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## The Crystal and Molecular Structure of $\text{NaAgS}_2\text{O}_3\text{H}_2\text{O}$

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$\text{NaAgS}_2\text{O}_3\text{H}_2\text{O}$  is monoclinic,  $Pc$ :  $a = 7.78(1)$ ,  $b = 9.07(1)$ ,  $c = 7.71(1) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\beta = 96.3^\circ(2^\circ)$ ,  $Z = 4$ . The crystal structure has been determined at room temperature from three-dimensional X-ray photographic data and refined by differential methods using anisotropic thermal parameters; final  $R = 10.8\%$ . In the asymmetric unit there are two independent silver atoms both tetrahedrally surrounded by three sulphur atoms from three thiosulphate groups and by one oxygen atom from the water molecule. Each thiosulphate group behaves as a monodentate ligand through the external sulphur which coordinates to three adjacent silver atoms ( $\text{Ag}(1)-S = 2.48, 2.54, 2.60 \text{ \AA}$ ;  $\text{Ag}(2)-S = 2.52, 2.52, 2.65 \text{ \AA}$ ) so that the coordination polyhedra result linked in layers running parallel to (010). These layers are joined together by sodium atoms which interact, in a distorted octahedral environment, with the oxygen atoms.

### Introduction

As a part of a study concerning the crystal structure of silver thiosulphate complexes, which are important in photographic process, the compounds appearing in the  $\text{Ag}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3-\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3-\text{H}_2\text{O}$  system have been considered. As found by Bassett and Lemon<sup>1</sup> the salts formed in that system at 25°C are:  $\text{Na}_3\text{Ag}(\text{S}_2\text{O}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{Na}_5\text{Ag}_3(\text{S}_2\text{O}_3)_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{NaAgS}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{NaAg}_3(\text{S}_2\text{O}_3)_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ . Among these the compound corresponding to the simplest stoichiometric formula ( $\text{NaAgS}_2\text{O}_3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) was considered for a structural analysis being the easiest one to prepare in good crystals suitable for an X-ray single crystal work.

The aim of this research is to define the nature of coordination around silver atoms and the role played by the thiosulphate groups.

### Experimental Section

The crystals prepared according to Baines<sup>2</sup> were obtained as thick colourless triangular plates flattened along (010).

Cell parameters, determined from rotation and Weissenberg photographs ( $\text{CuK}\alpha$ ,  $\lambda = 1.5418 \text{ \AA}$ ) are as follows (the e.s.d.'s given in parentheses are in units of the last decimal figure):

$\text{NaAgS}_2\text{O}_3\text{H}_2\text{O}$	$M = 261.0$
$a = 7.78(1)$	$b = 9.07(1)$
$c = 7.71(1) \text{ \AA}$	$\beta = 96.3^\circ(2^\circ)$
$V = 541.0 \text{ \AA}^3$	$Z = 4$
$D_s = 3.20$	$D_m = 3.12 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$
$\mu = 376.3 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ( $\text{CuK}\alpha$ )	$F(000) = 490$

Space group:  $Pc$  (from systematic absences and strong piezoelectric behaviour).

No chemical analysis was carried out and the formula  $\text{NaAgS}_2\text{O}_3\text{H}_2\text{O}$  given by Baines was assumed, being the morphological data quoted in his paper in agreement with the present X-ray crystal data.

Two series of equi-inclination integrated Weissenberg photographs (Ni-filtered Cu radiation, multiple film technique) were taken at room temperature around [100] with levels  $h = 0, 1 \dots 6$  and around [001] with levels  $l = 0, 1 \dots 6$ . 1024 independent non zero reflexions were observed out of a possible 1254 within the  $\text{CuK}\alpha$  sphere. The shape of the spots of non-equatorial layers was taken into account using the formula  $I_{\text{corr.}} = I(1 \pm K \cos\theta)$  in which  $K$  was an empirical constant determined by comparison of corresponding expanded and contracted spots on the same photograph. To give an approximate correction for the absorption effects the samples were considered spheres with mean radii of 0.013 cm and 0.008 cm for the photographs taken around [100] and [001] respectively.

