

Rhenium Corrole Dimers: Electrochemical Insights into the Nature of the Metal–Metal Quadruple Bond

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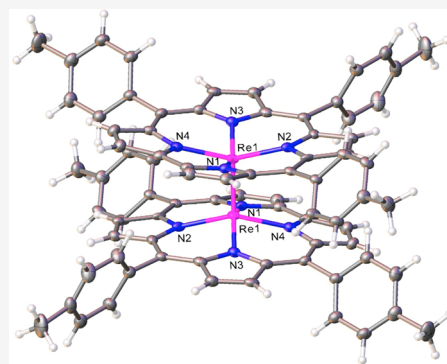
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ABSTRACT: The interaction of free-base triarylcorroles with $\text{Re}_2(\text{CO})_{10}$ in 1,2-dichlorobenzene in the presence of 2,6-lutidine at 180 °C under strict anaerobic conditions afforded approximately 10% yields of rhenium corrole dimers. The compounds exhibited diamagnetic ^1H NMR spectra consistent with a metal–metal quadruple bond with a $\sigma^2\pi^4\delta^2$ orbital occupancy. One of the compounds proved amenable to single-crystal X-ray structure determination, yielding a metal–metal distance of ~ 2.24 Å, essentially identical to that in triple-bonded osmium corrole dimers. On the other hand, the electrochemical properties of Re and Os corrole dimers proved to be radically different. Thus, the reduction potentials of the Re corrole dimers are some 800 mV upshifted relative to those of their Os counterparts. Stated differently, the Re corrole dimers are dramatically easier to reduce, reflecting electron addition to δ^* versus π^* molecular orbitals for Re and Os corrole dimers, respectively. The data also imply electrochemical HOMO–LUMO gaps of only 1.0–1.1 V for rhenium corrole dimers, compared with values of 1.85–1.90 V for their Os counterparts. These HOMO–LUMO gaps rank among the first such values reported for quadruple-bonded transition-metal dimers for any type of supporting ligand, porphyrin-type or not.



INTRODUCTION

The interpretation of the very short Re–Re distance in the $[\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_8]^{2-}$ dianion^{1,2} as indicative of a metal–metal quadruple bond by Cotton in 1965 stands as a landmark in the history of chemical bonding.^{3–7} The novel feature of such a bond is a δ -orbital interaction, in addition to a σ and two π interactions. Subsequently, it became clear that the δ interaction makes only a small contribution to the metal–metal interaction energy and has next to no effect on the metal–metal distance.⁸ Nevertheless, the δ interaction has major implications for many physicochemical properties and especially for redox chemistry. Many of these insights originated from Collman and Arnold's extensive studies of 4d and 5d metalloporphyrin dimers.⁹ For example, temperature-dependent ^1H NMR studies of molybdenum and tungsten porphyrin dimers provided some of the first estimates of the strength of the δ interaction.^{10–12} Likewise, resonance Raman studies of molybdenum, rhenium, and osmium porphyrin dimers provided some of the first insights into the vibrational characteristics of metal–metal multiple bonds.¹³ Remarkably, in spite of sustained attention over decades, significant questions remain relative to the energetics of δ bonds. (a) How much are typical δ – δ^* transition energies, especially as a function of different metals? (b) How much are typical singlet–triplet gaps? (c) What about the electrochemical HOMO–LUMO gaps? The last, in theory, would appear to be a simple matter; in practice, few quadruple-bonded systems exhibit clean, reversible reductions in their cyclic voltammo-

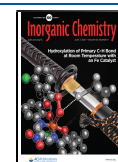
grams, thwarting a simple approach to answering the question. Here we report a new class of quadruple-bonded systems in the form of three rhenium *meso*-triarylcorrole dimers, one of which was characterized via single-crystal X-ray diffraction analysis. Electrochemical studies and density functional theory (DFT) calculations on the complexes have now provided some of the clearest answers yet to the above questions,^{14,15} as outlined below.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

