

Synthesis, Characterization, and Reactivity toward Nickel(II) of the New Saturated 14-Membered P₂S₂ Macrocycles *cis*- and *trans*-1,8-Diphenyl-1,8-diphospha-4,12-dithia-cyclotetradecane

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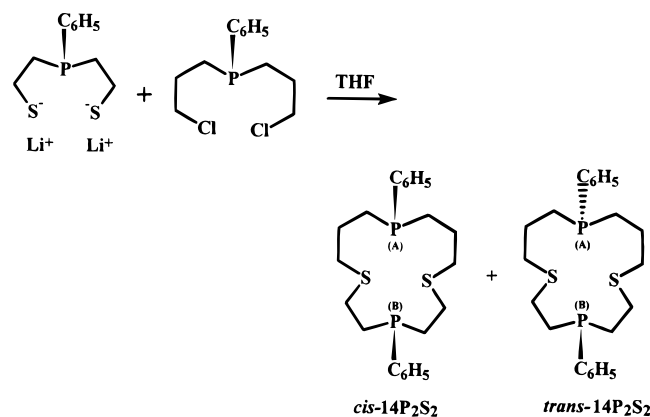
Introduction

Multidentate phosphorus containing macrocycles are interesting ligands which form very stable complexes, and several synthetic strategies have been used to obtain them.¹ It has been reported that introduction of sulfur donor atoms in these systems could modulate their complexing abilities,² and several macrocycles containing a mixed phosphorus–sulfur donor set of atoms could be found in the literature. Most of them incorporate aromatic rings fused in the macrocyclic chain,^{2–4} but saturated ring systems containing exclusively P₂S₂ donor set of atoms have been less developed.^{5,6} The present work deals with the synthesis of the first saturated 14-membered diphosphadithia macrocycle 14P₂S₂ (Scheme 1), the separation of its *cis* and *trans* isomers, and reactions of these isomers with hydrated Ni(II) perchlorate.

Results and Discussion

The new macrocyclic ligand 14P₂S₂ has been synthesized by reaction of equimolar amounts of the dilithium salt of 3-phenyl-3-phosphapentane-1,5-dithiol and bis(3-chloropropyl)phenylphosphine as shown in Scheme 1. The ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum of

Scheme 1



the crude ligand displays two pairs of signals which suggest that the product obtained is a mixture of the *cis* and *trans* isomers. By comparing the positions of these resonances with the displacements reported for related compounds^{4c,7} we have assigned the signals appearing at -26.66 and -27.51 ppm (vs 85% H₃PO₄) to the propyl-linked phosphine groups and those appearing at -24.43 and -25.04 ppm to ethyl-linked ones (P_(A) and P_(B) respectively, in Scheme 1).

The *cis* and *trans* isomers were separated by adding small portions of toluene to a cooled solution of the initial isomeric mixture in diethyl ether. The separation process is easily monitored by ³¹P{¹H} NMR because the less soluble isomer shows a unique pair of signals at -24.43 and -26.66 ppm, whereas the more soluble one exhibits them at -25.04 and -27.51 ppm. With these spectroscopic data it is not possible to assign unequivocally the conformation of the compounds present in each fraction. So, we have solved the crystal structure of the less soluble product, which is the *trans*-14P₂S₂ isomer.

Figure 1 shows the molecular geometry and the atomic labeling scheme for the *trans*-14P₂S₂ macrocycle. The structure is partly disordered because the noncentrosymmetric molecule is situated across the crystallographic center of inversion, and thus bond parameters for the disordered part are only apparent. Owing to the symmetry, orientation of the phenyl groups is *trans*. The bond lengths and bond angles show the usual values found in organic compounds, and the values of torsional angles indicate lack of considerable strain in the molecule. The four donor atoms are oriented away from the intracyclic cavity and the intramolecular S···S and P···P distances (6.287(4) and 7.244(3) Å, respectively) are quite large. All of this reveals the poor preorganization of the free macrocyclic ligand toward metal ion coordination.

