

1.716 (14), 1.791 (14), 1.695 (14), and 1.609 (14) Å, respectively] and contrast with the complex¹⁰ *closo*-1,1,1,1-(MeCN)₄-1,2,4-CaC₂B₁₀H₁₂. In the latter structure the carbon atom that lies above the plane defined by four borons in the top belt interacts nearly symmetrically with the adjacent boron atoms [C(2)-B(3) and C(2)-B(7) distances are 1.519 (8) and 1.510 (7) Å, respectively] whereas the other carbon atom that lies below the plane interacts asymmetrically with the adjacent boron atoms [C(4)-B(3) and C(4)-B(5) distances are 1.645 (8) and 1.697 (7) Å, respectively].

It is interesting to note that complex **2** adopts a bent sandwich arrangement and is similar to that observed in the 7,8-dicarbollide samarium sandwich complex¹² and other cyclopentadienyl complexes of lanthanides.¹¹ The fact that the carborane ligand in **2** can be easily removed by an appropriate electrophilic reagent such as Eu²⁺ suggests that the bonding between the carborane ligands and the europium atom in **2** is quite ionic in character. We are currently extending our studies to neighboring lanthanides.

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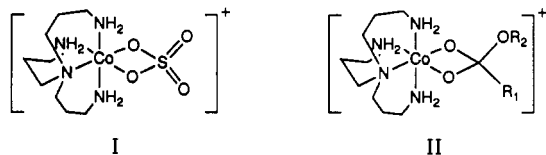
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A Cobalt(III) Sulfato Chelate. Synthesis and Structure of [(trpn)Co(η²-SO₄)]ClO₄·H₂O

We report here the synthesis and X-ray structure of I, a 4-membered sulfato complex of Co(III). Almost 30 years ago, Barraclough and Tobe¹ described a Co^{III}(η²-SO₄) complex, but recently Buckingham et al.² showed that this compound is, in fact, a cobalt dimer with two sulfate bridges. Thus, complex I appears to be the first cobalt (III) compound of its kind.³



Our interest in [(trpn)Co(η²-SO₄)]ClO₄·H₂O derived from the fact that I simulates, in charge and geometry, tetrahedral intermediate II postulated in cobalt-catalyzed ester hydrolyses.⁴

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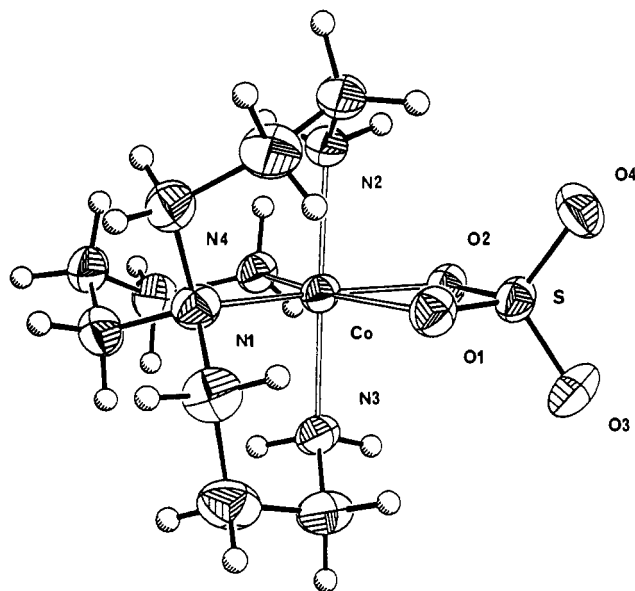


Figure 1. ORTEP representation of [(trpn)Co(η²-SO₄)]ClO₄·H₂O complex at the 50% probability level. Selected bond lengths (Å) and interbond angles (deg): Co-O(1) = 1.974 (4), Co-O(2) = 1.950 (3), Co-N(1) = 1.983 (4), Co-N(2) = 1.977 (4), Co-N(3) = 1.971 (4), Co-N(4) = 1.949 (4), S-O(1) = 1.502 (3), S-O(2) = 1.517 (4), S-O(3) = 1.443 (4); S-O(4) = 1.441 (4); O(1)-Co-O(2) = 71.8 (1), O(1)-Co-N(1) = 98.3 (2), N(1)-Co-N(4) = 100.3 (2), N(2)-Co-N(3) = 176.7 (2), O(1)-Co-N(4) = 161.4 (1), O(2)-Co-N(1) = 170.1 (2), Co-O(1)-S = 94.2 (2), Co-O(2)-S = 94.7 (2), O(1)-S-O(2) = 99.4 (2), O(1)-S-O(4) = 112.0 (2), O(2)-S-O(3) = 109.4 (2), O(3)-S-O(4) = 113.4 (2).

