

**Quantitation of Ligand Effect in oxo-transfer reactions from dioxo-Mo(VI) trispyrazolyl borate complexes**

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**Supporting Information.**

**Table S1.** Phosphine parameters used in this investigation.

Phosphine	$\chi_d$	$\Theta$	$E_{ar}$	$\pi_p$
PMe <sub>3</sub>	8.55	118	0	0
PEt <sub>3</sub>	6.3	132	0	0
P <sup>n</sup> Bu <sub>3</sub>	5.25	136	0	0
PPh <sub>3</sub>	13.25	145	2.7	0
P(OMe) <sub>3</sub>	17.7	107	1	2.8
PMePh <sub>2</sub>	12.6	136	2.2	0
PEtPh <sub>2</sub>	11.1	140	2.3	0
PMe <sub>2</sub> Ph	10.5	122	1	0
PEt <sub>2</sub> Ph	8.6	136	1.1	0
P(OEt) <sub>2</sub> Ph	15	121	1.7	1.9
P(OMe) <sub>2</sub> Ph	16.4	120	1.7	1.9

**Table S2.** Phosphine oxide parameters used in this investigation.

Phosphine oxide	pK <sub>a</sub>	$\Theta$	$E_{ar}$	$\pi_p$
OPMe <sub>3</sub>	0.72	115.2	0	0
OPMe <sub>2</sub> Ph	-0.49	111.7	1	0
OPEt <sub>3</sub>	0.72	113.5	0	0
PEt <sub>2</sub> Ph	-7.98	111.7 <sup>a</sup>	1.1	0
OPBu <sup>n</sup> <sub>3</sub>	0.77	113.5 <sup>a</sup>	0	0
PMe Ph <sub>2</sub>	-1.28	123	2.2	0
PEtPh <sub>2</sub>	-7.98	123 <sup>a</sup>	2.3	0

**Table S3:** Variable Temperature rate constants of the reaction of Tp<sup>Me2</sup>MoO<sub>2</sub>(SPh) with PEtPh<sub>2</sub> in acetonitrile ([Tp<sup>Me2</sup>MoO<sub>2</sub>(SPh)] ~ 3.16 μM).

temp (°C)	k (M*sec) <sup>-1</sup>	k x10 <sup>5</sup> sec <sup>-1</sup>	lnk	ln(kh/k <sub>b</sub> T)
14.5	0.0545	17.2	-8.67	-38.09
20	0.0752	23.8	-8.34	-37.78
26.5	0.126	39.9	-7.83	-37.29
31	0.210	66.3	-7.32	-36.80

lnA, 15.8 (±2.4); E<sub>a</sub>, 58.7 (±6.7) kJ/mol (R<sup>2</sup> = 98.9); ΔH<sup>‡</sup>, 59.0 (±5.1) kJ/mol; ΔS<sup>‡</sup>, -112.4 (±17.1) J\* mol<sup>-1</sup>\*K<sup>-1</sup> (R<sup>2</sup> = 99); ΔG<sup>‡</sup><sub>298</sub>, 92.5 kJ/mol.

**Table S4:** Variable Temperature rate constants of the reaction of Tp<sup>Me2</sup>MoO<sub>2</sub>(SPh) with PMe<sub>3</sub> in acetonitrile ([Tp<sup>Me2</sup>MoO<sub>2</sub>(SPh)] ~ 3.16 μM) (determined at 726 nm)

temp (°C)	k (M*sec) <sup>-1</sup>	k x10 <sup>5</sup> sec <sup>-1</sup>	lnk	ln(kh/k <sub>b</sub> T)
10.5	0.0744	23.5	-8.36	-37.76

20	0.3855	122	-6.71	-36.15
40	0.4828	152	-6.49	-35.99

$\ln A, 9.8 (\pm 11.5)$ ;  $E_a, 41.7 (\pm 28.2)$  kJ/mol ( $R^2 = 83$ );  $\Delta H^\ddagger, 39.2 (\pm 28.1)$  kJ/mol;  $\Delta S^\ddagger, -172.1 (\pm 94.9)$  J\* $\text{mol}^{-1}$ \* $\text{K}^{-1}$  ( $R^2 = 81$ );  $\Delta G^\ddagger_{298}, 92.53$  kJ/mol.

