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Crystal Structure of the Praseodymium β -Diketonate of 2,2,6,6-Tetramethyl-3,5-heptanedione, Pr₂(thd)₆

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The crystal structure of the β -diketonate with empirical formula Pr[(CH₃)₃C.CO.CH.CO.C.(CH₃)₃]₃ has been determined from 5373 intensities measured visually using the multiple-film Weissenberg technique at room temperature. The crystals are monoclinic with space group $P2_1/n$ and cell constants $a=22.28$ (6), $b=28.51$ (7), $c=12.56$ (5) Å, and $\beta=105^\circ \pm 30'$. Observed and calculated densities are 1.20 and 1.19 g.cm⁻³ respectively, for $Z=8$, i.e. with two crystallographically independent formula units. Refinement by full-matrix least-squares including 9 layer-line scale factors and individual isotropic temperature factors (329 parameters) converged to a conventional R of 0.133. The asymmetric unit consists of a dimer Pr₂(thd)₆ in which each of the Pr atoms is surrounded by 7 oxygen atoms in positions consistent with maximum repulsion. Two of the oxygen atoms are shared equally between Pr atoms. Only the methyl groups of neighbouring dimers are in loose van der Waals contact as evidenced by exceptionally high temperature factors for the methyl carbon atoms. This is interpreted as symptomatic of the known volatility of the thd lanthanides.

Introduction

The β -diketonate [(CH₃)₃C.CO]₂CH₂, H(thd), forms volatile lanthanide complexes with the general empirical formula Ln(thd)₃ (Eisenbraun & Sievers, 1965). These complexes have been the subject of several crystallographic studies (e.g. Chen, 1967; Mode & Smith, 1969) which established that the complexes of the lighter lanthanides (La to Dy) are monoclinic and that those of Ho to Lu are orthorhombic. Work in this laboratory has been confined to the study of the crystallography

of the lighter series and the detailed analysis of two of the structure types encountered. Part of the work is described in this paper, a preliminary report having been published previously (Erasmus & Boeyens, 1969).

Crystallographic relationships

Sublimed samples of each of the La^{III} to Dy^{III} thd complexes were kindly supplied by Dr R. E. Sievers of Aerospace Research Laboratories, Dayton, Ohio. These were recrystallized from n-hexane, exposed to the atmosphere and found to constitute an isomorphous series with space group $P2_1/n$. The cell constants as determined from suitable oscillation, Weissenberg

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and precession photographs are summarized in Table 1. In the case of Dy and Eu, triclinic crystals of the monohydrates were found on the upper regions of the containers. Crystallographic data for these compounds are also listed in Table 1. A detailed analysis of the $\text{Dy}(\text{thd})_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ complex has been completed and will be reported shortly. To investigate possible isomorphism with the crystals from solution, crystals grown from the vapour were also investigated crystallographically. This study revealed that, apart from the general $P2_1/n$ type which appeared throughout the series, the Dy and Tb complexes also contained crystals of a less abundant orthorhombic phase. Crystal data for this phase are also listed in Table 1.

Determination of the structure

The praseodymium complex crystallizes from *n*-hexane as pale green crystals elongated along [001]. These crystals were found to decompose on X-irradiation even when sealed into thin-walled Lindemann glass capillaries. This phenomenon severely hampered data collection by counter methods and photographic methods were thus employed. No attempt was made to obtain highly accurate cell constants and the following values with their standard deviations were obtained from several sets of

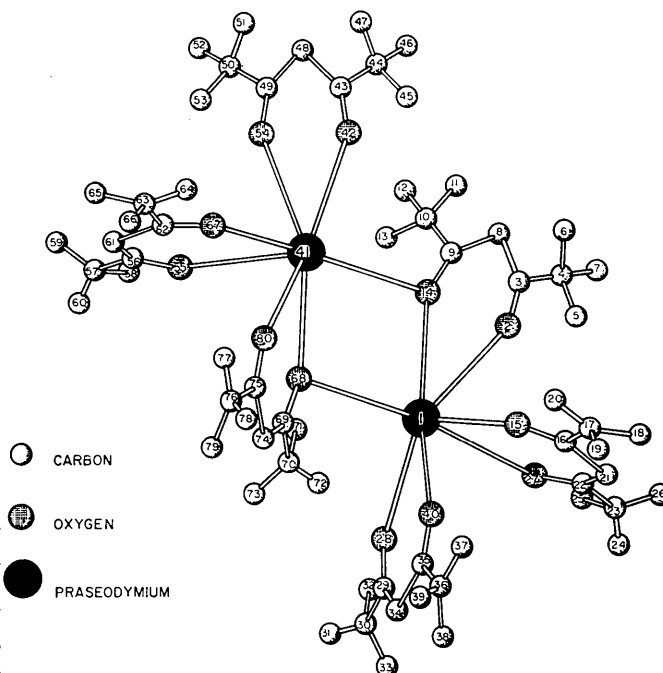


Fig. 1. Schematic diagram to show the structural formula and nomenclature used in the description of the $\text{Pr}_2(\text{thd})_6$ dimer.

