

irregular polyhedron (range of K(2)-Se distances, 3.694 (8)-3.253 (7) Å; av 3.470 Å). We note that examples of molecular uranium/chalcogenide complexes are sparse. A fully characterized homoleptic uranium thiolate has been recently reported.⁶ Prior to this, most work has dealt with complexes of uranyl with various sulfur-containing ligands,⁷ including a complex containing a single $\eta^2\text{-S}_2^{2-}$.^{8,9}

The magnetic susceptibility of K_4USe_8 was measured as a function of temperature (5-250 K). Strong paramagnetic behavior, conforming to the Curie-Weiss law, is observed from approximately 120 K on up. Below this region, a transition is observed at approximately 90 K and is then followed by antiferromagnetic ordering which has a critical temperature of 65 K at the midpoint of a broad and shallow transition. The μ_{eff} at 300 K is 3.82 μ_{B} , consistent with an f^2 configuration where $L \neq 0$.¹⁰ The exhibited paramagnetic behavior of the compound at high temperatures renders difficult any ⁷⁷Se NMR study of this compound. Antiferromagnetic transitions of various degrees have been reported for the uranium compounds MU_8Q_{17} (M = Cr, V, Co, Fe, Ni) by Noel and Troc,¹¹ although their data are complicated by the presence of M^{2+} . Neither K^+ nor Se_2^{2-} would contribute to any magnetic phenomenon, so, barring any impurity, we are observing behavior based solely on U^{4+} .

The solid-state far-IR spectrum of K_4USe_8 shows three peaks: 261 cm^{-1} , which can be tentatively assigned to Se-Se stretching in the diselenides, and 167.6 and 153 cm^{-1} , which are presumably due to U-Se vibrations.

As mentioned before, K_4USe_8 is slowly soluble in DMF, and similar behavior has been found with ethylenediamine. The compound was insoluble in neat acetonitrile, even with the addition of $[(\text{Bu})_4\text{N}]^+$; however, it was successfully dissolved in solutions of either 15C5 or 18C6 crown ethers or 2,2,2-cryptand in CH_3CN .

In all solvents the solutions of K_4USe_8 gave brown/yellow colors of various hues which were stable, by UV/vis, out to 3 days. The DMF and CH_3CN /complexant solutions gave similar UV/vis spectra: one broad plateau at 400-430 nm for DMF and at 390-430 nm for the CH_3CN /complexant. After decomposition the solutions revert to brown/green in color, and their UV/vis spectra show the features of a polyselenide solution (peaks at 400 and 640 nm for DMF 417 and 560 nm for CH_3CN). Such a decomposition takes place in all solvents tested upon exposure to air as well as simply upon standing, due to the high oxophilicity of U(IV), making distilled and degassed solvents a requirement. In ethylenediamine solutions of K_4USe_8 , UV/vis shows peaks at 346, 404, 492, and 807 nm, while a polyselenide/ethylenediamine

solution shows peaks at 408, 560, and 805 nm. Although clearly not a simple Se_x^{2-} solution, the presence of several peaks in the ethylenediamine solution indicates a significantly stronger solvent interaction with the anion than in either DMF or CH_3CN .

With preliminary indications that $[\text{U}(\text{Se}_2)_4]^{4-}$ may have appreciable stability in certain solvents, the possibility of using it as a starting material for further chemistry becomes intriguing. Potentially the $[\text{U}(\text{Se}_2)_4]^{4-}$ could be used as starting material for convenient entry into the unexplored U/Se chemistry or act as a ligand for other metals. The Se_2^{2-} units could present sites for facile redox chemistry and reactivity with organic molecules and organometallic compounds.

