

Raveau, 1982). Cette appellation n'a pas été utilisée dans les publications très récentes, mais il est commode de la conserver pour différencier les deux types les plus répandus de pyrophosphates.

De plus, l'étude de la série  $A^I\text{AlAs}_2\text{O}_7$  ( $A^I = \text{Na}, \text{K}, \text{Rb}, \text{Cs}, \text{Tl}$ ) a révélé que les quatre composés ( $\text{K}, \text{Rb}, \text{Cs}, \text{Tl}\text{AlAs}_2\text{O}_7$ ) sont isotypes et que  $\text{NaAlAs}_2\text{O}_7$  (Driess & Jouini, 1992) possède une structure originale dans laquelle les deux tétraèdres  $\text{AsO}_4$  du groupement pyro pointent dans la même direction comme dans les phosphates isotypes de  $\text{NaFeP}_2\text{O}_7$ .

En conclusion nous avons établi la première structure de pyroarséniate et mis en évidence dans les arséniates  $A^I\text{M}^{III}\text{As}_2\text{O}_7$  deux formes correspondant à deux conformations différentes du groupement  $\text{As}_2\text{O}_7$ , comme dans les phosphates de formulation analogue, sans qu'il y ait isotypyie entre les composés de l'arsenic et ceux du phosphore.

*Bibliographie en rapport.* Le composé étudié possède une structure très similaire aux pyrophosphates de type I isotypes de  $\text{KAlP}_2\text{O}_7$  (Nam Ng & Calvo, 1973);  $\text{CsMoP}_2\text{O}_7$ , (Lii & Haushalter, 1987);  $\text{KFeP}_2\text{O}_7$  (Riou, Labbe & Goreaud, 1988);  $\text{KMnO}_2$  (Leclaire, Borel, Grandin & Raveau, 1989);  $\text{RbMoP}_2\text{O}_7$  (Riou, Leclaire, Grandin & Raveau, 1989);  $\text{CsVP}_2\text{O}_7$  (Wang & Lii, 1989);  $A^I\text{TiP}_2\text{O}_7$  ( $A^I = \text{K}, \text{Rb}, \text{Cs}$ ) (Wang & Hwu, 1991);  $(\text{Rb}, \text{Cs})\text{FeP}_2\text{O}_7$  (Millet & Mentzen, 1991);  $\text{KVP}_2\text{O}_7$  (Benhamada, Grandin, Borel, Leclaire & Raveau, 1991).  $\text{NaAlAs}_2\text{O}_7$  présente des analogies structurales avec les pyrophosphates de type II isotypes ou semblables à  $\text{NaFeP}_2\text{O}_7$ -II (Gabelica-Robert, Goreaud, Labbe & Raveau, 1982; Moya-Pizarro, Salmon, Fournes, Le Flem, Wanklyn & Hagemuller, 1984);  $\text{NaMoP}_2\text{O}_7$  (Leclaire, Borel, Grandin & Raveau, 1988);  $\beta\text{-NaTiP}_2\text{O}_7$  (Leclaire, Benmoussa, Borel, Grandin & Raveau, 1988);  $\text{NaVP}_2\text{O}_7$  (Wang, Lii & Wang, 1989). Autres types de structures connues de pyrophosphates:  $\text{LiFeP}_2\text{O}_7$  (Genkina, Maksimov, Timofeeva, Bykov & Mel'nikov, 1985) et

$\alpha\text{-NaTiP}_2\text{O}_7$  (Leclaire, Benmoussa, Borel, Grandin & Raveau, 1988) qui a d'étranges analogies avec la cristobalite.

