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# BAC-G2 Predictions of Thermochemistry for Gas-Phase Aluminum Compounds

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#### Abstract

A self-consistent set of thermochemical data for 55 molecules in the Al-H-C-O-F-Cl system are obtained from *ab initio* quantum-chemistry calculations using the BAC-G2 method. Calculations were performed for both stable and radical species. Good agreement is found between the calculations and experimental heats of formation in most cases where data are available for comparison. Electronic energies, molecular geometries, moments of inertia, and vibrational frequencies are provided in the Supporting Information, as are polynomial fits of the thermodynamic data (heat of formation, entropy, and heat capacity) over the 300—3000 K temperature range.

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#### I. Introduction

Chemical vapor deposition (CVD) of aluminum and aluminum compounds is of interest for a variety of technologies. For example, formation of conduction lines in the fabrication of microelectronic devices is a well-established technology. CVD processes are also being developed to produce thermal barrier coatings, alumina -based ceramics, and hard coatings for abrasion and corrosion resistance. The formation of volatile aluminum compounds is also a key element in plasma etching processes. Accurate thermochemical data ( $\pm 2$  kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> or better) for gas-phase species, in the form of heats of formation, heat capacities, and entropies, are an essential element in the development of computational models used to simulate CVD processes. Unfortunately, such data are often not available, particularly when organic ligands are involved. Group-III compounds (i.e., those containing B, Al, Ga, In, or Tl) are typical in this regard, in that reliable thermochemistry is generally available in standard compilations<sup>1-4</sup> for only the closed-shell halides.

Theoretical methods can be of great value in filling the many gaps that exist in thermochemical data bases.<sup>5</sup> Among the many *ab initio* techniques that have been developed during the last fifteen years is G2,<sup>6,7</sup> a composite method that combines a series of calculations with empirical corrections to simulate a higher level of theory. This method has been used successfully to predict heats of formation for compounds in the first and second row; for a standard test set of 148 molecules, the average deviation from experiment is  $\pm 1.58$  kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>, with a maximum deviation of 8.2 kcal mol<sup>-1.7</sup> Accuracies at this level are necessary for such data to be useful for CVD model development. The accuracy of the G2 method for many classes of compounds relevant to CVD has not been established, however. For example, we are unaware of any application of G2 to Group-III organometallic compounds, whose use as CVD precursors is common, because films can be deposited at lower temperatures than are typically required when halogenated precursors are used.

We recently developed a modification of the G2 method known as BAC-G2<sup>8</sup> (bondadditivity corrected-G2) that incorporates additional empirical corrections that further improve the accuracy of G2. While such improvements are in many cases unnecessary for small molecules, such as those included in the standard G2 test set,<sup>7</sup> they become increasingly important in larger molecules where the accumulation of errors can decrease the accuracy of thermodynamic predictions significantly. These corrections also yield more accurate heats of formation for an important class of CVD precursors, halide compounds, for which the G2 method performs poorly.<sup>9,10</sup> In this paper, we report BAC-G2 predictions of heats of formation and bond energies for compounds containing aluminum. The literature contains several reports of thermodynamic data for aluminum-containing species using theoretical methods, including a recent investigation using the G2 method by Swihart and Catoire.<sup>11</sup> Our investigation focuses on the thermochemistry of monomeric aluminum compounds containing bonds to H, CH<sub>3</sub>, OH, F, and Cl and includes many species not treated in earlier work. In addition to reporting the heats of formation for 55 molecules, we discuss bond energies for many of the compounds examined and trends exhibited by the various homologous series within the set. This work expands and completes two preliminary investigations published earlier by us.<sup>12,13</sup>

#### **II.** Theoretical Methods

A. Overview of the BAC-G2 Method. The BAC-G2 method applies the BAC corrections to the standard G2 method,<sup>6</sup> using Gaussian-94.<sup>14</sup> The electronic-structure calculations to determine the geometry, vibrational frequencies, and electronic energies are the same as those in the G2 method. Specifically, the geometry and vibrational frequencies in the BAC-G2 method are obtained from a Hartree-Fock (HF) calculation (restricted Hartree-Fock, RHF, for closed shell molecules and unrestricted Hartree-Fock, UHF, for open shell molecules) using the 6-31G(d) split-valence basis set with polarization functions on the heavy atoms. At this level of theory, vibrational frequencies are systematically too large compared to experimental values. We therefore scale the HF harmonic frequencies downward by 12 per cent. The electronic energies at the QCI, MP4, and MP2 levels of theory, as well as the collective G1, G2MP2, and G2 electronic energies, are taken directly from the output of the G2 method. The basis sets are the same as those defined in the standard G2 method. The geometry used in the single-point calculations is obtained by reoptimizing the HF geometry at the MP2 level, again as defined in the G2 method.

The BAC corrections for the BAC-G2 method are those defined previously.<sup>8</sup> Briefly, three types of corrections ( $E_{BAC}$ -; units of energy) are used: atomic, molecular, and bondwise, indicated in Equations (1)—(4) below. The atomic correction depends on the atom type:

$$E_{BAC-atom} = \bigwedge_{k} E_{BAC-atom} (A_k)$$
(1)

where the sum runs over all the atoms in the molecule. The value of  $E_{BAC-atom}(A_k)$  depends on the atom type and  $A_k$  is an adjustable parameter.

The molecular BAC correction arises from errors in the overall electronic structure of the molecule. The BAC correction for this term is given by

$$E_{BAC-molecule} = E_{BAC-elec pair}$$
(2)

where  $E_{BAC-elec\ pair}$  depends on the difference between the spin of the molecule and the sum of the spins of the constituent atoms:

$$E_{BAC-elec pair} = K_{Elec pair} (Spin_{Molecule} - \overset{\frown}{A} Spin_{Atom}).$$
(3)

where  $K_{Elec pair}$  is an empirically adjusted parameter for a given BAC method and "Spin" refers to the S quantum number.

The third type of BAC correction depends on the formation of chemical bonds. In this instance, we distinguish between bonds and pair-wise interactions. A bond is taken to mean the formation of an electron pair between the atoms. This correction addresses systematic errors arising from electron-pairing not covered by Eqn. 3. The correction for each bond A-B in the molecule having neighbors C and D (e.g., C-A-B-D) is given by

$$E_{BAC-bond} (AB) = A_{AB} e^{-\alpha R_{AB}} + \stackrel{\sim}{A}_{C} B_{CA} + \stackrel{\sim}{A}_{D} B_{DB}, \qquad (4)$$

where the first term is the correction for the bond alone, while the corrections for its nearest neighbors are treated as a sum of corrections for each neighbor of the form

$$B_{CA} = B_C + B_A. \tag{5}$$

The B<sub>A</sub>'s are constants that depend only on the type of atom. The bond-distance dependence in Eqn. 4 exists only in the first term for the bond itself. Furthermore,  $\alpha$  no longer depends on the type of bond, as it did in the original BAC method.<sup>15</sup> Note that the bond-wise corrections do not go to zero at infinity, due to the terms  $\sum B_{CA} + \sum B_{DB}$  defined by Eqn. 4.

The parameters for each of the corrections are given in Table I; values of all parameters with the exception of those for aluminum (see below) were determined previously.<sup>8</sup> The atomic corrections (Eqn. 1) are straightforward. For the bond-wise corrections (Eqn. 4), the  $\alpha$  exponent is taken to be 3.0 Å<sup>-1</sup>, while the pre-exponential coefficient A<sub>AB</sub> is taken to be the geometric mean of the individual atom types, i.e.,

$$A_{AB} = -(A_{AA} A_{BB})^{1/2}.$$
 (6)

Equation 4 also includes contributions from the nearest-neighbor  $B_{ij}$  terms (defined by Equation 5). The accuracy of the parameters comprising these terms (see Table I) is difficult to assess because of their small size. This is due to the fact that to date we have only applied the BAC-G2 method to relatively small molecules (less than seven heavy, i.e., non-hydrogen, atoms), for which accurate experimental thermodynamic data exist. However, these terms become quite significant for larger molecules and for halides (see below). Unfortunately, given the limited

	K <sub>Elec pair</sub>	= 0.860	
Atom	A <sub>Atom</sub>	B <sub>Atom</sub>	$A_{ii}$
Н	0.485	-0.146	1.462
C N O	1.081 1.498 -0.501	0.051 -0.010 -0.010	0.0 2.281 114.3
F	-1.942	0.215	373.1
Al Cl	-1.500 -0.776	0.000 0.087	300.0 1433.7

# **Table 1.** BAC-G2 Parameters (Energies in kcal-mol<sup>-1</sup>)

accuracy of experimental data for larger non-hydrocarbon, unsaturated gas-phase species it will remain difficult to establish the accuracy of the B<sub>atom</sub> terms.

The corrected heat of formation at 0 K ( $\Delta H_{f0}^{0}$ ) can now be obtained from the calculated electronic energy. First, the electronic energy is added to the zero-point energy (which is automatically included in the G2(0 K) output of the Gaussian-94 code). Next, the resulting energy is subtracted from the electronic energies of the atoms to give an electronic heat of atomization:

$$E_{\text{atomization}} = E_i(\text{atoms}) - (E_{ab \text{ initio}} (\text{molecule}) + E_{\text{ZPE}})$$
(7)

Referencing this energy against the experimental  $\Delta H_{f0}^{0}$  at 0 K of the atoms (given in Table 3) in the gas phase yields the uncorrected  $\Delta H_{f0}^{0}$ :

$$\Delta H_{\rm f0, \, uncorrected} = \Delta H_{f0, \rm atoms} - E_{\rm atomization}$$
(8)

Subtracting the BAC corrections from this energy finally yields  $\Delta H_{f0}^{0}$  at 0 K:

$$\Delta H_{\rm f0,BAC} = \Delta H_{\rm f0,uncorrected} - E_{\rm BAC-Correction}$$
(9)

Heats of formation, entropies, and free energies at various temperatures are then obtained using equations derived from statistical mechanics (the same procedure as in the original BAC-MP4 method).<sup>15,16</sup> Thus, for finite temperatures, the raw G2 energies (without BAC corrections) obtained from the BAC-G2 method do not correspond to those from the output of a Gaussian G2 calculation, since hindered rotors are included in the BAC procedure.

Using an *ad hoc* expression similar to that formulated for the earlier BAC-MP4 method<sup>15,16</sup> we obtain an estimate of the error (or confidence level) in the BAC-G2 method. In this case, we

use the similarities between the G1 and G2-MP2 methods and the G2 method itself as an indication of the error: Error (BAC-G2) = Sart  $\{1.0 \text{ kcal-mol}^{-1} + (\Delta H_{PAC} \text{ cas} - \Delta H_{PAC} \text{ cas} \text{ max})^2$ 

+ 
$$(\Delta H_{BAC-G2} - \Delta H_{BAC-G1})^2$$
}. (10)

**B.** Determination of BAC parameters for aluminum. The BAC parameters for aluminum were determined by optimizing the heats of formation predicted by BAC-G2 for a set of aluminum compounds whose heats of formation are considered well known. The compounds used are the trivalent species AlH<sub>3</sub>, AlF<sub>3</sub>, and AlCl<sub>3</sub>, the diatomics AlH, AlF, and AlCl, as well as the constituent atoms. The parameters in Table I represent a compromise that yields the best overall accuracy (predicted heats of formation within  $\pm 2$  kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> of accepted experimental values) for these species.

Note that, in contrast to the original BAC-MP4 method,<sup>15,16</sup> in which the heat of formation for isolated atoms was set to the experimental value, the atomic heats of formation obtained from the BAC-G2 method differ somewhat from the experimental values. For example, the BAC-G2heat of formation for Al(g) is 80.144 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> at 298 K, while Gurvich et al. report 78.87  $\pm$  0.71 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>.<sup>2</sup> This difference results from the fact that the objective of the BAC-G2 method is to obtain accurate heats of formation for molecular species, which are the data most often needed for practical problems. Thus, some of the systematic error in the G2 calculation is shifted into the predictions for the atoms in order to obtain better agreement with well-established molecular heats of formation.

#### **III.** Results

A. Heats of formation and bond dissociation energies. Results of applying the BAC-G2 method to species in the Al-H-C-O-F-Cl system are presented in Tables 2—6, which list the atomic (Equation 1), molecular (Equation 2), and bond-wise (Equation 4) corrections for all molecules examined (Table 2); heats of formation at 0 K ( $\Delta$ H<sub>f</sub>°(0 K)) at various levels of theory, as well as the atomization energy at the BAC-G2 level ( $\Sigma$ D<sub>0</sub>; Table 3);  $\Delta$ H<sub>f</sub>°(298 K) and references to values from experiments and theory in the literature (Table 4); thermodynamic parameters at various temperatures (Table 5); and selected bond dissociation energies at 298 K (Table 6). In the Supporting Information (Tables S7 – S11), we also provide raw electronic energies at the G2 level, atomic coordinates, vibrational frequencies, moments of inertia, and polynomial fits of the thermodynamic data suitable for use with the CHEMKIN software.<sup>17</sup> As has been typical in previous publications involving the BAC-MP4 series, <sup>15,16,18-25</sup> we focus our discussion on the predicted thermochemical parameters, rather than on the ab initio calucations themselves.

Species	Al-H bond length	BAC	Al-Cl bond length	BAC	Al-C bond length	BAC	Al-O bond length	BAC	Al-F bond length	BAC	C-H bond length	BAC	Cl-H bond length	BAC	C-O bond length	BAC	O-H bond length	BAC	Atomic <sup>a</sup>	Molecular <sup>b</sup>
AlH <sub>3</sub>	1.589 (3)	-0.11																	-0.05	-1.72
AlH <sub>2</sub>	1.600 (2)	0.03																	-0.53	-0.86
AlH	1.659	0.14																	-1.02	-0.86
AlCl <sub>3</sub>			2.069 (3)	1.49															-3.83	-1.72
AlCl <sub>2</sub> <sup>2</sup> A <sub>1</sub>			2.097 (2)	1.30															-3.05	-0.86
AlCl $^{1}\Sigma$			2.135	1.08															-2.28	-0.86
AlF <sub>3</sub>									1.645 (3)	) 2.84									-7.33	-1.72
$AlF_2$ <sup>2</sup> A'									1.659 (2)	) 2.52									-5.38	-0.86
AlF $^{1}\Sigma$									1.671	2.23									-3.44	-0.86
Al(OH) <sub>3</sub> ,C <sub>3</sub> axis							1.712 (3)	) 0.91									0.967 (3)	) 0.70	-1.55	-4.30
Al(OH) <sub>2</sub> <sup>2</sup> A <sub>1</sub> planar, trans, trans							1.721 (2)	) 0.90									0.968 (2)	) 0.70	-1.53	-2.58
AlOH <sup>1</sup> A' linear							1.689	1.01									0.959	0.72	-1.52	-1.72
Al(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>					1.969 (3)	-0.18					1.096 (6) 1.094 (3)	-0.14 -0.14							6.11	-6.88
Al(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> <sup>2</sup> A'					1.978 (2)	-0.23					1.096 (4) 1.092 (2)	-0.14 -0.14							3.57	-4.30
AlCH <sub>3</sub> <sup>1</sup> A <sub>1</sub>					1.994	-0.28					1.098 (3)	-0.14							1.04	-2.58

**Table 2**: Bond Additivity Corrections for the G2 Level of Theory (kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>). Bond lengths in Å. Number of bonds given in parenthesis.

