

## The conjugation and effective charges of the atoms at the triple bond in germylacetylenes

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The integrated extinction coefficients ( $A$ ) of the  $C\equiv C$  stretching modes in the IR spectra of 12 germylacetylenes  $Me_3GeC\equiv CR$  are determined by the resonance interactions of substituents with the triple bond. The  $A^{1/2}$  values change linearly with change in the difference between the effective  $\pi$ -electron charges on the atoms at the triple bond and  $\sigma_R^0$  constants of organic substituents  $R$ . The average value of the  $\sigma_R^0$  constant of the  $Me_3Ge$  substituent in the compounds studied is +0.06. The resonance acceptor effect of the  $Me_3Ge$  substituent toward the triple bond ( $d, \pi$ -conjugation) is stronger than the donor effect ( $\sigma, \pi$ -conjugation).

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Generally, the conjugation in compounds  $R_\pi-X$  is determined not only by the properties of organic ( $R$ ) and organoelement ( $MR_3$ ,  $M = Si, Ge, Sn, Pb$ ) substituents  $X$ , but also by those of the reaction (indicator) center  $R_\pi$  ( $Ph-$ ,  $H_2C=CH-$ ,  $HC\equiv C-$ , etc.).<sup>1-3</sup> Therefore, it is impossible to characterize the capability of substituents  $X$  for conjugation by universal parameters, which are invariant toward  $R_\pi$ . The charge on the  $R_\pi$  fragment and its type (in the case of organoelement compounds with  $X = MR_3$ ) are of great importance.<sup>1-5</sup> The  $\sigma_R^0$ -parameters of the substituents are a measure of resonance interactions in the ground electron state of isolated  $R_\pi-X$  molecules for any  $X$  ( $R$  and  $MR_3$ ).<sup>6</sup> If a small ( $-0.01$  e) or large ( $-0.1$  e) positive charge is induced on the  $R_\pi$  fragment as a result of chemical or physical perturbations (e.g., upon complexation or ionization of  $R_\pi-X$  molecules), then the conjugation is characterized<sup>1-5</sup> by  $\sigma_R$  and  $\sigma_R^+$  parameters, respectively. In addition, the values of resonance parameters of a fixed substituent  $MR_3$  (for instance,  $GeMe_3$  in compounds  $R_\pi-MR_3$ ) change when varying the type of  $R_\pi$  (in contrast to  $X = R$ ).<sup>1,2,5,7,8</sup> The reasons for the lesser universality of the parameters of organoelement substituents as compared to those of organic substituents remain unclear, which is, in particular, due to fragmentary experimental data on the dependence of  $\sigma$ -parameters of  $MR_3$  substituents on the  $R_\pi$  type in compounds  $R_\pi-MR_3$ . The solution of this problem, which is critical for physical organometallic chemistry, suggests a progressive increase in the number of studied series of  $R_\pi-MR_3$  compounds.

The aim of this work is to study the resonance effects in trimethylgermylacetylene derivatives  $Me_3GeC\equiv CR$  by

analyzing the integrated extinction coefficients of the  $\nu(C\equiv C)$  IR bands, to estimate changes in the effective charge on the indicator center in the case of conjugation with the  $Me_3Ge$  substituent, and to calculate the  $\sigma_R^0$  parameter of this substituent.

### Experimental

The studied compounds were synthesized following the known procedures.<sup>9,10</sup> The purity of the compounds was monitored by GLC.

The purity of freshly prepared solvent  $CCl_4$  was monitored by UV and IR spectroscopy.

The integrated extinction coefficients ( $A$ ) of the  $C\equiv C$  stretching bands in the IR spectra were measured on an UR-20 spectrophotometer in the wavelength range 2000–2300  $cm^{-1}$  for solutions of the compounds under study (0.1–0.4 mol  $L^{-1}$ ) in  $CCl_4$ .

The  $A$  values are given in IUPAC practical units ( $L^2 mol^{-1} cm^{-2}$ ) and determined following a previously described procedure,<sup>11</sup> which was used earlier for the determination of  $A$  values in compounds  $HC\equiv CR$ ,<sup>12</sup>  $Me_3CC\equiv CR$ ,<sup>13</sup> and  $Me_3SiC\equiv CR$ .<sup>14</sup>

Correlation equations were calculated using the standard Statgraphics 3.0 program package on a PC AT 286 personal computer. The data were processed by the least squares method at a 95% confidence level.

