

## Antimony(III) and Bismuth(III) Complexes of 2,6-Dimethyl- and 2-Amino-5-methyl-1,3,4-thiadiazole

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The following antimony(III) and bismuth(III) complexes of 2,5-dimethyl-(dtz) and 2-amino-5-methyl-1,3,4-thiadiazole (matz) have been prepared and investigated by conductometric method and i.r. and Raman spectra:  $SbCl_3 \cdot 1.5dtz$ ,  $BiI_3 \cdot 1.5dtz$ ,  $MX_3 \cdot dtz$  ( $M = Sb, X = Br, I; M = Bi, X = Cl, Br$ ),  $Bi(ClO_4)_3 \cdot 1.33dtz$ ,  $MX_3 \cdot 1.5matz$  ( $M = Sb, Bi, X = Cl, Br, I$ ),  $Bi(ClO_4)_3 \cdot 5matz$ . dtz acts as  $N,N$ -bridging ligand in all these complexes; matz is presumably only  $H_2N$ -bonded in the perchlorate complex and acts as  $H_2N$ - and  $N_{ring}$ -bridging ligand in its halide complexes.

### Introduction

Among the 1,3,4-thiadiazoles the 2,5-dimethyl-(dtz)\* and 2-amino-5-methyl-derivative (matz) have been little studied as metal ligands especially with

non-transition elements. Both ligands have 2N and S endocyclic atoms and matz another  $NH_2$  exocyclic group as potential coordination sites. The tin(IV) halide complexes have been previously studied [1]. The antimony(III) and bismuth(III) complexes of dtz and matz are investigated in this study by conductometric, i.r. and Raman methods.

### Experimental

The complexes were prepared as follows.

#### $SbCl_3 \cdot 1.5dtz$

A filtered saturated solution of  $SbCl_3$  in cyclohexane was slowly added to a filtered saturated solu-

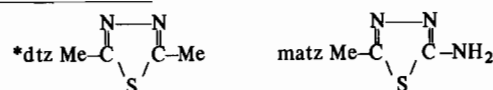


TABLE I. Analytical Data, Found % (Calcd. %), Colour and Molar Conductivity  $\Lambda_M$  ( $\Omega^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ cm}^2$ ) in  $10^{-3} M$  Nitromethane (NMT) and DMF Solution.

	Colour	N	C	H	$\Lambda_M$ NMT
$SbCl_3 \cdot 1.5dtz$	white	10.10(10.52)	18.12(18.04)	2.10(2.27)	39.9
$SbBr_3 \cdot dtz$	light yellow	5.60(5.89)	10.19(10.10)	1.16(1.27)	66.8
$SbI_3 \cdot dtz$	orange	4.46(4.54)	8.09(7.79)	0.96(0.98)	69.1
$BiCl_3 \cdot dtz$	white	6.34(6.52)	11.26(11.19)	1.37(1.41)	60.2
$BiBr_3 \cdot dtz$	canary yellow	4.71(4.98)	8.35(8.54)	1.01(1.07)	72.9
$BiI_3 \cdot 1.5dtz$	light red	5.42(5.52)	9.71(9.47)	1.20(1.19)	42.4
$Bi(ClO_4)_3 \cdot 1.33dtz$	white	5.22(5.66)	9.80(9.71)	1.27(1.22)	90.1
$SbCl_3 \cdot 1.5matz$	white	15.36(15.72)	13.63(13.48)	2.00(1.89)	43.4
$SbBr_3 \cdot 1.5matz$	yellow	11.56(11.80)	10.24(10.12)	1.52(1.42)	67.9
$SbI_3 \cdot 1.5matz$	red	8.91(9.34)	8.04(8.01)	1.10(1.12)	91.1
$BiCl_3 \cdot 1.5matz$	white	13.07(12.91)	11.36(11.07)	1.73(1.55)	29.5
$BiBr_3 \cdot 1.5matz$	yellow	9.94(10.14)	8.75(8.70)	1.30(1.22)	71.3
$BiI_3 \cdot 1.5matz$	dark red	8.08(8.27)	7.17(7.10)	1.03(0.99)	89.1
$Bi(ClO_4)_3 \cdot 5matz$	white	19.18(19.22)	16.59(16.48)	2.42(2.31)	insol <sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup>In DMF; 348.

tion of dtz in cyclohexane; the instantaneous precipitate was washed with cyclohexane.

