

of the pH range, either the $-\text{NH}_3^+$ group is deprotonated or the $-\text{CO}_2^-$ group is protonated, the interactions are diminished, and rearrangement may be possible to a smaller, more soluble form. In materials such as Myocrisin, adjacent substituents bear negative charges ($-\text{CO}_2^-$), giving repulsive interactions; in these cases, smaller cyclic units are likely, consistent with their ready solubility.

The ^{197}Au Mössbauer spectrum of Auranofin is consistent with the linear S-Au-P stereochemistry recently established by X-ray crystallography.¹⁷

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Bis(2,2'-bipyridyl)diisopropoxymolybdenum(II). Structural and Spectroscopic Evidence for Molybdenum-to-Bipyridyl π^* Bonding

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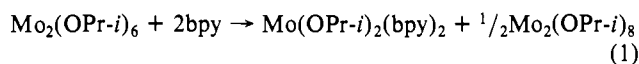
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During the course of work aimed at preparing compounds related to $\text{Mo}(\text{OBU-}t)_2(\text{py})_2(\text{CO})_2$,¹ we discovered that hydrocarbon solutions of $\text{Mo}_2(\text{OPr-}i)_6$ ² ($\text{M}\equiv\text{M}$) and bpy (2,2'-bipyridine) react³ to give deep-purple solutions from which crystals of $\text{Mo}(\text{OPr-}i)_2(\text{bpy})_2$ are obtained in near quantitative yield, based on reaction 1.



The cleavage of the $\text{Mo}\equiv\text{Mo}$ bond is noteworthy since monodentate ligands, such as pyridine, are known to form adducts of the type $\text{Mo}_2(\text{OR})_6\text{L}_2$ with retention of the triple bond.⁴

$\text{Mo}(\text{OPr-}i)_2(\text{bpy})_2$ is an air-sensitive, paramagnetic, dark-purple crystalline solid, sparingly soluble in alkane solvents, but very soluble in benzene and toluene. Its color is derived from an intense band at λ_{max} 530 nm (ϵ 10 000).

The molecular structure in the solid state revealed⁵ a distorted octahedral geometry for the central MoO_2N_4 skeleton. An ORTEP view of the molecule is shown in Figure 1, and pertinent distances and angles associated with the central MoO_2N_4 skeleton are given in Table I. The Mo-O distances are short, comparable to those

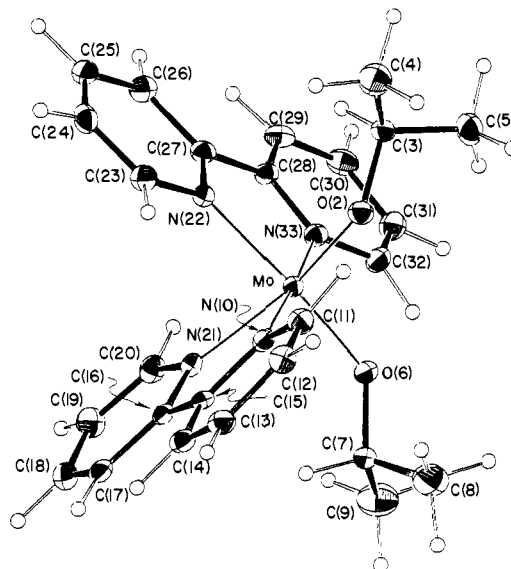


Figure 1. ORTEP view of the $\text{Mo}(\text{OPr-}i)_2(\text{bpy})_2$ molecule showing the atom numbering scheme used in the tables.

