



THEORETICAL STUDY OF INTEGRATED CROWN ETHERS AND THEIR COMPLEXES WITH SOME TRANSITION AND LANTHANIDE IONS

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Abstract

Geometrical parameters, ultraviolet and vibrational frequencies, relative stabilities, and heat of association of the six crown ethers (12O4, 12N4, 12S4, 12O2N2, 12O2S2, 12N2S2) were calculated by HF/STO-6G and HF/6-31G level of theory. The energies were calculated by single-point MP2 method using polarized 6-31G basis functions. The potential energy surface and HOMO-LUMO of these ligands indicate a remarkable change in electron density of 12O4 when nitrogen and sulfur atoms replaced the oxygen atoms which result in a major change in their ion selectivity toward transition $(Co^{2+}, Ni^{2+}, Cu^{2+}, Rh^{2+}, and pd^{2+})$ and lanthanide $(Nd^{2+}, Sm^{2+}, Eu^{2+}, Tm^{2+}, Yb^{2+})$ ions . The free ligands 12N4 and I2N2S2 were unstable in gas phase through geometry optimization but they are stable through complexation calculations. The heats of association with A-type and B-type ions were calculated by MMplus. In aqueous solution the 12N4 and 12S4 showed a high selectivity for Pd^{2+} , Cu^{2+} ions while the ligand 12O4 preferred to select Pd^{2+} and Rh^{2} ions. The six ligands showed the same tendency for the lanthanide metal ions in the gas phase but they behave in a different manner in the aqueous phase. The theoretical IR vibrational spectra showed that Pd-N stretching, Pd-O stretching, and Pd-S stretching have a similar values within the range 603-616 cm-1.

دراسة نظرية لأيثرات تاجية ومعقداتها مع بعض ايونات الفلزات الانتقالية

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الخلاصة

إن المعاملات الهندسـية ، التـريدات فـوق البنفسـجية والاهتزازيــة ، الاسـتقرار النسـبي وحـرارة التجمــع

للمركبات التاجية(1204 12N4, 12S4, 12O2N2, 12O2S2, 12N2S2) ، قد تم حسابها بواسطة المركبات التاجية(HF/STO-6G and HF/6-31G وتم حساب الطاقات باستخدام طريقة النقطة المنفردة MP2

الأساسية G 16-6 المستقطبة ,ويشير سطح الطاقة الكامنية و HOMO - LUMO لهذه الليكندات إلى حصول تغير واضح في الكثافة الالكترونية في الليكاند 1204 عند إحلال نرات النيتروجين والكبريت محل نرات الأوكس جين ، حيث تودي إلى تغير رات أساس ية بانتقائيتها الأيونية تجاه ايونات المندرات الكركمي بنان الأوكس جين ، حيث مع المحدي الليكاند 1204 عند إحلال نرات النيتروجين والكبريت محل نرات الأوكس جين ، حيث تودي إلى تغير رات أساس ية بانتقائيتها الأيونية تجاه ايونات الكركمي ناك . (Nd²⁺, Sm²⁺, Eu²⁺, Tm²⁺, Yb²⁺) واللانثانات (+Yb²⁺, Sm²⁺, Eu²⁺, Tm²⁺, Yb²⁺) واللانثانات (+Nd²⁺, Sm²⁺, Eu²⁺, Tm²⁺, Yb²⁺) ما الليكندات الحرة 1204 و 1202 قد مستقرة في الطور الغازي أنثاء التمثيل الهندسي المثالي ولكنها الليكندات الحرة عند حساب التعقيد . إن حرارة التجمع مع ايونات A-type و 1204 قد تم حسابها باستخدام استقرت عند حساب التعقيد . إن حرارة التجمع مع ايونات Muples و 1204 قد تم SMM و الكرامي و 1204 مستقرة في الطور الغازي أثناء التمثيل الهندسي المثالي والكنها الستقرت عند حساب التعقيد . إن حرارة التجمع مع ايونات MMO و 1204 قد تم SMM و 1204 من MM و 1204 مستقرة الظهر الغازي أثناء التمثيل الهندسي المثالي والكنها المتقرب عند حساب التعقيد . إن حرارة التجمع مع ايونات MMO و 1204 من MM و 1204 من MM و 1204 من MM و 1204 من MM و 1204 من 1204 ما 1204 من 1204 ما 1204 م

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Introduction

The crown ether coordination chemistry is the most decisive factor for ions selectivity and complexation reactions. In reality, several parameters influence the ligand behavior. These are donor binding sites, shape topology, conformational flexibility and substituent effects [1,2].