$SbX_3 \cdot dtz$  ( $X = Br, I$ ),  $BiX_3 \cdot dtz$  ( $X = Cl, Br, I$ ),  $MX_3 \cdot 1.5matz$  ( $M = Sb, Bi$ ;  $X = Cl, Br, I$ )

A warm solution of  $MX_3$  (1 mmol) in HAc ( $5 \text{ cm}^3$ ) was added to a warm solution of L (1 mmol) and KX (0.1 mmol) in HAc ( $5 \text{ cm}^3$ ); by cooling the crystalline compounds precipitated and were washed with HAc and EtOH.

$Bi(ClO_4)_3 \cdot 1.33dtz$  and  $Bi(ClO_4)_3 \cdot 5matz$

A solution of  $Bi_2O_3$  (0.5 mmol) in conc.  $HClO_4$  ( $5 \text{ cm}^3$ ) was added to a solution of L (2 mmol) in HAc ( $5 \text{ cm}^3$ ); by adding EtOH to the solution until it became turbid the product crystallized in about 24 hours and was washed with 50/50 HAc/EtOH and then with EtOH.

Microanalyses were performed with C. Erba Mod. 1106 Elemental Analyzer (Table I). Molar conductivities were determined at  $25^\circ\text{C}$  with a WTW conductivity bridge. Infrared spectra were recorded on the solids in KBr disks ( $4000\text{--}250 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) or as nujol mulls on polythene ( $600\text{--}60 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) with a Perkin Elmer 180 spectrophotometer. The ligand matz was deuteriated by refluxing with  $CH_3OD$ . Its i.r. spectrum was recorded also in  $CHCl_3$  solution in the  $4000\text{--}1500 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  region. The matz·HCl derivative was obtained from EtOH solution by adding gaseous HCl.

The Raman spectra were recorded at room temperature with a Jobin Yvon Ramanor HG2S spectrometer. The spectra were excited by the 514.5 nm line of a Spectra-Physics 165 argon ion laser with incident power of about 60–150 mw. Plasma radiation was removed from the source by means of an interference filter (Tables II and III).

## Results and discussion

The antimony and bismuth trihalide dtz complexes have M:L ratios of 1:1.5 for  $SbCl_3$  and  $BiI_3$  and 1:1 for the other halides, while all the matz halide-complexes have a 1:1.5 M:L ratio. Some of the halide complexes have in nitromethane a molar conductivity in the range (75–95) given for 1:1 electrolytes [2] but this is very likely due to solvolytic processes in solution, which may occur also for the  $Bi(ClO_4)_3 \cdot 1.33dtz$  complex which has a low molar conductivity of the order of that of some halide complexes.  $Bi(ClO_4)_3 \cdot 5matz$  is insoluble in nitromethane and has in anhydrous DMF a molar conductivity (348) lying in the range of values observed for 3:1 electrolytes (340–440) [3].

In the 2-amino-5-methyl-1,3,4-thiadiazole the  $\nu(NH_2)_{asym}$  ( $3492 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and  $\nu(NH_2)_{sym}$  ( $3393 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ; calcd.  $3404 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) [4] bands observed in  $CHCl_3$

solution are shifted in the solid to lower frequencies ( $3260$  and  $3085 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) by strong hydrogen bonds. In all the matz-complexes of this series a  $\nu(NH)$  frequency decrease of  $90\text{--}140 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  with respect to the ligand in  $CHCl_3$  solution indicates a  $NH_2$ -coordination of matz to the metal ions. In the solid deuteriated ligand the  $\nu(NH)$  bands (in brackets the  $\nu_H/\nu_D$  ratio) are shifted to  $2460$  (1.33) and  $2268$  (1.36)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  while the  $\delta(NH_2)$  band at  $1639$  (vs)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  is shifted to  $1290$  (1.27)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Also the  $\delta(NH_2)$  shows in the complexes a frequency decrease of  $12\text{--}24 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  in agreement with a  $H_2N$ -coordination.

