Table II.	Final Positional and	Thermal Parameters	for Ph₄As['	$\Gamma cO(SCH_2CH_2O)_2]^a$
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atom	x		у		Z	<i>U</i> (	1,1)		U(2,2)	U(3,3)	<i>U</i> (1,2)	<i>U</i> (1,3)	U(2,3)
Tc As	0.560 15 (5) 0.400 86 (5)		0.466 46 (4) 0.165 75 (4)	0.292	2 63 (4) 7 28 (4)	0.04	77 (4) 40 (4)	0 0	.0351 (4) .0327 (4)	0.0467 (4) 0.0305 (4)	$\begin{array}{c} 0.0003 \ (4) \\ -0.0003 \ (4) \\ 0.010 \ (1) \end{array}$	-0.0055(4) -0.0007(4)	-0.0113(4) -0.0002(4)
$S_1$ $S_2$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.7013(2) \\ 0.5223(2) \end{array}$	1	0.4270(1) 0.4116(2)	0.312	58 (2)	0.03	+ (1) 1 (2)	0	.039 (1) .071 (2)	0.038 (1) 0.101 (2)	0.010 (1) 0.022 (2)	0.035 (2)	0.037 (2)
ato	m x		у		z		<i>B</i> , Å	2	atom	x	у	Ζ	<i>B</i> , A <sup>2</sup>
0,	0.6208	(4)	0.5521	(3)	0.2555	(3)	4.5 (	(1)	C <sub>14</sub>	0.3154 (7)	-0.0748 (5)	0.4857 (5)	4.7 (2)
0,	0.4808	(4)	0.5417	(3)	0.3249	(3)	4.3 (	(1)	C15	0.2771 (7)	-0.0230 (5)	0.5261 (5)	5.2 (2)
0,	0.5171	(5)	0.4201	(4)	0.2266	(4)	6.3 (	(2)	C16	0.3044 (6)	0.0512 (5)	0.5198 (5)	4.0 (2)
C,	0.7111	(8)	0.5443	(6)	0.2335	(6)	6.7 (	(3)	C <sub>17</sub>	0.5082 (5)	0.1783 (4)	0.4066 (4)	2.8 (2)
$C_2$	0.7692	(9)	0.4989	(7)	0.2739	(7)	7.9 (	(3)	C18	0.5755 (6)	0.2197 (5)	0.4351 (5)	3.7 (2)
С,	0.4275	(7)	0.5349	(6)	0.3866	(6)	5.6 (	(2)	C	0.6530 (6)	0.2327 (5)	0.3949 (5)	4.5 (2)
C ₄	0.4154	(8)	0.4586	(7)	0.4072	(6)	6.8 (	(3)	C.,	0.6604 (7)	0.2014 (5)	0.3293 (5)	4.7 (2)
Ċ,	0.3086	(5)	0.2122	(4)	0.4047	(4)	2.6 (	(2)	C.,	0.5929 (6)	0.1607 (5)	0.3017 (5)	4.3 (2)
C,	0.2203	(6)	0.1923	(4)	0.4152	(4)	3.5 (	(2)	C.,	0.5144 (6)	0.1478 (4)	0.3398 (4)	3.1 (2)
Ċ,	0.1524	(6)	0.2281	(5)	0.3791	(5)	4.5 (	(2)	C.,	0.4058 (5)	0.2160 (4)	0.5446 (4)	2.7 (2)
с.	0.1757	(6)	0.2830	(5)	0.3320	(5)	4.4 (	(2)	C.	0.3966 (6)	0.2909 (5)	0.5417 (4)	3.6 (2)
Č.	0.2650	(6)	0.3023	(5)	0.3208	(5)	4.4 (	2)	C	0.3987 (6)	0.3297 (5)	0.6046 (5)	4.0 (2)
Č.,	0.3335	(6)	0.2666	(5)	0.3584	(4)	3.6 (	2	C.,	0.4110 (6)	0.2948 (5)	0.6668 (5)	4.3 (2)
Č.,	0.3706	(5)	0.0667	(4)	0.4716	(4)	2.8 (	(2)	Č.,	0.4208 (6)	0.2199 (5)	0.6682 (5)	4.0 (2)
Č	0.4130	(6)	0.0138	(5)	0.4301	(5)	3.7 (	(2)	Č.,	0.4180 (5)	0.1798 (4)	0.6066 (4)	3.1 (2)
C,	0.3829	(7)	-0.0587	(5)	0.4386	(5)	4.9 (	(2)	- 28	(-)			(-)