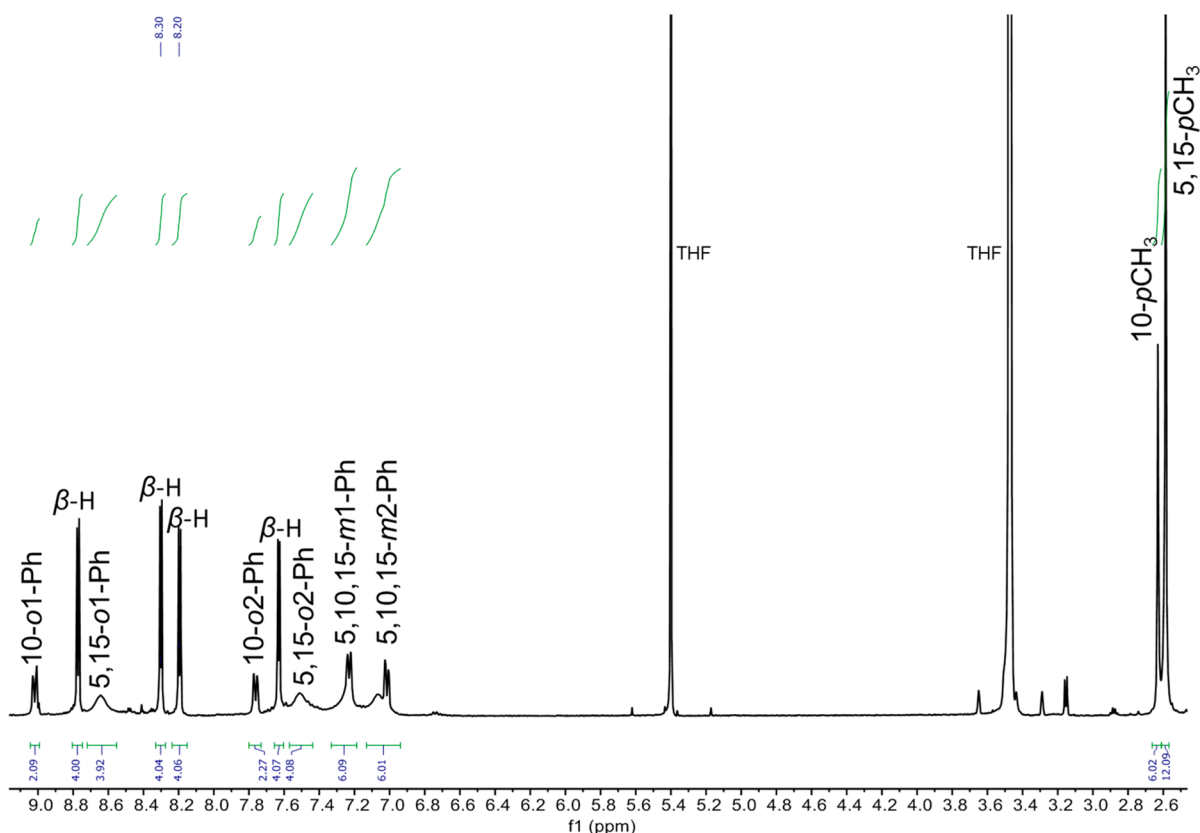
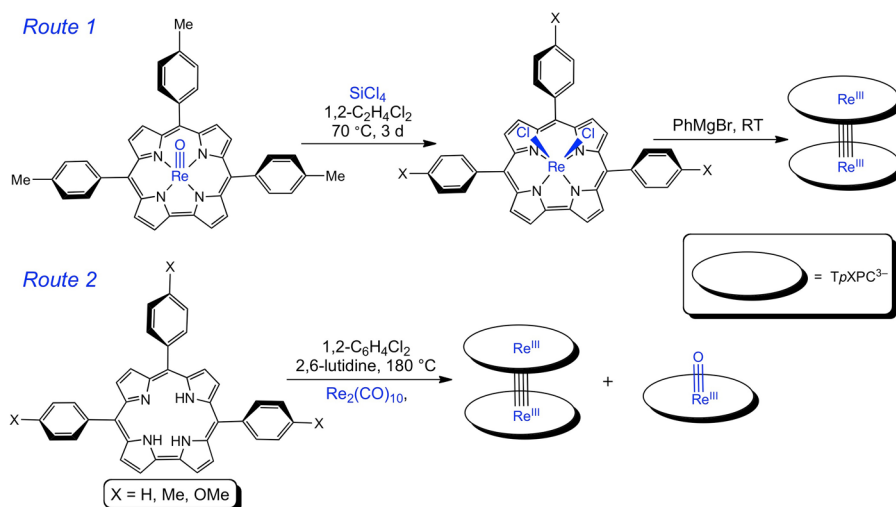
Synthesis and Proof of Structure. Ironically, given our long-standing interest in metal–metal multiple bonds,^{16,17} we stumbled upon the first quadruple-bonded metalcorrole dimer through sheer serendipity. Attempted derivatization of an ReCl_2 Viking helmet corrole (generated as described by Bröring and co-workers¹⁸) with PhMgBr failed to yield the expected RePh_2 product; mass spectrometric (MS) analysis of the products instead showed the presence of small quantities of what appeared to be a rhenium corrole dimer (Scheme 1). A further lucky break came, even before spectroscopic data were

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Scheme 1. Two Routes to Rhenium Corrole Dimers

Figure 1. ^1H NMR spectrum of $\{\text{Re}[\text{TpMePC}]\}_2$ in $\text{THF-}d_8$ at 298 K.

in place, in the form of a single-crystal X-ray diffraction structure, providing definitive proof of the formation of a multiple-bonded metallocorrole dimer.

