metal ion, through the use of eq 3 takes into consideration the

$$[M_{\rm f}] = \frac{\alpha_{\rm L} T_{\rm M}}{\alpha_{\rm ML} K_{\rm ML} (T_{\rm L} - T_{\rm M})}$$
(3)

$$\alpha_{\rm L} = 1 + \beta_n^{\rm H} [\rm H^+]^n \tag{4}$$

$$\alpha_{\rm ML} = 1 + \beta_{\rm MH_n L}^{\rm H} [\rm H^+]^n \tag{5}$$

proton affinities of the ligand,  $\alpha_L$  term, and other chelate species such as protonated metal complexes,  $\alpha_{ML}$  term. For metal complexes where the predominate chelate species is ML across the p[H] range of interest, the  $\alpha_{ML}$  term approaches unity and can be neglected in the calculation. The relative order of pM values given in Table IX holds only for the specified set of conditions, which include the metal ion concentration, ligand concentration, and p[H]. A higher ligand metal ion affinity is reflected by a greater pM value.

Table IX provides the value of pM calculated for each of the TMPHPG and EHPG ligands by employing a 10% excess of ligand at a physiologic p[H] of 7.4. Also provided are pM values for a variety of related multidentate ligands that have recently been investigated in this research group.<sup>16,18</sup> Since the stability constants of indium(III)-transferrin have not been accurately measured, the correlation between log  $K_{ML}$  values for the ligands of Table IX with iron(III) and indium(III) was employed to arrive at a reasonable estimate of log  $K_1^*$  and log  $K_2^*$  for indium(III)-transferrin are 18.2 and 17.4, respectively, at 25.0 °C,  $\mu = 0.10$  M, and [HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>] = 1.4 × 10<sup>-4</sup> M. It is clear that the iron(III) and gallium(III) TMPHPG complexes would be

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expected to resist exchange of metal ion with transferrin in vivo. On the other hand, such an exchange is thermodynamically favorable for each of the indium(III) complexes.

#### Conclusions

Selective complexation of one isomer with a metal ion can be a useful method for the separation of diastereomeric ligand pairs. The metal ion must form a stable complex involving all the ligand donor groups and have distinct coordination preferences that may be less favorable in one diastereomer than in the other.

The more lipophilic EHPG analogues, *rac*- and *meso*-TMPHPG, with their dimethylated phenyl rings and a longer diamine bridge maintain a very high affinity for iron(III) and gallium(III) but form even weaker complexes with indium(III) than was found for *rac*- and *meso*-EHPG. The increased separation of the two chiral centers in the TMPHPG diastereomers, by an additional methylene group, generally reduced the differences in stability observed between the diastereomeric complexes. A further increase in the diamine alkyl chain length will undoubtedly serve to further isolate the two phenylglycine moieties and result in an additional decrease in the difference in metal ion affinity displayed by the diastereomers.

The most notable feature of these ligands is their relatively poor affinity for indium(III). Clearly the results of this work, and additional recent work conducted in this research group,<sup>15,16</sup> have demonstrated the lower relative affinity of indium(III) for hard phenolate oxygen donor atoms as compared to iron(III) and gallium(III). Ligands with a high affinity for indium(III) should be designed separately from those found useful for iron(III) and gallium(III). The design of these ligands needs to take into consideration the larger size of indium(III) as well as incorporation of softer coordinate donor groups.

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# Synthesis and Structure of the Norbornene Adduct of 1,3,5,2,4,6-Trithiatriazinium Tetrachloroaluminate $[C_7H_{10}\cdot S_3N_3][AlCl_4]$

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The treatment of (NSCl)<sub>3</sub> with an excess of norbornene in dioxane at 0 °C produces  $C_7H_{10}S_3N_3Cl$  (1). The addition of AlCl<sub>3</sub> or AgAsF<sub>6</sub> to a solution of this adduct in SO<sub>2</sub> yields  $[C_7H_{10}S_3N_3]X$  [2a,  $X^- = AlCl_4^-$ ; 2b,  $X^- = AsF_6^-$ ]. The <sup>14</sup>N NMR spectra of 2a. 2b, and  $[S_3N_3Cl_2]AlCl_4$  are reported. The norbornene ligand was shown by X-ray crystallography to be attached to the  $S_3N_3^+$  cation in 2a via two sulfur atoms to give the exo- $\beta$  isomer. The crystals of 2a are triclinic, space group  $P\overline{1}$ , with a = 7.3572 (14) Å, b = 9.9771 (15) Å, c = 11.1178 (12) Å,  $\alpha = 71.561$  (11)°,  $\beta = 85.320$  (13)°,  $\gamma = 80.133$  (14)°, V = 762.4 (3) Å<sup>3</sup>, and Z = 2. The least-squares refinement with anisotropic thermal parameters for all non-hydrogen atoms converged at R = 0.029 and  $R_w = 0.035$  for 2686 unique observed reflections. There are pronounced variations in the sulfur-nitrogen bond lengths in the S<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub> ring indicative of a structural weakness. The -N=S=N- unit [|d(S-N)| = 1.549 (3) Å] is linked to the three-coordinate sulfur atoms of the SNS moiety [|d(S-N)| = 1.627 (3) Å] by long S-N bonds [|d(S-N)| = 1.709 (3) Å]. Attempts to detach norbornene from the S<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub> ring in 2a by heating or treatment with 2,3-dimethyl-1,4-butadiene resulted in loss of the -N=S=N- bridge to give the 2:1 adduct of norbornene and NS<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>.

