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tainly not have bands at 2035 and 1986 cm⁻¹. The two bands would be shifted perhaps $20-30$ cm⁻¹ to lower frequency.

These substitution results of Tripathi and Bigorgne4 are quite interesting, but we do not see how they can be interpreted. They do not seem to be consistent with either a static or a dynamic model of isomers. Our results seem to require a dynamic model of isomerization.

The other point of disagreement between the work of Haas and Sheline⁵ and the work of Tripathi and Bigorgne4 is in the assignment of frequencies. The two sets of workers have different assignments for most of the isomers. Each group's assignments are based on certain assumptions and then the assignment for all isomers of the various compositions are internally consistent from this initial point of departure. Tripathi and Bigorgne4 have used as their starting point two principal points based on $Fe(CO)(PF_3)_4$. One is a 3:2 ratio of intensities of the two bands, the more intense of which is assigned as equatorial. The other is the presence of PQR branching in the isomer of the monocarbonyl presumed to be the C_{3v} isomer. Haas and Sheline have as their initial assumptions: (1) the A_1 vibration in axial $Fe(CO)(PF₃)₄$ which will occur at higher frequency than in equatorial $Fe(CO)(PF_3)$, as an analogy with the frequencies of the two A_1 vibrations in Fe-*(CO);,* (2) the internal consistency of the calculated and observed frequencies and intensities within their theoretical treatment, and *(3)* the preliminary solvolysis studies. The complete solvolysis studies and the study of the perfluoroalkyl compounds agree quite well throughout the series of compounds. The first point of Tripathi and Bigorgne4 assumes complete random positioning of ligands and equal absorptivities of the two A_1 bands. Our experience indicates that neither of these assumptions need be rigorously true.

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The Crystal and Molecular Structure of the Five-Coordinate Complex Chlorotris(o-methylthiophenyl)phosphinenickel(II) Perchlorate

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The crystal and molecular structure of **chlorotris(o-methylthiophenyl)phosphinenickel(II)** perchlorate, [Ni(TSP)Cl] [C104], has been determined from three-dimensional single-crystal X-ray data collected by standard film techniques. The structure has been refined by least-squares methods to a conventional *R* factor of 0.090 for 1499 nonzero reflections. The complex crystallizes in space group C2/c of the monoclinic system with a cell of dimensions $a = 22.93 \pm 0.04$, $b = 12.08 \pm 12.08$ 0.03 , $c = 18.21 \pm 0.03$ Å, $\beta = 102.4 \pm 0.1^{\circ}$, and $V = 4917$ Å³. An experimental density of 1.57 (4) g/cm³ is in good agreement with a calculated value of 1.60 g/cm^3 for eight molecules in the unit cell. The Ni(TSP)Cl+complex possesses a nearly regular trigonal-bipyramidal structure with the three S atoms located in the equatorial positions and the P and C1 atoms at the apices. The Ni-P and Ni-Cl distances are 2.113 (7) and 2.227 (7) Å, respectively. The Ni ion is displaced slightly but significantly out of the plane of the equatorial S atoms toward the apical halogen. The magnitude of this displacement is 0.061 (2) Å. The average Ni-S equatorial distance of 2.267 (7) Å is indicative of only slight metal-sulfur π bonding in the five-coordinate complex.

Introduction

One of the most successful methods employed to synthesize five-coordinate complexes of transition metal Expansions has involved the use of tetradentate "tripod-type" ligands of general forms I and II. This method has $\left(\bigodot_{L'}\right)_s$ ligands of general forms I and 11. This method has

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IIa, L = As, L' = As(CH_3)_2, n = 3
b, L = P, L' = As(CH_3)_2, n = 3 (TAP)
c, L = N, L' = N(CH_3)_2, n = 2 (Me₆tren)

served to produce a number of five-coordinate $Ni(II)$ complexes in which the metal ion is surrounded by a trigonal-bipyramidal array of donor atoms. The first

