

All three resonance forms are consistent with the diamagnetism of the compound. Forms I and II show clearly the half-bridge nature of the bonding between Ti and Al. Form I involves some Lewis basicity of the Ti atoms toward the Al atoms. This was suggested

in the earlier study of this compound.³ Recently, other examples of Lewis basicity of metals have been reported.⁹⁻¹¹

The Crystal Structure

Figure 3 shows the content of the unit cell projected on the *bc* plane. Ethyl groups and cyclopentadienyl rings clustered about axes parallel to the *a* axis and containing centers of symmetry exhibit the closest packing distances. Minimum carbon-carbon distances of 3.52 Å between centrosymmetrically related methyl groups and of 3.48 Å for similarly related cyclopentadienyl rings are observed. No H-H contact distances less than 2.24 Å have been calculated with the hydrogen atoms in the positions listed in Table II.

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X-Ray Analyses of the Structures of Two Crystalline Forms of *trans*-Dichlorotetrakis(ethylenethiourea)nickel(II)¹

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trans-Dichlorotetrakis(ethylenethiourea)nickel(II), Ni[SC(NHCH₂)₂]₄Cl₂, is polymorphous, crystallizing in the triclinic system with one molecule in the unit cell (space group $\bar{P}1$) and in the monoclinic system with four molecules in the unit cell (space group C2/c). Both structures have the same NiS₄ skeleton, including two unequal independent Ni-S bonds, but differ in the orientation and length of the Ni-Cl bonds and also in the orientation of the ethylenethiourea ligands. There is no clear evidence for intermolecular or intramolecular hydrogen bonding in these crystals.

Introduction

The structure of dichlorotetrakis(ethylenethiourea)-nickel(II) [Ni(etu)₄Cl₂] was first investigated by Nardelli, Chierici, and Braibanti.³ Weissenberg photographs were obtained by rotating small yellow crystals about the *z* axis. Crystallographic data were reported as *a* = 8.42, *b* = 8.44, *c* = 8.82 Å; α = 107.0°, β = 117.5°, γ = 90.2°; *V* = 524 Å³; *Z* = 1; *D_m* = 1.67; *D_c* = 1.70. A qualitative comparison of *hk0* Weissenberg photographs⁴ from this crystal and from the corresponding thiourea complex,⁵ [Ni(tu)₄Cl₂], led these authors to deduce that there must be marked

structural analogies between the compounds. In particular they concluded that the coordination of the four sulfur atoms of the ethylenethiourea molecules around the nickel atom must take place in one plane, chlorine atoms completing an octahedron in *trans* positions. This conclusion has, essentially, been confirmed by the present work.

Both yellow and orange crystalline forms of [Ni(etu)₄Cl₂] were subsequently studied by Holt and Carlin.⁶ The yellow form was assumed to be identical with the compound reported by Nardelli, *et al.*, and their conclusion that this was a *trans* complex was accepted. Indeed this conclusion was further supported by an examination of reflectance spectra. The splitting of spectral bands of the yellow compound was observed to be twice that of the orange compound, and it had been shown theoretically and experimentally

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that such an effect would be produced if the compounds were *trans* and *cis* isomers, respectively. This paper describes complete X-ray structure analyses which have shown both crystalline forms to contain *trans* isomers only, thus contradicting the earlier conclusion.

Experimental Details and Crystallographic Data

Preparations of both crystalline forms of dichlorotetrakis(ethylenethiourea)nickel(II), $\text{Ni}[\text{SC}(\text{NHCH}_2)_2]_4\text{Cl}_2$, have been detailed by Holt and Carlin.⁶ The calculated formula weight is 538.3 and the linear absorption coefficient, for Cu K α radiation of wavelength 1.5418 Å, is 70.1 cm⁻¹. Unit cell dimensions were obtained from single crystal Weissenberg and precession photographs taken at room temperature (20°) with this radiation. Maximum experimental errors in these quantities are indicated.

