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Studies on the Proton Magnetic Resonance Spectra in Aromatic
Systems. XIV.¹⁾ On the *meta* ^1H and ^{13}C Chemical
Shift of Monosubstituted Benzene
and Pyridine Series

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Meta ^1H and ^{13}C chemical shifts of monosubstituted benzene and pyridine derivatives have been correlated with respect to the substituent constants σ_i and σ_{π} , and following results are presented.

a) The π -electronic contributions observed among both ^1H and ^{13}C shifts are positive.

b) Above conclusions are also reliable in substituted pyridines.

Introduction

Recently, the difference between π -electron charge density from the corrected aromatic ring ^1H chemical shift and that from Hückel molecular orbital calculation has been observed in an excess charge density of substituent's *meta* position, namely, that of the former is positive, whereas the latter negative, and this problem was settled by refining the mathematical treatment.³⁾ Nevertheless, on the origin of discrepancy observed in *meta* position, some doubts are remain unsettled. Formerly, several groups of workers⁴⁻⁶⁾ have discussed on the origin of *meta* ^1H shift, and concluded that they were controled mainly from the linear combination of inductive and resonance contribution, etc.

TABLE I. Calculated and Observed *meta* ^1H Chemical Shifts (ppm)
of Monosubstituted Benzenes

Substituent	Effective shielding constant	D_i	ΔE	d_m rev.	$\Delta E + d_m$ rev.	d_m
NR_2	-1.57	-1.26	-0.05	+0.15	+0.10	+0.13 ^{a)}
OH	-2.56	-2.05	-0.08	+0.09	+0.01	+0.12 ^{a)}
OR	-2.36	-1.89	-0.07	+0.08	+0.01	+0.06 ^{a)}
Me	-0.47	-0.38	-0.01	+0.03	+0.02	+0.10 ^{b)}
Ac	-1.70	-1.36	-0.05	-0.08	-0.13	-0.09 ^{b)}
CO_2R	-1.55	-1.24	-0.05	-0.06	-0.11	-0.10 ^{c)}

d_m = *meta* shielding parameter

d_m rev. = revised *meta* shielding parameter

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In this work, both ^1H and ^{13}C chemical shifts of monosubstituted benzene and pyridine series have been analysed with respect to the substituent constants σ_i and σ_π ,⁷⁾ and semiquantitative contribution from π as well as sigma electronic effect—in other word, field effect⁸⁾—have been examined.

Results and Discussion

1. *meta* ^1H Chemical Shift

In this section, the details among revised⁹⁾ and observed *meta* ^1H chemical shifts are summarised in Table I, and which showed comparable agreement with $\Delta E + d_m$ rev. and d_m . Where, ΔE is a field effect component estimated from Branch & Calvin's approximation¹⁰⁾ and σ_i fraction of substituted alkyl derivatives,¹¹⁾ instead of Buckingham's electric field model.¹²⁾

TABLE II. Separation of Sigma and π Electronic Fraction of *meta* ^{13}C Chemical Shifts of Monosubstituted Benzenes (ppm)

Substituent	δ_c <i>meta</i>	$D_{p_i\text{-meta}}$	$D_{i\text{-meta}}$
Me	-0.3	+0.12	-0.18
OMe	-0.9	+0.36	-0.54
NH ₂	-1.3	+0.52	-0.78
NMe ₂	-0.9	+0.36	-0.54
Ac	-0.2	-0.08	-0.12
OH	-1.7	+0.68	-1.02
NO ₂	-0.8	-0.32	-0.48
C ₆ H ₅	-0.4	+0.16	-0.24

Namely, sigma electronic contribution of a substituent ΔE in aliphatic system is expressed as below:

$$\Delta E = \epsilon^n \times D_i \quad (1)$$

where D_i = effect of substituent on an adjacent atom
 n = number of bonds between substituent and functional group
 ϵ = empirical number 1/3

Moreover, as is shown in the previous study,¹¹⁾ the effective shielding constants¹³⁾ have been shown in terms of $\sigma_i - 0.25 \sigma_\pi$, then we are able to estimate tentatively σ_i fraction D_i and ΔE values of *meta* ^1H shifts.

