

## Effect of the Sixth Axial Ligand in CS-Ligated Iron(II)octaethylporphyrinates: Structural and Mössbauer Studies

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The effect of a sixth ligand in a series of low-spin thiocarbonyl-ligated iron(II)octaethylporphyrinates has been investigated. Six-coordinate complexes have been synthesized and characterized by Mössbauer and infrared spectroscopy and single-crystal X-ray structure determinations. The results are compared with the five-coordinate parent complex. The crystal structures of [Fe(OEP)(CS)(1-Melm)] and [Fe(OEP)(CS)(Py)] are reported and discussed. The 1-methylimidazole and pyridine derivatives exhibit Fe–C(CS) bond distances of 1.703(4) and 1.706(2) Å that are significantly longer than the 1.662(3) Å reported for five-coordinate [Fe(OEP)(CS)] (Scheidt, W. R.; Geiger, D. K. *Inorg. Chem.* **1982**, *21*, 1208). The trans Fe–N(ligand) distances of 2.112(3) and 2.1550(15) Å observed for the 1-methylimidazole and pyridine complex are ~0.13 Å longer than those observed for analogous bis-ligated complexes and are consistent with a significant structural trans effect for the CS ligand. Mössbauer investigations carried out for five- and six-coordinate thiocarbonyl derivatives with several different sixth axial ligands reveal interesting features. All derivatives exhibit very small isomer shift values, consistent with a very strong interaction between iron and CS. The five-coordinate derivative has  $\delta_{\text{Fe}} = 0.08$  mm/s, and the six-coordinate complexes exhibit  $\delta_{\text{Fe}} = 0.14$  to 0.19 mm/s at 4.2 K. The five-coordinate complex shows a large quadrupole splitting ( $\Delta E_{\text{q}} = 1.93$  mm/s at 4.2 K) which is reduced on coordination of the sixth ligand ( $\Delta E_{\text{q}} = 0.42$ –0.80 mm/s at 4.2 K). Addition of a sixth ligand also leads to a small decrease in the value of  $\nu_{\text{CS}}$ . Correlations in structural, IR, and Mössbauer results suggest that the sixth ligand effect is primarily induced by changes in  $\sigma$ -bonding. The structure of [Fe(OEP)(CS)(CH<sub>3</sub>OH)] is briefly reported. Crystal data: [Fe(OEP)(CS)(1-Melm)] crystallizes in the monoclinic system, space group  $P2_1/n$ ,  $Z = 4$ ,  $a = 9.5906(5)$  Å,  $b = 16.704(4)$  Å,  $c = 23.1417(6)$  Å,  $\beta = 100.453(7)^\circ$ . [Fe(OEP)(CS)(Py)] crystallizes in the triclinic system, space group  $P\bar{1}$ ,  $Z = 5$ ,  $a = 13.9073(6)$  Å,  $b = 16.2624(7)$  Å,  $c = 22.0709(9)$  Å,  $\alpha = 70.586(1)^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 77.242(1)^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 77.959(1)^\circ$ . [Fe(OEP)(CS)(CH<sub>3</sub>OH)] crystallizes in the triclinic system, space group  $P\bar{1}$ ,  $Z = 1$ ,  $a = 9.0599(5)$  Å,  $b = 9.4389(5)$  Å,  $c = 11.0676(6)$  Å,  $\alpha = 90.261(1)^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 100.362(1)^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 114.664(1)^\circ$ .

### Introduction

Carbon monoxide has been used as ligand for exploring properties of iron porphyrins and heme proteins for over 70 years.<sup>1–11</sup> As is well-known, CO binds to the heme of the respiratory proteins hemoglobin and myoglobin more strongly

than dioxygen. This tight binding of CO is the presumed result of a strong  $\pi$ -bond between CO and Fe(II). In part,

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this strong binding of CO has led to its use as a probe molecule in the study of iron porphyrinates and heme proteins.

Although the thiocarbonyl ligand (CS, also called carbon monosulfide) is isoelectronic with carbon monoxide, CS is considered to be both a better  $\sigma$ -donor and  $\pi$ -acceptor compared to the carbonyl ligand. This idea is supported by several early theoretical<sup>12–17</sup> and spectroscopic studies.<sup>16–20</sup> There are, however, only a relatively limited number of transition metal complexes reported,<sup>21</sup> so that comparisons to transition metal carbonyl complexes are limited. Thiocarbonyl derivatives of iron porphyrinates have been reported by the groups of Buchler<sup>22</sup> and Mansuy.<sup>23,24</sup> The structure of one derivative, five-coordinate [Fe(OEP)(CS)],<sup>25,26</sup> has been reported. The very short Fe–C(CS) distance of 1.662(3) Å is consistent with the idea that CS is a strong  $\pi$ -accepting ligand as is the fact that the five-coordinate species is a low-spin derivative. In this regard, CS appears to be very similar to the nitrite ligand. Five-coordinate [Fe(TpivPP)(NO<sub>2</sub>)]<sup>–</sup> is also a low-spin iron(II) derivative<sup>27</sup> with a short axial Fe–N(NO<sub>2</sub>) distance. These properties for the nitrite derivative were ascribed to a very strong  $\pi$ -accepting character of N-bound NO<sub>2</sub><sup>–</sup> in the iron(II) complex.

The nature of the strong  $\pi$ -accepting character of the nitrite ligand was found to be diminished substantially when an additional ligand was coordinated to form six-coordinate derivatives.<sup>28</sup> This was seen in the Mössbauer spectra where a large quadrupole splitting was observed for five-coordinate [Fe(TpivPP)(NO<sub>2</sub>)]<sup>–</sup> and much smaller quadrupole splitting values for the six-coordinate derivatives [Fe(TpivPP)(NO<sub>2</sub>)(Py)] and [Fe(TpivPP)(NO<sub>2</sub>)(PMS)]. This was interpreted in terms of variable  $\pi$ -bonding exhibited by the nitrite ligand. The apparent differences in  $\pi$ -bonding were also supported by the structural data.<sup>28</sup> The variation in  $\pi$ -bonding, as a

function of coordination number, was, in our view, unexpectedly large. This variation is distinctly different than that observed for another  $\pi$ -accepting ligand, NO.<sup>29–37</sup>

These results have prompted us to investigate how the  $\pi$ -interaction in a series of thiocarbonyl-ligated iron porphyrinates varies as a function of an increase in coordination number from five to six. We have measured Mössbauer spectra for five-coordinate [Fe(OEP)(CS)] and a number of six-coordinate [Fe(OEP)(CS)(L)] derivatives (L = Py, 4-CNPy, 4-NMe<sub>2</sub>Py, 1-MeIm, and Pip) in zero and applied magnetic field. A pattern similar to that observed for nitrite is observed; a large quadruple splitting is shown by [Fe(OEP)(CS)] ( $\Delta E_Q = 1.93$  mm/s at 4.2 K) with a large decrease in quadrupole splitting observed on coordination of a sixth ligand. Values of the quadrupole splitting are sensitive to the basicity of the sixth ligand. Another significant feature of the Mössbauer spectra of the thiocarbonyl porphyrinates is the unexpectedly low isomer shift values. Five-coordinate [Fe(OEP)(CS)] exhibits a low isomer shift value ( $\delta_{Fe} = 0.08$  mm/s at 4.2 K); the six-coordinate species have higher values of isomer shift. The values of the isomer shifts are much lower than that observed for carbonyl derivatives.

