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NEW OXONIUM HALOCHALCOGENATES(IV) AND -(II)

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The reported novel compounds $[\text{H}_3\text{O} \cdot (\text{dibenzo-18-crown-6})][\text{Te}_2\text{Br}_9]$, $[\text{H}_5\text{O}_2][\text{Te}_2\text{Cl}_9] \cdot 2\text{C}_4\text{H}_8\text{O}_2$ and $[\text{H}_5\text{O}_2 \cdot (\text{bis-dibromo-dibenzo-24-crown-8})]_2[\text{Se}_3\text{Br}_8]$ highlight the large structural and chemical variety of halogen chalcogen chemistry. Both $[\text{Te}_2\text{X}_9]^-$ anions ($\text{X} = \text{Cl}, \text{Br}$) consist of one square pyramidal TeX_5 fragment connected to a TeX_6 octahedron by a common edge. The linear $[\text{Se}_3\text{Br}_8]^{2-}$ anion is built by three square planar SeBr_4 -fragments. The three counterions offer a convenient possibility for controlled synthesis of supramolecular oxonium systems.

Keywords: crystal structure; chalcogenates; oxonium ions; crown ether

INTRODUCTION

Reactions of chalcogen tetrahalides with aqueous HX usually yield the anions $[AX_6]^{2-}$, $[A_2X_{10}]^{2-}$, or $[A_3X_{13}]^-$, which can be described as fragments of the cubane-like structures of $(AX_4)_4$ ($A = \text{Se, Te}$; $X = \text{Cl, Br}$)^[1-3]. During our research on anions that do not fit into this scheme we were able to synthesize three novel examples of halochalcogenates with interesting supramolecular oxonium systems as counter ions.

SYNTHESES

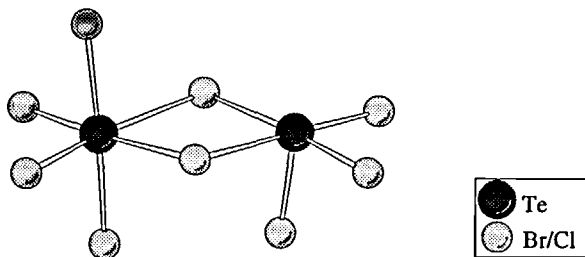
$[\text{H}_3\text{O} \cdot (\text{dibenzo-18-crown-6})][\text{Te}_2\text{Br}_9]$ (**1**) and $[\text{H}_5\text{O}_2 \cdot (\text{bis-dibromo-dibenzo-24-crown-8})]_2[\text{Se}_3\text{Br}_8]$ (**3**) were synthesized by adding the dibenzo crown ethers to solutions of the chalcogen tetrahalides in acetonitrile containing small amounts of concentrated hydrobromic acid. $[\text{H}_5\text{O}_2][\text{Te}_2\text{Cl}_9] \cdot 2\text{C}_4\text{H}_8\text{O}_2$ (**2**) crystallizes from a solution of TeCl_4 in 1,4-dioxane with small amounts of hydrochloric acid. Single crystals were obtained by careful cooling of the saturated solutions.

DESCRIPTION AND DISCUSSION OF THE STRUCTURES

Compound **1** crystallizes in the triclinic space group $P\bar{1}$ ($a = 9.010(2) \text{ \AA}$, $b = 13.403(3) \text{ \AA}$, $c = 14.606(4) \text{ \AA}$, $\alpha = 98.94(2)^\circ$, $\beta = 100.40(2)^\circ$, $\gamma = 91.40(2)^\circ$ at 150 K). The dinuclear $[\text{Te}_2\text{Br}_9]^-$ anion

can be described as a TeBr_6 octahedron and a TeBr_5 square pyramid sharing one edge. An additional weak η^6 -interaction to a benzo group of the crown ether completes the TeBr_5 fragment to a highly distorted octahedron. The cationic unit in **1** consists of a crown ether-coordinated $[\text{H}_3\text{O}]^+$ ion. The C-O and C-C bond lengths of the crown ether are shorter than comparable distances in non-cyclic systems. This is known as the macrocyclic effect^[4].

Compound **2** crystallizes in the orthorhombic space group Pnma ($a = 17.023(4) \text{ \AA}$, $b = 13.389(4) \text{ \AA}$, $c = 10.900(3) \text{ \AA}$ at 150 K). The structure of the $[\text{Te}_2\text{Cl}_9]^-$ anion in **2** is analogous to the $[\text{Te}_2\text{Br}_9]^-$ anion in **1**. In **2** the coordination sphere of the square pyramidal fragment is completed to a distorted octahedron by a weak interaction to an oxygen atom of the cationic $[\text{H}_5\text{O}_2]^+$ unit. Hydrogen bonds between the $[\text{H}_5\text{O}_2]^+$ units and 1,4-dioxane molecules connect the oxonium ions to a two-dimensional supramolecular network.

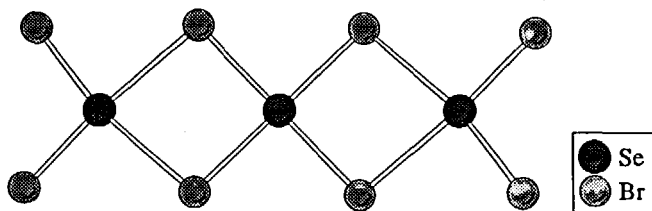


Structure of the $[\text{Te}_2\text{X}_9]^-$ anions ($\text{X} = \text{Cl}, \text{Br}$) in **1** and **2**

Compound **3** crystallizes in the triclinic space group $\text{P}\bar{1}$ ($a = 10.499(2) \text{ \AA}$, $b = 13.033(3) \text{ \AA}$, $c = 14.756(3) \text{ \AA}$, $\alpha = 113.77(3)^\circ$, $\beta = 98.17(3)^\circ$, $\gamma = 93.55(3)^\circ$ at 150 K). The trinuclear linear $[\text{Se}_3\text{Br}_8]^{2-}$

anion consists of three edge-sharing square planar SeBr_4 units. The terminal Se-Br bonds are significantly shorter than the bridging ones.

There is a strong correlation between bonds in linear X-A-X systems (A = Se, Te; X = Cl, Br) in all three structures. A short A-X bond increases the bond length on the other side of the X-A-X system. This „*trans* influence“ can be explained by the 3-center-4-electron model and is well known for halochalcogenates(II) and -(IV) ^[5].



Structure of the $[\text{Se}_3\text{Br}_8]^{2-}$ anion in **3**

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