Consequently, an antibody based on protein-linked I might, in concert with [(trpn)Co(OH₂)₂]³⁺, serve as a "metalloenzyme" toward sulfate, carboxylic, or carbonate esters.⁵

Compound I was synthesized by adding to water (500 mL) Co(ClO₄)₂·(H₂O)₆ (Strem, 18.9 g, 50 mmol) and trpn ligand⁶ (9.4 g, 50 mmol) followed by NaHCO₃ (8.4 g, 100 mmol) and PbO₂ (26 g).⁷ Stirring was carried out overnight, 70% HClO₄ was added slowly until pH 5 was reached, solids were removed by filtration, and the water was partially evaporated in vacuo to give [(trpn)Co(CO₃)]ClO₄·H₂O, in 75% yield after recrystallization from water. This substance (1.7 g, 4 mmol in 2 mL of water was mixed first with 70% HClO₄ (0.9 mL) and then with Na₂SO₄ (0.57 g, 4 mmol) in 20 mL of water. Partial stripping of water gave crude product, which, after recrystallization from water (82% yield), led to material having elemental analyses and spectral data⁸ consistent with I. An X-ray structure was, however, required to definitely rule out a binuclear cobalt complex with bridging sulfates.

A perspective view of I is shown in Figure 1.⁹ The Co(III)

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(9) Purple crystals of [(trpn)Co(η²-SO₄)]ClO₄·H₂O are monoclinic, space group P2₁/c, with a = 8.753 (4) Å, b = 16.580 (7) Å, c = 12.510 (7) Å, β = 97.89 (4)°, v = 1798 (1) Å³, d_{calcd} = 1.70 g/cm³, Z = 4, MW = 460.77 and μ = 12.62 cm⁻¹. X-ray data were collected at 21 °C on a 0.3 × 0.3 × 0.35 mm crystal for 2670 independent reflections having 3° < 2θ < 45° on a Nicolet P3F four-circle diffractometer using graphite-monochromatized Mo Kα radiation. The positions of the heavy atoms were solved via the Patterson method, and the remaining non-hydrogen atoms were found by difference Fourier syntheses utilizing the SHELXTL program package. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic thermal parameters. The final residuals were R = 0.051 (R_w = 0.062) for 2096 data with I > 3σ(I).

ion adopts a distorted octahedral geometry with the following angles: N1-Co-N4 = 100.3°, N2-Co-N3 = 176.7°, and O1-Co-O2 = 71.8°. The large N1-Co-N4 angle, similar to that observed in RuCl(η^2 -SO₄)(NO)(PPh₃)₂, reflects the strain in the contiguous four-membered ring.¹⁰ A slightly deformed tetrahedral configuration was found for the sulfate ligand with O-S-O angles of 99.4, 109.4, 112.0, and 113.4°. The exocyclic S-O bonds are about 0.07 Å shorter than the endocyclic ones. "Short-long" trans effects are seen clearly: N4-Co (1.949 (4) Å) vs O1-Co (1.974 (4) Å); N1-Co (1.983 (4) Å) vs O2-Co (1.950 (3) Å). The two axial N-Co bonds are almost identical (1.971 (4) and 1.977 (4) Å). Finally, an interesting hydrogen-bonded network¹¹ exists between N4-H, water, and ClO₄⁻. One is remained of the S_N1CB mechanism¹² in which hydroxide attacks an NH₂R coordinated to Co(III).

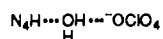
Hydrolysis of **1** was monitored by the absorbance decrease at 548 nm observed when a 10.2 mM aqueous solution of **1** was added to 0.2 M *N*-ethylmorpholine buffer (*I* = 1.0 M with NaClO₄) thermostated at 25.0 °C in a stopped-flow spectrophotometer. First-order rate constants of 0.19, 0.21, and 0.22 s⁻¹ were obtained at pH values of 7.24, 7.89, and 8.20, respectively. This is about 65 times faster² than [(en)₂Co(μ-SO₄)₂]²⁺, where ring strain is not a factor, and almost 10 times faster than [(trpn)Co(η²-OAc)]²⁺. Binding of SO₄²⁻ to [(trpn)Co(OH₂)₂]³⁺, followed from the 548-nm absorbance increase at pH 2.9 ([Co] = 5.04 mM; NaClO₄, *I* = 1.0 M; 0.023-0.24 M NaSO₄; 25 °C), gave a second-order rate constant of 0.11 M⁻¹ s⁻¹. *p*-Nitrophenyl sulfate, a weak ligand, was not hydrolyzed by [(trpn)Co(OH₂)(OH)]²⁺.

