sintered mixtures of the oxides. In several samples, we have observed resistivities indicative of mixtures of metallic and semiconducting regions that lead to broad superconducting transitions with zero resistance occurring in the region of 10-20 K depending on x. Annealing with  $O_2$  can often improve the conductive properties of such samples. 18

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# Preparation and Crystal Structures of (Te<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>8</sub>)(AsF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, (Te<sub>4.5</sub>Se<sub>5.5</sub>)(AsF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, and $(Te_2Se_6)(Te_2Se_8)(AsF_6)_4(SO_2)_2$

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The preparation of the compounds  $(Te_2Se_8)(MF_6)_2$  (1a, M = As; 1b, M = Sb),  $(Te_4.5Se_5.5)(AsF_6)_2$  (2), and  $(Te_2Se_6)(Te_2Se_8)-(Te_2Se_8)$ (AsF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>4</sub>(SO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (3) and the crystal structures of 1a, 2, and 3 are reported. Compound 3 contains the cations Te<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>6</sub><sup>2+</sup> and Te<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>8</sub>. hexafluoroarsenate anions, and SO<sub>2</sub> solvent molecules. The novel Te<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>6</sub><sup>2+</sup> cation is not isostructural with the previously known cations Se<sub>8</sub><sup>2+</sup> and S<sub>8</sub><sup>2+</sup> but instead adopts a bicyclo[2.2.2] octane structure with tellurium atoms in the three-coordinate positions. In both 1a and 3 the Te<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>8</sub><sup>2+</sup> cations have slightly different dimensions from those observed for the cation in the previously reported compound (Te<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>8</sub>)(AsF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(SO<sub>2</sub>). Compounds 1a and 1b are isomorphous. In 2 the Te<sub>4.5</sub>Se<sub>5.5</sub><sup>2+</sup> cation is a disordered mixture of Te<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>10-x</sub><sup>2+</sup> cations. Some structural relationships between these and related cations are discussed. Crystal data for each compound are as follows: 1a [1b], orthorhombic, Pbcn, a = 16.118 (3) Å [16.489 (3) Å], b = 13.098 (3) Å [13.251 (4) Å], c = 18.951 (4) Å [19.422 (6) Å], V = 4001 (1) Å<sup>3</sup> [4244 (2) Å<sup>3</sup>]; **2**, orthorhombic, *Pbcn*, a = 14.790 (3) Å, b = 10.783 (2) Å, c = 13.304 (2) Å, V = 2121.7 (7) Å<sup>3</sup>; **3**, monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$ , a = 12.432 (4) Å, b = 15.956 (6) Å, c = 23.053 (10) Å,  $\beta = 96.61$  $(3)^{\circ}$ ,  $V = 4542 (3) \text{ Å}^3$ .

### Introduction

It has been well-established that the pentafluorides AsF<sub>5</sub> and SbF5 react with sulfur, selenium, or tellurium in SO2 solution to produce crystalline, ionic compounds such as  $(S_8)(AsF_6)_2$ ,  $(Se_{10})(SbF_6)_2$ , and  $(Te_6)(AsF_6)_4(SO_2)_2$ . Mixtures of chalcogens have been oxidized to give salts containing mixtures of homopolyatomic cations such as  $(Te_6)(Se_8)(AsF_6)_6(SO_2)^4$  or heteropolyatomic cations such as  $(Te_3S_3)(AsF_6)_2$ ,  $(Te_2Se_2)(Sb_3F_{14})$ - $(SbF_6)$ , and  $(Te_2Se_8)(AsF_6)_2(SO_2)$ . In the present work we carried out reactions with stoichiometries that might have led to cations such as Te<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>10</sub><sup>2+</sup>, Te<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>14</sub><sup>2+</sup>, and Te<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>2</sub><sup>2+</sup>, but instead we obtained new salts of the Te<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>8</sub><sup>2+</sup> cation and a salt containing the new  ${\rm Te_2Se_6}^{2+}$  cation. Although the  ${\rm Te_2Se_8}^{2+}$  cation is isostructural with the  ${\rm Se_{10}}^{2+}$  cation,<sup>2,8</sup> the  ${\rm Te_2Se_6}^{2+}$  cation is not isostructural with the  ${\rm Se_8}^{2+}$  cation<sup>4,9</sup> but has a novel cubelike structure unlike that of any of the previously known polyatomic cations of the chalcogens.

## **Experimental Section**

Materials. Elemental sulfur (BDH), selenium (Koch-Light Laboratories Ltd., 99.95%), and tellurium (Koch-Light Laboratories Ltd., 99.7%) were dried under vacuum at room temperature overnight before use. Antimony pentafluoride (Ozark-Mahoning) was distilled under vacuum and stored in an FEP bottle. Arsenic pentafluoride was prepared from the elements in a nickel can on a Monel vacuum line and stored in a nickel cylinder. Sulfur dioxide (Canadian Liquid Air) was stored over P<sub>4</sub>O<sub>10</sub> for at least 24 h before use. All reactions were carried out under vacuum in flame-sealed, double-bulb vessels fitted with medium porosity glass frits. Solid transfers were done in nitrogen-filled dryboxes.

