

On the Crystal Structure of $K_3Mn(CN)_5NO \cdot 2H_2O$

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The crystal structure of $K_3Mn(CN)_5NO \cdot 2H_2O$ has been determined by single crystal Weissenberg methods. The unit cell dimensions are $a = 17.778 \pm 0.004 \text{ \AA}$, $b = 7.050 \pm 0.003 \text{ \AA}$, $c = 11.486 \pm 0.003 \text{ \AA}$, and $\beta = 118.61 \pm 0.01^\circ$, the space group being No. 9 Cc . The structure is composed of potassium ions and complex ions of formula $Mn(CN)_5NO^{3-}$ to which water molecules are attached by hydrogen bonds. The coordination polyhedron surrounding the central manganese atom is a severely distorted octahedron, the Mn—NO distance being only 1.66 Å as compared to the mean Mn—CN distance of 1.98 Å.

The mode of coordination of the nitrosyl group in transition metal complexes has been the object of considerable discussion in recent years. An extensive programme of research into the crystal structures of the transition metal nitrosyls has therefore been started at this Department. A series of pentacyanonitrosyl metal ions are among those compounds which have been studied, the structure of the first member, $K_3Cr(CN)_5NO$, having been determined by Vannerberg.¹ The structure of $K_3Mn(CN)_5NO \cdot 2H_2O$ has now also been determined.

PREPARATION AND ANALYSIS OF $K_3Mn(CN)_5NO \cdot 2H_2O$

Manchot and Schmid² first prepared the compound in poor yield in 1926 by passing nitric oxide into a solution containing manganese(II) ion and potassium cyanide. An improved yield was obtained in 1941 by Blanchard and Magnusson³ by the addition of KOH to the reaction mixture. In 1948 Hieber, Nast and Proeschel⁴ reported an alternative method of preparation, whereby $K_3Mn(CN)_5$ is treated with a basic solution of hydroxylamine. This method was modified by Cotton, Monchamp, Henry and Young⁵ in 1959 to give an 85 % yield of very pure substance. The same method has been used to prepare crystals for this structure investigation, the product being recrystallised in order to provide single crystals suitable for Weissenberg methods.

The compound was analysed for manganese and cyanide, manganese being titrated with EDTA at pH = 10 using Eriochrom-Black T as indicator, and cyanide determined gravimetrically as AgCN. (Found: Mn 14.90; CN 34.41. Calc.: Mn 14.91; CN 35.32).

$K_3Mn(CN)_5NO \cdot 2H_2O$ may be dehydrated by storing over P_2O_5 in *vacuo*. (Found: Mn 16.51; CN 38.05. Calc.: Mn 16.53; CN 39.14).

SPACE GROUP AND UNIT CELL

Reflections were found to be absent when

$$\begin{aligned} hkl : h+k &= 2n+1 \\ h0l : l &= 2n+1 \end{aligned}$$

which is in accordance with the monoclinic space groups No. 15 $C2/c$ and No. 9 Cc . Preliminary calculations were based on the centrosymmetric space group, but it soon became obvious that a satisfactory structure determination could only be based on space group Cc .

Accurate cell dimensions were determined from Guinier powder photographs, using KCl as an internal standard ($CuK\alpha_1$ radiation, $\lambda = 1.54050 \text{ \AA}$, $a_{KCl} = 6.29194 \text{ \AA}$ at 20°C).⁶ 32 reflections were indexed with the Algol Programme Xalg Powder⁷ and the same programme was used to refine the cell constants. The cell dimensions thus obtained were

Table 1. Observed and calculated values of $\sin^2\theta$ and corresponding intensities for 32 reflections recorded by Guinier powder methods.