In the classical crown ether, oxygen have been used as donor atoms which so called "hard" type (A-type donor) atoms. As A-type donors, they should most favorably combine with A-type metal ions (alkali/alkaline earth, lanthanide ions) according to hard and soft acid-base they show principle [3-6]. Thus, less compatibility to combine with B-type cations $(Co^{2^+}, Ni^{2^+}, Cu^{2^+}, Rh^{2^+} and Pd^{2^+} Ag^+ etc.)$. On other hand, these B-type cations prefer to interact with "soft" B-type donors like N and S atoms. In general, the substitution of oxygen by sulfur or nitrogen, to form integrated crown ether (12N2O2, 12N2S2, 12O2S2 etc.) increases the binding ability towards B-type cation .One of the studies has been reported on stepwise substitution of nitrogen and sulfur atoms in crown ether frame and about their stabilizing effects on their complexation and selectivity towards A- and B-type ions[7]. The importance conformational flexibility of effects is particularly obvious with thia crown ether. Structural work has revealed that the 9S3, 12S4, 1585 and 18S6 adopt 14S4. inside-out conformations in which the heteroatoms point out of the macrocylic ring[8-11] Exodendate coordination of thioether groups has also been reported for Nb(V) and Hg(II) complexes of 1.4dithia-18-crown-6 [12-14]. Unusual behavior contrasts with that of crowns containing oxygen or nitrogen atoms, and it has important ramification for coordination chemistry [15,16].

-Abbreviations used;

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9S3, 1,4,7-trithiacyclononane	(trithia-9-crown-3)
12S4, 1,4,7,10-tetrathiacyclododecane	(tetrathia-12-crown-4)
14S4, 1,4,8,11-tetrathiacyclotetradecane	(tetrathia-12-crown-4)
15S5, 1,4,7,10,13-pentathiacyclopentadecane	(pentathia-15-crown-5)
18S6, 1,4,7,10,13,16-hexathiacyclooctadecane	(hexathia-18-crown-6)
12O4, 1,4,7,10-tetraoxacyclododecane	(12-crown-4)
1806, 1,4,7,10,13,16-hexaoxacyclooctadecane	(18-crown-6)
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The theoretical calculations concerning the conformational flexibility and selectivity have been started since 1975. Pullman et al calculate the relative energies for two suggested theoretical models, maxidentate (C_{4v}) and alternate (C_{2V}) for 12O4, they found that the free conformer C_{2V} was more stable than C_{4v} by a 2.9 kcal/mol. They also estimated the binding energies for these two conformations with lithium ion using *ab initio* method (with bases set STO-3G). Their results showed that the complex 12O4_{C2v}+Li was more stable than 12O4_{C4V}+Li by a 0.5 kcal/mol [17]. Morokuma crown and Kitaura related the ether complexation energy to electrostatic, chargetransfer, polarization and exchange energies [18-20]. Yamabe et al have conducted several theoretical studies using CNDO/2 and ab *initio* on the stability of crown ether complexes of 12O4 and 18O6 with H⁺, Li⁺, Na⁺, K⁺, NHU⁺. They showed that the selectivity of crown ether affected mainly by hydration energy in addition to cavity size and electrostatic energy^[21,22] These results were confirmed by Izatt et al[16,23] Other several theoretical calculations on crown ether complexes and selectivity have been reported using molecular mechanics[24-26], semi empirical[25-27] and ab initio [28-32] methods.

Our interest in the coordination chemistry of 12O4 crown ether led us to examine the change of its selectivity towards some transition metal ions, as $(Co^{2+}, Ni^{2+}, Cu^{2+}, Rh^{+2} \text{ and } Pd^{2+})$, and lanthanide ions as $(Nd^{2+}, Sm^{2+}, Eu^{2+}, Tm^{2+}, and Yb^{2+})$ when the oxygen atoms are replaced by N and S atoms through building a theoretical structures with different conformations to form its analogues of azoether and thioether and their integrated structures.

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The initial structures of 12N4, 12O4, 12S4, 12N2O2, 12N2S2 and 12O2S2 for ab initio calculation were obtained by molecular mechanics (MMplus) [33]. Each structure was subjected to conformational search and the lowest energy structure was selected. The geometrical structures of 12N4, 12O4, 12S4, 12N2O2, 12N2S2 and 12O2S2 were optimized at HF/STO-6G [34, 36] and HF/6-31G [37, 39]. The energies were calculated by single-point MP [40,41] method using polarized 6-31G* basis functions. The structures of the complexes of 12N4, 12O4, 12S4, 12N2O2, 12N2S2 and 12O2S2 with transition B-type metal ions (Co^{2+} , Ni²⁺, Cu²⁺, Rh²⁺ and Pd²⁺) were optimized using semiempirical PM3 method.

