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## Crystal Structure and Chemical Bonding of a Palladium Thiosulphate Complex : Bisethylenediaminepalladium(II) cis-Dithiosulphate-ethylenediaminepalladite

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The crystal structure of  $[Pd(en)_2] [Pd(S_2O_3)_2(en)]$  (en = ethylenediamine) has been determined. It forms crystals of space group PI with  $a=8.76\pm0.03$ ,  $b=13.30\pm0.05$ ,  $c=8.66\pm0.03$  Å,  $\alpha=108.3\pm0.3$ ,  $\beta=98.5\pm0.3$ ,  $\gamma=103.1\pm0.3^{\circ}$ , the calculated density for two formula weights in the unit cell is 2.26 g.cm<sup>-3</sup>, D measured is 2.24 g.cm<sup>-3</sup>. The structure was solved by Patterson methods and refined by full-matrix least-squares to a convention R value of 9.8% for the 3575 reflections measured on films. This study established that the title compound consists of discrete  $[Pd(en)_2]^{2+}$  cations and cis- $[Pd(S_2O_3)_2(en)]^{2-}$  anions. There is the expected square planar coordination around the Pd atoms, the S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> groups being bonded through S. The average bond distances are: Pd-N 2.071±0.007, Pd-S 2.297±0.004, C-N 1.48±0.01, C-C 1.53±0.02, S-S 2.066±0.006, and S-O 1.457±0.007 Å; the average O-S-O angle of the S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> groups is 111.8±0.7°. The S-S bonds of the coordinated S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> groups are significantly longer than in the thiosulphate ion.

### Introduction

Chemical and spectroscopic studies of coordination compounds having the  $S_2O_3$  group as a ligand indicate that the latter can be a bridging ligand, a bidentate ligand or a monodentate ligand (Livingstone, 1965). The structure determinations of two thiosulphates have been reported so far; that of Ni[SC(NH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>4</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>.H<sub>2</sub>O (Fava Gasparri, Mangia, Musatti & Nardelli, 1969) where the  $S_2O_3$  is bonded through S and O to Ni, and that of  $Na_{4n}[Cu(NH_3)_4]_n[Cu_n(S_2O_3)_{2n}]_2$  (Ferrari, Braibanti & Tiripicchio, 1966) in which the S2O3 ligand bridges two Cu atoms through one S atom. In this last compound there is a significant lengthening of the S-S bond of the coordinated  $S_2O_3$  group as compared with the dimensions of the  $S_2O_3^2$  ion determined in  $S_2O_3Mg$ . 6H<sub>2</sub>O (Baggio, Amzel & Becka, 1969). We undertook the present study in order to establish whether this lengthening would also occur when the group behaves as a monodendate S bonded ligand. Since transition metals of the platinum group are likely to bind  $S_2O_3^{2-1}$ through a metal-S bond we selected a palladium thiosulphate complex that crystallized forming suitable crystal for a X-ray diffraction study. We chose the title compound, of minimum formula  $Pd_2(S_2O_3)_2(en)_3$ (en = ethylenediamine,  $NH_2C_2H_4NH_2$ ), which also presented the problem of assigning it the correct structural formula. This compound has a stoichiometry similar to that of compounds formulated as  $[Pt(NH_3)_4]_3$  $Pt(S_2O_3)_4$  and  $Pt(NH_3)_4]_3Pd(S_2O_3)_4$  (Costamagna & Levitus, 1966), which are not plausible formulae since they imply the existence of anions of charge -6.

#### Experimental

The crystals were kindly supplied to us by Dr Levitus. Their chemical formula was established by quantitative chemical analysis (spectroscopic analysis of Pd and microanalysis of C, H, N, and S) and the presence of coordinated  $S_2O_3$  was confirmed by the fact that the infrared spectrum of the complex showed S–O stretching modes at higher frequencies than in the ionic thiosulphates. The appearance of the crystals is that of orange coloured plates having the *c* unit-cell axis perpendicular to the prominent face. Long exposures to X-ray radiation in contact with air did not damage the crystals.