h	k	l	$10^5 \sin^2\theta$ obs	$10^6 \sin^2\theta$ calc	I_{obs}	I_{calc}
2	0	0	976	974	vw	47
1	1	0	1439	1437	m	103
1	1	-1	1661	1660	vvw	22
2	0	-2	1864	1864	w	34
1	1	1	2385	2382	vvw	20
1	1	-2	3053	3050	w	45
3	1	0	3398	3386	vvw	13
3	1	-2	3559	3553	s	144
4	0	0	3910	3897	w	67
1	1	2	4505	4494	m	118
2	0	2	4766	4753	vvw	7
3	1	1	5055	5053	vvw	8
0	2	-1	5375	5358	vw	24
2	2	0	5763	5749	vvw	19
5	1	-3	7123	7118	m	95
2	0	-4	7425	7422	w	46
1	1	3	7780	7772	m	108
4	2	-1	7817	7811	m	84
3	1	2	7888	7887	w	43
3	1	-4	8391	8389	vw	27
4	2	0	8677	8672	m	86
6	0	0	8776	8767	vw	15
1	1	-4	9330	9329	vvw	11
5	1	-4	9402	9397	vvw	16
6	0	-4	9443	9438	vw	31
5	1	1	9678	9672	vvw	13
7	1	-2	10420	10407	vw	28
4	2	1	10697	10700	vvw	13
7	1	-3	10805	10797	vvw	16
1	3	-2	12603	12599	m	74
2	0	4	13220	13199	w	14
5	1	2	13220	13228	w	25

$$\begin{aligned}
 a &= 17.778 \pm 0.004 \text{ \AA} \\
 b &= 7.050 \pm 0.003 \text{ \AA} \\
 c &= 11.486 \pm 0.003 \text{ \AA} \\
 \beta &= 118.61 \pm 0.01^\circ \\
 V &= 1263.8 \text{ \AA}^3
 \end{aligned}$$

Observed and calculated values of $\sin^2 \theta$ and the corresponding intensities of the reflections are listed in Table 1.

The density found experimentally was 1.9 g/cm³, indicating four formula units per unit cell. The calculated density is 1.93 g/cm³.

STRUCTURE DETERMINATION

The layers $h0l - h7l$ and $hk0 - hk5$ were registered according to the single crystal Weissenberg method, using multiple film techniques. The relative intensities of the reflections were estimated visually by comparison with a standard scale and corrected for Lorentz' and polarisation effects.

An approximate structure determination was first performed using the $hk0 - hk5$ data, which were recorded with CuK α radiation. In order to index the reflections obtained by rotation around the c axis it was convenient to know the monoclinic angle β . Another crystal was therefore rotated around the b axis and the layers $h0l - h4l$ were recorded with CuK α radiation. These photographs were, however, not of sufficiently high quality for accurate intensity measurements, but sufficed to determine β and to help in the approximate scaling together of the intensities obtained from rotation around the c axis.

A "three-dimensional" Patterson synthesis based on the data from the c axis yielded the following strongest peaks.

u	v	w	Peak height (arbitrary units)
0.00	0.03	0.50	1220
0.50	0.47	0.50	1220
0.50	0.03	0.23	940
0.50	0.03	0.77	940
0.00	0.47	0.23	940
0.00	0.47	0.77	940

The four manganese atoms were preliminarily assigned the position $C2/c:4(a)$ and four of the potassium atoms were assigned the position $C2/c : 4(e)$ with $y = 0.5$.

A "three-dimensional" Fourier synthesis based on these positions revealed the positions of the other eight potassium atoms, and a structure factor calculation with assigned isotropic temperature factors of 3.5 for all atoms gave an R value of 0.41. A second Fourier synthesis based on the manganese and potassium positions revealed the positions of all the remaining atoms, the

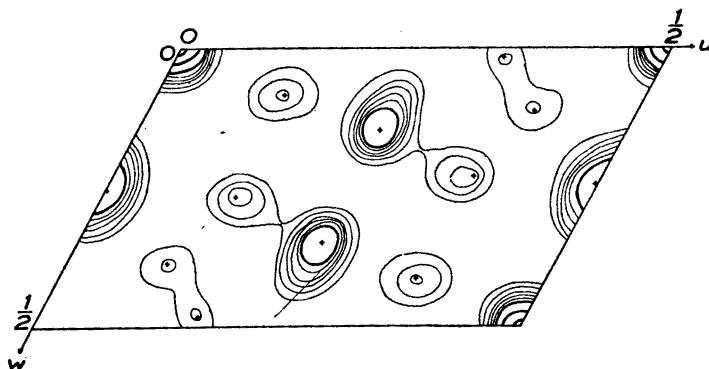


Fig. 1. Vector density projection of $K_3Mn(CN)_5NO \cdot 2H_2O$ along [010]. Each heavy line is equivalent to five fine lines.