Understandably, we sought a more rational route to the novel product. The interaction of free-base *meso*-tris(*p*-X-phenyl)corroles,^{19,20} $\text{H}_3[\text{TpXCH}_3\text{PC}]$ ($X = \text{H, Me, OMe}$), with $\text{Re}_2(\text{CO})_{10}$ in 1,2-dichlorobenzene in the presence of 2,6-lutidine at 150 °C under strictly anoxic conditions yielded traces of the dimers $\{\text{Re}[\text{TpXPC}]\}_2$ along with significant amounts of $\text{Re}[\text{TpXPC}](\text{O})$,²¹ the latter a testament to the exceedingly oxophilic nature of rhenium (Scheme 1). Increasing the temperature appeared to improve the yield of

the dimer; ultimately, reflux conditions (i.e., a temperature of 180 °C) were considered optimum, which reliably led to >10% yields of the dimer. The Re corrole dimers could be readily separated from the ReO corroles via column chromatography so the synthesis, in spite of the low yields, proved simple and untentious in practice.

The Re corrole dimers yielded reasonably sharp ^1H NMR spectra at room temperature (Figure 1), providing unambiguous proof that the compounds are diamagnetic, consistent with a $\sigma^2\pi^4\delta^2$ quadruple-bonded description. The spectra could be essentially fully assigned, revealing symmetry-related *meso*-triarylcorrole ligands in which the ortho and meta protons of

each phenyl ring are split into symmetry-distinct pairs, as is typical for square-pyramidally coordinated corrole derivatives.^{21–24} Unfortunately, the complex temperature-dependent dynamic behavior of the compounds prevented us from investigating the energetics of corrole rotation about the metal–metal axis, as was previously accomplished for Mo and W porphyrin dimers.^{10–12}

The X-ray structure of $\{\text{Re}[\text{TpMePC}]\}_2$ (space group *Pbcn*; Table 1 and Figure 2) indicated a dimer conformation with a

Table 1. Crystallographic Data for $\{\text{Re}[\text{TpCH}_3\text{PC}]\}_2$

chemical formula	$\text{C}_{82}\text{H}_{62}\text{N}_8\text{Cl}_4\text{Re}_2$
formula mass	1673.59
crystal system	orthorhombic
crystal size (mm^3)	$0.520 \times 0.060 \times 0.030$
space group	<i>Pbcn</i>
λ (Å)	0.7749
<i>a</i> (Å)	14.9614(9)
<i>b</i> (Å)	20.5775(13)
<i>c</i> (Å)	21.8546(13)
α (deg)	90
β (deg)	90
γ (deg)	90
<i>Z</i>	4
<i>V</i> (Å ³)	6728.3(7)
temperature (K)	100(2)
density (g/cm^3)	1.652
no. of measured reflns.	368715
no. of unique reflns.	8721
no. of parameters	436
no. of restraints	0
R_{int}	0.0772
θ range (deg)	2.032–31.617
R_1, wR_2 all data	0.1094, 0.2288
<i>S</i> (GOF) all data	1.077
max/min residual density ($\text{e}/\text{Å}^3$)	3.026/–2.096

crystallographically imposed center of symmetry: the preference for such a conformation is readily understandable in that it averts steric interactions between the 10-aryl groups. The metal–metal distance was found to be 2.236 Å, essentially identical with that found for Os corrole dimers.¹⁷ The distance

is also very close to twice Pyykkö's triple-bond covalent radius for Re (1.10 Å),²⁵ proving (as elsewhere in the literature^{7,9}) that the δ bond has little impact on the metal–metal distance. In other respects, the coordination geometry is unremarkable, with metal–nitrogen distances hovering around 2.00 Å, essentially the same as those in ReO corroles and a couple of hundredths of an angstrom longer than those in Os corrole dimers.¹⁷ Finally, the Re atom in $\{\text{Re}[\text{TpMePC}]\}_2$ is displaced by about 0.531 Å above the mean N_4 plane of the corrole, comparable to the analogous displacement of the metal in ReO ²¹ and OsN ²⁶ corroles as well as in Os corrole dimers.¹⁷

UV–Vis Spectroscopy and Electrochemistry. The optical spectra of the Re corrole dimers (Table 2 and Figure 3) proved rather unremarkable and qualitatively similar to those of their Os counterparts, with reasonably sharp Soret (405–408 nm) and Q (599–602 nm) bands. These are, however, hypsochromically and bathochromically shifted respectively relative to the main Soret (439–441 nm) and Q (585–592 nm) bands of the corresponding ReO corroles.²¹ No near-IR bands were evident up to 1200 nm.

