

TABLE 1. Analytical and spectroscopic data for thiocomplexes of tungsten

Compound	Colour	Analyses			Vibrational spectra		
		Element	Found	Calculated	IR (cm ⁻¹)	Raman (cm ⁻¹)	Assignment
(Et ₄ N) ₂ W ₄ S ₁₂ ·2CH ₂ Cl ₂ (Ia)	red-violet	C	13.9	13.9	529s	537s	ν(W _c =S)
		H	2.8	2.8	500vs	507vs	
		N	1.8	1.7	460s	}	δ(W ₂ S ₂)
		W	47.4	47.1	448m		
		S	25.0	24.8			
(Et ₄ N) ₂ W ₄ S ₁₂ ·C ₆ H ₆ (Ib)	dark red	C	18.2	18.1			
		H	3.3	3.2			
		N	1.8	1.9			
		W	48.5	50.4			
		S	26.3	26.4			
(Et ₄ N) ₂ W ₄ S ₁₂ (I)	dark violet	C	14.0	13.9			
		H	2.9	2.9			
		N	2.0	2.2			
		W	53.0	53.3			
		S	29.5	28.9			
(Et ₄ N) ₂ W ₃ S ₉ (II)	dark red	C	17.5	17.5	527s	526s	ν(W _c =S)
		H	3.9	3.7	499vs	507vs	
		N	2.5	2.5	464m	495m	δ(W ₂ S ₂)
		W	49.8	50.1	448m	459m	
		S	26.2	26.2			

were obtained for powders on a DFS-24 instrument using the 632.8 nm line of a He-Ne laser for excitation. Powder diffraction data were obtained on DRON-3M (Mo K α radiation). Magnetic susceptibility was determined by the Faraday method. PMR spectra were recorded on a BS-567 (Tesla) instrument with TMS as internal standard. Tungsten and sulfur were determined by the weight method as WO₃ and BaSO₄, respectively; halogen, by potentiometric titration with a 0.05 M solution of AgNO₃. C, H and N were determined in the laboratory of Microanalysis of the Institute of Organic Chemistry (Novosibirsk). Analytical and spectroscopic data for thio- and thiohalide complexes are summarized in Tables 1 and 2.

Syntheses

Preparation of (Et₄N)₂W₄S₁₂·2CH₂Cl₂ (Ia) and (Et₄N)₂W₃S₉ (II)

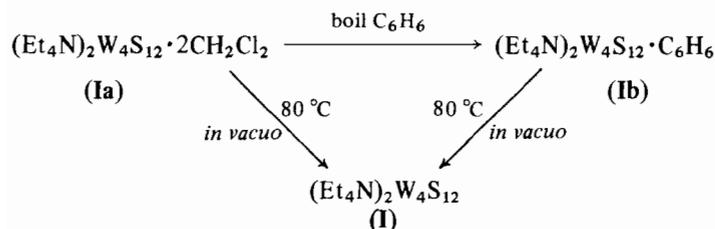
Dry hydrogen chloride was passed through a suspension of (Et₄N)₂WS₄ in CH₂Cl₂ (2.00 g in 150

ml) until the yellow precipitate of the starting complex disappeared (here and in other cases the flow rate of HX was approximately 100 ml/min). The newly formed crystals were immediately filtered off, washed with alcohol and ether, and vacuum dried. Yield: 0.95 g of Ia, 70%. After 4 h 0.15 g of complex II, 12%, was obtained from the mother solution at -5 °C.

Boiling of Ia in benzene produced the (Et₄N)₂W₄S₁₂·C₆H₆ (Ib) solvate in quantitative yield. Heating of Ia or Ib under vacuum at 80 °C produced complex (Et₄N)₂W₄S₁₂ (I) in quantitative yield (Scheme 3).

Preparation of (Et₄N)₂W₂S₄Cl₄ (III) and (Et₄N)₂W₂S₄Cl₈ (IV)

HCl was passed through a suspension of (Et₄N)₂WS₄ in CH₂Cl₂ (2.00 g in 150 ml) until the yellow precipitate of the starting complex disappeared and for another 20 min until Ia dissolved. The reaction mixture was then kept for 24 h in a closed vessel. The



Scheme 3. Reactions of tetranuclear complexes.

