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Mixed Thiocyanate Complexes of Platinum(II). Crystal Structure of *cis*-Thiocyanatoisothiocyanatobis(3,3-dimethylbutynyldiphenylphosphine)platinum(II)

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Mixed thiocyanate complexes of the type *cis*-Pt(NCS)(SCN)(Ph₂PC≡CR)₂ (R = Ph, Et, *i*-Pr, *t*-Bu) have been prepared and characterized. The purely N-bonded compound *cis*-Pt(NCS)₂(Ph₂PC≡C-*t*-Bu)₂ and the chloride complexes *cis*-PtCl₂(Ph₂PC≡CR) are also described. Infrared vibrational frequencies for the coordinated CNS⁻ ion have been assigned using ¹⁵N isotopically substituted compounds. *cis*-Pt(NCS)(SCN)(Ph₂PC≡C-*t*-Bu)₂ crystallizes in space group *Pca*2₁, with *a* = 18.272 (13), *b* = 13.287 (5), and *c* = 16.470 (17) Å. Observed and calculated densities are 1.47 and 1.40 g cm⁻³, respectively, for mol wt 843.9 and *Z* = 4. The structure was solved by a combination of Patterson, Fourier, and least-squares refinement techniques. The final discrepancy index for 1951 observed, independent reflections is *R* = 0.057. The platinum atom is coordinated in square-planar fashion by two phosphorus atoms of the acetylenic phosphines, a nitrogen atom of an isothiocyanate group, and a sulfur atom of a thiocyanate group. Relevant intramolecular distances include Pt-P(1) (2.275 (6) Å), Pt-P(2) (2.244 (7) Å), Pt-S(1) (2.374 (8) Å), and Pt-N(1) (2.061 (29) Å). Factors influencing the bonding mode of the thiocyanate ion in platinum(II) complexes are discussed.

Despite the existence of a wide variety of metal thiocyanate complexes only a relatively small number contain both M-NCS and M-SCN linkages.^{1,2} X-Ray studies have confirmed the presence of nonbridging mixed thiocyanato bonding in *cis*-Pd(NCS)(SCN)(Ph₂P(CH₂)₃NMe₂)₂,³ *cis*-Pd(NCS)(SCN)(Ph₂P(CH₂)₂PPh₂)₂,⁴ and *cis*-Pd(NCS)(SCN)(Ph₂PC≡C-*t*-Bu)₂,⁵ while infrared spectroscopic measurements indicate probable mixed bonding modes in Pd(NCS)(SCN)[Ph₂P(*o*-C₆H₄AsPh₂)]₂,⁶ Pd(NCS)(SCN)(Ph₂P(CH₂)₂NMe₂)₂,⁶ [M(NCS)(SCN)(Ph₂PC≡CPh₂)₂] (M = Pd, Pt),⁷ Pd(NCS)(SCN)L (L = 4,4'-dimethylbipyridyl),⁸ and Cu(NCS)(SCN)L (L = tri-2-pyridylamine, phenyldi-2-pyridylamine).⁹ As a continuation of our work on the novel coordinating properties of acetylenic phosphines we recently discovered¹⁰ that the complex Pd(CNS)₂(Ph₂PC≡C-*t*-Bu)₂ could be isolated in three isomeric forms, two

of which were *cis*-Pd(NCS)(SCN)(Ph₂PC≡C-*t*-Bu)₂ while the third, *trans*-Pd(SCN)₂(Ph₂PC≡C-*t*-Bu)₂, was an example of a hitherto unknown structural type namely a *trans*-dithiocyanatophosphine complex of Pd(II). In an attempt to prepare and study other phosphine complexes of the transition metals containing mixed thiocyanate and purely S-bonded thiocyanate groups, in order to test current ideas on factors controlling CNS⁻ bonding,^{1,3-6,10,11} the work has been extended to Pt(II) systems. This paper describes the synthesis and characterization of the complexes *cis*-Pt(CNS)₂(Ph₂PC≡CR)₂ (R = Ph, Et, *i*-Pr, *t*-Bu) which can be isolated in the N-bonded form *cis*-Pt(NCS)₂(Ph₂PC≡CR)₂ (R = *t*-Bu) or mixed forms *cis*-Pt(NCS)(SCN)(Ph₂PC≡CR)₂. Solid-state and solution infrared measurements including assignments of CNS⁻ vibrational modes from ¹⁵N isotopic substitution studies are reported. A full three-dimensional X-ray structure determination of the complex *cis*-Pt(NCS)(SCN)(Ph₂PC≡C-*t*-Bu)₂ has been carried out to confirm spectroscopic measurements and to provide further insight into factors influencing the bonding mode of the thiocyanate ion.

Experimental Section

The ligands Ph₂PC≡CR (R = Et, Ph, *i*-Pr, *t*-Bu) were synthesized as previously described.¹²

Preparation of Compounds. (1) PtCl₂(Ph₂PC≡CEt)₂. K₂PtCl₆ (0.5 g) dissolved in H₂O (30 ml) and ethanol (20 ml) was stirred at room temperature for 12 hr with Ph₂PC≡CEt (0.8 g). The solution was taken to dryness and the solid extracted with dichloromethane. The solution was filtered, the volume reduced to ca. 5 ml, and diethyl ether (20 ml) added. Yellowish white crystals of the complex were obtained on cooling. *Anal.* Calcd for PtCl₂(Ph₂PC≡CEt)₂: C, 51.75; H, 4.05. Found: C, 52.39; H, 3.75.

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The following complexes were similarly obtained. $\text{PtCl}_2(\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}\equiv\text{CPh})_2$ appeared as yellowish white crystals. *Anal.* Calcd: C, 57.27; H, 3.57. Found: C, 57.53; H, 3.64. $\text{PtCl}_2(\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}\equiv\text{C-}i\text{-Pr})_2$ appeared as yellowish white crystals. *Anal.* Calcd: C, 52.98; H, 4.41. Found: C, 52.75; H, 4.37. $\text{PtCl}_2(\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}\equiv\text{C-}t\text{-Bu})_2$ appeared as colorless crystals. *Anal.* Calcd: C, 54.13; H, 4.76. Found: C, 54.20; H, 4.54.