Cyclic voltammetry, on the other hand, uncovered major differences among Re, Ru,^{16,27,28} and osmium¹⁷ corrole dimers (Table 2 and Figures 4 and 5).²⁹ The three classes of complexes all exhibit at least three reversible oxidations and one reversible reduction. Furthermore, for a given corrole ligand, the oxidation potentials were found to be nearly identical for the three metals, suggesting a lack of sensitivity to the nature of the metal–metal bonding and, hence, ligand-centered oxidation. The reduction potentials, in contrast, proved to be dramatically different for the three metals, being algebraically in the order $\text{Re} > \text{Ru} > \text{Os}$. The nearly 750-mV difference between the reduction potentials of Re and Os corrole dimers appears to be consistent with the thermodynamic ease of electron addition into the δ^* orbital of the former and the difficulty of electron addition to the much higher-energy π^* orbital of the latter.³⁰ For Ru, the reduction potential is not quite as negative as that for Os, in large part because an Ru–Ru π^* LUMO is less relativistically destabilized than its Os counterpart. The electrochemical HOMO–LUMO gaps, i.e., the algebraic difference between the oxidation and reduction potentials, accordingly, are dramatically different for the three metals, increasing in the

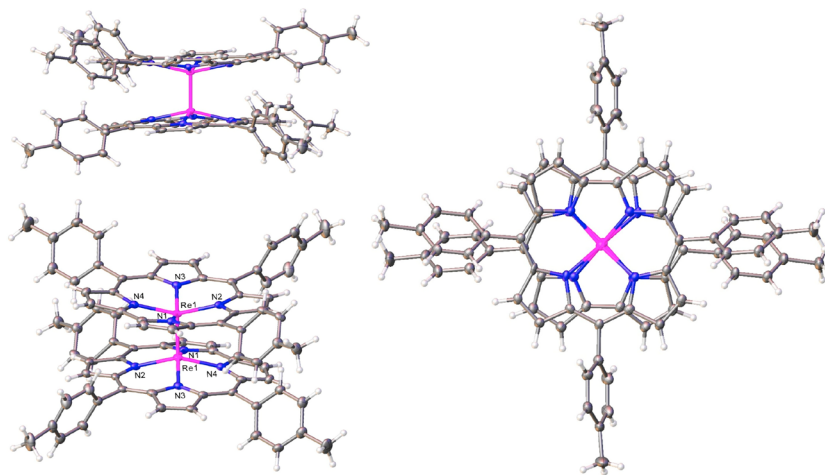
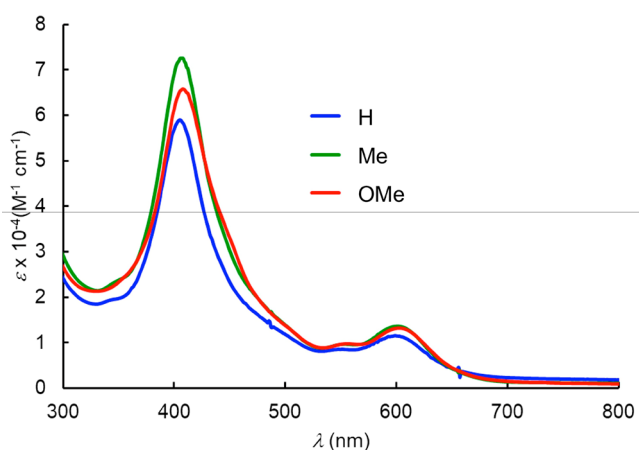
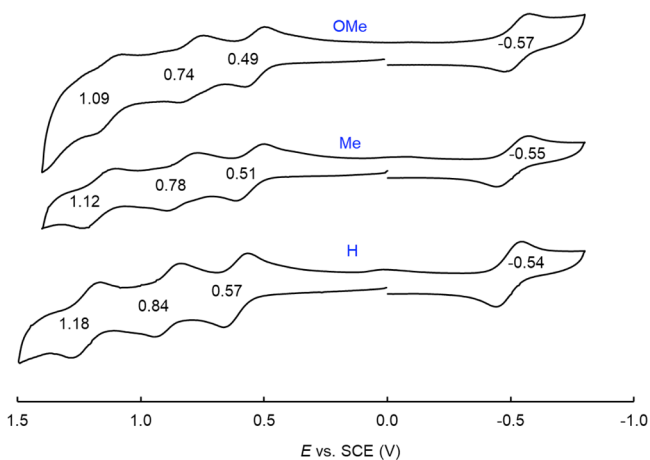


Figure 2. Thermal ellipsoid plots depicting three perspectives of $\{\text{Re}[\text{TpMePC}]\}_2$. Selected distances (Å): Re1–N1 2.010(8), Re1–N2 1.999(9), Re1–N3 2.030(9), Re1–N4 1.997(9), Re1–Re1 2.2364(6).