The values of the  $\sigma_R^0$  constants of organic substituents were taken from the literature.<sup>12,14,15</sup>

### Results and Discussion

The integrated extinction coefficients  $A$  of the  $\nu(C\equiv C)$  stretching bands in the IR spectra of the studied

**Table 1.** Integrated extinction coefficients ( $A$ ) and  $\sigma_R^0$  constants of substituents  $R$  for compounds  $\text{Me}_3\text{GeC}\equiv\text{CR}$ 

Compound	R	$A$ /L <sup>2</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup> cm <sup>-2</sup>	$A^{1/2}$ <sup>a</sup> /L mol <sup>-1/2</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup>	$\sigma_R^0$ <sup>b</sup>
1	$\text{CH}_2\text{GeMe}_3$	4520	-67.2	-0.18
2	$\text{CH}_2\text{SiMe}_3$	4300	-65.6	-0.18
3	$\text{SC}_6\text{F}_5$	~1500	-38.7	-0.12
4	$\text{CH}_2\text{Ph}$	1620	-40.2	-0.11
5	Ph	1420	-37.7	-0.10
6	$\text{CH}_2\text{C}_6\text{F}_5$	845	-29.1	-0.08
7	$\text{CH}_2\text{SPh}$	830	-28.8	-0.08
8	$\text{CH}_2\text{OMe}$	600	-24.5	-0.07
9	$\text{CH}_2\text{SC}_6\text{F}_5$	370	-19.2	-0.02
10	$\text{CH}_2\text{Br}$	130	-11.4	-0.02
11	H	420	-20.5	0
12 <sup>c</sup>	CHO	1955	44.2	0.24

<sup>a</sup> The  $A^{1/2}$  values are alternating; according to the literature data,<sup>12-14</sup> they have the same sign as the  $\sigma_R^0$  values for substituents  $R$ . <sup>b</sup> See Ref. 14. <sup>c</sup> See Ref. 16.

$\text{Me}_3\text{GeC}\equiv\text{CR}$  compounds change over a wide range depending on the organic substituents  $R$  (Table 1). As follows from the general theory of vibrational spectra,<sup>17</sup> the electronic effects of  $\text{Me}_3\text{Ge}$  and  $R$  substituents are the only reason for changes in the  $A$  values only if the  $\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{C})$  vibration is characterized by its eigenvector. If this condition is fulfilled, then the  $\text{C}\equiv\text{C}$  fragment can be considered to a good approximation as a diatomic molecule  $\text{C}\equiv\text{C}$ . The following relationships are known to be valid for such molecules<sup>17</sup>

$$A \sim (\partial\mu_{\text{C}\equiv\text{C}}/\partial q_{\text{C}\equiv\text{C}})^2 \quad (1)$$

and

$$\partial\mu_{\text{C}\equiv\text{C}}/\partial q_{\text{C}\equiv\text{C}} \approx \mu_{\text{C}\equiv\text{C}}/r_0, \quad (2)$$

and, hence, at  $r_0 = \text{const}$

$$A^{1/2} \sim \mu_{\text{C}\equiv\text{C}}. \quad (3)$$

In these relationships  $\mu_{\text{C}\equiv\text{C}}$  is the dipole moment of the  $\text{C}\equiv\text{C}$  bond,  $q_{\text{C}\equiv\text{C}}$  is the stretching coordinate of the  $\text{C}\equiv\text{C}$  bond, and  $r_0$  is the interatomic  $\text{C}\equiv\text{C}$  distance.

In turn, the dipole moment of the  $\text{C}\equiv\text{C}$  fragment considered as a diatomic molecule taking into account the limitations (see, for instance, Ref. 18) is defined by the formula

$$\mu_{\text{C}\equiv\text{C}} = Qr_0, \quad (4)$$

where  $Q$  is the difference between the effective charges on the atoms of the  $\text{C}\equiv\text{C}$  fragment.

