propionate group showed disorder. The occupancies of the disordered positions C23A and C23B were initially refined and then fixed at 0.66 (2) for C23A and 0.34 (2) for C23B. These atoms were isotropically refined with C22—C23A and C22—C23B distances restrained to be equal with an effective standard deviation of 0.02 Å. The H atoms of C22 and C23 (C23A and C23B) were geometrically fixed and allowed to ride on their parent atoms. The remaining H atoms were located from a difference Fourier map and refined isotropically. H atoms belonging to the water molecule could not be located.

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# [1,4-Bis(diphenylphosphino)butane-P,P']-(N,N'-diethyldithiocarbamato-S,S')nickel(II) Perchlorate

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#### Abstract

The title compound,  $[Ni(C_5H_{10}NS_2)(C_{28}H_{28}P_2)]ClO_4$ , is planar. The pairs of Ni—S [2.2089 (8) and 2.2075 (8) Å] and Ni—P [2.1945 (7) and 2.1932 (8) Å] bond lengths are respectively equal, and the P—Ni—P angle [95.12 (3)°] is large as a consequence of the flexible butyl chain between the two P atoms. The butyl chain lies on one side of the planar NiS<sub>2</sub>P<sub>2</sub> chromophore and two of the phenyl rings are arranged laterally above the plane.

## Comment

Since Ni<sup>II</sup> is a borderline acceptor, its dithiocarbamate complexes show a preferential interaction towards phosphine ligands leading to the formation of NiS<sub>2</sub>PCl and NiS<sub>2</sub>P<sub>2</sub> chromophores (Venkatachalam *et al.*, 1997). Steric and electronic influences of alkyl substituents on the structures of various nickel dithiocarbamates have been investigated (McCleverty & Morrison, 1976; Lachenal, 1975; Burns *et al.*, 1980). The partial double-bond nature of the thioureide bond in the dithiocarbamate ligands has been correlated with the corresponding IR stretching frequencies (Maxfield, 1970).



The title compound, (I), contains discrete mononuclear [Ni(dedtc)(dppb)]<sup>+</sup> cations [where dedtc is the  $S_2CN(C_2H_5)_2^-$  anion and dppb is  $(C_6H_5)_2PCH_2CH_2$ -

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 $CH_2CH_2P(C_6H_5)_2$  with no significant intermolecular contacts. Four molecules are present in the unit cell. Atoms Ni, S1, S2, P1 and P2 are coplanar, with deviations from the mean plane of -0.03, 0.10, -0.06, -0.01 and 0.08 Å, respectively. The observed planarity is in keeping with the diamagnetism of the Ni<sup>11</sup> complex. The Ni—S distances [2.2089(8) and 2.2075(8)Å] are equal and close to those reported for the parent bis-(dithiocarbamate) complex and some of the phosphinesubstituted complexes (Bonamico et al., 1965; Manohar et al., 1997). The bite angle of the dithiocarbamate ligand is  $78.37(3)^{\circ}$  in the present structure, which is close to the value of  $78.2(1)^{\circ}$  observed in the  $[Ni(dedtc)(dppe)]^+$  cation, where dppe is  $(C_6H_5)_2PCH_2$ - $CH_2P(C_6H_5)_2$  (Ramalingam et al., 1987). The two Ni— P distances [2.1932(8) and 2.1945(7) Å] are also the same in the title complex. The Ni-P distances are longer than those observed in the [Ni(mordtc)(dppe)]<sup>+</sup> cation, where mordtc is  $S_2CN(C_5H_{10})$  [2.1679(11) and 2.1601 (12) Å; Akilan et al., 1995]. Interestingly, the P1—Ni—P2 angle in the present structure  $[95.12(3)^{\circ}]$ is larger than the corresponding angle of  $86.81(4)^{\circ}$ observed in the [Ni(mordtc)(dppe)]<sup>+</sup> cation, because of the presence of a flexible butyl chain between the two P atoms. The butyl backbone lies below the plane of the NiS<sub>2</sub>P<sub>2</sub> chromophore and exhibits extensive puckering.

The Ni—P distances in the triphenylphosphine analogue of the title compound are 2.200(3) and 2.230(3) Å, and the P—Ni—P angle is  $99.7(2)^{\circ}$  (Ramalingam *et al.*, 1987). The close similarities observed in the Ni—P distances and P—Ni—P angles between the



Fig. 1. The molecular structure and atomic numbering of the [Ni(dedtc)(dppb)]<sup>+</sup> cation (without H atoms). The displacement ellipsoids are drawn at 50% probability.

title compound and its triphenylphosphine analogue indicate the same degree of freedom of bonding in both complexes.

The thioureide N—C distance is 1.305 (4) Å, which compares well with the distance observed in the [Ni-(dedtc)(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup> cation (Ramalingam *et al.*, 1987); there is no significant influence of the chelating phosphine on the thioureide bond.

The bond parameters associated with the phenyl rings are normal. Two of the phenyl rings lie above laterally and two others lie horizontally aligned with the  $NiS_2P_2$  plane.

The perchlorate anion has Cl—O distances in the range 1.373(4)-1.406(3) Å and O—Cl—O angles in the range  $104.9(3)-112.1(3)^{\circ}$ . Very large displacements are associated with the O atoms, as observed in [Ni(dedtc)-(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>](ClO<sub>4</sub>) (Ramalingam *et al.*, 1987).

