

$[(\text{NH}_3)_5\text{CoOP}(\text{O})(\text{OH})\text{OC}_6\text{H}_4\text{OH}]^{2+}$  and  $k_A$  to the reaction of the corresponding monovalent cation, derived from the ionization of the phosphate O-H group. The  $\text{p}K_{\text{AH}}$  value obtained from the kinetic measurements at 70 °C,  $\sum[\text{ClO}_4^-] = 1.0 \text{ M}$ , is smaller than  $\text{p}K_1$  calculated from the 275-nm spectrophotometric titration at 25 °C,  $\sum[\text{ClO}_4^-] = 0.05 \text{ M}$ , by about 1.0 unit. This difference appears reasonable, considering the enhancements in acid strength expected with increasing temperature and ionic strength.

The rate constants  $k_A$  and  $k_{\text{AH}}$  are comparable to those reported for the aquation of  $[(\text{NH}_3)_5\text{CoOPO}_3\text{H}]^+$  ( $3.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) and  $[(\text{NH}_3)_5\text{CoOPO}_3\text{H}_2]^{2+}$  ( $4.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) (70 °C,  $I = 1.0 \text{ M}$  ( $\text{NaClO}_4$ )),<sup>22</sup> respectively. The ratio of rate constants for hydrolysis of 2+ and 1+ ions at 70 °C is somewhat larger in the phosphato system (13) than in the hydroxyphenyl phosphato system (2.7). This small difference may reflect the electron-donating capability of the  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{OH}$  substituent, resulting in the partial neutralization of positive charge added to the coordinated phosphate group through protonation. Finally, it may be noted that the absence of phosphate ester hydrolysis accompanying the aquation of the (4-hydroxyphenyl phosphato)pentaamminecobalt(III) ion is consistent with the observations of Schmidt and Taube on Co(III)-complexed dimethyl and trimethyl phosphate.<sup>21</sup>

Our preliminary results demonstrate that induced electron transfer occurs in the reaction of the (4-hydroxyphenyl phosphato)pentaamminecobalt(III) ion with Ce(IV) and that the trend in % Co(II) with increasing  $[\text{Ce(IV)}]$  is as expected from the competition between external and internal oxidants for a semiquinone phosphate intermediate. Unfortunately, the low Co(II) yields prevent us from quantitatively estimating the ratio of rate constants for electron transfer from this intermediate to Co(III) and Ce(IV). Weaker oxidants such as  $\text{Mo}(\text{CN})_8^{3-}$  will be employed in future studies of induced electron transfer in hydroquinone ester complexes in the hope that higher Co(II) yields will be attained.

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### Comparative Studies of the Reduction of Bis(2,9-dimethyl-1,10-phenanthrolinediyl-4,7-bis(benzenesulfonato))copper(II) and Bis(2,9-dimethyl-1,10-phenanthroline)copper(II) Ions by Hydroquinone

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Considerable uncertainty currently exists concerning the intrinsic electron-transfer reactivity of cuprous/cupric systems. Widely divergent estimates of the Cu(I,II) self-exchange rate constant ( $k_{11}$ ) in copper-phenanthroline complexes have been obtained by applying the relative Marcus theory to cross-reaction data.<sup>1-4</sup> Justification of this indirect approach is re-

quired, as cross reactions must satisfy the weak-overlap, outer-sphere criterion of the Marcus theory.

