Cu-Cl distance in Cu(DAPDH₂)Cl₂ and the Zn-Cl distances in $Zn(DAPDH_2)Cl_2$, which differ by ca. 0.02 Å. For the M-N distances a substantially different situation exists. The Zn-N(py) and Zn-N(oxime) bond distances in $Zn(DAPDH_2)Cl_2$ are ca. 0.13 and 0.20 Å longer than their respective Cu-N bond distances in Cu(DAPDH₂)Cl₂. These unusually long Zn-N bond distances strongly suggest that the angular overlap between the available metal orbitals and the oxime's N donor orbitals is relatively poor in this five-coordinate Zn complex. This remark indicates that it may be possible to enhance the Zn-N bonding interaction by using a tridentate ligand such as $(H_2NCH_2CH_2)_2NH$, which possesses a more flexible chelate backbone than DAPDH₂.

The molecular configuration associated with these five-coordinate complexes appears to have a noticeable influence upon the planarity of the coordinated dioxime ligand as well. In both $Cu(DAPDH_2)Cl_2$ and $[Cu(DAPDH)]_2^{2+}$ the dioxime ligand is not strictly planar. All of the nonhydrogen atoms of the tridentate ligand are displaced below the plane defined by the three N donor atoms and away from the copper atom which lies 0.289 (1) and ca. 0.19 (1) Å above this plane in $Cu(DAPDH_2)Cl_2$ and $[Cu(DAPDH)]_2^{2+}$, respectively. In contrast, for Zn(DAPDH₂)Cl₂ the corresponding deviations from planarity are significantly smaller and the Zn atom lies in the plane of the oxime ligand.

The bond distances and bond angles within the coordinated oxime ligands in Cu(DAPDH₂)Cl₂, Zn(DAPDH₂)Cl₂, and $[Cu(DAPDH)]_2^{2+}$ species are comparable in magnitude despite the observed differences in the mode of oxime coordination. The orbital hybridizations about the N donor atoms and the carbon atoms of the relatively rigid backbone of this chelate ligand are essentially sp². The average N-OH distance of 1.376 Å in $Cu(DAPDH_2)Cl_2$ and $Zn(DAPDH_2)Cl_2$ are comparable to that of 1.39 Å in $[Cu(DAPDH)]_2^{2+.5}$ Depro-

tonation of the oxime, however, is accompanied by a significant reduction in the N-O bond distance. The average N-O bond distance is reduced from ca. 1.38 Å for DAPDH₂ in M- $(DAPDH_2)Cl_2$ to ca. 1.33 Å for DAPDH⁻ in [Cu- $(DAPDH)]_2^{2+}$. For the doubly deprotonated DAPD²⁻ chelates of Ni(DAPD)₂²⁹ a substantially shorter N-O distance of 1.257 (3) Å was determined.

Finally, the N(oxime)-M-N(py) bond angle for the fivemembered rings of these dioxime complexes (Table V) is closely related to the magnitude of the M-N(py) bond. As the M-N(py) distance increases from 1.837 (4) Å for Ni- $(DAPD)_2^{29}$ to 1.932 (3) Å for Cu(DAPDH₂)Cl₂ to 2.063 (2) Å for $Zn(DAPDH_2)Cl_2$, the corresponding inner "bite" angle decreases continually from 82.4 (1) to 77.6 (average) to 73.7° (average), respectively. In $Ni(DAPD)_2$ the higher oxidation state and smaller size of the Ni(IV) ion cause the chelating oxime groups to be pulled more strongly toward the nickel. This distortion of the DAPD²⁻ ligand is accompanied by a noticeable increase in the N(oxime)-M-N(py) bond angle. Conversely, the weaker metal-oxime interaction in Zn-(DAPDH₂)Cl₂ is characterized by substantially longer M-N bond distances which distort the coordinated DAPDH₂ ligand in the opposite sense as reflected by a reduction of the average N(oxime)-M-N(py) bond angle.

