attractive interactions are present. Collapsible hosts must be "guest stickv'

(2) Hosts with functionally neutral cavities will accept guests if the cavity is maintained rigidly. Rigid hosts need not be guest sticky.

Thus, the flexible cryptands and crown ethers meet criterion 1, while the cyclodextrins, **2**, Koga's diphenylmethane-based hosts,¹³ and Cram's cavitands¹¹ meet criterion 2. Spherands^{1c} enjoy the benefits of both criteria (with a resulting astounding binding power) while Stetter's¹⁴ and related¹⁵ complexes meet neither. The latter have, in fact, been shown recently by X-ray not to form intracavity complexes.15,16

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Crystal Structure of Calcium 2-Fluorobenzoate Dihydrate: Indirect Calcium---Fluorine Binding through a Water-Bridged Outer-Sphere Intermolecular Hydrogen Bond

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Metal ion binding by halogen atoms that are covalently bonded to carbon has not received much attention by coordination chemists. Although such halogen atoms do contain lone pairs of electrons, they are generally considered to be poor donors toward metal ions. Yet, in recent years, there have been increasing (albeit fragmented) reports of C-X-M coordination occurring in alkali metal salts of halogen-substituted carboxylic acids1 as well as in other systems.² Perhaps the most significant account of such binding occurs in the elegant structural model proposed for the inhibition and inativation of aconitase, an Fe²⁺-containing enzyme occurring in the Krebs cycle, by the substrate fluorocitrate.^{1g,3}

In this model the covalently bound fluorine atom is coordinated to the Fe^{2+} ion. This C-F-Fe^{2+} interaction, which is impossible for a carbon-bound hydrogen atom to emulate, has been proposed as the cause of the extreme toxicity of fluorocitrate.³

Glusker and co-workers^{3c} have very recently summarized the status of intermolecular C-F...M interactions occurring in some crystalline alkali metal salts of fluorine-substituted carboxylic acids. As yet, no crystallographic examples of direct C-F...M binding with multiple-valent cations in halogen-substituted carboxylates have been reported. In view of the importance of direct C-F...Fe²⁺ coordination proposed in fluorocitrate/aconitase binding, we have been investigating the structural coordination chemistry of a variety of divalent and trivalent cation salts of halogen-substituted carboxylic acids. We report here an X-ray investigation of calcium 2-fluorobenzoate dihydrate that reveals a novel mode of C-F...Ca²⁺ binding, which is mediated through a uniquely short C-F...H-O hydrogen bond.

Clear, colorless, prismatic crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained by slow evaporation at ambient temperature of an aqueous soltuion prepared from the reaction of calcium carbonate with 2-fluorobenzoic acid. The crystal structure was determined from a three-dimensional structural analysis^{4.5} and a view of a portion of the structure is illustrated in Figure 1. The space group imposes crystallographic C_2 symmetry on the structure.

The most significant feature of this structure is the presence of a short intermolecular hydrogen bond, C(2)-F...H1-O_w, which is indicated by the following parameters: F...O_w 2.994 (2) Å, F...H¹ 2.04 Å, O_w-H1 0.96 Å, F...H1-O_w angle 170°. To the best of our knowledge, this example is the strongest C-F...H-O hydrogen bond heretofore reported.3

The structure is dominated by planar Ca-O-Ca-O rings formed as a result of the strong carboxylate bridging interactions⁸ and these form the basis of the polymeric framework of the crystalline structure. In this environment, although the C-F-H-O hydrogen bonding scheme is relatively much less significant in stabilizing the crystal, it nevertheless plays an important role in dictating the conformational features of the molecular stereochemistry. Hence, the carboxylate group, O(1)-C(7)-O(2), is twisted by 41° from the plane of the aryl ring. In 2-fluorobenzoic acid this dihedral angle is 10.6°.

