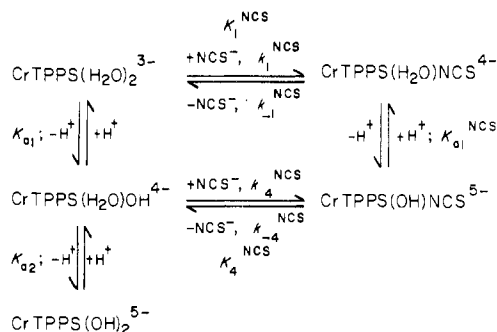


Kinetic and Equilibrium Study of the Reaction of (*meso*-Tetrakis(*p*-sulfonatophenyl)porphinato)diaquochromate(III) with Thiocyanate Ion in Aqueous Solution

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The reaction of NCS⁻ with (*meso*-tetrakis(*p*-sulfonatophenyl)porphinato)diaquochromate(III) (CrTPPS(H₂O)₂³⁻) has been studied at 15, 25, and 35 °C in μ = 1.00 M (NaClO₄) from pH 1 to 13. The following scheme adequately describes the equilibrium and kinetic properties of the system:



The values of p*K*_{a1}, p*K*_{a2}, and *K*₁^{NCS} at 25 °C are 7.63 ± 0.02, 11.45 ± 0.02, and 2.52 ± 0.16 M⁻¹, respectively. The values of p*K*_{a1}^{NCS} and *K*₄^{NCS} at 25 °C were determined kinetically to be 8.13 ± 0.06 and 0.69 ± 0.03 M⁻¹, respectively. The value of *k*₁^{NCS} at 25 °C is (4.67 ± 0.04) × 10⁻³ M⁻¹ s⁻¹ with Δ*H*^{*} and Δ*S*^{*} having values of 16.8 ± 0.4 kcal/mol and -12.8 ± 1.4 cal/(deg mol), respectively. The labilization effect of the porphine is only a factor of 10² compared to 10⁹ for Co(III). The value of *k*₋₁^{NCS} at 25 °C is (1.91 ± 0.10) × 10⁻³ s⁻¹ with Δ*H*^{*} and Δ*S*^{*} values of 15.7 ± 1.1 kcal/mol and -18.5 ± 4.2 cal/(deg mol), respectively. The value of *k*₄^{NCS} at 25 °C is 28.5 ± 1.3 M⁻¹ s⁻¹ with Δ*H*^{*} = 16.7 ± 0.1 kcal/mol and Δ*S*^{*} = 4.1 ± 0.2 cal/(deg mol). The value of *k*₋₄^{NCS} at 25 °C is 41.3 ± 4.9 s⁻¹. The presence of the TPPS⁶⁻ and OH⁻ ligands greatly labilizes Cr(III) toward substitution and the reaction probably is dissociatively activated.

Introduction

The labilization of the axial water ligands in cobalt(III) porphines has been documented.²⁻⁸ The labilization of the axial water ligands in RhTPPS(H₂O)₂³⁻ (TPPS = *meso*-tetrakis(*p*-sulfonatophenyl)porphine) also occurs but the effect is not as great as in the cobalt(III) porphines.^{9,10} It has been reported that CrTPPS(H₂O)₂³⁻ is labile to substitution by F⁻, CN⁻ and C₆H₅N.¹¹ However, recently it has been reported that the reaction with C₃H₄N₂ is slow and shows no labilization effects of the porphine.⁹ To further complicate this matter, the previous studies were performed at pH 7-12, and the reactive species was assumed to be CrTPPS(OH)H₂O⁴⁻. It is known that when OH⁻ is a ligand on Cr(III) complexes the substitution reactions are substantially faster than when H₂O is the ligand.^{12,13}

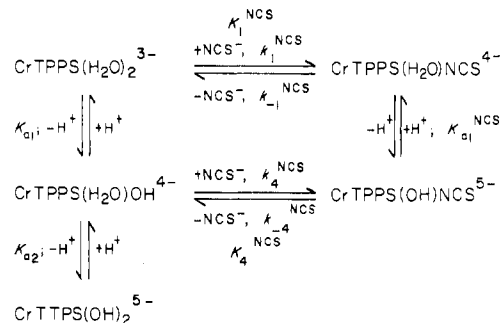
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Table I. The Position and the Molar Absorptivities of the Soret Band of the Compounds Studied

compd	λ, nm	ε, 10 ³ M ⁻¹ cm ⁻¹
Cr(TPPS)(H ₂ O) ₂ ³⁻	444	2.09
Cr(TPPS)(OH)(H ₂ O) ⁴⁻	436	2.28
Cr(TPPS)(OH) ₂ ⁵⁻	436	2.55
Cr(TPPS)(H ₂ O)NCS ⁴⁻	450	1.62 ^a

^a The computer-calculated value from eq 2.