The molecular mechanic program MMplus was used for complexes with lanthanide A-type metal ions (Nd^{2+} , Sm^{2+} , Eu^{2+} , Tm^{2+} , and Yb^{2+}). The Polak-Ribiere was used as optimization algorithm for stable conformers while the steepest descend algorithm was used for unstable ligands. The initial guess of the MO coefficients was from a projected INDO calculation. The program HyperChem 7.5 [42] was used for the *ab initio*, semiempirical AM1[43], PM3[44] and MM plus[45] calculations.

Results and Discussion Free Ligands

The minimized ab initio MP2/6-31G*//6-31G* energies were reported for the integrated ethers 12N4, 12O4, 12S4, 12N2O2, 12N2S2 and 12O2S2 in addition to their heat of formations and classical energies in gas phase and water calculated by molecular mechanic. Table-1 shows the geometrical parameters of these ligands which viewed in Figure-1. The relative

energies calculated in different methods are summarized in Table-2. The ligand 12N4 was unstable in gas phase through geometry optimization (Grad=0.01) and gave a distorted bond distance for C-C 3.2 A°. The integrated 12N2S2 was also unstable in gas phase through geometry optimization (Grad=0.01) for its two conformations (neighbor and alternate). In the neighbor conformation (S-C-C-S-C-C-N-C-C-N-C-C) the C-C bond become very long ca. 3.48 A° through geometry optimization, while the alternate conformation (S-C-C-N-C-C-S-C-C-N-C-C) forms a hydrogen bonding between C-H and N atoms. The steepest descend algorithm was used for these two ligands. The alternate conformation (∆H₌19.064 kcal/mol) was shown to be more stable than the neighbor (ΔH_{f} =34.349 kcal/mol) by 15.3 kcal/mol.

The potential energy surface of these ligand indicate to a dramatic change in electron density of 12O4 when nitrogen and sulfur atoms replaced the oxygen atoms which play a major factor in ion selectivity. The electron density localized on three oxygen atoms in 12O4, while it localized only at two nitrogen atoms in 12N4 and this property might give the two compounds (12O4 and 12N4) the same behavior toward ions. The atomic charges of donors and carbon atoms for these ligands are shown in Figure-2; the electron density in 12S4 is generalized over all atoms as shown in Figure-3. The charges on oxygen atoms (- 0.727) is usually twice that of nitrogen (-0.40). In the 12S4 ligand the case is different, the atomic charges on carbon atoms (-0.63) is more negative than that of sulfur atoms (0.50). This mode of distribution of electron density made the oxygen atoms of hard type while nitrogen and sulfur are of soft type. The integrated ligands showed diverse atomic abargas over the antira molecula

Ligand	C-C	C-E	C-E-C	С-С-Е-С	Е-С-С-Е
12N4	1.5466	1.497	116.0	168, -104, 117, 110	80, -13, -67,41
1204	1.508	1.426	120.0	148, -148, 147, -148	-76, 76, -76, 76
1284	1.540	1.47	118.0	162, -146, 162, -147	.48, 48, -48, 48
12N2O2	1.546	1.50, 1.43	112, 111	124, -171, 124, -171	-71,70, -71,71
12N2S2	1.554	1.773	97.5, 109	161, 152, 161, 152	-96, 96, -96, 96
120282	1.550	1.43,1.79	109, 102	-178, 114, -178, 114	67, -67, 67, -67

Table 1: Internal coordinates for free ligands (r in $A^{\circ} \& \theta$	θ in degree).
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E=N,O,S donors atoms

Ligands	Total Energy MP2/6-31G*//6- 31G* (kcal/mol)	Total Energy (a.m.u) ΔH _f (kcal/mol)	Total Energy (a.m.u) ΔH _f (kcal/mol)	Total Energy MMplus (kcal/mol)
		PM3	AMI	
12N4	-531.6297	-67.6285 (97.5395)	-76.0619 (87.0946)	(Gas) 2 1.250084 (Aqu) -529.9982
1204	-612.5679	-87.0547 (-155.4461)	-92.8656 (-183.9242)	(Gas) 25.408588 (Aqu) -526.6126
1284	-1903.1028	-71.2830 (1.4570)	-74.3578 (-14.7326)	(Gas) 22.38 1382 (Aqu) -532.7357
12N2O2	-569.7393	-77.3731 (-48.6901)	-84.4639 (-48.4731)	(Gas) 24.388723 (Aqu) -523.5 104
12N2S2	-1213.2386	-69.5043 (19.0649)	-75.2450 (14.1118)	(Gas) 15.979326 (Aqu) -525.8492
1202S2	-1258.6671	-79.1698 (-77.5968)	-83.6120 (-99.5259)	(Gas) 23.465046 (Aqu) -529.6138

Table 2: Total and relative energies of integrated crown ether calculated from ab initio, PM3 and MMplus (kcal/mol).



