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In this communication we present results on the synthesis and characterization of a new *meso*-(5-(4-pyridil) 10, 15, 20 triphenyl porphyrinate) chloro manganese (III) porphyrin (ClMnP(Ph)₃py) modified with one [(H₂O)Ru(bpy)₂]²⁺ group coordinated with the pyridine on the *meso*-position of the porphyrin ring. The resulting bimetallic complex was characterized by resonance Raman, IR, far-IR and electronic spectroscopy. Cyclic voltammograms of this monoruthenated porphyrin compound in acetonitrile exhibit three reversible waves at 1.53, 0.96 and 0.03V vs NHE. Spectroelectrochemical experiments were performed in acetonitrile and dimethyl sulfoxide and the results are in agreement with the cyclic voltammetric results. The anodic peak current of the cyclic voltammogram waves of the manganese porphyrin moiety in the monoruthenated compound was suppressed in the presence of atmospheric oxygen. These results provide evidence for an associative process of O₂ with the Mn(III) center of the porphyrin.

KEYWORDS: polypyridyl ruthenium, metallo porphyrin, electrochemistry

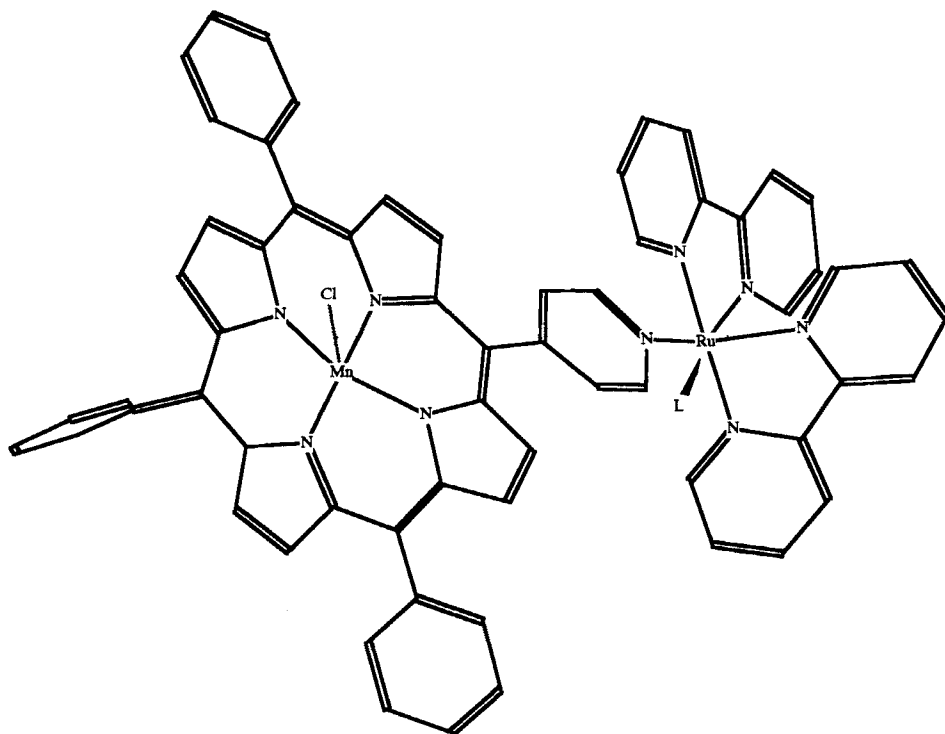
INTRODUCTION

Successful synthesis of a stable catalyst system for substrate oxidation could be very beneficial for solving the energy problem as it may provide an artificial photosynthetic system capable of generating and storing high energy chemical compounds.^{1–2} The use of macrocyclic metal complexes for catalyzed reduction of O₂ to produce H₂O or H₂O₂ has been the focus of several researchers.^{3–6} Among these compounds, metalloporphyrins have proved to be the most promising for catalyzed reduction of O₂. Manganese porphyrins have also proved to be efficient catalysts in reduction of oxygen. Several studies have shown that Mn(II), during the reaction, was converted to an intermediate Mn(V) species^{7,8} or to a mixed-valence dimeric manganese Mn(III)/Mn(IV) complex.⁹ The porphyrin compounds have a special advantage over other macrocyclic metal complexes due to their stability in acidic media and their physicalchemistry properties being sensitive to the substituent on the *beta* or *meso* ring position.^{10–12} To obtain a molecular system capable of

