The Structure of Bis-(N, N-dimethyldithiocarbamato)pyridinezinc

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Bis-(*N*,*N*-dimethyldithiocarbamato)pyridinezinc crystallizes both with and without benzene of crystallization. The crystals with benzene, $C_3H_5N.Zn[S_2CN(CH_3)_2]_2.\frac{1}{2}C_6H_6$, are monoclinic, $P2_1/c$ with a = 12.67, b = 7.966, c = 20.13 Å, $\beta = 105.27^{\circ}$. The structure has been solved with three-dimensional X-ray intensity data and the parameters refined until R = 0.085. The zinc atom is five-coordinate with a distorted trigonal bipyramid configuration, and has two long, axial Zn–S bonds of 2.60 Å, two shorter, equatorial Zn–S bonds of 2.33 Å, and an equatorial Zn–N (pyridine) bond of 2.08 Å. The dimethyldithiocarbamate groups are planar (excluding the hydrogen atoms) with a mean N–C bond length of 1.34 Å. The complex has approximately twofold symmetry. In the crystals without benzene the study of one projection has shown the molecules to be similar except for the orientation of the pyridine rings.

Bis-(N,N-dimethyldithiocarbamato)pyridinezinc (PZD_MC)



belongs to a group of five coordinate amine-dialkyldithiocarbamate zinc complexes which have been prepared by Higgins & Saville (1963). Some of these complexes are very active accelerators of the vulcanization of rubber by sulphur, and some have important biological properties. This analysis was undertaken to establish whether the zinc atom is five-coordinate and to determine the effect of amine coordination on the Zn–S and other bond lengths.

Two crystal modifications were encountered. Form A, obtained from benzene solution, was supplied by Dr B.Saville; a partial structure determination was carried out, but the crystals were poorly ordered and accurate stereochemical information could not be obtained. Subsequently crystals of PZD_MC , form B, containing benzene of crystallization, were obtained and an accurate three-dimensional study was made of these. The molecules of PZD_MC in the A and B crystals appear to be the same except for the orientation of the pyridine ring.

The structure of the A form

The large transparent plates, C_5H_5N . $Zn[S_2CN(CH_3)_2]_2$, decomposed slowly in air, losing pyridine, and were coated in collodion for X-ray photography. They are monoclinic, with space group Cc or C2/c.

$a = 12.93 \pm 0.03 \text{ Å}$	$D_m = 1.535$
$b = 8.94 \pm 0.09$	$D_c = 1.563 \text{ g.cm}^{-3}$
$c = 14 \cdot 15 \pm 0.03$	Z = 4
$\beta = 90.0^{\circ}$	

With a cylindrical crystal, multiple-film Weissenberg photographs were taken, and the intensities of h0l reflexions were estimated visually. Lp corrections and an absorption correction were applied. The high orders were very weak; only four reflexions were measured with $\sin \theta > 0.70$. Attempts to record hk0 or 0kl data were even less successful.

The c-axis Patterson projection was consistent with the space group C2/c, in which Zn, N(1), and C(3) lie on the twofold axis. The sulphur atom positions were found from it and the carbon and nitrogen positions from an electron density projection. After refinement of these atomic positions R is 0.20. Work on these crystals was abandoned when the much better crystals of form B were obtained. Fig. 4 shows that the molecular shape is very similar to that in form B, except for the pyridine ring orientation.

Structure determination of the B form

Experimental

Fine transparent needles of

$$C_5H_5N.Zn[S_2CN(CH_3)_2]_2.\frac{1}{2}C_6H_6$$

elongated along **b**, were obtained by dissolving the complex PZD_MC in an excess of hot benzene containing a few drops of pyridine, and allowing the solution to cool. They lose benzene readily on exposure to air, and were therefore sealed into thin walled glass capillary tubes for X-ray photography. Cell dimensions were measured from Weissenberg photographs about [010] and [101], calibrated with copper lines (a = 3.6150 Å). The space group is $P2_1/c$.