TABLE 2. Analytical and spectroscopic data for thiohalide complexes of tungsten

Compound	Colour	Analyses			Vibrational spectra		
		Element	Found	Calculated	IR (cm ⁻¹)	Raman (cm ⁻¹)	Assignment
(Et ₄ N) ₂ W ₂ S ₄ Cl ₄ (III)	green	C	21.0	21.3	527vs	534w	ν(W=S)
		H	4.5	4.4	513w	524m	
		N	3.4	3.1	458vs	455m	δ(W ₂ S ₂)
		W	40.9	40.9	310s	}	
		S	14.4	14.2	297vs		ν(W-Cl)
		Cl	15.8	15.8	269vs		
(Et ₄ N) ₂ W ₂ S ₄ Cl ₈ (IV)	dark red	C	17.2	18.5	600w	607m	ν(S-S)
		H	3.8	4.0	535w	}	δ(W ₂ S ₄)
		N	2.4	2.7	465w		
		W	35.5	35.4	330vs	330vs	ν(W-Cl)
		S	11.7	12.3		320vs	
		Cl	27.1	27.3		192s	ν(W-W)
(Et ₄ N) ₂ W ₂ S ₄ Br ₄ (V)	green	C	17.5	17.8	528s	529vs	ν(W=S)
		H	3.7	3.7	518m	519s	
		N	2.6	2.6	457s	448s	δ(W ₂ S ₂)
		W	34.0	34.0	360m	352s	
		S	11.9	11.9	210s	}	ν(W-Br)
		Br	29.6	29.7	200m		
				165m	186w	ν(W-W)	
(Et ₄ N) ₂ W ₂ S ₄ Br ₈ (VI)	dark red	C	13.2	13.8	584w	598s	ν(S-S)
		H	2.8	2.9		335m	δ(W ₂ S ₄)
		N	1.6	2.0		325s	
		W	26.8	26.4		310m	ν(W-Br)
		S	8.8	9.2	200vs	234m	
		Br	45.9	45.8		153s	ν(W-W)
W ₂ S ₃ Br ₆ ·2CH ₃ CN (VIII)	golden	C	5.2	4.7	600w		ν(S-S)
		H	0.7	0.6	445w		δ(W ₂ S ₃)
		N	2.7	2.7			
		W	35.9	35.9			
		S	9.4	9.4			
		Br	46.4	46.8			

precipitated solid was filtered off, washed with CH₂Cl₂ and vacuum dried. Yield: 0.62 g of **III**, 39%.

The mother liquor was saturated with HCl for 10 min and the solution was allowed to stay for a week in a closed vessel. The crystals were filtered off and washed with acetonitrile, alcohol and pentane. Yield: 0.15 g of **IV**, 8%.

Preparation of (Et₄N)₂W₂S₄Br₄ (V) and (Et₄N)₂W₂S₄Br₈ (VI)

HBr was passed through a suspension of (Et₄N)₂WS₄ in CH₂Cl₂ (3.00 g in 150 ml) until the yellow precipitate of the starting complex disappeared and for another 5 min. The precipitate was filtered off, washed with methylene chloride and dried under vacuum. Yield: 1.51 g of **V**, 54%. The mother solution was allowed to stay for a week in a closed vessel. The crystals were treated as in the synthesis of **IV**. Yield: 1.17 g of **VI**, 32%.

Preparation of (Et₄N)₂W₂S₃Br₈ (VII) and (Et₄N)₂W₂S₄Br₈ (VI)

HBr was passed through a suspension of (Et₄N)₂WS₄ in CH₂Cl₂ (1.00 g in 150 ml). After 15 min the dark red solution was separated from the precipitate and left to stay at room temperature in a closed vessel. The precipitated crystals were filtered off, washed with chloroform and dried under vacuum at 70 °C. Obtained 0.65 g of **VII**, 56%. The mother solution was kept closed for another week. The precipitated crystals were filtered off, washed with acetonitrile, alcohol and pentane. Yield: 0.71 g of **VI**, 19%.

Preparation of W₂S₃Br₆·2CH₃CN (VIII) from VII

HBr was passed through a solution of **VII** in CH₃CN (0.50 g in 30 ml). The precipitated crystals having the form of plates were filtered off, washed with acetonitrile, ether and dried under vacuum. Yield 0.31 g of **VIII**, 82%.

Complex **VIII** was obtained in 89% yield also in the reaction of Br_2 with a CH_3CN solution of **VII**.

*Preparation of $(\text{Et}_4\text{N})_2\text{W}_2\text{S}_3\text{Br}_8$ (**VII**) from **VIII***

Complex **VIII** (0.15 g) and Et_4NBr (0.20 g) were boiled in 20 ml of acetonitrile for 15 min. Then 30 ml of ether was added to the dark brown solution; the precipitated solid was filtered off, washed with alcohol, ether and dried under vacuum. Yield: 0.08 g, 40%.

