Supporting Info

for

Kinetics and Thermodynamics of Nitric Oxide Binding to Transition Metal Complexes. Relationship to Dioxygen Binding

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Experimental detail

 $Cr(H_2O)_5NO^{2+}$ was prepared in solution from $Cr(H_2O)_6^{2+}$ and 'NO and ion-exchanged on a column of Sephadex C-25 cation exchange resin.² The UV-Vis spectrum matched exactly that reported in the literature.² $L^1(H_2O)Co(NO)^{2+}$ was prepared analogously from $L^1Co(H_2O)_2^{2+}$ and NO, and ion-exchanged. UV-Vis in 0.01 - 0.40 M HClO₄, λ_{max} ($\epsilon/M^{-1}cm^{-1}$): 740 (17.8), 540 (79), 442 (99), 344 (130), 234 (1.01 × 10⁴).

Preparation of $[L^2(H_2O)Co(NO)](CF_3SO_3)_2$. To a sample of 42 mg of $[L^2(H_2O)_2Co](CF_3SO_3)_2$ (0.061 mmol) under argon was added 9 mL of deaerated 5 mM CF₃SO₃H. Nitrogen monoxide was bubbled through the solution for several minutes during which time the color changed from pale pink to dark purple. The solution was cooled in ice, and an excess of solid LiCF₃SO₃ was added. In a few minutes, $[L^2(H_2O)Co(NO)](CF_3SO_3)_2$ precipitated and was collected by filtration, washed with ice-cold water, and dried in a dessicator at atmospheric pressure. Attempts at purifying the compound by recrystallization yielded a lower-quality product owing to the high water solubility of the triflate salt and ready dissociation of 'NO in solution and even in the solid state. The sensitivity of 'NO to oxygen prevented us from performing recrystallization in an 'NO atmosphere. Yield: 24 mg (57%, FW 689.58). Anal. calcd. for C₁₈H₃₈CoF₆N₅O₈S₂: C, 31.35; H, 5.55; N, 10.16; S, 9.30. Found: C, 33.10; H, 5.58; N, 10.10; S, 9.80. UV-Vis λ_{max}: 531 nm (212 M⁻¹ cm⁻¹), 422 nm (234 M⁻¹ cm⁻¹), 359 nm (472 M⁻¹ cm⁻¹). IR (photoacoustic, solid state): 1547 cm⁻¹, 1662 cm⁻¹.

Fresh samples of solid $[L^2(H_2O)Co(NO)](CF_3SO_3)_2$ for kinetic studies were synthesized every 1-2 weeks. The concentration of $L^2(H_2O)Co(NO)^{2+}$ was determined from the visible spectrum, **Figure 1**, prior to each experiment. The rate constants were independent of the age of the solutions. Gaseous nitrogen monoxide (Matheson) was purified by passage through Ascarite, sodium hydroxide and water. Ammonium hexachloroiridate and sodium hexabromoiridate were purchased from Aldrich and used as received. UV-Vis spectra and the kinetics of 'NO dissociation from the nitrosyl complexes were determined with a Shimadzu 3101 PC spectrophotometer. IR spectra were obtained with a Bio-Rad Digilab FTS-60A FT-IR spectrometer equipped with an MTEC Model 200 photoacoustic cell.³ The kinetics of NO binding to $L^2(H_2O)Rh^{2+}$ and to $LCo(H_2O)2^{2+}$ (L = L¹ and L²⁾ were determined by laser flash photolysis. The laser set-up is based on a Lamda Physik Excimer Pro 2 xenon chloride excimer laser and an Applied Photophysics monitoring system described earlier.⁴ In-house distilled water was further purified by passage through a Barnstead EASY Pure III system.

Kinetic studies

The dissociation of 'NO from $L^2(H_2O)Rh(NO)^{2+}$ and from $Cr(H_2O)_5(NO)^{2+}$ is extremely slow even at the high temperatures employed. Work with $L^2(H_2O)RhNO^{2+}$ is further complicated by its sensitivity to light. To avoid interference from photo-homolysis induced by analyzing spectrophotometer light over long periods of time, the samples were handled and thermostatted in the dark. Several spectra were recorded for kinetic purpose over the course of the reaction. For experiments above 65⁰ C, 3-mL samples in 10-mL thick-walled septum-sealed glass bottles were kept at a constant temperature in an oil bath for the desired amount of time, followed by rapid cooling and recording of the spectrum. The large volume of the gas relative to the solution phase assured that oxygen concentration was always much greater than the concentration of any of the homolysis fragments. There was no measurable loss of solvent during the long heating times. Each experiment was run on three sets of samples that were identical in every respect except that one set was saturated with oxygen, one with air, and one with argon. A large boilingwater bath was used for the experiments at 100° C. Experiments at $\leq 65^{\circ}$ C utilized 1-cm spectrophotometric cells inside a thermostatted cell compartment of a spectrophotometer. The analyzing beam was blocked except during the recording of the spectra. Data were collected only through the first 20-50% reaction. The final absorbance reading was obtained after completion of the reaction at 100° C. To minimize the potential error caused by slow drifting of the baseline over long times, kinetic calculations utilized the difference between the absorbance at 650 nm (max for L²(H₂O)Rh(NO)²⁺) or 449 nm (Cr(H₂O)₅(NO)²⁺) and 840 nm, where neither complex absorbs.

Because of the limited number of kinetic points for the chromium and rhodium complexes, and extrapolations over long temperature ranges, the precision of the rate constants at 25° C is probably only about \pm 50%, even though standard deviations obtained from data fits are much smaller.

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	Scavengers used	Temperature range/ ⁰ C			
$L^2Co(H_2O)NO^{2+}$	O_2 , $IrCl_6^{2-}$, $IrBr_6^{2-}$	15.9 - 40			
$L^1Co(H_2O)NO^{2+}$	O_2 , $IrCl_6^{2-}$	25 - 47.5			
$L^2Rh(H_2O)NO^{2+}$	O ₂ , air	65 - 100			
$(H_2O)_5CrNO^{2+}$	O ₂ , air	50 - 100			

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[Scavenger] ^a	$[L^{2}(H_{2}O)Co(NO)^{2+}]^{a}$	λ_{mon}/nm^b	$\epsilon/M^{-1}cm^{-1}c$	Source
O ₂ (0.2 - 1.25)	0.05 - 0.2	531 ($L^{2}(H_{2}O)CoNO^{2+}$)	212	This
				work
$\operatorname{IrCl}_{6}^{2}$ (0.1 - 0.45)	0.004 - 0.011	$487 (IrCl_6^{2-})$	3920	Ref 1
$\operatorname{IrBr_6^{2-}}(0.2 - 0.6)$	0.004 - 0.015	584 ($IrBr_6^{2-1}$)	3870	Ref 5

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^a In mM. ^b Wavelength of maximum absorbance for the monitored species listed in parenthesis.

 c Molar absorptivity of the monitored species at $\lambda_{mon}.$



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