#### Introduction

The  $S_3N_3^+$  cation is conspicuous by its absence from the list of known monocyclic, binary sulfur-nitrogen (S-N) cations, which includes examples of five-, seven-, eight-, and ten-membered ring systems [( $S_3N_2^{\bullet+}$ )<sub>2</sub>,  $S_4N_3^+$ ,  $S_4N_4^{2+}$ ,  $S_5N_5^+$ , respectively].<sup>1</sup> As

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an example of an antiaromatic 8- $\pi$ -electron system, the molecular and electronic structures of  $S_3N_3^+$  are of interest. Assuming  $D_{3h}$ symmetry, the monomeric cation is predicted to be a triplet, and thus highly reactive, on the basis of ab initio molecular orbital calculations.<sup>2</sup> Therefore, a distorted or associated structure is

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Scheme I. Preparation and Thermolysis of the Norbornene Adduct of  $S_3N_3^+$ : (i) Norbornene; (ii)  $H_2O$ ; (iii) AlCl<sub>3</sub> or AgAsF<sub>6</sub> in SO<sub>2</sub>; (iv) 2,3-Dimethylbutadiene or Heat,  $X^- = AlCl_4^-$  or  $AsF_6^-$ 



likely, and the possibilities include (a) two 4-electron three-center bonds on the NSN and SNS moieties,<sup>3</sup> (b) a half-chair conformer,<sup>4</sup> or (c) a dimer.<sup>5</sup>

The isoelectronic 8- $\pi$ -electron system R<sub>2</sub>PN<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub>, which has a singlet structure,<sup>6</sup> may be obtained by the thermal elimination of NSN from  $EN_5S_3$ ,<sup>7</sup> but this process is symmetry forbidden for  $E = S^{+,8}$  Previous claims of the synthesis of " $[S_3N_3][SbCl_6]^{*5}$ and "S<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>Cl"<sup>10</sup> have been retracted<sup>11,12</sup> and attempts to prepare  $S_3N_3^+$  by the chemical<sup>13</sup> or electrochemical<sup>14</sup> oxidation of  $S_3N_3^$ were unsuccessful. Banister et al. have proposed the initial formation of the adduct  $C_7H_{10}S_3N_3Cl(1)$  in the reaction of (NSCl)<sub>3</sub> with an excess of norbornene from which they isolated and structurally characterized the hydrolysis product [C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>10</sub>·NS<sub>2</sub>(N- $H_2_2$  Cl (3)<sup>15</sup> (see Scheme I). We have reinvestigated this system in order to isolate 1 and determine its usefulness as a source of the  $S_3N_3^+$  cation.

We report here the synthesis and spectroscopic characterization of 1 and the corresponding salts  $[C_7H_{10}S_3N_3]X$  (2a, X<sup>-</sup> = AlCl<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>; 2b,  $X^- = AsF_6^-$  and the X-ray structure of 2a. Attempts to

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Table I. <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>14</sup>N NMR Data for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>10</sub>·S<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>Cl and  $[C_7H_{10}S_3N_3]X (X^- = AlCl_4, AsF_6)$ 

	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>10</sub> . S <sub>3</sub> N <sub>3</sub> Cl	[C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>10</sub> · S <sub>3</sub> N <sub>3</sub> ][AlCl <sub>4</sub> ]	[C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>10</sub> • S <sub>3</sub> N <sub>3</sub> ][AsF <sub>6</sub> ]	assignment <sup>c</sup>
$\delta(^{13}\mathrm{C})^a$	28.0	28.4	28.3	C(6) and C(7)
	34.2	35.2	35.0	C(1) and C(2)
	39.0	41.4	41.3	C(3) and C(5)
	85.2	93.8	93.7	C(4)
$\delta(^{14}N)^b$	-135.6 (450)	-89.2 (385)	-88.5 (410)	N(2) and $N(3)$
	-259.0 (205)	-306.0 (705)	-305.9 (910)	N(1)

<sup>a13</sup>C chemical shifts are in ppm relative to Me<sub>4</sub>Si. <sup>b14</sup>N chemical shifts are in ppm relative to external MeNO<sub>2</sub>(l);  $v_{1/2}$  values are given in parentheses. 'See Figure 1 for atomic numbering scheme.

remove norbornene from the  $S_3N_3^+$  ring in 2a are also described briefly.