## Crystal data

Bisethylenediaminepalladium(II)-*cis*-dithiosulphateethylenediaminepalladite, Pd(NH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>.Pd(S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(NH<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>). F.W. 617·3. Triclinic,  $a = 8.76 \pm 0.03$ ,  $b = 13.30 \pm 0.05$ ,  $c = 8.66 \pm 0.03$  Å,  $\alpha = 108.3 \pm 0.3^{\circ}$ ,  $\beta = 98.5 \pm 0.3^{\circ}$ ,  $\gamma = 103.1 \pm 0.3^{\circ}$  at 295°K,  $V = 907 \pm 5$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $D_m = 2.24$  g.cm<sup>-3</sup> (by flotation),  $D_c(Z = 2) = 2.26$  g.cm<sup>3</sup>, F(000) = 612,  $\mu = 18$ cm<sup>-1</sup> for MoK $\alpha$  radiation. Space group  $P\overline{1}$ .

The cell constants were refined using the Cu  $K\alpha_{I}$  –  $K\alpha_{II}$  splitting of 104 independent high angle reflections, measured on Weissenberg equi-inclination photographs of levels 5kl, 6kl, and 7kl, in the least-squares procedure proposed by Alcock & Sheldrick (1967). A Deldundy reduction did not indicate that there was higher symmetry. The data used to solve and refine the structure were collected with Zr-filtered Mo K radiation with crystals cut to the shape of a parallel-epiped and mounted with their a axis parallel to the spindle axis. The dimensions of the cut crystals were of less than 0.03 cm along **a** and with cross sections

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of  $0.02 \times 0.02$  cm. We recorded reflections from layers 0kl to 6kl with the equi-inclination Weissenberg method using multiple films, and from layers hk0 to hk2 with an integrating precession camera. The intensities on the Weissenberg photographs were estimated by visual comparison with calibrated scales and on the precession photographs with a microdensitometer. Within a ratio of 2000:1 of maximum to minimum observable intensity of 3575 independent reflections, representing ~95% of the reflections that could be recorded on the films at  $\sin \theta/\lambda < 0.65$  Å<sup>-1</sup>. The intensities were corrected for

Lorentz, polarization and applying the Philips spot-

shape factor to the reflections of the extended half of

the equi inclination Weissenberg photographs (the com-

plete set of measurable reflections of a layer was re-

corded on two photographs). The data of the different

Weissenberg and precession photographs were put on

the same scale by correlating the intensities of equiv-

alent reflections and applying the least-squares re-

finement proposed by Hamilton, Rollett & Sparks

(1965). The discrepancy factor of the equivalent re-

flections after scaling is 8%. We did not apply an

absorption correction to the data since the change of

absorption factor in any one layer is less than 2% in

the region of observable intensity, and the different layer lines obtained from the Weissenberg photographs have been put on the same scale using the intensities measured on the precession photographs, which have negligible difference of absorption correction within each and between layer lines.

## Structure determination and refinement

A three-dimensional Patterson synthesis gave a map showing clearly the Pd-Pd and Pd-S vectors. Next we computed a three-dimensional Fourier synthesis using the signs given by the heavy atoms, which in turn allowed us to locate unequivocally the positions of the remaining non-hydrogen atoms. A structure factor calculation including only the heavy atoms gave a conventional R value of 0.30, when the light atoms were included R dropped to 0.19. We initiated a full-matrix least-squares refinement [minimizing  $\sum \omega (F_o - F_c)^2$ ] allowing for the simultaneous variation of coordinates. individual isotropic temperature factors and a different scale factor for each set of reflections registered on the 0kl to 6kl equi inclination Weissenberg photographs. and after 4 cycles the indicated shift of the parameters was less than  $\frac{1}{5}$  one-fifth of their estimated standard

Table 1. Final positional parameters (×10<sup>4</sup>), and coefficients B in the temperature factor expression  $\exp[-B(\sin \theta/\lambda)^2]$ , all with their e.s.d.'s in parentheses

