

# Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Line Broadening by a Tridendate Schiff-Base Complex of Nickel(II), Triaquotribenzo[*b,f,j*][1,5,9]triazacyclododecinenickel(II)

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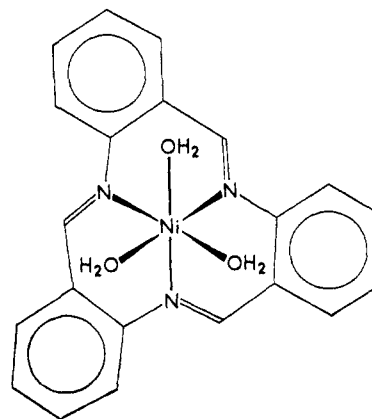
**Abstract:** The temperature dependence of solvent water proton line broadening by  $\text{Ni}(\text{TRI})(\text{OH}_2)_3^{2+}$  has been measured. The kinetic parameters for water exchange are  $k = 3.8 \times 10^4 \text{ sec}^{-1}$  ( $25^\circ$ ),  $\Delta H^\ddagger = 10.9 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$ , and  $\Delta S^\ddagger = -1.9 \text{ eu}$ . Comparison to water exchange on other nickel(II) complexes indicates that the fused-ring tridendate chelate has no unusual effect on the water exchange rate. It is concluded that no large change in bond angles at nickel occurs in the transition state for water exchange.

There have been several recent studies of the effect of nonexchanging ligands on the water exchange rate from hydrated nickel(II) complexes. Dodgen, Hunt, and coworkers have studied the water exchange rate of  $\text{SCN}^-$ ,<sup>1</sup>  $\text{Cl}^-$ ,<sup>2</sup>  $\text{NH}_2(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{NH}_2$ ,<sup>3</sup> and  $\text{NH}_3$ <sup>4</sup> complexes of nickel(II) using  $^{17}\text{OH}_2$  nmr line broadening. It was generally found that the water exchange rate increased on complex formation and with increasing number of amine ligands. Margerum and coworkers have studied the rate of  $\text{NH}_3$  complexation to a wide variety of nickel(II)-amine and -carboxylate complexes.<sup>5</sup> If it is assumed that the rate of  $\text{NH}_3$  complex formation is controlled by the water exchange rate then the same general trends as found from the  $^{17}\text{OH}_2$  work are observed.

In contrast to these trends Rablen and Gordon<sup>6</sup> found the water exchange rate on  $\text{Ni}(\text{terpy})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3^{2+}$  (terpy = terpyridyl) to be very similar to that on  $\text{Ni}(\text{OH}_2)_6^{2+}$ . It would appear that terpyridine decreases the water exchange rate when compared to other amine type ligands. These conclusions are reinforced by the recent study of Grant, Dodgen, and Hunt<sup>7</sup> on  $\text{Ni}(\text{dipy})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4^{2+}$  and  $\text{Ni}(\text{dipy})_2(\text{OH}_2)_2^{2+}$ . Water exchange in both of these systems is also similar to that in  $\text{Ni}(\text{OH}_2)_6^{2+}$ .

As a result of these studies it is now possible to at least qualitatively anticipate the water exchange rates for various nickel(II) complexes. It therefore seemed possible that some mechanistic information might be gained by studying a fused ring tridendate ligand complex. Such a ligand would prevent significant changes in the bond angles at nickel in the transition state for water exchange. Then if such changes are normally required, the fused-ring ligand complex should show slower exchange and a higher  $\Delta H^\ddagger$  than expected.

The system chosen for study, triaquotribenzo[*b,f,j*]-[1,5,9]triazacyclododecinenickel(II),  $\text{Ni}(\text{TRI})(\text{OH}_2)_3^{2+}$ , is shown in structure I. The  $\text{Ni}(\text{TRI})(\text{OH}_2)(\text{NO}_3)_2$  complex



was prepared by Melson and Busch<sup>8</sup> and has been partially resolved by Taylor and Busch.<sup>9</sup> The structure of  $\text{Ni}(\text{TRI})(\text{OH}_2)_2(\text{NO}_3)_2$  has been determined by Fleischer and Klem.<sup>10</sup>

## Experimental Section

The nickel complex was prepared following the procedure outlined by Melson and Busch.<sup>8</sup> The *o*-aminobenzaldehyde was prepared from *o*-nitrobenzaldehyde as described by Smith and Opie.<sup>11</sup>  $\text{Ni}(\text{TRI})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2(\text{NO}_3)_2$  was prepared by self-condensation of *o*-aminobenzaldehyde in the presence of  $\text{Ni}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  as described by Melson and Busch.<sup>12</sup> The perchlorate salt was prepared from the nitrate as described in ref 8.