A comparison of rate parameters for the hydroquinone ( $\text{H}_2\text{Q}$ ) reduction of bis(2,9-dimethyl-1,10-phenanthroline)-copper(II) ( $\text{Cu}(\text{dmp})_2^{2+}$ ) and bis(2,9-dimethyl-1,10-phenanthrolinediyl-4,7-bis(benzenesulfonato))copper(II) ( $\text{Cu}(\text{dpmp})_2^{2-}$ ) ions is presented in this note. Relative Marcus theory is applied, as in our previous work,<sup>4</sup> to estimate the  $k_{11}$  values of the  $\text{Cu}(\text{dmp})_2^{2+/+}$  and  $\text{Cu}(\text{dpmp})_2^{2-/3-}$  couples. For this application, hydroquinone is a good choice of reductant. Thus, the Marcus relationship successfully correlates rate constants with thermodynamic driving force in the oxidation of substituted hydroquinones by  $\text{Cu}(\text{dmp})_2^{2+}$  and other one-electron oxidants.<sup>4</sup> Furthermore, apparent self-exchange rate parameters for the  $\text{Mo}(\text{CN})_8^{3-/4-}$  and  $\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6^{3-/4-}$  couples, derived from cross reactions with hydroquinone, are consistent with the experimental rate constant of the  $\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6^{4-} - \text{Mo}(\text{CN})_8^{3-}$  reaction under the same conditions.<sup>5</sup>

### Experimental Section

Materials and methods described by Clemmer et al.<sup>4</sup> were employed in kinetic studies of the hydroquinone reduction of  $\text{Cu}(\text{dpmp})_2^{2-}$ . The disodium salt of 2,9-dimethyl-1,10-phenanthrolinediyl-4,7-bis(benzenesulfonic acid) (Sigma) was used as received. The oxidant and reductant were prepared in the same sodium acetate buffer (ionic strength = 0.2 M), and, in most runs, the  $\text{dpmp}^{2-}$  ligand was contained initially in the copper(II) solution.

Hydrogen ion concentrations were derived from pH readings (Brinkmann pH-104 meter) by using relationship 1, based on an

$$-\log [\text{H}^+] = \text{pH} - 0.12 \quad (1)$$

activity coefficient of 0.757 for 0.2 M NaOAc.<sup>6</sup> In pH-dependence studies, the total ligand concentration ( $[\text{dpmp}]_{\text{tot}}$ ) was adjusted to give a  $[\text{dpmp}^{2-}]/[\text{Cu}^{II}]_{\text{tot}}$  ratio of 18, taking protonation of  $\text{dpmp}^{2-}$  to  $\text{Hdpmp}^-$  into account ( $\text{p}K_a(\text{Hdpmp}^-) = 5.80$ ).<sup>7</sup> Although formation constants in the  $\text{Cu}^{II}-\text{dpmp}^{2-}$  system are not known, drawing the analogy to the structurally similar  $\text{Cu}^{II}-\text{dmp}$  system indicates that an 18-fold excess of  $\text{dpmp}^{2-}$  should be adequate to convert 98+% of the available copper(II) into the  $\text{Cu}(\text{dpmp})_2^{2-}$  ion.<sup>4,8</sup> This assumption was justified by showing that observed rate constants ( $[\text{H}_2\text{Q}] = 1 \text{ mM}$ , pH 6.02) are independent of ligand concentration in the range 20- to 100-fold excess of  $\text{dpmp}$  over Cu, in agreement with findings on  $\text{Cu}^{II}-\text{dmp}$  solutions.<sup>4</sup>

Formation of  $\text{Cu}(\text{dpmp})_2^{2-}$  was followed at 483 nm ( $\epsilon_{483} 1.225 \times 10^4 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ )<sup>7</sup> on a Durrum D-110 stopped-flow apparatus, with the total copper concentration held constant at 10  $\mu\text{M}$  and with at least a 10-fold excess of reductant. Fast and slow increases in 483-nm absorbance were noted in all runs, suggesting the presence of  $\text{Cu}^{II}-\text{dpmp}^{2-}$  complexes other than  $\text{Cu}(\text{dpmp})_2^{2-}$ . The contribution of the slow phase to  $\Delta A_{483}$  is considerably smaller when the  $\text{dpmp}^{2-}$  ligand is present initially in the reductant solution, rather than the copper(II) solution. It seems reasonable to conclude, therefore, that the slow phase corresponds primarily to the reduction of  $\text{Cu}^{II}-\text{dpmp}^{2-}$  complexes which are formed slowly on the time scale required for the formation and subsequent reduction of  $\text{Cu}(\text{dpmp})_2^{2-}$ .