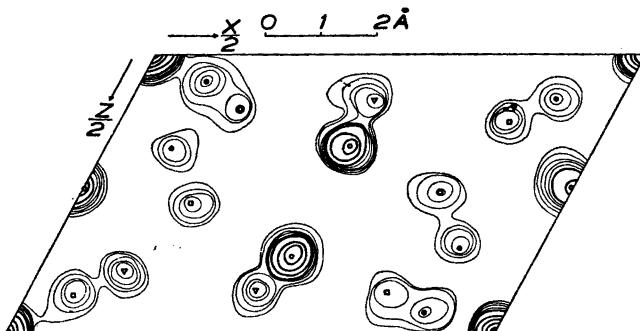


Fig. 2. Electron density projection of $K_3Mn(CN)_5NO \cdot 2H_2O$ along [010]. Heavy and fine lines represent contours of $10e/\text{\AA}^3$ and $2e/\text{\AA}^3$, respectively.

corresponding R value being 0.28. The nitrosyl groups could not be identified at this stage and were therefore treated as cyanide groups.

It was obvious that, if a statistical arrangement is excluded, the manganese atoms could not occupy centres of symmetry since each manganese atom was known to be surrounded by an asymmetric arrangement of five cyanide groups and one nitrosyl group. The space group Cc was therefore adopted.

After a few cycles of isotropic least squares refinement a calculation of bond distances and angles revealed five cyanide groups at approximately equal distances and, as expected,^{8,9} one group at a considerably shorter distance around each manganese atom. The atoms of this group were labelled nitrogen and oxygen.

At this stage a new set of data, obtained by rotating another crystal around the b axis, was available. The layers $h0l - h7l$ were registered with

$\text{MoK}\alpha$ radiation using Zr filters. No absorption corrections were applied owing to the low value of the linear absorption coefficient (20.63 cm^{-1}) and the small size of the crystal.

Table 2. Positional and thermal parameters of the atoms including their standard deviations.

Atom	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$\sigma(x)$	$\sigma(y)$	$\sigma(z)$
Mn	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
K(1)	0.25080	0.13936	0.36246	0.00025	0.00052	0.00038
K(2)	0.24752	0.35949	0.66831	0.00024	0.00055	0.00037
K(3)	0.49315	0.03635	0.23752	0.00038	0.00056	0.00059
C(1)	0.41410	0.36819	0.34008	0.00084	0.00219	0.00133
C(2)	0.07583	0.11451	0.67357	0.00095	0.00215	0.00145
C(3)	0.43705	0.37243	0.58432	0.00079	0.00212	0.00124
C(4)	0.07117	0.23079	0.05564	0.00084	0.00214	0.00149
C(5)	0.41759	0.28523	0.95866	0.00087	0.00211	0.00149
N(1)	0.36452	0.28600	0.24960	0.00107	0.00248	0.00167
N(2)	0.12486	0.18800	0.77426	0.00086	0.00214	0.00136
N(3)	0.39417	0.29241	0.61906	0.00094	0.00233	0.00153
N(4)	0.11496	0.36628	0.09395	0.00126	0.00278	0.00226
N(5)	0.37176	0.16115	0.93830	0.00115	0.00247	0.00178
N(6)	0.05115	0.11502	0.43332	0.00082	0.00201	0.00129
O(1)	0.24275	0.01632	0.08504	0.00085	0.00179	0.00134
O(2)	0.23839	0.48348	0.93180	0.00088	0.00204	0.00149
O(3)	0.08814	0.21253	0.39060	0.00073	0.00186	0.00117
Vibrations						
Mn	0.01363	0.01922	0.02042	0.00268	0.00392	-0.00157
K(1)	0.02719	0.02786	0.02648	-0.00145	0.01383	0.00112
K(2)	0.02938	0.03196	0.02537	0.00136	0.01427	0.00478
K(3)	0.04237	0.02772	0.06815	-0.00248	0.01709	-0.00068
C(1)	0.01229	0.03400	0.02233	-0.00230	0.00779	-0.00261
C(2)	0.01743	0.02131	0.02499	-0.00366	0.00501	-0.00117
C(3)	0.01477	0.02842	0.01379	0.00447	0.00042	0.00194
C(4)	0.01343	0.02765	0.03492	0.00078	0.01379	-0.00033
C(5)	0.02026	0.02148	0.02911	0.00872	0.01082	0.00425
N(1)	0.04314	0.03299	0.04063	-0.00487	0.01659	-0.00865
N(2)	0.01938	0.03980	0.02402	-0.00139	0.00437	-0.00072
N(3)	0.02496	0.03651	0.03822	-0.00009	0.01183	-0.00084
N(4)	0.04211	0.03953	0.08105	-0.01165	0.03498	-0.00894
N(5)	0.04083	0.03516	0.04714	-0.00438	0.01578	-0.01161
N(6)	0.02142	0.03185	0.02165	0.00054	0.00811	0.00278
O(1)	0.02426	0.03225	0.04506	-0.00307	0.01618	-0.00404
O(2)	0.03429	0.03874	0.04094	0.00395	0.01854	0.00304
O(3)	0.02059	0.03972	0.03169	0.00788	0.01020	-0.00062

