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## How are PX<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>, P<sub>2</sub>X<sub>5</sub><sup>+</sup> and AsBr<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> Formed? Why didn't we Succeed to Prepare AsI<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>? A Theoretical Study.

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### **Computed Total Energies of all Species**

Tab. A. Total energy, zero point energy, solvation energy and thermal and entropic contributions at 298K to the free energy of all calculated species in [H] (at MP2/TZVPP

level).

Molecule (symmetry)	U	ZPE	H <sub>solv</sub> (BP86/SVP)	Thermal+Entropic
	(MP2/TZVPP)	(MP2/TZVPP)	COSMO	correc. to G at 298K
$AsBr_2^+(C_{2v})$	-7379.34087	0.00197	-0.08149	-0.02874
$\operatorname{AsI}_{2}^{+}(\operatorname{C}_{2v})$	-2256.84173	0.00158	-0.07563	-0.03070
$\operatorname{PBr_2^+}(\operatorname{C_{2v}})$	-5485.74848	0.00264	-0.07953	-0.02701
$PI_{2}^{+}(C_{2v})$	-363.24680	0.00221	-0.07384	-0.02902
$AsBr_4^+(T_d)$	-12524.56758	0.00444	-0.06447	-0.03171
$AsI_4^+(T_d)$	-2279.56412	0.00335	-0.06262	-0.03606
$PBr_4^+(T_d)$	-10630.99836	0.00574	-0.06472	-0.02926
$\mathrm{PI_4}^+(\mathrm{T_d})$	-385.98251	0.00444	-0.06119	-0.03382
$As_2Br_5^+(C_s)$	-17331.67684	0.00608	-0.06210	-0.04104
$As_2I_5^+(C_s)$	-4525.41879	0.00490	-0.05905	-0.04589
$P_2Br_5^+(C_s)$	-13544.51217	0.00830	-0.06013	-0.03617
$P_2 I_5^+ (C_s)$	-738.24532	0.00686	-0.05709	-0.04130
AsBr <sub>3</sub> ( $C_{3v}$ )	-9952.28126	0.00283	-0.00353	-0.03156
$AsI_{3}(C_{3v})$	-2268.50920	0.00223	-0.00407	-0.03460
$PBr_3(C_{3v})$	-8058.68874	0.00368	-0.00188	-0.02972
$PI_{3}(C_{3v})$	-374.91413	0.00301	-0.00281	-0.03386
$\mathrm{Br}_{2}\left(\mathrm{D}_{\infty\mathrm{h}} ight)$	-5145.14283	0.00076	-0.00165	-0.02236
$I_2(D_{\infty h})$	-22.65132	0.00054	-0.00256	-0.02593
AgBr ( $C_{\infty v}$ )	-2719.12161	0.00056	-0.01338	-0.02495
AgI $(C_{\infty v})$	-157.86742	0.00047	-0.01270	-0.02580
$Ag(CH_2Cl_2)_3^+(C_2)$	-3022.16690	0.08808	-0.06004	0.02628
$CH_2Cl_2(C_{2v})$	-958.61384	0.02794	-0.00404	0.00621
$Ag(Br_2AsBr)_2^+(C_2)$	-20050.87880	0.00658	-0.06035	-0.05379
$Ag(I_2AsI)_2^+(C_2)$	-4683.35030	0.00534	-0.05675	-0.05920
$Ag(Br_2PBr)_2^+(C_2)$	-16263.68695	0.00826	-0.05923	-0.04980
$Ag(I_2PI)_2^+(C_2)$	-896.15586	0.00687	-0.05600	-0.05573
$(CH_2Cl_2)Ag(Br_2AsBr)^+$ (C <sub>s</sub> )	-11057.20394	0.03400	-0.06268	-0.02085
$(CH_2Cl_2)Ag(I_2AsI)^+(C_s)$	-3373.44045	0.03331	-0.06083	-0.02479
$(CH_2Cl_2)Ag(Br_2PBr)^+(C_s)$	-9163.60810	0.03483	-0.06253	-0.01915
$(CH_2Cl_2)Ag(I_2PI)^+(C_s)$	-1479.84299	0.03413	-0.06059	-0.02212

