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Table III. Crystallographic Data for 2

TiO ₃ N ₄ C ₄₈ H ₆₄	space group: C2/c (no. 15)
fw: 792.97	T = 21 °C
a = 24.597 (4) Å	λ = 0.70930 Å
b = 12.962 (1) Å	ρ _{calc} = 1.152 g cm ⁻³
c = 29.373 (4) Å	μ = 2.25 cm ⁻¹
β = 102.524 (7)°	R(F _o) = 0.059
V = 9142 (4) Å ³	R _w (F _o) = 0.065
Z = 8	

cm⁻¹ is shifted to 891 cm⁻¹ when ¹⁸OH₂ was used in the synthesis of 2. Much smaller shifts were observed (≤5 cm⁻¹) for the remaining bands, and hence we assign the band at 930 cm⁻¹ as being due to the terminal titanium-oxo stretching frequency.

Experimental Section

Synthesis of Ti(O)(OAr-2,6Prⁱ)₂(NC₅H₄-4NC₄H₈)₂ (2). To a solution of Ti(OAr-2,6Prⁱ)₂[BuⁿNC(CH₂Ph)₂](py) (1) (0.50 g, 0.67 mmol) in benzene (25 mL) was added 4-pyrrolidinopyridine (0.30 g, 2.01 mmol). The mixture was stirred vigorously while water (12.1 μL, 0.67 mmol) was slowly added. After the mixture was stirred for 12 h, the benzene solvent was allowed to evaporate down slowly whereupon yellow crystals of the product began to form. The crystals were washed with hexane and dried under vacuum. Yield = 0.27 g (50%). Anal. Calcd for TiC₄₈H₆₄N₄O₃, (2)·C₆H₆: C, 72.71; H, 8.14; N, 7.07. Found: C, 71.85; H, 9.05; N, 7.29. ¹H NMR (C₆D₆, 30 °C): δ 3.23 (septet, CHMe₂), 1.29 (d, CHMe₂), 8.55 (d, ortho protons on pyridine ring), 6.11 (d, meta protons on pyridine ring), 2.68 (d), 1.36 (d, ortho and meta protons on pyrrolidine ring). Infrared (Nujol mull): ν(Ti-O), 930 cm⁻¹; ν(Ti-¹⁸O), 891 cm⁻¹. Other IR bands (cm⁻¹): 3056 (w), 3022 (w), 2956 (s), 2924 (s), 2854 (s), 1612 (s), 1532 (s), 1484 (m), 1460 (s), 1434 (s), 1412 (s), 1378 (w), 1342 (w), 1330 (m), 1270 (s), 1224 (m), 1210 (m), 1180 (w), 1158 (w), 1110 (w), 1096 (w), 1066 (w), 1042 (w), 1014 (s), 930 (m), 894 (m), 874 (w), 816 (w), 804 (w), 748 (m), 706 (w), 682 (m), 660 (w).

BuⁿN(H)CH(CH₂Ph)₂. The organic amine was obtained from the hydrolysis supernatant by preparative TLC on silica eluted with a 1:1 benzene/hexane mixture. Yields typically were 70–85%. ¹H NMR (C₆D₆, 30 °C): δ 3.36 (broad, NH), 3.13 (quintet, CH(CH₂Ph)₂), 2.72 (AB pattern of doublets, CH(CH₂Ph)₂), 0.91 (s, CMe₃), 6.8–7.3 (aromatics). ¹³C NMR (C₆D₆, 30 °C): 29.5 (CMe₃), 51.1 (CMe₃), 43.8 (CH₂Ph), 56.1 (CH), 126.3, 128.5, 130.0, 140.5 (CH₂Ph). High-resolution MS: calcd for C₁₉H₂₅N, 268.2065; found, 268.2061.

Crystallographic Studies

Selected crystal data and data collection parameters are collected together in Table III. A suitable crystal was mounted in a glass capillary in a random orientation. Cell constants and an orientation matrix for data collection were obtained from least-squares refinement by using the scattering angles of 25 reflections in the range 14.3° < θ < 17.2° as measured by the computer-controlled diagonal slit method of centering. Systematic absences and subsequent least squares refinement indicated the space group C2/c (no. 15). The data were collected at room temperature by using the ω-θ scan technique. The scan rate varied from 2 to 20°/min in ω, and data were collected to a maximum 2θ of 45°. Moving-crystal, moving-counter background counts were made by scanning an additional 25% above and below the scan width. The counter aperture was adjusted as a function of θ. For intense reflections an attenuator (factor 12.9) was automatically inserted in front of the detector. As a check on crystal and electronic stability, three standard reflections were remeasured every 5000 s of beam time. No decay in standards was observed.

