Ligand Field Photoaquation Reactions of Trans-[Co^{III}((DO)(DOH)pn)(amine)(Cl)]PF₆ Complexes

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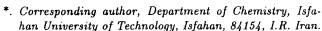
Ligand field excitation of trans-[Co^{III}((DO)(DOH)pn)(amine)(Cl)]⁺ (where (DO)(DOH)pn = $N^2, N^{2'}$ -propanediylbis (2,3-butanedione-2-imine-3-oxime) and amine = morpholine(mrpln), 1; benzylamine(bzlan), 2; piperidine(pprdn), 3; and pyrrolidine (prldn), 4;), in all cases, lead to preferential amine photolabilization with complete retention of configuration. The overall photoaquation quantum yields are lower (about 1×10^{-3} mol/einstein) relative to those for $Co^{III}(NH_3)_5Cl^2+(5.07\times 10^{-3})$, trans-[Co^{III}(trien)(H₂O)Cl]²⁺(< 2.5×10^{-3}) and trans-[Co^{III}(en)₂Cl₂]+(1.1×10^{-3}) which, upon irradiation in the ligand field region, undergo some photoisomerization to give a mixture of trans- and cis- photoproducts. These results are discussed in terms of the additive point ligand model (APLM), originally proposed by Vanquickenborne and Ceulemans, and the rigidity of the excited pentacoordinate intermediate, {[Co^{III}((DO)(DOH)pn)Cl]⁺}*.

INTRODUCTION

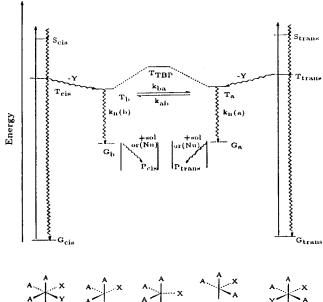
Ligand field (LF) photochemistry of low spin d⁶ metal complexes has been studied extensively [1,2]. Several related models [3,4] have been proposed to explain the labilization mode and the stereochemical rearrangements often observed during the ligand field photosubstitution reaction of d⁶ transition-metal complexes. The key premise of these models can be briefly outlined as follows:

- 1. Photosubstitution of $[MA_4XY]^{n+}$ occurs through selective ligand loss from the complex (dissociative process) in its lowest triplet state resulting in a five-coordinate square-pyramidal fragment which retains its spin-triplet electronic configuration.
- 2. The rigidity or the flexibility of the pentacoordinate intermediate (SP^*_{apical}) or $SP^*_{basal})$ $[MA_4X]^{n+}$ will determine the stereochemistry of the substitution reaction. Thus, specific product geometries are expected and usually observed when rearrangement is faster than triplet \rightarrow singlet deactivation of the $[MA_4X]^{n+}$ fragment (Scheme 1).

The extent of stereochemical rearrangement depends on the kinetic barrier for $SP^*_{apical} \rightarrow SP^*_{basal}$ (or



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Scheme 1. G, ground state; T, triplet; S, singlet; sol, solvent; Nu, nucleophile; P, product; TBP, trigonal bipyramidal.

 $SP^*_{basal} \to SP^*_{apical}$) isomerization. This kinetic barrier is of mainly two origins: (i) Electronic, which is either due to the nature of the central metal ion or the relative

electron donating ability of the ligands in [MA₄X]ⁿ⁺ and (ii) Steric, which depends on the structural rigidity or flexibility of the remaining ligands on the metal ion that introduces stereochemical constraints upon isomerization processes. The electronic effects have been treated in detail [3-8], however, there are few reports on the role played by the structure of the remaining ligands [9].

In this paper, the result of the ligand field photolysis of trans-[Co^{III}((DO)(DOH)pn)(amine)(Cl)]PF₆ is reported. These results are interpreted in terms of the APLM and the rigidity of the equatorial ligand (DO)(DOH)pn.

