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A New One-Dimensional Compound: Synthesis and Structure of $\text{InNb}_3(\text{Se}_2)_6$

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Abstract

The new one-dimensional compound, indium niobium selenide, was synthesized by high-temperature solid-state reactions. The structure is composed of $[\text{Nb}_3(\text{Se}_2)_6]_\infty$ chains running along the *c* axis with In atoms intercalated between these chains. All the Nb atoms have rectangular antiprismatic coordination environments. All the Se atoms in the structure are in the form of Se_2 dimers with Se—Se distances of 2.325 (2) and 2.356 (2) Å.

Comment

Chemical investigations in the field of chalcogen-rich niobium and tantalum chalcogenides have led to the characterization of many new one-dimensional or quasi-one-dimensional compounds. These include, for example, MX_3 ($M = \text{Nb}, \text{Ta}; X = \text{S}, \text{Se}$) (Sambong *et al.*, 1977; Rijnsdorp & Jellinek, 1978; Hodeau, *et al.*, 1978; Bjerkelund, Fermor & Kjerkskus, 1966), $(\text{MX}_4)_n\text{Y}$ ($M = \text{Nb}, \text{Ta}; X = \text{S}, \text{Se}; Y = \text{Br}, \text{I}$) (Gressier, Meerschaut, Guemas, Rouxel & Monceau, 1984), Nb_2Se_9 (Meerschaut, Guemas, Berger & Rouxel, 1979) *etc.* The structures and properties of low-dimensional metal chalcogenides have been reviewed by Rouxel (1986) and Gressier *et al.* (1984). Low-dimensional materials are of great

interest, because they exhibit some remarkable properties such as the Peierls transition, charge-density wave (CDW) *etc.* Studies of the collective dynamics of charge-density waves and other low-dimensional phenomena have promoted the need for the new materials to support experimentally the growing development of theories. During the investigations of ternary Nb and Ta selenides, we have recently synthesized a new pseudo-one-dimensional compound, $\text{InNb}_3(\text{Se}_2)_6$.

Crystals of $\text{InNb}_3(\text{Se}_2)_6$ were obtained initially from a reaction mixture of Nb_2Se_9 and In in approximately stoichiometric proportions at 773–873 K. Better-quality single crystals used in the structure determination were obtained by a vapour transport method at 923 K with a small amount of selenium as the transport agent.

The title compound is isostructural with $\text{I}_{0.33}\text{NbSe}_4$ (Meerschaut, Palvadeau & Rouxel, 1977). The atomic coordinates and selected distances and angles are given in Tables 1 and 2, respectively. As shown in Fig. 1, the structure is composed of $[\text{Nb}_3(\text{Se}_2)_6]_\infty$ chains with the In atoms intercalated between them. There exists a periodic sequence of distances (in Å) $\cdots\text{Nb}(1^{\text{ii}})—3.037—\text{Nb}(1^{\text{i}})—3.248—\text{Nb}(2)—3.248—\text{Nb}(1)\cdots$ in a $[\text{Nb}_3(\text{Se}_2)_6]_\infty$ chain (see Fig. 2). The bonding between the chains is very weak and is of typical van der Waals type. The $\text{Nb}(1^{\text{i}})—\text{Nb}(1^{\text{ii}})$ bonding distance of 3.037 Å is somewhat longer than the values found in NbS_2Cl_2 (2.871 Å), NbSe_2Cl_2 (2.973 Å) (Rijnsdorp, de Lange & Wiegers, 1979) and $\text{Nb}_3\text{Se}_5\text{Cl}_7$ (2.94 Å) (Rijnsdorp & Jellinek, 1979), but a Nb—Nb bond of similar length (3.029 Å) has been found in NbCl_4 (Taylor, Calabrese & Larsen, 1977) and even longer Nb—Nb bonds (3.12–3.16 Å) in the oxide halides NbOX_2 ($X = \text{Cl}, \text{Br}, \text{I}$; Schafer & Schnering, 1964). In comparison with the much longer Nb—Nb bonds (3.308 Å) in $\alpha\text{-NbI}_4$ (Dahl & Wampler, 1962), the $\text{Nb}(1)—\text{Nb}(2)$ distance of 3.248 Å should also involve chemical bonding. According to the periodic sequence of Nb—Nb distances along the *c* axis, the $\text{Nb}_3(\text{Se}_2)_6$ unit can be viewed formally as the building block of a chain. The reason for our not choosing the NbSe_4 unit as the building block is that there are two crystallographically independent Nb atoms in each chain and the coordination polyhedra $[\text{Nb}(1)(\text{Se}_2)_4]$ and $[\text{Nb}(2)(\text{Se}_2)_4]$ have crystallographic C_2 and D_2 symmetry, respectively; a simple NbSe_4 unit cannot therefore represent the basic unit from which the chain is constructed. The $\text{Nb}_3(\text{Se}_2)_6$ units are linked together through bridging $(\text{Se}_2)^{2-}$ ligands as well as through Nb—Nb bonding to form infinite $[\text{Nb}_3(\text{Se}_2)_6]_\infty$ chains parallel to the *c* axis. Considering the long distance (6.69 Å) between the centre lines of different chains, the metal–metal interaction is very anisotropic and typical of the one-dimensional character.