Table 1. Crystallographic relationships between crystals of the thd complexes of the lanthanides La to Dy

Anhydrous complexes obtained from *n*-hexane. Space group $P2_1/n$, $Z=8$, $\beta=105^\circ$.

Empirical formula	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	Volume/ formula unit	ρ_{calc} (g.cm^{-3})	ρ_{obs} (g.cm^{-3})
$\text{La}(\text{thd})_3$	22.32 Å	28.59 Å	12.59 Å	970 Å ³	1.179	1.19
$\text{Pr}(\text{thd})_3$	22.28	28.51	12.56	964	1.190	1.20
$\text{Nd}(\text{thd})_3$	22.23	28.45	12.51	955	1.206	1.22
$\text{Sm}(\text{thd})_3$	22.20	28.29	12.49	947	1.227	1.23
$\text{Eu}(\text{thd})_3$	22.16	28.21	12.45	940	1.240	1.25
$\text{Gd}(\text{thd})_3$	22.15	28.12	12.44	936	1.255	1.25
$\text{Tb}(\text{thd})_3$	22.16	28.03	12.45	934	1.260	1.26
$\text{Dy}(\text{thd})_3$	22.11	28.04	12.43	930	1.271	1.26

Hydrated complexes from *n*-hexane. Space group $P\bar{1}$, $Z=2$.

Empirical formula	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	α	β	γ	Volume/ formula unit	ρ_{calc} (g.cm^{-3})	ρ_{obs} (g.cm^{-3})
$\text{Eu}(\text{thd})_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$	14.23 Å	14.84 Å	11.66 Å	99.9°	109.8°	113.9°	988 Å ³	1.214	1.23
$\text{Dy}(\text{thd})_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$	14.21	14.88	11.60	99.8	109.9	114.1	983	1.238	1.24

Orthorhombic ($Pmmn$ or $Pmn2_1$) crystals obtained from the vapour, $Z=2$.

Empirical formula	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	Volume/ formula unit	ρ_{calc} (g.cm^{-3})	ρ_{obs} (g.cm^{-3})
$\text{Tb}(\text{thd})_3$	18.25 Å	10.05 Å	10.72 Å	984 Å ³	1.196	1.20
$\text{Dy}(\text{thd})_3$	18.12	10.09	10.71	979	1.208	1.21

Table 2. Fractional coordinates and isotropic temperature factors of the atoms in the asymmetric unit

Estimated standard deviations are given after each value.						
Number	Ring	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	<i>B</i>	
Pr	1	0.2706 (01)	0.0321 (01)	0.9529 (02)	3.05 (0.04) Å ²	
O	2	0.3537 (10)	0.0661 (08)	0.8929 (22)	5.36 (0.51)	
C	3	0.3647 (14)	0.0673 (11)	0.7984 (33)	4.46 (0.07)	
C	4	0.4359 (14)	0.0748 (11)	0.8003 (31)	4.69 (0.72)	
C	5	0.4749 (23)	0.0349 (18)	0.8734 (45)	10.18 (1.38)	
C	6	0.4562 (20)	0.1214 (15)	0.8603 (40)	8.29 (1.15)	

Table 2 (cont.)