(2) $\text{Pt}(\text{NCS})(\text{SCN})(\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}\equiv\text{CET})_2$. To $\text{PtCl}_2(\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}\equiv\text{CET})_2$ (0.45 g) in acetone (100 ml) was added potassium thiocyanate (0.90 g). The mixture was warmed to dissolve the thiocyanate and then stirred at room temperature for 20 hr. The solution was taken to dryness, the solid extracted with dichloromethane, and the volume of solution reduced to a few milliliters. Diethyl ether (10 ml) was added and the solution cooled. Colorless crystals of the complex were obtained. *Anal.* Calcd for $\text{Pt}(\text{NCS})_2(\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}\equiv\text{CET})_2$: C, 51.84; H, 3.81. Found: C, 51.91; H, 3.60.

The following compounds were similarly prepared. $\text{Pt}(\text{NCS})(\text{SCN})(\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}\equiv\text{CPh})_2$ appeared as yellowish white crystals from dichloromethane-ethanol. *Anal.* Calcd: C, 57.07; H, 3.40. Found: C, 56.91; H, 3.31. $\text{Pt}(\text{NCS})(\text{SCN})(\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}\equiv\text{C-}i\text{-Pr})_2$ appeared as colorless crystals from petroleum ether-ethanol. *Anal.* Calcd: C, 53.00; H, 4.17. Found: C, 53.55; H, 4.02. $\text{Pt}(\text{NCS})_2(\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}\equiv\text{C-}t\text{-Bu})_2$ appeared as colorless crystals from dichloromethane-diethyl ether. *Anal.* Calcd: C, 54.08; H, 4.50. Found: C, 53.64; H, 4.12.

Recrystallization of the colorless crystals of $\text{Pt}(\text{NCS})_2(\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}\equiv\text{C-}t\text{-Bu})_2$ from acetonitrile at 0° afforded colorless crystals of a different complex, shown by infrared spectroscopy (*vide infra*) to be $\text{Pt}(\text{NCS})(\text{SCN})(\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}\equiv\text{C-}t\text{-Bu})_2$.

Attempts were made, without success, to obtain a $\text{Pt}(\text{SCN})_2(\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}\equiv\text{C-}t\text{-Bu})_2$ complex by crystallization and precipitation at low temperatures from acetonitrile and dichloromethane.

The isotopically substituted complexes $\text{Pt}(^{15}\text{NCS})_2(\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}\equiv\text{C-}t\text{-Bu})_2$, $\text{Pt}(^{15}\text{NCS})(\text{SC}^{15}\text{N})(\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}\equiv\text{C-}t\text{-Bu})_2$, and $\text{Pt}(^{15}\text{NCS})(\text{SC}^{15}\text{N})(\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}\equiv\text{CET})_2$ were prepared on a 20-mg scale from the halo complexes by metathesis with 95% isotopically enriched NaSC^{15}N (Stohler Isotope Chemicals). Purity was checked by a careful comparison of infrared spectra with the natural-abundance spectra.

Infrared Spectra. Solid-state spectra were measured as Nujol mulls on cesium iodide windows. Solution spectra were obtained in a variety of solvents using matched silver chloride cells of path length 0.5 mm. Integrated intensity measurements were made as previously described.^{6,10} All infrared spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer 180 spectrophotometer.

Collection and Reduction of X-Ray Data

Crystals of *cis*- $\text{Pt}(\text{NCS})(\text{SCN})(\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}\equiv\text{C-}t\text{-Bu})_2$ from dichloromethane-ethanol are colorless prisms. Weissenberg and precession photographs established the cell constants, which were refined by least-squares methods from the 2θ values ($\text{Mo K}\alpha$) measured from a General Electric XRD-6 diffractometer for 13 reflections. The crystal data are summarized here for *cis*-thiocyanatoisothiocyanatobis(3,3-dimethylbutynyl)diphenylphosphineplatinum(II), $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{38}\text{N}_2\text{P}_2\text{PtS}_2$: mol wt 843.9; orthorhombic; $a = 18.272$ (13), $b = 13.287$ (5), $c = 16.470$ (17) Å; $V = 3998.6$ Å³; $d_m = 1.47$ g cm⁻³ (by flotation); $Z = 4$; $d_c = 1.40$ g cm⁻³; $F(000) = 1680$; space group $Pca2_1$ (C_{2v}^5); $\mu(\text{Mo K}\alpha) = 39.0$ cm⁻¹.

A crystal with dimensions of $0.10 \times 0.10 \times 0.25$ mm was mounted on a glass fiber and aligned with c^* along the ϕ axis of the General Electric XRD-6 automatic spectrogoniometer equipped with scintillation counter, pulse height analyzer, and Hewlett-Packard Scaler-Timer (5201L). Zirconium-filtered $\text{Mo K}\alpha$ radiation at a takeoff angle of 4° was employed.

The θ - 2θ scan method with scan speed of 2° min⁻¹ was used and the scan range was $\pm(0.9 + 0.3 \tan \theta)^\circ$. The background was measured at the beginning and end of each scan with a 10-sec stationary count. The stability was monitored with three standard reflections which were measured after each 100 reflections. The variation was within 6%. The standard deviations were estimated from counting statistics. Among 2226 independent reflections measured, 1951 with intensities greater than 1.5σ were considered as observed and used throughout the structural analyses. Lorentz and polarization factors were applied to the derivation of structure amplitudes. Revised versions of least-squares (by Doedens and Ibers) and Fourier (by Zalkin) programs were used. Other programs were developed in this laboratory. The calculations were done on an IBM 360/75 computer at the University of Waterloo.

