

**Figure 1.** Reaction volume profile for the photochemical and reverse thermal isomerization of  $\text{CoSOON}$ . In this scheme it is assumed that  $\bar{V}(\text{CoSOON}^{\text{CT}}) \sim \bar{V}(\text{CoSOON})$  (see Discussion).

*trans*- $\text{Cr}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2^-$ , for which a volume of activation of  $-16 \pm 1 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$  was found. In this case all the available evidence is consistent with a rate-determining opening of the oxalate ring,<sup>23-25</sup> and the large negative  $\Delta V^\ddagger$  was ascribed to the increase in electrostriction around the negatively charged free end of the oxalate ligand.

We conclude that both the photochemical and thermal isomerization back-reactions occur via ring opening of the sulfinate ligand. No charge creation occurs in the case of the photochemical reaction such that the increase in volume of  $6 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$  should represent the pure intrinsic component. For the thermal reaction, ring opening accompanied by charge creation results in a volume decrease ca.  $15 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$  more negative, such that this quantity must present the change in volume due to electrostriction. In order to combine these data in an overall volume profile, the partial molar volume of  $[\text{Co}(\text{en})_2(\text{SO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2)](\text{ClO}_4)_2$  was measured at  $244.8 \pm 1.8 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$  from the apparent molar volume, which was independent of concentration over the range investigated. Taking into account that  $\bar{V}(\text{ClO}_4^-) = 50.7 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$ ,<sup>10,11</sup> it follows that  $\bar{V}(\text{CoSOON}) = 143.8 \pm 1.8 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$ . Density measurements on a sample of  $\text{CoSOON}$  irradiated almost to completion resulted in  $\bar{V}(\text{CoOSON}) = 145.7 \pm 1.6 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$ . The trend in the  $\bar{V}$  data is in agreement with a slight increase in volume due to the formation of a six- instead of a five-membered ring complex. A combination of these  $\bar{V}$  data and the reported volumes of activation enable the construction of the reaction volume profile given in Figure 1. It was assumed that the CT state has a partial molar volume close to that of the ground-state species as discussed above. If this is not the case, the transition state for the photochemical path will have an even higher partial molar volume, since the CT state can be up to  $10 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$  larger than the ground state (see earlier discussion). The profile clearly demonstrates the difference of at least  $13 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$  between the two transition states and the effect of electrostriction during the thermal back-reaction. To our knowledge this is the first example of a volume profile for a combined photochemical forward reaction and thermal back-reaction.

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## Fluorides and Fluoro Acids. 10.<sup>1</sup> Crystal Structures of Acid Hydrates and Oxonium Salts. 23.<sup>2</sup> Crystal Structure of the Low-Temperature Form of Oxonium Hexafluoroarsenate(V)

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Oxonium hexafluoroarsenate(V),  $\text{H}_3\text{OAsF}_6$ , is reported<sup>3,4</sup> to be cubic at room temperature, with disordered ions centered on the atomic positions of the NaCl structure, and to exist in a second, less symmetrical form below a transition point of  $271 \pm 5 \text{ K}$ . The present paper deals with a complete X-ray single-crystal structure analysis of the low-temperature form.

### Experimental Section

**Preparation and Phase Analysis.**  $\text{H}_3\text{OAsF}_6$  was prepared as described<sup>3</sup> by reacting  $\text{AsF}_5$  with HF and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  in a PTFE vacuum system. The  $\text{AsF}_5$  was prepared by D. Naumann by reacting arsenic with a fluorine-nitrogen stream. The anhydrous HF was obtained by rectifying technical grade hydrofluoric acid (Riedel-de Häen, 71-75%) in a PTFE apparatus.