Species	Al-H bond length	BAC	Al-Cl bond length	BAC	Al-C bond length	BAC	Al-O bond length	BAC	Al-F bond length	BAC	C-H bond length F	BAC	Cl-H bond length	BAC	C-O bond length	BAC	O-H bond length	BAC	Atomic <sup>a</sup>	Molecular <sup>b</sup>
AlH <sub>2</sub> Cl	1.579 (2)	0.12	2.097	0.92															-1.31	-1.72
AlHCl <sub>2</sub>	1.568	0.36	2.081(2)	1.21															-2.57	-1.72
HAICI <sup>2</sup> A'	1.600	0.26	2.109	1.03															-1.79	-0.86
AlH <sub>2</sub> F	1.580 (2) 1.565	0.25							1.663	1.99									-2.47	-1.72
AlHF <sub>2</sub>	1.000	0.02							1.653 (2	) 2.42									-4.90	-1.72
HAIF	1.606	0.38							1.667	2.10									-2.96	-0.86
H <sub>2</sub> AlOH	1.580 1.589 1.577	0.03 0.02 0.16					1.720	0.61									0.968	0.70	-0.55	-2.58
HAl(OH) <sub>2</sub> OALOH cis, trans							1.713 1.718	0.77 0.76									0.968 0.967	0.70 0.70	-1.05	-3.44
HAIOH <sup>2</sup> A' trans	1.601	0.16					1.726	0.74									0.968	0.70	-1.03	-1.72
AlH <sub>2</sub> (CH <sub>3</sub> ) HCAlH planar	1.594 (2)	0.08			1.961	-0.58					1.092 - 1.096 (2) -	0.14 0.14							2.01	-3.44

Species	Al-H bond length	BAC	Al-Cl bond length	BAC	Al-C bond length	BAC	Al-O bond length	BAC	Al-F bond length	BAC	C-H bond length BAC	Cl-H bond length BAC	C-O bond length	BAC	O-H bond length	BAC	Atomic <sup>a</sup>	Molecular <sup>b</sup>
AlH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	1.600	0.27			1.965 (2	) -0.38					1.096 (4) -0.14 1.093 (2) -0.14	L L					4.06	-5.16
HAI(CH <sub>3</sub> ) $^{2}$ A', HAICH trans	1.608	0.22			1.973	-0.43					1.091 -0.14 1.096 (2) -0.14	6					1.52	-2.58
AlFCl <sub>2</sub>			2.065 (2	) 1.64					1.648	2.56							-4.99	-1.72
AlF <sub>2</sub> Cl			2.062	1.78					1.646 (2	) 2.70							-6.16	-1.72
CIAIF			2.097	1.43					1.659	2.39							-4.22	-0.86
Al(OH)Cl <sub>2</sub>			2.070	1.40			1.701	1.15							0.968	0.70	-3.07	-2.58
AlCl(OH)2,OAlOH cis, trans			2.080	1.25			1.704 1.708	1.04 1.02							0.968 0.967	0.70 0.70	-2.31	-3.44
ClAlOH, <sup>2</sup> A' trans			2.100	1.19			1.717	1.00							0.969	0.70	-2.29	-1.72
AlCl <sub>2</sub> (CH <sub>3</sub> ) ,HCAlCl planar			2.090 (2	) 1.38	1.938	-0.11					1.092 -0.14 1.094 (2) -0.14						-0.52	-3.44

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AlCl(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>			2.115	1.25	1.952 (2)	) -0.15					1.095 (4) -0.14 1.093 (2) -0.14	1						2.80	-5.16
AlCl(CH <sub>3</sub> ) trans			2.118	1.19	1.952 (2) 1.968	) -0.15 -0.20					1.095 (2) -0.14 1.092 -0.14	f f						0.26	-2.58
AlF <sub>2</sub> (OH)							1.699	1.41	1.648 1.653	2.59 2.55						0.967	0.70	-5.40	-2.58
AlF(OH) <sub>2</sub> ,,FAlOH cis, cis							1.704 (2	) 1.17	1.662	2.27						0.966 (2	) 0.70	-3.47	-3.44
FAIOH trans							1.718	1.13	1.661	2.28						0.968	0.70	-3.46	-1.72
Al(OH) <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> ,OAlOH cis, trans					1.948	-0.30	1.718 1.724	0.95 0.94			1.094 (2) -0.14 1.093 -0.14	1				0.968 0.966	0.70 0.70	1.00	-5.16

Species	Al-H bond length	BAC	Al-Cl bond length	BAC	Al-C bond length	BAC	Al-O bond length	BAC	Al-F bond length	BAC	C-H bond length	BAC	Cl-H bond length	BAC	C-O bond length	BAC	O-H bond length	BAC	Atomic <sup>ª</sup>	Molecular <sup>b</sup>
Al(OH)(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>					1.963 1.955	-0.24 -0.24	1.729	0.98			1.094 1.096 1.095 (3) 1.093	-0.14 -0.14 ) -0.14 -0.14					0.967	0.70	3.56	-6.02
CH <sub>3</sub> AlOH, HOAlC cis					1.978	-0.29	1.730	0.93			1.094 (2) 1.095	) -0.14 -0.14					0.969	0.70	1.02	-3.44
HAl(OH)Cl, ClAlOHcis	1.568	0.27	2.095	1.07			1.707	0.89									0.968	0.70	-1.81	-2.58
HAl(CH <sub>3</sub> )Cl, HCAlCl trans	1.583	0.32	2.105	1.09	1.948	-0.34					1.093 1.095 (2)	-0.14 ) -0.14							0.74	-3.44

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Equation (1) <sup>b</sup> Equation (2)

	Al-H bond		Al-Cl bond		Al-C bond		Al-O bond		Al-F bond		C-H bond		Cl-H bond	C-O bond		O-H bond		Atomic <sup>a</sup>	Molecular <sup>b</sup>
Species	length	BAC	length	BAC	length	BAC	length	BAC	length	BAC	length	BAC	BAC	length	BAC	length	BAC		
HAl(OH)CH <sub>3</sub> ,CAlOH trans, HCAlO cis	1.595	0.22			1.950	-0.44	1.725	0.80			1.095 (2) 1.093	-0.14 -0.14				0.968	0.70	1.50	-4.30
Al(OH)CH <sub>3</sub> Cl			2.105	1.23	1.939	-0.21	1.713	1.07			1.094 (2) 1.092	-0.14 -0.14				0.968	0.70	0.24	-4.30
Alo $^{2}\Sigma$ Haio $^{1}\Sigma$	1.573	0.18					1.648 1.629	1.32 1.25										-2.00 -1.52	-0.86 -1.72
H <sub>2</sub> AlO <sup>2</sup> B <sub>2</sub>	1.579 (2)	0.03					1.757	0.66										-1.03	-1.72
AlC ${}^{4}\Sigma^{-}$ AlCH singlet linear					1.966 1.946	0.00 -0.09					1.089	0.05						-0.42 0.07	0.00 -1.72
HAICH HAICH trans <sup>2</sup> A"	1.592	0.23			1.882	-0.24					1.086	0.05						0.55	-1.72
$HAICH_2$ singlet linear $C_{2V}$	1.574	0.24			1.795	-0.34					1.087 (2)	-0.04						1.04	-2.58
H <sub>2</sub> AlCH <sup>3</sup> A″	1.586 1.588	0.08 0.08			1.896	-0.39					1.080	0.05						1.04	-1.72

Species	Al-H bond length	BAC	Al-Cl bond length	BAC	Al-C bond length	BAC	Al-O bond length	BAC	Al-F bond length	BAC	C-H bond length	BAC	Cl-H bond length F	BAC	C-O bond length	BAC	O-H bond length	BAC	Atomic <sup>a</sup>	Molecular <sup>b</sup>
AlH <sub>2</sub> OCH <sub>3</sub> HCOAl cis	1.589 1.580	0.02 0.03					1.714	0.83			1.097 1.094 (2)	-0.15 ) -0.15			1.418	-0.29			1.50	-4.30

- <sup>a</sup> Equation (1) <sup>b</sup> Equation (2)

			$\Delta H_{\rm f}^{\circ}(0 \text{ K}$	)			
Species	G2	BAC-QCI	BAC-G1	BAC-G2MP2	BAC-G2	BAC-G2 $\Sigma D_0$	$\Sigma D_0$ , literature
AlH <sub>3</sub>	30.4	36.4	31.1	32.4	32.5	200.6	$200.8 \pm 4.8^{a}$ , 196.1 <sup>c</sup> , 201.8 <sup>d</sup> , 202.7 <sup>k</sup>
AlH <sub>2</sub>	63.5	66.7	63.6	64.0	64.8	116.7	$114.7 \pm 4.8^{\rm a}, 118.0^{\rm k}$
AlH	57.5	58.3	58.1	57.9	59.3	70.6	$70.3 \pm 0.4^{a}, 66.9 \pm 4.6^{b}, 66.1^{c}, 69.9^{d},$
							$73.6^{\text{e}}, 72.9 \pm 0.2^{\text{f}}, < 70.6^{\text{g}}, 72.3^{\text{k}}$
AlCl <sub>3</sub>	-142.2	-122.2	-138.0	-138.2	-141.1	305.1	$303.4 \pm 1.5^{a}$
$AlCl_2$ $^2A_1$	-53.5	-38.7	-50.6	-51.2	-52.2	187.6	$192.8 \pm 9.6^{a}$
AlCl $^{1}\Sigma$	-14.0	-6.7	-12.0	-12.9	-12.0	118.8	$119.1 \pm 1^{a}$ , $118.1^{g}$ , $120.8^{k}$
AlF <sub>3</sub>	-286.8	-260.6	-284.2	-279.8	-286.3	419.9	$421.8 \pm 1.2^{a}, 391.7^{c}, 369.6^{d}$
$AlF_2^{2}A'$	-149.7	-129.8	-148.9	-145.1	-148.5	263.7	$265.8 \pm 7.2^{a}$
AlF $^{1}\Sigma$	-64.9	-55.1	-63.9	-62.0	-62.8	159.5	$159.9 \pm 1.2^{a}, 160 \pm 1.5^{b}, 152.3^{c}, 145.1^{d},$
							$161.6^{e,k}, 159 \pm 3^{h}, 160.4^{i}, 162.5^{j}$
$Al(OH)_3 C_3$ axis	-232.1	-215.3	-232.8	-228.7	-231.1	641.2	$649.2 \pm 12^{a}$
$Al(OH)_2$ <sup>2</sup> $A_1$ planar, trans, trans	-110.8	-97.1	-112.6	-109.2	-109.9	409.4	$419.0 \pm 12^{a}$
AlOH <sup>1</sup> A' linear	-44.0	-36.9	-44.2	-42.9	-42.5	231.4	$234.3 \pm 7.2^{a}$
Al(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	-9.6	1.5	-8.3	-7.5	-7.0	1059.8	
$Al(CH_3)_2 {}^2A'$	37.9	45.1	38.6	38.8	39.9	688.1	
$AlCH_3$ $^1A_1$	43.0	45.9	43.7	43.7	45.2	357.9	
AlH <sub>2</sub> Cl	-28.5	-18.2	-26.5	-25.9	-26.7	236.8	$234.1 \pm 7.2^{a}$
AlHCl <sub>2</sub>	-86.6	-71.4	-83.4	-83.3	-85.1	272.1	$270.1 \pm 7.2^{a}$
HAICI <sup>2</sup> A'	4.2	13.0	5.8	5.6	5.6	152.9	$155.4 \pm 7.2^{a}$
AlH <sub>2</sub> F	-77.1	-64.4	-75.6	-73.6	-75.4	275.4	$274.1 \pm 7.2^{a}$
AlHF <sub>2</sub>	-184.3	-164.9	-182.2	-179.0	-183.2	350.0	$348.5 \pm 3.6^{a}$
HAIF	-43.8	-32.2	-43.4	-41.4	-42.5	190.8	$191.4 \pm 7.2^{a}$
H <sub>2</sub> AlOH	-57.4	-48.1	-57.1	-55.2	-55.7	347.8	
$HAl(OH)_2$ OAlOH cis, trans	-145.8	-132.6	-145.9	-142.9	-144.4	495.5	
HAIOH <sup>2</sup> A' trans	-24.1	-16.2	-24.9	-23.3	-23.0	263.5	
AlH <sub>2</sub> (CH <sub>3</sub> ) HCAlH planar	17.3	24.9	18.3	19.2	19.5	486.9	
$AlH(CH_3)_2$	3.9	13.2	5.2	5.9	6.3	773.3	
HAl(CH <sub>3</sub> ) $^{2}$ A' HAlCH trans	50.9	56.1	51.3	51.6	52.6	402.1	
AlFCl <sub>2</sub>	-190.4	-168.5	-186.9	-185.4	-189.6	343.5	$342.5 \pm 1.9^{a}$
AlF <sub>2</sub> Cl	-238.7	-214.6	-235.7	-232.6	-238.0	381.8	$381.9 \pm 1.9^{a}$

**TABLE 3.** Calculated  $\Delta H_{\rm f}^{\circ}(0 \text{ K})$  and  $\Sigma D_0(0 \text{ K})$  for selected aluminum compounds at various levels of theory (kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>), with atomic heats of formation at 0 K.