#### **Experimental Section**

Reagents and General Procedures. All reactions and the manipulation of moisture-sensitive products were performed under an atmosphere of dry N<sub>2</sub> (99.99%). Solvents were dried by heating under reflux with the appropriate drying agent: dioxane (sodium metal), CFCl<sub>3</sub> (P<sub>4</sub>O<sub>10</sub>), and SO<sub>2</sub> (molecular sieves). All solvents were distilled before use. Reactions were carried out either in one-necked side-arm flasks sealed with a rubber septum or in a double-bulb vessel equipped with a glass frit and J. Young valves.

The reagents  $(NSCl)_{3}^{16}$  and AgAsF<sub>6</sub><sup>17</sup> were prepared by the literature procedures. The salt  $S_3N_3Cl_2^+AlCl_4^-$  was generated in situ by treatment of (NSCl)<sub>3</sub> with 1 molar equiv of AlCl<sub>3</sub> in CCl<sub>4</sub>.<sup>18</sup> Commercial samples of norbornene and 2,3-dimethyl-1,4-butadiene (Aldrich) were used as received. Commercial aluminum trichloride (MCB) was sublimed (140 °C/0.02 Torr) before use.

Instrumentation. Infrared spectra were recorded as Nujol mulls on CsI or KBr plates by using a Nicolet DX-5 FTIR spectrometer (4000-400 cm<sup>-1</sup>) or a Perkin-Elmer 457 grating infrared spectrometer (400-200 cm<sup>-1</sup>). <sup>14</sup>N and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AM-400 spectrometer. All spectra were obtained in sealed 8-mm-o.d. tubes with  $SO_2$  as solvent. These tubes were then placed inside a normal 10-mm-o.d.  $\dot{NMR}$  tube and a lock solvent, CDCl<sub>3</sub> or D<sub>2</sub>O, was then added to the space between the two tubes. For <sup>14</sup>N NMR spectra, internal dinitrogen was used as a reference and assigned a chemical shift of -71.6 ppm versus external nitromethane.<sup>19</sup> CDCl<sub>3</sub> was used as a reference for the <sup>13</sup>C spectra and assigned a chemical shift of 77.0 ppm versus Me<sub>4</sub>Si. Mass spectra were obtained with a Kratos MS80 RFA instrument operating at 70 eV. Melting points were obtained in sealed capillaries, and values are uncorrected. Chemical analyses were performed by the Analytical Division of the Department of Chemistry, The University of Calgary, and Canadian Microanalytical Services, Vancouver, BC, Canada.

Preparation of  $C_7H_{10}$ ·S<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>Cl (1). A solution of norbornene (2.82 g, 30 mmol) in 1,4-dioxane (10 mL) was added rapidly to solid (NSCl)<sub>3</sub> (0.81 g, 3.3 mmol) at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h, and then the bright yellow precipitate was separated by filtration, washed with 1,4-dioxane (3  $\times$  10 mL) and identified as analytically pure C<sub>7</sub>-H<sub>10</sub>·S<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>Cl (0.51 g, 1.9 mmol), mp 129 °C. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>10</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>S<sub>3</sub>: C, 31.39; H, 3.76; N, 15.69. Found: C, 30.77; H, 4.05; N, 15.73. IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1461 m, 1309 m, 1295 s, 1246 m, 1216 m, 1114 m, 1040 m, 1000 m, 979 vs, 937 s, 915 m, 875 m, 747 s, 673 m, 608 s, 535 s, 501 s, 483 s, 470 s, 362 m, 278 m. NMR spectroscopic data are given in Table I.

