

observed percent  $^{18}\text{O}$  incorporation the scrambling rates were calculated by standard methods<sup>16</sup>.

Two control experiments in each solvent were performed in order to show that the observed  $^{18}\text{O}$  scrambling is not the result of (1) chemical workup or (2) external ion return. In the first experiment 25 mg of the labeled ester was dissolved in the buffered solvent (25 mL) containing 1 equiv of 2,6-lutidinium brosylate, and the reaction mixture was worked up immediately in the same manner. In the second experiment 50 mg of the unlabeled sulfonate ester was dissolved in the buffered solvent (25 mL) containing 1 equiv of  $^{18}\text{O}$  enriched (60.7%) 2,6-lutidinium brosylate and after solvolysis for 1 half-life the solution was worked up in the same manner. In the  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of the isolated ester from both experiments, no  $^{18}\text{O}$  was observed to be present at the  $\alpha$ -carbon.

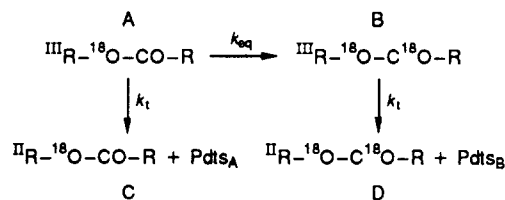
**Oxygen Scrambling Studies. 2. 4-Methyl-3-homoadamantyl Heptafluorobutyrate.** A 5.3 mM solution of the ether  $^{18}\text{O}$  enriched (50.70%) 4-methyl-3-homoadamantyl heptafluorobutyrate in 80E (100 mg/50 mL) containing a 1.1 equiv of 2,6-lutidine was reacted at 25 °C for 9.51 h. The reaction flask was then placed in a 0 °C bath, and the workup was the same as that used in the  $^{18}\text{O}$  studies of **2a**. The composition of the product mixture was analyzed by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 MHz) in an analogous fashion to that performed in the product studies of the tertiary ester above. In the spectrum the additional methyl doublet of the unreacted tertiary ester occurs at 0.93 ppm. The percentage  $^{18}\text{O}$  incorporation at the  $\alpha$ -carbon of the two esters and of the solvolysis products was determined from the natural abundance 125-MHz  $^{13}\text{C}$  spectrum recorded on a Bruker 500-MHz Fourier transform spectrometer with the conditions for data acquisition being similar to those in the  $^{18}\text{O}$  studies of **2a**. No  $^{18}\text{O}$  incorporation was observed at the  $\alpha$ -carbon of the alcohol and ether solvolysis products. In the unreacted tertiary ester and the rearranged secondary ester the percent  $^{18}\text{O}$  present was 43.68% and 41.56%, respectively, and their recorded spectra are shown in Figure 3. The proportion of unreacted tertiary ester that was equilibrated is 27.7% [(50.7 - 43.68)/23.35 × 100] while that for the secondary ester was 36.0%. The calculation of the rate of  $^{18}\text{O}$  equilibration ( $9.47 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) for the tertiary ester as well as the ratio of return of the originally bonded oxygen relative to the carbonyl oxygen (6.6:1) which occurs in the formation of the secondary ester from unscrambled tertiary ester is given in detail in the Supplementary Material.<sup>36</sup>

**Solvent Preparation. UV and Conductance Kinetic Procedures.** The procedures were the same as those which have been previously reported.<sup>5e-f,37,38</sup>

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**Supplementary Material Available:** The details of and the equations used in the Simplex calculation of Scheme I (12 pages). Ordering information is given on any current masthead page.

(36) These calculations were determined from the equations derived by the integration factor method for the following scheme:



which takes into account that the secondary ester (C and D) is formed both from unscrambled starting ester (A) and from ester that has been scrambled (B) during the course of reaction.

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## Addition Reactions of Diarylcarbenium Ions to 2-Methyl-1-pentene: Kinetic Method and Reaction Mechanism<sup>‡</sup>

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**Abstract:** A kinetic method that allows the determination of reactivities of carbenium ions toward alkenes is described: Diarylmethyl chlorides (**1**) are completely ionized by  $\text{BCl}_3$  in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  to give colored solutions of diarylcarbenium (**2**) tetrachloroborates, which show conductivity. Upon addition of the model alkene **3** (2-methyl-1-pentene) conductance and absorbance disappear due to the formation of the covalent and colorless adducts **5** ( $\text{Ar}_2\text{CH}^+\cdot\text{BCl}_4^- + \text{H}_2\text{C}=\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)\text{C}_3\text{H}_7 \rightarrow \text{Ar}_2\text{CHCH}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)(\text{C}_3\text{H}_7)\text{Cl} + \text{BCl}_3$ ). The second-order reactions are linear with respect to the concentration of carbenium ions and of the alkene. Free and paired ions exhibit identical reactivity. The attack of the carbenium ions **2** on the alkene **3** is usually rate-determining, but in the case of the highly stabilized **2-OCH<sub>3</sub>,OCH<sub>3</sub>**, a small degree of retroaddition can be detected. Variation of the para substituents, X and Y, in the carbenium ions **2** alters  $\Delta H^\ddagger$  while  $\Delta S^\ddagger$  remains unaffected. Variation of solvent polarity has a very small effect on the addition rates ( $k_{\text{CH}_3\text{NO}_2}/k_{\text{CHCl}_3} = 5$ ). Kinetic isotope effects ( $k_{\text{H}}/k_{\text{D}} \approx 0.8$ ) and rate equilibrium relationships indicate a late transition state for the reaction of **2** with **3**. In some cases, the rates of ionization of the diarylmethyl chlorides **1** can be measured. Solvolytic studies on the adducts **5** allow the derivation of the energy of the intermediates **4**. Complete energy profiles for the multistep reaction sequence (1) are elaborated.

### I. Introduction

The formation of CC bonds via attack of carbon electrophiles at CC double bonds is an important method in synthetic organic<sup>1</sup> and macromolecular chemistry.<sup>2</sup> While extensive mechanistic investigations have been carried out on various electrophilic re-

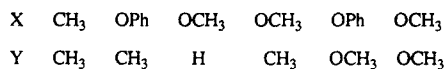
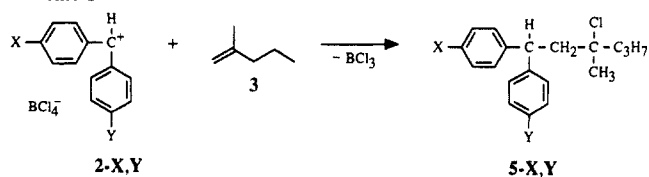
actions on alkenes,<sup>3</sup> including halogenations, hydroborations, sulfenylations, oxymercuration, and proton additions, relatively

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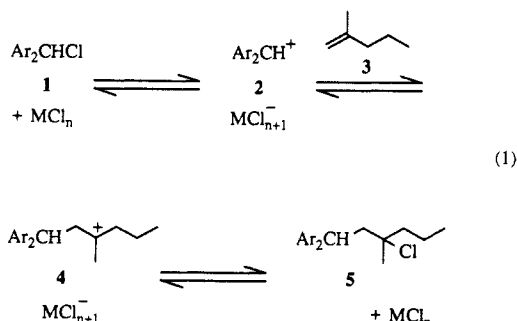
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## Scheme I



little is known about the reactions of carbenium ions with alkenes. Stereochemical investigations led to the conclusion that the transition state of diarylcarbenium ion additions toward alkenes is weakly bridged.<sup>4</sup> The same conclusion was drawn from relative reactivities of alkenes toward diarylcarbenium ions, which were determined by competition experiments.<sup>5</sup> Dorfman's kinetic study on the reactions of radiolytically generated benzyl and benzhydryl cations with some alkenes and dienes has been the only source for absolute rate constants of such reactions.<sup>6</sup> The determination of such rate constants under "normal chemical conditions" is problematic because of complications caused by competing polymerizations and by the reversibility of the addition step. Since such data are needed for the design of synthetic methods in organic<sup>7</sup> and macromolecular chemistry,<sup>2b</sup> we are presently performing a systematic investigation of the reactions of carbon electrophiles with  $\pi$ -nucleophiles. In this article, we describe a kinetic method, which has been developed for determining carbenium ion reactivities toward alkenes, employing the additions of diarylmethyl chlorides toward 2-methyl-1-pentene as model reactions (eq 1).<sup>8</sup>



## II. Reaction Products

In previous work we have shown that diarylmethyl chlorides and 1,1-dialkylethylenes give high yields of 1:1 addition products in presence of weak Lewis acids, e.g. ZnCl<sub>2</sub>/Ether.<sup>5a,b</sup> Analogously, the diarylcarbenium tetrachloroborates (2·BCl<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>), which are obtained from 1 and BCl<sub>3</sub> in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, react with 2-methyl-

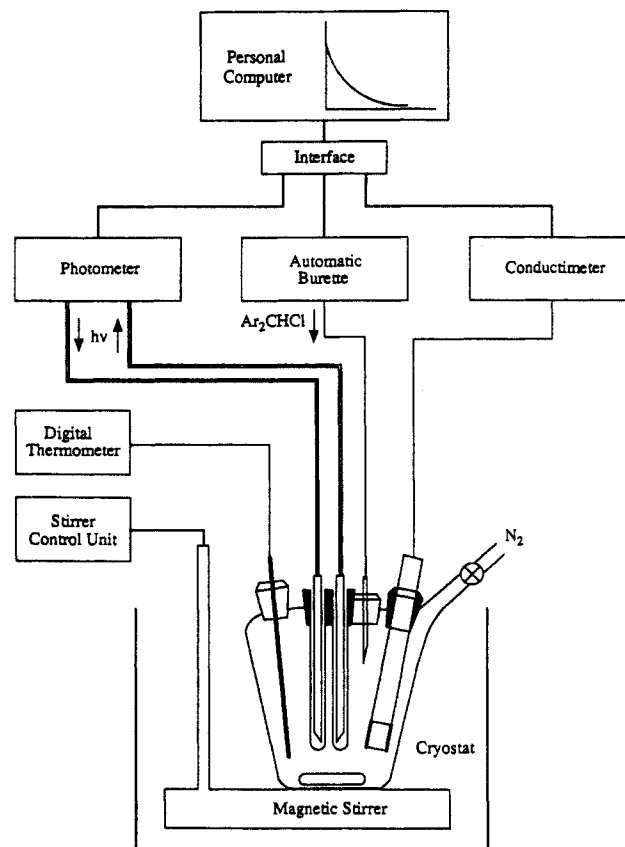


Figure 1. Work station for determining reactivities of diarylcarbenium ions.

