# Scandium trifluoromethanesulphonate aromatic amine oxide complexes: synthesis, characterisation and thermoanalytical investigation

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#### Abstract

The preparation and characterisation of the complexes formed between scandium(III) trifluoromethanesulphonates and aromatic amine oxides pyridine-*N*-oxide (pyO), 2-picoline-*N*-oxide, 3-picoline-*N*-oxide, 4-picoline-*N*-oxide (2-, 3- and 4-picNO) and 2,6-lutidine-*N*-oxide (2,6-lutNO), together with their thermoanalytical study, are described.

## EXPERIMENTAL

The complexes were prepared by reaction of an ethanolic solution of the hydrated scandium trifluoromethanesulphonate with the ligand in the same solvent (molar ratio 1:6), followed by addition of 2,2-dimethoxypropane (dmp). The precipitates were filtered, washed with dmp and dried in vacuo over anhydrous calcium chloride.

The solid complexes are slightly hygroscopic, but the compound with 2,6-lutidine-N-oxide is very hygroscopic.

The compounds were characterised by complexometric titration of Sc<sup>3+</sup> by titration with a 0.02 M EDTA solution, using orthoxylenol orange as indicator and a buffer composed of glycine and hydrochloric acid, according to the method of Tikhonov and Mikhailova [1]. Carbon, hydrogen and nitrogen were determined by the usual microanalytical procedures. Electrolytic conductance measurements were performed at  $25.00 \pm 0.02$  °C using equipment composed of a resistance box, a pointer galvanometer and a Leeds and Northrup Co. cell ( $K_c = 0.11597 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ). IR spectra were recorded on an FTIR Bomem, Model MB-102 instrument using KBr windows or pellets. Melting ranges were determined in Carl Zeiss equipment. Thermoanalytical measurements were performed with a Perkin–Elmer TGA-7 system and DSC in a Mettler System TA 4000 using a heating rate of 5 K min<sup>-1</sup> and air or nitrogen dynamic atmosphere.

### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

The compounds have the formulae  $Sc(F_3C-SO_3)_3 \cdot 6L$  (L = pyO, and 2-, 3- or 4-picNO) and  $Sc(F_3C-SO_3)_3 \cdot 5(2,6-lutNO) \cdot H_2O$ . Table 1 contains a summary of the analytical data.

Conductance data in nitromethane and acetonitrile show a 1:3 electrolyte behaviour (Table 2). The bands attributed to ionic trifluoromethanesulphonate are seen in the IR spectra (Table 3). Small  $\nu(NO)$ ,  $\delta(NO)$  and  $\gamma(CH)$  shifts are observed, due to coordination of the amine oxides to the central ions.

Figure 1 shows the TG curves obtained in dynamic air atmosphere (22 ml min<sup>-1</sup>) using platinum crucibles; Table 4 summarises the thermoanalytical data. The decomposition schemes for each compound, consisting of the elimination of the ligands followed by liberation of  $F_3C-SO_2F$ ,  $SO_2$  and  $COF_2$  [2] (in some cases an intermediate oxosalt is formed) with  $Sc_2O_3$  as the residue, are given in Table 5.

TG curves obtained under nitrogen atmosphere show practically the same results, except for the residues which contain small quantities of carbonised material, their percentages being higher than those obtained in air.

#### TABLE 1

Complex	Scandi	ım	Carbon		Nitroge	en	Hydrog	en
	Theor.	Exp	Theor.	Exp	Theor.	Exp.	Theor.	Exp.
Sc(F <sub>3</sub> C-SO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ·6pyO	4.23	4.19	37.30	37.30	7.91	7.78	2.85	2.95
$Sc(F_2C-SO_3)_3 \cdot 6(2-picNO)$	3.92	4.15	40.84	40.42	7.33	7.40	3.69	3.61
$Sc(F_2C-SO_3)_3 \cdot 6(3-picNO)$	3.92	3.87	40.84	40.97	7.33	7.09	3.69	3.71
$Sc(F_3C-SO_3)_3 \cdot 6(4-picNO)$	3.92	3.86	40.84	40.83	7.33	7.08	3.69	3.73
$Sc(F_3C-SO_3)_3 \cdot 5(2,6-lutNO) \cdot H_2O$	3.99	3.85	40.54	40.61	6.22	6.28	4.21	4.62