Orange Crystals.—These crystals were triclinic, space group $\text{P}\bar{1}$ determined by structure analysis, $a = 8.46 \pm 0.03$, $b = 8.41 \pm 0.03$, $c = 8.81 \pm 0.03$ Å; $\alpha = 107.0 \pm 0.4^\circ$, $\beta = 117.5 \pm 0.4^\circ$, $\gamma = 90.5 \pm 0.2^\circ$, $V = 524$ Å³; $D_m = 1.7$ g cm⁻³ (by flotation); $Z = 1$; $D_o = 1.70$ g cm⁻³; $F(000) = 278$. These figures agree, within probable experimental error, with those given by Nardelli and co-workers³ for what they described as yellow crystals.

Yellow Crystals.—These crystals were monoclinic, space group $\text{C}2/c$ determined by structure analysis, $a = 17.57 \pm 0.07$, $b = 8.35 \pm 0.03$, $c = 16.74 \pm 0.07$ Å; $\beta = 119.5 \pm 0.2^\circ$; $V = 2128$ Å³; $D_m = 1.7$ g cm⁻³ (by flotation); $Z = 4$; $D_o = 1.68$ g cm⁻³; $F(000) = 1112$. Thus the yellow crystals described as *trans*- $[\text{Ni}(\text{etu})_4\text{Cl}_2]$ by Holt and Carlin were not the same yellow crystals also described as *trans*- $[\text{Ni}(\text{etu})_4\text{Cl}_2]$ by Nardelli, *et al.*; because the subtle difference in color between the orange and yellow crystalline forms has led to confusion in the early work, they are henceforth distinguished as triclinic and monoclinic $[\text{Ni}(\text{etu})_4\text{Cl}_2]$, respectively.

In both cases three-dimensional data were collected and mechanically integrated using a Nonius Weissenberg camera and Cu K α radiation at room temperature. For the triclinic crystal the $h0l$, $hk0$, $hk1$, $hk2$, $hk3$, and $hk4$ reciprocal lattice layers were recorded. In the monoclinic case only the $h0l$, $h1l$, $h2l$, $h3l$, and $h4l$ layers were obtained by this method. The plateaus of all integrated spots, and adjacent background areas, were measured using a single-beam photometer and a galvanometer calibrated to read intensities directly. Small crystals (maximum dimensions ≤ 0.05 mm) were used and no absorption corrections applied. Structure factor magnitudes were derived from the relative intensities after the usual application of Lorentz-polarization corrections.

Structure Determinations

Space Groups.—For each crystal there existed two possible space groups; in the triclinic case $\text{P}1$ or $\text{P}\bar{1}$, and in the monoclinic case $\text{C}c$ or $\text{C}2/c$, the latter deduced from systematic absences among the X-ray spectra. In both cases the centrosymmetric alternatives required the heavy nickel atoms to be on special positions. Regardless of space group or isomeric form, the electron density distributions about the nickel atom would have been nearly centrosymmetric for the other heavy atoms (chlorine and sulfur). Conditions were hence not favorable for making conclusive distinctions between possible space groups by statistical methods. Until the contrary was proved, each structure was assumed to be noncentrosymmetric.

Computing.—Most of the calculations outlined in this paper were carried out on the Brown University IBM 7070 and System/360 Model 50 computers using programs written by the authors or modified by them to suit these facilities.

Three-dimensional least-squares refinements using the full-matrix program ORFLS⁷ were also run on an IBM 7094 computer. With this program, refinements were carried out on $|F|$, the quantity $\Sigma w(F_o - S_q F)^2$ being minimized. Discrepancy indices were calculated as $R = \Sigma |F_o - S_q F| / \Sigma F_o$ and $R' = [\Sigma w(F_o - S_q F)^2 / \Sigma w F_o^2]^{1/2}$. The scale factors S_q , used with each separately recorded Weissenberg layer, were allowed to vary but did not differ from each other by more than 10%. Values for R and R' quoted in this paper are, therefore, close to those which would be obtained using the more conventional definitions in which $S_q = 1$ and both sets of structure factors are on absolute scales. Structure factor tables in this paper are on absolute scales and were obtained by multiplying F values from ORFLS by S_q^{-1} .

In all these refinements use was made of the weighting scheme introduced by Hughes⁸ in which $w \propto 1/|F_o|^2$ for $|F_o| > 4|F_{\text{min}}|$ and $w \propto 1/16|F_{\text{min}}|^2$ for $|F_o| < 4|F_{\text{min}}|$. Scattering factors⁹ for Ni²⁺, Cl⁻, S, N, and C, used in structure factor calculations, had real dispersion corrections applied for the heavy atoms only.