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such series of complexes $Ni(QP)X^{+}$ and $Ni(QAS)X^{+}$, where $X^- = Cl^-$, Br⁻, I⁻, NCS⁻, CN⁻, NO₃⁻, or $ClO₄^-$, were reported by Dyer, *et al.*,² and were assigned the trigonal-bipyramidal structure on the basis of the close similarities of their electronic spectra with that of the $[Pt(QAS)I][B(C_6H_5)_4]$ complex, the structure of which is known from X-ray diffraction studies. 3 Moreover, Dyer, *et al.*,² suggested that in these systems the trigonal symmetry of the rigid aryl ligands is imposed on the d^8 metal ions. In studies designed to ensure that the bonding energetics play a major role in determining the structures of the complexes, Benner, *et al.*,^{4,5} employed more flexible aliphatic ligands such as tris(3-dimethylarsinopropy1)phosphine (TAP, IIb) thus removing the more stringent steric constraints of the aryl ligands. However, the series of complexes $Ni(TAP)X +$ $(X^- = CI^-, Br^-, CN^-, SCN^-, SC_2H_5^-, NO_2^-)$ was also assigned the trigonal-bipyramidal geometry on the basis of the observed diamagnetism, electronic spectral data, and conductivity measurements.⁴ This structural assignment was subsequently confirmed by the structure determination of the complex $[Ni(TAP)CN]$ - $[C1O₄]$ performed by Stevenson and Dahl.⁶

The method of using "tripod-type" chelating agents has also been employed to synthesize a series of spintriplet five-coordinate Ni(I1) complexes with the ligand system employed for this purpose being tris(2-dimethylaminoethyl)amine (Me₆tren, IIc).⁷ X-Ray structural work by Di Vaira and Orioli has again demonstrated the existence of the trigonal-bipyramidal geometry.⁸

The use of tetradentate ligands with mixed donor atoms, *i.e.,* systems in which the donor atom L differs from the donor atom of L', allows for the systematic and selective variation of the ligand fields imposed on the metal ions along certain orbital directions. 4.5 Dyer and Meek synthesized the ligands tris(o-methylthiopheny1)phosphine (TSP, IC) and tris(o-methylthiopheny1)arsine (TSA, Id) and their complexes in order to examine the effect of the reduced π bonding of the thioethers on the complexes formed.⁹ The Ni(TSP) X^+ series of complexes are diamagnetic and are assigned the trigonal-bipyramidal structure on the basis of the observed physical properties. The structure determination of the $[Ni(TSP)Cl][ClO₄]$ complex was undertaken to confirm the assumed coordination geometry and to determine accurate structural parameters from which the extent of metal-sulfur π bonding in these systems can be estimated.

Collection and Reduction of the X-Ray Data

A generous supply of the $[Ni(TSP)Cl][ClO₄]$ complex was kindly given to us by Dr. D. W. Meek. Dark blue crystals suitable for single-crystal diffraction studies were grown by slow evaporation of an acetone-methylene chloride solution of the complex. The crystals were examined by optical goniometry and by Weissenberg and precession photography. On the basis of these examinations, the crystals were found to belong to the monoclinic system with a cell of dimensions $a = 22.93$ \pm 0.04, $b = 12.08 \pm 0.03$, $c = 18.21 \pm 0.03$ Å, $\beta =$ $102.4 \pm 0.1^{\circ}$, and $V = 4917 \text{ Å}^3$. Cell constant errors were estimated from measurements made directly on precession photographs taken at ambient room temperature using Mo *Ka* radiation. No calibrant was employed for these measurements. The observed extinctions, *hkl* for $h + k$ odd and *h0l* for *l* odd, are consistent with both the centrosymmetric space group C2/c and the acentric space group Cc. An experimental density of 1.57 (4) g/cm^3 obtained by the flotation method using carbon tetrachloride and iodomethane is in reasonable agreement with a calculated value of *1.60* g/cm3 for eight molecules in the unit cell. Hence, all atoms would be expected to occupy general positions of either of the two space groups. Our initial assumption of the centrosymmetric space group $C2/c$ appears to be confirmed by the satisfactory agreement ultimately obtained between observed and calculated structure factors.

Intensity data were collected at room temperature by the equiinclination Weissenberg technique using Zrfiltered Mo K_{α} radiation. The layers $h0l$ to $h, 10, l$ were recorded on multiple films and the intensities of 2715 independent reflections within the angular range $\theta_{\text{Mo}} \leq 22^{\circ}$ were estimated visually using a calibrated intensity strip. The usual Lorentz-polarization factors were then applied to these observed intensities to yield a set of F_0^2 values where F_0 is the observed structure factor amplitude. The data were not corrected for absorption because of the smallness of the linear absorption coefficient $(\mu = 13.06 \text{ cm}^{-1})$ and the average crystal dimensions $(0.40 \times 0.23 \times 0.21 \text{ mm})$, the longest crystal dimension being in the direction of the c axis. The F_o values were then brought to an approximate absolute scale through a modification of Wilson's procedure.