	Number	Ring	x	y	z	B
C	7		0.4495 (22)	0.0730 (17)	0.6911 (45)	9.59 (1.34)
C	8	A	0.3191 (21)	0.0612 (15)	0.6866 (40)	8.25 (1.14)
C	9		0.2582 (13)	0.0597 (10)	0.6880 (28)	3.84 (0.64)
C	10		0.2111 (15)	0.0490 (12)	0.5790 (32)	5.26 (0.79)
C	11		0.2437 (20)	0.0349 (15)	0.4843 (39)	7.59 (1.03)
C	12		0.1632 (15)	0.0872 (11)	0.5335 (31)	5.23 (0.78)
C	13		0.1764 (17)	0.0016 (13)	0.5965 (34)	6.34 (0.91)
O	14		0.2294 (08)	0.0728 (06)	0.7638 (18)	3.66 (0.40)
O	15		0.2984 (08)	-0.0327 (07)	0.8534 (17)	4.20 (0.42)
C	16		0.2762 (16)	-0.0751 (12)	0.8264 (33)	5.65 (0.82)
C	17		0.3254 (18)	-0.1083 (14)	0.7889 (38)	7.04 (0.99)
C	18		0.3008 (21)	-0.1579 (17)	0.7813 (42)	9.24 (1.28)
C	19		0.3392 (23)	-0.0906 (18)	0.6851 (47)	10.30 (1.43)
C	20		0.3880 (21)	-0.1049 (16)	0.8834 (42)	8.90 (1.23)
C	21	B	0.2156 (13)	-0.0885 (10)	0.8275 (27)	3.72 (0.63)
C	22		0.1738 (13)	-0.0595 (10)	0.8524 (27)	3.61 (0.61)
C	23		0.1085 (17)	-0.0789 (13)	0.8495 (35)	5.98 (0.86)
C	24		0.0699 (27)	-0.0650 (21)	0.7350 (55)	12.90 (1.82)
C	25		0.0775 (36)	-0.0512 (28)	0.9270 (81)	18.13 (2.69)
C	26		0.1031 (34)	-0.1255 (28)	0.8569 (67)	16.41 (2.48)
O	27		0.1810 (09)	-0.0170 (06)	0.8887 (18)	4.08 (0.43)
O	28		0.2899 (10)	-0.0315 (08)	0.0873 (20)	5.21 (0.49)
C	29		0.3205 (15)	-0.0381 (12)	0.1882 (33)	5.26 (0.77)
C	30		0.3072 (18)	-0.0871 (14)	0.2348 (38)	6.78 (0.95)
C	31		0.2449 (27)	-0.0871 (20)	0.2594 (52)	12.00 (1.65)
C	32		0.3263 (28)	-0.1227 (22)	0.1734 (54)	12.94 (1.83)
C	33		0.3448 (29)	-0.0928 (22)	0.3571 (58)	13.50 (1.92)
C	34	C	0.3619 (15)	-0.0057 (11)	0.2503 (30)	4.85 (0.74)
C	35		0.3710 (13)	0.0413 (10)	0.2155 (28)	3.83 (0.64)
C	36		0.4162 (18)	0.0775 (14)	0.2863 (36)	6.62 (0.94)
C	37		0.4564 (20)	0.0994 (16)	0.2153 (40)	8.31 (1.15)
C	38		0.4634 (19)	0.0555 (15)	0.3888 (39)	7.84 (1.09)
C	39		0.3759 (18)	0.1156 (14)	0.3268 (36)	7.17 (1.01)
O	40		0.3400 (08)	0.0589 (06)	0.1246 (18)	3.77 (0.41)
Pr	41		0.1757 (01)	0.1466 (01)	0.7888 (02)	3.01 (0.04)
O	42		0.2411 (10)	0.1805 (07)	0.6839 (20)	5.05 (0.49)
C	43		0.2373 (13)	0.2096 (10)	0.6070 (28)	4.04 (0.65)
C	44		0.3013 (16)	0.2234 (12)	0.5908 (34)	5.91 (0.87)
C	45		0.3448 (17)	0.2403 (13)	0.6997 (35)	6.51 (0.93)
C	46		0.3306 (17)	0.1806 (13)	0.5455 (35)	6.54 (0.93)
C	47		0.2931 (19)	0.2657 (15)	0.4982 (39)	7.95 (1.11)
C	48	D	0.1815 (14)	0.2269 (10)	0.5381 (28)	4.20 (0.67)
C	49		0.1207 (13)	0.2127 (10)	0.5500 (29)	4.01 (0.65)
C	50		0.0624 (14)	0.2296 (11)	0.4644 (31)	4.72 (0.73)
C	51		0.0720 (21)	0.2654 (16)	0.3853 (42)	8.94 (1.23)
C	52		0.0275 (24)	0.1865 (19)	0.4183 (47)	10.76 (1.50)
C	53		0.0216 (22)	0.2551 (17)	0.5215 (44)	9.80 (1.36)
O	54		0.1137 (09)	0.1907 (07)	0.6322 (20)	4.92 (0.49)
O	55		0.0766 (10)	0.1077 (07)	0.7531 (19)	5.02 (0.49)
C	56		0.0216 (17)	0.1246 (13)	0.7525 (33)	5.91 (0.86)
C	57		-0.0319 (18)	0.0924 (14)	0.6887 (37)	6.59 (0.94)
C	58		-0.0149 (22)	0.0605 (17)	0.6009 (45)	9.75 (1.35)
C	59		-0.0895 (22)	0.1217 (16)	0.6242 (42)	9.16 (1.27)
C	60		-0.0519 (23)	0.0603 (18)	0.7699 (46)	10.29 (1.43)
C	61	E	0.0064 (16)	0.1667 (12)	0.8010 (32)	5.58 (0.82)
C	62		0.0541 (16)	0.1966 (12)	0.8624 (32)	5.35 (0.79)
C	63		0.0369 (16)	0.2428 (13)	0.9241 (34)	5.72 (0.84)
C	64		0.0543 (28)	0.2870 (22)	0.8681 (57)	13.77 (1.94)
C	65		-0.0352 (25)	0.2464 (20)	0.9159 (50)	11.75 (1.63)
C	66		0.0698 (21)	0.2397 (16)	0.0428 (44)	9.01 (1.24)
O	67		0.1119 (09)	0.1937 (07)	0.8728 (19)	4.72 (0.47)
O	68		0.2022 (09)	0.0982 (07)	0.9690 (19)	4.64 (0.46)
C	69		0.1955 (17)	0.1216 (13)	0.0635 (35)	6.05 (0.88)
C	70		0.1573 (15)	0.0957 (11)	0.1299 (32)	4.85 (0.74)
C	71		0.0911 (18)	0.0883 (14)	0.0539 (36)	7.03 (0.99)
C	72		0.1845 (19)	0.0463 (14)	0.1665 (37)	7.60 (1.06)
C	73		0.1591 (20)	0.1199 (16)	0.2343 (41)	8.35 (1.17)
C	74		0.2248 (14)	0.1645 (11)	0.0948 (29)	4.61 (0.72)
C	75	F	0.2551 (16)	0.1954 (12)	0.0316 (35)	5.50 (0.82)
C	76		0.2931 (15)	0.2408 (12)	0.0791 (32)	4.99 (0.75)

