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Organouranium Complexes of Pyrazole and Pyrazolate. Synthesis and X-ray Structures of $U(C_5Me_5)_{2}Cl_2(C_3H_4N_2)$, $U(C_5Me_5)_{2}Cl(C_3H_4N_2)$, and $U(C_5Me_5)$ 2 $(C_3H_3N_2)$ 2

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Abstract

The title compounds have been prepared by.the reaction between $U(C_5Me_5)$ ₂Cl₂ and pyrazole $(C_3H_4N_2)$, or sodium pyrazolate $(NaC_3H_3N_2)$, in THF. The new compounds are characterized by their infrared, pmr, visible near-IR, and mass spectra; and by single crystal X-ray diffraction (monochromatic Mo K_{α} radiation). The molecular structure of $U(C_5Me_5)_{2}Cl_{2}^{-}$ $(C_3H_4N_2)$ consists of discrete mononuclear units at positions of $\equiv (c_{2v})$ symmetry. The U^{4+} ion is coordinated by two n^5 -pentamethylcyclopentadienide rings, two chloride ions, and one nitrogen atom from the neutral pyrazole ring, for a total coordination number of nine. Redbrown crystals from toluene conform to space group Cmcm with $a = 13.697(4)$, $b = 11.496(2)$, $c = 15.555(2)$ Å, and four molecules per unit cell. For the 924 independent reflections with F^2 > 3 $\sigma(F^2)$, the final weighted and unweighted R factors are 3.48 and 2.45%, respectively. The average U-C bond distance is 2.74(2) \AA , the U-N bond distance is 2.607(8) \AA , and the U-Cl distance is 2.696(2) \AA . This compound exhibits Curie-Weiss behavior with C = 1.46, θ = 43.3 K, and μ_{eff} (from the slope of $1/\chi$ vs T) = 3.24 μ_B . The molecular structure of $U(C_5Me_5)_{2}Cl(C_3H_3N_2)$ consists of discrete \texttt{U}^{4+} ions coordinated by two $\texttt{\small n}^{5}$ -pentamethylcyclopentadienide rings, one chloride ion, and both nitrogen atoms from the pyrazolate anion, for a total coordination number of nine. Red-brown crystals from toluene conform to space group $P2₁/n$ with a = 8.737(1), $b = 18.068(1)$, $c = 15.229(1)$ \AA , $\beta = 92.38(1)$ °, and four molecules per unit cell. For the 2566 independent reflections with \texttt{F}^2 > 3 $\sigma(\texttt{F}^2)$, the final weighted and unweighted R factors are 4.50 and 3.27%, respectively. The average U-C bond disance is 2.73(3) Å, the U-N

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distances are 2.351(5) \hat{A} and 2.349(5) \hat{A} , and the U-Cl distance is 2.611(2) Å. This compound exhibits Curie-Weiss behavior with $C = 0.73$, θ = 5.95 K, and μ_{eff} = 2.42 μ_B . The molecular structure of U(C₅Me₅)₂⁻ $({\tt C}_{\tt 3} {\tt H}_{\tt 3} {\tt N}_{\tt 2})$ consists of discrete mononuclear ${\tt U}^{\tt 4+}$ ions coordinated by two n⁵-pentamethylcyclopentadienide rings and four nitrogen atoms from the two pyrazolate anions, for a total coordination number of ten. Red-brown crystals from toluene conform to space group $C2/c$ with a = 33.326(2), $b = 10.450(2)$, $c = 16.646(1)$ \AA , $\beta = 117.09(1)$ °, and eight molecules per unit cell. For the 2706 indpendent reflections with $F^2 > 3\sigma(F^2)$, the final weighted and unweighted R factors are 3.31 and 2.43%, respectively. The average U-C bond distance is 2.75(2) \hat{A} , and the U-N distances are 2.403(4), 2.360(5), 2.363(5), and 2.405(5) \AA . This compound does not exhibit simple magnetic behavior.