DTA and X-ray powder analysis between 103 and 303 K were applied to check the phase transition and high-temperature unit cell. The apparatus and techniques used are described and referred to elsewhere.<sup>5</sup>

**Crystal Growth.** A single crystal of the low-temperature form of  $\text{H}_3\text{OAsF}_6$  was grown on a Syntex P2<sub>1</sub> four-circle diffractometer equipped with a modified low-temperature device. The starting material, a solution of  $\text{H}_3\text{OAsF}_6$  in anhydrous HF, was sealed in polyethylene tubing (diameter 0.4 mm inside, 0.8 mm outside), which in turn for mechanical fixation was enclosed in a thin-walled glass capillary. A miniature zone-melting technique using focused heat radiation<sup>6</sup> was applied with the temperature of the cold gas stream at 243 K.

**Structure Determination.** The X-ray measurements for the structure determination were done on the diffractometer with the temperature of the crystal lowered to 208 K. The reflection intensities were not corrected for absorption because of an uncertain shape and size of the crystal within the tubing and angular restrictions for a  $\psi$ -scan with the low-temperature device used. The structure was solved from the Patterson function and refined in the space group  $P\bar{1}$  by the method of full-matrix least squares minimizing the function  $\sum w(|F_o| - |F_c|)^2$  with the weights  $w = 1/(\sigma_F^2 + 0.0004F_o^2)$ . The hydrogen atoms were located in a difference Fourier map of the electron density and included in the refinement. An isotropic extinction correction  $F' = F_c/(1 + 0.002gF_c^2/\sin 2\theta)^{1/4}$  was applied and refined to  $g = 0.144$  (6). More experimental and computational figures of the structure determination are assembled in Table I. Scattering factors of the neutral atoms with anomalous dispersion coefficients<sup>7</sup> were used in the SHELXTL<sup>8</sup> program system on a Data General Eclipse S/200 computer.

Since a statistical analysis of the normalized structure factor amplitudes had given some evidence for an acentric structure, in accordance with the IR and Raman spectra,<sup>3,4</sup> refinement in the space group  $P1$  was also tried but not found preferable.

### Results

**Phase Transition.** From the DTA and X-ray powder measurements the (reversible) phase transition to the high-temperature

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**Table I.** Crystal Data and Figures Related to Diffractometry and Refinement

|  |                               |
|--|-------------------------------|
| cryst syst                               | triclinic                     |
| space group; $Z$                         | $P\bar{1}$ ; 2                |
| $a$ , Å                                  | 4.868 (3)                     |
| $b$ , Å                                  | 6.471 (2)                     |
| $c$ , Å                                  | 7.525 (4)                     |
| $\alpha$ , deg                           | 86.52 (3)                     |
| $\beta$ , deg                            | 85.23 (4)                     |
| $\gamma$ , deg                           | 81.09 (4)                     |
| $V$ , Å <sup>3</sup>                     | 233.1 (2)                     |
| temp, K                                  | 208                           |
| density (calcd), g·cm <sup>-3</sup>      | 2.96                          |
| scan mode                                | variable $\omega$ scan        |
| radiation                                | monochromatized Mo K $\alpha$ |
| wavelength, Å                            | 0.71073                       |
| $\mu$ (Mo K $\alpha$ ), cm <sup>-1</sup> | 73.3                          |
| range of $2\theta$ , deg                 | 3–75                          |
| indices colled                           | $h, \pm k, \pm l$             |
| no. of total reflns                      | 2678                          |
| no. of indep. reflns:                    | 2427/2337                     |
| all/obsd ( $I > 1.96\sigma_I$ )          |                               |
| $R$ (all/obsd)                           | 0.032/0.031                   |
| $R_w$ (all/obsd)                         | 0.045/0.045                   |