### Experimental

Ni(dedtc)<sub>2</sub> and dppb (1:1 ratio) in acetonitrile with the counteranion were refluxed for 1 h. A red product separated on evaporation of the solvent which was recrystallized from  $CH_2Cl_2$  and  $CH_3OH$ .

Crystal data

$[Ni(C_5H_{10}NS_2)(C_{28}H_{28}P_2)]$ -	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
ClO <sub>4</sub>	$\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ Å}$
$M_r = 732.86$	Cell parameters from 41
Monoclinic	reflections
$P2_{1}/n$	$\theta = 1.75 - 27.50^{\circ}$
a = 18.951(1) Å	$\mu = 0.868 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
b = 9.104(1) Å	T = 293 (2)  K
c = 20.842(2) Å	Irregular plate
$\beta = 100.01(1)^{\circ}$	$0.86 \times 0.62 \times 0.36$ mm
$V = 3541 + (5) Å^3$	Red
Z = 4	
$D_{\rm r} = 1.375 \ {\rm Mg \ m^{-3}}$	
$D_{x} = 1.575$ mg m $D_{y}$ not measured	
Dm not measured	
Data collection	
Siemens P4 diffractometer	$R_{\rm int} = 0.020$
$\theta/2\theta$ scans	$\theta_{\rm max} = 27.5^{\circ}$
Absorption correction:	$h = -1 \rightarrow 24$
empirical $\psi$ scans	$k = -1 \rightarrow 11$
(Siemens, 1994)	$l = -27 \rightarrow 26$
$T_{\rm min} = 0.521$ $T_{\rm max} = 0.732$	3 standard reflections
9858 measured reflections	every 97 reflections
8049 independent reflections	intensity decay: <3%
5275 reflections with	mensity decay. < 5 h
J > 2-D	
$I > 2\sigma(I)$	

#### Refinement

 Refinement on  $F^2$   $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} = 0.001$ 
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.044$   $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.720 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ 
 $wR(F^2) = 0.131$   $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.295 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$  

 S = 0.945 Extinction correction: none

8049 reflections	Scattering factors from
518 parameters	International Tables for
H atoms: see below	Crystallography (Vol. C)
$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0808P)^2]$	
where $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$	

Table 1. Selected geometric parameters (Å, °)

Ni - P2 Ni - P1 Ni - S2 Ni - S1 CI - O1 CI - O4 CI - O2 CI - O3 S1 - C29 S2 - C29	2.1932 (8) 2.1945 (7) 2.2075 (8) 2.2089 (8) 1.373 (4) 1.391 (5) 1.392 (3) 1.406 (3) 1.717 (3) 1.707 (3)	P1C13 P1C19 P1 C28 P2C1 P2C7 P2C25 NC29 NC30 NC32	1.819 (3) 1.821 (3) 1.852 (3) 1.816 (3) 1.821 (3) 1.836 (3) 1.305 (4) 1.475 (5) 1.490 (5)
P2—Ni—P1 S2—Ni—S1 C29—S1—Ni C29—S2—Ni C26—C25—P2 C25—C26—C27	95.12 (3) 78.38 (3) 85.74 (10) 86.02 (10) 115.0 (3) 115.1 (3)	C26—C27—C28 C27—C28—P1 N—C29—S2 N—C29—S1 S2—C29—S1	115.4 (3) 115.7 (2) 123.5 (3) 127.2 (2) 109.21 (1)

In one of the ethyl substituents of the dithiocarbamate, disorder was observed with respect to the C31 atom; two positions, C31A and C31B, were assigned site occupancies of 0.5. All the H atoms of the alkyl substituents were added with the HADD utility of SHELXTL/PC (Sheldrick, 1990). The two H atoms attached to C30 appear as four H atoms with equal site occupancies; the three terminal H atoms attached to C31A/C31B were included in six positions. Other H atoms were identified from the Fourier map and were refined isotropically.

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# **Bis(thiourea)cadmium Halides**

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#### Abstract

The crystals of dichlorobis(thiourea-S)cadmium, [Cd- $Cl_2{SC(NH_2)_2}_2$ , (I), and dibromobis(thiourea-S)cadmium,  $[CdBr_2{SC(NH_2)_2}_2]$ , (II), are orthorhombic (Pmn2<sub>1</sub> and Pnam, respectively), while those of diiodobis(thiourea-S)cadmium,  $[CdI_2{SC(NH_2)_2}_2]$ , (III), are monoclinic  $(P2_1/c)$ . In all these compounds, two S atoms from two thiourea molecules and two X (X =halogen) atoms coordinate to Cd in tetrahedral arrangements. Crystal packing is mainly determined by N- $H \cdot \cdot X$  hydrogen bonds, but is different in all three cases. The average Cd—X distance increases from 2.541(1) Å in (I) to 2.655 (3) Å in (II) and 2.782 (1) Å in (III), whereas the average Cd-S distances in the three compounds are quite similar, their values being 2.517(1), 2.522 (2) and 2.526 (2) Å, for (I), (II) and (III), respectively.

#### Comment

Thiourea is a chemically interesting ligand that has been widely studied [there are more than 700 structures of