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Inclusion Complex Between Uranyl and an Azacrown; Structure of [UO₂(18-azacrown-6)]²⁺·2CF₃SO₃⁻

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Abstract

The title complex, (1,4,7,10,13,16-hexaazacyclooctadecane)dioxouranium bis(trifluoromethylsulfonate), [UO₂(C₁₂H₃₀N₆)]²⁺·2CF₃SO₃⁻, is composed of [UO₂(18-azacrown-6)]²⁺ and CF₃SO₃⁻ ions. In the cation, the uranyl is bonded to the six N atoms of the crown in a hexagonal bipyramidal coordination. This is the first reported uranyl hexaazacrown inclusion complex.

Comment

Complexation of the dioxouranium by macrocycles, particularly by crown ethers, has been widely studied (Folcher, Charpin, Costes, Keller & de Villardi, 1979; Fux, Lagrange & Lagrange, 1984; Brighli, Fux, Lagrange & Lagrange, 1985). Of particular interest has been the inclusion of the uranyl ion in macrocycles; however, the majority of structural studies concern complexes in which the crown ligand is linked to the uranyl ion *via* hydrogen bonds (Rogers, Bond, Hipple, Rollins & Henry, 1991; Deshayes, Keller, Lance, Nierlich & Vigner, 1993; Gutberlet, Dreissig, Luger, Bechtold, Maung & Knochel, 1989) and few structural studies show a direct uranyl–crown coordination (Navaza, Villain & Charpin, 1984; Dejean, Charpin, Folcher, Rigny, Navaza & Tsoucaris, 1987; Deshayes, Keller, Lance, Navaza, Nierlich & Vigner, 1993). The probability of the uranyl complexing in the crown cavity is increased by a judicious choice of the solvent–anion pair, which has to be poorly coordinating with respect to the uranyl. As part of our studies of uranyl–macrocycle complexes, we report here the structure of a uranyl–azacrown inclusion complex (18-azacrown-6; 1,4,7,10,13,16-hexaazacyclooctadecane).

As shown in Figs. 1 and 2, the structure consists of [UO₂(azacrown-6)]²⁺ cations, in which the uranyl group is hexacoordinated by the six N atoms of the azacrown giving a hexagonal bipyramidal geometry about the U atom, and (CF₃SO₃)⁻ anions. The uranyl bond length is normal [average U—O 1.75 (1) Å] but the O—U—O angle of 174.9 (5)° deviates significantly from linearity. The six N atoms are in a more or less puckered plane; the deviations from the mean least-squares plane are 0.04 (1), -0.24 (1), 0.59 (2), -0.78 (2), 0.52 (2), -0.13 (2) Å for N(1), N(4), N(7), N(10), N(13), N(16), respectively, with the U atom at 0.066 (1) Å from this plane. The average U—N bond length of 2.66 (6) Å is longer than the average U—N distance of 2.54 (4) Å in a uranyl pentaporphyrin complex with five N atoms equatorially bonded to the U atom (Burrel, Hemmi, Lynch & Sessler, 1991), but compares well with the average U—N distance of 2.63 (8) Å in a pyrrole-derived uranyl Schiff base complex where six atoms are equatorially bonded (Sessler, Mody & Lynch, 1992). The average U—N bond length, which is longer than the analogous U—O distances in similar crown ether complexes [2.51 (2) Å (Navaza, Villain & Charpin, 1984) and 2.58 (7) Å (Deshayes, Keller, Lance, Navaza, Nierlich & Vigner, 1993)], indicates the relative weakness of the U—N bond compared with the U—O bond.

The macrocycle adopts a distorted *g-g+g+g-g+g+* conformation, one of the six sequences

which commonly occurs in solid-state 18-crown-6 complexes (Fyles & Gandour, 1992). A distortion in two N—C—N units [N(10)—C(11)—C(12)—N(13) — 38 (3) and N(13)—C(14)—C(15)—N(16) 54 (2)^o] provokes deviations in three C—N—C—C units [C(6)—N(7)—C(8)—C(9) 101 (2), C(11)—N(10)—C(9)—C(8) 69 (3), C(9)—N(10)—C(11)—C(12) — 131 (2)^o].