1-pentene (3) at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$  to give the 1:1 adducts 5 in quantitative yield.<sup>9a,12</sup> For  $X \neq Y$ , mixtures of diastereoisomers ( $\sim 1:1$ ) were obtained, which were recognized by the twinning of several resonances in the NMR spectra.<sup>10</sup> Lewis acid promoted cyclization of 5·X,Y with formation of indans, which takes place in presence of stronger Lewis acids or at elevated temperatures, was not observed under these conditions (Scheme I).

## III. Kinetic Method

The yellow or red solutions of 2·X,Y·BCl<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> are electric conductors.<sup>11</sup> When alkenes, like 3, are added, color and conductance disappear due to the formation of covalent, colorless 5·X,Y and of BCl<sub>3</sub>. The course of the reactions can be monitored by determining absorbance and/or conductance. Though the ionization of diarylmethyl chlorides 1 to give diarylcarbenium ions 2 can be achieved with a variety of Lewis acids, in most of our mechanistic investigations boron trichloride has been employed for several reasons: (a) Its chloride affinity is sufficient to fully ionize diarylmethyl chlorides substituted by two methyl groups or better donors<sup>11</sup> and weak enough to allow a rapid transfer of a chloride ion from BCl<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> to the tertiary carbenium ion 4, thus avoiding polymerization of 3.<sup>12</sup> (b) Since boron does not adopt coordination numbers >4 and BCl<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> does not aggregate with BCl<sub>3</sub>, simple 1:1 ionization equilibria result.<sup>11</sup> (c) Halogen exchange, which can take place with Lewis acids MX<sub>n</sub> ( $X \neq \text{Cl}$ ), is avoided. (d) Diarylcarbenium tetrachloroborates readily dissolve in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at  $-70^\circ\text{C}$  ( $< 5 \times 10^{-3}$  mol L<sup>-1</sup>) while the salts obtained from 1

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with  $\text{SnCl}_4$ ,  $\text{TiCl}_4$ , or  $\text{SbCl}_5$  usually precipitate for  $[2] > (1-5) \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$  at  $-70^\circ\text{C}$ .

#### IV. Experimental Section

Dichloromethane (Merck, puriss.) was vigorously stirred over concentrated  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  to remove traces of olefins (24 h), washed with 5% aqueous  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  solution and water, and dried over  $\text{CaCl}_2$ . The solvent was then refluxed over  $\text{P}_4\text{O}_{10}$  for 24 h and distilled. Dichloromethane purified in this way, was freshly distilled over  $\text{CaH}_2$  before the kinetic experiments.

Chloroform (Merck, p.A., stabilized with 0.6–1% ethanol) was stirred twice with concentrated  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  for 10 h and washed with water and 5% aqueous  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  solution. The solvent was dried over  $\text{CaCl}_2$ , then over  $\text{P}_4\text{O}_{10}$ , and stored over  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$ . Prior to use, the solvent was filtered over basic alumina (Merck, activity grade 1).

1,2-Dichloroethane (Merck, puriss. 99%) was purified as described for  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , but treatment with  $\text{P}_4\text{O}_{10}$  was carried out at room temperature. Distillation through a 40-cm column gave a central fraction with bp  $83.6^\circ\text{C}$  (1024 mbar).

Nitromethane and nitroethane (Merck, zur Synthese) were not obtained in sufficient quality when dried over  $\text{P}_4\text{O}_{10}$ . Column chromatography through neutral alumina (Merck, activity grade 1) without further distillation gave solvents of satisfactory purity.

Benzyltriethylammonium chloride (EGA, 97–99%) was dried in small portions (100–250 mg) at  $100^\circ\text{C}$  (0.2 mbar) for 30 min immediately before use.

All experiments were performed under strictly anhydrous conditions. Since the kinetic investigations were carried out in rather dilute solution, the purity of the solvents was critical. Impure solvents were easily recognized by inconstancy of the carbenium ion absorbance during the ionization procedure.

**Kinetics of the Carbenium Ion Additions.** The experiments are carried out in a 150-mL four-necked flask placed over a magnetic stirrer<sup>13</sup> in a cryostat ( $-90$  to  $-20^\circ\text{C}$ ), as depicted schematically in Figure 1.

The photometric measurements are performed with a fiber optics system (Schöilly KGS III) developed by Kunz and Hallensleben.<sup>14</sup> The light of a 30-W halogen lamp is conducted in a liquid fiber, which splits the beam into a probe channel and a reference channel. As indicated in Figure 1, the probe consists of two parallel quartz rods, inserted into two quartz tubes, which are immersed into the solution to be analyzed. The light travels down one rod, is totally reflected at its lower end to pass through the solution ( $\approx 5 \text{ mm}$ ) and then returns by the second rod, where a liquid fiber conducts it through an interference filter (Bandpass-Filter Corion) to the signal monitor. Conductimetric measurements are carried out with a Tacussel CD 810 conductimeter and Pt plate electrodes. The cell constants, determined with 0.01 M and 0.001 M KCl solutions, range from 53 to  $85 \text{ m}^{-1}$ . Conductances below  $10 \mu\text{S}$  are determined with 62.5-Hz AC, and for those between 10 and  $50 \mu\text{S}$ , an AC of 250 Hz is used.

**Typical Procedure.** The reaction flask is heated, evacuated, and flushed with  $\text{N}_2$  (3–4 times) before it is filled with 100.0 mL of dry  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  ( $V_0$ ) at  $20^\circ\text{C}$ . After the flask was placed into the cooling bath of the thermostat, gaseous  $\text{BCl}_3$  is injected through a septum with a gas-tight syringe. After reaching the temperature for the kinetic experiment, a solution of the diarylmethyl chloride **1** in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  is added in  $i$  portions via an automatic buret, which is controlled by a personal computer (IBM-XT). After the addition of each portion, conductance and absorbance are measured and their values stored<sup>15a</sup> together with the calculated carbenium ion concentration  $[2]$ , where  $i$  = number of portions

$$[2] = ic_T V_Z (1 + \Delta T f) / (V_0 + i V_Z)$$

of the solution of **1**,  $c_T$  = concentration of the solution of **1** (at ambient temperature),  $V_Z$  = volume of one portion,  $V_0$  = volume of  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at ambient temperature,  $\Delta T = T$  (ambient) –  $T$  (probe),  $f$  = expansion coefficient of the solvent ( $0.00139 \text{ K}^{-1}$  for  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ).<sup>16</sup>

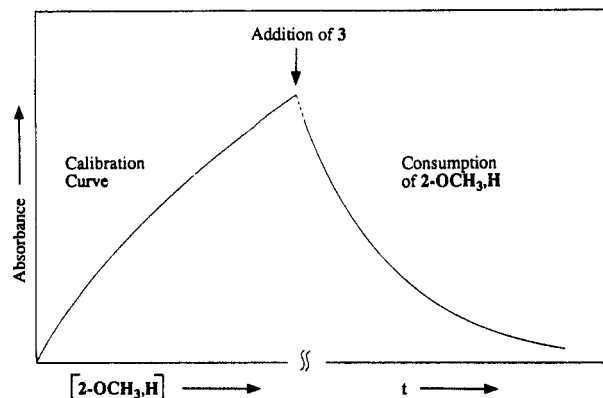
In a typical experiment,  $i = 125$  portions of  $V_Z = 0.040 \text{ mL}$  with  $c_T = 0.00100 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$  are added within 40 min. Since the calibration curves

(13) The magnetic stirrer consists of 4 electromagnets, which are placed in an aluminum box (tightened with a Teflon ribbon). The connection between a stepper motor controller and the electromagnets is conducted through a brass tube which is welded with the top part of the aluminum box.

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**Figure 2.** Absorbance ( $E$ ) during addition of **1-OCH<sub>3</sub>H** to  $\text{BCl}_3/\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (calibration curve, left) and during the reaction of **2-OCH<sub>3</sub>H**· $\text{H-BCl}_4^-$  with 2-methyl-1-pentene (**3**) (right).

thus obtained (Figure 2, left) rest on the assumption that the diarylmethyl chlorides **1** become fully ionized in the  $\text{BCl}_3$  solution, only carbenium ions with  $\text{p}K_{\text{R}^+} > -10.5$  can be treated in this way.<sup>17</sup> Though free and paired ions **2** have closely similar UV-vis spectra, their absorptions are not identical,<sup>11</sup> and the calibration curves are not linear (Figure 2, left).