Since absorption errors were known to be much smaller for these data, the two sets of structure factors were not combined.

A structure factor calculation was based on these new data and the refined positions and isotropic temperature factors previously obtained. From the F_c/F_o fractions of the different layers of the *b* axis, the layer scale factors could be calculated, and the parameters obtained from the *c* axis data were refined isotropically with the new data. The *R* value converged to 0.093.

Table 3. Interatomic distances with their standard deviations.

Bond	$L \pm \sigma(\text{\AA})$	Bond	$L \pm \sigma(\text{\AA})$
Mn—C(1)	1.97 \pm 0.01	K(2)—N(4)	2.85 \pm 0.02
Mn—C(2)	1.97 \pm 0.02	K(2)—N(5)	3.15 \pm 0.02
Mn—C(3)	2.01 \pm 0.01	K(2)—O(1)	2.80 \pm 0.01
Mn—C(4)	1.97 \pm 0.02	K(2)—O(2)	2.87 \pm 0.02
Mn—C(5)	2.00 \pm 0.01	K(2)—O(2)	3.23 \pm 0.02
Mn—N(6)	1.66 \pm 0.01	K(2)—O(3)	3.26 \pm 0.01
N(1)—C(1)	1.15 \pm 0.02	O(2)—N(2)	2.86 \pm 0.02
N(2)—C(2)	1.18 \pm 0.02	O(2)—O(3)	3.28 \pm 0.02
N(3)—C(3)	1.16 \pm 0.02	O(2)—N(3)	3.01 \pm 0.02
N(4)—C(4)	1.18 \pm 0.02	O(1)—N(3)	3.34 \pm 0.02
N(5)—C(5)	1.14 \pm 0.02	O(1)—O(3)	3.04 \pm 0.02
N(6)—O(3)	1.21 \pm 0.02	O(1)—N(1)	2.82 \pm 0.02
K(1)—N(1)	3.06 \pm 0.02	K(3)—C(1)	3.23 \pm 0.02
K(1)—N(2)	3.03 \pm 0.02	K(3)—C(2)	3.13 \pm 0.02
K(1)—N(3)	3.03 \pm 0.02	K(3)—C(3)	3.27 \pm 0.02
K(1)—N(4)	3.28 \pm 0.02	K(3)—C(4)	3.62 \pm 0.01
K(1)—N(5)	2.84 \pm 0.02	K(3)—C(5)	3.32 \pm 0.02
K(1)—O(1)	2.85 \pm 0.01	K(3)—N(1)	2.94 \pm 0.02
K(1)—O(1)	3.24 \pm 0.01	K(3)—N(2)	2.91 \pm 0.02
K(1)—O(2)	2.82 \pm 0.02	K(3)—N(3)	2.83 \pm 0.02
K(1)—O(3)	3.10 \pm 0.01	K(3)—N(4)	3.50 \pm 0.02
K(2)—N(1)	3.10 \pm 0.02	K(3)—N(5)	3.18 \pm 0.02
K(2)—N(2)	3.20 \pm 0.01	K(3)—N(6)	3.57 \pm 0.02
K(2)—N(3)	2.96 \pm 0.02	K(3)—O(3)	2.88 \pm 0.01

Table 4. Angles with their standard deviations.