Introduction

As part of our effort to create, examine, and explain structural¹ and magnetic² probes of the bonding in organolanthanide and actinide compounds, we have sought the synthesis and magnetic characterization of an appropriate dimeric uranium complex. Our recent report of the synthesis and structure of UCp₃(pyrazolate)³ revealed that our attempt to form a dimer (based on a precedent in titanium chemistry, $[T1Cp₂(py$ razolate)]₂),⁴ resulted instead in the formation of a monomeric species, allowing us to characterize a new mode of pyrazo1ate bonding. To investigate what role, if any, steric factors played in the formation of the monomeric compound, and to learn more about the pyrazolate ion as a ligand, we have adjusted the size and number of the Cp $(c_{5}H_{5})$ ligands. We anticipated that a reduction in the total steric bulk of the other ligands might lead to the formation of one or more dimeric species. The compund $\text{UCp''}_{2}\text{Cl}_{2}$ $(\text{Cp''=C}_{5}\text{Me}_{5})$ has proven to be a useful starting material for other studies, $5,6$ but does not produce dimers. Instead, the compounds $\texttt{U(C}_5\texttt{Me}_5)_{2}$ Cl(pyrazolate) and $\texttt{U(C}_5\texttt{Me}_5)_{2}$ (pyrazolate)₂ are formed by the reaction between $\texttt{U(C}_5\texttt{Me}_5)_{\texttt{2}}\texttt{Cl}_2$ and stoichiometric amounts of Na(pyrazolate). In the course of this study, an adduct of neutral pyrazole, $U(C_\xi Me_\xi)$, $Cl_2(pyrazole)$ was also characterized.

Experimental

All reactions were carried out under an inert atmosphere of argon on a Schlenk or vacuum line. Transfer and some handling were facilitated by a Vacuum Atmostphere HE-93-A glove box with recirculating moisture and oxygen-free argon atmosphere. Elemental analyses were performed by the Microanalyticai Laboratory UC Berkeley. Infra-red spectra were

recorded on a Perkin-Elmer 597 spectrophotometer (Nujol mulls, reported in cm^{-1}), mass spectra were obtained on an AEI-MS12 mass spectrometer (reported as m/e(relative abundance (%))), electronic spectra were recorded on a Cary 14 spectrophotometer (in toluene vs. toluene reported in nm.), and pmr spectra obtained with the UCB-250 nmr spectrometer (in d^8 -toluene, shifts in δ ppm vs. TMS). Magnetic susceptibilities 3 were determined as described elsewhere, and are corrected for underlying diamagnetism.⁷ Crystalline samples for X-ray diffraction were mounted in glass capillaries under a He atmosphere in a horizontalformat inert atmosphere glove box equipped with a binocular microscope.

Materials

Toluene and tetrahydrofuran (THF) were distilled from potassium benzophenone ketyl. Pyrazole was obtained from Aldrich (98%) and recrystallized from toluene at -15°C before use. Sodium pyrazolate was prepared from NaH and pyrazole in THF; 8 UC1₄ was prepared by the literature procedure. ⁹

To a green solution of 5.00 g (13.2 mmol) UCl_{Λ} in THF was added 6.87 g (39.5 mmol) $K(C_5Me_5)$ (prepared by the reaction between KH and HC₅Me₅ in THF). The total of 200 ml THF was maintained at reflux under Argon for 24 h. After removal of solvent, the residue was extracted several times with a total of 200 m1 of toluene. The separation of suspended particulate and solvent was facilitated by centrifugation. The volume of toluene was reduced and cooling overnight to -15° C yielded crystals of $U(C_5Me_5)$ $2^{C1}2$ in moderate yield.

 UCp'' ₂ $Cl₂$ (pyrazole)

To a red-brown solution of 0.55 g (0.9 mmol) $\text{U(C}_5\text{Me}_5)_{\text{2}}\text{Cl}_2$ in 75 ml THF was added 0.06 g (0.9 mmol) pyrazole. The solution was stirred overnight at room temperature. After solvent removal, the red-brown residue was washed with hexane, then dissolved in toluene and this solution cooled to -15° C. After 12 hours, the large crystals that had formed were filtered and an IR spectrum clearly revealed an N-H stretch at 3100 cm^{-1} . Analysis UC₂₃H₃₄N₂Cl₂-- found: %C, 43.26; %H, 5.55; %N, 4.38; calculated: %C, 42.66; %H, 5.29; %N, 4.33.

Infra-red spectrum

3265 (st), 3115 (shp), 2720 (shp), 1424 (st), 1337 (st), 1149 (sh) , 1132(st), 1052(sh), 1040(st), 1018(st), 930, 910, 776(st), 723(sh), 598.

Mass spectrum

624(9.5), 622(7.4), 578(93.4)., 542(34.3), 443(98.6), 407(73.1), 403(79.3), 308(100), 135(37.6), 119(75.1), 105(42.5).

Electronic spectrum

1607, 1590, 1423, 1400, 1168, 1133, 1118, 1095, 1049, 990, 908, 880, 858, 817, 790, 730, 718, 708, 691, 680~

PMR spectrum

At 22° C. 11.49 (s, ~40 Hz, 30H, methyl); -9.58 (s, ~200 Hz, 2H, pyrazole); -28.63 (-1500 Hz, lH, N-H).

At -10° C. 12.; -16 .; -47 .; -65 .

At -25° C. 13.; -17 .; -19 .; -52 .; -72 .