In the matz·HCl derivative the  $\delta(NH_2)$  band is substituted by two very strong bands at  $1630$  and  $1590 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  which may be tentatively assigned to  $\delta(NH_3^+)_{asym}$  and  $\delta(NH_3^+)_{sym}$  modes due to the protonation of the more basic aminic nitrogen atom. Consequently to this  $NH_2$  protonation an electronic shift from the adjacent ring nitrogen atom to the  $-N \cdots C(-NH_2)$  bond should occur increasing its double bond character and consequently its  $\nu(C=N)$  frequency. In agreement with this three ligand bands at  $1540$ ,  $1527$  and  $1505 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  which remain unaltered in the deuteriated ligand and may be assigned to ring vibration modes containing a high  $\nu(C \cdots N)$  contribution are substituted in the matz·HCl derivative by a band at a higher frequency ( $1574 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ). The fact that this frequency increase is observed also in the matz-complexes confirms furtherly a  $H_2N$ -coordination of the ligand.

In the  $\nu(C-S)$  region ( $720\text{--}570 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) [4] the ligand bands at  $685$  and  $649 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  seem to be shifted at higher frequencies both in the matz·HCl derivative and in the matz-complexes. A  $\nu(CS)$  frequency increase excludes a sulphur-coordination and is attributable to an electronic shift from the endocyclic sulphur atom toward the S–C bonds as a consequence of the  $H_2N$ -coordination.

The 2,5-dimethyl-1,3,4-thiadiazole ligand shows in the  $\nu(C-S)$  region only one very strong band at  $642 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  which in the complexes becomes weaker and is accompanied by other bands at higher frequencies in a region in which the ligand does not have other bands. This fact may be attributed to an important  $\nu(CS)$  contribution of this band, the increased frequency in the complexes being attributable to a coordination of the ligand through its ring nitrogen atoms which causes an electronic shift from the sulphur atom to the ring.

### The matz Complexes

The antimony and bismuth halide complexes of matz show new strong bands in the  $488\text{--}402 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  region assignable to aminic nitrogen–metal stretching modes in agreement with the  $\nu(Sn-NH_2)$  frequencies ( $485\text{--}470 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) observed for the  $SnX_4$  ( $X = Cl, Br$ ) complexes of matz [1]. The band at  $408\text{--}402 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , Raman active in all the complexes

TABLE II. Principal Infrared and Raman Bands ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) of matz and Its Sb and Bi Complexes.