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

Materials

Reagent grade materials and doubly distilled water were used through out the experiments. The trans-[Co((DO)(DOH)pn)(amine)(Cl)]PF₆ complexes, (1-4), were prepared as described in [10]. The electronic absorption spectral data for all complexes reported are listed in Table 1.

Photolysis Procedures

The photolyses were carried out at 25°C in acidic solutions (pH = 3, HClO₄) with cobalt complexes in the concentration range of $5 \times 10^{-4} - 1.6 \times 10^{-3} \mathrm{M}$ in 1-cm quartz rectangular cells. To dissolve the complexes, and/or to reduce thermal hydrolysis, photolysis solutions were prepared in water-acetone or water-ethanol (3% v/v) mixtures. Three milliliter quantities of test solutions were vigorously stirred and irradiated

during the photolysis with the aid of a 2×6 mm Teflon-coated magnetic stir bar. Light at 436 or 450 nm was selected from a high-pressure mercury lamp (Osram-HBO 200 W) using interference filters. Light intensities were determined by ferrioxalate actinometry and approximated as 10^{-8} einstein s⁻¹. Quantum yields from spectral changes were calculated by plotting incremental quantum yields vs percent reaction and extrapolating to 0% reaction intercept. The initial quantum yields, thus calculated, are independent of perturbations (secondary photoreactions, innerfiltering, etc.) possibly introduced by products.

Instrumentation

All absorption spectra and optical density measurements used to determine quantum yields were recorded on a Shimadzu UV-Vis 240 spectrophotometer. Infrared spectra were obtained as KBr pellets using a Shimadzu 435 IR spectrophotometer. A pH-meter calibrated against commercially available buffer solutions was used to adjust the pH of the photolysis solutions.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

LF irradiation of trans-[Co^{III}((DO)(DOH)pn)(amine) (Cl)]PF₆ complexes, 1-4, in an acidic solution (pH = 3.0) leads to the labilization of the amine as the principle reaction pathway. The quantum yields are calculated on the basis of electronic absorption spectral changes and are presented in Table 1. Irradiation wavelengths of 436 and 450 nm correspond to population of the lowest spin allowed ligand field excited state derived from the ${}^{1}T_{1g} \leftarrow {}^{1}A_{1g}$ transition in octahedral

Table 1. Spectra and photolysis data for trans- $[Co^{III}((DO)(DOH)pn)(L)(Cl)]^+$ complexes in water-acetone solution $(3\% \text{ v/v})^a$.

Spectra	Photochemistry ^a						
Complex (L)	$ ext{LF}_1 \ \lambda_{ ext{max}}(arepsilon)^{ ext{b}}$	$\lambda_{irr}(nm)$	$\Phi_{ m L}^c imes 10^4$	$\lambda_{\mathrm{ip}}(\mathrm{nm})^{\mathrm{d}}$	P.I.e	Stereo- ^f chem	Ref.
1. (mrpln)	495(707)	450	$12.2 \pm 1.5(3)$	470	n.fl.	100% trans	PW
		436	$3.3 \pm 0.3(3)$	470	n.fl.	100% trans	PW
2. (bzlan)	489(656)	450	$17.8 \pm 2.1(3)$	450	n.fl.	100% trans	PW
		436	$9.2 \pm 0.4(3)$	450	n.fl.	100% trans	PW
3. (pprdn)	481(631)	450	$11.1 \pm 1.3(3)$	445	n.fl.	100% trans	PW
		436	$7.4 \pm 0.8(3)$	445	n.fl.	100% trans	PW
4. (prldn)	475(623)	450	$5.1 \pm 0.6(3)$	437	n.fl.	100% trans	PW
,		436	$3.0 \pm 0.5(3)$	437	n.fl.	100% trans	PW
CoA ₅ Cl ²⁺	534	488	$50.7 \pm 1.3(3)$	(NH_3)	fl.		9
-			$17.1 \pm 1.2(3)$	(Cl)	fl.		9
trans-[Co(trien)(H ₂ O)Cl] ²⁺		488	< 25		fl.		8
trans-[Co(en) ₂ Cl ₂]+	617	488	$10.7 \pm 0.3(3)$	(Cl)	fl.		9
trans-[Co(cyclam)Cl ₂]+	637	488	$4.0 \pm 0.1(7)$	(Cl)	n.fl.	1	9

^a at 25°C in dilute acid solution, pH \cong 3.0. ^b λ_{max} in nm: ε in L/mol cm. ^c Quantum yields in mol/einstein. ^d λ (isosbestic point). ^e P.I. = Pentacoordinate intermediate. fl = fluxional, nfl = non-fluxional. ^f Structure of the photoproducts. PW = Present work.