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performing electrocatalytic reactions, several authors synthesized ruthenated porphyrins with ruthenium complexes coordinated on the *meso* position of the porphyrin ring.¹³⁻¹⁵ Recently, Anson, *et al.*¹³⁻¹⁴ examined the dependence of the catalytic activity of $(\text{H}_2\text{O})\text{Ru}^{\text{II}}(\text{NH}_3)_5$ and $\text{Ru}^{\text{II}}(\text{edta})^{2-}$ attached to the *meso*-position of the cobalt tetraarylporphyrins. Anson¹⁴ considered the reducing ability of the ruthenium complexes along with their ability to back bond to pyridine as the probable cause for the improved electroreduction of dioxygen by cobalt porphyrin. In this sense, it was suggested that back bonding of the ruthenium rather than its oxidizability plays an important role in the enhanced catalytic activity. In addition, $\text{Ru}^{\text{II}}(\text{edta})^{2-}$ shows negligible catalytic activity compatible with its poor back bonding to the pyridine ligand in spite of the fact that this complex is a strong reducer. As part of a large project where the main goal is to modify the porphyrin in order to improve catalytic activity, we began synthesis of a new class of binuclear complexes where two moieties are bridged through coordination between the *cis*- $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_2\text{Cl}_2] \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ complex, where $\text{bpy} = 2,2'$ -bipyridine, and a (5-(4-pyridyl)-10,15,20-triphenylporphyrinate) chloro manganese (III) complex ($\text{ClMnP}(\text{Ph})_3\text{py}$ -) yielding the binuclear complex of the general structure I.

In this paper, we present preliminary results, on the synthesis, characterization and electrochemical behaviour of this new compound.



STRUCTURE I

EXPERIMENTAL

Chemicals

All solvents and reagents were purchased commercially and used without further purification. The base 5-(4-pyridyl)-10,15,20-triphenylporphyrinate porphyrin and the manganese (III) derivatives were synthesized as previously described.^{16,17} The complex *cis*-[Ru(bpy)₂Cl₂]·2H₂O was prepared according to the literature.¹⁸ The bimetallic adduct was obtained according to a description in the literature with minor modifications.¹⁹ A 10% excess of (5-(4-pyridyl)-10,15,20-triphenylporphyrinate) chloro manganese (III) was dissolved in methanol and added to a warm (1:1) methanol/water solution of *cis*-[Ru(bpy)₂Cl₂]·2H₂O and submitted to reflux in an argon atmosphere for 24h. After cooling an aqueous solution of NH₄PF₆ was added to yield a precipitate. Good crystals were obtained from slow diffusion of diethylether in acetonitrile.

Analytical Measurements

The CHN elemental analyses were compatible with the theoretical composition: RuMnC₆₃H₅₄N₉ClO₄P₂F₁₂ (%) C, 51.14; H, 3.47; N, 8.52 Experimental (%) C, 51.06; H, 3.34; N, 8.21. The reproducibility of these results was checked with crystals from different syntheses. Thermogravimetric results confirmed the presence of four molecules of water (three hydrated molecules and one coordinated molecule) amounting to 4.9–5.1% by weight. Manganese content was analyzed by atomic absorption using as a standard ClMnP(Ph)₄ in concentrations ranging from 2 to 14 ppm. The found value of manganese (3.70%) is in good agreement with the theoretical value (Mn 3,71%). The found ratios of two PF₆⁻ counter-ions for each molecular adduct was determined by a conductivimetric method using a calibration curve obtained from well-known concentrations of *cis*-[Ru(bpy)₂py₂](PF₆)₂.

Spectroscopic Measurements

The electronic spectra were obtained with a Hewlett Packard spectrophotometer model HP8452A. The infra-red and far infra-red spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer model 1GPC FT-IR and Perkin-Elmer model 180, respectively. The resonance Raman spectra were recorded at the Laboratory of Molecular Spectroscopy (Instituto de Química de Universidade de São Paulo, USP) with a Javel-Ash 25–300 equipped with a double monochromator. The measurements were performed in the preresonance region ($\lambda_{exc} = 514.5$ nm, from an Argon Laser).

Spectroelectrochemical Measurements

The Optically Transparent Thin Layer Electrode (OTTLE) experiments²⁰ were performed using a Hewlett Packard spectrophotometer model HP8452A for optical monitoring and a Pine Instrument Company bipotentiostat model RDE4 for electrochemical control.

Electrochemical Measurements

The cyclic voltammetry measurements were carried out at 25°C with a Princeton Applied Research (PARC) Model 273A Potentiostat/Galvanostat interfaced with a DOS compatible computer through a National Instrument General Purpose Interface Board (GPIB). To minimize the iR ohmic drop, the resistance compensation feature of the instrument was employed in all measurements and a lugging capillary was employed. A conventional electrochemical cell was used. A platinum electrode (area 0.115 cm²) served as working electrode. A platinum wire and Ag/AgNO₃ (0.1 M) in acetonitrile (0.503V vs NHE) served as the counter and reference electrode, respectively. The performance of the reference electrode was monitored by testing against a commercial SCE electrode using a 3/1/2 digit voltammeter. The measured difference of < 40 mV between the two reference electrodes is acceptable. As support electrolyte, 0.1 M tetrabutylammonium hexafluorophosphate (HTBA) in acetonitrile was employed. All electrochemical experiments that demanded an inert atmosphere were performed in a glove bag filled with ultrapure grade argon.