At -40° C. 13.9 (s, -40 Hz, 30H, methyl); -20.0 (s, -80 Hz, 1H,

pyrazole); -21.2 (s, ~90 Hz, 1H, pyrazole); -58.1 (s, ~205 Hz, 1H, pyrazole); -80.2 (s, -250 Hz, 1H, pyrazole).

Magnetic susceptibility

This compound exhibits Curie-Weiss behavior with $C = 1.46$ and θ = 42.34 K. Table Ia includes $\chi_{\text{M}}^{\text{corr}}$ versus T. The slope of $1/\chi_{\text{M}}^{\text{corr}}$ versus T yields μ_{eff} = 3.42 μ_B .

 $UC₅Me₅$)₂C1(pyrazolate).

About· 150 m1 THF was vacuum distilled from potassium benzophenone ketyl onto a mixture of 1.00 g (1.7 mmol) $\texttt{UCp}_{\texttt{2}}\texttt{Cl}_{\texttt{2}}$ and 0.16 g (1.8 mmol) Na(pyrazolate). The reaction was warmed to room temperature and stirred 12 hours. The THF was distilled away under vacuum. A hexane solution was filtered through diatomaceous earth, concentrated, and cooled.to -15°C overnight, yielding large crystals. Analysis $UC_{23}H_{33}N_2Cl$ -calculated: %C, 45.21; %H, 5.44; %N, 4.58; %Cl, 5.80: found: %C, 45.35; %H, 5.57; %N, 4.54; %Cl, 6.06.

Infra~red spectrum

2730(w), 1418(shp), 1348(w), 1286(st), 1066(w), 1023(w), 968(st), 922(shp), 782(st), 771(shp), 726(w), 609(shp).

Mass spectrum

610(6.8), 542(1.0), 475(38.7), 407(5.6), 403(4.8), 340(7.3), 137 (19.6), 121(28.2), 105(63.3), 91(57.0), 77(31.3), 68(100).

Electronic spectrum

1648, 1635, 1562, 1440, 1290, 1259, 1175, 1122, 1095, 1040, 967, 920, 907, 872, 855, 826, 773, 721, 713, 700, 660, 600.

PMR ·spectrum

12.956 (s, ~84 Hz, 2H, pyrazolate); 8.098 (s, ~30 Hz, 30H, Me). Magnetic susceptibility

This compound exhibits Curie-Weiss behavior with $C = 0.73$ and θ = 5.95 K. Table Ib includes χ_M^{corr} versus T. The slope of $1/\chi_M^{corr}$ versus T yields μ_{eff} = 2.42 μ_B .

 $UC₅Me₅$)₂(pyrazolate)₂

Onto a mixture of 1.35 g (2.3 mmol) $U(C_5Me_5)_{2}Cl_2$ and 0.42 g (4.7) mmol) Na(pyrazolate) was distilled about 200 ml THF from potassium benzophenone ketyl. The resulting red-brown solution was stirred at room temperature for 24 hours with the development of a fine precipitate. The solvent was removed under vacuum and the residue extracted with a small volume of hexane (ca. 30 ml). The volume was reduced and the solution cooled overnight to -15°C, whereupon large crystals formed. Analysis UC₂₆H₃₆N₄-calculated: %C, 48.59; %H, 5.65; %N, 8.72; found: %C, 48.72; %H, 5.71; %N, 8.80.

Infra-red spectrum

 $3125(w)$, $3100(w)$, $2720(w)$, $1731(w)$, $1696(w)$, $1590(w)$, 1410 , 1349 , 1280(st), 1230(w), 1052, 1018, 985(st), 921(st), 866, 800(w), 759(st), 725(w), 616(st), 59l(w), 550(w), 382.

Mass spectrum

642(67.35), 575(3.13), 508(73.93), 597(91.79), 412(66.92), 372 (42.65), 136(34.74), 119(57.09), 105(32.69), 91(27.69), 77(15.02), 68 (99.15)

Electronic spectrum

1464, 1317, 1262, 1183, 1124, 1089, 982, 950, 930, 855, 834, 745, 691, 661, 582.

PMR spectrum

29.09 (s, -30Hz, 2H, pyrazolate); 27.44 (s, -200Hz, 4H, pyrazolate); -0.20 (s, 30H, \sim 7 Hz, methyl).

Magnetic susceptibility

This compound does not exhibit simple behavior. Table Ic includes $\chi_{\rm M}^{\rm corr}$ vs. T, and Figure 1 illustrates $1/\chi_{\rm M}^{\rm corr}$ vs. T. Data Collection, Solution, and Refinement¹⁰⁻¹⁸

UCp", C1, (pyrazole)

Suitable crystals for diffraction were grown by cooling a saturated hexane solution to -15°C. Precession photographs revealed orthorhomblic symmetry and the conditions: hkl, $h + k = 2n$ and $h01$, $1 = 2n$. These are consistent with the space groups: $Cmcm$, $Cmc2$, and $Ama2$.