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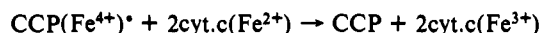
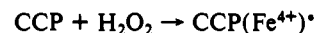
Crystal Structure and Preliminary Functional Analysis of the Cytochrome *c* Peroxidase His175Gln Proximal Ligand Mutant

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Cytochrome *c* peroxidase (CCP) catalyzes the peroxide-dependent oxidation of cytochrome *c* in the following multistep reaction:¹



H_2O_2 oxidizes CCP to an intermediate state termed compound I which consists of a ferryl (Fe^{4+}) iron and an amino acid(s) centered free radical denoted by the dot (*) in the above scheme. Central to the peroxidase mechanism are the invariant distal side residues, His52 and Arg48, which work in concert to stabilize the charge separation required in the heterolytic fission of the peroxide O-O bond.^{2,3}

Less clear is the precise role of the proximal ligand. The function of the proximal ligand may be in regulating the iron redox potential, stabilizing the ferryl intermediate of compound I, assisting in cleavage of the peroxide O-O bond, and/or simply

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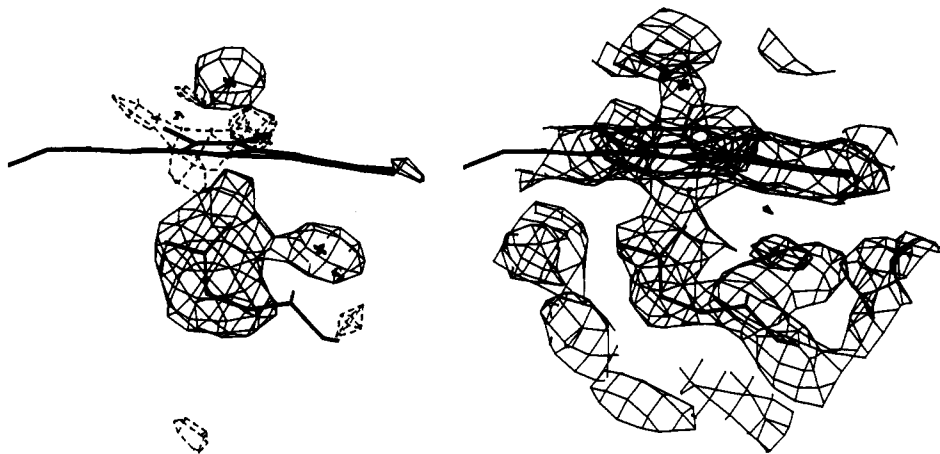


Figure 1. Left: The initial $F_o - F_c$ electron density difference maps contoured at $\pm 3\sigma$ where σ is the root-mean-square difference density. Negative contours are shown as dashed lines and positive contours as solid lines. The F_c phases were obtained from the wild-type refined structure except that the proximal ligand and the axial water molecule on the distal side of the heme were excluded from the structure factor calculation. Observed structure factors (F_o) were from the Gln175 data set. Right: The final $2F_o - F_c$ electron density map contoured at 1σ where σ is the root-mean-square electron density computed over an entire asymmetric unit. This is an "omit" map where the side chain of Gln175 and the two solvent molecules indicated by the small crosses were not included in the structure factor calculation. Note that the electron density between the distal solvent and iron is continuous, indicating that the iron may be hexacoordinate, although the visible absorption spectrum indicates a high-spin heme at pH 5.5. The Gln-iron and water-iron distances are about 2.2 and 2.3 Å, respectively.

Table I. Summary of Crystallographic Refinement^a

	wild type	His175Gln
resolution range (Å)	10–2.0	10–2.0
data measured	27 686	23 448
data used ($I \geq 2\sigma$)	25 104	20 801
R factor ^b	0.17	0.20
rms deviation (Å) of atom pairs related through		
bonds	0.017	0.012
angles	0.024	0.023
dihedral angles	0.033	0.025
rms deviation (Å) of planar groups		
peptides	0.017	0.020
others	0.011	0.013
rms deviation (Å) of nonbonded contacts	0.181	0.179

^a The software package PROFFT (Hendrickson, W. A.; Konnert, J. H. In *Computing in Crystallography*; Diamond, R., et al., Eds.; Indian Institute of Science: Bangalore, India, 1980; pp 13.1–13.23) was used for the refinement. ^b $R = \sum |F_o - F_c| / \sum F_o$. ^c The rms deviation of the final model represents the root-mean-square deviation of bond distances from expected values.

helping to hold the heme in place. In order to directly test the role of the proximal ligand, we have developed a recombinant *Escherichia coli* expression system for CCP.⁴ This system has been used to convert the proximal ligand, His175, to Gln using site-directed mutagenesis. Both recombinant wild type and the His175Gln mutant were purified and crystallized.⁵ The visible absorption spectrum of the mutant resembles a high-spin spectrum with a Soret maximum to 280 nm ratio of 1.25, which is comparable to the wild type enzyme ratio of 1.3, indicating that if the heme is hexacoordinate, it remains high-spin at pH 5.5. While the absorption spectrum at pH 5.5 is very similar to that of