Fortunately, the difference in rate between the fast and slow components of  $\Delta A_{483}$  was sufficiently large to allow the evaluation of observed first-order rate constants for the predominant fast phase ( $k_{\text{obsd}}(\text{fast})$ ) from standard  $\ln(A_\infty - A_t)$  vs. time or Guggenheim<sup>9</sup> plots. In most runs a reliable  $A_\infty(\text{fast})$  was established on the os-

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Table I. Marcus Calculations for the Reactions of  $\text{Cu}(\text{dpmp})_2^{2-}$  and  $\text{Cu}(\text{dmp})_2^{2+}$  with  $\text{HQ}^-$ <sup>a</sup>

oxidant	$k_{12}$ , $\text{M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$	$\Delta G_{12}^\circ$ <sup>b</sup>	$w_{12}$	$w_{11}$	$\Delta G_{11}^*$ <sup>c</sup>	$\Delta G_{11}^{\text{cor}}$ <sup>d</sup>	$k_{11}$ <sup>e</sup> , $\text{M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$	$k_{11}^{\text{cor}}$ <sup>f</sup> , $\text{M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$
$\text{Cu}(\text{dpmp})_2^{2-}$	$1.4 \times 10^8$	-3.00	0.354	0.319	6.28	5.97	$2.5 \times 10^6$	$4.2 \times 10^6$
$\text{Cu}(\text{dmp})_2^{2+}$	$2.5 \times 10^7$ <sup>g</sup>	-2.89	-0.354	0.106	8.21	8.55	$9.6 \times 10^4$	$5.4 \times 10^4$

<sup>a</sup> 25.0 °C,  $I = 0.2 \text{ M}$  (acetate). All work terms and free energies expressed in kcal/mol. Work terms calculated with the assumption  $R(\text{Cu}(\text{dpmp})_2^{2-}) = R(\text{Cu}(\text{dmp})_2^{2+}) = 7 \text{ \AA}^2$  and  $R(\text{HQ}^-) = 1.4 \text{ \AA}^2$  (Marcus, R. A. *J. Chem. Phys.* 1957, 26, 872). Work terms ( $w_{21}$  and  $w_{22}$ ) for reactions involving HSQ assumed to be zero.  $\Delta G_{22}^* = 4.5 \text{ kcal/mol}$  (Pelizzetti, E.; Mentasti, E.; Baiocchi, C. *J. Phys. Chem.* 1976, 80, 2979). <sup>b</sup>  $\Delta G_{12}^\circ = -RT \ln K_{12}$ , where  $K_{12} = (K_0 K_{\text{sq}})^{1/2} / K_{\text{al}}(\text{H}_2\text{Q})$ .<sup>4</sup> Further details of this calculation are given in ref 4.  $K_0$  was calculated from  $E^\circ(\text{Cu}(\text{dpmp})_2^{2-/3-}) = 0.620 \text{ V}$  and  $E^\circ(\text{Cu}(\text{dmp})_2^{2+/+}) = 0.615 \text{ V}$ .<sup>3</sup> <sup>c</sup>  $\Delta G_{11}^* = 2\Delta G_{12}^* - \Delta G_{22}^* - \Delta G_{12}^\circ$ . <sup>d</sup> Calculated from the complete equation of relative Marcus theory, including the  $f$  term and electrostatic work terms.<sup>12</sup> <sup>e</sup> Derived from  $\Delta G_{11}^*$ . <sup>f</sup> Electrostatics-corrected apparent Cu(I,II) self-exchange rate constant, derived from  $\Delta G_{11}^{\text{cor}}$ . <sup>g</sup> Reference 4.