Figure 1: Ball and stick view of integrated crown ether ligands .



Figure 2: Atomic charges of crown ether derivative ligands .



Figure 3: Electron density of crown ether ligands .

Integrated Crown Ether Complexes

The geometrical structures of the integrated crown ether complexes have been optimized by PM3 and viewed in Figure-4 (M= Pd⁺²,Cu²⁺,Ni²⁺,Rh²⁺, Co²⁺ Nd²⁺, Sm²⁺.Tm⁺², Yb²⁺). The heat of formation ΔH_f and heat of reaction ΔH_{rea} of crown ether derivatives for transition metal ions are listed in Table-3 which reflects their

stability towards the metal ions. The heat of formation for lanthanide metal ions could not be calculated by PM3 due its lack of their parameters. The heat of reaction has been calculated from the heat of formations of products and reactants as follow:

$$\Delta H_{reaction} = \sum \Delta H_{f, product} - \sum \Delta H_{f, reactant}$$



Figure 4: Ball and stick view of crown ether complex and MCl₂ salt [33].

The heat of complexation can also be calculated theoretically but it usually depends on the solvation energy which is somehow difficult to be treated theoretically and the final calculated values of complexation energies will be a rather high than the experimental values. An alternate approach for these calculations is come from molecular mechanics. The heat of association ΔH_{assoc} of complexes is calculated from -

Selectivity in gas phase	
12N4: $Pd^{2+}>Cu^{2+}>Ni^{2+}>Rh^{2+}>Co^{2+}$	1
12O4: $Rh^{2+}>Pd^{2+}>Cu^{2+}>Ni^{2+}>Co^{2+}$	1
12S4: $Pd^{2+}>Rh^{2+}>Co^{2+}>Cu^{2+}>Ni^{2+}$	1
12N2O2: $Rh^{2+} > = Pd^{2+} > Cu^{2+} > Ni^{2+} > Co^{2+}$	1
12N2S2: $Rh^{2+} > = Pd^{2+} > Cu^{2+} > Co^{2+} > Ni^{2+}$	1
12O2S2: $Pd^{2+}>Rh^{2+}>Co^{2+}>Ni^{2+}>Cu^{2+}$	1

As predicted from distribution of the atomic charges on the donor atoms in the ligands 12N4 and 12S4 that the behavior of 12N4 toward ions will be similar to that of 12S4 (both are soft type ligands). So the selectivity of 12N4 and 12S4 in aqueous solution was mainly heading for Pd^{2+} and Cu^{2+} ions while the selectivity of ligand12O4 was for Pd^{2+} and Rh^{2+} . The ligand12N2O2 showed a different choice. It preferred to select Cu^{2+} ion in solution.

subtracting the heat of ether from the heat of the complex. The smaller the result, the more stable the complex. These calculations are carried out by molecular mechanics with MM+ program. Table-4 lists the heat of association ΔH_{assoc} of these complexes with transition metal ions in gas phase and in aqueous solution. The selectivity for transition metal ions is listed as follow:

Selectivity in aqueous solution 12N4: $Pd^{2+}>Cu^{2+}>Ni^{2+}>Rh^{2+}>Co^{2+}$ 12O4: $Pd^{2+}>Rh^{2+}>Ni^{2+}>Co^{2+}>Cu^{2+}$ 12S4: $Pd^{2+}>Cu^{2+}>Co^{2+}>Ni^{2+}>Rh^{2+}$ 12N2O2: $Cu^{2+}>Rh^{2+}>Co^{2+}>Pd^{2+}>=Ni^{2+}$ 12N2S2: $Rh^{2+}>=Pd^{2+}>Cu^{2+}>Co^{2+}>Ni^{2+}$ 12O2S2: $Pd^{2+}>Rh^{2+}>Co^{2+}>Ni^{2+}>Cu^{2+}$

Of course, two competition factors control the selectivity for metal ions at fixed cavity size of the ligand; these are the electron density and the d-orbital on the donor atoms in the ligand respectively. The d-orbital on sulfur atom compensate the factor of electron density decrease.