**Table S5:** Variable Temperature rate constants of the reaction of  $\text{Tp}^{\text{Me}_2}\text{MoO}_2(\text{OPh})$  with  $\text{PMe}_3$  in acetonitrile.

temp ( $^\circ\text{C}$ )	$k$ ( $\text{M}^*\text{sec}^{-1}$ )	$k \times 10^5$ ( $\text{sec}^{-1}$ )	$\ln k$	$\ln(kh/k_bT)$
4	0.0039	1.3	-11.26	-40.64
10	0.0151	5.1	-9.88	-39.29
18	0.0342	12.4	-9.00	-38.43
22.5	0.0418	15.1	-8.80	-38.25
27.5	0.0386	17.8	-8.63	-38.10

$\ln A, 22.03 (\pm 5.8)$ ;  $E_a, 75.8 (\pm 13.9)$  kJ/mol ( $R^2 = 95.3$ );  $\Delta H^\ddagger, 73.3 (\pm 13.9)$  kJ/mol;  $\Delta S^\ddagger, -70.25 (\pm 48.9)$  J\* $\text{mol}^{-1}$ \* $\text{K}^{-1}$  ( $R^2 = 95.0$ );  $\Delta G^\ddagger_{298}, 94.27$  kJ/mol.

**Table S6:** Variable Temperature rate constants of the reaction of  $\text{TpMe}_2\text{MoO}_2(\text{OPh})$  with  $\text{PMe}_2\text{Ph}$  in acetonitrile.

temp ( $^\circ\text{C}$ )	$k$ ( $\text{M}^*\text{sec}^{-1}$ )	$k \times 10^5$ ( $\text{sec}^{-1}$ )	$\ln k$	$\ln(kh/k_bT)$
6	0.01448	4.8	-9.94	-39.33
11.5	0.02120	7.1	-9.56	-38.97
17.9	0.03969	13.3	-8.93	-38.36
22	0.06524	20.5	-8.49	-37.94

$\ln A, 16.75 (\pm 1.9)$ ;  $E_a, 62.08 (\pm 4.6)$  kJ/mol ( $R^2 = 99.5$ );  $\Delta H^\ddagger, 59.9 (\pm 4.5)$  kJ/mol;  $\Delta S^\ddagger, -113.61 (\pm 15.6)$  J\* $\text{mol}^{-1}$ \* $\text{K}^{-1}$  ( $R^2 = 99.5$ );  $\Delta G^\ddagger_{298}, 93.57$  kJ/mol.

**Table S7:** Variable Temperature rate constants of the reaction of  $\text{Tp}^{\text{Me}_2}\text{MoO}_2(\text{OPh})$  with  $\text{PEt}_3$  in acetonitrile.

temp ( $^\circ\text{C}$ )	$k$ ( $\text{M}^*\text{sec}^{-1}$ )	$k \times 10^5$ ( $\text{sec}^{-1}$ )	$\ln k$	$\ln(kh/k_bT)$
7.5	0.00747	2.5	-10.58	-39.98
12	0.00793	2.7	-10.52	-39.93
17	0.01588	5.4	-9.83	-39.26
19	0.02879	9.8	-9.23	-38.67
23	0.02746	9.3	-9.28	-38.73

$\ln A, 18.9 (\pm 6.4)$ ;  $E_a, 69.16 (\pm 15.3)$  kJ/mol ( $R^2 = 93.4$ );  $\Delta H^\ddagger, 66.8 (\pm 15.1)$  kJ/mol;  $\Delta S^\ddagger, -95.3 (\pm 52.3)$  J\* $\text{mol}^{-1}$ \* $\text{K}^{-1}$  ( $R^2 = 93.1$ );  $\Delta G^\ddagger_{298}, 95.28$  kJ/mol.

**Table S8:** Variable Temperature rate constants of the reaction of  $\text{Tp}^{\text{Me}_2}\text{MoO}_2(\text{OPh})$  with  $\text{PEt}_2\text{Ph}$  in acetonitrile.

temp (°C)	k $\text{M}^*\text{sec}^{-1}$	k x $10^5\text{sec}^{-1}$	lnk	ln(kh/k <sub>b</sub> T)
12.5	0.00583	1.9	-10.85	-28.96
17.5	0.00863	2.9	-10.46	-28.55
23.5	0.01517	4.8	-9.95	-28.02
31	0.030501	7.9	-9.44	-27.48

lnA, 12.5 ( $\pm 0.5$ );  $E_a$ , 55.50 ( $\pm 1.3$ ) kJ/mol ( $R^2 = 99.9$ );  $\Delta H^\ddagger$ , 58.2 ( $\pm 1.2$ ) kJ/mol;  $\Delta S^\ddagger$ , -36.9 ( $\pm 4.2$ )  $\text{J}^*\text{mol}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$  ( $R^2 = 99.9$ );  $\Delta G^\ddagger_{298}$ , 69.23 kJ/mol.