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Gas-Phase Electron-Diffraction Studies of the Molecular Structures of Tetrachlorosulfidotungsten(VI), WSCl₄, and Tetrachloroselenotungsten(VI), WSeCl₄

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The molecular structures of WSCl₄ and WSeCl₄ have been studied by gas-phase electron diffraction at average nozzle temperatures of 200 and 220 °C, respectively. The experimental data for both species are fitted by square-pyramidal models of C_{4c} symmetry in which the tungsten atom is slightly above the plane of the four chlorine atoms. The following principal distances (r_a) , angles, and root-mean-square amplitudes of vibration (l) with estimated uncertainties of 2σ were obtained. $WSCl_4$: r(W=S) = 2.086 (6) Å, r(W-Cl) = 2.277 (3) Å, $\angle SWCl = 104.2$ (5)°, $\angle ClWCl = 86.5$ (2)°, l(W=S) = 0.031(6) Å, l(W-Cl) = 0.058 (4) Å, l(S-Cl) = 0.147 (17) Å, l(Cl-Cl) = 0.114 (10) Å, l(Cl-Cl) = 0.120 (25) Å. WSeCl₄: $r(W=Se) = 2.203 (4) \text{ Å}, r(W-Cl) = 2.284 (3) \text{ Å}, \angle SeWCl = 104.4 (3)^\circ, \angle ClWCl = 86.5 (2)^\circ, l(W=Se) = 0.055 (4) \text{ Å}, l(W-Cl) = 0.060 (3)\text{ Å}, l(SeCl) = 0.147 (9) \text{ Å}, l(Cl·Cl) = 0.116 (8) \text{ Å}, l(Cl·Cl) = 0.116 (19) \text{ Å}.$ The similarities and differences of these structures, together with that of WOCl₄ available in the literature, are interpreted in terms of relative bond orders and nonbond repulsions.

Introduction

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The molecular structures in the gas phase of a number of oxo halides of group 6B elements are known from electrondiffraction measurements. Nothing is known about the structures of the analogous sulfido and seleno halides, but it is reasonable to expect the molecules to have C_{4v} symmetry as do the oxygen compounds. Should this be the case, the structural differences resulting from substitution at the axial

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position in these compounds permit insights into the nature of the bonding operating in them. Accordingly we decided to investigate the structures of $WSCl_4$ and $WSeCl_4$ by electron diffraction. Structural data are already available for WOCl₄.²

There are apparently no measurements of the vibrational spectra of WSCl₄ or WSeCl₄ in the literature, but such data do exist for WOCl₄.^{3,4} Other information includes X-ray

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Figure 1. WSCl₄ intensity curves. The s^4I_t curves from each plate are shown superposed on the final backgrounds and are magnified 5 times relative to the backgrounds. The sI_m curves are averages from each camera distance. The theoretical curve is for the model of Table I. The differences are experimental minus theoretical.

diffraction analyses of the structures of WOCl₄⁵ and WSCl₄⁶ in the crystal. The structures are quite different: the former has W-O-W bridges and the latter W=S terminal bonds.

Experimental Section

The compounds WSCl₄ and WSeCl₄ readily react with oxygen, water, -OH groups on glass surfaces, etc. to yield, among other things, WOCl4. Accordingly, the following preparative and handling techniques⁷ were adopted. The WCl₆ needed for the preparation of WSCl₄ and WSeCl₄ was prepared by the chlorination of the metal (400 °C), and the product was resublimed under an atmosphere of dry chlorine. Analytical grade sulfur was recrystallized from dry toluene. Sb₂Se₃ was prepared from analytical grade samples of the elements. WSCl4 was obtained by heating WCl₆ and sulfur (1:3 molar ratio, 120 °C) in a sealed tube. The product was resublimed under vacuum at 140 °C. WSeCl₄ was prepared by the reaction of WCl₆ and Sb₂Se₃ (3:1 molar ratio, 140 °C) in a sealed tube. The product was purified by vacuum sublimation at 150 °C.

Small quantities of the compounds were loaded into glass ampules fitted with a break-seal in a nitrogen-filled drybox. These ampules were evacuated (5 \times 10⁻⁵ torr) and sealed. For a diffraction experiment an ampule was connected via glass tubing and Swagelok

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Figure 2. WSeCl₄ intensity curves (see legend to Figure 1).

couplings to the apparatus. The whole of the tubing between the apparatus and the break-seal was wrapped with electrical heating tape and kept at approximately 250 °C for about 1.5 h while evacuated to 10⁻⁶ torr. (If this preheating step was omitted, there was evidence of impurity formation (WOCl₄?) in the tubing during the experiment.) The break-seal was then opened and the sample reservoir gradually heated until sufficient vapor for the diffraction experiments was obtained. The tubing connecting the sample reservoir and the apparatus was kept at a temperature between those of the reservoir and the nozzle tip. At the end of the experiment there was no visible sign of sample decomposition or reaction with the glass surfaces, as shown by the lack of "tungsten blue".