Summary of analytical results (%)

#### TABLE 2

Conductance data

Complex	Nitrometha	ine	Acetonitril	3
	Conc. (mM 1 <sup>-1</sup> )	$\frac{\Lambda M}{(\Omega^{-1} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1})}$	$\frac{\text{Conc.}}{(\text{mM } l^{-1})}$	$\frac{\Lambda M}{(\Omega^{-1} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1})}$
Sc(F <sub>3</sub> C-SO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ·6pyO	1.02	216	1.04	361
$Sc(F_3C-SO_3)_3 \cdot 6(2-picNO)$	1.07	189	1.10	326
$Sc(F_3C-SO_3)_3 \cdot 6(3-picNO)$	1.02	205	1.04	349
$Sc(F_3C-SO_3O_3 \cdot 6(4-picNO))$	1.01	212	1.14	357
$Sc(F_3C-SO_3)_3 \cdot 5(2-lutNO) \cdot H_2O$	1.05	205	1.19	338

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TABLE 3	IR spectra

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Compound	ν(ON)	(ON)δ	$\gamma(CH)$	$\nu_{\rm as}({ m SO}_3)$	$\nu_{\rm s}({\rm SO}_3)$	$\delta_{\rm as}({\rm SO}_3)$	δ <sub>s</sub> (SO <sub>3</sub> )	
PvO	1240vs	835vs	773vs	1	1	ł	1	
Sc(F <sub>1</sub> C-SO <sub>1</sub> ) <sub>1</sub> .6pyO	1272vs-1231vs <sup>a</sup>	843vs	777vs	1272vs-1231vs <sup>a</sup>	1031vs	638vs	518m	
2-PicNO	1232vs	849vs	774vs	I	I	I	I	
Sc(F <sub>3</sub> C-SO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> · 6(2-picNO)	1222vs	855s	775s	1274vs	1032vs	638vs	518w	
3-PicNO	1266vs	SVT05	749vs	I	ł	I	1	
$Sc(F_{3}C-SO_{3})_{3} \cdot 6(3-picNO)$	1267vs <sup>a</sup>	798vs	752vs	1267vs <sup>a</sup>	1032vs	638vs	518vs	
4-PicNO	1218vs	854s	761vs	I	I	I	1	
Sc(F <sub>3</sub> C-SO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> · 6(4-picNO)	1269vs-1223vs <sup>a</sup>	859s	780vs	1269vs-1223vs <sup>a</sup>	1029vs	637vs	505vs	
2.6-LutNO	1236vs	836vs	780vs	I	I	l	I	
$Sc(F_3C-SO_3)_3 \cdot 5(lutNO) \cdot H_2O$	1243vs-1224vs	848s	786vs	1243vs-1224vs	1031vs	635vs	517s	
<sup>a</sup> Bands attributed to $w(NO) + w$	(80.)	•						

Bands attributed to  $\nu(NU) + \nu_{as}(SU_3)$ .