*Preparation of $(\text{Et}_4\text{N})_2\text{W}_2\text{S}_4\text{Br}_8$ (**VI**) from **VII***

Complex **VII** (0.20 g) and sulfur (0.01 g) were boiled in acetonitrile (30 ml). The precipitate was filtered off. Then toluene was added to the filtrate and the solution was kept for 24 h at -20°C . The crystals were filtered off, washed with toluene, ether and dried under vacuum. Yield: 0.042 g, 21%.

*Preparation of $\text{W}_2\text{S}_3\text{Br}_6 \cdot 2\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ (**VIII**) from **V***

A solution of Br_2 in CH_3CN (0.15 ml in 5 ml) was slowly added dropwise to a suspension of **V** in CH_3CN (0.30 g in 30 ml). First dissolution of the precipitate occurred to form a dark red solution from which, upon further addition of Br_2 , a golden yellow precipitate of complex **VIII** was formed. Yield: 0.14 g, 49%.

Results and Discussion

The Interaction of $(\text{Et}_4\text{N})_2\text{WS}_4$ with HX ($X = \text{Cl}, \text{Br}$) in CH_2Cl_2

When dry hydrohalogens HX ($X = \text{Cl}, \text{Br}$) are passed into a suspension of $(\text{Et}_4\text{N})_2\text{WS}_4$ in CH_2Cl_2 at room temperature the colour of the solution rapidly changes from yellow to red-brown, the yellow precipitate of $(\text{Et}_4\text{N})_2\text{WS}_4$ gradually dissolving. At the moment the precipitate of the starting complex disappeared completely $(\text{Et}_4\text{N})_2\text{W}_4\text{S}_{12} \cdot 2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ (**Ia**) and $(\text{Et}_4\text{N})_2\text{W}_2\text{S}_4\text{Br}_4$ (**V**) (reaction with HCl and HBr , respectively) were found in the newly formed precipitate. After separation of **Ia** or **V** ($(\text{Et}_4\text{N})_2\text{W}_3\text{S}_9$ (**II**) and $(\text{Et}_4\text{N})_2\text{W}_2\text{S}_4\text{Br}_8$ (**VI**) crystallized from the mother solution. According to the IR data the tetranuclear complex **Ia** forms also in the reaction of $(\text{Et}_4\text{N})_2\text{WS}_4$ with HBr but this complex is difficult to isolate in analytically pure form since it rapidly transforms into **V**.

When complexes **Ia** and **V** are left in the reaction mixture then, with further passing of HX , their precipitates dissolve and $(\text{Et}_4\text{N})_2\text{W}_2\text{S}_4\text{Cl}_4$ (**III**) and $(\text{Et}_4\text{N})_2\text{W}_2\text{S}_3\text{Br}_8$ (**VII**) crystallize from the resulting solution within 24 h.

In the reaction with HCl after separation of **III** another binuclear chloride complex, $(\text{Et}_4\text{N})_2\text{W}_2\text{S}_4\text{Cl}_8$ (**IV**), forms in a small yield upon prolonged standing of the mother solution. Similarly, in the reaction with

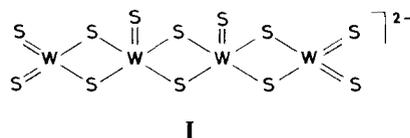
HBr after separation of complex **VII**, $(\text{Et}_4\text{N})_2\text{W}_2\text{S}_4\text{Br}_8$ (**VI**) is formed in moderate yield.

Thus, methods have been developed which allow preparation of tetranuclear thiocomplex **I** and binuclear thiohalide complexes **III** and **VI** from mononuclear thiocomplex $(\text{Et}_4\text{N})_2\text{WS}_4$ in a comparatively simple way and in high yields. Attempts to obtain the thiochloride analog of **VII**, $(\text{Et}_4\text{N})_2\text{W}_2\text{S}_3\text{Cl}_8$, were unsuccessful. It should be noted that the syntheses are well reproduced if one follows the above procedures.

*The Tetranuclear $(\text{Et}_4\text{N})_2\text{W}_4\text{S}_{12}$ (**I**) Complex*

Complexes **I**, **Ia** and **Ib** (Scheme 3) are red-violet crystalline substances not soluble in hydrocarbons, benzene, methylene chloride but readily soluble in acetonitrile, acetone and DMF. The solutions of the complexes slowly decompose in air. When **Ia** was boiled in benzene a solvate of different composition was obtained — $(\text{Et}_4\text{N})_2\text{W}_4\text{S}_{12} \cdot \text{C}_6\text{H}_6$ (**Ib**). Heating of **Ia** under vacuum produced a non-solvated complex **I** having a deeper colour than the starting solvate. The composition of the solvates was established from elemental analysis and PMR data.