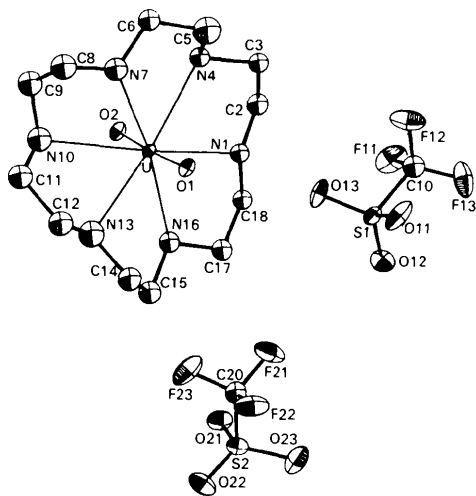


Fig. 1. ORTEP (Johnson, 1976) drawing of the $[\text{UO}_2(18\text{-aza-crown-6})]^{2+}$ and (CF_3SO_3) ions with atom labelling.

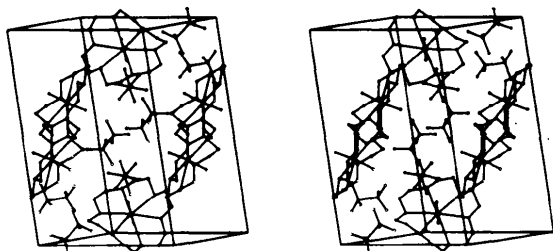


Fig. 2. Stereoview of the crystal packing.

Experimental

Crystal data

$[\text{UO}_2(\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_6)] \cdot 2\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3$

$M_r = 826.58$

Monoclinic

$P2_1/n$

$a = 13.233 (6) \text{ \AA}$

$b = 11.551 (9) \text{ \AA}$

$c = 17.416 (9) \text{ \AA}$

$\beta = 96.78 (5)^\circ$

$V = 2643 (4) \text{ \AA}^3$

$Z = 4$

$D_x = 2.077 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$

Mo $K\alpha$ radiation

$\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$

Cell parameters from 25 reflections

$\theta = 8-12^\circ$

$\mu = 6.06 \text{ mm}^{-1}$

$T = 213 \text{ K}$

Irregular

$0.40 \times 0.25 \times 0.20 \text{ mm}$

Red-brown

Data collection

Enraf-Nonius CAD-4

diffractometer

$\omega/2\theta$ scans

Absorption correction:

empirical (DIFABS;

Walker & Stuart, 1983)

$T_{\min} = 0.873$, $T_{\max} =$

1.118

2963 measured reflections

2450 independent reflections

1744 observed reflections

$[I > 3\sigma(I)]$

$R_{\text{int}} = 0.01$

$\theta_{\max} = 20^\circ$

$h = 0 \rightarrow 12$

$k = 0 \rightarrow 11$

$l = -16 \rightarrow 16$

3 standard reflections

frequency: 60 min

intensity variation: -4.9%

in 36 h (linearly

corrected)

Refinement

Refinement on F

$R = 0.034$

$wR = 0.039$

$S = 4.3$

1744 reflections

234 parameters

H-atom parameters not

introduced

Unit weights applied

$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.01$

$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.685 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.456 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

Atomic scattering factors

from *International Tables*

for *X-ray Crystallography*

(1974, Vol. IV)

Data collection: Enraf-Nonius CAD-4 software. Programs used: *MolEN* (Fair, 1990). The structure was solved by the heavy-atom method and refined by full-matrix least-squares procedures with anisotropic thermal parameters for U, O, S and F atoms. All calculations were performed on a VAX4200 computer.