**Table S9:** Variable Temperature rate constants of the reaction of  $\text{Tp}^{\text{Me}_2}\text{MoO}_2(\text{OPh})$  with  $\text{PMePh}_2$  in acetonitrile.

temp (°C)	k ( $\text{M}^*\text{sec}^{-1}$ )	k x $10^5(\text{sec})^{-1}$	lnk	ln(kh/k <sub>b</sub> T)
10	0.0039	1.29	-11.26	-29.37
16	0.0055	1.82	-10.91	-29.01
22	0.0101	3.17	-10.36	-28.43
27	0.0143	4.75	-9.96	-28.01
31	0.0147	4.86	-9.93	-27.97

lnA, 9.71 ( $\pm 1.9$ );  $E_a$ , 49.4 ( $\pm 4.7$ ) kJ/mol ( $R^2 = 98.7$ );  $\Delta H^\ddagger$ , 51.9 ( $\pm 4.8$ ) kJ/mol;  $\Delta S^\ddagger$ , -60.8 ( $\pm 16.4$ )  $\text{J}^*\text{mol}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$  ( $R^2 = 98.7$ );  $\Delta G^\ddagger_{298}$ , 70.09 kJ/mol.

**Table S10.** Variable Temperature rate constants of the reaction of  $\text{Tp}^{\text{Me}_2}\text{MoO}_2(\text{OPh})$  with  $\text{PEtPh}_2$  in acetonitrile.

temp (°C)	k ( $\text{M}^*\text{sec}^{-1}$ )	k x $10^5(\text{sec})^{-1}$	lnk	ln(kh/k <sub>b</sub> T)
10	0.0013	0.43	-12.35	-30.47
16	0.00193	0.65	-11.94	-30.04
26	0.00364	1.24	-11.30	-29.36
31	0.0064	2.12	-10.76	-28.80

lnA, 9.9 ( $\pm 1.8$ );  $E_a$ , 52.4 ( $\pm 4.4$ ) kJ/mol ( $R^2 = 99.3$ );  $\Delta H^\ddagger$ , 55.2 ( $\pm 4.5$ ) kJ/mol;  $\Delta S^\ddagger$ , -58.6 ( $\pm 15.2$ )  $\text{J}^*\text{mol}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$  ( $R^2 = 99.3$ );  $\Delta G^\ddagger_{298}$ , 72.69 kJ/mol.

**Table S11.** Variable Temperature rate constants for the solvation reaction of  $\text{Tp}^{\text{Me}_2}\text{MoOCl}(\text{OPMe}_3)$  to  $\text{Tp}^{\text{Me}_2}\text{MoOCl}(\text{NCMe})$

T (°C)	k· $10^5$ ( $\text{sec}^{-1}$ )	lnk	ln(kh/k <sub>b</sub> T)
20	4.12	-10.10	-39.54
26	8.33	-9.39	-38.85
32	17.00	-8.68	-38.16
37	31.30	-8.069	-37.57

$\ln A$ , 26.9 ( $\pm 0.54$ );  $E_a$ , 90.1 ( $\pm 1.3$ ) kJ/mol ( $R^2=99.9$ );  $\Delta H^\ddagger$ , 87.4 ( $\pm 1.2$ ) kJ/mol;  $\Delta S^\ddagger$ , -30.6 ( $\pm 4.0$ ) J\* $\text{mol}^{-1}$ \* $\text{K}^{-1}$  ( $R^2=99.9$ );  $\Delta G^\ddagger_{298}$ , 96.6 kJ/mol.

**Table S12.** Variable Temperature rate constants for the solvation reaction of  $\text{Tp}^{\text{Me}_2}\text{MoOCl}(\text{OPMe}_2\text{Ph})$  to  $\text{Tp}^{\text{Me}_2}\text{MoOCl}(\text{NCMe})$ .

