

Figure 2. Comparison of 18-crown-6, gramicidin D, and II under conditions given in the caption of Figure 1. 18-Crown-6 is inactive, while the activity of II exceeds that of gramicidin D at 45 channel compounds/vesicle.

sufficed for total and immediate equilibration between external and internal ions. Greater than 1 molecule/vesicle is required for II because its ion-conducting segment (the polyether) is sufficiently long to traverse only a single leaflet. A *minimum* of two molecules (one in each leaflet) must, therefore, become aligned to permit passage across the entire membrane. This is also true of gramicidin.

Figure 1 compares the behavior of II (plot C) with that of related structures (plots A and B). Plot A, identical with the blank,¹⁷ shows that all activity is lost if $n = 5$ and both R and R' are dodecanoyl or both R and R' are benzyl. Activity also disappears if R is II is shortened to a hexanoyl group. Plot B shows that activity is impaired if the polyether unit of II is shortened to $n = 3$. We conclude that spanning a polyether moiety across a leaflet to form a channel component requires (a) a benzyl group (presumably to associate with a DSCP quaternary nitrogen by an ion-dipole attraction)¹⁸ and (b) a distal hydrocarbon tail that embeds itself in the apolar region of the membrane.

Figure 2 compares II with gramicidin D and 18-crown-6 at concentrations of 45 molecules/vesicle. Under these conditions, II actually exceeds gramicidin in activity! 18-Crown-6, on the other hand, manifests no enhancement above background. The latter is noteworthy because a U-tube system (a so-called "liquid membrane")¹⁹ gives exactly the opposite behavior: K^+ was transported through $CHCl_3$ by 18-crown-6 at a concentration where II was totally inert. The simplest explanation is that the crown ether is a good ion carrier through $CHCl_3$,²⁰ whereas II (a poor K^+ ligand according to spectrophotometric studies)²¹ is able to form channels in bilayers but not, obviously, in bulk $CHCl_3$.

Does II actually forge a channel, or does it merely create a defect? Although this is a difficult question to answer (especially since the distinction between a "channel" and "defect" is ill-defined), we prefer to view II as a channel element for the following reasons: (a) II is extremely active at nanomole levels. (b) Flux enhancement is structurally specific; several analogs of II that were both more and less hydrophobic lost all activity. (c) Leakage induced by II is not general; dye, for example, could not escape the channelized vesicles.²²

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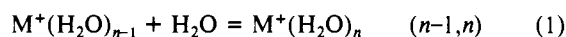
Production and Study in the Gas Phase of Multiply Charged Solvated or Coordinated Metal Ions

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Determinations of the gas-phase equilibria involving singly charged ions and solvent molecules such as H_2O (see eq 1), or other ligands, providing the sequential bond enthalpies $\Delta H^\circ_{n-1,n}$ and entropies ΔS°_{n-1} were initiated some 20 years ago.^{1,2} Such



studies have provided a wealth of data³ on ion-solvent and ion-ligand interactions.⁴ Extensive theoretical work^{5,6} and experimental studies such as laser spectroscopy of ion clusters in molecular beams⁷ were also stimulated.

The above studies were limited to singly charged ions M^+ , yet doubly charged ions M^{2+} are of paramount importance in chemistry and biochemistry. The general method used for ion clusters like $M^+(H_2O)_n$ is to generate M^+ in a gas phase in which ligand molecule vapor is present. The formation of $M^+(H_2O)_n$ then proceeds spontaneously by third body dependent association reactions like reaction 1. This method may not work⁸ for M^{2+} when the second ionization energy of M, $IE(M^+)$, is larger than the ionization energy of the ligand, e.g., $IE(Mg^+) = 15.0$ and $IE(H_2O) = 12.6$ eV.

Doubly and triply charged ions exist in solution, but preparation of gas-phase ions like $M^{2+}(H_2O)_n$ by ion transfer from solution to the gas phase would not have been considered possible until recently. However, new mass spectrometric research has shown⁹⁻¹¹

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(8) Little information is available on the outcome of gas-phase reactions: $M^{2+} + L$ where $IE(M^+) > IE(L)$. Charge transfer to the ligand, leading to M^+ and L^+ and formation of $M^+OH + H_3O^+$ for cases where the ligand and the third body are H_2O , are reaction channels that could compete with formation of stabilized $M^{2+}L$.