Solution **and** Refinement of the Structure

The positions of the Ni atom and one S atom were determined from a three-dimensional Patterson function.1° The positional parameters of these atoms, along with isotropic temperature factors assigned to them, were refined through several cycles of least squares. The remaining atoms in the coordination sphere, all of the cation carbon atoms and the perchlorate group, were located in subsequent difference Fourier maps based on phases obtained from previously located atoms.

The complete trial structure was refined by a least-

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TABLE I FINAL STRUCTURAL PARAMETERS FOR [Ni(TSP)Cl] [ClO₄] Atomic Positional and Isotropic Thermal Parameters

⁴ The numbers in parentheses here and in succeeding tables are estimated standard deviations in the least significant digits. ^b The carbon atoms are numbered as follows: (1) ring 1 (R_1) bridges the P and S_1 atoms, ring 2 (R_2) bridges the P and S_2 atoms, etc.; (2) carbon 1 (C_1) of each phenyl ring is bound to P and carbon 2 (C_2) of each phenyl ring is bound to S with the remaining carbon atoms numbered in sequence; (3) MC₁ is the methyl group bound to S₁, etc. ^o The form of the anisotropic thermal ellipsoid is: $\exp[-(\beta_{11}h^2 + \beta_{21}h^2 + \beta_{31}h^2 + \beta_{41}h^2 + \beta_{51}h^2 + \beta_{61}h^2 + \beta_{71}h^2 + \beta_{81}h^2 + \beta_{81}h^2 + \$ $+ \beta_{22}k^2 + \beta_{33}l^2 + 2\beta_{12}hk + 2\beta_{13}hl + 2\beta_{23}kl$.

squares procedure. The function minimized was $\sum w(F_o - F_e)^2$, where the weights *w* were assigned in the $\sum w (F_o - F_e)^2$, where the weights *w* were assigned in the following way: $I < 5$, $w = I/5$; $5 \le I \le 140$, $w = 1$; $I > 140$, $w = 140/I$, where *I* is the average raw intensity of the reflection. The neutral atom scattering factors as tabulated by Ibers¹¹ were used. The anomalous parts of the Ni, C1, S, and P scattering factors were obtained from Cromer's tabulation¹² and were included in the calculated structure factors.¹³

In the initial round of calculations, all atoms were assigned individual isotropic temperature factors. This refinement of 139 positional, scale, and thermal parameters converged to a conventional R factor $(R =$ $\sum |F_{\rm o}| - |F_{\rm o}| / \sum |F_{\rm o}|$ of 0.108 and a weighted *R* factor $R'(R') = (\Sigma w (F_o - F_c)^2 / \Sigma w F_o^2)^{1/2}$ of 0.118 for 1508 nonzero reflections. A difference Fourier based on this refinement provided evidence for some anisotropic thermal motion of the heavy atoms. After the elimination of several incorrectly indexed reflections, a final refinement was carried out in which the Ni, C1, S, and P atoms were allowed to vibrate anisotropically while all other atoms were restricted to isotropic thermal motion. This refinement of 163 positional and thermal parameters, in which the individual level scale factors were not varied, converged to final values of 0.090 and 0.094 for the conventional and weighted R factors, respectively. A difference Fourier based on this partial anisotropic refinement showed no peaks higher than 0.41 e^{-}/\mathring{A} ³ or 25% of the height of a carbon atom in

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TABLE **I1**

OBSERVED AND CALCULATED STRUCTURE FACTOR AMPLITUDES (IN ELECTRONS \times 10) FOR [Ni(TSP)Cl][ClO4]

this structure. It should be noted that in the final refinement, 21 carbon atoms and 4 oxygen atoms, representing a reasonable fraction of the scattering power in the asymmetric unit, were restricted to isotropic thermal motion.

