In addition to the engagement in the hydrogen-bond system each water molecule is coordinated to two $\mathrm{Na}^{+}(3)$ ions with different distances $\mathrm{O}(W) \cdots \mathrm{Na}(3)$ of 2.338 (7) and 2.854 (7) $\AA$ respectively (Fig. 5) and angle $\mathrm{Na}(3) \cdots \mathrm{O}(W) \cdots \mathrm{Na}(3)=104-46(8)^{\circ}$; hence it may be assigned to class $2 A$ in the classification given by Ferraris \& Franchini-Angela (1972).

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# The Structure of 1,5-Dichlorocyclotetra(azathiene) 

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#### Abstract

The structure of monoclinic $\mathrm{S}_{4} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ [space group $P 2_{1} / c, a=9.077$ (4),$b=6.580$ (2), $c=13.311$ (6) $\AA$, $\beta=108.46(4)^{\circ}, U=754 \cdot 1 \AA^{3}, Z=4, M_{r}=255 \cdot 19$, $D_{m}=2.25, D_{x}=2.25 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$ ] was refined to $R=0.094$ for 1235 densitometer intensities. The structure consists of $\mathrm{S}_{4} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ molecules with covalent $\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{Cl}$ bonds. The average bond lengths are $\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{N} 1.59$ and $\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{Cl}$ $2 \cdot 18 \AA$; the angles are S-N-S 119, N-S-N 109 and $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{Cl} 104^{\circ}$.


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## Introduction

According to Meuwsen (1931) the chlorination of $\mathrm{S}_{4} \mathrm{~N}_{4}$ yields 1,3,5-trichlorocyclotri(azathiene), $\mathrm{S}_{3} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{Cl}_{3}$. However, the kinetics of the reaction in $\mathrm{CS}_{2}$ (Nelson \& Heal, 1970) suggests that the process proceeds via some intermediate, which decomposes to $\mathrm{S}_{3} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{Cl}_{3}$ and SNCl . Its composition has been proposed, by analogy with $\mathrm{S}_{4} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{~F}_{4}$ and from the stoichiometry of the chlorination, as $\mathrm{S}_{4} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}_{4}$. Zbořilová \& Gebauer (1979a,b) have isolated the intermediate and identified (c) 1981 International Union of Crystallography
it as 1,5 -dichlorocyclotetra(azathiene), $\quad \mathrm{S}_{4} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$. Because of interest in its ring configuration we have undertaken an X-ray structure analysis.

## Experimental

Single crystals of $\mathrm{S}_{4} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ were prepared by the reaction of $\mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ with $\mathrm{S}_{4} \mathrm{~N}_{4}$ in $\mathrm{CS}_{2}$ solution (Zborilová \& Gebauer, 1979a) and sealed in thin-walled quartz capillaries in an atmosphere of dry $\mathrm{N}_{2}$.
The crystal data on $\mathrm{S}_{4} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ have already been published (Gebauer, Žák \& Zbořilová, 1979) and are summarized in the Abstract. Although the compound is fairly stable at room temperature, it decomposes slowly in X-rays even at low temperature and several crystals had to be used for the data collection. The crystals were mounted with $\mathbf{c}$ parallel to the rotation axis of a Nonius Weissenberg goniometer. The reciprocal levels $h k 0-$ $h, k, 10$ were recorded by an integrating equi-inclination method with Ni -filtered $\mathrm{Cu} K a$ radiation. The intensities were measured photometrically on a Zeiss-Jena densitometer; weak diffractions were estimated visually. The data were reduced to 1235 symmetryindependent diffractions including 199 unobserveds, which were substituted by statistical values (Hamilton, 1955). The independent data were converted to structure amplitudes by applying Lorentz and polarization corrections and an absorption correction assuming cylindrical crystals ( $\mu=17.00 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$ ) (Weber, 1967). Scattering factors for $\mathrm{S}^{0}, \mathrm{~N}^{0}$, and $\mathrm{Cl}^{0}$ were taken from Cromer \& Mann (1968).