When the desired concentration of **2** is reached, 1–270 equiv of **3** (neat or concentrated in solution  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) are added in one portion, and after a mixing time of 1–1.5 s, acquisition of conductance and absorbance data is started (Figure 2, right). During the reaction, absorbance usually drops to less than 1% and conductance falls to less than 3% of the initial value. The connection of the right-hand graphs in Figure 2 with the calibration curves on the left yields a concentration/time correlation, which follows a second-order rate law (eq 2). For the computation,  $[3]_0 - [2]_0$  is usually substituted by  $\Delta$  (i.e., the excess of alkene employed) to yield eq 3, which contains the carbenium ion concentration  $[2]_t$  as the only time-dependent variable.<sup>15b</sup> Benzyltriethylammonium chloride is placed into the reaction flask prior to adding  $\text{BCl}_3$ , if the presence of  $\text{PhCH}_2\text{N}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_3^+ \text{BCl}_4^-$  is required.

$$k_2 t = \frac{1}{[3]_0 - [2]_0} \ln \frac{[2]_0 [3]_t}{[3]_0 [2]_t} \quad (2)$$

$$k_2 t = \frac{1}{\Delta} \ln \frac{[2]_0 ([2]_t + \Delta)}{([2]_0 + \Delta) [2]_t} \quad (3)$$

**Kinetics of the Solvolysis Reactions.** The kinetics of the solvolysis reactions were determined as described previously.<sup>18</sup>

**2-Methyl-4,4-bis(*p*-methoxyphenyl)-1-butene (6)** (mp  $58-59^\circ\text{C}$ , ethanol/ $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) was prepared via  $\text{ZnCl}_2/\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  catalyzed reaction of **1-OCH<sub>3</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub>** with isobutene and treatment of the adduct with  $\text{KO}t\text{Bu}$  as described for 2-methyl-4,4-diphenyl-1-butene.<sup>5a</sup>

**3-Chloro-3-methyl-1,1-bis(*p*-methoxyphenyl)-5,5-bis(*p*-methylphenyl)pentane (9)** (mp  $101-102^\circ\text{C}$ , pentane) is formed from **6** and **2-CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>BCl<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>** in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at  $-70^\circ\text{C}$ . HPLC analysis of the crude reaction product (5- $\mu\text{m}$  particles, Nucleosil- $\text{NO}_2$  phase, isooctane/ $t$ -BuOMe = 80/20) shows the presence of 0.5–1% of **10** ( $t_R = 3.54 \text{ min}$ ) besides **9** ( $t_R = 8.30 \text{ min}$ ). Compound **10** (mp  $115^\circ\text{C}$ , pentane) was identified by independent synthesis from **8** and **1-CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>**. The NMR spectral data of **9** and **10** are closely similar to those described for 3-chloro-3-methyl-1,1,5,5-tetraphenylpentane.<sup>5a</sup>

#### V. Kinetics of the Reactions of Diarylcarbenium Salts **2** with 2-Methyl-1-pentene (**3**)

Complex kinetic equations might a priori be expected, since the formation of **5** from  $\text{2-BCl}_4^-$  and **3** (eq 1) implies two consecutive reactions, each of which might be reversible. Furthermore, the degree of ion pairing  $\text{2-MCl}_{n+1}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{2} + \text{MCl}_{n+1}^-$  is concentration dependent<sup>11</sup> and might, therefore, influence the observed overall reaction rate.

**1. Determination of the Reaction Orders.** In a series of experiments all components of the reaction system **1-OCH<sub>3</sub>H** +  $\text{BCl}_3$  + **3** have systematically been varied (Table I). In all cases,

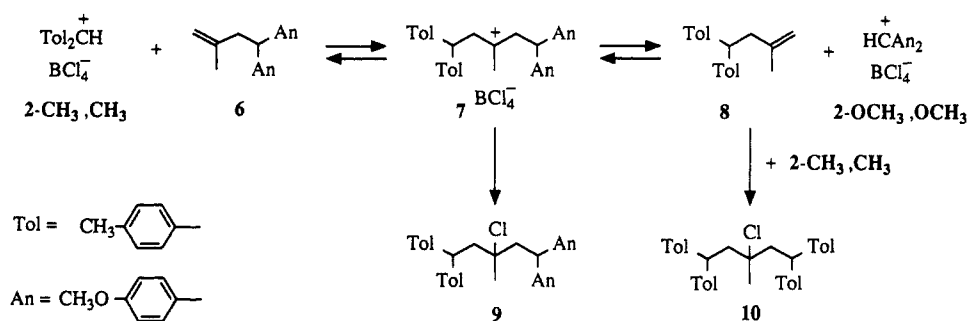
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**Table I.** Kinetics of the Reaction of *p*-Methoxydiphenylcarbenium Tetrachloroborate (**2-OCH<sub>3</sub>H·BCl<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>**) with 2-Methyl-1-pentene (**3**) in Dichloromethane at -70 °C

no.	[ <b>2-OCH<sub>3</sub>H</b> ] <sub>0</sub> , mol L <sup>-1</sup>	[ <b>3</b> ] <sub>0</sub> , mol L <sup>-1</sup>	[BCl <sub>3</sub> ] <sub>0</sub> <sup>a</sup> , mol L <sup>-1</sup>	conversion, % <sup>b</sup>		free ions, % <sup>c</sup>	<i>k</i> <sub>2</sub> , L mol <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>	
				<i>E</i>	<i>κ</i>		<i>E</i>	<i>κ</i>
1	8.6 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>	1.1 × 10 <sup>-2</sup>	2.6 × 10 <sup>-2</sup>	85	67	75/94	26.5	25.0
2	8.7 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>	1.1 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.3 × 10 <sup>-2</sup>	93		75/97	26.3	
3	8.6 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>	8.6 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>	2.3 × 10 <sup>-2</sup>	58	62	75/86	25.8	25.3
4	2.1 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	4.2 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	5.4 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	82	76	60/85	25.3	26.5
5	2.2 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	4.4 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	3.0 × 10 <sup>-2</sup>	89	81	59/90	27.1	25.9
6	2.1 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	4.2 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.0 × 10 <sup>-1</sup>	86	75	60/88	26.7	28.1
7	8.8 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>	8.9 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	5.6 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	88		74/95	26.0	
8	4.5 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>	1.2 × 10 <sup>-2</sup>	2.7 × 10 <sup>-2</sup>	80		83/96	27.8	
9	2.1 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	4.2 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.5 × 10 <sup>-2</sup>	87	84	60/89	26.2	24.8
10	4.1 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.1 × 10 <sup>-2</sup>	1.9 × 10 <sup>-2</sup>	80	83	19/38	26.8	26.7
11 <sup>d</sup>	1.0 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	4.1 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.8 × 10 <sup>-2</sup>	85		~13 <sup>e</sup>	25.8	

<sup>a</sup>[BCl<sub>3</sub>]<sub>0</sub> = free BCl<sub>3</sub> at *t* = 0. <sup>b</sup>Range evaluated for the determination of *k*<sub>2</sub>, based on absorbance (*E*) and conductance (*κ*) measurements. <sup>c</sup>Percentage of free carbenium ions at *t* = 0 and the end of the evaluated range (*E*) calculated from *K*<sub>D</sub> = 1.9 × 10<sup>-4</sup> mol L<sup>-1</sup> (ref 11). <sup>d</sup>In the presence of 1.0 × 10<sup>-2</sup> mol L<sup>-1</sup> benzyltriethylammonium tetrachloroborate. <sup>e</sup>Based on the assumption that *K*<sub>D</sub> for PhCH<sub>2</sub>NEt<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>·BCl<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> is identical with *K*<sub>D</sub> of **2-OCH<sub>3</sub>H·BCl<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>** (see ref 11).

**Scheme II**

evaluation of absorbance and of conductance data yields the same results. Entries 1–3 (Table I) show that the reaction rates linearly depend on the alkene concentration in the whole range investigated ([**3**]<sub>0</sub> = 1.1 × 10<sup>-2</sup> to 8.6 × 10<sup>-5</sup> mol L<sup>-1</sup>). According to entries 4–6, the ratio [BCl<sub>3</sub>]<sub>0</sub>/[**3**]<sub>0</sub> does not influence the reaction rate. Even in experiment 7, the only one with [**3**]<sub>0</sub> > [BCl<sub>3</sub>]<sub>0</sub>, the same *k*<sub>2</sub> value has been observed, indicating that BCl<sub>3</sub> does not form complexes with the olefin **3**. This conclusion, which is in accord with the results of thermochemical studies,<sup>17</sup> is of great practical importance, since relatively high concentrations of BCl<sub>3</sub> are sometimes needed in order to achieve complete ionization of the diarylmethyl chlorides.