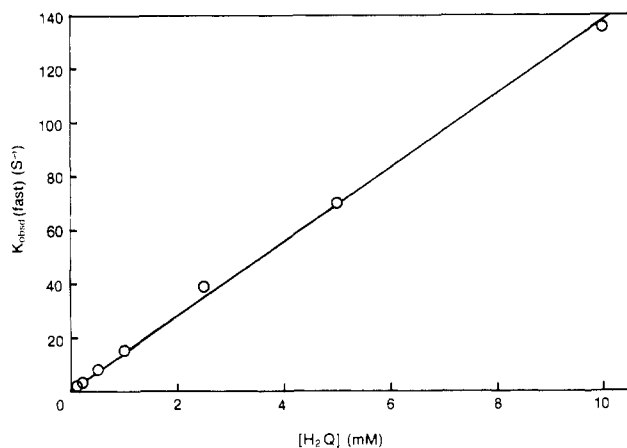


Figure 1. Plot of  $k_{\text{obsd}}$  (fast) vs.  $[\text{H}_2\text{Q}]$  (25.0 °C, pH 6.03,  $I = 0.2 \text{ M}$  (acetate),  $[\text{dpmp}]_{\text{tot}} = 0.30 \text{ mM}$ ).

ciloscope before the contribution of the slow phase, followed on an X-Y recorder, was significant. For example, with  $[\text{H}_2\text{Q}] = 1 \text{ mM}$ , pH 6.02,  $[\text{dpmp}]_{\text{tot}}/[\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}]_{\text{tot}} = 40$ ,  $\Delta A_{483}$  (fast) (88% of total  $\Delta A_{483}$ ) was complete within 0.2 s, while  $\Delta A_{483}$  (slow) required 6.3 s. First-order plots based on  $\Delta A_{483}$  (fast) were found to be linear for at least three half-lives. Reported rate constants are the average of three or more determinations, with precision being better than  $\pm 5\%$ .

### Results and Discussion

The fast component of  $\Delta A_{483}$  exhibits a first-order dependence on hydroquinone over a 100-fold concentration range (0.10–10 mM) (Figure 1). Hydrogen ion dependence results (pH 5.19–6.65), shown as a plot of  $k_{\text{obsd}}$  (fast) vs.  $[\text{H}^+]^{-1}$  (Figure 2), demonstrate that the complete rate law is of the same form as that reported<sup>4</sup> for the  $\text{H}_2\text{Q}-\text{Cu}(\text{dmp})_2^{2+}$  reaction, eq 2, where  $k_2 = (1.98 \pm 0.08) \times 10^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  (25.0 °C,  $I = 0.2 \text{ M}$ )

$$d[\text{Cu}(\text{dpmp})_2^{3-}]/dt = (k_1 + (k_2/[\text{H}^+]))[\text{H}_2\text{Q}][\text{Cu}(\text{dpmp})_2^{2-}] \quad (2)$$

M). A precise value of  $k_1$  cannot be reported ( $(1.2 \pm 1.5) \times 10^3 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) in view of the very small contribution of the  $\text{H}^+$ -independent pathway to  $k_{\text{obsd}}$  (fast) under our conditions.

While considerably more work will be required to understand the unexpected slow component in the reaction of  $\text{H}_2\text{Q}$  with  $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}-\text{dpmp}^{2-}$  solutions, the interpretation of the fast phase is straightforward. The predominant  $k_2$  term in the rate law is readily assigned to the reduction of  $\text{Cu}(\text{dpmp})_2^{2-}$  by the hydroquinone monoanion,  $\text{HQ}^-$ . On this basis, the rate constant of the  $\text{HQ}^- - \text{Cu}(\text{dpmp})_2^{2-}$  reaction ( $= k_2/K_{\text{al}}(\text{H}_2\text{Q})$ ) is calculated to be  $1.4 \times 10^8 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$  (25.0 °C,  $I = 0.2 \text{ M}$ ;  $\text{p}K_{\text{al}}(\text{H}_2\text{Q}) = 9.85^{11}$ ). This value is ca. 6 times larger than that for the analogous reduction of  $\text{Cu}(\text{dmp})_2^{2+}$  under the same conditions ( $2.5 \times 10^7 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )<sup>4</sup> in spite of the unfavorable Coulombic interaction between the redox partners. The reactivity advantage of  $\text{Cu}(\text{dpmp})_2^{2-}$  is not linked to thermodynamic driving force, as the reduction potentials of Cu-