The crystal was oriented and lattice parameters accurately determined by 25 automatically centered reflections (Table II).

A total of 1071 data were collected between 4° and 52° 20, for $+h$, $+k$, $+1$, and $h + k = 2n$. During data collection, one reorientation was required. Azimuthal scans on 5 reflections with Θ between 7° and 21° revealed an intensity variation of ±17%. The crystal faces were identified on the diffractometer, and their dimensions measured at 7X under a binocular microscope. The distances of the 8 planes identified from a common center were adjusted incrementally until the calculated

edge·lengths agreed most closely with those observed. An absorption correction ranging between 2.15 and 2.67 was then applied ($\mu = 65.82 \text{ cm}^{-1}$). No crystal decay was observed during data collection. There were 924 reflections with $F^2 > 3\sigma$ (F^2) used in the structure solution and refinement. The initial Patterson map confirmed the space group Cmcm, and the structure was solved by heavy-atom techniques. The pyrazole was found to be lying across the mirror-plane at $x = 0$, disordering the NH and CH ortho to the metal-bound nitrogen. The structure was refined with only the carbon atom position varied (at $.25$ occupancy), with the parameters of the mirror-related nitrogen being reset to those of the carbon after each least-squares cycle. (This is an excellent approximation, given the similar scattering power of these two elements.) The model converged to weighted and unweighted R factors of 3.48% and 2.45% respectively. During the final least-squares cycle the largest parameter shift was .18 σ . The largest peak in the final difference Fourier was . $4\frac{e}{A^3}$ and was less than one Angstrom from the uranium. Hydrogen atoms were not found, nor were calculated positions included in the final calculations. The residuals showed no anomalies. Positional and thermal parameters appear in Table III.

UCp"₂Cl(pyrazolate)

Crystals suitable for diffraction studies were obtained by cooling a concentrated hexane solution at -15° C overnight. The polycrystalline solids that formed were fractured into large single crystal fragments. Precession photographs revealed the conditions: $h01$, $h + 1 = 2n$, and <u>OkO</u>, <u>k</u> = 2n indicating space group $P2_1/n$ (an alternative setting of $P2₁/c$). Cell parameters are in Table II.

A total of 3513 +h, +k, ±1 data were collected between 4° and 45° in 20. Azimuthal scans on 6 reflections between 5° and 22° in θ revealed an intensity variation of ±17%. Because the data crystal was of a particularly irregular shape, an empirical absorption correction was applied; it ranged from 1.00 to 1.49 (μ = 66.00 cm^{-1}). No decay was observed during data collection. The averaging of equivalent reflections left 3134 unique data, 2566 of which were greater than 30 and were used in the least squares refinement.. The initial Patterson map confirmed the space group and subsequent difference Fourier-least-squares cycles revealed the pyrazolate and the two Cp" rings. Residual electron density and some poor atomic relationships suggested a second orientation for both the Cp" rings, so primed carbon atom positions and isotropic thermal parameters were refined. The. relative occupancy factors of the two orientations refined to about 50/50 for Cp"2 and about 60/40 for Cp"l. Fourier maps showed these ligands consisted of diffuse rings of electron density, with some localized peaks. This observation leads us to conclude that further attempts to improve the moderately poor atomic relationships in the ring were unwarranted. In the final refinements, only the thermal parameters of uranium and chlorine were treated anisotropically. The model converged to weighted and unweighted R factors of 4.50% and 3.27% respectively. On the final least-squares cycle, the largest parameter shift was .290, while for those 7 atoms not involved in the disorder the largest shift was $.02\sigma$. The residual peaks in the final difference Fourier (largest = $.525\frac{e}{3}$) were near the methyl carbons of the Cp" rings. A Hydrogen atoms were not found, nor were calculated positions included in the final calculations. The residuals showed no anomalies. Positional

and thermal parameters appear in Table IV.

 UCp'' ₂(pyrazolate)₂

Crystals suitable for diffraction experiments were obtained by slow cooling of a hexane solution to -15° C. Precession photographs revealed conditions indicating space groups Cc or C2/c (hkl, $h + k = 2n$, and hol, $1 = 2n$. Lattice parameters are in Table II. A total of 3737 +h, +k, 1 data (for $\frac{h}{k}$ + k = 2n) were collected between 4° and 45° 20. Twice during data collection reorientation of the crystal was required. Azimuthal scans on 7 reflections with Θ between 5° and 22° revealed an intensity variation of ±10%. The crystal faces were identified and measured as described before. The absorption correction applied ranged from 1.91 to 2.77 (μ = 60.52 $\rm cm^{-1}$). No crystal decay was observed during data collection.

