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SUMMARY

Hetero-association constants and enthalpy changes are estimated for the hetero-association reactions between trifluoroacetic acid and each of p-nitro and p-methylbenzophenones, at the temperature range 35–55 . The results show that the presence of the p-nitro group in the benzophenone molecule weakens the hydrogen bonds formed between trifluoroacetic acid and benzophenone, whereas the p-methyl group strengthens such bonds.

INTRODUCTION

In Part I of this series¹ we have reported on the effect of the p-chloro and the p-bromo groups on the strength of the heterohydrogen bonds formed between trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) and benzophenone, by computing and comparing values of enthalpy changes (ΔH) for the hetero-association reactions between TFA and each of the unsubstituted and substituted benzophenones. Since that study proved to be in accordance with the expected operating powers of the substituent groups², we extended the investigation in the present work to the study of the effect of some new substituents on the strength of the hydrogen bonds formed between TFA and benzophenone. The substituents are the p-nitro and the p-methyl, and were chosen on the basis of differences in the operating powers expected to affect the basicity of the carbonyl group to hydrogen bond with TFA.

EXPERIMENTAL AND METHODS OF CALCULATION

The same experimental procedure employed in Part I was followed in the present work^{1,8-7}. It is based on the measured vapour pressure

and on the resulting vapour phase equilibria⁸ of added increments of a volatile solute (TFA in our case) over a solution of this solute, either alone, or with a nonvolatile solute (the phenone in our case), in a non-volatile, nonpolar solvent. Diphenylmethane was used as the solvent in the present study. The present investigation was carried out at 3 concentrations of each phenone, 0.05, 0.1 and 0.2 molar, and over the temperature range 35–55 : for each concentration.

Also, the same methods of calculations adopted in Part I¹ were followed in the present work, where the experimental data were fitted by a computer program designed for linear and nonlinear least squares. The data were best fitted by assuming the formation of a 1:1 and 2:1 hetero-hydrogen bonded TFA: phenone complexes, for which formation constants K_{11} and K_{21} were computed respectively, at each temperature. Enthalpies of formation (ΔH) of the heterocomplexes were calculated from the temperature dependence of the computed formation constants.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Table 1 summarizes the least squares values for the heteroassociation constants K_{11} and K_{21} for each system, at each of the 3 tempera-

Table 1

TFA with	Temp. (°C)	K_{11} (molar ⁻¹)	K_{21} (molar ⁻²)	ΔH_1 k. cal/mol of	ΔH_2 of complex
p-Nitrobenzophenone	35	5.46 ± 0.61	114.3 ± 10.32	-4.95 ± 0.46	-9.63 ± 0.72
	45	4.11 ± 0.42	79.7 ± 7.51		
	55	3.34 ± 0.40	45.2 ± 5.11		
p-Methylbenzophenone	35	57.5 ± 2.62	533.8 ± 39.93	-15.33 ± 0.5	-16.31 ± 0.37
	45	22.8 ± 1.08	237.5 ± 9.77		
	55	11.9 ± 0.49	107.8 ± 3.33		

tures. It also includes the least square values for ΔH_1 and ΔH_2 , the enthalpies of formation of the 1:1 and 2:1 hetero-complexes, respectively, in each system. Table 2 includes previously reported values¹ of enthalpy changes for the TFA: benzophenone, TFA: p-chlorobenzophenone and TFA: p-bromobenzophenone systems, which will be needed for compa-

Table 2*

TFA with	ΔH_1 K cal/mol	ΔH_2 of complex
Benzophenone	-13.46 ± 0.24	-14.94 ± 0.26
p-Bromobenzophenone	-8.46 ± 0.14	-12.25 ± 0.19
p-Chlorobenzophenone	-7.70 ± 0.15	-11.43 ± 0.18

* previously reported in Part I(1)

risson purposes with comparable values obtained in the present work. The experimental monomer vapour pressures measured for successive formal concentrations of TFA for the different systems, are included in Tables 3 and 4.

If we first compare the ΔH values for the two systems under investigation with those for TFA: benzophenone system, it can be seen that the values for the TFA: p-nitrobenzophenone system are less, whereas those for the TFA: p-methylbenzophenone system are more, than the values for the TFA: benzophenone system. Hence, it can be concluded that the presence of the p-nitro group in the benzophenone molecule weakens the hetero-hydrogen bonds formed between the latter and TFA molecules, whereas the presence of the p-methyl group strengthens such bonds. The extent of weakening or strengthening can be estimated from the difference in the values of ΔH .

Another conclusion can be drawn from comparing the values of ΔH for the TFA: p-nitrobenzophenone system (Table 1), with those obtained previously for TFA: p-chlorobenzophenone and TFA: p-bromobenzophenone system (Table 2), since the p-nitro group was found to weaken the hetero-hydrogen bonds, similar to the p-chloro and the p-bromo groups. Such comparison shows that the p-nitro group exhibits a stronger weakening effect on the hetero-hydrogen bonds, i.e. a stronger hindering effect on the formation of such bonds. This is judged from the smaller values of ΔH for the p-nitro group as with those in case of presence of the p-chloro or the p-bromo groups.