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## **$\text{Cs}_4\text{Mo}_{21}\text{S}_{25}$ : a New Structure Type Containing $\text{Mo}_9$ and $\text{Mo}_{12}$ Condensed Clusters**

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**Abstract.**  $\text{Cs}_4\text{Mo}_{21}\text{S}_{25}$ ,  $M_r = 3347.96$ , trigonal,  $R\bar{3}c$ ,  $a(\text{rh.})$  (rh. = rhombohedral, hex. = hexagonal) =  $28.265(1)\text{\AA}$ ,  $\alpha(\text{rh.}) = 19.256(1)^\circ$ ,  $V(\text{rh.}) =$

$2146.8(2)\text{\AA}^3$ ,  $Z(\text{rh.}) = 2$ ,  $a(\text{hex.}) = 9.4543(5)\text{\AA}$ ,  $c(\text{hex.}) = 83.20(1)\text{\AA}$ ,  $V(\text{hex.}) = 6440(1)\text{\AA}^3$ ,  $Z(\text{hex.}) = 6$ ,  $D_x = 5.179\text{ g cm}^{-3}$ ,  $\lambda(\text{Mo } K\alpha) = 0.71073\text{\AA}$ ,  $\mu$

$= 102.6 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $F(000)(\text{rh.}) = 3004$ ,  $F(000)(\text{hex.}) = 9012$ ,  $T = 295 \text{ K}$ ,  $R = 0.029$  for 1412 observed reflections. The structure of the title compound consists of  $\text{Mo}_9\text{S}_{11}$  and  $\text{Mo}_{12}\text{S}_{14}$  cluster units interconnected three-dimensionally by S bridges. The Mo—Mo distances in the clusters range from 2.638 (1) to 2.7806 (8) Å and the shortest Mo—Mo intercluster distance is 3.278 (1) Å. The  $\text{Cs}^+$  ions occupy the cavities created by the  $\text{Mo}_9\text{S}_{11}$  and  $\text{Mo}_{12}\text{S}_{14}$  cluster units in tetracapped trigonal prismatic S environments.

**Introduction.** As part of our program on the synthesis of new reduced Mo compounds in the system Cs—Mo—S, we have previously synthesized ternary sulfides containing Mo clusters of different sizes:  $\text{Mo}_6$  octahedra in  $\text{Cs}_{0.6}\text{Mo}_6\text{S}_7$  (Gougeon, Padiou, Potel, Sergent & Couach, 1984), condensed clusters built up of 6, 7 and 9 *trans*-face-shared  $\text{Mo}_6$  octahedra in  $\text{Cs}_5\text{Mo}_{21}\text{S}_{23}$  (Gougeon, 1990),  $\text{Cs}_6\text{Mo}_{24}\text{S}_{26}$  and  $\text{Cs}_8\text{Mo}_{30}\text{S}_{32}$  (Gougeon, 1984), as well as infinite chains of *trans*-face-shared  $\text{Mo}_6$  octahedra in  $\text{Cs}_2\text{Mo}_6\text{S}_6$  (Potel, 1981). Moreover a mixture of  $\text{Mo}_6$  and  $\text{Mo}_9$  clusters has also been obtained in  $\text{Cs}_2\text{Mo}_{15}\text{S}_{19}$  which is isostructural with  $\text{In}_2\text{Mo}_{15}\text{Se}_{19}$  (Potel, Chevrel & Sergent, 1981). Herein, we describe the crystal structure of  $\text{Cs}_4\text{Mo}_{21}\text{S}_{25}$  containing simultaneously, for the first time, the two  $\text{Mo}_9$  and  $\text{Mo}_{12}$  condensed clusters.

**Experimental.** Single crystals were obtained by heating a mixture of overall composition ‘ $\text{Cs}_3\text{Mo}_{15}\text{S}_{17}$ ’ (starting materials:  $\text{Cs}_2\text{MoS}_4$ ,  $\text{MoS}_2$  and Mo) in a sealed molybdenum crucible at about 2000 K for 1 h. The crucible was then cooled at a rate of  $100 \text{ K h}^{-1}$  to 1300 K and finally furnace-cooled to room temperature.