The reaction of equimolar amounts of *trans*-14P₂S₂ and hydrated Ni(ClO₄)₂ in a CH₂Cl₂–CH₃CN mixture affords the red-violet crystalline solid **1** of formula [Ni(*trans*-14P₂S₂)-(CH₃CN)](ClO₄)₂. However, when the same reaction is carried out using the *cis*-14P₂S₂ isomer as ligand, only noncharacterizable oily materials could be isolated. Complex **1** slowly changes when exposed to the atmosphere to a yellow solid, probably due to loss of the coordinated acetonitrile molecule. This yellow solid dissolves in acetonitrile affording a red-yellow solution from which the solid complex **1** was recovered. The ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum of **1** recorded in acetonitrile solution shows a pair of doublets centered at 0.08 and 121.38 ppm,

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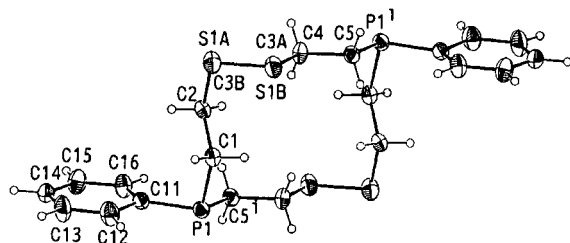


Figure 1. ORTEP plot of *trans*-14P₂S₂ showing 30% displacement ellipsoids. In the disordered part of the molecule the atom labeled S(1A) and C(3B), as well as S(1B) and C(3A) describe averaged positions of the two close atom positions.

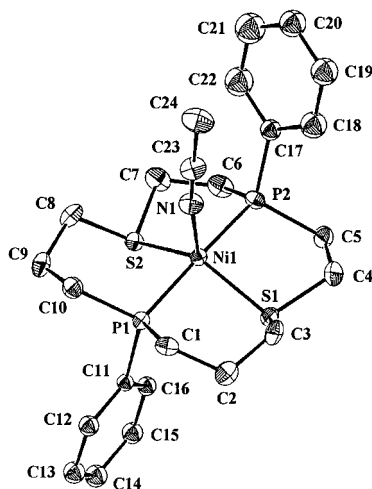


Figure 2. ORTEP plot of **1** showing 30% displacement ellipsoids. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

respectively with a *trans* coupling constant of 191.9 Hz. These data are in accord with those reported for Ni(II) complexes of similar 14-membered phosphorus-containing macrocycles.^{8,9}

The crystal structure of **1** consists of discrete [Ni(*trans*-14P₂S₂)(CH₃CN)]²⁺ cations and ClO₄⁻ anions without significant interactions between them. Figure 2 shows the molecular structure and the atomic labeling scheme for the [Ni(CH₃CN)(*trans*-14P₂S₂)]²⁺ cation. In this cation the Ni(II) atom adopts a pentacoordinated environment defined by the four donor atoms of the ligand *trans*-14P₂S₂ and the nitrogen atom of one coordinated acetonitrile molecule. The coordination polyhedra of Ni(II) can be described as a distorted trigonal bipyramid with the phosphorus atoms situated at axial positions, whereas the two sulfur and the nitrogen atoms are located at the equatorial plane. The P–Ni–P angle is almost linear (174.1(1)°) but equatorial angles vary from 109.1(3) to 137.4(1)°. The Ni–P and Ni–S bond distances are similar, ranging from 2.181(3) to 2.193(3) Å, and are in agreement with the values found in the literature for pentacoordinated¹⁰ or square-planar^{2d,3,11} Ni(II) complexes in related P₂S₂ environments. The simultaneous coordination of the four macrocyclic donor atoms to the Ni(II) atom defines two five-membered and two six-membered chelate rings in half-chair and chair conformations, respectively.

Several examples of structurally characterized Ni(II) complexes with all-phosphorus or mixed sulfur–phosphorus tetradentate macrocycles have been reported. These data indicate that reaction of P_{4–n}S_n (*n* = 0–3) macrocycles and Ni(II) salts of noncoordinating anions favors the formation of tetracoordi-

nate Ni(II) complexes with square-planar geometry.^{2d,3} However, if strongly coordinating anions (halides, cyanide or thiocyanate) are used as counter-ions, then pentacoordinate Ni(II) complexes are obtained.^{2d,8,9} Nevertheless the *trans*-14P₂S₂ macrocycle seems to impose pentacoordination to the Ni(II) ion. This behavior encourages further research on reactivity and catalytic properties of this macrocycle.