The crystal structures of three derivatives, [Fe(OEP)(CS)(1-MeIm)], [Fe(OEP)(CS)(Py)], and [Fe(OEP)(CS)(CH<sub>3</sub>OH)], were solved during the course of the investigation. All show Fe–C(CS) distances that are longer than the 1.662(2) Å value of the five-coordinate species and thus suggest a weaker interaction of CS with the iron center in the six-coordinate complexes. The Fe–L bond distances trans to CS are all longer than expected for iron(II) species and show that the CS ligand exerts a strong trans effect.

## Experimental Section

**General Information.** Tetrahydrofuran (THF) was dried and distilled over sodium/benzophenone. Chlorobenzene (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>Cl) was washed with concentrated sulfuric acid, aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, and water till neutral, dried overnight over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, and distilled over P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>. THF, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>Cl, 2,4,6-trimethylpyridine, and CCl<sub>4</sub> were degassed before use by three freeze/pump/thaw cycles. Pyridine was dried over KOH, distilled under vacuum, and used immediately. Piperidine was dried and distilled over calcium hydride. 1-Methylimidazole was dried and distilled over sodium. 4-Cyanopyridine was recrystallized from a dichloromethane/ethyl ether mixture. 4-(Dimethylamino)pyridine was recrystallized from toluene. <sup>57</sup>Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (95% enriched) was purchased from Cambridge Isotope Laboratories and used as received. Octaethylporphyrin was purchased from Midcentury Chemicals and was used as received. All other chemicals were used as received from Aldrich or Fisher. Most

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manipulations were carried out under argon using a double-manifold vacuum line, Schlenk-ware, and cannula techniques. IR spectra were recorded on a Nicolet-Nexus 670 FT-IR spectrophotometer as KBr pellets. UV-vis spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer Lambda 6 spectrophotometer. The solid-state Mössbauer samples were immobilized in Apiezon M grease. Spectra were obtained for [Fe(OEP)(CS)] using iron at normal and 95% enrichment in  $^{57}\text{Fe}$  while spectra for [Fe(OEP)(CS)(Py)], [Fe(OEP)(CS)(1-MeIm)], [Fe(OEP)(CS)(4-CNPy)], [Fe(OEP)(CS)(4-NMe<sub>2</sub>Py)], and [Fe(OEP)(CS)(Pip)] were obtained from enriched samples that had been prepared for another experiment. For the enriched iron derivatives, due to the small quantity of sample required, thin, dilute grease mulls were used to make the sample as uniform as possible. Mössbauer measurements were performed on a constant acceleration spectrometer at 4.2 K with zero field and up to 9 T in a magnetic field parallel to the  $\gamma$ -ray beam (Knox College).

**Preparation of [Fe(OEP)(CS)].** [Fe(OEP)Cl] was prepared by a modified literature method.<sup>3,38</sup> The five-coordinate thiocarbonyl complex was prepared according to the method reported by Buchler.<sup>22</sup> Typically, 50 mg of [Fe(OEP)Cl] was dissolved in 25 mL of THF and degassed three times. The solution was transferred via cannula to 0.2 mL of sodium amalgam (1%). Immediate reduction occurred with a color change of the solution from brown to red. Thiophosgene (0.1 mL, degassed three times) was added over a period of 10 min, and the solution was stirred for 24 h under argon at room temperature. The THF solution was decanted from the amalgam residue. The amalgam residue was washed twice with THF, and the combined solution was evaporated to dryness under vacuum. The product was extracted with toluene and purified by column chromatography (neutral alumina, 50–200  $\mu$ , activity level 4). After evaporating the solvent in a vacuum at 60 °C, the compound was washed with hexane (yield 33–40%).  $\lambda_{\text{max}}(\text{nm})$  in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ : 387, 516, 551 (reported, 388, 518, 551). IR (KBr),  $\nu_{\text{CS}}$ : 1292  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (reported: 1292  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ).<sup>22</sup>

**Preparation of [Fe(OEP)(CS)(L)] (L = Py, 1-MeIm, Pip, 4-CNPy, and 4-NMe<sub>2</sub>Py).** The six-coordinate thiocarbonyl complexes were prepared by recrystallization (slow evaporation) from the  $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  (3:1) solution of [Fe(OEP)(CS)] (40 mg) containing 0.1 mL of pyridine, 1-methylimidazole, or piperidine. The 4-cyanopyridine and 4-(dimethylamino)pyridine derivatives were prepared by slow evaporation of the  $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  solution containing five-coordinate [Fe(OEP)(CS)] and the respective ligand in 1:4 molar ratio.  $\lambda_{\text{max}}(\text{nm}, \log \epsilon)$  in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ : [Fe(OEP)(CS)(1-MeIm)], 408, 531, 557 (reported, 410, 530, 560); [Fe(OEP)(CS)(Py)], 407, 528, 559 (reported, 408, 529, 560); [Fe(OEP)(CS)(Pip)], 409, 529, 559 (reported, 410, 529, 560);<sup>22</sup> [Fe(OEP)(CS)(4-CNPy)], 405, 5.190; 529, 4.148; 556, 4.285; [Fe(OEP)(CS)(4-NMe<sub>2</sub>Py)], 410, 5.195; 530, 4.122; 560, 4.170.  $\nu_{\text{CS}}$  for [Fe(OEP)(CS)(Py)], 1280  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (reported, 1282  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ );  $\nu_{\text{CS}}$  for [Fe(OEP)(CS)(1-MeIm)], 1272  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (reported, 1275  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ );  $\nu_{\text{CS}}$  for [Fe(OEP)(CS)(Pip)], 1280  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (reported, 1278);<sup>22</sup>  $\nu_{\text{CS}}$  for [Fe(OEP)(CS)(4-CNPy)], 1284  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $\nu_{\text{CS}}$  for [Fe(OEP)(CS)(4-NMe<sub>2</sub>Py)], 1279  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**Preparation of [ $^{57}\text{Fe}$ (OEP)(CS)] and [ $^{57}\text{Fe}$ (OEP)(CS)].** The enriched iron porphyrin [ $^{57}\text{Fe}$ (OEP)Cl] derivative was prepared following the reported method.<sup>39</sup> Enriched (95%)  $^{57}\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{OEP}$  were used in 1.8:1 molar ratio, and the completion of metal insertion was monitored by UV-vis spectra. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80°, for 12 h to ensure complete metalation. [ $^{57}\text{Fe}$ (OEP)(CS)] was prepared by the same procedure as already described, from  $^{57}\text{Fe}$ (OEP)Cl.  $\nu_{\text{CS}}$ : 1291  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**Preparation of [ $^{57}\text{Fe}$ (OEP)(CS)(L)] (L = Py, 1-MeIm, Pip, 4-CNPy, and 4-NMe<sub>2</sub>Py).** The iron-enriched six-coordinate derivatives were prepared by the same procedure as already described. The  $\nu_{\text{CS}}$  values for the derivatives are the following: [ $^{57}\text{Fe}$ (OEP)(CS)(Py)], 1280  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; [ $^{57}\text{Fe}$ (OEP)(CS)(1-MeIm)], 1271  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; [ $^{57}\text{Fe}$ (OEP)(CS)(4-CNPy)], 1284  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; [ $^{57}\text{Fe}$ (OEP)(CS)(4-NMe<sub>2</sub>Py)], 1279  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ; [ $^{57}\text{Fe}$ (OEP)(CS)(Pip)], 1279  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**X-ray Structure Determinations. [Fe(OEP)(CS)(1-MeIm)].** A red block-shaped crystal of [Fe(OEP)(CS)(1-MeIm)] was used for data collection on an Enraf-Nonius FAST area detector diffractometer at 130 K using methods and procedures for small molecules standard in this lab.<sup>40</sup> The structure was solved in the space group  $P2_1/n$  by direct methods with SHELXS-86.<sup>41</sup> After all non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically, most of the hydrogen atoms were located by the difference Fourier synthesis. However, in the least-squares refinement, all hydrogen atoms were put in idealized positions and refined with riding models (C–H = 0.95 Å for  $\text{R}_2\text{CH}$ , 0.99 Å for  $\text{R}_2\text{CH}_2$ , 0.98 Å for  $\text{RCH}_3$ ). The structure was refined against  $F^2$  by the SHELXL-93 program.<sup>41</sup> The structure was completely ordered.