The initial Patterson map confirmed the space group C2/c, and the structure was solved by heavy-atom techniques. In the final refinements, the temperature factors of all atoms were treated anisotropically, the model converging to weighted and unweighted R factors of 3.31% and 2.43% respectively. On the final cycle, the largest parameter shift was 0.63σ for one of the methyl carbons on Cp"2. This ring has generally greater thermal motion than the other parts of the molecule. In the final difference Fourier map the largest peak at a grid point was $0.36\frac{\text{e}}{\text{3}}$, and was A more than 1.6 A from any atom or other peak. Hydrogen atoms were not found, nor were calculated positions included in the final calculations. The residuals showed no anomalies. Positional and thermal parameters are listed in Table V.

Description of the Structures

UCp"₂Cl₂(pyrazole)

The crystal structure consists of discrete mononuclear units at positions of mm symmetry (Fig 2). The closest intermolecular contact is $3.68(1)$ A between $C(60)$ and $C(71)$. The molecular structure consists *⁵*of a uranium ion bound by two n -pentamethylcyclopentadienyl rings, two chloride ions, and one nitrogen from the pyrazole ring, for a formal coordination number of 9. Both the uranium and the bound nitrogen lie at the intersection of mirror planes, while the chlorides, C(3), C(6), and the remaining atoms of the pyrazole ring lie in the mirror planes.¹⁹ All the other atoms are in general positions. A perspective drawing of the molecular unit is illustrated in Figure 3.

The uranium-carbon distances average $2.74(2)$ A, the U-Cl bond is 2.696(2)A, and U-N bond is 2.607(8)A long. The closest intramolecular non-bonded contact is 3.07(1)A between Cl and C(80). The Cl-U-Cl angle of $148.29(8)$ ^o is (by symmetry) bisected by the U-N bond. The Cl-U-Cp" (centroid) angle is 95.7°, and the Cp"-U-Cp" angle is 137.1°. The $Cp''-U-N$ angle is 111.4° . Pertinent bond angles and distances are listed in Table VI.

UCp"₂Cl(pyrazolate)

The crystal structure consists of discrete mononuclear units at general positions in the unit cell (Fig 4). The closest intermolecular contact is $3.41(3)$ A between $C(17)$ and $C(20')$. The molecular strucure consists of a uranium ion coordinated by two n^5 -pentamethylcyclopentadienyl rings, one chloride ion, and two nitrogens from the pyrazolate

ion for a formal coordination number of 9. The coordination geometry is very roughly tetrahedral - when considering the chloride, the Cp" centroids, and the midpoint of the N-N bond as the ligands. The angles from both the N-N midpoint and the chloride to each of the other three ligands are approximately equal; either serves as the apex of a tetrahedron in which the basal angles are distorted by the 136° angle between the Cp" centroids. Figure 5 illustrates the molecular structure utilizing one nominal orientation for each Cp" ring.

The uranium-carbon distances range between $2.69(1)$ A and $2.78(1)$ A, averaging 2.73(3)A. The U-N distances are 2.351(5)A and 2.349(5)A. The U-Cl distance is 2.611(2)A. Within a molecule, the closest inter-ligand non-bonded contact is $3.00(2)$ A between N(1) and C(16'). Selected bond lengths and angles appear in Table VII.

Least-squares planes for the 4 Cp" rings show all but that of C's 11-15 are planar to about one sigma; C's 13 and 14 are about two sigma from their least-squares plane. The methyl carbons generally are tilted away from the uranium by tenths of an Angstrom (5-15 sigma); one methyl carbon from each ring, however, is much more nearly coplanar with the internal carbons of the ring to which it belongs. The pyrazolate ring is planar to within one sigma, and the three pyrazolate carbon atoms are about one sigma from the UN₂ plane.¹⁹

 $UCp"$ ₂ (pyrazolate) 2

The crystal structure consists of discrete mononuclear units at general positions in the unit cell (Fig 6). The closest intermolecular contacts are $3.638(8)$ and $3.637(9)$ A between $C(10)$ and $C(2)$ and $C(7)$

respectively. The molecular structure consists of the uranium ion coordinated by two n⁵-pentamethylcyclopentadiene rings from 4 nitrogens from the two pyrazolate rings, for a total formal coordination number of 10. The pyrazolates are adjacent and nearly coplanar while they oppose the two Cp" rings, whose least-squares planes are about 40° from each other (vide infra). A perspective drawing of the molecule appears in Figure 7, where one can see relatively high thermal motion in Cp"2.