The nickel salts were air dried. *Anal.* Calcd for  $\text{Ni}(\text{TRI})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3(\text{ClO}_4)_2$ : C, 40.70; N, 6.78; H, 3.39. Found: C, 40.89; N, 7.07; H, 3.71. Calcd for  $\text{Ni}(\text{TRI})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3(\text{NO}_3)_2$ : C, 47.75; N, 13.27; H, 3.60. Found: C, 47.10; N, 13.22; H, 3.55.

The complex was also identified by comparison of the infrared and visible spectra to spectral results previously published.<sup>8</sup>

The nmr line-broadening studies were carried out mainly with the nitrate salt because of its greater solubility. The nickel concentration was varied between 0.0277 and 0.0400 *M*. The insolubility of the compound limits the magnitude of the broadenings which can be observed. Several samples of the less soluble perchlorate salt were prepared and were found to produce the same amount of broadening with the same temperature dependence. From six different samples, 39 data points were obtained at 60 MHz over the temperature range 3–94°. At 100 MHz, 16 data points were obtained from three samples over the temperature range 5–80°.

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The nmr spectra were recorded on Varian A-56/60 and HA-100 spectrometers equipped with Model V-4343 temperature controllers and standard temperature probes. Temperatures were measured using the ethylene glycol and methanol standards supplied by Varian Associates.

Chemical shifts were measured at 100 MHz using *tert*-butyl alcohol (1.010 M, 10% by volume) as an internal standard. The same concentration of *tert*-butyl alcohol was used in the solvent blank and in the sample containing the nickel complex in order to overcome the solvent dependence of the shift of *tert*-butyl alcohol.<sup>13</sup>

## Results and Discussion

The solvent proton relaxation time may be expressed as

$$(T_{2P'})^{-1} = \frac{(T_{2P})^{-1}}{P_m} = \pi \frac{(\Delta\nu_{\text{obsd}} - \Delta\nu_{\text{sol}})}{P_m} \quad (1)$$

where  $\Delta\nu_{\text{obsd}}$  is the full width at half height of the solvent proton resonance in the presence of the paramagnetic ion and  $\Delta\nu_{\text{sol}}$  is the analogous line width in the absence of paramagnetic ion.  $P_m$  is the ratio of bound to free solvent molecules, which for  $\text{Ni}(\text{TRI})(\text{OH}_2)_3^{2+}$  is  $3[\text{Ni}]/([\text{H}_2\text{O}]_{\text{total}} - 3[\text{Ni}])$ .

Some typical experimental results from the line-broadening study at 60 and 100 MHz are given in Tables I and II, respectively. Figure 1 shows a plot of

Table I. Typical<sup>a</sup> Line-Broadening Results for  $\text{Ni}(\text{TRI})(\text{OH}_2)_3^{2+}$  in Water at 60 MHz

Temp, °C	—Full width, Hz—		$-10^{-3} \times (T_{2P'})^{-1}, \text{sec}^{-1}$	
	$\Delta\nu_{\text{obsd}}$	$\Delta\nu_{\text{obsd}} - \Delta\nu_{\text{sol}}$	Obsd	Calcd <sup>b</sup>
3	7.50	5.25	7.66	7.58
9	7.85	6.10	8.92	8.42
16	8.80	7.20	10.52	10.34
21	9.55	7.95	11.60	11.13
27	9.85	8.35	12.20	11.64
35	9.65	8.20	11.97	11.64
40	9.25	7.85	11.45	11.38
46	8.90	7.49	10.90	10.94
56	8.18	6.88	10.02	10.11
66	7.82	6.61	9.60	9.34
76	7.10	6.00	8.72	8.67
86	6.39	5.39	7.84	8.08

<sup>a</sup> Data from two of the six samples studied at 60 MHz. From 3 to 40°, a sample with  $[\text{Ni}(\text{TRI})(\text{OH}_2)_3^{2+}] = 0.0398 \text{ M}$  and  $P_m = 2.15 \times 10^{-3}$  was used. From 46 to 86° the sample had  $[\text{Ni}(\text{TRI})(\text{OH}_2)_3^{2+}] = 0.0400 \text{ M}$  and  $P_m = 2.16 \times 10^{-3}$ . <sup>b</sup> Calculated from the 60-MHz, fit-C parameters in Table IV.