The electron-diffraction photographs were taken in the Oregon State apparatus with experimental conditions as follows: Kodak 8 in. × 10 in. projector slide plates (medium contrast), r^3 sector, nominal nozzle-to-plate distances 750 mm (long camera) and 300 mm (intermediate camera), electron wavelengths of about 0.057 Å accurately determined by voltage measurements calibrated against gaseous CO₂ $(r_a(C=O) = 1.1646 \text{ Å and } r_a(O=O) = 2.3244 \text{ Å})$, beam current range 0.34-0.50 µA, nozzle-tip temperature ranges 195-206 °C (sulfide) and 214-232 °C (selenide), pressure range in the apparatus (1-4) \times 10⁻⁶ torr. The scattered intensity data were obtained from the plates (WSCl4, three long and three intermediate camera distances; WSeCl4, four long and four intermediate camera distances) as previosuly described.⁸ Calculated backgrounds⁹ containing contributions from theoretical elastic¹⁰ and inelastic¹¹ atomic scattering were subtracted

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Figure 3. Experimental radial distribution curves. The vertical lines denote interatomic distances and have lengths proportional to $n_{ij}Z_iZ_j/r_{ij}$. The lower curve of each group is the radial distribution difference (experimental minus theoretical).

from the intensity data to yield the experimental molecular intensity distribution in the form $s(I_m(s))^8$ used for analysis at Oregon State.

Data from the long and intermediate camera distances were obtained over the ranges $2.00 \le s \le 12.75$ Å⁻¹ and $7.00 \le s \le 31.75$ Å⁻¹, respectively, at intervals $\Delta s = 0.25$ Å⁻¹ ($s = 4\pi\lambda^{-1} \sin \theta$; 2θ is the scattering angle). Curves of the reduced intensity data $[s^4(I_t(s))]$ are shown in Figures 1 and 2; the data themselves and the molecular intensity averages are available as supplementary material.

Radial distribution curves were calculated in the normal manner after multiplication of the $s(I_m(s))$ values by $(s^4 Z_W Z_{Cl} / f_W f_{Cl}) \cdot exp(-0.0025s^2)$. These are shown in Figure 3. The curves are completely consistent with C_{4v} symmetry for the molecules, as was found for WOCl₄² and WOF₄;¹² accordingly, this symmetry was assumed in refinement of the structures.

Refinements of the structures were carried out by least squares,¹³ adjusting theoretical $s(I_m(s))$ values calculated from models of the molecule to the averages of the several sets of observed data obtained at each camera distance. A diagonal weight matrix was used. Models of the molecules assuming C_{4v} symmetry have five different interatomic distances: r(W=Y) (Y = S or Se), r(W-Cl), $r(Y\cdotCl)$, $r(Cl\cdotCl)$, and $r(Cl \cdot Cl)$ (one and two dots indicate respectively the cis and trans interactions), which are specified by the three convenient parameters r(W=Y), r(W-Cl), and $\angle YWCl$. These parameters together with the five amplitudes of vibration corresponding to the five nonequivalent atomic pairs were taken to define the geometrical and dynamical aspects of the structure. "Shrinkage"¹⁴ and anharmonicity effects were expected to be small and were ignored. In accordance with past experience, the phase factors η for osmium were used in place of those for tungsten for all terms involving the latter. The results of the refinements are given in Table I and the correlation matrices in Tables II and III. The theoretical intensity curves for the final models and the differences between these and the observed average curves are shown in Figures 1 and 2.

Discussion

The results of our investigation strongly suggest that the molecules of both WSCl₄ and WSeCl₄ have structures with C_{4v} symmetry in the gas phase, as was concluded in the cases of $WOCl_4^2$ and WOF_4^{12} . Of course, we are unable to rule out small equilibrium deviations from this symmetry, but we can confidently exclude the presence of appreciable amounts of C_{3v} structures (i.e., those with a linear Cl-W-Y fragment) or C_{2v} structures (i.e., those with linear Cl-W-Cl and planar $Y-W-Cl_2$ moieties).

