

Figure 3.—Structure of the molecule looking approximately along the zinc-phosphorus bond.

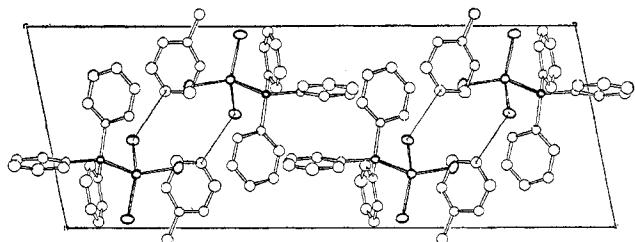


Figure 4.—Projection of the contents of the unit cell onto the *ac* plane.

Cation Geometry.—Unlike the phenyl groups which were refined as rigid bodies, atoms of the 4-methylpyridinium cation were located individually and refined with anisotropic temperature factors. Probably as a result of the domination of the scattering by the five heavy atoms, the positions of the light atoms are not well defined. Comparison of the cation positional parameters before and after introduction of the anisotropic thermal parameters shows little change and no significant improvement in precision. The average bond length in the ring is 1.35 Å, somewhat shorter than might be expected, and the average bond angle within the ring is 119.9°. The single bond to the methyl carbon is of the length expected (1.54 Å).

It seems reasonable that the hydrogen-bonding interaction should disturb the cation and anion equally, but the effect on the cation is too small to detect in view of the large standard deviations in the light-atom bond lengths.

As mentioned above, the N-H proton was located

from a difference Fourier map and the cation ring protons were put in their predicted positions. Proton parameters were not varied since it was not expected that they could be sufficiently well defined. The N-H distance of 1.01 Å is slightly longer than expected for a normal N-H proton but perhaps reasonable considering the hydrogen bonding.

Overall Structure.—The most notable aspect of the structure is the strong hydrogen bonding which presumably is the force holding the molecule together in the lattice. The N-Br(2) distance of 3.2 Å is quite short and has some interesting implications for nmr contact shift studies of ion pairing in solution (involving, for example, the analogous Co^{2+} or Ni^{2+} complexes). While solid-state and solution structures may not be very similar, especially with respect to distortion of the anion, the fact that the cation can approach the anion so closely along what appears to be a direction of no symmetry clearly points up the difficulty of trying to work from a simple model (*i.e.*, trigonal or tetrahedral) for a quantitative treatment of all but the most favorable cases. We also note that 3.2 Å is certainly a short enough distance for direct overlap of nitrogen and bromine orbitals containing unpaired spin and that any dipolar shifts on the cation are likely to be complicated by a direct contact interaction.¹⁵

Electron Spin Resonance.—Examination of the single-crystal electron spin resonance spectra of Co^{2+} doped into the zinc compound indicates immediately that there is a rather strong rhombic component to the electronic structure. The ratio of the zero-field splitting parameters *D* and *E* is such that off-diagonal terms coupling the $\pm\frac{1}{2}$ ground spin doublet to the excited $\pm\frac{3}{2}$ doublet¹⁶ are of sufficient magnitude that they cannot be neglected and thus transitions only within the $\pm\frac{1}{2}$ doublet observed in the esr experiment do not by themselves serve to determine either *g* values or zero-field parameters. Powder spectra support this view and indicate that both *D* and *E* terms are too large to apply the method of Hempel, Morgan, and Lewis¹⁷ for the determination of spin Hamiltonian parameters. No quantitative data are thus reported here.

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