

The Crystal Structure of *trans*-Dichloridodiaquoethylenediaminechromium(III) Chloride, *trans*-[CrCl₂(H₂O)₂en]Cl

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The structure of one of the three possible isomers of [CrCl₂(H₂O)₂en]Cl has been determined from visually estimated X-ray data by Patterson and Fourier methods and refined by the least-squares technique to a final *R*-value of 0.117 for 866 observed reflexions.

The crystals are orthorhombic, belonging to space group *Pmc*2₁, with *a* = 8.811 Å, *b* = 7.539 Å, and *c* = 14.256 Å. There are four formula units in the cell. Every chromium atom is octahedrally surrounded by two chlorine atoms in *trans* positions, the two nitrogen atoms of the ethylenediamine molecule, and two water oxygen atoms. The crystals are composed of [CrCl₂(H₂O)₂en]⁺ and Cl⁻ ions.

Average bond distances and angles are: Cr-Cl 2.32 Å, Cr-N 2.08 Å, Cr-O 2.05 Å, Cl-Cr-Cl 179.1°, N-Cr-N 83.1° and O-Cr-O 96.7°.

House and Garner¹ have used diperoxidoamines of chromium(IV) in the synthesis of amine complexes of chromium(III). In particular, they have devised a simpler and more efficient method to synthesize Weinmann's blue, [CrCl₂(H₂O)₂en]Cl.^{2,3} In connection with this work the question has arisen which of the three theoretically possible geometric configurations is adopted by the [CrCl₂(H₂O)₂en]⁺ ion.

The kinetics of aquation of the [CrCl₂(H₂O)₂en]⁺ ion in acid solution has been investigated by these authors⁴ in the hope that the kinetic data and identification of aquation products might have been of help in characterizing the geometric configuration. Since the "wet" chemical methods have failed to give a conclusive answer, one of the present authors (R. S.) has been asked by Dr. House to perform the crystal structure analysis of Weinmann's blue.

Table 1. Observed lines in the powder photograph of *trans*-[CrCl₂(H₂O)₂en]Cl.
 $\lambda(\text{CuK}\alpha_1) = 1.54051 \text{ \AA}$.

<i>h k l</i>	$10^5 \times \sin^2\theta_{\text{obs}}$	$10^5 \times \sin^2\theta_{\text{calc}}$	<i>I</i> _{obs}	<i>d</i> _{obs}
0 0 2	1176	1168	w	7.103
0 1 1	1341	1336	st	6.651
1 1 0	1810	1808	w	5.725
1 0 2	1936	1932	vst	5.536
1 1 1	2107	2100	vst	5.307
0 1 2	2216	2212	m	5.174
1 1 2	2974	2976	vw	4.466
2 0 0	3062	3057	w	4.402
0 1 3	3673	3671	vst	4.019
2 1 0	4096	4100	vvw	3.806
2 0 2	4224	4224	m	3.748
0 2 1	4464	4467	vst	3.636
0 0 4	4676	4671	st	3.562
1 0 4	5446	5435	vvw	3.301
0 1 4	5716	5715	w	3.222
1 1 4	6480	6479	vw	3.026
2 1 3	6728	6728	w	2.970
0 2 3	6794	6803	w	2.955
2 2 1	7527	7524	w	2.808
1 2 3	7570	7567	w	2.800
2 0 4	7726	7728	w	2.771
3 1 0	7945	7921	vvw	2.733
3 0 2	8047	8045	w	2.715
3 1 1	8214	8213	w	2.688
0 1 5	8342	8342	vvw	2.667
2 1 4	8776	8771	m	2.600
1 1 5	9116	9107	vw	2.551
2 2 3	9864	9859	vw	2.452
0 3 2	10550	10562	m	2.370
0 2 5	11467	11474	m	2.274
0 1 6	11579	11554	w	2.266
4 0 0	12227	12226	m	2.203
3 1 4	12599	12592	vvw	2.171
4 1 1	13570	13562	vw	2.092
3 2 3	13660	13680	vvw	2.082
0 3 4	14075	14065	vvw	2.054
4 1 2	14443	14438	vvw	2.027
2 2 5	14553	14530	vvw	2.021
0 2 6	14686	14685	vvw	2.010
1 3 4	14841	14829	vvw	2.000
3 1 5	15244	15220	vvw	1.9728
0 1 7	15347	15349	m	1.9662
4 1 3	15911	15897	m	1.9310
4 2 1	16711	16693	m	1.8842
4 0 4	16913	16897	vw	1.8729
1 2 7	19233	19245	vvw	1.7563
1 0 8	19471	19449	vvw	1.7456
0 1 8	19734	19728	vw	1.7339
1 3 6	20654	20668	vvw	1.6948
0 4 4	21388	21372	vvw	1.6655
4 0 6	22743	22736	vw	1.6151
4 2 5	23700	23700	vvw	1.5822
4 1 6	23780	23780	vvw	1.5795
3 2 7	25380	25358	vvw	1.5289
4 3 4	26306	26291	vvw	1.5018
4 1 7	27561	27575	vw	1.4672
6 0 2	28670	28677	vvw	1.4385
0 0 10	29198	29194	vw	1.4255
4 1 8	31943	31954	vvw	1.3628