ClAIF	-101.5	-84.3	-99.6	-98.0	-100.2	225.5	$229.3 \pm 7.2^{a}$ , $241 \pm 15^{b}$
Al(OH)Cl <sub>2</sub>	-172.9	-154.3	-170.4	-169.1	-171.8	417.8	$418.2 \pm 12^{a}$
AlCl(OH) <sub>2</sub> OAlOH cis, trans	-202.9	-185.2	-202.1	-199.3	-201.9	530.0	$531.3 \pm 12^{a}$
ClAlOH <sup>2</sup> A',trans	-82.5	-68.9	-82.0	-80.6	-81.4	298.8	$305.9 \pm 9.6^{a}$
AlCl <sub>2</sub> (CH <sub>3</sub> ) HCAlCl planar	-102.3	-85.6	-98.8	-98.9	-100.5	560.8	
AlCl(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	-57.9	-44.3	-55.4	-55.1	-55.6	812.2	
AlCl(CH <sub>3</sub> ) trans	-10.1	0.7	-8.4	-8.5	-8.4	440.1	
AlF <sub>2</sub> (OH)	-269.3	-246.2	-267.9	-263.5	-268.6	494.4	$497.1 \pm 7.2^{a}$
$AlF(OH)_2$ FAlOH cis, cis	-250.9	-230.4	-250.7	-246.3	-250.0	567.9	$571.4 \pm 12^{a}$
FAIOH trans	-130.6	-114.1	-131.0	-127.5	-129.5	336.8	$343.6 \pm 12^{a}$
Al(OH) <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> OAlOH cis, trans	-159.9	-145.5	-159.7	-157.0	-158.4	782.7	
$Al(OH)(CH_3)_2$	-85.4	-73.1	-84.2	-83.0	-83.3	921.9	
CH <sub>3</sub> AlOH HOAlC cis	-36.6	-27.1	-36.8	-35.4	-35.1	548.8	
HAl(OH)Cl ClAlOH cis	-117.1	-103.2	-115.5	-114.0	-115.6	384.7	
HAl(CH <sub>3</sub> )Cl HCAlCl trans	-43.3	-31.2	-41.0	-40.6	-41.2	524.5	
HAl(OH)CH <sub>3</sub> CAlOH trans,HCAlO cis	-71.7	-60.7	-70.9	-69.3	-69.7	635.1	
Al(OH)CH <sub>3</sub> Cl	-132.2	-116.8	-130.4	-129.0	-130.5	672.8	
AlO $^{2}\Sigma$	18.4	27.7	17.6	19.5	19.9	117.3	$121.2 \pm 1.2^{a}$ , $121.2 \pm 2^{b}$ , $118.1^{e}$
HAIO $^{1}\Sigma$	-2.2	6.3	-1.8	-3.5	-0.4	189.3	$187.7 \pm 12^{a}$
$H_2AIO^{-2}B_2$	11.30	20.95	12.05	14.15	13.33	227.2	
AIC $4\Sigma$	171.6	176.3	170.8	169.8	172.1	76.1	$86 \pm 12^{\rm a}, 78.6^{\rm e}, 76.1^{\rm l}$
AlCH singlet linear	156.7	162.4	157.2	157.1	158.4	141.4	
HAICH HAICH trans <sup>2</sup> A"	124.5	135.1	125.2	129.5	125.7	225.8	
HAICH <sub>2</sub> singlet linear C <sub>2V</sub>	79.9	87.1	80.9	80.7	81.6	321.5	
H <sub>2</sub> AlCH <sup>3</sup> A″	110.7	119.0	110.7	111.0	111.5	291.6	
AlH <sub>2</sub> OCH <sub>3</sub> HCOAl cis	-47.5	-37.3	-46.0	-44.2	-44.9	610.3	
Al	78.23	78.23	78.23	78.23	79.73		
Н	51.63	51.37	50.58	50.76	51.15		
Cl	28.59	29.87	30.35	30.03	29.37		
F	18.47	17.92	20.43	20.79	20.41		
0	58.99	56.91	59.31	59.77	59.49		
С	169.98	170.84	168.82	168.45	168.90		

<sup>a</sup> Ref. 2. <sup>b</sup> Ref. 1. <sup>c</sup> D<sub>e</sub>, MP2 calculation. See ref. 26. <sup>d</sup> D<sub>e</sub>, QCI calculation. See ref. 26. <sup>e</sup> CCSD(T)/WMR calculation. See ref. 27. <sup>f</sup> Baltayan, P.; Nedelec, O. J. *Chem. Phys.* **1979**, *70*, 2399. <sup>g</sup> Huber, K. P.; Herzberg, G. *Molecular Spectra and Molecular Structure Constants of Diatomic Molecules*, Van Nostrand: New

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Species	$\Delta \mathrm{H_{f}}^{\mathrm{o}}$	JANAF <sup>b</sup>	Gurvich <sup>a</sup>	Other sources
AlH <sub>3</sub>	$30.9 \pm 1.8$		$30.8 \pm 4.8$	26.9 <sup>d</sup> , 24.2 <sup>e</sup> , 13.6 <sup>f</sup> , 84.5 <sup>g</sup> , 30.6 <sup>h</sup> , 29.5 <sup>i</sup> , 29.1 <sup>u</sup>
AlH <sub>2</sub>	$64.1 \pm 1.8$		$66.2 \pm 4.8$	51.8 <sup>d</sup> , 50.4 <sup>e</sup> , 45.4 <sup>f</sup> , 10.7 <sup>g</sup> , 61.8 <sup>h</sup> , 62.4 <sup>i</sup> , 63.5 <sup>j</sup> , 63.4 <sup>t</sup> , 63.1 <sup>u</sup>
AlH	$59.2 \pm 2.0$	$61.9 \pm 4.8$	$59.6 \pm 0.8$	63.0 <sup>d</sup> , 46.0 <sup>e</sup> , 52.9 <sup>f</sup> , 70.1 <sup>g</sup> , 59.5 <sup>h</sup> , 58.2 <sup>i</sup> , 58.6 <sup>t</sup> , 57.7 <sup>u</sup>
AlCl <sub>3</sub>	$-141.5 \pm 4.4$	$-139.7 \pm 0.7$	$-139.7 \pm 1.2$	$-142.5$ , <sup>c</sup> $-134.3$ <sup>k</sup> , $-140 \pm 0.43$ <sup>l</sup> , $-149.2$ <sup>d</sup> , $-140.3$ <sup>e</sup> , $-140.3$ <sup>f</sup> , $-122.1$ <sup>g</sup> , $-126.8$ <sup>h</sup> , $-146.3$ <sup>i</sup> , $-139.4$ , <sup>m</sup> $-146.4$ <sup>t</sup> , $-139.8$ <sup>u</sup>
AlCl <sub>2</sub> <sup>2</sup> A <sub>1</sub>	$-52.4 \pm 2.1$	$-66.9 \pm 4.8$	-57.6 ± 9.6	-71.4 <sup>d</sup> , -74.6 <sup>e</sup> , -74.0 <sup>f</sup> , -68.2 <sup>g</sup> , -46.8 <sup>h</sup> , -57.4 <sup>i</sup> , -57.3 <sup>j</sup> , -79.1 <sup>m</sup> , -57.4 <sup>t</sup> , -51.8 <sup>u</sup>
AlCl $^{1}\Sigma$	$-11.9 \pm 1.3$	$-12.3 \pm 1.5$	$-12.2 \pm 0.7$	$-12.7^{d}$ , $-27.8^{e}$ , $-20.8^{f}$ , $-5.5^{g}$ , $-9.1^{h}$ , $-15.4^{i}$ , $-11.4^{m}$ , $-15.4^{t}$ , $-12.9^{u}$
AlF <sub>3</sub>	$-287.1 \pm 6.9$	$-289.0 \pm 0.6$	$-289.0 \pm 0.7$	-287.6, <sup>c</sup> -291.9 <sup>d</sup> , -291.3 <sup>e</sup> , -285.8 <sup>f</sup> , -291.5 <sup>g</sup> , -287.9 <sup>m</sup> , -290.4 <sup>t</sup> , -286.2 <sup>v</sup>
$AlF_2$ <sup>2</sup> A'	$-148.9 \pm 3.6$	$-166.1 \pm 9.6$	$-151.0 \pm 7.2$	-152.4 <sup>t</sup>
AlF $^{1}\Sigma$	$-62.8 \pm 1.7$	$-63.5 \pm 0.8$	$-63.1 \pm 0.7$	-65.7 <sup>d</sup> , -83.6 <sup>e</sup> , -77.9 <sup>f</sup> , -50.1 <sup>g</sup> , -61.7 <sup>m</sup> , -65.4 <sup>t</sup>
Al(OH) <sub>3</sub> $C_3$ axis	$-233.8 \pm 3.1$		$-242.0 \pm 12$	
Al(OH) <sub>2</sub> $^{2}$ A <sub>1</sub> planar, trans, trans.	-111.5 ± 2.9		-121.3 ±12	
AlOH <sup>1</sup> A' linear	$-42.8 \pm 2.0$	$-43.0 \pm 3.1$	-46.1 ±7.2	-34.5 <sup>d</sup> , -61.1 <sup>e</sup> , -40.1 <sup>f</sup> , -33.4 <sup>g</sup> , -40.0 <sup>h</sup> , -45.5 <sup>i</sup> , -44.7 <sup>t</sup> , -43.8 <sup>u</sup>
Al(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	$-12.8 \pm 1.6$			-19.4 <sup>n</sup> , -20.5 <sup>d</sup> , -40.1 <sup>e</sup> , -27.5 <sup>f</sup> , -5.7 <sup>g</sup> , -17.8 <sup>m</sup> , -20.9 <sup>o</sup> , -5.6 <sup>p</sup> , -13.1 <sup>q</sup>
$Al(CH_3)_2 {}^2A'$	$36.2 \pm 2.0$			
AlCH <sub>3</sub> <sup>1</sup> A <sub>1</sub>	$43.6 \pm 2.4$			
AlH <sub>2</sub> Cl	$-28.1 \pm 1.3$		$-25.4 \pm 7.2$	$-24.1^{\rm h}$ , $-30.7^{\rm i}$ , $-28.8^{\rm u}$
AlHCl <sub>2</sub>	$-86.1 \pm 2.7$		$-84.0 \pm 7.2$	-77.1 <sup>h</sup> , -89.8 <sup>i</sup> , -89.4 <sup>t</sup> , -85.6 <sup>u</sup>
HAICl <sup>2</sup> A'	$5.0 \pm 1.0$		$2.5 \pm 7.2$	$6.1^{\rm h}, 1.5^{\rm i}, 1.6^{\rm J}, 4.7^{\rm u}$
AlH <sub>2</sub> F	$-76.9 \pm 2.1$		$-75.7 \pm 7.2$	
AlHF <sub>2</sub>	$-184.4 \pm 4.4$		$-182.9 \pm 3.6$	
HAIF	$-43.1 \pm 1.8$		$-43.6 \pm 7.2$	
H <sub>2</sub> AlOH	$-57.9 \pm 1.8$			
HAl(OH) <sub>2</sub> OAlOH cis, trans	$-146.9 \pm 2.3$			
HAIOH <sup>2</sup> A' trans	$-24.3 \pm 2.2$			
AlH <sub>2</sub> (CH <sub>3</sub> ) HCAlH planar	$16.4 \pm 1.6$			
AlH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	$1.7 \pm 1.6$			-6.4°, 6.2 <sup>p</sup> , 0.9 <sup>q</sup>
HAl(CH <sub>3</sub> ) $^{2}$ A' HAlCH trans	50.3 ± 1.9			

**TABLE 4.**  $\Delta H_{\rm f}^{\circ}$  (298 K) for the BAC-G2 Level of Theory with Error Estimates and Literature Values for Selected Aluminum Compounds (kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>).

AlFCl <sub>2</sub>	$-190.1 \pm 5.0$	$-189.0 \pm 1.4$	$-189.1 \pm 1.7$	-195.4 <sup>d</sup> , -191.4 <sup>e</sup> , -186.7 <sup>f</sup> , -178.0 <sup>g</sup>
AlF <sub>2</sub> Cl	$-238.7 \pm 5.9$	$-238.8 \pm 1.5$	$-238.8 \pm 1.7$	-243.0 <sup>d</sup> , -241.6 <sup>e</sup> , -236.2 <sup>f</sup> , -234.6 <sup>g</sup>
CIAIF	$-100.5 \pm 2.5$	$-117.0 \pm 15.1$	$-104.3 \pm 7.2$	-104.6 <sup>t</sup>
Al(OH)Cl <sub>2</sub>	$-173.0 \pm 3.3$		$-173.3 \pm 12$	
$AlCl(OH)_2$ OAlOH cis, trans	$-203.8 \pm 2.8$		$-205.3 \pm 12$	
ClAlOH $^{2}A'$ trans	$-82.3 \pm 1.4$		$-89.3 \pm 9.6$	$-86.0^{t}$
AlCl <sub>2</sub> (CH <sub>3</sub> ) HCAlCl planar	$-102.7 \pm 2.6$			-119.7±1.7°
AlCl(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	$-59.6 \pm 1.1$			-79.9±2.1°
AlCl(CH <sub>3</sub> ) trans	$-10.3 \pm 1.0$			
AlF <sub>2</sub> (OH)	$-270.0 \pm 5.2$		$-273.8 \pm 9.6$	
$AlF(OH)_2$ FAlOH cis, cis	$-252.0 \pm 3.9$		$-255.6 \pm 12$	
FAIOH trans	$-130.5 \pm 2.7$		$-137.2 \pm 12$	-133.5 <sup>t</sup>
Al(OH) <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> OAlOH cis, trans	$-162.1 \pm 2.1$			
$Al(OH)(CH_3)_2$	$-88.1 \pm 1.4$			
CH <sub>3</sub> AlOH HOAlC cis	$-37.8 \pm 2.0$			
HAl(OH)Cl ClAlOH cis	-117.4 <u>+</u> 1.9			
HAl(CH <sub>3</sub> )Cl HCAlCl trans	$-44.0 \pm 1.2$			
HAl(OH)CH <sub>3</sub> CAlOH trans,HCAlO	$-73.3 \pm 1.6$			
cis				
Al(OH)CH <sub>3</sub> Cl	-133.5 ± 1.8			
Alo $^{2}\Sigma$	$19.9\pm2.6$	$15.9 \pm 1.9$	$16.1 \pm 1.5$	3.9 <sup>d</sup> , -1.8 <sup>e</sup> , 8.4 <sup>f</sup> , 9.8 <sup>g</sup> , 18.9 <sup>h</sup> , 17.0 <sup>i</sup> , 18.8 <sup>j</sup> , 21.8 <sup>m</sup> , 18.9 <sup>t</sup> , 18.8 <sup>u</sup>
HAIO $^{1}\Sigma$	$-1.1 \pm 3.5$	$8.0 \pm 20.1$	$0.4 \pm 12$	189.9 <sup>h</sup> , 189.9 <sup>i</sup> , -5.3 <sup>t</sup>
$H_2AlO^{-2}B_2$	11.9 <u>+</u> 1.8			
AlC $4\Sigma^{-}$	$172.9 \pm 2.8$	$164.8 \pm 2.4$	$163.1 \pm 12$	172.5 <sup>h</sup> , 171.5 <sup>i</sup> , 171.7 <sup>j</sup> , 172.8 <sup>u</sup>
AlCH singlet linear	$158.6 \pm 2.0$			
HAICH HAICH trans <sup>2</sup> A"	$125.2 \pm 4.0$			
HAlCH <sub>2</sub> singlet linear $C_{2V}$	$80.5 \pm 1.6$			
$H_2AICH^{3}A''$	$110.6 \pm 1.4$			
AlH <sub>2</sub> OCH <sub>3</sub> HCOAl cis	$-48.5 \pm 1.6$			
CH <sub>3</sub>	$34.77 \pm 1.00$	$34.82 \pm 0.19$		$35.06 \pm 0.10^{\rm r}$
CH <sub>2</sub>	$93.63 \pm 1.04$	$92.35 \pm 1.00$		
СН	$141.18 \pm 1.02$	$142.00 \pm 4.18$		
OH	$9.23 \pm 1.01$	$9.3 \pm 0.29$		$8.89\pm0.09^{\rm s}$
С	170.13 ±1.10	$171.29 \pm 0.11$		
0	59.93 ± 1.05	$59.55 \pm 0.02$		
Cl	$29.75 \pm 1.55$	$28.99 \pm 0.0019$		