	x	У	Z	B (Å <sup>2</sup> )
Pd(1)	5000	0	0	*
Pd(2)	0	5000	5000	*
Pd(3)	1795 (2)	2154 (1)	4523 (1)	*
S(1)	3292 (4)	-3458(3)	-1806(3)	*
S(2)	1244 (5)	2475 (3)	2086 (4)	*
S(3)	-0809(4)	0973 (2)	3547 (4)	*
S(4)	-2148(4)	1769 (3)	5017 (4)	*
O(1)	2734 (17)	3622 (11)	0260 (16)	3.13 (24)
O(2)	3850 (15)	4483 (10)	3227 (14)	2.48 (20)
O(3)	4507 (15)	2883 (10)	1752 (14)	2.34 (19)
O(4)	-1069 (13)	2422 (8)	6663 (12)	1.75 (16)
O(5)	-3510 (15)	0878 (9)	5022 (14)	2.28(18)
O(6)	-2802 (15)	2451 (10)	5778 (14)	2.29 (18)
C(1)	3801 (20)	1917 (12)	7252 (18)	1.95 (23)
C(2)	4828 (20)	3031 (12)	7186 (18)	1.95 (23)
C(3)	1082 (21)	5273 (13)	8436 (19)	2.18 (25)
C(4)	2392 (23)	4992 (13)	7630 (21)	2.48 (27)
C(5)	2267 (21)	-0308 (13)	1554 (20)	2.20 (25)
C(6)	2556 (19)	-1437 (11)	0897 (17)	1.67 (17)
N(1)	2082 (17)	1770 (10)	6667 (15)	1.95 (16)
N(2)	4245 (15)	3021 (10)	5473 (14)	1.44 (17)
N(3)	-0489 (18)	4792 (11)	7171 (16)	2.13 (21)
N(4)	2412 (16)	5333 (10)	6170 (14)	1.66 (18)
N(5)	3881 (17)	0543 (10)	1883 (15)	1.93 (20)
N(6)	3297 (17)	- 1488 (10)	-0524 (15)	1.90 (20)

\* These atoms have been refined with anisotropic temperature factor; the following are the final values of the coefficients  $B_{ii}$  (×10<sup>4</sup>) in the expressions  $\exp - (B_{11}h^2 + B_{22}k^2 + B_{33}l^2 + 2B_{12}hk + 2B_{13}hl + 2B_{23}kl)$ 

	$B_{11}$	B <sub>22</sub>	B <sub>33</sub>	$B_{12}$	B <sub>13</sub>	B <sub>23</sub>
Pd(1)	69 (2)	23 (1)	40 (1)	14 (1)	21 (2)	07 (1)
Pd(2)	58 (2)	24 (1)	76 (2)	11 (1)	34 (2)	15 (1)
Pd(3)	47 (1)	23 (1)	50 (1)	08 (1)	16 (Ì)	12 (1)
S(1)	59 (5)	21 (2)	46 (4)	11 (2)	21 (4)	14 (2)
S(2)	56 (5)	37 (2)	62 (4)	03 (3)	07 (4)	24 (3)
S(3)	43 (5)	24 (2)	62 (4)	04 (3)	17 (4)	04 (2)
S(4)	48 (5)	29 (2)	40 (3)	10 (2)	18 (3)	13 (2)

# Table 2. Observed and calculated structure factors

The columns give l,  $F_o$  (×10) and  $F_c$  (×10). The parameters used in the calculation are those given in Table 1. The letter U following l indicates an unobserved reflexion.

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deviation (hereafter, e.s.d.) and R was 0.12. The scale factors for the different layer lines were within one e.s.d. of their initial values. At this stage we continued the refinement allowing for anisotropic temperature factors of the Pd and S atoms and reducing the number of variable scale factors to one overall scale factor and taking the scale factors obtained from the interscaling procedure before refining. This new series of refinement cycles converged after three cycles, the R value having decreased to 0.098 with an  $R'(=\sum \omega \Delta^2 / \sum F_o^2)$  value of 0.111. With the structure factors calculated in the last cycle we computed a three-dimensional difference Fourier synthesis. The resulting map was featureless, and had an electron density varying between +2 and -2 e.Å<sup>-3</sup>, whereas in the original Fourier synthesis the light atoms were located at peaks of at least 4.5 e.Å<sup>-3</sup>. Table 1 gives the coordinates and temperature factors used in the last structure factor calculation. Table 2 contains the values of the observed and calculated structure factors. Throughout the refinement we used atomic scattering factors for neutral atoms taken from a paper by Cromer & Waber (1965), without making corrections for anomalous dispersion. The effect of neglecting anomalous dispersion was tested by a least-squares calculation using corrected scattering factors for Pd. This calculation gave the same R value of 0.098 and shifts less than one-fifth of their e.s.d. for all parameters except the overall scale factor. We looked for evidence of extinction effects analyzing the values of  $\sum |F_o|/\sum |F_c|$  for the reflections at  $\sin \theta/\lambda < 0.35$  Å, and found that this ratio was  $\sim 1.01$ , indicating that this effect can be neglected here. We did not include hydrogen atoms in our structure factor calculations since this would lengthen our computation time and would have negligible effect on the values of the distances we feel are worth analyzing in detail in this structure determination, namely those involving the S atoms. We used Hughes's weighing scheme considering it was suitable because with this

scheme the average value of  $\omega \Delta^2$  is relatively constant in ranges of  $F_o$  and of  $\sin \theta / \lambda$ .

