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Tricaesium Ditellurium Tetravanadium Chloride Tetradecaoxide

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Abstract

The title compound, $(CsCl)Cs_2(TeV_2O_7)_2$, was obtained at 700 K during the crystallization of a mixed telluriumcaesium vanadate using tellurium tetrachloride as a transport agent. The structure consists of stacks of $[V_2TeO_7]$ sheets alternately separated by layers of caesium atoms and layers of caesium and chlorine atoms. Within the sheets, the V atoms are distributed over two sites: a tetrahedral site containing V⁵⁺ ions and a square pyramidal site containing V⁴⁺ ions. The Te⁴⁺ ion lies within a tetrahedron formed by three O atoms and a lone pair. A maximum in the electron density is observed at the expected position of the lone pair.

Comment

In our long-term research, we are particularly interested in mixed valence transition metal (*M*) oxides, among them the vanadium bronzes, $M'_x V_{2-x}^{5+} V_x^{4+} O_5$ (*M'*= Li, Na, K, Rb, Ag) (Galy, 1992; Savariault, Déramond & Galy, 1994; Déramond, Savariault & Galy, 1994; Hirschinger *et al.*, 1993; Savariault & Galy, 1992), and the so-called lone-pair elements, *M**, characterized by unusual stereochemical effects (*M** = As³⁺, Se⁴⁺, Sn²⁺, Sb³⁺, Te⁴⁺, Pb²⁺, Bi³⁺) (Galy, Meunier, Andersson

© 1996 International Union of Crystallography Printed in Great Britain – all rights reserved & Åström, 1975; Enjalbert, Savariault & Galy, 1980; Galy & Enjalbert, 1982; Castro, Enjalbert, Schnuriger & Galy, 1990). These oxides also give a rich series of double oxides, among which are the compounds $MV^{5+}Te^{4+}O_5$, which are related to the vanadium bronzes in formula but are completely different in structure and physical properties (Darriet, Guillaume, Wilhelmi & Galy, 1972). Several phases containing M and M^* metals have been synthesized, particularly for M = V, for example Te₂V₂O₉ and α - and β -TeVO₄ (Darriet & Galy, 1973; Meunier, Darriet & Galy, 1972, 1973), but with vanadium simultaneously present in two different valence states. During studies of the crystal growth of CsVTeO₅ by chemical transport using TeCl₄, the title compound was been discovered.

A projection of the structure of the title compound onto the [001] plane is given in Fig. 1, showing the presence of sheets of vanadium and tellurium oxide separated alternately by layers of caesium atoms and layers of caesium and chlorine atoms. The corresponding average distances between successive metal oxide layers are 5.68 and 6.12 Å, respectively. A view of a metal oxide sheet is given in Fig. 2. The V atoms lie in two types of site: atom V1 in a VO₅ square pyramid and atom V2 in a VO₄ tetrahedron. The Te^{4+} ion, bonded to three O atoms, has a lone pair (E), thus forming a TeO_3E tetrahedron. The VO₄ and TeO₃E tetrahedra share atom O4 $[V2-O4-Te 132.2(4)^{\circ}]$ to form a pair of tetrahedra in a staggered conformation with an angle between the O-atom basal planes of $57.6(1)^{\circ}$. The O atoms of each base, O2 and O3, are shared with the basal plane of the $V1O_5$ pyramid. This leads to a sheet of formula



Fig. 1. A projection of the unit cell along the [001] direction. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 75% probability level.



Fig. 2. A view of one layer showing the stacking of the vanadium and tellurium polyhedra. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 75% probability level.

(VO)(VTeO₆*E*). This type of formula is also found in the compounds $K_2VO(V_2O_7)$ (Galy & Carpy, 1975) and $Ba_2(TiO)(Si_2O_7)$ (Moore & Louisnathan, 1969). However, the M_2O_7 moieties in these compounds are formed from tetrahedra in an eclipsed conformation and are arranged perpendicularly, whereas they are parallel in the title structure.

Within the sheets, the V1O₅ square pyramids and the V2O₄ tetrahedra lie in the same orientation: their free apices, O1 and O5, are directed towards the intersheet space which contains caesium atoms but not chlorine atoms. The TeO_3E tetrahedra point towards the other intersheet space, which contains chlorine and caesium atoms. The V atoms are displaced from the basal planes (or the layer plane) towards the apices by 0.47 and 0.62 Å, respectively, such that the V-O(apex) bonds are the shortest V—O bonds in the polyhedra [V1-01 1.591 (5), V2-05 1.616 (5) Å]. The electroneutrality of this compound infers the ionic formula $Cs_3^+V_2^{4+}V_2^{5+}Te_2^{4+}Cl^-O_{14}^{2-}$. The two V-atom sites contain the V^{4+} and V^{5+} ions. Galy, Casalot, Pouchard & Hagenmuller (1966) have shown that in α' -NaV₂O₅, the volume of the square pyramidal V-atom sites varies with the oxidation state of vanadium: the V4+ ion, which has a greater ionic radius than V⁵⁺, occupies the largest site. Therefore, in the title compound, the V⁴⁺ ion must be found in the square pyramidal site and the V^{5+} ion in the tetrahedral site. Confirmation of this assignment is given using Brown's formula (Brown & Shannon, 1973; Brown & Altermatt, 1985): a valency of 4.18 is obtained for V1 in the pyramidal site and a valency of 4.99 for V2 in the tetrahedral site.