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Complex	Δ H f	Relative ∆H _f	Total Relative ∆H _f	Heat of Reaction ΔH_r
12N4-CoCl ₂	-324.486	0.000	94.545	-283.091
12N4-PdCl ₂	-183.7674	140.719	235.264	-67.352
12N4-NiCl ₂	-138.774	185.712	280.257	-16.276
12N4-RhCl ₂	-110.315	214.171	308.716	-25.177
12N4-CuCl ₂	-35.153	289.333	383.878	-65.029
1204-CoCl ₂	-419.031	0.000	0.00	-124.650
12O4-PdCl ₂	-309.448	109.583	109.583	-172.878
1204-NiCl ₂	-295.266	123.764	123.764	-182.778
1204-RhCl ₂	-189.647	229.384	229.384	-39.800
12O4-CuCl ₂	-158.917	260.114	260.114	-24.113
12S4-CoCl ₂	-376.398	0.000	42.633	-238.920
12S4-PdCl ₂	-219.777	156.621	199.254	-199.444
12S4-RhCl ₂	-180.331	196.067	238.700	-135.916
12S4-CuCl ₂	-141.298	235.101	277.733	-134.242
12S4-NiCl ₂	-91.323	285.075	327.708	-69.224
12N2O2-CoCl ₂	-376.858	0.000	42.173	-189.233
12N2O2-PdCl ₂	-254.517	122.341	164.514	-224.703
12N2O2-NiCl ₂	-242.640	134.218	176.391	-236.908
12N2O2-RhC!2	-152.792	224.066	266.239	-109.700
12N2O2-CuCl ₂	-87.946	288.912	331.085	-59.898
12N2S2-CoCl ₂	-343.171	0.000	75.86	-223.301
12N2S2-PdCl ₂	-211.698	131.473	207.333	-249.639
12N2S2-NiCl ₂	-143.808	199.363	275.223	-205.831
12N2S2-RhCl ₂	-141.941	201.23	277.090	-166.605
12N2S2-CuCl₂	-47.063	296.108	371.968	-86.770
12O2S2-CoCl ₂	-357.409	0.000	61.622	-140.877
12O2S2-PdCl ₂	-243.305	114.104	175.726	-184.585
1202S2-NiCl ₂	-199.223	158.186	219.808	-164.586
1202S2-RhCl ₂	-171.409	186	247.622	-99.411
12O2S2-CuCl ₂	-114.824	242.585	304.207	-57.869

Table 3: Total (relative) energies and heat of reaction of 12N4, 12O4 and 12S4 and their integrated complexes from PM3 calculations in gas phase (kcal/mol).

Complex	ΔH_{assoc} in	ΔH_{assoc} in
	Gas phase	Aqueous phase
12N4-CoCl ₂	36.784	44.3287
12N4-PdCl ₂	23.745	33.0105
12N4-NiCl ₂	28.256	39.7552
12N4-RhCl ₂	33.688	42.7268
12N4-CuCl ₂	25.720	34.4632
12O4-CoCl ₂	28.437	43.1632
12O4-PdCl ₂	13.865	21.7507
1204-NiCl ₂	27.562	41.6521
12O4-RhCl ₂	12.799	26.3447
12O4-CuCl ₂	25.409	47.1966
12S4-CoCl ₂	58.039	76.7877
I2S4-PdCl ₂	38.775	63.7303
12S4-RhCl ₂	43.159	88.1491
12S4-CuCl ₂	60.455	64.2288
12S4-NiCl ₂	72.434	82.5817
12N2O2-CoCl ₂	27.213	36.3104
12N2O2-PdCl ₂	23.702	38.1644
12N2O2-NiCl ₂	26.305	38.8338
12N2O2-RhCl ₂	23.186	34.0763
12N2O2-CuCl ₂	25.050	32.0252
12N2S2-CoCl ₂	45.426	50.7758
$12N2S2-PdCl_2$	36.595	41.5263
12N2S2-NiCl ₂	50.565	54.6792
12N2S2-RhCl ₂	36.574	41.2579
12N2S2-CuCl ₂	43.904	45.1241
12O2S2-CoCl ₂	40.264	56.8648
12O2S2-PdCl ₂	25.338	38.8197
12O2S2-NiCl ₂	42.005	60.3706
12O2S2-RhCl ₂	28.077	45.3029
12O2S2-CuCl ₂	51.125	64.6494

Table 4: Heat of association of 12N4,12O4 and 12S4 and their integrated complexes with some transitional metal ions calculated by MMplus in gas phase and in an aqueous solution (kcal/mol).