Table II. Typical<sup>a</sup> Line-Broadening Data Results for  $\text{Ni}(\text{TRI})(\text{OH}_2)_3^{2+}$  in Water at 100 MHz

Temp, °C	—Full width, Hz—		$10^{-3} \times (T_{2P'})^{-1}, \text{sec}^{-1}$	
	$\Delta\nu_{\text{obsd}}$	$\Delta\nu_{\text{obsd}} - \Delta\nu_{\text{sol}}$	Obsd	Calcd <sup>b</sup>
15	10.20	8.52	12.52	12.50
21	10.70	9.34	13.73	14.36
30	11.50	10.30	15.17	15.68
40	11.76	10.60	15.61	14.90
50	9.28	8.28	12.20	13.22
60	8.56	7.94	11.68	11.66
72	8.36	7.36	10.83	10.21
80	7.20	6.20	9.13	9.46

<sup>a</sup> Data from one of the three samples studied at 100 MHz;  $[\text{Ni}(\text{TRI})(\text{OH}_2)_3^{2+}] = 0.0358 \text{ M}$ ;  $P_m = 1.07 \times 10^{-3}$ . <sup>b</sup> Calculated from the 100-MHz, fit-C parameters in Table IV.

(13) R. G. Anderson and M. C. R. Symons, *Trans. Faraday Soc.*, **65**, 2550 (1969).

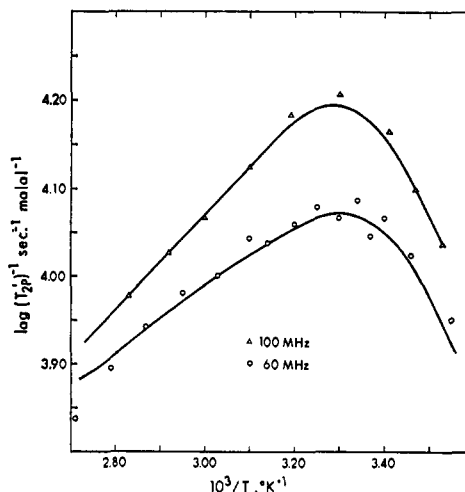


Figure 1. Variation of  $\log (T_{2P'})^{-1}$  with reciprocal of the absolute temperature. The smooth curves represent the best fit C of Table IV for all the data. Points are the results given in Tables I and II.

$\log (T_{2P'})^{-1}$  vs. the reciprocal of the absolute temperature for the data in Tables I and II. The smooth curves in Figure 1 are based on a least-squares fit of all the data as described below.

The chemical shifts of the solvent in the presence of  $\text{Ni}(\text{TRI})(\text{OH}_2)_3^{2+}$ , measured at 100 MHz using *tert*-butyl alcohol as an internal standard, are given in Table III. Shifts were also observed at 60 MHz, but

Table III. Solvent-Water Proton Chemical Shift for  $\text{Ni}(\text{TRI})(\text{OH}_2)_3^{2+}$  in Water<sup>a</sup> at 100 MHz

Temp, °C	—Chemical shift ( $\Delta\omega/2\pi$ ), Hz—	
	Obsd	Calcd <sup>b,c</sup>
15	2.2	1.74
21	0.2	2.90
30	3.0	4.86
40	4.6	5.49
60	5.4	6.11
72	5.9	5.90
80	5.9	5.76

<sup>a</sup> Sample was 0.0358 M in  $\text{Ni}(\text{TRI})(\text{OH}_2)_3(\text{NO}_3)_2$ , with 10% by volume *tert*-butyl alcohol;  $[\text{H}_2\text{O}] = 50.3 \text{ M}$ ;  $P_m = 2.14 \times 10^{-3}$ . <sup>b</sup> Calculated from eq 8 with  $\Delta\omega_m = 5.960 \times 10^3/T \text{ sec}^{-1}$ ,  $\Delta H^* = 11.55 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$ , and  $\Delta S^* = +0.25 \text{ eu}$ , as given in fit C, Table IV. <sup>c</sup> The agreement of calculated and observed values is considered to be satisfactory since the observed values have an uncertainty of  $\sim \pm 1 \text{ Hz}$ .

the maximum value was only  $\sim 3 \text{ Hz}$  with an uncertainty of  $\pm 1 \text{ Hz}$ , and the values were not used in the subsequent analysis.