## Description of the structure

There are two crystallographically independent  $[Pd(en)_2]^{2+}$  ions in the unit cell, each of them located on a center of symmetry, and one crystallographically independent anion,  $[Pd(S_2O_3)_2(en)]^{2-}$  in a general position. Fig. 1 shows a projection of the contents of the unit cell on the (001) plane of the set of orthogonal coordinates obtained by the transformation:

$$X' = (8.663)x + (-3.674)y$$
  

$$Y' = (12.096)y$$
  

$$Z' = (-1.300)x + (-4.154)y + (8.660)z$$

The packing of the ions is such that each cation is at the center of a distorted octahedron having the center S atom of the  $S_2O_3$  groups at the vertices. The average distance between these S atoms and the Pd atom of the nearest cation is 4.8 Å. Each of the S atoms defining these octahedra is shared by three octahedra, so that the cation of charge +2 is at the center of an octahedron having formal charges  $-\frac{1}{3}$  at the vertices. In turn, the anions are at the centers of distorted tetrahedra determined by the Pd atoms of the cations. Each cation is shared by four of these tetrahedra, contributing a charge of  $+\frac{1}{2}$  to each. The distance between nearest anions is shorter than between nearest cations; the shortest distance between anions is of 5.3 Å, being that between a Pd atom and a S atom of two anions related by the symmetry center.

The coordination around the Pd atoms has no unusual features. The three crystallographically independent ions have the expected square planar coordination around Pd(II), although in the anion there is significant departure from coplanarity and the angles around the Pd differ significantly from 90°. The  $S_2O_3$  groups coordinate through their terminal S atom and form nearly tetrahedral Pd-S-SO3 angles. The nonlinearity of this bond angle can account for the splitting of the asymmetric S-O stretching modes observed in the infrared spectrum of this and other complex thiosulphates (Costamagna & Levitus, 1966). The (en) ligands take the *gauche* conformation without a significant change in bond distances and angles with respect to the free ligand, the coordinated  $S_2O_3$  group maintains the pyramidal shape of the free ion but there is a significant lengthening of the S-S bond. Values of the bond distances and angles are shown in Table 3, together with their e.s.d.'s. The latter were calculated taking into account correlation and unit cell errors, and for the C-N, S-O, and Pd-N distances these values are almost equal to the values of the e.s.d. of a single observation as calculated using the corresponding sets of chemically equivalent distances (for the six C-N distances we calculate a e.s.d. in a single observation of 0.024 Å, and similarly we calculate e.s.d.'s of 0.013 Å and 0.016 Å for the S-O and Pd-N distances, respectively).

The mean value of the Pd–N bond length is  $2 \cdot 071 \pm 0.007$  Å, nearly equal to the value determined in other Pd(II) complexes having N and S atoms in their coordination sites, *i.e.*  $2 \cdot 060$  in Na<sub>2</sub>[Pd(SO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>].  $6 \text{ H}_2\text{O}$  (Capparelli & Becka, 1969). The average dimensions of the (en) ligands are C–N  $1 \cdot 484 \pm 0 \cdot 010$  Å, C–C  $1 \cdot 527 \pm 0 \cdot 018$  Å, N–C–N  $108 \cdot 6 \pm 1 \cdot 0^{\circ}$ , practically the same as those of the free ligand and the C–N and

C-C distances are within one e.s.d. of very accurately determined values published recently [*i.e.*  $T_{C-C} = 1.519$  (2)  $T_{C-N} = 1.483$  (2) (O'Connell, 1969)]. None of the six crystallographically independent S-O bond lengths or their mean value,  $1.457 \pm 0.007$  Å, differs significantly from the S-O bond length determined in MgS<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>.6H<sub>2</sub>O (Baggio, Amzel & Becka, 1969) at the 5% level of a 't' distribution. Thus with the accuracy of our results we cannot state that there is a correlation between a longer S-O bond and the shift to higher frequencies of the S-O stretching modes in the S bonded thiosulphate complexes.