**Table II.** Fractional Atomic Coordinates and Isotropic<sup>a</sup> Thermal Parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>)

| atom | $x$          | $y$         | $z$         | $B$       |
|------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| As   | -0.44870 (3) | 0.23414 (2) | 0.24376 (2) | 0.971 (8) |
| F(1) | -0.3253 (4)  | 0.4677 (2)  | 0.2628 (2)  | 2.02 (3)  |
| F(2) | -0.1888 (3)  | 0.1084 (2)  | 0.3753 (2)  | 1.88 (3)  |
| F(3) | -0.2127 (4)  | 0.1839 (3)  | 0.0592 (2)  | 2.01 (3)  |
| F(4) | -0.5562 (4)  | -0.0020 (2) | 0.2248 (2)  | 2.12 (3)  |
| F(5) | -0.6943 (4)  | 0.3580 (3)  | 0.1084 (2)  | 2.11 (3)  |
| F(6) | -0.6687 (4)  | 0.2841 (3)  | 0.4290 (2)  | 2.17 (3)  |
| O    | 0.0370 (4)   | 0.7287 (3)  | 0.2712 (2)  | 1.72 (3)  |
| H(1) | -0.075 (10)  | 0.652 (7)   | 0.261 (5)   | 2.9 (8)   |
| H(2) | -0.023 (9)   | 0.833 (7)   | 0.324 (5)   | 2.7 (8)   |
| H(3) | 0.112 (13)   | 0.756 (8)   | 0.158 (6)   | 5.3 (12)  |

<sup>a</sup> For the non-hydrogen atoms calculated from the anisotropic  $B_{ij}$  by  $1/3(B_{11}a^2 + B_{22}b^2 + B_{33}c^2 + 2B_{12}ab \cos \alpha + 2B_{13}ac \cos \beta + 2B_{23}bc \cos \gamma)$ .

form was determined to occur at 275 K. This temperature and the powder patterns obtained for both phases are in good agreement with those of the previous work.<sup>3,4</sup>

**Crystal Structure.** The low-temperature form of  $H_3OAsF_6$  crystallizes with the triclinic centrosymmetric space group  $P\bar{1}$  and  $Z = 2$  formula units per unit cell. The crystallographic data are given in Table I, and the atomic parameters in Table II. All atoms are ordered and are in general positions. Interatomic distances and angles are listed in Table III. The values are not corrected for thermal motion and the well-known systematic error of X-ray analysis to produce O–H bond lengths that are shorter than the internuclear distances.

The  $H_3O^+$  cation has distorted trigonal-pyramidal geometry, and the  $AsF_6^-$  anion distorted octahedral geometry. Cations and anions are linked by three independent O–H...F hydrogen bonds to fluorine atoms F(1)–F(3) into parallel polymeric ribbons [010]. This is shown in Figure 1.<sup>9</sup> The ribbons are made up of fused centrosymmetric rings with two cations and two anions each and two alternating conformations.

The fluorine atoms F(4)–F(6) are not involved in hydrogen bonds. They have distinctly shorter As–F bonds than the atoms F(1)–F(3), to which they are in trans positions, and form in pairs the three largest of the *cis*-F–As–F bond angles. The shortest O...F and H...F approaches of atoms F(4)–F(6) are at 2.768 and 2.45 Å, respectively.

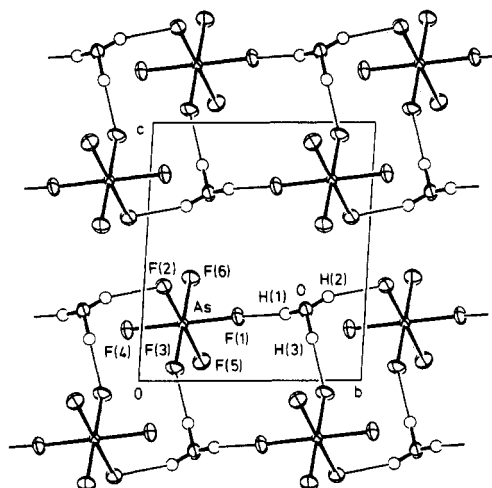
## Discussion

A low site symmetry of the anion in the crystal structure (at most 3- $C_2$ ) was already inferred from the IR and Raman spectra.<sup>3,4</sup>