Analytical Instrumentation

The thermogravimetric analyses were performed on a Shimadzu Thermogravimetric Analyzer model TGA-50. The atomic absorption measurements were recorded on a Hitachi Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer model Z8230 Polarized Zeeman. The elemental analyses were performed on a Perkin-Elmer CHN analyzer model 2400. The magnetic measurements were performed on the Johnson-Matthey balance for room temperature measurement.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Analytical measurements and magnetic features

Elemental CHN analyses, thermogravimetric analyses, and atomic absorption measurements suggest a binuclear complex with one ruthenium center attached to a *meso*-pyridil on the chloro manganese porphyrin ring. The presence of two PF₆⁻ counterions indicates at first glance, a binuclear complex with one chloride ligand probably coordinated at the manganese(III) center and a water molecule coordinated at the ruthenium (II) center. Alternatively, the ruthenium(II) could be coordinated by the chloride and Mn(III) coordinated by a water molecule. The unexpected charge could also be explained by the presence of a manganese(III) porphyrin π -cation radical species. All of these alternatives gave almost identical elemental analyses. The assignment of a Mn(III) π -cation radical could be based on evidence from magnetic susceptibility of the solid. The magnetic susceptibility measurements at room temperature (after correction for a diamagnetic contribution) gave a value of the effective magnetic moment = 5.66 μ B for a spin only system. This is above the measured value²⁰ of $\mu_{\text{eff}} = 4.81 \mu$ B for the CIMnP(Ph)₄ and below the calculated value of $\mu_{\text{eff}} = 5.91 \mu$ B for the radical cation.² The possibility of both, spins for d^4 ($S = 2$) associated with an independent spin ($S = 1/2$) on the oxidized porphyrin ring, $\mu_{\text{eff}} = 5.19 \mu$ B and antiferromagnetic coupling $\mu_{\text{eff}} = 3.87 \mu$ B is also ruled out. Temperature dependent magnetic susceptibility and

EPR spectroelectrochemical measurements are under way to better characterize the magnetic features of this new binuclear complex. The cation radical could also be supported from a resonance Raman spectroscopy due to the presence of a peak at 1020 cm^{-1} that was reported²¹ only in radical cation spectra of ClFeTPP. In addition we have other evidence favoring the compound $[\text{ClMnP}(\text{Ph})_3\text{py}\{\text{Ru}(\text{bipy})_2\text{H}_2\text{O}\}(\text{PF}_6)_2 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (Structure 1). The following discussion emphasizes results from IR, far-IR, and RR spectroscopy, electronic absorption spectroscopy and electrochemical experiments which strongly support the proposed structure 1.

IR and far-IR spectra

Figure 1 shows the FT-IR spectra of $[\text{ClMnP}(\text{Ph})_3\text{pyRu}(\text{bipy})_2\text{Cl}]^{2+}$ along with the spectra of $\text{ClMnP}(\text{Ph})_3\text{py}$ and $\text{Ru}(\text{bipy})_2\text{Cl}_2$. The IR spectra showed the counterion PF_6^- at 842 cm^{-1} . The far-IR spectra showed the usual axial $\nu(\text{Mn}-\text{Cl})$ stretching band²² at 258 cm^{-1} as well as a $\nu(\text{Ru}-\text{OH}_2)$ stretching band presumably due²³ to the axial ligand at 278 cm^{-1} . IR and far-IR absorption spectra of the complex were determined for both KBr and CsI pellets.

RR Spectra

Figure 2 summarizes the resonance Raman spectroscopic data. The spectra of the adduct show features clearly due to both moieties. In Figure 2, the modes at 664 , 1170 , 1485 , 1557 , 1320 and 1600 cm^{-1} are characteristic to the bpy ligand.²⁴ The modes at 1090 , 1185 , 1265 , 1367 , 1498 and 1580 cm^{-1} were assigned by analogy to those of H_2TPP ²⁵⁻²⁶ and CuTPP ^{27,21} and are characteristic of $\text{ClMnP}(\text{Ph})_3\text{py}$. The RR spectrum contains new absorbance bands (vs. $\text{MnClP}(\text{Ph})_3\text{py}$ and $\text{Ru}(\text{bipy})_2\text{Cl}_2$) at 238 , 310 and 495 cm^{-1} .