The Nb—Se and Se—Se bond lengths are in agreement with the reported values for other niobium selenides such as NbSe₃ (Hodeau *et al.*, 1978) and I_{0.33}NbSe₄ (Meerschaut, Palvadeau & Rouxel, 1977).

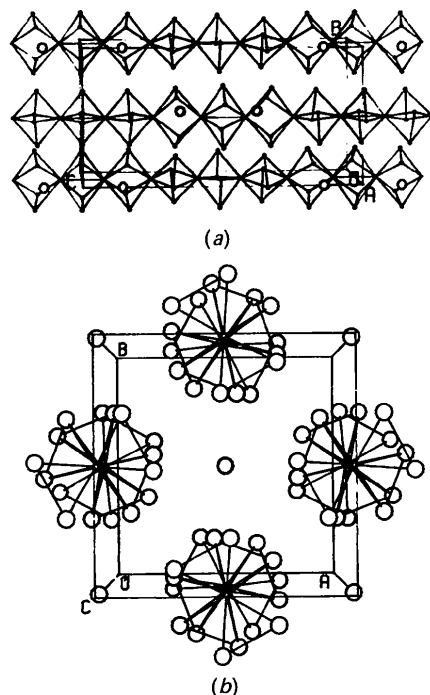


Fig. 1. (a) Perspective view of InNb₃(Se₂)₆ along the *a* axis. Atoms corresponding to $x < 0.25$ have been omitted. (b) Perspective view of InNb₃(Se₂)₆ along the *c* axis. Atoms corresponding to $z < 0.5$ have been omitted. The large isolated circles are In atoms.

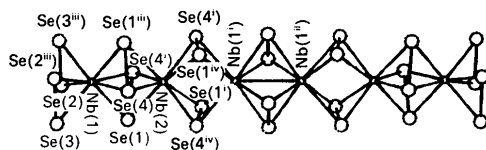


Fig. 2. Section of an infinite [Nb₃(Se₂)₆]_∞ chain with atom labelling.

It is interesting to notice the vacant one-dimensional channels between different chains in which the In atoms are intercalated. All the In atoms are located on the centre lines of the channels along the *c* axis; every In atom has a tetragonal pyramidal configuration with four equidistant Se atoms contributed by four different [Nb₃(Se₂)₆]_∞ chains. The height of the tetragonal pyramid InSe₄ is 0.364 Å, while that of ISe₄ is 0.592 Å; this is the main

difference between the structures of InNb₃(Se₂)₆ and I_{0.33}NbSe₄. Along the centre line, the In atoms are well separated from one another [$d(\text{In—In}) \geq 5.345$ Å]. The In—Se distance of 3.233 Å is much larger than the normal In—Se bond length (~2.6 Å) (Benoit, Charpin & Djega-Mariadassou, 1983), which indicates very weak interaction between Se and In atoms and may explain the large thermal motion of the In atom. As in In₋₃Mo₁₅Se₁₉ [In(1)—Se ≥ 3.162 Å] (Gruttner & Yvon, 1979), the guest In atoms can reasonably be considered as intercalated into the host one-dimensional framework. Considering the large difference between the electronegativities of indium and iodine, which will have different effects on the electronic states in the [Nb₃(Se₂)₆]_∞ chain, different electrical behaviour may be expected in the two compounds, and appropriate studies are being conducted at the present time.

