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## Tetraphenylstibonium Dimesylaminide–Chloroform (1/1)

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Abstract.  $[Sb(C_6H_5)_4][C_2H_6NO_4S_2].CHCl_3$ ,  $M_r = 721.74$ , monoclinic,  $P2_1/n$ , a = 8.309 (5), b = 23.484 (9), c = 15.385 (9) Å,  $\beta = 93.05$  (5)°, V = 2998 (3) Å<sup>3</sup>, Z = 4,  $D_x = 1.599$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>,  $\lambda$ (Mo Ka) = 0.71073 Å,  $\mu = 1.36$  mm<sup>-1</sup>, F(000) = 1448, T = 291 (1) K, final R = 0.045 for 3671 unique observed  $[F \ge 3.0\sigma(F)]$  diffractometer data. The crystal structure of the title compound consists of Ph<sub>4</sub>Sb cations, N(SO\_2CH\_3)\_2 anions and chloroform as solvate molecules. The S-N bonds in the anion [bond angle S-N-S: 121.4 (3)°] are short, the S-N distances of 1.576 (5) and 1.591 (5) Å correlating with a bond order of about 1.72 to 1.85.

**Introduction.** Disulfonylamides  $HN(SO_2R)_2$ , which are strong protic compounds  $(pK_a \leq 3)$ , form covalent derivatives  $XN(SO_2R)_2$  and salt-like compounds with metal cations, with complex cations, and with onium ions (Helferich & Flechsig, 1942; Blaschette, Wieland, Seurig, Koch & Safari, 1983). A key to the better understanding of the behavior of such compounds is an improved knowledge of the bonding situation at the nitrogen atom. In this respect we are studying structures of covalent and ionic derivatives of dimesylamine  $HN(SO_2CH_3)_2$  and report here on the preparation and solid-state structure of the title compound.

**Experimental.** [Ph<sub>4</sub>Sb][N(SO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>].CHCl<sub>3</sub> crystallizes from a solution of 5 mmol Ph<sub>5</sub>Sb.0·5C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>12</sub> and 5 mmol dimesylamine in CHCl<sub>3</sub> after addition of petroleum ether. Crystal size ~0·34 × 0·10 × 0·13 mm,  $\omega/2\theta$  scan, scan speed 1·8–3·7° min<sup>-1</sup> in  $\theta$ , Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer, graphite-monochromated Mo K $\alpha$ ; lattice parameters from least-squares fit with 25 reflections up to  $2\theta = 24.5^{\circ}$ ; six standard reflections recorded every 2·5 h, only random deviations; 11247 reflections measured, 1·0°  $\leq \theta \leq 25.0^{\circ}$ ,  $-9 \leq h \leq 9$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq 27$ ,  $-18 \leq l \leq 18$ ; after averaging ( $R_{int} = 0.025$ ): 5284 unique reflections, 3671 with  $F \geq 3.0\sigma(F)$ ; Lorentz-polarization correction and

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absorption correction via  $\psi$  scans, max./min. transmission 1.00/0.96; systematic absences (h0l, h+l= 2n+1; 0k0, k = 2n+1) conform to space group  $P2_1/n$ ; structure solutions via direct methods,  $\Delta F$ syntheses and full-matrix least-squares refinement with anisotropic temperature factors for all non-H atoms and a common isotropic temperature factor for H atoms which were placed in geometrically calculated positions (C-H 0.96 Å); the phenyl groups were refined as rigid bodies (C-C 1.395 Å, angles 120°); refinement on F with 3671 reflections and 296 refined parameters;  $w = 1.00/[\sigma^2(F) + (0.0005F^2)]$ ; S = 1.30, R = 0.045, wR = 0.043,  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} = 0.04$ , no extinction correction; largest peak in final  $\Delta F$  map  $\pm 0.6$  (3) e Å<sup>-3</sup>, atomic scattering factors for neutral atoms and real and imaginary dispersion terms from International Tables for X-ray Crystallography (1974); programs: Enraf-Nonius Structure Determination Package (Frenz, 1985) for data reduction, PARST (Nardelli, 1983), SHELXTL PLUS (Sheldrick, 1987).

**Discussion.** The molecule and the numbering scheme are shown in Fig. 1 and a stereoscopic view of the unit cell is in Fig. 2. Positional parameters and the equivalent isotropic values of the anisotropic tempera-



Fig. 1. The title molecule and numbering scheme.