	matz = L		matz·HCl		SbCl <sub>3</sub> ·1.5L		SbBr <sub>3</sub> ·1.5L		SbI <sub>3</sub> ·1.5L		BiCl <sub>3</sub> ·1.5L		BiBr <sub>3</sub> ·1.5L		BiI <sub>3</sub> ·1.5L		Bi(ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ·5L <sup>a</sup>		
	IR	R	IR	R	IR	R	IR	R	IR	R	IR	R	IR	R	IR	R	IR	R	
$\nu(\text{NH}_2)$	3492w		3370s		3365s		3355sm		3375s		3370ms		3370ms		3405s		3305s		3280m
	3393w		3280m		3275m		3265m		3275ms		3265vm		3270ms		3280m		3220m		1630vs
$\delta(\text{NH}_2)$	1639vs		1627vs		1615vs		1615vs		1625vvs		1616vs		1623vvs		1610vs		1555s		1555s
$\nu(\text{CN})$	1540ms		1568sm		1555sm		1555sm		1565s		1562s		1562s		1555sm		770ms		770m
	685ms		772m		770m		768mw		770mw		710m		718wm		714wm		714m		692m
$\nu(\text{CS})$	649sm		718sm		715m		710m		710m		683ms		665m		640w		640w		640m
			642m		670mb		635m		640w		645ms		640w		527m		523m		526vw
			624m		640w		526m		522sm		526vw		522m		520ms		520ms		527vw
Ligand and other bands			519wm		522sm		526m		522sm		526vw		522m		520ms		520ms		515sb
	427s		418vvs		419sm		402sm		349sm		348vw		348vs		346ms		345ms		349vs
	350ms		343sm		348sm		348vw		348sm		348vw		348vw		346ms		345ms		293vs
	304vs		302m		302s		303vvs		292sm		286ms		292vs		288sm		284sm		300wm
	295vs		292m		290ms		222s		222s		222w		220sh		215sh		193s		194w
	165wm		180vsb		180vsb		143s		143s		147sh		147sh		145vs		145vs		133vvs
	129w		134w		150s		92sm		92sm		92sm		89s		97vs		97vs		93sh
	101wm		90vvs		98m		70vw		70vw		70vw		72vs		75s		75s		78sm
	78w		74w		484sb		83m		82ms		82ms		82ms		80ms		80ms		466s
$\nu(\text{MN})$			408m		466sb		405vw		405vw		405vw		405vw		465sb		465sb		466s
			248ms		252w		252w		252w		252w		252w		437sb		437sb		457s
$\nu(\text{MX})_t$			248ms		201s		203vvs		203vvs		203vvs		203vvs		251vw		251vw		402s
			219sb		222vs		155vs		155vs		155vs		155vs		141vs		141vs		403s
			183vsb		133m		128s		128s		128s		128s		107vs		107vs		403s
$\nu(\text{MX})_b$			158vs		117vs		117vs		117vs		117vs		117vs		91vs		91vs		91ms
			156wm		156wm		156wm		156wm		156wm		156wm		122vvs		122vvs		122vvs
			122vvs		120sh		120sh		120sh		120sh		120sh		101sh		101sh		101sh
			101sh		137vsb		137vsb		137vsb		137vsb		137vsb		80ms		80ms		80ms
			80ms		403vw		403vw		403vw		403vw		403vw		465sb		465sb		465sb
			465sb		406wm		406wm		406wm		406wm		406wm		437sb		437sb		437sb
			437sb		251vw		252vvs		252vvs		252vvs		252vvs		251vw		251vw		251vw
			251vw		188vs		188vs		188vs		188vs		188vs		146s		146s		146s
			146s		172vs		172vs		172vs		172vs		172vs		141vs		141vs		141vs
			141vs		130sh		130sh		130sh		130sh		130sh		107vs		107vs		107vs
			107vs		122sh		122sh		122sh		122sh		122sh		91vs		91vs		91ms
			91vs		91vs		91vs		91vs		91vs		91vs		91vs		91vs		91ms

<sup>a</sup>ClO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> bands: 1130vs, 1080vs, 625s.

TABLE III. Principal Infrared and Raman Bands ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) of dtz and its Sb and Bi Complexes.

dtz = L'	SbCl <sub>3</sub> · 1.5L'		SbBr <sub>3</sub> · L'		SbI <sub>3</sub> · L'		BiCl <sub>3</sub> · L'		BiBr <sub>3</sub> · L'		BiI <sub>3</sub> · 1.5L'		Bi(ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> · 1.33L' <sup>a</sup>	
	IR	R	IR	R	IR	R	IR	R	IR	R	IR	R	IR	R
642vs			779sm		775m		773s		780sm		768s			
518m			723sb		720mb		700wm		705mb		746ms			
362s			642m		644wm		650m		645m		690m			
278s			599s		644wm		600wm		595sm		655wm		655wm	
197mb			356mw		596wm		360wm		356m		640wm		635m,sh	
82m			267w		271wm		274vs		277w		600wm		575vsb	
			199w		195sh		290vs		269vw		525w		521w	523s
			340wm		338w		414wb(c)		340m		360m		373m,sh	375m
			336s		338w		342wm		266mw		277s		273ms,sh	280wmb
													(185mb)	
$\nu(\text{MN})$			480s(b)		414wb(c)									
			408w		338w									
			392w		338w									
			336s		338vvs									
(MN)def			174w		(173vs)									
			322vw		170vw									
			302vs		165s									
			303vs		156vs									
			290vs		156vs									
			198mb		119wm									
			169ms		158wm									
			149mw		107wm									
			116mb		94sh									
					133s									
					140vs									
					122sh									

