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The Crystal Structures of $\text{CaNa}_2(\text{CO}_3)_2 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$, Synthetic Gaylussite, and $\text{CaNa}_2(\text{CO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$, Synthetic Pirssonite

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The crystal structure of $\text{CaNa}_2(\text{CO}_3)_2 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (synthetic gaylussite) has been determined from 2988 single-crystal X-ray diffraction data collected by a counter method. The unit cell parameters are $a = 14.361 \pm 0.002 \text{ \AA}$, $b = 7.781 \pm 0.001 \text{ \AA}$, $c = 11.209 \pm 0.002 \text{ \AA}$, and $\beta = 127.84 \pm 0.01^\circ$, and the space group is $\text{C}2/c$. There are four formula weights per cell. The calculated density is 1.99 g/ml; the observed density is also 1.99 g/ml. $R_w = (\sum(w|F_o| - |F_c|)^2 / \sum(w|F_o|)^2)^{1/2} = 0.043$; $R = 0.054$. The hydrogen atoms have been located approximately. Two CO_3 anions, at a dihedral angle of 134.3° to one another, are ionically bonded edgewise to a Ca ion to form a $\text{Ca}(\text{CO}_3)_2$ triplet. The bonded edges of the CO_3 groups are very nearly parallel. Both CO_3 groups in a triplet are further bonded to a pair of Na ions which are also bonded to adjacent triplets. Four of the water molecules are bonded to Ca and form hydrogen bonds to CO_3 groups in neighboring triplets. The fifth water molecule is bonded to two Na ions and is hydrogen bonded to two water molecules. One hydrogen appears to be only 2.2–2.5 \AA from the Na. The crystal structure of $\text{CaNa}_2(\text{CO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (synthetic pirssonite) has also been determined from 1141 single-crystal X-ray diffraction data collected by a counter method. The unit cell parameters are $a = 11.340 \pm 0.004 \text{ \AA}$, $b = 20.096 \pm 0.005 \text{ \AA}$, and $c = 6.034 \pm 0.002 \text{ \AA}$, and the space group is $\text{Fdd}2$. There are eight formula weights per cell. The calculated density is 2.35 g/ml; the observed density is also 2.35 g/ml; $R_w = 0.029$; $R = 0.044$. The hydrogen atoms have been located approximately. As in $\text{CaNa}_2(\text{CO}_3)_2 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$, two CO_3 anions are bonded edgewise to a Ca ion to form a triplet. In this triplet, the Ca, the two carbons, and the CO_3 oxygens remote from Ca lie nearly on a line, but the CO_3 groups have twisted about this axis so that the bonded edges are nearly at right angles to one another; the dihedral angle is 95.5° . In contrast to $\text{CaNa}_2(\text{CO}_3)_2 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$, each CO_3 anion is also bonded to a second Ca ion to form a three-dimensional network. The Na ions and water molecules form an alternating chain along $[01\bar{1}]$. Each Na ion is coordinated to four oxygens in CO_3 anions and to two water molecules. The water molecules are primarily coordinated to Ca ions and form hydrogen bonds with neighboring CO_3 anions. The $\text{H}_2\text{O} \cdots \text{Na}$ bonding is thought to be weak.

Introduction

The two hydrated calcium sodium carbonate minerals gaylussite,^{2a} $\text{CaNa}_2(\text{CO}_3)_2 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$, and pirssonite,^{2b} $\text{CaNa}_2(\text{CO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$, have been known since 1826 and 1896, respectively. They occur as deposits from soda lakes which are commercial sources of trona, $\text{Na}_3\text{H}(\text{CO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$, are stable phases in the system Na_2CO_3 – CaCO_3 – H_2O , and are likely to occur under evaporative conditions such as in turbines and heating systems when these components are present. Interest in these salts also stems from the importance of calcium carbonates in biological mineralization. Although $\text{CaNa}_2(\text{CO}_3)_2 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and $\text{CaNa}_2(\text{CO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ are not known to participate in biological mineralization, a knowledge of their structures provides basic information about the interactions between calcium and carbonate ions and the hydration of calcium ions. The crystal structures of synthetic $\text{CaNa}_2(\text{CO}_3)_2 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and synthetic $\text{CaNa}_2(\text{CO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ have been determined by single-crystal X-ray diffraction studies and are reported here. Work on both of these structures was completed before that of Corazza and Sabelli³ on pirssonite came to our attention.

Determination of the Structure of $\text{CaNa}_2(\text{CO}_3)_2 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$

Crystals of $\text{CaNa}_2(\text{CO}_3)_2 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ were grown in beakers containing 100 ml of water, 18 g of Na_2CO_3 , 10 g of CaCl_2 , and 800 ppm of sodium polyphosphate, com-

binning the procedures of Bury and Redd⁴ and Brooks, Clark, and Thurston.⁵ The initial solid phase was mostly spherulites, probably of $\text{CaCO}_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$. On standing, these dissolved and good single crystals of $\text{CaNa}_2(\text{CO}_3)_2 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ were formed.

A single crystal of $\text{CaNa}_2(\text{CO}_3)_2 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$, maximum dimension about 0.3 mm, minimum dimension about 0.2 mm ($\mu_{\text{MoK}\alpha} = 8 \text{ cm}^{-1}$), was sealed in a borate glass capillary to prevent dehydration. The cell dimensions at 24° were refined from 25 2θ values obtained with a diffractometer⁶ to yield $a = 14.361 \pm 0.002 \text{ \AA}$, $b = 7.781 \pm 0.001 \text{ \AA}$, $c = 11.209 \pm 0.002 \text{ \AA}$, and $\beta = 127.84 \pm 0.01^\circ$, assuming $\lambda(\text{Mo K}\alpha) 0.71069 \text{ \AA}$, for the cell with space group $\text{C}2/c$ or Cc (reciprocal lattice extinctions observed on precession films to be $h + k = 2n + 1$ for hkl and $l = 2n + 1$ for $h0l$). The uncertainties quoted on cell dimensions are standard errors computed from least-squares refinements of the cell dimensions to fit observed 2θ values. The most obvious cell is body centered, with axial ratios which correspond to those given by Dana.^{2a} The space groups $\text{C}2/c$ and Cc were chosen using crystallographic convention.⁷ The calculated density with $z = 4$ is 1.99 g/ml; the observed density^{2a} is also 1.99 g/ml.