The structure was solved by using the Patterson heavy-atom method to reveal the position of titanium atoms. The remaining heavy atoms were located in succeeding difference Fourier syntheses. Hydrogen atoms were located and added to the structures, but their positions were not refined. All calculations including the full-matrix least-squares refinement were performed by using Enraf-Nonius' SDP on a VAX computer.

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Temperature, Pressure, and Electrolyte Dependence of the Ferrocene/Ferrocenium Electron Self-Exchange in CD₃CN

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We are studying the effects of elevated pressures on electron-transfer kinetics,^{1,2} and the classic system ferrocene-ferrocenium is of interest. Wahl and co-workers³ made an extensive study at atmospheric pressure via NMR spectroscopy some years ago. In the course of our research it appeared that our rate constants were somewhat larger than those reported by Wahl. Some results reported by Weaver et al.⁴ also indicate a systematic difference with the earlier values. We have reinvestigated the system using 200-MHz NMR spectroscopy primarily in the hope of obtaining some more precise *k* values, which would be helpful in our elevated pressure work.

It is believed that Δ*V*[‡] measurements on a variety of electron-transfer reactions will aid in testing theories and providing more insight into detailed mechanisms. The ferrocene-ferrocenium case is attractive because formally 0/+1 interaction is involved and interpretation of the results may be facilitated in comparison to that of reactions involving more highly charged reactants. Unfortunately, there are experimental difficulties, particularly because of the fast exchange rate, which makes it hard to obtain extensive and/or precise Δ*V*[‡] values. We report here our best efforts in this case.

Experimental Section

Materials. Ferrocene (Fe(cp)₂) was purchased from Alfa Chemical Co. and was twice vacuum-sublimed. Fe(cp)₂PF₆ was prepared according to the literature.³ Anal. Calcd: C, 36.29; H, 3.05; P, 9.35; F, 34.44. Found: C, 36.33; H, 2.97; P, 9.20; F, 32.33. The characteristic absorption band of ferrocenium was found at 617 ± 1 nm. The extinction coefficient was determined, from three independent experiments at 617 nm, to be 513.3 ± 9.5 M⁻¹ cm⁻¹ in acetonitrile under an argon atmosphere. Acetonitrile-*d*₃ was obtained from MSD Isotopes Merck, dried over 4-Å molecular sieves (activated at about 200 °C under vacuum), degassed by three freeze-pump-thaw cycles, and stored in an evacuated bulb in the dark until used. Co(cp)₂PF₆ was obtained from Strem Chemicals and used without further purification.

¹H NMR Measurements at 1 atm. Details of the sample preparations are given in ref 5. Proton NMR spectra were collected on a Nicolet NT200WB instrument. The acquisition parameters were a 4.5-μs pulse width, a 500-ms postacquisition delay, a 14 000-Hz sweep width, a 32K block size, and 500–4000 scans. Temperature readings were calibrated by using the method of Raiford et al.⁶, corrected to 200 MHz, by adding a capillary of methanol to the experimental sample. The self-exchange rate was found to lie near the "fast-exchange" region. Therefore, the rate constants for electron exchange could be determined from eq 1,³ where

$$k = \frac{4\pi x_D x_P (\delta\nu)^2}{(W_{DP} - x_P W_P - x_D W_D) C_{tot}} \quad (1)$$

*x*_D and *x*_P are the mole fractions of diamagnetic and paramagnetic species, *W*_{DP}, *W*_P, and *W*_D are the NMR line widths (hertz) at half-height for the mixed, pure paramagnetic, and pure diamagnetic samples, respectively, δν is the difference in resonance frequency (hertz) between

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the pure paramagnetic and diamagnetic samples, and C_{tot} is the total molar concentration of the diamagnetic and paramagnetic species. Peak widths were determined by fitting the data to a Lorentzian line shape with use of the least-squares-minimizing program available on the Nicolet instrument. Typically, about 200 points above the base line were used in the fitting. The precise value for x_p was best determined from the chemical shift data by using eq 2,⁴ where the subscripts are as before and

$$x_p = \frac{\nu_{\text{DP}} - \nu_{\text{D}}}{\delta\nu} \quad (2)$$

ν is the resonance frequency. All chemical shifts are measured relative to tetramethylsilane (TMS). Errors in k were estimated from errors in parameters in eq 1.