Experimental Section

General Methods. Syntheses were carried out using standard Schlenk techniques under dry dinitrogen atmosphere. Solvents were dried by conventional methods and distilled under dinitrogen. Dilithium 3-phenyl-3-phosphapentane-1,5-dithiolate¹² and bis(3-chloropropyl)phenylphosphine¹³ were obtained by previously described procedures. Elemental analyses were performed by the Service of Chemical Analysis of the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona with a Carlo Erba EA-1108 instrument. NMR spectra were carried out by the Service of NMR of the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. ¹H and ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectra were recorded using a Bruker 400 MHz AC instrument. ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectra were recorded using a Bruker 250 MHz AC instrument and chemical shifts are given as ppm relative to 85% H₃PO₄.

Synthesis of 1,8-Diphenyl-1,8-diphospha-4,12-dithiacyclotetradecane (14P₂S₂). A solution of dilithium 3-phenyl-3-phosphapentane-1,5-dithiolate (4.40 g, 18.1 mmol) in THF (100 cm³) was mixed with a solution of bis(3-chloropropyl)phenylphosphine (4.80 g, 18.1 mmol) in THF (100 cm³) over THF (500 cm³) at a rate of 20 cm³·h⁻¹. After the addition was completed, the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 48 h and then evaporated to dryness. The resulting oily material was treated with diethyl ether (100 cm³), affording a white solid (LiCl) which was filtered off and discarded. The ether solution was then evaporated to 5 cm³ and chromatographed over neutral Al₂O₃. The fraction eluted with toluene–diethyl ether (1:1) was collected and evaporated to obtain a mixture of *cis*- and *trans*-14P₂S₂ as a white solid. Yield: 0.35 g (4.4%). Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₃₀P₂S₂: C, 62.83; H, 7.14; S, 14.73. Found: C, 62.3; H, 7.1; S, 14.6. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.61–2.82 (m, 20, –CH₂–), 7.05–7.90 (m, 10, Ph). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 24.3–26.6 (m, CH₂–S–CH₂–CH₂), 32.5 (m, P–CH₂), 127.0–138.1 (m, Ph). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ –24.43, –25.04, –26.66, –27.51.

Separation of the *cis*- and *trans*-Isomers of 14P₂S₂. The mixture of *cis*- and *trans*-14P₂S₂ (0.30 g, 0.71 mmol) was dissolved in diethyl ether (5 cm³). Toluene (1 cm³) was added, and the resulting mixture was kept for 5 min at –70 °C. A white precipitate of *trans*-14P₂S₂ appeared, which was filtered off and vacuum-dried. Yield: 0.095 g (0.23 mmol). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ –24.43, –26.66. To the filtrate was added toluene (1 cm³), and the mixture was cooled again at –70 °C to afford a second crop of precipitate (0.11 g), which was a mixture of *cis*- and *trans*-14P₂S₂ isomers, according to the ³¹P NMR. An additional portion of toluene (1 cm³) was added to the remaining solution which was cooled to –70 °C to afford a third fraction of precipitate corresponding to the pure *cis*-14P₂S₂ isomer. Yield: 0.081 g (0.21 mmol). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CDCl₃): δ –25.04, –27.51.

Synthesis of (Acetonitrile)(*trans*-1,8-diphenyl-1,8-diphospha-4,12-dithiacyclotetradecane)nickel(II) Diperchlorate, [Ni(*trans*-14P₂S₂)(CH₃CN)](ClO₄)₂ (1**).** A solution of *trans*-14P₂S₂ (0.050 g, 0.12 mmol) in dichloromethane (2 cm³) was slowly added to a solution of Ni(ClO₄)₂·6H₂O (0.043 g, 0.12 mmol) in acetonitrile (10 cm³). The mixture, which changed immediately from blue to dark red, was maintained under stirring at room temperature for 30 min. After that, diethyl ether (4 cm³) was added. Red-violet needles separated from the solution and were filtered off and vacuum dried. Yield: 0.045 g (45%). Anal. Calcd for C₂₄H₃₃P₂S₂NCl₂O₈Ni: C, 40.08; H, 4.62; N, 1.95; S, 8.92. Found: C, 39.8; H, 4.2; N, 1.9; S, 8.9. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CD₃CN): δ 0.91–4.32 (m, 20, –CH₂–), 7.45–8.21 (m, 10, Ph). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (101 MHz, CD₃CN): δ 0.08 (d, ³J_{PP} = 191.9 Hz), 121.38 (d, ³J_{PP} = 191.9 Hz).