**[Fe(OEP)(CS)(Py)] and [Fe(OEP)(CS)(CH<sub>3</sub>OH)].** Crystalline samples of [Fe(OEP)(CS)(Py)] and [Fe(OEP)(CS)(CH<sub>3</sub>OH)] were placed in inert oil, mounted on glass pins, and transferred to the cold gas stream of the diffractometer. Crystal data were collected and integrated using a Bruker Apex system, with graphite monochromated Mo  $\text{K}\alpha$  ( $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å) radiation at 100 K. The structures were solved by direct methods using SHELXS-97 and refined using SHELXL-97 (Sheldrick, G. M., University of Göttingen). Non-hydrogen atoms were found by successive full-matrix least-squares refinement on  $F^2$  and refined with anisotropic thermal parameters. Hydrogen atom positions were located from difference Fourier maps, and a riding model with fixed thermal parameters [ $u_{ij} = 1.2U_{ij}(\text{eq})$  for the atom to which they are bonded] was used for subsequent refinements. The asymmetric unit of [Fe(OEP)(CS)(Py)] contains two and one-half iron–porphyrin units, with the Fe(II) ion of the half unit located at a crystallographic inversion center and the corresponding axial ligands also disordered over two positions (50% occupancies). This porphyrin ring, containing Fe(1)–3, is also disordered due to a 2-fold disorder of two of the unique ethyl substituents, so that the two ethyl groups, one unique methylene bridge and four unique carbon atoms of the porphyrin backbone, are present in 65%/35% relative occupancies. The porphyrin ring containing Fe(1)–1 includes two disordered sections, arising from two disordered ethyl groups a piece and including the corresponding  $\beta$  carbons, with site occupancies of 51%/49% and 65%/35%, respectively. The porphyrin ring containing Fe(1)–2 has one 73%/27% disorder of two ethyl groups and their  $\beta$  carbons, and one 50%/50% disorder of the methyl group of one ethyl substituent. The axial substituents of both of these porphyrin rings (attached to Fe(1)–1 and Fe(1)–2) are completely ordered. The asymmetric unit of [Fe(OEP)(CS)(CH<sub>3</sub>OH)] contains one-half of an iron–porphyrin unit,<sup>42</sup> with the position of the Fe(II) ion located at the crystallographic inversion center. Therefore, the methanol and CS ligands are disordered and were refined with 50% site occupancies.

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**Table 1.** Crystallographic Details for [Fe(OEP)(CS)(L)] Derivatives

|   | [Fe(OEP)(CS)-(1-MeIm)]                             | Fe(OEP)(CS)-(Py)                                   | [Fe(OEP)(CS)-(CH <sub>3</sub> OH)]                  |
|---|--|--|---|
| empirical formula                             | C <sub>41</sub> H <sub>50</sub> FeN <sub>6</sub> S | C <sub>42</sub> H <sub>49</sub> FeN <sub>5</sub> S | C <sub>38</sub> H <sub>52</sub> FeN <sub>4</sub> OS |
| fw  | 714.78   | 711.77   | 668.75  |
| cryst syst                                    | monoclinic   | triclinic  | triclinic   |
| space group                                   | <i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>n</i>                 | <i>P</i> $\bar{1}$                                 | <i>P</i> $\bar{1}$                                  |
| <i>a</i> , Å                                  | 9.5906(5)  | 13.9073(6)   | 9.0599(5)   |
| <i>b</i> , Å                                  | 16.704(4)  | 16.2624(7)   | 9.4389(5)   |
| <i>c</i> , Å                                  | 23.1417(6)   | 22.0709(9)   | 11.0676(6)  |
| $\alpha$ (deg)                                | 90   | 70.5860(10)  | 90.2610(10)   |
| $\beta$ (deg)                                 | 100.453(7)   | 77.2420(10)  | 100.3620(10)  |
| $\gamma$ (deg)                                | 90   | 77.9590(10)  | 114.6640(10)  |
| <i>V</i> , (Å <sup>3</sup> )                  | 3645.9(8)  | 4541.8(3)  | 842.72(8)   |
| <i>Z</i>                                      | 4  | 5  | 1   |
| <i>D</i> <sub>calcd</sub> , g/cm <sup>3</sup> | 1.302  | 1.301  | 1.318   |
| wavelength, Å                                 | 0.71073  | 0.71073  | 0.71073   |
| cryst size (mm <sup>3</sup> )                 | 0.22 × 0.14 × 0.03                                 | 0.3 × 0.2 × 0.2                                    | 0.5 × 0.3 × 0.2                                     |
| temp, K                                       | 130(2)   | 100(2)   | 100(2)  |
| reflins collected                             | 22290  | 49146  | 9096  |
| indep reflns                                  | 7882   | 22494  | 4178  |
| final <i>R</i> indices                        | <i>R</i> 1 = 0.0735                                | <i>R</i> 1 = 0.0458                                | <i>R</i> 1 = 0.0587                                 |
| [ <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )]         | <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.1742                               | <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.1106                               | <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.1395                                |
| <i>R</i> indices                              | <i>R</i> 1 = 0.0987                                | <i>R</i> 1 = 0.0587                                | <i>R</i> 1 = 0.0608                                 |
| (all data)                                    | <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.1902                               | <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.1185                               | <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.1403                                |

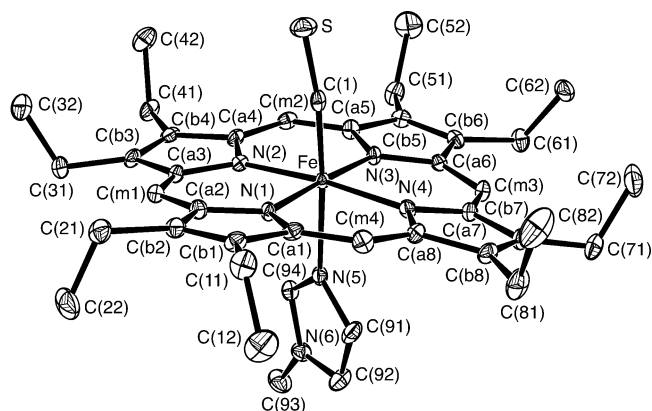
A brief description of crystallographic details for all three derivatives is given in Table 1 while complete information is given in the Supporting Information.