Summary of thermoanaly	tical data for the trifluo	romethanesulphon	late amine oxid	e complexes		
Ligand	Temperature range (K)	Weight loss or residue (%) <sup>a</sup>		Melting range (K)	DSC peak temp.	$\Delta H$ melt (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> )
		Theor.	Exp.		(K)	
PyO	374- 574	26.85	27.0	359-374	367	+41.6
	574- 730	60.03	59.3			
	730-1113	6.64	8.1			
	$Sc_2O_3$	6.48	5.6			
2-PicNO	406- 532	19.03	20.1	389-406	398	+ 40.7
	532- 567	9.51	9.3			
	567- 607	9.52	10.6			
	607-1113	55.93	53.8			
	$Sc_2O_3$	6.01	6.2			
3-PicNO	423- 584	28.54	27.1	389-407	405	+ 64.9
	584-1113	65.45	65.7			
	$Sc_2O_3$	6.01	6.4			
4-PicNO	463- 563	19.03	19.3	446-459	452	+ 82.3
	563- 617	19.03	18.8			
	617-779	43.63	42.4			
	779-1113	12.30	13.1			
	$Sc_2O_3$	6.01	6.4			
H <sub>2</sub> O·2,6-lutNO	373- 398	1.60	1.9	353-373	365	+ 88.9
	398- 502	21.88	20.2			
	502-583	10.94	12.5			
	583- 699	46.93	46.9			
	699-1113	12.53	12.2			
	Sc <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	6.12	6.3			

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**TABLE 4** 

<sup>a</sup> Dynamic air atmosphere.