<sup>a</sup>ClO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> bands: 1140s, 1102vs, 1086vs, 924w, 635m,sh, 624vs, 461wm. <sup>b</sup> and <sup>c</sup>Combination bands: 290 + 198 = 488; 244 + 173 = 417.

while it is only i.r. active in the  $\text{matz} \cdot \text{HCl}$  derivative, is tentatively assigned to a  $\nu(\text{M}-\text{NH}_2)$  mode. A new weak band at about  $250 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  observed in all the antimony and bismuth halide complexes may be assigned to  $\nu(\text{M}-\text{N}_{\text{ring}})$  mode in agreement with the lower frequency value observed for this type of stretching vibration in other 1,3,4-thiadiazole complexes [5]. It may be excluded that the strong band observed at about  $300 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the i.r. and Raman spectrum of the antimony chloride complex corresponds to a  $\nu(\text{SbCl})$  band as it is present also in the spectra of all the other  $\text{matz}$  complexes with variable intensity and it is very strong in the i.r. spectrum ( $293 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) of the bismuth perchlorate complex. This band must be considered as corresponding to the ligand band observed at  $304(\text{vs}) \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The  $\nu(\text{SbCl})$  both i.r. and Raman active band at  $248 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  is likely coupled or superimposed to the  $\nu(\text{Sb}-\text{N}_{\text{ring}})$  band and this may alter a little its frequency.

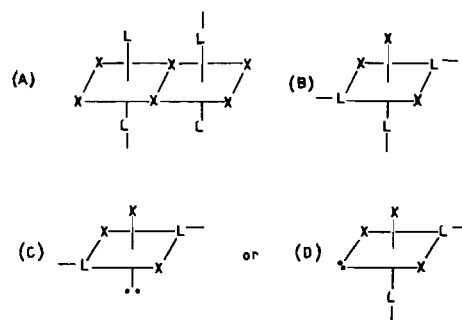
The first two bands assignable to  $(\text{SbX})$  modes have rather low frequencies with respect to those normally found for  $\text{Sb}-\text{X}$  terminal stretching modes.  $\nu_{\text{s}}(\text{SbCl})$  and  $\nu_{\text{as}}(\text{SbCl})$  frequencies were reported in the  $272\text{--}222$  and  $257\text{--}206 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  regions, respectively, for square pyramidal  $\text{L}_2\text{SbCl}_3$  complexes even if a third  $\nu(\text{SbCl})$  band, expected to be considerably higher, was not identified with certainty [6]. For the mononuclear  $\text{SbX}_3 \cdot \text{bipy}$  complexes  $\nu(\text{SbBr})_{\text{t}}$  at  $200\text{--}175 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $\nu(\text{SbI})_{\text{t}}$  at  $179\text{--}153 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  have been observed [7].

Owing to the fact that  $\text{matz}$  is strongly  $\text{H}_2\text{N}$ -bonded to the metal and that the molar conductivities of the antimony and bismuth halide complexes in nitromethane are very high, increasing from the chloride to the iodide up to the values characteristic for 1:1 electrolytes (75–95) [2], rather low  $\nu(\text{MX})_{\text{t}}$  frequency values are acceptable for this class of complexes.