The intensities of reflections with 2θ values up to 80° in a hemisphere of the reciprocal lattice were measured

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TABLE I

OBSERVED AND CALCULATED STRUCTURE FACTORS FOR CaNa₂(CO₃)₂·5H₂O^a

Table with columns for h, k, l, Fo, Fc, and Fo/Fc. The table lists observed and calculated structure factors for various reflections, including fractional indices and intensity ratios.

TABLE II
 ATOMIC PARAMETERS OF $\text{CaNa}_2(\text{CO}_3)_2 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}^a$

Atoms	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	B_{11}^b	B_{22}	B_{33}	B_{12}	B_{13}	B_{23}
Ca	0.0000	0.1929 (1)	0.2500	0.59 (1)	1.27 (2)	0.86 (2)		0.41 (1)	
Na	0.0881 (1)	0.1822 (1)	-0.0107 (1)	1.56 (3)	1.92 (3)	1.67 (3)	0.06 (3)	1.12 (3)	-0.16 (3)
C	0.1853 (2)	-0.0286 (2)	0.3161 (2)	0.94 (6)	1.18 (6)	1.18 (6)	0.01 (5)	0.65 (5)	0.11 (5)
O(1)	0.2852 (1)	-0.0906 (2)	0.3633 (2)	1.26 (5)	2.88 (6)	1.85 (6)	0.96 (4)	1.13 (5)	0.67 (5)
O(2)	0.1033 (1)	0.0031 (2)	0.1749 (1)	1.07 (4)	2.09 (5)	0.90 (5)	0.01 (4)	0.44 (4)	-0.01 (4)
O(3)	0.1658 (1)	0.0095 (2)	0.4113 (1)	0.94 (4)	1.97 (5)	0.99 (5)	0.10 (4)	0.67 (4)	0.00 (4)
O(4)	0.0000	0.6791 (3)	0.2500	1.84 (8)	1.90 (8)	2.22 (9)		1.16 (8)	
O(5)	0.0696 (1)	0.2935 (2)	0.5029 (2)	1.44 (5)	2.02 (6)	1.50 (5)	0.13 (5)	0.83 (5)	-0.06 (5)
O(6)	0.1467 (1)	0.4048 (2)	0.3109 (2)	1.12 (5)	2.60 (5)	1.27 (5)	-0.47 (5)	0.76 (4)	-0.22 (5)

^a Figures in parentheses are computed standard errors in last significant figures quoted and were obtained in the full-matrix least-squares refinements. Average shift per error for the last cycle is 0.23. ^b Units of thermal parameters are Å². The form of the thermal ellipsoid is $\exp[-1/4(a^*B_{11}h^2 + b^*B_{22}k^2 + c^*B_{33}l^2 + 2a^*b^*B_{12}hk + 2a^*c^*B_{13}hl + 2b^*c^*B_{23}kl)]$.

 TABLE III
 THE HYDROGEN POSITIONS IN $\text{CaNa}_2(\text{CO}_3)_2 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$

	Electron density difference map			Least-squares refinement ^a			Calcd ^b		
	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>
H(1)	0.05	0.60	0.27	0.05	0.60	0.27	0.06	0.60	0.28
H(1)	0.11	0.22	0.57	0.10	0.21	0.55	0.09	0.20	0.57
H(3)	0.10	0.37	0.54	0.11	0.38	0.54	0.12	0.38	0.56
H(4)	0.20	0.43	0.39	0.20	0.44	0.40	0.21	0.44	0.41
H(5)	0.17	0.40	0.27	0.16	0.39	0.27	0.17	0.41	0.25

^a The computed standard random errors are 0.002 in the *x* coordinates and 0.003 in the *y* and *z* coordinates. In the authors' opinion, the systematic errors known to accompany the location of covalently bonded hydrogen atoms by X-ray methods are about an order of magnitude larger than this. ^b Calculated with imposed H₂O geometry (see text). These positions were used in the calculation of the interatomic distances.

tistics indicate that the space group is centrosymmetric, C2/c, instead of noncentrosymmetric, Cc. This choice was subsequently verified by the structure determination. The atomic scattering factors used were taken from ref 10, except for those of hydrogen, which were taken from ref 11. The quantity $\Sigma(w|F_o| - |F_c|)^2$ was minimized in the full-matrix least-squares refinements. The least-squares weight for each reflection was taken as $1/(\sigma(F))^2$, normalized so that the maximum weight was 1. The least-squares refinements included with full weights unobserved reflections which calculated greater than 2σ above background.

The structure was solved from the sharpened Patterson function, calculated from the $(E^2 - 1)$ coefficients and from subsequent F_o Fourier syntheses. It was refined isotropically to $R_w = 0.079$ allowing the scale factor, the positional parameters, and the thermal parameters to vary. The structure was then refined anisotropically to $R_w = 0.061$. The hydrogens were located from a difference synthesis in which the coefficients were weighted as in the least-squares refinements. One spurious peak, about 0.8 Å from Ca, was as high as the hydrogen peaks; otherwise the hydrogen locations were unambiguous. The next largest peak was about half the height of the hydrogen peaks. Inclusion of these hydrogens with fixed thermal parameters ($B_H = 1.0 \text{ Å}^2$) in the refinements decreased R_w to 0.043 and R to 0.054. In these refinements 87 of the 356 unobserved reflections were included with full weights; the rest were given zero weights. The observed and calculated structure

factors are given in Table I. The parameters for atoms other than hydrogen are given in Table II. The hydrogen positions derived from the electron density map and the refined positions are given in Table III along with positions calculated with the geometry of the free water molecule imposed. The interatomic distances quoted in the text are based on these calculated positions of the hydrogens.

The largest correlation coefficients are 0.25 between the scale factor and the Ca B_{11} anisotropic temperature factor, 0.75 between the Ca B_{33} and B_{13} anisotropic temperature factors, 0.68 between the Na *x* and *z* parameters, and 0.78 between the Na B_{33} and B_{13} thermal parameters. Most coefficients are, however, much less than 0.04.