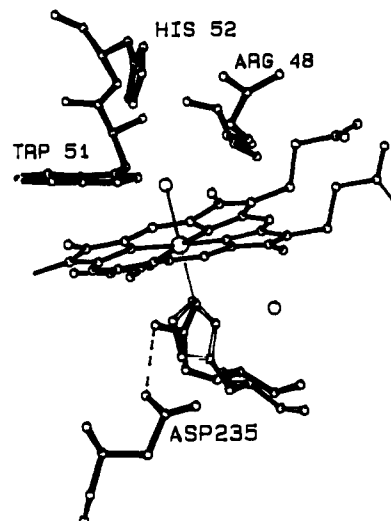


Figure 2. The mutant structure (solid bonds) superimposed on the wild-type structure (clear bonds). Dashed lines indicate hydrogen bonds, and the isolated spheres represent solvent molecules. The side-chain amide nitrogen of Gln175 forms a 2.9-Å hydrogen bond with Asp235 while the Gln175 side chain oxygen atom is 3.0 Å from the new water molecule situated in the proximal pocket for a second potential hydrogen bond. The Gln175-iron and water-iron distances are approximately 2.2 and 2.3 Å, respectively.

wild-type CCP, the Soret maximum has shifted from 408 nm to 404 nm.

A complete set of X-ray intensity data for each was obtained at 4 °C, and the structures were refined using restrained least-squares procedures⁶ (Table I). The refined $2F_o - F_c$ (F_o = observed and F_c = calculated structure factors) electron density map is shown in Figure 1, and a superimposition of the mutant

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(6) Data sets were obtained from single crystals using a Siemens area detector system and a Rigaku rotating anode X-ray source. The temperature was regulated to between 2 and 5 °C by a stream of cooled air being blown over the crystal. Data were reduced and scaled using the XENGEN package of programs. For wild-type CCP, 99 558 observations scaled to give an $R_{\text{symm}} = 0.063$, while for the mutant, $R_{\text{symm}} = 0.064$ for 98 613 observations. $R_{\text{symm}} = \sum |I_i - \langle I_i \rangle| / \sum I_i$, where I_i = intensity of the i th observation and $\langle I_i \rangle$ = mean intensity. For the wild-type data set, the data were 94% complete to 2.12 Å and 78% complete to 2.00 Å with the average intensity-to-background ratio = 2.0 at 2.0 Å. For the mutant, the data were 83% complete to 2.16 Å and 52% complete to 2.04 Å. The ratio of average intensity to background for the mutant was 2.05 at 2.04 Å.

and wild-type structures in the vicinity of the active site is shown in Figure 2. The results clearly demonstrate that the Gln side chain forms a bond with the iron, probably via the side-chain oxygen atom,⁷ and that all structural changes are localized at the site of mutation.

Enzyme activities were determined by following the oxidation of reduced cytochrome *c* at pH 5.5 (0.1 M Tris-MES-acetate buffer) using excess horse heart cytochrome *c* (40 μ M) and varying concentrations of H₂O₂. Kinetic constants were estimated from Eadie-Hofstee plots. For the wild-type enzyme, $k_{cat} = 1463 \text{ s}^{-1}$ and $K_M = 6.7 \text{ }\mu\text{M}$, and for the Gln mutant, $k_{cat} = 1585 \text{ s}^{-1}$ and $K_M = 58 \text{ }\mu\text{M}$. That it is possible to drastically change the coordination environment of the heme yet retain nearly full enzyme activity as estimated from the steady-state k_{cat} values is unexpected and calls into question the proposed roles of the proximal ligand. These results demonstrate that the precise nature of the proximal ligand is not critical in the rate-limiting step of the reaction, which very likely is electron transfer from cytochrome *c*.^{8,9}

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Oxidative Conversion of a Mn(μ -OH)₂Mn to a Mn(μ -O)₂Mn Moiety. Synthesis and Molecular Structures of a (μ -Hydroxo)dimanganese(II,II) and (μ -Oxo)dimanganese(III,III) Complex with a Hindered N₃ Ligand