The temperature-dependent data were fit to the Eyring equation. The errors in ΔH^\ddagger and ΔS^\ddagger are standard deviations calculated from the fitting program.

¹H NMR Measurements on Pressure Samples. The solutions were prepared in a dry nitrogen atmosphere in a glovebag or in the argon atmosphere of a drybox. The solutions were placed in a 4 mm o.d. \times 3 cm glass NMR cell fitted with a sliding glass piston or a collapsible Teflon tube closed with a glass plug. The solutions were 35–70 mM in ferrocene and 4–7 mM in the ferrocenium hexafluorophosphate salt.

The proton NMR spectra were obtained at pressures from 0.1 to 200 MPa and temperatures from -8.5 to $+10$ °C on a Bruker WH-90 instrument fitted with a Be-Cu pressure bomb probe. Temperature was held constant (± 0.1 °C) by circulating EtOH-H₂O from a thermostated bath through a jacket around the probe. The pressure was generated with a hand pump and read on an Astra gauge calibrated against a Heise gauge. The pressurizing fluid around the sample was 1,2-dibromotetrafluorethane (Gold Label, Aldrich Chemical Co.). TMS was used as an internal frequency standard and as a reference for field inhomogeneity determination (3–11 Hz).

NMR line widths and shifts were measured for ferrocene, ferrocenium, and mixtures thereof as a function of temperature and pressure. The spectra were transferred to a computer that displayed the experimental and digitally computed spectra simultaneously on an oscilloscope while adjusting parameters of the computed spectrum until a best visual fit was obtained. The shift and width of pure ferrocene were essentially independent of pressure and temperature. Pure ferrocenium shows a marked increase in line width with increasing pressure or decreasing temperature. The measured line widths are reproduced by eq 3, where W_p is the

$$\ln W_p = 3.7256 + 0.4064P/T + 852.3/T \quad (3)$$

ferrocenium line width (fwhm) in Hz, P the pressure in MPa, and T the temperature in K. The maximum difference from the experimental widths is 4.7%, and the average is 1%. This equation implies a $3.4 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$ volume of activation and a $1.7 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$ energy of activation for the process controlling the ferrocenium line width. The shift between ferrocene and ferrocenium is given by eq 4, where $\delta\nu$ is in ppm. The shift is independent of pressure within 1%.

$$\delta\nu = 6790/(T - 50) \quad (4)$$

The volume of activation, $\Delta V^\ddagger = -RT (\partial \ln k / \partial P)_T$, was found from a linear plot of $\ln k$ vs P , as shown in Figure 2. The slope is $-\Delta V^\ddagger/RT$.

Results

It is worth noting that the molar extinction coefficient of ferrocenium in acetonitrile as a solvent presented in this paper does not agree with values reported in the literature. In ref 3 an extinction coefficient of $446 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ measured in the same solvent was found, and in ref 7 an extinction coefficient of $430 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ measured in nitromethane was reported. Our value is $513 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ for samples in an argon atmosphere, where decomposition should be minimal.

The chemical shift (ν_{D}) and the line width at half-height (W_{D}) of ferrocene are temperature independent. ν_{D} is 832.1 ± 0.5 Hz, and W_{D} is 0.7 ± 0.2 Hz. The chemical shifts and line widths of ferrocenium are strongly dependent on temperature. The data for the temperature dependence of shifts and line widths are fitted to a second-order polynomial function $y = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2$ ($a_0 = 6169.7 \pm 4.5$, $a_1 = -22.24 \pm 0.15$, $a_2 = 9.66 \times 10^{-2} \pm 7 \times 10^{-3}$ for the chemical shifts; $a_0 = 832.2 \pm 9.1$, $a_1 = -7.82 \pm 0.3$, $a_2 = 4.18 \times 10^{-2} \pm 0.01$ for the line widths). The values from the fitting function were used to obtain rate constants. Second-order rate constants k as a function of temperature and ferrocenium