The validity of eq 4 over a wide range of carbenium ion concentrations, i.e., the independence of *k*<sub>2</sub> of the degree of ion pairing (Table I, column 6) is indicated by entries 8–10. Furthermore, the value of *k*<sub>2</sub> remains constant when the reaction is carried out in the presence of 0.01 mol L<sup>-1</sup> benzyltriethylammonium tetrachloroborate, which reduces the percentage of unpaired ions **2-OCH<sub>3</sub>H** to 13% (entry 11). Equal reactivity of paired and unpaired carbenium ions is indicated by this observation. This conclusion can also be derived from the linearity of the plots according to eq 3, since the percentage of free ions grows as the reaction proceeds (Table I, column 6).

$$-d[\mathbf{2-OCH}_3, \text{H}]/dt = k_2[\mathbf{2-OCH}_3, \text{H}][\mathbf{3}] \quad (4)$$

In carbanionic polymerizations, paired and nonpaired ions are known to show considerable reactivity differences.<sup>19</sup> In contrast, ions and ion pairs are equally reactive in the cationic polymerization of heterocycles.<sup>20</sup> Investigations of the influence of ion pairing on cationic vinyl polymerization came to the conclusion that free ions are 6–24 times more reactive than ion pairs.<sup>21</sup> Our observation of equal reactivities of paired and nonpaired ions, therefore, corroborates the view that reactivity differences between

ions and ion pairs are less pronounced in cationic than in anionic polymerization.<sup>20</sup>

In previous work<sup>11</sup> we summarized literature data, which report similar values of the dissociation constants *K*<sub>D</sub> (~10<sup>-4</sup> mol L<sup>-1</sup>) for a large variety of organic salts, e.g. triphenylmethyl, diphenylmethyl, oxonium, sulfonium, and quaternary ammonium salts with complex counterions like SbCl<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup>, BCl<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>, PF<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup>, etc. This behavior is expected from the "sphere in continuum model" for ions of comparable effective size in a particular solvent.<sup>22</sup> From the relation  $\Delta\Delta G^\circ = -RT \ln K_D$ , one finds that in all these cases, the standard free energy of ion pairs is approximately 14 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> lower than  $\Delta G^\circ$  of the free ions (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, -70 °C). As this relationship holds for cations of quite dissimilar structural type, it should also be valid for the cations **4** and for the activated complexes yielding the adducts **4**. Consequently, the population ratio (free ions/ion pairs) can be expected to be identical in ground and transition state, and ion pairing does not affect the reaction rates.

**2. The Addition Step (2 + 3) Is Usually Rate-Determining.** The constancy of *k*<sub>2</sub> in entries 8–11 of Table I proves that the reaction of **2-OCH<sub>3</sub>H** with **3** is rate-determining, since in case of reversible formation of **4-OCH<sub>3</sub>H**, an increase of the BCl<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> concentration ([BCl<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>] = [2-OCH<sub>3</sub>H] for entries 8–10; [BCl<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>] = 10<sup>-2</sup> mol L<sup>-1</sup> for entry 11) should result in an acceleration of the overall reaction.

It can be expected, however, that the chance for retroaddition grows with increasing stabilization of the diarylcarbenium ions **2**. Therefore, we examined the reaction of **2-OCH<sub>3</sub>H** with **3** in presence of variable BCl<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> concentrations. Only at very low values of [BCl<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>] can a noticeable reduction of the rate constant be observed (Table II, entries 1, 2 vs 3–5). This may be explained by slow trapping of the adduct ions **4**. In accord with the assumption of a rate determining carbenium ion addition step and the absence of ion-pairing effects, the same values of *k*<sub>2</sub> were obtained when BClBr<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> or B(OCH<sub>3</sub>)Cl<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> were used as counterions (entries 6, 7). The slightly reduced *k*<sub>2</sub> value in entry 8 may again indicate a small degree of reversibility at the low concentrations

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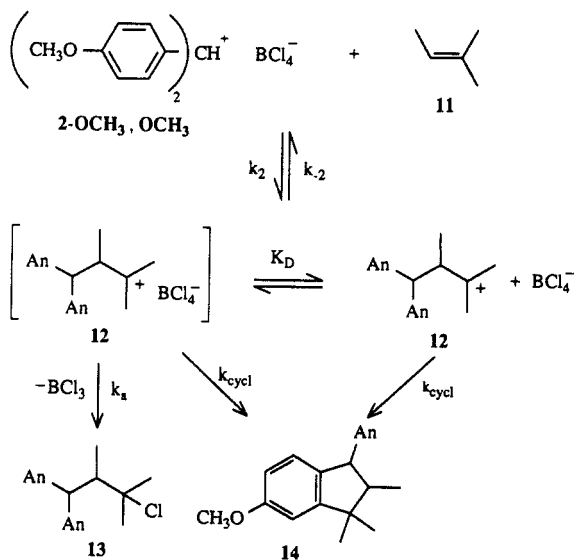
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**Table II.** Reaction of Bis(*p*-methoxyphenyl)carbenium (2-OCH<sub>3</sub>,OCH<sub>3</sub>) Salts with 2-Methyl-1-pentene (3) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at -70 °C ([3]<sub>0</sub> = (3-9) × 10<sup>-2</sup> mol L<sup>-1</sup>)

no.	[2-OCH <sub>3</sub> ,OCH <sub>3</sub> ] <sub>0</sub>	[MX <sub>n</sub> ] <sub>0</sub> , mol L <sup>-1</sup>	k <sub>2</sub> , L mol <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>
1	4.38 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>	[BCl <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> ] <sub>0</sub> , 4.38 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>	~2.1 × 10 <sup>-2a</sup>
2	4.34 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>	[BCl <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> ] <sub>0</sub> , 4.60 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	2.64 × 10 <sup>-2b</sup>
3	4.30 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>	[BCl <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> ] <sub>0</sub> , 1.03 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	2.92 × 10 <sup>-2b</sup>
4	4.38 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>	[BCl <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> ] <sub>0</sub> , 6.70 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	2.86 × 10 <sup>-2b</sup>
5	4.38 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>	[BCl <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> ] <sub>0</sub> , 1.47 × 10 <sup>-2</sup>	2.97 × 10 <sup>-2b</sup>
6	8.70 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	[BClBr <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> ] <sub>0</sub> , 8.70 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	(2.70 ± 0.14) × 10 <sup>-2c</sup>
7	7.01 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	[B(OCH <sub>3</sub> )Cl <sub>3</sub> ] <sub>0</sub> , 7.01 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	(2.81 ± 0.12) × 10 <sup>-2d</sup>
8	4.22 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>	[SnCl <sub>5</sub> <sup>-</sup> ] <sub>0</sub> , 4.22 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>	(2.48 ± 0.12) × 10 <sup>-2e,e</sup>

<sup>a</sup>k<sub>2</sub> calculated from initial slope. <sup>b</sup>In the presence of benzyltriethylammonium tetrachloroborate; its concentration is the difference between columns 3 and 2. <sup>c</sup>Ionization of 1-OCH<sub>3</sub>,OCH<sub>3</sub> with BBr<sub>3</sub>; two experiments. <sup>d</sup>Ionization of (*p*-CH<sub>3</sub>O-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CHOCH<sub>3</sub> with BCl<sub>3</sub>; three experiments. <sup>e</sup>Ionization of 1-OCH<sub>3</sub>,OCH<sub>3</sub> with SnCl<sub>4</sub>; three experiments.

**Scheme III**

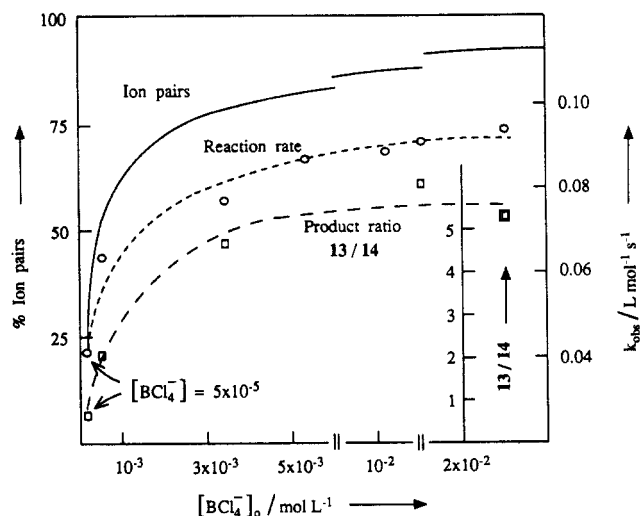
used for this reaction (low solubility of 2-OCH<sub>3</sub>,OCH<sub>3</sub>·SnCl<sub>5</sub><sup>-</sup>).

Our conclusion that reversibility of the addition step does not play an important role even in reactions of 1,1-dialkylated alkenes with 2-OCH<sub>3</sub>,OCH<sub>3</sub>, the best stabilized carbenium ion of this series, is corroborated by the experiment involving Scheme II.<sup>23</sup>

When 2-CH<sub>3</sub>,CH<sub>3</sub>·BCl<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> was combined with the alkene 6, the addition product 9 was formed almost exclusively with only a small trace of 10 present. From HPLC analysis a ratio 9/10 = (130 ± 20):1 was obtained. Therefore, we can conclude that a very small percentage of 7 cleaves into 8 and 2-OCH<sub>3</sub>,OCH<sub>3</sub> since any 8 produced would immediately be trapped by 2-CH<sub>3</sub>,CH<sub>3</sub> to give 10.