Angle	$\theta \pm \sigma^\circ$	Angle	$\theta \pm \sigma^\circ$
C(1)—Mn—C(2)	170.9 \pm 0.6	Mn—C(1)—N(1)	177.6 \pm 1.5
C(1)—Mn—C(3)	82.9 \pm 0.5	Mn—C(2)—N(2)	175.4 \pm 1.3
C(1)—Mn—C(4)	90.2 \pm 0.6	Mn—C(3)—N(3)	172.5 \pm 1.2
C(1)—Mn—C(5)	89.0 \pm 0.6	Mn—C(4)—N(4)	177.4 \pm 1.6
C(1)—Mn—N(6)	98.7 \pm 0.6	Mn—C(5)—N(5)	178.3 \pm 1.5
C(2)—Mn—C(3)	88.0 \pm 0.6	Mn—N(6)—O(3)	174.3 \pm 1.3
C(2)—Mn—C(4)	89.3 \pm 0.6	O(1)—K(1)—O(2)	124.0 \pm 0.4
C(2)—Mn—C(5)	89.9 \pm 0.6	O(1)—K(1)—O(2)	93.8 \pm 0.4
C(2)—Mn—N(6)	90.4 \pm 0.6	O(1)—K(1)—O(1)	141.5 \pm 0.2
C(3)—Mn—C(4)	83.9 \pm 0.6	O(1)—K(2)—O(2)	124.7 \pm 0.4
C(3)—Mn—C(5)	86.5 \pm 0.6	O(1)—K(2)—O(2)	93.6 \pm 0.4
C(3)—Mn—N(6)	177.2 \pm 0.6	O(2)—K(2)—O(2)	141.2 \pm 0.2
C(4)—Mn—C(5)	170.4 \pm 0.6	N(1)—O(1)—N(3)	92.5 \pm 0.6
C(4)—Mn—N(6)	98.3 \pm 0.6	N(2)—O(2)—O(3)	96.1 \pm 0.5
C(5)—Mn—N(6)	91.2 \pm 0.6	N(1)—O(1)—O(3)	169.3 \pm 0.7
		N(2)—O(2)—N(3)	164.0 \pm 0.7

Three cycles of refinement with anisotropic thermal parameters assigned to all atoms gave an R value of 0.072.

The data were such that it was possible to distinguish the position of the nitrosyl group unequivocally. Thus the NO group and the diametrically opposite CN group were interchanged, whereupon the temperature coefficients for the atoms which were assumed to be N(6) and O(3) but were in reality C(3) and N(3) increased, whereas those for the atoms assumed to be C(3) and

Table 5. Observed and calculated structure factors for $K_3Mn(CN)_6NO \cdot 2H_2O$.