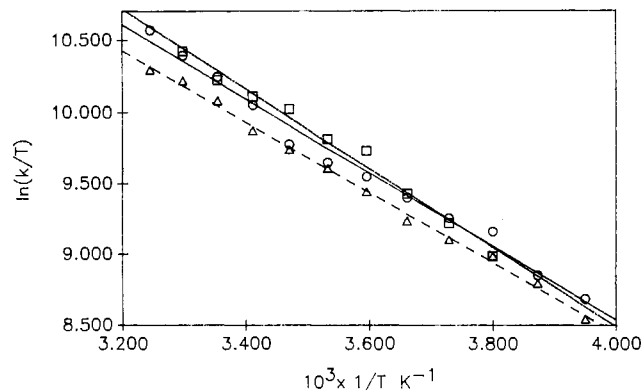


Figure 1. Eyring plots for electron-self-exchange rate constants of $\text{Fe}(\text{cp})_2^{0/+}$ in CD_3CN : (O) $[\text{Fe}(\text{cp})_2] = 47.8 \text{ mM}$, $[\text{Fe}(\text{cp})_2^+] = 11.4 \text{ mM}$; (□) $[\text{Fe}(\text{cp})_2] = 45.2 \text{ mM}$, $[\text{Fe}(\text{cp})_2^+] = 17.8 \text{ mM}$; (Δ) $[\text{Fe}(\text{cp})_2] = 51.4 \text{ mM}$, $[\text{Fe}(\text{cp})_2^+] = 34.8 \text{ mM}$.

Table I. Second-Order Rate Constants at 25 ± 0.5 °C as a Function of Ferrocene and Cobaltocenium

$[\text{Fe}(\text{cp})_2\text{PF}_6]/\text{mM}$	$[\text{Fe}(\text{cp})_2]/\text{mM}$	$[\text{Co}(\text{cp})_2\text{PF}_6]/\text{mM}$	$k \times 10^{-6}/\text{M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$
0.83 ^a	18.1		9.3 ± 0.12
4.6 ^b	24.7		8.6 ± 0.10
9.1	36.4		7.8 ± 0.06
11.4	47.8		8.2 ± 0.18
17.8	45.2		8.4 ± 0.07
1.6 ^c	73.3	16.8	7.4 ± 2.0
34.8	51.4		7.1 ± 0.09
7.5 ^d	45.2	33.3	6.9 ± 0.09

^a $W_{\text{DP}} = 123.7 \pm 1.0$ Hz; $\nu_{\text{DP}} = 251.8 \pm 1.0$ Hz. ^b $W_{\text{DP}} = 315.7 \pm 2.0$ Hz; $\nu_{\text{DP}} = 883.2 \pm 1.7$ Hz. ^c $W_{\text{DP}} = 29.9 \pm 4.0$ Hz; $\nu_{\text{DP}} = 127.0 \pm 2.0$ Hz. ^d $W_{\text{DP}} = 229.7 \pm 1.8$ Hz; $\nu_{\text{DP}} = 814.2 \pm 1.9$ Hz.

Table II. Activation Enthalpies and Entropies of the Electron Self-Exchange between $\text{Fe}(\text{cp})_2$ and $\text{Fe}(\text{cp})_2\text{PF}_6$

$[\text{Fe}(\text{cp})_2\text{PF}_6]/\text{mM}$	$\Delta H^\ddagger/\text{kcal mol}^{-1}$	$\Delta S^\ddagger/\text{cal mol}^{-1} \text{ deg}^{-1}$
9.1	5.7 ± 0.3	-7.6 ± 1.0
11.4	5.3 ± 0.2	-9.0 ± 0.9
17.2	5.5 ± 0.3	-8.5 ± 1.0
34.8	4.9 ± 0.1	-10.7 ± 0.3

concentration are depicted in Figure 1. The activation parameters ΔH^\ddagger and ΔS^\ddagger are shown in Table II. Second-order rate constants measured at 25 °C in the presence of $\text{Co}(\text{cp})_2\text{PF}_6$ and different $\text{Fe}(\text{cp})_2\text{PF}_6$ concentrations are listed in Table I.