The  $\pi$ -component  $\mu_\pi$  of the dipole moment of the  $\text{C}\equiv\text{C}$  bond and the difference between the effective  $\pi$ -electron charges on the atoms of the  $\text{C}\equiv\text{C}$  fragment  $q_\pi$  is of prime interest for studying the conjugation in  $\text{Me}_3\text{GeC}\equiv\text{CR}$  molecules. In this case expression (4) takes the form

$$\mu_\pi = q_\pi r_0. \quad (5)$$

The  $A$  values for  $\text{HC}\equiv\text{CR}$ ,  $\text{Me}_3\text{CC}\equiv\text{CR}$ , and  $\text{Me}_3\text{SiC}\equiv\text{CR}$  molecules are virtually dependent only on the resonance interactions between the substituents and the  $\pi$ -electron system.<sup>12-14</sup> If it is assumed to be also valid for  $\text{Me}_3\text{GeC}\equiv\text{CR}$  molecules, then in the case of non-coupled  $\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{C})$  vibration one can expect on the basis of relationships (3) and (4) that the following dependence is valid

$$A^{1/2} \sim q_\pi. \quad (6)$$

The dependence (6) can be proved using a direct or indirect approach.

We consider first the second approach. To this end, let us discuss the problem of contribution of other modes to the  $\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{C})$  stretching mode. In monosubstituted  $\text{HC}\equiv\text{CR}$  and disubstituted  $\text{Me}_3\text{CC}\equiv\text{CR}$  and  $\text{Me}_3\text{SiC}\equiv\text{CR}$  compounds, the mass of the substituent has no effect on the  $\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{C})$  vibration, where the  $\text{C}\equiv\text{C}$  bond length is predominantly changed.<sup>12-14,17,19</sup> Though some mixing of  $\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{C})$  stretching mode with the  $\nu(\text{CC}\equiv)$  and  $\nu(\text{SiC}\equiv)$  stretching modes (in  $\text{Me}_3\text{CC}\equiv\text{CH}$  and  $\text{Me}_3\text{SiC}\equiv\text{CH}$ , respectively) has been established,<sup>19</sup> its contribution to the  $\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{C})$  mode in acetylene derivatives is small. This is clearly supported by linear dependences between  $A^{1/2}$  and  $\sigma_R^0$  ( $\sigma_R^0$  are the resonance constants of substituents  $R$ ), which take the form

$$A^{1/2} = 217\sigma_R^0 + 10.8 \quad (r = 0.992), \quad (7)$$

$$A^{1/2} = 213\sigma_R^0 + 38.3 \quad (r = 0.995), \quad (8)$$

$$A^{1/2} = 197\sigma_R^0 - 24.7 \quad (r = 0.969). \quad (9)$$

for compounds  $\text{HC}\equiv\text{CR}$ ,  $\text{Me}_3\text{CC}\equiv\text{CR}$ , and  $\text{Me}_3\text{SiC}\equiv\text{CR}$ , respectively.<sup>12-14</sup>

The presence of the absolute term in Eq. (7) is the manifestation of slight coupling of the  $\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{C})$  mode in  $\text{HC}\equiv\text{CR}$  molecules. If the  $\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{C})$  mode is totally pure, the line (7) should pass through the origin.

According to the data of normal coordinate analysis,<sup>19</sup> an increase in the atomic number of the central element  $M$  (C, Si, Ge, and Sn) in  $\text{Me}_3\text{MC}\equiv\text{CH}$  molecules is accompanied by the decrease in contribution of other modes to the  $\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{C})$  mode. Therefore, it can be suggested that dependences of the type (7)–(9) will be all the more valid for germylacetylenes  $\text{Me}_3\text{GeC}\equiv\text{CR}$ .

Processing the data for compounds  $\text{Me}_3\text{GeC}\equiv\text{CR}$  (see Table 1) by the least squares method following this hypothesis lead to the equation

$$A^{1/2} = 253\sigma_R^0 - 13.0 \quad (10)$$

$$(S_a = 16, S_b = 2.0, S_Y = 5.8, r = 0.981, n = 12).$$

Equation (10) serves as an indirect confirmation of dependence (6). In fact, the  $\sigma_R^0$  constants in expressions (7)–(10) are quantitative characteristics of conjugation

**Table 2.** The  $A^{1/2}$  values for compounds  $\text{Me}_3\text{GeC}\equiv\text{CR}$ ,  $\sigma_R^0$  constants of substituents R, and  $\Delta q_\pi$  values calculated by the *ab initio* method<sup>6</sup> for compounds  $\text{HC}\equiv\text{CR}$ 