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 $a = 12.670 \pm 0.01 \text{ Å}$ $b = 7.966 \pm 0.005 \qquad \beta = 105.27 \pm 0.06^{\circ}$ $c = 20.13 \pm 0.02$

The observed density, measured by flotation in aqueous potassium iodide, is 1.422 g.cm^{-3} , and the calculated density for Z=4 is 1.436 g.cm^{-3} . The discrepancy is presumably due to loss of benzene.

Using a nearly cylindrical crystal of diameter 0.144 mm and length 1.05 mm, the layers h0l to h4l were recorded on Weissenberg photographs with multiple films using Cu $K\alpha$ radiation and the intensities were estimated visually. 2267 independent reflexions were measured and another 444 were recorded as too weak to observe.

An empirical spot shape correction was applied as described by Harding & Cole (1963), and an absorption correction using the table for cylinders given by W.L.Bond (*International Tables for X-ray Crystallography*, 1959). The linear absorption coefficient is 57.0 cm^{-1} . Finally Lp corrections were applied. No good estimate could be made of the relative scales of

the five layers; they were scaled later by comparison with $|F_{calc}|$.

Solution of the structure

The PZD_MC molecules are in general positions, but the benzene molecules lie across symmetry centres. The positions of the zinc atom and four sulphur atoms were found from a sharpened (010) Patterson projection. Most of the carbon and nitrogen atoms were found from Fourier series, and refinement of their positions reduced R to 0.23. The y coordinates of zinc and sulphur atoms were found from a sharpened (101) Patterson projection, and partly refined by Fourier methods. The zinc and sulphur coordinates were then used to calculate structure factors for all reflexions (R=0.40), and the signs were used in a threedimensional electron density series. All atoms, except hydrogen, appeared with reasonable electron densities.

Refinement

A three-dimensional $(F_o - F_c)$ series was followed by seven cycles of least-squares refinement. Two very

Table 1. Observed and calculated structure factors

Each line is either h, k or l, $5|F_o|$, $5|F_c|$. Reflexions marked E appear to be considerably affected by extinction.

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 $F^*/|F_o|$ when $|F_o| > F^*$ and $\sqrt{w} = 1$ otherwise, with $F^*=0.28 |F_o|_{\text{max}}$. Throughout the refinement reflexions too weak to be observed were omitted. After successive cycles R fell to 0.17, 0.127, 0.123, 0.100, 0.086, 0.085, 0.085. After cycle 3 each layer was rescaled by comparison of the observed $|F_o|$ with $|F_c|$, the eight independent hydrogen atoms of pyridine and benzene were included in the structure factor calculation (but not refined), and the zinc and sulphur atoms were given anisotropic temperature factors. After cycle 4 all atoms except hydrogen and the methyl carbon atoms were allowed anisotropic vibrations. The standard deviations of parameters (e.s.d.) were estimated from the inverse of the last least-squares matrix. The parameter shifts in the last cycle were mostly well below 0.5 e.s.d.; the largest was 0.63 e.s.d.

Table 1 gives the observed and calculated structure factors, and Table 2 the final positional and thermal parameters. There is some evidence of extinction affecting the most intense reflexions; if those marked E in the list are omitted R becomes 0.081 for observed reflexions only, or 0.107 for all reflexions. Because of the limited data in the **b*** direction, the standard

Table 1 (cont.)

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Table 2. Final positional parameters, with their estimated standard deviations ($\times 10^4$) and thermal parameters

The B_{ij} values are in Å², comparable to the ordinary Debye factor; the atoms for which only one value is given have been treated as isotropic. Each hydrogen atom is bonded to the carbon atom with the same number.