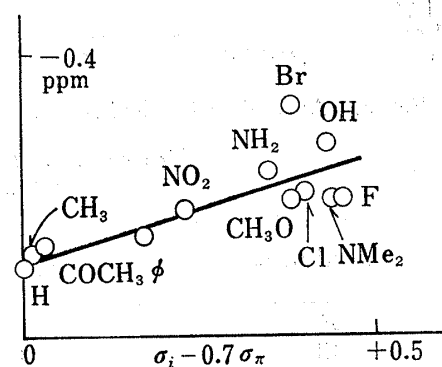
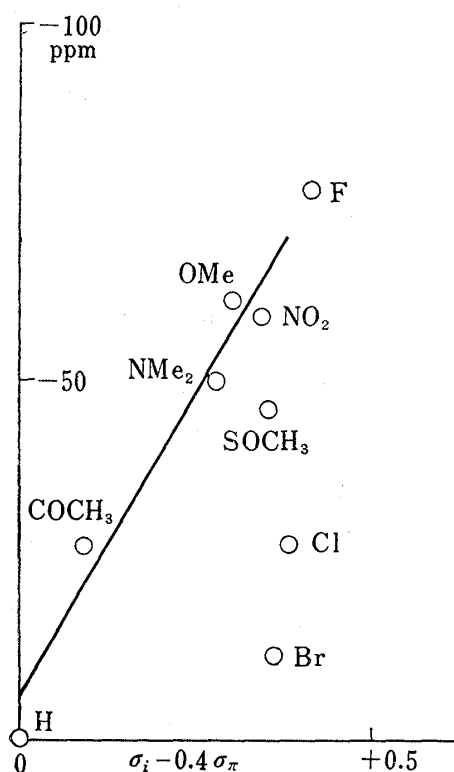


Fig. 1. *meta* ^{13}C Chemical Shifts of Monosubstituted Benzenes

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TABLE III. Alkyl ^{13}C Chemical Shift and Sigma Electronic Fraction (ppm)

Substituent	Observed	ΔCH_4	D_i	$1/27 \times D_i$
CH_4	130.8	0		
MeF	53.3	-77.5		
MeCl	103.8	-27.0		
MeBr	119.3	-11.5		
Me_2O	69.3	-61.5	-43.7	-1.62
Me_3N	81.2	-49.6	-35.2	-1.30
MeNO_2	71.4	-59.4	-42.2	-1.56
Acetone	104.0	-26.8	-19.0	-0.70
Me_2SO	85.2	-45.6	-32.4	

Fig. 2. Alkyl ^{13}C Chemical Shifts

2. *meta* ^{13}C Chemical Shift

In this section, observed *meta* ^{13}C chemical shifts of monosubstituted benzenes¹⁴⁾ have been treated similarly as in section 1, and proved linear with $\sigma_i - 0.7 \sigma_\pi$ (cf. Fig. 1 and Table II).

Consequently, it is concluded that in *meta* ^{13}C chemical shifts of monosubstituted benzenes the *pi*-electronic—in other words, resonance—effect contribution is positive.

3. Alkyl ^{13}C Chemical Shift

In this section, alkyl ^{13}C chemical shifts¹⁵⁾ have been correlated with substituent constants, and proved linear with $\sigma_i - 0.4 \sigma_\pi$ (cf. Fig. 2).

From above relation, substituent's sigma electronic or field effect contributions D_i and those on *meta* positions $1/27 \times D_i$ are estimated (cf. Table III), and, fortunately, $D_{i-\text{meta}}$ in Table II shows comparable correspondence with $1/27 \times D_i$ in Table III.

TABLE IV. *meta* ^{13}C Chemical Shifts of Monosubstituted Pyridines from Pyridine Reference (ppm)

Substituent	2-Pyridine		3-Pyridine C-5	4-Pyridine C-2
	C-4	C-6		
F	-5.4	-2.3		
Cl	-3.0	0	-0.9	
Br	-3.3	-0.4	-1.0	-1.2
NH_2	-1.7	1.6		1.0
OMe	-1.8	2.6		
Et	0.1	0.8	0.4	0.8
Me	-0.8	0.8	0.4	0.5
CN	-0.8	0.8	0.4	0.5
CHO	-1.3	0.1	-0.5	-0.9
Ac	-1.0	2.1	0.2	-0.8

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4. *meta* ^{13}C Chemical Shifts of 2-, 3- and 4-Substituted Pyridines

Recently, ^{13}C chemical shifts of 2-, 3- and 4-substituted pyridines have been presented by Retcofsky and Friedel¹⁶⁾ (cf. Table IV).