**Preparation of**  $[C_7H_{10}S_3N_3]$ **[AlCl<sub>4</sub>] (2a).** A mixture of  $C_7H_{10}S_3N_3Cl$  (0.50 g, 1.87 mmol) and AlCl<sub>3</sub> (0.25 g, 1.87 mmol) was added to one side of a double-bulb vessel, and  $SO_2$  (ca. 15 mL) was condensed onto the solids at -78 °C. The reaction mixture was warmed to 25 °C to give a dark orange solution, and crystallization was achieved by slow cooling of a saturated solution in SO<sub>2</sub> to 0 °C. Orange trapezoids of  $[C_{7}H_{10}]$ S<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>][AlCl<sub>4</sub>] (2a) (0.45 g, 1.12 mmol), mp 116-119 °C dec, were separated by filtration. IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1309 m, 1300 s, 1250 m, 1221 m, 1197 m, 1178 m, 1170 m, 1120 m, 1046 s, 1031 m, 1021 s, 997 s, 989 s, 936

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Table II. Crystallographic Data for [C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>10</sub>·S<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>][AlCl<sub>4</sub>]

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chem formula: $AlC_7Cl_4H_{10}N_3S_3$	fw = 401.2
a = 7.3572 (14)  Å	space group: Pl
b = 9.9771 (15)  Å	$T = 20(2)^{\circ}C$
c = 11.1178 (12)  Å	$\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ Å}$
$\alpha = 71.561 (11) \text{ Å}$	$\rho_{\text{calcd}} = 1.75 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$
$\beta = 85.320 (13) \text{ Å}$	R = 0.029
$\gamma = 80.113 (14) \text{ Å}$	$R_{\rm w} = 0.035$
V = 762.4 (3) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z = 2	

m, 914 m, 887 m, 870 m, 811 m, 747 s, 694 s, 676 s, 607 m, 591 s, 558 s, 530 s, 502 s, 490 s ( $\nu_3$  AlCl<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>), 483 s, 464 s, 365 m, 354 m. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>10</sub>AlCl<sub>4</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S<sub>3</sub>: C, 20.96; H, 2.51; N, 10.47. Found: C, 21.24; H, 2.68; N, 10.55. NMR spectroscopic data are given in Table I.

Preparation of  $[C_7H_{10}\cdot S_3N_3][AsF_6]$  (2b). A mixture of  $C_7H_{10}\cdot S_3N_3Cl$ (0.50 g, 1.87 mmol) and  $AgAsF_6$  (0.56 g, 1.89 mmol) was added to one side of a double-bulb vessel, and SO<sub>2</sub> (20 mL) was condensed on to the solids at -78 °C. The reaction mixture was warmed to 25 °C to give a dark orange solution and a white precipitate of silver chloride, which was removed by filtration. A small amount (ca. 2 mL) of CFCl<sub>3</sub> was condensed into the orange solution and solvent was removed slowly from this solution by cooling the other bulb at -10 °C to give  $[C_7H_{10}S_3N_3][AsF_6]$ , (2b) (0.56 g, 1.33 mmol) as orange crystals contaminated with a small amount of silver chloride. The impure product was dissolved in SO<sub>2</sub> (10 mL) and filtered to remove AgCl. Slow evaporation of the solvent gave orange crystals of **2b**, mp 100  $\degree$ C (dec. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>10</sub>AsF<sub>6</sub>N<sub>3</sub>S<sub>3</sub>: C, 19.96; H, 2.39; N, 9.97. Found: C, 20.17; H, 2.45; N, 9.86. IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1312 m, 1303 s, 1175 m, 1122 m, 1049 s, 1027 s, 999 m, 991 s, 922 m, 870 m, 747 m, 742 m, 697 vs (v<sub>3</sub> AsF<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup>), 589 s, 528 s, 494 m, 483 m, 465 s, 400 s (v<sub>4</sub> AsF<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup>), 362 m, 353 m. NMR spectroscopic data are given in Table I.

X-ray Structural Analysis. A suitable orange trapezoid  $(0.30 \times 0.50 \times 0.50 \text{ mm})$  of 2a was obtained by recrystallization from SO<sub>2</sub> and embedded in epoxy in a capillary tube. The structure was determined by the application of standard procedures, and pertinent crystallographic data are listed in Table II.

The unit cell was determined from the setting angles of 25 reflections with  $16^{\circ} > 2\theta > 19^{\circ}$ . Three reflections measured every hour were used to correct for 6% decay, which occurred during data collection from  $\theta$ of 2° to 20° and 9% from 20° to 25°. All measurements were made by using an Enraf-Nonius CAD4 diffractometer, and calculations were done using the Enraf-Nonius system of programs. Mo K $\alpha$  radiation, graphite monochromated, was employed, and  $\omega/2\theta$  scans were used for data collection. An absorption correction was made on the basis of  $\psi$  scans. No general correction was made for extinction, however, the 1,1,-1 reflection was given zero weight because of extinction.

The structure was solved by direct methods and Fourier techniques. All non-H atoms were refined anisotropically. H atoms were constrained to idealized positions (C-H = 0.95 Å) with isotropic *B* values of 1.2 times the *B* value of the attached C atom. In the full-matrix least-squares refinement, the function minimized was  $\sum w(|F_0| - |F_c|)^2$  where  $w^{-1} = [\sigma^2(I) + 0.04I^2]/4F^2$ . Conventional atomic scattering factors, corrected for anomalous dispersion, were used.<sup>20</sup> Positional parameters are given in Table 111, and selected interatomic distances and angles are given in Table 1V.