(9) In electrospray, a solvent such as methanol containing low concentrations of an electrolyte (10^{-6} - 10^{-4} M) flows through a narrow metal capillary. When the capillary is placed at a high voltage relative to ground (~ 5 - 10 kV), a fine spray of charged droplets is emitted from the capillary tip. The evaporation of the droplets in the ambient air leads to formation of gaseous ions. Electrospray has been known since the 1940s, but ion detection with a mass spectrometer, first reported by Fenn,¹⁰ led to a renewed interest in this phenomenon.

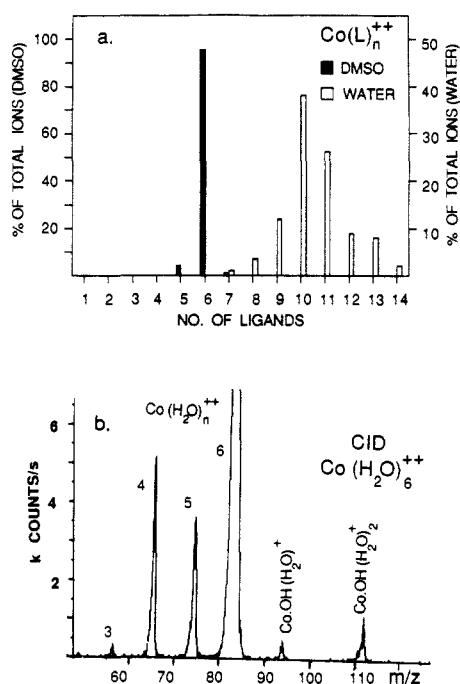


Figure 1. (a) Ions from separately electrosprayed solutions of 10^{-4} M CoBr_2 in methanol, with 10^{-2} M DMSO and 1 M H_2O . Observed $\text{Co}^{2+}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_n$ had a total intensity of 2×10^5 ions s^{-1} . (b) CID of $\text{Co}^{2+}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6$.

that such ion transfer is feasible.

In the present work, we found that doubly charged gaseous ions are formed as major ions when solutions of doubly charged ions are electrosprayed.^{12,13} Hydrates and other ligand complexes of M^{2+} were observed as major ions for the alkaline earths (Mg^{2+} , Ca^{2+} , Sr^{2+} , Ba^{2+}) and the transition metals (Mn^{2+} , Fe^{2+} , Co^{2+} , Ni^{2+} , Zn^{2+}). A variety of M^{2+} ion–ligand complexes with the above M^{2+} and Cr^{2+} , Cu^{2+} , Co^{3+} with the ligands dimethyl sulfoxide, dimethylformamide, ammonia, pyridine and the polydentate peptides, di- and polyketones, cyclic tetramines (cyclams), and the polycyclic hexaaminesepulchrate, could also be prepared and observed. This represents a very exciting variety of species and leads to the question: How can one study these ions?

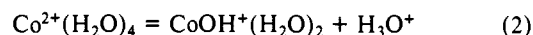
So far electrospray has been operated only at atmospheric pressure.^{10,11,14} Thermal ion–hydrate equilibria studies depend on mass spectrometric determination of ion–hydrate ratios at equilibrium,² and such determinations are difficult when the sampled gas is at atmospheric pressure.¹⁶ In order to minimize the problem, the ions produced by electrospray in ambient air were transferred by means of an electric field into an “interface” or

conditioning chamber,¹³ which contains high-purity N_2 gas at atmospheric pressure and known, very low ligand gas pressure ($\sim 10^{-3}$ Torr). The ion residence time in the interface chamber is long enough ($\sim 200 \mu\text{s}$)¹⁷ for equilibria to become established,^{18,19} and due to the high dilution of the ligand, no further growth of the ion–ligand complexes occurs during the sampling.¹⁹

The $\text{Co}^{2+}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_n$ intensities, Figure 1a, can be used to obtain the $\Delta G^\circ_{n,n-1}$ values: (10,9) 8.5, (11,10) 7.6, and (12,11) 7.2 (kcal/mol, 300 K, standard state 1 atm). Assuming^{1,2} a “typical” $\Delta S^\circ_{n,n-1} = 23 \text{ cal deg}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$, one obtains the corresponding $\Delta H_{n,n-1}$: 15.4, 14.5, and 14.1 kcal/mol. These can be compared with $\Delta H^\circ_{3,2}(\text{Na}^+) = 15.8 \text{ kcal/mol}$.¹ The interface chamber can be heated, and results obtained at different temperatures will be reported.