Structure Results for WOCI WSCI and WSeCI a,b

	WOCl₄ ^c	WSCl₄ ^d	WSeCl ₄ ^d
	Dis	tances	
r(W=Y)	1.685 (15)	2.086 (6)	2.203 (4)
r(W-Cl)	2.280 (3)	2.277 (3)	2.284 (3)
$r(\mathbf{Y} \cdot \mathbf{Cl})$	3.117 (35)	3.445 (12)	3.545 (9)
<i>r</i> (Cl·Cl)	3.146 (15)	3.121 (8)	3.129 (6)
$r(Cl \cdot Cl)$	4.449 (21)	4.414 (11)	4.425 (9)
	Amp	litudes	
l(W=Y)	0.045 (11)	0.031 (6)	0.055 (4)
l(W-CI)	0.052 (4)	0.058 (4)	0.060 (3)
$l(\mathbf{Y} \cdot \mathbf{Cl})$	0.095 (38)	0.147 (17)	0.147 (9)
$l(CI \cdot CI)$	0.122 (28)	0.114 (10)	0.116 (8)
$l(C1 \cdot C1)$	0.118 (20)	0.120 (25)	0.116 (19)
	Bond	Angles	
Y-W-Cl	102.4 (13)	104.2 (5)	104.4 (3)
Cl-W-Cl	87.3 (5)	86.5 (2)	86.5 (2)
	RN	/alue ^e	
		0.112	0.064

^a Distances (r_a) and amplitudes in angstroms; angles in degrees. ^b Parenthesized uncertainties are estimated 2 σ for WSCl₄ and WSeCl₄. Uncertainties for WOCl₄ were estimated by a slightly different method which gives comparable results. ^c Reference 1. $r_{\rm g}$ values in this article have been converted to $r_{\rm a}$ for more direct comparisons. ^d This work. ^e $R = [\Sigma w_i \Delta_i^2 / \Sigma w_i (s_i I_i (\text{obsd}))^2]^{1/2}$, where $\Delta_i = s_i I_i (\text{obsd}) - s_i I_i (\text{calcd})$.

It is well-known that the covalent radius of a metal atom increases with increase in its coordination number. It is thus not surprising that the W=S distance in our WSCl₄ (Table I) is appreciably shorter than those in a number of WSCl₄ adducts having sixfold coordination of the tungsten atom, for example, in the anion $[WCl_5S]^-$, where this distance is 2.132 (13) $Å^{15}$ In crystalline WSCl₄⁶ a long W...Cl interaction exists trans to the sulfur atom; here too, consistent with the coordination-effect principle, the W=S bond length at 2.098 (8) Å is slightly longer than in the free molecule. Although few values for W=Se distances are known, one well-characterized species with sixfold coordination of the tungsten atom is WCl₃ $\hat{S}e(OCH_2CH_2OMe)$ for which the value 2.225 (5) Å for W=Se was obtained.¹⁶ Again, the bond is longer than in our WSeCl₄ with its fivefold coordination around the metal atom.

Some ideas about the bonding between the tungsten and axial atoms in the compounds of Table I may be had from the bond lengths. The lengths of normal W=O, W=S, and W=Se double bonds may be estimated by subtracting 0.21 Å from the sums of the covalent single-bond radii;¹⁷ the results are respectively, 1.834, 2.134, and 2.264 Å. (There is uncertainty about the appropriateness of including a correction for electronegativity difference in such calculations when a metal atom is involved, but since the W-Cl distance is predicted to within 0.01 Å without a correction, it seems justified to ignore it for the other bonds as well.) In each case, the measured value is shorter than the predicted one, but the difference for W=O is more than twice as great as for the others. A similar, even greater difference is found for the bond pairs P=O, P=S and As=O, As=S in the compounds PF_3Y , ^{18,19} PCl_3Y , ¹⁸ $P(CH_3)_3Y$, ²⁰ and $As(CH_3)_3Y^{20}$ (Y = O or S). Here it was suggested that partial triple-bond character

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Table II. Correlation Matrix (×100) for WSCl₄

	σ^a	<i>r</i> ₁	r 2	<i>r</i> ₃	r ₄	r 5	l_1	l_2	l,	l_4	ls	\angle_1	L 2	
r(W=S)	0.20	100	-29	12	6	6	23	-71	-5	-16	-6	-21	21	
r(W-C1)	0.09		100	28	28	28	35	6	2	8	4	22	-22	
$r(S \cdot Cl)$	0.42			100	-78	-78	16	-13	17	18	-2	94	-94	
$r(Cl \cdot Cl)$	0.24				100	100	15	-9	-18	-19	3	-88	88	
$r(C1 \cdot C1)$	0.34					100	15	-9	-18	-19	3	-88	88	
l(W=S)	0.23						100	49	<1	-5	1	2	-2	
l(W-C1)	0.13							100	4	20	6	12	-12	
$l(S \cdot CI)$	0.56								100	41	6	19	-19	
$l(CI \cdot CI)$	0.31									100	8	23	-23	
$l(CI \cdot CI)$	0.86										100	-1	1	
∠S-W-Cl	17.3											100	-100	
∠C1-W-C1	8.3												100	

^a Standard deviations (×100) are from least squares. Distances and amplitudes are in angstroms and angles in degrees.