#### **Results and Discussion**

**Preparation of**  $C_7H_{10}$ ·S<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>Cl (1). Banister et al. isolated the hydrolysis product  $[C_7H_{10}$ ·NS<sub>2</sub>(NH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]Cl (3) from the reaction of (NSCl)<sub>3</sub> with an excess of norbornene in 1,4-dioxane.<sup>15</sup> They speculated that norbornene dechlorinates (NSCl)<sub>3</sub> to give S<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>Cl, which undergoes an S,S-cycloaddition with norbornene to give  $C_7H_{10}$ ·S<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>Cl (1) (Scheme I). In this investigation, we have obtained the adduct 1 as a yellow, moisture-sensitive solid in ca. 60% by carrying out the reaction of (NSCl)<sub>3</sub> with an excess of norbornene in a minimum amount of 1,4-dioxane at 0 °C. The <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>14</sup>N NMR data for 1 (see Table I) indicate that the norbornene ligand is symmetrically S,S'-bonded to the S<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub> ring. This adduct 1 is insoluble in most organic solvents and is sparingly soluble in SO<sub>2</sub>.

Preparation of  $[C_7H_{10}S_3N_3]X$  (2a,  $X^- = AlCl_4$ ; 2b,  $X^- = AsF_6^-$ ). The salts  $[C_7H_{10}S_3N_3]X$  (2a,  $X^- = AlCl_4$ ; 2b,  $X^- = AsF_6^-$ ) were

**Table III.** Atomic Coordinates for Non-Hydrogen Atoms of  $[C_7H_{10}\cdot S_3N_3][AlCl_4]$ 

	x	У	z	$B_{eq}, Å^2$
Cl(1)	0.4939 (2)	0.3194 (1)	0.44728 (9)	4.82 (2)
Cl(2)	0.7389(1)	0.2453 (1)	0.1878 (1)	4.65 (2)
Cl(3)	0.3802 (2)	0.0608(1)	0.3268 (1)	5.70 (3)
Cl(4)	0.2800 (2)	0.4193 (1)	0.16075 (9)	4.90 (2)
<b>S</b> (1)	0.9094 (1)	0.36568 (8)	0.65345 (8)	2.79 (2)
S(2)	0.9837(1)	0.08302 (8)	0.74567 (8)	2.84 (2)
S(3)	0.9980(1)	0.20679 (9)	0.48051 (8)	3.39 (2)
Al	0.4748(1)	0.2621 (1)	0.27978 (9)	3.01 (2)
N(1)	0.8257 (4)	0.2221 (3)	0.7341 (3)	3.10 (6)
N(2)	1.0306 (4)	0.0713 (3)	0.5965 (2)	3.27 (6)
N(3)	0.9578 (4)	0.3550 (3)	0.5030 (2)	3.11 (6)
C(1)	1.1452 (4)	0.3196 (3)	0.7103 (3)	2.23 (6)
C(2)	1.1872 (4)	0.1543 (3)	0.7653 (3)	2.35 (7)
C(3)	1.2238 (5)	0.1299 (3)	0.9054 (3)	2.99 (8)
C(4)	1.0961 (5)	0.2542 (4)	0.9357 (3)	3.42 (8)
C(5)	1.1689 (5)	0.3696 (3)	0.8252 (3)	2.78 (7)
C(6)	1.3764 (5)	0.3371 (4)	0.8481 (3)	3.51 (8)
C(7)	1.4141 (5)	0.1740 (4)	0.9062 (3)	3.69 (9)

Table IV. Bond Lengths (Å) and Bond Angles (deg) for  $[C_7H_{10}C_3N_3][AlCl_4]$ 