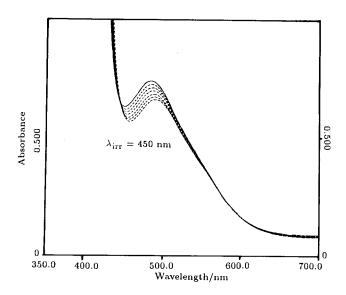


Figure 1. Photolysis of trans-[Co^{III}((DO)(DOH)(pprdn) (Cl)]⁺ at 450 nm, 25°C, pH = 3 and ca 1.5 × 10⁻³ M complex, $\Delta t = 30$ minutes.

geometry. Photolyses of the complexes 1-4 led to spectral changes consistent with the replacement of the trans amine ligand by $\rm H_2O$ (Figure 1), to produce trans-[Co^{III}((DO)(DOH)pn)(H₂O)(Cl)]⁺. Good isosbestic points were maintained for more than 20% of the reactions (Figure 1, Table 1), indicating the absence of spectrally significant secondary photoreactions. (Thermal hydrolysis of the complexes was suppressed under the experimental conditions and showed not to be significant). A lower quantum yield for $\lambda_{\rm irr}=436$ nm is probably due to the fact that the LF states immediately above the $^3\rm E(^3T_{1g})$ and $^1\rm E(^1T_{1g})$ states oppose the labilization and, therefore, the quantum yield is lower for the higher energy irradiations.

Labilization Mode and Stereochemistry

The development of theoretical models to predict the specific labilization site has been stimulated by the empirical rules of Adamson [5], which were later modified by the I* model [3]. This model applies the angular overlap approximation to calculate orbital populations and to generate a set of parameters, $I^*(M-L)$, which are considered to be roughly proportional to metalligand bond strengths in the photoactive state. According to this model, the ligand with the lowest value of $I^*(M-L)$ will be the one preferentially labilized. In general, $I^*(M-L)$ is evaluated as follows:

(a) The lowest ligand field excited state is determined for the complex. For example, in the present work, assuming an effective D_{4h} holohedron symmetry for the trans-complexes under consideration(with a low spin d^6 configuration and $10~\overline{Dq}_{ax} < 10~\overline{Dq}_{eq}$) the photoactive state is 3E_a [11].

(b) The relevant state functions are written and modified by configuration interaction. The state function for 3E_a after configuration interaction [11] is:

$$\begin{split} &\Psi[^{3}E_{a}(^{3}T_{1g})] = [1/(1+c^{2})^{1/2}] \\ &[\{(3^{1/2}+c)/2\}\{(d_{xy})^{2}(d_{yz})^{2}(d_{yz})(d_{z}^{2})\} \\ &+ \{(1-3^{1/2}c)/2\}\{(d_{xy})^{2}(d_{xz})^{2}(d_{yz})(d_{x^{2}-y^{2}})\}]. \end{split}$$

The fraction of d_z^2 in 3E_a , X, is given [3] by:

$$X = [1/(1+c^2)][(3^{1/2}+c)/2]^2,$$
 (2)

where c is defined [11] as:

$$^{3}c = (3)^{1/2}(5Dt - 4Ds)/(32B + 10Dt + 8Ds).$$
 (3)