Interatomic distances and bond angles were calculated from atomic parameters using the program ORFFE.¹⁰ Standard deviations in these functions include errors in the atomic parameters supplied to ORFFE in the form of the variance-covariance matrix obtained from the inverse matrix during the final cycle of least-squares refinement. Standard deviations in cell parameters, estimated as one-third of the maximum experimental errors quoted above, have also been included in these calculations.

Triclinic $[\text{Ni}(\text{etu})_4\text{Cl}_2]$.—Projections of the sharpened Patterson function on (010) and (001) were constructed from 153 $h0l$ reflections and 159 $hk0$ reflections, respectively. Coordinates were derived for the heavy chlorine and sulfur atoms. Though indistinguishable, these primary ligands were clearly in distorted octahedral coordination about the nickel atom. Then 116 $h0l$ reflections and 100 $hk0$ reflections (*i.e.*, all the non-zero data) were used in two separate refinements of the heavy atom parameters. Initially all atoms were assigned isotropic temperature factors similar to those obtained by Lopez-Castro and Truter¹¹ for $[\text{Ni}(\text{tu})_4\text{Cl}_2]$, and all ligands were designated as sulfur atoms. The resulting conventional R factors (observed reflections only) were 0.30 and 0.29 for the two sets of data. It was not possible to locate the light nitrogen and carbon atoms of the ethylenethiourea rings from difference Fourier projections.

Using the heavy atom parameters produced by the projection refinements, structure factor calculations for 822 measured hkl reflections gave an R factor of 0.33.

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TABLE I
 STRUCTURAL PARAMETERS FOR TRICLINIC $[\text{Ni}(\text{etu})_4\text{Cl}_2]$ WITH STANDARD DEVIATIONS^a

Atom	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	β_{11}	β_{22}	β_{33}	β_{12}	β_{13}	β_{23}
Ni(1)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0088 (04)	0.0075 (03)	0.0109 (08)	0.0028 (03)	0.0055 (04)	0.0033 (04)
S(2)	0.5762 (03)	0.5291 (03)	0.8121 (04)	0.0116 (04)	0.0116 (04)	0.0125 (08)	0.0045 (03)	0.0058 (04)	0.0040 (05)
S(3)	0.3584 (03)	0.1981 (03)	0.3774 (04)	0.0133 (04)	0.0079 (03)	0.0155 (08)	0.0020 (03)	0.0087 (04)	0.0040 (04)
Cl(4)	0.7730 (03)	0.4010 (03)	0.5013 (04)	0.0104 (04)	0.0104 (04)	0.0159 (08)	0.0045 (03)	0.0083 (04)	0.0067 (04)
<i>B</i> , Å ²									
C(21)	0.7111 (12)	0.3952 (12)	0.8999 (16)	2.29 (20)					
N(22)	0.8160 (12)	0.3176 (12)	0.8364 (14)	3.85 (24)					
C(23)	0.9280 (13)	0.2232 (13)	0.9543 (16)	3.09 (24)					
C(24)	0.8485 (14)	0.2365 (15)	0.0856 (18)	3.96 (30)					
N(25)	0.7316 (12)	0.3595 (12)	0.0427 (15)	3.66 (24)					
C(31)	0.2896 (11)	0.1678 (11)	0.5188 (14)	2.02 (19)					
N(32)	0.1744 (10)	0.2491 (10)	0.5622 (13)	2.76 (20)					
C(33)	0.1501 (14)	0.1980 (14)	0.6951 (18)	3.60 (26)					
C(34)	0.2625 (14)	0.0543 (14)	0.7221 (17)	3.69 (28)					
N(35)	0.3314 (12)	0.0481 (12)	0.5932 (15)	4.20 (26)					

^a The β values are the coefficients in the anisotropic temperature factor expression $\exp\{-\beta_{11}h^2 + \beta_{22}k^2 + \beta_{33}l^2 + 2\beta_{12}hk + 2\beta_{13}hl + 2\beta_{23}kl\}$. The *B* values are the parameters in the isotropic temperature factor $\exp[-B(\sin \theta)^2/\lambda^2]$ for the light atoms; they were not varied during the final two cycles of refinement.