## Structure determination and refinement

The structure was solved by direct methods. The phases of $159 E$ 's $\geq 1.3$ from 160 input were determined by TANFOR (Drew \& Larson, 1968). On the basis of these 159 phases, an additional 114 phases with $E \geq 1.0$ were determined by TANEXT. An $E$ map based on 273 known phases revealed the positions of all atoms. The isotropic full-matrix least-squares refinement was ended at $R=0 \cdot 18$. Anisotropic temperature factors were introduced, which decreased $R$ to $0 \cdot 114$. After rescaling the observed structure factors on $\sum\left|F_{o}\right| / \sum\left|F_{c}\right|$ for every recorded level, additional refinement gave a final $R$ of $0.094 ; R_{w}=$ $0.136\left\{R_{w}=\left[\sum^{l} w_{i}\left(\left|F_{o}\right|-\left|F_{c}\right|\right)^{2} / \sum^{l} w_{t}\left|F_{o}\right|^{2}\right]^{1 / 2}\right\}$. . $^{w}$ The weighting scheme was derived by plotting $|\Delta F|$ (mean) versus $\left|F_{o}\right|$ (mean) for groups of $50-60$ diffractions of

[^0]Table 1. Final positional parameters $\left(\times 10^{4}\right)$ and isotropic thermal parameters, with e.s.d.'s in parentheses

$$
\left\langle U^{2}\right\rangle=\frac{1}{3}\left(8 \pi^{2}\right)^{-1} \text { trace } \mathbf{B} .
$$

Individual $B^{\prime}$ 's are related to refined $\beta$ 's by $B_{i j}=4 \beta_{i j} /\left(\mathfrak{a}_{i}^{*} \cdot a_{j}^{*}\right)$ where $\mathbf{a}_{i}^{*}, \mathbf{a}_{j}^{*}$ represent reciprocal-lattice translations.

|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | $\left\langle U^{2}\right\rangle\left(\AA^{2}\right)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| S(1) | 3549 (2) | 2595 (3) | 7771 (2) | 0.04 |
| S(2) | 452 (2) | 3667 (3) | 7101 (2) | 0.04 |
| S(3) | 2683 (2) | 5467 (3) | 6510 (2) | 0.04 |
| S(4) | 3296 (2) | 1898 (3) | 5651 (2) | 0.04 |
| N(1) | 2001 (8) | 2543 (10) | 7964 (7) | 0.05 |
| $\mathrm{N}(2)$ | 1065 (8) | 5604 (10) | 6637 (7) | 0.05 |
| N(3) | 2540 (8) | 4077 (10) | 5469 (7) | 0.05 |
| N(4) | 3465 (9) | 1053 (10) | 6804 (7) | 0.05 |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(1)$ | 5743 (2) | 2510 (4) | 5877 (2) | 0.06 |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(2)$ | 477 (2) | 6584 (3) | 9222 (2) | $0 \cdot 05$ |

similar magnitudes. The weight was taken as proportional to $1 /|\overline{4 F}|^{2}$ (Stout \& Jensen, 1968). $R$ and $R_{w}$ for observed data only were 0.086 and 0.123 respectively. No extinction correction was made and all independent diffractions, except unobserveds, were included in the refinement. The maximum shift in positional parameters during the last cycle was $0 \cdot 2 \sigma$, the average $0.05 \sigma$. The programs used in the refinement were $T L S$ and TLSI (Novák, 1973), based on ORFLS (Busing, Martin \& Levy, 1962). Those employed during the solution of the structure are part of our UNIBOX system for the Tesla 200 computer (Žák, 1977). The final atomic parameters are given in Table 1.

## Description and discussion of the structure

The structure of $\mathrm{S}_{4} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ is composed of discrete molecules (Fig. 1) with approximate $C_{s}$ symmetry through $\mathrm{Cl}(1), \mathrm{S}(4), \mathrm{S}(2)$, and $\mathrm{Cl}^{\prime}\left(2^{\prime}\right)$ [symmetry code: (i) $\left.-x, \frac{1}{2}+y, \frac{1}{2}-z\right]$ (Table 2). The average $\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{N}$ distance, $1.59 \AA$, is comparable with those found in other azathiene compounds ( $1.57-1.62 \AA$ ) (Banister, 1975) and the $\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{Cl}$ length, $2 \cdot 18 \AA$, is similar to that in $\mathrm{S}_{3} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}^{+}(2 \cdot 17 \AA)$ (Zalkin, Hopkins \& Templeton, 1966). Table 3 lists the bond lengths and angles.


