

length as the condensation of the chromates increases is undoubtedly significant, and may be compared with similar increases noted for sulphates (Cruickshank & Robinson, 1966).

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The Crystal Structure of (+)_D-(N,N,N',N'-Tetrakis-(2'-aminoethyl)-1,2-diaminoethane)cobalt(III) Hexacyanocobaltate(III) Dihydrate

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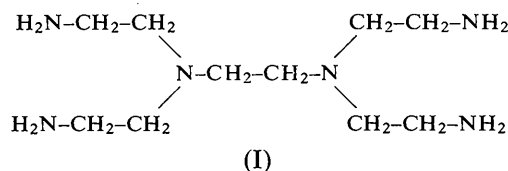
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(+)_D-(N,N,N',N'-Tetrakis(2'-aminoethyl)-1,2-diaminoethane)cobalt(III) hexacyanocobaltate(III) dihydrate, (+)_D-[Co(penten)] [Co(CN)₆].2H₂O, forms orthorhombic crystals with $a=15.471$, $b=16.036$, $c=9.253$ Å and four formula units in the unit cell, in space group $P2_12_12_1$. The structure has been refined by least-squares methods with anisotropic temperature factors. The structure consists of complex cations, [Co(penten)]³⁺, complex anions, [Co(CN)₆]³⁻ and water molecules. The central cobalt atom of the cation is bonded octahedrally to the six nitrogen atoms of a penten molecule. Three out of the five chelate rings form a girdle about the cobalt atom. Approximately at right angles to the girdle and to one another are two other five-membered chelate rings. All the five-membered chelate rings are not planar. Their conformations are not the same, two of them being enantiomeric with the other three. The absolute configuration of the complex ion, (+)_D-[Co(penten)]³⁺ can be designated as skew chelate pairs, AAA. When applied to this case, the method of ring pairing, together with the octant rule, correctly predicted the sign of the circular dichroism band.

Introduction

N,N,N',N'-Tetrakis(2'-aminoethyl)-1,2-diaminoethane (I), penten, can function as a sexidentate, giving complexes structurally related to those derived from ethylenediaminetetra-acetic acid (EDTA) (Wiekliem & Hoard, 1959).



Recently the cobalt(III) complex, [Co(penten)]Br₃, was resolved and the optical properties were examined by Yoshikawa, Fujii & Yamasaki (1967). They confirmed the previous results (Schwarzenbach & Moser, 1953; Emmenegger & Schwarzenbach, 1966). However, the absolute configuration proposed by Yoshikawa, Fujii & Yamasaki (1967) and by Gollogly & Hawkins (1966) is enantiomeric with that proposed by Emmenegger & Schwarzenbach (1966) and by Mason & Norman (1965). Therefore it was highly desired to establish the absolute configuration of the complex ion, [Co(penten)]³⁺. In this paper, the result of the crystal structure analysis of [Co(penten)] [Co(CN)₆].2H₂O and the relationship between the absolute configuration of opti-

cally active complexes and their optical rotatory dispersion and circular dichroism spectra will be given.

Experimental

Crystals of (+)_D-[Co(penten)]Br₃ were kindly supplied by Professor K. Yamasaki of Nagoya University. The crystals for X-ray work were grown by the diffusion method. Two small beakers, one containing a solution of (+)_D-[Co(penten)]Br₃ and the other a solution of K₃[Co(CN)₆], were put side by side in a large beaker, and distilled water was poured very carefully into the beakers along their walls until the level reached about 3 cm above the tops of two small beakers. After two weeks single crystals grew on the upper part of the wall of the beaker containing (+)_D-[Co(penten)]Br₃

Table 1 (cont.)

Table with columns for reflection indices (h k l) and intensity values (I). The data is organized in a grid format with varying column widths, representing observed and calculated structure amplitudes.

Table 1. Observed and calculated structure amplitudes (×2.5)

Table with columns for reflection indices (h k l) and intensity values (I). This table provides a detailed comparison of observed and calculated structure amplitudes for the (+)_D-[Co(C₁₀H₂₈N₆)] [Co(CN)₆] · 2H₂O complex.

solution. Orange-red crystals in the form of irregular rhombs were obtained. For the purpose of X-ray analysis a crystal of maximum dimensions 0·18 mm was used. Three-dimensional Weissenberg data were collected with Fe K α radiation (λ =1·937 Å) rotating the crystal about its *a* and *b* axes. 1243 independent reflexions were recorded. Intensities were measured visually and converted to |*F*| by applying Lorentz and polarization corrections. No corrections were made for absorption.