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Sb(1)

S(1)

S(2) O(1)

O(2) O(3)

O(4)

N(1) C(1)

C(2)

C(12) C(13)

C(14)

C(15) C(16)

C(11) C(22)

C(23)

C(24) C(25)

C(26)

C(21) C(32)

C(33)

C(34)

C(35)

C(36) C(31)

C(42)

C(43) C(44)

C(45)

C(46) C(41)

Cl(1) Cl(2)

Cl(3)

C(3)

ture factors for the non-H atoms are given in Table 1.\* Bond lengths and angles are given in Table 2. The crystal structure contains one short  $O(1)\cdots H(12)$ -(1+x, y, z) distance  $[2\cdot333(6)\text{ Å}]$  and one short  $N(1)\cdots H(3)(0\cdot5-x, 0\cdot5+y, 0\cdot5-z)$  distance  $[2\cdot306(9)\text{ Å}]$ .

The unit cell of the compound contains four  $Ph_4Sb$  cations, four  $(CH_3SO_2)_2N$  anions and four molecules of chloroform. The Sb–C bond lengths [mean 2.076 (4) Å] of the distorted tetrahedral  $Ph_4Sb$  cations [average C–Sb–C 109.4 (2)°, range of individual C–Sb–C angles 102.2 (2)–116.5 (2)°] are shorter than those found in five-coordinated tetraphenyl-antimony compounds [Sb–C 2.108 (6)–2.218 (5) Å (Rüther, Huber & Preut, 1985; Beauchamp, Bennett & Cotton, 1969; Kopf, Vetter & Klar, 1974; Ferguson & Hawley, 1974)].

The S–N–S angle  $[121.4 (3)^{\circ}]$  in the  $(CH_3SO_2)_2N$ anion is smaller than the appropriate angles found in the comparable compounds  $(C_2H_5SO_2)_2NH$  (I)  $[125.3 (1)^{\circ}$  (Blaschette, Wieland, Schomburg & Adelhelm, 1986)] and  $(CH_3SO_2)_2NH.H_2O$  (II)  $[125.0 (1)^{\circ}$  (Attig & Mootz, 1975)].

The S–N bond lengths [1.576 (5) and 1.591 (5) Å] are significantly shorter than in compounds (I) [1.642 (2) and 1.649 (2) Å], (II) [1.645 (1) Å] and  $(C_6H_5SO_2)_2NH$  [1.650 (5) Å (Cotton & Stokely, 1970)], and can be correlated with a bond order of about 1.72 to 1.85 [calculation according to Pauling (1968)]. S–N bond lengths similar to those in the title compound have been found in LiN(SO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>.H<sub>2</sub>O [1.599 (1) Å (Blaschette, Schomburg & Kassomenakis, 1988)], [(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>Sn(OH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]N(SO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> [1.592 (3) Å (Blaschette, Schomburg & Wieland, 1988*a*; Wieland, 1986)], NaN(SO<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub> [1.580 (5) Å (Cotton & Stokely, 1970)] and (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>SnN(SO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> [S–N 1.610 (3) Å (Blaschette, Schomburg & Wieland, 1988*b*)]. In the title compound as well as in the other

\* Lists of H-atom coordinates, anisotropic thermal parameters and structure factor amplitudes have been deposited with the British Library Document Supply Centre as Supplementary Publication No. SUP 51711 (19 pp.). Copies may be obtained through The Executive Secretary, International Union of Crystallography, 5 Abbey Square, Chester CH1 2HU, England.



Fig. 2. A stereoview of the unit cell.

Table 1. Atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic thermal parameters  $(Å^2 \times 10^3)$ 

| $U_{eq} =$ | $(1/3)(U_{11})$ | $+ U_{22}$ | $+ U_{33}$ ). |
|------------|-----------------|------------|---------------|
|------------|-----------------|------------|---------------|