<sup>a</sup> The form of the anisotropic thermal parameter is  $\exp\left[-(\beta(1,1)*h^2 + \beta(2,2)*k^2 + \beta(3,3)*l^2 + \beta(1,2)*hk + \beta(1,3)*hl + \beta(2,3)*kl\right]$ .

Table III. Selected Distances (Å) and Selected Angles (Deg)

atom	atom		dist	atom	atom		dist
Tc Tc Tc Tc Tc S <sub>1</sub>	$ \begin{array}{c} S_1\\ S_2\\ O_1\\ O_2\\ O_3\\ C_2 \end{array} $		2.283 (2) 2.297 (2) 1.963 (4) 1.936 (4) 1.662 (5) 1.848 (10)	$S_2 \\ O_1 \\ O_2 \\ C_1 \\ C_3$	$ \begin{array}{c} C_4\\ C_1\\ C_3\\ C_2\\ C_4 \end{array} $	1 1 1 1	.841 (9) .429 (9) .435 (9) .438 (11) .478 (11)
atom a 1	tom 2	aton 3	n angle	atom 1	atom 2	atom 3	angle
$ \begin{array}{c} S_1\\ S_1\\ S_1\\ S_2\\ S_2\\ S_2\\ S_2\\ O_1\\ O_1 \end{array} $	Tc Tc Tc Tc Tc Tc Tc Tc Tc	$ \begin{array}{c} S_2 \\ O_1 \\ O_2 \\ O_3 \\ O_1 \\ O_2 \\ O_3 \\ O_2 \\ O_3 \\ O_2 \\ O_3 \end{array} $	86.09 (7) 83.8 (1) 138.1 (1) 109.7 (2) 141.8 (2) 83.6 (1) 109.4 (2) 79.8 (2) 108.7 (2)	$ \begin{array}{c} O_2 \\ Tc \\ Tc \\ Tc \\ Tc \\ O_1 \\ S_1 \\ O_2 \\ S_2 \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{c} Tc \\ S_1 \\ S_2 \\ O_1 \\ O_2 \\ C_1 \\ C_2 \\ C_3 \\ C_4 \end{array} $	$\begin{array}{c} O_3\\ C_2\\ C_4\\ C_1\\ C_3\\ C_2\\ C_1\\ C_4\\ C_3\end{array}$	112.0 (2) 101.9 (3) 96.3 (3) 117.9 (4) 123.0 (4) 118.5 (8) 108.2 (7) 112.0 (6) 108.2 (6)

Å) or 3 (0.791 (3) Å). It has been proposed<sup>10</sup> that the steric demands of the oxo—oxygen in dichloro[hydrotris(1-pyrazolyl)borato]oxotechnetium(V) (4) cause the cis ligands to bend away from the Tc—O moiety in the compound. If such an explanation were invoked to explain the relatively short metal-to-basal plane distance in 1, it might be expected that the  $O_3$ -Tc- $O_{1,2}(av)$  angle would be significantly smaller than the  $O_3$ -Tc- $S_{1,2}(av)$  angle. This is not so. The average angles are 110.4 (2) and 109.6 (2)°, respectively. Indeed,  $O_3$ -Tc- $O_2$  is the largest angle of the set. The average O-Tc-S angle in the TcOS<sub>4</sub> core of 3 is 110.0 (3)°, and in 2 it is 109.3 (4)°. It can be concluded that the short Tc-to-basal plane distance in 1 is entirely due to the relative Tc-S and Tc-O(ligand) bond lengths and not to sterically induced bond angle deformation.