Electronic Absorption Spectra

Figure 3 shows a typical electronic spectrum of the monoruthenated porphyrin in acetonitrile. The absorption bands at 246 , 294 , 374 , 398 , 470 , 474 , 576 and 616 nm , and are consistent with the presence of both moieties. The bands corresponding to the porphyrinic moiety at 374 and 392 nm are assigned to the split Soret band; the band located at 474 nm corresponds to a charge transfer band. Q bands at 576 and 616 nm were also found. The absorption band at 294 nm can be ascribed to a $\pi-\pi^*$ transition in the bpy ligand, while the band at 470 nm refers to a transition $\text{Ru}^{\text{II}}-\pi^*(\text{bpy})$, both assigned to the ruthenium moiety. The visible spectra of $\text{ClMnP}(\text{Ph})_3\text{py}$ in *cis*- $[\text{ClMnP}(\text{Ph})_3\text{pyRu}(\text{bpy})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})]^{2+}$ only shifts band position slightly when compared with $[\text{ClMnP}(\text{Ph})_3\text{py}]$. This suggests that the presence of ruthenium at the *meso* position of the porphyrin only slightly affects the porphyrin π and σ system. The bands at 246 and 470 nm , obtained by subtraction of electronic spectra of *cis*- $[\text{ClMnP}(\text{Ph})_3\text{pyRu}(\text{bpy})_2\text{H}_2\text{O}]^{++}$ from $\text{ClMnP}(\text{Ph})_3\text{py}$, correspond to those described by the literature²⁸ for $[\text{Ru}^{\text{II}}(\text{bpy})_2\text{pyH}_2\text{O}]^{2+}$. The electronic spectrum was also measured in DMSO and bands at 298 , 396 , 376 , 396 , 466 , 568 , 604 nm were found. Valentine and Quinn²⁹ assigned the bands at 466 , 568 and 604 nm to a dissociated form of MnTP^+ that coordinates DMSO.³⁰ The

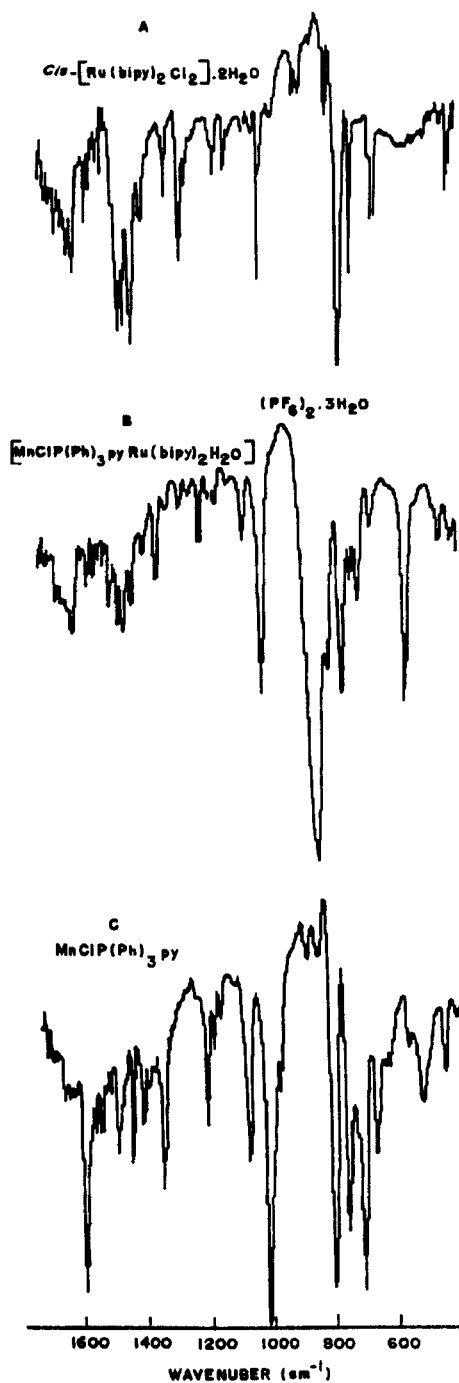


Figure 1 Infrared Spectra of [MnP(Ph)₃pyRu(bipy)₂H₂O](PF₆)₂ and its components in KBr pellets.