A crystal with dimensions  $0.16 \times 0.16 \times 0.24 \text{ mm}$  was selected for the intensity data collection carried out on an Enraf–Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer equipped with graphite-monochromated Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation. Accurate cell parameters were obtained by a least-squares refinement of the setting angles of 25 reflections with  $15 \leq 2\theta \leq 30^\circ$ . The systematic absence ( $hhl$ ,  $l = 2n + 1$ ) allowed the space group to be  $R\bar{3}c$  or  $R3c$ ; the former was assumed and confirmed by the successful analysis. 2750 reflections were recorded in the range  $2 \leq 2\theta \leq 60^\circ$  with  $h - 39 \rightarrow 39$ ,  $k - 39 \rightarrow 39$ ,  $l 0 \rightarrow 39$ ,  $k > h$  and  $|l| > |k|$  (rhombohedral setting). The  $\omega$ – $2\theta$  scan mode was used with scan width  $\Delta\omega = (1.00 + 0.35\tan\theta)^\circ$  and counter aperture  $\Delta l = (2 + 0.5\tan\theta) \text{ mm}$ . Three orientation and three intensity control reflections were checked every 250 reflections and every hour, respectively, and showed no significant variation. Data were transformed into the hexagonal setting and corrected for Lorentz–polarization. An empirical

absorption correction following the *DIFABS* procedure (Walker & Stuart, 1983) was applied to isotropically refined data. The minimum and maximum correction factors were 0.735 and 1.358. After averaging ( $R_{\text{int}} = 0.026$ ), 2095 unique data were used to solve the structure with the aid of *MULTAN11/82* (Main, Fiske, Hull, Lessinger, Germain, Declercq & Woolfson, 1982) and subsequent difference Fourier syntheses. The function minimized in the least-squares program was  $\sum w(|F_o| - |F_c|)^2$  with  $w = 4F_o^2/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.04F_o^2)^2]$ . The refinement of all atoms anisotropically and an extinction coefficient (78 variables) converged to  $R = 0.029$ ,  $wR = 0.045$ ,  $S = 1.002$  for 1412 reflections with  $F_o^2 > 2\sigma(F_o^2)$ . The largest shift/e.s.d. was  $< 0.01$ . Maximum and minimum electron densities in the final difference Fourier map were 0.59 and  $-1.36 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ , respectively; the final value of  $g$  was  $6.73 \times 10^{-8}$  (Stout & Jensen, 1968). A refinement of the occupancy factors for the Cs sites confirmed that they were fully occupied. Scattering factors for neutral atoms and  $f'$ ,  $f''$  were taken from *International Tables for X-ray Crystallography* (1974, Vol. IV). All calculations were performed with the *SDP* (B.A. Frenz & Associates, Inc., 1985) programs on a Digital MicroVAX 3100. Final atomic coordinates and  $B_{\text{eq}}$  values are reported in Table 1 and selected interatomic distances in Table 2.\*

**Discussion.**  $\text{Cs}_4\text{Mo}_{21}\text{S}_{25}$  contains an equal mixture of the two  $\text{Mo}_9\text{S}_{11}$  and  $\text{Mo}_{12}\text{S}_{14}$  condensed cluster units with  $\text{Cs}^+$  ions inserted between the latter (Figs. 1 and 2). Its structure derives from that of  $\text{Cs}_2\text{Mo}_{15}\text{S}_{19}$ , which also crystallizes in the space group  $R\bar{3}c$  and is built up from  $\text{Mo}_6\text{S}_8$  and  $\text{Mo}_9\text{S}_{11}$  units in equal proportion, by merely replacing the  $\text{Mo}_6\text{S}_8$  cluster units by the  $\text{Mo}_{12}\text{S}_{14}$  condensed cluster unit having the same local symmetry ( $\bar{3}$ ). The  $\text{Mo}_9\text{S}_{11}$  unit is structurally identical in both structure types and has  $3/m$  symmetry. The  $\text{Mo}_9\text{S}_{11}$  and  $\text{Mo}_{12}\text{S}_{14}$  units result from the linear condensation of two and three basic  $\text{Mo}_6\text{S}_8$  units, respectively, by sharing of  $\text{Mo}_3\text{S}_3$  faces, and were first observed in  $\text{Cs}_2\text{Mo}_{15}\text{S}_{19}$  and  $\text{Tl}_2\text{Mo}_9\text{S}_{11}$  (Potel, Chevrel & Sergent, 1980) in which they cocrystallize with  $\text{Mo}_6\text{S}_8$  units. The environments of the terminal Mo(1) and Mo(3) atoms of both cluster types are similar and consist of four Mo atoms and four S atoms forming a quasi-planar square. In addition, they are bonded to a fifth S atom belonging to an adjacent  $\text{Mo}_9\text{S}_{11}$  or  $\text{Mo}_{12}\text{S}_{14}$  cluster unit. The internal Mo(2) and Mo(4) atoms are connected at six

