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Zerovalent titanium-sulfur complexes. Novel dithiocarbamate derivatives of  $\text{Ti}(\text{CO})_6$ :  
 $[\text{Ti}(\text{CO})_4(\text{S}_2\text{CNR}_2)]^-$

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Experimental for  $[\text{KL}_n][\text{Ti}(\text{CO})_4(\text{S}_2\text{CNR}_2)]$ , L = 15-crown-5, n = 2; 18-crown-6, n = 1; R = Me (**1**), Et (**2**).

$[\text{KL}_2][\mathbf{1}]$ , L = 15-crown-5: A solution of  $(\text{Me}_2\text{NCS}_2)_2$  (0.270 g, 1.12 mmol) in pyridine (50 mL,  $-40\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ) was added to a cold solution of  $[\text{KL}_2]_2[\text{Ti}(\text{CO})_6] \cdot \text{pyridine}$  (1.50 g, 1.20 mmol) in pyridine (100 mL,  $-40\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ). A greenish-brown solution was obtained after 5 h of stirring while slowly warming to  $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . Above  $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , the solution was bright green. Following filtration, solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the resulting residue was thoroughly washed with thf ( $-70\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ), isopropanol ( $-50\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ), ( $-50\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ) diethyl ether, and then dried *in vacuo*. Recrystallization from THF-Et<sub>2</sub>O afforded satisfactorily pure green microcrystals of  $[\text{KL}_2][\mathbf{1}]$  (0.18 g, 21% yield, based on the thiuram disulfide). Elemental analysis (%) calcd for  $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{46}\text{KNO}_{14}\text{S}_2\text{Ti}$ : C 42.68, H 6.10, N 1.84; found: C 42.47, H 6.15, N 2.08. IR (thf):  $\nu(\text{CO})$  1925 m, 1785 s  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  (75 MHz,  $[\text{D}_5]\text{pyridine}$ ,  $20\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $\text{SiMe}_4$ , resonances due to cation omitted):  $\delta$  41.1 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ) 206.8 ( $\text{CS}_2$ ), 291.7 (CO) ppm. Attempts to grow suitable single crystals for X-ray analysis were unsuccessful, but dark green blocks of the closely related  $[\text{K}(18\text{-crown-6})][\mathbf{1}]$  were grown from heptane-thf at  $0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . The spectroscopic properties of anion **1** for this salt were identical to those of  $[\text{K}(15-$

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crown-5)<sub>2</sub>][**1**]. Details of this structure will be published elsewhere; however, the Ti(CO)<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub> core structure was essentially identical to that of anion **3**. *Crystal data* for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>30</sub>KNO<sub>10</sub>S<sub>2</sub>Ti, *M* = 583.56, orthorhombic, space group *P*<sub>bcn</sub>, *a* = 33.88(1), *b* = 8.511(3), *c* = 19.052(7) Å,  $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$ , *V* = 5494(3) Å<sup>3</sup>, *T* = 173K, *Z* = 8,  $\mu(\text{Mo-K}\alpha) = 0.663 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ , 38486 reflections collected, 4854 unique (*R*<sub>int</sub> = 0.0603). Refinement on *F*<sup>2</sup>, final *R*1 = 0.0388 (for 3492 reflections with *I* > 2σ(*I*)), *wR*2 = 0.0931 (for all data), with GOF on *F*<sup>2</sup> of 0.982.

[KL<sub>2</sub>][**2**]: An entirely analogous reaction of (Et<sub>2</sub>NCS<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub> with [KL<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>[Ti(CO)<sub>6</sub>] in pyridine afforded, after an identical work-up procedure to that employed above for [KL<sub>2</sub>][**1**], satisfactorily pure green microcrystals of [KL<sub>2</sub>][**2**] (0.21 g, 24% yield based on the thiuram disulfide). Elemental analysis (%) calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>50</sub>KNO<sub>14</sub>S<sub>2</sub>Ti: C 44.21, H 6.40, N 1.78; found: C 44.38, H 6.44, N 2.03. IR (thf): ν(CO) 1924 m, 1785 s cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} (75 MHz, [<sup>2</sup>H<sub>5</sub>]pyridine, 20 °C, SiMe<sub>4</sub>, resonances due to cation omitted): δ 12.8 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 45.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>), 206.5 (CS<sub>2</sub>), 291.5 (CO) ppm. Dark green plates, suitable for X-ray analysis, were grown from heptane-thf at 0 °C. Although the X-ray analysis confirmed the nature of the salt, severe disorder of the 15-crown-5 units of three independent cations led to an unacceptably high *R* value for the structure solution, the details of which will not be published. Nevertheless, the three independent anions, were well-resolved and had essentially the same trigonal prismatic Ti(CO)<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub> cores as present in **1** and **3**.

Table S1. Dihedral Angles Between Selected Least-Squares Planes in Anion 3.

| <u>defining planes</u>  | <u>dihedral angle, deg</u> |
|---|----------------------------|
| S <sub>1</sub> TiS <sub>2</sub> : O <sub>1</sub> TiO <sub>2</sub>                             | 136 <sup>a</sup>           |
| S <sub>1</sub> TiS <sub>2</sub> : O <sub>3</sub> TiO <sub>4</sub>                             | 136 <sup>a</sup>           |
| O <sub>1</sub> TiO <sub>2</sub> : O <sub>3</sub> TiO <sub>4</sub>                             | 92                         |
| S <sub>1</sub> TiS <sub>2</sub> : O <sub>1</sub> O <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> | 89 <sup>b</sup>            |
| S <sub>1</sub> TiS <sub>2</sub> : O <sub>1</sub> TiO <sub>3</sub>                             | 44 <sup>c</sup>            |
| S <sub>1</sub> TiS <sub>2</sub> : O <sub>2</sub> TiO <sub>4</sub>                             | 45 <sup>c</sup>            |

<sup>a</sup> angles are larger than that of an ideal trigonal prism (120°), presumably due to repulsions of dtc and CO ligands.

<sup>b</sup> ideal trigonal prism, angle = 90°

<sup>c</sup> ideal trigonal prism, angle = 45° (see fig. S1 below)

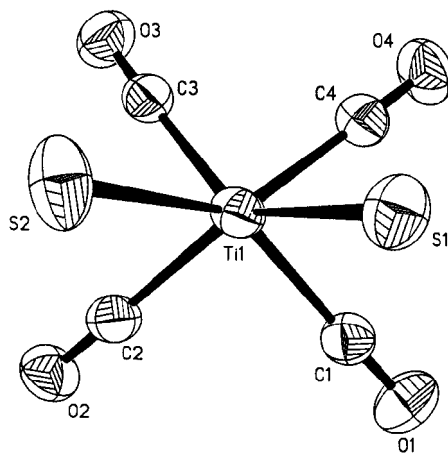


Fig. S1. Molecular structure of anion 3 viewed approximately down the TiS<sub>1</sub>S<sub>2</sub> plane, with the carbamate group, CNC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>, omitted for clarity, to emphasize the trigonal

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prismatic geometry about titanium. See Table S1 for corresponding dihedral angle data and Figure 1 for selected interatomic data.