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Table I. Unit Cell Dimensions and Crystal Data for the Decaatomic Tellurium-Selenium Cations

	$(\mathrm{Te}_{2}\mathrm{Se}_{8})(\mathrm{AsF}_{6})_{2}\mathrm{SO}_{2}{}^{a}$	$(Te_2Se_6)(Te_2Se_8)-$ $(AsF_6)_4(SO_2)_2$	$(\mathrm{Te_2Se_8})(\mathrm{AsF_6})_2$	$(Te_2Se_8)(SbF_6)_2$	$(Te_xSe_y)(AsF_6)_2$ orthorhombic	
syst	monoclinic	monoclinic	orthorhombic	orthorhombic		
a, Å	7.337 (2)	12.432 (4)	i6.118 (3)	16.489 (3)	14.790 (3)	14.840 (6)a
b, A	8.545 (3)	15.956 (6)	13.098 (3)	13.251 (4)	10.783 (2)	10.828 (5)
c, Å	36.030 (2)	23.053 (10)	18.951 ( <del>4</del> )	19.422 (6)	13.304 (2)	13.345 (5)
$\beta$ , deg	91.52 (5)	96.61 (3)	• ,	` ,	` ,	` '
$V$ , $A^3$	2258.4	4542 (3)	4000.6 (13)	4244 (2)	2121.7 (7)	2144
space group	$P2_1/c$	$P2_1/c$	Pbcn	Pbcn	Pbcn	Pbcn
Ż	4	4 "	8	8	4	4
D <sub>calcd</sub> , g cm <sup>-3</sup>	3.90	3.66	4.20	4.25	~4.22	4.16
$\mu$ , cm <sup>-1</sup>	198	180	222.4		202	
reflecns used in cell determn	15 (15 < $2\theta$ < 25°)	14 $(24 < 2\theta < 28^\circ)$	15 $(26 < 2\theta < 30^\circ)$	15 (26 < 2θ < 29°)	15 (28 < 2 $\theta$ < 32°)	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Reference 7.

Table II. Details of Data Collections and Structure Refinements<sup>a</sup>

compd	$(Te_2Se_6)(Te_2Se_8)(AsF_6)_4(SO_2)_2^b$	$(\mathrm{Te}_{2}\mathrm{Se}_{8})(\mathrm{AsF}_{6})_{2}{}^{b}$	$(Te_xSe_y)(AsF_6)_2$	
max 2θ, deg; scan type	45; θ-2θ	55; θ-2θ	55; θ-2θ	
scan range, deg	$(K\alpha_1 - 1.0)$ to $(K\alpha_2 + 1.0)$	$(K\alpha_1 - 0.90^{\circ})$ to $(K\alpha_2 + 0.90^{\circ})$	$(K\alpha_1 - 0.95^\circ)$ to $(K\alpha_2 + 0.95^\circ)$	
scan rates, deg/min <sup>c</sup>	3.0-29.3	3.0-29.3	2.0-29.3	
std reflecns, no./interval <sup>d</sup>	3/67	3/67	3/67	
quadrants collected	$h,k,\pm l$	h,k,l	h,k,l	
no. of data collected (including stds)	7024	5833	3523	
abs cors (faces used; dist from	$ABSORB^g$ ({0,0,1}, 0.025;	$ABSORB^g$ ({1,0,0}, 0.051;	$ABSORB^g$ ({1,1,0}, 0.043;	
origin within cryst, mm)	$\{1,0,0\},\ 0.120;\ \{0,1,0\},\ 0.075)$	{0,0,1}, 0.058; {0,1,0}, 0.390; (\bar{1},1,1), 0.035)	{0,0,1}, 0.460)	
grid	$7 \times 7 \times 12$	$10 \times 7 \times 10$	$10 \times 10 \times 6$	
A*	2.43-13.83	5.81-12.82	3.61-7.30	
no. of non-zero data	4826	3866	2179	
no. of data $F > 6\sigma(F)$	2290	2130	1555	
structure soln <sup>h</sup>	direct methods (SHELX)	direct methods (SHELX)	use of some positions from ref 7	
R factors	, ,	` ,	•	
$6\sigma(F)$ : $R_1(R_2)$	0.0754 (0.0773)	0.0473 (0.0455)	0.0304 (0.0313)	
all: $R_1$ $(R_2)$	0.1607 (0.1759)	0.1252 (0.0967)	0.0542 (0.0430)	
max shift/error, %	9 ` ´	34	14	
G of weighting scheme, $w^{-1} = \sigma(F)^2 + GF^2$	0.001 79	0.00070	0.000 37	
final diff Fourier max peak, e/Å <sup>3</sup>	1.5 (0.76, 0.02, 0.51)	2.0 (near Te(2))	1.0 (near F(4)), 0.8 (near Te(2))	

<sup>a</sup>Syntex P2<sub>1</sub> diffractometer, graphite-monochromatized Mo K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda$  = 0.71069 Å). Stationary background counts recorded at each end of the scan, each for one-fourth of the scan time. <sup>b</sup>See text for discussions on compositions of these two compounds. <sup>c</sup>Dependent on intensity of prescan. <sup>d</sup>During each data collection the standard reflections showed only statistical fluctuations in intensities. <sup>e</sup>Lorentz and polarization corrections applied to all data collected. <sup>f</sup>Applied toward the end of each refinement when the compositions of the compounds were known. Symmetry-equivalent reflections were averaged and those with  $F_{\text{obsd}} = 0.0$  then excluded to give the final numbers of independent data indicated. <sup>g</sup>Programs: XRAY 76<sup>10</sup> and SHELX<sup>10</sup> on CDC computers. <sup>h</sup>F and  $\Delta$ F Fourier maps for missing atoms.

Preparation of  $(Te_2Se_8)(AsF_6)_2$  (1a). Arsenic pentafluoride (0.243 g, 1.43 mmol) was distilled onto a mixture of Te (0.1148 g, 0.900 mmol) and Se (0.5002 g, 6.33 mmol) powders and 25 mL of SO<sub>2</sub> in one bulb of a double-bulb vessel cooled to -196 °C. When the system was warmed, the solvent melted to give a green solution that turned brown after 1 h. The mixture was stirred for 4 days, filtered through a glass frit into the other bulb of the vessel, and allowed to stand for 1 week. A large quantity of shiny, black needles formed from the solution and were identified as  $(Te_2Se_8)(AsF_6)_2$  by X-ray crystallography.

