}) \approx-432 \mathrm{kcal} \mathrm{mol}{ }^{-1}$, calculated using $2 \cdot 4 \AA$ for the thermochemical radius of $\left[\mathrm{BF}_{4}\right]^{-}$in Kapustinskii's equation and recent heat of formation ${ }^{25}$ data for $\mathrm{Li}\left[\mathrm{BF}_{4}\right], \mathrm{Na}\left[\mathrm{BF}_{4}\right]$, and $\left.\mathrm{K}\left[\mathrm{BF}_{4}\right]\right\}$. The sensitivity of these lattice enthalpies to choice of anion radius is ca. 20

[^4]$\mathrm{kcal} \mathrm{mol}^{-1} \AA^{-1}$. The enthalpy change in the gas-phase formation of $\left[\mathrm{BCl}_{4}\right]^{-}$[equation (6)] is $-65 \mathrm{kcal} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ compared with $-79^{19}$ for $\left[\mathrm{BH}_{4}\right]^{-}$and -96 for $\left[\mathrm{BF}_{4}\right]^{-}$.
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\begin{equation*}
\mathrm{BCl}_{3}(\mathrm{~g})+\mathrm{Cl}^{-}(\mathrm{g}) \rightarrow\left[\mathrm{BCl}_{4}\right]^{-}(\mathrm{g}) \tag{6}
\end{equation*}
$$

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Thus the thermodynamic instability of the tetrachloroborates compared with tetrafluoroborates may not be readily deduced from the relative magnitudes of the lattice energies $\left\{\Delta H_{\mathrm{L}}\left(\mathrm{Rb}\left[\mathrm{BF}_{4}\right]\right) \approx 135, \Delta H_{\mathrm{L}}\left(\mathrm{Cs}^{2}\left[\mathrm{BF}_{4}\right]\right) \approx\right.$ $129 \mathrm{kcal} \mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ via Kapustinskii's equation $\}$, although the difference in the gas-phase heats of formation of the

Table 3
Enthalpy changes and dissociation pressures for the reaction $\mathrm{M}^{\mathrm{I}}\left[\mathrm{BX}_{4}\right](\mathrm{c}) \longrightarrow \mathrm{M}^{\mathrm{I}} \mathrm{X}(\mathrm{c})+\mathrm{BX}_{3}\left(\mathrm{~g}, p_{\mathrm{BX}_{\mathbf{s}}}\right)(\mathrm{M}=\mathrm{Rb}$ or Cs ; $\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{F}$ or Cl )

| Compound | $\begin{aligned} & \Delta H^{\ominus}\left(25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right) / \\ & \text { kcal mol-1 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} p_{\mathrm{BX}_{3}}\left(60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right) / \\ \text { Torr } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{Rb}\left[\mathrm{BCl}_{4}\right]$ | $21 \cdot 7$ | $\approx 20$ * |
| $\mathrm{Rb}\left[\mathrm{BF}_{4}\right]$ | $>44 \dagger$ | $5 \times 10^{-11} \ddagger$ |
| $\mathrm{Cs}\left[\mathrm{BCl}_{4}\right]$ | $25 \cdot 3$ | 4.0 |
| $\mathrm{Cs}\left[\mathrm{BF}_{4}\right]$ | $>44 \dagger$ | $5 \times 10^{-11} \ddagger$ |

* Unpublished results. $\dagger$ Based on $\left.\Delta H^{\ominus}\left(\mathrm{Li}^{[ } \mathrm{BF}_{4}\right]\right)<\Delta H^{\ominus}$ $\left(\mathrm{Na}\left[\mathrm{BF}_{4}\right]\right)<\Delta H^{\ominus}\left(\mathrm{K}\left[\mathrm{BF}_{4}\right]\right)=44 \mathrm{kcal} \mathrm{mol}^{-1} .2^{25} \ddagger$ Extrapolated (J. H. de Boer and J. A. M. van Liempt, Rec. Trav. chim., 1927, 46, 317).
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