Scheme I



In an attempt to understand the effect of the porphine on the Cr(III) anation reactions, a detailed study of the reaction of CrTPPS(H₂O)₂³⁻ with NCS⁻ was undertaken. This paper reports the results of that investigation.

Experimental Section

The materials used and the spectrophotometric methods for the determination of the acidity constant, stability constant, and kinetic data have been described.⁵ As in the previous system, μ = 1.00 M

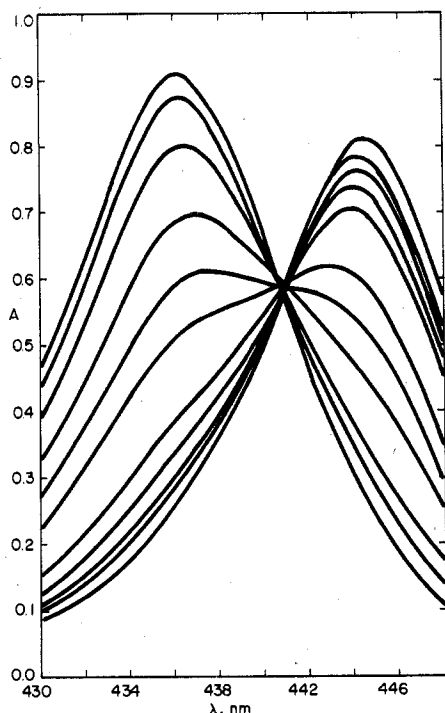


Figure 1. Change in absorbance between pH 6 and pH 9 at 25 °C and $\mu = 1.00 \text{ M}$ (NaClO_4).

(NaClO_4) for all measurements. The $\text{Na}_3[\text{CrTPPS}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$ was prepared by dissolving 100 mg of Na_4TPPS (Man-Win Coordination Chemicals, Washington, D.C.) in 100 mL of dimethylformamide. While the mixture was refluxed and purged with N_2 , 200 mg of $\text{Cr}(\text{CO})_6$ (Ventron Corp.) was added in small portions over a period of about 2 h. The solution was refluxed for an additional 30 min and then filtered.

The solution was cooled to room temperature, and 300 mL of diethyl ether was added. The $\text{Na}_3[\text{CrTPPS}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$ was collected on a fritted disk filter and air-dried. The compound was dissolved in about 20 mL of water, 0.5 mL of acetic acid was added, and the mixture was dried on a water bath. The analyses were performed by Galbraith Laboratories, Inc. Anal. Calcd for $\text{Na}_3[\text{Cr}(\text{C}_{44}\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_4\text{S}_4\text{O}_{12})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2] \cdot 14\text{H}_2\text{O}$: C, 39.5; H, 4.22; N, 4.19; S, 9.58; Cr, 3.89. Found: C, 39.6; H, 4.15; N, 3.93; S, 8.66; Cr, 4.08.

Results

Spectra. The compounds studied each showed one maxima in the 400–500-nm region. The wavelengths and the molar absorptivities of the maxima are reported in Table I. The molar absorptivities are based on a molecular weight calculated from the percent chromium in the sample.

Acid Dissociation Constant. In 0.100 M HClO_4 and $\mu = 1.00 \text{ M}$ (NaClO_4), there is only one maxima between 390 and 500 nm. Likewise in 0.100 M NaOH and $\mu = 1.00 \text{ M}$ (NaClO_4) the single maxima is at 436 nm. In changing the pH from pH 1 to 14, there is a change in absorbance between about pH 6 and 9 and pH 10 and 13. This change between pH 6 and 9 is shown in Figure 1. Notice the isosbestic point at 441 nm. Figure 2 is a plot of A vs. pH at 444 and 436 nm. The data between pH 10 and 13 were similar to those between pH 6 and 9. However, the change in absorbance at 436 nm was only 0.04 at a total absorbance of 0.7. K_{a1} and K_{a2} are defined in Scheme I.