**Preparation of (Te<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>8</sub>)(SbF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (1b).** Antimony pentafluoride (1.668 g, 7.70 mmol) was transferred into one bulb of a double-bulb vessel, and 40 mL of  $SO_2$  was condensed onto the  $SbF_5$ . This solution was poured into the other bulb of the vessel containing a mixture of Te (0.6572 g, 5.15 mmol) and Se (2.0256 g, 25.65 mmol) powders. The initial green solution turned brown during the first 1 h of stirring. After the mixture was heated at 60 °C for 12 h, most of the product had precipitated, leaving a pale green solution, which returned to a deep brown color upon stirring for a further 24 h at 22 °C. The solution was filtered, and a large number of shiny, black needles were formed from the filtrate. Precession photographs revealed that the crystals were isomorphous with 1a.

**Preparation of (Te<sub>4.5</sub>Se<sub>5.5</sub>)(AsF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (2).** By the above procedure, AsF<sub>5</sub> (0.607 g, 3.58 mmol) was combined with Te (0.7786 g, 6.10 mmol) and Se (0.4804 g, 6.08 mmol) in 40 mL of SO<sub>2</sub>. After 24 h of stirring a large quantity of a dark brown powder had precipitated. Since the solubility of many salts of the group 16 polyatomic cations in SO<sub>2</sub> increases with decreasing temperature, the reaction mixture was cooled to just above the freezing point of the solution before filtering. The filtrate was allowed to slowly warm to room temperature over a period of 48 h. The resulting brown-black crystals and powder were isolated and identified as (Te<sub>4.5</sub>Se<sub>5.5</sub>)(AsF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub> by X-ray crystallography.

Preparation of  $(Te_2Se_6)(Te_2Se_8)(AsF_6)_4(SO_2)_2$  (3). Sulfur dioxide (30 mL) and AsF<sub>5</sub> (2.33 g, 13.7 mmol) were condensed onto a mixture of powdered Te (1.82 g, 14.3 mmol), Se (1.13 g, 14.3 mmol), and S (0.458 g, 14.3 mmol). The initial green solution turned red within 5 min of stirring. After 1 h a large quantity of a brown powder had precipitated from the red-brown solution. No further change was observed after 8 h, and the solution was filtered. When no crystals were obtained after 48 h, the solvent was slowly distilled off over 2 weeks to give a large quantity of dark brown crystals. These were isolated under somewhat less than 1 atm of SO<sub>2</sub> by pouring the solution into the other half of the vessel and cooling to -30 °C before flame-sealing the bulb containing the crystals. X-ray crystallography identified the compound as  $(Te_2Se_6)$ - $(Te_2Se_8)(AsF_6)_4(SO_2)_2$ .

X-ray Crystallography. All crystals were selected and sealed in dry Lindemann capillaries in a drybox equipped with a microscope. Precession photographs were used to check crystal quality and to obtain preliminary cell and symmetry information. Crystals of  $(Te_2Se_6)(Te_2Se_8)(AsF_6)_4(SO_2)_2$  lose  $SO_2$  from the lattice over time, and so the crystal quality of this compound was not as good as that for 1a, 1b, or 2. Further work on the diffractometer at 298 K gave the crystal data summarized in Table I. Intensity data on each compound were collected by using the options specified in Table II. Data treatment and structure solutions were as indicated. Least-squares refinements minimizing  $\sum w\Delta F^2$  converged to the residuals in Table II. Final atomic positional parameters are given in Table III. Scattering curves were taken from ref 11 or were

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Table III. Final Atomic Positional Parameters (×10<sup>4</sup>)