We have studied the pressure effects of k from -8.5 to $+10$ °C and from 1 atm to 200 MPa. The system is near the "fast-exchange" regime, and it is difficult to obtain line broadenings that are primarily caused by the exchange process. Lowering temperature and total concentration helps, but one is limited by freezing of solvent and by solubility and signal/noise considerations. Two completely independent studies at -8.5 °C were made, and these have ca. 30–50% exchange broadening. We find $\Delta V^\ddagger = -4.5 \pm 1.0 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$ at -8.5 °C. At 0 °C we find $\Delta V^\ddagger = -8 \pm 1.8 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$; at 5 °C $\Delta V^\ddagger = -7.9 \pm 0.8 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$, and at 10 °C $\Delta V^\ddagger = -6.9 \pm 0.8 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$. The average value for ΔV^\ddagger at the four temperatures is $-7 \pm 1 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$. The errors quoted are based on a least-squares fit, but we believe that an error of $2 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$ is more realistic and that there is no evidence within the error for an effect of temperature on ΔV^\ddagger . Much more accurate data would be required to test this conclusion. Some decomposition occurred in the pressure samples although they were prepared in an argon atmosphere. The decomposition products do not appear to affect k , and the mole fraction of Fe(III) was obtained from the shift measurements as was done by Wahl. A plot of $\ln k$ vs P at 0 °C is given in Figure 2.

Discussion

Ferrocenium ion decomposes in the presence of air and eventually gives a yellow-brown solid of unknown composition.

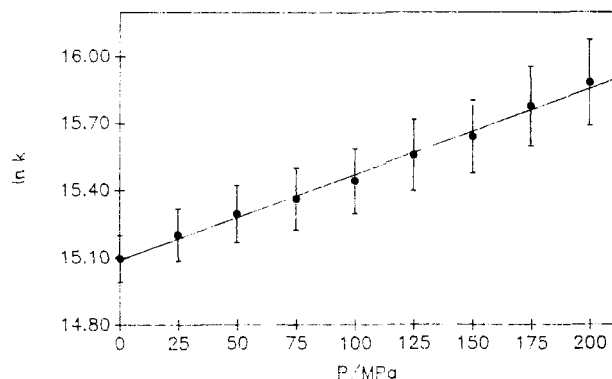


Figure 2. Activation volume data: natural logarithm of the rate constant vs pressure in MPa. $T = 0^\circ\text{C}$; $[\text{Fe}(\text{cp})_2] = 37.2\text{ mM}$; $[\text{Fe}(\text{cp})_2^+] = 2.7\text{ mM}$.

Samples for the atmospheric pressure studies were prepared on a vacuum line and showed no decomposition as noted by Wahl.³

The rate constants found in this work are larger than those of Wahl et al. by ca. 30–40%. Our k at 25°C extrapolated to zero ionic strength is $9.3 \times 10^6\text{ M}^{-1}\text{ s}^{-1}$, which can be compared with that of Weaver et al.⁴ of $9.1 \times 10^6\text{ M}^{-1}\text{ s}^{-1}$ at $\mu = 0.65\text{ mM}$. The ΔH^\ddagger values we found agree quite well with those of Wahl (4.7 vs 5.3 kcal mol⁻¹), suggesting perhaps systematic errors in his rate constants. The rate constants are, in fact, very sensitive to the measured parameters. The errors are somewhat reduced at 200 MHz but are still of the order of $\pm 5\%$ at best.

There appears to be a small effect on k of changing the concentration of ferrocenium and/or addition of cobaltocenium. We find a decrease in k at 25°C from $\mu = 0$ to $\mu = 40\text{ mM}$ of ca. 20%. The variation of $\ln k$ is fairly linear with $\mu^{1/2}$. One does not of course expect much effect on a 0/+1 reaction. The effect if any of μ on ΔH^\ddagger and ΔS^\ddagger is hard to assess. A similar effect, reduction of the rate constant with added salt, has been observed for the reduction of a series of cobalt(III) clathrochelates, +1 ions, by ferrocene⁸ and for reactions between the neutral and +1 forms of the clathrochelates.⁹ In these cases the effect has been attributed to a lower reactivity of ion-paired reactants.

A value for ΔV^\ddagger of $-7.0 \pm 2.0\text{ cm}^3\text{ mol}^{-1}$ is not significantly different from that found for the inner-sphere ruthenocene(II)–bromoruthenocene(IV) system ($-3.0 \pm 0.2\text{ cm}^3\text{ mol}^{-1}$).⁷ If the outer-sphere ferrocene–ferrocenium case involves some π – π^* ring interactions as suggested by Weaver et al.¹⁰ and the ruthenium system involves a halo bridge, the factors influencing ΔV^\ddagger might be similar. Formation of a “bond” would lead to a negative ΔV^\ddagger contribution, release of solvent between the species gives a positive ΔV^\ddagger contribution, and diminished electrostriction effects in the activated complex would be small and lead to a positive contribution (we estimate ca. $+1\text{ cm}^3\text{ mol}^{-1}$).

