

**SYNTHESIS, I. R. AND MÖSSBAUER STUDIES OF SELENITO  
AND PHENYLARSENIATO  $\text{SnCl}_4$  AND  $\text{MX}_2$  ADDUCTS  
( $\text{M} = \text{Cd}, \text{Hg} ; \text{X} = \text{Cl}, \text{Br}$ )**

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**Résumé :** Neuf complexes des anions selenite et phénylarséniate ont été synthétisés et caractérisés par spectroscopie infrarouge et Mössbauer. Les oxoanions se comportent comme polychélatants, polydentates ou tridentates pontants donnant ainsi des structures discrètes ou polymères.

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et Mössbauer

**I - INTRODUCTION**

while tetrahedral oxyanions acting as ligands have been extensively reviewed by HATHAWAY (1), the results on the coordination behaviour of pyramidal oxyanions such as selenite and tetrahedral mono-substituted oxyanions such as phenylarseniate are very scarce (2). From our laboratory two selenito derivatives have been reported (3, 4) ; we have also published derivatives and adducts containing tetrahedral oxyanions substituted or not (5 - 10). The aim of this work is to synthesize new selenito and phenylarsenato adducts for determining the coordinating behaviour of the selenite and phenylarseniate oxyanions from the suggested structures.

## II - EXPERIMENTAL

Synthesis of  $(Me_4N)_2SeO_3 \cdot 1/2H_2O$  and  $R_4NPhAsO_3H \cdot H_2O$  ( $R = Me, Et$ ) ( $L_1, L_2, L_3$ )

Stoichiometric amounts of a 25% water solution of  $R_4NOH$  ( $R = Me, Et$ ) and  $H_2SeO_3$  (98%) or  $PhAsO_3H_2$  (all purchased from Merck chemicals) were mixed. The solution was slightly heated and stirred about one hour and water removed in vacuo at 60°C. The resulting powders were recrystallized from absolute ethanol.

### 2.1 - Synthesis of complexes and derivatives

The white precipitates obtained on mixing a benzene or an ethanolic solution of the halides with an ethanolic solution of  $L_1, L_2$  or  $L_3$  in defined ligand to metal ratio, were stirred during more than two hours, filtered and washed with hot ethanol.

The elemental analyses performed by the "Service Central d'Analyses" C. N. R. S., Vernaison, France, are reported on table 1 with the ligand to metal ratio.

The i. r. and Mössbauer spectra were obtained as reported in (11) (the non solubility of the title compounds has prevent to carry their NMR study).

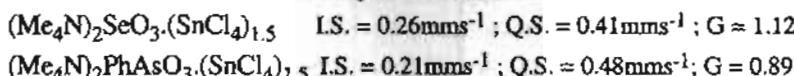
$L_1 = (Me_4N)_2SeO_3 \cdot 1/2H_2O$	$IV = (Me_4N)_2SeO_3 \cdot 3CdBr_2$
$L_2 = Me_4NPhAsO_3H \cdot H_2O$	$V = (Me_4N)_2PhAsO_3 \cdot 3CdCl_2$
$L_3 = Et_4NPhAsO_3H \cdot H_2O$	$VI = (Me_4N)_2SeO_3 \cdot 4HgBr_2$
$I = (Me_4N)_2SeO_3 \cdot (SnCl_4) \cdot 1.5$	$VII = (Me_4N)_2PhAsO_3 \cdot 4HgBr_2$
$II = (Me_4N)_2PhAsO_3 \cdot (SnCl_4) \cdot 1.5$	$VIII = (Et_4N)_2PhAsO_3 \cdot 4HgBr_2$
$III = (Me_4N)_2SeO_3 \cdot 3CdCl_2$	$IX = (Me_4N)_2PhAsO_3 \cdot 4CdCl_2$