Table I. Bond Distances (Å) and Angles (Deg) Associated with the Central MoO_2N_4 Skeleton of the $\text{Mo}(\text{OPr-}i)_2(\text{bpy})_2$ Molecule

A	B	dist
Mo(1)	O(2)	1.942 (2)
Mo(1)	O(6)	1.932 (2)
Mo(1)	N(10)	2.107 (2)
Mo(1)	N(21)	2.123 (2)
Mo(1)	N(22)	2.126 (2)
Mo(1)	N(33)	2.115 (2)

A	B	C	angle
O(2)	Mo(1)	O(6)	105.3 (1)
O(2)	Mo(1)	N(10)	85.1 (1)
O(2)	Mo(1)	N(21)	155.4 (1)
O(2)	Mo(1)	N(22)	91.6 (1)
O(2)	Mo(1)	N(33)	97.9 (1)
O(6)	Mo(1)	N(10)	97.0 (1)
O(6)	Mo(1)	N(21)	90.2 (1)
O(6)	Mo(1)	N(22)	153.7 (1)
O(6)	Mo(1)	N(33)	84.3 (1)
N(10)	Mo(1)	N(21)	73.9 (1)
N(10)	Mo(1)	N(22)	104.5 (1)
N(10)	Mo(1)	N(33)	176.2 (1)
N(21)	Mo(1)	N(22)	81.6 (1)
N(21)	Mo(1)	N(33)	102.6 (1)
N(22)	Mo(1)	N(33)	73.3 (1)

in $\text{Mo}(\text{OBU-}t)_2(\text{py})_2(\text{CO})_2$, which implies significant oxygen-to-molybdenum-d π bonding. The alkoxy ligands, however, are cis in $\text{Mo}(\text{OPr-}i)_2(\text{bpy})_2$ and trans in $\text{Mo}(\text{OBU-}t)_2(\text{py})_2(\text{CO})_2$. The Mo-N distances in $\text{Mo}(\text{OPr-}i)_2(\text{bpy})_2$ are short, 2.12 Å (average), which may be compared to Mo-N = 2.35 Å (average) in $\text{Mo}(\text{OBU-}t)_2(\text{py})_2(\text{CO})_2$.

A close inspection of the interatomic distances associated with the bpy ligands revealed small but systematic deviations from those distances found in either the free ligand⁶ or any of its structurally characterized coordination compounds involving the transition elements.⁷ This observation prompted us to redetermine the structure of 2,2'-bipyridine⁸ in order to make a more accurate

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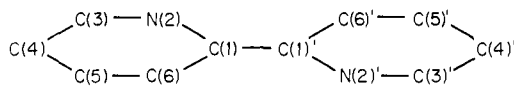
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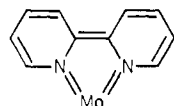
Table II. Comparison of the Interatomic Bond Distances (Å) in 2,2'-Bipyridine with Those Found in the Coordinated 2,2'-Bipyridyl Ligands in Mo(OPr-*i*)₂(bpy)₂^a


A	B	dist	A	B	dist	A	B	dist
C(1)	N(2)	1.346 (2)	C(15)	N(10)	1.388 (4)	C(27)	N(22)	1.370 (4)
N(2)	C(3)	1.341 (2)	N(10)	C(11)	1.375 (4)	N(22)	C(23)	1.373 (4)
C(3)	C(4)	1.384 (2)	C(11)	C(12)	1.357 (4)	C(23)	C(24)	1.357 (4)
C(4)	C(5)	1.383 (3)	C(12)	C(13)	1.418 (4)	C(24)	C(25)	1.417 (5)
C(5)	C(6)	1.385 (2)	C(13)	C(14)	1.367 (4)	C(25)	C(26)	1.371 (5)
C(6)	C(1)	1.394 (2)	C(14)	C(15)	1.405 (4)	C(26)	C(27)	1.412 (4)
C(1)	C(1)'	1.490 (3)	C(15)	C(16)	1.425 (4)	C(28)	C(27)	1.424 (4)
C(1)'	N(2)'	1.346 (2)	C(16)	N(21)	1.381 (4)	C(27)	N(22)	1.370 (4)
N(2)'	C(3)'	1.341 (2)	N(21)	C(20)	1.376 (4)	N(22)	C(23)	1.373 (4)
C(3)'	C(4)'	1.384 (2)	C(20)	C(19)	1.359 (4)	C(23)	C(24)	1.357 (4)
C(4)'	C(5)'	1.383 (3)	C(19)	C(18)	1.413 (5)	C(24)	C(25)	1.417 (5)
C(5)'	C(6)'	1.385 (2)	C(18)	C(17)	1.358 (4)	C(25)	C(26)	1.371 (5)
C(6)'	C(1)'	1.394 (2)	C(17)	C(16)	1.414 (4)	C(26)	C(27)	1.412 (4)