Table 2. Spectroscopic and Electrochemical Properties of $\{\text{Re}[\text{TpXPC}]\}_2$, $\{\text{Ru}[\text{TpXPC}]\}_2$, and $\{\text{Os}[\text{TpXPC}]\}_2$: Soret and Q Band λ_{max} (nm) and $E_{1/2}$ Values (V vs SCE)

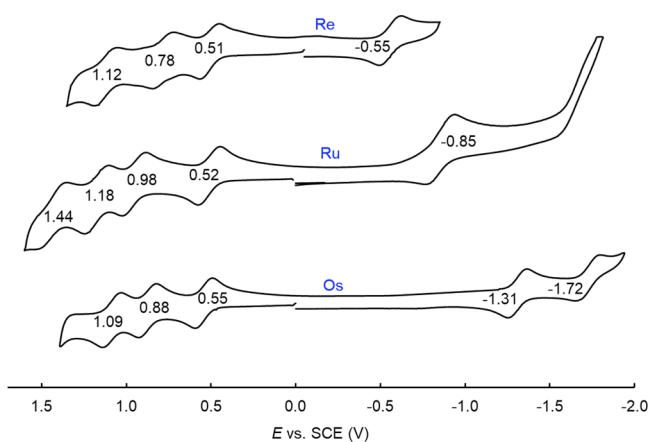
complex	λ_{max} (nm)		$E_{1/2\text{ox}4}$	$E_{1/2\text{ox}3}$	$E_{1/2\text{ox}2}$	$E_{1/2\text{ox}1}$	$E_{1/2\text{red}1}$	$E_{1/2\text{red}2}$	ΔE	ref ^a
	Soret	Q								
$\{\text{Re}[\text{TPC}]\}_2$	405	599		1.18	0.84	0.57	-0.54	<i>b</i>	1.11	tw
$\{\text{Re}[\text{TpMePC}]\}_2$	407	601		1.12	0.78	0.51	-0.55	<i>b</i>	1.06	tw
$\{\text{Re}[\text{TpOMePC}]\}_2$	408	602		1.09	0.74	0.49	-0.57	<i>b</i>	1.06	tw
$\{\text{Ru}[\text{TpCF}_3\text{PC}]\}_2$	328, 397	541		1.31	1.09	0.76	-0.63	-1.43	1.39	16
$\{\text{Ru}[\text{TPC}]\}_2$	328, 397	539	1.56	1.23	0.99	0.55	-0.86	-1.66	1.41	16
$\{\text{Ru}[\text{TpMePC}]\}_2$	329, 398	538	1.44	1.18	0.98	0.52	-0.85		1.37	16
$\{\text{Ru}[\text{TpOMePC}]\}_2$	329, 406	533	1.33	1.14	0.92	0.50	-0.86		1.36	16
$\{\text{Os}[\text{TpCF}_3\text{PC}]\}_2$	287, 407	583		1.28	1.01	0.79	-1.13	-1.54	1.92	17
$\{\text{Os}[\text{TPC}]\}_2$	287, 405	584		1.15	0.93	0.60	-1.29	-1.69	1.89	17
$\{\text{Os}[\text{TpMePC}]\}_2$	287, 407	584	1.35	1.09	0.88	0.55	-1.31	-1.72	1.86	17
$\{\text{Os}[\text{TpOMePC}]\}_2$	286, 407	585	1.28	1.05	0.85	0.54	-1.32	-1.73	1.86	17

^atw = this work. ^bA second reduction is partially discernible below -1.80 V, but it is not fully reversible at room temperature.

**Figure 3.** UV-vis spectra of $\{\text{Re}[\text{TpXPC}]\}_2$ in dichloromethane for X = H (blue), Me (green), and OMe (red).**Figure 4.** Cyclic voltammograms (V vs SCE) of $\{\text{Re}[\text{TpXPC}]\}_2$ for X = OMe, Me, and H in dichloromethane containing 0.1 M TBAP. Scan rate = 100 mV/s.

order $\text{Re} < \text{Ru} < \text{Os}$. Importantly, reversible reductions have rarely been observed for quadruple-bonded systems; the present study thus provides a unique measurement of the electrochemical HOMO-LUMO gap for such a system.