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A polymanganese site at the photosystem II oxygen-evolving center (PSII OEC) is known to be responsible for water oxidation to dioxygen. Despite current extensive studies, there is no consensus about the precise arrangement of the manganese atoms, their oxidation states, and the reaction mechanism.^{1,2} Because the conversion of water to dioxygen is a four-electron oxidation with release of four protons, the oxidation is formally explicable in terms of the sequential transformation of two water molecules on the polymanganese site: 2H₂O \rightarrow 2OH⁻ \rightarrow 2O²⁻ \rightarrow O₂. The proposed mechanisms^{3,4} for OEC catalysis involve these elemental reaction steps, whereas they are based on a tetranuclear

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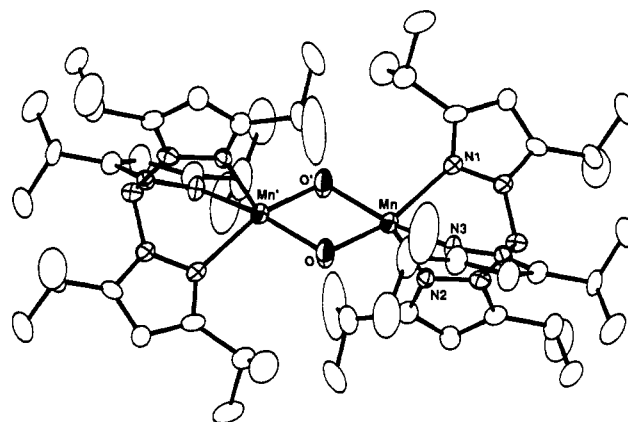


Figure 1. ORTEP view of [Mn(HB(3,5-*i*Pr₂pz)₃)₂(OH)₂] (2). The solvents of crystallization are omitted for clarity. Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (deg): Mn-O, 2.094 (4); Mn-O', 2.089 (5); Mn-N1, 2.273 (5); Mn-N2, 2.204 (5); Mn-N3, 2.288 (5); Mn...Mn', 3.314 (1); O...O', 2.553 (7); Mn-O-Mn', 104.8 (2).

manganese structure for PSII OEC. Very recently, the first example of a (μ -peroxo)dimanganese complex was reported, and it was shown to release dioxygen.⁵ This provides a solid chemical basis for the final step (O₂²⁻ \rightarrow O₂) in the hypothetical O₂ evolution mechanism. However, neither the oxidative conversion of a bis(μ -hydroxo) to a bis(μ -oxo) moiety nor O-O bond formation from a bis(μ -oxo) moiety on a polymanganese center has been demonstrated to date.

A bis(μ -hydroxo) dinuclear Mn(II,II) complex was successfully prepared with a hindered tris(pyrazolyl)borate ligand in a manner similar to that applied for the synthesis of a bis(μ -hydroxo)copper(II,II) complex, [Cu(HB(3,5-*i*Pr₂pz)₃)₂(OH)₂].⁶ The reaction of MnCl₂ with 1 equiv of KHB(3,5-*i*Pr₂pz)₃ in the presence of excess (ca. 5 equiv) 3,5-*i*Pr₂pz in a CH₂Cl₂/CH₃OH mixture afforded Mn(Cl)(3,5-*i*Pr₂pz)(HB(3,5-*i*Pr₂pz)₃) (1) as an air-stable, white solid. Treatment of a toluene solution of 1 with 1 N aqueous NaOH afforded [Mn(HB(3,5-*i*Pr₂pz)₃)₂(OH)₂] (2) in ca. 60% yield as a microcrystalline colorless solid.⁸ Single crystals of 2·6CH₂Cl₂ were obtained by slow recrystallization from CH₂Cl₂ at -20 °C. As shown in Figure 1, 2 has a dinuclear structure that sits on a crystallographically imposed center of symmetry.⁹ Two hydroxo groups lie between the two manganese(II) ions with identical bond lengths (2.094 (4) and 2.089 (5) Å). Thus 2 is the first example of a dinuclear manganese complex in which the two manganese ions are bridged solely by hydroxo groups.¹⁰ Previously, one example of a bis(μ -hydroxo)manganese(III,III) complex was reported.¹¹ However, the Mn-Mn separation (2.72

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