EXPERIMENTAL

Preparation and analysis of the crystals. Crystals of Weinmann's blue, suitable for X-ray diffraction experiments, were produced by the method proposed by House and Garner.¹ Our crystals showed exactly the same X-ray powder pattern as those kindly analyzed and sent to us by Dr. House.

X-Ray methods. Accurate cell dimensions were obtained from X-ray powder photographs taken in a Guinier focusing camera with $\text{CuK}\alpha$ radiation, using KCl ($a=6.2929$ Å at 20°C)⁵ as an internal standard.

For the single crystal work multiple film (5 films) equi-inclination Weissenberg photographs were taken of crystals of approximate dimensions $0.1 \times 0.1 \times 0.2$ mm with rotation about $[100]$ (layer lines 0–8) and $[001]$ (layer line 0), using $\text{CuK}\alpha$ radiation. Three crystals were used.

The relative intensities of the reflexions were estimated visually by comparison with a standard scale (obtained by the rotating sector method) and were corrected using Lorentz' and polarization factors. Absorption and extinction effects were not considered. The $|F_o|$ -values were brought to an absolute scale by comparison with the finally calculated structure factors.

Computing methods. The computational work, including least-squares refinement of the cell dimensions, Lorentz' and polarization corrections, Fourier summations, structure factor least-squares refinements and calculation of interatomic distances and angles, was performed on the electronic computer SAAB D21 using a set of crystallographic programmes written by Abrahamsson, Aleby, Larsson, Lindqvist and Wengelin.⁶⁻¹¹

The atomic scattering factors used in the calculation of the structure factors were taken from Volume III of the *International Tables for X-ray Crystallography*, 1962.

UNIT CELL AND SPACE GROUP

The unit cell parameters were obtained from the measured $\sin^2\theta$ values by a least-squares procedure using 59 observed lines. $[\text{CrCl}_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\text{en}]\text{Cl}$ was then found to be orthorhombic with

$a=8.811 \pm 0.003$ Å, $b=7.539 \pm 0.006$ Å, $c=14.256 \pm 0.006$ Å, $V=947.0$ Å³. (The errors given are 3σ).

Calculated and observed $\sin^2\theta$ values are given in Table 1.

The systematically absent reflexions were

$h0l$ with $l=2n+1$
and $h00$ with $h=2n+1$

The first condition is characteristic of the space groups $Pmc2_1$ (No. 26), $P2cm$ (No. 28), and $Pmcm$ (No. 51). The second condition does not apply to anyone of the ordinary space groups. It is taken to be "accidental" but it has, of course, a significant structural meaning (see below).

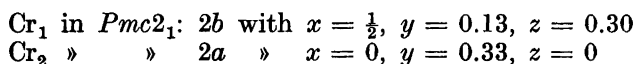
The density of the crystals, determined by weighing a sample in air and benzene, is 1.71 g/cm³. The density calculated for a unit cell containing four formula units is 1.73 g/cm³.