DFT Calculations. Scalar-relativistic DFT (OLYP/ZORA-STO-TZ2P) calculations¹⁴ were undertaken on the ground

**Figure 5.** Comparison of the cyclic voltammograms of $\{\text{M}[\text{TpMePC}]\}_2$ for M = Re, Ru, and Os.

state (C_{2h} , $S = 0$), lowest triplet state (C_2 , $S = 1$), and cationic and anionic states (each C_2 , $S = 1/2$) of $\{\text{Re}[\text{Cor}]\}_2$. The calculations revealed a small HOMO-LUMO gap (0.26 eV) that closely matched vertical S_0-S_1 (0.28) and S_0-T_1 (0.24 eV) gaps obtained from time-dependent DFT calculations. The adiabatic S_0-T_1 gap proved smaller, about 0.10 eV, in part reflecting the rotation³¹ of the two corrole rings relative to each other and the breaking of the δ bond. All of these energy gaps are considerably smaller than the electrochemical HOMO-LUMO gaps discussed above. That in itself, while interesting, is not particularly concerning, especially given the neglect of spin-orbit coupling in these calculations.

The major contribution of the calculations relates to the nature of the ionized states of $\{\text{Re}[\text{Cor}]\}_2$. While the calculated adiabatic ionization potential (5.88 eV) proved unremarkable (comparable to that of a variety of electron-rich porphyrin derivatives³²⁻³⁶), the electron affinity proved to be remarkably high (2.37 eV), indicating an unusually stable anionic state and in qualitative accord with the electrochemical data. Unsurprisingly, the spin density of the anionic state was found to correspond to electron addition to the δ^* orbital of the neutral dimer (Figure 6).³¹ The nature of the cationic state proved to be more intriguing. For the $\{\text{Re}[\text{Cor}]\}_2$ cation, each Re atom was found to carry just over one electron spin, while the two corroles together were found to carry just over one minority spin. In other words, the overall electronic

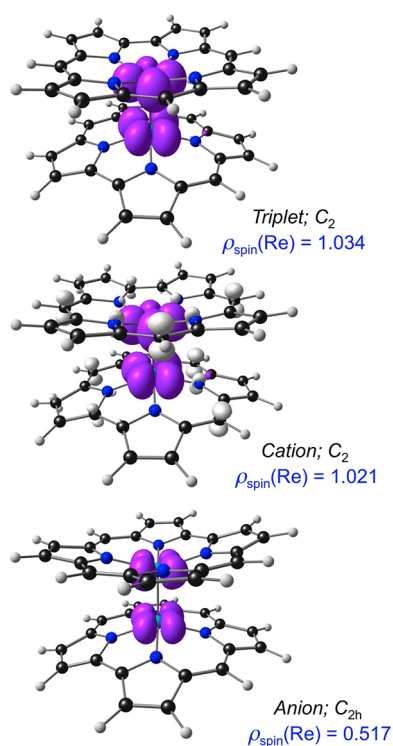


Figure 6. Spin-density profiles for the triplet, cationic, and anionic states of $\{\text{Re}[\text{Cor}]\}_2$. The majority and minority spin densities are shown in violet and ivory, respectively. Also shown are the effective point groups.

configuration appears to be $\delta(\uparrow)\delta^*(\uparrow)\pi(\downarrow)$, indicating a locally excited Re(III)–Re(III) axis antiferromagnetically coupled to a π radical spanning both corroles.^{37–42} Such a description presumably reflects the close spacing of molecular orbitals in the HOMO region of the neutral C_{2h} dimer and a pseudo-Jahn–Teller distortion leading to a C_2 cation.⁴³ Thus, the electrochemical HOMO–LUMO gap does not quite correspond to the δ – δ^* orbital energy gap but may be legitimately regarded as an approximation to the latter.

CONCLUSION

Porphyrin ligands permitted the synthesis of a variety of highly stable complexes with metal–metal multiple bonds, in turn permitting a variety of unique physicochemical measurements.^{9–12} Corroles now forcefully complement porphyrins in this role. The rhenium corrole dimers reported here are the first examples of quadruple-bonded metallocorrole dimers. The crystal structure of one such compound, $\{\text{Re}[\text{TpMePC}]\}_2$, revealed an Re–Re distance of 2.24 Å, which is essentially identical to the Os–Os distance in triple-bonded osmium corrole dimers. Electrochemical studies, on the other hand, revealed dramatically higher (i.e., less negative) reduction potentials relative to the Os compounds, reflecting electron addition to a δ^* LUMO in the Re case and to a π^* -based LUMO in the Os case. These studies also indicate unusually small electrochemical HOMO–LUMO gaps of 1.0–1.1 V in the Re case; these, surprisingly, rank among the first such measurements reported for quadruple-bonded transition-metal dimers, with porphyrin-type supporting ligands or otherwise.

