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Synthesis and structure of the (R₄Pc)Ru(TED)₂ complex, where R₄Pc²⁻ is the tetra-15-crown-5-phthalocyaninate dianion and TED is triethylenediamine

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The ruthenium(II) complex (R₄Pc)Ru(TED)₂ {R₄Pc²⁻ is [4,5,4',5',4'',5'',4''',5'''-tetrakis-(1,4,7,10,13-pentaoxatridecamethylene)phthalocyaninate anion]; TED is triethylenediamine} with a coordinated tetra-15-crown-5-phthalocyaninate dianion and axially arranged triethylenediamine molecules has been synthesised and characterised.

Interest in transition metal complexes with phthalocyaninate ligands primarily results from their unusual structure, chemical

behaviour and physical properties.¹
Previously, we found² that template condensation of dicyanobenzo-15-crown-5 with Ru₃(CO)₁₂ at 250 °C (4 h) followed by the elution of products with a chloroform-methanol mixture from Al₂O₃ results in ruthenium(II) tetra-15-crown-5-phthalocyaninate (R₄Pc)Ru(CO)(MeOH) 1 with axially coordinated CO and MeOH molecules.

It was shown that the reaction with trimethylamine oxide Me₃NO in the presence of N-donor ligands results in the elimination of coordinated carbon monoxide and methanol from compound 1 to give the (R₄Pc)Ru(NMe₃)(L) and (R₄Pc)Ru(L)₂ complexes in different ratios depending on the nature of L and the reaction conditions (L = trimethylamine, triethylamine, pyridine, isoquinoline or pyrazine) (Scheme 1).^{3,4}

We observed that the reaction of a solution of compound 1 in chloroform with a 4-fold excess of Me₃NO and a 100-fold

excess of TED under reflux gave $(R_4Pc)Ru(TED)_2$ complex 2 in 90% yield.†

X-ray diffraction data‡ for the solvate of the complex with seven chloroform molecules, which is unstable at room temperature, showed that the Ru^{II} atom in the molecule of 2 (Figure 1) is bound to four isoindole nitrogen atoms of the tetra-15-crown-5-phthalocyanine ligand and to the nitrogen atoms of two axially coordinated triethylenediamine ligands [Ru–N $_{\rm iso}$ 1.983(3)–1.994(3) Å; Ru–N $_{\rm TED}$ 2.244(3) Å; the $N_{\rm TED}RuN_{\rm TED}$ angle equals 180°]. The ruthenium atom is arranged exactly in the $(N_{\rm iso})_4$ plane.

It should be noted that the structure of ruthenium complexes with crown-substituted phthalocyanine ligands has been established for the first time; all conclusions about their structures were based on the analysis of spectral data in comparison with those for non-substituted analogues; X-ray diffraction analysis

[†] Electronic absorption spectra were recorded on a Cary-100 instrument (Varian) in rectangular quartz cells 1 cm thick. IR spectra were recorded on a Nexus FT-IR spectrometer (Nicolet); the samples were prepared as films obtained by evaporation of a solution of the complex on KRS-5 plates.

The MALDI-TOF mass spectrum was obtained on a Reflex-III mass spectrometer (Bruker Daltonics) in the positive ion mode using the reflection mode with a target voltage of 20 mV. 2,5-Dihydroxybenzoic acid was used as a matrix. ESI mass spectra were recorded on a Finnigan MAT INCOS-50 spectrometer (EI 70 eV, chemical ionisation).

¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AC-200 spectrometer with a working frequency of 200 MHz. The samples were prepared by dissolution in CDCl₃. The chemical shifts were measured at 303 K using signals from residual protons in CDCl₃ (δ 7.25 ppm) as internal standards.