The temperature dependence of the line broadening as shown in Figure 1 should be described by the equation

$$(T_{2P'})^{-1} = \frac{1}{\tau_m} \left( \frac{(1/T_{2m})^2 + (1/T_{2m}\tau_m) + \Delta\omega_m^2}{[(1/T_{2m} + (1/\tau_m))^2 + \Delta\omega_m^2]} \right) + (T_{20})^{-1} \quad (2)$$

The first term in eq 2 was developed by Swift and Connick<sup>14</sup> with the symbols having their usual meaning. The second term,  $(T_{20})^{-1}$ , is added to account for outer-sphere line broadening. Although there is no direct

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Table IV. Least-Squares Best-Fit Parameters

Fit <sup>a</sup>	Frequency, MHz	$\Delta H^*$ , kcal mol <sup>-1</sup>	$\Delta S^*$ , eu	$C_m$ , sec <sup>-1</sup>	$E_m$ , kcal mol <sup>-1</sup>	$10^{-6} \times C_\omega$ , sec <sup>-1</sup> deg
A	60	8.81	-7.97	$4.93 \times 10^3$	1.99	3.08
	100	8.36	-9.95	$2.72 \times 10^3$	0.76	8.51
B	60	8.47	-9.23	$5.45 \times 10^3$	1.92	3.58 <sup>b</sup>
	100	10.15	-3.37	$2.98 \times 10^3$	2.39	5.96 <sup>b</sup>
C <sup>c</sup>	60	10.36	-3.37	$6.66 \times 10^3$	1.61	3.58 <sup>b</sup>
	100	11.55	0.25	$5.20 \times 10^3$	1.81	5.96 <sup>b,d</sup>

<sup>a</sup> The standard error on the fits did not change significantly with an average value of  $3.64 \pm 0.02 \times 10^3$  for the 60-MHz data using 39 data points. <sup>b</sup>  $C_\omega$  held constant at value indicated by 100-MHz shift data. <sup>c</sup> Outer-sphere line-broadening term  $(T_{20})^{-1} = 1.723 \times 10^2 \exp(E_m/RT)$  was added as described in text. <sup>d</sup> The hyperfine coupling constant calculated from eq 6,  $(A/h)$ , is  $2.84 \times 10^6$  Hz.

indication of this effect in the results, comparison of the 60- and 100-MHz data shows that it is contributing to the observed line broadening.

The temperature dependence of  $\tau_m$  is assumed to follow transition-state theory

$$(\tau_m)^{-1} = \frac{kT}{\hbar} \exp((- \Delta H^* + T \Delta S^*)/RT) \quad (3)$$

A simple exponential temperature dependence with the same activation energy has generally been found satisfactory for  $T_{2m}$  and  $T_{20}$ , *i.e.*

$$(T_{2m})^{-1} = C_m \exp(E_m/RT) \quad (4)$$

$$(T_{20})^{-1} = C_0 \exp(E_0/RT) \quad (5)$$

It has been shown by Bloembergen<sup>15</sup> that

$$\Delta \omega_m = \left( \frac{A}{\hbar} \right) \frac{\omega_0 g \beta(S)(S+1)}{3kT\gamma_H} \quad (6)$$

where  $(A/h)$  is the electron-proton hyperfine coupling constant and a spin-only magnetic moment is assumed. From eq 6 the temperature variation of  $\Delta \omega_m$  is given by

$$\Delta \omega_m = C_\omega/T \quad (7)$$

Initially there did not appear to be any need for the outer-sphere term and the  $(T_{2P'})^{-1}$  data were fitted to eq 2 after substitution from eq 3, 4, and 7. The five parameters  $\Delta H^*$ ,  $\Delta S^*$ ,  $C_m$ ,  $E_m$ , and  $C_\omega$  were allowed to vary to give a least-squares best fit.<sup>16</sup> The results are shown as fit A in Table IV. A comparison of the parameters from the 60- and 100-MHz data shows that  $\Delta H^*$  and  $\Delta S^*$  agree quite well but  $C_m$  and  $E_m$  are very different. The  $C_\omega$  values also are not consistent since at 60 MHz  $C_\omega$  should be 0.60 of the value at 100 MHz; that is it should be  $5.11 \times 10^6$  instead of  $3.08 \times 10^6$ .