^a The atom numbering scheme for 2,2'-bipyridine is shown here, while that for the coordinated ligand is shown in Figure 1.

comparison of the interatomic distances. These are shown in Table II.

The structural data may be taken as evidence for a significant bonding contribution of the resonance form shown below. In a



molecular orbital description, this is equivalent to Mo-d-to-bpy π^* bonding with extensive electron population of the lowest unoccupied molecular orbital [$b_1(\pi^*)$] of the 2,2'-bipyridine.

Solutions of Mo(OPr-*i*)₂(bpy)₂ were examined by resonance Raman (RR) spectroscopy to determine whether the unusual structural characteristics of the compound are evident spectroscopically and whether conclusions may be drawn regarding the extent of π back-bonding. The RR spectra of bpy complexes typically show^{9,10} seven strong peaks in the frequency range 1000–1700 cm^{-1} , corresponding, essentially, to the seven symmetric C–C and C–N stretches of bpy in any point group for which the two pyridine rings are related by a symmetry element. In addition, four symmetric in-plane C–H wags are expected in this frequency region, and these are sometimes observed as weak features.¹⁰ As can be seen in Table III,¹¹ the RR spectra of Ru(bpy)₂(NH₃)₂²⁺, Ru(bpy)₂Cl₂, and Li⁺(bpy⁻) exhibit essentially this typical pattern of seven strong, polarized bands, although the RR mode near 1040 cm^{-1} in Ru(bpy)₂Cl₂ is very weak and Li⁺(bpy⁻) has an “extra” peak at 1351 cm^{-1} . The latter must reflect contribution by C–H wag to the qbsd. RR modes of the radical. The time-resolved RR spectrum of the metal-to-ligand charge-transfer (MLCT) excited state of Ru(bpy)₃²⁺ appears more complex because it is actually the superimposition of neutral and radical-like bipyridine spectra, Ru^{III}(bpy)₂(bpy)⁻, and therefore may be separated into two

(8) Crystal data for 2,2'-bipyridine obtained at -163 °C from 34 reflections by using Mo K α radiation (λ 0.71069 Å): space group $P2_1/c$, $a = 5.485$ (1), $b = 6.177$ (1), $c = 12.356$ (4) Å; $\beta = 110.83$ (1)°; $Z = 2$; $d_{\text{calc}} = 1.326$ g cm^{-3} . Of the 1154 unique structure amplitudes, the 884 having $F > 2.33\sigma(F)$ were used in the full matrix refinement. Final residuals $R(F) = 0.058$ and $R_w(F) = 0.067$.

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Table III. Resonance Raman Frequencies (cm^{-1}) of C₂ Bipyridine Complexes and Bipyridine Radical Anion

Ru(bpy) ₂ (NH ₃) ₂ ²⁺	Ru(bpy) ₂ Cl ₂	Mo(bpy) ₂ (OPr- <i>i</i>) ₂	MLCT state ^a of Ru(bpy) ₃ ²⁺	Li ⁺ (bpy ⁻) ^b
1607	1603	1590*	1609, 1550	1554
1561	1554	1526*, 1515	1566, 1482	1486
1490	1484	1457*, 1441	1500, 1429	1412
		1354, 1363 (vw)	1370	1351
1320	1316	1304*, 1278	1324, 1288	1275
1273	1268	1255*, 1233	1214	1206
1172	1166	1163, 1029 ^c	1176, 1035 ^c	1019
1038		1093, 1011 ^c	1044, 1016 ^c	992
		785, 763 (vw)	744	744
672	669	659, 624		646
375	376	376	384, 340	308