Experimental

Crystal data

InNb₃(Se₂)₆
 $M_r = 1341.06$
 Tetragonal
P4/mnc
 $a = 9.450$ (1) Å
 $c = 19.068$ (9) Å
 $V = 1703$ (1) Å³
 $Z = 4$
 $D_x = 5.23$ Mg m⁻³
 $D_m = 5.2$ (1) Mg m⁻³

Mo *K*α radiation
 $\lambda = 0.71069$ Å
 Cell parameters from 20 reflections
 $\theta = 9-11^\circ$
 $\mu = 28.57$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 300$ K
 Square prism
 $0.14 \times 0.05 \times 0.05$ mm
 Black

Data collection

Rigaku AFC-5R diffractometer
 $\omega/2\theta$ scans
 Absorption correction: empirical (North, Phillips & Mathews, 1968)
 $T_{\min} = 0.618$, $T_{\max} = 0.967$
 1284 measured reflections
 1284 independent reflections

499 observed reflections
 $[I > 3\sigma(I)]$
 $\theta_{\max} = 30^\circ$
 $h = 0 \rightarrow 9$
 $k = 0 \rightarrow 13$
 $l = 0 \rightarrow 26$
 3 standard reflections monitored every 150 reflections
 intensity variation: 3.6%

Refinement

Refinement on *F*
 Final $R = 0.045$
 $wR = 0.051$
 $S = 1.15$
 499 reflections
 43 parameters
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o) + (0.02|F_o|)^2 + 1.0]$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.01$
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 1.35$ e Å⁻³
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = 1.65$ e Å⁻³

Extinction correction: Zachariasen (1963)
 Extinction coefficient: $g = 8.9 \times 10^{-7}$
 Atomic scattering factors from *International Tables for X-ray Crystallography* (1974, Vol. IV, Table 2.2B)

Table 1. Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic thermal parameters (\AA^2)
$$B_{\text{eq}} = (4/3)\sum_i \sum_j \beta_{ij} a_i \cdot a_j.$$

	x	y	z	B_{eq}
In	0.0000	0.0000	0.1402 (1)	2.12 (4)
Nb(1)	0.0000	0.5000	0.0796 (1)	0.71 (2)
Nb(2)	0.0000	0.5000	0.2500	0.63 (3)
Se(1)	0.1259 (1)	0.3151 (1)	0.16147 (7)	1.00 (2)
Se(2)	0.2249 (2)	0.4836 (2)	0.0000	0.62 (3)
Se(3)	-0.1075 (2)	0.3003 (2)	0.0000	1.30 (4)
Se(4)	-0.2148 (1)	0.4529 (1)	0.17180 (8)	1.11 (2)

Table 2. Selected interatomic distances (\AA) and bond angles ($^\circ$)