In view of these results it was decided to fix  $C_\omega$  at a value consistent with the shift measurements and then allow  $\Delta H^*$ ,  $\Delta S^*$ ,  $C_m$ , and  $E_m$  to vary to give the least-squares best fit. The value of  $C_\omega$  was determined by fitting the observed shift to the expression<sup>14</sup>

$$\Delta \omega_{\text{obsd}} = \frac{P_m \Delta \omega_m}{1 + (\tau_m \Delta \omega_m)^2} \quad (8)$$

At higher temperatures  $(\tau_m \Delta \omega_m)^2 \ll 1$  and  $C_\omega$  can be calculated directly from the observed shift without knowing  $\tau_m$ . With the value of  $C_\omega$  at 100 MHz fixed at  $5.96 \times 10^6$  the line-broadening data were refitted to give the parameters shown for fit B in Table IV. Com-

parison of the 60- and 100-MHz results shows that none of the parameters except possibly  $E_m$  is in satisfactory agreement.

It was then concluded that to make the shift and broadening data internally consistent it would be necessary to add an outer-sphere line-broadening contribution. The magnitude of this term was estimated, from the work of Luz and Meiboom<sup>17</sup> on the nickel(II)-methanol system, to be about a factor of 3 less than the inner-sphere relaxation rate  $(T_{2m})^{-1}$ . A value for  $C_0$  of  $1.723 \times 10^2$  was estimated from the average  $C_m$  values at 60 MHz from fits A and B.

The data were then refitted using  $\Delta H^*$ ,  $\Delta S^*$ ,  $C_m$ , and  $E_m$  as adjustable parameters and holding  $C_\omega$  and  $C_0$  constant at the values given above. The results are given as fit C in Table IV. The agreement of the parameters from the 60- and 100-MHz data was judged to be satisfactory in all cases.

It should be noted that the  $C_m$  and  $E_m$  differences are such that the  $T_{2m}$  values calculated from either set of parameters are in good agreement. For example, at 70°  $(T_{2m})^{-1}$  is calculated to be  $7.20 \times 10^3$  and  $7.55 \times 10^3$  cm<sup>-1</sup> from the 60- and 100-MHz parameters, respectively. The analogous values at 25° are  $10.0 \times 10^3$  and  $10.9 \times 10^3$  sec<sup>-1</sup>. If the inner-sphere  $T_{2m}$  is completely due to a dipolar relaxation then the correlation time ( $\tau_c$ ) is  $1.4 \times 10^{-11}$  sec if  $r(\text{Ni-H})$  is 2.6 Å. The  $\tau_c$  value seems qualitatively consistent with the expected value for the electron-spin relaxation time on nickel(II).

A similar type of compensating difference is evident in the  $\Delta H^*$  and  $\Delta S^*$  values. In fact the calculated  $\Delta G^*$  at 25° is 11.48 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> from both sets of data, giving a rate constant for exchange of one water molecule,  $k_1$ , of  $3.75 \times 10^4$  sec<sup>-1</sup>.

The analysis outlined above illustrates very clearly the necessity of considering all the terms which may be contributing to the line broadening and of making as many independent measurements as possible. In this study the main criteria for a satisfactory fit are agreement of the 60- and 100-MHz studies and consistency of the line-broadening and shift results. The surprising feature is that the addition of the outer-sphere term has such a large effect on  $\Delta H^*$  and  $\Delta S^*$ , even though qualitative observation of Figure 1 does not indicate that any outer-sphere broadening was present.

It should be noted that a similar difficulty has arisen at least twice before in the nickel(II)-dimethyl sulfoxide system. In this case Thomas and Reynolds,<sup>18</sup> and also Blackstaffe and Dwek,<sup>19</sup> neglected the  $T_{2m}$  contributions

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Table V. Kinetic Parameters for Water Exchange on Some Nickel(II) Complexes

Complex	$k$ , sec <sup>-1</sup> (25°)	$\Delta H^*$ , kcal mol <sup>-1</sup>	$\Delta S^*$ , eu	Ref
Ni(OH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> <sup>2+</sup>	$3.2 \times 10^4$	12.1	2.6	7
Ni(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> (OH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> <sup>2+</sup>	$2.5 \times 10^6$	10.2	5.0	4
Ni(terpy)(OH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> <sup>2+</sup>	$5.2 \times 10^4$	10.7	-1.0	6
Ni(TRI)(OH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> <sup>2+</sup>	$3.8 \times 10^4$	10.9	-1.9	This work <sup>a</sup>
Ni(en)(OH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> <sup>2+</sup>	$4.4 \times 10^6$	10.0	10	3
Ni(en) <sub>2</sub> (OH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> <sup>2+</sup>	$5.4 \times 10^6$	9.1	2.6	3
Ni(dipy)(OH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> <sup>2+</sup>	$4.9 \times 10^4$	12.6	5.1	7
Ni(dipy) <sub>2</sub> (OH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> <sup>2+</sup>	$6.6 \times 10^4$	13.7	9.2	7