**Table III.** Interatomic Distances<sup>a</sup> (Å) and Angles<sup>b</sup> (deg)

| Cation                     |       |              |         |         |       |
|----------------------------|-------|--------------|---------|---------|-------|
| O–H(1)                     | 0.81  | H(1)–O–H(2)  | 115     |         |       |
| O–H(2)                     | 0.81  | H(1)–O–H(3)  | 106     |         |       |
| O–H(3)                     | 0.91  | H(2)–O–H(3)  | 114     |         |       |
| Hydrogen Bonds             |       |              |         |         |       |
|                            | O...F | H...F        | O–H...F |         |       |
| O–H(1)...F(1)              | 2.630 | 1.83         | 169     |         |       |
| O–H(2)...F(2) <sup>c</sup> | 2.667 | 1.89         | 160     |         |       |
| O–H(3)...F(3) <sup>d</sup> | 2.619 | 1.71         | 177     |         |       |
| Anion                      |       |              |         |         |       |
| As–F(1)                    | 1.729 | As–F(2)      | 1.742   | As–F(3) | 1.740 |
| As–F(4)                    | 1.708 | As–F(5)      | 1.707   | As–F(6) | 1.701 |
| F(1)–As–F(2)               | 89.2  | F(1)–As–F(3) | 89.0    |         |       |
| F(1)–As–F(4)               | 177.5 | F(1)–As–F(5) | 90.2    |         |       |
| F(1)–As–F(6)               | 89.8  | F(2)–As–F(3) | 87.5    |         |       |
| F(2)–As–F(4)               | 88.8  | F(2)–As–F(5) | 177.9   |         |       |
| F(2)–As–F(6)               | 90.6  | F(3)–As–F(4) | 89.5    |         |       |
| F(3)–As–F(5)               | 90.5  | F(3)–As–F(6) | 177.1   |         |       |
| F(4)–As–F(5)               | 91.8  | F(4)–As–F(6) | 91.7    |         |       |
| F(5)–As–F(6)               | 91.4  |              |         |         |       |

<sup>a</sup> Esd's: 0.002 Å for As–F, 0.003 Å for O...F, 0.04–0.05 Å for H...F and O–H. <sup>b</sup> Esd's: 0.1° for F–As–F, 4–5° for H–O–H and O–H...F. <sup>c</sup>  $x, 1 + y, z$ . <sup>d</sup>  $-x, 1 - y, -z$ .

**Figure 1.** Projection on the  $b, c$  plane with 50% probability ellipsoids.

The observed lengthening of the bonds between the central atom and those fluorine atoms that are involved in hydrogen bonds is similar to that in oxonium salts of some other fluoro acids, e.g.  $H_3OBF_4$ ,<sup>10</sup>  $H_3OTiF_5$ ,<sup>11</sup> and  $D_3OSbF_6$ .<sup>4</sup> The hydrogen bonding distances O...F are somewhat longer than in these structures. None of the other interionic distances is smaller than the sum of the van der Waals radii of the respective atoms.

In spite of the different structures of the anions the crystal structure of the low-temperature form of  $H_3OAsF_6$  is strikingly similar to that of  $H_3OBF_4$ .<sup>10</sup> This is true not only for the scheme of hydrogen bonding between the cations and anions but also with new axes  $-a, c, b$  for the crystallographic data and many of the atomic coordinates.