The structures of compounds containing the Te⁴⁺ ion show that the lone pair (E) has important stereochemical activity. The lone pair occupies a volume the same size as that of an anion (Galy, Meunier, Andersson & Åström, 1975). This infers that the Te atom is shifted out of the centre of its cavity, as the long and short

Te-O distances of ca 2.8 and 1.9 Å, respectively, demonstrate. In the title compound, a similar Te-atom environment is observed: there are three short distances, Te-O3 [1.857 (3)], Te-O3ⁱ [1.857 (3)] and Te-O4 [1.918 (5)], and four long distances, Te-O2 [2.903 (5)], Te—O2ⁱ [2.903 (5)], Te—Cl and Te—Clⁱⁱ [3.419 (1) Å]. The centre of the cavity (x = 0.4226, y = 0.4908, z =0.5) is shifted 0.59 Å from the Te atom and its mean radius is 2.07 Å. Surprisingly, this shift is similar to the distance of the highest electron density maximum found in the Fourier difference synthesis from the Te atom (0.64 Å). The radius of the perturbation sphere of the lone pair, however, is larger than the radius of either the O^{2-} (1.42 Å) or the Cl⁻ (1.80 Å) anions. Assuming that the centre of the lone pair occupies the fourth corner of a regular tetrahedron built on the basal triangle of O atoms, Galy, Meunier, Andersson & Aström (1975) gave a formula for calculating the distance between the Te atom and the lone pair. An average Te—E distance of 1.25(9) Å was proposed. Applying the formula to the title compound, using the average distances O···O 2.801 and Te-O 1.882 Å, the calculated Te—E distance is 1.32 Å, close to the observed value of 1.25 Å. This structure confirms once more the stereoactivity of the lone pair.

The Cs atoms, which bind the vanadium-tellurium oxide sheets, have two types of environment. Cs1 lies within a square oblique prism of O atoms with two Cl atoms capping the two opposite faces. The average cation-anion distances are Cs1—O 3.22 and Cs1—Cl 3.41 Å. Cs2 is only surrounded by O atoms, which form a distorted trigonal prism with two O atoms pointing out of two contiguous faces. The average Cs2—O distance is 3.17 Å. The Cs-atom environments are shown in Fig. 3.



Fig. 3. The environments of the Cs atoms. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 66% probability level.

Experimental

The synthesis of the title compound was a two-step process. First, $C_{s}VO_{3}$ was prepared from a mixture of $C_{s_{2}}CO_{3}$ and $V_{2}O_{5}$ in a molar ratio of 1:1. The sample, carefully ground, was heated for 24 h at 673 K under oxygen. The reaction was terminated when the weight loss was equal to the calculated

weight of the carbon dioxide evolved. The purity of the compound was monitored by powder X-ray diffraction. TeO₂ was then added to CsVO₃ to form a mixture in the molar ratio 1:1 which, after grinding, was sealed under vacuum in a quartz container. CsVTeO₅ was obtained after heating the mixture at 780 K for 12 h. This compound looked like a brown glass, but gave a powder X-ray diffraction pattern characteristic of a pyrochlore-type structure which could be indexed using a cell parameter a = 10.52(5) Å. It rapidly became apparent that the pyrochlore phase could not be obtained without melting the mixture. After several unsuccessful attempts to grow crystals, the easily melted salt tellurium tetrachloride was used as a transport agent. A long quartz tube containing the above mixture and 1% TeCl4 was evacuated and placed in a 573-700 K temperature gradient for a month. Two phases were obtained: the brown glass at the hot part of the tube and, a third of the way down the tube, black acicular crystals. Chemical analysis of the glass confirmed the formula CsVTeO₅: observed (calculated) Cs 33.75 (33.95), V 13.27 (13.01), Te 31.83 (32.60). EDX analysis of the crystals revealed the presence of chlorine in addition to the expected elements Cs, V and Te.