The effect of anion concentration has been studied in greater detail for reactions of diarylcarbenium tetrachloroborates with 2-methyl-2-butene (11), which give mixtures of regular addition products and of indans (e.g., 13 and 14, Scheme III). Just as for the reactions with 2-methyl-1-pentene (3), the rates of the reactions of 2-CH<sub>3</sub>,CH<sub>3</sub>, 2-OPh,H, and 2-OCH<sub>3</sub>,H with 2-methyl-2-butene (11) do not depend on the concentration of BCl<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> in the concentration range investigated (5 × 10<sup>-5</sup> to 10<sup>-2</sup> mol L<sup>-1</sup>), again indicating 2 + 11 to be the rate-determining step. For the reaction of 2-OCH<sub>3</sub>,CH<sub>3</sub>·BCl<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> with 11, the rate decreases by 25% when [2-OCH<sub>3</sub>,CH<sub>3</sub>·BCl<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>] is reduced from 2 × 10<sup>-2</sup> to 5 × 10<sup>-5</sup> mol L<sup>-1</sup>.<sup>17b</sup>

A greater dependence on anion concentration is observed for the reaction of 11 with 2-OCH<sub>3</sub>,OCH<sub>3</sub>. As shown in Figure 4,



**Figure 3.** Influence of [BCl<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>] on the degree of ion-pairing (solid line, calcd for K<sub>D</sub> = 2 × 10<sup>-4</sup> mol L<sup>-1</sup>), observed rate constant (circles, from initial slopes), and product ratio (squares) for the reaction of 2-OCH<sub>3</sub>,OCH<sub>3</sub>·BCl<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> with 2-methyl-2-butene (11).

the reaction rate increases by more than a factor of 2 when [BCl<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>]<sub>0</sub> is increased from 5 × 10<sup>-5</sup> to 5 × 10<sup>-3</sup> mol L<sup>-1</sup>, but a further increase of [BCl<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>] hardly affects the observed reaction rates (Figure 3).

An explanation for these observations is given by Scheme III, which shows that the formation of the linear adduct 13 has to proceed through ion pairs, while 14 may arise from free or paired 12. For [BCl<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>] > 5 × 10<sup>-3</sup> mol L<sup>-1</sup>, ion pairing is almost complete (>80%), and a further conspicuous acceleration of the reaction by increasing the concentration of BCl<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> is not possible. Scheme III also explains why the product ratio 13/14 grows with [BCl<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>] in the concentration range 5 × 10<sup>-5</sup> to 5 × 10<sup>-3</sup> mol L<sup>-1</sup> and is only slightly affected by higher BCl<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> concentrations when ion-pairing is almost complete. In accord with this interpretation, addition of the weak chloride donor SbCl<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup> (5 × 10<sup>-3</sup> mol L<sup>-1</sup>) to a solution of 2-OCH<sub>3</sub>,OCH<sub>3</sub>·BCl<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> (5 × 10<sup>-5</sup> mol L<sup>-1</sup>) does not affect the reaction rate.

**3. Activation Parameters for the Reactions of Diarylcarbenium Tetrachloroborates with 2-Methyl-1-pentene.** Since the addition of 2-OCH<sub>3</sub>,OCH<sub>3</sub> to 3 has been found to be rate-determining as long as very low concentrations of BCl<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> are avoided, the reaction rates observed for the other carbenium ions listed in Table III must also correspond to the rates of the addition steps. As expected, reactivity increases with decreasing electron releasing ability of the para substituents of 2-X,Y (Table III). Table III furthermore shows that variation of the para substituents only affects ΔH<sup>‡</sup>, while ΔS<sup>‡</sup> remains almost constant. From the three entries for 2-OCH<sub>3</sub>,H one sees that ΔG<sup>‡</sup> (-70 °C) is unaffected by a variation of the ion strength (cf. Section 1). For ΔH<sup>‡</sup> and ΔS<sup>‡</sup>, however, a slight dependence on ion concentration was found; this may be within experimental uncertainty.

**4. Solvent Dependence of the Reaction Rates.** The bis(*p*-methoxy)-substituted benzhydryl cation was selected for the investigation of solvent effects, since this system promised to be fully ionized in less polar solvents as well. However, even with 2-OCH<sub>3</sub>,OCH<sub>3</sub>, the choice of solvents turned out to be rather limited. In nonpolar solvents, e.g. toluene, CS<sub>2</sub>, pentane, CCl<sub>4</sub>, and trichloroethylene, the solubility of 2-OCH<sub>3</sub>,OCH<sub>3</sub>·BCl<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> was less than 5 × 10<sup>-5</sup> mol L<sup>-1</sup>, and in donor solvents, like THF or acetonitrile, complexation between solvent and BCl<sub>3</sub> prevented a complete ionization of 1-OCH<sub>3</sub>,OCH<sub>3</sub>. Kinetic investigations were finally carried out in the five solvents listed in Table IV. In order to avoid the reversibility of the addition step (see above), the reactions were studied in the presence of benzyltriethylammonium tetrachloroborate.

Since the rate-determining step involves the formation of a mono-positively charged ion (4) from a mono-positively charged (2) and a neutral precursor (3), so that charge is neither generated

(23) An analogous experiment has been used to prove the irreversibility of the ZnCl<sub>2</sub> catalyzed additions of diphenylmethyl chloride to 1,1-dialkyl-ethylenes (ref 5a).

**Table III.** Rate Constants  $k_2$  (Measured at  $-70$  °C) and Activation Parameters for the Reaction of Diarylcarbenium Tetrachloroborates with 2-Methyl-1-pentene<sup>a</sup>

2-X,Y	temp range, °C <sup>c</sup>	$k_2$ ( $-70$ °C), L mol <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>	$k_{rel}$	$\Delta H^\ddagger$ , kJ mol <sup>-1</sup>	$\Delta S^\ddagger$ , J mol <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup>	$\Delta G^\ddagger$ ( $-70$ °C), kJ mol <sup>-1</sup>
2-OCH <sub>3</sub> ,OCH <sub>3</sub>	-12/-70	$2.92 \times 10^{-2}$	1.00	$29.7 \pm 0.1$	$-125 \pm 1$	55.1
2-OCH <sub>3</sub> ,OPh	-70	$1.69 \times 10^{-1}$	5.79			52.2
2-OCH <sub>3</sub> ,CH <sub>3</sub>	-30/-70	3.38	116	$22.7 \pm 0.5$	$-120 \pm 2$	47.1
2-OCH <sub>3</sub> ,H	-30/-70	$2.51 \times 10^1$		$20.8 \pm 0.4$	$-112 \pm 2$	43.8 <sup>b</sup>
	-30/-70	$2.64 \times 10^1$		$18.6 \pm 0.2$	$-123 \pm 1$	43.6 <sup>c</sup>
	-30/-80	$2.58 \times 10^1$		$19.0 \pm 0.6$	$-122 \pm 3$	43.7 <sup>d</sup>
	av. values <sup>e</sup>	$2.58 \times 10^1$	884	$19.5 \pm 1.2$	$-119 \pm 6$	43.7
2-OPh,CH <sub>3</sub>	-70	$3.30 \times 10^1$	1130			43.2
2-OPh,H	-80/-40	$2.86 \times 10^2$	9790	$15.3 \pm 0.4$	$-119 \pm 2$	39.6
2-CH <sub>3</sub> ,CH <sub>3</sub>	-90/-50	$3.40 \times 10^3$	116400	$11.6 \pm 0.3$	$-117 \pm 2$	35.4

<sup>a</sup> For the determination of the activation parameters at least four experiments at different temperatures have been carried out;  $k_2$  ( $-70$  °C) obtained by regression analysis if experiments at different temperatures are available. <sup>b</sup>  $[2\text{-OCH}_3, \text{H}\cdot\text{BCl}_4^-]_0 = 2 \times 10^{-4}$  mol L<sup>-1</sup> <sup>c</sup>  $[2\text{-OCH}_3, \text{H}\cdot\text{BCl}_4^-]_0 = 2 \times 10^{-3}$  mol L<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>d</sup>  $[2\text{-OCH}_3, \text{H}\cdot\text{BCl}_4^-]_0 = 1 \times 10^{-4}$  mol L<sup>-1</sup> and  $1 \times 10^{-2}$  mol L<sup>-1</sup> PhCH<sub>2</sub>NEt<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>·BCl<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>. <sup>e</sup> The standard deviations are greater in this line since the averaged activation parameters refer to different reaction conditions (see ref *b-d*);  $k_2$  ( $-70$  °C), however, is almost insensitive toward variation of the ion strength.

**Table IV.** Reaction of the Bis(*p*-methoxyphenyl)carbenium (2-OCH<sub>3</sub>,OCH<sub>3</sub>) Tetrachloroborate with 2-Methyl-1-pentene (3) in Various Solvents<sup>a</sup>

solvent	$\epsilon^b$	$E_T$ (30) <sup>c</sup>	temp range °C	$\Delta H^\ddagger$ , kJ mol <sup>-1</sup>	$\Delta S^\ddagger$ , J mol <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup>	$\Delta G^\ddagger$ ( $-30$ °C), kJ mol <sup>-1</sup>	$k_2$ ( $-30$ °C), kJ mol <sup>-1</sup>
CHCl <sub>3</sub>	4.81	39.1	-10/-50	32.9	-113	60.4	0.543
CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	8.9	40.7	-12/-70	29.7	-125	60.1	0.632
(CH <sub>2</sub> Cl) <sub>2</sub>	10.37	41.3	10/-31	28.6	-126	59.2	0.958
CH <sub>3</sub> -CH <sub>2</sub> -NO <sub>2</sub>	28.06 <sup>d</sup>	43.6	-31/-70	30.0	-116	58.2	1.56
CH <sub>3</sub> -NO <sub>2</sub>	35.94	46.3	9/-21	27.3	-123	57.2	2.63

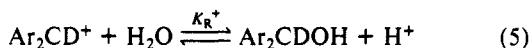
<sup>a</sup>  $[2\text{-OCH}_3, \text{OCH}_3]_0 = 10^{-4}$  mol L<sup>-1</sup>;  $[3]_0 = 3 \times 10^{-3}$  to  $2 \times 10^{-2}$  mol L<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>b</sup> Dielectric constant at 25 °C; ref 24. <sup>c</sup>  $E_T$  (30)/kcal/mol; ref 24. <sup>d</sup> 30 °C, ref 16, p 576.

nor destroyed in the rate-determining step, the rate constants increase only slightly with the solvent polarity. While the correlation between  $\log k_2$  and  $\epsilon$  is rather poor, a fair correlation with the solvent polarity parameter  $E_T(30)$ <sup>24</sup> was found:  $\log k_2$  ( $-30$  °C) =  $0.0995 E_T - 4.17$  ( $r = 0.986$ ).