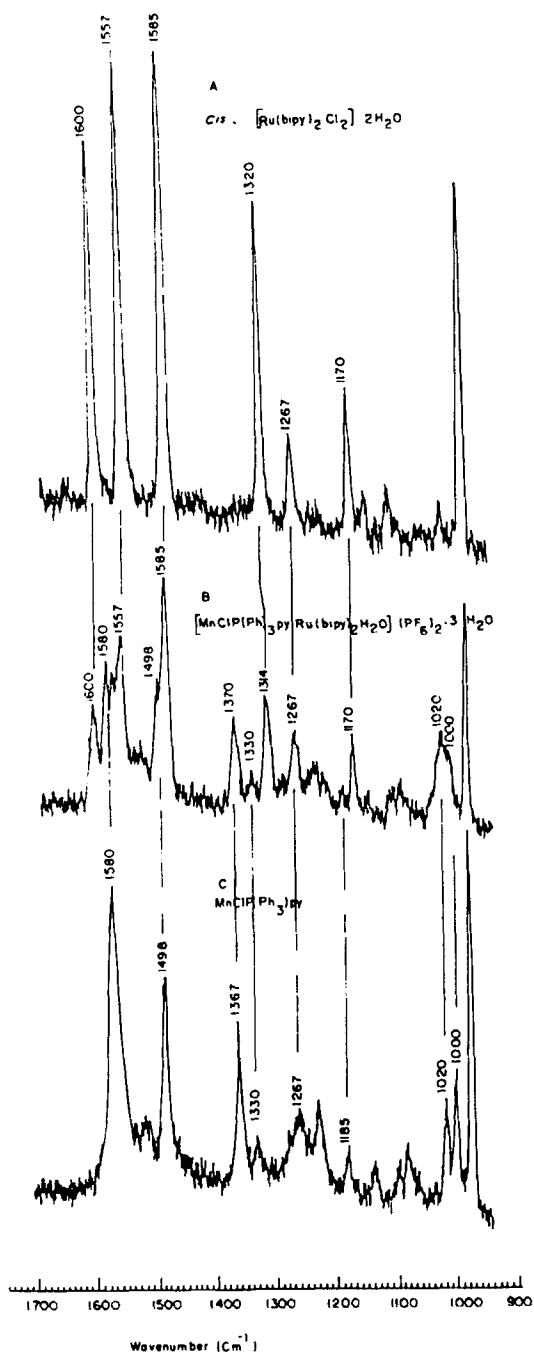


Figure 2 Resonance Raman spectra of $[MnP(Ph)_3py\{Ru(bipy)_2H_2O\}](PF_6)_2$ and its components. Spectra were obtained with 514.5 nm excitation and samples diluted in K_2SO_4 .

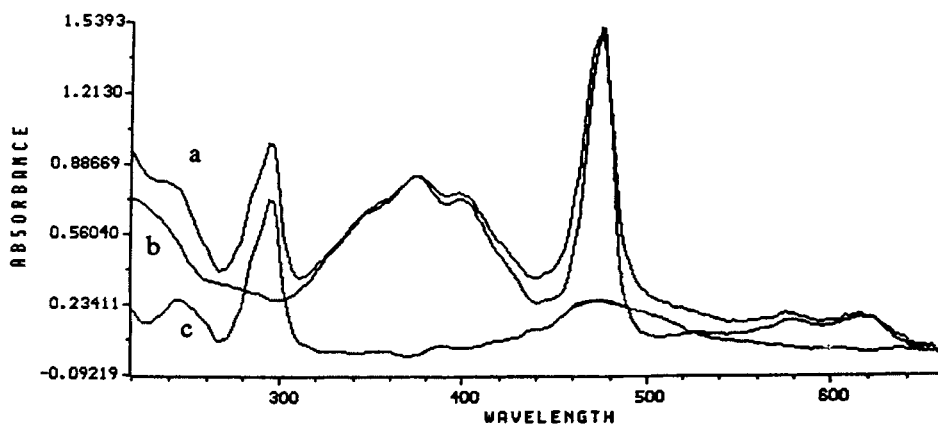


Figure 3 Electronic spectra in acetonitrile of (a) $[\text{MnClP}(\text{Ph})_3\text{py}\{\text{Ru}(\text{bipy})_2\text{H}_2\text{O}\}](\text{PF}_6)_2$ (b) $\text{MnClP}(\text{Ph})_3\text{py}$ and (c) electronic spectral subtraction of a - b.