## Results

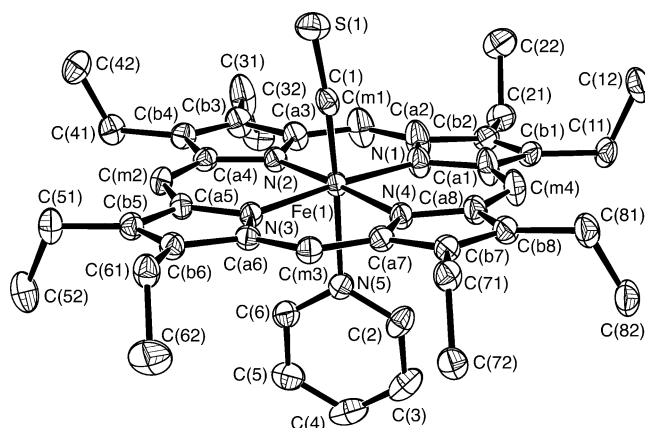
The synthesis, molecular structures, IR, UV–vis, and Mössbauer spectra of several six-coordinate thiocarbonyl iron(II) porphyrinates are reported. The six-coordinate thiocarbonyl complexes exhibit UV–vis spectra with red-shifted Soret and visible absorption bands compared to those of the five-coordinate derivative. The CS stretching frequency is found to be lower in all the six-coordinate thiocarbonyl complexes (1272–1284 cm<sup>-1</sup>) compared to 1292 cm<sup>-1</sup> observed for [Fe(OEP)(CS)]. Solid-state Mössbauer measurements were made on six samples, [Fe(OEP)(CS)] and [Fe(OEP)(CS)(L)] (L = 1-MeIm, Py, 4-CNPy, 4-NMe<sub>2</sub>Py, and Pip). The Mössbauer data will be discussed subsequently.

The molecular structures of three six-coordinate derivatives, [Fe(OEP)(CS)(1-MeIm)], [Fe(OEP)(CS)(Py)], and [Fe(OEP)(CS)(CH<sub>3</sub>OH)], have been determined. A labeled ORTEP diagram of [Fe(OEP)(CS)(1-MeIm)] is given in Figure 1. Crystals of [Fe(OEP)(CS)(Py)] contain two and one-half independent molecules per asymmetric unit;<sup>42</sup> the axial ligands in the two full molecule in the unit are ordered while the half molecule in the unit has the axial ligands disordered over two positions. The three molecules are distinguished with atom labels followed by an underscore one(\_1), two(\_2), or three(\_3) (half molecule); identical labeling schemes are used in all three. A labeled ORTEP diagram of molecule 2 of [Fe(OEP)(CS)(Py)] is given in Figure 2; ORTEP diagrams of the other two molecules are given in the Supporting Information, as is the diagram for [Fe(OEP)(CS)(CH<sub>3</sub>OH)]. A summary of selected bond distances and angles for the thiocarbonyl derivatives is given in Table 2.

A formal diagram showing the displacement of atoms (in units of 0.01 Å) from the 24-atom mean plane of [Fe(OEP)(CS)(1-MeIm)] is given in Figure 3. The diagram also



**Figure 1.** ORTEP diagram of [Fe(OEP)(CS)(1-MeIm)] displaying the atom labeling scheme. Thermal ellipsoids of all atoms are contoured at the 50% probability level. Hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity.



**Figure 2.** ORTEP diagram of molecule 2 of [Fe(OEP)(CS)(Py)] displaying the atom labeling scheme; this labeling scheme is used for all three molecules. Thermal ellipsoids of all atoms are contoured at the 50% probability level. Hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity.

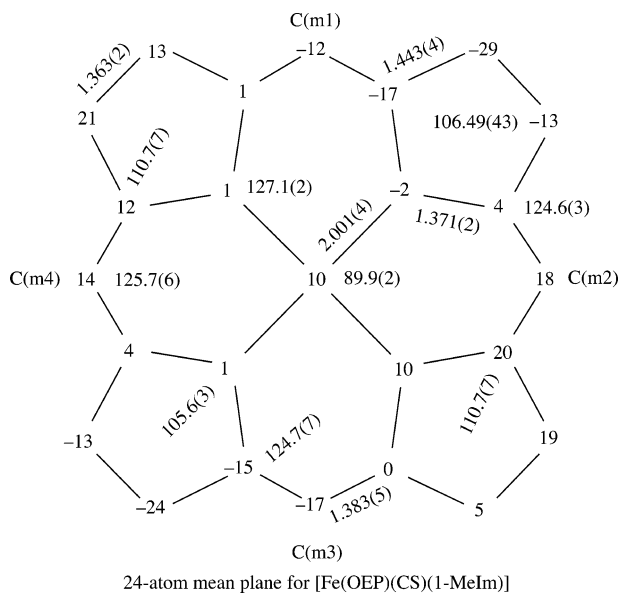
**Table 2.** Selected Bond Lengths, Bond Angles, and Iron Displacements for [Fe(OEP)(CS)(L)] Derivatives

| L:                                | [Fe(OEP)(CS)(L)] |           |                        |                       |                  |                    |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|
|                                   | <i>a</i>         | 1-MeIm    | Py(1)                  | Py(2)                 | Py(3)            | CH <sub>3</sub> OH |
| Fe–N(1) <sup>b</sup>              | 1.981(3)         | 2.002(3)  | 2.0034(15)             | 2.0048(8)             | 2.000(2)         | 1.992(2)           |
| Fe–N(2) <sup>b</sup>              | 1.989(3)         | 1.996(3)  | 2.0050(15)             | 2.0043(14)            | 1.998(2)         | 1.994(2)           |
| Fe–N(3) <sup>b</sup>              | 1.979(3)         | 2.000(3)  | 2.0072(16)             | 2.0039(14)            |                  |                    |
| Fe–N(4) <sup>b</sup>              | 1.980(2)         | 2.006(3)  | 2.0048(14)             | 2.0108(14)            |                  |                    |
| (Fe–N) <sub>av</sub> <sup>b</sup> | 1.982(5)         | 2.001(4)  | 2.005(2)               | 2.006(3)              | 1.999(1)         | 1.993(1)           |
| Fe–C(CS) <sup>b</sup>             | 1.662(3)         | 1.703(4)  | 1.707(2)               | 1.7042(18)            | 1.889(8)         | 1.800(12)          |
| Fe–L <sup>b</sup>                 |                  | 2.112(3)  | 2.1469(18)             | 2.1550(15)            | 1.959(3)         | 2.089(7)           |
| C–S <sup>b</sup>                  | 1.559(3)         | 1.563(4)  | 1.565(2)               | 1.5626(18)            | 1.603(8)         | 1.576(12)          |
| $\Delta_{Fe}^b$                   | 0.23             | 0.10      | 0.03–0.10 <sup>c</sup> | 0.0–0.03 <sup>c</sup> | 0.0 <sup>d</sup> | 0.0 <sup>d</sup>   |
| Fe–C–S <sup>e</sup>               | 176.3(2)         | 172.2(2)  | 176.24(13)             | 174.57(12)            | 175.4(5)         | 175.4(6)           |
| C–Fe–L <sup>e</sup>               |                  | 175.32(3) | 177.66(8)              | 176.94(7)             | 177.8(3)         | 168.8(8)           |
| ref                               | 25 <sup>f</sup>  | tw        | tw                     | tw                    | tw               | tw                 |