Discussion of the Structure of $\text{CaNa}_2(\text{CO}_3)_2 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$

General Features.—The structure (Figure 1) contains $\text{Ca}(\text{CO}_3)_2$ triplets in which the Ca, lying on a diad, bonds to edges of the two CO_3 groups. The two edges are very nearly parallel, and the planes of the CO_3 groups form a dihedral angle of 134.3°. Two Na ions in the reentrant dihedral angle are each bonded to both CO_3 groups. These Na ions are each bonded to two water molecules and to an oxygen of a CO_3 group in each of two neighboring triplets, thus providing three-dimensional bonding. The two sets of water molecules in general positions O(5) and O(6) are bonded to the Ca and are hydrogen bonded to CO_3 oxygens to provide additional three-dimensional bonding. The only hydrogen bonding between water molecules appears to be provided by O(4) which is the only water not bonded to Ca.

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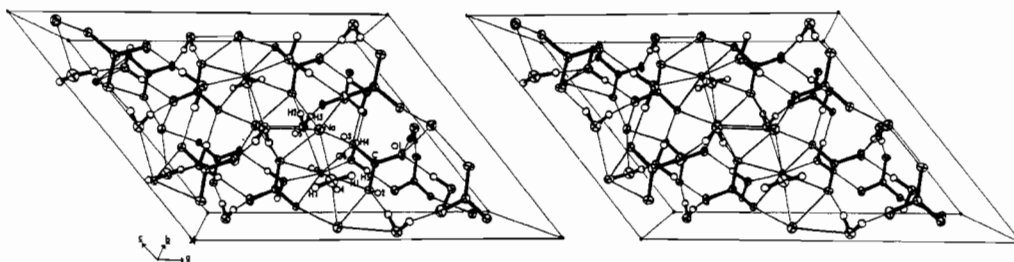


Figure 1.—Stereoscopic view along [010] of unit cell of $\text{CaNa}_2(\text{CO}_3)_2 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$. The star indicates the origin of the coordinate system.

The Calcium Environment.—The immediate Ca environment is summarized in Table IV and in Figure 2. Both CO_3 groups are coordinated (*via* O(2) and O(3)) to Ca; the coordination of Ca is completed by four water molecules, O(5), O(5'), O(6), and O(6'). These $\text{Ca} \cdots \text{O}$ distances are within the normal range. The strongest possible ionic repulsion in the structure, the $\text{Ca} \cdots \text{Ca}$ interaction, is minimized by the Ca ions being widely separated from one another ($\text{Ca} \cdots \text{Ca} > 4.5 \text{ \AA}$).

TABLE IV

THE CALCIUM ENVIRONMENT IN $\text{CaNa}_2(\text{CO}_3)_2 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$

Atoms	Distance, Å	Atoms	Distance, Å
Ca-O(2)	2.573 (2) ^a	Ca-O(6)	2.420 (2)
Ca-O(3)	2.385 (1)	Ca-O(4)	3.783 (2)
Ca-O(5)	2.484 (2)	Ca-O(4'')	3.997 (2)

^a In all distances and angles quoted in this paper the values in parentheses are the computed standard errors in the last significant figures.

The Carbonate Group.—The CO_3 group is essentially planar with an average C-O distance of 1.288 Å. Its dimensions and environment are summarized in Table V and Figure 3. Oxygen O(1) is bonded to Na (2.314 Å) and is hydrogen bonded to water oxygens O(5) (2.847 Å) *via* H(3) (~1.9 Å) and O(6) (2.667 Å) *via* H(5) (~1.7 Å). Oxygen O(2) is bonded to Ca (2.573 Å), Na (2.400 Å), and Na' (2.610 Å), and is hydrogen bonded to O(5) (2.852 Å) *via* H(2) (~1.9 Å). Oxygen O(3) is bonded to Ca (2.385 Å) and Na (2.331 Å) and is hydrogen bonded to O(6) (2.666 Å) *via* H(4) (~1.7 Å). The observed C-O bond distances correlate qualitatively with the oxygen environments. Oxygens O(2) and O(3), which are the ones bonded to the Ca, have longer bond distances to the carbon than does O(1). Similarly, the O(2)-C-O(3) bond angle, 118.1°, is less than 120°, apparently because coordination to Ca pulls these oxygens together.

The two CO_3 groups in a triplet are also coordinated to two Na ions (Figure 2) each of which can bond to both CO_3 groups since the dihedral angle between the planes of the two CO_3 groups is 134.3°. This coordination is instrumental in making the O(2)-O(3) vector in one CO_3 group very nearly parallel to the O(2')-O(3') vector in the other CO_3 group. The Ca ion is 0.69 Å below the intersection of the planes of these CO_3 groups.

Every CO_3 ion is inclined to (010) by 23°, making *b* the axis most nearly parallel to the direction in these

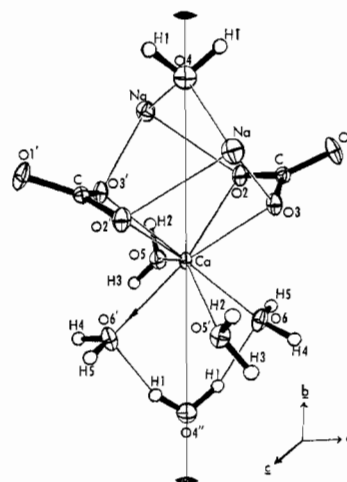


Figure 2.—The calcium ion environment in $\text{CaNa}_2(\text{CO}_3)_2 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$. Primed atoms are related to unprimed atoms by the twofold axis.

TABLE V

THE CARBONATE ANION AND ITS ENVIRONMENT IN $\text{CaNa}_2(\text{CO}_3)_2 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$

Atoms		Distance, Å	O(2) environment	
Atoms		Distance, Å	Atoms	Distance, Å
C-O(1)	1.280 (3)	O(2)-Ca	2.573 (2)	
C-O(2)	1.291 (2)	O(2)-Na	2.400 (2)	
C-O(3)	1.293 (3)	O(2)-Na'	2.610 (2)	
O(1)-O(2)	2.247 (2)	O(2)-O(5)	2.852 (2)	
O(1)-O(3)	2.229 (3)	O(2)-O(6)	3.364 (2)	
O(2)-O(3)	2.216 (2)	O(2)-O(4)	3.285 (2)	
		O(2)-H(2)	1.91 ^a	
Coordinated atoms		Angle, deg	O(3) environment	
Atoms		Distance, Å	Atoms	Distance, Å
O(1)-C-O(2)	121.8 (2)	O(3)-Ca	2.385 (1)	
O(1)-C-O(3)	120.1 (2)	O(3)-O(5)	3.096 (3)	
O(2)-C-O(3)	118.1 (2)	O(3)-O(4)	3.204 (2)	
		O(3)-Na	2.331 (2)	
		O(3)-O(6)	2.666 (2)	
		O(3)-H(4)	1.71 ^a	
O(1) environment				
O(1)-O(5)	2.847 (2)			
O(1)-H(3)	1.91 ^a			
O(1)-Na	2.341 (2)			
O(1)-O(6)	2.667 (3)			
O(1)-H(5)	1.71 ^a			

^a The O...H distances were derived from the hydrogen positions, calculated with imposed water geometry, given in Table III.

ions which contributes the least to the index of refraction. This is an agreement with the observation that *b* is the direction of lowest index of refraction.