The U-carbon distances range from $2.724(6)$ A to $2.786(5)$ A, averaging 2.75(2)A. The U-N distances are 2.403(4)A, 2.360(5)A, 2.363(5)A, and 2.405(5)A. The closest intramolecular non-bonded contact is 3.006(6)A between $N's$ 2 and 3. Selected bond lengths and angles appear in Table VIII.

The internal carbons of both Cp" rings are essentially planar, deviations from the least squares plane being on the order on one σ . ¹⁹ Again, the methyl carbons all bend away from the uranium ion by a few tenths of an Angstrom. Both pyrazolates are planar. The average deviation from the UN₁ least squares plane is 0.003A (ca. 5 σ). The angles between the least squares planes of the Cp" rings is 41.4° , between the pyrazolates is 5.6°, and between the Cp"s and the pyrazolates 20.2°, 25.3°, 21.6°, and 16.1 ° (Cp"1-pyz1,2;;Cp"2-pyz1,2).

Discussion

These structures constitute the first formal reports of bis-pentamethylCp uranium 4+ compounds. Marks has presented unpublished results on the structure of $\texttt{UCp''}_2(\texttt{CONMe}_2)^{20}$ and has published structural results on $[\texttt{UCp"}_2\texttt{Cl]}_3,$ ⁶ $[\texttt{ThCp"}_2\texttt{H}_2]_2,$ ²¹ and $[\texttt{ThCp"}_2\texttt{O}_2\texttt{C}_2\texttt{Me}_2]_2.$ ²² More unpublished results include the structure of $\mathrm{ThCp''}_2\mathrm{Cl}(\mathrm{COCH}_2\mathrm{CMe}_3)$ and $\mathrm{ThCp''}_2\mathrm{Cl}(\mathrm{CONEt}_2) \cdot ^{20}$

In addition, the structure of numberous ri^{4+} and Zr^{4+} compounds of the type MCp $_2$ X $_2$ have been reported.^{23,24}

In comparison with Cp itself, the larger size of the methylated Cp rings means fewer of them are able to share a coordination sphere, as in the numerous compounds with unsubstituted Cp rings of general formula· MCp₃X.²⁵ The Cp-U-Cp angles in the latter are less than 120°, whereas the present compounds share a value for this angle of about 137°. All . the Cp" ligands characterized here exhibit the outward bending of the methyl groups, as is quite common for this ligand. The U-Cl distance in UCp"₂Cl(pyrazolate) (2.611 A) is similar to those found in other u^{4+} organometallics, $26-29$ but the U-Cl distance in UCp"₂Cl₂(pyrazole) (2.696(2)A) is considerably longer. This is probably best attributed to the relatively greater crowding the chloride in $Cp''_{2}Cl_{2}$ (pyrazole) - one might also consider this complex to have a higher coordination number than the pyrazolate, in which the n^2 N₂ coordination is intermediate between a mono- and bidentate ligand in steric bulk.

The average U-C (ring) distances are nearly identical for the three compounds, and the two Cp rings bear a constant relationship to each other of 137° . In UCp"₂Cl₂(pyrazole), the two Cp" centroids and N(1) are coplanar by symmetry. The 137° angle between centroids leaves 111.5° between each of the centroids and $N(1)$; the Cp"-U-Cl angle is 95° (Table IX).

In $\mathtt{UCp''}_2\mathtt{Cl}(\mathtt{pyrazolate})$, the angles from the $\mathtt{Cp'''s}$ to the other ligands is increased from 95° by the removal of one ligand. Also as a result of fewer ligands, the Cl-U-(N-N) angles relaxes to 103° from the 148° for the C1-U-C1 angle in UCp"₂C1₂ (pyrazole). In going to UCp"₂ (pyrazolate)₂,

substitution of a sterically larger pyrazolate for the remaining chloride results in an increase in the $(N-N)-U-(N-N)$ angle relative to the Cl-U-(N-N) angle in $UCp"_{2}Cl(pyrazolate)$, while also the $Cp"$ -U-(N-N) angles decrease slightly, on average. This behavior is the same as that seen in the thorium compounds (Table X). The Cp"-Th-Cp" angle decreases in going from the small bridging hydride ligands to the larger bridging enediolate ligands, and the monomeric species, where crowding is decreased, exhibit the largest angles. We see, then, that the interligand relationships in these compounds can be explained by ligand repulsion.

In UCp¹¹₂(pyrazolate)₂, Cp¹¹(2) exhibits much more thermal motion than $Cp''(1)$. This is probably the result of the fact that $Cp''(2)$ has fewer non-bonded neighbors than Cp"(l). For instance, the closest intermolecular contact in this compound is 3.64 A and involves atoms of $Cp''(1)$ (vide supra). The closest such contact for $Cp''(2)$ is 3.72 A (C(l9)-C(l9)). In addition, Cp"(l) has 33 intermolecular contacts within 4.5 A, while Cp''(2) has only 29.