The parameters obtained in this final round of calculations are taken as the final parameters of the [Ni- (TSP)C1][C104] structure and are given in Table I. Standard deviations as obtained from the inverse matrix are also given. In Table II, the values of F_o and $|F_{\rm e}|$ (in electrons \times 10) are given for the 1499 nonzero reflections used in the final refinement. The $|F_e|$ values for the unobserved reflections are omitted from Table I1 since none of the intensities calculated for the unobserved but accessible reflections exceeds the minimum observable intensity value.

Description **of** the Structure

The structure described by the unit cell constants, the symmetry operations of the space group, and the atomic parameters of Table I consists of the packing of discrete five-coordinate $Ni(TSP)Cl⁺$ cations and tetrahedral $ClO₄$ anions. No unusual intermolecular contacts are noted in the structure and the closest Ni-Ni distance is 8.93 A. Figure 1 is a stereoscopic view of the packing of the $[Ni(TSP)Cl][ClO₄]$ molecules in the crystal.

Figure 1.-These drawings present a view of the packing of the [Ni(TSP)Cl][ClO₄] complex about the center of symmetry at the origin (0, 0, 0). The drawings constitute a stereo pair and may be viewed with a hand viewer.

The Ni(TSP)Cl⁺ complex possesses a nearly regular trigonal-bipyramidal geometry with the three S atoms located in the equatorial positions and the P and C1 atoms located at the apices. Perspective drawings of the $Ni(TSP)Cl⁺ complex are shown in Figures 2 and 3$

Figure 2.-A perspective drawing of the Ni(TSP)Cl⁺ complex. The thermal ellipsoids have been scaled to 35% probability distributions.

and all important intramolecular bond distances and angles are tabulated in Table 111. Although obviously trigonal bipyramidal, the complex exhibits distortions from perfect trigonal symnietry, primarily as the result of the positions of the S-bonded methyl groups. The orientations of the methyl groups which are clearly shown in Figure 3 prevent the molecule from possessing a C_3 symmetry axis. In addition, nonbonded repulsions between MC_2 and MC_3 apparently result in the opening of the S_2-Ni-S_3 bond angle to 127.1° from the idealized trigonal-bipyramidal value of 120' and a closing of the S_1-Ni-S_3 bond angle to 112.1°. The average Ni-S equatorial bond distance is 2.267 A with an estimated

Figure 3.---A perspective drawing of the Ni(TSP) Cl^+ complex down the "pseudo-three-fold axis" of the trigonal bippramid. The orientation of the methyl groups is clearly shown. The thermal ellipsoids have been scaled to 35% probability distributions.

TABLE **¹¹¹⁰** PRINCIPAL INTRAMOLECULAR DISTANCES (\AA) and Angles (deg)

---- Distances							
Cation							
$\mathrm{Ni}\text{-}\mathrm{S}_1$	2.269(6)	S_1-Ni-S_2	120.6(2)				
$Ni-S2$	2.242(8)	S_1-Ni-S_3	112.1(3)				
$\mathrm{Ni}\text{-}\mathrm{S}_3$	2.290(7)	S_2-Ni-S_3	127.1(3)				
Ni-Cl	2.227(7)	$P-Ni-S_1$	88.7(3)				
Ni-P	2.113(7)	$P-Ni-S2$	88.6(2)				
$P-R_1C_1$	1.82(2)	$P-Ni-S3$	88.0(2)				
$P-R_2C_1$	1.79(2)	$P-Ni-Cl_1$	178.5(3)				
$P-R_3C_1$	1.79(2)	$Cl_1 - Ni-S_1$	92.4(3)				
$S_1-R_1C_2$	1.80(2)	Cl_1-Ni-S_2	91.7(2)				
$S_2-R_2C_2$	1.78(2)	Cl_1-Ni-S_3	90.7(2)				
$S_3-R_3C_2$	1.75(2)	$Ni-P-R_1C_1$	109.3(6)				
S_1-MC_1	1.86(2)	$Ni-P-R_2C_1$	110.1(6)				
S_2-MC_2	1.84(2)	$Ni-P-R_3C_1$	111.0(6)				
S_3-MC_3	1.84(2)	$R_1C_1-P-R_2C$	109.0(8)				
$\ensuremath{R}_1\ensuremath{C}_1\!\!-\!\ensuremath{R}_1\ensuremath{C}_2$	1.38(2)	$R_1C_1-P-R_3C_1$	107.5(8)				
$R_2C_1-R_2C_2$	1.39(2)	$R_2C_1-P-R_3C_1$	109.9(9)				
$R_3C_1-R_3C_2$	1.41(2)	$Ni-S1-R1C2$	106.1(6)				
		$Ni-S1-MC1$	107.2(7)				
		$R_1C_2-S_1-MC_1$	102.3(8)				
		$Ni-S_2-R_2C_2$	105.3(6)				
		$Ni-S_2-MC_2$	105.9(7)				
		$R_2C_2-S_2-MC_2$	102.1(10)				
		$Ni-S_3-R_3C_2$	105.2(6)				
		$Ni-S_3-MC_3$	109.9(7)				
		$R_3C_2-S_3-MC_3$	102.4(10)				
		Anion					
Cl_2-O_1	1.43(2)	$O_1 - C1 - O_2$	112(1)				
Cl_2-O_2	1.44(2)	$O1-Cl-O3$	99(1)				
Cl_2-O_3	1.37(2)	$O_1 - Cl - O_4$	106(1)				
Cl_2-O_4	1.32(2)	O_2-C1-O_3	111(1)				
		O_2 -Cl- O_4	109(1)				
		$O_8 - Cl - O_4$	120(1)				