The Na Environment.—The Na is coordinated (Table VI and Figure 4) approximately octahedrally by O(1), O(2), O(2'), and O(3'), all in different CO_3 groups, and

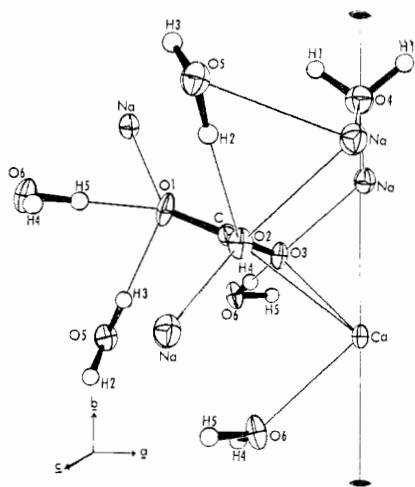


Figure 3.—The carbonate anion environment in $\text{CaNa}_2(\text{CO}_3)_2 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$.

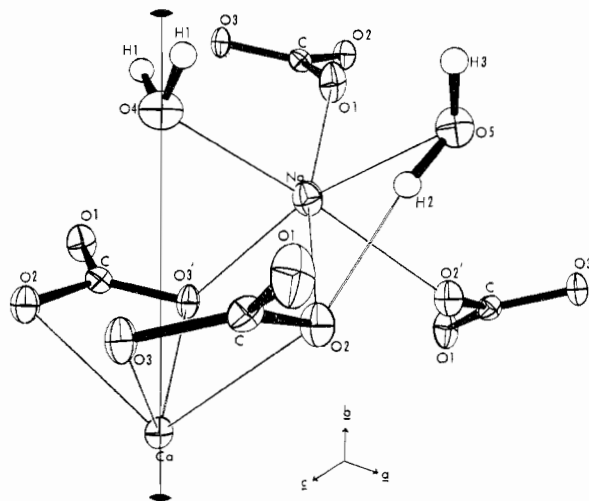


Figure 4.—The sodium ion environment in $\text{CaNa}_2(\text{CO}_3)_2 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$.

the O(4) and O(5) waters. The $\text{Ca} \cdots \text{Na}$ closest approach is 3.626 Å across O(2) and O(3') (Figure 2) of the two CO_3 groups bonded to the Ca.

TABLE VI

THE SODIUM ENVIRONMENT IN $\text{CaNa}_2(\text{CO}_3)_2 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$			
Atoms	Distance, Å	Atoms	Distance, Å
Na-O(2')	2.400 (2)	Na-O(4)	2.408 (1)
Na-O(2)	2.610 (2)	Na-O(5)	2.475 (2)
Na-O(3')	2.331 (2)	Na-O(1)	2.341 (2)

The Water Environments and the Hydrogen Positions.—The hydrogen positions (Table III) appeared to be unambiguous in the difference electron density synthesis. The least-squares refinement shifted these positions an average of 0.11 Å. The average O-H distance for both of the above sets, 0.79 Å, reflects the well-known asymmetry of the electron distribution around a covalently bonded hydrogen. More realistic hydrogen positions were calculated assuming (a) free water geometry with an O-H length of 0.956 Å and an H-O-H bond angle of 104.5° and (b) maximum linearity of the O-H \cdots O bonds. The values for the bond angles ob-

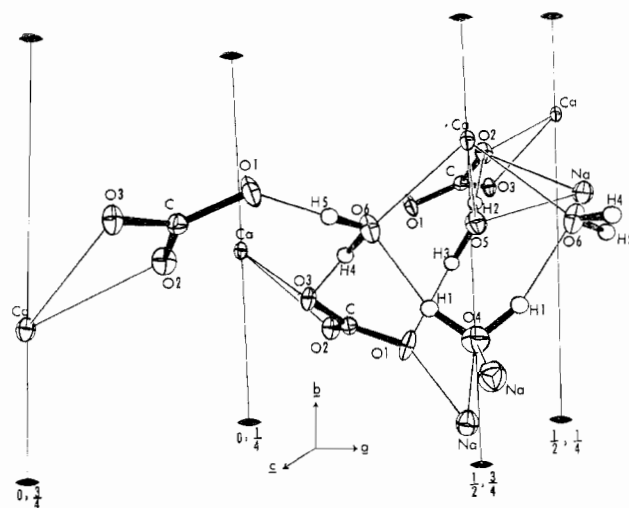


Figure 5.—The water environments and hydrogen bonding in $\text{CaNa}_2(\text{CO}_3)_2 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$.

tained in this way ranged from 161 to 178°, *i.e.*, the normal range.

With one possible exception, this method produced a reasonable hydrogen-bonding scheme as follows (Table VII and Figure 5). O(4), which lies on the diad, is the

TABLE VII

THE WATER ENVIRONMENTS IN $\text{CaNa}_2(\text{CO}_3)_2 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$

(1) The Environment of Water H(1)-O(4)-H(1')

Atoms	Distance, Å	Coordinated atoms	Angle, deg
O(4)-O(6)	2.774 (2)	O(6)-O(4)-O(6')	79.37 (8)
O(4)-Na	2.408 (1)	O(4)-H(1)-O(6)	161
H(1)-O(6)	1.85		

(2) The Environment of Water H(2)-O(5)-H(3)

Atoms	Distance, Å	Coordinated atoms	Angle, deg
O(5)-Ca	2.484 (2)	O(1)-O(5)-O(2)	122.36 (6)
O(5)-O(1)	2.847 (2)	O(5)-H(2)-O(2)	167
O(5)-O(2)	2.852 (2)	O(5)-H(3)-O(1)	167
O(5)-Na	2.475 (2)		
H(2)-O(2)	1.91		
H(3)-O(1)	1.91		
H(2)-Na	2.21		
H(2)-Ca	3.01		

