

the photometer recordings. On the equator the reflexion with $Q=613$, *vvs*, has been omitted because of its very high intensity, being about ten times that with $Q=473$. For the 6th layer line the nearly meridional reflexions are smeared out along the layer line, which fact may be responsible for the high intensities observed. There is a good agreement between the observed and calculated intensities.

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Refinement of the Structure of Bisthiourea-nickel (II) Thiocyanate.

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The crystal structure of $\text{Ni}[\text{SC}(\text{NH}_2)_2]_2(\text{NCS})_2$ has been refined by means of three-dimensional differential syntheses. Each nickel atom lies on a symmetry centre (space group $P\bar{1}$) and is octahedrally surrounded by four sulphur atoms from thiourea molecules ($\text{Ni}-\text{S} 2.53 \pm 0.01$ and $2.56 \pm 0.01 \text{ \AA}$) and two nitrogen atoms from thiocyanate groups ($\text{Ni}-\text{N} 1.99 \pm 0.01 \text{ \AA}$). The octahedra are linked in chains with each thionilic S atom shared by two adjacent nickel atoms. Bond distances and angles are discussed.

The structure of bisthiourea-nickel(II) thiocyanate, $\text{Ni}[\text{SC}(\text{NH}_2)_2]_2(\text{NCS})_2$, was determined several years ago by Nardelli, Braibanti & Fava (1957) (hereafter called NBF) by means of generalized Fourier syntheses using an incomplete set of three-dimensional data (482 independent reflexions out of 1222 possible with $\text{Cu K}\alpha$ radiation). Because this compound is interesting from the point of view of the coordination of the thionilic sulphur and the thiocyanate group, the refinement of its structure was undertaken to improve the reliability of bond distances and angles with the use of all the observable data with $\text{Cu K}\alpha$ radiation.

Cell constants, remeasured, from rotation and Weissenberg photographs, are as follows:

$\text{Ni}[\text{SC}(\text{NH}_2)_2]_2(\text{NCS})_2$. $M = 327.1$; $a = 3.80 \pm 0.01$, $b = 7.58 \pm 0.01$, $c = 10.11 \pm 0.01 \text{ \AA}$; $\alpha = 92.3 \pm 0.2^\circ$, $\beta = 98.1 \pm 0.2^\circ$, $\gamma = 104.1 \pm 0.1^\circ$, $V = 278.7 \text{ \AA}^3$, $Z = 1$, $D_x = 1.95$, $D_m = 1.88 \text{ g.cm}^{-3}$ (flotation), $\mu = 90.2 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ($\text{Cu K}\alpha$). Space group: $P\bar{1}$.

New three-dimensional intensity data were collected from integrated and non-integrated multiple film

Weissenberg photographs taken around $[100]$ with a sample of nearly square cross-section (edge 0.008 cm) and around $[010]$ using a fragment with a mean radius of 0.008 cm . All the crystals were parallel twins with twinning axis $[100]$, and yet the reflexions due to the two individuals were well separated in all the photographs (excepting of course the $0kl$ reflexions which were always superimposed). The complete indexing and intensity measurement (photometrically) of the spots from both individuals were straightforward in the series of photographs taken around $[100]$. In the series taken around $[010]$, only the reflexions due to the individual rotating around that axis were considered. Four levels about the a axis and seven levels about the b axis were measured, giving a total of 1010 observed independent reflexions. The absorption correction for cylindrical samples was applied to $[100]$ – and for spherical samples to $[010]$ – data. Upper-level Weissenberg spot shape effects were considered following Phillips (1956) for the first series and following Scouloudi (1953) for the second series of data. The structure amplitudes (with the exception of $0kl$) were put on the same relative scale by the least-squares cross-correl-

ation method of Rollett & Sparks (1960). The absolute scale factors for $0kl$ and for hkl were determined separately by comparing F_o and F_c .