STRUCTURE DETERMINATION

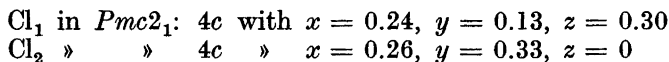
Atomic positions. The Patterson function $P(uvw)$ showed the following large maxima:

<i>u</i>	<i>v</i>	<i>w</i>	peak height (arbitrary units)	<i>u</i>	<i>v</i>	<i>w</i>	peak height (arbitrary units)
0	0	0	3826	$\frac{1}{2}$	0.20	0.30	855
0.26	0	0	1455	0.26	0.29	$\frac{1}{2}$	628
0	0.27	$\frac{1}{2}$	1394	0.24	$\frac{1}{2}$	0.20	615
$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	1333	$\frac{1}{2}$	0.24	$\frac{1}{2}$	595
$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0.20	1052	0.24	0.21	0.30	404

The above-mentioned fact that $h00$ reflexions are observed only for $h=2n$ means that if the x value of the position of one atom is x_1 , there will be an atom of the same kind (but not necessarily symmetry-related) at, or very near, $x_1+\frac{1}{2}$. This is consistent with the fact that $P(uvw)$ has many large maxima at $u=0$ and $\frac{1}{2}$. Since all the remaining heavy peaks of $P(uvw)$ have $u \approx \frac{1}{2}$ the space group has at least approximate mirror planes perpendicular to the a axis at $x=0$ and $\frac{1}{2}$. This makes it probable that the space group is either $Pmc2_1$ or $Pmcm$ with the chromium and chlorine atoms in planes at $x=0, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2},$ and $\frac{3}{4}$. From this and space considerations one can conclude that the chromium atoms are situated in the mirror planes, the four chromium atoms in the cell thus occupying two two-fold positions. Comparison between calculated and observed interatomic vectors, with due account taken of possible interatomic distances, indicates that the only possible space group is $Pmc2_1$ with the following chromium positions:



The structure was then solved in the usual, rather straightforward, manner. It was quite obvious that the highest Patterson peak (at 0.26, 0, 0) with the length 2.3 Å, which is a normal Cr—Cl bond length, could be interpreted as overlapping Cr—Cl vectors. The coordinated chlorine atoms would consequently occupy two four-fold positions with the same y and z coordinates as the chromium atoms and the x values 0.24 and 0.26. Probable coordinates for the two chlorine atoms of the asymmetric unit would thus be:



A Fourier summation of the observed structure factors was then undertaken with the signs of the Fourier coefficients being determined by the contribution from the atoms $\text{Cr}_1, \text{Cr}_2, \text{Cl}_1,$ and Cl_2 . This showed large peaks at all the above positions with relative magnitudes expected for the chromium and chlorine atoms. There were also minor peaks in the mirror planes about the chromium positions. These were taken to be the oxygen and nitrogen sites. Possible positions of the remaining chlorine atoms were found both at $x=0$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ and $x=\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$. Calculation of $F(h00)$ values and comparison with observed structure factors made it obvious that the chloride ions occupy the position Cl_3 in $Pmc2_1: 4c$ with $x=0.25, y=0.61, z=0.24$.

As the nitrogen atoms form tetrahedral bonds in the ethylenediamine molecule and as they lie in the mirror plane containing the chromium and

oxygen atoms, the carbon atoms must be out of this plane. There are two possible solutions to this problem. One is that the correct space group is the monoclinic one Pc . The other is to assume that the four carbon atoms of the unit cell statistically occupy two four-fold positions of $Pmc2_1$. The contribution from the carbon atoms to the structure factors is so small that it is impos-

Table 2a. Atomic coordinates (expressed in fractions of the cell edges) and isotropic thermal parameters with their standard deviations for *trans*- $[\text{CrCl}_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\text{en}]\text{Cl}$.

The temperature factor $=\exp[-B(\sin^2\theta)/\lambda^2]$. Space group $Pmc2_1$. 4 molecules in the unit cell. All atoms occupy the twofold positions 2a and 2b except Cl and C which occupy the position 4c.

Atom	x	y	z	B \AA^2	$\sigma(x)$ $\times 10^4$	$\sigma(y)$ $\times 10^4$	$\sigma(z)$ $\times 10^4$	$\sigma(B)$ \AA^2
Cr_1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0.1311	0.3172			6	4	
Cr_2	0	0.3315	0.0134			6	4	
Cl_1	0.2372	0.1296	0.3167		6	7	4	
Cl_2	0.2637	0.6707	0.5145		5	7	4	
Cl_3	0.2547	0.6094	0.2395		7	7	6	
O_1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0.2895	0.2027	4.20		27	16	0.39
O_2	$\frac{1}{2}$	0.8945	0.2483	4.31		25	16	0.39
O_3	0	0.5540	0.1009	4.23		27	15	0.40
O_4	0	0.5318	0.3910	3.67		25	14	0.36
N_1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0.0001	0.4457	3.45		32	17	0.39
N_2	$\frac{1}{2}$	0.3578	0.4051	3.93		30	18	0.46
N_3	0	0.1786	0.1346	4.05		32	19	0.46
N_4	0	0.9085	0.4466	3.56		29	17	0.42
C_1	0.5415	0.8867	0.0199	4.99	47	47	34	0.96
C_2	0.5406	0.2984	0.5098	6.59	55	63	45	1.18
C_3	0.0368	0.9894	0.1213	7.84	70	84	43	1.47
C_4	0.0312	0.9419	0.0112	4.39	43	43	30	0.73