Crystal data

(+)D-[Co(C₁₀H₂₈N₆)] [Co(CN)₆] · 2H₂O, M.W.540·39
Orthorhombic, *a*=15·471 ± 0·004, *b*=16·036 ± 0·005, *c*=9·253 ± 0·003 Å
U=2295·6 Å³, *D*_m=1·551 g·cm⁻³, *Z*=4, *D*_x=1·564 g·cm⁻³, *F*(000)=1128.

Linear absorption coefficient for Fe K α radiation μ =38·29 cm⁻¹.

Absent reflexions, *h*00 for *h*=odd, 0*k*0 for *k*=odd, 00*l* for *l*=odd. Space group *P*2₁2₁1 (*D*₂^h, No. 19).

Structure analysis

In order to obtain a trial structure, a three-dimensional Patterson function was calculated. Coordinates of the two kinds of cobalt atoms were determined from the prominent peaks in the Patterson function. These coordinates were used to calculate the structure factors. The reliability index for these *F*_o's was 0·35. A three-dimensional electron density map was then calculated with all the terms, the phases of which were calculated on the basis of the cobalt atoms. The resulting map showed, in addition to two large cobalt peaks, smaller peaks corresponding to six cyano groups in the complex anion and six nitrogen atoms in the complex cation. Positions of these lighter atoms were then included in the calculation of the structure factors. Successive Fourier syntheses of electron density revealed the positions of all other lighter atoms.

The atomic positions and isotropic temperature factors were refined by the least-squares method with a block-diagonal program *H*BLS written by Dr Ashida.

A weighting scheme, $\omega=0.3$ for $|F_o|$'s smaller than 2.00 and $\omega=1$ for all other $|F_o|$'s, was employed, and the scattering factors for Co, N, C and O were those listed in *International Tables for X-ray Crystallography*

(1962). After several refinement cycles the structure converged with $R=0.100$. Three further cycles of least-squares were calculated in anisotropic modes. R then reduced to 0.091. Difference synthesis revealed four-

Table 2. *Final atomic parameters ($\times 10^4$) and estimated standard deviations*