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Table 1. Positional parameters (hexagonal setting) and equivalent isotropic thermal parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )

	$x$	$y$	$z$	$B_{\text{eq}}$
Mo(1)	0.14945 (8)	-0.02117 (8)	0.45973 (1)	0.28 (1)
Mo(2)	-0.01714 (8)	-0.17204 (8)	0.48705 (1)	0.20 (1)
Mo(3)	0.16015 (8)	-0.00661 (8)	0.22263 (1)	0.26 (1)
Mo(4)	-0.1641 (1)	0.000	0.250	0.26 (2)
S(1)	0.2826 (2)	0.3204 (2)	0.03793 (2)	0.42 (4)
S(2)	0.6992 (2)	0.0492 (2)	0.31964 (3)	0.51 (4)
S(3)	0.3029 (2)	0.2890 (2)	0.22534 (2)	0.37 (3)
S(4)	0.3011 (3)	0.000	0.250	0.48 (6)
S(5)	0.000	0.000	0.06249 (4)	0.58 (4)
S(6)	0.000	0.000	0.20032 (4)	0.54 (4)
Cs(1)	0.000	0.000	0.15783 (1)	1.40 (1)
Cs(2)	0.000	0.000	0.10254 (1)	1.02 (1)

Table 2. Selected interatomic distances ( $\text{\AA}$ )

$|\text{Mo}—\text{Mo}|_4$  is the distance between Mo atoms related through the threefold axis and thus forming an  $\text{Mo}_3$  triangle perpendicular to this axis; called the intratriangle distance in the text.  $\text{Mo}_\Delta—\text{Mo}_\Delta$  is the distance between Mo atoms of different Mo triangles and is called the intertriangle distance.

$\text{Mo}_{12}\text{S}_{14}$ unit	$\text{Mo}_9\text{S}_{11}$ unit
$ \text{Mo}(1)—\text{Mo}(1) _\Delta$	$2.638 (1) \times 2$
$ \text{Mo}(1)_\Delta—\text{Mo}(2)_\Delta $	$2.727 (1) \times 2$
	$2.762 (1) \times 2$
$ \text{Mo}(2)_\Delta—\text{Mo}(2)_\Delta $	$2.655 (1) \times 2$
$ \text{Mo}(2)—\text{Mo}(2) _\Delta$	$2.688 (1) \times 2$
$ \text{Mo}(3)—\text{Mo}(3) _\Delta$	$2.678 (1) \times 2$
$ \text{Mo}(3)_\Delta—\text{Mo}(4)_\Delta $	$2.7278 (8) \times 2$
$ \text{Mo}(4)_\Delta—\text{Mo}(4) _\Delta$	$2.7806 (8)$
$ \text{Mo}(4)—\text{Mo}(4) _\Delta$	$2.687 (2) \times 2$

