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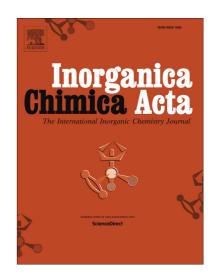
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From a mole ratio ¹H NMR Evans method experiment it is found that, in a 2.0 M NaOH aqueous matrix, diamagnetic $[Os^{VIII}O_4(OH)_n]^{n-}$ (n = 1, 2) (of d^0 electron configuration) and trans-[Os^{VI}O₂(OH)₄]²⁻ species (d²) react in a 1:1 mole ratio to form two paramagnetic Os^{VII} oxido/hydroxido product species (d^1) . This result is further validated as the chemical reaction model that best fitted stopped-flow UV-Vis spectroscopy kinetic data is given by $[Os^{VIII}] + [Os^{VI}] \stackrel{k_{COM}}{\longleftarrow} 2 [Os^{VII}]$. From non-linear least squares fits of stopped-flow UV-Vis spectroscopy kinetic traces the comproportionation reaction rate constants, activation energies (forward: $\Delta H^{\ddagger}_{(\text{obs})}$, $\Delta S^{\ddagger}_{(\text{obs})}$ and $\Delta G^{\ddagger}_{(\text{obs})}$ are 10.3 ± 0.5 kcal mol⁻¹, -2.6 ± 1.6 cal mol⁻¹ K^{-1} and 11.1 \pm 0.9 kcal mol⁻¹, respectively; and reverse are -6.7 \pm 1.0 kcal mol⁻¹, -63.6 \pm 3.4 cal mol^{-1} K⁻¹ and 12.2 ± 2.0 kcal mol^{-1} respectively) and standard reaction energies $(\Delta H^{\circ}_{rxn(\text{obs})}, \Delta S^{\circ}_{rxn(\text{obs})})$ and $\Delta G^{\circ}_{rxn(\text{obs})}$ are 17.1 \pm 1.2 kcal mol⁻¹, 61.0 \pm 4.3 cal mol⁻¹ K⁻¹ and - 1.1 ± 2.5 kcal mol⁻¹, respectively) at 298.15 K were determined. Stopped-flow kinetic isotope experiments provide evidence that these redox reactions coincide with the transfer of a proton. A systematic DFT speciation study of Os^{VI} and Os^{VII} oxido/hydroxido complexes in a simulated aqueous phase (COSMO) yield that the thermodynamically most stable OsVI species is the singlet spin state trans-[Os^{VI}O₂(OH)₄]² complex and the thermodynamically most stable paramagnetic Os^{VII} product species are a combination of trans-[Os^{VII}O₃(OH)₂] and mer-[Os^{VII}O₃(OH)₃]²⁻ species. Using the DFT results, the Os^{VI} & Os^{VIII} comproportionation reaction is now proposed to be $[Os^{VIII}O_4(OH)_2]^{2-}$ reacts with trans-[Os^{VI}O₂(OH)₄]²⁻ to yield two trans-[Os^{VII}O₃(OH)₂]⁻ species and two hydroxide anions. The

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