atom	<u>x</u>	у	z	atom	x	у	z
			(a) $(Te_2Se_8)$	$(AsF_6)_2$ (1a)			
Te(1)	2462.6 (8)	2197.4 (9)	5335.2 (5)	F(11)	4735 (8)	1700 (9)	1575 (8)
Te(2)	3612.4 (8)	2814.5 (9)	2987.3 (6)	F(12)	3631 (9)	-432 (10)	1146 (7)
Se(1)	3552 (1)	1187 (1)	4639 (1)	F(13)	4986 (10)	64 (11)	1118 (15)
Se(2)	2986 (1)	1189 (1)	3528 (1)	F(14)	4131 (17)	275 (20)	2170 (8)
Se(3)	2218 (1)	3657 (1)	2646 (1)	F(15)	3986 (19)	1149 (13)	592 (10)
Se(4)	1207 (1)	2484 (1)	2910 (1)	F(16)	3305 (11)	1266 (20)	1639 (18)
Se(5)	737 (1)	2959 (1)	4037 (1)	F(21)	5536 (6)	5301 (8)	4376 (5)
Se(6)	1121 (1)	1595 (1)	4721 (1)	F(22)	5500 (8)	4071 (8)	3417 (7)
Se(7)	2628 (1)	3866 (1)	4630 (1)	F(23)	6803 (7)	4600 (9)	3884 (6)
Se(8)	3927 (1)	3716 (1)	4158 (1)	F(24)	6397 (7)	5097 (8)	2699 (5)
As(1)	4177 (1)	633 (1)	1358 (1)	F(25)	6437 (7)	6372 (8)	3669 (6)
As(2)	5962 (1)	5226 (1)	3538 (1)	F(26)	5135 (7)	5820 (9)	3199 (5)
A3(2)	3902 (1)	3220 (1)	3336 (1)	1 (20)	3133 (7)	3620 (9)	3199 (3)
			(b) (Te <sub>4.5</sub> Se <sub>5.1</sub>				
Te(1)	1678.4 (3)	3944.9 (5)	2304.6 (4)	F(1)	658 (3)	1414 (7)	-147 (4)
Te(2)	683.7 (5)	2707.0 (7)	3654.2 (5)	F(2)	1435 (5)	1011 (8)	1400 (5)
Se(1)	377.3 (6)	4363.9 (9)	1032.9 (6)	F(3)	1306 (6)	-573 (6)	178 (7)
Se(2)	4260.4 (5)	2386.2 (7)	2040.8 (6)	F(4)	2109 (5)	2313 (7)	212 (8)
Se(3)	3343.9 (5)	1124.0 (8)	3164.4 (6)	F(5)	2750 (4)	334 (6)	484 (4)
As	1690.6 (6)	859.7 (9)	176.8 (7)	F(6)	1996 (4)	795 (8)	-1027 (4)
		(6	c) (Te <sub>2</sub> Se <sub>6</sub> )(Te <sub>2</sub> Se <sub>8</sub>	)(AsE.).(SO.)	. (3)		
Te(1)	5153 (3)	1755 (2)	2983 (2)	F(15)	410 (5)	240 (4)	119 (3)
Te(2)	4362 (3)	3929 (2)	4324 (2)	F(16)	371 (5)	120 (4)	63 (3)
Te(3)	-154 (3)	847 (2)	1964 (2)	F(21)	1003 (4)	68 (3)	-129(2)
Te(4)	-298 (3)	3429 (2)	1232 (2)	F(22)	1084 (6)	210 (4)	-123 (3)
Se(3)	6633 (6)	2726 (4)	2725 (3)	F(23)	1004 (0)	143 (3)	-40 (3)
Se(4)	7769 (5)	2898 (4)	3584 (3)	F(24)	1192 (4)	80 (3)	-118 (2)
Se(5)	7237 (5)	4235 (4)	3904 (3)	F(25)	1118 (5)	23 (4)	-50 (3)
Se(6)	6382 (5)	3899 (4)	4699 (3)	F(26)	1196 (4)	161 (3)	-30 (3) -29 (2)
Se(7)	3912 (4)	2348 (3)	4345 (3)	F(31)	-281 (4)	80 (3)	362 (2)
Se(8)	5525 (5)	1797 (3)	4108 (3)	F(32)	-281 (4) -277 (4)	54 (3)	
Se(9)	3609 (4)	2836 (3)	2877 (3)	F(33)	-179 (4)		254 (2) 272 (2)
Se(10)	4525 (4)	4043 (3)	3212 (3)	F(34)	-179 (4) -179 (5)	-67 (3) -45 (4)	
Se(11)	-671 (5)	3127 (3)	2285 (3)	F(35)	-104 (6)	43 (4)	379 (3)
Se(11)	560 (5)	2123 (3)	2584 (3)	F(36)			322 (3)
	-1992 (4)	1537 (4)			-346 (8)	-46 (5)	308 (4)
Se(13)			1557 (3)	F(41)	730 (3)	607 (2)	229 (2)
Se(14)	-1537 (5)	2243 (4)	753 (3)	F(42)	745 (3)	415 (2)	169 (2)
Se(15)	1510 (4)	2555 (3)	1282 (3)	F(43)	862 (3)	531 (2)	181 (2)
Se(16)	796 (4)	1205 (3)	1043 (3)	F(44)	680 (3)	555 (2)	136 (2)
As(1)	4605 (5)	1566 (3)	1171 (3)	F(45)	792 (3)	469 (2)	263 (2)
As(2)	10995 (5)	1150 (3)	-796 (3)	F(46)	612 (3)	487 (2)	220 (2)
As(3)	-2240 (5)	64 (3)	3177 (3)	S(1) <sup>a</sup>	505 (0)	409 (0)	72 (0)
As(4)	7361 (4)	5105 (3)	1989 (3)	S(2) <sup>a</sup>	48 (0)	118 (0)	448 (0)
F(11)	385 (5)	118 (4)	160 (3)	O(11) <sup>a</sup>	398 (0)	427 (0)	47 (0)
F(12) F(13)	542 (4) 522 (5)	188 (3)	69 (2) 115 (3)	$O(12)^a$	597 (0)	387 (0)	44 (0) 455 (0)
		67 (3)	115 723	$O(21)^a$	-60 (0)	136 (0)	455 (0)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Atoms were located in a ΔF Fourier and constrained in least squares to have S-O bond lengths of 1.40 ± 0.04 Å before their positional parameters were fixed in final cycles of least squares.

stored in the programs.

### Discussion

In the preparation of  $(Te_2Se_8)(AsF_6)_2$  and  $(Te_2Se_8)(SbF_6)_2$ the reagent stoichiometries were such that they could, in principle, have produced cations of average oxidation state <+0.2, that is Te<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>14</sub><sup>2+</sup> and Te<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>10</sub><sup>2+</sup> respectively. In both cases, however, the resulting crystalline compounds contained only the Te<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>8</sub><sup>2+</sup> cation (Figure 1). In an earlier study<sup>2</sup> we were unable to prepare salts of selenium polyatomic cations containing the element in a lower formal oxidation state than in  $\mathrm{Se_{10}}^{2+}$ , although there is some potentiometric and spectrophotometric evidence for the presence of  $\mathrm{Se_{16}}^{2+}$  and  $\mathrm{Se_{12}}^{2+}$  cations in NaCl-AlCl<sub>3</sub> melts.<sup>12</sup> The  $\mathrm{S_{19}}^{2+}$ cation remains the only chalcogen polyatomic cation with an average oxidation state <+0.2 that has been characterized by

X-ray crystallography.<sup>13</sup>
The  $Te_x Se_{10-x}^{2+}$  Cation. Bond lengths of the  $Te_x Se_{10-x}^{2+}$  cation in 1a, 2, and 3 are compared with those for the cation in (Te<sub>2</sub>-

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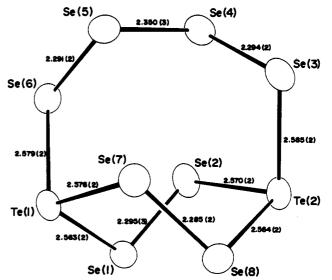


Figure 1. The Te<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>8</sub><sup>2+</sup> cation in (Te<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>8</sub>)(AsF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub>.