In the ensuing, inevitably centrosymmetric, three-dimensional difference maps, several of the highest peaks were in chemically sensible positions compatible with the established geometry of ethylenethiourea rings.¹² Two such rings were used, without their centrosymmetric equivalents, in a new structure factor calculation. This noncentric trial structure gave an *R* factor of 0.28 and the resulting difference maps clearly showed the other two ethylenethiourea rings in positions related to the first two by a center of symmetry at the nickel atom. One further structure factor calculation, using this centrosymmetric trial structure with chlorine and sulfur atoms now distinguished, gave an *R* factor of 0.14.

In three cycles of three-dimensional least-squares refinement varying 6 scale factors, 39 positional parameters, and 14 isotropic temperature parameters, values for the factors *R* and *R'*, defined above, dropped to 0.086 and 0.118, respectively. Two further cycles of refinement varying the same scale factors and positional parameters as before but anisotropic temperature factors for the heavy atoms only gave final values for *R* and *R'* of 0.066 and 0.093, respectively. This represented no improvement over the penultimate structure factor calculation and the small shifts in all variable parameters confirmed that the refinement had converged. Maximum shifts as fractions of their estimated standard deviations in the final cycle of refinement were 0.16 for scale factors, 0.20 for positional parameters, and 0.68 for temperature factors. The final parameters are listed in Table I together with their estimated standard deviations.

In three-dimensional difference Fourier maps, calculated after the final structure factor calculation, the deviation in electron density, $\sigma(\rho) = (1/V)[\Sigma(\Delta F)^2]^{1/2}$, was 0.12 e/Å³. Several maxima in electron density were greater than 3 σ , the largest value being 0.58 e/Å³. From interatomic distance calculations, five of these maxima could have represented hydrogen atoms but the

others definitely could not. No attempt was made to refine these possible hydrogen atom positions or to include them in further structure analysis in any way.

Monoclinic $[\text{Ni}(\text{etu})_4\text{Cl}_2]$.—Sections of a sharpened three-dimensional Patterson function over the asymmetric unit of space group C2/m were constructed from 513 *hkl* reflections. One of four equivalent nickel atoms in the unit cell was obviously on a center of symmetry at the origin if the correct space group was C2/c, or very close to the origin on a 2-fold rotation axis if the space group was Cc. Consideration of the shortest interatomic vectors established the orientation of the heavy ligand atoms in distorted octahedral configuration around this atom. A trial structure based on the noncentric space group led to a conventional *R* factor of 0.33 for 376 measured *hkl* reflections. Each light atom was independently resolved in subsequent difference Fourier syntheses. As in the triclinic case it was apparent, within experimental error, that the nickel atom was at the center of symmetry of a *trans* molecule. Structure factor calculations in space group C2/c with chlorine and sulfur atoms distinguished gave an *R* factor of 0.13.

In three cycles of three-dimensional least-squares refinement varying 5 scale factors, 39 positional parameters, and 14 isotropic temperature parameters, values for the factors *R* and *R'* were reduced to 0.095 and 0.110, respectively. Isotropic temperature factors were then converted to anisotropic form but refinement ceased when some temperature factor coefficients were no longer positive-definite. The correlation matrix showed serious interactions between β_{12} , β_{22} , β_{23} and the scale factors for each Weissenberg reciprocal lattice layer of constant *k*. This was understandable since these layers were only recorded up to *k* = 4 and no correlation data had been measured. Accordingly these anisotropic temperature coefficients were fixed at their equivalent isotropic values. Two cycles of anisotropic refinement then reduced values of *R* and *R'* to 0.088 and 0.104, respectively. By the same criteria as had

TABLE II
 STRUCTURAL PARAMETERS FOR MONOCLINIC $[\text{Ni}(\text{etu})_4\text{Cl}_2]$ WITH STANDARD DEVIATIONS^a