Table 2b. Anisotropic temperature parameters U_{ij} (with their standard deviations in parentheses). The expression used is

$$\exp - 2\pi^2 (h^2 a^{*2} U_{11} + k^2 b^{*2} U_{22} + l^2 c^{*2} U_{33} + 2klb^*c^* U_{23} + 2lhc^*a^* U_{31} + 2hka^*b^* U_{12}).$$

Atom	U_{11}	U_{22}	U_{33}	U_{23}	U_{31}	U_{12}
Cr_1	0.055 (0.003)	0.043 (0.002)	0.034 (0.002)	0.005 (0.002)	0	0
Cr_2	0.045 (0.002)	0.047 (0.002)	0.037 (0.002)	-0.006 (0.002)	0	0
Cl_1	0.043 (0.002)	0.059 (0.003)	0.057 (0.003)	0.014 (0.003)	-0.005 (0.003)	-0.005 (0.002)
Cl_2	0.038 (0.003)	0.067 (0.003)	0.056 (0.003)	0.013 (0.003)	0.008 (0.003)	-0.001 (0.002)
Cl_3	0.052 (0.003)	0.063 (0.003)	0.062 (0.003)	-0.004 (0.003)	0.000 (0.003)	-0.005 (0.003)

Table 3. Observed and calculated structure factors for *trans*-[CrCl₂(H₂O)₂en]Cl. The columns are successively *h*, *k*, *l*, 100|F_o|, 100|F_c|, and phase angle α (expressed in fractions of one revolution).