The structure amplitudes were obtained from the photometrically measured intensities after correction for Lorentz and polarization factors. All the data were put on the same scale by the least-squares cross correlation procedure of Rollett and Sparks<sup>3</sup> and a starting absolute scale was then established by Wilson's<sup>4</sup> method.

### Structure analysis and refinement

The unit cell contains four formula units  $\text{NaAgS}_2\text{O}_3\text{H}_2\text{O}$  which must occupy two independent positions as required by the symmetry of the space group ( $Pc$ ). Bearing this in mind it was possible to deduce the coordinates of silver and sulphur atoms from a three-dimensional Patterson synthesis. These coordinates were valuable to locate all the other non hydrogen atoms by standard Fourier methods. The refinement was carried out by means of several cycles of Booth's differential synthesis with anisotropic ther-

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**Table I.** Final atomic fractional coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ), and thermal parameters ( $\times 10^2 \text{ \AA}^2$ )<sup>\*</sup> with e.s.d.'s.

	x/a( $\sigma$ )	y/b( $\sigma$ )	z/c( $\sigma$ )	$B_{11}(\sigma)$	$B_{22}(\sigma)$	$B_{33}(\sigma)$	$B_{12}(\sigma)$	$B_{13}(\sigma)$	$B_{23}(\sigma)$
Ag(1)	20(5)	455(3)	5(4)	210(14)	123(7)	431(18)	-18(16)	-6(21)	51(16)
Ag(2)	5103(5)	-607(3)	3082(4)	227(17)	92(6)	302(14)	3(15)	54(18)	18(13)
S(1)	3202(12)	774(6)	520(9)	154(4)	13(4)	163(47)	-3(0)	25(22)	11(11)
S(2)	3283(10)	2978(6)	1099(7)	48(5)	10(4)	81(35)	3(0)	3(6)	13(8)
S(3)	8103(12)	-790(6)	2144(9)	95(39)	9(14)	223(35)	0(37)	27(47)	-26(32)
S(4)	8249(10)	-2962(6)	1439(8)	38(1)	5(1)	92(35)	3(0)	16(3)	-18(4)
Na(1)	386(21)	4453(13)	3325(15)	163(81)	76(34)	173(56)	18(78)	26(9)	2(63)
Na(2)	5329(19)	-4891(13)	3423(14)	122(67)	37(26)	126(43)	-10(62)	-11(69)	-48(47)
O(1)	2889(42)	3250(29)	2893(50)	258(200)	114(64)	296(137)	33(176)	64(213)	-15(141)
O(2)	5022(31)	3493(20)	897(25)	19(17)	69(74)	114(89)	-40(0)	34(19)	-5(26)
O(3)	2029(45)	3708(22)	-134(34)	91(5)	28(6)	263(154)	38(0)	-25(13)	66(13)
O(4)	7956(43)	-3816(23)	2929(26)	128(22)	2(19)	202(140)	8(0)	23(22)	37(27)
O(5)	6871(70)	-3194(21)	-34(32)	113(107)	186(66)	174(81)	-65(116)	-19(126)	-87(92)
O(6)	15(34)	-3229(20)	969(32)	51(115)	152(59)	160(80)	-12(115)	58(129)	131(86)
O(7)	-1341(39)	2881(25)	1505(29)	198(139)	65(53)	211(99)	-19(129)	-25(149)	-14(104)
O(8)	3733(33)	-3023(16)	1679(19)	107(122)	130(66)	174(108)	-25(132)	55(155)	2(115)

\* Anisotropic thermal factors in the form:  $\exp[-b_{11}h^2 + b_{22}k^2 + b_{33}l^2 + b_{12}hk + b_{13}hl + b_{23}kl]$  in which  $b_{11} = \frac{1}{4}a^{*2}B_{11}$ ,  $b_{12} = \frac{1}{2}a^{*}b^{*}B_{12}$ .