Structure Determination and Refinement

The systematic absences were $0kl$, $k = 2n + 1$, and $h0l$, $l = 2n + 1$, and these indicate a possible space group of $Pbcm$. The measured

density indicates that there are 4 molecules per unit cell and therefore the molecule is required to have a mirror plane, if the space group is $Pbcm$. The axes can also be chosen to fit the space group $Pca2_1$; then the systematic absences become $h0l$, $h = 2n + 1$, and $0kl$, $l = 2n + 1$. The coordinates for the platinum atom were derived from a three-dimensional Patterson map assuming a space group $Pca2_1$, which proved to be correct by the successful solution of the structure with the heavy-atom method. With all the nonhydrogen atoms having isotropic thermal parameters, the structure was refined to an R factor of 0.07 using full-matrix least-squares methods. The atomic scattering factors of ref 13 were used for all the atoms with dispersion corrections made for platinum. Anisotropic thermal parameters were then introduced for Pt, P, and the atoms of the thiocyanate groups. The function minimized was $\sum w\Delta^2$, where $w = (40 + |F_o| + 0.055|F|^2)^{-1}$ and $\Delta = |F_o| - |F_c|$. An attempt to locate the hydrogen atoms was unsuccessful through a difference Fourier synthesis and the refinement was stopped at discrepancy indices R and R_w of 0.057 and 0.079, respectively. At this stage, structure factors were also calculated using $-x, -y, -z$ (a negative model) with the previous data. Even though the agreement was less satisfactory, only relatively small differences were found in each reflection. It was therefore difficult to predict conclusively the absolute configuration from measurements of a few reflections with hkl .

A separate refinement was carried out with the negative model which gave higher values of 0.063 and 0.086 for R and R_w , respectively. The negative model also gave unreasonable platinum-ligand distances: Pt-P(1), 2.368 Å; Pt-P(2), 2.189 Å. The difference of 0.179 Å is too large even considering the relative trans bond lengthening influences of thiocyanate and isothiocyanate groups.^{4,5,10,14} In fact Pt-P(1) is longer than any of the other Pt-P bond lengths in Table I.¹⁴⁻¹⁹ Pt-S(2), 2.285 Å, is short and Pt-N(2), 2.123 Å, is too long when compared with *trans*-Pt(SC_6F_5)₂(Bu_3P)₂¹⁸ and α - and β -Pt-Cl₂(NCS)₂($n\text{-Pr}_3\text{P}$)₂.¹⁴ These structural anomalies together with the larger R values from the negative model led us to conclude that the previous model was correct. The atomic coordinates and thermal parameters are given in Table II. A table of structure factors is available.²⁰

Results and Discussion

Synthesis and Infrared Spectra. The complexes *cis*- $\text{PtCl}_2(\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}\equiv\text{CR})_2$ ($R = \text{Et, Ph, } i\text{-Pr, } t\text{-Bu}$) were characterized by elemental analysis and the appearance of two strong $\nu(\text{Pt-Cl})$ bands at *ca.* 290 and *ca.* 315 cm⁻¹ in the far-infrared spectrum (Table III). There was no evidence for bands near 340 cm⁻¹ attributable to the trans complexes. Confirmation of the *cis* geometry of $\text{PtCl}_2(\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}\equiv\text{C-}t\text{-Bu})_2$ was provided by the solid-state Raman spectrum. Two $\nu(\text{Pt-Cl})$ bands coincident with the far-infrared bands were found at 319 and 299 cm⁻¹ but the intense Ag mode of a centrosymmetric trans compound normally observed near 330 cm⁻¹ was absent.²¹ These compounds are analogous to a series of *cis* palladium complexes recently described.²² Metathesis of *cis*- $\text{PtCl}_2(\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}\equiv\text{CR})_2$ with KSCN in acetone gave the thiocyanates $\text{Pt}(\text{NCS})_2(\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}\equiv\text{CR})_2$. The compounds $\text{Pt}(\text{NCS})_2(\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}\equiv\text{CR})_2$ ($R = \text{Et, Ph, } i\text{-Pr}$) exhibited, in addition to strong bands due to $\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{C})$ near 2200 cm⁻¹, a sharp band at

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Table I. Pertinent Bond Distances in Some Platinum(II) Complexes

Compd	Pt-P, Å	Pt-S, Å	Pt-N, Å	Ref
α -Pt ₂ Cl ₂ (NCS) ₂ (<i>n</i> -Pr ₃ P) ₂	2.244 (4)	2.327 (5)	2.078 (13)	14
β -Pt ₂ Cl ₂ (NCS) ₂ (<i>n</i> -Pr ₃ P) ₂	2.262 (4)	2.408 (4)	1.965 (13)	14
<i>cis</i> -Pt(NCS)(SCN)(Ph ₂ PC≡C- <i>t</i> -Bu) ₂	2.275 (6), 2.244 (7)	2.374 (8)	2.061 (29)	This work
<i>cis</i> -Pt(CN)(C≡CN)(Ph ₃ P) ₂	2.32 (1), 2.33 (1)			15
<i>cis</i> -PtCl ₂ (Me ₃ P) ₂	2.25 (1)			16
<i>trans</i> -Pt ₂ Cl ₄ (<i>n</i> -Pr ₃ P) ₂	2.230 (9)			17
<i>trans</i> -Pt(SC ₂ F ₅) ₂ (<i>n</i> -Bu ₃ P) ₂	2.329 (8)	2.355 (8)		18
<i>trans</i> -PtBr ₂ (Et ₃ P) ₂	2.315			19
<i>trans</i> -PtCl ₂ (Et ₃ P) ₂	2.30			19