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	<i>B</i> ₁₁	<i>B</i> ₂₂	<i>B</i> ₃₃	<i>B</i> ₁₂	<i>B</i> ₁₃	<i>B</i> ₂₃
Co(1)	4783	3816	4894	25	24	46	-1	4	2
	2	2	3	1	1	3	3	4	4
Co(2)	2344	2258	405	28	24	51	-1	-4	6
	2	2	3	1	1	3	3	4	4
N(1)	1630	507	597	28	20	142	-12	-41	-5
	11	11	22	9	9	32	16	29	29
N(2)	3030	4043	721	13	16	89	6	-5	30
	10	10	18	7	8	24	14	23	23
N(3)	3692	1869	-1936	43	46	68	23	-19	28
	13	13	20	11	12	25	20	29	29
N(4)	1029	2630	-2011	80	25	68	47	44	20
	15	12	20	14	10	25	23	33	27
N(5)	3634	1814	2733	37	22	80	-19	7	8
	12	11	20	10	9	26	17	28	26
N(6)	935	2755	2508	38	58	77	-19	45	-4
	12	15	20	10	12	26	21	28	33
N(7)	5913	3223	4839	8	12	82	-16	-3	-1
	9	9	19	6	7	23	12	23	25
N(8)	5478	4765	4222	3	28	34	-13	15	-13
	9	10	16	6	9	20	13	19	21
N(9)	3793	4565	5153	7	16	63	16	3	39
	9	9	17	6	7	22	12	23	24
N(10)	3959	2889	5276	12	17	77	14	-10	-8
	9	10	18	6	8	23	13	23	26
N(11)	4983	3963	7007	8	33	51	-22	12	-26
	9	11	16	7	9	21	15	20	23
N(12)	4608	3573	2803	16	17	32	-8	11	-17
	10	10	16	7	8	19	14	21	20
C(1)	1904	1137	463	20	3	80	-19	-16	9
	12	12	21	8	8	27	17	28	28
C(2)	2781	3378	543	10	24	61	16	-9	22
	12	13	22	8	10	27	17	28	28
C(3)	1839	8017	3920	43	14	11	49	-6	-12
	14	12	20	12	10	23	20	28	24
C(4)	3424	7488	3845	14	31	42	-5	32	-17
	13	13	21	9	12	25	18	26	28
C(5)	3169	1973	1849	21	11	9	1	-16	11
	12	11	19	9	9	22	17	25	23
C(6)	1450	2573	1719	49	29	13	26	-6	-10
	16	14	21	13	12	23	22	30	28
C(7)	4953	5565	4468	21	42	76	-21	59	6
	13	15	23	10	12	29	20	30	32
C(8)	3971	5343	4264	50	16	75	44	54	70
	15	13	23	13	10	31	21	35	29
C(9)	6298	4778	5110	14	26	158	-4	-77	-37
	12	13	29	9	11	40	17	35	39
C(10)	6641	3864	5121	33	49	100	12	-15	-17
	14	16	27	11	13	33	23	36	44
C(11)	3013	4099	4579	35	39	108	36	-10	-18
	14	15	27	11	13	34	21	35	36
C(12)	3024	3186	5195	25	24	70	-47	-26	9
	12	13	24	9	10	28	18	31	32
C(13)	4963	4280	1848	70	17	11	-24	10	12
	17	13	20	15	9	22	24	33	24
C(14)	5693	4690	2649	29	29	49	3	49	9
	14	14	22	10	11	28	20	31	29
C(15)	3681	4803	6756	38	17	32	-14	25	-43
	14	13	21	11	10	25	19	29	27
C(16)	4125	4147	7734	24	18	74	11	-24	-2
	13	13	23	10	11	29	18	30	29
O(1)	4089	6103	723	65	99	181	1	28	14
	13	15	23	12	15	33	24	35	42
O(2)	355	9345	1474	56	42	89	8	-23	16
	11	11	17	10	9	22	18	26	23

teen positions out of twenty eight hydrogen atoms of the pecten molecule. Positions of the missing hydrogen atoms were supplied by calculation. After inclusion of the hydrogen atoms a final set of least-squares calculations was carried out, but the parameters of hydrogen atoms were not varied. Temperature factors of the hydrogen atoms were assumed to be isotropic and were given the same values as those of the atoms to which the hydrogen atoms were attached. In the last cycle of least-squares, all the parameter shifts were well within the corresponding standard deviations. Table 1 gives the observed and calculated structure factors.

The R value was 0.083 for all the 1243 observed reflexions. The atomic parameters are listed in Table 2, together with their estimated standard deviations.

Determination of the absolute configuration

An equi-inclination Weissenberg photograph was taken, with Cu $K\alpha$ radiation, of the first layer line around the a axis. Calculation showed that the series of re-

Table 3. *Determination of the absolute configuration*

Indices	$F_o^2(hkl)$	Observed relations	$F_c^2(hk)$
1 1 3	8138	<	10644
1 2 3	1779	>	1271
1 3 3	362	<	1761
1 4 3	516	>	101
1 5 3	4198	\approx	4204

Table 4. *Interatomic distances and angles within the complex ions with their estimated standard deviations*