Distances				
S(1)-N(1)	1.625 (3)	C(1) - C(5)	1.544 (4)	
S(2) - N(1)	1.629 (3)	C(2) - C(3)	1.538 (4)	
S(1) - N(3)	1.715 (3)	C(3) - C(4)	1.532 (5)	
S(2)-N(2)	1.703 (3)	C(4) - C(5)	1.528 (5)	
S(3) - N(2)	1.545 (3)	C(3) - C(7)	1.539 (5)	
S(3) - N(3)	1.553 (3)	C(5) - C(6)	1.531 (5)	
S(1)-C(1)	1.829 (3)	Al-Cl(1)	2.135 (1)	
S(2)-C(2)	1.821 (3)	Al-Cl(2)	2.127 (1)	
C(1) - C(2)	1.553 (4)	Al-Cl(3)	2.134 (1)	
C(6)-C(7)	1.534 (5)	Al-Cl(4)	2.120 (1)	
Angles				
N(1)=S(1)=N(3)	106.8 (1)	C(2)-C(3)-C(4)	103.2(3)	
N(1)-S(2)-N(2)	107.0 (1)	C(1)-C(5)-C(4)	102.5(2)	
N(2)-S(3)-N(3)	118.7 (1)	C(2)-C(3)-C(7)	105.7 (3)	
N(1)-S(1)-C(1)	100.5 (1)	C(1)-C(5)-C(6)	105.3 (2)	
N(2)-S(2)-C(2)	100.4(1)	C(4)-C(3)-C(7)	101.1 (3)	
N(3)-S(1)-C(1)	98.2 (1)	C(4) - C(5) - C(6)	101.9 (3)	
N(2)-S(2)-C(2)	99.2 (1)	C(3) - C(4) - C(5)	94.6 (2)	
S(1) - N(1) - S(2)	109.4 (2)	C(5) - C(6) - C(7)	103.9 (3)	
S(2)-N(2)-S(3)	120.1 (2)	C(3)-C(7)-C(6)	103.0 (3)	
S(1)-N(3)-S(3)	119.9 (2)	Cl(1)-Al-Cl(2)	109.85 (6)	
S(1)-C(1)-C(2)	107.5 (2)	Cl(1)-Al-Cl(3)	110.24 (6)	
S(2)-C(2)-C(1)	107.7 (2)	Cl(1)-Al-Cl(4)	108.30 (6)	
S(1)-C(1)-C(5)	113.4 (2)	Cl(2)-Al-Cl(3)	108.48 (6)	
S(2)-C(2)-C(3)	112.5 (2)	Cl(2)-Al-Cl(4)	111.58 (6)	
C(2)-C(1)-C(5)	103.0 (2)	Cl(3)-Al-Cl(4)	108.38 (6)	
C(1)-C(2)-C(3)	103.1 (2)			

readily obtained as moisture-sensitive, orange crystals by the treatment of 1 with aluminum trichloride or silver hexafluoroarsenate in SO<sub>2</sub>. These salts were easily purified by recrystallization from SO<sub>2</sub>. The <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>14</sup>N NMR data for **2a** and **2b** are compared with those of 1 in Table I. The <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of **2a** and **2b** are consistent with the retention of the symmetrical S,S'-attachment of norbornene to the S<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub> ring, and the <sup>13</sup>C chemical shifts of the pairs of equivalent carbon atoms are shifted downfield slightly compared to the corresponding values for 1. The downfield shift for the unique carbon atom, C(4), in **2a** and **2b** is more pronounced. The <sup>14</sup>N NMR spectra of C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>10</sub>·S<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> salts exhibit two signals at ca. -89 and -306 ppm corresponding to the pair of equivalent nitrogens and the unique nitrogen atom, respectively. As indicated in Figure 2 these NMR spectra display a close resemblance to the <sup>14</sup>N NMR spectrum of the S<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> cation<sup>21</sup> suggesting a similar structure. Although the structure

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Figure 1. ORTEP plot (30% probability ellipsoids) and atomic numbering scheme for the cation  $[C_7H_{10}S_3N_3]^+$  in 2a.



 $^{14}N$  NMR spectra of (a)  $C_7H_{10}S_3N_3^+AsF_6^-$  and (b) Figure 2.  $S_3N_3Cl_2^+AlCl_4^-$  in SO<sub>2</sub>. The peaks marked with an asterisk are due to dissolved N<sub>2</sub>.

of the  $S_3N_3Cl_2^+$  cation is unknown, it is likely that it involves a cis arrangement of the chlorine atoms attached to sulfur.

A comparison of the IR spectra of 1, 2a, and 2b with that of norbornane reveals strong bands characteristic of the S<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub> ring at 1040-1050, 980-990, 675, 500, and 465-470 cm<sup>-1</sup> for the adducts.

Crystal and Molecular Structure of  $[C_7H_{10}S_3N_3][AlCl_4]$  (2a). An ORTEP drawing of the cation in **2a** with the atomic numbering scheme is displayed in Figure 1 and the bond lengths and bond angles are given in Table IV. The X-ray structural determination confirms that addition of norbornene to the six-membered  $S_3N_3$ ring occurs in a 1,3-fashion across two of the sulfur atoms to give the exo- $\beta$  isomer. A similar mode of addition and stereochemistry have been found for the norbornadiene adducts of other 8- $\pi$ -