Atom	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	β_{11}	β_{22}	β_{33}	β_{12}	β_{13}	β_{23}
Ni(1)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0023 (03)	0.0057	0.0015 (03)	0.	0.0010 (02)	0.
S(2)	0.5403 (04)	0.5894 (09)	0.6574 (04)	0.0032 (03)	0.0081	0.0020 (04)	0.	0.0013 (03)	0.
S(3)	0.5165 (04)	0.2173 (09)	0.5430 (04)	0.0037 (04)	0.0092	0.0033 (04)	0.	0.0023 (03)	0.
Cl(4)	0.6473 (03)	0.4507 (08)	0.5168 (03)	0.0024 (03)	0.0065	0.0013 (03)	0.	0.0008 (03)	0.
<i>B</i> , Å ³									
C(21)	0.6396 (12)	0.5293 (26)	0.7375 (13)	0.82 (53)					
N(22)	0.7044 (10)	0.4746 (22)	0.7267 (11)	2.07 (46)					
C(23)	0.7880 (14)	0.4385 (31)	0.8126 (15)	2.65 (57)					
C(24)	0.7679 (14)	0.5098 (29)	0.8902 (14)	2.50 (57)					
N(25)	0.6724 (12)	0.5634 (28)	0.8289 (12)	3.36 (51)					
C(31)	0.4567 (13)	0.1443 (34)	0.5915 (13)	1.69 (57)					
N(32)	0.4026 (11)	0.2392 (25)	0.6085 (12)	2.36 (49)					
C(33)	0.3647 (15)	0.1356 (32)	0.6587 (16)	3.11 (61)					
C(34)	0.3894 (15)	0.9652 (39)	0.6430 (16)	3.86 (62)					
N(35)	0.4595 (12)	0.9976 (30)	0.6179 (12)	3.08 (50)					

^a The β values are the coefficients in the anisotropic temperature factor expression $\exp\{-\beta_{11}h^2 + \beta_{22}k^2 + \beta_{33}l^2 + 2\beta_{12}hk + 2\beta_{13}hl + 2\beta_{23}kl\}$. The *B* values are the parameters in the isotropic temperature factor $\exp[-B(\sin \theta)^2/\lambda^2]$ for the light atoms; they were not varied during the final two cycles of refinement.

been applied in the triclinic case, this refinement was considered to have converged. Maximum shifts as fractions of their estimated standard deviations in the final cycles of refinement were 0.07 for scale factors, 0.07 for positional parameters, and 2.07 for the isotropic temperature factor of the light carbon atom (34). Final parameters are listed in Table II together with their estimated standard deviations.

Futile attempts to locate hydrogen atoms, similar to those described for the triclinic structure, were made using final three-dimensional difference Fourier maps in which the standard deviation in electron density was 0.18 e/Å³ and the highest peak 0.67 e/Å³.

Observed structure factors and those calculated from the final parameters are compared in Tables III and IV for triclinic and monoclinic $[\text{Ni}(\text{etu})_4\text{Cl}_2]$, respectively. The inaccurate and unmeasured reflections listed in Table IV were obscured to varying degrees by the beam stop; they were not used in the refinement.

Description and Discussion of the Structures

In both crystalline forms of $[\text{Ni}(\text{etu})_4\text{Cl}_2]$ the nickel atoms lie on crystallographic centers of symmetry, so the individual molecules are necessarily *trans* complexes with three crystallographically independent ligands. One molecule from each structure is shown in Figure 1 projected normally onto the plane of its sulfur atoms. In both cases the light atoms attached to sulfur atom S(2) have been designated (21), (22), . . . (25), and similarly for those attached to S(3). (This numbering does not necessarily imply structural similarity between like-numbered atoms.) The structures are shown also in Figure 2 in the form of stereoscopic pairs, viewed approximately at right angles to the view of Figure 1. Table V presents the more important interatomic distances and bond angles in the two structures, with estimated standard deviations in the least significant figures given in parentheses; the standard deviations include contributions from the errors in cell dimensions. Superscript primes have been used to distinguish equivalent atoms related by the center of

symmetry at the nickel atom. The shortest intermolecular contacts are listed in Table V and shown in Figure 2. There are no other atoms within 3.5 Å of the atoms in the central molecules in Figure 2.