Table 5: lists the heat of association ΔH_{assoc} of these complexes with lanthanide metal ions in gas phase and in aqueous solutions. The selectivity for lanthanide metal ions is listed as follow:

 $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{Selectivity in gas phase} \\ \textbf{12N4:} \ Tm^{2+} = Yb^{2+} > Sm^{2+} > Eu^{2+} > Nd^{2+} \\ \textbf{12O4:} \ Tm^{2+} = Yb^{2+} > Sm^{2+} > Nd^{2+} > Eu^{2+} \\ \textbf{12S4:} \ Tm^{2+} = Yb^{2+} > Sm^{2+} > Nd^{2+} > Eu^{2+} \\ \textbf{12N2O2:} \ Tm^{2+} = Yb^{2+} > Sm^{2+} > Nd^{2+} > Eu^{2+} \\ \textbf{12N2S2:} \ Tm^{2+} = Yb^{2+} > Sm^{2+} > Nd^{2+} > Eu^{2+} \\ \textbf{12O2S2:} \ Tm^{2+} = Yb^{2+} > Sm^{2+} > Nd^{2+} > Eu^{2+} \\ \textbf{12O2S2:} \ Tm^{2+} = Yb^{2+} > Sm^{2+} > Nd^{2+} > Eu^{2+} \\ \textbf{12O2S2:} \ Tm^{2+} = Yb^{2+} > Sm^{2+} > Nd^{2+} > Eu^{2+} \\ \textbf{12O2S2:} \ Tm^{2+} = Yb^{2+} > Sm^{2+} > Nd^{2+} > Eu^{2+} \\ \textbf{12O2S2:} \ Tm^{2+} = Yb^{2+} > Sm^{2+} > Nd^{2+} > Eu^{2+} \\ \textbf{12O2S2:} \ Tm^{2+} = Yb^{2+} > Sm^{2+} > Nd^{2+} > Eu^{2+} \\ \textbf{12O2S2:} \ Tm^{2+} = Yb^{2+} > Sm^{2+} > Nd^{2+} > Eu^{2+} \\ \textbf{12O2S2:} \ Tm^{2+} = Yb^{2+} > Sm^{2+} > Nd^{2+} > Eu^{2+} \\ \textbf{12O2S2:} \ Tm^{2+} = Yb^{2+} > Sm^{2+} > Nd^{2+} > Eu^{2+} \\ \textbf{12O2S2:} \ Tm^{2+} = Yb^{2+} > Sm^{2+} > Nd^{2+} > Eu^{2+} \\ \textbf{12O2S2:} \ Tm^{2+} = Yb^{2+} > Sm^{2+} > Nd^{2+} > Eu^{2+} \\ \textbf{12O2S2:} \ Tm^{2+} = Yb^{2+} > Sm^{2+} > Nd^{2+} > Eu^{2+} \\ \textbf{12O2S2:} \ Tm^{2+} = Yb^{2+} > Sm^{2+} > Nd^{2+} > Eu^{2+} \\ \textbf{12O2S2:} \ Tm^{2+} = Yb^{2+} > Sm^{2+} > Nd^{2+} > Eu^{2+} \\ \textbf{12O2S2:} \ Tm^{2+} = Yb^{2+} > Sm^{2+} > Nd^{2+} > Eu^{2+} \\ \textbf{12O2S2:} \ Tm^{2+} = Yb^{2+} > Sm^{2+} > Nd^{2+} > Eu^{2+} \\ \textbf{12O2S2:} \ Tm^{2+} = Yb^{2+} > Sm^{2+} >$

Selectivity in aqueous solution

12N4:	$Tm^{2+}>Yb^{2+}>Nd^{2+}>Sm^{2+}>Eu^{2+}$
1204:	$Sm^{2+}>Nd^{2+}>Tm^{2+}>Yb^{2+}>Eu^{2+}$
12S4:	$Sm^{2+}>Tm^{2+}>Yb^{2+}>Nd^{2+}>Eu^{2+}$
12N2O2	$: Sm^{2+} > Nd^{2+} > Tm^{2+} > Yb^{2+} > Eu^{2+}$
12N2S2	$:Tm^{2+}>Yb^{2+}>Sm^{2+}>Nd^{2+}>Eu^{2+}$
12O2S2	: $Tm^{2+}>Yb^{2+}>Sm^{2+}>Nd^{2+}>Eu^{2+}$

The six ligands showed the same tendency for the lanthanide metal ions in the gas phase but they behave in a different manner in the aqueous phase. The ligands with large cavity like 12O4, 12S4, and 12N2O2 prefer the large samarium ion (dia= 2.59 A°) while the ligands with small cavity like 12N4, 12N2S2, and 12O2S2 prefer the small thulium ion (dia= 2.42 A°). In general, these ligands do not prefer Eu²⁺ in both phases in spite of the fact that it has the same diameter of samarium ion.