**Table II.** Atomic peak heights (e. $\text{\AA}^{-3}$ ), curvatures (e. $\text{\AA}^{-5}$ ) and e.s.d.'s.

	$\rho$	$-A_{hh}$	$-A_{kk}$	$-A_{ll}$	$A_{kl}$	$A_{hl}$	$A_{hk}$
Ag(1)	obs.	121.3	1146	1470	953	86	27
	calcd.	121.5	1139	1461	988	75	38
Ag(2)	obs.	132.4	1171	1600	1250	40	136
	calcd.	132.7	1170	1593	1258	34	127
S(1)	obs.	50.3	447	673	486	11	32
	calcd.	49.6	451	665	487	10	30
S(2)	obs.	54.2	545	660	583	-28	47
	calcd.	53.2	541	659	577	-28	45
S(3)	obs.	47.1	444	606	454	-15	41
	calcd.	46.9	440	601	453	-13	40
S(4)	obs.	54.3	550	698	566	-25	64
	calcd.	53.6	546	697	562	-22	63
Na(1)	obs.	27.8	252	287	263	-12	17
	calcd.	28.2	253	287	262	-12	20
Na(2)	obs.	29.7	269	326	291	-3	20
	calcd.	29.4	269	323	289	-2	21
O(1)	obs.	15.4	126	176	84	8	13
	calcd.	15.0	127	175	81	8	13
O(2)	obs.	19.4	180	191	173	-11	25
	calcd.	19.2	173	196	172	-8	22
O(3)	obs.	17.0	138	179	137	11	17
	calcd.	16.9	138	179	139	10	18
O(4)	obs.	17.0	127	202	128	-19	0
	calcd.	16.8	125	204	129	-21	1
O(5)	obs.	14.9	96	133	163	-21	35
	calcd.	15.2	96	136	164	-18	37
O(6)	obs.	19.6	175	197	145	1	27
	calcd.	19.2	165	201	147	5	23
O(7)	obs.	15.6	136	159	131	-19	12
	calcd.	15.3	137	155	130	-20	13
O(8)	obs.	17.6	168	203	189	-30	11
	calcd.	17.5	168	209	192	-32	13
	e.s.d.	1.3	17	18	13	8	11

mal parameters. The final residual error indices are ( $R$ , for observed reflexions only,  $R'$  including  $F_o = \frac{1}{2}F_{min}$  when  $F_c \geq F_{min}$  for unobserved reflexions; multiplicities not considered):  $R = 10.8\%$ ,  $R' = 11.0\%$ .

In Table I the final positional and thermal parameters with their e.s.d.'s, are given. The  $B_{ij}$  were determined by the method of Nardelli and Fava<sup>5</sup> using the second derivatives of the electron density from differential synthesis. The comparison between observed and calculated peak shapes is shown in Table II. Observed and calculated structure factors are

shown in Table III. The atomic scattering factors are those of Thomas and Umeda<sup>6</sup> for  $\text{Ag}^+$ , of Dawson<sup>7</sup> for S and of Berghuis *et al.*<sup>8</sup> for  $\text{Na}^+$ , O.

All the calculations were performed on the Olivetti Elea 6001/S computer of the Centro di Calcolo Elettronico dell'Università di Parma, using the programmes of Nardelli, Musatti, Domiano and Andreotti.<sup>9</sup>

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**Table III.** Observed and calculated structure factors. A minus sign for  $F_o$  means « less than »