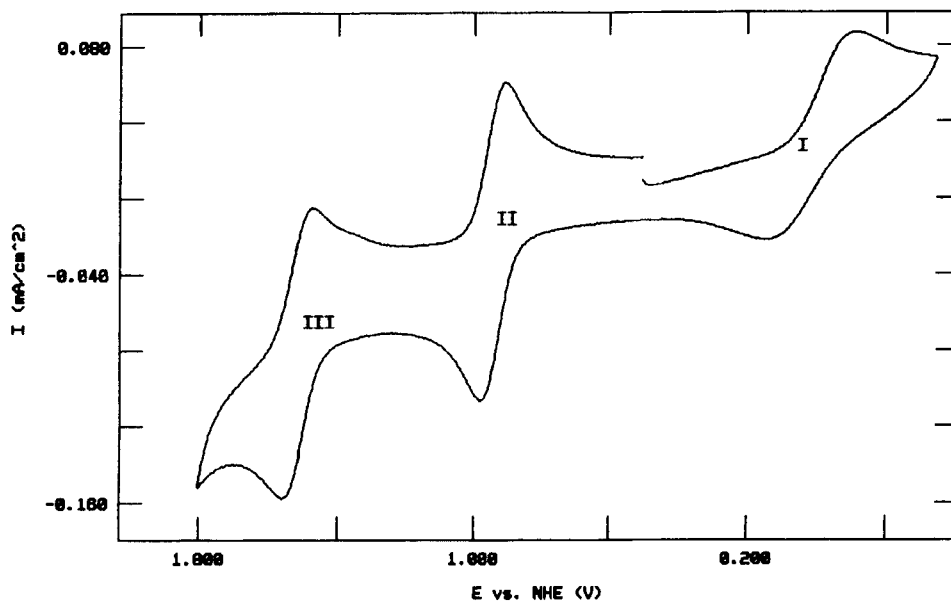


Figure 4 Cyclic voltammogram of 0.5 mM of $[\text{MnClP}(\text{Ph})_3\text{py}\{\text{Ru}(\text{bipy})_2\text{H}_2\text{O}\}](\text{PF}_6)_2$ acetonitrile, 0.1M TBAPF_6 , scan rate 20 mVs^{-1} .

band positions of porphyrinic fragments, in analogy to results in the literature,³¹ shows a dependence on solvent and concentration.

Electrochemistry

Cyclic voltammetry of the binuclear porphyrin complex in acetonitrile, under a

rigorously inert atmosphere, exhibits three characteristic oxidative waves at 0.03 V (I), 0.96 (II) and 1.53 (III) vs. NHE within the solvent limits, as shown in Figure 4. The first oxidative wave at 0.03 V ($i_{pa}/i_{pc} = 0.90$, $Q_a/Q_c = 0.91$) can be assigned to the chloro manganese (III) porphyrin moiety, due to the redox couple Mn^{III}/Mn^{II} , by analogy with $ClMn(Ph)_3py$.^{12,20} This reaction is electrochemically quasireversible with ΔE_p of 200 mV at 100 mVs^{-1} . According to Mu and Schultz¹² the slow electron transfer associated with the Mn^{III}/Mn^{II} couple is the result of a large difference in structure between $Mn(II)$ and $Mn(III)$. The reversible wave (II) at 0.96 V ($\Delta E_p = 70\text{ mV}$, $i_{pa}/i_{pc} = 1.00$, $Q_a/Q_c = 1.00$) follows the Randles-Sevcik equation for a monoelectronic process and can be assigned to oxidation of the metal