(b The labeling system used is described in footnote *b* of Table I and errors in the least significant digits are given in parentheses.

standard deviation of 0.007 Å while the two apical bond distances are $2.113(7)$ and $2.227(7)$ Å for the Ni-P and Ni-Cl bonds, respectively. The P-Ni-Cl bond angle of 178.5" lies almost within experimental range of the idealized trigonal-bipyramidal value of 180° and indicates the approximate linearity of the P, Ni, and Cl atoms.

The Ni atom is located significantly out of the plane of the three S atoms in the direction of the apical C1 by 0.061 (2) *k.* The equation of the best weighted leastsquares plane¹⁴ through the atoms Ni, S₁, S₂, and S₃ is

 $12.55x - 9.28y - 8.04z =$

2.80 (monoclinic coordinates)

and the deviations of these four atoms from this plane are 0.024 (2), -0.033 (5), -0.044 (5), and -0.035 (5) Å, respectively. The average P-Ni-S and Cl-Ni-S bond angles reflect the displacement of the Ni out of the equatorial plane, the former value being 88.4° and the latter value being 91.6°.

Other important distances are the average P-C distance of 1.80 (2) Å, the average S-C (phenyl ring) distance of 1.78 (2) \AA , and the average S-C (methyl group) distance of 1.85 (2) \AA . The bridging phenyl rings of the TSP ligand are all planar within experimental error. However, slight deviations are noted in the coplanarity of the chelate rings with their associated phenyl rings. Although significant, these deviations are quite small, as illustrated in Figure 3, and probably result from simple packing considerations. The carboncarbon phenyl ring distances are given in Table IV.

TABLE IV

CARBON-CARBON PHENYL RING DISTANCES **(A)**

$R_1C_1 - R_1C_2$ 1.38 (2)	$R_2C_1-R_2C_2$ 1.39 (2)		$R_3C_1-R_3C_2$ 1.41 (2)	
$R_1C_2-R_1C_3$ 1.43 (2)	$R_2C_2-R_2C_3$ 1.45 (3)		$R_3C_2-R_3C_3$ 1.42 (3)	
$R_1C_3-R_1C_4$ 1.40 (2)	$R_2C_3-R_2C_4$	1.36(3)	$R_3C_3-R_3C_4$ 1.41 (3)	
$R_1C_4 - R_1C_5$ 1.41 (3)	$R_2C_4 - R_2C_5$ 1.41 (3)		$R_3C_4 - R_3C_5$ 1.38 (2)	
$R_1C_6 - R_1C_6$ 1.37 (3)	$R_2C_6-R_2C_6$ 1.41 (3)		$R_3C_5 - R_3C_6$ 1.43 (3)	
$R_1C_6 - R_1C_1$ 1.42 (2)	$R_2C_6-R_2C_1$ 1.42 (3)		$R_3C_6-R_3C_1$ 1.35 (2)	
	Av 1.402 Av 1.407 Av 1.400			

The $ClO₄$ group is distorted somewhat from its expected tetrahedral geometry. The relatively high-temperature factors of $O₁$, $O₃$, and $O₄$ appear to be indicative of slight torsional motion of the perchlorate group about the Cl- O_2 axis. The average Cl-O distance is 1.39 A. The bond distances and angles for the anion are given in Table 111.