R	$\sigma_R^0$	$A^{1/2}$ /L mol <sup>-1/2</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup>	$\Delta q_\pi/e$
NH <sub>2</sub>	-0.47	-131.9	-0.117
OMe	-0.43	-121.8	-0.089
OH	-0.40	-114.2	-0.087
F	-0.34	-99.0	-0.062
Me	-0.10	-38.3	-0.012
CH=CH <sub>2</sub>	-0.05	-25.6	-0.010
H	0	-13.0	0
CF <sub>3</sub>	0.10	12.3	0.005
CN	0.09	9.8	0.021
CHO	0.24	47.7	0.042
COMe	0.22	42.7	0.043
NO <sub>2</sub>	0.17	30.3	0.061
NO	0.25	50.2	0.077

of the substituents R with the triple bond. At the same time, the difference between the effective  $\pi$ -electron charges on the atoms of the  $\text{C}\equiv\text{C}$  fragment  $q_\pi$  in relationship (6) is, by definition, also changed only due to the effect of the resonance interactions of substituents with the  $\pi$ -system. According to the earlier studies,<sup>6</sup> both characteristics of the resonance effect, namely,  $\sigma_R^0$  and  $q_\pi$ , are closely related to each other.

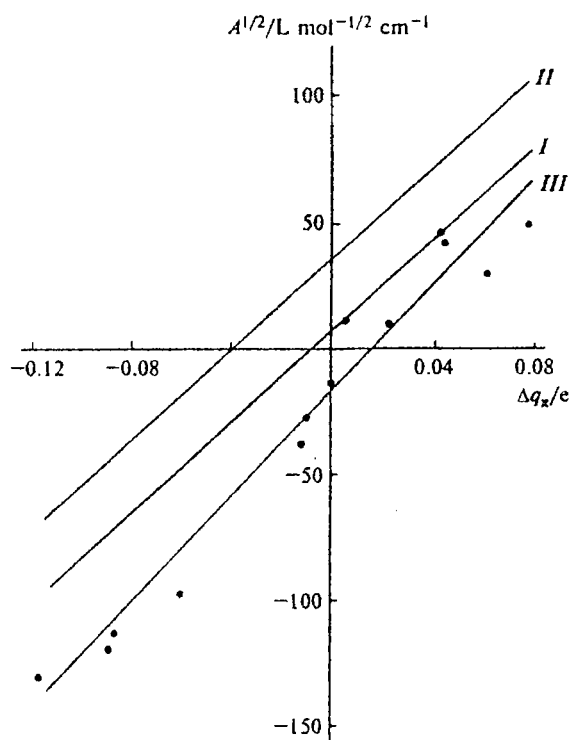
It is also possible to obtain a direct confirmation of the fulfilment of relationship (6). In Table 2, the  $\Delta q_\pi$  parameters for compounds  $\text{HC}\equiv\text{CR}$  calculated by the *ab initio* method (using the 4-31G basis set)<sup>6</sup> are listed. These parameters characterize the  $\pi$ -electron transfer in the case of resonance interactions between the  $\text{HC}\equiv\text{C}$  indicator center and substituents R and hence are relative characteristics of the  $\pi$ -electron charge on the C atoms at the triple bond. For R = H, the  $\Delta q_\pi$  is equal to zero. The resonance electron donor and resonance electron acceptor substituents R in  $\text{HC}\equiv\text{CR}$  are characterized by negative and positive values of  $\Delta q_\pi$ , respectively. Then, using the  $\sigma_R^0$  constants of substituents R and Eq. (10), we calculated the  $A^{1/2}$  values for compounds  $\text{Me}_3\text{GeC}\equiv\text{CR}$  containing the same R as compounds  $\text{HC}\equiv\text{CR}$  with known  $\Delta q_\pi$  values (see Table 2). To increase the reliability of statistical processing, we, as well as the authors of Ref. 6, provided the maximum representative sample. Therefore, calculated values of  $A^{1/2}$  and  $\Delta q_\pi$ <sup>6</sup> for compounds not reported in the literature are also listed in Table 2. The linear dependence is observed for  $\text{Me}_3\text{GeC}\equiv\text{CR}$  derivatives

$$A^{1/2} = 1081\Delta q_\pi - 16.3 \quad (11)$$

$$(S_a = 67, S_b = 4.0, S_Y = 14.4, r = 0.979, n = 13).$$

Equation (11) serves as direct confirmation of the fulfilment of relationship (6).