	x	У	Z	B_{11}	B_{22}	B_{33}	B_{23}	B_{31}	B_{12}
Zn	0.6825(1)	0.1693 (2)	0.1648 (1)	3.68	2.95	3.90	0.19	1.26	-0.10
$\overline{S(1)}$	0.7827(1)	0.1523(3)	0.2950 (1)	4.59	5.06	3.54	0.20	0.81	-0.88
$\tilde{S}(2)$	0.7957(1)	-0.0657(3)	0.1788 (1)	4.75	3.95	4.14	-0.52	1.88	-0.21
$\tilde{S}(3)$	0.7235(1)	0.4397 (3)	0.1361 (1)	6.20	3.28	3.97	0.19	0.33	-1.11
S(4)	0.6152(1)	0.1943 (3)	0·0310 (1)	6.01	4.85	3.23	-0.50	1.28	-0.48
$\tilde{N}(1)$	0.5266 (3)	0.1304 (8)	0·1774 (2)	3.33	3.76	3.30	0.07	1.00	-0.19
N(2)	0.9151 (4)	-0.1120(9)	0.3069 (3)	4.80	5.37	5.44	-0.21	1.40	-1.38
N(3)	0.6632(4)	0.5086 (9)	0.0018(3)	5.13	5.68	4.11	1.19	0.95	0.29
C(1)	0.4546 (5)	0.0382(10)	0.1330 (3)	4.64	3.38	3.71	0.24	0.67	-0.55
$\tilde{C}(2)$	0.3491(5)	0·0139 (11)	0.1378 (3)	4.49	5.37	5.73	1.55	0.43	-1.04
$\tilde{C}(3)$	0.3158(5)	0.0919 (12)	0·1899 (4)	4.49	4.66	9.34	1.85	2.38	0.14
Č(4)	0.3928 (6)	0.1905 (12)	0.2376 (4)	6.32	6.28	8.56	-0.76	3.90	0.57
C(5)	0·4960 (5)	0.2052 (11)	0.2291(3)	4.94	5.66	4.87	- 1·19	2.02	0.29
C(6)	0.8397 (4)	-0.0162(10)	0.2652(3)	3.42	4.54	4.71	-0.57	2.02	-0.17
C(7)	0.9667 (7)	0.2539 (14)	0.2813 (4)	6.77					
C(8)	0.9561 (7)	-0.0760 (14)	0.3816 (4)	7.34					
C(9)	0.6669 (4)	0.3916 (10)	0.0503 (3)	3.99	4·18	3.97	0.07	1.57	0.26
C(10)	0.6107 (6)	0.4734 (12)	-0·0712 (4)	5.96					
C(11)	0.7079 (7)	0.6777 (13)	0.0183 (4)	7.38					
C(12)	0.7052 (5)	-0·1189 (12)	0.0316 (4)	5.16	6.01	5.28	0.24	0.76	-0.55
C(13)	-0·0119 (6)	-0.0822 (12)	0.0570 (3)	5.63	6.85	4.64	0.69	1.43	-1.31
C(14)	-0.0876 (6)	0.0345 (12)	0.0262 (4)	5.47	6.68	5.61	-0.07	2.23	-0.74
H(1)	0.4799	-0.0226	0.0911	3.8					
H(2)	0.2905	-0.0634	0.1009	5.2					
H(3)	0.2331	0.0750	0.1960	5.8					
H(4)	0.3648	0.2213	0.2781	6.7					
H(5)	0.5543	0.2834	0.2661	5.1					
H(12)	0.1328	-0.2178	0.0582	5.4					
H(13)	-0.0232	-0.1491	0.1020	5.0					
H(14)	-0.1554	0.0280	0.0488	5.7					

