

Intramolecular, Outer-Sphere Electron Transfer in the Mixed-Valence Ion

[(bpy)₂ClRu(Ph₂PCH₂PPh₂)RuCl(bpy)₂]³⁺

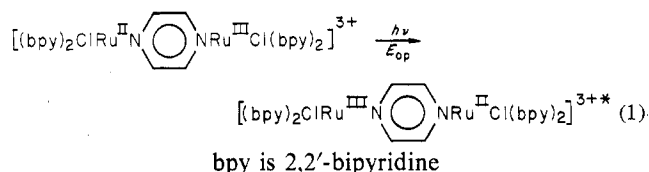
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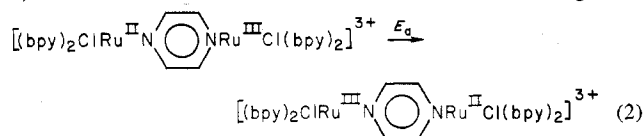
The synthesis of the μ -diphosphine-bridged dimer [(bpy)₂ClRu(Ph₂PCH₂PPh₂)RuCl(bpy)₂]₂X₂ (bpy = 2,2'-bipyridine, X = ClO₄ or PF₆) and its mixed-valence form is described. The mixed-valence 3⁺ ion has a low-intensity intervalence transfer (IT) transition in the near-infrared spectral region. The appearance of the band is of importance since, given the nature of the bridging ligand, it apparently represents an example of an outer-sphere intervalence transfer transition. The solvent dependence of the IT band energy is in agreement with results obtained for intramolecular IT transitions and with a dielectric continuum treatment for the solvent. The appearance of the IT transition allows the mixed-valence ion to act as a useful model for related outer-sphere electron-transfer reactions.

Introduction

Intervalence transfer (IT) absorption bands have been observed in a series of mixed-valence, ligand-bridged ions of ruthenium (e.g., eq 1).¹ From the properties of the bands and

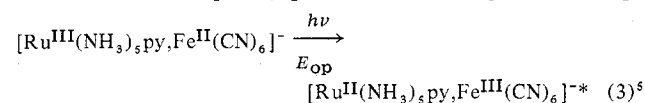


the theoretical treatments given by Hush and more recently by Hopfield,² it has been possible to deduce the role of solvent polarization and of distance between redox sites in determining the magnitude of the optical (E_{op} , eq 1) and thermal (E_a , eq 2) barriers to intramolecular electron transfer through the



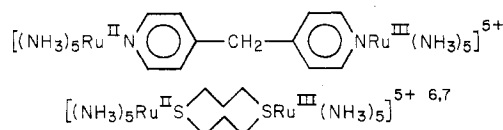
bridging ligand. In the mixed-valence dimers, the unsaturated bridging ligands serve to promote electronic interactions by $d_\pi(\text{Ru}(\text{II}))-\pi^*(\text{bridge})$ mixing³ and the magnitude of the effect can be calculated from the oscillator strengths of the IT bands.²

The results obtained for mixed-valence ions have been applied by inference to related outer-sphere electron-transfer reactions,⁴ but given the information available from IT bands, it would be desirable to observe the transitions directly in outer-sphere systems. There is no requirement that the observation of IT bands be confined to cases where electron transfer occurs through a ligand bridge. One approach which has been successful for outer-sphere systems is to take advantage of Coulombic binding between donor and acceptor sites within an ion pair (eq 3). A second experimental ap-



proach is to devise a chemical link between the redox sites which at the same time (a) has a region of saturation so as to minimize electronic coupling through the bridge and (b)

constrains the redox sites to be in close contact. Taube and co-workers have in fact reported weak IT bands in the dimers



where a continuous region of unsaturation between the metal sites does not exist.

We have prepared the complex [(bpy)₂ClRu-(Ph₂PCH₂PPh₂)RuCl(bpy)₂]²⁺ and its corresponding 3⁺ mixed-valence form. The bridging ligand does include a region of saturation, and calculations based on molecular models indicate that the metal sites are forced to be in close proximity (~7.1 Å) because of the steric constraints imposed by the bridging ligand.⁸ In the mixed-valence ion a new transition appears which is assignable to a metal to metal charge-transfer (MMCT) or IT process.