There is a significant lengthening, even at the 0.1%level of a 't' distribution, of the S-S bonds of the coordinated S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 2.061 and 2.072 Å with a mean of  $2.066 \pm 0.006$  Å as compared with the length of  $2.013 \pm 0.003$  determined for this bond in MgS<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>. 6H<sub>2</sub>O. Thus, it is clear that the S-S bond is weaker and in consequence the S-O bond should be stronger. in agreement with the interpretation of the infrared spectrum of the complexes. The Pd-S bond distances of the two  $S_2O_3$  groups are  $2.282 \pm 0.006$  and  $2.312 \pm 0.006$ 0.006 Å, both smaller than the sum of covalent radii of Pd and S [2.36 Å, according to Pauling (1960)]. The difference between the two Pd-S distances is significant at the 5% level of a 't' distribution, and the ratio of the difference between these two distances and their e.s.d.'s,  $t = (r_1 - r_2)/(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2)^{1/2}$  is larger than any such ratio calculated for the other pairs of chemically equivalent bonds. In recently published fairly



Fig. 1. Projection down the c axis of the unit cell. The rectangle outlined by a', b' corresponds to the cartesian coordinates defined in the text. Atoms are numbered as in Table 1.

accurate structure determinations of coordination compounds involving non-chelating S bonding ligands, *i.e.* NiCl<sub>2</sub>(SCNH[CH<sub>2</sub>]<sub>3</sub>NH)<sub>4</sub> (Luth & Truter, 1968), Ni(NCS)<sub>2</sub>(SC[NHC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>]<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub> (Amzel, Baggio & Becka, 1969), Ni(SC[NH<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub> S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>. H<sub>2</sub>O (Fava Gasparri, Mangia, Musatti & Nardelli, 1969), Ni(SC[NH<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> (Weininger, O'Connor & Amma, 1969), there also are significant differences at the 5% level between crystallographically independent metal–S bonds and the *t* values are also larger for these bonds than for the other chemically equivalent bonds. Finally, we think that the correct structural formula for the compounds previously formulated as [Pt(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>]<sub>3</sub>[M(S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>] (M = Pt or Pd) is the same as for the compound studied by us, namely [Pt(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>] [M(S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>].

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Table 3. Bond distances (Å) and angles(°)

The e.s.d.'s are given in parentheses in units of the last decimal place.

Distances			Angles			
	Pd(1)-N(6)	2.059 (14)	N(S) - Pd(1) - N(6)	83.1 (1.0)		
	Pd(1) - N(5)	2.048 (14)				
	Pd(2) - N(4)	2.085 (15)	N(4) - Pd(2) - N(3)	94.7 (1.0)		
	Pd(2) - N(3)	2.074 (13)				
	Pd(3)-N(2)	2.091 (15)	N(2) - Pd(3) - N(1)	83.3 (1.0)		
	Pd(3)-N(1)	2.070 (13)	N(2) - Pd(3) - S(2)	101.9 (0.8)		
Mean	Pd—N	2.071 (07)	N(2) - Pd(3) - S(3)	171.3 (0.8)		
	Pd(3)-S(2)	2.282 (06)	N(1) - Pd(3) - S(2)	174.8 (0.8)		
	Pd(3)–S(3)	2.312 (06)	N(1) - Pd(3) - S(3)	90.9 (0.8)		
Mean	Pd——S	2.297 (06)	S(2) - Pd(3) - S(3)	83.9 (0.5)		
	S(1) - S(2)	2.061 (06)	Pd(3)-S(2)-S(1)	110.1 (0.5)		
	S(3) - S(4)	2.072 (06)	Pd(3)-S(3)-S(4)	105.3 (0.5)		
Mean	S ——S	2.066 (06)				
	S(1) - O(2)	1.441 (12)	O(1) - S(1) - O(2)	112.0 (1.0)		
	S(1) - O(3)	1.445 (14)	O(2) - S(1) - O(3)	109.4 (1.0)		
	S(1) = O(1)	1.456 (12)	O(3) - S(1) - O(1)	114.4 (1.0)		
	S(4)—O(6)	1.460 (13)	O(5) - S(4) - O(6)	112.6 (1.0)		
	S(4) - O(5)	1.478 (14)	O(6) - S(4) - O(1)	108.6 (1.0)		
	S(4)O(4)	1.461 (14)				
Mean	<u>S</u> O	1.457 (07)	Mean 00	111.4 (0.6)		
	N(2) - C(2)	1.490 (20)	N(2) - C(2) - C(1)	106.5 (1.5)		
	N(1) - C(1)	1.463 (24)	N(1) - C(1) - C(2)	109.9 (1.4)		
	N(6) - C(6)	1.465 (22)	N(6) - C(6) - C(5)	108.2(1.4)		
	N(5) - C(5)	1.522 (24)	N(5) - C(5) - C(6)	106.1 (1.4)		
	N(3) - C(3)	1.489 (22)	N(3) - C(3) - C(4)	109.9 (1.5)		
14	N(4) - C(4)	1.4/4 (21)	N(4) - C(4) - C(3)	110.9 (1.5)		
Mean	NC	1.484 (10)	Mean N	108.6 (1.0)		
	C(1) - C(2)	1.5/1(25)	Pd(1) - N(6) - C(6)	109.6 (1.1)		
	C(3) = C(4)	1.487 (27)	Pa(1) - N(5) - C(5)	109.3(1.1)		
M	C(5) - C(6)	1.523 (25)	Pa(2) = N(3) = C(3)	105.9 (1.1)		
wiean	LL	1.527 (19)	Pa(2) - N(4) - C(4)	105.8 (1.1)		
			Pa(3) - N(1) - C(1)			
			Pu(3) = N(2) = C(2)	110.9 (1.1)		
	Dihedral angles (°) for (en) groups					