(3) The Environment of Water H(4)-O(6)-H(5)

Atoms	Distance, Å	Coordinated atoms	Angle, deg
O(6)-Ca	2.420 (2)	O(1)-O(6)-O(3)	106.87 (8)
O(6)-O(4)	2.774 (2)	O(6)-H(4)-O(3)	178
O(6)-H(1)	1.85	O(6)-H(5)-O(1)	178
O(6)-O(3)	2.666 (3)		
O(6)-O(1)	2.667 (3)		
H(4)-O(3)	1.71		
H(5)-O(1)	1.71		

donor in the bond to O(6) (2.774 Å) *via* H(1) in the only hydrogen bonding between water molecules. O(5) is the donor in the bonds to O(2) (2.852 Å), *via* H(2), and in the bond to O(1) (2.847 Å), *via* H(3). O(2) and O(1) are in CO_3 groups in separate triplets. O(6) is the donor in the bond to O(3) (2.666 Å) *via* H(4) and in the bond to O(1) (2.667 Å) of another triplet *via* H(5). This creates a three-dimensional hydrogen-

bonding network with $H \cdots O$ distances in the reasonable range 1.71–1.91 Å. The five shortest interoxygen distances, exclusive of those within the CO_3 groups, correspond to hydrogen bonds. This scheme results in the relatively short H(2)–Na distance of 2.21 Å. However, relocating H(2) or H(3) to any of the four next nearest oxygen neighbors, O(2) (3.208 Å), O(6) (3.060 Å), O(6') (3.087 Å), or O(3) (3.096 Å), would put it into an edge of the Ca coordination. Locating H(2) and H(3) on the side of O(5) away from Ca and Na, as in the present scheme, places them in suitable positions to form hydrogen bonds to the two oxygen neighbors nearest O(5). This position approximately equalizes the electrostatic forces repelling H(2) from Na and Ca. Thus, although H(2) is in the edge of the Na coordination, it presumably is repelled less there than in other possible positions. Furthermore, there is no indication in the difference map that H(2) or H(3) should be placed differently.

Thermal Parameters.—The Ca has its largest component of thermal motion parallel to b , which corresponds to the direction of apparent least constraint. The ellipsoids of Na, C, and O(4) are nearly spherical. The major motion of the CO_3 group appears to be a rocking about C with the principal component of each oxygen being roughly parallel to b . Water molecule oxygens O(5) and O(6) have their largest components normal to the $Ca \cdots O$ bonds.

Determination of the Crystal Structure of $CaNa_2(CO_3)_2 \cdot 2H_2O$

We determined the crystal structure of $CaNa_2(CO_3)_2 \cdot 2H_2O$, the synthetic counterpart of the mineral pirssonite, before the recent work of Corazza and Sabelli³ came to our attention. There are enough differences in the two procedures to warrant a brief description of our determination. They used a mineral specimen ground to a sphere of 0.616-mm diameter, measured 481 reflections of observable intensity from integrated films with a microdensitometer, corrected for absorption, and refined using block-diagonal least squares to $R = 0.057$ using isotropic temperature factors.

In the present work, good crystals of synthetic $CaNa_2(CO_3)_2 \cdot 2H_2O$ were grown at 50° from a water solution of 27% Na_2CO_3 and 5% NaOH by weight, in contact with a powder of the calcite phase of synthetic $CaCO_3$.⁴ A small crystal, maximum dimension about 0.20 mm, minimum dimension about 0.05 mm ($\mu_{Mo} = 10.3 \text{ cm}^{-1}$), of $CaNa_2(CO_3)_2 \cdot 2H_2O$ was selected. The cell dimensions were determined at 24°, assuming $\lambda(Mo \text{ K}\alpha)$ 0.71069 Å, to be $a = 11.340 \pm 0.004$, $b = 20.096 \pm 0.005$, and $c = 6.034 \pm 0.002$ Å from 2θ values of axial reflections observed on a diffractometer. [The uncertainties quoted on cell dimensions are estimates based on experience with the technique and in the authors' opinion may be treated as standard errors.] Evans¹² reported the dimensions $a = 11.32 \pm 0.02$, $b = 20.02 \pm 0.02$, and $c = 6.00 \pm 0.02$ Å, with $z = 8$, and that the space group is Fdd2. Over 2200 reflections from two

octants of the reciprocal lattice were measured on a diffractometer⁶ with the peak height procedure used for $CaNa_2(CO_3)_2 \cdot 5H_2O$. These data were merged into a unique set of 1141 reflections, 1079 of which were of observable intensity. The R value between reflections accepted as equivalent was 0.027 based on F^2 's. The quasinormalized structure factor statistics confirm the acentricity of the space group. Weights calculated as for $CaNa_2(CO_3)_2 \cdot 5H_2O$ were used in the full-matrix least-squares refinements. The atomic scattering factors used for $CaNa_2(CO_3)_2 \cdot 5H_2O$ were also used for $CaNa_2(CO_3)_2 \cdot 2H_2O$. No corrections for absorption were made, causing a maximum error of about 12% in an observed intensity.

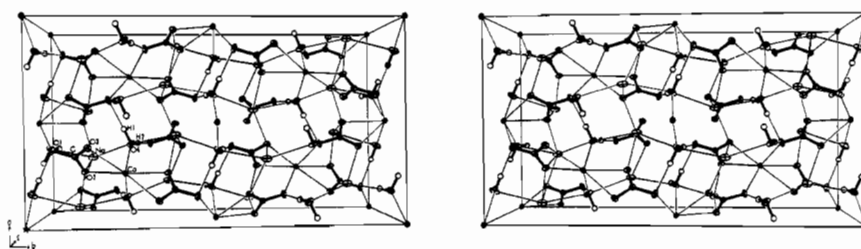
All atoms other than the water molecule were found from the sharpened Patterson map. The oxygen of the water molecule was found from an F_o Fourier synthesis. The structure was refined isotropically to $R_w = 0.059$ and then anisotropically to $R_w = 0.042$. Twenty-one of the 67 "unobserved" reflections were included in these refinements with full weights. The hydrogen peaks appeared to be unambiguous in the electron density difference synthesis with heights 50% greater than the next highest peak. It was later found that these peaks correspond with the hydrogen positions suggested by Corazza and Sabelli.³ The hydrogens were included with fixed thermal parameters ($B_H = 1.0 \text{ \AA}^2$), and the structure was refined anisotropically to $R_w = 0.029$ and $R = 0.044$. The largest correlation coefficients are about 0.2 and are between the scale factor and some of the anisotropic temperature factors, between some of the anisotropic temperature factors themselves, and between the x and y parameters of most atoms. Most of the remaining coefficients are less than 0.05. The observed and calculated structure factors are given in Table VIII.