Table 3 (cont.)

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equatorial atoms approaches the separation between 5 and any of the equatorial atoms as well as the separations between 1, 2 and 7 and also 3, 4 and 6. Each of the ligand atoms now has four nearest neighbours, except for 6 and 7 which have three each. The angle θ subtended at the centre by nearest neighbours is $\theta \simeq \frac{2}{3}\pi = 77.14^\circ$ and the separation d between nearest neighbours at a distance r from the central atom is $d = 2r \sin \theta/2$.

The average Pr–O distance (see Table 5) is 2.446 Å according to which neighbouring oxygen atoms should be 3.05 Å apart. Neighbouring oxygen atoms not involved in the bridging and not belonging to the same ligand are in fact an average distance of 3.03 Å apart, thus subtending an angle of 76.5° . Because of molecular constraint, those belonging to the same ligand are on the average 2.83 Å apart, thus subtending an angle of 70.4° .

Apart from the molecular constraint in the ligand, the bridge oxygen atoms are subject to an additional attraction through the bonding to the Pr atom to which they are not directly chelated. The relationship between a bridging oxygen atom and its neighbours is thus different in the two coordination spheres. In the sphere of the Pr to which it is directly chelated it has two neighbours, one of which is the other bridge oxygen atom, at the molecular distance of about 2.85 Å and two others at a separation of about 3.4 Å. In the sphere of the other Pr, it has one neighbour at 2.85, two at 3.4 and a fourth at about 4.5 Å.

The arrangement as predicted in Fig. 3 can nevertheless be recognized in both coordination spheres as shown in Tables 4, 5 and 6. The two polyhedra are in fact remarkably similar. The two bridging oxygen atoms are involved in one long Pr–O bond each. Surprisingly enough this is with the Pr atoms to which they are directly chelated.

Table 4. Labelling of oxygen atoms in the polyhedra around Pr(1) and Pr(41) according to the notation of Fig. 3

Fig. 3 notation	Pr(1)	Pr(41)
1	15	67
2	14	68
3	68	14
4	28	54
5	27	55
6	40	42
7	2	80

Table 5. Observed Pr–O distances in the polyhedra around Pr(1) and Pr(41) according to the notation of Table 4

Oxygen	$(\sigma = 0.02 \text{ \AA})$	
	Pr(1)	Pr(2)
1	2.40	2.39
2	2.59	2.59
3	2.46	2.48
4	2.44	2.44
5	2.40	2.41
6	2.43	2.40
7	2.38	2.44

Table 6. Geometry of the coordination polyhedra in the notation defined in Table 4

Bond, $\sigma = 0.03 \text{ \AA}$	Pr(1)	Pr(41)
1-2	3.43 Å	3.42 Å
2-3	2.89	2.89
3-4	4.44	4.55
4-1	2.99	3.03
1-5	2.80	2.88
2-5	3.33	3.37
3-5	3.43	3.52
4-5	3.03	3.04
1-7	3.06	3.06
2-7	2.83	2.88
3-6	3.38	3.26
4-6	2.80	2.76
6-7	3.01	3.05

Angle, $\sigma = 0.8^\circ$	Pr(1)	Pr(41)
O-Pr-O		
1 2	86.8°	86.6°
2 3	69.7	69.5
3 4	130.0	135.2
4 1	76.4	77.8
1 5	71.3	73.7
2 5	83.5	84.7
3 5	89.7	91.9
4 5	77.3	77.7
1 7	79.7	78.6
2 7	69.3	69.9
3 6	87.3	83.7
4 6	70.2	69.4
6 7	77.6	78.0