Pd(1) N(5) N(6)	Pd(1) C(5) C(6)	40 (5)
Pd(2) N(3) N(4)	Pd(2) C(3) C(4)	41 (5)
Pd(3) N(1) N(2)	Pd(3) C(1) C(2)	29 (5)

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## The Crystal Structure of Acetohydroxamic Acid Hemihydrate

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The structure of acetohydroxamic acid hemihydrate,  $CH_3$ .CO.NHOH. $\frac{1}{2}H_2O$ , has been determined using three-dimensional X-ray intensities measured with a proportional counter. Atomic positions and anisotropic vibrational parameters have been refined using full-matrix least squares, and a vibrational analysis carried out. The final *R* value is 0.052, the principal interatomic distances (Å) within the molecule are C-C, 1.505 (6); C-O, 1.245 (6); C-N, 1.333 (6); N-O, 1.400 (5).

Introduction		% C	% H	% N
Introduction	Expected for CH <sub>3</sub> CONHOH	32.0	6.7	18.7
This study of acetohydroxamic acid,	Expected for $CH_3CONHOH_{\frac{1}{2}}H_2O$	28.6	7.1	16.7
CH <sub>3</sub> .CO.NHOH. <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> O,	Found	27.4	7.1	16.9

is part of a series of investigations of the crystal structures of simple amides. The authors' interest lay in comparing the geometries of the amidic and hydroxamic groups, and in a comparison of the hydrogen bonding arrangement with those found in typical amides.

Crystal data were gathered, and the approximate structure determined, at the University of Birmingham. Three-dimensional refinement was started, using Rollett's block-diagonal least-squares program, on the MERCURY computer at the University of Oxford. Refinement was later recommenced and completed by one of the authors (BHB) at the Atomic Energy Research Establishment, Harwell. The second refinement used a full-matrix least-squares program, and the reresults of this second refinement are reported here.

#### **Experimental**

Acetohydroxamic acid was prepared by heating equivalent proportions of acetamide and hydroxylamine hydrochloride to 100°C. Ethyl acetate was used as a solvent for extracting and recrystallizing the product. During preliminary crystallographic work, it became evident that the acid obtained in this way is hydrated, and the composition was checked by quantitative analysis with the following results:

Weissenberg photographs showed that the crystal is
orthorhombic. The systematic absences, hol when
(h+l)=2n+1 and $0kl$ when $(k+l)=2n+1$ , indicated
the space group to be either Pnnm or Pnn2. A statis-
tical analysis of X-ray intensities in the 0kl zone (Ho-
wells, Phillips & Rogers, 1950) indicated that this zone
is acentric, and the space group is therefore, Pnn2.
The cell dimensions were obtained from a least-squares
fit to 19 interplanar spacings, measured on the three-
circle diffractometer using Cu Ka radiation ( $\lambda =$
1.5418 Å). The density was measured by flotation in a
mixture of chlorobenzene and bromobenzene. Crystal
data are given in Table 1.

#### Table 1. Crystal data

Acetohydroxamic acid hemihydrate C2NO2H5. 2H2O

а	=	8·406±0·002 Å
b	=	$12.046 \pm 0.004$
с	=	$4.037 \pm 0.001$
V	=	408·8±0·02 Å <sup>3</sup>
Ζ	_	$4C_2NO_2H_5 + 2H_2O$
$D_{obs}$	=	1.36 g.cm <sup>-3</sup>
$D_{\text{cale}}$	=	1.36 g.cm <sup>-3</sup>

Initially, two-dimensional intensity data were measured, using photographic and counter methods, for the hk0 and 0kl zones. After determination of the ap-

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