The refinement, starting from the NBF atomic coordinates ($R=21.3\%$), was carried out with eleven cycles of Booth's differential synthesis, the first three with isotropic, the remainder with anisotropic thermal parameters. These parameters were derived from the second derivatives of the electron-density, following the method of Nardelli & Fava (1960). At the end of the refinement the agreement indices (R , for observed reflexions only; R' , assuming $F_o=\frac{1}{2}F_{\min}$ when $F_c \geq F_{\min}$ for unobserved reflexions; multiplicities not considered) were: $R=10.3\%$, $R'=12.2\%$.

The final coordinates with their e.s.d.'s (Cruickshank, 1949) are given in Table 1. Observed and calculated peak heights and curvatures are compared in Table 2, in which the e.s.d.'s of electron-density and second derivatives are quoted too.

In view of the uncertainty in deriving the correct scale factors, the anisotropic thermal parameters, given in Table 3, do not have strict physical meaning. Rescaling by layers along [100] improves the R and R' indices to 9.4% and 11.4% respectively. The low value of the R

Table 1. Final fractional coordinates ($\times 10^4$) and their e.s.d.'s (in 10^{-3} Å)

Ni	$x/a(\sigma)$		$y/b(\sigma)$		$z/c(\sigma)$	
	0	0	0	0	0	0
S(1)	116 (4)		2950 (4)		4231 (3)	
S(2)	3983 (3)		-2228 (3)		333 (2)	
N(1)	869 (12)		1050 (10)		1892 (6)	
N(2)	4453 (15)		-1916 (16)		3003 (9)	
N(3)	5851 (14)		-4444 (14)		2096 (10)	
C(1)	614 (13)		1847 (15)		2874 (11)	
C(2)	4816 (15)		-2931 (13)		1959 (10)	

Table 2. Atomic peak heights (e.Å⁻³), curvatures (e.Å⁻⁵) and e.s.d.'s

Ni	obs. calc.	ϱ	$-A_{hh}$		$-A_{kk}$		$-A_{ll}$		A_{kl}		A_{hl}		A_{hk}		
			68.3 70.5	670 663	697 699	746 745	41 41	68 66	181 178	-7 -7	42 42	123 123	51 51	39 38	137 137
S(1)	obs. calc.	38.1 38.5	390 387	368 367	423 423		-7 -7	42 42	123 123						
S(2)	obs. calc.	46.8 47.1	478 474	528 526	538 538		51 51	39 38	137 137						
N(1)	obs. calc.	14.6 14.7	133 131	141 142	180 179		-16 -16	26 25	45 43						
N(2)	obs. calc.	11.9 12.0	95 94	97 99	133 133		12 12	4 4	29 28						
N(3)	obs. calc.	12.6 12.6	106 103	133 133	129 128		24 23	2 3	36 34						
C(1)	obs. calc.	11.3 11.2	103 101	108 104	114 113		23 24	-5 -6	26 26						
C(2)	obs. calc.	11.1 11.3	98 96	121 122	116 115		17 16	3 3	31 30						
e.s.d.		0.3	5	4	4		2	2	3						

index, obtained in this way, indicates also that further refinement of the structure in the $P1$ space group would not be worth while.

Table 3. Thermal parameters with e.s.d.'s ($\times 10 \text{ \AA}^2$)

	$B_{11}(\sigma)$	$B_{22}(\sigma)$	$B_{33}(\sigma)$	$B_{23}(\sigma)$	$B_{13}(\sigma)$	$B_{12}(\sigma)$
Ni	28 (2)	27 (1)	21 (1)	2 (1)	0 (1)	9 (2)
S(1)	25 (2)	34 (1)	13 (0)	-4 (1)	-3 (1)	14 (2)
S(2)	18 (1)	14 (1)	9 (0)	4 (1)	-2 (1)	7 (1)
N(1)	21 (5)	19 (3)	11 (1)	0 (3)	-2 (4)	9 (5)
N(2)	39 (7)	29 (5)	10 (1)	2 (4)	-5 (5)	15 (7)
N(3)	37 (7)	21 (4)	21 (2)	6 (5)	-2 (5)	12 (7)
C(1)	20 (5)	21 (4)	12 (2)	5 (4)	-3 (4)	7 (6)
C(2)	20 (5)	13 (3)	17 (2)	2 (4)	-2 (4)	1 (5)

Introducing the H atoms at the calculated positions did not improve the R index. An F_o-F_c synthesis, calculated without the hydrogen atom contributions, gave positive values of the electron density of about 1 e. \AA^{-3} in the regions in which these atoms must be present.

