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# Protonation-Induced Dynamic Stereochemistry of Hexatungstobis(organoarsonate) Anions

Sir:

The formation of heteropoly and isopoly complexes from monomeric oxo anions must involve sequences of protonation and water elimination steps which have so far eluded direct observation. We report here a heteropoly tungstate structure, protonation of which leads to fluxional behavior involving exchange of coordinated water.

Aqueous solutions of tungstate and organoarsonate anions,  $RAsO_3^{2-}$ , react at pH 5-7 to form the heteropoly anions  $(RAs)_2W_6O_{25}H^{5-}$ , which can be isolated as guanidinium salts.<sup>1</sup> The salt  $(CN_3H_6)_5[(C_6H_5As)_2W_6O_{25}H] \cdot 2H_2O$ , crystallizes as well-formed parallelopipeds in space group Pbca with a = 22.050(5), b = 21.614(4), c = 19.680(4) Å; Z = 8;  $\rho$ (calcd) = 3.04,  $\rho$ (obsd) = 3.04 (1) g cm<sup>-3</sup>. Its crystal structure was determined by direct methods from 4238 independent nonzero diffraction intensities measured with a Picker FACS-I diffractometer using Zr-filtered Mo K $\alpha$  radiation. The structure was refined by full-matrix least squares to final consistency indices of R = 0.065 and  $R_w = 0.077$ . Complete crystallographic and structural details will appear later, but the important features of the anion are shown in Figure 1. The anion is isostructural with  $[(C_6H_5As)_2Mo_6O_{25}H_2]^{4-2.3}$  and is the first example of a structure involving face-shared WO<sub>6</sub> octahedra. We have argued previously, on the basis of metal-oxygen bond lengths, that the two nonaromatic protons in the molybdate structure formed a bridging water molecule at one of the vertices of the shared octahedral face (see Figure 1). Analogous arguments place the single proton (required by the cation stoichiometry) on the corresponding vertex of the tungstate structure. The W-O(H) bond lengths are 2.14(2)and 2.16 (2) Å compared with 2.39 (2) and 2.48 (2) Å for  $Mo-O(H_2).4$ 

Although the two organic groups on either side of the anion are not structurally equivalent, only a single <sup>I</sup>H NMR signal is seen for solutions of the molybdates in water or "wet" organic solvents.<sup>2</sup> It was suggested that equalization of the organic groups resulted from rapid exchange of the anion's bridging water molecule with the solvent. Such an exchange was postulated to involve an "anhydrous" intermediate of  $D_{3d}$  symmetry in which all six MoO<sub>6</sub> octahedra are linked by shared edges.<sup>5</sup> In contrast to the molybdates, NMR spectra of the new tungstate complexes show two signals which coalesce as the pH is lowered. Spectra of the phenyl derivative are shown in Figure 2. Above pH 3.6 the ortho proton resonances appear as a pair of multiplets at  $\sim$ 8.1 and 8.4 ppm, whereas the meta and para protons of both phenyl groups form an unresolved multiplet in the same region ( $\sim$ 7.7 ppm) as the five protons of uncomplexed phenylarsonate. When the pH is lowered the



**Figure 1.** The structure of  $[(PhAs)_2W_6O_{25}H]^{5-}$  and  $[(PhAs)_{2^-}Mo_6O_{25}H_2]^{4-}$  as a ring of six MO<sub>6</sub> octahedra linked by shared edges (three), corners (two), and faces (one) and capped on either side by PhAsO<sub>3</sub> groups. The vertex labeled A represents OH<sup>-</sup> in the tungstate and H<sub>2</sub>O in the molybdate.



Figure 2. 90-MHz <sup>1</sup>H FT-NMR spectra of 0.017 M  $(C_6H_5As)_2$ -W<sub>6</sub>O<sub>25</sub>H<sup>5-</sup> prepared by mixing stoichiometric quantities of D<sub>2</sub>O solutions of Na<sub>2</sub>WO<sub>4</sub> and C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>AsO<sub>3</sub>H<sub>2</sub> and adjusting the pH with DCl (temperature, 26 °C). The spectrum of an analyzed sample of the sparingly soluble guanidinium salt of pH 7 was identical with the top spectrum shown.

ortho resonances broaden and coalesce, but the ratio of intensities, ortho:(meta + para), remains unchanged, showing that there has been no net decomposition of the complex. The spectra support a process that involves protonation of the bridging hydroxo oxygen and subsequent water exchange as for the molybdate. Preliminary line-shape analysis of the NMR spectrum of (CH<sub>3</sub>As)<sub>2</sub>W<sub>6</sub>O<sub>25</sub>H<sup>5-</sup> at pH 4.2 and 26-90 °C gave apparent activation parameters,  $\Delta H^{\pm} \sim 12 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$  and  $\Delta S^{\pm} \sim -170 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ . Such parameters are not inconsistent with a mechanism involving a protonation preequilibrium followed by water exchange, although further investigation of this system is required and is planned. The difference in lability between the molybdate and tungstate anions may only reflect differences in basicity. Since exchange-averaged NMR spectra were observed for the molybdates over the complete pH range of stability, the pK for

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 $[(RAs)_2Mo_6O_{24}(OH_2)]^{4-} \leftarrow [(RAs)_2Mo_6O_{24}(OH)]^{5-} + H^+$ must be greater than  $\sim 6.^2$ 

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