0	0	2	5963	4523	0.7676	0	8	3	684	721	0.6417	1	7	1	610	467	0.3574	
0	0	4	15335	14631	0.9697	0	8	4	816	706	0.3035	1	7	2	610	649	0.2978	
0	0	6	5930	8630	0.6457	0	8	5	1507	1368	0.8975	1	7	3	784	802	0.2714	
0	0	8	2813	2803	0.9699	0	8	6	966	991	0.7571	1	7	4	884	871	0.9816	
0	0	10	9259	9248	0.1878	0	8	7	805	814	0.6970	1	7	5	343	75	0.0595	
0	0	12	3683	3675	0.9688	0	8	8	1962	1431	0.5902	1	7	6	1008	1106	0.4710	
0	0	14	4475	4188	0.3303	0	9	0	1121	1063	1.0000	1	7	8	535	534	0.0470	
0	0	16	3500	2848	0.1277	0	9	1	830	964	0.6888	1	7	9	499	592	0.2682	
0	1	0	352	258	0.5052	0	9	2	812	1052	0.9458	1	7	10	583	864	0.6875	
0	1	1	7399	6768	0.3956	0	9	3	780	843	0.1849	1	8	0	1488	1533	0.5011	
0	1	2	7357	6798	0.6580	0	9	4	696	867	0.1721	1	8	1	782	734	0.7834	
0	1	3	11048	10132	0.2021	0	9	5	766	816	0.6294	1	8	2	695	746	0.6498	
0	1	4	7197	6642	0.5772	0	9	6	872	979	0.9958	1	8	3	801	866	0.7939	
0	1	5	4919	4510	0.0215	1	0	0	2	11027	9905	0.0052	1	8	4	618	607	0.4124
0	1	6	9183	8509	0.8336	1	0	1	4	2779	1937	0.5899	1	8	5	575	503	0.9487
0	1	7	11033	10203	0.4169	1	0	2	823	938	0.1958	1	9	0	238	103	0.9999	
0	1	8	7692	7277	0.5984	1	0	3	8	4838	5130	0.0823	1	9	1	473	508	0.0485
0	1	9	3399	3721	0.1712	1	0	4	10	703	805	0.8893	1	9	2	730	531	0.0895
0	1	10	691	1089	0.1623	1	0	5	12	2032	2100	0.2638	1	9	3	543	521	0.7621
0	1	11	3608	3534	0.1212	1	0	6	14	1158	1388	0.1750	2	0	2	643	746	0.1636
0	1	12	1205	1922	0.6601	1	0	7	16	497	570	0.3932	2	0	4	6647	4384	0.5794
0	1	13	2376	2497	0.4215	1	1	0	0	6362	5194	0.8000	2	0	6	1455	1663	0.8150
0	1	14	1084	1016	0.9662	1	1	1	0	8067	7873	0.1879	2	0	8	1312	1474	0.3976
0	1	15	1111	1291	0.3918	1	1	2	0	3092	2685	0.2907	2	0	10	1066	1053	0.9938
0	1	16	623	925	0.1493	1	1	3	0	1905	1718	0.2728	2	0	12	1675	1559	0.3842
0	1	17	1775	1640	0.5906	1	1	4	0	3921	3548	0.6085	2	0	14	314	509	0.8988
0	1	18	1204	1204	0.9699	1	1	5	0	4630	3661	0.3361	2	0	16	1112	1142	0.2461
0	2	0	846	1664	0.5000	1	1	6	0	818	983	0.4888	2	1	0	5715	5655	1.0000
0	2	1	13871	15020	0.6117	1	1	7	0	3661	2496	0.1086	2	1	1	3530	3376	0.9704
0	2	2	3712	3405	0.9803	1	1	8	0	3819	3752	0.4847	2	1	2	2976	2608	0.3629
0	2	3	9243	7795	0.8403	1	1	9	0	1426	1529	0.1841	2	1	3	1647	1689	0.9532
0	2	4	4403	4297	0.5815	1	1	10	0	1719	1659	0.2933	2	1	4	7105	6775	0.9477
0	2	5	15941	12834	0.8145	1	1	11	0	762	767	0.4816	2	1	5	1238	1149	0.3160
0	2	6	6346	5862	0.9283	1	1	12	0	1188	1277	0.1647	2	1	6	1689	1647	0.9855
0	2	7	3654	4130	0.7955	1	1	13	0	1153	1221	0.4466	2	1	7	2959	2808	0.6078
0	2	8	1873	1842	0.0939	1	1	14	0	692	687	0.6196	2	1	8	2058	1905	0.9078
0	2	9	3989	4136	0.0272	1	1	15	0	610	685	0.3846	2	1	10	3370	3195	0.4197
0	2	10	4039	2295	0.6470	1	1	16	0	2280	2061	0.2017	2	1	11	1568	1299	0.9831
0	2	11	7124	6011	0.8177	1	2	0	1	866	743	0.7870	2	1	12	457	617	0.9831
0	2	12	769	1126	0.6718	1	2	1	0	645	1088	0.4645	2	1	14	697	810	0.2886
0	2	13	112	1521	0.2988	1	2	2	0	6706	5973	0.7321	2	1	16	434	613	0.9619
0	2	14	3684	3268	0.9922	1	2	3	0	2356	2314	0.0000	2	1	17	892	3911	0.3911
0	2	15	1105	866	0.7727	1	2	4	0	847	688	0.3127	2	1	18	2108	1.0000	0.0000
0	2	16	3866	3848	1.0000	1	2	5	0	1205	1203	0.4023	2	1	20	7212	6900	0.0920
0	2	17	954	9675	0.9699	1	2	6	0	5195	5381	0.0701	2	1	22	3929	3591	0.9174
0	2	18	10875	10391	0.1776	1	2	7	0	864	870	0.6873	2	1	23	6017	5088	0.4947
0	2	19	5255	4607	0.2942	1	2	8	0	2661	2659	0.7933	2	1	24	1681	1407	0.4935
0	2	20	9534	9675	0.9699	1	2	9	0	1090	1181	0.9550	2	1	25	5604	5140	0.9855
0	2	21	6931	7107	0.8912	1	2	10	0	688	608	0.0166	2	1	26	1684	1015	0.6184
0	2	22	4576	5182	0.2444	1	2	11	0	1264	1640	0.8491	2	1	27	2088	1757	0.4284
0	2	23	5060	4657	0.9283	1	2	12	0	475	598	0.6499	2	1	28	271	116	0.2170
0	2	24	8669	8230	0.9687	1	2	13	0	2167	2103	0.0282	2	1	29	1877	1841	0.8844
0	2	25	3449	3834	0.9849	1	2	14	0	1484	1730	1.0000	2	1	30	11316	14400	0.4030
0	2	26	912	1011	0.1424	1	2	15	0	1991	1802	0.1011	2	1	32	112	459	0.2926
0	2	27	1211	1374	0.1228	1	2	16	0	492	511	0.9121	2	1	33	647	1010	0.8736
0	2	28	3529	3493	0.2197	1	2	17	0	3225	3423	0.6030	2	1	34	430	488	0.3767
0	2	29	2226	2302	0.1026	1	2	18	0	6635	5720	0.1421	2	1	35	676	545	0.3993
0	2	30	10139	10294	0.5010	1	2	19	0	1667	1793	0.3451	2	1	36	1578	1483	0.5003
0	2	31	4114	4931	0.2060	1	2	20	0	3529	3893	0.0117	2	1	37	359	359	0.5695
0	2	32	5241	5317	0.1156	1	2	21	0	1598	1599	0.8574	2	1	38	2298	1899	0.8872
0	2	33	3104	2970	0.2807	1	2	22	0	693	656	0.1707	2	1	39	2099	2837	0.9893
0	2	34	6483	6489	0.9226	1	2	23	0	1087	1262	0.6099	2	1	40	1219	921	0.5997
0	2	35	4354	4783	0.3431	1	2	24	0	1936	2035	0.1738	2	1	41	709	4944	0.4644
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Table 3. Continued.