<sup>a</sup> Five-coordinate species. <sup>b</sup> Values in Å. <sup>c</sup> Range defined by choice of disordered atoms. <sup>d</sup> Value required by inversion symmetry. <sup>e</sup> Value in deg. <sup>f</sup> tw = this work.

displays the average values for each chemically unique type of bond length and bond angle. Similar diagrams for the pyridine and methanol derivatives are given in the Supporting Information. In contrast to the strongly ruffled core of [Fe(OEP)(CS)(1-MeIm)], the porphyrin cores in the remaining derivatives are more nearly planar.

The axial ligand plane in [Fe(OEP)(CS)(1-MeIm)] makes a dihedral angle of 21.9°, with the closest Fe–N<sub>p</sub> vector.



**Figure 3.** Formal diagram of the porphinato core displaying the perpendicular displacements, in units of 0.01 Å, of the core atoms from the 24-atom mean plane of [Fe(OEP)(CS)(1-MeIm)]. Positive values of displacements are toward the CS ligand. Also given on the diagram are the averaged values for the chemically unique bond distances and angles for the core.

The corresponding dihedral angles in [Fe(OEP)(CS)(Py)] are 42.9° (molecule 1), 39.1° (molecule 2), and 35.0° (molecule 3). The FeCS angles are close to linear with values of 172.2(2)°, in the 1-methylimidazole complex, and values of 176.2(1)°, 174.6(1)°, and 174.6(12)°, in the pyridine derivative. Complete listings of bond lengths and bond angles are included in the Supporting Information.

## Discussion

A major objective of this investigation was to examine the effect of adding a sixth ligand on the Fe–C(CS) bonding in thiocarbonyl iron(II) porphyrinate derivatives. Accordingly, a number of [Fe(OEP)(CS)(L)] derivatives with neutral nitrogen donors (pyridine, substituted pyridines, piperidine, and 1-methylimidazole) have been prepared. The vibrational spectra show that the addition of a sixth ligand has a small effect on the C–S stretching frequency. All six-coordinate derivatives have  $\nu_{CS}$  at lower frequency than the 1292 cm<sup>-1</sup> of five-coordinate [Fe(OEP)(CS)], with a maximum decrease of 20 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

The molecular structures of two nitrogen-ligated derivatives, [Fe(OEP)(CS)(1-MeIm)] and [Fe(OEP)(CS)(Py)], have been determined along with that of a methanol derivative, [Fe(OEP)(CS)(CH<sub>3</sub>OH)]. This latter derivative, with the weakly binding methanol ligand, unfortunately has symmetry-required disorder of the axial ligands and provides no detailed metrical information about the axial ligand distances. The pyridine derivative has an unusual crystallographic feature with two and one-half molecules in the asymmetric unit.<sup>42</sup> We first compare the new six-coordinate structures with the parent five-coordinate species.

As expected, the addition of a sixth ligand leads to a decrease in the out-of-plane displacement of the iron atom. Although the displacement of the iron atom from the 24-

atom mean plane in five-coordinate [Fe(OEP)(CS)] is relatively small at 0.23 Å, owing to the low-spin state of iron(II), the displacement is decreased to 0.10 Å in [Fe(OEP)(CS)(1-MeIm)]. Similar or smaller values of the out-of-plane displacement are also found for the pyridine derivative; the precision of values is limited by slight disorder in the porphyrin cores. All displacements are on the thiocarbonyl side of the porphyrin plane. Concomitant with the decrease in the out-of-plane iron displacement, there is an increase of >0.02 Å in the average Fe–N<sub>p</sub> distance of the six-coordinate derivatives (see Table 2). The radius of the central hole, Ct···N, increases from 1.969 Å in five-coordinate [Fe(OEP)(CS)] to 1.998 Å in the six-coordinate species.

The Fe–N bond distances trans to Fe–C(CS) are relatively long. The Fe–N(1-MeIm) distance is found to be 2.112(3) Å for [Fe(OEP)(CS)(1-MeIm)] and Fe–N(Py) distances of 2.1469(18) and 2.1550(15) Å are found for [Fe(OEP)(CS)(Py)]. Estimates of the magnitude of the increase in Fe–N(L) can be determined by comparison with a series of bis-ligated six-coordinate iron(II) porphyrinate complexes bonded to either imidazole<sup>43</sup> or pyridine ligands.<sup>44</sup> The bis-imidazole complexes<sup>43</sup> display axial Fe–N(L) bonds ranging from 2.004(2) to 2.017(4) Å; a lengthening of ~0.10 Å is thus inferred. The Fe–N(L) bond in [Fe(Por)(L)<sub>2</sub>], where L is either pyridine or a substituted pyridine,<sup>44</sup> varies from 1.996(2) to 2.039(1) Å, with a median value of 2.019 Å. This gives a lengthening of ~0.12 Å for the Fe–N(Py) bond. The bond lengthening is similar to that observed for the iron(II) nitrosyl porphyrinates where the Fe–N(L) distances of the ligand trans to nitrosyl are lengthened by >0.2 Å. The thiocarbonyl ligand thus appears to have a significant structural trans effect similar to the nitrosyl ligand in iron(II) porphyrinates.<sup>35,36,45</sup> The six-coordinate derivatives show a most significant structural feature: a general lengthening of the Fe–C(CS) bond on coordination of the sixth ligand. The 1-methylimidazole derivative exhibits an Fe–C(CS) distance of 1.703(4) Å, a distance significantly longer than the Fe–C(CS) distance of 1.662(3) Å observed for five-coordinate [Fe(OEP)(CS)].<sup>25</sup> Similar values are seen in the [Fe(OEP)(CS)(Py)] structure where Fe–C(CS) distances of 1.707(2) and 1.704(2) Å are observed for the two molecules exhibiting ordered axial ligands. These values (average = 1.705(2) Å) appear to be reliable as can be attested by the constant value of the C–S bond distance of 1.56 Å. Thus, there is a ~0.04