| x               |                   | у                      | Ζ         | U.  |
|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------|-----------|-----|
| 0.03502         | 2 (4) 0.0         | 8244 (2) 0-            | 25587 (2) | 41  |
| 0.8533          | (2) 0.2           | 4847 (7) 0.            | 1350 (1)  | 51  |
| 0-7083          | (2) 0.3           | 5365 (7) 0-            | 1126 (1)  | 52  |
| 0.8620          | (5) 0.2           | 067 (2) 0              | 2036 (3)  | 76  |
| 0.7799          | (7) 0.2           | 299 (2) 0-             | 0539 (3)  | 89  |
| 0.8079          | (6) 0.3           | 658 (2) 0-             | 0419 (3)  | 75  |
| 0.6793          | (6) 0.4           | 001(2) 0-              | 1698 (4)  | 85  |
| 0.7723          | (6) 0.3           | 029 (2) 0-             | 1736 (3)  | 50  |
| 1.0533          | (8) 0.2           | 674 (3) 0-             | 1170 (5)  | 72  |
| 0.5196          | (8) 0.3           | 320(3) 0.              | 0655 (4)  | 68  |
| -0.2372         | (5) 0.12          | 273 (1) 0.             | 3618 (2)  | 52  |
| -0.3547         | (5) 0.1           | 237 (1) 0-             | 4231 (2)  | 58  |
| -0.3608         | (5) 0.0           | 762(1) 0-              | 4771 (2)  | 58  |
| -0.2494         | (5) 0.0           | 322 (1) 0.             | 4700 (2)  | 62  |
| -0.1319         | (5) 0.0           | 358(1) 0-              | 4087 (2)  | 53  |
| -0.1258         | (5) 0.03          | 834(1) 0-              | 3546 (2)  | 40  |
| 0.1206          | (4) -0.04         | 432 (2) 0-             | 2489 (3)  | 52  |
| 0.2216          | (4) -0.09         | <del>)</del> 06 (2) 0∙ | 2535 (3)  | 67  |
| 0.3848          | (4) -0.08         | 842 (2) 0.             | 2777 (3)  | 65  |
| 0.4469          | (4) -0.0          | 302 (2) 0.             | 2974 (3)  | 65  |
| 0.3459          | (4) 0.0           | 172 (2) 0.             | 2928 (3)  | 54  |
| 0.1827          | (4) 0.0           | 108 (2) 0-             | 2686 (3)  | 43  |
| <b>−0</b> ·0265 | (4) 0.0           | 727 (3) 0.             | 0612 (3)  | 141 |
| -0.1177         | (4) 0.0           | 553 (3)                | 0167 (3)  | 161 |
| -0.2844         | (4) 0.03          | 583 (3) -0-            | 0157 (3)  | 84  |
| -0.3597         | (4) 0.0:          | 587 (3) 0·             | 0631 (3)  | 98  |
| -0.2685         | (4) 0.0           | 561 (3) 0·             | 1411 (3)  | 79  |
| -0.1019         | $(4) 0.0^{\circ}$ | 731(3) 0.              | 1401 (3)  | 46  |
| 0.3125          | (5) 0.14          | 195 (2) 0·             | 1916 (2)  | 54  |
| 0.4326          | (5)  0.19         | 911(2) 0·              | 1940 (2)  | 60  |
| 0.4413          | (5) 0.2           | 311(2) 0·              | 2610(2)   | 62  |
| 0.3300          | (5) 0.2           | 296 (2) 0.             | 3257 (2)  | 69  |
| 0.2099          | (5) 0.18          | 380 (2) 0.             | 3234 (2)  | 56  |
| 0.2012          | (5) 0.14          | 480 (2) 0.             | 2563 (2)  | 44  |
| -0.2969         | (3) -0.03         | 353 (1) 0·             | 1057 (2)  | 92  |
| -0.4909         | (4) -0.13         | 544 (1) 0.             | 0823 (2)  | 143 |
| -0.1485         | (5) -0.19         | <i>€</i> 17(2) 0-      | 0742 (2)  | 189 |
| -0.304 (        | 1) $-0.13$        | 581(4) 0.              | 1228 (5)  | 89  |