Table II

Atomic Coordinates (Fractional, × 10 ⁴) and Thermal Parameters				
Atom	x	y	z	B, Å ²
Pt	0758 (1)	1022 (1)	2500	
S(1)	1496 (4)	0468 (6)	3599 (5)	
S(2)	0914 (6)	-2220 (7)	1271 (7)	
P(1)	0068 (3)	1407 (5)	1393 (4)	
P(2)	0667 (3)	2539 (5)	3090 (4)	
N(1)	1306 (16)	-1597 (28)	3693 (20)	
N(2)	0794 (12)	-0406 (23)	2011 (16)	
C(01)	1375 (19)	-0795 (22)	3591 (23)	
C(02)	0858 (13)	-1150 (22)	1718 (18)	
C(1)	0530 (15)	0930 (19)	0485 (18)	4.6 (6)
C(2)	1242 (14)	1218 (20)	0363 (17)	4.7 (5)
C(3)	1649 (18)	0835 (25)	-0282 (21)	5.2 (7)
C(4)	1295 (17)	0153 (25)	-0792 (22)	6.2 (7)
C(5)	0592 (18)	-0144 (26)	-0654 (23)	5.2 (8)
C(6)	0208 (13)	0220 (20)	0005 (17)	4.5 (6)
C(7)	-0838 (12)	0922 (20)	1420 (17)	3.1 (5)
C(8)	-1008 (14)	0141 (21)	2003 (17)	4.0 (5)
C(9)	-1728 (15)	-0221 (22)	2022 (20)	5.3 (6)
C(10)	-2244 (15)	0132 (22)	1471 (20)	5.6 (6)
C(11)	-2067 (18)	0897 (26)	0864 (22)	5.9 (8)
C(12)	-1361 (16)	1251 (22)	0838 (18)	4.8 (6)
C(13)	-0059 (16)	2643 (22)	1139 (17)	4.1 (6)
C(14)	-0268 (14)	3446 (21)	0907 (18)	4.4 (6)
C(15)	-0511 (17)	4410 (25)	0568 (21)	5.8 (7)
C(16)	0146 (19)	4907 (30)	0142 (23)	8.0 (8)
C(17)	-1157 (27)	4174 (32)	-0006 (32)	8.4 (9)
C(18)	-0699 (21)	5182 (34)	1337 (32)	8.8 (9)
C(19)	1069 (10)	3620 (15)	2603 (19)	3.1 (4)
C(20)	0860 (18)	4508 (28)	2748 (23)	7.0 (9)
C(21)	1167 (14)	5413 (21)	2354 (18)	5.3 (6)
C(22)	1723 (15)	5249 (24)	1893 (21)	5.7 (7)
C(23)	1974 (15)	4291 (22)	1649 (19)	5.1 (6)
C(24)	1657 (14)	3452 (21)	2066 (17)	3.8 (5)
C(25)	1099 (13)	2638 (19)	4065 (15)	3.8 (5)
C(26)	0676 (13)	2350 (22)	4797 (18)	4.4 (6)
C(27)	1003 (18)	2274 (25)	5509 (22)	6.3 (7)
C(28)	1776 (23)	2576 (33)	5590 (26)	7.4 (1)
C(29)	2151 (17)	2867 (25)	4906 (22)	6.9 (8)
C(30)	1817 (16)	2938 (23)	4132 (20)	4.6 (7)
C(31)	-0208 (14)	2863 (21)	3262 (18)	5.0 (6)
C(32)	-0868 (14)	3061 (22)	3356 (19)	4.7 (6)
C(33)	-1655 (15)	3265 (22)	3543 (18)	5.1 (6)
C(34)	-1822 (19)	4336 (26)	3560 (23)	6.4 (8)
C(35)	-1925 (21)	2780 (28)	4269 (26)	8.2 (9)
C(36)	-2062 (19)	2700 (27)	2762 (24)	8.1 (9)

Anisotropic Thermal Parameters in the Form
 $\exp[-2\pi^2(h^2a^{*2}U_{11} + k^2b^{*2}U_{22} + l^2c^{*2}U_{33} + 2hka^*b^*U_{12} + 2hla^*c^*U_{13} + 2klb^*c^*U_{23})] \times 10^{-3}$

Atom	U ₁₁	U ₂₂	U ₃₃	U ₁₂	U ₁₃	U ₂₃
Pt	36.8 (5)	38.9 (7)	35.2 (5)	3.1 (4)	-3.1 (6)	-0.1 (7)
S(1)	67 (5)	64 (5)	56 (4)	14 (4)	-28 (3)	-2 (4)
S(2)	134 (8)	48 (5)	92 (8)	20 (5)	-15 (6)	-24 (5)
P(1)	38 (3)	51 (4)	40 (4)	7 (2)	-7 (3)	6 (3)
P(2)	41 (3)	35 (4)	39 (4)	4 (2)	-6 (3)	-7 (3)
N(1)	128 (20)	61 (23)	60 (20)	15 (18)	-19 (15)	38 (19)
N(2)	59 (15)	72 (19)	48 (16)	1 (13)	2 (12)	-22 (15)
C(01)	92 (25)	24 (16)	80 (23)	1 (17)	-26 (19)	14 (16)
C(02)	55 (14)	29 (19)	29 (16)	1 (13)	11 (10)	-24 (14)

ca. 2130 cm⁻¹ and a broad band at ca. 2090–2100 cm⁻¹ assignable to ν (C≡N) of S- and N-coordinated CNS⁻ groups,

respectively (Table III). Similar ν (C≡N) band intensities, frequencies, and patterns characterize the complexes *cis*-Pd(NCS)(SCN)(Ph₂P(CH₂)₂PPh₂),⁴ *cis*-Pd(NCS)(SCN)(Ph₂P(CH₂)₃NMe₂),³ and *cis*-Pd(CNS)(SCN)(Ph₂PC≡C-*t*-Bu)₂.⁵ The complex Pt(CNS)₂(Ph₂PC≡C-*t*-Bu)₂ obtained in the same fashion as above showed a broad doublet due to ν (C≡N) at 2101, 2082 cm⁻¹ due to N-bonded thiocyanate (Table III). Recrystallization of Pt(NCS)₂(Ph₂PC≡C-*t*-Bu)₂ from acetonitrile at 0° afforded colorless crystals of an isomeric complex with ν (C≡N) at 2127 and 2088 cm⁻¹ analogous to the spectra of Pt(NCS)(SCN)(Ph₂PC≡CR)₂ (R = Et, Ph, *i*-Pr). Although it is conceivable that an isomeric mixture of purely S-bonded and N-bonded thiocyanate complexes could give rise to the same type of spectrum, the X-ray structure determination of *cis*-Pt(NCS)(SCN)(Ph₂PC≡C-*t*-Bu)₂ (*vide infra*) together with the marked similarity of ν (C≡N) and far-infrared spectra for all these derivatives renders this possibility unlikely. The complexes are therefore *cis*-Pt(NCS)(SCN)(Ph₂PC≡CR)₂ (R = Et, Ph, *i*-Pr, *t*-Bu). Assignments of vibrational frequencies for the coordinated CNS⁻ moieties utilizing the ¹⁵N isotopically substituted compounds *cis*-Pt(¹⁵NCS)-(SC¹⁵N)(Ph₂PC≡CR)₂ (R = Et, *t*-Bu) and *cis*-Pt(¹⁵NCS)₂(Ph₂PC≡C-*t*-Bu) are given in Table III. Without isotopic data ν (C-S) and δ (CNS) bands are difficult to locate due to their low intensities and overlap with ligand bands.