Considering Beer's law, the mass balance, and the definition of K_{a1} , we can write eq 1, where A is the absorbance at a

$$A = \frac{A_b K_{a1} + A_a [\text{H}^+]}{K_{a1} + [\text{H}^+]} \quad (1)$$

particular $[\text{H}^+]$ ($[\text{H}^+] = 10^{-\text{pH}}$), A_b is the absorbance of the

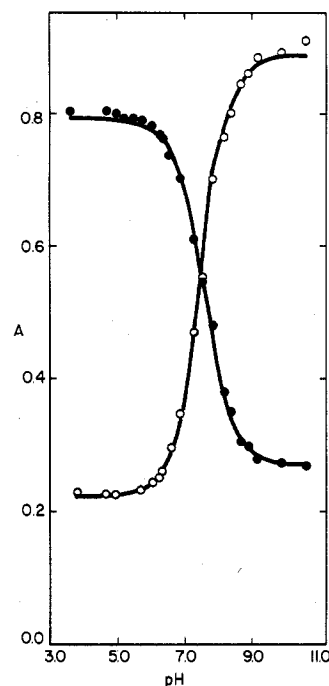


Figure 2. Change in absorbance as a function of pH at 444 (●) and 436 (○) nm at 25 °C and $\mu = 1.00$ (NaClO_4). The solid lines are the least-squares fit of the data using eq 1.

deprotonated form, and A_a is the absorbance of the protonated form.

The data were fit to eq 1 by using a nonlinear least-squares program.¹⁴ The solid lines in Figure 2 are the computer fit of the data. The values of K_{a1} for this particular run at 444 and 436 nm are $(2.31 \pm 0.11) \times 10^{-8}$ and $(3.09 \pm 0.17) \times 10^{-8} \text{ M}$, respectively. The uncertainties, and all others reported in this paper, are 1 standard deviation of the parameter. The final values of K_{a1} at 444 and at 15, 25, and 35 °C are $(2.00 \pm 0.06) \times 10^{-8}$, $(2.33 \pm 0.07) \times 10^{-8}$, and $(3.01 \pm 0.11) \times 10^{-8} \text{ M}$, respectively. The data for K_{a2} were treated similarly. The values of K_{a2} at 436 nm and 15, 25, and 35 °C are $(1.96 \pm 0.31) \times 10^{-12}$, $(3.53 \pm 0.17) \times 10^{-12}$, and $(3.22 \pm 0.77) \times 10^{-12}$ respectively.

Stability Constant. The reaction of $\text{CrTPPS}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2^{3-}$ with Cl^- , Br^- , I^- , and NCS^- was monitored spectrophotometrically at 0.100 M H^+ . Only NCS^- reacted to a measurable extent, and then only at high concentrations of NCS^- . Figure 3 is a plot of A vs. $[\text{NCS}^-]$ for the reaction. The stability constant K_1^{NCS} is defined in Scheme I. Along with this definition of K_1^{NCS} , Beer's law, and the mass balance, eq 2 can be written.

$$A = \frac{A_r + A_p K_1^{\text{NCS}} [\text{NCS}^-]}{1 + K_1^{\text{NCS}} [\text{NCS}^-]} \quad (2)$$

In eq 2, A is the absorbance at the given $[\text{NCS}^-]$, A_r is the absorbance of the solution containing only $\text{CrTPPS}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2^{3-}$, and A_p is the absorbance of the solution containing only $\text{CrTPPS}(\text{NCS})\text{H}_2\text{O}^4$. The value of A_r was fixed and the data were fit to eq 2 by using a nonlinear least-squares program. The line in Figure 3 is the calculated line with the value of K_1^{NCS} being $2.52 \pm 0.16 \text{ M}^{-1}$ at 25 °C, 0.100 M $[\text{H}^+]$, and $\mu = 1.00 \text{ M}$ (NaClO_4). Note in Table II that the kinetically derived value of K_1^{NCS} is in excellent agreement.