#### Table 2. Bond distances (Å) and angles (°)

| $\begin{array}{llllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllll$   |                    |           |                   |           |
|--|--------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
| $\begin{array}{llllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllll$   | Sb(1)-C(11)        | 2.076 (4) | S(2)-O(3)         | 1.430 (5) |
| $\begin{array}{llllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllll$   | Sb(1)-C(21)        | 2.086 (4) | S(2)-O(4)         | 1.430 (6) |
| $\begin{array}{llllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllll$   | Sb(1)-C(31)        | 2.073 (4) | S(2) - N(1)       | 1.591 (5) |
| $\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$   | Sb(1)-C(41)        | 2.068 (4) | S(2)-C(2)         | 1.767 (7) |
| $\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$   | S(1)-O(1)          | 1.440 (5) | Cl(1) - C(3)      | 1.732 (9) |
| $\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$   | S(1)-O(2)          | 1-427 (5) | Cl(2)-C(3)        | 1.751 (9) |
| $\begin{array}{llllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllll$   | S(1)-N(1)          | 1.576 (5) | Cl(3)-C(3)        | 1.72(1)   |
| $\begin{array}{cccc} C(31)-Sb(1)-C(41) & 114\cdot7 (2) \\ C(21)-Sb(1)-C(41) & 102\cdot2 (2) & O(3)-S(2)-O(4) & 116\cdot0 (3) \\ C(21)-Sb(1)-C(31) & 106\cdot8 (2) & S(1)-N(1)-S(2) & 121\cdot4 (3) \\ C(11)-Sb(1)-C(41) & 116\cdot5 (2) & Sb(1)-C(11)-C(16) & 118\cdot3 (3) \\ C(11)-Sb(1)-C(21) & 109\cdot8 (2) & Sb(1)-C(11)-C(12) & 121\cdot4 (3) \\ C(11)-Sb(1)-C(21) & 109\cdot8 (2) & Sb(1)-C(21)-C(26) & 119\cdot7 (3) \\ N(1)-S(1)-C(11) & 106\cdot3 (3) & Sb(1)-C(21)-C(26) & 119\cdot7 (3) \\ O(2)-S(1)-C(11) & 107\cdot7 (4) & Sb(1)-C(31)-C(32) & 119\cdot8 (3) \\ O(2)-S(1)-N(1) & 114\cdot0 (3) & Sb(1)-C(31)-C(32) & 119\cdot8 (3) \\ O(1)-S(1)-O(2) & 115\cdot8 (3) & C1(2)-C(4)-C(42) & 120\cdot9 (3) \\ O(1)-S(1)-O(2) & 115\cdot8 (3) & C1(2)-C(3) & 110\cdot9 (5) \\ N(1)-S(2)-C(2) & 106\cdot8 (3) & C1(1)-C(3)-C1(3) & 110\cdot6 (5) \\ O(4)-S(2)-N(1) & 105\cdot6 (3) \\ O(3)-S(2)-N(1) & 114\cdot2 (3) \\ \end{array}$ | S(1)-C(1)          | 1.756 (7) |                   |           |
| $\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$   |                    |           |                   |           |
| $\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$   | C(31)-Sb(1)-C(41)  | 114.7 (2) |                   |           |
| $\begin{array}{llllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllll$   | C(21)-Sb(1)-C(41)  | 102.2 (2) | O(3)-S(2)-O(4)    | 116-0 (3) |
| $\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$   | C(21)-Sb(1)-C(31)  | 106.8 (2) | S(1)-N(1)-S(2)    | 121-4 (3) |
| $\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$   | C(11)-Sb(1)-C(41)  | 116.5 (2) | Sb(1)-C(11)-C(16) | 118-3 (3) |
| $\begin{array}{ccccccc} C(11)-Sb(1)-C(21) & 109\cdot8&(2) & Sb(1)-C(21)-C(26) & 119\cdot7&(3) \\ N(1)-S(1)-C(1) & 106\cdot3&(3) & Sb(1)-C(21)-C(22) & 120\cdot2&(3) \\ O(2)-S(1)-C(1) & 107\cdot7&(4) & Sb(1)-C(31)-C(36) & 120\cdot2&(3) \\ O(2)-S(1)-N(1) & 114\cdot0&(3) & Sb(1)-C(31)-C(32) & 119\cdot8&(3) \\ O(1)-S(1)-O(1) & 106\cdot1&(3) & Sb(1)-C(41)-C(46) & 120\cdot9&(3) \\ O(1)-S(1)-O(2) & 115\cdot8&(3) & Cl(2)-C(3)-Cl(3) & 110\cdot9&(5) \\ N(1)-S(2)-C(2) & 106\cdot8&(3) & Cl(2)-C(3)-Cl(3) & 110\cdot6&(5) \\ O(4)-S(2)-N(1) & 105\cdot6&(3) & O(1)-C(4)-Cl(2) & 109\cdot4&(5) \\ O(3)-S(2)-C(2) & 106\cdot4&(3) & O(3)-Cl(2) & 109\cdot4&(5) \\ O(3)-S(2)-N(1) & 115\cdot2&(3) & O(3)-Cl(3) & 100\cdot9&(5) \\ O(3)-S(2)-N(1) & 114\cdot2&(3) & O(3)-S(2)-Cl(3) & 110\cdot2&(3) \\ \end{array}$  | C(11)-Sb(1)-C(31)  | 106-5 (2) | Sb(1)-C(11)-C(12) | 121-4 (3) |