As Table III illustrates, overtones of δ (CNS) vibrations may also be mistakenly identified for C-S stretches.²³ The unambiguous assignments in Table III are generally in accord with empirical correlations of vibrational frequencies and bonding mode in the literature.^{1d} For *cis*-Pt(NCS)(SCN)(Ph₂PC≡CR)₂ (R = *t*-Bu) two bands in the region 830–860 cm⁻¹ are isotope sensitive. The stronger band in this case is due to ν (C-S) of the N-bonded thiocyanate and the weaker shoulder to the first overtone of the δ (SCN) vibration of the S-bonded thiocyanate. For *cis*-Pt(NCS)₂(Ph₂PC≡C-*t*-Bu)₂ two weak isotope-sensitive bands appear at 857, 847 cm⁻¹ as expected for *cis* isothiocyanate groups.

For *cis*-Pt(NCS)(SCN)(Ph₂PC≡CR)₂ ν (Pt-N) appears as a strong band in the region 260–300 cm⁻¹. This band is absent from the spectra of *cis*-PtCl₂(Ph₂PC≡CR)₂. Strong, broad ν (Pd-N) bands at similar frequencies are present for *cis*-Pd(NCS)(SCN)(Ph₂PC≡CR)₂ (R = Et, Ph, *i*-Pr, *t*-Bu) but absent for *trans*-Pd(SCN)₂(Ph₂PC≡C-*t*-Bu)₂¹⁰ and *cis*-PdCl₂(Ph₂PC≡CR)₂ (R = Et, Ph, *i*-Pr, *t*-Bu).²² As expected in view of the small change in effective mass of the CNS⁻ group and the large mass of the platinum atom, ¹⁵N substitution gave no experimentally observable shift in the ν (Pt-N) frequency. As expected the N-bonded complex Pt(NCS)₂(Ph₂PC≡C-*t*-Bu)₂ exhibits two bands in the same spectral region as ν (Pt-N) in the mixed complexes. By analogy with assignments for K₂[Pt(SCN)₄] [ν (Pt-S) 283 (m), 293 (w) cm⁻¹],²³ K₂PtCl₄ [ν (Pt-Cl) 321 cm⁻¹ (ir)],²⁴ and *cis*-PtCl₂(Et₃P)₂ [ν (Pt-Cl) 303, 281 cm⁻¹],^{21,25} ν (Pt-S) for *cis*-Pt(NCS)(SCN)-

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Table III. Solid-State Infrared and Far-Infrared Spectra of Complexes (cm^{-1})^f

Complex	$\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{C})$	$\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{N})$	$\nu(\text{C}-\text{S})^a$	$\delta(\text{SCN})^b$	$\nu(\text{Pt}-\text{Cl})$ or $\nu(\text{Pt}-\text{N})$
$\text{PtCl}_2(\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}\equiv\text{CEt})_2$	2190 m, sp				318 s, 292 s
$\text{PtCl}_2(\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}\equiv\text{CPh})_2$	2171 m, sp				314 s, 294 s, 285 s
$\text{PtCl}_2(\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}\equiv\text{C-}i\text{-Pr})_2$	2180 m, sp				312 s, 293 s
$\text{PtCl}_2(\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}\equiv\text{C-}t\text{-Bu})_2$	2208 m, sp, 2197 m, sp, 2166 s, sp, 2156 s, sp				319 s, 299 s
$\text{Pt}(\text{NCS})(\text{SCN})(\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}\equiv\text{CEt})_2$	2191 s, sp	2130 s, sp, 2097 s, br	856 w	416 w	273 m, 259 sh
$\text{Pt}({}^{15}\text{NCS})(\text{SC}({}^{15}\text{N}))(\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}\equiv\text{CEt})_2$	2192 s, sp	2130 w, sp, ^e 2101 s, sp, 2068 s, br	843 w	413 w	273 m, 259 sh
$\text{Pt}(\text{NCS})(\text{SCN})(\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}\equiv\text{C-}i\text{-Pr})_2$	2185 s, sp	2124 s, sp, 2098 s, br	856 w	418 w	280 m, br, 266 sh
$\text{Pt}(\text{NCS})(\text{SCN})(\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}\equiv\text{CPh})_2$	2173 s, sp	2127 s, sp, 2122 sh, 2091 s, br	<i>d</i>	<i>d</i>	295 m, 277 m
$\text{Pt}(\text{NCS})(\text{SCN})(\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}\equiv\text{C-}t\text{-Bu})_2$	2208 s, sp, 2167 s, sp	2127 s, sp, 2088 s, br	862 w, 851 sh, 843 vw, ^c 840 sh, vw ^c	420 m	282 m, br
$\text{Pt}({}^{15}\text{NCS})(\text{SC}({}^{15}\text{N}))(\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}\equiv\text{C-}t\text{-Bu})_2$	2208 s, sp, 2167 s, sp	2127 w, sp, ^e 2100 s, sp, 2070 s, br	844 w, 834 sh ^c	417 m	282 m, br
$\text{Pt}(\text{NCS})_2(\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}\equiv\text{C-}t\text{-Bu})_2$	2213 m, sp, 2204 m, sp, 2173 s, sp, 2159 s, sp	2101 s, br, 2082 s, br	857 w, 847 w		284 m, br, 269 m, br
$\text{Pt}({}^{15}\text{NCS})_2(\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}\equiv\text{C-}t\text{-Bu})_2$	2214 m, sp, 2203 m, sp, 2173 s, sp, 2159 s, sp	2074 s, br, 2057 s, br	844 w, 838 w		284 m, br, 269 m, br

^a N-bonded CNS^- only. Bands due to $\nu(\text{C}-\text{S})$ of the S-bonded CNS^- are obscured by ligand absorptions. ^b S-bonded CNS^- only. Bands due to $\delta(\text{NCS})$ of N-bonded CNS^- are obscured by ligand absorptions. ^c Assigned to first overtone of $\delta(\text{SCN})$. ^d Bands due to $\nu(\text{C}-\text{S})$ and $\delta(\text{SCN})$ are obscured by ligand vibrations. ^e Residual $\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{N})$ from ${}^{14}\text{N}$ -containing species. ^f Key: w, weak; s, strong; m, medium; br, broad; sp, sharp; sh, shoulder; vw, very weak.