Carbonyl(methanol)(tetra-15-crown-5-phthalocyaninate)ruthenium(II) 1 was synthesised from dicyanobenzo-15-crown-5 and Ru₃(CO)₁₂ using the procedure described previously.²

Bis(triethylenediamine)(tetra-15-crown-5-phthalocyaninate)ruthenium(II)
2: (R₄Pc)Ru(CO)(MeOH) (30 mg, 0.022 mmol) and Me₃NO (6.27 mg, 0.088 mmol) were dissolved in 3 ml of chloroform; triethylenediamine (234 mg, 2.2 mmol) was added, and the mixture was refluxed for 30 min. The reaction mixture was treated with 10 ml of hexane; the resulting precipitate was filtered off, dissolved in chloroform, and applied on a column (30 cm long, 1 cm in diameter) packed with neutral aluminium oxide. The blue-violet zone was eluted with a CHCl₃/MeOH mixture (99:1, v/v). The yield of compound 2 was 30.12 mg (90%).

¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 200 MHz) δ: 8.54 (s, 8H, H_{Ar}), 4.67 (m, 16H, 1-CH₂), 4.17 (m, 16H, 2-CH₂), 3.91 (m, 32H, 3,4-CH₂), 0.73 {t, 6H, R₄PcRu[N(CH₂-CH₂)₃N]₂}, -2.36 {t, 6H, R₄PcRu[N(CH₂-CH₂)₃N]₂}. IR (main bands for the phthalocyanine and crown ether fragments, ν /cm⁻¹): 1610, 1496 (C-C_{benzene}), 1278, 1202, 1114, 1065 and 940 (crown ether substituents). UV [λ _{max}/nm (lg ε)]: 627 (4.94), 573 (sh), 375 (4.64), 321 (5.14). ESI MS, m/z: 1374.3 [M – TED₂]+, calc. for C₆₄H₇₂N₈O₂₀Ru 1374.38.

Blue-violet single crystals of compound 2.7 CHCl₃ suitable for X-ray diffraction analysis were obtained by slow evaporation of a solution of complex 2 in CHCl₃ at 5 °C.

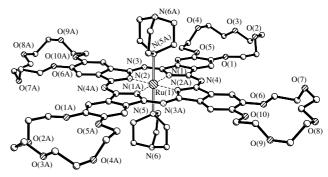


Figure 1 Structure of complex 2.

revealed the structures of only three of the latter compounds, namely $[(Ru(py)Pc^2-)_2(\mu-C)],^5$ $(Bu_4N)[Ru(CN)(py)Pc^2-]^6$ and $(Bu_4N)_2[Ru(NO_2)Pc^2-],^7$ where Pc^{2-} is the phthalocyaninate anion.

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‡ The X-ray diffraction experiment was carried out at the Centre for Structural Studies (A. N. Nesmeyanov Institute of Organoelement Compounds of the Russian Academy of Sciences) using standard procedures8 on a Bruker AXS SMART 1000 diffractometer equipped with a CCD detector (λ_{Mo}), graphite monochromator, ω -scanning, scanning step of 0.3°, frame measurement time of 15 s, $2\theta_{\text{max}} = 60^{\circ}$). For 2-7CHCl₃: $C_{90}H_{110}\text{Cl}_{42}N_{12}O_{20}\text{Ru}$, M = 3269.87, space group $P\bar{1}$, a = 12.9717(11), b = 15.9309(14) and c = 18.1636(16) Å, $\alpha = 91.749(2)^{\circ}$, $\beta = 107.037(2)^{\circ}$, $\gamma = 112.993(2)^{\circ}$ (112 K), V = 3258.6(5) ų, Z = 1, 18919 measured reflections including 10519 independent reflections with $F^2 > 2\sigma(I)$, $d_{\text{calc}} = 1.666$ g cm⁻³, $\mu = 10.46$ cm⁻¹, $R_1 = 0.0775$, $wR_2 = 0.1284$.

Atomic coordinates, bond lengths, bond angles and thermal parameters have been deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (CCDC). These data can be obtained free of charge *via* www.ccdc.cam.uk/conts/retrieving.html (or from the CCDC, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK; fax: +44 1223 336 033; or deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk). Any request to the CCDC for data should quote the full literature citation and CCDC reference number 250908. For details, see 'Notice to Authors', *Mendeleev Commun.*, Issue 1, 2004.