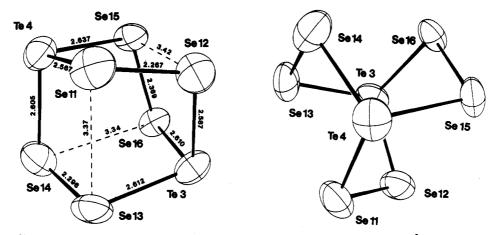


Figure 2. The  $Te_2Se_6^{2+}$  cation in  $(Te_2Se_6)(Te_2Se_8)(AsF_6)_4(SO_2)_2$ . Esd's on bond lengths are 0.006-0.010 Å. Bond angles (deg) are as follows: Se(12)-Te(3)-Se(13) = 95.6 (2); Se(12)-Te(3)-Se(16) = 96.8 (2); Se(13)-Te(3)-Se(16) = 94.3 (2); Se(11)-Te(4)-Se(14) = 95.9 (2); Se(11)-Te(4)-Se(15) = 96.0 (2); Se(14)-Te(4)-Se(15) = 95.4 (2); Se(11)-Se(12) = 103.3 (3); Se(12)-Se(12)-Se(11) = 102.2 (3); Se(12)-Se(12)-Se(13) = 101.6 (3).

Table IV. Bond Lengths and Bond Angles in the Te<sub>x</sub>Se<sub>10-x</sub><sup>2+</sup> Cation

	$(\text{Te}_2\text{Se}_8)(\text{As}F_6)_2{}^a$ $(\text{Te}_2\text{Se}_8)(\text{As}F_6)_2\text{SO}_2{}^b$ $(\text{Te}_2\text{Se}_6)(\text{Te}_2\text{Se}_8)(\text{As}F_6)_4(\text{SO}_2)_2{}^a$		$(\mathrm{Te}_{x}\mathrm{Se}_{y})(\mathrm{AsF}_{6})_{2}{}^{a,b}$				
Bond Distances (Å)							
Te(1)-Se(1)	2.563 (2)	2.643 (8)	2.572 (6)	2.602 (1)	2.61 (1)		
Te(1)-Se(6)	2.579 (2)	2.579 (8)	2.529 (8)	2.614 (1)	2.63 (1)		
Te(1)-Se(7)	2.576 (2)	2.644 (8)	2.582 (8)	2.678 (1)°	2.66 (5)		
Te(2)- $Se(2)$	2.570 (2)	2.613 (8)	2.600 (7)	$2.678 (1)^c$	2.73 (3)		
Te(2)-Se(3)	2.585 (2)	2.602 (8)	2.560 (7)	2.614 (1)	2.63 (1		
Te(2)-Se(8)	2.564 (2)	2.583 (8)	2.586 (6)	2.602 (1)	2.61 (1)		
Se(1)- $Se(2)$	2.295 (3)	2.373 (8)	2.324 (7)	2.414 (1)	2.53 (4)		
Se(3)-Se(4)	2.294 (2)	2.328 (8)	2.284 (10)	2.434(1)	2.50 (2		
Se(4)-Se(5)	2.350 (3)	2.401 (8)	2.375 (9)	2.506 (2)	2.54 <sup>d</sup>		
Se(5)-Se(6)	2.291 (2)	2.318 (8)	2.314 (10)	2.434 (1)	$2.43^{d}$		
Se(7)-Se(8)	2.285 (2)	2.356 (8)	2.312 (8)	2.414 (1)	2.31 (5)		
			Angles (deg)				
Se(1)- $Te(1)$ - $Se(6)$	100.64 (6)	97.6 (2)	97.0 (2)	96.84 (3)	97 (1)		
Se(1)- $Te(1)$ - $Se(7)$	95.76 (6)	96.1 (2)	97.1 (2)	96.68 (3)	99 (1)		
Se(6)- $Te(1)$ - $Se(7)$	96.41 (6)	97.8 (2)	99.8 (2)	98.51 (3)	99 (1)		
Se(2)-Te(2)-Se(3)	96.42 (6)	97.6 (2)	100.5 (2)	98.51 (3)	97 (1)		
Se(2)- $Te(2)$ - $Se(8)$	96.54 (7)	97.1 (2)	97.3 (2)	96.68 (3)	94 (1)		
Se(3)-Te(2)-Se(8)	101.04 (7)	98.2 (2)	98.6 (2)	96.84 (3)	97 (1)		
Te(1)-Se(1)-Se(2)	101.50 (7)	97.5 (2)	101.1 (2)	103.89 (4)	102 (1)		
Te(2)-Se(2)-Se(1)	102.18 (7)	99.9 (2)	100.3 (3)	95.95 (4)	100 (-)		
Te(2)-Se(3)-Se(4)	106.11 (7)	100.5 (2)	104.7 (3)	103.96 (4)	103 (1)		
Se(3)-Se(4)-Se(5)	104.42 (8)	101.5 (2)	102.1 (3)	100.78 (4)	102 (-)		
Se(4)-Se(5)-Se(6)	102.76 (8)	104.2 (2)	102.0 (3)	100.78 (4)	99 (-)		
Se(5)-Se(6)-Te(1)	104.12 (7)	104.9 (2)	105.0 (3)	103.96 (4)	104 (1)		
Te(1)-Se(7)-Se(8)	102.98 (7)	102.1 (2)	100.7 (3)	103.89 (4)	93 (-)		
Se(7)-Se(8)-Te(2)	101.36 (8)	102.8 (2)	99.9 (3)	95.95 (4)	105 (1)		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>This work. <sup>b</sup>Reference 7. <sup>c</sup>Atomic numbering corresponds to  $(Te_2Se_3)(AsF_6)_2$  (Figure 1). Se(7) = Te(2) in the  $Te_xSe_y^{2+}$  cation, which has crystallography symmetry 2 such that "Se1" = "Se8", "Se2" = "Se7", and "Se4" = "Se5". <sup>d</sup>Standard error uncertain.