Chlorinated hydrocarbons are typical solvents for carbocationic polymerizations: The first three entries of Table IV indicate that the propagation rate constants in cationic polymerization can be expected to be almost identical in solvents of that type.<sup>25</sup>

**5. Kinetic Isotope Effects.** The  $\alpha$ -deuterium-labeled benzhydryl cation 2-OCH<sub>3</sub>,H is more reactive toward 3 than its nonlabeled analogue ( $k_H/k_D = 0.80$ ). Secondary  $\alpha$ -D effects of similar magnitude were found for the reactions of 2-OCH<sub>3</sub>,H with 2-methyl-2-butene (0.79) and allyltrimethylsilane (0.79),<sup>26</sup> closely resembling the  $k_H/k_D$  values observed for the mechanistically related additions of a  $\mu$ -methylidyne complex across alkenes.<sup>27</sup>

Secondary kinetic isotope effects  $k_H/k_D$  are generally smaller than unity if deuterium is located at a carbon that undergoes a change from  $sp^2$  to  $sp^3$  hybridization, e.g., in additions to the CC double bond of alkenes<sup>28</sup> or to the carbonyl bond of aldehydes.<sup>29</sup> Equilibrium secondary  $\alpha$  isotope effects have been determined for the ionization of diarylmethanols in H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (eq 5). The isotope effects on  $K_R$  decrease from ( $K_{R^+H}/K_{R^+D} = 0.85$ ) for 2-OCH<sub>3</sub>,H to ( $K_{R^+H}/K_{R^+D} = 0.77$ ) for 2-H,H.<sup>30</sup>



Equilibrium isotope effects for the formation of cyanohydrins from benzaldehydes (carbon group entering) are of essentially the same magnitude.<sup>31</sup> Comparison of these numbers with the  $k_H/k_D$

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
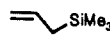

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**Table V.** Rate Constants for the Reaction of  $\alpha$ -Deuterio-*p*-methoxydiphenylcarbenium Tetrachloroborate ( $(1.7 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-4}$  mol L<sup>-1</sup>) with some Nucleophiles in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at  $-70.0$  °C

nucleophile	[nucleophile] <sub>0</sub> , 10 <sup>-4</sup> mol L <sup>-1</sup>	$k_2$ (D), L mol <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>	$k_2$ (H), L mol <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>	$k_H/k_D$
	11.0	32.2		
	27.4	32.2		
	7.67	32.9		
	average	32.4	25.8 <sup>a</sup>	0.80
	13.7	232		
	10.8	233		
	7.72	242		
	5.47	242		
	average	237	187 <sup>b</sup>	0.79
	11.0	307		
	8.24	315		
	6.59	308		
	5.48	325		
	average	314	247 <sup>b</sup>	0.79

<sup>a</sup>This work. <sup>b</sup>Reference 26.

values presented in Table V leads to the conclusion that the rehybridization of the carbenium center of 2-OCH<sub>3</sub>,H ( $sp^2 \rightarrow sp^3$ ) is far advanced in the transition state. Support for this interpretation comes from the rate equilibrium relationships discussed in Section VI.3.

## VI. Energy Profiles for the BCl<sub>3</sub>-Promoted Reactions of Diarylmethyl Chlorides (1) with 2-Methyl-1-pentene (3)

In the reaction sequence (1), the rate-determining step 2 + 3  $\rightarrow$  4 is preceded by the ionization step 1  $\rightarrow$  2 and succeeded by the ion combination step 4  $\rightarrow$  5. Whereas the first step can be investigated directly, indirect methods are needed to obtain information about the energy of the adduct cations 4.

**1. Ionization of the Diarylmethyl Chlorides.** Calorimetric and equilibrium studies<sup>17,18</sup> have been carried out to characterize the thermodynamics of the reactions of diarylmethyl chlorides (1-X,Y)

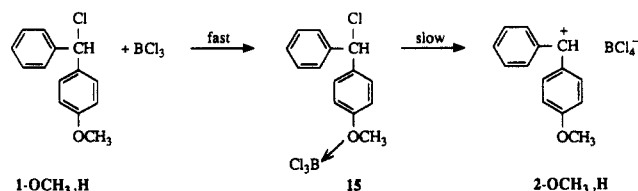
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**Table VI.** First-Order Ionization Rate Constants for Oxy-Substituted Diarylmethyl Chlorides ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $\text{BCl}_3$ )

1-X,Y	[1-X,Y] <sub>0</sub> , mol L <sup>-1</sup>	[BCl <sub>3</sub> ] <sub>0</sub> , mol L <sup>-1</sup>	T, °C	k <sub>1</sub> , s <sup>-1</sup>
1-OCH <sub>3</sub> ,Cl	(0.80–0.87) × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.068–0.091	-70.0	0.075 ± 0.002 (2)
1-OCH <sub>3</sub> ,H <sup>a</sup>	2.1 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.015	-63.0	0.41 ± 0.06 (4) <sup>b</sup>
	(2.5–3.8) × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.005–0.016	-70.0	0.14 ± 0.01 (7) <sup>b</sup>
	3.9 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.015–0.022	-75.2	0.067 ± 0.008 (4) <sup>b</sup>
	2.2 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.016	-80.0	0.031 ± 0.001 (4) <sup>b</sup>
	1.1 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.016	-87.5	0.0089 ± 0.001 (2) <sup>b</sup>
1-OCH <sub>3</sub> ,CH <sub>3</sub>	1.1 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.016	-85.0	>0.5
1-OPh,H	1.1 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.026	-85.0	0.51 ± 0.01 (2)

<sup>a</sup>  $\Delta H^\ddagger = 48.7 \pm 0.7 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ ;  $\Delta S^\ddagger = -18 \pm 3 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ . <sup>b</sup> The number of independent experiments is smaller than the number in parentheses, since in many cases absorbance and conductance data from the same experiment have been included.

with  $\text{BCl}_3$ . The rates of ionization are usually very high, and the formation of most of the salts  $2\text{-X,Y}\cdot\text{BCl}_4^-$  is complete within 1 s, the time needed for mixing 1-X,Y with  $\text{BCl}_3$ . The ionization of 1-OCH<sub>3</sub>,H is somewhat slower, however, and can be recorded with the kinetic setup described in Figure 1. Again, absorbance and conductance data yield the same rate constants. When an excess of  $\text{BCl}_3$  is used, the ions 2-OCH<sub>3</sub>,H are produced by a first-order reaction, i.e., the rate depends linearly on [1-OCH<sub>3</sub>,H] and is independent of [BCl<sub>3</sub>]. The reaction order and the fact



that 1-OCH<sub>3</sub>,H ionizes more slowly than 1-CH<sub>3</sub>,CH<sub>3</sub>, though the latter reaction is less exergonic, suggest the rapid formation of the complex 15, which then decomposes in a first-order reaction (Table VI). If one assumes the B–O bond to be of similar strength in the complexes of  $\text{BCl}_3$  with 1-OCH<sub>3</sub>,Cl and 1-OCH<sub>3</sub>,CH<sub>3</sub>, one can rationalize the relative rates of ionization (1-OCH<sub>3</sub>,Cl < 1-OCH<sub>3</sub>,H < 1-OCH<sub>3</sub>,CH<sub>3</sub>) on the basis of the relative stabilities of the resulting carbenium ions 2. The fast ionization of 1-OPh,H is explained by the lower tendency of the diaryl ether oxygen to associate with  $\text{BCl}_3$ , and 1-CH<sub>3</sub>,CH<sub>3</sub> is assumed not to form any stable complex with  $\text{BCl}_3$ . This interpretation is in accord with our previous report that methoxy-substituted benzene derivatives are complexed by  $\text{BCl}_3$  in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  ( $\Delta H_c = -45.3 \pm 1.8 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ ) while the corresponding methyl-substituted compounds do not interact with  $\text{BCl}_3$  in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ .<sup>17a</sup>

Dialkyl ethers and their complexes with  $\text{BCl}_3$  have been observed as separate species by low-temperature <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy, while averaged signals were noticed at room temperature.<sup>32</sup> In contrast, we observed only averaged resonances when a mixture of anisole and of its complex with  $\text{BCl}_3$  was studied in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$  at -70 °C (200 MHz, <sup>1</sup>H NMR). The rapid exchange indicated by this finding corroborates our suggestion that the formation of 15 from 1-OCH<sub>3</sub>,H and  $\text{BCl}_3$  is a very fast process (probably diffusion controlled).