Kinetics. Since $\text{p}K_{a1}$ was 7.63 at 25 °C it was anticipated

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Table II. The Values of the Rate Constants and the Derived Equilibrium Constants at $\mu = 1.00$ M (NaClO_4)

	$k_1^{\text{NCS}},$ $10^{-3} \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$	$k_{-1}^{\text{NCS}},$ 10^{-3} s^{-1}	$k_1^{\text{NCS}},$ $10^1 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$	$K_1^{\text{NCS}}(k_1^{\text{NCS}}/k_{-1}^{\text{NCS}}),$ M^{-1}
15 °C	1.75 ± 0.03	0.644 ± 0.016	1.03 ± 0.05	2.27 ± 0.05
25 °C	4.67 ± 0.04	1.91 ± 0.10	2.85 ± 0.13	2.45 ± 0.13
35 °C	12.7 ± 0.3	4.08 ± 0.13	7.31 ± 0.35	3.09 ± 0.11
ΔH^* , kcal/mol	16.8 ± 0.4	15.7 ± 1.2	16.7 ± 0.1	
ΔS^* , cal/(deg mol)	-12.8 ± 1.4	-18.5 ± 4.2	4.1 ± 0.2	

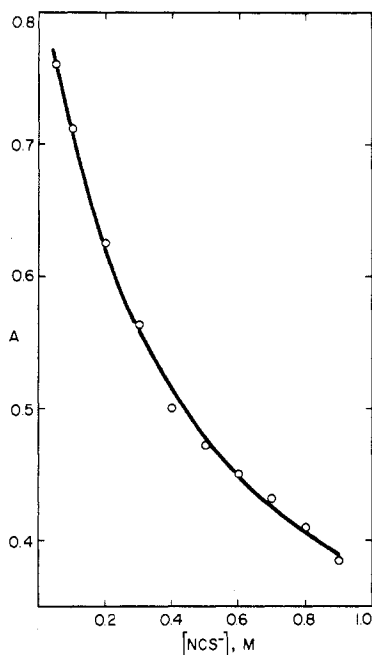


Figure 3. Plot of absorbance vs. $[\text{NCS}^-]$ at 25 °C, $\mu = 1.00$ M (NaClO_4), and $[\text{H}^+] = 0.100$ M (HClO_4). The solid line is the least-squares fit of the data to eq 2.

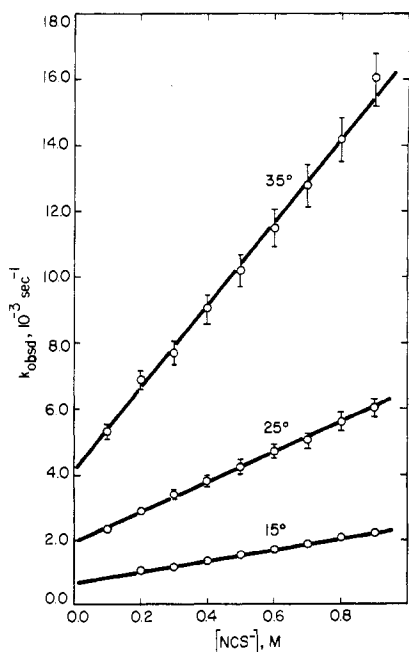


Figure 4. Plot of k_{obsd} vs. $[\text{NCS}^-]$ at $[\text{H}^+] = 0.100$ M and $\mu = 1.00$ M (NaClO_4). The solid lines are the least-squares fit of the data to eq 4.

that the reactions would be $[\text{H}^+]$ independent at low pH values. And, indeed, preliminary experiments confirmed this.

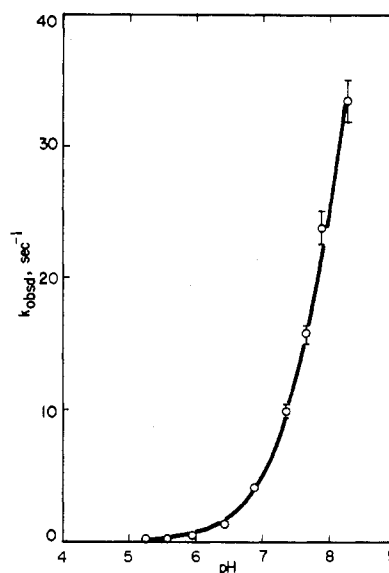


Figure 5. Effect of $[\text{H}^+]$ on k_{obsd} at 25 °C, $\mu = 1.00$ M (NaClO_4), $[\text{NCS}^-] = 0.45$ M, and 0.02 M phosphate buffer. The solid line is the least-squares fit of the data to eq 8.