The atomic parameters for atoms other than hydrogen, as obtained by us, and those obtained by Corazza and Sabelli,³ are given in Table IX. The agreement between the two sets of parameters is excellent. All positional parameters for atoms other than hydrogens are within 2σ when our estimated standard errors are used; four of the eighteen parameters differ by more than 2σ when the estimates of Corazza and Sabelli³ are used. Their estimates of errors, which are about 60% as large as ours, were derived from the block-diagonal least-squares approximation using only 481 observed reflections and are probably too small. The hydrogen positions obtained from the electron density difference synthesis, from the least-squares refinements, and from a water geometry, imposed as described for $CaNa_2(CO_3)_2 \cdot 5H_2O$, are compared in Table X with the ones reported by Corazza and Sabelli. The placement of the hydrogen atoms in our work is recognized as being only approximate. The computed standard errors for the positional parameters of $CaNa_2(CO_3)_2 \cdot 2H_2O$ are about four times as great as those of $CaNa_2(CO_3)_2 \cdot 5H_2O$. This probably arises from the acentric symmetry of $CaNa_2(CO_3)_2 \cdot 2H_2O$ and from its lower ratio of reflections to parameters.

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TABLE VIII
OBSERVED AND CALCULATED STRUCTURE FACTORS FOR $\text{CaNa}_2(\text{CO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}^a$

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Figure 6.—Stereoscopic view along [001] of unit cell of $\text{CaNa}_2(\text{CO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$. The star indicates the origin of the coordinate system.TABLE X
THE HYDROGEN POSITIONS IN $\text{CaNa}_2(\text{CO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$

	Electron density difference map			Least-squares ^a refinement			Calcd ^b			Corazza and Sabelli ³		
	x	y	z	x	y	z	x	y	z	x	y	z
H(1)	0.54	0.26	0.05	0.56	0.27	0.07	0.53	0.26	0.04	0.527	0.265	0.034
H(2)	0.60	0.23	0.23	0.62	0.21	0.20	0.61	0.23	0.21	0.611	0.227	0.220

^a The computed standard random errors are 0.001 in the *x* and *y* coordinates and 0.003 in the *z* coordinates. In the authors' opinion the systematic error is about an order of magnitude greater than this. ^b Calculated with imposed H_2O geometry (see text). These positions were used to calculate the interatomic distances.

Discussion of the Structure of $\text{CaNa}_2(\text{CO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$

The following description of the structure serves to amplify the briefer discussion given by Corazza and Sabelli and to relate the structure of $\text{CaNa}_2(\text{CO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ to $\text{CaNa}_2(\text{CO}_3)_2 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$.

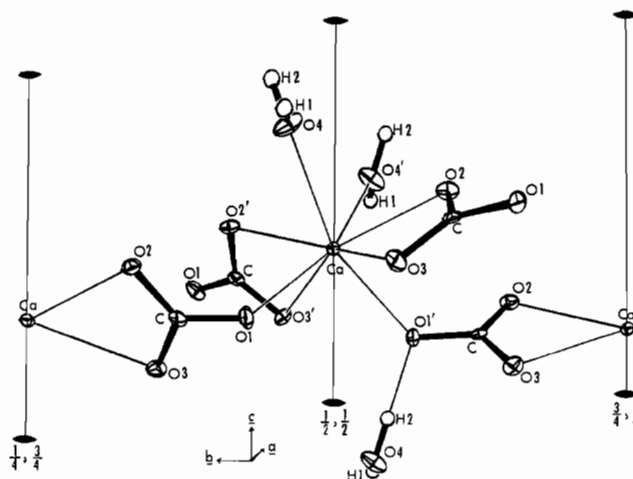
General Features.—The structure (Figure 6) contains $\text{Ca}(\text{CO}_3)_2$ triplets in which the Ca, lying on a diad, bonds to the $\text{O}(2) \cdots \text{O}(3)$ edges of the two CO_3 groups. The Ca and the C and O(1) in each of the CO_3 groups lie nearly on a line. In contrast to $\text{CaNa}_2(\text{CO}_3)_2 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$, the CO_3 groups are rotated about this axis to form a dihedral angle of 95.5° , and the triplets are linked into a three-dimensional network by $\text{Ca} \cdots \text{O}(1)$ bonds. The triplet axis is roughly normal to (010); thus its two carbons can lie in the sodium-carbon layers on either side of the calcium layer. Two water molecules, related by the diad, fill out the Ca coordination and hydrogen bond to CO_3 oxygens of neighboring triplets. The Na ions and the water molecules alternate in a column along [01 $\bar{1}$], but the Na is primarily bonded to a square of oxygens from four CO_3 groups.

The Calcium Environment.—As in $\text{CaNa}_2(\text{CO}_3)_2 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and $\text{CaCO}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$,¹³ the Ca ions lie on twofold axes. Their immediate environment in $\text{CaNa}_2(\text{CO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ is summarized in Table XI and Figure 7. We

TABLE XI
Ca ENVIRONMENT IN $\text{CaNa}_2(\text{CO}_3)_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$

Atoms	Distance, Å	Atoms	Distance, Å
Ca-O(1)	2.428 (9)	Ca-O(3)	2.536 (7)
Ca-O(2)	2.461 (7)	Ca-O(4)	2.483 (10)

have numbered the atoms in the CO_3 groups to correspond to those in $\text{CaNa}_2(\text{CO}_3)_2 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$. The correspondence between our numbering scheme and that of Corazza and Sabelli is shown in Tables IX and X. The coordination of three CO_3 groups to Ca is a step toward the coordination in the calcite and aragonite phases of CaCO_3 where each oxygen in a CO_3 group is coordinated

Figure 7.—The calcium ion environment in $\text{CaNa}_2(\text{CO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$.

to two different Ca ions and the coordination of Ca is octahedral. In the calcite and aragonite phases of CaCO_3 , no CO_3 group has two oxygens bonded to the same Ca. In $\text{CaNa}_2(\text{CO}_3)_2 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and $\text{CaNa}_2(\text{CO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$, however, the Ca coordination comprises two CO_3 edges and four other oxygens. In $\text{CaNa}_2(\text{CO}_3)_2 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ these four oxygens are water molecules. In $\text{CaNa}_2(\text{CO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ only two of these oxygens are in water molecules; the other two are CO_3 apices (Figure 7). The two CO_3 groups coordinated to Ca have twisted 95.5° to allow close approach to Ca of the apices of the other CO_3 groups. The Ca lies 0.1 Å away from the intersection of the planes of the CO_3 groups coordinated edgewise. The $\text{Ca} \cdots \text{O}$ distances are all in the normal range.