A shift of the origin to  $1/2, 1/4, 1/4$  followed by another transformation of the axes according to  $-a, (b + c)/2, (b - c)/2$  shows that the structure with its arrangement of the oxygen and arsenic atoms of the cations and anions, respectively, is a distorted variant of the CsCl structure type. This is in contrast to the high-temperature form of  $H_3OAsF_6$ , which by disorder is highly symmetrical and a representative of the NaCl structure type.<sup>3,4</sup>

Two related salts with a substituted cation and anion, respectively, also have ordered, but not isotopic, CsCl-like structures

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**Table IV.** X-ray Diffraction Powder Pattern of  $\text{H}_3\text{OSbF}_6$  at about 370 K<sup>a</sup>

| $d_{\text{obsd.}} \text{ \AA}$ | $d_{\text{calcd.}} \text{ \AA}$ | intens | hkl      |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------|----------|
| 5.12                           | 5.12                            | vs     | 100      |
| 3.62                           | 3.62                            | s      | 110      |
| 2.957                          | 2.960                           | vw     | 111      |
| 2.560                          | 2.563                           | w      | 200      |
| 2.293                          | 2.292                           | vw     | 210      |
| 2.096                          | 2.093                           | vw     | 211      |
| 1.813                          | 1.813                           | vw     | 220      |
| 1.711                          | 1.709                           | w      | 300, 221 |
| 1.621                          | 1.621                           | w      | 310      |
| 1.371                          | 1.370                           | w      | 321      |
| 1.281                          | 1.282                           | vw     | 400      |
| 1.242                          | 1.243                           | vw     | 410, 322 |
| 1.209                          | 1.208                           | vw     | 411, 330 |

<sup>a</sup>Cubic,  $a = 5.126$  (1)  $\text{\AA}$ ,  $V = 134.7$  (1)  $\text{\AA}^3$ ,  $Z = 1$ ,  $\rho_{\text{calcd}} = 3.14$  g  $\text{cm}^{-3}$ , monochromatized Cu  $K\alpha_1$  radiation ( $\lambda = 1.540562$   $\text{\AA}$ ), Guinier-Simon camera, diameter 114.6 mm.

at low temperatures:  $\text{KAsF}_6$  with one formula unit in a rhombohedral cell<sup>12</sup> and  $\text{H}_3\text{OSbF}_6$  (as well as  $\text{D}_3\text{OSbF}_6$ ) with eight formula units in a cubic, but large, body-centered cell.<sup>4</sup> In comparison, the high-temperature form of  $\text{KAsF}_6$ <sup>13</sup> is isotopic to that of  $\text{H}_3\text{OAsF}_6$ . For the structure of a high-temperature form of  $\text{H}_3\text{OSbF}_6$  see the Appendix.

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#### Appendix: Unit Cell of $\text{H}_3\text{OSbF}_6$ at about 370 K

$\text{H}_3\text{OSbF}_6$  was prepared and studied by DTA and X-ray powder analysis between 103 and 423 K in a similar way as described in the Experimental Section for  $\text{H}_3\text{OAsF}_6$ . The phase transition in this temperature range, reported to occur at  $361 \pm 12$  K,<sup>4</sup> was found at 368 K. Also, the reported X-ray powder pattern and crystal structure of the low-temperature form<sup>4</sup> was confirmed. In addition, the powder pattern of the high-temperature form was obtained and indexed for a cubic primitive unit cell with  $Z = 1$  and  $a = 5.126$  (1)  $\text{\AA}$  (Table IV). From this the ions appear to be centered on the atomic positions of the small unit cell of the CsCl structure type.

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#### Binuclear Complexes of Platinum(II) and Palladium(II) with Bis(isopropylphosphino)methane and Related Ligands

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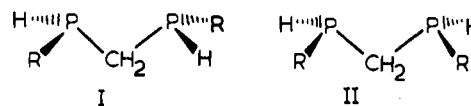
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Bidentate phosphines  $\text{R}_2\text{PCH}_2\text{PR}_2$  are often used as bridging ligands and are useful for reducing the tendency toward fragmentation of dimers to monomeric complexes during chemical reactions.<sup>2,3</sup> The chemistry of the secondary phosphine analogues