F	$20.84 \pm 1.07$	$18.98\pm0.07$	
Н	$51.59 \pm 1.21$	$52.10 \pm 0.0014$	
Al	$80.14 \pm 2.35$	$78.80 \pm 1.00$	$78.87 \pm 0.72$

<sup>a</sup> Ref. 2. <sup>b</sup> Ref. 1. <sup>c</sup> G2, calculation uncorrected for atomic spin-orbit effects. See ref. 6. <sup>d</sup> MNDO/d calculation. See ref. 30. <sup>e</sup> MNDO calculation. See ref 30. <sup>f</sup> AM1 calculation. See ref. 30. <sup>g</sup> PM3 calculation. See ref. 30. <sup>h</sup> B3LYP calculation. See ref. 11. <sup>i</sup> CBS-Q calculation. See ref. 11. <sup>j</sup> CBS-RAD calculation. See ref. 31. <sup>1</sup> Ref. 32. <sup>m</sup> Ref. 33. <sup>o</sup> Ref. 34. <sup>p</sup> B3LYP/6-311++G(2df,pd) calculation. See ref. Simka, H.; Willis, B. G.; Lengyel and, I.; Jensen, K. F. *Prog. Crystal Growth and Charact.*, **1997**, *35*, 117; Willis, B. G.; Jensen, K. F. *J. Phys. Chem. A* **1998**, *102*, 2613. <sup>q</sup> G2MP2 calculation. See footnote (p). <sup>r</sup> Dobis, O.; Benson, S. W. *Int. J. Chem. Kinet.* **1987**, *19*, 691. <sup>s</sup> Rusic, B.; Feller, D.; Dixon, D. A.; Peterson, K. A.; Harding, L. B.; Asher, R. L.; Wagner, A. F. *J. Phys. Chem. A*, **2001**, *105*, 1. <sup>t</sup> Ref. 35. <sup>u</sup> Spin-orbit-corrected G2 calculation. See ref. 11. <sup>v</sup>Spin-orbit-corrected G2 calculation. See ref. 10.

	$\Delta H_{e}^{o}$ a	S <sup>o b</sup>			$\Delta G_{c}$	<sub>o</sub> a		
Species	298	298	300	600	1000	1500	2000	2500
AlH <sub>3</sub>	30.9	49.7	27.3	15.1	36.9	42.4	48.0	53.6
AlH <sub>2</sub>	64.1	51.1	55.4	38.0	52.8	49.8	47.2	44.8
AlH	59.2	44.9	47.7	27.4	38.1	30.1	22.5	15.2
AlCl <sub>3</sub>	-141.5	75.4	-142.9	-153.4	-130.0	-122.5	-114.8	-107.1
$AlCl_2^2 A_1$	-52.4	69.4	-60.0	-76.5	-60.8	-62.8	-64.2	-65.5
AlCl <sup><math>1\Sigma</math></sup>	-11.9	54.6	-23.0	-43.1	-32.0	-39.6	-46.6	-53.3
AlF <sub>3</sub>	-287.1	66.6	-288.0	-297.9	-273.4	-264.7	-255.7	-246.6
$AlF_2^{2}A'$	-148.9	63.4	-156.1	-172.2	-155.9	-156.9	-157.5	-157.9
$AlF^{1}\Sigma$	-62.8	51.4	-73.7	-93.5	-82.0	-89.1	-95.6	-101.8
$Al(OH)_3$ C <sub>3</sub> axis	-233.8	74.0	-222.8	-220.7	-180.6	-152.6	-125.9	-99.7
$Al(OH)_2$ <sup>2</sup> $A_1$ planar, trans, trans	-111.5	68.1	-110.6	-118.6	-91.7	-80.3	-69.0	-57.9
AlOH <sup>1</sup> A' linear	-42.8	49.6	-48.4	-62.8	-44.3	-42.4	-40.0	-37.4
Al(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	-12.8	94.6	-0.7	2.6	45.9	78.4	110.2	140.9
$Al(CH_3)_2^2 A'$	36.2	80.1	38.3	31.6	61.3	77.0	92.6	107.6
$AlCH_3$ $A$	43.6	57.2	38.1	24.2	44.0	47.6	51.6	55.7
AlH <sub>2</sub> Cl	-28.1	60.7	-31.7	-44.1	-22.7	-17.7	-12.5	-7.4
AlHCl <sub>2</sub>	-86.1	69.3	-89.0	-100.7	-78.8	-73.2	-67.3	-61.5
HAICI <sup>2</sup> A'	5.0	61.8	-3.6	-21.0	-6.4	-9.6	-12.4	-15.0
AlH <sub>2</sub> F	-76.9	57.7	-80.3	-92.4	-70.6	-65.1	-59.5	-53.8
AlHF <sub>2</sub>	-184.4	63.4	-186.9	-198.2	-175.6	-169.0	-162.3	-155.5
HAIF	-43.1	58.8	-51.5	-68.7	-53.8	-56.5	-58.9	-61.0
H <sub>2</sub> AlOH	-57.9	60.9	-57.5	-65.9	-39.2	-27.7	-16.2	-5.1
$HAl(OH)_2$ OAlOH cis, trans	-146.9	68.7	-141.6	-145.1	-112.2	-93.2	-74.6	-56.6
HAIOH ${}^{2}A'$ trans	-24.3	60.7	-28.6	-41.6	-21.2	-17.2	-13.2	-9.3
$AlH_2(CH_3)$ HCAlH planar	16.4	69.0	16.7	8.4	35.7	48.0	60.3	72.2
AlH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	1.7	81.4	8.1	5.7	41.2	63.8	86.1	107.6
$HAl(CH_3)^{-2}A' HAlCH trans$	50.3	65.3	47.0	35.1	57.5	64.0	70.6	77.1
AIFCl 2	-190.1	74.7	-192.0	-202.9	-180.1	-173.3	-166.3	-159.3
AlF <sub>2</sub> Cl	-238.7	71.7	-240.4	-251.1	-227.9	-220.7	-213.3	-205.8
CIAIF	-100.5	67.8	-108.3	-125.0	-109.6	-111.8	-113.6	-115.1
Al(OH)Cl <sub>2</sub>	-173.0	78.2	-171.2	-178.5	-150.8	-138.2	-125.8	-113.6
AlCl(OH) <sub>2</sub> OAlOH cis, trans	-203.8	77.3	-197.8	-200.7	-167.3	-147.7	-128.7	-110.1
ClAlOH <sup>2</sup> A' trans	-82.3	70.0	-86.1	-98.8	-78.0	-73.9	-69.6	-65.3
AlCl <sub>2</sub> (CH <sub>3</sub> ) HCAlCl planar	-102.7	86.2	-101.0	-108.2	-79.9	-66.2	-52.6	-39.4
AlCl(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	-59.6	89.0	-52.2	-53.7	-17.3	6.5	30.0	52.7
AlCl(CH <sub>3</sub> ) trans	-10.3	74.8	-13.1	-24.8	-2.1	4.8	11.8	18.7
AlF <sub>2</sub> (OH)	-270.0	72.3	-267.9	-274.7	-246.3	-233.0	-219.8	-206.7
AlF(OH) <sub>2</sub> FAlOH cis, cis	-252.0	74.7	-245.9	-248.7	-214.9	-195.5	-176.4	-157.5
FAIOH trans	-130.5	67.0	-134.1	-146.5	-125.4	-120.7	-115.9	-111.1
Al(OH) <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> OalOH cis, trans	-162.1	84.4	-151.8	-150.4	-110.6	-83.0	-56.1	-30.1
$Al(OH)(CH_3)_2$	-88.1	89.6	-76.9	-74.4	-32.9	-3.1	26.1	54.4
CH <sub>3</sub> AlOH HOAlC cis	-37.8	77.2	-37.3	-45.6	-18.6	-6.5	5.4	16.9
HAl(OH)Cl ClAlOH cis	-117.4	69.5	-116.3	-124.1	-97.0	-85.0	-73.0	-61.0
HAl(CH <sub>3</sub> )Cl HCAlCl trans	-44.0	76.7	-42.7	-50.2	-22.0	-8.5	4.9	18.0
HAl(OH)CH <sub>3</sub> CAlOH trans, HCAl cis	-73.3	74.2	-67.2	-69.9	-35.4	-14.3	6.7	27.2
Al(OH)CH <sub>3</sub> Cl	-133.5	82.9	-126.7	-128.9	-93.8	-72.0	-50.4	-29.6

 Table 5: Thermochemistry Parameters at Various Temperatures (K).

	$\Delta H_{\rm f}^{\rm o}{}^a$	S <sup>o b</sup>			$\Delta G_{ m f}^{ m o}$	а		
Species	298	298	300	600	1000	1500	2000	2500
Alo $^{2}\Sigma$	19.9	52.4	8.8	-11.2	-0.2	-7.9	-15.1	-22.0
HAIO $^{1}\Sigma$	-1.1	52.9	-7.7	-23.1	-6.0	-6.3	-6.4	-6.4
$H_2AlO^{-2}B_2$	11.9	59.26	8.1	-4.5	16.5	20.9	25.5	30.1
AlC $4\Sigma^{-}$	172.9	54.0	154.4	126.8	127.8	107.8	88.6	69.8
AlCH singlet linear	158.6	40.5	148.8	130.1	143.0	138.0	133.8	129.9
HAICH HAICH trans <sup>2</sup> A"	125.2	61.0	114.0	93.9	104.7	96.6	88.9	81.3
HAlCH <sub>2</sub> singlet linear $C_{2V}$	80.5	61.8	73.6	58.1	75.4	75.5	76.0	76.4
H <sub>2</sub> AlCH <sup>3</sup> A″	110.6	65.9	102.5	85.5	100.6	97.8	95.1	92.3
AlH <sub>2</sub> OCH <sub>3</sub> HCOAl cis	-48.5	72.1	-41.8	-43.5	-7.5	15.7	38.6	60.7

<sup>*a*</sup> In kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>*b*</sup> In cal mol<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-1</sup>.

Table 3 reveals the trend toward convergence in each molecule as the level of theory increases from BAC-QCI to BAC-G2. In most cases, the calculation appears to be converged at the BAC-G2MP2 level, there being little difference in the heats of formation predicted at the BAC-G2MP2 and BAC-G2 levels. Exceptions to this almost exclusively involve fluorinated compounds. For example, the heat of formation of AlF<sub>3</sub> at the BAC-G2 level is 8.5 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> lower than at the BAC-G2MP2 level. This behavior is reflected in the relatively large uncertainty in the predicted heats of formation of the fluorinated species (Table 4). Table 3 also indicates that differences between BAC-G2 predictions and G2 itself are, for the most part, small. The largest difference, 2.6 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>, is for Al(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, which might be expected since this is the largest molecule included in the study. As discussed above, it is in the prediction of thermochemistry for large polyatomics where the value of the BAC approach is expected to be most clear. Finally, Table 3 includes the BAC-G2 atomization energies ( $\Sigma D_0$ ; calculated from the BAC-G2 molecular heats of formation and the experimental<sup>1</sup> atomic heats of formation at 0 K) for comparison with the results of other computational studies in which the heat of formation was not calculated.

Trends in heats of formation (298 K) as a function of the number of ligands of a specific type are shown in Figures 1-4. There are several noteworthy observations. The most general one is that, in all cases, replacement of one ligand with another within a homologous series (i.e.,  $AIX_nY_{3-n}$ , n = 0-3) results in a linear change in the heat of formation. Deviations from perfect linearity (based on a least-squares fit) are less than 1 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> in most cases. The series closest to perfect linearity is  $AlH_n(CH_3)_{3-n}$  (maximum deviation < 0.1 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>), while those displaying the largest deviations are AlCl<sub>n</sub>(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3-n</sub> and AlH<sub>n</sub>F<sub>3-n</sub> (maximum deviation ~ 2 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>). This confirms the essentially local nature of the bonding within these compounds, i.e., the interaction between aluminum and a given atom or group is largely unaffected by its neighbors, while confirming that interactions between chlorine and methyl groups may occur, as was observed previously in silicon compounds.<sup>19</sup> It is unclear whether the higher deviation seen for the fluorine substitution of hydrogen is due to non-localized bonding or poor performance of the G2 method. Notably, however, the Al(OH)<sub>n</sub>F<sub>3-n</sub> and AlCl<sub>n</sub>F<sub>3-n</sub> series both have low maximum deviations (< 0.5 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>) suggesting that the non-linearity is due to a bonding interaction in the aluminum fluorohydrides and not to the G2 method itself. We have found few exceptions to linearity in our previous examinations of Group-III and Group-IV chemistry; examples include the SiH<sub>4</sub>.  $_{n}(OH)_{n}^{20}$  and SiCl<sub>4-n</sub>(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4-n</sub> homologous series.

The remaining conclusions we draw from Figure 1—4 concern the relative stability of the various ligands. First, as can be seen in Figure 1, replacing H with any of the other four ligands (CH<sub>3</sub>, OH, F, or Cl) results in increased molecular stability, since the heat of formation always decreases as the number of non-hydrogen ligands increases. The slopes of the four lines in Figure 1 are -106.2 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> for substitution by F, -88.3 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> for substitution by OH, -57.5 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> for substitution by Cl, and -14.6 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> for substitution by CH<sub>3</sub>. In contrast, substitution of OH by anything except F results in molecular destabilization, since the heats of formation increases with increasing numbers of non-OH ligands (Figure 2). Replacing OH with F decreases  $\Delta H_f^{\circ}$  by 17.8 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>. Trends produced by replacing CH<sub>3</sub> (Figure 3) and Cl (Figure 4) fall



**Figure 1.** BAC-G2 heats of formation for substitution of H by R in the series  $AlH_nR_{3-n}$ , R = OH, F, Cl,  $CH_{3;n}$ ; n = 0 - 3.



**Figure 2.** BAC-G2 heats of formation for OH substitution in the series  $AlR_n(OH)_{3-n}$ , R = H, CH<sub>3</sub>, F, Cl; n = 0 - 3.



**Figure 3.** BAC-G2 heats of formation for substitution of CH<sub>3</sub> by R in the series AlR<sub>n</sub>(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3-n</sub>, R = H, Cl, OH; n = 0 - 3.