Although the cis form of 1 was isolated, there is no a priori reason to doubt the existence of the trans isomer. A similar situation occurred for 3; the cis isomer was isolated, but the trans isomer could be detected by NMR in the unfractionated reaction product. Complex 1 has a moderately intense band in its optical spectrum ( $\lambda_{max}(MeCN) = 357 \text{ nm}; \epsilon = 2770 \text{ L} \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and a much weaker one ( $\lambda_{max} = 525 \text{ nm}, \epsilon = 180$ )

L mol<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup>). Any bands at shorter wavelengths are obscured by the absorptions of the tetraphenylarsonium ion. The more intense band has position and extinction coefficient similar to the principle features in the spectra of 2 and 3 and is most likely due to sulfur-to-metal charge-transfer absorption. The weaker band by virtue of its position and intensity may be a d-d transition. The infrared spectrum of 1 (KBr pellet) exhibits a strong band at 948 cm<sup>-1</sup>, with a weaker, poorly resolved shoulder at 935 cm<sup>-1</sup> which can be attributed to the technetium-oxo stretching mode (the splitting probably results from a solid-state effect).

The isolation of 1 demonstrates the ease with which the oxotechnetium(V) core is formed during the aerobic reduction of pertechnetate and that the  $TcO^{3+}$  core can be stabilized by donors other than four bischelated sulfur atoms. This enlarges the scope of potential ligands for rationally designed radio-pharmaceuticals.

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## Adiabatic Potential Surface of the Hexafluorocupric Ion: Contribution to the Stereochemistry of Copper(II) Complexes

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The statistical analysis of X-ray structural data for Cu(II) complexes with certain chromophores, stimulated largely by the earlier works of Hathaway and co-workers,<sup>1-3</sup> yields some

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Chart I



Table I. Experimental Values of  $R_a$  and  $R_e$  for the CuF<sub>6</sub> Chromophore

no.	compd	coord no.ª	type of unit <sup>a</sup>	Ra	R <sub>e</sub>	meth- od <sup>b</sup>	ref
1	Na <sub>2</sub> CuF <sub>4</sub>	4 + 2	В	2.37	1.91	X	10
2	Ba,CuF,	4 + 2	В	2.33	1.89	Ν	11
2	Ba,CuF,	4 + 2	В	2.32	1.87	Х	12
3	K,CuF	4 + 2	В	2.28	1.91	Х	13
4	$CuF_{2}(s)$	4 + 2	В	2.27	1.93	Х	14
5	NaCuF,	4 + 2	В	2.26	1.93	Х	15
6	KCuF,	4 + 2	В	2.26	1.92	Ν	16
6	KCuF,	4 + 2	В	2.25	1.93	Х	17
3	K,CuF₄	4 + 2	В	2.22	1.92	Х	18
6	KČuF,	2 + 4	D	1.96	2.07	Х	19
3	K,CuF₄	2 + 4	D	1.95	2.08	Х	20
2	Ba,CuF,	2 + 4	D	1.85	2.08	E	21
7	CuF <sub>2</sub> (g)	2	E	1.72		E	22

<sup>a</sup> According to Chart I. <sup>b</sup> Key: X, X-ray structural analysis; N, neutron diffraction; E, estimate.