Fig. 1. A perspective view of a molecule of $\mathrm{S}_{4} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$.

Table 2. Best planes through the $\mathrm{S}_{4} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ molecule referred to orthogonal axes with distances ( $\AA$ ) of relevant atoms from the planes

The errors (in parentheses) are taken as equal to the absolute isotropic errors in atomic positions.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Plane } A: \mathrm{Cl}(1), \mathrm{S}(4), \mathrm{S}(2), \mathrm{Cl}^{\prime}\left(2^{\prime}\right) \\
& \quad-0.0701 x+0.7800 y-0.0622 z=-3.51
\end{aligned}
$$

$\mathrm{Cl}(1)-0.008$ (2); S(4) 0.012 (2); S(2) 0.002 (2);
$\mathrm{Cl}^{\prime}\left(2^{1}\right)-0.006$ (2); $\mathrm{N}(1)-1 \cdot 328$ (8); $\mathrm{N}(2) 1 \cdot 287$ (8);
$\mathrm{S}(1)-1.249$ (2); S(3) 1.231 (2); N(3) 1.316 (8); N(4) -1.315 (8)

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Plane } B: \mathrm{S}(1), \mathrm{N}(1), \mathrm{S}(2), \mathrm{N}(2), \mathrm{S}(3) \\
& \qquad 0.0250 x-0.6371 y-0.7704 z=-8.70
\end{aligned}
$$

$\mathrm{S}(1) 0.048$ (2); $\mathrm{N}(1)-0.142$ (8); S(2) 0.190 (2); N(2) -0.163 (8); S(3) 0.067 (2)

Plane C: $\mathrm{S}(1), \mathrm{N}(4), \mathrm{S}(4), \mathrm{N}(3), \mathrm{S}(3)$

$$
-0.9530 x-0.2594 y-0.1563 z=-1.89
$$

$\mathrm{S}(1)-0.039(2) ; \mathrm{N}(4) 0.105(8) ; \mathrm{S}(4)-0.136$ (2); $\mathrm{N}(3) 0.107$ (8); S(3) -0.038 (2)

Angles between planes $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$

$$
\begin{array}{llllll}
A / B & 91.1(8) & A / C & 92.2(8) & B / C & 105.2(9)
\end{array}
$$

Table 3. Interatomic distances ( $\AA$ ) and angles ( ${ }^{\circ}$ )
The interatomic distances and angles were computed with ORFFE (Busing, Martin \& Levy, 1964). They include the cell-parameter errors but averaging over the thermal motion of the atoms was not considered to be appropriate. The atom marked by a prime is from a neighbouring unit cell.