The disorder in $UCp"_{2}Cl(pyrazolate)$ can also be explained in terms of intermolecular contacts. Although the closest intermolecular contact is shorter than in UCp"₂(pyrazolate) 2(3.413(3)A vs. 3.638(8)A), in \texttt{UCp}'' ₂Cl(pyrazolate), Cp"(2) and Cp"(2') have only 34 contacts within 4.5 A, or 17 contacts per *5* methyl carbons. The occupancy factors for Cp"(1) refined to $.62/.38$, while for Cp"(2) they refined to $.50/.50.$ The fact that Cp"(l) has many more contacts (32 per *5* methyl carbons) explains its greater preference for one orientation over the other, inasmuch. as the orientation is determined by the intermolecular environment.

The U-N distance in $UCp''_{2}Cl_{2}(pyrazole)$ is much longer than those reported in UCp₃ (pyrazolate)³; undoubtedly due to the neutral charge of the pyrazole ligand. In UCp" (pyrazolate) $\frac{1}{2}$, the same U-N distances obtain as in UCp_{3} (pyrazolate): 2.36A and 2.40A. This difference of 0.04A in UCp₃ (pyrazolate) is difficult to explain, but even more mystifying is the pattern of the U-N bond lengths in UCp" $_2$ (pyrazolate) $_2$. The shorter bonds are those from uranium to the "internal" nitrogens where the crowding is greatest (vide supra), while the longer bonds are those to the "external" nitrogens where the crowding is least. However, in $\texttt{UCp''}_2\texttt{Cl(pyrazolate)}$ the U-N distances are identical, as we expect.

Of the other physical properties of these compounds, a few are worthy of mention. The pmr spectrum of $\mathtt{UCp''}_2\mathtt{Cl}_2(\mathtt{pyrazole})$ reveals a fluxionality of the pyrazole ligand. At low temperature, four resonances are resolved that can be assigned to the pyrazole. Those most strongly shifted can be assigned to the C-H and N-H adjacent to the metal-bound nitrogen, while those less strongly shifted are the protons further from the uranium. By room temperature, the four resonances collapse into a broad singlet and a very broad resonance, indicative of a fluxional U-N bond that makes all the carbon bound protons nearly equivalent and leaves the remaining proton's resonance quite broad and less strongly shifted than previously.

The magnetic behavior of both $\texttt{UCp''}_2\texttt{Cl}_2(\texttt{pyrazole})$ and $\texttt{UCp''}_2\texttt{Cl}(\texttt{pyraz}^2)$ zolate) is as one expects for $\texttt{U}^{\texttt{4+}}$ ions. However, $\texttt{UCp''}_2$ (pyrazolate)₂ does not exhibit similar magnetic behavior. Instead of decreasing with increasing temperature from an initial high value as the others, the susceptibility of $UCp''_2(pyrazolate)$ has its minimum at low temperature

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and increases as the temperature increases, until it becomes relatively invariant with temperature.

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F_o^2 = \frac{\omega(C - 2B)}{Lp}
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F_o = (F_o^2)^{1/2}
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\sigma_o (F_o^2) = \frac{\omega(C + 4B)^{1/2}}{Lp}
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\sigma_o (F_o) = \frac{\sigma_o (F_o^2)}{2F_o}
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where C is the total count in the scan, B is the sum of the 2 background counts, ω is the scan speed in degrees per minute, and

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\frac{1}{Lp} = \frac{\sin 2\theta (1 + \cos^2 2\theta_m)}{1 + \cos^2 2\theta_m - \sin^2 2\theta}
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is the correction for Lorentz and polarization-effects for a reflection with scattering angle 28 and radiation monocromatized with a 50% perfect single-crystal monochromator with scattering angle $2\theta_{\text{m}}$.

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R = \frac{\sum ||\mathbf{F}_o| - |\mathbf{F}_o|}{\sum |\mathbf{F}_o|}
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R_w = \frac{\sum w (|\mathbf{F}_o| - |\mathbf{F}_c|)^2}{\sum w \mathbf{F}_o^2} \times \frac{1}{2}
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GOF = \frac{\sum w (|\mathbf{F}_o| - |\mathbf{F}_c|)^2}{(\mathbf{n}_o - \mathbf{n}_v)^2} \times \frac{1}{2}
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where n_o is the number of observations and n_v is the number of variable parameters, and the weights w are given by $w =$ $4F_0^2$

and $\sigma^2(\overline{F}_a^2) = \sigma_a^2(\overline{F}_a^2) + (\overline{p}\overline{r}^2)^2$ where p is the factor used to lower the weight of intense reflections.