Crystal data

$(CsCl)Cs_2(TeV_2O_7)_2$
$M_r = 1117.124$
Orthorhombic
Pnnm
$a = 23.608 (8) \text{\AA}$
b = 6.825(9) Å
c = 5.4908 (13) Å
$V = 884.7 (13) \text{ Å}^3$
Z = 2
$D_x = 4.194 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
D_m not measured

Data collection

Enraf-Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer ω -2 θ scans Absorption correction: by integration from crystal shape, Gaussian grid: 6,4,34 (Coppens, Leiserowitz & Rabinovich, 1965) $T_{\min} = 0.5708, T_{\max} =$ 0.7285

Refinement

Refinement on F^2 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.0407$ $wR(F^2) = 0.1011$ S = 1.1962777 reflections 70 parameters $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0389P)^2]$ + 8.6069*P*] where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = -0.001$ $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 3.58 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$ $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -2.42 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$

Mo $K\alpha$ radiation $\lambda = 0.71069 \text{ Å}$ Cell parameters from 25 reflections $\theta = 11.5 - 22.8^{\circ}$ $\mu = 11.573 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 293 (2) KNeedle $0.2 \times 0.02 \times 0.015$ mm Black

3559 measured reflections 3559 independent reflections $\theta_{\rm max} = 41.92^{\circ}$ $h = 0 \rightarrow 44$ $k = 0 \rightarrow 12$ $l = 0 \rightarrow 10$ 3 standard reflections frequency: 120 min intensity decay: 0.10%

Extinction correction: SHELXL93 (Sheldrick, 1993) Extinction coefficient: 0.0011 (2) Atomic scattering factors from International Tables for Crystallography (1992, Vol. C, Tables 4.2.6.8 and 6.1.1.4)

Table 1. Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ($Å^2$)

$U_{eq} =$	$(1/3)\Sigma_i\Sigma_jU_{ij}a_i^*a_j^*$	a _i .a _j .
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	x	у	z	U_{eq}
Te	0.41639 (2)	0.57398 (4)	1/2	0.01108 (7)
Csl	0	1/2	1/2	0.01875 (10)
Cs2	0.27091 (2)	0.84715 (7)	0	0.02238 (9)
V1	0.36314 (4)	0.37055 (13)	0	0.01057 (13)
V2	0.38412 (4)	0.06332 (12)	1/2	0.00936(12)
Cl	1/2	1/2	0.0	0.0293 (5)
01	0.2986 (2)	0.3031 (8)	0	0.0225 (9)
02	0.39843 (14)	0.2047 (5)	0.2483 (6)	0.0192 (5)
03	0.3647 (2)	0.5811(5)	0.2451 (6)	0.0220 (6)
04	0.4311 (2)	0.8503 (6)	1/2	0.0177 (7)
05	0.3181 (2)	0.0005 (8)	1/2	0.0211 (8)

Table 2. Selected geometric parameters (Å, °)

Te—O3	1.857 (3)	Cs2—O5 ^{xi}	3,142 (3)
Te—O3 ⁱ	1.857 (3)	Cs2—O5 ^{xii}	3.142 (3)
Te—O4	1.918 (5)	Cs2—O3 ^{xiii}	3.165 (4)
Te—O2	2.903 (5)	Cs2—O3	3.165 (4)
Te—O2 ⁱ	2.903 (5)	Cs2	3,165 (6)
Te—Cl	3.419(1)	Cs2-01 ^{x1}	3.180(7)
Te—Cl ⁱⁱ	3.419(1)	Cs2-O1 ^{xiv}	3.213 (3)
Cs1-O2 ⁱⁱⁱ	3.092 (3)	Cs2—O1 ^{vi}	3.213 (3)
Cs1-O2 ^{iv}	3.092 (3)	V1-01	1.591 (5)
$Cs1-O2^{v}$	3.092 (3)	V1-O2 ^{xiii}	1.958 (3)
Cs1-O2 ^{vi}	3.092 (3)	V1-02	1.958 (3)
Cs1-O4 ^{vii}	3.350(3)	V1-O3 ^{xiii}	1.969 (3)
Cs1-04 ^{viii}	3.350(3)	V1-03	1.969 (3)
Cs1-O4 ^{ix}	3.350(3)	V2—05	1.616(5)
Cs1—O4 ^x	3.350(3)	V2—O2	1.719 (3)
Cs1—Cl ^{viii}	3.413 (5)	V2-02 ⁱ	1.719(3)
Cs1—Cl ^{vi}	3.413 (5)	V2—O4 ^{xv}	1.829 (5)
O3—Te—O3 ⁱ	97.8 (2)	O2 ^{xiii} —V1—O3	152.8 (2)
O3—Te—O4	95.36 (15)	O2-V1-O3	86.4 (2)
03 ⁱ —Te—O4	95.36 (15)	03 ^{xiii} V103	86.2 (2)
01—V1—02 ^{xiii}	103.9 (2)	O5—V2—O2	109.8 (2)
01—V1—02	103.9 (2)	O5-V2-O21	109.8 (2)
02 ^{xiii} V102	88.2 (2)	O2—V2—O2'	107.0 (3)
01V103 ^{xiii}	103.3 (2)	O5—V2—O4 ^{xv}	112.0 (3)
02 ^{xiii} -V1-03 ^{xiii}	86.4 (2)	O2—V2—O4 ^{xv}	109.08 (15
O2—V1—O3 ^{xiii}	152.8 (2)	$O2^i - V2 - O4^{xv}$	109.08 (15
01—V1—03	103.3 (2)		