Stereo diagrams displaying the three-dimensional configuration of the dimer are shown in Fig. 4. These were photographed and redrawn from an inch per Å

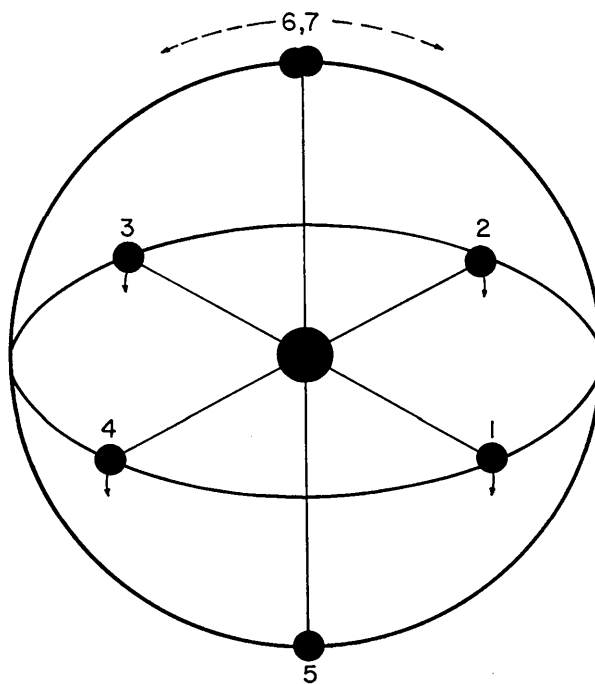


Fig. 3. Diagram to illustrate the seven-coordination geometry obtained by introducing an extra ligand in an octahedral coordination sphere.

model. Bond lengths and angles within the thd rings and their averages over chemically equivalent but crystallographically distinct bond lengths and angles are listed in Table 7. The bond lengths compare favourably with the values listed by Lingafelter & Braun (1966) in their survey of previously reported structures of monomeric acetylacetonato complexes. Notable exceptions are those bonds influenced by distortion effects. All of these are in the immediate vicinity of the bridging oxygen atoms and are invariably longer than the literature average. The bond angles which are known to be more sensitive to steric influences show a much larger scatter of up to 15°.

The bonds between tertiary and carbonyl carbon atoms have an average length of 1.56 Å which agrees fairly well with the values obtained in Zn(thd)₂ (Cotton & Wood, 1964) and Ni(thd)₂ (Cotton & Wise, 1966). Because of possible disorder, as indicated by exceptionally high thermal parameters, the positions of the methyl groups are poorly determined. The average bond length of 1.53 Å between methyl groups and the tertiary carbon atoms is, however, acceptable. The same applies to the bond angles within the tertiary butyl groups. Despite large deviations from the mean these groups are on the average tetrahedral. The intermole-

cular contacts are all between methyl groups, as shown in Fig. 5. Exceptionally loose packing is indicated by the fact that these approaches are all more than 4 Å.

Discussion of the structure

From first principles the chelate rings including the central metal ion are expected to be planar. In practice (Bennet, Cotton, Legzdins & Lippard, 1968; Cotton & Wood, 1964), however, it is found that although the acetylacetonato portions (O-C-C-C-O) are planar (Lingafelter, 1966; Cotton & Wise, 1966) the central ion is often displaced from this plane. To illustrate a similar effect in the present structure the best plane through each acetylacetonato portion and the deviations from this plane of all atoms associated with the chelate system concerned, were computed.

The numerical solutions obtained by a method of least-squares and displacements from these planes are given in Table 8. These results show the expected displacement of the Pr atoms from the planes although rings *C* and *D* should be considered as flat within experimental error. The deformations of the rings considered in pairs similarly disposed towards the Pr atoms are remarkably similar. The bending is particularly

Table 7. Bond lengths and angles

The subscripts *c*, *s*, *t* and *m* signify carbonyl, secondary, tertiary and methyl. Values marked by asterisks were not included in the averaging.