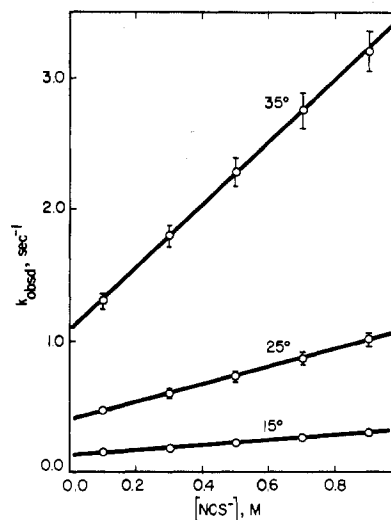


Figure 6. Plot of k_{obsd} vs. $[\text{NCS}^-]$ at $\text{pH } 6.00 \pm 0.05$, $\mu = 1.00$ M (NaClO_4), and 0.02 M phosphate buffer. The solid lines are the least-squares fit of the data to eq 5.

At 0.100 M $[\text{H}^+]$ and $\mu = 1.00$ M (NaClO_4) the rate law for the anation reaction is

$$-\frac{d[\text{CrTPPS}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2^{3-}]}{dt} = k_1^{\text{NCS}}[\text{NCS}^-] \times [\text{CrTPPS}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2^{3-}] - k_{-1}^{\text{NCS}}[\text{CrTPPS}(\text{NCS})\text{H}_2\text{O}^{4-}] \quad (3)$$

The pseudo-first-order rate constant, k_{obsd} , is defined by eq 4. The rate constants are defined in Scheme I. Figure 4 is

$$k_{\text{obsd}} = k_1^{\text{NCS}}[\text{NCS}^-] + k_{-1}^{\text{NCS}} \quad (4)$$

a plot of k_{obsd} vs. $[\text{NCS}^-]$ at 15, 25, and 35 °C at 0.100 M $[\text{H}^+]$ and $\mu = 1.00$ M (NaClO_4). The lines are the computer

fit of the data. The values of k_1^{NCS} and k_{-1}^{NCS} are contained in Table II. Also in Table II are the activation parameters calculated by a least-squares fit of the data to the Eyring-Polanyi equation.

As the pH was increased at a constant NCS⁻ concentration it was anticipated by analogy to other Cr(III) reactions that the pseudo-first-order rate constant, k_{obsd} , would increase.¹² Figure 5 represents the data at 25 °C [NCS⁻] = 0.45 M, and $\mu = 1.00$ M (NaClO₄). Higher pH values could not be investigated due to the small changes in absorbance. Clearly there is some sort of inverse [H⁺] dependence. Figure 6 depicts the dependence of k_{obsd} upon [NCS⁻] at pH 6.00 ± 0.05 and $\mu = 1.00$ M (NaClO₄). The lines in Figure 6 are the least-squares fit of the data to eq 5. The values of a and b re-

$$k_{\text{obsd}} = a + b[\text{NCS}^-] \quad (5)$$

spectively are 0.131 ± 0.001 s⁻¹ and 0.185 ± 0.003 M⁻¹ s⁻¹, 0.400 ± 0.004 s⁻¹ and 0.669 ± 0.010 M⁻¹ s⁻¹, and 1.07 ± 0.01 s⁻¹ and 2.40 ± 0.03 M⁻¹ s⁻¹ at 15, 25, and 35 °C, respectively.

From an examination of Scheme I, it is apparent that as the pH is increased the concentration of CrTPPS(H₂O)OH⁴⁻ increases (pK_{a1} = 7.63). If CrTPPS(H₂O)OH⁴⁻ were a reactive species, then the rate expression for the first-order approach to equilibrium would be

$$-d[\text{CrTPPS}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2^{3-}]_{\text{total}}/dt = k_1^{\text{NCS}}[\text{CrTPPS}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2^{3-}][\text{NCS}^-] - k_{-1}^{\text{NCS}}[\text{CrTPPS}(\text{H}_2\text{O})\text{NCS}^{4-}] + k_4^{\text{NCS}}[\text{CrTPPS}(\text{OH})\text{H}_2\text{O}^{4-}][\text{NCS}^-] - k_{-4}^{\text{NCS}}[\text{CrTPPS}(\text{OH})\text{NCS}^{5-}] \quad (6)$$