T (°C)	$k \cdot 10^5$ ( $\text{sec}^{-1}$ )	$\ln k$	$\ln(kh/k_bT)$
9	3.30	-10.32	-39.72
16	8.04	-9.43	-38.86
21	18.0	-8.62	-38.08
32	54.9	-7.51	-36.99

$\ln A$ , 27.4 ( $\pm 2.0$ );  $E_a$ , 88.4 ( $\pm 4.8$ ) kJ/mol ( $R^2 = 99.7$ );  $\Delta H^\ddagger$ , 88.9 ( $\pm 4.5$ ) kJ/mol;  $\Delta S^\ddagger$ , -25.6 ( $\pm 15.6$ ) J\* $\text{mol}^{-1}$ \* $\text{K}^{-1}$  ( $R^2 = 99.7$ );  $\Delta G^\ddagger_{298}$ , 96.5 kJ/mol.

**Table S13.** Variable Temperature rate constants for the solvation reaction of  $\text{Tp}^{\text{Me}_2}\text{MoOCl}(\text{OPEt}_3)$  to  $\text{Tp}^{\text{Me}_2}\text{MoOCl}(\text{NCMe})$ .

T (°C)	$k \cdot 10^5$ ( $\text{sec}^{-1}$ )	$\ln k$	$\ln(kh/k_bT)$
9	2.24	-10.71	-40.11
16	6.52	-9.638	-39.06
21	12.1	-9.021	-38.46
32	33.6	-7.99	-37.48

$\ln A$ , 25.0 ( $\pm 2.6$ );  $E_a$ , 84.0 ( $\pm 6.3$ ) kJ/mol ( $R^2 = 99.4$ );  $\Delta H^\ddagger$ , 81.13 ( $\pm 6.6$ ) kJ/mol;  $\Delta S^\ddagger$ , -44.7 ( $\pm 22.5$ ) J\* $\text{mol}^{-1}$ \* $\text{K}^{-1}$  ( $R^2 = 99.3$ );  $\Delta G^\ddagger_{298}$ , 94.5 kJ/mol.

**Table S14.** Variable Temperature rate constants for the solvation reaction of  $\text{Tp}^{\text{Me}_2}\text{MoOCl}(\text{OPEt}_2\text{Ph})$  to  $\text{Tp}^{\text{Me}_2}\text{MoOCl}(\text{NCMe})$ .

T (°C)	T (1/K)	$k \cdot 10^5$ ( $\text{sec}^{-1}$ )	$\ln k$	$\ln(kh/k_bT)$
9	0.003544	10.2	-9.19	-38.60
16	0.003458	26.00	-8.25	-37.68
21	0.0034	56.6	-7.48	-36.92
32	0.003277	190.3	-6.26	-35.75

$\ln A$ , 29.9 ( $\pm 1.4$ );  $E_a$ , 91.77 ( $\pm 3.4$ ) kJ/mol ( $R^2 = 99.8$ );  $\Delta H^\ddagger$ , 89.3 ( $\pm 3.7$ ) kJ/mol;  $\Delta S^\ddagger$ , -4.0 ( $\pm 12.7$ ) J\* $\text{mol}^{-1}$ \* $\text{K}^{-1}$  ( $R^2 = 99.8$ );  $\Delta G^\ddagger_{298}$ , 91.8 kJ/mol.

**Table S15.** Variable Temperature rate constants for the solvation reaction  $\text{Tp}^{\text{Me}_2}\text{MoOCl}(\text{OPBu}^n_3)$  to  $\text{Tp}^{\text{Me}_2}\text{MoOCl}(\text{NCMe})$

T (°C)	T (1/K)	$k \cdot 10^5$ (sec <sup>-1</sup> )	lnk	ln(kh/k <sub>b</sub> T)
16	0.003458	6.60	-9.63	-39.05
21	0.0034	12.60	-8.98	-38.42
26	0.003343	18.50	-8.60	-38.06
32	0.003277	44.60	-7.72	-37.20

lnA, 25.7 (±3.0); E<sub>a</sub>, 84.9 (±7.3) kJ/mol (R<sup>2</sup> =99.3); ΔH<sup>‡</sup>, 82.9 (±7.3) kJ/mol; ΔS<sup>‡</sup>, -40.5 (±24.8) J\* $\text{mol}^{-1}$ \*K<sup>-1</sup> (R<sup>2</sup> =99.2); ΔG<sup>‡</sup><sub>298</sub>, 94.23 kJ/mol.