Table 3. Bond lengths and angles in the PZD_MC molecule

	_			e.s.d.
Zn - S(1)	2·598 Å	Zn - S(4)	2.612	0.004 Å
Zn - S(2)	2.330	Zn - S(3)	2∙325 ∫	0 00411
Zn - N(1)	2.079		>	0.006
S(1) - C(6)	1.707	S(4) –C(9)	1.707	0.010
S(2) - C(6)	1.727	S(3) - C(9)	1.732	
C(6) - N(2)	1.333	C(9) - N(3)	1.342	0.013
N(1)-C(1)	1.320	N(1)-C(5)	1.342	
C(1) - C(2)	1.379	C(4) - C(5)	1.36/	0.015
C(2) - C(3)	1.376	C(3) - C(4)	1.413	
N(2)-C(7)	1.466	N(3) = C(11)	1.465	0.017
N(2)-C(8)	1.484	N(3) - C(10)	1·473 J	
S(1) = 7n = N(1)	05.0°	S(4) = -7n = N(1)	03.Q°	
$S(1) - Z_{II} - N(1)$ $S(2) - Z_{II} - N(1)$	116.1	S(3) - Zn - N(1)	116.8	
$S(2) = Z_{II} = I(1)$ $S(1) = Z_{II} = S(2)$	73.4	S(4) - Zn - S(3)	72.9	
$S(1) = Z_{11} = S(2)$ $S(1) = Z_{11} = S(3)$	102.6	S(4) = Zn = S(3) S(4) = Zn = S(2)	102.1	
S(1) - Zn - S(3) S(1) - Zn - S(4)	170.2	S(2) - 7n - S(3)	127.1	
5(1)-21 -5(4)	1702	5(2) 211 5(3)	12/1	
Zn - N(1) - C(1)	121.0	Zn - N(1) - C(5)	120.7	
N(1) = C(1) = C(2)	124.3	N(1) - C(5) - C(4)	122.5	
C(1) - C(2) - C(3)	117.3	C(3) - C(4) - C(5)	118.3	
C(2) - C(3) - C(4)	119.3	C(1) - N(1) - C(5)	118.3	
Zn - S(1) - C(6)	79.9	ZnS(4) - C(9)	80.4	
Zn - S(2) - C(6)	87.9	Zn - S(3) - C(9)	88.9	
S(1) - C(6) - S(2)	118.3	S(4) - C(9) - S(3)	117.3	
S(1) - C(6) - N(2)	120.5	S(4) - C(9) - N(3)	123.3	
S(2) - C(6) - N(2)	121.2	S(3) - C(9) - N(3)	119.4	
C(6) - N(2) - C(7)	122.1	C(9) - N(3) - C(11)	123.9	
C(6) - N(2) - C(8)	124.0	C(9) - N(3) - C(10)	119.5	
C(7) - N(2) - C(8)	114.0	C(10) - N(3) - C(11)	116.5	

The e.s.d. is 0.3° for angles around the zinc atom, rising to 1.5° for angles involving carbon and nitrogen atoms only.

deviations of y coordinates are higher than the others, and because of the method of layer scaling used vibration parameters in the **b*** direction have little meaning.

Description and discussion

The molecule of PZD_MC is illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2, and Table 3 gives bond lengths and angles. The coordination group around zinc is a distorted trigonal bipyramid, with coplanar atoms Zn, N(1), S(2), and S(3) lying in the equatorial plane, and S(1) and S(4) occupying the axial positions. The axial Zn–S bonds (average 2.60 Å) are significantly longer than the equatorial bonds (average 2.33 Å). The main departures from trigonal symmetry are the difference in the length of the equatorial Zn–N(1) and Zn–S bonds, the angle S(2)–Zn–S(3), which is 127° instead of 120°, and the deviation of the axial Zn–S bonds by 17° from the normal to the equatorial plane; exact trigonal symmetry would not, of course, be possible for a compound with this chemical structure.

Gillespie (1963) states that in trigonal bipyramidal complexes of the type MX_5 the axial bonds should be slightly longer than the equatorial ones as a result of electron pair repulsions, but in PZD_MC the observed differences are larger than any that Gillespie mentions. A 'normal' Zn–S bond length is ~2.4 Å – the sum of the covalent radii is 2.35 (Pauling, 1960); in bis(di-



Fig. 1. One molecule of PZD_MC viewed along the molecular twofold axis. The bond lengths and angles in the two dithiocarbamate groups have been averaged.