$\text{Mo}(1)—\text{Mo}(3)_{\text{intercluster}}$	3.278 (1)
$\Delta(1)—\Delta(2)$	2.273
$\Delta(2)—\Delta(2)$	2.155
$\Delta(3)—\Delta(4)$	2.277
$\text{Mo}(1)—\text{S}(5)$	2.395 (3)
$\text{Mo}(1)—\text{S}(3)_{\text{interunit}}$	2.452 (2)
$\text{Mo}(1)—\text{S}(1)$	2.483 (2)
$\text{Mo}(1)—\text{S}(2)$	2.501 (2)
$\text{Mo}(1)—\text{S}(2)$	2.580 (2)
$\text{Mo}(2)—\text{S}(1)$	2.460 (2)
$\text{Mo}(2)—\text{S}(2)$	2.469 (2)
	2.479 (3)
	2.570 (2)
$\text{Mo}(3)—\text{S}(6)$	2.416 (3)
$\text{Mo}(3)—\text{S}(3)$	2.432 (2)
$\text{Mo}(3)—\text{S}(1)_{\text{interunit}}$	2.448 (2)
$\text{Mo}(3)—\text{S}(4)$	2.520 (2)
$\text{Mo}(4)—\text{S}(3)$	2.403 (2) $\times 2$
$\text{Mo}(4)—\text{S}(4)$	2.469 (3) $\times 2$
$\text{Cs}—\text{S}$	
$\text{Cs}(1)—\text{S}(6)$	3.535 (4)
$\text{Cs}(1)—\text{S}(2)$	3.564 (2) $\times 3$
$\text{Cs}(1)—\text{S}(2)$	3.625 (2) $\times 3$
$\text{Cs}(1)—\text{S}(1)$	3.904 (2) $\times 3$
$\text{Cs}(2)—\text{S}(3)$	3.282 (2) $\times 3$
$\text{Cs}(2)—\text{S}(5)$	3.332 (4)
$\text{Cs}(2)—\text{S}(4)$	3.679 (2) $\times 3$
$\text{Cs}(2)—\text{S}(1)$	3.759 (2) $\times 3$

Mo and four S atoms. The Mo—Mo distances within the  $\text{Mo}_9$  and  $\text{Mo}_{12}$  clusters can be classified into two groups, as usual. The first corresponds to the distances within the  $\text{Mo}_3$  triangles formed by the Mo atoms related through the threefold axis (intratriangle distances) and which are equal to 2.678 (1) and 2.687 (2)  $\text{\AA}$  in the  $\text{Mo}_9$  cluster and to 2.638 (1) and 2.688 (1)  $\text{\AA}$  in the  $\text{Mo}_{12}$  cluster. The second group comprises the Mo—Mo bonds between these  $\text{Mo}_3$  triangles (intertriangle distances) which range from 2.7278 (8) to 2.7806 (8)  $\text{\AA}$  in the  $\text{Mo}_9$  cluster and from 2.655 (1) to 2.762 (1)  $\text{\AA}$  in the  $\text{Mo}_{12}$  cluster. The mean Mo—Mo distances within the  $\text{Mo}_9$  and  $\text{Mo}_{12}$  clusters are 2.723 and 2.694  $\text{\AA}$ , respectively. The shortest distance between the  $\text{Mo}_9$  and  $\text{Mo}_{12}$

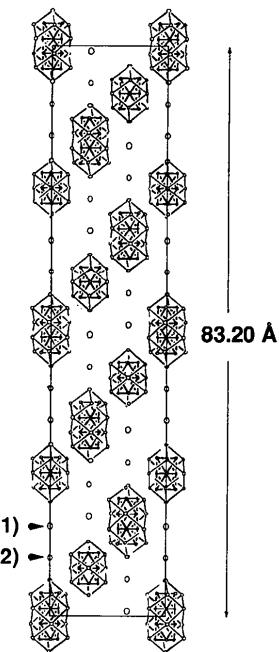


Fig. 1. Projection of the structure of  $\text{Cs}_4\text{Mo}_{21}\text{S}_{25}$  onto the hexagonal (110) plane.

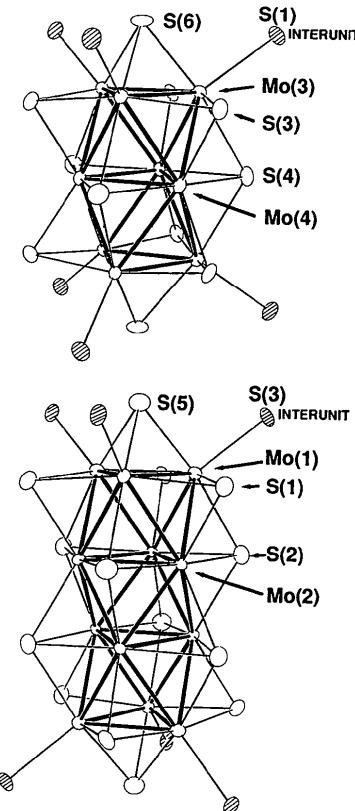


Fig. 2.  $\text{Mo}_9\text{S}_{11}$  and  $\text{Mo}_{12}\text{S}_{14}$  cluster units with their numbering scheme. Hatched S atoms belong to neighbouring cluster units.