Upon notation of the definitions of K_{a1} and K_{a1}^{NCS} , notation of the mass balances, and performance of the integration, the pseudo-first-order rate constant can be written as eq 7. Notice

$$k_{\text{obsd}} = \frac{(k_1^{\text{NCS}}[\text{H}^+] + k_4^{\text{NCS}}K_{a1})[\text{NCS}^-]}{K_{a1} + [\text{H}^+]} + \frac{k_{-1}^{\text{NCS}}[\text{H}^+] + k_{-4}^{\text{NCS}}K_{a1}^{\text{NCS}}}{K_{a1}^{\text{NCS}} + [\text{H}^+]} \quad (7)$$

that at high [H⁺], eq 7 reduces to eq 4. Under conditions of constant [H⁺] and variable [NCS⁻], eq 7 is equivalent to eq 5 with $a = (k_{-1}^{\text{NCS}}[\text{H}^+] + k_{-4}^{\text{NCS}}K_{a1}^{\text{NCS}})/(K_{a1}^{\text{NCS}} + [\text{H}^+])$ and $b = (k_1^{\text{NCS}}[\text{H}^+] + k_4^{\text{NCS}}K_{a1})[\text{NCS}^-]/(K_{a1} + [\text{H}^+])$. Since b , k_1^{NCS} , [H⁺], [NCS⁻], and K_{a1} are known, the values of k_4^{NCS} at 15, 25, and 35 °C can be calculated. The values along with the activation parameters are reported in Table II.

At constant [NCS⁻] and variable [H⁺], eq 7 can be rearranged to eq 8. The left-hand side of eq 8 can be calculated

$$k_{\text{obsd}} - \left[\frac{(k_1^{\text{NCS}}[\text{H}^+] + k_4^{\text{NCS}}K_{a1})[\text{NCS}^-]}{K_{a1} + [\text{H}^+]} \right] = \frac{k_{-1}^{\text{NCS}}[\text{H}^+] + k_{-4}^{\text{NCS}}K_{a1}^{\text{NCS}}}{K_{a1}^{\text{NCS}} + [\text{H}^+]} \quad (8)$$

for each [H⁺]. Then eq 8 can be fit by the computer, with k_{-1}^{NCS} held constant, to give k_{-4}^{NCS} and K_{a1}^{NCS} . The solid line in Figure 5 is the computer fit of the data. The value at 25 °C of k_{-4}^{NCS} is 41.3 ± 4.9 s⁻¹ and K_{a1}^{NCS} is (7.34 ± 1.01) × 10⁻⁹ M. The calculated value of K_4^{NCS} is 0.69 ± 0.09 M⁻¹.

Discussion

Acid Dissociation Constant. Fleischer and Krishnamurthy reported values of pK_{a1} and pK_{a2} of 4.8 and 7.9.¹¹ Taniguchi has published the spectrum of the sample of Cr-(TPPS)(H₂O)₂³⁻ that was used for these pK_a determinations.¹⁵

Table III. Kinetic Parameters for Anation by NCS⁻ for Selected Compounds

reactant	μ , M	k , M ⁻¹ s ⁻¹	ΔH^* , kcal/mol	ΔS^* , cal/(deg mol)
Cr(H ₂ O) ₆ ³⁺ ^a	0.16	3.5 × 10 ⁻⁶	25.1	0.63 ^d
	1.0	1.8 × 10 ⁻⁶		
Cr(NH ₃) ₅ H ₂ O ³⁺ ^b	0.106	4.6 × 10 ⁻⁵	24.2	3.0
	1.70	3.0 × 10 ⁻⁵		
<i>cis</i> -Cr(C ₂ O ₄) ₂ (H ₂ O) ₂ ^{-c}	1.0	7.25 × 10 ⁻⁵	18.9	-20.4
CrTPPS(H ₂ O) ₂ ^{3-e}	1.0	4.67 × 10 ⁻³	16.8	-12.8
CrTPPS(OH)H ₂ O ^{4-e}	1.0	2.88 × 10	16.7	4.1

^a Reference 12. ^b Reference 21. ^c Reference 20. ^d Calculated from the data in ref 12 by using the equation $\Delta S^* = R(\ln PZ - \ln \kappa T/h - 1)$ and $T = 298$ K. ^e This work.