Table 1. Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (\AA^2)

	$B_{\text{eq}} = (4/3)\sum_i\sum_j\beta_{ij}a_i \cdot a_j$			
	x	y	z	B_{eq}
U	0.12882 (4)	0.11990 (5)	0.39186 (3)	2.94 (1)
S(1)	0.2576 (4)	0.1141 (5)	0.0889 (3)	6.7 (1)
S(2)	0.6858 (4)	0.0455 (5)	0.3169 (3)	6.4 (1)
F(11)	0.110 (1)	-0.025 (1)	0.0571 (9)	11.4 (4)
F(12)	0.0788 (9)	0.155 (1)	0.0241 (9)	11.2 (4)
F(13)	0.167 (1)	0.053 (1)	-0.0434 (7)	11.7 (5)
F(21)	0.535 (1)	0.176 (1)	0.2660 (9)	12.4 (5)
F(22)	0.674 (1)	0.267 (1)	0.2965 (9)	10.7 (4)
F(23)	0.589 (1)	0.203 (1)	0.3831 (8)	12.9 (5)
O(1)	0.1935 (8)	0.2229 (9)	0.3436 (6)	4.8 (3)
O(2)	0.0585 (8)	0.0112 (9)	0.4325 (6)	4.8 (3)
O(11)	0.288 (1)	0.220 (1)	0.0502 (8)	9.0 (4)
O(12)	0.323 (1)	0.016 (1)	0.0848 (9)	8.4 (4)
O(13)	0.220 (1)	0.130 (1)	0.1611 (6)	8.1 (3)
O(21)	0.612 (1)	-0.036 (1)	0.3391 (9)	8.1 (4)
O(22)	0.774 (1)	0.060 (1)	0.3726 (8)	7.8 (4)
O(23)	0.708 (1)	0.037 (1)	0.2380 (8)	9.5 (4)
N(1)	0.105 (1)	0.008 (1)	0.2619 (9)	6.4 (4)
N(4)	-0.042 (1)	0.160 (1)	0.3042 (9)	6.6 (4)
N(7)	0.027 (1)	0.314 (2)	0.422 (1)	8.8 (5)
N(10)	0.119 (1)	0.179 (2)	0.544 (1)	8.4 (5)
N(13)	0.291 (1)	0.123 (2)	0.495 (1)	10.1 (5)
N(16)	0.264 (1)	-0.050 (1)	0.3797 (9)	6.6 (4)
C(2)	0.002 (2)	-0.011 (2)	0.231 (1)	7.4 (5)
C(3)	-0.046 (1)	0.104 (2)	0.223 (1)	6.8 (5)
C(5)	-0.069 (2)	0.279 (2)	0.294 (1)	10.0 (7)
C(6)	-0.075 (2)	0.320 (2)	0.374 (1)	7.9 (6)
C(8)	0.029 (2)	0.347 (2)	0.501 (1)	9.4 (7)
C(9)	0.030 (2)	0.246 (2)	0.548 (1)	9.4 (7)
C(10)	0.151 (2)	0.075 (2)	0.025 (1)	8.2 (6)
C(11)	0.209 (2)	0.233 (2)	0.580 (1)	10.4 (7)

C(12)	0.293 (2)	0.234 (2)	0.535 (1)	8.9 (6)
C(14)	0.376 (2)	0.109 (2)	0.447 (1)	9.8 (6)
C(15)	0.371 (2)	-0.024 (2)	0.419 (1)	7.8 (6)
C(17)	0.273 (2)	-0.087 (2)	0.302 (1)	7.5 (5)
C(18)	0.164 (1)	-0.110 (2)	0.265 (1)	6.8 (5)
C(20)	0.618 (2)	0.178 (2)	0.314 (1)	7.6 (5)

Table 2. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°)