Table III. Correlation Matrix (×100) for WSeCl₄

	σα	<i>r</i> ₁	r 2	r 3	r ₄	rs	l_1	<i>l</i> ₂	l ₃	<i>l</i> ₄	ls	۲1	L ₂
r(W=Se)	0.11	100	-56	-2	-13	-13	-30	-24	-6	-14	2	-21	21
r(W-Cl)	0.08		100	20	42	42	28	21	-2	16	4	16	-16
$r(Se \cdot Cl)$	0.29			100	-77	-77	-1	<1	18	32	5	97	-97
$r(Cl \cdot Cl)$	0.19				100	100	14	9	-20	-21	-2	-83	83
$r(Cl \cdot Cl)$	0.26					100	14	9	-20	-21	-2	-83	83
l(W=Se)	0.12						100	<1	7	7	5	2	-2
l(W-Cl)	0.06							100	6	11	3	3	-3
$l(Se \cdot Cl)$	0.25								100	2	12	20	-20
$l(Cl \cdot Cl)$	0.24									100	6	32	-32
$l(CI \cdot CI)$	0.64										100	4	-4
∠Se-W-Cl	12.0											100	-100
∠Cl-W-Cl	5.9												100

^a Standard deviations ($\times 100$) are from least squares. Distances and amplitudes are in angstroms and angles in degrees.

results for the oxo compounds by donation from the two filled oxygen p_{π} orbitals to empty d_{π} orbitals on the central atom, a process less likely in the sulfur compounds because the bonds are less polar. It seems reasonable that the same effect, less pronounced, operates in the tungsten compounds. With the assumption that $WSeCl_4$ has terminal W=Y bonds in the solid, as does WSCl₄,⁶ there is spectroscopic evidence to support this view.²¹ Infrared bands assigned to the W=Y stretching vibration have been measured at 1030 cm⁻¹ (WOCl₄^{3,4} in the gas), 555 cm⁻¹ (WSCl₄²¹ in the solid), and 388 cm⁻¹ (WSCl₄²¹ in the solid). The ratios of the force constants for these bonds, estimated from the formula $k_{\rm A}/k_{\rm B}$ $= \nu_A^2 \mu_A / \nu_B^2 \mu_B$ are 1.01 for k(W=S)/k(W=Se) and 1.86 for k(W=O)/k(W=S). Clearly the W=O force constant is much larger than those for the other bonds and is consistent with the higher bond order deduced from the bond lengths. Rough values for the force constants themselves are 9.2, 5.0, and 4.9 $aJ/Å^2$ for W=O, W=S, and W=Se, respectively; many force constants for single bonds to metals are found in the range 2.2–3.2 $aJ/Å^2$.

It is somewhat surprising that the bond angles in the WYCl₄ molecules are so similar in view of the rather different properties of the Y atoms—their sizes, distances from the tungsten atom, and in the case of the oxide, different bonding. We presume that nonbond repulsions play an important role in determining the magnitudes of the bond angles because the measured values of the nonbond distances are all less than the sum of the van der Waals radii: 0.08 Å for O·Cl, 0.20 Å for S·Cl and Se·Cl, and about 0.50 Å for Cl·Cl. These values differ substantially, but because the "hardness" of a peripheral

atom is expected to increase with increasing multiplicity of its bond, it is likely that the nonbond repulsions are quite similar.

Another matter is the length of the W-Cl bonds in these compounds. They are quite similar whereas, for example, in POCl₃ the halogen bond is about 0.03 Å shorter than in PSCl₃. The bond shortening that follows increased substitution with electronegative ligands is also well-known in carbon compounds. Such electronegativity effects are apparently less important in compounds of heavy metals, as we have implied in our earlier discussion of the W-Y bond lengths.

Finally, we note that three-atom (multiple) scattering²² has been an important factor in diffraction from the hexafluorides of heavy atoms. It seems not to be so in our compounds, where good agreement between experimental and theoretical radial distribution curves is seen without allowing for the effect. In any case, other work suggests multiple scattering to have only a small effect on the derived distance values (0.001–0.002 Å) but perhaps a considerably greater one on amplitude values.

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