X-ray Structure Determinations for *trans*-14P₂S₂ and **1.** Single-crystal data collections for both compounds were performed with

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Table 1. Crystallographic Data and Structure Refinement Parameters

	<i>trans</i> -14P ₂ S ₂	(1)
chem formula	C ₂₂ H ₃₀ P ₂ S ₂	C ₂₂ H ₃₀ Cl ₂ NNiO ₈ P ₂ S ₂
fw	420.52	719.20
<i>a</i> , Å	12.294(3)	13.372(2)
<i>b</i> , Å	5.672(2)	12.729(5)
<i>c</i> , Å	16.703(4)	18.470(4)
β, deg	109.55(2)	102.86(2)
<i>V</i> , Å ³	1097.6(6)	3065(1)
<i>Z</i>	2	4
space group	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>n</i> (No. 14)	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>a</i> (No. 14)
<i>T</i> , °C	21	21
λ, Å	0.710 69	0.710 69
ρ _{calc} , g·cm ⁻³	1.272	1.559
ρ _{obsd} , g·cm ⁻³	1.28	1.56
μ, cm ⁻¹	3.9	10.9
transm coeff		0.86–1.00
<i>R</i> ^a	0.080	0.058
<i>R</i> _w ^b	0.080	0.058

$$^a R = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o|. \quad ^b R_w = [(\sum (|F_o| - |F_c|)^2 / \sum w F_o^2)]^{1/2}.$$

Table 2. Selected Atomic Coordinates and Equivalent Displacement Parameters for *trans*-14P₂S₂

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	<i>U</i> _{eq} ^a
P(1)	0.1316(2)	0.4469(4)	0.4073(1)	0.0434(7)
S(1A) ^b	0.2820(2)	0.0355(7)	0.6494(2)	0.062(1)
S(1B) ^b	0.1508(2)	0.0615(6)	0.6819(2)	0.059(1)
C(1)	0.1793(6)	0.348(1)	0.5196(4)	0.042(3)
C(2)	0.2342(6)	0.104(1)	0.5421(4)	0.045(3)
C(4)	0.0708(6)	-0.184(1)	0.6298(4)	0.049(3)
C(5)	-0.0429(6)	-0.198(1)	0.6485(4)	0.045(3)

$$^a U_{eq} = 1/3 \sum_i \sum_j U_{ij} a_i^* a_j^* \mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{a}_j. \quad ^b \text{Site occupation parameter 0.69.}$$

Rigaku AFC5S diffractometer using monochromatized Mo Kα radiation (λ = 0.710 69 Å) and ω-2θ scan mode at room temperature.

The structure of *trans*-14P₂S₂ was solved by direct methods using the SHELXS86 program.¹⁴ Least-squares refinements and all subsequent calculations were performed using the XTAL¹⁵ crystallographic software package. Because the molecule lacks an inversion center and *Z* is 2, it is disordered, with two molecules sharing four equivalent positions. Of the non-hydrogen atoms only S(1) and C(3) are disordered, each occupying two positions. The disordered atoms are labeled in Figure 1 as S(1A), S(1B), C(3A), and C(3B). As the real positions of S(1A) and C(3B) are very close, as well as the positions of S(1B) and C(3A), the close positions could not be distinguished. Therefore partially occupied sulfur atoms S(1A) and S(1B) (site occupation parameter 0.69) were used in the calculations. The non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic displacement parameters and hydrogen atoms were placed at their calculated positions [C–H = 0.95 Å and *U*(H) = 1.2*U*_{eq}(host atom)].

The structure of **1** was solved by direct methods using the MITRIL program.¹⁶ Least-squares refinements and all subsequent calculations were performed using the TEXSAN program package.¹⁷ Non-hydrogen atoms, except the phenyl carbons, were refined with anisotropic displacement parameters. Phenyl groups were refined as rigid groups, and hydrogen atoms were placed at their calculated positions [C–H = 0.95 Å and *U*(H) equal to 1.2*xU* of host atom].

For both compounds neutral atomic scattering factors were those included in the programs. The figures were plotted with ORTEP.¹⁸ Crystallographic data for *trans*-14P₂S₂ and **1** are presented in Table 1.