**Table V.** Occupation of the Sites in the  $Te_xSe_{10-x}^{2+}$  Cation<sup>a</sup>

atomic site	population parameter	no. of electrons	% Te	% Se
Te(1)	0.998 (4)	51.9 (2)	100 (1)	0 (1)
Te(2)	0.844 (3)	43.9 (2)	55 (1)	45 (1)
Se(1)	1.064 (4)	36.2 (2)	12(1)	88 (1)
Se(2)	1.230 (5)	41.8 (2)	43 (1)	57 (1)
Se(3)	1.068 (5)	36.3 (2)	13 (1)	87 (1)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Overall composition: Te<sub>4.46 (5)</sub>Se<sub>5.54 (5)</sub><sup>2+</sup>.

Se<sub>8</sub>)(AsF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(SO<sub>2</sub>) and (Te<sub>3.7</sub>Se<sub>6.3</sub>)(AsF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub> in Table IV. The cation in 2 is a disordered mixture of Te<sub>x</sub>Se<sub>10-x</sub><sup>2+</sup> cations (cf. ref 7) and has the overall composition Te<sub>4.5</sub>Se<sub>5.5</sub><sup>2+</sup> based on the refined population parameters of the Te and Se sites (Table V). Bond lengths in Te<sub>4.5</sub>Se<sub>5.5</sub><sup>2+</sup> are significantly longer than those of the Te<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>8</sub><sup>2+</sup> cation in 1a or 3, as would be expected for partial substitution of Te at the Se sites of Te<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>8</sub><sup>2+</sup>, but they are, on average, less than those of the cations in (Te<sub>3.7</sub>Se<sub>6.3</sub>)(AsF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>7</sup> and (Te<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>8</sub>)(AsF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(SO<sub>2</sub>)<sup>7</sup> (Table IV). This is surprising and

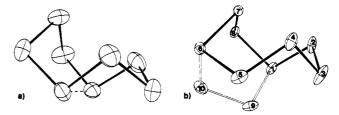


Figure 3. The  $Se_8^{2+}$  cation (a) and the  $Se_{10}^{2+}$  cation (b) showing the  $Se_8^{2+}$  structure (filled-in bonds) within the  $Se_{10}^{2+}$  structure (redrawn from coordinates in ref 4 and 8, respectively).

probably indicates that the cations in  $(Te_2Se_8)(AsF_6)_2(SO_2)$  and  $(Te_{3.7}Se_{6.3})(AsF_6)_2$  contain more tellurium and less selenium than was realized when these structures were determined. In  $(Te_2-Se_8)(AsF_6)_2$ , the central bond in the four-atom Se chain, Se-(4)-Se(5), is somewhat longer than the other Se-Se bond lengths, but this is probably not due to any substitution of tellurium in these positions, because a similar lengthening of this bond has been

Figure 4. The As<sub>11</sub><sup>3-</sup> anion, redrawn from coordinates in ref 19. Filled-in bonds indicate the Te<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>6</sub><sup>2+</sup>-like core (cf. Figure 2).

observed in  $\mathrm{Se_{10}}^{2+}$  and in chains of four or more sulfur atoms.  $^{2,8,14}$  The  $\mathrm{Te_2Se_6}^{2+}$  Cation. The structure of the  $\mathrm{Te_2Se_6}^{2+}$  cation is very different from that of  $\mathrm{Se_8}^{2+}$  (Figures 2 and 3). The  $\mathrm{Se_8}^{2+}$ and Se<sub>8</sub><sup>2+</sup> cations are eight-membered rings with an exo-endo conformation and a long transannular bond giving an approximately bicyclo[3.3.0] octane geometry. 1,4,9 This arrangement has been described<sup>15</sup> as being halfway between the crown-shaped ring of  $Se_8$  (or  $S_8$ ) and the  $S_4N_4$  structure, which is isoelectronic with the unknown S<sub>8</sub><sup>4+</sup> cation. The Te<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>6</sub><sup>2+</sup> cation, however, has a bicyclo[2.2.2]octane structure with the two tellurium atoms occupying the bridgehead positions (Figure 2). This structure approximates to a distorted cube with three edges (the nonbonded edges in the valence-bond description) that are considerably longer than the other nine.

The Te-Se bonds in  $Te_2Se_6^{2+}$  have lengths of 2.567 (9)-2.637 (6) Å, and the average of 2.603 Å is significantly longer than the sum of the covalent radii (2.54 Å) and the average Te-Se distance of 2.57 Å in (Te<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>8</sub>)(AsF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub> and the Te<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>8</sub><sup>2+</sup> cation in (Te<sub>2</sub>- $Se_6$ )( $Te_2Se_8$ )( $AsF_6$ )<sub>4</sub>( $SO_2$ )<sub>2</sub>. Moreover, the Se(15)–Se(16) bond is significantly longer than the other two Se-Se bonds (Figure 2), and the Te(4)-Se(15) bond is longer than the average of the Te-Se bonds. These bond lengths suggest that the Se(15) site may be partially occupied by tellurium. <sup>16</sup> The average Se-Te-Se angle of 95.6° in Te<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>6</sub><sup>2+</sup> is significantly smaller than the analogous angles of 99.72 and 98.35° in the  $Te_2Se_8^{2+}$  cation in 1a and 3, respectively.