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7	1	0	2635	3429	0.5000	7	5	9	886	1041	0.9004	8	5	1	959	1017	0.9140
7	1	1	2937	3497	0.1719	7	5	10	404	85	0.9746	8	5	2	905	771	0.3851
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7	1	4	1993	2010	0.6702	7	6	2	1589	1118	0.8070	8	5	0	6672	3580	1.0000
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7	1	6	984	1126	0.4028							10	0	0	659	266	0.5000
7	1	7	1156	1259	0.2269												
7	1	9	1560	2063	0.4992												

sible to decide which possibility is the correct one. The principal aim of this investigation was to establish the coordination about the chromium atoms, which is unaffected by either alternative. Since all other atoms fit the orthorhombic space group and since the structure of the ethylenediamine molecule is wellknown, the authors have chosen to describe the structure in terms of the space group $Pmc2_1$ with the carbon atoms statistically occupying two four-fold positions.

Structure refinement. At this stage of the structure determination the R -value was 0.20. The structure was then refined by the structure factor least-squares method using all 866 observed reflexions. For each reflexion the weight w was computed according to $w = [1 + (|F_o| - a)^2 b^{-2}]^{-1}$ with $a = 50$ and $b = 40$. Anisotropic temperature factors were used for all heavy atoms and isotropic ones for the light atoms. After about ten cycles the refinement converged to the parameters given in Table 2, the final R -value being 0.117.

Observed and calculated structure factors are given in Table 3. Calculated bond distances and angles and their standard deviations are given in Table 4 and some packing distances in Table 5. All bond distances were found to be within the normal range, thus supporting the correctness of the structure.

The result obtained from the refinement was further checked by calculating a three-dimensional electron density difference map. This showed only small residual maxima or minima, the largest maximum having a magnitude of about 15 % of the height of a true nitrogen peak in the $|F_o|$ -synthesis.

Table 4. Bond distances and angles in the *trans*-dichloridodiaquoethylenediaminechromium(III) ion.

	Distance (Å)	e.s.d. (Å)		Distance (Å)	e.s.d. (Å)
Cr_1-Cl_1	2.32	0.01	Cr_2-Cl_2	2.32	0.00
Cr_1-O_1	2.02	0.02	Cr_2-O_3	2.09	0.02
Cr_1-O_2	2.04	0.02	Cr_2-O_4	2.03	0.02
Cr_1-N_1	2.08	0.02	Cr_2-N_3	2.08	0.03
Cr_1-N_2	2.12	0.02	Cr_2-N_4	2.04	0.02
N_1-C_1	1.41	0.05	N_3-C_3	1.48	0.07
N_2-C_2	1.60	0.07	N_4-C_4	1.48	0.04
C_1-C_2	1.58	0.06	C_3-C_4	1.71	0.07