In Table 4 observed and calculated (with contributions of H atoms) structure factors are compared. The scattering factors used are those of Thomas & Umeda (1957) for Ni^{2+} , of Dawson (1960) for S and of Berg-huis, Haanappel, Potters, Loopstra, MacGillavry & Veenendaal (1955) for N and C, and McWeeny (1951) for H.

Discussion

The structure previously determined by NBF is confirmed: the coordination around Ni^{2+} is octahedral and concerns four S atoms from thiourea molecules and two N atoms from thiocyanate groups; the octahedra are linked in chains running along [100] with each thionilic S atom coordinated by two adjacent metal atoms. The new values of distances and angles are shown in Fig. 1.

The two Ni-S distances are just significantly different [$t_0 = (l_1 - l_2)(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = 3.06$; significance test of Cruickshank & Robertson, 1953]; both are greater than either the sum of Pauling's covalent radii (2.43 \AA) or the value (2.462 \AA) found by Lopez-Castro & Truter (1963) in $\text{Ni}[\text{SC}(\text{NH}_2)_2]_4\text{Cl}_2$, but lie within the range $2.4-2.6 \text{ \AA}$ which is usually observed for octahedral Ni^{2+} complexes. The Ni-N bond distance is consistent with the sum of Pauling's covalent radii (2.09 \AA) and with the distances generally found in octahedral Ni^{2+} complexes [e.g. 2.02 and 1.98 \AA in $\text{Ni}(\text{NH}_3)_3(\text{NCS})_2$ (Poraj-Košić, 1956), 2.12_0 \AA in $\text{Ni}[\text{NH}_2(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{NH}_2]_3(\text{NO}_3)_2$ (Swink & Atoji, 1960)].

The thiourea molecule is planar, the least-squares plane being: $0.9574X + 0.2771Y + 0.0812Z = 0.8072^*$; the largest distance from this plane is 0.007 \AA for C(2).

* The X, Y, Z coordinates are in \AA and referred to orthogonal axes. They can be obtained from those of Table 1 using the matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} a \sin \gamma & 0 & -c \sin \alpha \cos \beta^* \\ a \cos \gamma & b & c \cos \alpha \\ 0 & 0 & c \sin \alpha \sin \beta^* \end{pmatrix}$$

Table 4. Observed and calculated structure factors

A minus sign for F_O means 'less than'.