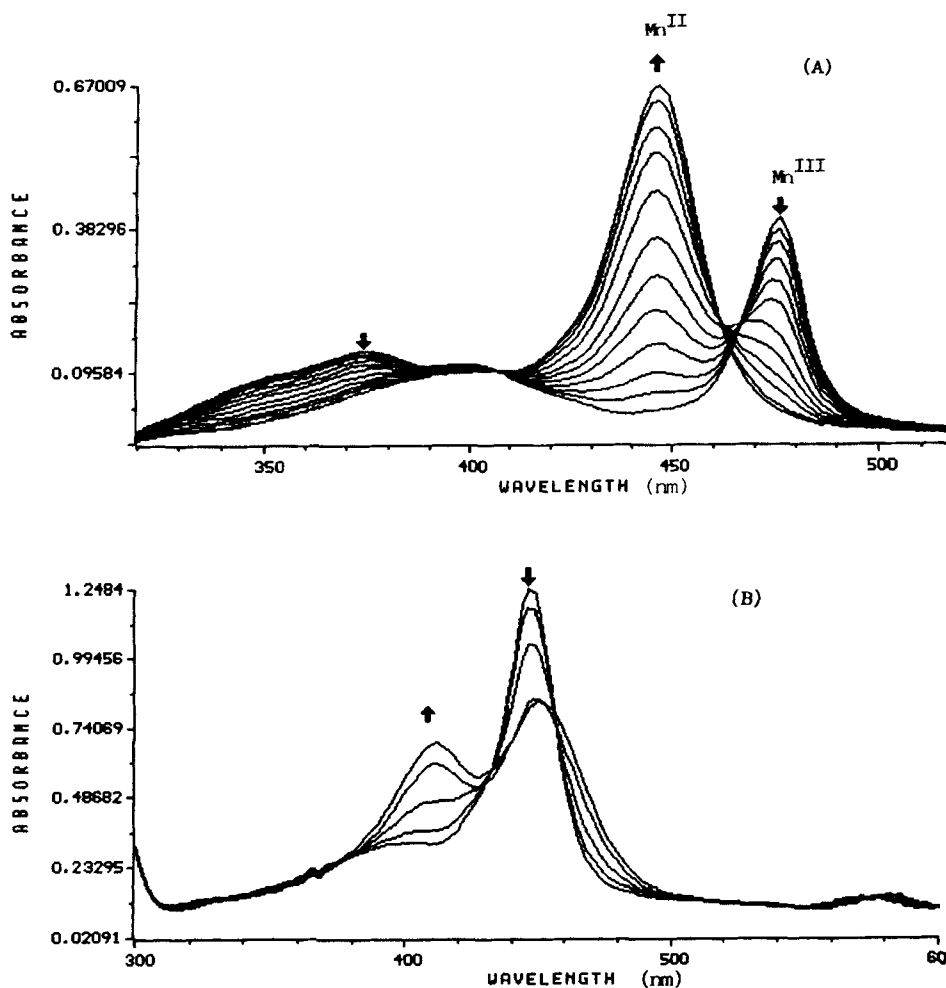


Figure 5 Spectro-electrochemistry of $[MnP(Ph)_3py\{Ru(bipy)_2H_2O\}](PF_6)_2$ in acetonitrile. (a) reduction of $Mn(II)$ at potentials ranging from 0.1 to -0.20V , (b) reduction of $Ru(II)$ at potentials ranging from -0.6 to -1.1 V .

center and formation of low-spin ($4d^5$) Ru^{III} . The formal potentials are shifted in the negative direction by 80 mV as compared to those reported in the literature²⁸ for $[\text{Ru}^{\text{II}}(\text{bipy})_2\text{PyH}_2\text{O}]^{2+}$ in 1.0 M HClO_4 . The integrated areas under the waves of peak potentials from the differential pulse voltammetry at 0.03 V (I) and 0.96 V (II) give us the total charge (mC) involved in the process. The values of 0.28 (I) and 0.23 $\text{mC}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$ (II) clearly indicate a manganese/ruthenium ratio of 1:1. This provides strong support for the proposed composition. The same ratio was also found when crystals were analyzed under the microprobe (electron diffraction X-ray) EDX technique. The value of almost unity for the charge ratio from the cathodic to anodic peaks indicates the chemical reversibility of the system. The reversible wave at 1.53 V ($\Delta E_p = 88\text{mV}$, $i_{pa}/i_{pc} = 0.96$, $Q_a/Q_c = 0.93$) corresponds to the first oxidative process in the porphyrin ring.¹² Data from differential pulse voltammetry