The thermal ion equilibria method becomes difficult to apply for $\Delta H_{n,n-1} > 30 \text{ kcal/mol}$, due to the required high temperatures. However, the triple quadrupole mass spectrometer used¹³ allows measurements of higher energy processes by collision-induced decomposition (CID).²⁰

The successive losses of H_2O on CID of $\text{Co}^{2+}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6$ are shown in Figure 1b. These lead ultimately to $\text{Co}^{2+}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4$. At $n = 4$, the H_2O loss reaction decreases greatly and a charge reduction reaction (2) becomes more probable. The H_3O^+ formation was



observed although this ion is not shown. A thermodynamic cycle based on the observed competitive loss of H_2O and reduction 2 allows a rough estimate²¹ of $\Delta H^\circ_{3,0} \approx 180 \text{ kcal/mol}$. The average ($n, n-1$) energy in the inner shell is $\sim 60 \text{ kcal/mol}$ and thus very much larger than the $\Delta H^\circ_{10,9} \approx 15 \text{ kcal/mol}$ for the outer-shell molecules, deduced above.

CID reactions analogous to reaction 2 at $n = 4$ were observed for Mn^{2+} , Fe^{2+} , and Ni^{2+} ; however, the lower $\text{IE}(\text{M}^+)$ alkaline earths Ca^{2+} , Sr^{2+} , and Ba^{2+} could be dissociated down to $n = 1$ or $n = 0$ before a reduction reaction like 2 became competitive.

Binding energies $\Delta E_{n,n-1}$ can be obtained with the triple quadrupole CID technique, as shown by Magnera²² and Squires²³ for single charged ions. Such measurements with M^{2+} complexes are underway and will be reported.²⁴

The $\text{Co}^{2+}(\text{DMSO})_n$ results, Figure 1a, suggest special stability for $n \leq 6$. Co^{2+} and Ni^{2+} are known to form stable $\text{M}^{2+}(\text{DMSO})_6$ complexes in the solid state.²⁵ The spectrum also illustrates how

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through proper choice of conditions it is possible to produce "cold" ion clusters which should be specially suitable for quantitative CID measurements.²⁶

We believe that the described results indicate the dawning of a new era of gas-phase metal ion M^{2+} studies.

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Synthesis and Crystallographic Characterization of $(Me_5C_5)_2Ca(Me_3SiC\equiv C-C\equiv CSiMe_3)$: The First Monomeric Diyne Complex of a Main-Group Element

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Although alkyne complexes are thought to be intermediates in a variety of transformations involving main-group metal and metalloid compounds (e.g., carbolithiation, carboalumination, and hydrostannation reactions), few well-documented examples of alkyne-main-group metal interaction exist.¹ Structurally characterized cases are limited to the complex lithium clusters $[Li('Bu-C\equiv C-C(SiMe_3)-C\equiv C-'Bu)]_2$ and $\{Li(LiOEt_2)('Bu-C\equiv C-C-C\equiv C-'Bu)\}_4$ and to Be ,³ Al ,⁴⁻⁶ Ga ,^{7,8} and In ,^{8,9} complexes of the form $[RM-C\equiv CR']_2$ or $[R_2M-C\equiv CR']_2$ containing bridging alkynyl ligands. Alkynyl $Tl(III)$ complexes of the form $Me_2TlC\equiv CR$ ($R = C_6H_5, CH_3$), $Me_2Tl-C\equiv C-TiMe_2$, and $M[Tl(C\equiv CR)_4]$ [$R = C_6H_5, CH_3$; $M = Na, K, (C_6H_5)_4P$] are also known and appear to remain monomeric in solution.¹⁰ No structurally characterized monomeric main-group compound containing a neutral alkyne has yet been reported, and the inability of s- and p-block metals to engage in π -backbonding to the extent usually found in d-block metals might make the isolation of a stable alkyne complex difficult. Nevertheless, alkynes have served as donors to relatively electron-poor metal centers, such as those of the lanthanides.¹¹⁻¹³ The calcium metallocene Cp^*_2Ca ($Cp^* = C_5Me_5$)^{14,15} has been observed to bind to neutral donors such as ethers, nitrogen bases,