Substituting for Dt and Ds [12]:

$$Dt = 2/35(3\sigma_{\rm eq} - 3\sigma_{\rm ax} - 4\pi_{\rm eq} + 4\pi_{\rm ax}),$$

$$Ds = 2/7(\sigma_{\rm eq} - \sigma_{\rm ax} + \pi_{\rm eq} - \pi_{\rm ax}),$$

the mixing parameter ${}^{3}c$ can be expressed in terms of the angular overlap parameters, σ and π .

$${}^{3}c = (3)^{1/2} \left\{ \left[(\overline{\sigma}_{ax} - \overline{\sigma}_{eq}) + 8(\overline{\pi}_{ax} - \overline{\pi}_{eq}) \right] \right\} / \left\{ 14 \right]$$

$$[8B - (\overline{\sigma}_{ax} - \overline{\sigma}_{eq})] \right\}. \tag{4}$$

(c) The I*(M – L) expressions appropriate for a particular state function (Equation 1 for the present case) are written in terms of the angular overlap parameters, σ and π . I*(M – L) is then calculated for specific ligands using the appropriate values of σ and π parameters.

The $I^*(M - L)$ expressions for the present work are determined using the expressions presented in Table I of [3]:

$$I^{*}(M - L_{ax}) = X(\sigma_{ax} + \pi_{ax}) + (1 - X)(2\sigma_{ax} + \pi_{ax})$$
$$= (2 - X)\sigma_{ax} + \pi_{ax}, \tag{5}$$

$$I^*(M - L_{eq}) = X[(7/4)\sigma_{eq} + (1/2)\pi_{eq}]$$

$$+ (1 - X)[(5/4)\sigma_{eq} + (1/2)\pi_{eq}]$$

$$= (1/4)(5 + 2X)\sigma_{eq} + (1/2)\pi_{eq}.$$
 (6)

Using Equations 5 and 6 and the appropriate parameters from Table 2, $I^*(M-L_{ax})$ and $I^*(M-L_{eq})$

Table 2. Ligand field and angular overlap parameters (cm⁻¹) for different ligands.

Ligand	$\mathbf{D}\mathbf{q}$	$\sigma_{ m L}$	$\pi_{ t L}$	Ref.	
Cl	1371	6290	1290	10	
NH ₃ , en, trien	2155	7183	0	3	
mrpln	1919	6395	0	10	
bzlan	1988	6627	0	10	
pprdn	2039	6797	0	10	
prldn	2123	7076	0	10	
(DO)(DOH)pn	2780	7933	-1000	PW	
TIM	2780	7933	-1000	13	

PW = Present work.

can be calculated. As an example, consider trans-[Co^{III}((DO)(DOH)pn)(mrpln)(Cl)]⁺:

$$\overline{Dq}_{ax} = (1/2)[Dq(mrpln) + Dq(Cl)]$$

= $(1/2)[1919 + 1371]$
= 1645 cm^{-1} ,

$$\overline{\mathrm{Dq}}_{\mathrm{eq}} = \mathrm{Dq}((\mathrm{DO})(\mathrm{DOH})\mathrm{pn}) \cong \mathrm{Dq}(\mathrm{TIM})$$

= 2780 cm⁻¹.

TIM [13] is a tetradentate macrocyclic amine ligand with a structure close to that of (DO)(DOH)pn. Since $\overline{Dq}_{ax} < \overline{Dq}_{eq}$, the photoactive state is considered to be ${}^{3}E_{g}({}^{3}T_{1g})$.

Using the appropriate values for $\overline{\sigma}_{ax}$, $\overline{\sigma}_{eq}$, $\overline{\pi}_{ax}$, and $\overline{\pi}_{eq}$:

$$\overline{\sigma}_{ax} = (1/2)(\sigma_{mrpln} + \sigma_{Cl}) \quad \overline{\pi}_{ax} = (1/2)(\pi_{morpln} + \pi_{Cl})
= (1/2)(6395 + 6290) \qquad = (1/2)(0 + 1290)
= 6343 cm-1, \quad = 645 cm-1,
\overline{\sigma}_{eq} \color \sigma_{TIM} = 7933 cm-1, \overline{\pi}_{eq} \color \pi_{TIM} = -1000 cm-1,$$