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$(BrAsBr_2)Ag(Br_2)^+(C_1)$	-15243.72475	0.00459	-0.06369	-0.04852
$(IAsI_2)Ag(I_2)^+(C_1)$	-2437.47006	0.00370	-0.06081	-0.05215
$(BrPBr_2)Ag(Br_2)^+(C_1)$	-13350.12867	0.00541	-0.06336	-0.04685
$(IPI_2)Ag(I_2)^+(C_1)$	-543.88327	0.00446	-0.06041	-0.05054
$(I_{3}As)Ag(AsI_{3})^{+}(C_{2h})$	-4683.34179	0.00598	-0.05619	-0.05699
$(Br_3As)Ag(AsBr)_3^+(C_{2h})$	-20050.86558	0.00751	-0.06058	-0.04902
$(I_3P)Ag(PI_3)^+(C_{2h})$	-896.16867	0.00790	-0.05611	-0.05262
$(Br_3P)Ag(PBr_3)^+(C_{2h})$	-16263.70295	0.00966	-0.05817	-0.04505
$(I_3As)Ag(I_2AsI)^+(C_1)$	-4683.34815	0.00568	-0.05777	-0.05803
$(Br_3As)Ag(Br_2AsBr)^+$				
$(C_1)$	-20050.87359	0.00700	-0.06177	-0.05290
$(I_3P)Ag(I_2PI)^+(C_1)$	-896.16348	0.00741	-0.05705	-0.05431
$(Br_3P)Ag(Br_2PBr)^+(C_1)$	-16263.69562	0.00884	-0.05925	-0.05276
$(I_3As)Ag(CH_2Cl_2)^+(C_1)$	-3373.43618	0.03372	-0.06345	-0.02289
$(Br_3As)Ag(CH_2Cl_2)^+(C_1)$	-11057.19895	0.03451	-0.06526	-0.01915
$(I_3P)Ag(CH_2Cl_2)^+(C_1)$	-1479.84946	0.03467	-0.06213	-0.02088
$(Br_3P)Ag(CH_2Cl_2)^+(C_1)$	-9163.61733	0.03559	-0.06294	-0.01704
$(I_3As)(I_2)Ag^+(C_s)$	-2437.46516	0.00400	-0.06000	-0.05083
$(Br_3P)(Br_2)Ag^+(C_s)$	-13350.14656	0.00652	-0.06281	-0.04429
$(I_3P)(I_2)Ag^+(C_s)$	-543.88068	0.00504	-0.05968	-0.04873
$(Br_3As)(Br_2)Ag^+(C_s)$	-15243.71845	0.00521	-0.06060	-0.04544
$(I_3P)Ag(I_2)^+(C_1)$	-543.88960	0.00501	-0.06103	-0.04924
$(\mathrm{Br}_{3}\mathrm{P})\mathrm{Ag}(\mathrm{Br}_{2})^{+}(\mathrm{C}_{1})$	-13350.13710	0.00621	-0.06321	-0.04340
$(I_{3}As)Ag(I_{2})^{+}(C_{1})$	-2437.47608	0.00403	-0.06136	-0.05142
$(Br_3As)Ag(Br_2)^+(C_1)$	-15243.71831	0.00513	-0.06538	-0.04544
$(P_4)Ag(Br_2AsBr)^+(C_s)$	-11462_22182	0.01039	-0.05967	-0.04401
$Ag(P_{4})_{2}^{+}(D_{2h})$	-2873_56265	0.01403	-0.05940	-0.03253
$Ag(I_2)_2^+(C_{2h})$	-191.60812	0.00254	-0.06588	-0.04342
$Ag(Br_{2})_{2}^{+}(C_{2h})$	-10436_56854	0.00254	-0.06890	-0.04342