| $\begin{split} &N(1)\!=\!\!S(1)\!-\!C(1) & 106\cdot3(3) & Sb(1)\!-\!C(21)\!-\!C(22) & 120\cdot2(3)\\ &O(2)\!=\!S(1)\!-\!C(1) & 107\cdot7(4) & Sb(1)\!-\!C(3)\!-\!C(36) & 120\cdot2(3)\\ &O(2)\!-\!S(1)\!-\!N(1) & 114\cdot0(3) & Sb(1)\!-\!C(3)\!-\!C(32) & 119\cdot8(3)\\ &O(1)\!-\!S(1)\!-\!C(1) & 106\cdot1(3) & Sb(1)\!-\!C(41)\!-\!C(46) & 120\cdot9(3)\\ &O(1)\!-\!S(1)\!-\!N(1) & 106\cdot4(3) & Sb(1)\!-\!C(41)\!-\!C(42) & 119\cdot0(3)\\ &O(1)\!-\!S(1)\!-\!N(1) & 106\cdot4(3) & Sb(1)\!-\!C(41)\!-\!C(42) & 119\cdot0(3)\\ &O(1)\!-\!S(1)\!-\!O(2) & 115\cdot8(3) & Cl(2)\!-\!C(3)\!-\!Cl(3) & 110\cdot9(5)\\ &O(4)\!-\!S(2)\!-\!C(2) & 107\cdot3(4) & Cl(1)\!-\!C(3)\!-\!Cl(2) & 109\cdot4(5)\\ &O(4)\!-\!S(2)\!-\!N(1) & 105\cdot6(3) & \\ &O(3)\!-\!S(2)\!-\!N(1) & 114\cdot2(3) & \\ \end{split}$  | C(11)-Sb(1)-C(21)  | 109.8 (2) | Sb(1)-C(21)-C(26) | 119.7 (3) |
| $\begin{array}{llllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllll$   | N(1)-S(1)-C(1)     | 106.3 (3) | Sb(1)C(21)C(22)   | 120-2 (3) |
| $\begin{array}{llllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllll$   | O(2) - S(1) - C(1) | 107.7 (4) | Sb(1)-C(31)-C(36) | 120-2 (3) |
| $\begin{array}{cccccc} O(1)-S(1)-C(1) & 106\cdot 1 & (3) & Sb(1)-C(41)-C(46) & 120\cdot9 & (3)\\ O(1)-S(1)-N(1) & 106\cdot 4 & (3) & Sb(1)-C(41)-C(42) & 119\cdot0 & (3)\\ O(1)-S(1)-O(2) & 115\cdot 8 & (3) & Cl(2)-C(3)-Cl(3) & 110\cdot9 & (5)\\ N(1)-S(2)-C(2) & 106\cdot 8 & (3) & Cl(1)-C(3)-Cl(3) & 110\cdot6 & (5)\\ O(4)-S(2)-C(2) & 107\cdot3 & (4) & Cl(1)-C(3)-Cl(2) & 109\cdot4 & (5)\\ O(4)-S(2)-N(1) & 105\cdot6 & (3) & O(3)-S(2)-C(2) & 106\cdot4 & (3) & O(3)-S(2)-N(1) & 114\cdot2 & (3) & \\ \end{array}$  | O(2) - S(1) - N(1) | 114.0 (3) | Sb(1)-C(31)-C(32) | 119-8 (3) |
| $\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$   | O(1)-S(1)-C(1)     | 106-1 (3) | Sb(1)-C(41)-C(46) | 120.9 (3) |
| $\begin{array}{llllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllll$   | O(1) - S(1) - N(1) | 106-4 (3) | Sb(1)-C(41)-C(42) | 119-0 (3) |
| $\begin{array}{ccccccc} N(1)-S(2)-C(2) & 106\cdot8 & (3) & Cl(1)-C(3)-Cl(3) & 110\cdot6 & (5) \\ O(4)-S(2)-C(2) & 107\cdot3 & (4) & Cl(1)-C(3)-Cl(2) & 109\cdot4 & (5) \\ O(4)-S(2)-N(1) & 105\cdot6 & (3) & & \\ O(3)-S(2)-C(2) & 106\cdot4 & (3) & & \\ O(3)-S(2)-N(1) & 114\cdot2 & (3) & & \\ \end{array}$   | O(1)-S(1)-O(2)     | 115-8 (3) | CI(2)-C(3)-CI(3)  | 110.9 (5) |
| $\begin{array}{ccccccc} O(4)-S(2)-C(2) & 107\cdot3 \ (4) & Cl(1)-C(3)-Cl(2) & 109\cdot4 \ (5)\\ O(4)-S(2)-N(1) & 105\cdot6 \ (3) & \\ O(3)-S(2)-C(2) & 106\cdot4 \ (3) & \\ O(3)-S(2)-N(1) & 114\cdot2 \ (3) & \\ \end{array}$   | N(1)-S(2)-C(2)     | 106-8 (3) | Cl(1)-C(3)-Cl(3)  | 110.6 (5) |
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| O(3)-S(2)-N(1) 114.2 (3)   | O(3)-S(2)-C(2)     | 106-4 (3) |                   |           |
|  | O(3)-S(2)-N(1)     | 114-2 (3) |                   |           |