The conclusions reached can be explained on the basis of the effect of the operating powers of the substituent groups. In case of the nitro group, its $-I$ and $-R$ effects, which were discussed before in detail,⁹ will both contribute to the decrease of the rotency of the lone pairs of electrons on the carbonyl-oxygen to hydrogen bond. Such an effect will

Table 3
System TFA/p-Nitrobenzophenone

TFA $f \times 10^2$ (molar)	TFA P_M (torr)												Temp. °C [Phenone] M
	35			45			55			55			
	0.10		0.20	0.10		0.20	0.10		0.20	0.10		0.20	
	0.05	0.10	0.20	0.05	0.10	0.20	0.05	0.10	0.20	0.05	0.10	0.20	
1.347	0.89	0.75	0.58	1.41	1.18	0.92	2.03	1.86	1.31	2.03	1.86	1.31	
2.693	1.67	1.54	1.03	2.74	2.43	1.79	4.06	3.66	2.74	4.06	3.66	2.74	
4.040	2.74	2.20	1.58	3.95	3.74	2.61	5.93	5.47	4.14	5.93	5.47	4.14	
5.386	3.13	3.01	2.35	5.09	4.84	3.61	7.83	7.25	5.61	7.83	7.25	5.61	
6.733	3.90	3.72	2.64	6.26	6.01	4.43	9.78	8.86	7.01	9.78	8.86	7.01	
8.080	4.67	4.42	3.14	7.38	7.08	5.37	11.51	10.81	8.28	11.51	10.81	8.28	
9.426	5.37	5.09	3.68	8.58	8.25	6.19	13.28	12.47	9.41	13.28	12.47	9.41	
10.770	6.05	5.75	4.18	9.61	9.32	7.14	14.89	14.15	10.78	14.89	14.15	10.78	
12.120	6.75	6.42	4.69	10.73	10.40	7.85	16.60	15.89	12.12	16.60	15.89	12.12	
13.460	7.55	7.07	5.18	11.79	11.44	8.71	18.25	17.44	13.34	18.25	17.44	13.34	
14.810	8.02	7.71	5.66	12.84	12.47	9.84	19.83	18.98	14.63	19.83	18.98	14.63	
16.150	8.79	8.31	6.24	13.82	13.48	10.34	21.43	20.51	15.83	21.43	20.51	15.83	
17.500	9.30	8.91	6.69	14.88	14.21	11.03	22.95	22.00	17.04	22.95	22.00	17.04	
18.850	9.91	9.46	7.16	15.97	15.30	11.72	24.47	23.38	18.13	24.47	23.38	18.13	
20.211	10.34	9.98	7.63	16.75	16.21	12.49	25.94	24.84	19.43	25.94	24.84	19.43	

Table 4
System TFA/p-Methylbenzophenone

TFA $f \times 10^3$ (molar)	$P_M \text{TFA (torr)}$											
	35			45			55			Temp. °C.		
	0.05	0.10	0.20	0.05	0.10	0.20	0.05	0.10	0.20	0.05	0.10	0.20
1.347	0.91	0.23	0.43	0.98	0.58	0.44	1.56	1.15	0.20	1.56	1.15	1.289
2.693	1.64	0.82	0.76	2.25	1.33	0.92	3.18	2.30	0.20	3.18	2.30	2.42
4.040	2.24	1.25	0.89	3.42	2.22	1.41	4.83	3.40	0.20	4.83	3.40	3.10
5.386	2.98	1.83	1.20	4.55	2.94	1.91	6.83	4.81	0.20	6.83	4.81	4.05
6.733	3.63	2.32	1.30	5.80	3.96	2.34	8.33	5.97	0.20	8.33	5.97	4.84
8.080	4.23	3.00	1.55	6.66	4.78	2.69	10.20	7.58	0.20	10.20	7.58	5.79
9.426	4.91	3.53	1.69	8.13	5.75	3.23	11.84	8.92	0.20	11.84	8.92	6.70
10.770	5.49	4.25	1.90	9.32	6.70	3.75	13.63	10.34	0.20	13.63	10.34	7.47
12.120	6.22	4.85	2.19	10.46	7.72	4.19	15.42	11.79	0.20	15.42	11.79	8.35
13.460	6.76	5.51	2.52	11.62	8.70	4.67	17.01	13.27	0.20	17.01	13.27	9.24
14.810	7.44	6.13	2.78	12.72	9.65	5.11	18.68	14.73	0.20	18.68	14.73	10.02
16.150	7.85	6.75	3.05	13.75	10.65	5.62	20.31	16.24	0.20	20.31	16.24	10.87
17.500	8.63	7.35	3.33	14.79	11.68	6.11	22.03	17.79	0.20	22.03	17.79	11.76
18.850	9.18	7.95	3.60	15.80	12.66	6.65	23.52	19.26	0.20	23.52	19.26	12.61
20.211	9.89	8.54	3.91	16.84	13.62	7.19	24.04	20.69	0.20	24.04	20.69	13.54

be more powerful than the operating effects in case of either the chloro or the bromo groups^{2,9}. On the other hand, the methyl group exhibits a + I effect, not opposed by any other effect in case of the p-methylbenzophenone, thus increasing the electron density on the carbonyl-oxygen, which explains the increased power of hydrogen bonding with TFA molecules than for the unsubstituted benzophenone.

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