Bond	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>F</i>	σ	Average	Literature
O-C _c	1.27 Å	1.32 Å	1.29 Å	1.26 Å	1.32 Å	1.40 Å*			
	1.33*	1.29	1.27	1.25	1.26	1.28	0.03 Å	1.28 Å	1.29 Å
C _c -C _s	1.51	1.41	1.39	1.41	1.43	1.40			
	1.36	1.34	1.44	1.46	1.42	1.46	0.04	1.42	
C _c -C _t	1.59	1.61	1.57	1.54	1.55	1.53			
	1.53	1.55	1.55	1.53	1.63	1.58	0.05	1.56	1.52
C _t -C _m	1.58	1.51	1.50	1.54	1.55	1.55			
	1.54	1.50	1.41	1.56	1.57	1.55			
	1.48	1.58	1.56	1.65	1.52	1.47			
	1.60	1.53	1.55	1.48	1.54	1.47			
	1.53	1.55	1.57	1.49	1.58	1.54			
	1.60	1.34	1.57	1.49	1.48	1.54	0.06	1.53	1.52
Angle									
Pr-O-C _c	131°	135°	138°	139°	130°	116°*			
	114*	133	138	139	134	130	2°	134.8°	136.8°
O-C _c -C _s	128	123	124	125	129	121			
	132	129	124	123	128	122	3°	125.6	125.3
O-C _c -C _t	115	112	113	113	112	115			
	111	112	112	118	111	113	3°	113.1	114.8
C _c -C _s -C _c	115*	124	125	122	121	129	3.5	124.1	124.0
C _s -C _c -C _t	117	125	123	122	119	124			
	117	119	124	119	121	125	3.5	121.1	124.1
C-C _t -C	108	108	111	111	115	108			
	107	111	109	110	112	112			
	115	106	111	110	109	112			
	107	114	123	110	105	107			
	112	107	108	107	109	104			
	108	110	95*	109	107	114			
	112	103	109	117	109	112			
	116	112	114	106	112	105			
	107	117	108	109	108	109			
	108	103	106	117	107	111			
	110	114	109	106	107	107			
	103	107	112	102	113	113	4		
Average	109.4	109.3	109.4	109.4	109.4	109.4		109.4	109.4

large for the chelate rings (*A* and *F*) involved in the bridging as has been observed previously for other polymeric acetylacetonato complexes (Lingafelter, 1966; Cotton & Wise, 1966; Bennet *et al.*, 1968). Specific explanations based on various kinds of intermolecular interactions have been proposed in individual cases. It seems more reasonable, however, to assume this fold-

ing of the rings to be a natural consequence of the essential ionic character of the β -diketonates. If the tris chelates are formulated at $\text{M}^{3+}[(\text{RCO})_2\text{CH}^-]_3$, only the organic part of the ring is expected to be planar because of π -electron delocalization.

Furthermore the coordination geometry would not be fixed by orbital hybridization, but by electrostatic

Table 8. Equations to the best planes through the six chelate rings not considering Pr positions but including tertiary carbon atoms, and the deviations (in $\text{\AA} \times 10^3$) of individual atoms from these planes

The equations to the planes were obtained in the form $lu + mv + nw = d$, where u , v and w are orthogonal coordinates related to the fractional monoclinic coordinates by the equations

$$\begin{aligned} u &= xa + zc \cos \beta \\ v &= yb \\ w &= zc \sin \beta \end{aligned}$$

Ring	<i>l</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>d</i>
<i>A</i>	-0.01993	0.98959	-0.14250	0.44067
<i>B</i>	0.08596	-0.31166	0.94630	10.43785
<i>C</i>	0.86615	-0.34668	-0.36000	-1.99575
<i>D</i>	-0.12724	0.81101	0.57103	8.62294
<i>E</i>	-0.16593	-0.51614	0.84028	6.16325
<i>F</i>	0.77415	-0.47416	0.41936	4.44801

	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>F</i>
Pr	-1240	471	54	61	-502	-1371
O	-220	-15	89	-111	55	204
C_c^*	-34	17	19	8	2	15
C_t	144	-13	-88	27	-11	-122
C_s	0	32	53	60	-41	20
C_l	-116	-11	19	-81	49	127
C_c	-16	-26	13	-10	3	-36
O	240	16	-105	107	-56	-209

* Subscripts in as Table 7.