$h$	$k$	$l$	$10F_o$	$\alpha^\circ$	$h$	$k$	$l$	$10F_o$	$\alpha^\circ$	$h$	$k$	$l$	$10F_o$	$\alpha^\circ$	$h$	$k$	$l$	$10F_o$	$\alpha^\circ$	$h$	$k$	$l$	$10F_o$	$\alpha^\circ$					
0	0	2	300	250	86	1	0	6	157	153	12	1	6	5	206	166	225	2	2	5	547	600	92	2	8	6	298	302	146
0	0	4	863	943	74	1	0	6	332	437	67	1	6	5	257	214	38	2	2	6	773	821	348	2	8	6	358	318	135
0	0	6	730	798	329	1	0	8	317	318	9	1	6	6	217	218	280	2	2	6	560	624	301	2	9	0	452	464	159
0	0	8	70-	66	246	1	1	0	75-	71	305	1	6	6	222	181	239	2	2	7	283	306	23	2	9	1	361	333	122
0	1	0	1056	1083	0	1	1	1	934	906	230	1	6	7	153	178	72	2	2	7	306	276	318	2	9	1	213	182	58
0	1	1	699	588	49	1	1	1	658	580	43	1	6	7	406	447	100	2	2	8	84	117	315	2	9	2	418	410	121
0	1	2	420	360	329	1	1	2	1134	1315	35	1	6	8	234	234	162	2	2	9	131	123	57	2	9	2	399	376	62
0	1	3	479	423	152	1	1	2	1042	1219	8	1	7	0	504	446	1	2	3	0	643	520	297	2	9	3	358	331	160
0	1	4	815	912	16	1	1	3	522	472	65	1	7	1	419	329	151	2	3	1	681	562	55	2	9	3	475	473	81
0	1	5	185	160	171	1	1	3	782	803	47	1	7	1	375	335	131	2	3	1	750	715	67	2	9	4	403	403	230
0	1	6	205	218	17	1	1	4	591	648	288	1	7	2	792	700	239	2	3	2	864	693	23	2	9	4	380	351	206
0	1	7	237	196	330	1	1	4	694	817	319	1	7	2	602	547	188	2	3	2	318	222	289	2	9	5	237	229	279
0	1	8	203	186	143	1	1	5	312	309	36	1	7	3	654	583	70	2	3	3	113	68	119	2	9	5	262	235	190
0	1	9	76	77	87	1	1	5	151	152	93	1	7	3	711	741	76	2	3	3	344	301	237	2	9	6	275	312	165
0	2	0	920	978	0	1	1	6	262	303	79	1	7	4	513	487	112	2	3	4	608	527	53	2	10	0	734	827	204
0	2	1	910	1022	48	1	1	6	286	317	74	1	7	4	511	517	119	2	3	4	364	369	324	2	10	1	151	172	144
0	2	2	1091	1122	275	1	1	7	344	387	144	1	7	5	304	324	59	2	3	5	554	551	104	2	10	1	84-	66	124
0	2	3	447	406	183	1	1	7	117	134	155	1	7	5	104-	37	98	2	3	5	445	498	95	2	10	2	156	168	10
0	2	4	890	945	40	1	1	8	470	518	315	1	7	6	272	278	297	2	3	6	162	120	211	2	10	2	292	295	196
0	2	5	522	506	106	1	1	9	159	130	7	1	7	6	191	176	324	2	3	6	127	139	12	2	10	3	232	241	115
0	2	6	487	465	24	1	2	0	93-	63	335	1	7	7	265	310	147	2	3	7	220	254	17	2	10	3	521	541	82
0	2	7	121-	116	94	1	2	1	688	588	141	1	7	7	111	135	136	2	3	7	306	288	311	2	10	4	117	115	205
0	2	8	289	238	202	1	2	1	204	1027	36	1	8	1	422	415	91	2	3	8	84	81	161	2	10	5	22-	55	241
0	2	9	255	249	217	1	2	1	204	1027	36	1	8	1	422	415	91	2	3	8	84	81	161	2	10	5	22-	55	241