Experimental Section

Measurements. Ultraviolet, visible, and near-infrared spectra were recorded by using either a Cary Model 14 or a Bausch and Lomb Model 210 spectrophotometer. Molar extinction coefficients were obtained from absorbance measurements on at least two different concentrations of complex. Electrochemical measurements were made vs. the saturated sodium chloride calomel electrode (SSCE) at 25 ± 2 °C and are uncorrected for junction potential effects. The $E_{1/2}$ values for reversible couples were calculated from half the difference between E_p values for the anodic and cathodic waves from cyclic voltammetry. $E_{1/2}$ values are used as formal reduction potentials on the assumption that differences in diffusion coefficients for oxidized and reduced species are negligible. The measurements were made by using a PAR Model 173 potentiostat for potential control with a PAR Model 175 universal programmer as a sweep generator for voltammetry measurements. Values for n , where n is the total number of electrons transferred per Ru ion site in exhaustive oxidative electrolyses at constant potential, were calculated after the total area under current vs. time curves for the complete reaction was measured. The reactions were considered complete after the current had fallen to 1% of the initial value. Values of n for the reduction of the oxidized product were calculated on the basis of the same criterion. All coulometry measurements were performed at platinum screen electrodes by using MCB Spectrograde acetonitrile as the solvent and 0.1 M tetra-*n*-butylammonium hexafluorophosphate (TBAH) as the electrolyte. Elemental analyses were performed by Integral Microlabs, Raleigh, N.C.

Materials. TBAH was prepared in accordance with previously published techniques,⁹ recrystallized from hot ethanol/water three

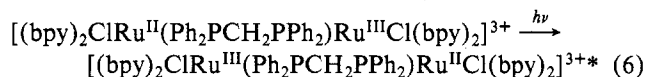
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assignable to bpy ($\pi^* \leftarrow \pi_b$), $\pi^*(\text{bpy}) \leftarrow d\pi[\text{Ru(II)}]$, $d\pi[\text{Ru(III)}] \leftarrow \pi\pi(\text{Cl})$, and $d\pi[\text{Ru(III)}] \leftarrow \pi_b(\text{bpy})$ transitions.^{12,13} Near-infrared (near-IR) spectra were recorded in CD_3CN . The [2,3] and [3,3] forms were generated in situ by using $\text{Fe}(\text{bpy})_3^{3+}$ as a stoichiometric oxidant. Both $\text{Fe}(\text{bpy})_3^{2+}$ and $\text{Fe}(\text{bpy})_3^{3+}$ are transparent in the region 850–2200 nm. Neither the [2,2] nor [3,3] ions had detectable absorptions in this spectral region, but a band does appear for the mixed-valence ion at 8020 cm^{-1} (1245 nm) with $\epsilon_{\text{max}} 25 \pm 7\text{ M}^{-1}\text{ cm}^{-1}$ (see Figure 2).

The near-IR band is assignable to the IT transition shown in eq 6. The calculated value of $\Delta\nu_{1/2}$ (the bandwidth at

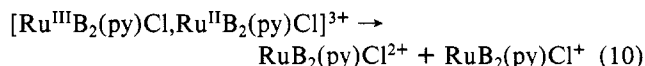
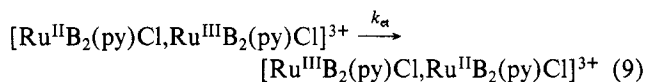
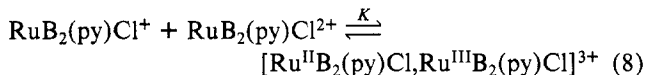


half-height) given by eq 7 is $4.3 \times 10^3\text{ cm}^{-1}$ which compares

$$\Delta\nu_{1/2} = (2.31 \times 10^3 \nu_{\text{max}})^{1/2} \quad (\text{in cm}^{-1}) \quad (7)^{2a}$$

well with the experimental value of $4.6 \times 10^3\text{ cm}^{-1}$ obtained by doubling the half-bandwidth on the low-energy side of the band. The value also agrees well with values found earlier for related complexes like the pyrazine-bridged dimer in eq 1.

The observation that an IT band appears for the mixed-valence dimer has important implications for related outer-sphere reactions. In an outer-sphere reaction, initial formation of an association complex or ion pair occurs (eq 8) followed by electron transfer within the ion pair (eq 9). Experimentally



B is 2,2'-bipyridine; py is pyridine

measured rate constants for outer-sphere reactions are the products of two constants, $k_{\text{obsd}} = k_{\text{et}}K$, and direct information about the electron-transfer step is lost. For the chemically linked, outer-sphere ion, optical electron transfer is observed and the properties of the transition help to reveal the microscopic details of related thermal processes like eq 9. In addition, if the optical transition is outer sphere in nature, its integrated intensity provides a direct experimental probe into the extent of outer-sphere coupling between the redox sites.

