coordination of the Sb atoms is distorted octahedral or $\psi$-octahedral.
2 SbCl $_{3} \cdot 3$ (4-phenylpyridine) : $a=9.622(1), b=$ $13.363(3), \quad c=14.445(3) Q_{2} \alpha 72.48(2), B=$ $83.28(2), \gamma=87.70(1)^{\circ}, \mathrm{P} 1, Z=2$. The most characteristic feature of the structure is the T-shaped geometry of one of the $\mathrm{SbCl}_{3}$ molecules, whereas the other is pyramidally shaped as the molecules in SbCl3 itself (Lipka, Acta Cryst. (1970) B35, 2020) and in adducts with amines. Another T-shaped $\mathrm{SbCl}_{3}$-fragment has only been found in the complex with $2,2^{\prime}$-bipyridine. Sb-Cl bond lengths vary from 2.36 to 2.74 R, depending on the strength of bonds in trans position.
2SbBr ${ }_{3} \cdot$ biphenyl: $a=11.301(15), b=11.633(16)$, $c=8.194(5)$ Q. $B=107.54(8)^{\circ}, \mathrm{P} 2_{1} / \mathrm{c}, Z=\cdot 2$. $\mathrm{SbBr}_{3}$ molecules and biphenyl molecules form a centrosymmetric complex with conlanar arrangement of the phenyl rings. In agreement with NQR (Grechiskin \& Kyuntsel, Opt. Spectry (1964) 16, 87) and Raman (Perkampus \& Schönberger, Chem. Phys. Lett. (1976) 44 (2), 348 ) results this complex differs significantly from 2SbCl 3 biphenyl (Lipka \& Mootz, Z. anorg. allg. Chem. (1978) 440, 217), where the indepentent $\mathrm{SbCl}_{3}$ molecules are differently arranged to the phenyl rings, which are not conlanar but iisnlay a digelral angle of 40.50 .
09.4-51 THE LOW TEMPERATLRE NEUTRON DIFFRACTION STUDY OF $\left[\mathrm{WH}_{6}\left(\mathrm{PPhPr}^{\mathrm{i}}\right)_{3}\right]$. By David Gregson, Judith A. K. Howard, John L. Spencer, David Turner, Department of Inorganic Chemistry, The University, Eristol BS8 ITS, England, and Sax Mason, Institute Laue Langevin, Grenoble, France.

Hydrogenolysis of hexamethyl tungsten in the presence of ( $\mathrm{PPhPr} \mathrm{i}_{2}$ ) gives the title compound. The structure of these nine co-ordinate species had been a matter of conjecture, until this definitive study was carried out. The molecular symmetry is approximately $C_{2 v}$ rather then $D_{3}$, with two of the phosphine ligands occupying prism vertices rather than the equatorial capping positions of the trigonal prism.

The results of the low temperature neutron experiment are summarised in the Figure (schematic representation).

Full details will be presented, and compared with the low temperature $X$-ray diffraction study.

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W-P(1),P(3) 2.521(2)
\(W-P(2) \quad 2.422(2)\)
W - H(mean) 1.732(3)
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$P(1)-W-P(3) 107.8(1)^{0}$
$P(2)-W-P 1,3$ 126. $0(1]$
$H(1)-W-H(2) 123.8(2)$
09.4-52 THE STRUCTURE OF THE ADDITION COMPOUND OF TRIS-(N,N-DIMETHYLACETAMIDE) HEXAAQUO PRASEODYMIUM TRIFLUOROMETHANE SULPHONATE. By R.W. Becker, E.E. Castellano, G. Vicentini and T. Tamura, Instituto de Fisica e Quimica de são Carlos, 13560 são Carlos, S.P., Brazil.
The crystal structure of the title compound $\left[\operatorname{Pr}(\mathrm{DMA})_{3}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{6}\right] \quad\left(\mathrm{F}_{3} \mathrm{CSO}_{3}\right)_{3}$ has been determined by X-ray diffractometer data and refined anisotropically to an R-factor of $9 \%$. This is part of a series of studies on the coordination of lanthanide adducts and their optical properties (Castellano and Becker, Acta Cryst. (1981), in press). 2299 independent reflections with intensities above background were measured. Space group is P 2 a and unit cell parameters are $\mathrm{a}=8.63(1), \mathrm{b}=19.89(1), \mathrm{c}=11.44(1) \mathrm{A}, \mathrm{B}=$ 103.6(1) ${ }^{\circ}$, with $Z=2$. The cation is coordinated to nine oxygen atoms located at the vertices of a tricapped trigonal prism with approximate symmetry $D_{3 h}$. Six oxygen atoms from equal number of water molecules are located at the vertices of the trigonal prism and three oxygen atoms from DMA groups are at the capping positions. The trifluoromethane sulphonate anions are not coordinated to the cation and are somewhat disordered. The fluorescence spectrum data obtained from the compound doped with Eu ${ }^{3+}$, shows selection rules approximately consistent with the ones expected for point group $D_{3 h}$ on pure symmetry grounds.

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