(a) (+)-[Co(pecten)]³⁺

Co(1)—N(7)	1.990 Å	N(7)—C(10)	1.548		
	14		27		
Co(1)—N(8)	1.965	N(8)—C(7)	1.535		
	16		27		
Co(1)—N(9)	1.962	N(8)—C(9)	1.512		
	14		25		
Co(1)—N(10)	1.989	N(8)—C(14)	1.498		
	15		25		
Co(1)—N(11)	1.993	N(9)—C(8)	1.519		
	15		26		
Co(1)—N(12)	1.993	N(9)—C(11)	1.516		
	15		27		
C(7)—C(8)	1.570	N(9)—C(15)	1.541		
	31		25		
C(9)—C(10)	1.558	N(10)—C(12)	1.525		
	32		24		
C(11)—C(12)	1.571	N(11)—C(16)	1.517		
	32		25		
C(13)—C(14)	1.502	N(12)—C(13)	1.539		
	32		26		
C(15)—C(16)	1.548				
	29				
N(7)—Co(1)—N(8)	83.2°	N(7)—Co(1)—N(9)	169.0	N(7)—Co(1)—N(10)	102.2
	6		6		6
N(7)—Co(1)—N(11)	86.9	N(7)—Co(1)—N(12)	90.1	N(8)—Co(1)—N(9)	89.5
	6		6		6
N(8)—Co(1)—N(10)	170.2	N(8)—Co(1)—N(11)	97.7	N(8)—Co(1)—N(12)	85.3
	6		6		6
N(9)—Co(1)—N(10)	86.3	N(9)—Co(1)—N(11)	85.9	N(9)—Co(1)—N(12)	97.6
	6		6		6
N(10)—Co(1)—N(11)	90.8	N(10)—Co(1)—N(12)	86.5	N(11)—Co(1)—N(12)	175.5
	6		6		6
Co(1)—N(7)—C(10)	108.5	Co(1)—N(8)—C(7)	108.1	Co(1)—N(8)—C(9)	107.3
	12		11		12
Co(1)—N(8)—C(14)	111.6	Co(1)—N(9)—C(8)	107.2	Co(1)—N(9)—C(11)	106.0
	12		11		12
Co(1)—N(9)—C(15)	110.9	Co(1)—N(10)—C(12)	111.5	Co(1)—N(11)—C(16)	108.8
	11		11		11
Co(1)—N(12)—C(13)	111.4	C(7)—N(8)—C(9)	110.6	C(7)—N(8)—C(14)	109.2
	11		15		15
C(8)—N(9)—C(11)	111.1	C(8)—N(9)—C(15)	109.8	C(9)—N(8)—C(14)	110.0
	15		14		14
C(11)—N(9)—C(15)	111.7	N(7)—C(10)—C(9)	112.0	N(8)—C(7)—C(8)	107.7
	14		16		17
N(8)—C(9)—C(10)	106.1	N(8)—C(14)—C(13)	110.3	N(9)—C(8)—C(7)	107.3
	17		17		16
N(9)—C(11)—C(12)	109.0	N(9)—C(15)—C(16)	110.2	N(10)—C(12)—C(11)	108.5
	17		16		16
N(11)—C(16)—C(15)	105.2	N(12)—C(13)—C(14)	108.0		
	16		15		

Table 4 (cont.)

(b) $[\text{Co}(\text{CN})_6]^{3-}$					
Co(2)—C(1)	1.922 Å	N(1)—C(1)	1.103		
	19		26		
Co(2)—C(2)	1.925	N(2)—C(2)	1.145		
	21		26		
Co(2)—C(3)	1.919	N(3)—C(3)	1.156		
	20		28		
Co(2)—C(4)	1.914	N(4)—C(4)	1.174		
	20		29		
Co(2)—C(5)	1.903	N(5)—C(5)	1.118		
	18		26		
Co(2)—C(6)	1.908	N(6)—C(6)	1.121		
	22		29		
C(1)—Co(2)—C(2)	174.6°	C(1)—Co(2)—C(3)	92.2	C(1)—Co(2)—C(4)	90.0
	8		8		8
C(1)—Co(2)—C(5)	89.7	C(1)—Co(2)—C(6)	88.5	C(2)—Co(2)—C(3)	91.7
	8		9		9
C(2)—Co(2)—C(4)	94.0	C(2)—Co(2)—C(5)	86.6	C(2)—Co(2)—C(6)	88.0
	9		8		9
C(3)—Co(2)—C(4)	85.3	C(3)—Co(2)—C(5)	90.3	C(3)—Co(2)—C(6)	173.8
	8		8		9
C(4)—Co(2)—C(5)	175.6	C(4)—Co(2)—C(6)	88.5	C(5)—Co(2)—C(6)	95.9
	8		9		9
Co(2)—C(1)—N(1)	174.8	Co(2)—C(2)—N(2)	175.5	Co(2)—C(3)—N(3)	174.6
	18		18		18
Co(2)—C(4)—N(4)	172.1	Co(2)—C(5)—N(5)	177.5	Co(2)—C(6)—N(6)	178.9
	18		18		20

flexions 113, 123, 133, 143 and 153 were most suitable for the determination. The differences in intensity between the reflexions and the counter-reflexions were clearly observable in this series as shown in Table 3. Comparison of the observed and calculated differences shows that $(+)\text{-D-}[\text{Co}(\text{penten})]^{3+}$ has the absolute configuration illustrated in Fig. 1.