In the previous papers of this series,^{17,18)} the corrected ring ^1H chemical shifts of *meta* position in 3- and 4-substituted series have been treated with substituent constants σ_π , and positive correlations are acknowledged. But, in the present step, contrary to ^1H resonance, the correction terms from ring current, nitrogen magnetic anisotropy and electric field effects are not known in ^{13}C resonance.

Then, in the analogous way, *meta* ^{13}C shifts of above three series have been analysed directly with respect to substituent constants (cf. Fig. 3a—c), and following results are obtained.

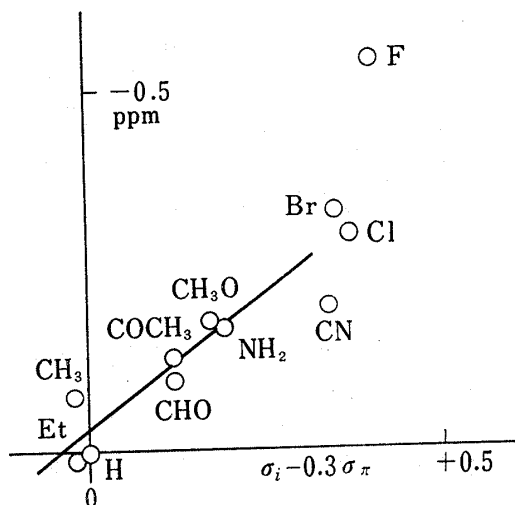


Fig. 3a. C_4 Chemical Shifts of 2-Pyridines

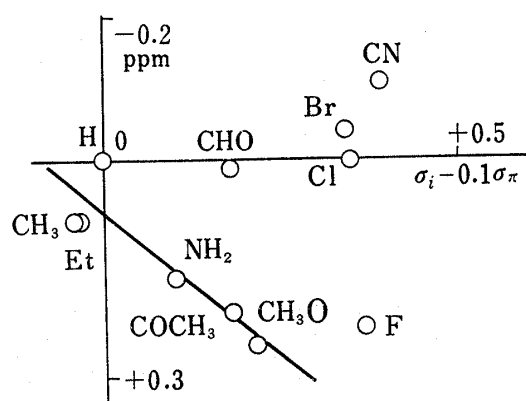


Fig. 3b. C_6 Chemical Shifts of 2-Pyridines

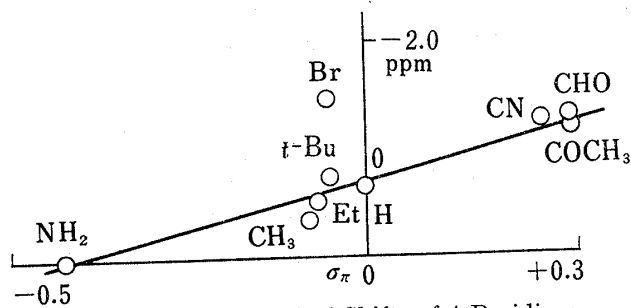


Fig. 3c. $\text{C}_{2,6}$ Chemical Shifts of 4-Pyridines

2-pyridines	$\text{C}_4 \propto \sigma_i - 0.4\sigma_\pi$
	$\text{C}_6 \propto \sigma_i - 0.1\sigma_\pi$
3-pyridines	$\text{C}_5 \propto ?$
4-pyridines	$\text{C}_{2,6} \propto \sigma_\pi$

Consequently, it is concluded that positive π -electronic effect is operative in *meta* position.

And, an anomalous behaviour observed in C-6 shift of 2-pyridines suggests that negative sigma electronic effect plays an important role. This is because the contribution from $\text{C}_6 \rightarrow \text{N}$ sigma bond polarisation is reduced as that of $\text{C}_2 \rightarrow$ substituent sigma bond, which is opposed to $\text{C}_2 \rightarrow \text{N}$ sigma bond polarisation, increases.

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