In another approach, based on Marcus theory like model, the ΔV^\ddagger value is predicted from the solvent reorganization term,¹¹ eq 5, with an additional contribution from a precursor formation

$$\Delta V_{\text{SR}}^\ddagger = \frac{Ne^2}{16\epsilon_0\pi} \left[\frac{1}{r_{\text{ab}}} - \frac{1}{\sigma} \right] \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial P} \left[\frac{1}{n^2} - \frac{1}{\epsilon} \right] \right] \quad (5)$$

constant. In eq 5, ϵ_0 is the permittivity of free space, r_{ab} is the assumed “radius” of the species, σ is the electron-transfer distance, n is the refractive index, and ϵ is the dielectric constant of the solvent. Assuming that r_{ab} and σ are pressure independent and using 4 \AA for r_{ab} and 8 \AA for σ ,¹² this equation predicts a ΔV^\ddagger of ca. $-15\text{ cm}^3\text{ mol}^{-1}$. Larger values for r_{ab} and σ give more positive

values for ΔV^\ddagger . For example, an r_{ab} of 5 \AA and a σ of 10 \AA leads to a ΔV^\ddagger of ca. $-12\text{ cm}^3\text{ mol}^{-1}$. This is inconsistent with our result unless a large positive contribution to ΔV^\ddagger is made by precursor complex formation.

On the basis of a simple solvent electrostriction argument, a neutral and a +1 species should produce a transition state with a lower charge density and thus solvent should be released, leading to a positive ΔV^\ddagger . Using a form of the Drude–Nernst equation presented previously,¹ we can roughly predict a value for ΔV^\ddagger of $1\text{ cm}^3\text{ mol}^{-1}$. In the previous study¹ of electron self-exchange by manganese isocyanide complexes, both the simple Drude–Nernst equation and a method based on Marcus theory gave predictions that were not inconsistent with the results. However, in that case the reactants were +1 and +2 ions.

The lack of agreement with the above “theoretical” approaches emphasizes the need for a more detailed structural approach to ΔV^\ddagger . Studies using a variety of solvents and substituted ferrocenes should be helpful in this regard. These studies should be done at higher magnetic fields when possible.

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Synthesis and Characterization of a Bis(oxo)-Bridged $\text{Mn}^{\text{III}}\text{Mn}^{\text{III}}$ Complex, Bis(μ -oxo)bis[N,N' -bis((6-methylpyridin-2-yl)methyl)ethane-1,2-diamine]dimanganese(III) Perchlorate

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Although manganese has long served as a practical oxidant for synthetic chemists, its role in several biological redox processes has only recently been the focus of study. In particular, a polynuclear manganese unit is now known to play an essential role in the oxidation of water to oxygen in photosystem II during photosynthesis.^{1,2} Several research groups have focused their attention on the mixed-valent bis(μ -oxo)dimanganese(III/IV) system, $[\text{LMn}(\mu\text{-O})_2\text{MnL}]$, a potential model for this biological redox process.³ The first two complexes of this type, $[(\text{bpy})_2\text{Mn}^{\text{III}}(\mu\text{-O})_2\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{bpy})_2](\text{ClO}_4)_3$ (bpy = 2,2'-bipyridine) and $[(\text{phen})_2\text{Mn}^{\text{III}}(\mu\text{-O})_2\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{phen})_2](\text{ClO}_4)_3$ (phen = 1,10-phenanthroline), were synthesized in 1960.⁴ No further examples of these compounds were generated until our report of $[(\text{bispicen})\text{Mn}^{\text{III}}(\mu\text{-O})_2\text{Mn}^{\text{IV}}(\text{bispicen})](\text{ClO}_4)_3$ (bispicen = N,N' -bis-(2-pyridylmethyl)ethane-1,2-diamine) in 1987.⁵ Since then, complexes have been reported with the tetradentate ligands tris(2-pyridylmethyl)amine,⁶ tris(2-aminoethyl)amine,⁷ 1,4,7,10-

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