0	3	0	1788	1810	10	1	2	2	905	1041	2	1	8	1	337	318	95	2	3	9	156-	148	44	2	11	0	445	506	192
0	3	1	1138	1321	54	1	2	3	611	556	69	1	8	2	505	465	209	2	4	0	738	543	46	2	11	1	168	226	198
0	3	2	737	688	56	1	2	3	557	600	111	1	8	2	476	421	197	2	4	1	1170	1104	48	2	11	1	96	134	203
0	3	3	672	612	159	1	2	4	668	632	319	1	8	3	156	157	41	2	4	1	956	911	52	2	11	2	102	139	152
0	3	4	294	250	33	1	2	4	537	609	319	1	8	3	357	320	106	2	4	2	560	528	309	2	11	2	182	181	165
0	3	5	649	627	97	1	2	5	493	509	254	1	8	4	389	396	57	2	4	2	338	248	248	3	0	0	79-	67	276
0	3	6	514	449	296	1	2	5	251	236	339	1	8	4	386	359	148	2	4	3	366	259	358	3	0	2	1200	1379	17
0	3	7	116-	57	73	1	2	6	283	280	86	1	8	5	343	360	79	2	4	3	596	628	226	3	0	2	1463	1721	18
0	3	8	122	153	31	1	2	6	99-	74	42	1	8	5	245	236	171	2	4	4	329	267	47	3	0	4	559	540	356
0	3	9	257	232	203	1	2	7	243	281	27	1	8	6	154	135	233	2	4	4	418	446	357	2	2	2	232	227	322
0	4	0	300	221	0	1	2	7	459	477	124	1	8	6	373	357	262	2	4	5	910	965	107	3	0	6	272	259	119
0	4	1	1155	1247	49	1	2	8	107	114	316	1	8	7	148	153	334	2	4	5	785	820	76	3	0	6	274	258	95
0	4	2	127	137	330	1	2	8	387	344	349	1	9	0	213	179	33	2	4	6	117	110	21	3	0	8	337	282	340
0	4	3	591	561	164	1	2	9	75	78	51	1	9	1	570	622	69	2	4	6	327	365	15	3	1	0	180	138	330
0	4	4	262	175	195	1	3	0	281	217	11	1	9	1	323	281	172	2	4	7	150	156	23	3	1	1	510	433	142
0	4	5	547	525	132	1	3	1	840	779	191	1	9	2	711	732	229	2	4	7	217	228	21	3	1	1	822	819	191
0	4	6	337	278	162	1	3	1	678	723	139	1	9	2	608	604	193	2	4	8	93	65	136	3	1	2	1068	1227	20
0	4	7	338	275	358	1	3	2	695	429	282	1	9	6	104	106	317	2	4	8	223	255	153	3	1	2	1221	1411	13
0	4	8	113	114	347	1	3	2	614	179	191	1	9	3	95-	367	125	2	4	5	190	783	55	3	1	3	317	299	56
0	5	0	1138	1109	0	1	3	8	832	556	168	1	9	3	168	192	96	2	5	2	530	625	81	3	1	8	237	189	2
0	5	1	953	982	60	1	3	8	96	83	0	1	10	3	119	90	238	2	5	6	145	122	157	3	1	9	79-	61	107
0	5	2	311	269	28	1	3	9	91	110	67	1	10	3	186	139	241	2	5	7	180	208	29	3	2	0	113-	65	223
0	5	3	260	199	161	1	4	0	234	176	343	1	10	4	243	268	164	2	5	7	170	173	4	3	2	4	473	425	322
0	5	4	435	385	218	1	4	1	847	724	195	1	10	4	145	152	106	2	5	8	136	163	242	3	2	1	865	828	115
0	5	5	677	694	93	1	4	1	743	665	73	1	10	5	105	165	128	2	6	0	315	231	131	3	2	5	332	848	722
0	5	6	162	135	251	1	4	2	513	386	1	1	11	0	61-	28	186	2	6	1	758	676	54	3	2	3	1081	676	91
0	5	7	151	153	64	1	4	2	527	499	49	1	11	1	170	209	21	2	6	1	758	676</td							