| S(1)-N(1) | 1.5071 (6) | S(1)-S(2) $2 \cdot 7$ | 2.758 (2) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{S}(1)-\mathrm{N}(4) \quad 1$ | 1.6217 (5) | $\mathrm{S}(1)-\mathrm{S}(3) \quad 2.4$ | 2.484 (1) |
| $\mathrm{S}(2)-\mathrm{N}(1) \quad 1$ | 1.679 (1) | S(1)-S(4) 2.7 | 2.796 (1) |
| $\mathrm{S}(2)-\mathrm{N}(2) \quad 1$ | 1.5903 (4) | $\mathrm{S}(2)-\mathrm{S}(3) \quad 2.6$ | 2.670 (1) |
| $\mathrm{S}(3)-\mathrm{N}(3) \quad 1$ | 1.6310 (5) | $\mathrm{S}(2)-\mathrm{S}(4) \quad 3.85$ | 3.859 (2) |
| $\mathrm{S}(3)-\mathrm{N}(2) \quad 1$ | 1.5336 (6) | $\mathrm{S}(3)-\mathrm{S}(4) \quad 2.7$ | 2.7448 (7) |
| $\mathrm{S}(4)-\mathrm{N}(3) \quad 1$. | 1.5753 (5) | $\mathrm{Cl}(1)-\mathrm{Cl}^{\prime}\left(2^{1}\right) \quad 7.985$ | 7.985 (2) |
| $\mathrm{S}(4)-\mathrm{N}(4) \quad 1$ | 1.5931 (7) | $\mathrm{Cl}(2)-\mathrm{Cl}^{\prime}\left(2^{\prime}\right) \quad 3 \cdot 2$ | $3 \cdot 244$ (1) |
| $\mathrm{S}(2)-\mathrm{Cl}^{\prime}\left(2^{\text {l }}\right.$ ) 2 | 2.179 (1) |  |  |
| $\mathrm{S}(4)-\mathrm{Cl}(1) \quad 2$ | $2 \cdot 183$ (1) |  |  |
| $\mathrm{S}(1)-\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{S}(2)$ | 119.80 (3) | $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{S}(2)-\mathrm{N}(2)$ | 107.37 (3) |
| $\mathrm{S}(2)-\mathrm{N}(2)-\mathrm{S}(3)$ | 117.41 (2) | $\mathrm{N}(2)-\mathrm{S}(3)-\mathrm{N}(3)$ | 107.80 (4) |
| $\mathrm{S}(3)-\mathrm{N}(3)-\mathrm{S}(4)$ | 117.75 (3) | $\mathrm{N}(3)-\mathrm{S}(4)-\mathrm{N}(4)$ | 111.75 (2) |
| $\mathrm{S}(4)-\mathrm{N}(4)-\mathrm{S}(1)$ | 120.81 (3) | $\mathrm{N}(4)-\mathrm{S}(1)-\mathrm{N}(1)$ | 108.00 (4) |
| $\mathrm{N}(3)-\mathrm{S}(4)-\mathrm{Cl}(1)$ | 1) $103 \cdot 19$ (2) | $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{S}(2)-\mathrm{Cl}^{\prime}\left(2^{1}\right)$ | (2) 107.56 (4) |
| $\mathrm{N}(4)-\mathrm{S}(4)-\mathrm{Cl}(1)$ | 1) 98.55 (6) | $\mathrm{N}(2)-\mathrm{S}(2)-\mathrm{Cl}^{\prime}\left(2^{\text {l }}\right.$ ) | $\left.{ }^{1}\right) 106 \cdot 51$ (3) |

Table 4. Comparison of average bond lengths ( $\AA$ ) and angles $\left(^{\circ}\right.$ ) in $\mathrm{S}_{4} \mathrm{~N}_{4}, \mathrm{~S}_{4} \mathrm{~N}_{4}\left(\mathrm{Ph}_{3} \mathrm{PN}\right)_{2}, \mathrm{~S}_{4} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$, and $\mathrm{S}_{4} \mathrm{~N}_{4}^{2+}$

|  | $\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{N}$ | $\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{S}$ | $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{N}$ | $\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{S}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{S}_{4} \mathrm{~N}_{4}$ | 1.62 | 2.58 | 104.5 | 112.8 |
| $\mathrm{~S}_{4} \mathrm{~N}_{4}\left(\mathrm{Ph}_{3} \mathrm{PN}\right)_{2}$ | 1.62 | 2.45 | 111 | 120 |
| $\mathrm{~S}_{4} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ |  | 3.73 |  |  |
| $\mathrm{~S}_{4} \mathrm{~N}_{4}^{2+}$ | 1.59 | 2.48 | 109 | 119 |
|  |  | 3.86 |  |  |
|  | 1.54 | - | 119.5 | 150.5 |
|  | 1.57 |  | 127 | 143 |