The primary ligand atoms are arranged in approximate octahedral geometry about the nickel atom in both crystalline forms of $[\text{Ni}(\text{etu})_4\text{Cl}_2]$, but significant distortions from the ideal structure are evident. In each form there are two significantly different (difference greater than 3σ) Ni-S bond lengths, one about 2.45 Å and the other about 2.49 Å. The Ni-Cl bond also differs significantly in the two forms. The bond angles about the nickel atom deviate from right angles by significant amounts, and in the same general way in both forms, *i.e.*, all three bond angles involving Ni, Cl, S(2'), and S(3) are acute in the triclinic form, all those involving Ni, Cl, S(3), and S(2') are acute in the monoclinic form. Qualitatively, these features demonstrate differences in the ligand fields at the central nickel atom of these complexes, as well as distortions from an octahedral field which must account for their different reflectance spectra.⁶ Although the polymorphism found for $[\text{Ni}(\text{etu})_4\text{Cl}_2]$ is probably unusual for this type of compound, it is suggested that recent interpretations of ultraviolet-visible spectra¹³ as indicating the presence of *cis-trans* isomers or *trans-tetragonal* structures for octahedral nickel(II) complexes should be accepted with caution. *trans*- $[\text{Ni}(\text{etu})_4\text{Cl}_2]$ does not approach tetragonal symmetry in either crystalline form.

Similar gross distortions from octahedral symmetry, and unequal Ni-S bond lengths, have recently been reported¹⁴ for bis(thiourea)nickel(II) thiocyanate. In this compound the two Ni-S bonds (2.531 and 2.564 Å) are longer than those in $[\text{Ni}(\text{etu})_4\text{Cl}_2]$ but the angle between them is smaller (83.6°), leading to the same shortest S . . . S contacts in all three molecules (3.39 ± 0.1 Å).

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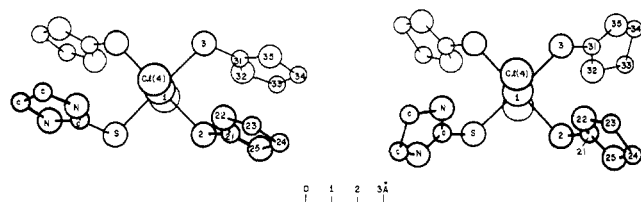


Figure 1.—Triclinic $[\text{Ni}(\text{etu})_4\text{Cl}_2]$ and monoclinic $[\text{Ni}(\text{etu})_4\text{Cl}_2]$ molecules projected normally onto planes defined by their sulfur atoms.

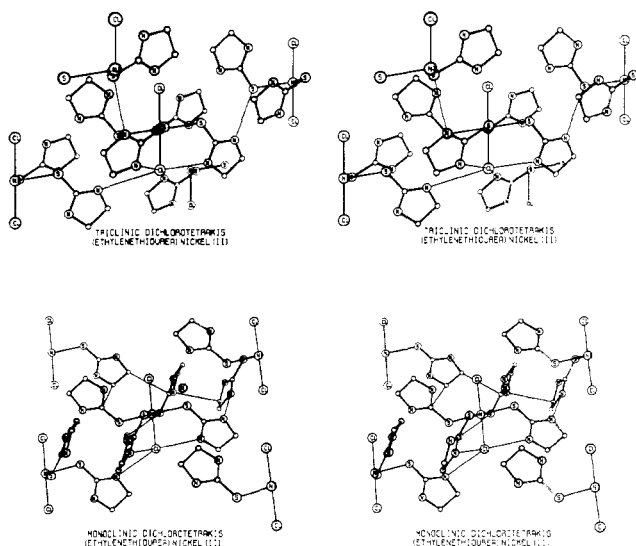


Figure 2.—Stereoscopic pairs showing one complete molecule from each structure together with nearest parts of neighboring molecules.

tropic thermal vibrations. The adjusted bond lengths are not tabulated because neither model provides an adequate description of the thermal motion, particularly of the sulfur atoms which are strongly bonded to two other atoms. It is also difficult to assign exact physical significance to anisotropic temperature factors in least-squares refinements where so many scale factors are variable parameters.

In each structure there are two crystallographically independent S-C bonds which are not significantly different in length although the shorter bond is always adjacent to the longer Ni-S bond. No individual S-C bond differs significantly in length from the figure given by Wheatley¹² for the free ligand (1.708 Å).