It follows from the aforesaid that the  $A^{1/2}$  values are justified characteristics of the conjugation in acetylene

**Fig. 1.** Dependence of the  $A^{1/2}$  values on the  $\Delta q_\pi$  parameters for compounds  $\text{HC}\equiv\text{CR}$  (line I, Eq. (12)),  $\text{Me}_3\text{CC}\equiv\text{CR}$  (line II, Eq. (13)), and  $\text{Me}_3\text{GeC}\equiv\text{CR}$  (line III, Eq. (11)). The points corresponding to line III are shown.

derivatives. Therefore, with the aim of studying the conjugation of the  $\text{Me}_3\text{Ge}$  substituent with the triple bond, let us analyze Eqs. (10) and (11) in more detail.

For compounds  $\text{HC}\equiv\text{CR}$  and  $\text{Me}_3\text{CC}\equiv\text{CR}$  with standard sets of substituents R listed in Table 2, equations of the type (11) take the form<sup>14</sup>

$$A^{1/2} = 930\Delta q_\pi + 7.9 \quad (r = 0.983) \quad (12)$$

and

$$A^{1/2} = 913\Delta q_\pi + 35.5 \quad (r = 0.983) \quad (13)$$

respectively.

Lines I–III on the plot (Fig. 1) are approximately parallel. As was shown previously,<sup>14</sup> the shift of line II with respect to line I toward negative  $\Delta q_\pi$  values by  $-0.031$  e is due to the resonance donor properties (the +M-effect) of the  $\text{Me}_3\text{C}$  group. In contrast to this, line III corresponding to compounds  $\text{Me}_3\text{GeC}\equiv\text{CR}$  is shifted toward positive  $\Delta q_\pi$  values with respect to line I corresponding to compounds  $\text{HC}\equiv\text{CR}$ . This is unambiguous evidence for the resonance acceptor properties (the -M-effect) of the  $\text{Me}_3\text{Ge}$  substituent in trimethylgermylacetylene and its derivatives. Depending on the type of R, the magnitude of the considered shift between lines III and I (see Fig. 1) varies from  $+0.043$  e (for  $\text{NH}_2$ , which is a typical electron donor substituent) to  $+0.017$  e (for NO, which is a typical electron acceptor substituent).

tuent). The average value of the shift ( $+0.030 \pm 0.013$  e) characterizes the decrease in the negative effective charge of the atoms at the triple bond upon substitution of the H atom by the  $\text{Me}_3\text{Ge}$  group in monosubstituted acetylenes  $\text{HC}\equiv\text{CR}$ . Comparison of the value  $+0.03$  e with the  $\Delta q_x$  values in Table 2 shows that the  $\text{Me}_3\text{Ge}$  substituent is comparable in its resonance acceptor properties toward the triple bond to typical organic electron-accepting substituents of the  $-M$ -type. The negative effective charge of the atoms at the triple bond decreases by  $0.036$  e upon substitution of the H atom in  $\text{HC}\equiv\text{CR}$  by the  $\text{Me}_3\text{Si}$  group.<sup>14</sup> This is in agreement with commonly accepted ideas on the decrease in the resonance acceptor effect of the elements of the silicon subgroup towards the  $\pi$ - and  $n$ -systems upon increasing their atomic numbers.<sup>1</sup>

The total resonance effect of the  $\text{Me}_3\text{Ge}$  substituent includes two components, the acceptor component (the  $d,\pi$ -conjugation, *i.e.*, the interaction of  $4d$  orbitals of the Ge atom and  $\sigma^*$ -orbitals of the  $\text{Ge}-\text{C}$  bond with the  $\pi$ -system) and the donor component (the  $\sigma,\pi$ -conjugation, *i.e.*, the interaction of  $\sigma$ -orbitals of the  $\text{Ge}-\text{C}$  bond with the  $\pi$ -system).<sup>1</sup> As was shown above, the total effect of this substituent is an acceptor effect. This means that for the  $\text{Me}_3\text{GeC}\equiv\text{CR}$  molecules in the ground electron state the  $d,\pi$ -conjugation obviously dominates over  $\sigma,\pi$ -conjugation.