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**Table 3.** Solid-State Mössbauer Parameters for Thiocarbonyl and Related Derivatives

| Iron(II) Derivatives                             |                |                 |         |              |     |
|--|----------------|-----------------|---------|--------------|-----|
| complex <sup>a</sup>                             | $\Delta E_q^b$ | $\delta_{Fe}^b$ | $T$ (K) | $\nu_{CS}^c$ | ref |
| [Fe(OEP)(CS)]                                    | 1.95           | -0.03           | 293     | 1292         | tw  |
|  | 1.93           | 0.08            | 4.2     |              |     |
| [Fe(OEP)(CS)(4-CNPy)]                            | 0.90           | 0.03            | 293     | 1284         | tw  |
|  | 0.80           | 0.19            | 4.2     |              |     |
| [Fe(OEP)(CS)(Py)]                                | 0.67           | 0.04            | 293     | 1280         | tw  |
|  | 0.57           | 0.15            | 4.2     |              |     |
| [Fe(OEP)(CS)(Pip)]                               | 0.65           | 0.05            | 293     | 1279         | tw  |
|  | 0.65           | 0.19            | 4.2     |              |     |
| [Fe(OEP)(CS)(4-NMe <sub>2</sub> Py)]             | 0.497          | 0.06            | 293     | 1278         | tw  |
|  | 0.44           | 0.19            | 4.2     |              |     |
| [Fe(OEP)(CS)(1-MeIm)]                            | 0.47           | 0.03            | 293     | 1271         | tw  |
|  | 0.42           | 0.14            | 4.2     |              |     |
| [Fe(TPP)(CO)(Py)]                                | 0.57           | 0.28            | 293     |              | 56  |
| [Fe(TPP)(CO)(1-MeIm)]                            | 0.35           | 0.20            | 293     |              | 56  |
| [Fe(TPP)(CO)(Pip)]                               | 0.53           | 0.18            | 295     |              | 57  |
| [Fe(TPP)(NO)]                                    | 1.24           | 0.35            | 4.2     |              | 58  |
| [Fe(OEP)(NO)]                                    | 1.26           | 0.35            | 100     |              | 31  |
| [Fe(TpivPP)(NO <sub>2</sub> ) <sup>-</sup> ]     | 2.28           | 0.41            | 4.2     |              | 28  |
| [Fe(TpivPP)(NO <sub>2</sub> )(PMS)] <sup>-</sup> | 1.18           | 0.42            | 4.2     |              | 28  |
| [Fe(TpivPP)(NO <sub>2</sub> )(Py)] <sup>-</sup>  | 0.93           | 0.41            | 4.2     |              | 28  |
| Iron(III) Derivatives                            |                |                 |         |              |     |
| complex <sup>a</sup>                             | $\Delta E_q^b$ | $\delta_{Fe}^b$ | $T$ (K) |              | ref |
| [Fe(TPP)(NO <sub>2</sub> )(NO)]                  | 1.37           | 0.02            | 293     |              | 59  |
|  | 1.36           | 0.13            | 77      |              | 60  |
|  | 1.36           | 0.13            | 4.2     |              | 59  |
| [Fe(TpivPP)(NO <sub>2</sub> )(NO)]               | 1.48           | 0.01            | 293     |              | 59  |
|  | 1.43           | 0.09            | 4.2     |              | 59  |
| [Fe(OEP)(NO)(p-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> F)] | 0.56           | 0.05            | 293     |              | 61  |
|  | 0.57           | 0.14            | 4.2     |              | 61  |
| [Fe(OEP)(NO)]ClO <sub>4</sub>                    | 1.55           | 0.13            | 293     |              | 62  |
|  | 1.64           | 0.20            | 4.2     |              | 62  |
| [Fe(OEP)(NO)]ClO <sub>4</sub> ·CHCl <sub>3</sub> | 1.63           | 0.12            | 293     |              | 62  |
|  | 1.65           | 0.20            | 4.2     |              | 62  |
| [Fe(OEP)(NO)(Iz)]ClO <sub>4</sub>                | 1.99           | -0.07           | 293     |              | 62  |
|  | 1.92           | 0.02            | 4.2     |              | 62  |
| [Fe(OEP)(t-BuNC) <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>     | 1.67           | 0.08            | 300     |              | 63  |
|  | 1.98           | 0.16            | 120     |              | 63  |
|  | 2.06           | 0.18            | 4.2     |              | 63  |
| [Fe(TPP)(t-BuNC) <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>     | 2.12           | 0.13            | 120     |              | 63  |
| Iron(III 1/2, IV) Derivatives                    |                |                 |         |              |     |
| {[Fe(TPP)] <sub>2</sub> N}                       | 1.08           | 0.10            | 300     |              | 64  |
|  | 1.08           | 0.17            | 6       |              |     |
| {[Fe(TTP)] <sub>2</sub> N}                       | 1.15           | 0.04            | 293     |              | 65  |
| {[Fe(TTP)] <sub>2</sub> N}SbCl <sub>6</sub>      | 2.04           | -0.13           | 293     |              | 65  |
| {[Fe(TPP)] <sub>2</sub> C}                       | 1.88           | 0.10            | 131     |              | 66  |

<sup>a</sup> Abbreviations given in ref 26. <sup>b</sup> Value in mm/s. <sup>c</sup> Value in cm<sup>-1</sup>.

Å lengthening of Fe–C(CS) upon coordination of a trans neutral nitrogen ligand.

The Fe–C(CS) bond length of 1.703(4) Å observed for [Fe(OEP)(CS)(1-MeIm)] is much shorter than the Fe–C(CO) bond length of 1.744(5) Å found for [Fe(OEP)(CO)(1-MeIm)].<sup>11</sup> Similarly, the Fe–C distances of 1.707(2) and 1.704(2) Å observed for the thiocarbonyl complex, [Fe(OEP)(CS)(Py)], are again shorter than the Fe–C distance of 1.77(2) Å observed for [Fe(TPP)(CO)(Py)].<sup>46</sup> This 1.77 Å value is in the range of Fe–C(CO) distances for a number of other six-coordinate carbonyl complexes.<sup>47–53</sup> The struc-

ture of a five-coordinate carbonyl derivative is unavailable. However, the Fe–C(CO) distance is 1.706(5) Å in [Fe(Deut)-(CO)(THF)]<sup>54</sup> where the trans ligand is the weakly binding tetrahydrofuran ligand.

The differences in the Fe–C(CS) and Fe–C(CO) bond distances immediately point toward a better bonding capability of the CS ligand compared to the CO ligand. The relatively short Fe–C and relatively long C–S bond distance point to significantly stronger Fe → C π-donation in the CS complexes relative to the CO complexes.<sup>55</sup> The differences in Fe → C π-donation are also clearly reflected in the Mössbauer spectra of the thiocarbonyl and carbonyl iron porphyrinates.

Mössbauer spectra were obtained for five-coordinate [Fe(OEP)(CS)] and several six-coordinate complexes with neutral nitrogen donor ligands. Measurements were carried out in zero applied field at room temperature and 4.2 K and in a 9.0 T applied magnetic field at 4.2 K. The Mössbauer data for the thiocarbonyl complexes are summarized in Table 3 along with a number of related iron porphyrinate derivatives for comparison. Fits to the experimental data in the applied field show that five-coordinate [Fe(OEP)(CS)] and all its six-coordinate derivatives have the expected diamagnetic (low-spin) ground state.