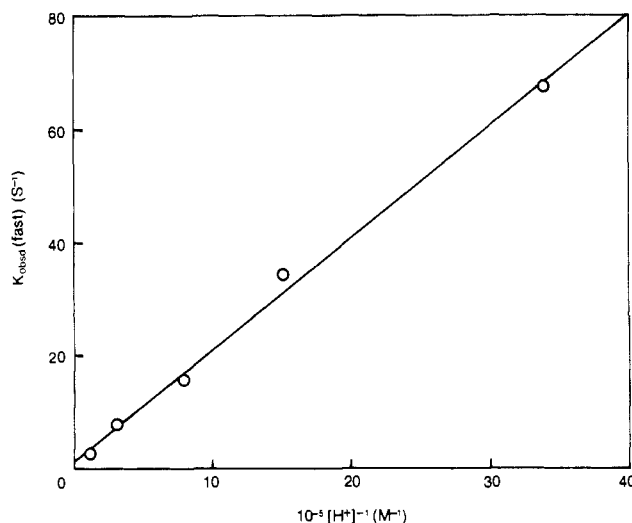


Figure 2. Plot of  $k_{\text{obsd}}$  (fast) vs.  $[\text{H}^+]^{-1}$  (25.0 °C,  $I = 0.2 \text{ M}$  (acetate),  $[\text{H}_2\text{Q}] = 1.0 \text{ mM}$ .  $[\text{dpmp}]_{\text{tot}}$  adjusted to give a  $[\text{dpmp}^{2-}]/[\text{Cu}]_{\text{tot}}$  ratio of 18).

( $\text{dmp})_2^{2+}$  (0.615 V) and  $\text{Cu}(\text{dpmp})_2^{2-}$  (0.620 V) are nearly identical.<sup>3</sup>

So that the intrinsic electron-transfer reactivities of the  $\text{Cu}(\text{dmp})_2^{2+/+}$  and  $\text{Cu}(\text{dpmp})_2^{2-/3-}$  couples could be compared, electrostatics-corrected apparent self-exchange rate constants ( $k_{11}^{\text{cor}}$ ) were calculated from cross-reaction rate constants ( $k_{12}$ ) by the method of Wherland and Gray<sup>12</sup> (Table I). In performing these calculations, it was assumed that the rate-limiting electron-transfer process is eq 3, where HSQ represents



singly protonated benzosemiquinone. Equations given by Wherland and Gray were used to calculate activation free energies ( $\Delta G^*$ ) and estimate electrostatic work terms for the cross reactions and Cu(I,II) self-exchange reactions ( $w_{12}$  and  $w_{11}$ , respectively). The separation of charge in the  $\text{Cu}(\text{dpmp})_2^{2-/3-}$  complexes complicates the choice of an effective radius for work term calculations. Fortunately, the magnitude of the electrostatic correction in the  $\text{HQ}^- - \text{Cu}(\text{dpmp})_2^{2-}$  system is not very sensitive to this choice of radius, as the reactants both are anions.

The calculations shown in Table I indicate that the activation free energy of the  $\text{Cu}(\text{dpmp})_2^{2-/3-}$  exchange reaction is 2.6 kcal/mol smaller than  $\Delta G_{11}^{\text{cor}}$  ( $\text{Cu}(\text{dmp})_2^{2+/+}$ ), implying that the rate of the former reaction is larger by nearly 2 orders of magnitude. Our  $k_{11}^{\text{cor}}$  ( $\text{Cu}(\text{dmp})_2^{2+/+}$ ) value agrees quite well with those derived by Yandell and Augustin<sup>2</sup> from cross reactions with  $\text{Co}(\text{phen})_3^{2+}$  ( $4.4 \times 10^4 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) and ferrocyanide ( $1.7 \times 10^4 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ). The  $\text{Cu}(\text{dmp})_2^{2+/+}$