This conclusion is confirmed by the magnitude and sign of the  $\sigma_R^0$  constant of the  $\text{Me}_3\text{Ge}$  substituent in compounds  $\text{Me}_3\text{GeC}\equiv\text{CR}$ . Actually, lines II and III corresponding to compounds  $\text{Me}_3\text{CC}\equiv\text{CR}$  and  $\text{Me}_3\text{GeC}\equiv\text{CR}$ , respectively, are on the opposite sides from line I corresponding to compounds  $\text{HC}\equiv\text{CR}$  on the plot in coordinates  $A^{1/2}-\sigma_R^0$  (Fig. 2). The parallel shift of line II along the  $\sigma_R^0$  axis toward negative  $\sigma_R^0$  values is due to the resonance donor  $+M$ -effect of the  $\text{Me}_3\text{C}$  group. The magnitude of the shift between lines II and I is the  $\sigma_R^0$  value of the  $\text{Me}_3\text{C}$  substituent and is equal to  $-0.13$ . Line III is shifted toward positive  $\sigma_R^0$  values with respect to line I. This is due to the resonance acceptor  $-M$ -effect of the  $\text{Me}_3\text{Ge}$  group, *i.e.*, to the domination of the  $d,\pi$ -conjugation over  $\sigma,\pi$ -conjugation in the total effect of the conjugation of the  $\text{Me}_3\text{Ge}$  group with the  $\pi$ -system of  $\text{C}\equiv\text{CR}$ . In the studied range of  $A^{1/2}$  values, *i.e.*, from  $-67.2$  (for a typical resonance donor  $\text{CH}_2\text{GeMe}_3$ ) to  $+44.2$  (for a typical resonance acceptor  $\text{CHO}$ ), the average value of the shift between lines I and III along the  $\sigma_R^0$  axis is  $+0.11 \pm 0.03$ . This value is the  $\sigma_R^0$  constant of the  $\text{Me}_3\text{Ge}$  substituent in  $\text{Me}_3\text{GeC}\equiv\text{CR}$  molecules, whose electronic structure was not changed due to ionization, strong specific solvation, and chemical reactions. The  $\sigma_R^0$  constant of the  $\text{Me}_3\text{Si}$  substituent in  $\text{Me}_3\text{SiC}\equiv\text{CR}$  determined in such a way is equal to  $+0.17$ .<sup>14</sup> The decrease in the  $\sigma_R^0$  value of the  $\text{Me}_3\text{M}$  substituent on going from  $\text{M} = \text{Si}$  to  $\text{M} = \text{Ge}$  serves as one more confirmation of weakening of  $d,\pi$ -conjugation with increase in the atomic number of the central M atom.

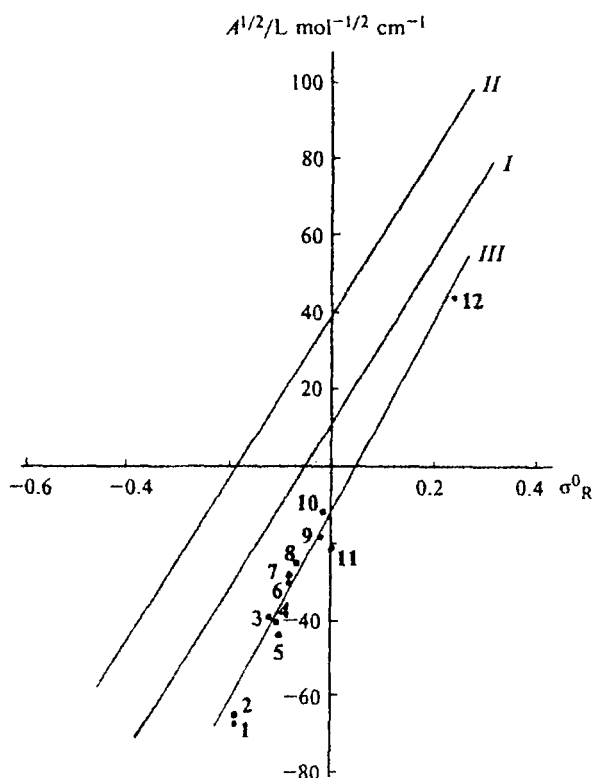


Fig. 2. Dependence of the  $A^{1/2}$  values on the resonance  $\sigma_R^0$  constants of substituents R for compounds  $\text{HC}\equiv\text{CR}$  (line I, Eq. (7)),  $\text{Me}_3\text{CC}\equiv\text{CR}$  (line II, Eq. (8)) and  $\text{Me}_3\text{GeC}\equiv\text{CR}$  (line III, Eq. (10)). Points corresponding to line III are shown; their numbering corresponds to that of the compounds in Table 1.