Chemically equivalent bonds between light atoms of each structure have been grouped and averaged in Table V. In no case are there significant discrepancies within one group. For triclinic $[\text{Ni}(\text{etu})_4\text{Cl}_2]$ there is remarkably good agreement between the mean bond lengths and those given¹² for the free ligand (C(1)-N, 1.322 Å; N-C(3,4), 1.471 Å; C-C, 1.536 Å). The general agreement is not so good in the monoclinic case, particularly for the mean N-C bond.

Unweighted least-squares planes were calculated for all of the ethylenethiourea groups and for the five-membered rings of carbon and nitrogen atoms included in these groups. In each case some atoms of the group lay 0.05 to 0.1 Å off the plane and applications of the χ^2

TABLE V
INTERATOMIC DISTANCES (Å) AND BOND ANGLES FOR
 $[\text{Ni}(\text{etu})_4\text{Cl}_2]$ WITH ESTIMATED STANDARD DEVIATIONS IN THE
LEAST SIGNIFICANT FIGURES

	Triclinic	Monoclinic
Intramolecular		
Ni(1)-Cl(4)	2.457 (04)	2.496 (06)
-S(3)	2.490 (06)	2.443 (08)
-S(2)	2.451 (05)	2.482 (07)
S(2)-C(21)	1.698 (11)	1.669 (20)
S(3)-C(31)	1.677 (12)	1.724 (23)
Mean S-C	1.683 (08)	1.697 (15)
C(21)-N(22)	1.334 (14)	1.318 (22)
-N(25)	1.313 (14)	1.374 (23)
C(31)-N(32)	1.329 (12)	1.370 (25)
-N(35)	1.321 (15)	1.296 (26)
Mean C(1)-N	1.324 (07)	1.340 (12)
N(22)-C(23)	1.480 (15)	1.495 (25)
N(25)-C(24)	1.447 (15)	1.541 (28)
N(32)-C(33)	1.454 (15)	1.566 (29)
N(35)-C(34)	1.488 (15)	1.511 (28)
Mean N-C(ethylene)	1.467 (08)	1.528 (14)
C(23)-C(24)	1.565 (17)	1.618 (30)
C(33)-C(34)	1.549 (15)	1.548 (35)
Mean C-C	1.557 (11)	1.583 (23)
S(2)···S(3)	3.602 (06)	3.564 (10)
···S(3')	3.383 (06)	3.398 (10)
Cl(4)···S(2)	3.735 (07)	3.843 (08)
···S(3)	3.416 (08)	3.203 (09)
···S(2')	3.183 (09)	3.163 (08)
···S(3')	3.578 (06)	3.759 (09)
···N(22)	3.093 (12)	3.149 (17)
···N(32')	3.218 (10)	3.171 (17)
S(2)-Ni(1)-S(3)	93.6° (0.3°)	92.7° (0.2°)
Cl(4)-Ni(1)-S(2)	99.1° (0.2°)	101.1° (0.2°)
Cl(4)-Ni(1)-S(3)	87.3° (0.2°)	80.9° (0.2°)
Ni(1)-S(2)-C(21)	115.0° (0.5°)	113.6° (0.7°)
Ni(1)-S(3)-C(31)	107.1° (0.3°)	117.9° (1.0°)
Intermolecular		
S(2')···N(25)	3.421 (11)	...
S(3')···N(35)	3.318 (11)	...
Cl(4)···N(25)	...	3.383 (20)
S(3)···N(35')	...	3.429 (20)

test, as described by Wheatley¹² for ethylenethiourea, clearly demonstrated that none of the groups selected was statistically coplanar. Deviations from planarity were completely different for each ring, doubtless reflecting different environments in the crystals.