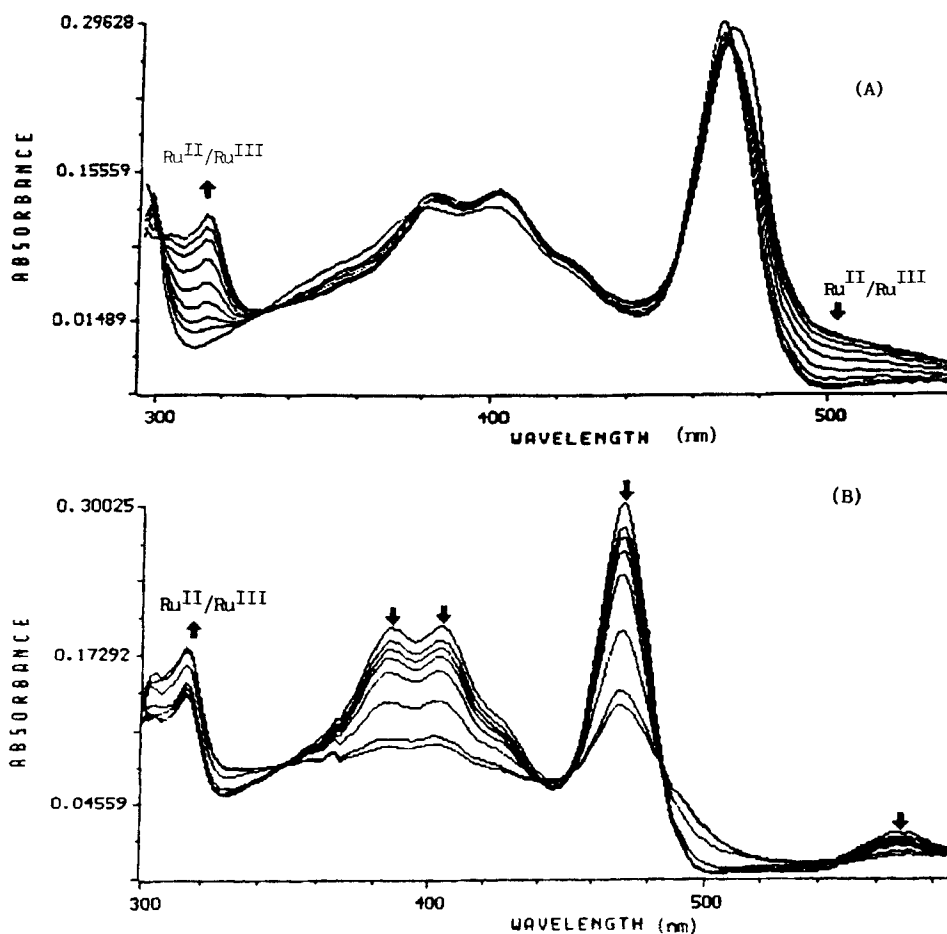


Figure 6 Spectro-electrochemistry of $[\text{MnP}(\text{Ph})_3\text{py}\{\text{Ru}(\text{bipy})_2\text{H}_2\text{O}\}](\text{PF}_6)_2$ in acetonitrile. (a) oxidation of Ru(II) at potentials ranging from 0.94 to 1.10V, (b) oxidation of Mn(II) at potentials ranging from 1.30 to 1.70V.

show the first oxidation process as a sharp peak at 1.54V. Reversibility in the redox reaction of the porphyrin ring is observed in other reactions of porphyrin and results from the small structural change of the ring.¹² Controlled potential coulometric experiments were performed on the reduction of Mn(III) and oxidation of Ru(II) to confirm an electrochemical process involving consumption of one electron/molecule.

Spectro-Electrochemistry

The spectro-electrochemical results for reduction of monoruthenated porphyrin in acetonitrile, are shown in Figure 5a and b. To perform the reduction on the manganese(III) center in acetonitrile solution, E_{applied} was varied from 0.10 to -0.20V which leads to suppression of the Mn^{III} CT band at 474 nm and the appearance of a new band for a Mn^{II} at 448nm. The bands in the visible region remain unchanged. The same spectral pattern was found upon reduction of ClMn(III)TPP.²⁰ For values of E_{applied} in the range from -0.6 to -1.1V (Fig. 5b) a slight decrease of the band at 446nm and the appearance of a new band at 410nm were observed corresponding to reduction of the porphyrin ring with a formed π -anion species. In addition, the bands at 568 and 604nm undergo a reduction in intensity and a bathochromic shift of around 10 nm. These results correlate with those of the spectro-electrochemistry of the non-modified MnCl(Ph)3pyP species.²⁰ For E_{applied} in the range 0.94V to 1.10V (Fig. 6a), there is a splitting of the band at 298nm and the appearance of two new bands at 304 and 314nm, due to oxidation of the Ru^{II} center. The band at 470 nm gradually disappears, along with the splitting of the bipyridine band at 298 nm into two bands with maxima at 304 and 314 nm. The charge transfer shifts from 474 to 468 nm upon ruthenium oxidation, and decreases in intensity by 9%. The same splitting of the bpy ligand absorption band has been reported for reduction of $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_2\text{pyCl}]^+$ in the tetraruthenated porphyrin.³¹ Spectroelectrochemical experiments performed in the reverse way, clearly demonstrated the reversibility of the redox system with the reappearance of Ru^{II} . The process can be repeated several times and shows good reproducibility. At more positive values of E_{applied} from 1.30 to 1.70 V (Fig. 6b), a constant decrease in the intensity of bands at 386 and 404nm was observed along with a slight diminishing of a band at 470 nm. Isosbestic points occur at 548, 484, 452, 440, 348nm. The spectro-electrochemical experiment was also performed in DMSO and in this case there is a suppression of the CT band at 466 nm and appearance of a new band at 442 nm upon reduction of the manganese(III) center.

Experiments conducted at the cathodic region, (potentials in the range 0.94 to 1.10V) lead to a plot of E_{applied} vs. $\text{Log} ([\text{O}]/[\text{R}])$ with values for $E_{1/2}$ of -0.01V , close to those obtained from CV and VDP. A transfers of one electron molecule was estimated at this potential.

In conclusion, we have demonstrated from electrochemical and spectro-electrochemical results, that $[-\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_2\text{H}_2\text{O}]^{2+}$ attached to the porphyrin is consistent with a redox system that interacts only weakly. Detailed electrochemical studies on oxygen activation toward olefin epoxidation by electrolytic reduction of this, and related, ruthenated porphyrins are underway in order to exploit their potential as electrocatalyst.

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