Theoretical Electronic (UV) and Vibrational (IR) Spectra of Crown Complexes

a. Theoretical electronic spectra (UV) of DDVP

The theoretical electronic spectra (UV) of 12N4, 12O4, and 12S4 molecules were calculated at PM3 levels. Three electronic main absorption peaks for 12N4 were found at 340, 358, and 467 nm as shown in Figure 5a, while two main peaks were found for 12O4 at 168 and 273 nm which are illustrated in Figure 5a. The 12S4 ligand gave five main peaks at 247, 338, 390, 433, and 448 nm which are illustrated in figure 5b.

b. Theoretical vibration frequencies of DDVP

Vibration frequencies are calculated at PM3 level of theory and assignments, "based on inspection of normal modes animation", and their spectra are illustrated in Figure 5b and listed in Table-6. The computed harmonic vibration frequencies are generally overestimated due to neglect of anharmonicity. The absorption peaks of 12N4 at 413, 603, 977, and 1327 cm⁻¹ are assigned to Pd-N stretching, Pd-Cl stretching C-N bending and stretching respectively. The absorption peaks of 12O4 at 249, 420, 616, 1032 and 1143 cm⁻¹ are assigned to Pd-O bending, Pd-O stretching, Pd-Cl stretching C-O bending and stretching respectively. The absorption peaks of 12S4 at 614, 555, 417, and 823 cm⁻¹ are assigned to Pd-S stretching, Pd-Cl stretching C-S stretching respectively.

Complex	ΔH_{assoc}	ΔH_{assoc}
	in gas phase	in aqueous
12N4-NdCl ₂	75.248718	88.701203
12N4-SmCl ₂	61.236061	89.951172
12N4-EuCl ₂	67.103668	97.494446
12N4-TmCl ₂	56.775124	77.404633
12N4-YbCl ₂	56.775124	78.055695
12O4-NdCl ₂	62.558712	73.78243
12O4-SmCl ₂	60.318623	69.270528
12O4-EuCl ₂	81.075268	86.224172
12O4-TmCl ₂	53.087956	75.743032
12O4-YbCl ₂	53.087956	76.662496
12S4-NdCl ₂	41.031353	71.539045
12S4-SmCl ₂	39.462742	65.454236
12S4-EuCl ₂	59.948544	82.17793
12S4-TmCl ₂	35.559818	66.84654
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12S4-YbCl ₂	35.559818	66.973951
12S4-YbCl ₂	35.559818	66.973951
12S4-YbCl ₂ 12N2O2-NdCl ₂	35.559818 58.037096	70.68023
12S4-YbCl ₂ 12N2O2-NdCl ₂ 12N2O2-SmCl ₂	35.559818 58.037096 56.158053	66.973951 70.68023 66.168328
12S4-YbCl ₂ 12N2O2-NdCl ₂ 12N2O2-SmCl ₂ 12N2O2-EuCl ₂	35.559818 58.037096 56.158053 73.780924	66.973951 70.68023 66.168328 83.121972
12S4-YbCl ₂ 12N2O2-NdCl ₂ 12N2O2-SmCl ₂ 12N2O2-EuCl ₂ 12N2O2-TmCl ₂	35.559818 58.037096 56.158053 73.780924 50.08346	66.973951 70.68023 66.168328 83.121972 72.640832
12S4-YbCl2 12N2O2-NdCl2 12N2O2-SmCl2 12N2O2-EuCl2 12N2O2-TmCl2 12N2O2-YbCl2	35.559818 58.037096 56.158053 73.780924 50.08346 50.08346	66.973951 70.68023 66.168328 83.121972 72.640832 73.560296
12S4-YbCl2 12N2O2-NdCl2 12N2O2-SmCl2 12N2O2-EuCl2 12N2O2-TmCl2 12N2O2-YbCl2	35.559818 58.037096 56.158053 73.780924 50.08346 50.08346	66.973951 70.68023 66.168328 83.121972 72.640832 73.560296
12S4-YbCl ₂ 12N2O2-NdCl ₂ 12N2O2-SmCl ₂ 12N2O2-EuCl ₂ 12N2O2-TmCl ₂ 12N2O2-YbCl ₂ 12N2O2-YbCl ₂	35.559818 58.037096 56.158053 73.780924 50.08346 50.08346 44.478434	66.973951 70.68023 66.168328 83.121972 72.640832 73.560296 44.581774
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Table5: Heat of association of 12N4,12O4 and 12S4 and their integrated complexes with some lanthanide metal lons calculated by MMplus in gas phase and in aqueous solution (kcal/mol) .