In each crystallographically independent ethylenethiourea ring there are two nitrogen atoms which could be involved in N-H···Cl or N-H···S hydrogen bonding. The six nonbonded interatomic distances to nitrogen in Table V are all less than the sum of the relevant van der Waals radii. All except the intramolecular Cl(4)···N(22) distance and the triclinic S···N distances can be ruled out as linear hydrogen bonds because of the chemically unlikely position in which hydrogen atoms would be located. A glance at Figure 1 will show that, in both structures, Cl(4) has adopted a position in which van der Waals repulsions from N(22), and the hydrogen atom attached to N(22), will be minimized. It seems unlikely that such large distortions from octahedral

symmetry about the nickel atom are the result of attractive forces when explanatory repulsive forces are so obviously present. Repulsion explains the additional distortion in the monoclinic structure where the Cl(4)⋯N(32') distance is also short (3.17 Å). Also it appears, from the similarity of their ultraviolet-visible spectra,⁶ that the two crystalline forms of [Ni(etu)₄Br₂] are isostructural with the chlorine complexes; there halogen-nitrogen hydrogen bonds are less likely to exist.

The short S⋯N distances in the triclinic structure connect ethylenethiourea rings in different molecules which, though related by centers of symmetry, are not coplanar, being separated normally by about 0.5 Å. The possibility of hydrogen bonding in this case cannot be ruled out although it seems unlikely.

In an independent infrared investigation one of us (S. L. H.) has found evidence that there is less hydrogen bonding in monoclinic [Ni(etu)₄Cl₂], and more in triclinic [Ni(etu)₄Cl₂], than in the free ligand. Wheatley, however, considered that there was no real evidence for N-H⋯S hydrogen bonds in the crystalline free ligand because there were other nonbonded interatomic distances that were abnormally short. This conclusion seems valid in the present work.

It is evident from Table V and the figures that the Ni-S-C bond angle is rather flexible and that an ethyl-

enethiourea ligand can rotate easily about its S-C bond. Both factors help to explain why [Ni(etu)₄Cl₂] molecules can form stable crystals with similar densities but different molecular environments.

Finally, it is to be noted that the nickel atom lies close (0.2 Å) to the best least-squares planes through the individual ethylenethiourea ligands of monoclinic [Ni(etu)₄Cl₂] but 0.8 to 2.0 Å away from these planes in triclinic [Ni(etu)₄Cl₂]. Thus the geometry around the sulfur atoms does not indicate any special interaction of d orbitals on nickel and sulfur.

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The Rate of Displacement of H₂O in Co(CN)₄(SO₃)OH₂³⁻ by CN⁻ and the Formation Quotient of Co(CN)₄(SO₃)NH₃³⁻ from Co(CN)₄(SO₃)OH⁴⁻ and NH₃¹

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A kinetic study has been made of the rate of displacement of OH⁻ in Co(CN)₄(SO₃)OH⁴⁻ by CN⁻. All experiments were at 25°, at unit ionic strength, and in the presence of a large excess of CN⁻. In each experiment pseudo-first-order kinetic behavior was observed and characterized by a rate constant. The rate data are in agreement with a rate law given by

$$\frac{d \ln \{ [\text{Co}(\text{CN})_4(\text{SO}_3)\text{OH}_2^{3-}] + [\text{Co}(\text{CN})_4(\text{SO}_3)\text{OH}^{4-}] \}}{dt} = \frac{1.73(\text{CN}^-)}{0.028 + (\text{CN}^-)} \frac{1}{1 + 776(\text{OH}^-)}$$

and are discussed in terms of a limiting type of S_N1 mechanism. A numerical value of 98 ± 3 is reported for the equilibrium quotient for formation of Co(CN)₄(SO₃)NH₃³⁻ by reaction of Co(CN)₄(SO₃)OH⁴⁻ and NH₃.

Introduction

This paper is the first of a series dealing with the ligation reactions of Co(CN)₄(SO₃)OH₂³⁻. In the present paper we report kinetic studies of the rate of displacement of H₂O in Co(CN)₄(SO₃)OH₂³⁻ by CN⁻, a process which occurs very rapidly by a limiting type of S_N1 mechanism. In addition, a value is reported for the formation quotient of Co(CN)₄(SO₃)NH₃³⁻, produced by the reaction of Co(CN)₄(SO₃)OH⁴⁻ with aqueous NH₃.

The results are discussed in terms of the assumption that the SO₃²⁻ ligand has a remarkable *trans*-labilizing effect in Co(III) complexes. This assumption has been used to explain the results of earlier preparative studies^{2,3} and, more recently, kinetic studies involving octahedral Co(III) complexes.^{4,5}

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