**Figure 4.** BAC-G2 heats of formation for chlorine substitution in the series  $AlR_nCl_{3-n}$ , R = H, OH, F, CH<sub>3</sub>; n = 0 - 3.

between these extremes. For example, replacing Cl by either OH or F results in stabilization, by 30.8 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> and 48.5 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. Thus, as one might expect, the overall trend in molecular stability is  $F > OH > Cl > CH_3 > H$ .

Bond dissociation energies (BDE) , which can be calculated from the molecular and atomic heats of formation given in Table 4, generally reflect the trends in heats of formation discussed above. The calculations predict increasing Al-ligand bond strengths in the order H ~ CH<sub>3</sub> < Cl < OH < F. For trivalent species, the Al-H and Al-CH<sub>3</sub> bond energies are comparable, falling in the range 83 - 88 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>. Bonds to Cl are considerably stronger, with values of 118—125 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>. Bonds to OH are even stronger, with some dissociation energies approaching 134 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>. Finally, Al-F BDEs are by far the strongest, with values as high as 160 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>. These results are consistent with the fact that lower deposition temperatures are required when, for example, oxides are deposited by CVD from organoaluminum instead of halogenated compounds.<sup>36,37</sup>

These results indicate that bonds to aluminum are generally weaker than those to boron. For example, B-H bonds in trivalent boron compounds are on the order of 105 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>.<sup>21</sup> Bonds between aluminum and methyl groups are also significantly weaker than their boron counterparts, as discussed previously.<sup>13</sup> Dissociation of the first Al-CH<sub>3</sub> bond in trimethylaluminum is more than 20 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> weaker than the same bond in trimethylborane. Dissociation energies for bonds between boron and chlorine,<sup>21</sup> however, are very similar to those between aluminum and chlorine. Data for boron hydroxides are sparse, but heats of formation reported by Gurvich et al.<sup>2</sup> indicate that the analogous aluminum bonds are weaker as well. These comparisons are consistent with the general trends in main-group bond energies, which decrease as one proceeds down the periodic table from the first to the fourth row.<sup>13</sup>

Ligand substitution in trivalent aluminum compounds has very little effect on bond dissociation energies in these compounds. In general exchanging one ligand for another changes the BDE of the remaining ligands of that type by less than 1 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>. Increasing the number of halogen atoms in a molecule generally reduces the Al-halogen BDE, although the BDEs of the other ligands are not changed by more than  $\sim 2$  kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>. These observations are consistent with the trends in heats of formation discussed above, again showing that bonding in these compounds is highly localized.

This localized behavior does not extend to non-trivalent compounds, however. In particular, the effect on the BDE of exchanging ligands in divalent species is much more profound. The unpaired electron in AlXY compounds is strongly affected by the electronegativity of the ligands. If electronegativities of the exchanged ligands are substantially different, e.g., when replacing H or CH<sub>3</sub> by Cl, F, or OH, a considerable redistribution of the electron density occurs, with the unpaired electron going to the more electronegative atom. This makes the bond to the electronegative ligand much stronger than the bond to the more electropositive ligand. This effect can be clearly seen in Table 6. For example, when substituting F for H in AlH<sub>2</sub> to form HAIF, the Al-H BDE drops from 46.7 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> to 31.9 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>. In contrast, substitution of CH<sub>3</sub> for H in AlH<sub>2</sub> decreases the Al-H BDE by less than 2 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>. **Table 6**: Calculated Bond Dissociation Enthalpies (BDE) at 298 K for Selected Aluminum Compounds (kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>).

				BDE		
Species	Al-H	Al-C	Al-O	Al-Cl	Al-F	C-0
AlH <sub>3</sub>	84.8					
AlH <sub>2</sub>	46.7					
AlH	72.5					
AlCl <sub>3</sub>				118.9		
$AlCl_2$ $^2A_1$				70.3		
AlCl $^{1}\Sigma$				121.8		
AlF <sub>3</sub>					159.0	
$AlF_2$ <sup>2</sup> A'					106.9	
AlF $^{1}\Sigma$					163.8	
$Al(OH)_3 C_3$ axis			131.5			
$Al(OH)_2$ <sup>2</sup> $A_1$ planar, trans, trans			77.9			
AlOH <sup>1</sup> A' linear			132.2			
Al(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>		83.8				
$Al(CH_3)_2 {}^2A'$		42.2				
$AlCH_3^{-1}A_1$		71.3				
AlH <sub>2</sub> Cl	84.7			122.0		
AlHCl <sub>2</sub>	85.3			120.9		
HAICI <sup>2</sup> A'	34.7			84.0		
AlH <sub>2</sub> F	85.4				161.8	
AlHF <sub>2</sub>	87.1				162.1	
HAIF	31.9				123.1	
H <sub>2</sub> AlOH	85.2		131.2			
$HAl(OH)_2$ OAlOH cis, trans	87.0		131.8			
HAIOH <sup>2</sup> A' trans	33.1		92.7			
AlH <sub>2</sub> (CH <sub>3</sub> ) HCAlH planar	85.5	82.5				
AlH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	86.1	83.4				
HAl(CH <sub>3</sub> ) $^{2}$ A' HAlCH trans	44.9	43.7				
AlFCl <sub>2</sub>				119.4	158.5	
AlF <sub>2</sub> Cl				119.6	159.0	
ClAIF				67.5	109.4	
Al(OH)Cl <sub>2</sub>			129.8	120.5		
$AlCl(OH)_2$ OAlOH cis, trans			130.7	122.1		
ClAlOH <sup>2</sup> A' trans			79.6	69.3		
AlCl <sub>2</sub> (CH <sub>3</sub> ) HCAlCl planar		85.1		122.2		
AlCl(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>		84.1		125.6		
AlCl(CH <sub>3</sub> ) trans		33.2		83.7		
$AlF_2(OH)$			130.3		160.3	
$AlF(OH)_2$ FAlOH cis, cis			130.7		161.3	
FAIOH trans			76.9		108.5	
$Al(OH)_2CH_3$ OAlOH cis, trans		85.4	133.5			
$Al(OH)(CH_3)_2$		85.1	133.5			
CH <sub>3</sub> AlOH HOAlC cis		29.8	90.6			
HAl(OH)Cl ClAlOH cis	86.7	<b>a</b>	131.6	122.9		
HAI(CH <sub>3</sub> )Cl HCAlCl trans	85.3	83.8		124.1		
HAI(OH)CH <sub>3</sub> CAIOH trans, HCAIO cis	87.1	83.8	132.8	10		
Al(OH)CH <sub>3</sub> Cl		86.0	132.4	125.5		
Alo $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}$			120.2			
HAIO $\Sigma$	72.6		120.2			

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Species	BDE							
	Al-H	Al-C	Al-O	Al-Cl	Al-F	C-0		
$H_2AlO^2B_2$	38.6		112.1					
AlC $4\Sigma^{-}$		77.4						
AlCH singlet linear		62.7						
HAICH HAICH trans <sup>2</sup> A"	85.0	75.2						
HAlCH <sub>2</sub> singlet linear $C_{2V}$		72.3						
$H_2AICH^{3}A''$	66.2	94.7						
AIH <sub>2</sub> OCH <sub>3</sub> HCOAl cis						95.2		

Successive removal of ligands within a given molecule results in a high-low-high trend in BDEs that is displayed by silicon compounds (see for example Ref. 20) as well as other Group III compounds.<sup>21</sup> For example, the Al-Cl BDE in AlCl<sub>3</sub>, AlCl<sub>2</sub>, and AlCl, are 118.1 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>, 69.5 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>, and 119.7 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. This trend is evident for all five ligands examined in this study. The stronger bond in AlX<sub>3</sub> relative to AlX<sub>2</sub> species is a consequence of the energy penalty paid for unpairing electrons, resulting in a product with a doublet ground state. Alternatively, breaking the Al-X bond in AlX<sub>3</sub> requires less energy, since there is a thermodynamic advantage to pairing the valence electrons on aluminum (all AlX species have <sup>1</sup> $\Sigma$  ground states).

Comparisons with experimental data. The BAC-G2 heats of formation for the aluminum **B**. hydrides, fluorides, and chlorides are generally in good agreement with the primary critical reviews of thermodynamic data, Gurvich et al.,<sup>2</sup> and the JANAF Tables.<sup>1</sup> In particular, the BAC-G2 value is good agreement with the data in these reviews, as well as other sources, <sup>3,32</sup> for AlCl<sub>3</sub> and AlF<sub>3</sub>. This is encouraging, since the experimental data for these compounds are probably the most accurate of those available for aluminum-containing species. The biggest disagreements occur for the divalent species, whose heats of formation in the critical reviews were obtained through estimation techniques. The agreement is particularly poor with the JANAF heats of formation (differences as large as 15 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> for AlCl<sub>2</sub>) and indicates that the JANAF values are likely in error. Data for AlH<sub>3</sub> and AlCl<sub>2</sub> from the older NBS Tables<sup>3</sup> also do not agree well with the BAC-G2 values. The estimated values reported by Gurvich et al. for the divalent species are in much better agreement with the BAC-G2 values. Predicted values for the diatomics AlH, AIF, and AICI are in quite good agreement with the standard sources. Values for mixed halide/hydride species (i.e.,  $AlH_nX_{3-n}$ , X = F, Cl; n = 1-3) estimated by Gurvich et al. for the most part agree well with theory. This is not surprising, since the linear estimations used by those authors are consistent with the observation (discussed earlier) that bonding in these compounds appears to be quite localized.

Unfortunately, data for organometallic aluminum compounds are quite thin, although several sources report a heat of formation for trimethylaluminum.<sup>3,33,34</sup> The value in the *NBS Tables* (-17.8 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>)<sup>3</sup> and the value preferred by Cox and Pilcher (-20.9  $\pm$  1.7)<sup>4</sup> are significantly lower than the BAC-G2 value of -12.8 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>. Cox and Pilcher list an alternate measurement obtained by Long and Norrish<sup>38</sup> (-13.6  $\pm$  2.5 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>) that is actually in better agreement with the calculation. A more recent compilation by Pilcher and Skinner<sup>33</sup> gives -19.4 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>. An estimated heat of formation for AlH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> reported by Smith (-6.4 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>) does not agree well with the BAC-G2 value.<sup>34</sup> Thus, none of the reported values is in particularly good agreement with the BAC-G2 prediction, suggesting that additional experimental and theoretical investigations should be performed to add confidence to the theoretical result.

Data for oxygen-containing aluminum compounds are also rare, making it difficult to validate model predictions. The diatomic molecule AlO is the only species that can be considered well characterized. Heats of formation for AlO in both *JANAF* and Gurvich et al. are lower than the BAC-G2 prediction by about 4 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>. The only trivalent compound with a reported heat of formation is Al(OH)<sub>3</sub>, for which the Gurvich et al. report an estimated value of – 242 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> and the *NBS Tables* report –305 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>.<sup>3</sup> Both values are in serious disagreement with the BAC-G2 prediction of -233.8 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>.

given by Gurvich et al. for Al(OH)<sub>2</sub> and AlOH also do not agree well with the theory (Table 4). The *JANAF Tables* report a heat of formation for HAlO nearly 9 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> higher than the BAC-G2 prediction. The estimation techniques employed by Gurvich et al. and *JANAF* involved average bond energies in various aluminum compounds (including halides as well as oxygen-containing compounds), so it is not surprising that a substantial error could result. As in the case of the organometallic compounds, additional experimental data are required to fully validate the computational predictions for aluminum-oxygen compounds, although it seems likely that the data in the *NBS Tables* for Al(OH)<sub>3</sub> are in error.

**C. Comparisons with other quantum-chemistry predictions**. Although it is not the purpose of this article to perform a comprehensive review of theoretical treatments of aluminum compounds, it is enlightening to compare the results of selected methods that have been published with the predictions of the BAC-G2 method. Heats of formation for aluminum-containing compounds obtained from quantum-chemistry techniques are more numerous than experimental data. Methods including semi-empirical techniques,<sup>30</sup> density functional theory (DFT),<sup>11,31,39,40</sup> and high-level calculations<sup>6,7,11,13,26-29,31,35,39,41</sup> have been employed, although none of these studies treats as large a set of molecules as are examined here.

We will not discuss the uncorrected G2 results (Table 3) further, since these have already been discussed here and by other investigators.<sup>6,7,11,42</sup> However, we remark that G2 predictions for aluminum halides that are both corrected<sup>10,11</sup> and uncorrected<sup>7</sup> for atomic spin-orbit energies exist in the literature, which can lead to some confusion regarding the accuracy of this method. The BAC-G2 method does not explicitly correct for the atomic spin-orbit interaction (which would be accomplished by adding experimental spin-orbit interaction energies to the raw G2 atomic energies used in the calculation of the heat of atomization,  $\Sigma D_0$ ). Instead, the BAC-G2 atomic corrections implicitly account for spin-orbit interactions that may exist. It is worth noting that, while applying atomic spin-orbit corrections improves the agreement between the G2 prediction and experiment for AlCl<sub>3</sub>, this actually makes the agreement worse for AlF<sub>3</sub>.<sup>10</sup> This reflects the fact that errors in G2 heats of formation for halogenated species are not purely caused by the lack of spin-orbit corrections, but are also due to factors such as basis-set superposition errors, which are evidently more serious in compounds of fluorine than of chlorine.

The most comprehensive investigations prior to this one in which a high-level quantumchemistry method was applied to a series of aluminum compounds are those of Swihart and Catoire (SC)<sup>11</sup> and Politzer et al.,<sup>35</sup> each of whom examined a series of compounds expected to be present during combustion of aluminum to form particles. SC used two complete basis set methods (CBS-Q and CBS-RAD) as well as DFT (discussed below). Politzer et al. used CBS-QB3 calculations exclusively. In both cases, the CBS methods are generally in agreement with both experiment and the BAC-G2 predictions, but the predicted heats of formation are almost uniformly more negative than both. The poor performance with regard to chlorides is also noteworthy; this has already been remarked with regard to polychlorides in general.<sup>10</sup> The only instance in which the CBS prediction is more positive than the BAC-G2 value is the heat of formation reported by SC for HAIO. In this case, the value of 189.9 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> differs considerably from the BAC-G2 value (-1.1 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>). Personal communication with the authors of Ref. 11 indicates that this disagreement is due to an error in converting the G2 results to a heat of formation; the correct G2 heat of formation at 298 K for HAlO should be -3.69 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>, which is in agreement with the BAC-G2 value but is again more negative.<sup>43</sup>

Another example of an application of a composite method to the prediction of aluminum thermochemistry is that of Curtiss et al., who used the G3 method<sup>9</sup> (which corrects some of the deficiencies of the G2 method) to predict heats of formation for AlF<sub>3</sub> and AlCl<sub>3</sub>. The G3 prediction for AlF<sub>3</sub> is in somewhat better agreement with the value in the *JANAF Tables* (1.1 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> deviation for G3 vs. -1.4 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> for G2), but the agreement is actually worse for AlCl<sub>3</sub>, being 3.3 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> higher than the experimental value.