clusters is 3.278 (1) Å [Mo(1)—Mo(3)]. The S atoms bridge either one [S(1), S(3), S(5) and S(6)] or two [S(2) and S(4)] Mo triangular faces of the clusters. Moreover, the S(1) and S(3) atoms are linked to an Mo atom of a neighbouring cluster. The Mo—S bond distances range from 2.403 (3) to 2.624 (2) Å within the  $\text{Mo}_9\text{S}_{11}$  unit and from 2.395 (3) to 2.580 (2) Å within the  $\text{Mo}_{12}\text{S}_{14}$  unit.

The  $\text{Cs}^+$  ions occupy large intersecting channels which run parallel to the axes of the rhombohedral unit cell. Both are located on special 12(c) positions and are each surrounded by ten S atoms. Six of them form a trigonal prism and the remaining four cap the three rectangular and one triangular face. The Cs—S distances range from 3.535 (4) to 3.904 (2) Å (mean value 3.681 Å) for the Cs(1) site and from 3.282 (2) to 3.759 (2) Å (mean value 3.549 Å) for the Cs(2) site.

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## Structure of $(\text{NH}_4)_3\text{H}(\text{SeO}_4)_2$ in High-Temperature Phases I and II

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**Abstract.** Triammonium hydrogenbis(tetraoxoselenate),  $(\text{NH}_4)_3\text{H}(\text{SeO}_4)_2$ ,  $M_r = 341.04$ ,  $Z = 3$ ,  $\lambda(\text{Mo } K\bar{\alpha}) = 0.71073$  Å,  $F(000) = 498$ . Phase I: trigonal,  $R\bar{3}m$ ,  $a = 6.090$  (1),  $c = 22.759$  (5) Å,  $V = 731.0$  (2) Å $^3$ ,  $D_x = 2.32$  g cm $^{-3}$ ,  $\mu = 68.7$  cm $^{-1}$ ,  $T = 355$  K,  $R = 0.0336$  for 241 unique reflections with  $I > 4\sigma(I)$ . Phase II: trigonal,  $R\bar{3}$ ,  $a = 6.064$  (1),  $c = 22.904$  (5) Å,  $V = 729.4$  (2) Å $^3$ ,  $D_x = 2.33$  g cm $^{-3}$ ,  $\mu = 68.8$  cm $^{-1}$ ,  $T = 310$  K,  $R = 0.0374$  for 397 unique reflections with  $I > 4\sigma(I)$ . In both phases,  $\text{SeO}_4$  tetrahedra are linked by a dynamic system of symmetrically disordered hydrogen bonds in planes perpendicular to the trigonal axis. In phase II,  $\text{SeO}_4$  tetrahedra deviate from the (210) plane owing to a small rotation of about 4° about the trigonal axis. In phase I, owing to symmetry enhancement, both orientations of  $\text{SeO}_4$  tetrahedra are equally probable on both sides of (210), which is therefore a mirror plane.

**Introduction.** Triammonium hydrogenbis(tetraoxoselenate) (TAHSe) is a member of the isomorphic series with the general formula  $A_3\text{H}(BO_4)_2$ , where  $A = \text{NH}_4$ , K, Rb or Cs and  $B = \text{S}$  or Se. Unlike other isomorphic compounds with a single high-temperature trigonal superionic phase, TAHSe has two trigonal superionic phases. TAHSe undergoes four successive phase transitions at 332, 302–305, 276–279 and 181 K, with phases denoted I, II, III, IV and V in order of descending temperature (Osaka, Makita & Gesi, 1979; Baranov, Tregubtchenko, Shuvalov & Shagina, 1987). Phase V is ferroelectric, phases II and I are superionic conductors. Recently, Merinov, Antipin, Baranov, Tregubtchenko, Shuvalov & Struchkov (1991) obtained crystals of TAHSe with the III–II phase-transition temperature lowered to 291 K and determined the crystal structure of TAHSe at 295 K in phase II. We have performed a detailed study of the crystal structure of