$(\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}\equiv\text{C-}t\text{-Bu})_2$ should appear at *ca.* 260–270 cm^{-1} . We conclude that the expected $\nu(\text{Pt}-\text{S})$ band is either very weak or obscured by the $\nu(\text{Pt}-\text{N})$ band.

Solution Spectra. $\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{N})$ bands of the complexes *cis*- $\text{Pt}(\text{NCS})(\text{SCN})(\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}\equiv\text{CR})_2$ ($\text{R} = \text{Et}, t\text{-Bu}$) and *cis*- $\text{Pt}(\text{NCS})_2(\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}\equiv\text{C-}t\text{-Bu})_2$ were recorded in a variety of solvents (Table IV). The data elicit the following conclusions: (1) Spectra are independent of the isomer dissolved (for $\text{R} = n\text{-Bu}$). (2) Bands due to S-bonded thiocyanate are strongest in acetone, acetonitrile, ethanol, and dichloromethane, weaker in DMF and benzonitrile, and very weak in benzene and chloroform. (3) Integrated intensities of 1.19×10^4 and $8.3 \times 10^4 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ were found for the $\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{N})$ bands of *cis*- $\text{Pt}(\text{NCS})(\text{SCN})(\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}\equiv\text{C-}t\text{-Bu})_2$ in acetonitrile, the solvent apparently most favoring S-bonding. These values are typical of S- and N-bonded CNS^- , respectively.^{1,6} (4) On the whole, N bonding appears to be marginally more favored for these Pt(II) complexes than for the analogous Pd(II) species. (5) The results qualitatively agree with the observations of Burmeister and coworkers,²⁶ in that solvents of high dielectric constant inhibit conversion to Pt-NCS bonding. However there was no evidence for complete conversion of either *cis*- $\text{Pt}(\text{NCS})_2(\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}\equiv\text{C-}t\text{-Bu})_2$ or *cis*- $\text{Pt}(\text{NCS})(\text{SCN})(\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}\equiv\text{C-}t\text{-Bu})_2$ to the S-bonded isomer as was found for *trans*- $\text{Pd}(\text{NCS})_2(\text{Ph}_3\text{P})_2$ in Burmeister's group A solvents.²⁶

Description and Discussion of the Structure of *cis*- $\text{Pt}(\text{NCS})(\text{SCN})(\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}\equiv\text{C-}t\text{-Bu})_2$

A perspective view of the molecule illustrating the atomic numbering scheme is shown in Figure 1 which also includes pertinent bond distances and angles. Selected interatomic distances are given in Table V together with bond angles. Figure 2 is a packing diagram for the molecules in the unit cell. The platinum atom is coordinated in approximately square-planar fashion by two tertiary phosphine ligands, a nitrogen atom of one thiocyanate, and a sulfur atom of the

Table IV. $\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{N})$ Solution Spectra of $\text{Pt}(\text{NCS})(\text{SCN})(\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}\equiv\text{CEt})_2$ and $\text{Pt}(\text{NCS})(\text{SCN})(\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}\equiv\text{C-}t\text{-Bu})_2$ in Various Solvents (cm^{-1})

Solvent	$\text{Pt}(\text{NCS})(\text{SCN})-(\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}\equiv\text{CEt})_2$	$\text{Pt}(\text{NCS})(\text{SCN})-(\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}\equiv\text{C-}t\text{-Bu})_2$
CHCl_3	2125 m, sp, 2099 s, br	2124 sh, 2098 s, br
C_6H_6	2124 sh, 2100 s, br	2123 sh, 2100 s, br
CH_3CN	2126 m, sp, 2097 s, br	2128 s, sp, 2103 s, br
CH_2Cl_2		2128 m, sp, 2098 s, br
$\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$	2127 s, sp, 2097 s, br	2127 s, sp, 2099 s, br
CH_3COCH_3	2124 m, sp, 2094 s, br	2128 s, sp, 2096 s, br
DMF		2128 m, sp, 2098 s, br
$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CN}$		2127 m, sp, 2100 s, br

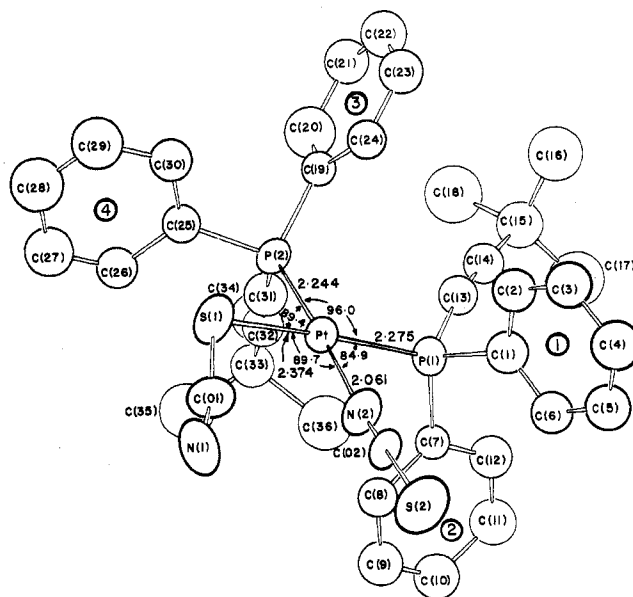


Figure 1. A view of the molecular structure of *cis*- $\text{Pt}(\text{NCS})(\text{SCN})(\text{Ph}_2\text{PC}\equiv\text{C-}t\text{-Bu})_2$, showing the atomic numbering and pertinent bond angles and distances.

other thiocyanate group. The bond angles around the platinum atom are unexceptional although it is worth noting that the $\text{P}(1)\text{-Pt-P}(2)$ angle of $96.0(2)^\circ$ is smaller than the corresponding angle in *cis*- $\text{Pt}(\text{CN})(\text{C}\equiv\text{CPh})(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ ¹⁵ ($101.8(3)^\circ$) but similar to the value of $96.2(4)^\circ$ found for P-Pt-P in *cis*-