If electronic coupling is weak, the extent of delocalization of the excess electron from Ru(II) onto Ru(III) in the ground state is given by eq 11 where ν_{max} and $\Delta\bar{\nu}_{1/2}$ are given in cm^{-1}

$$\alpha^2 = 4.2 \times 10^{-4} \epsilon_{\text{max}} \Delta\bar{\nu}_{1/2} / \bar{\nu}_{\text{max}} d^2 \quad (11)^{2a}$$

and d in Å. From the properties of the IT band in CD_3CN , $\alpha^2 = 1.3 \times 10^{-4}$ and the resonance energy or electron exchange matrix element, V_{ab} , can be calculated from the first-order perturbation theory result, $V_{\text{ab}} = \alpha \bar{\nu}_{\text{max}}$, to be $V_{\text{ab}} = 0.26\text{ kcal/mol}$ (92 cm^{-1}). The value for V_{ab} is an order of magnitude lower than V_{ab} for the ion $[(\text{bpy})_2\text{ClRu}^{\text{II}}(1,4\text{-pyr})\text{Ru}^{\text{III}}\text{Cl}(\text{bpy})_2]^{3+}$ and is within a factor of 2 of the value found for the outer-sphere ion pair $[(\text{NH}_3)_5\text{Ru}^{\text{III}}(\text{py}), \text{Fe}^{\text{II}}(\text{CN})_6]^{-}$.⁵ Because of the similarities with the ion-pair case and from our previous results comparing related saturated and unsaturated bridging ligands, e.g., *trans*-py-4-CH=CH-4-py vs. py-4-

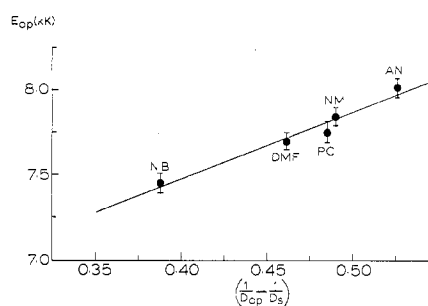


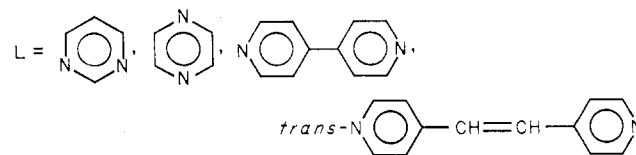
Figure 3. Solvent dependence of the outer-sphere, IT transition in $[(\text{bpy})_2\text{ClRu}(\text{Ph}_2\text{PCH}_2\text{PPh}_2)\text{ClRu}(\text{bpy})_2]^{3+}$ in the series of perdeuterated solvents, acetonitrile (AN), nitromethane (NM), propylene carbonate (PC), dimethylformamide (DMF), and nitrobenzene (NB). D_{op} is the optical dielectric constant of the solvent, and D_s is the static dielectric constant.

CH_2CH_2 -4-py,^{14,17} we conclude that the electronic coupling between redox sites is largely from outer-sphere orbital overlap. The result is important since the magnitude of V_{ab} suggests that electronic coupling between the redox sites may be sufficient that the related outer-sphere electron-transfer reaction in eq 9 is adiabatic in the sense used by Marcus in his semiclassical theory of electron transfer.¹⁵

Using the mixed-valence ion, it is possible to investigate the effect of solvent on the energy of the optical transition (E_{op}) and, since $E_{\text{op}} = 4E_a$, also the effect of solvent on the activation energy for the thermal transition (E_a). With the assumption of a dielectric continuum model, the dependence of E_{op} on solvent polarization is given by eq 12. In eq 12, χ is the optical

$$E_{\text{op}} = \chi = \chi_i + \chi_o = \chi_i + e^2 \left(\frac{1}{2a_1} + \frac{1}{2a_2} - \frac{1}{d} \right) \left(\frac{1}{D_{\text{op}}} - \frac{1}{D_s} \right) \quad (12)^{2a}$$

or vertical vibrational barrier to electron transfer which can be partitioned into χ_o , the contribution to χ from solvent polarization effects, and χ_i , which includes the contribution to χ from inner-sphere vibrations as well as all other solvent-independent terms. Included in eq 12 are the radii of the donor (a_1) and acceptor sites (a_2), the distance between the redox sites, d , and D_{op} and D_s which are the optical and static dielectric constants of the medium. In Figure 3 is shown a plot of E_{op} vs. $(1/D_{\text{op}} - 1/D_s)$ for the mixed-valence ion in a series of perdeuterated solvents. The linearity of the plot shows that good agreement exists between experiment and theory. The intercept, $\chi_i = 5870\text{ cm}^{-1}$, is very similar to values found for ions like $[(\text{bpy})_2\text{ClRu}(1,4\text{-pyr})\text{RuCl}(\text{bpy})_2]^{3+}$ (5710 cm^{-1}),¹⁴ and the similarity in values indicates that the vibrational modes of the bridging ligand are not the primary origin of χ_i . The boundary condition on the integration which leads to eq 12 is correct only if $d \geq 2a_1$. A more realistic approach to the charge distribution involved has been given by Cannon,¹⁶ and earlier work on the dimers $[(\text{bpy})_2\text{ClRu}-\text{L}-\text{RuCl}(\text{bpy})_2]^{3+}$



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(Å) gives excellent agreement with the experimental data.¹⁷ Using the corrected dielectric continuum model, $\epsilon = 1$, and calculated⁸ values of $d = 7.1$ Å and $a_1 = a_2 = 6.0$ Å for the phosphine-bridged dimer gives a calculated slope of 4080 cm⁻¹ for the plot shown in Figure 3. The calculated value is in good agreement with the experimental value of 4000 cm⁻¹.