Fig. 2. One molecule of PZD_MC projected onto the equatorial plane N(1)S(3)S(2) of the distorted trigonal bipyramid. The planar dithiocarbamate groups are very nearly perpendicular to this plane.

methyldithiocarbamato)zinc (ZD_MC) (Klug, 1966) zinc is bound to four sulphur atoms at distances between 2.31 and 2.44 Å, making a distorted tetrahedron. In bis(diethyldithiocarbamato)zinc (ZD_EC) (Bonamico, Mazzone, Vaciago & Zambonelli, 1965) there are four sulphur atoms at distances between 2.33 and 2.44 Å from zinc, but also one at 2.82 Å. The axial bonds in PZD_MC are therefore longer than normal, and this may be attributed to the amine coordination, or the increase in coordination number to five, or to both.

The molecule of PZD_MC has approximately twofold symmetry. The twofold axis of pyridine, through N(1) and C(3), nearly coincides with that of the rest of the molecule; the angle between them is 4°, the pyridine being tilted in a direction approximately normal to its own plane so that its approach to S(4), 3.48 Å, is closer than to S(1), 3.55 Å. This distortion appears to be caused by a larger number of intermolecular contacts on one side of the pyridine ring than on the other.

The two dimethyldithiocarbamate groups are planar (apart from the methyl hydrogen atoms) within experimental error (Table 4). Their planes are approximately normal to the equatorial plane of the trigonal bipyramid (Fig. 2). Zinc is 0.086 Å from the plane of one group and 0.037 Å from the plane of the other; these are significant displacements and are in the opposite senses relative to the approximate molecular twofold axis. The slight shortening of S(1)-C(6) and S(4)-C(9)relative to the other two S-C bonds is possibly significant, and could be associated with the lengthening of the bonds from these sulphur atoms to zinc. In other respects the dimensions of the dimethyldithiocarbamate group are not significantly different from those in ZD_MC itself (Klug, 1966) or those found in the dithiocarbamates of nickel (II), copper (II), and zinc (II) (Bonamico, Dessy, Mariani, Vaciago & Zambonelli, 1965; Bonamico, Dessy, Mugnoli, Vaciago & Zambonelli, 1965; Bonamico, Mazzone et al., 1965).

The bond lengths and the angles in the benzene and pyridine rings are all within two e.s.d.'s of the values in the parent compounds (*Tables of Interatomic Distances and Configuration in Molecules and Ions*, 1958), except for N(1)-C(1) and N(1)-C(5). These are shorter than the corresponding bonds in pyridine but comparable to those found in dipyridinecobalt dichloride and dipyridinecopper dichloride (Dunitz, 1957).

Fig. 3 shows the arrangement of molecules in the crystal lattice. Neighbouring pyridine rings are packed with their planes approximately normal to each other, in a herringbone pattern, extending along **b**. The molecules are held together by van der Waals forces only; there are nine intermolecular contacts shorter than $3 \cdot 80$ Å and the shortest of these is $3 \cdot 68$ Å [S(4).....C(1)]. There is a large cylindrical space parallel to **b** between benzene molecules; only C(8) appears to prevent the benzene molecules from moving along these channels, and escaping from the crystal. The benzene molecules also act as 'buffers' between sheets of PZD_MC mol-

ecules normal to [100], which have no mutal contacts less than 3.90 Å.

In Fig.4 the molecule of PZD_MC, as found from this accurate analysis, is compared with the b-axis electron density projection of crystals of form A. The stereochemistry is the same in the two forms except for the orientation of the pyridine ring. This ring is probably fairly free to rotate about the Zn-N(1) bond direction, avoiding the region where it is eclipsed with S(1) and S(4), but otherwise adopting the orientation which packs most satisfactorily in the crystal lattice.

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Fig.4. b-Axis electron density projection for crystal of form A. The molecule shown in full lines is that found from the analysis of crystals of form B, in projection along its twofold axis. The dotted line shows the orientation of the pyridine ring suggested in form A.



Fig.3. b-Axis projection showing the packing of molecules in form B.