new concepts in modern stereochemistry.<sup>4-9</sup> The well-known tetragonal distortions of coordination polyhedra with  $CuN_6$ ,  $CuO_6$ , and  $CuN_4O_2$  chromophores exhibit interesting correlations between the variation of the axial,  $R_a$ , and the equatorial,  $R_{\rm e}$ , interatomic distances for the coordination number of  $4 + 2.4^{-6}$  Originally, the former distance was marked as  $R_{\rm L}$  (long), while the latter was marked  $R_{\rm S}$  (short) because the distortions toward the elongated tetragonal bipyramid appear to be typical for coordination polyhedra of Cu(II).<sup>4</sup> The above-mentioned correlations are manifested in the fact that with increasing  $R_a$  the distance  $R_e$  decreases and vice versa. In the large statistical set of X-ray data the  $R_a$  vs.  $R_e$  dependence becomes practically continuous. This is the case of the CuO<sub>6</sub> chromophore (73 experimental points<sup>4</sup>) where distances Cu–O cover the range of values  $R_e \in (1.88, 2.15)$  and  $R_a \in \langle 1.97, 3.50 \rangle$  (all distances in  $10^{-10}$  m). The lower limit of  $R_e^{\min} \approx 1.9$  corresponds to the upper limit of  $R_a^{\max} \approx 3.5$ where the chemical interactions may be ruled out and the complex becomes rather a square-planar one. A pair of experimentally determined internal coordinates  $\{R_a, R_e\}$  corresponds to a stable (equilibrium) geometric configuration and thus to a minimum on the adiabatic potential surface, i.e., to a minimum on the total energy function of the form  $E_{\rm T}$  =  $E_{\rm T}(R_{\rm a},R_{\rm e})$ . It seems that depending on the nature of the actual ligand sphere with the same chromophore, e.g., CuO<sub>6</sub>, the minimum on the adiabatic potential surface moves along a smooth curve, i.e., along the  $R_a$  vs.  $R_e$  correlation curve. The stronger is the "perturbation" associated with an actual ligand, the larger is the displacement (measured for example with the tetragonality parameter<sup>1-3</sup>) from the pseudooctahedral configuration. In the first approximation this effect can be rationalized in terms of the cis influence: the change of equa-

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Figure 1. Schematic representation of a valley, V, in the adiabatic potential surface  $E_{\rm T}(R_{\rm a},R_{\rm e})$ .  $\xi$  is the  $R_{\rm a}$  vs.  $R_{\rm e}$  correlation curve.

torial ligands has an influence on the cis direction, i.e., on the axial distance  $R_a$ . However, also the chromophore CuF<sub>6</sub> exhibits an  $R_a$  vs.  $R_e$  dependence similar to that for CuO<sub>6</sub>, CuN<sub>6</sub>, and  $CuN_4O_2$  as will be shown in the next section. In this case the cis influence is to be ruled out from consideration because a "perturbation" can be caused only by the cationic part of the crystal.

## **Results and Discussion**

Let us consider reaction 1 or Chart I. The analysis of

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \operatorname{CuF}_{4}^{2^{-}} \xrightarrow{+2F^{-}} \operatorname{CuF}_{6}^{4^{-}} \xrightarrow{} \operatorname{CuF}_{6}^{4^{-}} \xrightarrow{} \operatorname{CuF}_{6}^{4^{-}} \xrightarrow{} \operatorname{CuF}_{2} \\ D_{4h} & D_{4h} & O_{h} & D_{4h} & \xrightarrow{-4F^{-}} & D_{\infty h} \\ \end{array}$$
(1)

experimental data shows (Table I) that Chart I partially realized. Thus an existence of the  $R_a$  vs.  $R_e$  correlation is indicated here also for the chromophore CuF<sub>6</sub>. The crucial question at this point can be formulated as follows: In the  $CuF_6^4$  ion does an intrinsic disposition exist to follow the  $R_a$ vs.  $R_e$  dependence? Or in other words, does the adiabatic potential surface in the  $\operatorname{CuF_6^{4-}}$  ion exhibit a valley, V, the projection of which on the  $\{R_a, R_e\}$  plane with the  $R_a$  vs.  $R_e$ correlation function,  $\xi$ , is coincident (Figure 1)?

The problem was solved by applying quantum chemical computational methods. Actually, the CNDO/2 version of semiempirical all-valence MO-LCAO-SCF calculations was used.<sup>23</sup> First a mapping of the adiabatic potential surface was

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Figure 2. Calculated  $R_a$  vs.  $R_c$  correlation curve for CuF<sub>6</sub><sup>4-</sup>: O, experimental points.

made; namely, the total molecular energy,  $E_{\rm T}$ , of the complex  $\operatorname{CuF_6^{4-}}$  was calculated for the pairs of  $R_a$  and  $R_e$  which vary independently by the step of 0.005 nm. The equilibrium geometry of a limit case, square-planar CuF<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>, can easily be obtained either from refining the variation step to localize the energy minimum or from the local minimum after a parabolic fitting of the cut of the adiabatic potential surface. Analogically, the optimum geometries of CuF2 and of the octahedral  $CuF_6^{4-}$  were calculated.