Description of the structure and discussion

The structure is essentially ionic, consisting of $(+)\text{-D-}[\text{Co}(\text{penten})]^{3+}$, $[\text{Co}(\text{CN})_6]^{3-}$ and water molecules. The configuration of the complex ion $(+)\text{-D-}[\text{Co}(\text{penten})]^{3+}$ is illustrated in Fig. 1. The interatomic distances and bond angles within the complex ions are listed in Table 4. The cobalt atom is surrounded by six nitrogen atoms at distances 1.96–1.99 Å. These Co–N distances are similar to those reported for other amine complexes. However, the coordination octahedron is distorted. The angles for N(7)—Co(1)—N(10) and N(9)—Co(1)—N(12) are 102.2° and 97.6° respectively; these would be 90° if the octahedron were regular.

The N(11)—Co(1) and Co(1)—N(12) bonds are not collinear, but make an angle of 175.5°. Likewise the angles N(8)—Co(1)—N(10) and N(7)—Co(1)—N(9) are 170.2 and 169.0° respectively. Five five-membered chelate rings are formed in the complex cation. Roughly speaking, three of the five chelate rings form a girdle about the cobalt atom. Approximately at right angles to the girdle and to one another are two other five-

membered chelate rings. The C–C and C–N distances are normal as shown in Table 4. The N–Co–N angle in the chelate ring is always less than 90°. The angle N(8)—Co(1)—N(9) of 89.5° is somewhat larger than the average value of other N–Co–N angles, 85.2°. This may be the result of multiple ring formation at N(8) and N(9). All the chelate rings are not planar. Table 5

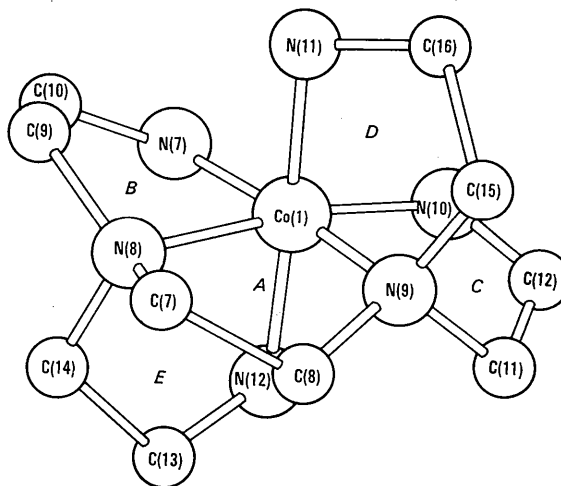


Fig. 1. A perspective drawing of the complex ion, $(+)\text{-D-}[\text{Co}(\text{penten})]^{3+}$.

lists the deviation of the carbon atoms from the plane formed by the central cobalt atom and the two nitrogen atoms. The deviations are not symmetrical with respect to the plane unlike the case of the structure of $[\text{Co}(\text{en})_3]^{3+}$ salts. The conformation of each chelate ring is also listed in Table 5. The conformation of the unique ring *A* is δ . The conformations of the rings *B*, *C*, and *E* are all λ , whereas that of the ring *D* is δ . Thus the complex cation, as a whole, does not have a twofold axis through the midpoint of the C–C bond of ring *A* and the central cobalt atom, as in the structurally related EDTA complex (Wiekliem & Hoard, 1959). The conformations of these chelate rings are determined primarily by the non-bonded hydrogen interactions within the ligand, but it may also be affected by the packing of the neighbouring ions. The distortion of the chelate rings *B* and *C* is most noticeable. The two carbon atoms are both on the same side of the plane defined by Co and the two nitrogen atoms. This is clearly a result of the constraints attending multiple, as well as fused, ring formation. Nevertheless, the dispositions of bonds around the tertiary nitrogen atoms N(8) and N(9) are nearly regular tetrahedral as seen in Table 4.