The IR spectra of complexes **I**, **Ia** and **Ib** coincide with that of the $(\text{PPh}_4)_2\text{W}_4\text{S}_{12}$ complex except for the bands due to the PPh_4^+ as well as to CH_2Cl_2 and C_6H_6 . We therefore suggest that the $\text{W}_4\text{S}_{12}^{2-}$ anion of tetraethylammonium salts also has a *syn* configuration as in the tetraphosphonium salts [7].



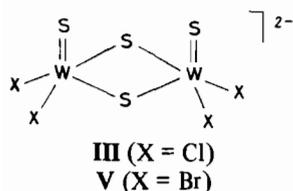
Let us note that the IR and Raman spectra of thio-complexes in the $600\text{--}400\text{ cm}^{-1}$ range are rather characteristic and can be used for identification of these compounds. The bands at 529 (IR) and 537 (Raman) cm^{-1} are essentially due to the $\text{W}_{\text{central}}=\text{S}$ valence vibrations while the bands at 500 (IR) and 507 (Raman) cm^{-1} correspond to the $\text{W}=\text{S}$ vibrations of the WS_4^{2-} fragment. The deformation vibrations of the W_2S_2 fragments have smaller intensities and frequencies. The very strong bands at 195 and 162 cm^{-1} in the Raman spectra of the complex may be assigned to the $\text{W}\text{--}\text{W}$ vibrations.

*The Binuclear $(\text{Et}_4\text{N})_2\text{W}_2\text{S}_4\text{Cl}_4$ (**III**) and $(\text{Et}_4\text{N})_2\text{W}_2\text{S}_4\text{Br}_4$ (**V**) Complexes*

The $\text{W}_2\text{S}_4\text{Cl}_4^{2-}$ and $\text{W}_2\text{S}_4\text{Br}_4^{2-}$ complexes have not been described in the literature but they may be compared with the structurally well-characterized complex $\text{W}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_2\text{Cl}_4^{2-}$, prepared by interaction of WOSCl_2 with Ph_4AsCl [9], as well as with $\text{W}_2\text{S}_4(\text{py})_4\text{--}$

Br_2 [10], $\text{W}_2\text{S}_4(\text{S}_2\text{CNEt}_2)_2$, $\text{W}_2\text{S}_4(\text{S}_2\text{P}(\text{OEt})_2)_2$ [11] and $\text{W}_4\text{S}_{12}^{2-}$ [7] containing the $[\text{S}=\text{W}(\mu_2\text{-S})_2\text{W}=\text{S}]^{2+}$ fragments.

We believe that the $\text{W}_2\text{S}_4\text{X}_4^{2-}$ ($\text{X} = \text{Cl}, \text{Br}$) anions of complexes **III** and **V** have the following structure

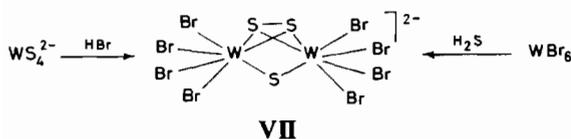


Thus complexes **III** and **V** react with sodium diethylthiocarbamate producing, while retaining their central $[\text{S}=\text{W}(\mu_2\text{-S})_2\text{W}=\text{S}]^{2+}$ fragment, the known complex $\text{W}_2\text{S}_4(\text{S}_2\text{CNEt}_2)_2$ [11].

The vibrational spectra of **III** and **V** in the region of valence and deformation vibrations involving tungsten and sulfur atoms coincide with each other and are identical to the vibrational spectra of the known thio complexes of tungsten containing the $[\text{S}=\text{W}(\mu_2\text{-S})_2\text{W}=\text{S}]^{2+}$ [7, 10, 11].