	Angle (°)	e.s.d. (°)		Angle (°)	e.s.d. (°)
$\text{Cl}_1-\text{Cr}_1-\text{Cl}_1$	179.3	0.3	$\text{Cl}_2-\text{Cr}_2-\text{Cl}_2$	178.9	0.3
$\text{Cl}_1-\text{Cr}_1-\text{O}_1$	90.0	0.2	$\text{Cl}_2-\text{Cr}_2-\text{O}_3$	90.1	0.2
$\text{Cl}_1-\text{Cr}_1-\text{O}_2$	89.7	0.2	$\text{Cl}_2-\text{Cr}_2-\text{O}_4$	90.5	0.2
$\text{Cl}_1-\text{Cr}_1-\text{N}_1$	90.0	0.2	$\text{Cl}_2-\text{Cr}_2-\text{N}_3$	89.4	0.2
$\text{Cl}_1-\text{Cr}_1-\text{N}_2$	90.3	0.2	$\text{Cl}_2-\text{Cr}_2-\text{N}_4$	89.8	0.2
$\text{O}_1-\text{Cr}_1-\text{O}_2$	97.3	0.9	$\text{O}_3-\text{Cr}_2-\text{O}_4$	96.1	0.8
$\text{O}_1-\text{Cr}_1-\text{N}_1$	172.2	0.9	$\text{O}_3-\text{Cr}_2-\text{N}_4$	171.1	0.9
$\text{O}_1-\text{Cr}_1-\text{N}_2$	90.1	0.9	$\text{O}_4-\text{Cr}_2-\text{N}_3$	87.1	0.9
$\text{O}_2-\text{Cr}_1-\text{N}_1$	90.5	0.9	$\text{O}_4-\text{Cr}_2-\text{N}_4$	92.8	0.9
$\text{O}_2-\text{Cr}_1-\text{N}_2$	172.6	1.0	$\text{O}_3-\text{Cr}_2-\text{N}_3$	176.9	0.9
$\text{N}_1-\text{Cr}_1-\text{N}_2$	82.1	1.0	$\text{N}_4-\text{Cr}_2-\text{N}_3$	84.0	1.0
$\text{Cr}_1-\text{N}_1-\text{C}_1$	112.0	2.2	$\text{Cr}_2-\text{N}_3-\text{C}_3$	115.1	2.8
$\text{Cr}_1-\text{N}_2-\text{C}_2$	109.0	2.1	$\text{Cr}_2-\text{N}_4-\text{C}_4$	112.7	2.0
$\text{N}_1-\text{C}_1-\text{C}_2$	110.4	3.7	$\text{N}_3-\text{C}_3-\text{C}_4$	104.1	3.8
$\text{N}_2-\text{C}_2-\text{C}_1$	103.4	3.7	$\text{N}_4-\text{C}_4-\text{C}_3$	109.9	3.0

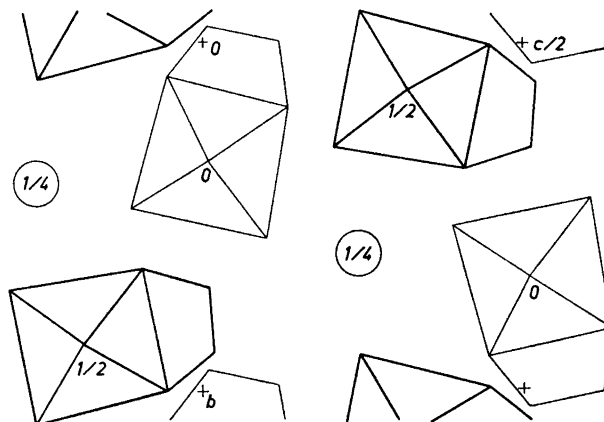
Fig. 1. The packing of the ions in *trans*- $[\text{CrCl}_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\text{en}]\text{Cl}$ as viewed along the *x*-direction.

Table 5. Packing distances in *trans*-[CrCl₂(H₂O)₂en]Cl. (The first atom symbols refer to the coordinates given in Table 2. After the second atom symbols stand, within brackets, the unit cell translations in the *a*, *b*, and *c* directions and after that the number of the symmetry operation performed on the original coordinates of the atom as given in the *International Tables for X-ray Crystallography* Vol. I).