above-mentioned disulfonylamide derivatives the S–N bonds are appreciably shorter than the S–N singlebond distance found in  $H_3NSO_3$  [1.7714 (3) Å (Bats, Coppens & Koetzle, 1977)] or than 1.73 Å, the corrected sum of the covalent bond radii (Schomaker & Stevenson, 1941). The contraction of the S–N bond lengths can be attributed to increased  $(p-d) \pi S-N$  bonding effected by the high electron density of the deprotonated negative nitrogen atom.

The mean S=O bond length of 1.432 (6) Å is not significantly different from the values found in (I) [mean 1.422 (2) Å] and (II) [mean 1.427 (1) Å]. However, a comparison of the  $\overline{\nu}SO_2$  values of [Ph<sub>4</sub>SbN][(SO<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>].CHCl<sub>3</sub> (1194 cm<sup>-1</sup>) and of (I) and (II) (*ca* 1250 cm<sup>-1</sup>) infers a decrease of the S=O bond order. A very weak H bond is indicated by the short N... H-CCl<sub>3</sub> distance [2.306 (9) Å]. The orientation of the chloroform molecule agrees with this assumption (Fig. 2).

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Introduction. Au(PPh<sub>3</sub>)(NO<sub>3</sub>) has been widely used as

a starting material for the synthesis of binuclear and

polynuclear gold compounds (Khan, Wang, Heinrich &

Fackler, 1988; Heinrich, Khan, Fackler & Porter,

1988; Steggerda, Bour & van der Velden, 1982). Only a

few gold(I)-oxygen compounds have been structurally

characterized (Jones, 1984, 1985; Hohbein, Jones,

Meyer-Base, Schwarzmann & Sheldrick, 1985). The

structure of the title compound was reported (Barron,

Engelhardt, Healy, Oddy & White, 1987) along with

structures of Au(PPh<sub>3</sub>)X, where X = Br, I, and SCN.

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# Structure of Nitrato(triphenylphosphine)gold(I), Au(PPh<sub>3</sub>)(NO<sub>3</sub>)

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**Abstract.** [AuNO<sub>3</sub>(C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>P)],  $M_r = 2081 \cdot 1$ , monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$ , a = 8.922 (6), b = 10.131 (8), c = 19.592 (15) Å,  $\beta = 97.33$  (6)°, V = 1756.4 (22) Å<sup>3</sup>, Z = 4,  $D_x = 1.97$  g cm<sup>-3</sup>,  $\lambda$ (Mo Ka) = 0.71073 Å,  $\mu = 84.1$  cm<sup>-1</sup>, F(000) = 992, T = 295 K. Final R = 0.0336 for 1603 observed reflections  $[F_o^2 > 3\sigma(F_o^2)]$ . The coordination of Au<sup>1</sup> is linear [P-Au-O = 179.2 (2)°]. The short Au-P bond, 2.208 (3) Å, is attributed to the *trans* influence of the covalently bonded oxygen atom from the nitrate ligand with Au-O(1) = 2.074 (8) Å. Short, identical Au···O(3) and Au···N intramolecular distances [2.84 (1) Å] are observed.

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distance for the title compound of 2.02 (1) Å while the text reports 2.199 (5) Å with R = 0.077. Examination