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A	R	C	Л		Atoms inc Disp	blacement	Displacement of				
Pyridir	ie Ž	Ũ	2						•	otin	
1.815	- 6.405	10.45	- 1.975	N(1) -0.002	C(1) -0.005	C(2) 0·009	C(3) -0.006	C(4) 0·000	C(5) 0·004	Zn	-0.099
Dithio	carbamate	group									
9•945	4.723	- 7.657	-6.238	S(1) -0.005	S(2) 0·005	C(6) -0.005	N(2) 0·016	C(7) −0·023	C(8) 0·010	Zn	-0.086
Dithio	carbamate	group						-			
11.99	-2.450	- 6.815	- 6.668	S(4) 0·007	S(3) -0.011	C(9) 0·012	N(3) 0·011	C(11) 0·022	C(10) -0.035	Zn	-0.037
Equato	orial plane										
1.184	1.720	18.38	-4.121	Zn 0·009	S(2) -0.005	S(3) -0.005	N(1) 0.012			S(1) S(4)	2·49 2·49
Benzer	e									. ,	
5.019	5.648	9.231	0	C(12)	C(13)	C(14)	C(12') -0:003	C(13')	C(14')		

Table 4. Planarity of various groups of atoms

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An X-ray Study of the Effect of Manganese on the Occurrence of Stacking Faults in Silver-Base Alloys

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X-ray diffraction line profiles from filings of silver-manganese alloys in the solid-solution range were recorded by a Geiger counter X-ray diffractometer. Stacking-fault parameters α and β were obtained from peak position and peak asymmetry measurements and the concentration of deformation faults has been found to be negligibly small. The broadening of the powder-pattern peaks was studied by Fourier analysis of line shapes and the anisotropic values of the effective particle sizes $[D_e]_{nkl}$ and the root-mean-square strains $[\langle \epsilon_L^2 \rangle]_{lkl}^{l/2}$ were obtained in all cases. Appreciable change in $[D_e]_{nkl}$ was not observed across the solid-solution range and the measured effective particle sizes are primarily a consequence of deformation and twin faulting. A good agreement was observed for the compound fault probability ($1.5\alpha + \beta$) obtained by two different methods.

Introduction

During recent years a great deal of attention has been given to the X-ray diffraction study of cold-worked metals and alloys as it is able to reveal a fairly detailed picture of the deformed state. It has been observed that cold working produces appreciable changes in the intensity distribution of diffracted X-rays and it is well established that the broadening of X-ray powder diffraction line profiles of f.c.c. metals and alloys results from a reduction in the size of the coherently diffracting domains, from distortion within these coherent domains and from stacking faults on (111) planes. Besides peak broadening, peak shift and peak asymmetry are also observed and are chiefly due to deformation and twin stacking faults (Warren, 1959).

Since stacking faults exert an important influence on the structural and mechanical properties of f.c.c. metals and alloys, extensive measurements on the occurrence of stacking faults in binary alloys based on the solvent metals copper and silver have been performed (Warren & Warekois, 1955; Wagner, 1957; Davies & Cahn 1962; Adler & Wagner, 1962; Foley,

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Cahn & Raynor, 1963; Vassamillet & Massalski, 1964; Sen Gupta & Quader, 1966; Goswami, Sen Gupta & Quader, 1966a). All these investigations have shown pronounced increase of the faulting probability with increasing solute content and the dependence of stacking fault parameter α on solute concentration is either linear or roughly parabolic. Recently, to observe the effects of the transition metals manganese and nickel on the occurrence of stacking faults in copper-base allovs, measurements have been carried out by Henderson (1963-64), Nakajima & Numakura (1965) and Goswami, Sen Gupta & Quader (1966b) and a quite different and interesting picture has been obtained in these systems. The concentration of stacking faults has been found to be small and the variation of the fault parameter α with increasing solute content is neither linear nor parabolic.

In view of this, the present investigation, which is concerned with the observation of the effect of transition solute manganese on the occurrence of stacking faults in silver-base alloys, has been taken into consideration and Warren & Averbach's method (Warren, 1959) of Fourier analysis of line shapes has been