Table V. S-N Bond Lengths (Å) for [C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>10</sub>·S<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup> and Some Bridged S<sub>1</sub>N<sub>1</sub> Structures<sup>a</sup>

	d[S(1)-N(1)]	d[S(2)-N(1)]	d[S(2)-N(2)]	ref
$[C_7H_{10}S_3N_3]^+$	1.549 (3)	1.709 (3)	1.627 (3)	this work
[S <sub>4</sub> N <sub>5</sub> ]Cl	1.551 (4)	1.682 (4)	1.629 (5)	23
[S4N5]AsF6	1.548 (7)	1.688 (6)	1.612 (7)	24
PhCN <sub>3</sub> S <sub>3</sub>	1.547 (2)	1.728 (2)	1.630 (2)	25
Me <sub>2</sub> NCN <sub>5</sub> S <sub>3</sub>	1.540 (3)	1.747 (3)	1.626 (4)	26
CICN <sub>5</sub> S,	1.550 (2)	1.731 (2)	1.633 (2)	27
F <sub>1</sub> CCN <sub>5</sub> S <sub>1</sub>	1.545 (2)	1.725 (2)	1.630 (2)	28
F <sub>2</sub> PN <sub>5</sub> S <sub>3</sub>	1.550 (9)	1.692 (8)	1.622 (6)	29

"Mean values for chemically equivalent S-N bonds are given. The numbering scheme for these bonds is indicated below.



electron six-membered rings, e.g. Ph<sub>2</sub>PN<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub>·C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>8</sub><sup>6</sup> and PhCN<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub>·C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>8</sub>.<sup>24</sup> There are pronounced variations in the S-N bond lengths of the  $S_3N_3$  ring in 2a that are reminiscent of the structures of the cation  $S_4N_5^+$  (in which an NSN unit bridges the  $S_3N_3^+$  cation)<sup>23,24</sup> and the related bicyclic molecules  $ES_3N_5$  $(E = PhC,^{25} Me_2NC,^{26} ClC,^{27} F_3CC,^{28} F_2P^{29})$  in which the NEN moiety bridges the  $S_3N_3$  ring. Thus the sulfur-diimide (-N= S=N-) unit in 2a [|d(S-N)| = 1.549 (3) Å] is linked to the SNS moiety [|d(S-N)| = 1.627 (3) Å] by long S-N bonds [|d(S-N)|= 1.709(3) Å]. These S-N bond lengths are compared with the corresponding values for  $S_4N_5^+$  and  $ES_3N_5$  in Table V.

The S(1)-N(3)-S(3)-N(2)-S(2) moiety in 2a in planar to with 0.06 Å and N(1) lies out of this plane by 0.845 (3) Å so that the dihedral angle between the  $S_3N_2$  and SNS planes is 62.1°. The endocyclic bond angles at nitrogen in the -N=SN- unit are ca. 120° while that at the unique nitrogen, N(1), is 109.4 (1)°. The endocyclic bond angles at the three-coordinate sulfur atoms are ca.  $107^{\circ}$  while that at the unique sulfur atom, S(3), is 118.7 (1)°.

The structural weakness indicated by the long S-N bonds connecting the -N=S=N- unit to the three-coordinate sulfur atoms is reflected in the mass spectra and the chemical reactivity (vide infra) of **2a** and **2b**. The peak with the highest m/e value in the mass spectra corresponds to  $C_7H_{10}$ ·NS<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>, i.e. the loss of the  $N_2S$  bridge from the parent cation,  $C_7H_{10}S_3N_3^+$ .

Chemical Reactivity of  $C_7H_{10}S_3N_3^+$  Salts. In an attempt to detach the norbornene fragment from the  $S_3N_3^+$  ring the salts 2a and 2b were treated with 2,3-dimethyl-1,3-butadiene in SO<sub>2</sub> and the reaction was monitored by <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectroscopy. In both cases, the final product exhibited four <sup>13</sup>C NMR signals at 29.5, 34.3, 42.0, and 71.3 ppm, and the same species was obtained upon heating 2a at ca. 100 °C for several hours. This product is tentatively identified as the 2:1 adduct of norbornene with the  $NS_2^+$  cation, i.e.  $(C_7H_{10})_2\cdot S_2N^{+,30}$  formed via loss of the  $N_2S$ bridge from  $C_7H_{10}S_3N_3^+$  (Scheme I). The formation of the 2:1 adduct rather than the 1:1 adduct  $C_7H_{10}$ ·S<sub>2</sub>N<sup>+</sup> is puzzling. However, it is clear that the fragmentation of the  $S_3N_3$  ring in 2a and 2b is a facile process, and the preparation of salts of the free  $S_3N_3^+$  cation will require an alternative approach.