h	k	l	$ 10F_O $	$10F_C$	h	k	l	$ 10F_O $	$10F_C$	h	k	l	$ 10F_O $	$10F_C$	h	k	l	$ 10F_O $	$10F_C$	h	k	l	$ 10F_O $	$10F_C$						
0	1	0	257	246	0	0	6	137	113	1	5	0	146	-146	1	5	7	139	154	1	4	6	53	-39	1	6	9	101	-103	
0	2	0	339	-323	0	1	6	432	423	1	6	0	207	195	1	5	3	33-	-19	1	4	6	33-	16	1	7	9	18-	9	
0	3	0	48	68	0	1	6	32-	21	1	6	0	53	62	1	6	3	173	170	1	4	6	63	79	1	0	10	64	58	
0	4	0	277	332	0	2	6	137	134	1	7	0	113	116	1	6	2	131	125	1	5	6	37-	35	1	0	10	143	140	
0	5	0	107	114	0	2	6	288	251	1	7	0	233	216	1	6	3	90	80	1	5	5	222	209	1	1	10	72	-73	
0	6	0	61	44	0	3	6	185	-150	1	8	0	66-	2	1	6	94	107	1	5	6	218	227	1	1	10	298	283		
0	7	0	67	61	0	3	6	183	159	1	8	0	66	92	1	7	3	128	130	1	5	6	57	54	1	1	10	215	205	
0	8	0	19-	-10	0	4	6	24-	4	1	9	0	37	-42	1	7	3	200	199	1	6	6	79	80	1	1	10	48-	7	
0	9	0	110	101	0	4	6	175	171	1	0	1	302	-298	1	7	3	79	73	1	6	6	90	93	1	2	10	128	122	
0	0	1	257	325	0	5	6	255	264	1	0	1	124	-15	1	7	3	161	161	1	6	6	33	36	1	2	10	64	65	
0	1	1	322	357	0	5	6	52	54	1	1	1	139	-103	1	8	3	16-	-29	1	6	6	29-	-13	1	2	10	79	-77	
0	1	7	288	308	0	6	6	64	61	1	1	1	472	509	1	8	3	86	72	1	7	6	37-	16	1	2	10	48	54	
0	2	1	118	108	0	6	6	21-	-3	1	1	1	755	949	1	5	3	44	-42	1	7	6	57	-59	1	3	10	155	150	
0	2	1	365	335	0	7	6	16-	-11	1	1	1	216	-181	1	8	3	79	71	1	7	6	29-	11	1	3	12	60	-64	
0	3	1	61	-44	0	7	6	19-	-19	1	2	1	446	519	1	9	3	72	-60	1	8	6	26-	-19	1	3	10	57	-61	
0	3	1	27	29	0	8	6	104	121	1	3	1	559	682	1	9	3	26-	20	1	8	6	18-	22	1	3	10	128	146	
0	4	1	59	79	0	0	7	311	271	1	2	1	404	442	1	0	4	113	-111	1	8	6	186	178	1	4	10	14-	4	
0	4	7	303	353	0	1	7	366	336	1	2	1	328	367	1	0	4	64	60	1	0	7	155	157	1	4	10	26-	6	
0	5	1	325	344	0	1	7	78	-53	1	3	1	64	77	1	3	4	309	328	1	0	7	351	381	1	4	10	166	127	
0	5	1	172	205	0	2	7	81	-77	1	3	1	200	226	1	1	4	86	105	1	1	7	139	-134	1	4	10	53	52	
0	6	1	27	36	0	2	7	61	-54	1	3	1	1C1	-64	1	1	4	215	197	1	1	7	131	137	1	5	12	143	133	
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0	9	1	121	130	0	6	7	158	156	1	5	1	120	127	1	3	4	188	222	1	1	11	29-	16	1	2	6	2	33	
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0	2	2	166	173	0	0	8	153	-124	1	6	1	146	116	1	4	4	135	-130	1	4	7	60	38	1	2	11	226	217	
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0	6	2	86	85	0	4	8	161	157	1	8	1	44	27	1	6	4	317	314	1	6	7	90	88	1	5	11	120	135	
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0	9	9	67	54	0	7	8	247	267	1	2	1	2	68	69	1	1	5	44	-21	1	2	1	128	123	1	1	12	90	83
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0	3	4	175	-156	0	5	10	40	37	1	7	2	207	205	1	5	5	37-	-1	1	6	116	83	2	0	1	26-	12		
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0	4	4	206	235	0	6	9	29-	-29	1	7	2	246																	

Table 4 (cont.)

h	k	l	$ 10F_O $	$ 10F_C $	h	k	l	$ 10F_O $	$ 10F_C $	h	k	l	$ 10F_O $	$ 10F_C $	h	k	l	$ 10F_O $	$ 10F_C $	h	k	l	$ 10F_O $	$ 10F_C $	
2	2	4	57	54	2	3	5	192	198	2	4	10	215	210	3	3	5	56	59	3	2	6	162	159	
2	2	4	22-	4	2	3	7	75	74	2	4	10	44	37	3	3	2	113	116	3	2	6	22-	16	
2	2	4	22-	-1	2	4	7	173	183	2	4	10	53	53	3	4	2	26	30	3	1	5	44	33	
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Bond distances in NCS indicate a prevailing double-bond character both in C–S and in N–C bonds, in agreement with an isothiocyanate structure. The lack of linearity in the NCS group is not significant; the line through NCS makes an angle of 64.3° with the plane of S(2) atoms in a chain.