SC also report heats of formation obtained from DFT(B3LYP) calculations, and there is one application of a relatively new DFT variant, K2-BVWN, to AlCl<sub>3</sub>. In all cases, the predictions of the DFT methods are high relative to both experiment and the BAC-G2 results, in some cases by large amounts. Predicted values for the hydrides are in generally good agreement with experiment, although in this case the prediction for AlH<sub>2</sub> is somewhat low with respect to the estimation of Gurvich et al., but within the estimated uncertainty. Agreement with the experimental values of the chlorides is poor in all three cases. For example, the DFT(B3LYP) prediction for AlCl<sub>3</sub> is too high by 13 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>. The K2-BVWN method is somewhat better, but is still > 5 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> higher than the experimental value.

As might be expected, the accuracy of the semiempirical approaches is poorer than that of the higher-level calculations, although this is not uniformly true. For example, in a recent paper, Thiel and Voityuk<sup>30</sup> described predictions for a small set of aluminum compounds obtained from AM1, PM3, MNDO, and a modified version of MDNO they developed that includes d orbitals (MNDO/d). Although most of these methods are reasonably accurate for closed-shell systems, errors can be high for both closed- and open-shell species. For example, MNDO/d predicts – 149.2 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> for the heat of formation of AlCl<sub>3</sub>, which is nearly 10 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> more negative than the established experimental result published by Gurvich et al. and in the *JANAF Tables*. With the exception of MNDO/d, the semiempirical methods disagree with the established heat of formation for AlCl by at least 6.5 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>. Although heats of formation for Al(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> cover a range spanning nearly 35 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>. It would thus appear that these methods, in spite of their computational efficiency, are not sufficiently accurate to provide thermochemical data for modeling purposes.

#### **IV.** Summary and Conclusions

Thermodynamic data, in the form of heats of formation, entropies, and heat capacities, have been obtained from BAC-G2 predictions for a large set of aluminum compounds. In those cases where accurate experimental heats of formation are available (primarily halides), the BAC-G2 heat of formation is generally within 2 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> of the value reported in critical reviews. The good agreement between theory and experiment is particularly encouraging for compounds such as AlCl<sub>3</sub> that contain more than one halogen atom, the values predicted by G2 and other composite methods such as CBS and G3 deviate from experiment by  $\geq 3$  kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> forAlCl<sub>3</sub>. Predictions for organometallic compounds, though not firmly validated due to the lack of experimental data, appear well behaved. Similarly, data for hydroxides and other oxygencontaining species are likely to be more accurate than either the limited experimental data available or the estimated values obtained from linear approximation methods.

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# Appendix

	Atom	Atomic	Х	Y	Ζ
	Number	Number			
AlH <sub>3</sub>					
	1	1	0.000000	0.000000	-1.588819
	2	13	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
	3	1	1.375958	0.000000	0.794410
	4	1	-1.375958	0.000000	0.794410
AlH <sub>2</sub>					
	1	1	-0.070825	0.000000	-1.545572
	2	13	-0.094790	0.000000	0.054727
	3	1	1.303093	0.000000	0.834122
AlH					
	1	13	0.000000	0.000000	-0.118488
	2	1	0.000000	0.000000	1.540338
AlCl		_			
	1	17	0 000000	2 069244	0 000000
	2	13	0.000000	0 000000	0 000000
	3	17	-1 792018	-1 034622	0.000000
	4	17	1 792018	-1 034622	0.000000
$AlCl_{2}^{2}A_{1}$	•	17	1.792010	1.00 1022	0.000000
	1	17	0.000000	1 804187	-0 295438
	2	13	0.000000	0.00000	0.273430
	2	17	0.000000	-1 804187	-0 295438
$\Lambda 1C1$ <sup>1</sup> $\Sigma$	5	17	0.000000	-1.00+107	-0.275450
AICI Z	1	13	0.000000	0 00000	-1 209794
	2	15	0.000000	0.000000	0.025136
AIE	2	17	0.000000	0.000000	0.923130
All'3	1	13	0 000000	0 00000	0.00000
	1	13	0.000000	0.000000	1 644717
	2	9	1 424267	0.000000	0.822250
	5	9	1.424307	0.000000	-0.822339
	4	9	-1.424307	0.000000	-0.822339
$AIF_2 A$	1	0	0 00000	1 410070	0 400200
	1	9	0.000000	1.412270	-0.409309
	2	15	0.000000	0.018/69	0.491318
	3	9	0.000000	-1.439381	-0.3003/2
AIF 2	4	10	0.000000	0.000000	0 (02450
	1	13	0.000000	0.00000	-0.683459
	2	9	0.000000	0.000000	0.987218

 Table S7: Atomic Coordinates (Angstroms).

	Atom	Atomic	Х	Y	Z
	Number	Number			
Al(OH) <sub>3</sub> C <sub>3</sub> axis					
	1	13	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
	2	8	-0.008305	0.000000	1.712172
	3	8	1.486937	0.000000	-0.848894
	4	8	-1.478632	0.000000	-0.863278
	5	1	0.828950	0.000000	2.196196
	6	1	1.487487	0.000000	-1.815990
	7	1	-2.316437	0.000000	-0.380207
$Al(OH)_2$ <sup>2</sup> $A_1$ planar, trans, trans					
	1	13	0.000000	0.000000	0.494187
	2	8	0.000000	1.464544	-0.409032
	3	8	0.000000	-1.464544	-0.409032
	4	1	0.000000	2.310929	0.060046
	5	1	0.000000	-2.310929	0.060046
AlOH <sup>1</sup> A' linear					
	1	13	-0.244275	0.000000	-0.692842
	2	8	0.316342	0.000000	0.900642
	3	1	0.644840	0.000000	1.801804
Al(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>					
	1	6	-0.721883	1.832006	-0.006156
	2	13	-0.000001	0.000002	0.000000
	3	6	-1.225624	-1.541180	0.000931
	4	6	1.947507	-0.290828	0.005227
	5	1	-1.358324	2.003446	-0.882131
	6	1	-1.359412	2.008818	0.867975
	7	1	0.053165	2.603545	-0.008005
	8	1	-1.058471	-2.178978	0.876746
	9	1	-1.057380	-2.180799	-0.873368
	10	1	-2.281322	-1.255747	-0.000070
	11	1	2.414736	0.175699	0.880355
	12	1	2.418860	0.171809	-0.869752
	13	1	2.228153	-1.347805	0.008243
$Al(CH_3)_2$ <sup>2</sup> A'					
	1	13	-0.497897	-0.257224	-0.287461
	2	6	-0.549253	0.155507	1.646484
	3	6	1.151270	0.155507	-1.298909
	4	1	-0.372699	1.224763	1.812687
	5	1	0.249589	-0.381041	2,171909
	6	1	-1.496283	-0.104810	2,123359
	7	1	1.383483	1 224763	-1.229110
	8	1	1.090741	-0 104810	-2,357499
	9	1	2.005723	-0.381041	-0.869805
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	Atom	Atomic	Х	Y	Ζ
	Number	Number			
AlCH <sub>3</sub> <sup>1</sup> A <sub>1</sub>					
	1	13	0.000000	0.000000	-0.871689
	2	6	0.000000	0.000000	1.122112
	3	1	1.018285	0.000000	1.533093
	4	1	-0.509142	0.881861	1.533093
	5	1	-0.509142	-0.881861	1.533093
AlH <sub>2</sub> Cl					
	1	1	1.828389	0.856941	-1.055621
	2	13	0.462560	0.925120	-0.267059
	3	1	-0.271489	2.256859	0.156744
	4	17	-0.445305	-0.890609	0.257097
AlHCl <sub>2</sub>					
	1	1	0.000000	0.000000	2.289292
	2	13	0.000000	0.000000	0.721237
	3	17	0.000000	1.788778	-0.343099
	4	17	0.000000	-1.788778	-0.343099
HAICl <sup>2</sup> A'					
	1	1	-1.391012	1.835776	0.000000
	2	13	0.046644	1.133795	0.000000
	3	17	0.046155	-0.975006	0.000000
AlH <sub>2</sub> F					
	1	13	0.000000	0.000000	-0.562981
	2	9	0.000000	0.000000	1.099735
	3	1	1.403103	0.000000	-1.289432
	4	1	-1.403103	0.000000	-1.289432
AlHF <sub>2</sub>					
	1	13	0.000000	0.000000	0.433285
	2	1	0.000000	0.000000	1.998117
	3	9	1.413303	0.000000	-0.423935
	4	9	-1.413303	0.000000	-0.423935
HAIF					
	1	13	-0.080479	0.000000	-0.619190
	2	9	-0.032209	0.000000	1.047292
	3	1	1.336112	0.000000	-1.376163
H <sub>2</sub> AlOH					
	1	8	0.046017	0.000000	-1.116225
	2	13	-0.075415	0.000000	0.599883
	3	1	0.913398	0.000000	-1.545040
	4	1	-1.542667	0.000000	1.186535
	5	1	1.241528	0.000000	1.489818

	Atom	Atomic	Х	Y	Z
	Number	Number			
HAl(OH) <sub>2</sub> OAlOH cis, trans					
	1	13	0.017135	0.000000	0.463113
	2	1	0.061011	0.000000	2.039308
	3	8	1.503055	0.000000	-0.388645
	4	8	-1.439645	0.000000	-0.447574
	5	1	1.512500	0.000000	-1.356200
	6	1	-2.303551	0.000000	-0.013826
HAIOH <sup>2</sup> A' trans					
	1	13	-0.040286	0.000000	-0.666215
	2	8	-0.004594	0.000000	1.059733
	3	1	1.397835	0.000000	-1.370510
	4	1	-0.837368	0.000000	1.553438
AlH <sub>2</sub> (CH <sub>3</sub> ) HCAlH planar					
	1	13	0.003174	0.000000	-0.718084
	2	6	0.003585	0.000000	1.242945
	3	1	1.361082	0.000000	-1.552463
	4	1	-1.378878	0.000000	-1.512486
	5	1	1.007888	0.000000	1.672604
	6	1	-0.526432	0.875031	1.634882
	7	1	-0.526432	-0.875031	1.634882
AlH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>					
	1	1	0.000000	0.483176	-2.048823
	2	13	0.000000	0.116033	-0.492011
	3	6	1.730696	-0.097331	0.412714
	4	6	-1.730696	-0.097331	0.412714
	5	1	2.326393	0.819400	0.337465
	6	1	2.326357	-0.883897	-0.064167
	7	1	1.642066	-0.347319	1.472903
	8	1	-2.326393	0.819400	0.337465
	9	1	-1.642066	-0.347319	1.472903
	10	1	-2.326357	-0.883897	-0.064167
HAl(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sup>2</sup> A' HAlCH trans					
	1	13	0.365350	-0.350440	0.611196
	2	1	0.325463	-1.956178	0.544469
	3	6	-0.503472	0.662592	-0.842261
	4	1	-0.434187	1.745444	-0.726354
	5	1	-1.564708	0.395449	-0.903911
	6	1	-0.055286	0.395449	-1.806187
AlFCl <sub>2</sub>					
2	1	13	0.000000	0.000000	0.350858
	2	9	0.000000	0.000000	1.998363
	3	17	1.799331	0.000000	-0.663130
	4	17	-1.799331	0.000000	-0.663130
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	Atom	Atomic	Х	Y	Ζ
	Number	Number			
AlF <sub>2</sub> Cl					
	1	13	0.000000	0.000000	-0.415425
	2	17	0.000000	0.000000	1.646789
	3	9	1.415890	0.000000	-1.255271
	4	9	-1.415890	0.000000	-1.255271
ClAlF					
	1	13	-0.798777	0.000000	0.069247
	2	9	-0.779176	0.000000	1.728533
	3	17	1.023335	0.000000	-0.968059
Al(OH)Cl <sub>2</sub>					
	1	8	-0.127190	2.044509	-0.008033
	2	13	-0.025316	0.347011	-0.001599
	3	1	-0.974061	2.510356	-0.061517
	4	17	1.852555	-0.515395	0.116999
	5	17	-1.716044	-0.859756	-0.108378
AlCl(OH) <sub>2</sub> OAlOH cis, trans					
	1	13	0.000226	0.000000	-0.407029
	2	17	0.035008	0.000000	1.674885
	3	8	1.491903	0.000000	-1.231211
	4	8	-1.464083	0.000000	-1.285504
	5	1	1 506342	0 000000	-2 199096
	6	1	-2 326982	0 000000	-0.848842
ClAlOH $^{2}$ A' trans	, i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i	_			
	1	13	-0 793530	0 00000	0 047046
	2	8	-0.703024	0.000000	1.761798
	3	17	1 026604	0 000000	-1 000021
	4	1	-1 512190	0.000000	2 294362
AlCl <sub>2</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) HCAlCl planar	•	1	1.512190	0.000000	2.27 1302
file12(eff3) fielder plunur	1	13	0.007122	0 00000	0 334418
	2	6	0.003877	0.000000	2 272864
	3	17	1 775467	0.000000	-0 779530
	л Д	17	-1 780642	0.000000	-0 748899
	+ 5	1/	1 0150042	0.00000	2 682821
	5	1	_0 521932	0.000000	2.062821
	7	1	0.521932	0.070004	2.037332
	/	1	-0.321932	-0.8/8804	2.03/932

	Atom	Atomic	Х	Y	Ζ
	Number	Number			
$AlCl(CH_3)_2$					
	1	17	-1.677844	0.066598	-0.330975
	2	13	0.395303	-0.015690	0.077978
	3	6	1.245083	-1.764539	-0.099501
	4	6	1.245083	1.665698	0.590717
	5	1	1.126547	-2.156404	-1.114852
	6	1	0.780678	-2.495477	0.570276
	7	1	2.314477	-1.736417	0.125648
	8	1	1.126547	2.419776	-0.194051
	9	1	2.314477	1.552684	0.787468
	10	1	0.780678	2.080700	1.491077
AlCl(CH <sub>3</sub> ) trans					
	1	13	-0.610727	-0.549583	0.097588
	2	17	0.409370	1.162676	0.813633
	3	6	0.060786	-1.353420	-1.568088
	4	1	1.106388	-1.653110	-1.442767
	5	1	0.025235	-0.617789	-2.378266
	6	1	-0.516178	-2.229493	-1.870847
AlF <sub>2</sub> (OH)					
	1	8	0.019418	1.682944	0.000000
	2	13	0.011302	-0.016125	0.000000
	3	1	-0.803116	2.190985	0.000000
	4	9	1.446880	-0.825393	0.000000
	5	9	-1.391231	-0.890708	0.000000
AlF(OH) <sub>2</sub> FAlOH cis, cis					
	1	9	-0.000001	-1.657324	0.000000
	2	13	0.000000	0.004428	0.000000
	3	8	0.000001	0.876326	1.463539
	4	8	0.000001	0.876326	-1.463539
	5	1	0.000000	0.418568	2.314745
	6	1	0.000000	0.418568	-2.314745
FAIOH trans					
	1	13	-0.304861	0.388598	0.000000
	2	8	1.411720	0.453625	0.000000
	3	9	-1.020389	-1.110703	0.000000
	4	1	1.852931	1.315556	0.000000