The shape of the $\mathrm{S}_{4} \mathrm{~N}_{4}$ group was discussed by Gleiter (1970). $\mathbf{S}_{4} \mathbf{N}_{4}$, an eight-centre system with 12 electrons, can possess only a three-dimensional cage structure (Sharma \& Donohue, 1963; DeLucia \& Coppens, 1979), while the dication $\mathrm{S}_{4} \mathrm{~N}_{4}^{2+}$, a $10 \pi$ electron system, must be planar with $D_{4 h}$ symmetry. Ionization of $\mathrm{S}_{4} \mathrm{~N}_{4}$ to $\mathrm{S}_{4} \mathrm{~N}_{4}^{2+}$ can be achieved by the action of the strong Lewis acids $\mathrm{SbCl}_{5}$ and $\mathrm{SbF}_{5}$ and the actual structure of $\mathrm{S}_{4} \mathrm{~N}_{4}^{2+}$ is a flat or almost flat ring (Gillespie, Slim \& Tyrer, 1977). By the same reasoning, the structure of $\mathrm{S}_{4} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ must possess a partially opened $\mathrm{S}_{4} \mathrm{~N}_{4}$ cage since the action of $\mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ on $\mathrm{S}_{4} \mathrm{~N}_{4}$ cannot cause its full ionization but only breaks a $S-S$ bond and new, more or less covalent, bonds between these S and Cl atoms are formed. The same is valid for $\left(\mathrm{Ph}_{3} \mathrm{PN}\right)_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{4} \mathrm{~N}_{4}$ (Bojes, Chivers, MacLean, Oakley \& Cordes, 1979), whose structure is very close to that of $\mathrm{S}_{4} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$. Table 4 summarizes average bond lengths and angles in $\mathrm{S}_{4} \mathrm{~N}_{4}, \mathrm{~S}_{4} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}_{2},\left(\mathrm{Ph}_{3} \mathrm{PN}\right)_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{4} \mathrm{~N}_{4}$, and $\mathrm{S}_{4} \mathrm{~N}_{4}^{2+}$. Although no general conclusion about the bond order of the $\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{N}$ bond in azathiene compounds can be drawn from the S-N lengths (Gleiter, 1970), in this closely related group the change in the $\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{N}$ length reflects the change in its double-bond character.

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# Compounds with Perovskite-Type Slabs. IV. Ferroelectric Phase Transitions in $\mathbf{S r}_{2}\left(\mathrm{Ta}_{1-x} \mathbf{N b}_{x}\right)_{2} \mathbf{O}_{7}(\boldsymbol{x} \simeq \mathbf{0 . 1 2})$ and $\mathbf{S r}_{2} \mathbf{T a}_{2} \mathbf{O}_{7}$ 

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#### Abstract

Ferroelectric phase transitions in $\mathrm{Sr}_{2}\left(\mathrm{Ta}_{1-x} \mathrm{Nb}_{x}\right)_{2} \mathrm{O}_{7}$ ( $x \simeq 0.12$ ) and $\mathrm{Sr}_{2} \mathrm{Ta}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{7}$ were investigated by the single-crystal X -ray diffraction technique. The structures of $\mathrm{Sr}_{2}\left(\mathrm{Ta}_{1-x} \mathrm{Nb}_{x}\right)_{2} \mathrm{O}_{7}(x \simeq 0.12)$ at $300,573,773$ and 1073 K and $\mathrm{Sr}_{2} \mathrm{Ta}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{7}$ at 123 K have been determined from three-dimensional X-ray diffraction data and refined to final $R$ values of $0.047,0.070$, $0.087,0.097$ and 0.033 for $907,748,663,598$ and 520 observed reflexions, respectively. The structures above the Curie points, approximately 675 K for $\mathrm{Sr}_{2}\left(\mathrm{Ta}_{1-x} \mathrm{Nb}_{x}\right)_{2} \mathrm{O}_{7}(x \simeq 0.12)$ and 166 K for $\mathrm{Sr}_{2} \mathrm{Ta}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{7}$, have the symmetries of the space group Cmcm . All atoms are on the mirror planes at $z=0.25$ and 0.75 . Below the Curie points, the structures lose the mirror planes at $z=0.25$ and 0.75 and the metal atoms move along the $c$ axis on the mirror planes at $x=0$ and $0 \cdot 5$. The space group becomes $\mathrm{Cmc} 2_{1}$. A slight deformation of the O atom framework in a perovskite-type slab can be regarded as a small rotation of $(\mathrm{Ta}, \mathrm{Nb}) \mathrm{O}_{6}$ octahedra around axes parallel to the $a$ axis. A distinct difference in the temperature dependence of the thermal parameters of the metal atoms in $\mathrm{Sr}_{2}\left(\mathrm{Ta}_{1-x} \mathrm{Nb}_{x}\right)_{2} \mathrm{O}_{7}$ ( $x \simeq 0.12$ ) was found below and above the Curie point.