It should be noted that difficulties, caused by the approximate character of the method of determination of  $\sigma_R^0$  used previously<sup>14</sup> and in this work, arise when estimating the accuracy of the obtained values of  $\sigma_R^0$  constants of the  $\text{Me}_3\text{Ge}$  and  $\text{Me}_3\text{Si}$  substituents ( $+0.11$  and  $+0.17$ , respectively). In fact, as was shown above, this method is fairly rigorous only if the  $\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{C})$  mode in the  $\text{HC}\equiv\text{CR}$ ,  $\text{Me}_3\text{CC}\equiv\text{CR}$ ,  $\text{Me}_3\text{SiC}\equiv\text{CR}$ , and  $\text{Me}_3\text{GeC}\equiv\text{CR}$  series is totally pure. The fulfillment of this condition was considered in Refs. 12–14, 17, and 19; it follows from the results of these studies that the  $\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{C})$  mode in compounds  $\text{HC}\equiv\text{CR}$  is most likely slightly coupled. Therefore, the line corresponding to the equation for compounds  $\text{HC}\equiv\text{CR}$  does not pass through the origin. After exclusion of the absolute term, Eq. (7) is transformed into the following relationship

$$A^{1/2} = 217\sigma_R^0 \quad (14)$$

Formula (14) expresses the relationship between the  $A^{1/2}$  and  $\sigma_R^0$  values for such a hypothetical situation when the contribution of other modes to the  $\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{C})$  mode in compounds  $\text{HC}\equiv\text{CR}$  is small. In  $\text{Me}_3\text{MC}\equiv\text{CH}$  molecules, the contribution of other modes to the  $\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{C})$

mode decreases as the atomic number of M (C, Si, Ge, and Sn) increases.<sup>19</sup> Therefore, the complicated influence of coupled vibrations can be reduced to a minimum if the shifts along the  $\sigma_R^0$  axis of the lines described by Eqs. (10) and (9) with respect to the line calculated using Eq. (14) are used for the calculation of  $\sigma_R^0$  constants of the  $\text{Me}_3\text{Ge}$  and  $\text{Me}_3\text{Si}$  substituents. The  $\sigma_R^0$  values of the  $\text{Me}_3\text{Ge}$  and  $\text{Me}_3\text{Si}$  substituents ( $+0.06 \pm 0.03$  and  $+0.12 \pm 0.02$ , respectively) determined in such a manner seem to be more reliable as compared to the values  $+0.11$  and  $+0.17$  calculated without taking account of contributions of other modes to the  $\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{C})$  mode in  $\text{HC}\equiv\text{CR}$  molecules. Thus, in particular, the value  $+0.06$  lies in the range of the change in the  $\sigma_R^0$  values for the  $\text{Me}_3\text{Ge}$  group ( $-0.1$ – $+0.07$ ) obtained using various physical methods.<sup>20</sup>

The contribution of other modes to the  $\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{C})$  vibration in  $\text{HC}\equiv\text{CR}$  molecules can also be taken into account for a more precise estimate (as compared to that described above) of the change in the effective charge of the atoms of the  $\text{C}\equiv\text{C}$  fragment caused by the effect of resonance interactions between  $\text{Me}_3\text{M}$  substituents and the  $\pi$ -system in  $\text{Me}_3\text{MC}\equiv\text{CR}$  compounds (M = Si and Ge). After exclusion of the absolute term, Eq. (12) is transformed into the following relationship