Ligands and adducts	ligand to metal ratio	%C	%H	%N	%X	%M
L <sub>1</sub>	-	34.69 (34.50)	09.17 (09.08)	09.52 (09.65)	- (-)	- (-)
L <sub>2</sub>	-	40.96 (40.63)	06.82 (06.67)	04.77 (04.63)	- (-)	- (-)
L <sub>3</sub>	-	48.14 (48.33)	08.20 (08.32)	03.67 (03.80)	- (-)	- (-)
I	1- 1.5	14.41 (14.69)	03.60 (03.84)	04.20 (04.24)	33.98 (34.14)	26.73 (27.07)
II	1-1.5	22.73 (22.51)	03.92 (03.70)	03.79 (03.51)	28.82 (29.05)	24.09 (24.31)
III	1- 4	11.63 (11.49)	02.90 (02.82)	03.39 (03.09)	25.81 (25.78)	40.86 (40.40)
IV	1- 4	08.78 (08.56)	02.20 (02.37)	02.56 (02.47)	43.93 (44.39)	30.87 (30.85)
V	1- 1	18.70 (19.05)	03.22 (03.42)	03.11 (02.98)	23.71 (23.28)	37.54 (37.47)
VI	1- 4	05.59 (05.63)	01.39 (01.41)	01.63 (01.66)	- (-)	46.70 (46.72)
VII	1- 4	09.38 (09.52)	01.62 (01.75)	01.56 (01.63)	- (-)	44.81 (44.51)
VIII	1- 4	13.88 (13.67)	02.36 (02.50)	01.47 (01.52)	- (-)	42.17 (42.00)
IX	1- 4	15.53 (15.37)	02.68 (02.76)	02.99 (02.89)	26.26 (26.45)	41.57 (41.34)

Table 1 : Analytical data

## 2.2 - Mössbauer data

I. S. is the isomer shift, Q. S. the nuclear quadripole splitting and G the linewidth. The isomer shift is related to the density around the tin center while the Q. S. measures the deviation from perfect spherical environment (the Q. S. of  $\text{SnCl}_6^-$  is zero).



## III - RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### *General considerations*

The selenite  $\text{SeO}_3^-$  ( $C_{3v}$  symmetry) has four vibrations:  $v_1$ : the symmetric stretching vibration of  $A_1$  type non degenerate,  $v_3$ : the anti-symmetric stretching vibration, E type doubly degenerate,  $v_4$ : the anti-symmetric bending doubly degenerate E Type,  $v_2$ : the symmetric bending vibration of  $A_1$  type non degenerate.

When the selenite belongs to  $C_{3v}$  point group (in the case of a free or a tri O bonding selenite) these vibrations appear as one band. When the selenite is monocoordinated or symmetrically bicoordinated, the point group becomes  $C_s$  and  $C_1$  when the bicoordination is not symmetrical: in these two cases the E type vibrations ( $v_3$  and  $v_4$ ) split into two bands of  $A'$  and  $A''$  type.

When the anion is monosubstituted this type of correlation does not work.

In the table 2 are reported the i. r. data of the title adducts with the symmetry of the selenite.

### $(\text{Me}_4\text{N})_2\text{AO}_3 \cdot (\text{SnCl}_4)_{1.5}$ (A = Se, PhAs) (I, II)

Because of the non splitting of  $v_3$  and  $v_4$  we can clearly conclude to the presence of a selenite of  $C_{3v}$  symmetry in the adduct I. TUDELA and al. reported in (12) the Mössbauer data of cis and trans  $\text{SnCl}_4 \cdot 2L$  isomers; all the cis O-coordinated isomers have Q. S. values lower

than  $0.57 \text{ mm s}^{-1}$ . The Q. S. values of I and II falling in the range of the Q. S. values of the cis O-coordinated isomers allows us to conclude to the presence of cis coordinated  $\text{SnCl}_4$ . The I. S. values of I and II are in the range defined by TUDELA and al. (14) for  $\text{O}_2\text{SnCl}_4$  frameworks. The i. r. and Mössbauer data allow to conclude to an infinite layered structure with tridentate ligand and cis coordinated  $\text{SnCl}_4$  for I and II (Figure a)