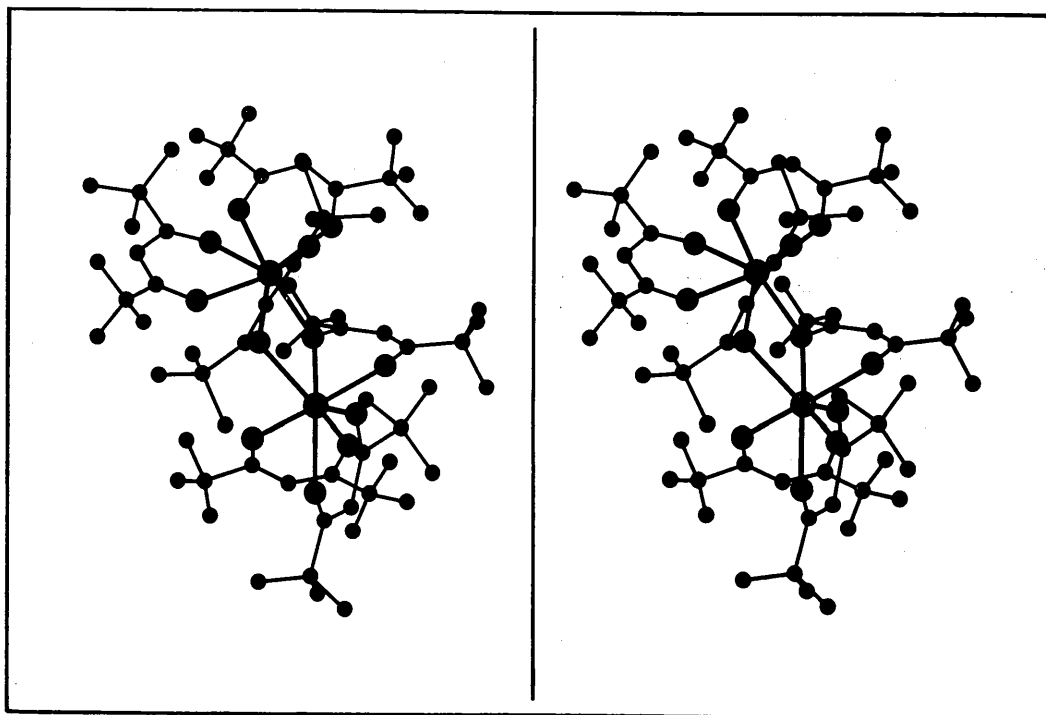


Fig. 4. Stereoscopic drawing showing the full three-dimensional structure of the dimer. This Figure should be viewed with a stereo viewer.

considerations. On this basis one expects the central ion to be surrounded by the maximum number of ligand atoms allowed by steric factors. These would arrange themselves according to the principle of maximum electrostatic repulsion (Dunitz & Orgel, 1960) allowing for deviations because of molecular constraints and secondary interactions. In this respect it would be instructive to study the structures of the dimethylformamide adducts formed by the thd lanthanide complexes (Schwarberg, Gere, Sievers & Eisentraut, 1967) to see whether an extra ligand atom is introduced between oxygen atoms 41 and 54 (28 and 68) to raise the coordination to eight.

The central ring defined by the bridging oxygen atoms and the Pr atoms was also investigated for planarity. The equation to the best plane is $0.8018u + 0.5418v + 0.2521w = 5.664$. The displacements from this plane are: Pr(1) 0.097, Pr(41) 0.097, O(14) -0.096, O(68) -0.097 Å.

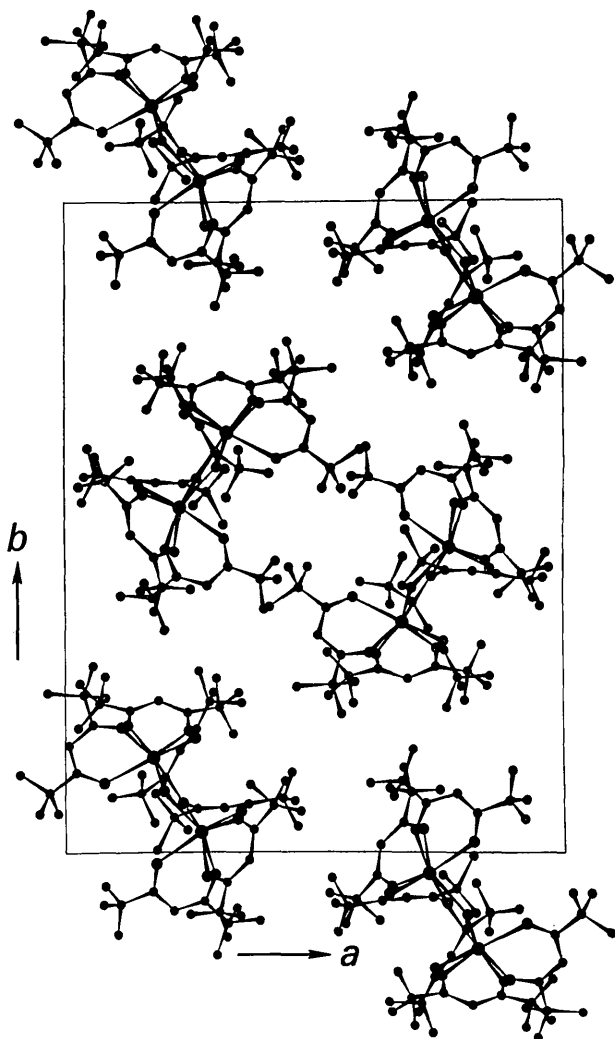


Fig. 5. Projection of the unit cell content down [001] to illustrate the packing.