The valley on the two-dimensional adiabatic potential surface was found according to the conception of the minimum energy coordinate proposed by Swanson.<sup>27-30</sup> Starting from the octahedral arrangement of  $CuF_6^{4-}$ , the coordinate  $R_a$  increases by a step, e.g.,  $\Delta R_a = 0.005$  nm. Then  $R_e$  is varied until the function  $E_T(R_a^c(=\text{constant}), R_e)$  relaxes to a local minimum, where  $(\partial E_T/\partial R_e)_{R_a^c} = 0$ . The obtained local minima are connected with a smooth curve which approaches the optimum geometry of square-planar  $CuF_4^{2-}$  in the limit case of  $R_a \rightarrow \infty$ . Analogically, the second part of the valley (or  $R_a$  vs.  $R_e$  correlation curve) was obtained starting from the octahedral CuF<sub>6</sub><sup>4-</sup>:  $R_e$  increases by a step of  $\Delta R_e$ , and then  $R_{\rm a}$  is varied until the function  $E_{\rm T}(R_{\rm e}^{\rm c}(={\rm constant}),R_{\rm a})$  relaxes to a local minium, where  $(\partial E_T / \partial R_a)_{R_e^c} = 0$ . The calculated two parts of  $R_a$  vs.  $R_e$  correlation curve (Figure 2) represent well the minimum energy path in the harmonic approximation.<sup>27-30</sup> The experimental points are also included in Figure 2, and it can be concluded that the theoretical curve is in a remarkable agreement with the experimental points.

The principal result of this note lies in the proof that the adiabatic potential surface in the  $CuF_6^{4-}$  ion exhibits a valley, the projection of which into the  $\{R_a, R_e\}$  plane is coincident with the  $R_a$  vs.  $R_e$  correlation curve. Therefore in  $CuF_6^{4-}$  ion an intrinsic disposition exists to undergo distortions along an  $R_a$ 



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**Table II.** Fine Mapping of the Adiabatic Potential Surface  $E_T(R_a, R_e)$  in the CuF<sub>6</sub><sup>4-</sup> Ion<sup>a</sup>

R <sub>e</sub>	1.95	1.96	1.97	1.98	1.99	2.00						
2.01 2.00 1.99	0.47689 0.48421 0.48440	0.48778 0.49695 0.49899	0.48195 0.49294 0.49683	0.46001 0.47283 0.47856	0.44477	0.38672						
1.98 1.97 1.96 1.95	0.47718 0.40788	0.49364 0.48056 0.45949	0.49335 0.48216 0.48803 0.48656	0.47692 0.49150 0.49903 0.49922	0.46774 0.48397 0.49315 0.49501	0.46023 0.47106 0.47457						
1.94			0.47743	0.49177	0.48923	0.47045						

<sup>a</sup> Total energy  $E_{T}(R_{a}, R_{e}) = -5226.0 - E'$  (eV), where E' is listed in the table.  $R_a$  and  $R_e$  are in 10<sup>-10</sup> m. Energy minima are underlined.



Figure 3. Shape of a valley, V, with two minima in  $CuF_6^{4-}$ .

vs.  $R_e$  dependence.<sup>31</sup> That valley represents a reaction path according to Chart I: it starts from  $CuF_4^{2-}$  and finishes at CuF<sub>2</sub>. It seems that a "degree of conversion" according to Chart I depends on the cationic part of the crystal and the reaction can be stopped at certain points of  $\xi$ .

Finally, it must be pointed out that the octahedral  $CuF_6^{4-}$ ion has a doubly degenerated electronic ground term  ${}^{2}E_{g}$  and in agreement with the Jahn-Teller theorem the adiabatic potential surface has no minimum in this nuclear configuration.<sup>33</sup> The fine mapping of the adiabatic potential surface (Table II) shows that there are two minima corresponding to a flattened and an elongated octahedron. Then after refinement the valley V has the form as shown in Figure 3. Thus conclusions following from the Jahn-Teller theorem<sup>34</sup> are implicitly included in the calculated shape of the adiabatic potential surface.

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