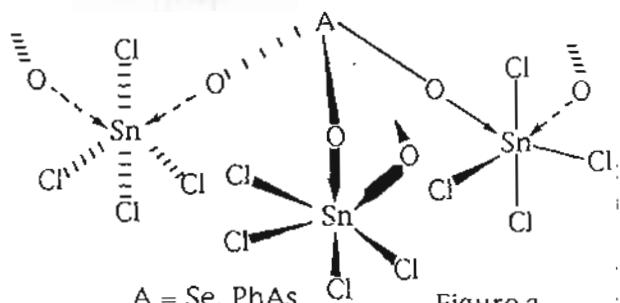


Figure a

Table 2

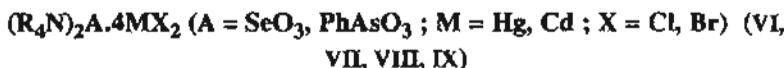
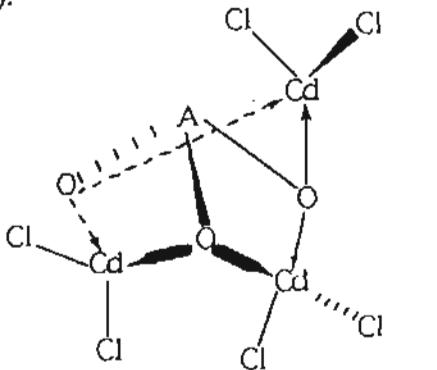
Adducts	$\nu\text{AO}_3$	$\delta\text{AO}_3$	$\nu\text{MO}$	$\nu\text{MX}_2$	Sym. $\text{SeO}_3^=$
I	860m( $\nu_1$ ) 723s( $\nu_3$ )	551m	-	300s	$\text{C}_{3v}$
II	880vs	355m	223m	302vs	
III	810w( $\nu_1$ ) 721vs( $\nu_3$ )	496s( $\nu_4$ ) 370m( $\nu_2$ )	249sh	207vs	$\text{C}_{3v}$
IV	830w( $\nu_1$ ) 723vs( $\nu_3$ )	496m( $\nu_4$ ) 370m( $\nu_2$ )	238w	154vs	$\text{C}_{3v}$
V	865vs 805sh 790s	431vs 360m 329w	242sh	205vs	
VI	810m( $\nu_1$ ) 721vs( $\nu_3$ ) 661vs( $\nu_3$ )	489m( $\nu_2$ ) 377m( $\nu_4$ ) 408vs( $\nu_4$ )	235sh	187vs	$\text{C}_3$ ou $\text{C}_1$
VII	839s 825s 785vs	411w 362w 348m	227w	187vs	
VIII	870w 830m 790s 770w	421m 374s 310m	272s	191vs	
IX	865vs 810m 790m	416m 393m 360m	228sh	202vs	

$\nu_{\text{AsC}}$  is localized as a very strong band around  $690\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Phenyl and cations bands are arbitrary omitted.



The i. r. data of the selenito  $\text{CdX}_2$  adducts indicate  $C_{3v}$  symmetry for the selenite (non splitting of  $\nu_3$  and  $\nu_4$ ); the appearance of  $\nu_{\text{CdO}}$  at  $249\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $238\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the i. r. spectra of the selenito adducts indicates coordination between the cadmium and the selenite oxyanion.

A discrete structure is suggested with a trichelatant selenite or phenylarsenate on the hypothesis of a tetrahedral environment around the metal (this type of environment is present in adducts of formulae  $(\text{R}_4\text{N})_2\text{SO}_4.2\text{CdX}_2$  ( $\text{R} = \text{Me, Et}$ ,  $\text{X} = \text{Cl, Br}$ ) which contain a  $\text{Td}$  symmetry sulfate and a tetrahedral environment around the metallic centers) (8) (Figure b).



The splitting of  $\nu_3$  of the selenite into two bands at  $721\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $661\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the i. r. spectrum of the selenito adduct indicates  $C_3$  or  $C_1$  symmetry for the selenite. The presence of bands due to  $\nu_{\text{MO}}$  indicates ligand to metal coordination.

A discrete structure is suggested with a tetrachelatant ligand and a tetrahedral environment around the metal centers (Figure c).

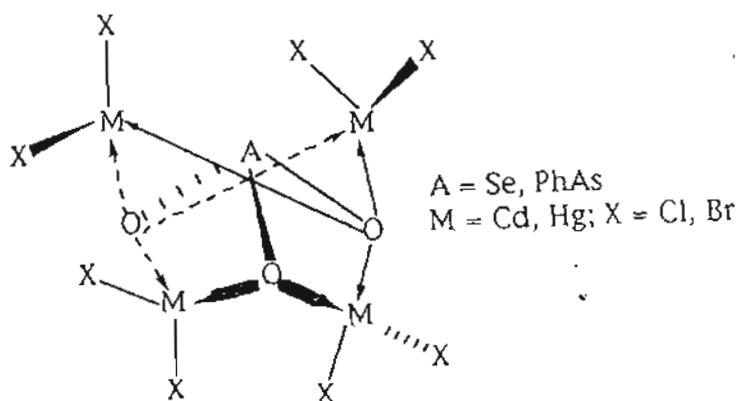


Figure c

#### IV - CONCLUSION

The  $\text{SnCl}_4$  adducts have a polymeric structure with an octahedral environment around the tin (IV) center,  $\text{SnCl}_4$  being cis coordinated and the oxyanions behaving as tridentate ligands. The polychelatant nature of both the selenite and the phenylarsenate oxyanions in the  $\text{MX}_2$  adducts is noteworthy.

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