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seven-peak patterns.^{9,12} It can also be seen from the data in Table III that the bpy ring stretching frequencies respond in a predictable way to π -antibonding electron density: bpy⁻ and the “radical-like” ligand of the MLCT excited state of Ru(bpy)₃²⁺ exhibit frequencies approximately 60 cm^{-1} lower than those in Ru(bpy)₂(NH₃)₂²⁺, Ru(bpy)₂Cl₂, and the “neutral” ligands in the MLCT excited state of Ru(bpy)₃²⁺.

The RR spectrum for Mo(OPr-*i*)₂(bpy)₂ is remarkable in two respects. First, the spectrum is complex, and second, the clearly identifiable bpy modes are shifted to considerably lower frequencies relative to the neutral bpy ligands, although not to frequencies as low as those of bpy⁻.

The origin of the complexity of the spectrum is presently uncertain. One plausible explanation lies in the fact that the highest symmetry assignable to Mo(OPr-*i*)₂(bpy)₂ is C₂. In this point group, the two pyridine rings of each bpy are inequivalent and 13, rather than 7, symmetric stretching modes may be observed. That this effect is apparent in Mo(OPr-*i*)₂(bpy)₂ and not in other *cis*-MX₂(bpy)₂ complexes may be ascribed to the strong π -donor influence of the OPr-*i* ligands. In any event, the shift to lower frequencies of the bpy bands in Mo(OPr-*i*)₂(bpy)₂ is clearly ev-

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idence for π -electron donation from Mo(OPr-*i*)₂ to the antibonding orbitals of the bpy ligands. The extent of this back-donation can be calculated quantitatively from the bpy vibrational frequencies, but justification of such a calculation is beyond the scope of this communication. Qualitatively, the RR frequencies are consistent with a net negative charge of approximately 0.5 e⁻ in the lowest π^* orbitals of each bpy in Mo(OPr-*i*)₂(bpy)₂.

We conclude that the Mo(OR)₂ moiety is a most unusually powerful π donor, even to ligands like 2,2'-bipyridine which do not normally act as π -acceptor ligands in the ground state. The only other transition-metal complexes which are perhaps analogous to Mo(OPr-*i*)₂(bpy)₂ are the 1,4-diimine adducts of Cp₂Ti and Cp₂Zr, studied by Stucky and his co-workers.^{13,14}

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A Semichelating Metal- β -Diketone Complex

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Comprehensive investigations of the isomerization process in octahedral metal- β -diketone complexes have revealed two limiting mechanistic pathways which may be distinguished by the effective coordination number of the metal in the transition state. They are (1) twist mechanisms, in which chemical bonds are not broken, and (2) bond rupture pathways which lead to idealized square-pyramidal or trigonal-bipyramidal intermediates with "dangling" axial or equatorial ligands.¹⁻³ We wish to report the synthesis of a new compound whose structure and NMR spectra reveal novel bonding features like those proposed for the dangling ligand in bond rupture isomerizations or, alternatively, in substitution processes in square planar complexes.

Reaction of the tridentate phosphine Ph₂PC₂H₄P(Ph)C₂H₄PPh₂ (triphos) with palladium bis(hexafluoroacetylacetonate) [Pd(F₆acac)₂] in benzene affords the 1:1 adduct (triphos)Pd(F₆acac)₂ (**1**), mp 192 °C; ³¹P NMR δ 108.2 (d) and 48.6 (t, *J*_{PP} = 9.5 Hz).⁴ Crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction experiments were grown by slow evaporation of an ethanol solution.⁵

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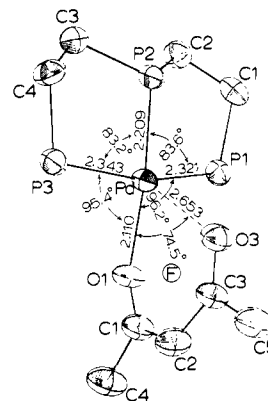


Figure 1. Coordination core of (triphos)Pd(F₆acac)₂⁺.