**2. Ionization of the Addition Products 5.** Since the carbenium ions 4 are short-lived intermediates, which are produced after the rate-determining step in the reaction sequence (eq 1), their energy cannot be derived from the kinetics of the reaction of 2 with 3. Therefore, we have attacked this problem from the product side. As the ionization of 5 by  $\text{BCl}_3$  is endergonic in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  and cannot easily be studied by equilibrium measurements, the energy of cations 4 relative to 5 was derived from solvolytic experiments. Arnett has demonstrated that the ionization enthalpies ( $\Delta H_i^\circ$ ) of secondary and tertiary alkyl and arylalkyl chlorides in superacidic media are linearly correlated with their ethanolysis rate constants (25 °C, eq 6).<sup>33</sup> The analogous correlation between the ionization

**Table VII.** Solvolysis Rate Constants of the Addition Products 5 in 80% EtOH/H<sub>2</sub>O at 50 °C

5-X,Y	k <sub>1</sub> , s <sup>-1</sup>
5-Cl,Cl	0.891 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>
5-H,H	1.45 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>
5-CH <sub>3</sub> ,CH <sub>3</sub>	2.11 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>
5-OCH <sub>3</sub> ,OCH <sub>3</sub>	2.40 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>
tBuCl <sup>a</sup>	1.85 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>

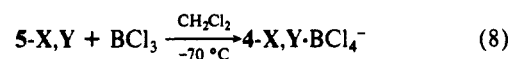
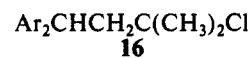
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free energies of diarylmethyl chlorides in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{BCl}_3$  and the corresponding ethanolysis rate constants (25 °C, eq 7) has a similar slope.<sup>18</sup> As eq 6 was found to include diarylmethyl chlorides as well as tertiary alkyl chlorides, an analogous scope can be expected for eq 7, and this equation is used to calculate  $\Delta G_i^\circ(\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2, \text{BCl}_3)$  from the ethanolysis rate constants of compounds 5. According

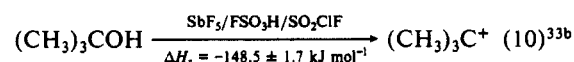
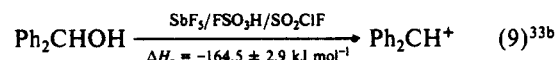
$$\Delta H_i^\circ(\text{RCl}, \text{SO}_2\text{ClF}/\text{SbF}_5)/\text{kJ mol}^{-1} = -6.78 (\log k_{\text{solv}}) - 157 \quad (6)^{33}$$

$$\Delta G_i^\circ(\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2, \text{BCl}_3, -70^\circ\text{C})/\text{kJ mol}^{-1} = -7.65(\log k_{\text{solv}}) - 19.8 \quad (7)^{18}$$

to Table VII, the solvolysis rates of the tertiary alkyl chlorides 5 closely resemble that of *tert*-butyl chloride. The slight dependence of  $k_1$  on the nature of the *p*-substituents will be discussed later. From the *m* value<sup>34</sup> and the activation parameters determined for compounds 16 in aqueous ethanol,<sup>3b</sup> one derives a factor of  $2.52 \times 10^{-3}$  which converts the  $k_1$  values of compounds 5 (Table VII) into the corresponding ethanolysis rates (25 °C). From these data,  $\Delta G_i^\circ$  for the reactions (8) is calculated to be +29.4 (X = Y = H), +28.2 (X = Y = CH<sub>3</sub>), and +27.8 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> (X = Y = OCH<sub>3</sub>). While the differences between these numbers are



estimated to be accurate within  $\pm 0.2 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ , an uncertainty of  $\pm(6\text{--}8) \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$  is assumed for their absolute values. Comparison of eqs 9 and 10 shows the correct order of magnitude for these numbers:



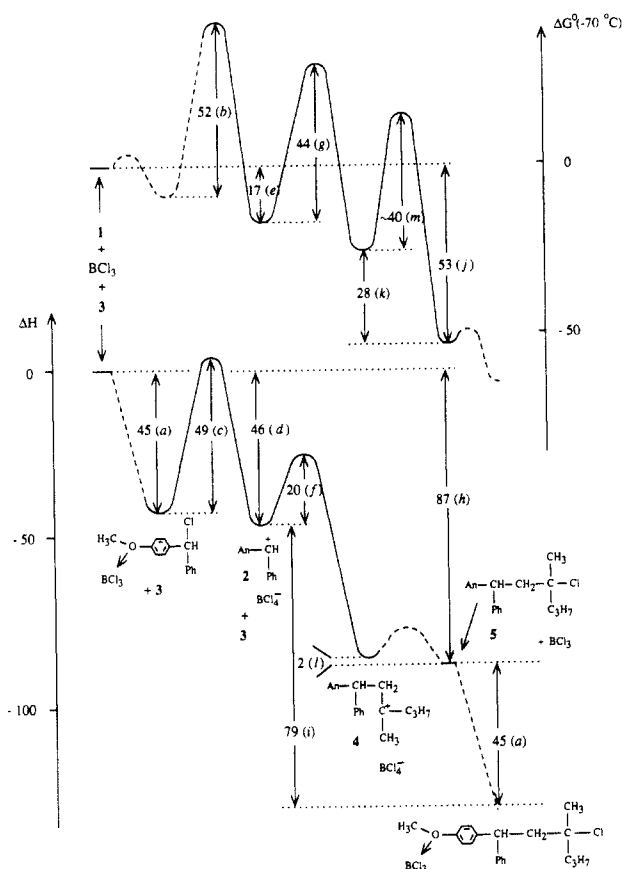
Arnett found the ionization of diphenylmethanol in superacidic media to be 16 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> more exothermic than the ionization of *tert*-butyl alcohol (eqs 9, 10).<sup>33b</sup> This difference is closely similar to the difference between  $\Delta G_i^\circ(\text{BCl}_3, \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2, -70^\circ\text{C})$  of diphenylmethyl chloride (1-H,H, +12.9 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>)<sup>18</sup> and of the tertiary chloride 5-H,H (+29.4 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>, see above).

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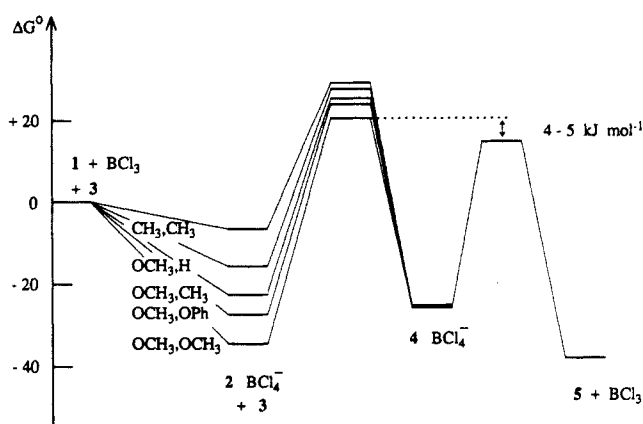


**Figure 4.** Enthalpy and free energy profiles ( $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ ) for the  $\text{BCl}_3$  promoted reaction of *p*-methoxydiphenylmethyl chloride (**1-OCH<sub>3</sub>,H**) with 2-methyl-1-pentene (**3**). Unknown sections of the energy profiles are dashed.

**3. Construction of the Energy Profiles.** The kinetic data reported above and the thermodynamic data reported previously<sup>17a</sup> can now be assembled in an energy profile (Figure 4).

In a fast reaction, the rate of which is not known (probably diffusion controlled),  $\text{BCl}_3$  forms a complex with the ether oxygen.  $\Delta H$  for this process (*a*, Figure 4) is assumed to be identical with that calorimetrically determined for the complexation of the methoxy substituted adducts **5** with  $\text{BCl}_3$ .<sup>17a</sup> From the ionization rates measured at different temperatures (Table VI),  $\Delta H^\ddagger$  (*c*, Figure 4) and  $\Delta G^\ddagger$  (*b*, Figure 4) have been derived. Calorimetric<sup>17a</sup> and equilibrium studies<sup>11,17a</sup> allow **2-OCH<sub>3</sub>,H** to be located on the  $\Delta H$  (*d*, Figure 4) and the  $\Delta G^\circ$  (*e*, Figure 4) scale, respectively.<sup>35</sup>  $\Delta H^\ddagger$  (*f*, Figure 4) and  $\Delta G^\ddagger$  (*g*, Figure 4) correspond to the rate-determining step of the reaction of **2-OCH<sub>3</sub>,H** with **3**; they are taken from Table III.