such as  $\text{R}_2\text{PCH}_2\text{PHR}$  or  $\text{RHPCH}_2\text{PHR}$  has hardly been studied.<sup>4,5</sup> through the presence of the PH group could lead to significantly different reactivity. Thus both the low steric hindrance of the PH substituent<sup>6,7</sup> and the ability of the PH group to undergo deprotonation and form a second potential bridging group, based on the resultant phosphido functionality,<sup>8</sup> could have major effects on the coordination chemistry. Earlier papers have been concerned with the effects of steric hindrance of ligands  $\text{R}_2\text{PCH}_2\text{PR}_2$  on the coordination chemistry and organometallic reactivity of platinum complexes.<sup>3,6,7,9</sup> In this paper, the synthesis and some coordination complexes of the ligand *i*-PrHPCH<sub>2</sub>PH-*i*-Pr are described.

#### Results and Discussion

**Synthesis and Characterization of the Ligand.** The ligand *i*-PrHPCH<sub>2</sub>PH-*i*-Pr was prepared by reaction of  $\text{Cl}_2\text{PCH}_2\text{PCl}_2$  with 2 molar equiv of *i*-PrMgBr followed by reduction of this reaction mixture with excess  $\text{Li}[\text{AlH}_4]$ . Analysis of the crude product by <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} and <sup>31</sup>P NMR indicated the presence of  $\text{H}_2\text{PCH}_2\text{PH}_2$ , *i*-PrHPCH<sub>2</sub>PH<sub>2</sub> and *i*-Pr<sub>2</sub>PCH<sub>2</sub>PH-*i*-Pr as well as the desired compound. However, vacuum distillation gave a good separation of pure *i*-PrHPCH<sub>2</sub>PH-*i*-Pr as a colorless, air-sensitive liquid. An independent synthesis of the ligand was reported while this research was in progress.<sup>5</sup> The ligand exists either as a mixture of isomers or in a configuration in which the two phosphorus atoms are nonequivalent but do not couple to each other, as shown by the <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum, which contained two sharp singlets, of approximately equal intensity, at  $\delta -46.20$  and  $-47.61$ , each of which split into a doublet [<sup>1</sup>J(PH) = 205 Hz] in the proton-coupled <sup>31</sup>P spectrum. Similarly, the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum contained two CHMe<sub>2</sub> and two CH<sub>2</sub>P<sub>2</sub> multiplets, tentatively attributed to the two isomeric forms, though the PH and CH<sub>3</sub>C resonances of the two isomers were not resolved. The two isomers could be the racemic and meso isomers I and II, but it is also possible that they



are conformers that cannot readily interconvert due to restricted rotation about the P-C bonds.

**Synthesis and Characterization of  $[\text{M}_2\text{X}_4(\mu\text{-PP})_2]$  Complexes.** Reaction of  $[\text{PtCl}_2(\text{SMe}_2)_2]$  with PP in a 1:1 molar ratio gave the binuclear *cis,cis*- $[\text{Pt}_2\text{Cl}_4(\mu\text{-PP})_2]$  in two isomeric forms, **1a** and **1b**, which were easily separated by taking advantage of the much greater solubility of **1b** in organic solvents. Isomer **1a** gave a singlet, with apparent doublet satellites due to coupling to <sup>195</sup>Pt [<sup>1</sup>J(PtP) = 3360, <sup>3</sup>J(PtP) = 80, <sup>2</sup>J + <sup>4</sup>J(PP) = 36 Hz], characteristic of the *cis,cis* stereochemistry with phosphorus trans to Cl.<sup>7</sup> These data are very similar to those for *cis,cis*- $[\text{Pt}_2\text{Cl}_4(\mu\text{-}t\text{-BuHPCH}_2\text{PH-}t\text{-Bu})_2]$ , and **1a** therefore has the symmetrical structure III with M = Pt, X = Cl, and R = *i*-Pr, in which all bulky isopropyl groups are equatorial and in which both diphosphine ligands are in the racemic form (I).

In contrast, the isomer **1b** gave four multiplets of equal intensity in the <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum, each with <sup>1</sup>J(PtP) = 3300-3360

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