	Atom	Atomic	Х	Y	Z
	Number	Number			
Al(OH) <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> OAlOH cis, trans					
	1	13	-0.000070	-0.000135	-0.043144
	2	6	0.036858	-0.001432	1.904590
	3	8	1.478648	-0.160920	-0.903329
	4	8	-1.420331	0.152114	-1.007944
	5	1	1.466179	-0.160604	-1.871116
	6	1	-2.298025	0.247327	-0.614809
	7	1	-0.358621	0.929867	2.320798
	8	1	1.061985	-0.117746	2.264725
	9	1	-0.558294	-0.818045	2.323918
$Al(OH)(CH_3)_2$					
	1	8	-0.222706	0.547845	0.535121
	2	13	-0.073754	0.040921	2.181475
	3	6	1.687395	-0.277925	2.988507
	4	6	-1.761082	-0.183696	3.142719
	5	1	2.524560	0.071113	2.377449
	6	1	1.840181	-1.348481	3.165868
	7	1	1 764798	0 212025	3 964837
	8	1	-2 614733	-0 158002	2 460700
	9	1	-1 905779	0.614583	3 878821
	10	1	-1 797926	-1 127961	3 695144
	10	1	0 559046	0 700593	-0.013734
CH_AIOH HOAIC cis	11	1	0.559010	0.7000555	0.015751
	1	6	-0 447374	0.012178	-1 616326
	2	13	-0.452855	-0.054840	0.360382
	3	8	1 011373	0.054640	1 275705
	3	0	1.011373	0.031408	0.833770
		1	0.558688	0.15/10/	-2 0/1626
	5	1	1.048856	-0.034303	-2.041020
	7	1	-1.040030	-0.804017	-2.02/1/0
HAI(OH)CI CIAIOH oig	/	1	-0.899307	0.949510	-1.937024
HAI(OH)CI CIAIOH CIS	1	Q	0 750502	0.00000	1 770594
	1	0	-0.750392	0.000000	-1.//9304
	2	13	-0./33119	0.000000	-0.072173
	3	1	0.003084	0.000000	-2.303298
	4	17	-2.130120	0.000000	0.081497
	3	17	1.052254	0.000000	0.988042
HAI(CH <sub>3</sub> )CI HCAICI trans	1	12	0 755056	0.00000	0.002700
		13	-0./55956	0.000000	-0.003/09
	2	6	-0.714297	0.000000	1.943977
	3	17	1.0/4101	0.000000	-1.043919
	4	l	-2.060411	0.000000	-0.900420
	5	1	-1.718807	0.000000	2.375189
	6	1	-0.183644	-0.876894	2.328105
	7	1	-0.183644	0.876894	2.328105

	Atom	Atomic	Х	Y	Z
	Number	Number			
HAl(OH)CH <sub>3</sub> CAlOH trans,					
HCAlO cis					
	1	13	-0.380269	0.083460	-0.302596
	2	6	-0.391041	0.020768	1.645965
	3	8	1.124550	-0.180424	-1.102570
	4	1	-1.674414	0.362822	-1.191300
	5	1	1.174089	-0.157865	-2.068597
	6	1	-0.737828	0.968062	2.071861
	7	1	0.602326	-0.184756	2.051936
	8	1	-1.070833	-0.754468	2.014614
Al(OH)CH <sub>3</sub> Cl					
	1	13	0.094228	0.036285	-0.055494
	2	6	0.059233	0.004107	1.882496
	3	8	1.568365	-0.179934	-0.899868
	4	17	-1.661756	0.335230	-1.177205
	5	1	1.615989	-0.168648	-1.866402
	6	1	-0.321751	0.946516	2.286302
	7	1	1.059559	-0.161662	2.289038
	8	1	-0.595768	-0.789867	2.252523
AlO $^{2}\Sigma$					
	1	13	0.000000	0.000000	-0.627735
	2	8	0.000000	0.000000	1.020070
HAlO $^{1}\Sigma$					
_	1	8	0.000000	0.000000	-1.108153
	2	13	0.000000	0.000000	0.520868
	3	1	0.000000	0.000000	2.093938
$H_2AlO^{-2}B_2$					
2 2	1	8	0.000000	0.000000	-1.206275
	2	13	0.000000	0.000000	0.551180
	3	1	1 420081	0 000000	1 242427
	4	1	-1.420081	0.000000	1.242427
AlC $4\Sigma^{-}$		_			
	1	13	0 000000	0 00000	-0 620877
	2	6	0.000000	0.000000	1 345233
AICH singlet linear	2	Ū	0.000000	0.000000	1.5 15255
Aleri singlet intea	1	13	-0 270680	0.00000	-0 274469
	2	6	0.412127	0.000000	1 547509
	2	1	0.793861	0.000000	2 566960
HAICH HAICH traps $^{2}\Lambda$ "	5	1	0.75501	0.00000	2.500500
	1	12	-0 0827/2	0 002000	-0 610087
	ו ר	15	0.057174	-0.092090	1 227010
	2	0	1 100010	0.103/32	1.23/010
	5 1	1	1.170740	-0.233011	-1.330183
	4	1	-0.400329	0.555/94	2.1/0230

	Atom	Atomic	Х	Y	Ζ
	Number	Number			
HAICH <sub>2</sub> singlet linear C <sub>2V</sub>					
	1	13	0.000000	0.634320	0.000000
	2	1	0.000000	2.208762	0.000000
	3	6	0.000000	-1.160675	0.000000
	4	1	-0.916517	-1.745439	0.000000
	5	1	0.916517	-1.745439	0.000000
H <sub>2</sub> AlCH <sup>3</sup> A"					
	1	13	0.053764	0.000000	-0.577885
	2	6	-0.091933	0.000000	1.312216
	3	1	1.496400	0.000000	-1.237502
	4	1	-1.256560	0.000000	-1.474689
	5	1	-0.387168	0.000000	2.351400
AlH <sub>2</sub> OCH <sub>3</sub> HCOAl cis					
	1	13	-0.465070	0.000000	-1.097101
	2	8	-0.261576	0.000000	0.604408
	3	6	0.925787	0.000000	1.379392
	4	1	0.822127	0.000000	-2.029049
	5	1	-1.956404	0.000000	-1.620246
	6	1	1.831733	0.000000	0.761038
	7	1	0.943171	0.886846	2.019480
	8	1	0.943171	-0.886846	2.019480

	$I_1$	$I_2$	$I_3$
AlH <sub>2</sub>	13 628	13 628	27 255
AlHa	4.513	13.587	18,101
AlH	0.000	9.547	9.547
AlCl <sub>2</sub>	802.036	802.036	1604.071
$AlCl_2^2A_1$	79.324	812.965	892.290
$AICI^{-1}\Sigma$	0.000	247.896	247.896
AlF <sub>3</sub>	275.289	275.289	550.578
$AlF_2^{2}A'$	40.400	276.256	316.655
$AIF^{-1}\Sigma$	0.000	111.122	111.122
$Al(OH)_3 C_3$ axis	280.923	280.923	561.846
$Al(OH)_2$ <sup>2</sup> $A_1$ planar, trans, trans	42.662	283.468	326.130
AlOH <sup>1</sup> A' linear	0.000	116.671	116.671
$Al(CH_3)_3$	365.770	365.771	698.471
$Al(CH_3)_2 {}^2A'$	76.512	351.553	405.788
$AlCH_3^{-1}A_1$	11.195	155.649	155.649
AlH <sub>2</sub> Cl	14.106	264.591	278.697
AlHCl <sub>2</sub>	98.202	799.139	897.341
HAICI <sup>2</sup> A'	6.946	254.917	261.863
AlH <sub>2</sub> F	14.171	123.842	138.013
AlHF <sub>2</sub>	56.531	271.029	327.560
HAIF	6.825	118.061	124.886
H <sub>2</sub> AlOH	16.379	128.835	145.214
$HAl(OH)_2$ OAlOH cis, trans	62.288	274.798	337.086
HAIOH <sup>2</sup> A' trans	8.921	123.065	131.986
AlH <sub>2</sub> (CH <sub>3</sub> ) HCAlH planar	24.673	167.080	180.730
AlH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	83.532	365.057	426.544
HAl(CH <sub>3</sub> ) $^{2}$ A' HAlCH trans	17.901	160.393	167.164
AlFCl <sub>2</sub>	392.587	808.595	1201.183
AlF <sub>2</sub> Cl	272.022	569.025	841.047
CIAIF	52.176	501.412	553.588
Al(OH)Cl <sub>2</sub>	394.091	807.907	1201.998
$AlCl(OH)_2$ OAlOH cis, trans	277.266	566.653	843.919
CIAIOH <sup>2</sup> A',trans	55.058	494.418	549.476
AlCl <sub>2</sub> (CH <sub>3</sub> ) HCAlCl planar	457.648	800.928	1247.457
AlCl(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	372.061	580.760	930.693
AlCl(CH <sub>3</sub> ) trans	77.924	521.787	588.496
AlF <sub>2</sub> (OH)	275.164	278.963	554.126
$AlF(OH)_2$ FAlOH cis, cis	275.065	283.259	558.323
FAIOH trans	41.475	279.738	321.214
$Al(OH)_2CH_3$ OAlOH cis, trans	280.801	336.577	606.238
$Al(OH)(CH_3)_2$	309.072	364.945	651.855
CH <sub>3</sub> AlOH HOAlC cis	60.401	320.239	369.476
HAI(OH)Cl ClAlOH cis	73.187	492.088	565.275
HAl(CH <sub>3</sub> )Cl HCAlCl trans	91.393	523.893	604.216
HAI(OH)CH <sub>3</sub> CAIOH trans, HCAIO cis	73.641	315.104	377.655
Al(OH)CH <sub>3</sub> Cl	315.736	586.512	891.122
AlO $^{2}\Sigma$	0.000	97.370	97.370

 Table S8. Moments of Inertia (amu Bohr<sup>2</sup>).

	$I_1$	$I_2$	$I_3$
HAIO $^{1}\Sigma$	0.000	111.865	111.865
$H_2AIO^{-2}B_2$	14.516	123.205	137.720
AIC $4\Sigma^{-1}$	0.000	114.657	114.657
AICH singlet linear	0.000	133.099	133.099
HAICH HAICH trans <sup>2</sup> A"	6.650	131.042	137.692
HAICH <sub>2</sub> singlet linear $C_{2V}$	6.046	135.681	141.727
$H_2AICH^{3}A''$	13.876	140.242	154.118
AlH <sub>2</sub> OCH <sub>3</sub> HCOAl cis	42.045	338.687	369.409

Species	V	V	V	V	V
AlH <sub>3</sub>	678.5	755.6	755.6	1811.3	1811.3
	1815.5				
AlH <sub>2</sub>	732.3	1743.0	1762.9		
AlH	1580.9				
AlCl <sub>3</sub>	139.8	139.8	190.7	356.7	573.4
	573.4				
$AlCl_2 {}^2A_1$	145.2	428.8	524.7		
AlCl $^{1}\Sigma$	424.7				
AlF <sub>3</sub>	242.3	242.3	282.2	665.6	923.8
	923.8				
$AlF_2$ <sup>2</sup> A'	245.1	738.0	868.5		
AlF $^{1}\Sigma$	771.2				
Al(OH) <sub>3 3</sub> axis	216.2	216.2	255.7	327.7	327.7
	334.3	603.2	621.6	621.6	657.7
	884.8	884.8	3729.1	3729.1	3731.1
$Al(OH)_2$ <sup>2</sup> $A_1$ planar ,trans, trans	232.8	265.3	291.4	540.8	612.0
	711.8	856.5	3730.4	3730.7	
AlOH <sup>1</sup> A' linear	148.5	781.5	3780.6		
Al(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	22.7	22.8	38.8	157.3	157.3
	175.1	473.1	553.9	553.9	575.9
	596.1	596.1	708.0	736.6	736.6
	1246.6	1246.6	1250.6	1428.4	1428.4
	1429.1	1431.3	1431.3	1432.5	2822.7
	2822.7	2824.7	2868.4	2868.4	2869.0
	2893.5	2894.4	2894.4		
$Al(CH_3)_2 {}^2A'$	27.0	44.0	157.2	512.5	536.1
	553.0	559.5	630.2	732.5	1228.7
	1236.8	1419.6	1424.6	1426.8	1435.4
	2820.3	2822.7	2869.7	2871.7	2907.1
	2907.3				
$AlCH_3$ $^1A_1$	482.8	482.8	530.8	1228.9	1414.9
	1414.9	2797.6	2854.9	2854.9	
AlH <sub>2</sub> Cl	479.1	490.3	579.7	746.7	1853.5
	1861.3				
AlHCl <sub>2</sub>	154.4	433.3	443.6	539.4	634.4
2	1899.6				
HAICI 'A'	461.2	551.6	1750.6		
AlH <sub>2</sub> F	547.7	607.5	747.9	816.9	1851.6
	1851.6	101.1			
AIHF <sub>2</sub>	261.3	481.1	654.6	751.4	893.6
	1908.8		1 - 1 - 1 - 1		
HAIF	584.3	789.2	1717.4	< <b>7.9</b> 0	
H <sub>2</sub> AIOH	399.3	470.7	602.7	653.9	741.8
	812.8	1812.7	1843.6	3727.1	- 10 -
$HAI(OH)_2 OAIOH cis, trans$	228.6	309.8	359.8	495.8	543.6
	613.6	679.6	745.9	870.6	1857.7
	3724.7	3734.8			

 Table S9. Scaled Vibrational Frequencies (cm<sup>-1</sup>).