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Table 3. Selected Bond Lengths (Å) and Angles (deg) for *trans*-14P₂S₂^a

P(1)–C(1)	1.854(7)	S(1A)–S(1B)	1.872(5)
P(1)–C(11)	1.835(8)	S(1A)–C(2)	1.733(7)
P(1)–C(5) ⁱ	1.837(7)	S(1B)–C(4)	1.759(8)
C(1)–P(1)–C(11)	100.4(3)	S(1A)–C(2)–C(1)	115.2(5)
C(1)–P(1)–C(5) ⁱ	102.4(3)	S(1B)–C(4)–C(5)	109.6(6)
C(11)–P(1)–C(5) ⁱ	103.1(3)	C(4)–C(5)–P(1) ⁱ	111.2(5)
S(1B)–S(1A)–C(2)	104.8(3)	P(1)–C(11)–C(12)	115.8(6)
S(1A)–S(1B)–C(4)	100.8(3)	P(1)–C(11)–C(16)	127.2(6)
P(1)–C(1)–C(2)	119.0(5)		

^a Equivalent position: (i) -*x*, -*y*, 1 - *z*.

Table 4. Selected Atomic Coordinates and Equivalent Displacement Parameters for **1**

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	<i>B</i> _q ^a
Ni(1)	0.4273(1)	0.0727(1)	0.74558(7)	2.17(5)
S(1)	0.2646(2)	0.1126(2)	0.7077(2)	2.8(1)
S(2)	0.5748(2)	0.1536(2)	0.7623(2)	2.6(1)
P(1)	0.4206(2)	0.1192(2)	0.8587(1)	2.2(1)
P(2)	0.4357(2)	0.0435(2)	0.6307(2)	2.7(1)
N(1)	0.4404(7)	-0.0850(7)	0.7755(5)	3.6(4)
C(1)	0.3139(8)	0.0554(8)	0.8890(5)	2.7(5)
C(2)	0.2074(8)	0.076(1)	0.8388(6)	3.8(5)
C(3)	0.1919(7)	0.0342(9)	0.7600(6)	3.5(5)
C(4)	0.2266(8)	0.059(1)	0.6139(6)	4.6(6)
C(5)	0.3116(8)	0.0841(9)	0.5725(6)	3.6(5)
C(6)	0.5425(9)	0.1239(9)	0.6146(6)	4.0(6)
C(7)	0.6284(9)	0.119(1)	0.6829(7)	4.3(6)
C(8)	0.6608(7)	0.0903(9)	0.8385(6)	3.6(5)
C(9)	0.6347(8)	0.1211(9)	0.9120(6)	3.6(5)
C(10)	0.5338(8)	0.0731(9)	0.9251(5)	3.3(5)
C(23)	0.4498(9)	-0.172(1)	0.7783(6)	3.8(6)
C(24)	0.461(1)	-0.288(1)	0.7784(7)	5.6(7)

$$^a B_{eq} = (3/4) \sum_i \sum_j \beta_{ij}^* \mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{a}_j.$$

Table 5. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (deg) for **1**

Ni(1)–S(1)	2.192(3)	S(1)–C(3)	1.81(1)
Ni(1)–S(2)	2.185(3)	S(1)–C(4)	1.82(1)
Ni(1)–P(1)	2.193(3)	S(2)–C(7)	1.82(1)
Ni(1)–P(2)	2.181(3)	S(2)–C(8)	1.80(1)
Ni(1)–N(1)	2.079(9)	N(1)–C(23)	1.12(2)
S(1)–Ni(1)–S(2)	137.4(1)	Ni(1)–P(1)–C(11)	115.5(2)
S(1)–Ni(1)–N(1)	109.1(3)	Ni(1)–P(2)–C(17)	119.0(3)
S(2)–Ni(1)–N(1)	113.4(3)	Ni(1)–N(1)–C(23)	167(1)
P(1)–Ni(1)–P(2)	174.1(1)		

Selected atomic coordinates and bond parameters for *trans*-14P₂S₂ are listed in Tables 2 and 3, and for **1** the same data are presented in Tables 4 and 5. Further details of the X-ray analyses are included in the Supporting Information.

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Supporting Information Available: Text giving the details of X-ray structure analyses and complete listings of bond distances and angles, thermal parameters, and hydrogen coordinates for *trans*-14P₂S₂ and **1** (26 pages). Ordering information is given on any current masthead page.

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