Ag(X<sub>2</sub>)<sup>+</sup> Energies and structures (X = Br, I; MP2/TZVPP)

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				E(rel)
	U	ZPE	H(0K)	(kJ/mol)
plan.90grad AgBr2+	-5291.39275	0.001189	-5291.39156	0
plan.90grad Agl2+	-168.912853	0.0009276	-168.911925	0
cycle AgBr2+	-5291.39143	0.0010611	-5291.39036	+3.13
cycle Agl2+	-168.912452	0.000854	-168.911598	+0.86
* linear AgBr2+	-5291.36826	0.0009651	-5291.36729	+63.71
* linear Agl2+	-168.881567	0.0007277	-168.880839	+81.62
* 2 imaginary Frequencies				

# <sup>4</sup> Optimized $Ag(X_2)^+$ structures at the MP2/TZVPP level (X = Br, I):



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#### Deposited Born Haber Cycles and Auxiliary Data

$$Ag(CH_{2}Cl_{2})_{3}^{+}(g) + 2EX_{3}(g) \xrightarrow{\Delta_{r}G_{(g)}} Ag(EX_{3})_{2}^{+}(g) + 3CH_{2}Cl_{2}(g)$$

$$+ \Delta G_{(solv)}(\mathbf{A}) + \Delta H_{(subl)}(\mathbf{B}) + \Delta H_{(subl)}(\mathbf{B}) + \Delta G_{(solv)}(\mathbf{C}) + \Delta G_{(solv)}(\mathbf{C}) + \Delta H_{(vap)}(\mathbf{D})$$

$$Ag(CH_{2}Cl_{2})_{3}^{+}(solv) + 2EX_{3}(g) \xrightarrow{\Delta_{r}G_{(CH_{2}Cl_{2})}} Ag(EX_{3})_{2}^{+}(solv) + 3CH_{2}Cl_{2}(g)$$

Fig. A. The Born-Haber cycle for the formation of the  $Ag(EX_3)_2^+$  complexes in solution for E = As, P and X = Br, I. The general formula  $Ag(EX_3)_2^+$  denotes here the most favorable isomer:  $(I_3P)Ag(PI_3)^+$ ,  $(BrPBr_2)Ag(PBr_3)^+$  and for E = As and X = Br, I it is the  $(XEX_2)Ag(X_2EX)^+$  isomer.

Tab. B. The enthalpies in the Born-Haber cycle (in kJ·mol<sup>-1</sup>) of the formation of complexes Ag(EX<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> in the reaction Ag(CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> + 2EX<sub>3</sub>  $\rightarrow$  Ag(EX<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> + 3CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (X = Br, I; E = As,

P). The letters A-D denotes  $\Delta G$  or  $\Delta H$  for the processes of sublimation, solvation or

E, X	Α	В	С	D	$\Delta_r G_{(g)}$	$\Delta G^{298K}_{\qquad (CH_2Cl_2)}$
As, Br	+158	+84	-158	-87	-26	-29
As, I	+158	+119	-149	-87	-64	-23
P, Br	+158	+78	-155	-87	-35	-41
P, I	+158	+88	$-147/-150^{b}$	-87	-70/-63 <sup>b)</sup>	$-58/-53^{a)}$

evaporation in the Fig. A.

<sup>a)</sup> values calculated for the  $(I_3P)Ag(I_2PI)^+$  isomer.

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$$Ag(CH_{2}Cl_{2})_{3}^{+}_{(g)} + EX_{3(g)} \xrightarrow{\Delta_{r}G_{(g)}} (CH_{2}Cl_{2})Ag(EX_{3})^{+}_{(g)} + 2CH_{2}Cl_{2(g)}$$

$$+ \Delta G_{(solv)}(\mathbf{A}) + \Delta H_{(subl)}(\mathbf{B}) \xrightarrow{-\Delta G_{(solv)}(\mathbf{C})} -\Delta H_{(vap)}(\mathbf{D})$$

$$Ag(CH_{2}Cl_{2})_{3}^{+}_{(solv)} + EX_{3(s)} \xrightarrow{\Delta_{r}G_{(CH_{2}Cl_{2})}} (CH_{2}Cl_{2})Ag(EX_{3})^{+}_{(solv)} + 2CH_{2}Cl_{2(l)}$$