The properties of the IT band are also consistent with the kinetic results obtained from outer-sphere rate constant measurements. For the reaction in eq 8 and 9, $k_{\text{obsd}} = 4.9 \times 10^7 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ (in CH₃CN, 25 °C, $I \approx 0$)⁴ and $K \approx 0.6$, so that the electron-transfer rate constant within the ion pair is $k_{\text{et}} \approx 8 \times 10^7 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$. From the quantum mechanical treatments of Duke,¹⁸ Hopfield,^{2b} and others,¹⁹ it is possible to calculate rate constants of intramolecular electron transfer from the properties of IT bands.²⁰ For the intramolecular electron-transfer process, k_{et} is given by eq 13, where $E_{\text{op}} \approx 4\Delta G^* =$

λ and λ is the free-energy term corresponding to χ . In the high-temperature limit, ν_{et} is given by eq 14. For the dimer,

$$k_{\text{et}} = \nu_{\text{et}} \exp[-(\Delta G^*/RT)] \quad (13)$$

$$\nu_{\text{et}} = \frac{2\pi^{3/2}}{\hbar} V_{\text{ab}}^2 \left(\frac{1}{k_{\text{B}} T \lambda} \right)^{1/2} \quad (14)$$

the calculated value for k_{et} using eq 13 is $8.8 \times 10^8 \text{ s}^{-1}$ which is in reasonable agreement with the value estimated for the outer-sphere reaction especially given the differences in the distances between redox sites for the two reactions ($d = 6.8$ vs. 13.2 Å).^{1,20}

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Reactions of BCl₃ with Silylamines Containing Si-H Bonds¹

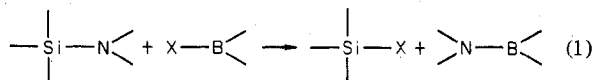
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The reactions of BCl₃ with a variety of di- and trisilylamines containing at least one Si-H bond have been investigated. In CH₂Cl₂ solution, the chloro-substituted trisilylamines (Me₃Si)₂NSiMe₂Cl and Me₃SiN(SiMe₂Cl)₂ were obtained in high yields from the corresponding Si-H derivatives by chlorination with BCl₃. Depending upon the reaction conditions employed, the *tert*-butylamines *t*-BuN(SiMe₂H)SiMe₃ and *t*-BuN(SiMe₂H)₂ gave either simple H/Cl exchange products or the (silylamino)boranes Me₃Si(Me₂SiCl)NB(Cl)H (1) and (Me₂SiCl)₂NBH₂ (2) which resulted from an unexpected C-N bond cleavage process. In the case of Me₃Si(Me₂SiH)NMe, the trimethylsilyl-nitrogen bond was selectively cleaved to afford another difunctional (silylamino)borane (Me₂SiCl)(Me)NB(Cl)H (3). Spectroscopic data for the aminoboranes (1-3) and some new silylamines are reported.

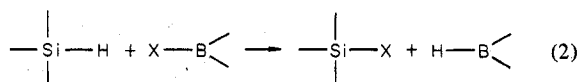
Introduction

The cleavage reaction of silicon-nitrogen compounds with boron halides is well documented as an important synthetic method in boron-nitrogen chemistry. With variation of the reaction stoichiometry and the number of Si-N and B-X bonds involved, this process (eq 1) has been used to prepare (silylamino)boranes,² diborylamines,³ borazines,⁴ or borazocines.⁵



Silicon-hydrogen bonds are also quite reactive toward certain nonmetal halides. For example, treatment of PF₅ with

Me₃SiH is an effective preparative route to HPF₄.⁶ Electronegativity and bond energy considerations suggest that similar exchange reactions (eq 2) can occur between silicon hydrides and boron halides, although only a few examples have been reported.⁷



In this context, we report here the results of a study in which trichloroborane was allowed to react with some silicon compounds containing both Si-N and Si-H bonds.

Results and Discussion

In a typical experiment, equimolar quantities of BCl₃ and a silylamine were combined at -78 °C in CH₂Cl₂ solution and the mixture was then allowed to warm slowly to room tem-

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