The water molecule involved in the C-F...H-O hydrogen bond is bound to the Ca²⁺ ion so that, although direct C-F...Ca²⁺ binding is absent, there is indirect outer-sphere coordination of fluorine to the Ca^{2+} through this hydrogen bond. This is the first reported instance of water-mediated coordination¹⁰ involving a carbon-bound fluorine atom. The biological importance of water-bridged coordination of metal ions with oxygen- or nitro-

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gen-containing donors has been demonstrated. For example, this type of binding occurs in the metal complexes of adenosine triphosphate¹⁰ as well as in the $Fe^{3+}-OH_2$ -histidine portion of ferrimyoglobin.¹¹

Calcium(II) ion has a high preferential affinity for oxygen donor groups, and we anticipate that in aqueous solution Ca^{2+} ...water and Ca^{2+} ...carboxylate interactions predominate. Since coordinated water molecules are the most acidic water molecules in solution and in view of the expected polarity of the C-F bond, the formation of weak water-bridged C-F...H₂O...Ca²⁺ interactions, however tenuous, is not unreasonable, especially since this water-mediated coordination survives in the crystal. We are not certain of all the factors whereby a carbon-bound fluorine atom could actually displace a coordinated water molecule or other donor group. There is ample crystallographic evidence that such displacement does occur in many alkali metal salts of fluorocarboxylates. It may very well also prove to occur for large alkaline-earth ions.

For divalent or trivalent transition-metal cations, however, we would expect coordinated water molecules to be more acidic and considerably less labile than for alkali metal ions. In these systems direct C-F···M binding may be relatively less favorable compared to the water-bridged structure, C-F···H₂O···M. We suggest that such outer-sphere coordination of carbon-bound fluorine through a hydrogen bond may play an important role in explaining fluorocitrate inhibition of aconitase.

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Synthesis and X-ray Crystal Structure of a Transition-Metal Cluster Involving Framework Phosphorus-Phosphorus Double Bonds

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The synthesis and X-ray crystal structure of the first diphosphene by Yoshifuji and co-workers in 1981 has generated considerable interest in multiple bonding among the heavier main-group 5 elements.¹ So far, structural reports have dealt with compounds having unsupported P-P,² P-As,³ or As-As⁴ double bonds and their simple transition-metal complexes.⁵ In this paper we report the synthesis and structure of a rare transition-metal cluster involving P-P double bonds. This is the compound $[Ni_5(CO)_6[(Me_3Si)_2CHP=PCH(SiMe_3)_2]_2Cl]$ (1), which represents a significant development in both transition-metal cluster and diphosphene chemistry.

The synthesis of 1 involved the addition of a solution of P-[CH(SiMe₃)₂]Cl₂ (1 equiv) in ether to a freshly prepared solution of Na₂[Ni₆(CO)₁₂] (1 equiv).⁶ The ether was removed after stirring for 12 h, and the residue was redissolved in *n*-hexane to give a red-brown solution. Filtration and subsequent cooling gave 1 as red-brown crystals in ca. 15% yield (based on phosphorus), IR (Nujol) 2018, 1723 cm⁻¹. ³¹P NMR indicated that the *n*hexane solution contained other species in addition to 1, and work is in progress to characterize these. The singlet seen at 353 ppm (in C₆D₆ relative to 85% H₃PO₄) has been assigned to 1.

The structure of 1 was determined by X-ray diffraction⁷ and is illustrated in Figure 1. The molecular geometry involves four of the five nickel atoms in a butterfly arrangement. These four nickels are bound to terminal carbonyls, and two additional carbonyls triply bridge the underside of each butterfly wing. The two diphosphene ligands bridge two wing tips and hinge metal centers to the fifth nickel atom, Ni(1), which is also bonded to chlorine. The Ni-Ni distances within the butterfly average ca. 2.55 Å while Ni(1)-Ni(3) and Ni(1)-Ni(5) distances are somewhat longer, averaging 2.69 Å (cf. ref 6). The diphosphene ligands interact most closely with Ni(3) and Ni(5) as exemplified by the short Ni-P distances, average ca. 2.18 Å.⁸ The P-Ni(1),

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