Cl ₁ -Cl ₁	(0 0 0)2	4.18 Å
-Cl ₂	(0 -1 0)1	4.47
-Cl ₂	(0 0 0)1	4.56
-Cl ₃	(0 0 0)1	3.78
-Cl ₃	(0 -1 0)1	4.08
-N ₃	(0 0 0)1	3.35
-N ₄	(0 -1 0)1	3.25
-C ₃	(0 -1 0)1	3.46
-C ₄	(0 1 0)4	3.36
Cl ₂ -Cl ₂	(1 0 0)2	4.16
-Cl ₃	(0 0 0)1	3.95
-Cl ₃	(0 1 0)4	3.84
-O ₁	(1 1 0)3	3.41
-N ₁	(0 1 0)1	3.39
-N ₂	(0 0 0)1	3.51
-C ₂	(1 0 0)2	3.29
Cl ₃ -O ₁	(0 0 0)1	3.28
-O ₂	(0 0 0)1	3.05
-O ₃	(0 0 0)1	3.02
-O ₄	(0 0 0)1	3.17
-C ₂	(1 1 -1)3	3.80
-C ₃	(0 0 0)1	3.84
O ₃ -C ₃	(0 0 0)1	3.31
-C ₄	(0 0 0)1	3.20

DESCRIPTION AND DISCUSSION OF THE STRUCTURE

The crystals of Weinmann's blue, [CrCl₂(H₂O)₂en]Cl, consist of dichlorido-diaquoethylenediamine ions and chloride ions as illustrated in Fig. 1. The complex ion is shown in Fig. 2. The structure investigation has shown that

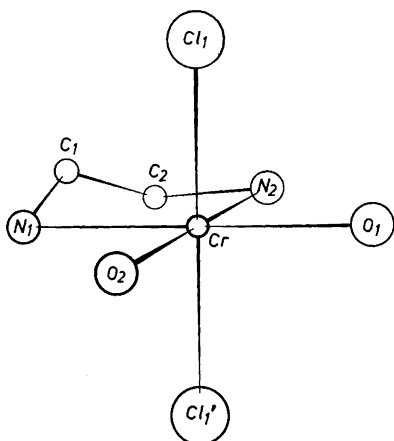


Fig. 2. The complex ion *trans*-[CrCl₂(H₂O)₂en]⁺.

the two chlorine atoms of the octahedral complex are situated in *trans* positions. The two water molecules and the two nitrogen atoms of the ethylenediamine molecule are situated at the corners of a somewhat distorted square. These atoms together with the chromium atom lie in a crystallographic mirror plane.

In the course of the structure determination it became obvious that there are two possible solutions, one being based on space group *Pc* and the other on space group *Pmc2*₁. They cannot be distinguished experimentally. Following the arguments given above, the authors have chosen to describe the structure in terms of space group *Pmc2*₁ instead of *Pc*. This means that the two carbon atoms of the ethylenediamine molecule statistically occupy four-fold positions (half-filled) in such a way that C₁ and C₂ are situated on opposite sides of the mirror planes one way or the other throughout the crystal. The same statistical manner was also chosen by Stomberg¹² in describing $[\text{Cr}(\text{O}_2)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})\text{en}](\text{H}_2\text{O})$.

The Cr—Cl bond lengths are all 2.32 Å which compares well with the value 2.33 Å found by Ooi *et al.*¹³ in $[\text{CrCl}_2\text{en}_2]\text{Cl}\cdot\text{HCl}\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$. The distances between the chromium and oxygen atoms lie between 2.02 and 2.09 Å, which is normal for a Cr—O_{water} bond; 2.03 Å was found in $[\text{Cr}(\text{O}_2)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})\text{en}](\text{H}_2\text{O})$.¹² The Cr—N bond distances are 2.04—2.12 Å and thus not significantly different, the mean value being 2.08 Å. 2.06 Å was found in $[\text{Cr}(\text{O}_2)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})\text{en}](\text{H}_2\text{O})$,¹² 2.12 Å in both $[\text{CrCl}_2\text{en}_2]\text{Cl}\cdot\text{HCl}\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ¹³ and $[\text{Cr}(\text{O}_2)_2(\text{NH}_3)_3]$ ¹⁴ (see also Ref. 15).

The errors in the positional parameters of the carbon atoms are, as expected, rather large, the standard deviations being about 0.07 Å as compared with 0.02 for nitrogen. The C—C and C—N bond lengths are, therefore, quite uncertain as well as the angles N—C—C and Cr—N—C but they do not differ significantly from their normal values.

The two independent N—Cr—N angles are not significantly different, being 82.1° and 84.0°. The value 82.6° was obtained for $[\text{Cr}(\text{O}_2)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})\text{en}](\text{H}_2\text{O})$ ¹² and 85.2° for $[\text{CrCl}_2\text{en}_2]\text{Cl}\cdot\text{HCl}\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$.¹³

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