## Introduction

Several ferroelectric $A_{2} B_{2} \mathrm{O}_{7}$ compounds have been revealed to form a structural family related to the

[^1]perovskite structure. The members include $\mathrm{Sr}_{2} \mathrm{Ta}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{7}$ (Ishizawa, Marumo, Kawamura \& Kimura, 1976), $\mathrm{Sr}_{2} \mathrm{Nb}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{7}$ (Ishizawa, Marumo, Kawamura \& Kimura, 1975; Scheunemann \& Müller-Buschbaum, 1975a), $\mathrm{La}_{2} \mathrm{Ti}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{7}$ (Scheunemann \& Müller-Buschbaum, 1975b; Gasperin, 1975), $\mathrm{Ca}_{2} \mathrm{Nb}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{7}$ (Scheunemann \& MüllerBuschbaum, 1974; Ishizawa, Marumo, Iwai, Kimura \& Kawamura, 1980) and $\mathrm{Nd}_{2} \mathrm{Ti}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{7}$ (Scheunemann \& Müller-Buschbaum, 1975c). The structures are composed of perovskite-type slabs stacked along the $b$ axis. The slabs contain corner-shared $B \mathrm{O}_{6}$ octahedra and $A$ cations in twelve-coordination, and are linked by $A$ cations lying at the boundaries of the slabs. These compounds have various polymorphs which are assumed to originate from a prototype structure whose space group is Cmcm (Ishizawa et al., 1980). The Curie temperatures $\left(T_{c}\right)$ of these compounds are higher than 1500 K except for $\mathrm{Sr}_{2} \mathrm{Ta}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{7}\left(T_{c}=166 \mathrm{~K}\right)$ (Nanamatsu, Kimura \& Kawamura, 1975). $\mathrm{Sr}_{2}\left(\mathrm{Ta}_{1-x^{-}}\right.$ $\left.\mathrm{Nb}_{x}\right)_{2} \mathrm{O}_{7}$ forms a complete solid-solution system and $T_{c}$ varies continuously from $166 \mathrm{~K}\left(x=0 ; \mathrm{Sr}_{2} \mathrm{Ta}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{7}\right)$ to $1615 \mathrm{~K}\left(x=1 \cdot 0 ; \mathrm{Sr}_{2} \mathrm{Nb}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{7}\right)$ (Nanamatsu et al., 1975). The space groups Cmcm and $\mathrm{Cmc} 2_{1}$ were reported for the respective end members of the system at room temperature (Ishizawa et al., 1975, 1976). Thus, the ferroelectric phase transition in $\mathrm{Sr}_{2}\left(\mathrm{Ta}_{1-x} \mathrm{Nb}_{x}\right)_{2} \mathrm{O}_{7}$ was expected to accompany a structural change from Cmcm to $\mathrm{Cmc}_{1}$ (Ishizawa et al., 1976). Recently, new phases were found for $\mathrm{Sr}_{2} \mathrm{Nb}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{7}$ below 493 K and for $\mathrm{Sr}_{2} \mathrm{Ta}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{7}$ below 443 K (Yamamoto, Yagi, Honjo, Kimura \& Kawamura, 1980). Studies related to the phase transition in $\mathrm{Sr}_{2} \mathrm{Nb}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{7}$ were also carried out by Ohi, Kimura, Ishida \& Kakinuma (1979) and Kojima,


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