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self-exchange rate constant calculated by Margerum and co-workers from the  $\text{Cu}(\text{dmp})_2^{2+}-\text{IrCl}_6^{2-}$  reaction ( $9.0 \times 10^8 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )<sup>3</sup> is considerably larger, however, even after making electrostatic corrections ( $1.4 \times 10^7 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ). Surprisingly good agreement exists between our  $k_{11}^{\text{cor}}(\text{Cu}(\text{dpmp})_2^{2+/3-})$  value and the self-exchange rate constant derived from the  $\text{Cu}(\text{dpmp})_2^{3-}-\text{IrCl}_6^{2-}$  reaction ( $3.7 \times 10^7 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ;  $1.1 \times 10^7 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$  obtained by correcting for noncancelling electrostatic work terms). Chloride bridging, reported recently in the oxidation of copper(II)-peptide complexes by  $\text{IrCl}_6^{2-}$ ,<sup>13</sup> or other non-electrostatic stabilization of the precursor complex in the  $\text{Cu}(\text{dmp})_2^{2+}-\text{IrCl}_6^{2-}$  reaction may be partially responsible for the discrepancy between our  $k_{11}(\text{Cu}(\text{dmp})_2^{2+/+})$  value and that reported by Margerum et al.<sup>3</sup>

Quantitative understanding of the redox reactivity difference between the  $\text{Cu}(\text{dmp})_2^{2+/+}$  and  $\text{Cu}(\text{dpmp})_2^{2-/3-}$  couples is made difficult by the approximate nature of the Marcus calculations, the nonspherical structures of the reactants, and the likelihood that changes in both the coordination geometry and number of copper accompany the conversion of Cu(II) to Cu(I). The 4,7-benzenesulfonate substituents should reduce the outer-sphere rearrangement contribution to  $\Delta G_{11}^{\text{cor}}$  in  $\text{Cu}(\text{dpmp})_2^{2-/3-}$  relative to  $\text{Cu}(\text{dmp})_2^{2+/+}$ . With the assumption that the  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{SO}_3^-$  substituents contribute 4.5 Å to the radius ( $r$ ) of  $\text{Cu}(\text{dpmp})_2^{3-/2-}$  (11.5 Å),<sup>12</sup> approximate outer-sphere rearrangement activation free energies of 2.0 kcal/mol for this couple and 3.2 kcal/mol for  $\text{Cu}(\text{dmp})_2^{2+/+}$  are obtained from eq 4,<sup>14</sup> where  $n$  is the number of electrons transferred (1). It

$$\Delta G^*_0 = 22.7n^2/r \quad (4)$$

should be noted that this expression pertains rigorously only to self-exchange reactions of spherically symmetric ions in water at 25 °C. We estimate, therefore, that the outer-sphere rearrangement requirement accounts for ca. 1.2 kcal/mol of the 2.6 kcal/mol difference between  $\Delta G_{11}^{\text{cor}}$  values for the two Cu(I,II) couples.