The Carbonate Group.—The CO_3 group is planar and trigonal within experimental error with an average C-O distance of 1.286 Å. Its dimensions and environment are summarized in Figure 8 and Table XII. Oxygen O(1) is bonded primarily to Ca (2.428 Å) and forms two hydrogen bonds with neighboring water molecules. Oxygen O(2) is coordinated primarily to Ca (2.461 Å) and to the "chain" of Na ions (2.299

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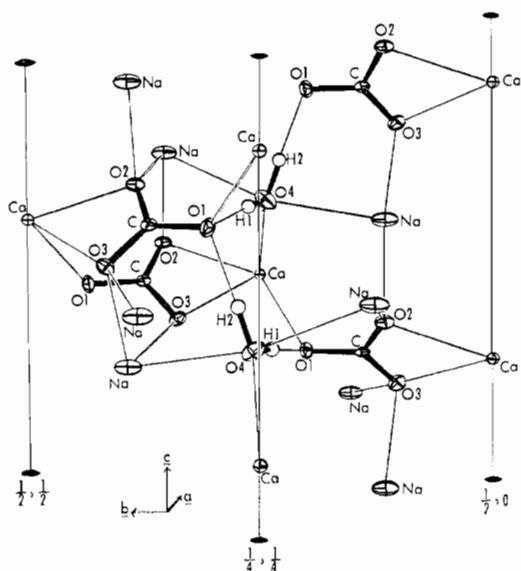


Figure 8.—The environments of the CO_3 anion and water molecule in $\text{CaNa}_2(\text{CO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$.

TABLE XII
CARBONATE DIMENSIONS AND ENVIRONMENT IN
 $\text{CaNa}_2(\text{CO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$

Atoms	Distance, Å	O(2) environment	
		Atoms	Distance, Å
C—O(1)	1.300 (12)	O(2)—Ca	2.461 (7)
C—O(2)	1.276 (14)	O(2)—H(1)	2.53 δ
C—O(3)	1.281 (14)	O(2)—O(4)	3.118 (11)
O(1)—O(2)	2.237 (11)	O(2)—Na	2.299 (12)
O(1)—O(3)	2.236 (11)	O(2)—Na	2.302 (9)
O(2)—O(3)	2.209 (12)	O(3) environment	
Coordinated atoms		Atoms	Distance, Å
O(1)—C—O(2)	120.5 (1.1)	O(3)—Ca	2.536 (7)
O(1)—C—O(3)	120.1 (1.1)	O(3)—Na	2.351 (12)
O(2)—C—O(3)	119.4 (0.9)	O(3)—Na'	2.392 (9)
O(1) environment		O(3)—O(1')	3.023 (10)
Atoms	Distance, Å	O(3)—O(1'')	3.177 (10)
O(1)—Ca	2.428 (9)		
O(1)—O(4)	2.865 (11)		
O(1)—H(1)	1.91 ^a		
O(1)—O(4')	2.716 (15)		
O(1)—H(2')	1.75 ^a		
O(1)—Na	2.945 (10)		

^a The O...H distances were derived from the hydrogen positions, calculated with imposed geometry, given in Table X.

2.302 Å) formed above it by the d glide (Figure 9). Oxygen O(3) is bonded to Ca (2.536 Å) and to a "chain" of Na ions (2.351, 2.392 Å) formed below it by the d glide.

The Na Environment.—The Na coordination is summarized in Table XIII and Figure 9. Na is coordinated approximately octahedrally but primarily to O(2)- or O(3)-type oxygens of four surrounding

TABLE XIII
THE Na ENVIRONMENT IN $\text{CaNa}_2(\text{CO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$

Atoms	Distance, Å	Atoms	Distance, Å
Na—O(3)	2.351 (12)	Na—O(4)	2.722 (10)
Na—O(2)	2.299 (12)	Na—O(4')	2.751 (10)
Na—O(2')	2.302 (9)	Na—Na'	3.255 (8)
Na—O(3')	2.392 (9)		

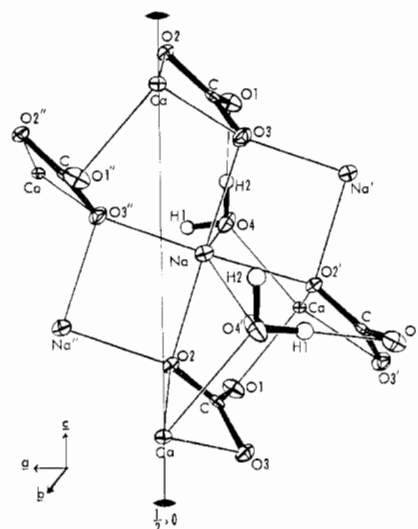


Figure 9.—The sodium ion environment in $\text{CaNa}_2(\text{CO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$.

triplets. The oxygens O(4) of the water molecules, which complete the coordination of Na, must be primarily coordinated to Ca, since the $\text{Na} \cdots \text{O}(4)$ distances of 2.751 and 2.722 Å are relatively large. Other things being equal, ~ 2.3 Å would be expected.

The Water Environment.—The environment of the water molecule is summarized in Table XIV and is shown in Figure 8. As in $\text{CaNa}_2(\text{CO}_3)_2 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$, the shortest water-to- CO_3 oxygen distances, $\text{O}(4) \cdots \text{O}(1)$ and $\text{O}(4) \cdots \text{O}(1')$, correspond to hydrogen bonds; the $\text{H}(1) \cdots \text{O}(1')$ and $\text{H}(2) \cdots \text{O}(1)$ distances, 1.91 and 1.75 Å, respectively, are in the normal range and the bonds are nearly linear (*i.e.*, O—H...O bond angles are $\sim 177^\circ$). The water molecule is coordinated to two Na ions (2.722 and 2.751 Å) in the alternating Na— H_2O chain parallel to $[01\bar{1}]$. In forming hydrogen bonds to oxygens of neighboring CO_3 groups, the hydrogens of the water lie in a plane which is approximately perpendicular to the plane formed by Na—O(4)—Na.