$$A^{1/2} = 930\Delta q_\pi \quad (15)$$

Formula (15) expresses the relationship between the  $A^{1/2}$  and  $\Delta q_\pi$  values (change in the effective  $\pi$ -electron charge on the atoms of the  $\text{C}\equiv\text{C}$  fragment due to conjugation of the substituent R with the triple bond) for such a hypothetical situation when the contribution of other modes to the  $\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{C})$  mode in molecules  $\text{HC}\equiv\text{CR}$  is small. In contrast to compounds  $\text{HC}\equiv\text{CR}$ , the  $A^{1/2}$  and  $\Delta q_\pi$  values in compounds  $\text{Me}_3\text{GeC}\equiv\text{CR}$  should be determined by resonance interactions of the  $\pi$ -system not only with the substituent R, but also with the  $\text{Me}_3\text{Ge}$  group. However, Eq. (11) was obtained assuming that the  $A^{1/2}$  values for  $\text{Me}_3\text{GeC}\equiv\text{CR}$  depend only on the resonance interactions involving R. Therefore, the line corresponding to Eq. (11) is shifted along the  $\Delta q_\pi$  axis with respect to the line corresponding to Eq. (15). The shift varies from  $+0.035$  e (for R =  $\text{NH}_2$ ) to  $+0.008$  e (for R = NO). The average value of the shift ( $0.022 \pm 0.013$  e) characterizes the decrease in the negative effective charge of the atoms of the  $\text{C}\equiv\text{C}$  fragment caused by resonance acceptor properties of the  $\text{Me}_3\text{Ge}$  substituent. Analogous calculations for  $\text{Me}_3\text{SiC}\equiv\text{CR}$  compounds performed using the literature data<sup>14</sup> showed that the negative effective charge on the atoms of the  $\text{C}\equiv\text{C}$  fragment is decreased by  $0.028 \pm 0.010$  e due to resonance acceptor properties of the  $\text{Me}_3\text{Si}$  substituent.

Thus, both rough and more accurate estimates of  $\sigma_R^0$  constants of  $\text{Me}_3\text{M}$  substituents and changes in the effective  $\pi$ -electron charge on the atoms of the  $\text{C}\equiv\text{C}$  fragment in the case of resonance interactions of these substituents with the triple bond show that the  $d,\pi$ -conjugation in  $\text{Me}_3\text{MC}\equiv\text{CR}$  molecules, first, domi-

nates over  $\sigma,\pi$ -conjugation and, second, it becomes weaker on going from M = Si to M = Ge.

It should be noted that the increase in the slope of Eq. (10) as compared to those of Eqs. (7) and (8) as well as the increase in the slope of Eq. (11) as compared to those of Eqs. (12) and (13) can be due to several reasons, e.g., to the effect of direct polar conjugation and the limited number of compounds studied. These problems will be considered elsewhere. Here we only note that a possible effect of direct polar conjugation between the  $\text{Me}_3\text{Ge}$  and R substituents in  $\text{Me}_3\text{GeC}\equiv\text{CR}$  molecules on the integrated extinction coefficients  $A$  should be of secondary importance, which is indicated by the sharp decrease in the correlation coefficient  $r$  of the equation

$$A^{1/2} = 257\sigma_R - 4.7 \quad (16)$$

$$(S_a = 50, S_b = 7.4, S_Y = 16.5, r = 0.901, n = 8)$$

as compared to that of Eq. (10).

Line (16) was obtained for eight compounds from Table 1, for which the values of  $\sigma_R$  constants of organic<sup>21</sup> and organometallic<sup>22</sup> substituents are known, namely, 1 ( $-0.27$ ), 2 ( $-0.24$ ), 4 ( $-0.05$ ), 5 ( $-0.13$ ), 8 ( $-0.12$ ), 10 (0), 11 (0), and 12 ( $+0.09$ ). If the resonance effects of substituents R in the same germylacetylenes  $\text{Me}_3\text{GeC}\equiv\text{CR}$  are characterized by  $\sigma_R^0$  constants rather than by  $\sigma_R$  values, then Eq. (16) is transformed into the following equation:

$$A^{1/2} = 258\sigma_R^0 - 14.3 \quad (17)$$

$$(S_a = 18, S_b = 2.5, S_Y = 6.5, r = 0.985, n = 8).$$

The  $\sigma_R$  constants are quantitative characteristics of the resonance properties of substituents R in relation to the multiple bond in the case of direct polar conjugation in the molecule (see, for instance, Refs. 1–5). Therefore, the decrease in  $r$  and the increase in the standard error of approximation  $S_Y$  upon changing the  $\sigma_R^0$  variable by  $\sigma_R$  (the passage from Eq. (10) or Eq. (17) to Eq. (16)) indicates the insignificant effect of the direct polar conjugation on the  $A$  values of germylacetylenes  $\text{Me}_3\text{GeC}\equiv\text{CR}$ .

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