Other factors which should be considered in comparing the redox reactivities of the  $\text{Cu}(\text{dpmp})_2^{2-/3-}$  and  $\text{Cu}(\text{dmp})_2^{2+/+}$  couples include changes in coordination geometry, ligand field stabilization energy, and coordination number required to bring the reactants into the activated complex. The coordination geometries of  $\text{Cu}(\text{dmp})_2^{2+}$  and  $\text{Cu}(\text{dmp})_2^+$  are flattened tetrahedral and tetrahedral, respectively,<sup>15</sup> and strong evidence has been presented that the former ion is five-coordinate ( $[\text{Cu}(\text{dmp})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})]^{2+}$ ) in aqueous solution.<sup>8,16</sup> The closeness of  $\text{Cu}(\text{dmp})_2^{2+}$  and  $\text{Cu}(\text{dpmp})_2^{2-}$   $E^\circ$  values<sup>3</sup> indicates that *net* changes in coordination number and geometry associated with reduction of these complexes must be comparable. Analogous changes associated with the activation process need not be identical, however, particularly with respect to the extent of  $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}-\text{H}_2\text{O}$  bond breaking in the activated complex. Al-Shatti et al.<sup>8</sup> propose that the reduction of  $\text{Cu}(\text{dpmp})_2^{2+}$  by  $\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6^{4-}$  occurs via an activated intermediate, generated through the displacement of water from  $[\text{Cu}(\text{dpmp})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})]^{2+}$  to form a reactive tetrahedral species. While our kinetic data do not require complete displacement of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  from the first coordination sphere of Cu(II) in the activated complexes for reduction of  $\text{Cu}(\text{dpmp})_2^{2-}$  and  $\text{Cu}(\text{dmp})_2^{2+}$  by  $\text{HQ}^-$ ,  $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}-\text{H}_2\text{O}$  bond breaking is, no doubt, an important (and variable) aspect of the electron-transfer mechanism. Indeed, differences between the extent of  $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}-\text{H}_2\text{O}$  bond breaking (and  $\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}-\text{H}_2\text{O}$  bond making) in the activated complexes of self-exchange and cross reactions probably are largely responsible for the notable

lack of consistency among  $k_{11}$  values calculated for copper(I,II)-phenanthroline couples from the Marcus relationship. Thus, a  $k_{11}$  value derived from the reduction rate of a copper(II)-phenanthroline complex will be lower than the actual value if the extent of  $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}-\text{H}_2\text{O}$  bond breaking in the rate-limiting step exceeds that required in the self-exchange reaction. Consistent  $k_{11}$  values from reduction and oxidation cross reactions may in fact be obtained for Cu(I,II) couples under conditions where solvation of Cu is precluded, i.e., in the blue copper protein stercyanin.<sup>17</sup>

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### Dioxygen Complexes of Ruthenium(III) in Aqueous Solution

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The dioxygen complexes of transition-metal ions have been extensively studied during the last decade.<sup>1-4</sup> The most important areas of research in metal dioxygen chemistry have been the cobalt(II) dioxygen complexes,<sup>3</sup> the picket fence and picket fence type of iron(II) porphyrin oxygen complexes,<sup>2</sup> and the manganese(II) porphyrin complexes.<sup>4</sup> The platinum group metal ions, rhodium(I), iridium(I), ruthenium(0), platinum(0), and palladium(0), are sufficiently soft and give<sup>1,5,6</sup> metal dioxygen complexes mostly with soft donors such as tertiary phosphines, arsines, etc. The only example of a hard donor such as EDTA as a ligand in metal-dioxygen complexes is the complex<sup>7</sup>  $\text{Ti}(\text{EDTA})\text{O}_2^{2-}$ . To our knowledge, except for the cobalt(II) dioxygen complexes,<sup>3</sup> equilibrium and other studies have not been conducted on any other metal dioxygen system in aqueous solution. Besides, there are no examples of a platinum group metal-dioxygen complex with hard donor ligands such as EDTA and HEDTA. In the present investigation ruthenium(III) dioxygen complexes are reported for the hard donor ligands EDTA and HEDTA in aqueous solution.

The potentiometric titrations of 1:1  $\text{Ru}^{\text{III}}-\text{EDTA}$  and  $\text{Ru}^{\text{III}}-\text{HEDTA}$  systems were conducted with continuous bubbling of oxygen through the experimental solutions. The  $\text{Ru}^{\text{III}}-\text{EDTA}$  and  $\text{Ru}^{\text{III}}-\text{HEDTA}$  systems gave inflections at  $a = 2.5$  and 4.5, respectively, indicative<sup>3</sup> of the formation of binuclear  $\mu$ -hydroxo- $\mu$ -peroxo complexes in solution. The pH of the solution was measured in each case after sufficient time

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