Let us skip **4-OCH<sub>3</sub>,H** and first turn to **5-OCH<sub>3</sub>,H**. The reactions of **1-X,Y** with **3** were found to be exothermic by  $86.5 \pm 2.7 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$  (*h*, Figure 4), independent of the nature of X and Y.<sup>17a</sup> This value has been corroborated by a Born-Haber cycle: The sum of *h* and *a* is almost identical with the heat of ionization of **1-OCH<sub>3</sub>,H** (*d*) plus the heat measured on combining **2-OCH<sub>3</sub>,H-BCl<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>** with **3** to give the  $\text{BCl}_3$  complex of **5-OCH<sub>3</sub>,H** (*i*).<sup>17a</sup> The difference between the two sums ( $7.3 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ ) reflects the typical error of our calorimetric method. For the addition process  $1 + 3 \rightarrow 5$ ,  $\Delta S^\circ$  can reliably be estimated from group increments<sup>36</sup> ( $-164 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ ) which allows us to locate **5-OCH<sub>3</sub>,H** on the  $\Delta G^\circ$  scale (*j*, Figure 4).  $\Delta G_i^\circ(\text{BCl}_3, \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2)$  of **5-OCH<sub>3</sub>,H** (*k*, Figure 4) will be in between the values for **5-CH<sub>3</sub>,CH<sub>3</sub>** and **5-OCH<sub>3</sub>,OCH<sub>3</sub>** (Section 2), and with the assumption that the ion-



**Figure 5.** Simplified free energy profiles ( $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ ) for the reactions of diarylcarbenium tetrachloroborates (**2-X,Y**) with 2-methyl-1-pentene (**3**).

ization entropy of tertiary chlorides and of diarylmethyl chlorides is similar in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{BCl}_3$  ( $-130 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ ),<sup>17</sup> **4-OCH<sub>3</sub>,H** is derived to be at approximately the same  $\Delta H$  level as the adduct **5-OCH<sub>3</sub>,H** ( $l = 1.6 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ ).

The  $40 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$  barrier (*m*, Figure 4) for the chloride transfer from  $\text{BCl}_4^-$  to **4** can finally be derived from the change of the rate-determining step in the reaction of **2-OCH<sub>3</sub>,OCH<sub>3</sub>-BCl<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>** with **3** (see Figure 5).

It should be noted that the energy levels of the ions in Figure 4 refer to paired species. For free ions,  $\Delta G^\circ$  of the ionic species had to be raised by  $\sim 14 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$  (see Section V,1).

In Figure 5, we ignore the details of the ionization step and look at the reactions of the preformed carbenium ions **2** with **3**. If the covalent precursors **1** are selected as reference point for  $\Delta G^\circ$ , the different levels of the carbenium ions **2-X,Y** are derived from the corresponding equilibrium constants reported previously.<sup>11,17a,18</sup> With the  $\Delta G^\ddagger$  values from Table III we arrive at transition states, which still show the energetic order of the precursor ions, but the spacing has been reduced to approximately one third of the initial value. A late transition state, in accord with the interpretation of the kinetic isotope effects, is indicated by this observation.<sup>37</sup>

From the decrease of the rate of the reaction of **4-OCH<sub>3</sub>,OCH<sub>3</sub>-BCl<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>** with **3** at low  $[\text{BCl}_4^-]$  (Table II), one can calculate that the ion-pair collapse of **4-OCH<sub>3</sub>,OCH<sub>3</sub>-BCl<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>** to give **5-OCH<sub>3</sub>,OCH<sub>3</sub>** and  $\text{BCl}_3$  is approximately 10–20 times faster than fragmentation, corresponding to  $\Delta\Delta G^\ddagger(-70^\circ\text{C})$  of  $4\text{--}5 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ . From the solvolytic studies reported in Table VII, one can see that the energy differences between the various cations **4-X,Y** and the transition states leading to **5-X,Y** are too small to be seen in Figure 5. As the right-hand part of the energy profile is thus independent of X and Y, it can be used for the construction of Figure 4 (magnitude of *m*).

## VII. Conclusion

The reactions of diarylcarbenium tetrachloroborates **2-X,Y** with the 1,1-dialkyl-substituted ethylene **3** in dichloromethane follow simple second-order kinetics and are suited as model reactions for the investigation of carbenium ion additions to alkenes. The limitations are obvious from Figure 5: Benzhydryl chlorides, which yield carbenium ions less stabilized than **2-CH<sub>3</sub>,CH<sub>3</sub>** cannot be fully ionized with  $\text{BCl}_3$ ; in these cases, stronger Lewis acids are needed for the ionization. Carbenium ions, which are better stabilized than **2-OCH<sub>3</sub>,OCH<sub>3</sub>**, react very slowly with 1,1-dialkylethylenes, and the formation of **4** from **2** and **3** becomes reversible.

With the method described in this article it has become possible to directly measure the reactivity of carbenium ions toward  $\pi$ -nucleophiles. In the succeeding two articles we will report on reactions with other alkenes, but we have also applied this method to the measurement of the reactivities of aromatic and organo-

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metallic compounds.  $\pi$ -Nucleophiles of widely varying structure can, therefore, be compared with respect to the same electrophiles.

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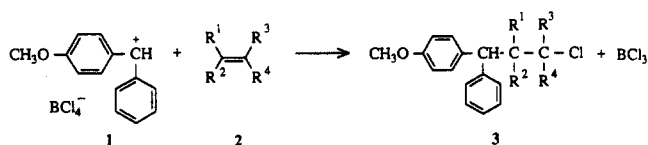
## Kinetics of the Reactions of the *p*-Methoxy-Substituted Benzhydryl Cation with Various Alkenes and 1,3-Dienes

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**Abstract:** The kinetic method described in the preceding article has been used to determine the rate constants for the reaction of (*p*-CH<sub>3</sub>OC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)CH<sup>+</sup>BCl<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> with 30 alkenes and 1,3-dienes in dichloromethane at -80 to -30 °C. The second-order rate constants, which reflect the rate of attack of (*p*-CH<sub>3</sub>OC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)CH<sup>+</sup> at these  $\pi$ -systems strongly depend on the electron-releasing ability of the substituents at the developing carbenium center (H<sub>2</sub>C=C(CH<sub>3</sub>)R: R = H, 9.39 × 10<sup>-4</sup>; R = vinyl, 15.6; R = CH<sub>3</sub>, 23.3; R = Ph, 1450; R = cyclopropyl, 5650 L mol<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> at -70 °C). The steric effects of substituents at this position are of minor importance (H<sub>2</sub>C=C(CH<sub>3</sub>)R: R = Me, 23.3; R = Et, 18.4; R = *i*-Pr, 6.08; R = *t*-Bu, 1.21 L mol<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> at -70 °C). Methyl groups at the electrophilically attacked vinylic position usually lower  $\Delta H^\ddagger$  and  $\Delta S^\ddagger$ , while a uniform effect on the rate constants is not found.

In the preceding article we have reported that colorless, covalent products are formed when 2-methyl-1-pentene is added to the colored ionic solutions of several diarylcarbenium tetrachloroborates in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>,<sup>1</sup> and we have shown that the rate of disappearance of the diarylcarbenium ions, which can be measured photometrically and conductometrically, equals the rate of attack of the carbenium ions at the alkenes. We report now on the



relationship between the structure and reactivity of alkenes and 1,3-dienes employing the *p*-methoxy-substituted benzhydryl cation **1** as the reference electrophile. This is the first report on absolute rate constants of various vinyl derivatives toward carbenium ions since Dorfman's pioneering work on the reactivity of radiolytically generated benzyl and benzhydryl cations toward some unsaturated hydrocarbons.<sup>2</sup> A smaller set of data on *relative* reactivities of alkenes has previously been published by us.<sup>3</sup>

### Experimental Section

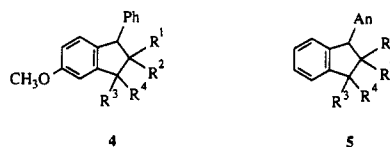
The kinetic method has been described in the preceding article,<sup>1</sup> and the results of the individual kinetic experiments are given in the supplementary material. All reaction products obtained from 1·BCl<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> with **2** were characterized by <sup>1</sup>H NMR and/or <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectroscopy. Spectral and other physical data of the reaction products are documented in ref 4.

### Reaction Products.

The combination of 1·BCl<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> with compounds **2a–dd** yields 1:1 products in almost quantitative yields, as previously described for analogous reactions of other benzhydryl chlorides.<sup>3,5</sup> For un-

symmetrical alkenes, the electrophilic attack of **1** takes place regioselectively to give the most stabilized carbenium ion,<sup>6</sup> and the adducts **3** are usually the exclusive or the predominant products. When secondary alkyl cations are involved as intermediates, 1,2-hydrogen shifts often cannot be avoided, and in the reactions of 1·BCl<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> with **2a–d**, the main products **3a–d** are accompanied by some rearranged material. The stereoselectivities of the addition reactions with the *E,Z*-isomeric 2-butenes **2b,c** and 1-phenylpropenes **2s,t** are comparable to the results reported for the analogous reactions of diphenylmethyl chloride and di-*p*-tolylmethyl chloride.<sup>7</sup> By analogy with an earlier report,<sup>8</sup> norbornene **2e** reacts with complete Wagner–Meerwein rearrangement to give a 7-(diarylmethyl)-2-chloronorbornane, and 2-cyclopropylpropene **2dd** undergoes the well-known cyclopropylcarbinyl/homoallyl rearrangement with exclusive formation of 1,1-diaryl-6-chloro-3-methyl-3-hexene.<sup>3b</sup>

The ordinary addition products **3** are accompanied by the indans **4** and **5**, when 1·BCl<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> is combined with the alkenes **2l–p,s,t**. While **4** and **5** are formed in approximately equal amounts in all cases, the ratio 3/(4 + 5) strongly depends upon the reaction conditions as described for the reaction of bis(*p*-methoxyphenyl)carbenium tetrachloroborate with trimethylethylene.<sup>1</sup> The alkenes **2m** and **2p** react with exclusive or predominant formation of the indans **4** and **5** (*gem*-dialkyl effect<sup>9</sup>).



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