An interesting feature in the Te<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>6</sub><sup>2+</sup> cation are the three short transannular Se---Se contacts of lengths 3.34, 3.37, and 3.42 Å, that is, ca. 0.46-0.38 Å shorter than van der Waals distances. Contacts of similar length (3.30-3.49 Å) in the Se<sub>10</sub><sup>2+</sup> cation<sup>2,8</sup> have been considered to be weak "bonds". They correspond to three bonds of the parent cuneane structure, each of which have been broken by the addition of an electron pair. 15 Similarly the short Se-Se contacts in Te<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>6</sub><sup>2+</sup> can be considered to result from the breaking of three edges of a cube by the addition of three electron pairs. Many of the main-group cages can be derived from a few basic cluster geometries in this fashion.<sup>15,17</sup> That these Se...Se contacts in  $Te_2Se_6^{2+}$  represent weak cross-ring bonding is supported by the structures of the  $P_{11}^{3-}$  and  $As_{11}^{3-}$  anions.<sup>18,19</sup> In P<sub>11</sub>3- and As<sub>11</sub>3- three edges of a cube are broken by the addition

of bridging atoms rather than electron pairs.15 The resulting structures are remarkably similar (compare Figures 2 and 4).

In another view of the structure of Te<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>6</sub><sup>2+</sup> it can be considered to be derived from an idealized bicapped-trigonal-prism  $(D_{3h})$ geometry. However, in this structure all the lone pairs on selenium are eclipsed. But these lone pair repulsions can be reduced by increasing the Te-Se-Se-Te dihedral angle. A similar situation exists for cyclohexane, where the twist-boat conformation, with all C-H bonds staggered, is 1.6 kcal lower in energy than the boat, where the C-H bonds are eclipsed along two of the C-C bonds.<sup>20</sup> The Te<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>6</sub><sup>2+</sup> cation can be viewed as consisting of three fused twist boats. A perfect tetrahedral geometry about each selenium atom and a dihedral angle of 60° would result in staggered lone pairs on adjacent selenium atoms. Since lone pairs generally exert a greater repulsive effect than bond pairs,21 the projected lonepair-lone-pair angle would be expected to be greater than 120° and the most favorable dihedral angle then somewhat greater than 60°. The Te-Se-Se-Te dihedral angles in the Te<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>6</sub><sup>2+</sup> cation of 68.9, 69.2, and 69.3° are very close to that expected for the most favorable lone-pair geometry.

The Te<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>6</sub><sup>2+</sup> and Se<sub>8</sub><sup>2+</sup> structures can also be related to each other by considering the structures of  ${\rm Te_2Se_8}^{2+}$  and  ${\rm Se_{10}}^{2+}$ . Figure 3b demonstrates that removal of atoms Se(9) and Se(10) in  ${\rm Se_{10}}^{2+}$ and the formation of a long transannular bond between Se(1) and Se(5) result in the exo-endo eight-membered ring of Se<sub>8</sub><sup>2+</sup>. Formation of  $Te_2Se_6^{2+}$  from  $Te_2Se_8^{2+}$  in a fashion similar to that for  $Se_8^{2+}$  from  $Se_{10}^{2+}$  would, however, result in atoms Te(2) and Se(6) forming the transannular bond and Te(1) becoming only two-coordinate (Figure 1). Since tellurium is more electropositive than selenium, a more favorable structure would have both tellurium atoms in the three-coordinate positions, where the positive charge is presumably mainly located (cf.  $Te_2Se_8^{2+}$  and  $Te_2Se_4^{2+}$ ).<sup>5,22</sup> Formation of  $Te_2Se_6^{2+}$  by removal of two atoms from the four-atom selenium chain, however, allows both tellurium atoms to remain three-coordinate, and the resulting cubelike structure is favored over the Se<sub>8</sub><sup>2+</sup>-like structure.

The Te<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>4</sub><sup>2+</sup>, Te<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>6</sub><sup>2+</sup>, and Te<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>8</sub><sup>2+</sup> structures can be readily interpreted by using electron-precise, localized bond descriptions whereas many homopolyatomic cations and anions adopt structures that allow for charge delocalization. Thus, the trigonal-prismatic  $Te_6^{4+}$  and square-planar  $S_4^{2+}$ ,  $Se_4^{2+}$ , and  $Te_4^{2+}$  cations<sup>3,23</sup> exhibit complete charge delocalization with all atoms equivalent, the P<sub>6</sub><sup>4</sup> anion is a regular hexagon,<sup>24</sup> and the same structure has been proposed for the isovalent Te<sub>6</sub><sup>2+</sup> cation.<sup>25</sup> The charge-delocalized structure of Te<sub>6</sub><sup>2+</sup> is presumed to be more stable than a structure with localized bonding as observed in the related Te<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>4</sub><sup>2+</sup> cation. Molecular orbital calculations have revealed that there is considerable delocalization of charge in the S<sub>8</sub><sup>2+</sup> and Se<sub>8</sub><sup>2+</sup> structures and that the observed structure is the most stable for these cations. 25,26 The large electronegativity difference between tellurium and selenium, however, is apparently of greater importance in determining the structures of the mixed Te-Se cations. Since the electronegativity difference between selenium and sulfur is small, the hypothetical mixed S<sub>x</sub>Se<sub>8-x</sub><sup>2+</sup> cations would be expected to adopt the Se<sub>8</sub><sup>2+</sup> structure, while Te<sub>2</sub>S<sub>6</sub><sup>2+</sup> should be isostructural with Te<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>6</sub><sup>2+</sup>.