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Table I. Magnetic Susceptibility Data

Table II. Cell Parameters for $\texttt{UCp}"_2\texttt{Cl}_2(\texttt{pyrazole})$,

 $UCp''_{2}CL(pyrazolate)$, and $UCp''_{2} (pyrazolate)_{2}^{a}$

a) HPYZ is $\texttt{UCp}"_2\texttt{Cl}_2(\texttt{pyrazole})$, 1:1 is $\texttt{UCp}"_2\texttt{Cl}(\texttt{pyrazolate})$, and 1:2 is UCp''_2 (pyrazolate)₂.

b) All data for monochromatic MoK_{$_{\alpha}$} radiation, λ = .71073 A, at 22°C. c) In each case a p factor of 0.03 was used, see reference 15.

Table III. Positional and Thermal Parameters and Their Estimated Standard Deviations for UCp" $_2$ Cl $_2$ (pyrazole)

The form of the anisotropic thermal parameter is: $\exp[-(\beta_{11}^{\text{atH+H}} + \beta_{22}^{\text{atK+K}} + \beta_{33}^{\text{atL+L}} + \beta_{12}^{\text{atH+K}} + \beta_{13}^{\text{atH+L}} + \beta_{23}^{\text{atK+L}})].$

Table IV. Positional and Thermal Parameters and Their Estimated Standard Daviations for UCp"₂Cl(pyrazolate)

Table V. Positional and Thermal Parameters and Their Estimated Standard Deviations for UCp"₂(pyrazolate)₂

The form of the anisotropic thermal parameter is: $\exp[-(\beta_{11}^{\text{AH}+B} + \beta_{22}^{\text{H}+K} + \beta_{33}^{\text{H}+L} + \beta_{12}^{\text{H}+K} + \beta_{13}^{\text{H}+K} + \beta_{23}^{\text{H}+K})].$

Table VI. Bond Distances (A) and Angles (°)

for $UCp''_{2}Cl_{2}(pyrazole)$

Table VIIa. Bond Distances (A) and Angles (\degree) for UCp"₂Cl(pyrazolate)

u-x distances

pyrazolate distances and angles

interligand angles

Table VIIb. Distances (A) and Angles (°) for $\texttt{Cp''(1)}$ and $\texttt{Cp''(1')}$ in $\texttt{UCp''_2Cl(pyrazolate)}$

Table VIIc. Distances (A) and Angles (°)

for $Cp''(2)$ and $Cp''(2')$ of $UCp''_{2}Cl(pyrazolate)$

Table VIII. Bond Distances (A) and Angles (°)

for $UCp''_2(pyrazolate)_2$

Pyrazolate distances

Table IX. Comparisons Between $\texttt{UCp''}_2\texttt{Cl}_2(\texttt{pyrazole})$, $UCp''_{2}Cl(pyrazolate)$, and $UCp''_{2}(pyrazolate)_{2}$. a)

a) HPYZ is $UCp''_{2}Cl_{2}(pyrazole)$, 1:1 is $UCp''_{2}Cl(pyrazolate)$, and 1:2 is $UCp''_2(pyrazolate)_2$.

Table X. Distances (A) and Angles $(°)$

M-C(ring) coord. compound $\text{Cp}^{\prime\prime}$ -M-Cp^{''} ave. number ref. number $(ThCp''_{2}H_{2})_{2}$ 130 2.83(1) 9 20 $(\text{ThCp''}_2O_2C_2Me_2)$ ²129 2. 83 (6) 8 21 $\mathrm{ThCp''}_{2}$ Cl(COCH $_{2}$ CMe $_{3}$) 138 2. 80(3) 9 19 $ThCp''_{2}Cl(CONEt_{2})$ 138 2.78(4) 9 19 $UCp''_{2}(CONMe_{2})_{2}$) ²138 2. 79 (4) 10 19

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Figure Captions

Figure 1. Graph of
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 vs T for UCP"2(pyrazolate)².

Figure 2. Stereoscopic drawing of the unit cell of $\text{UCp}" _2\text{Cl} _2(\text{pyrazole})$.

Figure 3. ORTEP drawing of the molecular unit of $\text{UCp}"_2\text{Cl}_2(\text{pyrazole})$.

Figure 4. Stereoscopic drawing of the unit cell of $\text{UCp}''_{2} \text{Cl(pyrazolate)}$.

Figure 5. ORTEP drawing of the molecular unit of $\text{UCp}''_{2}\text{Cl(pyrazolate)}_{2}$.

Figure 6. Stereoscopic drawing of the unit cell of $UCp''_2(pyrazolate)_2$.

Figure 7. ORTEP drawing of the molecular unit of $UCp''_2(pyrazolate)_2$.

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