Table 5. Deviations of the carbon atoms from the plane formed by the central cobalt atom and the two nitrogen atoms

Ring	Atom	Shift	Ring conformation
<i>A</i>	C(7)	–0.211 Å	δ
	C(8)	0.468	
<i>B</i>	C(9)	–1.003	λ
	C(10)	–0.715	
<i>C</i>	C(11)	0.806	λ
	C(12)	0.334	
<i>D</i>	C(15)	0.082	δ
	C(16)	0.676	
<i>E</i>	C(13)	0.205	λ
	C(14)	–0.340	

The six CN groups in the complex ion $[\text{Co}(\text{CN})_6]^{3-}$ are arranged at the apices of a slightly distorted octahedron around the metal atom, with an average Co–C distance of 1.92 Å. The C–N distances are in the range 1.10–1.17 Å and correspond to the normal triple bond. The C–N bonds are nearly collinear with the Co–C bonds.

The most striking feature of the packing of the complex ions is that they and the water molecules are in layers parallel to the plane (001). A projection of the structure along the *c* axis is shown in Fig. 2. The cobalt atoms are all approximately in the planes $z=0, \frac{1}{2}$. Broken lines indicate some close contacts. The complex ion $[\text{Co}(\text{penten})]^{3+}$ is so oriented that the three chelate rings which form a girdle around the cobalt atom are approximately parallel to the plane (001). The complex anion, $[\text{Co}(\text{CN})_6]^{3-}$ lies with one of its NC–Co–CN bonds nearly parallel to (001).

The shortest contacts between the complex cations and anions occur between the nitrogen atom of

$[\text{Co}(\text{CN})_6]^{3-}$ and the terminal nitrogen atom of $[\text{Co}(\text{penten})]^{3+}$. They are listed in Table 6 and are also indicated by broken lines in Fig. 2. The tertiary nitrogen atoms of penten have no such neighbours but have only usual van der Waals contacts.

Table 6. Interatomic distances less than 3.5 Å outside the complex ions

N(1)–N(11)	3.483	N(1)–O(2)	2.833
	26		25
N(2)–N(12)	3.199	N(4)–O(1)	2.926
	23		30
N(3)–N(10)	3.082	N(6)–O(1)	3.493
	25		33
N(4)–N(7)	2.958	N(6)–O(2)	3.371
	25		28
N(4)–N(12)	3.015	N(7)–O(1)	3.439
	26		30
N(5)–N(10)	2.960	C(13)–O(1)	3.386
	24		32
N(5)–N(12)	3.198	C(15)–O(2)	3.356
	27		28
N(6)–N(7)	2.913	C(16)–O(2)	3.164
	30		30
N(6)–N(11)	3.156	O(1)–O(2)	2.912
	31		27
N(1)–C(13)	3.447		
	30		
N(1)–C(14)	3.350		
	31		
N(2)–C(13)	3.191		
	28		
N(2)–C(16)	3.246		
	26		
N(4)–C(13)	3.482		
	32		

Two water molecules are held together by a weak hydrogen bond to form a pair, with an O---O distance of 2.91 Å. Each oxygen atom is bonded to the nitrogen atoms of the CN group in $[\text{Co}(\text{CN})_6]^{3-}$. Thus the complex anions are held together by these water molecules, forming a two-dimensional network parallel to (001). The complex cations are arranged between these networks.

Absolute configuration and optical properties

The absolute configuration of the complex ion, (+)_D- $[\text{Co}(\text{penten})]^{3+}$ can be designated as skew chelate pairs, *AAA*, (*IUPAC Information Bulletin*, 1968). It is now possible to correlate the octant sign (Hawkins & Larsen, 1965; Gollogly & Hawkins, 1966) or the net chirality (Legg & Douglas, 1966) of the complex ion (+)_D- $[\text{Co}(\text{penten})]^{3+}$ with the circular dichroism spectra, since the absolute configuration has been established by X-ray analysis. The net chirality of (+)_D- $[\text{Co}(\text{penten})]^{3+}$ is *A* or its octant sign is +. The circular dichroism spectra of this complex ion in aqueous solutions shows a positive Cotton effect in the longer wavelength band in the region of the octahedral T_{1g} absorption (${}^1A_{1g} \rightarrow {}^1T_{1g}$). Accordingly, it may be concluded that both the ring-pairing method to deduce the net chirality of the complex ion and the method of oc-

tant sign are applicable to a series of sixidentate complexes and the sign of the longer wavelength circular dichroism spectra can be empirically correlated with the net chirality of the complex ion. The complex ion also shows a positive circular dichroism band in the

region of octahedral T_{2g} absorption (${}^1A_{1g} \rightarrow {}^1T_{2g}$). This transition is magnetically forbidden and should be optically inactive according to the definition of rotatory strength. Under the digonal field, however, the energetic splitting of the octahedral ${}^1T_{1g}$ and ${}^1T_{2g}$ states might