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presumably as a result of the higher trans influence of a sulfur-bonded CNS⁻ group than an N-bonded thiocyanate. Table I shows that the Pt-P(1) bond length of 2.275 (6) Å compares favorably with the Pt-P distance of 2.262 (4) Å in the β isomer of Pt₂Cl₂(SCN)₂(P-*n*-Pr₃)₂¹⁴ where the phosphorus atoms are trans to the sulfur atoms of bridging thiocyanate groups. In similar fashion Pt-P(2) of 2.244 (7) Å is identical with the Pt-P (trans to N) distance in α-Pt₂Cl₂(SCN)₂(P-*n*-Pr₃)₂.¹⁴ Indeed comparison of structurally analogous bond lengths in *cis*-Pt(NCS)(SCN)(Ph₂PC≡C-*t*-Bu)₂ and α- and β-Pt₂Cl₂(SCN)₂(P-*n*-Pr₃)₂ reveals a remarkable consistency of trans bond lengthening influences for the phosphines and thiocyanate ion even though the latter has a bridging role in α- and β-Pt₂Cl₂(SCN)₂(P-*n*-Pr₃)₂.

Within the 3,3-dimethylbutynyldiphenylphosphine ligands the P-C(sp²) bond lengths vary between 1.78 (2) and 1.83 (3) Å, the mean value being 1.81 Å. The average P-C(sp) bond length is 1.70 (3) Å, somewhat shorter than expected by comparison with the sum of covalent radii for P (1.10 Å) and C(sp) (0.69 Å)²⁷ and with average values of 1.78, 1.765, and 1.765 Å for P-C(sp) in P(CN)₃,²⁸ P(C≡CPh)₃,²⁹ and Ph₂PC≡CPh₂.³⁰ A similar P-C(sp) shortening is apparent in *trans*-Pd(SCN)₂(Ph₂PC≡C-*t*-Bu)₂.¹⁰ This effect may be due to P(dπ)-C(sp)(pπ) interaction similar to that postulated previously to account for the molecular configuration of Ph₂PC≡CPh₂,³⁰ bond lengths in P(C≡CPh)₃,²⁹ and -C≡C- stretching frequencies in complexes of Ph₂PC≡CPh₂.³¹ The most interesting aspect of the structure is the presence of both S- and N-bonded thiocyanate ions for a Lewis acid, Pt²⁺ normally considered to favor N bonding in phosphine complexes.³² The S-bonded thiocyanate group is bent out of the square plane away from phenyl ring 4 (Figure 1) with a Pt-S(1)-C(01) angle (103 (1)°) similar to the angle of 104.9 (1.1)° recently found in [Co(SCN)(NH₃)₅]Cl₂³³ and intermediate between extremes of 97.6 (5) and 111.8 (6)° obtained for S-bonded thiocyanates in Hg(SCN)₂³⁴ and *cis*-Pd(NCS)(SCN)(Ph₂P(CH₂)₂PPh₂)₂.⁴ The S(1)-C(01) distance in the S-bonded thiocyanate group (1.69 (3) Å) is shorter than the S(2)-C(02) bond length (1.60 (3) Å) in the N-bonded ion, and the Pt-N-C-S linkage deviates only slightly from linearity. The mixed thiocyanate coordination in *cis*-Pt(NCS)(SCN)(Ph₂PC≡C-*t*-Bu)₂ prompted a search for intra- and intermolecular repulsive nonbonded contacts which might be responsible for the presence of an S-bonded thiocyanate group. While the S(1)-C(01)-N(1) group is twisted about the Pt-S(1) bond away from phenyl ring 4,³⁵ there is no obvious crystallographic rationale disfavoring a linear Pt-NCS linkage for this group. Conversely, however, S bonding

of the N(2)-C(02)-S(2) group would inevitably lead to additional repulsive contacts with S(1)-C(01)-N(2) or phenyl groups 1 and 2. We conclude therefore that for this complex the mixed Pt(NCS)(SCN) bonding is due mainly to steric inhibition of dithiocyanato coordination.

Comments on Platinum-Thiocyanate Ion Bonding

An assessment of the relative importance of factors influencing the preferential bonding of -N or -S sites of the CNS⁻ ion to PdL₂²⁺ or PtL₂²⁺ (L = phosphine) in the solid state or in solution must take note of the following points. (a) Pd²⁺ and Pt²⁺ are intrinsically "soft" ions. In the *absence of other effects* these ions might be expected to favor M-SCN bonding. Examples of this are the M(SCN)₄²⁻ ions³⁶ which are both -S bonded (but see ref 11). (b) For the isomerization process *cis*-M(SCN)₂L₂ ⇌ *trans*-M(SCN)₂L₂ or *cis*-M(NCS)₂L₂ ⇌ *trans*-M(NCS)₂L₂ in solution Δ*H* for bond strength changes and solvation should favor the *cis* isomers where the ligands of highest trans influence (L) are *cis* to one another and the dipole moment is highest.³⁷ Δ*S* of solvation should favor the *trans* compound. Steric effects influence Δ*S* by reducing internal degrees of freedom and may reduce internal bond strengths by increasing bond lengths. Internal steric crowding will depend on the ligand sizes (particularly phosphine size) but it is difficult to predict whether this will disfavor most the *cis* or *trans* S-bonded species. The major role which steric effects may play in phosphine complexes has however been unambiguously demonstrated elsewhere.^{10,38} Available thermodynamic data for Pd(II)³⁹ and Pt(II)⁴⁰ complexes indicate that the isomerization process is entropy controlled and that the *cis* isomers are thermodynamically favored, more so for Pd(II) than Pt(II). (c) For the isomerization *cis*-M(SCN)₂L₂ ⇌ *cis*-M(NCS)₂L₂ Δ*H* for internal bond energy changes should favor the *cis* N-bonded complex.^{37,39,40} (d) Internal bond energies will be dependent on the σ-donor-π-acceptor properties, trans influences of the ligands, and steric repulsions. Usually it has been assumed that π acidity decreases in the order PR₃ > -SCN > -NCS. The trans influence of the ligands decreases in the order PR₃ > -SCN > -NCS according to X-ray data.^{3-5,10} Also the trans influence increases in importance from the first to the third row of the transition series.³⁷ (e) Nonpolar solvents should favor the *trans* S-bonded complexes. (f) For solids isomerization may be slow while Δ*H* and Δ*S* of solvation are irrelevant. However packing factors and internal bond energy differences will still be important.