The solid-state structure of **1** contains two types of hexafluoroacetylacetonate groups. One is not bonded to the metal and corresponds to ionic F₆acac⁻. The other is attached to palladium by a normal 2.110 (5) Å Pd-O bond as shown in Figure 1, which depicts the coordination core of the metal. The other three coordination sites are occupied by phosphorus atoms from the triphos. The palladium atom is displaced by 0.22 Å in the direction of O(3) from the weighted least-squares plane containing P(1), P(2), P(3), and O(1). A novel feature of the bonding in (triphos)Pd(F₆acac)₂ involves O(3), the other terminus of the coordinated F₆acac group. This ligand, which is planar within experimental error, is positioned so that its plane makes a dihedral angle of 85.4° with the P₃OPd plane. In this conformation, O(3) lies above the palladium atom in an axial position. The resulting Pd-O contact, 2.653 (6) Å, is rather long, and it presumably represents a weakly bonding interaction so that the overall coordination geometry is described as distorted square pyramidal. The principal distortion is due to the small "bite" angle of the F₆acac ligand [O(1)-Pd-O(3), 74.5 (4)°] which places O(3) slightly off of the ideal axial position. The O(3)-Pd-P equatorial angles reflect this: O(3)-Pd-P(1), 97.5; O(3)-Pd-P(2), 113.8; O(3)-Pd-P(3), 97.4°. The weakly bonding axial Pd-O interaction is much shorter than the 3.1-Å axial Pd-O contact observed in Pd(F₆acac)₂(4-ClC₃H₄N)₄.⁶ A much less drastic distortion in another F₆acac complex, (bpy)-Cu(F₆acac)₂, has been proposed to arise from a Jahn-Teller effect, but the longer Cu-O bond was 2.296 (4) Å.⁷

Variable-temperature NMR spectroscopy revealed two dynamic processes in **1**. The ¹⁹F NMR spectrum of (triphos)Pd(F₆acac)₂ in CD₂Cl₂ at -64 °C demonstrated three singlets in a 1:2:1 ratio at 75.44, 76.08, and 77.24 ppm. The center field resonance is assigned, on the basis of its chemical shift and relative intensity, to the ionic F₆acac. On warming, these three signals coalesced into a single broad peak. These data indicate that there is a facile exchange between ionic and coordinated F₆acac; ΔH_{ac1} for this process was found to be 6 kcal mol⁻¹ and ΔS_{ac1} to be -26 eu.⁴

The coordinated F₆acac ligand is itself fluxional. Variable-temperature ¹⁹F NMR spectra of [(triphos)Pd(F₆acac)]BPh₄ (**2**) prepared by metathesis of **1** with sodium tetraphenylborate in methanol, showed that the two types of CF₃ groups rapidly interconvert on the NMR time scale. The limiting low-temperature spectrum, obtained at -11 °C, showed two fluorine resonances at 75.75 and 77.86 ppm. The activation enthalpy for this second process, measured for a 5 × 10⁻² M solution in 1,2-dichloroethane, was 8.1 ± 1 kcal mol⁻¹ with ΔS_{ac1} -21 ± 3 eu. Since the reaction rates, as reflected by the NMR line shapes, are the same at both 5 × 10⁻² and 7 × 10⁻³ M concentrations, it is probable that the exchange is intramolecular.

Rapid exchange of the two inequivalent ends of an acetylacetonate group has been observed, for example, in the silicon enol complexes R₃Si(acac).⁸ In sulfur chelates, fluxional behavior

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