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(the values of $\overline{\sigma}_{eq}$ and $\overline{\pi}_{eq}$ were approximated using spectral data for trans-[Co(TIM)Cl₂]⁺ and trans-[Co(DIM)Cl₂]⁺ [13]) and letting B = 700 cm⁻¹ for

 Co^{3+} , the fraction of $d_z^2(X)$ and $d_{x^2-y^2}(1-X)$ are calculated to be 0.894 and 0.106, respectively. Using Equations 5 and 6, one obtains:

$$I^*(M - mrpln) = (2 - 0.894)(6395) = 7073 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$
(7a)

$$I^*(M - Cl) = (2 - 0.894)(6290) + 1290$$

= 8248 cm⁻¹ (7b)

$$I^*(M - L_{eq}) = (1/4)(5 + 1.788)(7933) - 500$$

= 12962 cm⁻¹. (7c)

The approximate values of $I^*(M - L)$ for other complexes are presented in Table 3. In all cases, the axial amine ligand shows the lowest value of I*(M -L) and, therefore, is predicted to be preferentially This is in accord with the experimenlabilized. tal results obtained in the photolyses of these com-The shift to the longer wavelength of the first ligand field band (Figure 1) indicates that the stronger ligand, amine, is replaced by a weaker ligand, H₂O. A comparison between the IR spectra of photoproducts and that of the corresponding trans- $[Co^{III}((DO)(DOH)pn)(H_2O)(Cl)]^+$ complex, prepared by direct synthesis (Figure 2), shows that the amine ligands are released in all cases. The observed mode of labilization is consistent with the nature of the two axial ligands (Cl and amine) and the softer character of the Co(III) ion, being imparted by the electron rich equatorial ligand. The ability to labilize the trans group to halogens in complexes of softer d⁶ metal ions such as Rh(III) and Ir(III) has been demonstrated [14,15]. In trans- $[Rh(en)_2(NH_3)X]^{2+}$, for example, the ease of labilization is the largest for the iodo ligand and decreases as $I > Br > Cl (X = I \Phi(NH_3) = 0.60)$ $X = Br \Phi(NH_3) = 0.16$ and $X = Cl \Phi(NH_3) =$ 10^{-3} mol/einstein [6]). Therefore, it seems reasonable to assume that the more polarizable triplet excited state of Co(III) (with its new additional soft character imparted by L_{eq}) is more strongly bonded to the Cl ligand than the amine, resulting in photolabilization of the amine ligands.

Table 3. I*(M - L) and the leaving ligand in trans-[Co^{III}((DO)(DOH)pn)(amine)Cl]⁺ complexes.

Complex	$I^*(M-L)$ values (in cm ⁻¹)			х	Leaving L (predicted)	Leaving L (obsd.)	Ref.
	I*(M - Cl)	$I^*(M - N_{ax})$	$I^*(M - N_{eq})$			(dominant)	
Co(NH ₃) ₅ Cl ⁺	7265	7973	12175	0.86	Cl	Cl, NH ₃	3
trans-[A(mrpln)Cl]+	8248	7073	12694	0.894	mrpln	mrpln	PW
trans-[A(bzlan)Cl]+	8210	7291	12985	0.900	bzlan	bzlan	PW
trans-[A(pprdn)Cl]+	8196	7463	12994	0.902	pprdn	pprdn	PW
trans-[A(prldn)Cl]+	8172	7742	13010	0.906	prldn	prldn	PW

PW = Present work. A = Co^{III}(DO)(DOH)pn.

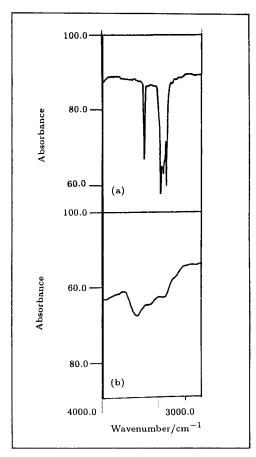


Figure 2. IR spectra of trans-[Co^{III}((DO)(DOH)(pprdn)(Cl)]⁺ in the amine region. (a) before and (b) after prolonged photolysis.