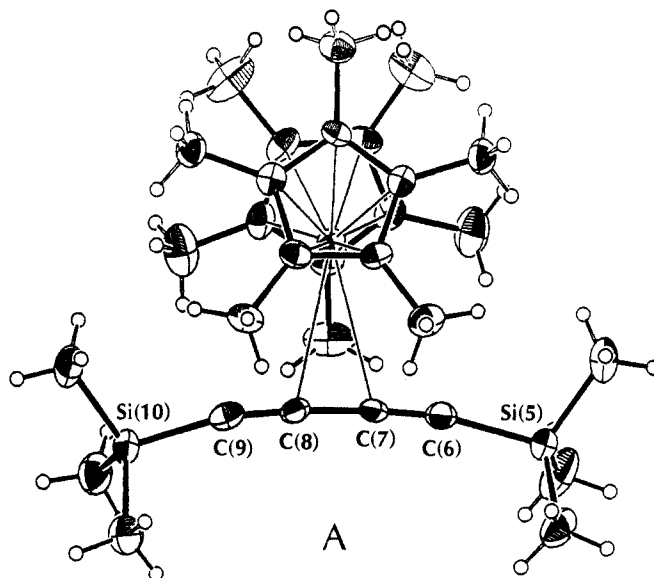


Figure 1. ORTEP view of adduct "A" of $(Me_5C_5)_2Ca(Me_3SiC\equiv C-C\equiv CSiMe_3)$, indicating the symmetrical attachment of the diyne to the calcium center. The lines from the Ca to the diyne depict the two shortest Ca-C(methyne) contacts.

and PEt_3 , and we believed it would serve as a suitable substrate for studying alkyne-main-group metal interactions.

Mixing colorless toluene solutions of Cp^*_2Ca and 1,4-bis(trimethylsilyl)-1,3-butadiyne (BTMSBD) under nitrogen results in the immediate formation of a deep orange color. Cooling a saturated hexane solution to $-18^\circ C$ produces highly air-sensitive orange-yellow crystals. The proton NMR spectrum of the complex (300 MHz, C_6D_6 , $20^\circ C$) contains two peaks at δ 1.96 and 0.04; both values are only slightly shifted from the values in uncomplexed Cp^*_2Ca (δ 1.91)¹⁴ and BTMSBD (δ 0.06), respectively.¹⁶ The ^{13}C NMR spectrum reveals the expected resonances for the Cp^* rings (δ 114.1 (Me_5C_5), δ 10.5 (Me_3C_5)), which are close to the values of the parent metallocene (δ 114.3, 10.3 respectively). Chemical shift values for the methyne carbons in the free ligand (δ 89.2, 86.8) move only minimally on complexation (δ 89.5, 86.2). Addition of an extra 1.5 equiv of BTMSBD generates an averaged set of resonances for the methyne carbons at δ 89.3 and 86.6, indicating that the free and complexed diyne are in fast exchange. At $-80^\circ C$, a toluene- d_8 solution of the complex containing an extra equivalent of BTMSBD reveals only two slightly broadened resonances at δ 88.1 and 87.7. In solution, the diyne is readily displaced by oxygen and nitrogen donors, such as ethers and amines. In the solid-state IR spectrum of the complex, $\nu(C\equiv C)$ appears at 2068 and 2053 cm^{-1} , a change from the uncomplexed value of 2067 cm^{-1} and an indication that the symmetry around the triple bonds has been reduced.

Details of the alkyne coordination were revealed in a single-crystal X-ray structure determination at $-155^\circ C$.¹⁷ Two crystallographically independent molecules are present in the asymmetric unit; both contain a calcium atom flanked by two η^2-Cp^* rings, with the BTMSBD unit wedged between them. The

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