TABLE 5

Decomposition schemes

$\begin{aligned} & 4Sc(F_3C-SO_3)_3(pyO)_6 \rightarrow 4Sc(F_3C-SO_3)_3(pyO)_3 + 12pyO \\ & 4Sc(F_3C-SO_3)_3(pyO)_3 \rightarrow 2ScO(F_3C-SO_3) + Sc_2O_3 + 12pyO + 5F_3C-SO_2F + 5COF_2 + 5SO_2 \\ & 2ScO(F_3C-SO_3) + Sc_2O_3 \rightarrow 2Sc_2O_3 + F_3C-SO_2F + COF_2 + SO_2 \end{aligned}$	(1)
$\begin{split} & ZSc(F_3C-SO_3)_3(2\text{-picNO})_6 \to ZSc(F_3C-SO_3)_3(2\text{-picNO})_4 + 4(2\text{-picNO})\\ & ZSc(F_3C-SO_3)_3(2\text{-picNO})_4 \to ZSc(F_3C-SO_3)_3(2\text{-picNO})_3 + 2(2\text{-picNO})\\ & ZSc(F_3C-SO_3)_3(2\text{-picNO})_3 \to ZSc(F_3C-SO_3)_3(2\text{-picNO})_2 + 2(2\text{-picNO})\\ & ZSc(F_3C-SO_3)_3(2\text{-picNO})_3 \to ZSc_2O_3 + 4(2\text{-picNO})_2 + 2(2\text{-picNO})\\ & ZSc(F_3C-SO_3)_3(2\text{-picNO})_2 \to ZSc_2O_3 + 4(2\text{-picNO}) + 3F_3C-SO_2F + 3SO_2 \end{split}$	(2)
$\begin{aligned} & 2\text{Sc}(F_3\text{C}-\text{SO}_3)_3(3\text{-picNO})_6 \to 2\text{Sc}(F_3\text{C}-\text{SO}_3)_3(3\text{-picNO})_3 + 6(3\text{-picNO})\\ & 2\text{Sc}(F_3\text{C}-\text{SO}_3)_3(3\text{-picNO})_3 \to \text{Sc}_2\text{O}_3 + 6(3\text{-picNO}) + 3F_3\text{C}-\text{SO}_2\text{F} + 3\text{COF}_2 + 3\text{SO}_2\end{aligned}$	(3)
$\begin{split} & 2Sc(F_3C-SO_3)_3(4\text{-picNO})_6 \to 2Sc(F_3C-SO_3)_3(4\text{-picNO})_4 + 4(4\text{-picNO})\\ & 2Sc(F_3C-SO_3)_3(4\text{-picNO})_4 \to 2Sc(F_3C-SO_3)_3(4\text{-picNO})_2 + 4(4\text{-picNO})\\ & 2Sc(F_3C-SO_3)_3(4\text{-picNO})_2 \to 2ScO(F_3C-SO_3) + 4(4\text{-picNO}) + 2F_3C-SO_2F + 2COF_2 + 2SO_2\\ & 2ScO(F_3C-SO_3) \to Sc_2O_3 + F_3C-SO_2F + COF_2 + SO_2\\ & 2ScO(F_3C-SO_3) \to Sc_2O_3 + F_3C-SO_2F + COF_2 + SO_2 \end{split}$	(4)
$\begin{split} & 2\text{sc}(F_3\text{C}-\text{SO}_3)_3(2,6\text{-lutNO})_5 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 2\text{Sc}(F_3\text{C}-\text{SO}_3)_3(2,6\text{-lutNO})_5 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \\ & 2\text{Sc}(F_3\text{C}-\text{SO}_3)_3(2,6\text{-lutNO})_5 \rightarrow 2\text{Sc}(F_3\text{C}-\text{SO}_3)_3(2,6\text{-lutNO})_3 + 4(2,6\text{-lutNO}) \\ & 2\text{Sc}(F_3\text{C}-\text{SO}_3)_3(2,6\text{-lutNO})_3 \rightarrow 2\text{Sc}(F_3\text{C}-\text{SO}_3)_3(2,6\text{-lutNO})_2 + 2(2,6\text{-lutNO}) \\ & 2\text{Sc}(F_3\text{C}-\text{SO}_3)_3(2,6\text{-lutNO})_2 \rightarrow 2\text{Sc}(F_3\text{C}-\text{SO}_3) + 4(2,6\text{-lutNO}) + 2F_3\text{C}-\text{SO}_2\text{F} + 2\text{SO}_2 \\ & 2\text{Sc}(F_3\text{C}-\text{SO}_3) + 2(2,0_3 + F_3\text{C}-\text{SO}_3) + 4(2,6\text{-lutNO}) + 2F_3\text{C}-\text{SO}_2\text{F} + 2\text{SO}_2 \\ & 2\text{Sc}(F_3\text{C}-\text{SO}_3) \rightarrow 2\text{Sc}_2\text{O}_3 + F_3\text{C}-\text{SO}_2\text{F} + 2\text{O}_2 \\ & 2\text{Sc}(F_3\text{C}-\text{SO}_3) \rightarrow 2\text{Sc}_2\text{O}_3 + F_3\text{C}-\text{SO}_2\text{F} + 2\text{O}_2 \\ & 2\text{Sc}(F_3\text{C}-\text{SO}_3) \rightarrow 2\text{Sc}_3\text{C}^3 + 7\text{SC}^3\text{C}^3 + 8\text{O}_2 \\ & 2\text{Sc}(F_3\text{C}-\text{SO}_3) \rightarrow 2\text{Sc}_3\text{C}^3 + 7\text{SC}^3\text{C}^3 + 8\text{O}_2 \\ & 2\text{Sc}(F_3\text{C}-\text{SO}_3) \rightarrow 2\text{Sc}_3\text{C}^3 + 7\text{SC}^3\text{C}^3 + 8\text{O}_2 \\ & 2\text{Sc}(F_3\text{C}-\text{SO}_3) \rightarrow 2\text{Sc}_3\text{C}^3 + 7\text{SC}^3 + 8\text{O}_2 \\ & 2\text{Sc}^3\text{C}^3 + 7\text{SC}^3\text{C}^3 + 7\text{SC}^3 \\ & 2\text{Sc}^3\text{C}^3 + 7\text{SC}^3\text{C}^3 + 8\text{O}_2 \\ & 2\text{Sc}^3\text{C}^3 + 7\text{SC}^3\text{C}^3 + 8\text{O}_3 \\ & 2\text{Sc}^3\text{C}^3 + 8\text{C}^3\text{C}^3 + 8\text{O}_3 \\ & 2\text{Sc}^3\text{C}^3 + 8\text{C}^3\text{C}^3 + 8\text{O}_3 \\ & 2\text{Sc}^3\text{C}^3 + 8\text{O}_3 \\$	(2)



Fig. 1. TG curves obtained in dynamic air atmosphere for the complexes containing: (a) pyO, (b) 2-picNO, (c) 3-picNO, (d) 4-picNO, and (e) 2,6-lutNO.

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