U environment				
U—O(1)	1.74 (1)	U—O(2)	1.76 (1)	
U—N(1)	2.59 (2)	U—N(4)	2.61 (2)	
U—N(7)	2.70 (2)	U—N(10)	2.76 (2)	
U—N(13)	2.63 (2)	U—N(16)	2.68 (2)	
O(1)—U—O(2)				174.9 (5)
N(1)—U—N(4)				64.7 (5)
N(4)—U—N(7)				63.4 (6)
N(10)—U—N(13)				57.7 (6)
Triflate				
S(1)—O(11)	1.48 (1)	S(2)—O(21)	1.44 (1)	
S(1)—O(12)	1.44 (1)	S(2)—O(22)	1.44 (1)	
S(1)—O(13)	1.42 (2)	S(2)—O(23)	1.44 (1)	
S(1)—C(10)	1.74 (3)	S(2)—C(20)	1.77 (2)	
C(10)—F(11)	1.42 (3)	C(20)—F(21)	1.30 (3)	
C(10)—F(12)	1.33 (3)	C(20)—F(22)	1.33 (2)	
C(10)—F(13)	1.27 (3)	C(20)—F(23)	1.34 (3)	
O(11)—S(1)—O(12)				115.6 (8)
O(11)—S(1)—O(13)				116.1 (9)
O(11)—S(1)—C(10)				100 (1)
O(12)—S(1)—O(13)				115 (1)
O(12)—S(1)—C(10)				102 (1)
O(13)—S(1)—C(10)				105 (1)
S(1)—C(10)—F(11)				106 (2)
S(1)—C(10)—F(12)				111 (2)
S(1)—C(10)—F(13)				116 (2)
F(11)—C(10)—F(12)				105 (2)
F(11)—C(10)—F(13)				108 (2)
F(12)—C(10)—F(13)				109 (2)
Hexaaza-18-crown-6				
N(1)—C(2)	1.43 (2)	N(1)—C(18)	1.56 (2)	
N(4)—C(3)	1.56 (2)	N(4)—C(5)	1.43 (3)	
N(7)—C(6)	1.52 (3)	N(7)—C(8)	1.43 (3)	
N(10)—C(9)	1.41 (3)	N(10)—C(11)	1.42 (3)	
N(13)—C(12)	1.45 (3)	N(13)—C(14)	1.49 (3)	
N(16)—C(15)	1.53 (3)	N(16)—C(17)	1.43 (2)	
C(2)—C(3)	1.47 (3)	C(5)—C(6)	1.48 (3)	
C(8)—C(9)	1.42 (3)	C(11)—C(12)	1.43 (3)	
C(14)—C(15)	1.62 (3)	C(17)—C(18)	1.54 (3)	
C(2)—N(1)—C(18)				109 (2)
C(6)—N(7)—C(8)				116 (2)
C(12)—N(13)—C(14)				113 (2)
N(1)—C(2)—C(3)				106 (2)
N(4)—C(5)—C(6)				104 (2)
N(7)—C(8)—C(9)				110 (2)
N(10)—C(11)—C(12)				115 (2)
N(13)—C(14)—C(15)				105 (2)
N(16)—C(17)—C(18)				106 (2)
C(3)—N(4)—C(5)				108 (2)
C(9)—N(10)—C(11)				114 (2)
C(15)—N(16)—C(17)				108 (2)
C(2)—C(3)—N(4)				109 (2)
C(5)—C(6)—N(7)				111 (2)
C(8)—C(9)—N(10)				112 (2)
C(11)—C(12)—N(13)				106 (2)
C(14)—C(15)—N(16)				109 (2)
C(17)—C(18)—N(1)				108 (2)

The complex was prepared as described in a previous paper (Folcher, Charpin, Costes, Keller & de Villardi, 1979). An excess of UO₃ was added to bring the pH within the range 4–5 and undissolved oxide was removed by filtration. The water was evaporated under vacuum and the resulting solid was redissolved in acetonitrile; crystals suitable for X-ray analysis were obtained by slow cooling.

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Molecular Adduct of Dimethyltin Dichloride with Methyl *N*-(2-Hydroxybenzylidene)-alaninate (1:2), [SnCl₂(C₁₁H₁₃NO₃)₂(CH₃)₂]

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Abstract

The structure of the 2:1 complex of methyl *N*-(2-hydroxybenzylidene)alaninate with dimethyltin dichloride, dichlorobis(2-[[1-(methoxycarbonyl)ethyl]iminoethyl]phenolato-*O*)dimethyltin, has been determined. The coordination of the Sn atom is octahedral, all *trans*, with bond distances Sn—Cl = 2.599 (1), Sn—O = 2.244 (3) and Sn—C = 2.111 (4) Å. The ligands are coordinated to Sn