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A Triply Bonded Dirhenium Complex Containing a Nitrosyl Ligand

The reactions of nitric oxide with multiply bonded dimetal complexes can, like those with carbon monoxide and organic isocyanides, lead to cleavage of the metal-metal bond and the formation of products in which a metal-metal interaction is no longer present.^{1,2} Examples include the conversions of Mo₂X₄-

(PR₃)₄ (X = Cl, Br; PR₃ = PEt₃, *P*-*n*-Bu₃, PEtPh₂) to Mo-(NO)₂X₂(PR₃)₂,³ Mo₂(O-*i*-Pr)₆ to Mo₂(μ-O-*i*-Pr)₂(O-*i*-Pr)₄(NO)₂,⁴ and W₂(O-*t*-Bu)₆ to W(O-*t*-Bu)₃(NO)(py).⁵ A few instances are also known where nitric oxide forms adducts with multiply bonded dimetal species, such as the case of the diruthenium complexes Ru₂(μ-O₂CR)₄(NO)₂ and Ru₂(μ-N₃Ph)₄(NO)₂.⁶ Structure determinations on the carboxylate complexes where R = Et or CF₃ show that the Ru-Ru bonds are much longer and weaker than in the parent Ru₂(μ-O₂CR)₄ compounds.^{6,7} Quite different behavior is encountered with the nitrosonium cation NO⁺, which we have found can serve as a one-electron oxidant in converting triply bonded dirhenium(II) species to their dirhenium(III,II) congeners.⁸⁻¹⁰ We now describe a previously unreported reaction course in which NO⁺ first behaves as a one-electron oxidant, followed by the incorporation of NO into the final reaction product without a net change in the metal-metal bond order.

Solutions of the dirhenium(II) complex Re₂Cl₄(μ-dmpm)₃ (**1**; dmpm = Me₂PCH₂PMe₂) in 0.1 M *n*-Bu₄NPF₆/CH₂Cl₂ exhibit two one-electron oxidations at *E*_{1/2} = +0.53 V and *E*_{pa} = +1.30 V vs Ag/AgCl.¹¹ The reversible oxidation can be accessed both electrochemically and chemically, the latter with the use of NOPF₆ as the oxidant. A mixture of **1** (0.10 g, 0.108 mmol) and NOPF₆ (0.023 g, 0.130 mmol) in 10 mL of dichloromethane was stirred at room temperature for 15 min, the purple solution evaporated to dryness, and ethanol added to the residue to afford the microcrystalline complex [Re₂Cl₄(μ-dmpm)₃]PF₆ (**2**), yield 0.08 g (70%). Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₄₂Cl₄F₆P₇Re₂: C, 16.88; H, 3.95. Found: C, 16.36; H, 4.14. The identity of **2** was further established by its electrochemical and spectroscopic properties.¹²

A different reaction product is obtained if **1** is reacted with NOPF₆ by using 1:2 molar proportions of these reagents. The reaction between **1** (0.21 g, 0.228 mmol) and NOPF₆ (0.080 g, 0.455 mmol) in dichloromethane (15 mL) for 4 h at room temperature led to a color change from red to purple to brown. The reaction mixture was filtered and evaporated to dryness and the residue treated with ethanol to give dark red-brown Re₂Cl₅(dmpm)₂(NO) (**3**), yield 0.08 g (41%). Anal. Calcd for C₁₀H₂₈Cl₅NOP₄Re₂: C, 14.10; H, 3.29. Found: C, 14.62; H, 3.08. This same product was formed when acetone was used as the reaction solvent in place of dichloromethane and was also formed by the reaction of **2** with 1 equiv of NOPF₆ in dichloromethane.

The diamagnetic nitrosyl complex **3**, which is the first triply bonded dimetal species to contain a NO ligand, shows a single intense ν(NO) mode at 1750 cm⁻¹ in its IR spectrum (Nujol mull). Its ¹H NMR spectrum (recorded in CDCl₃ at room temperature) exhibits a broad resonance (unresolved multiplet) at δ +4.13 (P-CH₂-P) and multiplets at δ +2.46, +2.00, and +1.60, in an intensity ratio of ca. 1:1:2, which are assigned to CH₃-P. The resonance at δ +1.60 is composed of two overlapping multiplets. Overall, these results indicate the presence of four inequivalent pairs of CH₃-P groups in the structure of **3**. The cyclic voltammograms of solutions of **3** in 0.1 M *n*-Bu₄NPF₆/CH₂Cl₂ show a

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