<sup>a</sup> The average of the 60- and 100-MHz parameters from fit C, Table IV.

and obtained values of  $\Delta H^*$  which were too low by 3–3.5 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> and  $\Delta S^*$  too negative by ~14 eu.<sup>20,21</sup>

The original purpose of this study was to determine the effect of a fused-ring tridentate chelate ligand on the water exchange rate. A comparison of results from this and previous work in Table V indicates that Ni-

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(TRI)(OH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub><sup>2+</sup> is not unusual. The  $\Delta H^*$  value is certainly not unexpectedly large; therefore, it would seem that no large change in geometry occurs in the transition state for water exchange. This would be consistent with a square-based pyramidal transition state if an S<sub>N</sub>1 mechanism is assumed.

It may be noted that the variations in  $\Delta H^*$  and  $\Delta S^*$  in Table V do not appear to follow any obvious trends. The faster exchange of Ni(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>(OH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub><sup>2+</sup> and Ni(en)(OH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub><sup>2+</sup> compared to Ni(terpy)(OH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub><sup>2+</sup> and Ni(TRI)(OH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub><sup>2+</sup> is largely due to a more favorable  $\Delta S^*$ . Therefore, simple electron withdrawal by conjugated amines, making Ni–OH<sub>2</sub> bond breaking more difficult, does not account for the rate differences. The large difference in  $\Delta H^*$  for Ni(terpy)(OH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub><sup>2+</sup> and Ni(dipy)<sub>2</sub>(OH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>2+</sup> is also noteworthy since these complexes might be expected to be the most similar of all those in Table V.

The results of the study have shown that steric rigidity of the chelating ligand is not a very important kinetic factor for the water exchange rates on nickel(II). However, the factors which do affect these rates remain largely unexplained.

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## Interaction between Isothiocyanatopentaquo chromium(III) and Mercury(II). Equilibrium and Kinetics<sup>1a,b</sup>

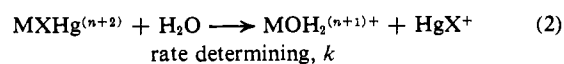
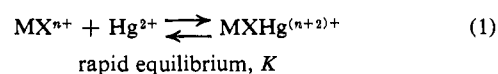
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**Abstract:** The isothiocyanatopentaquo chromium(III) ion reacts with mercury(II) in aqueous solution to form the binuclear complex CrNCSHg<sup>4+</sup>. From the absorption spectrum of the complex (maxima at 565 and 398 nm with extinction coefficients 21 and 25, respectively) it is deduced that the ligand HgSCN<sup>+</sup> lies between NCS<sup>-</sup> and NH<sub>3</sub> in the spectrochemical series. The equilibrium quotient for the reaction CrNCS<sup>2+</sup> + Hg<sup>2+</sup> ⇌ CrNCSHg<sup>4+</sup> is  $1.66 \times 10^4 M^{-1}$  at 25° and [ClO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>] = 1.0 M. The associated thermodynamic parameters are  $\Delta H = -8.0$  kcal/mol and  $\Delta S = -7.3$  eu. The relatively high formation quotient is rationalized on the basis of a stable ambidentate arrangement in which the hard and soft ends of thiocyanate are bound to hard and soft acids, respectively. The binuclear ion CrNCSHg<sup>4+</sup> undergoes aquation to Cr<sup>3+</sup> and HgSCN<sup>+</sup> by a first-order process independent of acidity. The rate constant at 25° and [ClO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>] = 1.0 M is  $8.5 \times 10^{-5}$  sec<sup>-1</sup> with  $\Delta H^\ddagger = 20.4$  kcal/mol and  $\Delta S^\ddagger = -8.5$  eu. Rate comparisons with related spontaneous and mercury(II)-assisted aquations of complexes of the class CrX<sup>2+</sup> are made. It is suggested that the aquation of CrNCSHg<sup>4+</sup> proceeds by a dissociative mechanism.

The mercury(II)-induced aquations of halide and pseudohalide complexes of cobalt(III)<sup>2</sup> and chromium(III)<sup>3–7</sup> have been studied extensively. The ac-

cepted mechanism for these assisted aquations is (M = Co, Cr; X = Cl, Br, I, CN)



On the basis of eq 1 and 2, the pseudo-first-order rate coefficient  $k_p$  for the disappearance of MX<sup>n+</sup> [free or complexed with mercury(II)] in the presence of an excess

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