The Binuclear $(\text{Et}_4\text{N})_2\text{W}_2\text{S}_3\text{Br}_8$ (**VII**) Complex

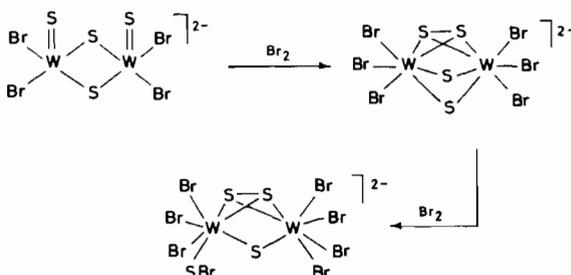
The binuclear thio bromide complex $(\text{Et}_4\text{N})_2\text{W}_2\text{S}_3\text{Br}_8$ (**VII**) has the form of dark brown lustrous plates and is unstable in air. This complex may be compared with the structurally well-characterized complex $(\text{Ph}_4\text{P})_2\text{W}_2\text{S}_3\text{Br}_8 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{S} \cdot \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ which has been obtained by interacting WBr_6 with H_2S in CH_2Cl_2 in the presence of Ph_4PBr [12].



The IR spectrum of **VII** in the $630\text{--}100\text{ cm}^{-1}$ range coincides with that of the tetraphenylphosphonium salt.

Passing of HBr through an acetonitrile solution of **VII** or addition of Br_2 results in the formation of a golden precipitate, the $\text{W}_2\text{S}_3\text{Br}_6 \cdot 2\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ complex (**VIII**) (Scheme 4). The same complex is obtained when by interaction of Br_2 with a solution of the binuclear thio bromide complex $(\text{Et}_4\text{N})_2\text{W}_2\text{S}_4\text{Br}_4$ (**V**). Under the reaction conditions re-arrangement of the

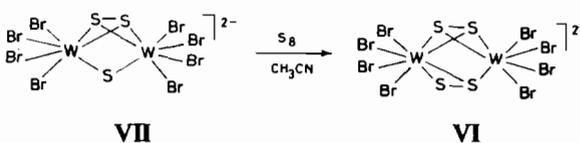
central metallocluster fragment $[\text{S}=\text{W}(\mu_2\text{-S})_2\text{W}=\text{S}]^{2+}$ takes place. A possible scheme for this interesting re-arrangement is as follows



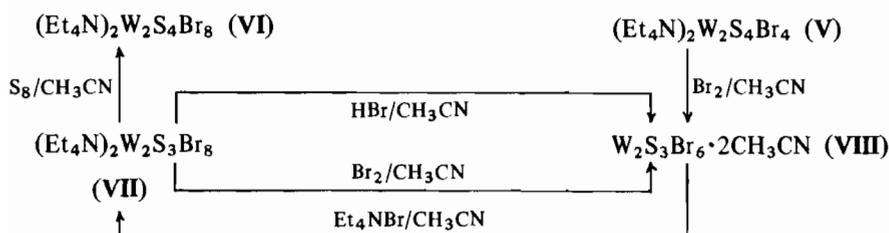
Addition of a Br_2 molecule at the two tungsten atoms of **VII** induces the intramolecular transfer of electrons from the terminal sulfur atoms ($2\text{S}^{2-} - 2e \rightarrow \text{S}_2^{2-}$) via the tungsten atoms to the bromine atoms ($\text{Br}_2 + 2e \rightarrow 2\text{Br}^-$) followed by insertion of Br_2 at one of the $\text{W}-\mu_2\text{-S}$ bonds with subsequent elimination of SBr_2 .

The Binuclear $(\text{Et}_4\text{N})_2\text{W}_2\text{S}_4\text{Cl}_8$ (**IV**) and $(\text{Et}_4\text{N})_2\text{W}_2\text{S}_4\text{Br}_8$ (**VI**) Complexes

The binuclear thiohalide complexes of tungsten $(\text{Et}_4\text{N})_2\text{W}_2\text{S}_4\text{X}_8$ slowly crystallize from the mother solutions obtained after separation of the precipitates of complexes **III**, **V** or **VII** in the reactions of $(\text{Et}_4\text{N})_2\text{WS}_4$ with HX in CH_2Cl_2 (Schemes 1 and 2). Moderate yields of the thio bromide complex **VI** are also obtained when complex **VII** is boiled with elemental sulfur in acetonitrile (Scheme 4).



Complexes **IV** and **VI**, dark red crystals, are soluble in acetonitrile, DMF and insoluble in hydrocarbons, aromatic and chlorinated hydrocarbons and alcohols. The complexes are diamagnetic and isostructural with each other according to the X-ray powder diffraction data. (Complex **VI**: $a = 7.466$; $b = 11.610$; $c = 19.456$ Å; $\beta = 89.67^\circ$; Complex **IV**: $a = 7.193$; $b = 11.396$; $c = 18.80$ Å; $\beta = 89.20^\circ$). The bands of the valence



Scheme 4. Reactions of binuclear complexes.

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