Keeping in mind that solid and solution data are not necessarily compatible since solid-state structures may not necessarily reflect solution thermodynamic stabilities and that the solid phase crystallizing may have only a minor solution concentration (e.g., *trans*-Pd(SCN)₂(Ph₂PC≡C-*t*-Bu)₂), our results appear consistent with the reduced steric demands of the phosphinoacetylene increasing the possibility of S bonding⁴¹ together with the expected higher trans influence of the phosphines in the platinum complexes.

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(SCN)(Ph₂PC≡C-Bu-*t*), 42847-22-3; Pt(¹⁵NCS)(SC¹⁵N)(Ph₂PC≡CEt)₂, 42847-23-4; Pt(¹⁵NCS)(SC¹⁵N)(Ph₂PC≡C-Bu-*t*)₂, 42847-24-5; Pt(¹⁵NCS)₂(Ph₂PC≡C-Bu-*t*)₂, 42847-25-6.

(41) Solid Pt(CNS)₂(Ph₃P)₂ is N bonded and cis in the solid state although *trans*-PtCl₂(Ph₃P)₂ apparently yields the S-bonded species initially on reaction with CNS⁻ ion.⁴²

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Crystal Structure of Ammonium Samarium Sulfate Tetrahydrate

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The structure of NH₄Sm(SO₄)₂·4H₂O has been determined by single-crystal X-ray diffraction techniques. The positions of all nonhydrogen atoms were deduced, from 1145 diffractometer-measured intensities, by means of Patterson and Fourier methods. Refinement by the method of least-squares calculations, with anisotropic thermal motion for each atom, resulted in an *R* value of 0.046. The monoclinic cell has the dimensions *a* = 6.582 (2), *b* = 18.886 (7), *c* = 8.736 (4) Å, and β = 96.88 (4)°; it contains four formula units. The space group is *P*2₁/c. The unit cell dimensions for the isostructural ammonium lanthanide sulfates (La–Tb) have also been determined. The samarium atom is coordinated by six oxygen atoms, belonging to sulfate ions, at distances of 2.378–2.559 Å and by three water molecules at distances of 2.442–2.512 Å. The nine oxygen atoms form a polyhedron, which can equally well be described either as a tricapped trigonal prism or as a monocapped square antiprism. Cross-linking of samarium atoms occurs through sharing of sulfate ions; in this way layers are formed which are held together by hydrogen bonds. Ir and thermal data for the compound have also been measured and are discussed.

Introduction

The lanthanides form a variety of double sulfates with the alkali and ammonium ions. The composition and properties of these sulfates have been studied extensively. However, the knowledge of their structure is very scarce and based on thermal and spectroscopic studies; no X-ray structural determination seems to have been done.

The present investigation was undertaken to elucidate the crystal structure of the double sulfate of ammonium and samarium. The existence of such a phase with the formula NH₄Sm(SO₄)₂·4H₂O has been confirmed earlier.² This compound is isostructural with NH₄Nd(SO₄)₂·4H₂O³ and NH₄Ce(SO₄)₂·4H₂O.⁴ The present report also describes the unit cell dimensions of the isostructural double sulfate series from lanthanum to terbium. The heavier lanthanides form double sulfates with ammonium, which have the same composition but different structure as indicated by the published powder pattern of NH₄Dy(SO₄)₂·4H₂O.⁵

Experimental Section

Preparation of the Compounds. The crystals were prepared as described earlier; aqueous solutions of lanthanide sulfate and ammonium sulfate were mixed in the approximate molar ratio of 1:4 and the solution was left to stand in air.² Upon evaporation prismatic crystals were obtained which showed the characteristic color

of the lanthanide ion. The crystals were washed with small amounts of water, ethanol, and ether. The lanthanide sulfate solutions were prepared from lanthanide oxides of 99.5–99.9% purity; all other reagents were of analytical reagent grade.

Spectroscopic and Thermal Studies. Infrared spectra in the region 4000–400 cm⁻¹ were recorded with a Perkin-Elmer 125 spectrophotometer using the KBr pellet technique. The sample showed no reaction with KBr.

Tg, dtg, and dta curves were recorded simultaneously with a Mettler Thermoanalyzer. The furnace atmosphere was a dynamic air atmosphere with a flow rate of 90 cm³/min. The heating rate was 2°/min and two kinds of platinum crucibles were employed: (i) long and relatively narrow ones (diameter 7 mm, depth 19 mm, weight 2.0 g) and (ii) small and broad ones (diameter 6 mm, depth 5 mm, weight 0.25 g). Alumina was used as reference material.

Data Collection and Reduction. The accurate unit cell dimensions were calculated for the eight ammonium lanthanide sulfates from powder photographs. These were obtained at 25° in a Guinier-Hagg focusing camera of 80-mm diameter, with strictly monochromatized Cu Kα radiation (λ 1.54050 Å). Potassium chloride (*a* = 6.29228 Å)⁶ was used as internal standard. The powder photographs were measured and interpreted to sin² θ = 0.35.

Single-crystal intensity data for NH₄Sm(SO₄)₂·4H₂O, chosen for the complete crystal structure analysis, were obtained on a Philips PW 1100 computer-controlled four-circle diffractometer. Graphite-monochromatized Cu K radiation and a scintillation counter with pulse height discrimination were used. The dimensions of the crystal were 0.09 × 0.08 × 0.07 mm³. The θ–2θ scan technique was employed, with a scan range of 1.5° and a speed of 0.015°/sec; the background was measured for 50 sec at each end of the scan interval. Three test reflections were measured hourly to check for the possible deterioration of the crystal in the X-ray beam, but the intensity was found to remain constant within ±2%. Therefore no correction for radiation damage was made. The background intensities were calculated as averages of the intensities at each end of the scan interval.

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