Discussion

A comparison of the structure of the [Ni(TSP)Cl]- [ClO,] complex with those found for other related systems yieIds several interesting facts which can be of help in evaluating the electronic structures and bonding in d8 five-coordinate complexes. Particularly relevant is a comparison of the two complexes $Ni(TSP)Cl⁺$ and $Ni(TAP)CN⁺$. In the former, the Ni-P apical bond distance is 2.113 Å, whereas in the latter, the corresponding distance is 2.206 **A.6** The significant difference between these two values is attributable to the differences in the two *trans* ligands, Cl⁻ being a weakfield ligand not capable of significant π bonding as opposed to the strong-field CN^- ion which is capable of

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extensive metal-ligand π bonding. Thus, it appears that in the $Ni(TAP)CN⁺$ complex the metal-ligand back-bonding involving the apical P atom is greatly reduced and the Ni-P bond length is almost 0.1 Å longer than in the $Ni(TSP)Cl⁺ complex.$

In the $Ni(TSP)Cl⁺$ complex, the metal is located significantly out of the equatorial plane in the direction of the Cl⁻ ligand. However, in the Ni(TAP)CN⁺ complex, the Ni atom lies out of the equatorial plane in the direction of the apical P atom.⁶ The displacement of the metal out of the equatorial plane is also observed in the other structurally known d^8 five-coordinate complexes containing "tripod-type" ligands- $[Pt(OAS)I]$ - $[B(C_6H_5)_4]^3$ and $[Ni(Me_6tren)Br]Br^3$ —and in each of these structures the metal is displaced in the direction of the apical halide ion. While no unambiguous conclusions can be drawn from these results, it is quite possible that the direction of displacement depends solely on the size of the chelate ring being formed. If fivemembered chelate rings are formed, such as in Ni- $(TSP)Cl⁺$, the displacement is toward the halogen, while if six-membered chelate rings are fornied, such as in $Ni(TAP)CN⁺$, the displacement is toward the apical atom of the tripod ligand.

The relatively important question of metal-thioether π bonding is one that can be dealt with by an examination of the Ni-S distances found in other structural studies. The observed Ni-S distance of 2.267 \AA is significantly shorter than the Ni-S distances of 2.4-2.6 *k* found in thiourea complexes in which the sulfur atoms formally serve as neutral donor atoms (2.45 *k* in $Ni(SC(NH_2)_2)_4Cl_2;^{15}$ 2.51 and 2.57 Å in Ni(SC- $(NH_2)_2 (NCS)_2; ^{16}$ 2.45 and 2.49 Å in Ni(etu)₄Cl₂¹⁷). However, in each of the thiourea complexes, the metal is six-coordinate and the complex possesses a spin triplet ground state. The average Ni-S distance of 2.267 *k* in diamagnetic Ni(TSP)Cl+ lies close to values found in the structures of the 1,l-dithiolato complexes such as the 2.23-Å distance in the $Ni(S_2COC_2H_5)_2$ complex¹⁸ and the $2.233-\text{\AA}$ value reported for the dithiophosphate structure $Ni(S_2P(OC_2H_5)_2)_2$.¹⁹ In the 1,1-dithiolato ligand systems, the sulfur atoms possess a formal negative charge of -0.5 and are capable of participating in limited metal-ligand π bonding. The Ni-S value in Ni(TSP)Cl+ is quite significantly longer than the distances of 2.10, 2.15, and 2.17 \AA found for the fourcoordinate 1,2-dithiolato complexes $Ni(S_2C_2(C_6H_5)_2)_{2}$,²⁰ $Ni(S_2C_2(CN)_2)_2^-,^{21}$ and $Ni(S_2C_2(CN)_2)_2^2^-,^{22}$ in which more extensive π -bonding interactions exist between Ni and S atoms. Lopez-Castro and Truter¹⁵ have suggested the existence of two very different bonding radii for $Ni²⁺$ depending upon the coordination number and