**Table III.** (continued)

$h$	$k$	$l$	$10F_o$	$10F_c$	$\alpha^\circ$	$h$	$k$	$l$	$10F_o$	$10F_c$	$\alpha^\circ$	$h$	$k$	$l$	$10F_o$	$10F_c$	$\alpha^\circ$	$h$	$k$	$l$	$10F_o$	$10F_c$	$\alpha^\circ$	$h$	$k$	$l$	$10F_o$	$10F_c$	$\alpha^\circ$						
4	1	3	245	244	54	4	6	5	392	389	120	5	2	7	340	336	110	5	9	0	154	162	93	8	5	4	292	249	306	7	4	3	482	404	43
4	1	4	599	647	43	4	6	5	381	365	81	5	2	7	309	240	64	5	9	1	386	417	148	6	5	5	338	369	120	7	4	3	435	524	74
4	1	401	421	339	4	6	6	130	120	79	5	2	8	254	218	305	5	9	1	478	514	88	8	5	5	352	350	87	7	4	4	176	154	12	
4	1	5	200	169	55	4	6	6	350	335	167	5	3	0	152	166	6	5	9	2	277	283	231	8	5	6	225	210	72	7	4	4	105-	113	314
4	1	5	436	414	105	4	6	7	249	257	15	5	3	1	265	224	178	5	9	2	504	485	192	7	5	7	65	48	5	7	4	5	153	141	62
4	1	6	318	285	300	4	7	0	749	706	187	5	3	1	678	546	138	5	9	3	156	173	251	6	6	0	323	280	156	7	4	5	85-	44	123
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4	1	7	130	96	211	4	7	1	548	450	66	5	3	2	390	300	14	5	9	4	217	262	93	6	6	1	507	430	52	7	5	1	271	258	172
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2.55–2.69 Å in  $\text{Ag}(\text{CH}_2\text{S})_3\text{NO}_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ <sup>11</sup>; 2.46–2.60 Å in  $\text{Ag}[(\text{CH}_2\text{S})_3]\text{NO}_3$ <sup>12</sup>; 2.48–2.59 Å in  $\text{Ag}[\text{SC}(\text{NH}_2)_2]\text{Cl}$ <sup>13</sup>; 2.48–2.49 Å in  $\text{Ag}_2\text{Br}_2[\text{SC}(\text{NH}_2)\text{NHNH}_2]_3$ <sup>14</sup>; 2.43–2.48 Å in  $\text{AgNCS}[\text{SC}(\text{NH}_2)\text{NHNH}_2]_2$ <sup>15</sup>.

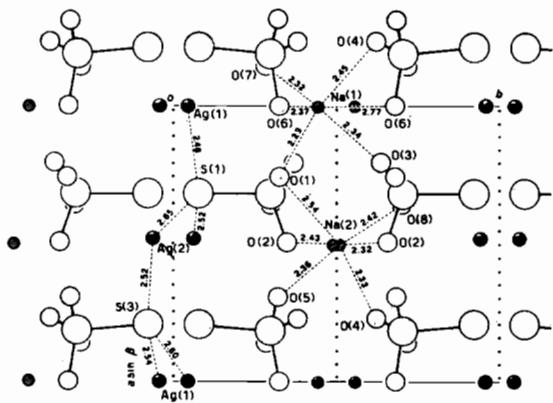
**Table IV.** Bond distances and angles in the coordination polyhedra

$\text{Ag}(1)-\text{S}(1)$	= 2.48(1) Å
$\text{Ag}(1)-\text{S}(3'')$	= 2.60(1)
$\text{Ag}(1)-\text{S}(3''')$	= 2.54(1)
$\text{Ag}(1)-\text{O}(7)$	= 2.75(2)
$\text{S}(1)-\text{Ag}(1)-\text{S}(3'')$	= 125.5(5)°
$\text{S}(1)-\text{Ag}(1)-\text{S}(3''')$	= 126.9(7)
$\text{S}(1)-\text{Ag}(1)-\text{O}(7)$	= 105.2(5)
$\text{S}(3'')-\text{Ag}(1)-\text{O}(7)$	= 78.9(8)
$\text{S}(3'')-\text{Ag}(1)-\text{S}(3''')$	= 106.2(5)
$\text{S}(3'')-\text{Ag}(1)-\text{O}(7)$	= 93.0(8)
$\text{Ag}(2)-\text{S}(1)$	= 2.65(1) Å
$\text{Ag}(2)-\text{S}(3)$	= 2.52(1)
$\text{Ag}(2)-\text{S}(1')$	= 2.52(1)
$\text{Ag}(2)-\text{O}(8)$	= 2.62(2)
$\text{S}(1)-\text{Ag}(2)-\text{S}(3)$	= 106.0(4)°
$\text{S}(1)-\text{Ag}(2)-\text{S}(1')$	= 105.0(4)
$\text{S}(1)-\text{Ag}(2)-\text{O}(8)$	= 85.3(8)
$\text{S}(1')-\text{Ag}(2)-\text{O}(8)$	= 90.6(8)
$\text{S}(3)-\text{Ag}(2)-\text{S}(1')$	= 122.2(6)
$\text{S}(3)-\text{Ag}(2)-\text{O}(8)$	= 100.0(8)
$x, \bar{y}, z + \frac{1}{2}$	"
$x-1, y, z$	"'
$x-1, \bar{y}, z - \frac{1}{2}$	

Nevertheless in the present compound one distance is significantly longer than the other two in both tetrahedra.