Symmetry codes: (i) x, y, 1 - z; (ii) x, y, 1 + z; (iii) $x - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$ $\begin{array}{l} y, \frac{1}{2} - z; \ (iv) \ x - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} - y, \frac{1}{2} + z; \ (v) \ \frac{1}{2} - x, \frac{1}{2} + y, \frac{1}{2} + z; \\ (vi) \ \frac{1}{2} - x, \frac{1}{2} + y, \frac{1}{2} - z; \ (vii) \ \frac{1}{2} - x, y - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2} - z; \ (viii) \ \frac{1}{2} - x, y - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} - z; \\ (ix) \ x - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2} - y, z - \frac{1}{2}; \ (x) \ x - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2} - y, \frac{1}{2} + z; \ (xi) \ x, 1 + y, z; \end{array}$ (xii) x, 1 + y, z - 1; (xiii) x, y, -z; (xiv) $\frac{1}{2} - x, \frac{1}{2} + y, -\frac{1}{2} - z$; (xv) x, y - 1, z.

Preliminary studies were carried out on a crystal using the Weissenberg technique and Cu $K\alpha$ radiation. An orthorhombic cell with parameters a = 23.61, b = 6.83, c = 5.49 Å was obtained and the Pnnm or Pnn2 space groups proposed. Heavy atoms were obtained using the Patterson technique (Sheldrick, 1985) and other atoms from a series of refinements and Fourier summations (Sheldrick, 1993). Relationships between the coordinates of the atoms led to the choice of the centrosymmetric space group Pnnm. An absorption correction was performed using numerical integration over the crystal shape (Coppens, Leiserowitz & Rabinovich, 1965) before the introduction of anisotropic displacement parameters for every atom. 785 poorly measured reflections were omitted from the final refinement. The final residual Fourier map reveals a maximum peak of electron density ($\rho = 3.58 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$) near the Te atom (distance 0.64 Å), 40% larger than the next largest peak (2.49 e $Å^{-3}$).

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Rietveld Refinement of the Orthorhombic *Pbca* Structures of Rb₂CdSi₅O₁₂, Cs₂MnSi₅O₁₂, Cs₂CoSi₅O₁₂ and Cs₂NiSi₅O₁₂ Leucites by Synchrotron X-ray Powder Diffraction

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Abstract

Analysis of high-resolution synchrotron X-ray powder diffraction patterns for hydrothermally synthesized $Rb_2CdSi_5O_{12}$ and $Cs_2MnSi_5O_{12}$ leucite analogues, and dry-synthesized $Cs_2CoSi_5O_{12}$ and $Cs_2NiSi_5O_{12}$ leucite analogues showed that they have an orthorhombic *Pbcca* structure. The structures have been refined by the Rietveld method, showing that the tetrahedrally coordinated atoms (Si, Cd, Mn, Co and Ni) are ordered on separate sites. The $Cs_2MnSi_5O_{12}$, $Cs_2CoSi_5O_{12}$ and $Cs_2NiSi_5O_{12}$ leucite samples are unusual in containing SiO_4 tetrahedra which are more distorted, on average, than the larger MnO₄, CoO₄ and NiO₄ tetrahedra. The JCPDS file numbers for $Rb_2CdSi_5O_{12}$, $Cs_2MnSi_5O_{12}$ and $Cs_2CoSi_5O_{12}$ are 46-1491, 46-1492 and 46-1493, respectively.

Comment

As part of a wider attempt to understand the controls and consequences of tetrahedral-site cation ordering in compounds with silicate framework structures, we are studying a series of synthetic leucite analogues with the stoichiometry $X_2ZSi_5O_{12}$ (X = K, Rb, Cs; Z = Mg, Mn, Fe²⁺, Co, Ni, Cu, Zn, Cd). The structures of these analogues are related to that of natural leucite (KAlSi₂O₆). Many of these materials have framework-cation species that are more amenable to tetrahedral-site (*T*-site) analysis than Al/Si analogues and also display different *T*-site ordering arrangements depending on their conditions of synthesis and on their chemical compositions (Bell, Henderson, Redfern, Cernik, Champness, Fitch & Kohn, 1994; Bell & Henderson, 1994*a*,*b*; Bell, Redfern, Henderson & Kohn, 1994).

X-ray powder diffraction techniques and Rietveld analysis (Rietveld, 1969) have been used to determine the structures of these materials. ²⁹Si magic-

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