From a stereochemical point of view, the photoactivity of low spin $[\mathrm{Co^{III}A_5X}]^{n+}$ and $[\mathrm{Co^{III}A_4XY}]^{m+}$ can be presented by the following reactions [7]:

(a)
$$[Co^{III}A_5X]^{n+} + H_2O \xrightarrow{h\nu \ (LF)}$$

 $cis, trans - [Co^{III}A_4(H_2O)X]^{n+} + A,$

$$\begin{array}{c} {\rm (b)} \ \ {\rm trans} - [{\rm Co^{III}A_4XY}]^{m+} + {\rm H_2O} \\ \\ \xrightarrow{\ \ \, h\nu({\rm LF}) \ \ } {\rm cis, trans} - [{\rm Co^{III}A_4(H_2O)X}]^{m'+} + {\rm Y}, \end{array}$$

$$\begin{split} (c) & \operatorname{cis} - [\operatorname{Co}^{\operatorname{III}} A_4 X Y]^{\operatorname{m}+} + \operatorname{H}_2 O \\ & \xrightarrow{\operatorname{h}\nu(\operatorname{LF})} \operatorname{cis}, \operatorname{trans} - [\operatorname{Co}^{\operatorname{III}} A_4 (\operatorname{H}_2 O) X]^{\operatorname{m}'^+} + Y. \end{split}$$

X and Y are acido ligands and $A_4 = (NH_3)_4$ or $(en)_2$. When X = Y = Cl and $A_4 = (en)_2$, the same product mixture of 70% trans and 30% cis is obtained for reactions (b) and (c). The product stere-ochemistries are principally interpreted in terms of the comparative energies of the resulting five-coordinate square-pyramidal fragments, $[Co^{III}A_4X]^{n+*}$, in which X appears apical for trans starting materials $(SP_a)^*$ and basal for cis starting materials $(SP_b)^*$ (Scheme 1). The energy barrier between $(SP_a)^*$ and $(SP_b)^*$

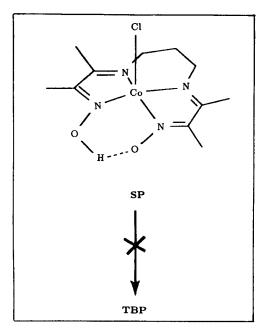


Figure 3. The non-fluxional pentacoordinate intermediate.

is low enough that rearrangement (SP* \leftrightarrow SP*, with a thermodynamic preference for SP*) occurs faster than intersystem crossing (triplet -> singlet). This observation would be consistent with the SP* species being sufficiently long lived to reach equilibrium; i.e. $k_{ba}, k_{ab} >> k_{n}(a), k_{n}(b)$. For the systems described in this work the rigid [Co^{III}L_{eq}Cl]⁺ five-coordinate fragment, with Cl in the apical position (Figure 3), is not capable of apical → basal rearrangement; i.e., kab should be smaller while nonradiative deactivation, k_n(a), should be larger. This rigidity, which is imparted by the structure of L_{eq}=(DO)(DOH)pn, leads to the stereoretentive aquation of amine ligands to give trans- $[Co^{III}((DO)(DOH)pn)(H_2O)Cl]^+$ with lower quantum yields relative to [CoA₄XY]^{m+} complexes having stereomobile intermediates (Table 1).

CONCLUSIONS

Theoretical predictions based on the evaluation of $I^*(M-L)$ are in agreement with the observed mode of labilization. In the presence of strongly sterically constraining ligands such as cyclam [9] or (DO)(DOH)pn, the pentacoordinate triplet species, $(SP_a)^*$, will not isomerize but deactivate to give the spin-paired (ground state) intermediates (SP_a) , which are then trapped immediately by water molecules and yield transproducts.

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