[Fe(OEP)(CS)] is found to exhibit a very small value for the isomer shift ( $\delta_{Fe} = 0.08$  mm/s at 4.2 K and  $-0.03$  mm/s at 293 K). The isomer shift is the smallest yet reported for a formally iron(II) porphyrinate complex. The isomer shift is comparable to values found for some iron porphyrin complexes with iron in formal oxidation states of +3 and +4, especially those with good π-accepting ligands.<sup>68</sup> It is

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tempting to suggest that the extremely low value of the isomer shift is due solely to the  $\pi$ -accepting character of the axial thiocarbonyl ligand. However, decreases in the isomer shift in a similar series of complexes can be related to both increased  $\sigma$ -donating and  $\pi$ -accepting character of the ligands.<sup>69</sup> Mössbauer spectra for the six-coordinate thiocarbonyl complexes provide evidence for the importance of  $\sigma$ -bonding as well as  $\pi$ -bonding for contributions to the extremely low isomer shift.

The axial ligands used include three pyridine derivatives, 4-cyanopyridine, pyridine, and 4-(dimethylamino)pyridine (these span the basicity range of pyridine derivatives), piperidine, a strong, pure  $\sigma$ -donor ligand, and 1-methylimidazole, a strongly basic ligand that is also a modest  $\pi$ -donor. Mössbauer parameters of the six-coordinate thiocarbonyl complexes show increases in the isomer shift relative to the parent [Fe(OEP)(CS)]. Values for the five derivatives studied are given in Table 3. The increase in isomer shift is similar for all five complexes with  $\delta_{\text{Fe}}$  ranging from 0.14 to 0.19 mm/s at 4.2 K, values that are nonetheless still quite small for formally iron(II) species. Since the most basic and least basic sixth ligands give the same value of isomer shift (0.19 mm/s), we conclude that both  $\sigma$ - and  $\pi$ -effects must contribute to the changed isomer shift values in the six-coordinate complexes. As discussed in a following paragraph, a decreased  $\sigma$ -component of the Fe–C(CS) bond and not a changed  $\pi$ -component must be regarded as the primary cause for the decreased isomer shift in the six-coordinate species compared to the five-coordinate complex.

Mössbauer spectra have been measured at room temperature for several comparable carbonyl complexes: [Fe(TPP)(CO)(Py)],<sup>56</sup> [Fe(TPP)(CO)(1-MeIm)],<sup>56</sup> and [Fe(TPP)(CO)(Pip)].<sup>57</sup> Significantly higher isomer shifts are found,  $\delta_{\text{Fe}} = 0.28, 0.20,$  and  $0.18$  mm/s at 293 K, respectively, for an increase of 0.15–0.20 mm/s compared to the range (0.03–0.06 mm/s) of the thiocarbonyl derivatives. The isomer shifts of the carbonyls themselves are also lower (by roughly 0.15–0.20 mm/s) compared to the value of  $\delta_{\text{Fe}} = 0.41$ – $0.51$  mm/s generally observed for typical low-spin iron(II) porphyrinates.<sup>68</sup> The  $\sim 0.15$  mm/s increases in isomer shift between members of the series CS,L > CO,L > bis neutral nitrogen donors are dominated by decreasing Fe  $\rightarrow$  L(axial)  $\pi$ -bonding in the order CS > CO > nitrogen donor.

The five-coordinate thiocarbonyl complex exhibits a large value of the Mössbauer quadrupole splitting constant,  $\Delta E_{\text{q}} = 1.93$  mm/s at 4.2 K and 1.95 mm/s at 293 K, a relatively large value for a low-spin iron(II) species. A large decrease in quadrupole splitting is observed on coordination of a sixth ligand to [Fe(OEP)(CS)]; the quadrupole splitting values for the six-coordinate complexes range from 0.80 to 0.42 mm/s (Table 3). Moreover, all derivatives, except the piperidine derivative and the parent five-coordinate complex, show a substantial temperature dependence for the quadrupole split-

ting. The large temperature effect on the quadrupole splitting suggests the importance of a low-lying excited state for these complexes.

The large decrease in quadrupole splitting upon increase in coordination number is similar to that seen for iron(II) nitrite complexes. Five-coordinate [Fe(TpivPP)(NO<sub>2</sub>)]<sup>−</sup> exhibits a quadrupole splitting of 2.28 mm/s at 4.2 K while the six-coordinate complexes [Fe(TpivPP)(NO<sub>2</sub>)(PMS)]<sup>−</sup> and [Fe(TpivPP)(NO<sub>2</sub>)(Py)]<sup>−</sup> show smaller quadrupole splittings of 1.18 and 0.93 mm/s, respectively, at 4.2 K. The differences were attributed to a decrease in the importance of Fe donation to the  $\pi$ -acceptor nitrite upon addition of the sixth ligand.<sup>28</sup> A comparable explanation for the changes in quadrupole splitting would appear applicable to the thiocarbonyls: a decrease in the importance of Fe donation to the  $\pi$ -acceptor CS upon addition of the sixth ligand. In the nitrite system, the rhombicity in the  $\pi$ -interaction between nitrite and iron(II) was also considered to be an important factor in the large value of the quadrupole splitting. Clearly, rhombicity in  $\pi$ -bonding for (linear) thiocarbonyl complexes is not applicable since both Fe  $d_{\pi}$ -orbitals are involved in  $\pi$ -bonding to CS. Thus, while the rhombic  $d_{\pi}$ -donation in the Fe–N(NO<sub>2</sub>)  $\pi$ -interaction may have a significant effect on the value of the quadrupole splitting in five-coordinate [Fe(TpivPP)(NO<sub>2</sub>)]<sup>−</sup>, the thiocarbonyl results suggest that the rhombicity is neither the only nor even the major contributor to the large quadrupole splitting in these iron(II) porphyrinates. As shown in the next paragraphs, the variation in quadrupole splitting for the six-coordinate thiocarbonyl derivatives is not consistent with large changes in the character of the axial  $\pi$ -bonding and hence must primarily be due to cis effects.<sup>70</sup>

The six-coordinate thiocarbonyl complexes show substantial variation in quadrupole splitting with  $\Delta E_{\text{q}}$  values ranging from 0.80 to 0.42 mm/s at 4.2 K (Table 3). These variations in quadrupole splitting might be expected to reflect parallel differences in d-electron density on iron, differences caused by  $\pi$ -bonding. However, the clear relationship between ligand basicity and quadrupole splitting is not consistent with axial ligand  $\pi$ -effects. A linear relationship between ligand  $pK_{\text{a}}$  and room temperature quadrupole splitting for the three pyridine derivatives studied shows the most basic pyridine derivative has the lowest value of quadrupole splitting, not the highest, the opposite of that expected for  $\pi$ -effects. The three derivatives encompass the entire  $pK_{\text{a}}$  range of pyridines.<sup>71</sup> This relationship is by no means an exact one; the ligands piperidine and 1-methylimidazole only fit the correlation in a general way. Piperidine, the most basic of the ligands studied, does not have the smallest value of quadrupole splitting; the 1-methylimidazole derivative does. Figure 4 gives a plot of quadrupole splitting versus ligand  $pK_{\text{a}}$ ; the line shown is the best fit to the three pyridine values.