h	k	l	Pobs	Fcalc	h	k	l	Pobs	Fcalc	h	k	l	Pobs	Fcalc	h	k	l	Pobs	Fcalc	h	k	l	Pobs	Fcalc	
0	0	0	6092	6760	15	-1	-1	3195	2850	17	-1	-9	3925	4051	16	-2	-8	3927	3551	9	-3	-5	4721	4505	
0	0	0	16277	17388	13	-1	-1	2264	1870	17	-1	-9	2728	2022	17	-2	-8	3070	3218	13	-3	-5	3004	3051	
0	0	0	12046	12046	11	-1	-1	2121	1970	17	-1	-9	2514	2518	17	-2	-8	5049	4720	7	-3	-5	6522	6557	
0	0	0	12340	21627	11	-1	-1	6609	6455	9	-1	-9	4336	4710	10	-2	-8	5998	5709	5	-3	-3	2561	2268	
0	0	0	9874	9473	3	-1	-1	5431	5063	5	-1	-9	2459	2031	5	-2	-8	4703	5100	1	-3	-3	4093	4075	
0	0	0	4454	4454	3	-1	-1	4741	3154	3	-1	-9	4383	4043	6	-2	-8	4454	4504	3	-3	-3	4933	4924	
0	0	0	4504	3950	3	-1	-1	4976	1835	21	-1	-10	2805	3134	2	-2	-8	5222	4740	11	-3	-8	3028	3079	
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0	0	0	3029	4250	13	-1	-1	3192	2463	11	-1	-10	3092	3166	6	-2	-8	3268	3616	9	-3	-3	1996	1436	
0	0	0	4613	4265	23	-1	-1	2574	2463	11	-1	-10	3431	3680	12	-2	-8	4799	4203	7	-3	-5	3502	3307	
0	0	0	4007	3115	19	-1	-1	4403	4808	9	-1	-10	4041	4519	10	-2	-8	4185	4185	5	-3	-3	2959	2781	
0	0	0	3623	2079	17	-1	-1	3402	3560	7	-1	-10	5044	5365	2	-2	-8	4704	4449	3	-3	-3	2721	2221	
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0	0	0	5747	4607	13	-1	-1	5340	5387	3	-1	-10	4100	4183	0	-2	-10	5253	4740	10	-3	-8	2595	2173	
0	0	0	5094	3969	11	-1	-1	8099	9252	1	-1	-10	3148	2921	2	-2	-10	4619	2940	21	-3	-10	2463	2520	
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0	0	0	6863	7070	5	-1	-1	1240	14205	5	-1	-12	2762	2764	2	-2	-11	5023	4213	5	-3	-10	3010	2930	
0	0	0	3651	3837	7	-1	-1	4809	5660	1	-1	-12	4072	3698	12	-2	-12	3290	3136	3	-3	-10	4391	4615	
0	0	0	10168	10153	9	-1	-1	8772	8964	17	-1	-13	2667	2351	12	-2	-12	4041	3716	1	-3	-8	3230	3065	
0	0	0	2259	2259	9	-1	-1	5061	5061	1	-1	-10	3668	3830	17	-2	-12	4246	3821	1	-3	-10	3807	3712	
0	0	0	13780	14623	13	-1	-1	5079	4000	4044	15	-1	-14	2843	2835	9	-3	-10	4652	4235	5	-3	-10	3237	3100
0	0	0	18933	19113	19	-1	-1	2683	2680	9	-1	-12	2444	2495	1	-2	-8	4184	4184	17	-3	-11	2295	1825	
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$N(3)$, but in fact $N(6)$ and $O(3)$, decreased. At the same time a somewhat larger R value was obtained.

The final parameters were also used in a structure factor calculation with the c axis data, recorded with $CuK\alpha$ radiation, giving an R value as high as 0.15, owing to severe absorption errors which were not corrected for.

The atomic parameters are given in Table 2. The most interesting bond distances and angles are given in Tables 3 and 4.

The Lorentz' and polarisation correction, the Patterson synthesis, all structure factor calculations, Fourier syntheses and least squares refinement were performed on the SAAB D21 computer at the University Computing Center, Gothenburg, using programmes written by Abrahamsson *et al.*¹⁰⁻¹³ Bond distances and angles were calculated on the computer CD 3600 at the University Computing Center, Uppsala, using the programme DISTAN written by Zalkin and modified by Lundgren and Liminga.¹⁴

IR Spectra. The IR spectra of $K_3Mn(CN)_5NO \cdot 2H_2O$ and $K_3Mn(CN)_5NO$ were recorded and found to be in agreement with those reported by Cotton *et al.*⁵

Magnetic properties. The diamagnetism of the compound reported by Cotton *et al.*⁵ was confirmed.

DISCUSSION

The structure of $K_3Mn(CN)_5NO \cdot 2H_2O$, illustrated in Fig. 3, is composed of potassium ions and complex ions of formula $Mn(CN)_5NO^{3-}$ to which water molecules are attached by hydrogen bonds.

The coordination polyhedron surrounding the central manganese atom is a distorted octahedron of point symmetry C_{4v} in which the $Mn-CN$ bond distances vary between 1.97 and 2.01 Å and the $Mn-NO$ bond distance is