The only structural feature that could throw some light on the volatility of the complex is the exceptionally high thermal parameters observed for the methyl groups. The average $B = 9.7 \text{ \AA}^2$ is interpreted as static disorder rather than thermal motion. This indicates rather weak and poorly directed intermolecular interactions since the dimeric molecule is almost completely enveloped by methyl groups. Intermolecular cohesion is therefore low and hence the vapour pressure is relatively high. Whether the dimers persist in the vapour phase is not known at this stage. If not, the relatively open shell of the monomer should drastically increase chromatographic retention times.

It is not yet known whether dimers also occur in the orthorhombic structure of the thd complexes of the heavy lanthanides. Assuming the bite of 2.83 \AA observed in the present structure to be characteristic throughout the series, an upper limit for the occurrence of seven coordination can, however, be predicted since it seems unlikely that interligand O-O separations of less than this value can occur. The limiting Ln-O separation at which all thirteen nearest oxygen neighbours in the coordination polyhedron are 2.83 \AA apart can be calculated from $2r \sin \theta/2 = 2.83$ as $r = 2.27 \text{ \AA}$. This would occur for the lanthanide with an ionic radius of 0.14 \AA smaller than Pr. It follows that seven coordination and hence dimerization becomes impossible towards the end of the lanthanide series.

APPENDIX

The most probable geometry for the coordination sphere was derived as follows:

Let ligands 6 and 7 in Fig. 3 each move down the sphere for a distance δ and let each of the equatorial ligands move down through a distance s . The equatorial ligands are now at a distance $a = (\pi r/2) - s$ from 5 and $(\pi r/2) + s = d$ from the original position of 6. Ligands 6 and 7 are a distance 2δ apart. Let the distance between 1, 2 and 7 or between 3, 4 and 6 be denoted by x . It follows that for $\delta = 0$, $x = d$ and for $\delta = d$, $x = e/2$, where e is the distance between neighbouring equatorial ligands. This can be expressed as

$$x = \left(\frac{e}{2d} - 1 \right) \delta + d.$$

Let $x = e = 2\delta = a$,

$$\text{then } a = \left(\frac{a}{2d} - 1 \right) \frac{a}{2} + d.$$

It follows that $a = (3 - \sqrt{5})d \approx \frac{3}{4}d$

$$\text{or } \left(\frac{\pi r}{2} - s \right) = \frac{3}{4} \left(\frac{\pi r}{2} + s \right) \\ s = \pi r/14.$$

$$\text{Therefore, } a = \pi r \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{14} \right) \\ = \frac{3}{4} \pi r.$$

Although this solution is geometrically impossible (compare Schütte & van der Waerden, 1951) it is a useful approximation in terms of which to describe the observed coordination.

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A Rotational Search Procedure for Detecting A Known Molecule In a Crystal*

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A computationally swift modification of the Rossmann-Blow rotation function has been developed. With the use of this function the single chains present in the D2 crystals of hemoglobin from the sea lamprey, *Petromyzon marinus*, have been shown to resemble the sperm-whale metmyoglobin molecule, and the orientation of the lamprey hemoglobin molecules in the unit cell of this crystal has been found. The results are confirmed by the crystal structure analysis of lamprey hemoglobin.

Introduction

The oxygen-carrying heme proteins from a variety of sources have similar tertiary structures, but occur in widely differing crystal forms. In particular, the α - and β -chains of horse and human hemoglobin (Cullis, Muirhead, Perutz, Rossmann & North, 1962; Muirhead, Cox, Mazzarella & Perutz, 1967), the single chains of the hemoglobins from the common blood-worm, *Glycera dibranchiata* (Padlan & Love, 1968) and from the larval form of the fly, *Chironomus thummi*, (Huber, Formanek & Epp, 1968), and the single chains of seal and sperm-whale myoglobin (Scouloudi, 1969; Bodo, Dintzis, Kendrew & Wyckoff, 1959) all appear to have essentially the same topology when viewed at low resolution, although the crystallographic arrangements in which they are found are quite diverse. The α - and β -chains of horse methemoglobin, for

example, are nearly identical with those of human deoxyhemoglobin (Muirhead *et al.*, 1967), but the assembly into tetramers is somewhat different in the two cases, and the packing of these tetramers into their unit cells is very different indeed.

Situations like the above, in which a known molecular structure occurs in a variety of interesting crystallographic arrangements, are likely to arise for many large and important biological molecules. Much labor would be saved in these cases if the relevant crystal structures were determined starting from the known molecular structure, rather than *ab initio*. To piece together a structure in this way one must be able to find the orientation and location of each molecule in the unit cell. The problem of fixing the translations has been attacked by Nordman & Nakatsu (1963), Rossmann, Blow, Harding & Coller (1964), Tollin (1966) and Crowther & Blow (1967). The fundamental work on determining the orientations is that of Rossmann & Blow (1962). Tollin (1969) has combined these techniques to effect a complete protein structure determination.

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