Species	V	V	V	V	V
HAIOH $^{2}A'$ trans	396.0	526.0	646.9	776.8	1733.7
	3727.3				
AlH <sub>2</sub> (CH <sub>3</sub> ) HCAlH planar	14.0	391.0	465.7	576.5	698.5
	736.5	768.7	1248.7	1427.4	1430.6
	1788.7	1795.9	2829.9	2877.4	2906.1
AlH(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	19.9	29.8	167.5	367.0	498.0
	516.5	549.6	619.3	705.7	730.6
	759.3	1246.6	1249.5	1424.7	1429.0
	1431.0	1432.3	1771.1	2826.2	2827.1
	2872.8	2873.6	2899.0	2900.5	
HAl(CH <sub>3</sub> ) $^{2}$ A' HAlCH trans	85.7	444.9	547.9	568.4	739.7
	1232.8	1421.5	1430.3	1724.7	2825.5
	2875.9	2913.2			
AlFCl <sub>2</sub>	144.4	196.1	220.3	405.5	581.7
	854.1				
AlF <sub>2</sub> Cl	178.0	229.9	251.3	471.8	792.9
	914.9				
ClAlF	189.9	468.4	812.8		
Al(OH)Cl <sub>2</sub>	145.1	185.6	216.2	326.4	403.9
	534.4	607.1	852.2	3730.4	
$AlCl(OH)_2 OAlOH cis, trans$	174.2	207.1	238.7	321.6	330.4
	450.6	590.9	608.4	777.2	896.6
2	3725.7	3735.7			
ClAlOH <sup>2</sup> A' trans	186.6	296.7	453.9	566.0	803.5
	3727.0	1 4 5 0	1.40.5	101.1	206.0
AlCl <sub>2</sub> (CH <sub>3</sub> ) HCAlCl planar	9.5	145.2	148.5	181.1	386.8
	525.2	638.2	662.5	/11.0	1253.9
	1423.4	1425.1	2846.2	2902.8	2924.4
$AICI(CH_3)_2$	20.0	551 G	152.8	155.2	1/8.0
	413.1	331.0 727 A	3/4.1 1250 7	022.0	0/3.0
	1425.7	1/20.2	1420.7	1234.0 2836.1	1422.9
	2891.0	2801.6	2003.6	2830.1	2637.7
$A1C1(CH_{a})$ trans	47.6	151.0	432.9	574.8	574 9
rici(erij) trans	681.8	1225.0	1418 1	1424 9	2837.0
	2896.6	2918.2	1110.1	1 12 1.9	2057.0
AlF <sub>2</sub> (OH)	225.1	246.4	277.0	323.4	575.0
2((())	665.6	899.9	921.7	3738.6	
AlF(OH) <sub>2</sub> FAlOH cis, cis	226.0	227.5	269.6	279.9	333.1
( )2 )	567.6	598.2	666.6	875.5	915.0
	3738.5	3739.6			
FAIOH trans	239.7	299.7	572.1	724.6	864.9
	3728.2				
Al(OH) <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> OAlOH cis, trans	8.9	174.3	221.1	224.1	304.6
	367.1	536.0	574.8	625.9	661.5
	684.0	779.4	861.7	1251.4	1432.7
	1434.6	2838.6	2889.9	2911.6	3722.4
	3736.7				

Species	V	V	V	V	V
Al(OH)(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	16.5	24.8	156.3	194.6	201.9
(-)(-))2	351.1	500.8	568.3	580.8	596.6
	683.9	694.9	700.7	814.8	1247.9
	1250.7	1429.3	1430.0	1432.7	1433.8
	2825.6	2831.2	2878.1	2880.4	2894.2
	2905.9	3730.0			
CH <sub>3</sub> AlOH	10.0	172.7	321.4	515.2	559.7
HOAIC cis	575.9	676.2	760.1	1222.4	1423.4
	1431.5	2806.5	2881.6	2908.1	3683.3
HAl(OH)Cl	191.3	356.8	463.2	464.5	578.8
ClAlOH cis	657.1	824.6	1893.9	3730.8	
HAl(CH <sub>3</sub> )Cl	17.9	158.3	378.8	449.9	574.7
HCAlCl trans	619.7	669.8	738.5	1252.6	1425.0
	1426.4	1841.6	2838.8	2894.5	2907.3
HAl(OH)CH <sub>3</sub>	32.0	192.3	327.6	449.4	522.3
CAlOH trans, HCAlO cis	565.0	670.8	678.5	720.4	820.2
	1248.4	1428.8	1430.6	1793.2	2833.5
	2882.1	2910.7	3727.8		
Al(OH)CH <sub>3</sub> Cl	30.8	148.6	190.9	199.1	360.3
	424.6	583.0	619.4	666.4	706.8
	833.1	1252.2	1427.6	1428.1	2845.8
	2902.1	2919.1	3729.8		
AlO $^{2}\Sigma$	722.1				
HAlO $^{1}\Sigma$	432.6	432.6	1069.2	1914.6	
$H_2AlO^{-2}B_2$	461.2	586.5	691.9	775.4	1849.2
	1855.3				
AlC ${}^{4}\Sigma^{-}$	595.3				
AlCH singlet linear	499.4	640.0	3023.5		
HAICH	365.3	441.3	566.7	676.3	1768.8
<sup>2</sup> A" HAICH trans	3006.3				
HAICH <sub>2</sub>	120.5	358.1	605.1	655.8	841.5
singlet linear C <sub>2V</sub>	1338.1	1884.3	2945.0	3014.2	
$H_2AICH^{-3}A''$	123.7	299.2	490.7	576.2	680.8
	767.3	1811.5	1819.6	3041.6	
AlH <sub>2</sub> OCH <sub>3</sub>	83.2	147.6	174.2	539.7	599.9
HCOAl cis	661.6	766.4	1139.6	1167.8	1189.4
	1469.6	1478.0	1484.7	1811.4	1840.6
	2840.7	2892.2	2907.0		

Species	G2
species	02
AlH <sub>3</sub>	-243.753958
AlH <sub>2</sub>	-243.118964
AlH	-242.546190
AICl <sub>2</sub>	-1621.448747
$A C _2 {}^2A_1$	-1161 585244
$A1C1^{-1}\Sigma$	-701 800168
	-541 499452
$\Delta 1 E_{a}^{2} \Delta'$	-441 618733
$AIE^{-1}\Sigma$	-341 821260
All $(OH)$ . C. axis	-469 400344
$A_1(OH)_3 C_3 dXIS$ $A_1(OH)_2 A_1 along trong trong$	202 549910
Al(OH) <sub>2</sub> $A_1$ planar, trans, trans	-393.340019
	-317.784010
$AI(CH_3)_3$	-301.4/0928
$AI(CH_3)_2$ A	-321.599290
AICH <sub>3</sub> AI	-281./89132
AIH <sub>2</sub> Cl	-/02.98/801
AIHCl <sub>2</sub>	-1162.220232
HAICI 'A'	-702.353344
AlH <sub>2</sub> F	-343.005223
AlHF <sub>2</sub>	-442.256099
HAIF	-342.369944
H <sub>2</sub> AlOH	-318.970018
HAl(OH) <sub>2</sub> OAlOH cis,trans	-394.186773
HAIOH <sup>2</sup> A' trans	-318.334669
AlH <sub>2</sub> (CH <sub>3</sub> ) HCAlH planar	-282.994635
$AlH(CH_3)_2$	-322.235711
$HAl(CH_3)$ <sup>2</sup> A' HAlCH trans	-282.358735
AlFCl <sub>2</sub>	-1261.465704
AlF <sub>2</sub> Cl	-901.482694
CIAIF	-801.601716
Al(OH)Cl <sub>2</sub>	-1237.433798
$AlCl(OH)_2$ OAlOH cis. trans	-853.417789
ClAlOH $^{2}A'$ trans	-777.567650
AlCl <sub>2</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) HCAlCl planar	-1201 464929
AlCl(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	-781 473995
$A[C](CH_2)$ trans	-741 595938
AlF <sub>2</sub> (OH)	-517 467592
AIE(OH), $EAIOH$ eis eis	-103 131281
FAIOH trans	-495.454284
$\Lambda$ (OH) CH $\Omega$ $\Lambda$ (OH ais trans	-417.304270
	-433.427104
$AI(OII)(CII_3)_2$	-37/.434003
	-33/.3/4221
HAI(OH)CI CIAIOH CIS	-//8.204910
HAI(CH <sub>3</sub> )CI HCAICI trans	-742.231008
HAI(OH)CH <sub>3</sub> CAIOH trans, healo cis	-358.212373
Al(OH)CH <sub>3</sub> Cl	-817.448704

**Table S10**: Calculated Electronic Energies for Al-H-C-O-F-Cl Compounds at G2 Level of Theory (hartrees).

Species	G2
AlO $^{2}\Sigma$	-317.102389
HAIO $^{1}\Sigma$	-317.717402
$H_2AlO^{-2}B_2$	-318.278195
AlC $4\Sigma^{-}$	-279.837286
AlCH singlet linear	-280.443388
HAICH HAICH trans <sup>2</sup> A"	-281.076878
HAlCH <sub>2</sub> singlet linear $C_{2V}$	-281.730266
H <sub>2</sub> AlCH <sup>3</sup> A″	-281.681210
AlH <sub>2</sub> OCH <sub>3</sub> HCOAl cis	-358.173936
Al	-241.930950
Н	-0.500000
Cl	-459.676627
F	-99.632814
0	-74.982030
С	-37,784301

Table S11. Polynomial Coefficients for Thermochemical Data in CHEMKIN<sup>a</sup> format. AlH3 0 0G 300.000 3000.000 1000.00 Η 3Al 1 0 1 0.36136173E+01 0.86060067E-02-0.49030616E-05 0.13093924E-08-0.13426153E-12 2 0.14005457E+05 0.17496452E+01 0.25175901E+01 0.10497049E-01-0.51033191E-05 3 0.42088884E-09 0.15948427E-12 0.14386092E+05 0.77525506E+01 4 AlH2 Η 2Al 1 0 0G 300.000 3000.000 1000.00 0 1 0.32629111E+01 0.50466104E-02-0.28814143E-05 0.77111851E-09-0.79223387E-13 2 0.31055749E+05 0.56251145E+01 0.37869097E+01 0.72466810E-03 0.66452812E-05 3 -0.74124397E-08 0.23755831E-11 0.31072085E+05 0.36782064E+01 4 AlH Η 1Al 1 0 0G 300.000 3000.000 1000.00 0 1 0.29913047E+01 0.20894600E-02-0.12165514E-05 0.33063586E-09-0.34391629E-13 2 0.28827046E+05 0.49311859E+01 0.36951400E+01-0.23219920E-02 0.79194099E-05 3 -0.75222719E-08 0.23901715E-11 0.28761931E+05 0.19242302E+01 4 AlC13 Al 1Cl 3 0 0G 300.000 3000.000 1000.00 0 1 0.93315504E+01 0.94087032E-03-0.54168101E-06 0.14379077E-09-0.14532189E-13 2 -0.74135693E+05-0.15788797E+02 0.53258550E+01 0.19081379E-01-0.32420784E-04 3 0.25503251E-07-0.76297036E-11-0.73390715E+05 0.31312484E+01 4 AlCl2 2A1 Al 1Cl 2 0 0G 300.000 3000.000 1000.00 0 1 0.66317414E+01 0.51378823E-03-0.29294840E-06 0.77014564E-10-0.77103876E-14 2 -0.28423278E+05-0.31849167E+01 0.42237259E+01 0.11497745E-01-0.19714373E-04 3 0.15600056E-07-0.46852682E-11-0.27978681E+05 0.81708628E+01 4 AlCl 1sigma 300.000 3000.000 1000.00 Al 1Cl 1 0 0G0 1 0.43650488E+01 0.18564461E-03-0.10411274E-06 0.26913038E-10-0.26495484E-14 2 -0.73226583E+04 0.24702735E+01 0.33720458E+01 0.47578656E-02-0.82539209E-05 3 0.65818785E-08-0.19870248E-11-0.71410293E+04 0.71434838E+01 4 AlF3 0 0G300.000 3000.000 1000.00 F 3Al 1 0 1 0.80899255E+01 0.28084728E-02-0.16933344E-05 0.46998815E-09-0.49519149E-13 2 -0.14721820E+06-0.13832194E+02 0.31369899E+01 0.23030198E-01-0.34000791E-04 3 0.24231467E-07-0.67723314E-11-0.14620279E+06 0.10073686E+02 4 AlF2 2A' 300.000 3000.000 1000.00 0 111601F 2A] 1 0 0G 1 0.58773701E+01 0.16568770E-02-0.10016144E-05 0.27854896E-09-0.29393794E-13 2 -0.76890498E+05-0.23171139E+01 0.28563439E+01 0.13990770E-01-0.20675507E-04 3 0.14708760E-07-0.40985789E-11-0.76272170E+05 0.12261675E+02 4 AlF 1siqma F 1Al 1 0 0G300.000 3000.000 1000.00 0 1 0.40033527E+01 0.73539741E-03-0.44555701E-06 0.12412623E-09-0.13116773E-13 2 -0.32882780E+05 0.27481167E+01 0.26458597E+01 0.62664647E-02-0.92398742E-05 3 0.65495308E-08-0.18177784E-11-0.32604800E+05 0.93008017E+01 4 Al(OH)3 C3 axis 72401H 30 1 3Al 0G300.000 3000.000 1000.00 0 1 0.14727820E+02-0.66992604E-03 0.18330674E-05-0.72963835E-09 0.91011438E-13 2 -0.12225153E+06-0.47178942E+02-0.29820043E-02 0.68547616E-01-0.12026094E-03 3 0.94728953E-07-0.27760315E-10-0.11972588E+06 0.21550595E+02 4 Al(OH)2 2A1 planar 2Al 1 300.000 3000.000 1000.00 1 Н 20 0G 0 0.96518823E+01-0.68692424E-04 0.11357681E-05-0.49010375E-09 0.63207907E-13 2 -0.58997622E+05-0.20709573E+02 0.26094049E+01 0.35533525E-01-0.65323792E-04 3 0.53792274E-07-0.16319350E-10-0.57897149E+05 0.11567214E+02 4

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<sup>a</sup> Thermodynamic data are presented in the form of polynomial coefficients for the heat capacity  $(C_p)$ , enthalpy (H) and entropy (S) as a function of temperature. These fits can be used with the CHEMKIN software package (Ref. 17) and are defined by:

$$C_{p}/R = a_{1} + a_{2}T + a_{3}T^{2} + a_{4}T^{3} + a_{5}T^{4}$$
$$\frac{H^{\circ}}{RT} = a_{1} + \frac{a_{2}}{2}T + \frac{a_{3}}{3}T^{2} + \frac{a_{4}}{4}T^{3} + \frac{a_{5}}{5}T^{4} + \frac{a_{6}}{T}$$
$$\frac{S^{\circ}}{R} = a_{1}\ln T + a_{2}T + \frac{a_{3}}{2}T^{2} + \frac{a_{4}}{3}T^{3} + \frac{a_{5}}{4}T^{4} + a_{7}$$

Note that  $H^{\circ} = H^{\circ}(T) - H^{\circ}(298) + \Delta H_{f}^{\circ}(298)$ , where  $\Delta H_{f}^{\circ}(298)$  is the species heat of formation at 298 K,  $H^{\circ}(T)$  is the standard enthalpy at temperature *T*, and  $H^{\circ}(298)$  is the standard enthalpy at 298 K. Fits were carried out over two separate temperature ranges. The low, high, and break temperatures for these two fits are given at the end of the first line of the thermo data. For example, for the species AlH<sub>3</sub>, the data were fit over the ranges 300 - 1000 K and 1000 - 3000 K. The subsequent three lines of numbers in the data record are the fitting parameters  $a_1 - a_7$  for each fit. The parameters for the high-temperature range are given first, followed by those for the low-temperature range. More information concerning this format can be found in the CHEMKIN documentation (Ref. 17).

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