The present refinement confirms the previous (NBF) observation that the van der Waals radius of S (1.85 \AA) proposed by Pauling is too long. The contacts $\text{S}(2)-\text{S}(2'')=3.396 \pm 0.007$ and $\text{S}(1)-\text{S}(1^{vii})=3.446 \pm 0.008 \text{ \AA}$ are not consistent with Pauling's value, while they are in good agreement with the value of 3.43 \AA found by Ždanov & Zvonkova (1950) in $\text{K}_2\text{Co}(\text{NCS})_4 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$, and of 3.47 \AA found by van der Helm, Lessor & Merritt (1960) in rhodanine. The other contacts shorter than 3.5 \AA are:

$\text{N}(1)-\text{N}(2)$	$3.07 \pm 0.02 \text{ \AA}$
$\text{N}(2)-\text{N}(1')$	3.25 ± 0.02
$\text{N}(1)-\text{N}(3''')$	3.46 ± 0.02
$\text{N}(2)-\text{N}(3^{iv})$	3.34 ± 0.02
$\text{C}(1)-\text{N}(2)$	3.51 ± 0.02
$\text{N}(2)-\text{C}(1')$	3.24 ± 0.02
$\text{C}(1)-\text{N}(3''')$	3.22 ± 0.02
$\text{C}(2)-\text{N}(3^{iv})$	3.34 ± 0.02
$\text{N}(1)-\text{C}(2^{iv})$	3.33 ± 0.02
$\text{S}(1)-\text{N}(2^{v})$	3.47 ± 0.01
$\text{S}(1)-\text{N}(3^{vi})$	3.48 ± 0.01
' $1+x, y, z$	v $1-x, \bar{y}, 1-z$
'' $1-x, \bar{y}, \bar{z}$	vi $x-1, 1+y, z$
''' $x, 1+y, z$	vii $\bar{x}, 1-y, 1-z$
iv $x-1, y, z$	

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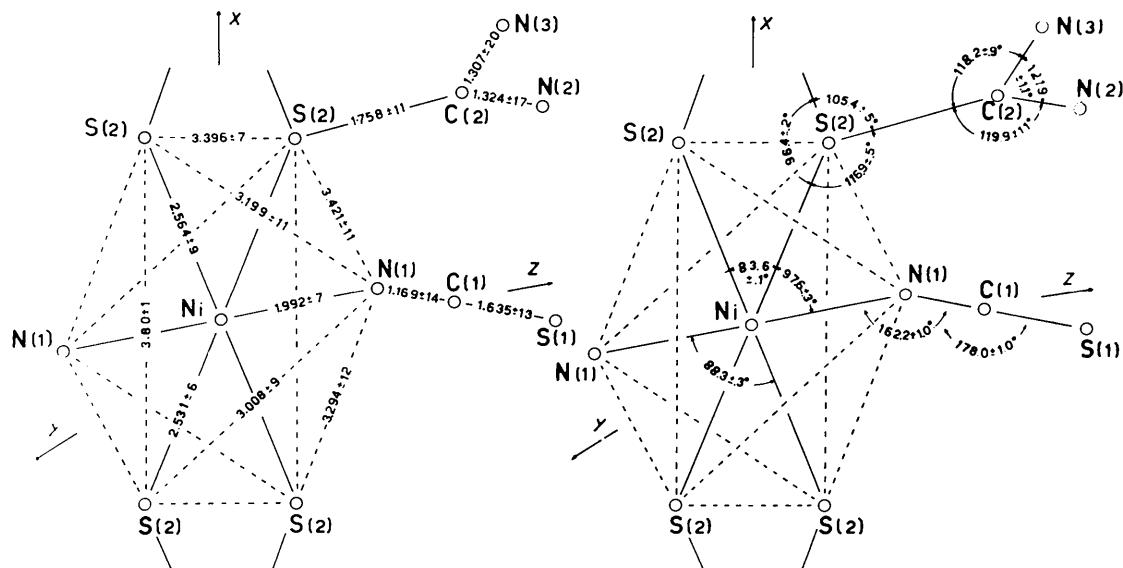


Fig. 1. $\text{Ni}[\text{SC}(\text{NH}_2)_2]_2(\text{NCS})_2$: bond distances and angles in the coordination polyhedron and ligands. The e.s.d.'s are quoted in units of the last place.