Fig. B. The Born-Haber cycle for the formation in solution of the following complexes:  $(CH_2Cl_2)Ag(X_2EX)^+$  for E = As; X = Br, I) and  $(CH_2Cl_2)Ag(EX_3)^+$  (for E = P; X = Br, I). The general formula  $Ag(EX_3)_2^+$  denotes here the most favorable isomer and does not express the appropriate geometry.

Tab. C. The enthalpies in the Born-Haber cycle (in kJ·mol<sup>-1</sup>) of the formation of complexes  $(CH_2Cl_2)Ag(EX_3)^+$  in the reaction  $Ag(CH_2Cl_2)_3^+ + EX_3 \rightarrow (CH_2Cl_2)Ag(EX_3)^+ + 2CH_2Cl_2$  (X = Br, I; E = As, P). The letters A-D denotes  $\Delta G$  or  $\Delta H$  for the processes of sublimation, solvation or evaporation in the Fig. B.

E, X	Α	В	С	D	$\Delta_r G_{(g)}$	$\Delta G^{298K}_{(CH_2Cl_2)}$
As, Br	+158	+42	-165	-58	+3	-20
As, I	+158	+59	-160	-58	-22	-23
P, Br	+158	+39	-165	-58	-6	-32
P, I	+158	+44	-163	-58	-23	-42

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$$Ag(CH_{2}Cl_{2})_{3}^{+}(g) + EX_{3}(g) + X_{2}(g) \xrightarrow{\Delta_{r}G_{(g)}} (EX_{3})Ag(X_{2})^{+}(g) + 3CH_{2}Cl_{2}(g)$$

$$+ \Delta G_{(solv)}(\mathbf{A}) + \Delta H_{(subl)}(\mathbf{B}) + \Delta H_{(subl)}(\mathbf{C}) \xrightarrow{-\Delta G_{(solv)}(\mathbf{D})} -\Delta H_{(vap)}(\mathbf{E})$$

$$Ag(CH_{2}Cl_{2})_{3}^{+}(solv) + EX_{3}(g) + X_{2}(g) \xrightarrow{\Delta_{r}G_{(CH_{2}Cl_{2})}} (EX_{3})Ag(X_{2})^{+}(solv) + 3CH_{2}Cl_{2}(g)$$

Fig. C. The Born-Haber cycle for the formation of the  $(EX_3)Ag(X_2)^+$  complexes in solution for E = As, P and X = Br, I. The general complex formula  $(EX_3)Ag(X_2)^+$  denotes different types of coordination. For every complex the most favorable geometry was taken.

Tab. D. The enthalpies for the formation of the most favorable complexes of type  $(EX_3)Ag(X_2)^+$  in the reaction  $Ag(CH_2Cl_2)_3^+ + EX_3 + X_2 \rightarrow (EX_3)Ag(X_2)^+ + 3CH_2Cl_2$  (X = Br, I; E = As, P) in the Born-Haber cycle (in kJ·mol<sup>-1</sup>). The letters A-D denotes  $\Delta G$  or  $\Delta H$  for the processes of sublimation, solvation or evaporation in the Fig. C.

Type of $(EX_3)Ag(X_2)^+$ isomer formed	Α	В	С	D	E	$\Delta_r G_{(g)}$	$\Delta G^{298K}_{(CH_2Cl_2)}$
$(BrAsBr_2)Ag(Br)_2^+$	+158	+42	+31	-167	-87	+6	-17
$(I_3As)Ag(I_2)^+$	+158	+59	+63	-161	-87	-22	+10
$(Br_3P)(Br_2)Ag^+$	+158	+39	+31	-165	-87	-22	-46
$(I_3P)Ag(I_2)^+$	+158	+44	+63	-160	-87	-41	-23