Nb(1 ⁱ)—Nb(1 ⁱⁱ)	3.037 (3)	Nb(1)—Nb(2)	3.248 (2)
Nb(1)—Se(1)	2.627 (2)	Nb(1)—Se(2)	2.617 (2)
Nb(1)—Se(3)	2.627 (2)	Nb(1)—Se(4)	2.721 (2)
Nb(2)—Se(1)	2.705 (1)	Nb(2)—Se(4)	2.558 (1)
Se(1)—Se(4 ⁱⁱⁱ)	2.356 (2)	Se(2)—Se(3 ⁱⁱⁱ)	2.325 (2)
In—Se(1)	3.233 (1)		
Nb(1)—Nb(2)—Nb(1 ⁱ)	180.00	Nb(2)—Nb(1 ⁱ)—Nb(1 ⁱⁱ)	180.00
Se(1)—Nb(1)—Se(1 ⁱⁱⁱ)	107.15 (8)	Se(1)—Nb(1)—Se(2)	86.42 (4)
Se(1)—Nb(1)—Se(2 ⁱⁱⁱ)	138.74 (4)	Se(1)—Nb(1)—Se(3)	92.32 (4)
Se(1)—Nb(1)—Se(3 ⁱⁱⁱ)	130.24 (4)	Se(1)—Nb(1)—Se(4)	81.12 (6)
Se(1)—Nb(1)—Se(4 ⁱⁱⁱ)	52.23 (4)	Se(2)—Nb(1)—Se(2 ⁱⁱⁱ)	109.05 (8)
Se(2)—Nb(1)—Se(3)	86.34 (6)	Se(2)—Nb(1)—Se(3 ⁱⁱⁱ)	52.62 (5)
Se(2)—Nb(1)—Se(4)	116.15 (5)	Se(2)—Nb(1)—Se(4 ⁱⁱⁱ)	77.21 (4)
Se(3)—Nb(1)—Se(3 ⁱⁱⁱ)	109.37 (7)	Se(3)—Nb(1)—Se(4)	88.13 (4)
Se(3)—Nb(1)—Se(4 ⁱⁱⁱ)	141.18 (4)	Se(4)—Nb(1)—Se(4 ⁱⁱⁱ)	99.57 (7)
Se(1)—Nb(2)—Se(1 ⁱⁱⁱ)	102.78 (4)	Se(1)—Nb(2)—Se(1 ⁱ)	79.70 (4)
Se(1)—Nb(2)—Se(1 ^{iv})	163.26 (3)	Se(1)—Nb(2)—Se(4)	82.70 (4)
Se(1)—Nb(2)—Se(4 ⁱⁱⁱ)	53.09 (3)	Se(1)—Nb(2)—Se(4 ⁱ)	143.12 (3)
Se(1)—Nb(2)—Se(4 ^{iv})	85.84 (4)	Se(4)—Nb(2)—Se(4 ⁱⁱⁱ)	108.68 (4)
Se(4)—Nb(2)—Se(4 ⁱ)	128.02 (4)	Se(4)—Nb(2)—Se(4 ^{iv})	93.66 (4)

Symmetry codes: (i) $\frac{1}{2} - y, \frac{1}{2} - x, \frac{1}{2} - z$; (ii) $\frac{1}{2} - y, \frac{1}{2} - x, \frac{1}{2} + z$; (iii) $-x, 1 - y, z$; (iv) $y - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} + x, \frac{1}{2} - z$.

The crystals of $\text{InNb}_3(\text{Se}_2)_6$ show metallic lustre and are stable in air. A microanalysis of single crystals was made with a Jeol scanning electron microscope. The experimental values in molar ratio are 1.1:2.7:11.7 (In:Nb:Se). The density was measured by the micropycnometer method in toluene.

The data were collected using scan rates of $5\text{--}16^\circ \text{min}^{-1}$ and a scan width of $(1.5+0.35 \tan \theta)^\circ$. Refinement was by full-matrix least-squares methods. Programs used to solve structure: *MULTAN82* (Main, Fiske, Hull, Lessinger, Germain, Declercq & Woolfson, 1982). Other programs used: *SDP* (Frenz, 1978). Calculations performed on a VAX 785 computer.

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Structure of 1-Benzhydryl-4-(2-benzoyl-ethyl)piperazinium Tetrachlorocuprate(II) Hydrate

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Abstract

The structure consists of bulky $\text{Ph}_2\text{CH}(\text{C}_4\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2)\text{CH}_2\text{—CH}_2(\text{CO})\text{Ph}^{2+}$ cations extended along the *c* axis, isolated $[\text{CuCl}_4]^{2-}$ anions and a disordered water molecule scattered in a channel running parallel to the *a* axis through the centre of the unit cell. Both the tertiary-amine-group