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the spin ground state of the complex. Whereas the generally accepted Ni2+ octahedral spin-triplet radius is 1.39 Å,²³ the low-spin radius of Ni^{2+} in square-planar complexes is probably around 1.18-1.20 A. Therefore, the 2.267- \AA value which we observe in Ni(TSP)Cl⁺ is slightly longer than but in reasonable agreement with a calculated Ni-S bond distance of 2.22-2.24 *k* using the proper covalent radii. We are therefore led to believe that there is minimal metal-sulfur π bonding in complexes of this type containing coordinated thioethers. This conclusion is affirmed by the recent structure determination of the related complex $Ni(DSP)I_2 (DSP =$ his (o-methylthiopheny1)phenylphosphine) by Meek and Ibers in which a value of 2.19 Å is observed for the basal Ni-S distance.²⁴ In addition, an examination of the bond distances and angles around the sulfur atoms in

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 $Ni(TSP)Cl⁺$ clearly indicates an approximate sp³ hybridization for the coordinated thioether which is entirely consistent with the notion of very limited metal-sulfur π bonding. Any arguments which suggest the existence of considerable metal-sulfur π bonding must rely on *extensive* involvement of the vacant sulfur 3d orbitals which, although possible, does not seem likely.

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The Crystal Structure of Trichloroamminebis(triphenylphosphine)osmium(III), $\rm{OsCl}_{3}(NH_{3})$ $(P(C_{6}H_{5})_{3})_{2}$

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The yellow-orange product obtained from the reaction of oxotrichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)osmium(V) with hydrazine dihydrochloride in refluxing ethanol-water solutions and recrystallized from acetonitrile *is* shown, on the basis of a diffraction study, to be trichloroamminebis(triphenylphosphine)osmium(III), $OsCl_3(NH_3)(P(C_6H_5)_8)$. The crystal structure has been determined from three-dimensional X-ray data collected by counter methods and has been refined using least-squares techniques to a final *R* factor, on *F,* of **3.2%** for the 1554 independent reflections above background. The material crystallizes in the monoclinic space group $C_{2h}^{6-1}2/a$ in a cell of dimensions $a = 22.429(8), b = 9.519(3), c = 15.852(5)$ Å, and $\beta = 102.80$ (2)°. The density of 1.69 g/cm³ calculated for four formula units in the cell agrees well with the observed density of 1.68 \pm 0.01 g/cm^3 . The well-separated individual molecules are required crystallographically to possess C_2 symmetry. Imposition of Cp symmetry requires that the ammine hydrogens be disordered, and an NH3 group freely rotating about the *Os-S* bond was used as an approximation to this disorder. The configuration about the osmium atom is distorted octahedral with P atoms *tvans* to one another and C1 atoms *trans* to one another in the basal plane and with the third C1 atom at the one vertex and the ammine group at the other. The only large deviation from an ideal octahedral configuration is a movement of the C1 atoms c is to N toward the nitrogen atom. The Os-N distance is 2.136 (9) \AA , and the Os-P distance is 2.411 (2) \AA . The Os-Cl distance *cis* to the N atom is not significantly different from the Os-C1 distance *trans* to the N atom, and the mean value of these distances is 2.362 (1) **A.** The geometric details on this molecule are compared with previous results on aryl- and alkylimino complexes of Re and found to be explicable in terms of intramolecular nonbonded interactions.

Introduction

From a series of studies of closely related compounds containing metal-nitrogen multiple bonds^{$1-5$} we con $cluded⁵ that in these cases the variations in metal$ ligand bond distances and in distortions about the central metal may be most easily understood in terms of nonbonded intramolecular interactions. In the course of attempts to prepare the nitrido complex OsNC13- $(P(C_6H_b)_3)_2$, the phosphine analog of the OsNCl₅²⁻ ion, Chatt and Paske⁶ separated a paramagnetic compound of nearly the correct composition which exhibited N-H stretching bands in the infrared region of the spectrum. Although a dimeric complex is a possibility $(cf. (NH₃₎)$ ⁻ $RuNNRu(NH₃)₅⁴⁺⁷),$ the most probable formulation of the compound was thought to be either $OsCl₃(NH)$ - $(P(C_6H_5)_3)_2$ or $OsCl_3(NH_3)(P(C_6H_5)_3)_2$. The present

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