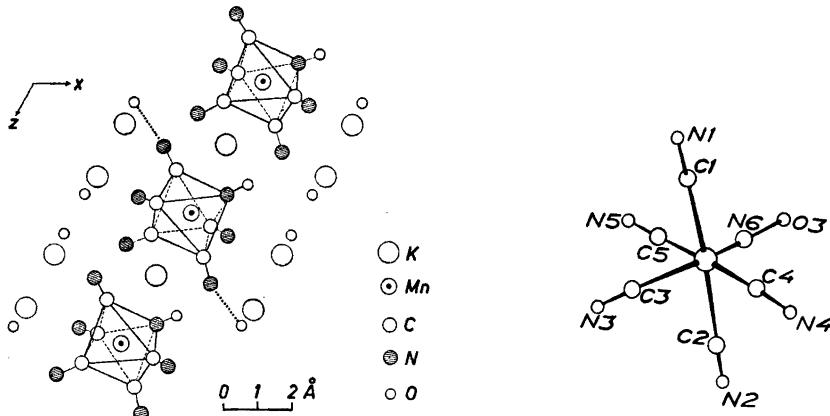


Fig. 3. Projection of the structure of $K_3Mn(CN)_5NO \cdot 2H_2O$ along [010]. The Mn atoms lie in the $[0\frac{1}{2}0]$ plane. Dotted lines indicate possible hydrogen bonds.

1.66 Å. The Mn—C—N and Mn—N—O bond angles are almost linear, but there are some significant deviations from 180°, the largest deviation being observed for the cyanide group opposite to the nitrosyl group. Three of the carbon atoms and the nitrogen atom of the nitrosyl group define a plane which also contains the manganese atom. The manganese atom does not, however, lie in the plane defined by the four carbon atoms C(1), C(4), C(2), and C(5), Fig. 4, but is displaced approximately 0.16 Å towards the nitrosyl group. This means that the angle between the Mn—N(6) and Mn—C bonds is greater than 90° for C(1) and C(4), cf. Table 4. A similar distortion has been reported for the nitroprusside ion.¹⁵ In this structure determination, however, the N—O bond distance was found to be only 1.13 Å, which is remarkably short compared with the N—O distance found in this structure 1.21 Å.

The configuration of the complex ion is in fairly good agreement with the model suggested by Ballhausen and Gray^{8,9} in which nearly all the π -bonding is axially directed. A very strong π -bond was thus expected to occur between manganese and the nitrosyl group or the diametrically opposite cyanide group. An Mn—N bond distance of 1.66 Å, which is much shorter than the sum (1.91 Å) of the covalent radii was also found, while the N—O bond distance is considerably longer (1.21 Å) than the bond distance in nitric oxide (1.14 Å). This is due to the occupation of antibonding π -orbitals of the NO group. The bond length 1.21 Å is slightly longer than the bond distance expected for a double bond (1.18 Å).

The fact that the manganese atom does not lie in the plane formed by the four carbon atoms C(1), C(4), C(2), and C(5) may be explained if the d_{xy} orbital is assumed to have an antibonding character rather than nonbonding as in the Ballhausen-Gray treatment. The Mn—C bond distances are 1.97–2.01 Å, which may be compared with the sum (1.94 Å) of the covalent radii. This somewhat larger distance can be due to the same repulsive effect.

The potassium atoms K(1) and K(2) are surrounded by four oxygen and five nitrogen atoms, in the form of a very distorted face centered trigonal prism, an idealized picture of which is shown in Fig. 5. K(3) appears to be distorted octahedrally coordinated by five CN-groups and one NO-group and thus has 12 nearest neighbours (see Table 3).

The short O(1)—N(1) and O(2)—N(2) distances, 2.82 and 2.86 Å, respectively, indicate that two of the four hydrogen atoms are located in these directions. These bind the water molecules to the complex group. The other

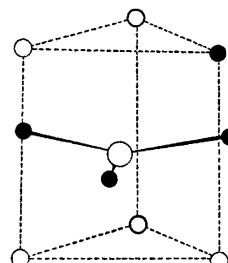


Fig. 5. The coordination polyhedron of K(1). Oxygen atoms are denoted by shaded rings.

distances from the water oxygen atoms to the NO and CN groups are such that hydrogen bonding may be suspected to occur also for the two remaining hydrogen atoms. Thus the distances O(1)—O(3) and O(2)—N(3) are 3.04 Å and 3.01 Å. A "three-dimensional" Fourier $|F_o - F_c|$ synthesis also shows indications of peaks attributable to hydrogen atoms in these directions. IR data also suggest that the nitrosyl group participates in hydrogen bonding.⁵

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