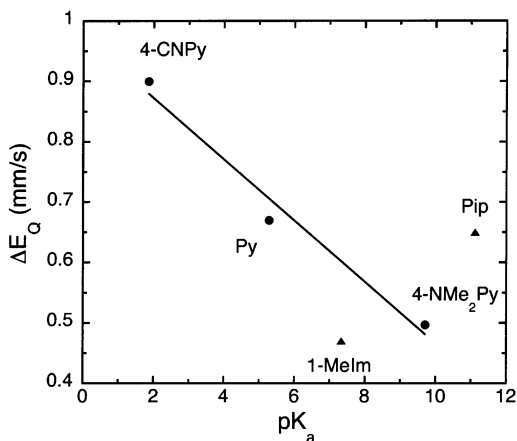
The quadrupole splitting values are also correlated with the CS stretching frequency. Values of  $\nu_{\text{CS}}$  are given in Table

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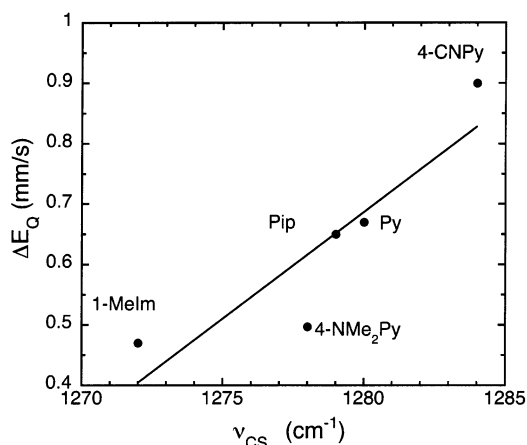
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**Figure 4.** Plot displaying the relationship between ligand  $pK_a$  and Mössbauer quadrupole splitting constant for the six-coordinate  $[\text{Fe}(\text{OEP})(\text{CS})(\text{L})]$ . The line is the best fit to the three pyridine derivatives.



**Figure 5.** Plot displaying the relationship between  $\nu_{\text{CS}}$  and Mössbauer quadrupole splitting constant for the six-coordinate  $[\text{Fe}(\text{OEP})(\text{CS})(\text{L})]$ . The line is the best fit to all derivatives.

3; stretching frequencies decrease with increasing  $pK_a$  of the added ligand.<sup>72</sup> Figure 5 displays the correlation: a decreased value of the quadrupole splitting is related to a decreased value of  $\nu_{\text{CS}}$ . Any decrease in  $\nu_{\text{CS}}$  is expected to arise from an increased population of the CS  $\pi^*$ -orbitals, which in turn derives from increased Fe  $\rightarrow$  C  $\pi$ -donation. But the small changes in values of  $\nu_{\text{CS}}$  suggest only a very modest decrease in the C–S bond strength for the set of compounds studied, even when the five-coordinate complex is included. Thus, we can conclude that the change in Fe  $\rightarrow$  C  $\pi$ -donation upon addition of a sixth ligand must also be very small.

The variation in quadrupole splitting can be analyzed in terms of the  $V_{zz}$  component of the electric field gradient.  $V_{zz}$  is approximately given by the expression

$$V_{zz} = k \left[ n_{x^2-y^2} - n_{z^2} + n_{xy} - \frac{1}{2}(n_{xz} + n_{yz}) \right] \quad (1)$$

where  $k$  is the scaling factor and the  $n_i$  values are the effective populations of the 3d orbitals.<sup>74</sup> Values of  $V_{zz}$  are related to

(72) The variation of  $\nu_{\text{CS}}$  with the basicity of the trans ligand has been noted in earlier studies.<sup>23,24</sup> A similar pattern has been noted for  $[\text{Fe}(\text{por})(\text{CO})(\text{L})]$  systems.<sup>73</sup>

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the measured  $^{57}\text{Fe}$  quadrupole splitting constants by the expression

$$V_{zz} = \frac{2(\Delta E_q)}{eQ\sqrt{1+\frac{\eta^2}{3}}} \quad (2)$$

where  $e$  is the charge on the electron,  $\eta$  is the asymmetry parameter ( $V_{xx} - V_{yy}/V_{zz}$ ), and  $Q$  is the quadrupole moment of the  $^{57}\text{Fe}$  nucleus in its excited state. Measurements in applied magnetic field show that the asymmetry parameter  $\eta$  is effectively zero for all CS complexes studied and that the sign of  $V_{zz}$  is always positive. Expression 1 shows that increased populations of the  $d_{z^2}$ ,  $d_{xy}$ , and  $d_{xz}$  orbitals and a decreased population of the  $d_{x^2-y^2}$  orbital lead to decreased values of  $V_{zz}$  and hence decreased quadrupole splitting (expression 2). Since an increase in the population of  $d_{xy}$  and  $d_{xz}$  from decreased axial  $\pi$ -bonding has already been shown to be unlikely, as demonstrated by the  $\nu_{\text{CS}}$  values, any increase in these populations must come from porphyrin  $\rightarrow$  Fe  $\pi$ -bonding. A decrease in the  $d_{x^2-y^2}$  population must come from decreased  $\sigma$ -bonding between iron and porphyrin, probably in response to the increased  $\sigma$ -bonding from the sixth ligand. The porphyrin–iron  $\sigma$ - and  $\pi$ -effects are counter to each other and must be approximately equivalent. The involvement of  $d_{z^2}$  is consistent with the  $\sigma$ -donation and the general  $pK_a$  dependence of the sixth ligand, while the changes in iron–porphyrin bonding are cis effects induced by addition of the sixth ligand.

These observations allow two important conclusions. First, the small changes in axial Fe  $\rightarrow$  C  $\pi$ -bonding on addition of a sixth ligand means that the  $\sim 0.04$  Å increase in Fe–C bond length in the six-coordinate species can only be the result of decreased  $\sigma$ -donation by the CS ligand. Clearly, the strong structural trans effect of CS must result from  $\sigma$ -donation competition, and CS remains a strong  $\sigma$ -donor. Second, the large d-electron distribution changes consistent with the large change in the quadrupole splitting must arise, in large part, from cis effects induced by binding the ligand trans to CS. The cis effects are both an increase in the porphyrin  $\rightarrow$  Fe  $\pi$ -donation and a decrease in the  $\sigma$ -bonding.

## Conclusion

The structural and Mössbauer studies of these iron(II) octaethylporphyrinate thiocarbonyl complexes show the effects of adding the sixth ligand are primarily the result of changes induced by the  $\sigma$ -bonding of the axial ligand. The large quadrupole splitting and exceptionally small isomer shifts observed for the  $[\text{Fe}(\text{OEP})(\text{CS})]$  derivatives indicate that CS must be an exceptionally good  $\pi$ -bonding ligand and that the character of the axial Fe  $\rightarrow$  C(CS)  $\pi$ -bonding is little affected by the sixth ligand.

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**Supporting Information Available:** Figures S1–S7 giving ORTEP diagrams and mean plane drawings for [Fe(OEP)(CS)(Py)] and [Fe(OEP)(CS)(CH<sub>3</sub>OH)] and Tables S1–S18, giving complete crystallographic details, atomic coordinates, bond distances and

angles, anisotropic temperature factors, and fixed hydrogen atom positions for [Fe(OEP)(CS)(1-MeIm)], [Fe(OEP)(CS)(Py)], and [Fe(OEP)(CS)(CH<sub>3</sub>OH)] (PDF). X-ray crystallographic information (CIF). This material is available free of charge via the Internet at <http://pubs.acs.org>.

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