**Table S16.** Variable Temperature rate constants for the solvation reaction  $\text{Tp}^{\text{Me}_2}\text{MoOCl}(\text{OPMePh}_2)$  to  $\text{Tp}^{\text{Me}_2}\text{MoOCl}(\text{NCMe})$ .

T (°C)	$k \cdot 10^5$ (sec <sup>-1</sup> )	lnk	ln(kh/k <sub>b</sub> T)
16	57.50	-7.46	-36.89
21	107.5	-6.84	-36.28
27	190.9	-6.26	-35.73
32	303.0	-5.80	-35.28

lnA,  
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0 (±1.2); E<sub>a</sub>, 75.6 (±3.1) kJ/mol (R<sup>2</sup> =99.8); ΔH<sup>‡</sup>, 73.1 (±3.3) kJ/mol; ΔS<sup>‡</sup>, -53.3 (±11.0) J\* $\text{mol}^{-1}$ \*K<sup>-1</sup> (R<sup>2</sup> =99.8); ΔG<sup>‡</sup><sub>298</sub>, 98.06 kJ/mol.

**Table S17:** Variable Temperature rate constants for the solvation reaction  $\text{Tp}^{\text{Me}_2}\text{MoOCl}(\text{OPEtPh}_2)$  to  $\text{Tp}^{\text{Me}_2}\text{MoOCl}(\text{NCMe})$ .

T (°C)	$k \cdot 10^5$ (sec <sup>-1</sup> )	lnk	ln(kh/k <sub>b</sub> T)
16	117.3	-6.75	-36.18
21	237.6	-6.04	-35.49
27	416.1	-5.48	-34.95
32	693.4	-4.97	-34.45

lnA, 26.7 (±1.9); E<sub>a</sub>, 80.13 (±4.8) kJ/mol (R<sup>2</sup> = 99.6); ΔH<sup>‡</sup>, 80.1 (±4.8) kJ/mol; ΔS<sup>‡</sup>, -31.1 (±15.8) J\* $\text{mol}^{-1}$ \*K<sup>-1</sup> (R<sup>2</sup> = 99.6); ΔG<sup>‡</sup><sub>298</sub>, 89.4 kJ/mol.

**Table S18.** Variable Temperature rate constants for the solvation reaction of  $\text{Tp}^{\text{Me}_2}\text{MoO}(\text{SPh})(\text{OPEtPh}_2)$  to  $\text{Tp}^{\text{Me}_2}\text{MoO}(\text{SPh})(\text{NCMe})$ .

T (°C)	$k \cdot 10^5$ (sec <sup>-1</sup> )	lnk	ln(kh/k <sub>b</sub> T)
14.5	151.4	-6.49	-35.91
20	332.1	-5.71	-35.15
26.5	754.2	-4.89	-34.35
31	1498.2	-4.20	-33.68

lnA, 35.3 (±1.2); E<sub>a</sub>, 99.6 (±2.9) kJ/mol (R<sup>2</sup> =99.9); ΔH<sup>‡</sup>, 97.0 (±2.8) kJ/mol; ΔS<sup>‡</sup>, 38.6 (±9.5) J\*mol<sup>-1</sup>\*K<sup>-1</sup> (R<sup>2</sup> =99.9); ΔG<sup>‡</sup><sub>298</sub>, 85.49 kJ/mol.

**Table S19.** Acetonitrile Dependence on the Solvation of  $\text{Tp}^{\text{Me}_2}\text{MoOCl}(\text{OPMe}_3)$  to  $\text{Tp}^{\text{Me}_2}\text{MoOCl}(\text{NCMe})$

[ $\text{Tp}^{\text{Me}_2}\text{MoOCl}(\text{OPMe}_3)$ ] (M)	[MeCN] (M)	$k \cdot 10^5$ (M·sec) <sup>-1</sup>
0.003059	0.2	5.82
0.00516	3.8	13.67
0.005736	7.6	14.02
0.004015	11.42	21.67
0.004971	15.2	19.06
0.00325	17.1	23.04
0.00516	19.0	31.45