The Ag–O distances concern the water molecule and their values (2.62 and 2.75 Å) are consistent with the sum of the ionic radii (2.66 Å).

The two coordination polyhedra, even if of the same kind, show some relevant differences concerning



**Table V.** Bond distances and angles in  $S_2O_3^{2-}$  group

	$NaAgS_2O_3H_2O$	$Zn[SC(NH_2)_2]_2S_2O_3 \cdot H_2O^*$	$Ni[SC(NH_2)_2]_2S_2O_3 \cdot H_2O^*$	$BaS_2O_3 \cdot H_2O^*$	$Na_2S_2O_3^*$	$Mg(OH_2)_2S_2O_3^*$
S-S	2.05(1) Å 2.05(1)	2.03(1) Å	2.01(1) Å	1.96(1) Å	2.01(2) Å	2.02(1) Å
S-O	1.46(2) 1.45(3) 1.47(4) 1.49(4) 1.42(2) 1.48(3)	1.46(1) 1.45(1) 1.45(1)	1.50(1) 1.46(1) 1.43(1)	1.57(4) 1.52(3) 1.44(3)	1.52(3) 1.46(3) 1.42(3)	1.48(1) 1.48(4)
O-S-O	110.4(1.7)* 111.2(1.7) 109.1(1.9) 111.1(2.0) 110.1(1.8) 112.0(1.9)	111.0(5.5)* 111.0(6) 111.3(6)	110.7(6.6)* 110.4(7) 111.6(7)	105.3(2.3)* 104.3(1.9) 116.3(1.4)	109.4(3.6)* 107.9(3.6) 114.4(3.6)	110.9(1.1)* 111.0(1.1)
S-S-O	107.1(1.0) 107.8(1.1) 111.3(1.2) 106.6(1.2) 106.4(1.0) 107.5(1.1)	108.3(5) 106.8(5) 108.3(4)	104.8(4) 108.6(5) 110.6(5)	109.7(1.3) 112.0(8) 108.7(1.3)	108.3(2.4) 109.2(2.4) 107.6(2.4)	107.6(8) 108.5(8)

The structure is polymeric in nature as each coordinated sulphur atom belongs to three coordination polyhedra. This can be seen in Figure 1 and in Figure 2 which shows a projection along [001].

The whole crystal structure is characterized by layers running parallel to (010) as diagrammatically shown in Figure 3. Every two double layers of coordination polyhedra there is a layer of  $Na^+$  ions which join together the double layers by means of Na—O interactions.

The coordination polyhedra around the  $Na^+$  ions are distorted octahedra as shown in Figure 4. The Na—O distances are ranging around the sum of the ionic radii (2.44 Å) and agree with the values generally found in other structures with similar coordination [*e.g.* 2.42 Å (mean value) in  $Na[C_{10}H_6 \cdot NH_2 \cdot SO_3] \cdot 4H_2O$ <sup>21</sup>, 2.35 Å (mean value) in  $NaBr \cdot 2CH_3CONH_3$ <sup>22</sup>, 2.41, 2.44, 2.45, 2.46, 2.49, 2.50 Å in  $Na_2O \cdot SiO_2 \cdot 9H_2O$ <sup>23</sup>] excepting for the  $Na(1)—O(6) = 2.77$  Å distance which is much longer than the others.

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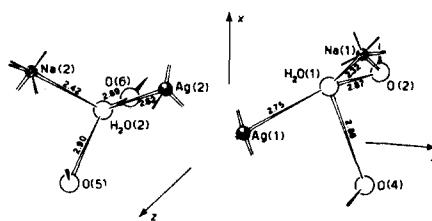


Figure 5. Clinographic projection of the environment of the water molecules.

The water molecules are both surrounded by a tetrahedral environment concerning silver and sodium atoms which are in the directions of the lone pairs and two oxygen atoms which form hydrogen bonds ( $O-H \dots O = 2.87, 2.88, 2.89, 2.90$  Å). These environments are shown in the clinographic projection of Figure 5.

No packing distances less than 3.5 Å are observed.

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