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#### Conclusions

Norbornene adducts of the  $S_3N_3^+$  cation are readily obtained by the reaction of (NSCl)<sub>3</sub> with an excess of norbornene in 1,4dioxane followed by treatment of  $C_7H_{10}$ · $S_3N_3Cl$  so formed with a chloride ion acceptor or silver salt. Although the structural data for one of these adducts indicate localized  $\pi$ -bonding at opposite ends of the  $S_3N_3$  ring, it is likely that the structure of the unattached  $S_3N_3^+$  cation will be significantly different from that of the adduct.<sup>31</sup> The structural weakness implied by the variations

(31) The structure of the norbornadiene adduct of the  $8-\pi$ -electron system  $Ph_2PN_3S_2$  shows substantial differences in ring conformation, bond lengths, and bond angles compared to that of  $Ph_2PN_3S_2$ .<sup>6</sup>

in S-N bond lengths in the adduct is reflected in the facile loss of the -NSN- bridge.

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## Dioxygen Adducts of Nickel(II) and Cobalt(II) Dioxopentaazamacrocyclic Complexes: Kinetics, Stabilities, and Hydroxylation of the Ligands in the Nickel Dioxygen Complexes

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The macrocyclic ligands 1,4,7,10,13-pentaazacyclohexadecane-14,16-dione, 15-ethyl-1,4,7,10,13-pentaazacyclohexadecane-14,16-dione, and 15-benzyl-1,4,7,10,13-pentaazacyclohexadecane-14,16-dione have been prepared, and the stability constants of their Cu(II), Ni(II), and Co(II) complexes have been determined potentiometrically. The dioxygen affinities of the Ni(II) and Co(II) complexes have been measured as a function of partial pressure of dioxygen and temperature. The nickel(II) macrocycles form 1:1, superoxo-type dioxygen complexes, while the Co(II) complexes of the same ligands form 2:1 peroxo-bridged binuclear dioxygen adducts. Equilibrium constants ( $K_{0_2}$ ),  $\Delta H^\circ$ , and  $\Delta S^\circ$  of dioxygenation are reported. All dioxygen complexes undergo facile degradation in aqueous solution but have significant lifetime for determination of oxygenation constants by dioxygen sorption measurements. The cobalt(II) complexes have higher dioxygen affinities than the nickel(II) complexes with the same ligands. The rates of dioxygen complex formation and degradation have been measured qualitatively and semiquantitatively by UV-visible absorbance studies. The result of this investigation confirms the previous discovery of the formation of dioxygen adducts from nickel(II) complexes, but they are found to undergo irreversible degradation too rapidly to be employed for dioxygen separation or transport. All three Ni(II) dioxygen complexes studied hydroxylate the macrocyclic ligand at the electron-rich 15-carbon position, thus providing new examples of oxygen insertion (monooxygenase-like activity) by the activation of coordinated dioxygen.

#### Introduction

The recent reports by Kimura et al.<sup>la-f</sup> that the Ni(II) complexes of dioxopentaazamacrocyclic ligands form stable dioxygen adducts is of considerable interest in view of the fact that such complexes are the first nickel(II) dioxygen carriers to be described. The possibility that these Ni(II) macrocyclic complexes may be employed for the separation of dioxygen from air deserves further investigation, especially in view of the report<sup>la</sup> that they may undergo several oxygenation and deoxygenation cycles. An even more unique characteristic is the reported endothermic nature of the formation of these nickel dioxygen complexes, which was suggested<sup>la</sup> as the possible reason for their unusual properties.

In view of the novelty of these nickel(II) dioxygen complexes, it was considered worthwhile to carry out equilibrium and kinetic studies on their formation and to compare their properties with those of the corresponding cobalt dioxygen complexes involving the same ligands. The three ligands selected for this study seem particularly effective in forming stable nickel(II) dioxygen complexes: 1,4,7,10,13-pentaazacyclohexadecane-14,16-dione, PNOH (1), and its derivatives with ethyl and benzyl groups at the 15position, to give 15-ethyl-1,4,7,10,13-pentaazacyclohexadecane-14,16-dione, PNOET (2), and 15-benzyl-1,4,7,10,13-pentaaza-



cyclohexadecane-14,16-dione, PNOBZ (3), respectively.

#### **Experimental Section**

**Materials.** The malonic acid and substituted malonic acid esters employed in the following syntheses, diethyl malonate, diethyl ethylmalonate, and diethyl benzylmalonate, were obtained as pure substances from Aldrich Chemical Co. Tetraethylenepentamine was purified as described in the literature.<sup>2</sup>

1,4,7,10,13-Pentaazacyclohexadecane-14,16-dione, PNOH (1), was prepared by a modification of the method of Kimura et al.<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup> H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>-Me<sub>4</sub>Si):  $\delta$  1.83 (s, 3 H, CH<sub>2</sub>NHCH<sub>2</sub>), 2.71-2.91 (m, 12 H,

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