Assigning the bands at  $248$  and  $219\text{--}222 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  to  $\nu(\text{SbCl})_{\text{t}}$  modes the bands at  $183$  and  $158 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  may be assigned to  $\nu(\text{SbCl})_{\text{b}}$  modes, their frequency ratios  $183/248 = 0.74$  and  $158/219 = 0.72$  being in the range (0.60–0.85) given for  $\nu(\text{MX})_{\text{b}}/\nu(\text{MX})_{\text{t}}$  ratios [7]; also  $\nu(\text{SbBr})_{\text{b}}$  modes have been given in the  $149\text{--}100 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  region [8]. The  $\nu(\text{SbX})/\nu(\text{SbCl})$  ratios are almost in the ranges accepted for complexes having similar structures

A polymer octahedral structure (A) of the  $\text{SbX}_3 \cdot 1.5\text{matz}$  complexes with two *cis*-terminal and two *cis*-bridging halide ions one  $\text{H}_2\text{N}$ -monodentate and one  $\text{H}_2\text{N}$ - and  $\text{N}_{\text{ring}}$ -bridging ligand molecule in axial position may account for  $2\nu(\text{SbX})_{\text{t}}$ ,  $2\nu(\text{SbX})_{\text{b}}$ ,  $2\nu(\text{Sb}-\text{NH}_2)$  (one i.r. and one Raman active) and  $1\nu(\text{Sb}-\text{N}_{\text{ring}})$  bands, all observed for the chloride complex.

The  $\text{BiX}_3 \cdot 1.5\text{matz}$  ( $\text{X} = \text{Cl}, \text{Br}$ ) complexes show two very strong Raman bands at  $252 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  for the chloride, with the same frequency of the  $\nu(\text{Bi}-\text{N}_{\text{ring}})$  band, and at  $164 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  for the bromide, with the same frequency of a ligand band. It is therefore



difficult to assign them to  $\nu(\text{BiX})$  modes even if they lie in the frequency range of  $\nu(\text{BiCl})_{\text{t}}$  and  $\nu(\text{BiBr})_{\text{t}}$  bands, respectively. Also the bands observed for the chloride at  $188$  (i.r.) and  $212$  (Raman)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , with a difference of  $24 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , seem to be different bands. It is therefore doubtful if these bismuth complexes have the same structure of the corresponding antimony complexes.

The bismuth iodide complex shows two i.r. strong  $\nu(\text{Bi}-\text{NH}_2)$  bands at  $465$  and  $437 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , one  $\nu(\text{Bi}-\text{N}_{\text{ring}})$  at  $251$  and two or three bands assignable to  $\nu(\text{BiI})$  modes. The presence of two  $\nu(\text{Bi}-\text{NH}_2)$  bands may indicate that in a distorted octahedral structure like that proposed for the  $\text{SbCl}_3 \cdot 1.5\text{matz}$  the  $\text{H}_2\text{N}-\text{Bi}-\text{NH}_2$  subunit is bent or *cis* giving two infrared active bands.

In the  $\text{Bi}(\text{ClO}_4)_3 \cdot 5\text{matz}$  complex the perchlorate ion is not coordinated. Three strong bands above  $400 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , only one of which is i.r. active, may be safely assigned to  $\nu(\text{Bi}-\text{NH}_2)$  modes. The bands at  $349$  and  $293\text{--}300 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  are very likely ligand bands. The band at  $193\text{--}194 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  has a rather low frequency for a  $\nu(\text{Bi}-\text{NH}_2)_{\text{t}}$  band. A  $\text{C}_{4v}$  octahedral structure in a dimer with two bridging ligand molecules should give  $3\nu(\text{Bi}-\text{NH}_2)$  and  $1\nu(\text{Bi}-\text{N}_{\text{ring}})$  bands in i.r. spectrum (respectively 4 and 1 in the Raman spectrum). A square  $\text{C}_{4v}$  pyramidal structure with lone pair in the sixth position should give 3 and 4  $\nu(\text{Bi}-\text{NH}_2)$  bands in the i.r. and Raman spectra, respectively; while a trigonal bipyramidal  $\text{D}_{3h}$  structure should give 2 and 3  $\nu(\text{Bi}-\text{NH}_2)$  bands in the i.r. and Raman spectra, respectively. The last two structures seem to be the most likely, their choice depending on the assignment of the band at  $193 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