One might have expected the  $Se_{10}^{2+}$  cation to adopt a charge-delocalized structure, yet  $Se_{10}^{2+}$  has the same solid-state structure as Te<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>8</sub><sup>2+</sup>. Spectroscopic evidence suggests, however,

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that Se<sub>10</sub><sup>2+</sup> may not retain this structure in solution. There is a considerable difference between the solution and solid-state electronic spectra of the Se<sub>10</sub><sup>2+</sup> cation,<sup>2</sup> and <sup>77</sup>Se NMR studies have provided evidence for intramolecular exchange and isomerization in both SO<sub>2</sub> and 100% H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> solution.<sup>27</sup> In contrast, the <sup>77</sup>Se NMR spectrum of Te<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>8</sub><sup>2+</sup> in 100% H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> shows no sign of exchange and is consistent with the solid-state structure.<sup>28</sup> The Te<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>6</sub><sup>2+</sup> and Se<sub>8</sub><sup>2+</sup> cations also retain their unique solid-state structures in solution. 27,29

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# Crystal Structure and Magnetic and EPR Studies of Bis[cinchoninium tetrachlorocuprate(II)] Trihydrate Single Crystals with a Weak **Exchange Coupling**

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The crystal structure of bis[cinchoninium tetrachlorocuprate(II)] trihydrate, [(C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O)CuCl<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>·3H<sub>2</sub>O, has been established by single-crystal X-ray diffraction methods. The crystals are orthorhombic, space group  $P2_12_12_1$ , with unit cell parameters a =15.414 (3), b = 36.719 (6), and c = 7.974 (2) Å for Z = 4. The asymmetric unit consists of two tetrahedral CuCl<sub>4</sub><sup>2</sup>- anions, which are linked to two doubly protonated cinchonine molecules and three water molecules by hydrogen bonds. The CuCl<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> tetrahedrons are approximately  $D_{2d}$  flattened with the average Cl-Cu-Cl angle along the flattening axes being 145° and the (Cu-Cl) distance being 2.25 Å. The magnetic susceptibility obeys the Curie law in the temperature range from 4.2 to 350 K, and the crystal can be treated as magnetically diluted. The exchange coupling between magnetically nonequivalent Cu(II) ions, determined from a computer analysis of two-component EPR spectra, is |J| = 0.0030 (5) cm<sup>-1</sup> at 298 K and increases at low temperatures. Reflectance UV-vis spectra contain d-d bands,  $xy \rightarrow (xz,yz) = 9100 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $xy \rightarrow z^2 = 11100 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , and charge-transfer bands at 22 500 and 26 000 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The band positions are analyzed in terms of ligand field theory, by addition to the crystal field electrostatic terms of the destabilization terms from covalency of the Cu-Cl bonds described by the angular overlap model. The EPR parameters,  $g_{\parallel} = 2.292$  (4) and  $g_{\perp} = 2.051$  (4), are discussed in terms of the MO theory, including charge-transfer, orbital overlap, and ligand spin-orbit-coupling contributions.

### Introduction

Cinchonine (cin =  $C_{19}H_{22}N_2O$ ) belongs to the group of the four most important alkaloids of the Cinchona tree bark. Like the other members of this group, it is a biologically active compound and has an antimalarial activity comparable to that of quinine.<sup>4</sup> The conformation of quinine molecule has been recently described for its derivative 10-hydroxy-10-methyl-10,11-dihydroquinine,<sup>5</sup> while the absolute configuration of cinchonine (Figure 1) was determined in the course of the X-ray structure analysis of cinchoninium tetrachlorocadmate(II) dihydrate,6 which is one of the isomorphous compounds of the general formula  $cin-2HCl-MCl_2-2H_2O$  (M = Cd, Co, Zn, Hg).<sup>6,7</sup> Their crystalline structure consists of M ions tetrahedrally surrounded by chlorine anions that form a system of hydrogen bonds with nitrogen atoms of (cinH<sub>2</sub>)<sup>2+</sup> cations and with water molecules. This can be interpreted as a weak indirect interaction of M with cinchonine, as suggested by IR data. The MCl<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> complexes are well separated one from another in the crystal. Thus no magnetic or superexchange couplings between

Co(II) ions were detected by EPR<sup>8</sup> and magnetic susceptibility<sup>9</sup> in (cinH<sub>2</sub>)(CoCl<sub>4</sub>)·2H<sub>2</sub>O.

The fact that the compound with M = Cu is not isomorphous with the above series prompted us to perform X-ray diffraction, magnetic, EPR, and UV-vis studies on this compound as well as a detailed analysis of the electronic structure of CuCl<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> complexes in the crystalline state.

### **Experimental Section**

Preparation of the Compound. Bis[cinchoninium tetrachlorocuprate-(II)] trihydrate was prepared according to Dyrek's method. A solution of 10 mg of cinchonine (Koch-Light) in 60 mL of HCl (1:1) was mixed with 50 mL of CuCl<sub>2</sub> (0.5 M). The color of the solution changed rapidly from blue to green. The solution was heated for about 0.5 h on a water bath. After the solution was allowed to stand and cool, well-shaped greenish yellow crystals deposited. The crystals were filtered, washed with ethanol, and dried in the air. The crystals with a prismatic habit were elongated along the c-axis with well-developed (010) faces.

Crystal Structure Determination. The lattice parameters, determined together with other crystal data, <sup>10</sup> were confirmed and refined in the autoindexing procedure from the setting angles of 15 reflections. The intensities of reflections were measured with a four-circle automatic CAD-4 Enraf Nonius diffractometer. The crystal and data collection

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