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

Materials. Free-base corroles were synthesized via the so-called water–methanol method.²⁰ All other reagents were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich (Merck) and used as received. Silica gel 60 (0.04–0.063 mm particle size, 230–400 mesh, Merck) was employed for flash chromatography. Silica gel 60 preparative thin-layer chromatographic plates (20 cm \times 20 cm \times 0.5 mm, Merck) were used for final purification of all complexes.

Instrumental Methods. UV–vis spectra were recorded on a Cary 8454 spectrophotometer. ^1H NMR spectra were recorded on a 400 MHz Bruker Avance III HD spectrometer (equipped with a 5-mm BB/ ^1H SmartProbe) at a temperature of 298 K in tetrahydrofuran (THF)- d_8 and referenced to residual THF protons at 3.48 and 2.37 ppm. High-resolution (HR) mass spectra were recorded (typically in the positive-ion mode) on a Thermo LTQ Orbitrap XL spectrometer equipped with an electrospray ION MAX source. Elemental analyses were performed by Atlantic Microlab, Inc.

Cyclic voltammetry was carried out at 298 K with an EG&G model 263A potentiostat having a three-electrode system: a glassy carbon working electrode, a platinum wire counterelectrode, and a standard calomel reference electrode (SCE). Tetra-*n*-butylammonium perchlorate, recrystallized twice from absolute ethanol and dried in a desiccator for at least two weeks, was used as the supporting electrolyte. Anhydrous CH_2Cl_2 (Sigma-Aldrich) was used as a solvent. The reference electrode was separated from the bulk solution by a fritted-glass bridge filled with a saturated AgCl/KCl mixture. The electrolyte solution was purged with argon for at least 2 min, and all measurements were carried out under an argon blanket. All potentials were referenced to the SCE.

General Procedure for the Synthesis of $\{\text{Re}[\text{TpXPC}]\}_2$. To a two-necked 50-mL round-bottom flask were added the free-base corrole $\text{H}_3[\text{TpXPC}]$, where X = H, CH_3 , and OCH_3 (0.13 mmol), $\text{Re}_2(\text{CO})_{10}$ (0.26 mmol, 173 mg), 2,6-lutidine (0.1 mL), 1,2-dichlorobenzene (10 mL), and a magnetic stirring bar. The contents of the mixture were deoxygenated with a constant flow of argon for 10 min and subsequently heated (refluxed) at 180 °C for 4 h, with constant stirring under argon. Completion of the reaction was indicated by disappearance of the Soret absorption of the free-base corrole. Upon cooling, the reaction mixture was loaded directly onto a silica-gel column with *n*-hexane as the mobile phase. 1,2-Dichlorobenzene was first removed by eluting with pure *n*-hexane. Subsequently, 1:3 *n*-hexane/dichloromethane mixtures were used to elute the red ReO corrole and then the green Re corrole dimer. The Re corrole dimers were further purified via preparative thin-layer chromatography using 1:2 *n*-hexane/dichloromethane, giving final yields of >10%. Analytical details for the new compounds are as follows.

$\{\text{Re}[\text{TPC}]\}_2$. Yield: 11 mg (11.65%). UV–vis [CH_2Cl_2 ; λ_{max} nm (ϵ , $\times 10^{-4} \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$): 405 (5.90), 548 (0.85), 599 (1.15). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, 25 °C, THF- d_8): δ 9.02 (d, 4H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 4.00$ Hz, β -H), 8.86 (bs, 4H, β -H), 8.54 (d, 4H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 4.04$ Hz, β -H), 8.37 (bs, 4H, β -H), 8.17 (bs, 4H, 5,15-*o*-Ph), 8.07 (bs, 2H, 10-*o*-Ph), 7.81 (m, 6H, 5,10,15-*o*-Ph), 7.75 (bs, 6H, 5,10,15-*p*-Ph), 7.60 (m, 6H, 5,10,15-*m*1-Ph), 7.32 (m, 6H, 5,10,15-*m*2-Ph). Elem anal. found: C, 62.99; H, 3.62; N, 7.54. Calcd: C, 62.61; H, 3.27; N, 7.89. MS (ESI): $\text{M}^+ = 1420.2979$ (expt), 1420.2965 (calcd for $\text{C}_{74}\text{H}_{46}\text{N}_8\text{Re}_2$).