#### The dtz complexes

The  $\text{SbCl}_3 \cdot 1.5\text{dtz}$  complex shows three  $\nu(\text{SbN})$  i.r. active bands between  $408$  and  $336 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  the last of which is also Raman active and three  $\nu(\text{SbCl})$  bands between  $320$  and  $290 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  which are all i.r. and Raman active. The multiplicity of the  $\nu(\text{SbN})$  i.r. bands indicates that all the dtz molecules act as  $\text{N}_2\text{N}$ -bridging ligands. Because of the weak character of the first two bands and the very high fluorescence in this spectral region of the Raman spectrum it was not possible to ascertain if these first two bands are

also Raman active. Three  $\nu(\text{SbN})$  and three  $\nu(\text{SbCl})$  bands, all i.r. and Raman active, should correspond to an octahedral *trans(mer)*  $C_{2v}$  coordination (B) which seems to be the most likely structure for this complex.

The band at  $350\text{--}330\text{ cm}^{-1}$  present with variable intensity also in the i.r. spectra of the other complexes of this series may be assigned to a  $\nu(\text{MN})$  mode, a ligand band being only Raman active at  $346\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The band at  $290\text{--}266\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , i.r. and Raman active in several complexes, corresponds to the ligand band appearing at  $278$  (i.r.) and  $287$  (R)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  but, owing to its variable position and intensity for the different complexes, it may mask a second  $\nu(\text{MN})$  band.

Three bands may be assigned in the i.r. and/or Raman spectra of the  $\text{MX}_3 \cdot \text{dtz}$  ( $M = \text{Sb}$ ,  $X = \text{Br}$ ,  $\text{I}$ ;  $M = \text{Bi}$ ,  $X = \text{Cl}$ ,  $\text{Br}$ ) complexes to  $\nu(\text{MX})_t$  modes in agreement with other literature values [7, 9–11]. Their rather low frequencies may be accepted owing to the high molar conductivity of these complexes [6]. Very likely dtz acts also in these complexes as N,N-bridging ligand. A distorted square pyramidal coordination with the stereochemically active lone pair in the sixth position may be proposed for these complexes, a  $C_s$  symmetry of the  $\text{MX}_3$  subunit giving three  $\nu(\text{MX})$  bands i.r. and Raman active [11]. Whether the  $\text{MN}_2$  subunit has a *trans* or *cis* configuration (C, D) can not be decided because of the uncertainty in the identification of the  $\nu(\text{MN})$  bands [11].

Also the  $\text{BiI}_3 \cdot 1.5\text{dtz}$  complex shows three (BiI) bands which may be assigned to  $\nu(\text{BiI})_t$  modes in agreement with other literature values and the high molar conductivity of this complex. The number of  $\nu(\text{BiN})$  bands should be three for an octahedral *trans(mer)* coordination but it seems rather unlikely to consider as  $\nu(\text{BiN})_t$  bands those at  $277\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , which is a ligand band, and at  $224\text{ cm}^{-1}$  which appears also in the bromide and perchlorate complexes as i.r. active.

As shown by the  $\text{ClO}_4^-$  i.r. bands this anion is coordinated in the  $\text{Bi}(\text{ClO}_4)_3 \cdot 1.33\text{dtz}$ . Four  $\nu(\text{BiO})$  (three Raman and one i.r. active) bands are observed in the  $464\text{--}401\text{ cm}^{-1}$  region in agreement with other  $\nu(\text{BiO})$  values [9, 11–13] and at least two  $\nu(\text{BiN})$  bands are observed in the  $351\text{--}260\text{ cm}^{-1}$  region. This complex, having a rather unusual stoichiometry, has very likely a polymeric structure probably containing different types of bismuth coordination.

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