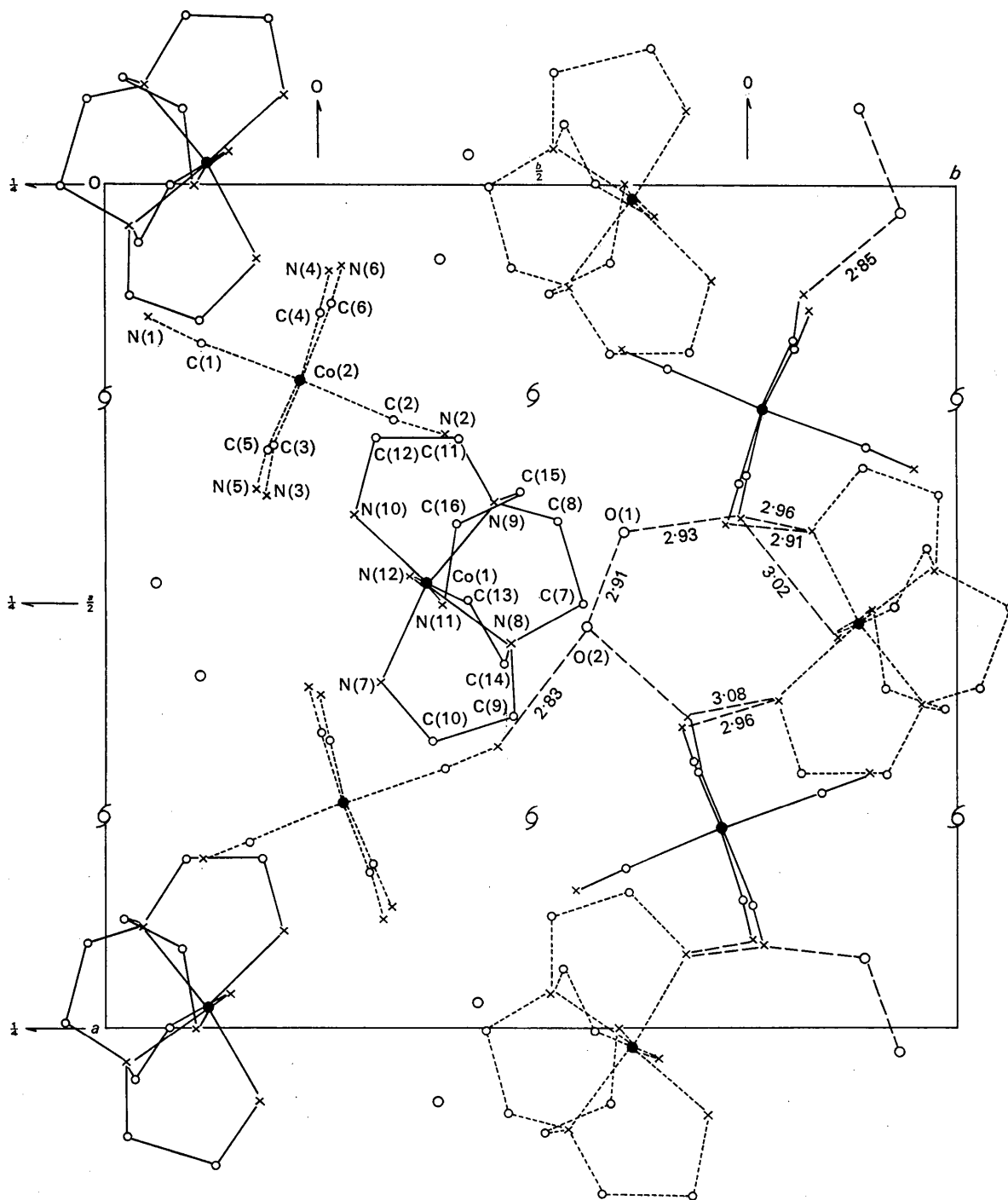


Fig. 2. A projection of the structure along the c axis. Broken lines indicate some close contacts. Full and broken lines indicate complex ions where the central cobalt atoms are at approximate heights $\frac{1}{2}$ and 0 respectively.

enable the two states to mix to some extent, the former being magnetically allowed. Thus the transition in the region of octahedral T_{2g} absorption becomes optically active and this may explain the fairly large circular dichroism band observed in this region.