$\{\text{Re}[\text{TpMePC}]\}_2$. Yield: 10.2 mg (10.43%). UV–vis [CH_2Cl_2 ; λ_{max} nm (ϵ , $\times 10^{-4} \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$): 407 (7.25), 553 (0.96), 601 (1.36). ^1H NMR (400 MHz, 25 °C, THF- d_8): δ 9.02 (d, 2H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 9.00$ Hz, 10-*o*-Ph), 8.77 (d, 4H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 4.60$ Hz, β -H), 8.64 (bs, 4H, 5,15-*o*-Ph), 8.30 (d, 4H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 4.16$ Hz, β -H), 8.19 (d, 4H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 4.56$ Hz, β -H), 7.76 (d, 2H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.52$ Hz, 10-*o*-Ph), 7.63 (d, 4H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 4.16$ Hz, β -H), 7.51 (bs, 4H, 5,15-*o*-Ph), 7.23 (d, 6H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 7.04$ Hz, 5,10,15-*m*1-Ph), 7.13 (m, 6H, 5,10,15-*m*2-Ph), 2.63 (s, 6H, 10-*p*- CH_3), 2.59 (s, 12H, 5,15-*p*- CH_3). Elem anal. found: C, 63.99; H, 3.68; N, 7.34. Calcd: C, 63.90; H, 3.89; N, 7.05. MS (ESI): $\text{M}^+ = 1504.3918$ (expt), 1504.3906 (calcd for $\text{C}_{80}\text{H}_{58}\text{N}_8\text{Re}_2$).

$\{\text{Re}[\text{TpOMePC}]\}_2$. Yield: 12 mg (11.53%). UV–vis [CH_2Cl_2 ; λ_{max} nm (ϵ , $\times 10^{-4} \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$): 408 (6.57), 554 (0.92), 602 (1.31). ^1H

NMR (400 MHz, 25 °C, THF-*d*₈): δ 9.04 (d, 2H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8.72$ Hz, 10-*o*-1-Ph), 8.80 (d, 4H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 4.56$ Hz, β -H), 8.63 (bs, 4H, 5,15-*o*-1-Ph), 8.29 (d, 4H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 4.16$ Hz, β -H), 8.19 (d, 4H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 3.40$ Hz, β -H), 7.60 (bs, 4H, 5,15-*o*-2-Ph), 7.54 (d, 4H, $^3J_{\text{HH}} = 8.56$ Hz, β -H), 7.28 (bs, 6H, Ph), 7.16–6.96 (m, 8H, Ph), 4.03 (s, 6H, 10-*p*OCH₃), 3.99 (s, 12H, 5,15-*p*OCH₃). Elem. anal. found: C, 60.35; H, 3.72; N, 7.34. Calcd: C, 59.98; H, 3.61; N, 7.00. MS (ESI): M^+ = 1600.3617 (expt), 1600.3601 (calcd for C₈₀H₅₈O₈N₈Re₂).

Crystallization and Crystallography. X-ray data were collected on beamline 11.3.1 at the Advanced Light Source of Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Berkeley, CA. The samples were mounted on MiTeGen kapton loops and placed in a 100(2) K nitrogen cold stream provided by an Oxford Cryostream 700 Plus low-temperature apparatus on the goniometer head of a Bruker D8 diffractometer equipped with a PHOTONII CPAD detector. Diffraction data were collected using synchrotron radiation monochromated with silicon (111) to a wavelength of 0.7749(1) Å. An approximate full-sphere of data was collected using 1° ω scans. The structures were solved by intrinsic phasing methods (SHELXT)⁴⁴ and refined by full-matrix least squares on F^2 (SHELXL-2018).⁴⁵ H atoms were geometrically calculated and refined as riding atoms.

Computational Methods. DFT calculations were carried out with the ADF 2018 program system.⁴⁶ Relativistic effects were taken into account with the zeroth-order regular approximation (ZORA)⁴⁷ to the Dirac equation applied as a scalar correction. Specially optimized all-electron ZORA STO-TZ2P basis sets were used throughout. A variety of exchange-correlation functionals were tested; the results quoted are those for OLYP,^{48,49} one of the better generalized gradient approximations that we have extensively used in our studies of metalloporphyrin-type compounds.¹⁴

■ ASSOCIATED CONTENT

Supporting Information

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¹H NMR and HR-ESI-MS spectra and optimized Cartesian coordinates (PDF)

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