Figure 5: Theoretical a) electronic (UV) and b) vibrational (IR) spectra of some obtained crown ether complexes

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Ligand	electronic spectra (U.V)	vibrational frequencies (IR)
	main absorption bands (nm)	(cm ⁻¹)
12N4		56,90,95,105,142,157,164,188,215,23
	467 ($n \rightarrow \pi^*$)	8.
		200 206 221 260 200 112 121 171 106
	259 (200,290,331,309,399,413,434,471,490
	$358 (n \rightarrow M^*)$	1
		535,565,603,625,9,742,793,796,824,8
	340 ($n \rightarrow \pi^*$)	29,844,883,930,952,957,977,991,997,
		1004,
		1016,1018,1037,1051,1074,1079,1084,
		1089 1099 1107 1124 1132 1134 1148
		1162 1102 1022 1050 1060 1071 1000
		1200,1205,1207,1209,1200,1271,1200,
		1306,1325,1327,1343,1353,1372,1377,
		1380,1382,1390,1391,1394,2766,2880,
		2880,2885,2888,2895,2900,2918,2949,
		2974,2984,2986, 2988, 2989, 2995,
		2998
1204		94 145 146 171 187 188 196 238 249
	$273 (n \times \Pi *)$	250 260 210 220 200 202 420 421 465
	$273(\Pi \rightarrow \Pi^{*})$	250,209,519,520,586,595,420,421,405
		, 4 / 3 ,
	168 ($\sigma \rightarrow \pi^*$)	489,505,509,510,539,540,541,616,760
		1
		811,812,876,882,895,896,934,958,100
		0,1002,1003,1008,1032,1033,1037,106
		3,
		1065,1066,1068,1086,1103,1104,1125,
		1135.1143.1144.1152.1252.1260.1261.
		1267 1295 1306 1307 1313 1340 1342
		1207, 1200, 1300, 1307, 1313, 1340, 1342, 1242
		1343,1344,1347,1331,1332,1336,2836,
		2856, 2858, 2859, 2860, 2862, 2863, 2864,
		2953,2954,2955,2956,2959,2960,2961,
		2962
1254		34,47,55,75,76,94,99,113,137,144,15
	448 ($n \rightarrow \pi^*$)	2,
		156,164,177,192,230,245,253,268,288
	433 $(n \rightarrow \Pi^*)$	· · · · · · · · · ·
		, 320 376 417 423 447 453 476 529 555
	$200(n \times \Pi *)$	
	$390(\Pi \rightarrow \Pi^{*})$	
	222 (014,040,050,000,090,710,720,770,707
	$338(n \rightarrow JI^*)$	/
		823,827,886,897,901,919,1005,1020,1
	247 (Л→Л*)	024,1030,1047,1059,1068,1072,1090,1
		091,
		1100,1101,1158,1178,1192,1193,1195,
		1201,1297,1315,1339,1343,1355,1369.
		1370, 1375, 1813, 2995, 2997, 2999, 3008
		3009 3014 3056 3059 3059 3062 3065
		2067 2060 2107 2104 2142
		3007,3008,3107,3124, 3143

Table 6: Theoretical electronic (U.V) and vibrational (I.R) bands.



Figure 5(c): IR modes of stretching vibrations (cm⁻¹) of 12N4, 12O4 and 12S4 crown ether complexes

Conclusion

The *ab initio* study of crown ethers and their integrated compounds showed that the ligands! 12N4 and 12N2S2 was unstable molecules among the six ligands in gas phase. The

potential energy surface of these six ligands pointed to a spectacular change in electron density of 12O4 when nitrogen or sulfur atoms replaced the oxygen atoms. This change gave the 12N4 and 12S4 ligands a similar ion selectivity. The six ligands behave in a different manner in the aqueous phase. In general the Co and Eu complexes are less stable than the others metal ions. The IR spectra showed that Pd-N stretching, Pd-O stretching, and Pd-S stretching have a similar values in the 12N4, 12O4 and 12S4 respectively. The results of this study agree with many studies in this field [46 -48].

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