Between 400 and 500 nm there was one maximum at 444 nm in 0.01 M HClO₄ and two maxima in 0.10 M NaOH at 414 and 434 nm. The maximum at 444 nm was wide enough to enclose a peak at 435 nm. The free TPPS has a maximum at 435 nm in 0.01 M HClO₄ and a maximum at 414 nm in 10⁻⁴M NaOH.¹⁶ This could be interpreted to imply that the sample had free TPPS in it. This would give rise to an erroneous pK_a. The pK_a of TPPS is 4.8.¹⁶ This is the reported value of pK_{a1} for Cr(TPPS)(H₂O)₂³⁻. The conclusion is that the pK_{a1} of Cr(TPPS)(H₂O)₂³⁻ is 7.6 not 4.8 as reported by Fleischer and Krishnamurthy. This value of 7.6 compares favorably with the value of 7.9 reported for pK_{a2} by Fleischer and Krishnamurthy.

The higher value for pK_{a2} was expected. However, an increase in pK_{a2} by 4 is greater than usually observed. For comparison, the pK_{a1} of *trans*-Cr(H₂NC₂H₄NH₂)₂(H₂O)₂³⁺ is 4.1 and pK_{a2} is 7.5.¹⁷ The pK_{a1} of *cis*-Cr(C₂O₄)₂(H₂O)₂⁻ is 7.1 and pK_{a2} is 9.3.¹⁸ In CoTPPS(H₂O)₂³⁻ the values of pK_{a1} and pK_{a2} are 7.02 and 9.76.⁶ Clearly, the pK_{a2} is always higher by several units and the substitution of a negatively charged ligand for a neutral one increases the pK_a. This is what is expected. However, the K_{a1} decreases by only a factor of 3.2 in going from CrTPPS(H₂O)₂³⁻ to CrTPPS-(NCS)H₂O⁴⁻.

Stability Constant. The stability constants for Cr-(H₂O)₅NCS²⁺ and *cis*-Cr(C₂O₄)₂NCS(H₂O)₂²⁻ are 182 and 4.50 M⁻¹ at $\mu = 1.00$ M.^{19,20} The value of 2.52 M⁻¹ for CrTPPS(NCS)(H₂O)₅⁻ compares favorably with these values. However, it is substantially smaller than the value of 2640 M⁻¹ for CoTPPS(NCS)H₂O⁴⁻.⁶ Until more stability constant data become available, not much more can be said. However, the low value of the stability constant could be interpreted to mean that the electron density on Cr(III) in the porphine complex is greater than in the aquo complex.

Kinetics of Anation. The value of 25 °C for k_1^{NCS} of 4.7 × 10⁻³ M⁻¹ s⁻¹ clearly indicates that labilization of Cr(III) has been effected. The extent of labilization is dependent upon the comparison reaction. For example, using the data in Table III one can see that the CrTPPS(H₂O)₂³⁻ has been labilized by factors of 2700, 100, and 60 compared to Cr(H₂O)₆³⁺, Cr(NH₃)₅H₂O³⁺, and *cis*-Cr(C₂O₄)₂(H₂O)₂⁻, respectively. Clearly this is not as great as the increase of 1.12 × 10⁹ in the rate constant for anation by NCS⁻ of CoTPPS(H₂O)₂³⁻ compared to Co(NH₃)₅H₂O³⁺.⁶

It is thought that the labilization effect of the porphines is due to their ability to donate electron density to the metal ions. In these d³ and d⁶ metal cases this would tend to produce d⁴-

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and d^7 -like labile metal ions. If this is the case, either the Cr(III) is not as efficient in accepting the electron density from the TPPS⁶⁻ or the TPPS⁶⁻ is not as able to efficiently donate the electron density to the Cr(III).

The activation parameters for the anation of several Cr(III) compounds show a surprising trend. Table III shows that as the anation rate constant increases, ΔH^* decreases and ΔS^* becomes negative. In the reactions with cobalt(III) porphines, the labilization effect is accompanied with a positive ΔS^* and a somewhat smaller ΔH^* than usual for anation reactions.⁶ This positive entropy has been interpreted to imply dissociative activation for Co(III) anation reactions.⁵ It is uncertain as to what would be the activation parameters for dissociative activation for anation reactions of Cr(III). One would expect them to be similar to those of Co(III). Until more data are acquired, additional discussion is inappropriate at this time.