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Die Kristallstruktur von monoklinem Siliziumphosphat SiP₂O₇III: Eine Phase mit [SiO₆]-Oktaedern

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SiP₂O₇ (AIII modification) crystallizes in space group $P2_1/c$ with four formula units in the cell with the dimensions $a=4.73$, $b=6.33$, $c=14.71$ Å, $\beta=90.1^\circ$. The crystal structure has been determined by three-dimensional X-ray analysis, the final R index being 0.07. Two PO₄-tetrahedra are linked almost symmetrically (plane of symmetry) forming a staggered P₂O₇ group with a P-O-P angle of 139.2°. The averaged P-O bond lengths to the bridge oxygen atom and to the terminal oxygen atoms are 1.589 and 1.506 Å respectively. The average Si-O distance of a slightly deformed SiO₆-tetrahedron is 1.763 Å.

Einleitung

Silizium ist in den Silikaten bekanntlich tetraedrisch von je vier Sauerstoffatomen umgeben. 1935 schlossen jedoch Levi & Peyronel aufgrund der Isotypie von kubischem SiP₂O₇ mit ZrP₂O₇ auf oktaedrische Koordination des Siliziums gegenüber Sauerstoff im kubischen Siliziumdiphosphat. Grosse Beachtung fand die Synthese einer mit Rutil, TiO₂ isotypen Modifikation des Siliziumdioxids bei sehr hohem Druck und hoher Temperatur durch Stishov & Popova (1961), die nach ihrer Entdeckung in Meteoritenkratern als Stishovit bezeichnet wurde (Chao, Fahey & Littler, 1962). Seitdem bemüht man sich in zahlreichen Laboratorien intensiv, petrographisch wichtige Silikate durch Anwendung extrem hoher Drucke bei gleichzeitigem Erhitzen in Phasen mit oktaedrisch koordiniertem Silizium umzuwandeln. So gelang Ringwood, Reid & Wadsley (1967) bei 120 kb und 900°C die Umwandlung von Kalifeldspat KAlSi₃O₈ in eine Phase, die nach diesen Autoren [SiO₆]-Oktaeder enthalten soll, und Ringwood (1967) berichtete über die Synthese einer Granatphase der Zusammensetzung Mg₃(AlMg_{0,5}Si_{0,5})[SiO₄]

bei etwa 100 kb und 900°C, bei der ein Teil des Siliziums oktaedrisch koordiniert sein soll. Das starke Interesse an solchen Phasen beruht darauf, dass derartige Druck- und Temperaturbedingungen in grossen Erdtiefen vorliegen.

Trotz dieses lebhaften Interesses an der Oktaeder-Koordination des Siliziums liegen bisher nur von Stishovit (Stishov & Belov, 1962; Preisinger, 1962) und dem Hochdruck-Kalifeldspat (Ringwood, Reid & Wadsley, 1967) Angaben über die Abmessungen der [SiO₆]-Gruppe vor, die sich zudem noch widersprechen. Die vorliegende Arbeit gibt genauere Angaben über Atomabstände und Valenzwinkel von [SiO₆]-Oktaedern in SiP₂O₇.

Nach Liebau, Bissert & Köppen (1968) lassen sich die mindestens acht Phasen der Zusammensetzung SiO₂.P₂O₅ aufgrund ihrer Röntgen-Pulverdiagramme in zwei Gruppen einteilen, die als *A*- bzw. *B*-Phasen bezeichnet wurden. Die Phase SiP₂O₇AI ist die von Levi & Peyronel beschriebene kubische Phase, SiP₂O₇AIII ist eine monokline Modifikation, deren Struktur in der vorliegenden Arbeit beschrieben wird. Eine Kristallstrukturbestimmung einer weiteren mono-