TABLE XIV
THE ENVIRONMENT OF WATER, $\text{H}(1)\text{—O}(4)\text{—H}(2)$, IN
 $\text{CaNa}_2(\text{CO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$

Atoms	Distance, Å	Coordinated atoms	Angle, deg
O(4)—O(1)	2.716 (15)	O(1)—O(4)—O(1')	108.7 (4)
O(4)—O(1')	2.865 (11)	O(4)—H(1)—O(1')	177
O(4)—O(2')	3.135 (11)	O(4)—H(1)—O(2')	121
O(4)—Ca	2.483 (10)	O(4)—H(2)—O(1)	177
O(4)—Na	2.722 (10)		
O(4)—Na'	2.751 (10)		
H(1)—O(1')	1.91		
H(1)—O(2')	2.53		
H(2)—O(1)	1.75		

Thermal Parameters.—The thermal motion of Ca is small and essentially isotropic. The largest components of Na and O(4) are roughly parallel to the line connecting the two atoms, where the bonding has been suggested to be weak. The major component of O(4) is also nearly perpendicular to the strong $\text{Ca} \cdots \text{O}(4)$ bond; that of Na is nearly normal to the four strong

bonds from Na to oxygens in adjacent CO_3 groups. The motions of the CO_3 atoms are fairly complex. They may be described as being approximately symmetrical about the $\text{O}(1)\text{-C-Ca-C}'\text{-O}(1')$ line, which is a pseudosymmetry element of the triplet.

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The Crystal Structure of Tris(hexafluoroacetylacetonato)- π -cyclopentadienylzirconium

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The structure of tris(hexafluoroacetylacetonato)- π -cyclopentadienylzirconium, $(\pi\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)\text{Zr}(\text{CF}_3\text{COCHCOCF}_3)_3$, has been elucidated by single-crystal X-ray techniques and refined to a conventional residual of 6.1%. A total of 2009 observations above background, collected by counter methods, was used in the determination. The space group is monoclinic, $\text{P}2_1/\text{n}$, with $a = 13.48$ (2) Å, $b = 23.03$ (2) Å, $c = 8.95$ (1) Å, and $\beta = 94^\circ 52$ (8'). The calculated density is 1.86 g cm^{-3} for four molecules per unit cell. The molecular complex exhibits pentagonal-bipyramidal geometry. Five of the six coordinated oxygen atoms lie in an equatorial plane about the zirconium while the sixth oxygen and the π -cyclopentadienyl group occupy the two axial positions. The zirconium atom is displaced 0.39 Å from the equatorial plane toward the latter group. Two of the chelate rings exhibit folding of 4.5 and 8.4° , respectively, about the $\text{O}\cdots\text{O}$ line while the third ring, occupying axial and equatorial oxygen atom coordination positions, is planar. The two Zr-O distances in this ring differ by 0.10 Å.

Introduction

Nuclear magnetic resonance studies of high coordination number metal β -diketonates¹ have indicated that these complexes exhibit a considerable degree of lability in solution.²⁻⁴ Even at low temperatures single-resonance lines in complexes such as $\text{Zr}(\text{acac})_4$, $\text{Zr}(\text{acac})_3\text{Cl}$,⁵ $\text{Y}(\text{tfac})_4^-$, and $\text{Y}(\text{hfac})_4^-$ ⁴ indicate that a rapid intramolecular rearrangement averages the expected nonequivalent $-\text{CH}_3$ and $-\text{CF}_3$ environments. However, the presence of a π -cyclopentadienyl group in such complexes as $(\pi\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)\text{Zr}(\text{acac})_2\text{Cl}$ ⁶ and $(\pi\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)\text{-Zr}(\text{hfac})_3$ ⁷ influences the stereochemical nonrigidity of the β -diketone groups sufficiently to allow the observation of nonequivalent methyl proton and fluorine environments. The crystal structure determination of $(\pi\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)\text{Zr}(\text{hfac})_3$ was undertaken in order to provide some structural information toward the interpretation

of this effect and to confirm the structural prediction based upon the nmr study.

Experimental Section

Crystals of $(\pi\text{-C}_5\text{H}_5)\text{Zr}(\text{CF}_3\text{COCHCOCF}_3)_3$ grown from acetone solution were kindly supplied by Mr. J. G. Evans. They were large, yellow parallelepipeds, many of which showed evidence of occluded solvent and air cavities under microscopic examination. Small, apparently flawless crystals were chosen for photographic purposes. Examination of Cu $\text{K}\alpha$ radiation Weissenberg photographs of levels $(h\bar{k}0)\text{--}(hk2)$ and Mo $\text{K}\alpha$ radiation precession photographs of levels $(h0l)$ and $(0kl)$ showed $2/m$ Laue symmetry. The systematic absences $(0k0)$ absent, k odd, and $(h0l)$ absent, $h + l$ odd, indicated the monoclinic space group $\text{P}2_1/\text{n}$. This unconventional setting of space group $\text{C}_{2h}^5\text{-P}2_1/\text{c}$ was used throughout because of the near orthogonality of its axes. The general positions are: $\pm(x, y, z)$, $\pm(1/2 + x, 1/2 - y, 1/2 + z)$. Cell dimensions were determined from the precession photographs of the levels $0kl$ and $h0l$ taken with Mo $\text{K}\alpha$ radiation ($\lambda 0.71069$ Å) at 26° . They were $a = 13.48 \pm 0.02$ Å, $b = 23.02 \pm 0.02$ Å, $c = 8.95 \pm 0.01$ Å, and $\beta = 94^\circ 52' \pm 8'$. The calculated density is 1.86 g cm^{-3} assuming four molecules per unit cell. An experimental density of 1.71 g cm^{-3} was determined using a pycnometer with water as the displacing liquid. The discrepancy between the two figures is not regarded as serious owing to the air cavities in the crystals which would be expected to cause a low experimental density for a bulk sample.

Intensity data were collected on a PAILRED fully automated diffractometer using a small single crystal mounted in a thin

(1) Abbreviations: acac, $\text{CH}_3\text{COCHCOCH}_3$; tfac, $\text{CF}_3\text{COCHCOCH}_3$; hfac, $\text{CF}_3\text{COCHCOCF}_3$.

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