The anation of CrTPPS(OH)H₂O⁴⁻ is 6.1×10^3 times faster than of CrTPPS(H₂O)₂³⁻ and 9.5×10^5 faster than of Cr(NH₃)₅H₂O³⁺.²¹ This is indeed a labilization effect! The ability of OH⁻ to labilize substitution has been reported before.¹² For the anation of Cr(H₂O)₅OH²⁺ by NCS⁻, NO₃⁻, HF, Cl⁻, SCN⁻, Br⁻, and I⁻, the rate constant is from 27 to 3250 times greater than for Cr(H₂O)₆³⁺.¹² This is accompanied by a decrease in the value of ΔH^* from 2 to 6 kcal/mol and also a decrease in the value of ΔS^* from 1 to 11 cal/(deg mol), with the exception of I⁻ which has a ΔS^* increase of 4.6 cal/(deg mol). In the anation reaction of CrTPPS(OH)H₂O⁴⁻, ΔH^* is not changed but ΔS^* has increased by about 12 cal/(deg mol) and is positive. This would seem to imply dissociative activation for the anation of CrTPPS(OH)H₂O⁴⁻ by NCS⁻.

One explanation for the increased labilization by OH⁻ would be that the OH⁻ ligand is able to donate additional electron density to Cr(III) and hence labilize it more. The proposition is as follows. A 3+ metal ion (d^6 or d^3) can accept a certain amount of electron density. The more it accepts the more labile the metal ion becomes. If the porphine is unable, for some reason, to donate as much electron density to the metal ion as it is inherently able to accept, then those ligands that are able to donate more electron density to the metal ion will labilize it even more. This proposition is supported by the data for the anation of CoTMPpy(H₂O)₂⁵⁺.²² The rate constant for the addition of NCS⁻ to CoTMPpy(OH)H₂O⁴⁺ is increased

52 times over that of CoTMPpy(H₂O)₂⁵⁺ and NCS⁻ to CoTMPpy(NCS)H₂O⁴⁺ is increased 10^4 times over that of CoTMPpy(H₂O)₂⁵⁺.⁴

The aquation rate constant (k_{-1}^{NCS}) is very similar to that for anation. This is expected from the value of the formation quotient. The activation parameters are similar also, although the entropy is somewhat more negative. It is interesting to note that these activation parameters are similar to those for the aquation of *cis*-Cr(C₂O₄)₂(X)H₂Oⁿ⁻, where X = (C-H₃)₂SO, HCON(CH₃)₂, CH₃COO⁻, NCS⁻, and N₃⁻.²³

Some comparisons to the previous work are possible.¹¹ The acid dissociation constant has already been discussed. The comparison of the equilibrium constants and the rate constants will have to be semiquantitative since the previous work was performed at pH 7. The CrTPPS(H₂O)₂³⁻ is 21% in the form of CrTPPS(OH)(H₂O)⁴⁻ at this pH. The reported values of K_1^L for F⁻ and C₅H₅N are 27 and 150 M⁻¹. This compares to the calculated value of 2.0 M⁻¹ for NCS⁻ at pH 7. Generally the value of K_1^L for C₅H₅N is higher than for NCS⁻.⁷ No comparisons can be made for F⁻. The second-order rate constants for anation at pH 7.0 are 5.5×10^{-4} , 3.8, and 8.2 M⁻¹ s⁻¹ for F⁻, C₅H₅N, and NCS⁻, respectively. It is tempting to suggest that an *I_d* mechanism is occurring in these reactions. However, the fact that two different Cr(III) species are reacting makes this interpretation unclear. The investigations of the reactions with F⁻ and C₅H₅N are currently underway.

The compound CrTPPS(H₂O)₂³⁻ has two observable acid dissociation constants. The porphine has labilized the Cr(III) to anation by NCS⁻, although not as much as in the Co(III) case. The compound CrTPPS(OH)H₂O⁴⁻ has been labilized even more than CrTPPS(H₂O)₂³⁻. The labilization has been interpreted to occur by electron donation to Cr(III) from the porphine and OH⁻.

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