# X-ray Crystal Structures of Hexabromotellurates of Organic Ions. II. Crystal Structure of the Monohydrate of the Hexabromotellurate of Protonated Disuccinamide 

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#### Abstract

The structure of the hexabromotellurate of protonated disuccinamide has been determined by Patterson and Fourier syntheses and refined by full-matrix least squares to a final $R$ of 0.068 for 1121 independent non-zero reflexions. The crystals are monoclinic, space group $C 2 / c$, with $a=11.092$ (4), $b=13.997(5), c=14.916(5) \AA, \beta=105 \cdot 18(5)^{\circ}, Z=4$. The crystalline cohesion is governed by a hydro-gen-bond network and intermolecular van der Waals forces.


The structure reported here is the hexabromotellurate of protonated disuccinamide
$\left[\left(\mathrm{CONH}_{2}\right)_{2}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{2}\right]_{2} \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{TeBr}_{6}$. It will be compared with the hexabromotellurate of DL- $\alpha$-ammonio- $n$-butyric acid (Dahan \& Lefèbvre-Soubeyran, 1976).

## Experimental

A single crystal $0.125 \times 0.15 \times 0.20 \mathrm{~mm}$ was selected for the X -ray investigation. The density was determined by flotation in a mixture of $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ and $\mathrm{CHBr}_{3}$. The measured value, $2 \cdot 56$, is greater than that calculated, 2.500 g $\mathrm{cm}^{-3}$. This was explained later by the presence of a water molecule, the crystals being very sensitive to hydrolysis (Bujewski \& Dobrowolski, 1973).
The lattice constants were obtained from a leastsquares analysis of the setting of 25 reflexions measured on a four-circle diffractometer with Mo $K \alpha$ radiation ( $\lambda=0.7107 \AA$ ).
The intensities were collected on a Philips PW1100 computer-controlled four-circle diffractometer in the $\omega$-scan mode (scan width $=0.8^{\circ}$, scan speed $=0.02 \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$ ) in the laboratory directed by Dr Pascard at the ICSN (Gif sur Yvette, France).

2141 reflexions up to $\theta=25^{\circ}$ were measured. Throughout the data collection, three reference reflexions were recorded after each sequence of 66 measured reflexions. The intensities of the standards remained constant to within $\pm 2.5 \%$.
With $I \leq 3 \sigma(I), 856$ reflexions were omitted as unobserved. Standard deviations $\sigma(I)$ were calculated according to counting statistics. 88 other reflexions were

## Table 1. Crystal data

$\left(\mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}\right)_{2} \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{TeBr}_{6}$, M.W. 841
$F(000)=1552$
Space group C2/c
$a=11.092$ (4), $b=13.997$ (5), $c=14.916$ (5) $\AA$
$\beta=105 \cdot 18(5)^{\circ}, U=2235 \AA^{3}, Z=4$
$D_{m}=2 \cdot 56, D_{c}=2 \cdot 500 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{~cm}^{-3}$
$\mu=127 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}[\lambda($ Мo $K \alpha)=0.7107 \AA]$
absent owing to systematic extinction and 76 were redundant owing to space-group equivalence. The remaining 1121 reflexions were used in the structure determination. The data were corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects, but not for absorption.

The crystal data are given in Table 1.

## Structure determination

The Te atom is in a special position. In space group $C 2 / c$, it was located from a Patterson function. A first Fourier map phased on its coordinates resulted in the location of the three Br atoms of the asymmetric unit. All the other non-hydrogen atoms appeared on a second Fourier synthesis.

Calculations were performed on an IBM 370/168 computer with a local version of ORFLS (Busing, Martin \& Levy, 1962) for refinement and with NRC programs (Ahmed, Hall, Pippy \& Huber, 1966) for geometrical calculations.

The scattering factors were taken from International Tables for X-ray Crystallography (1962) for $\mathrm{Te}, \mathrm{Br}^{-}$, $\mathrm{O}, \mathrm{N}$ and C , and from Stewart, Davidson \& Simpson (1965) for H. Corrections for anomalous dispersion were carried out for $\mathrm{Te}\left(4 f^{\prime}=-0 \cdot 5\right)$ and $\mathrm{Br}\left(4 f^{\prime}=\right.$ $-0 \cdot 3$ ).

Full-matrix least-squares calculations were used to refine the atomic coordinates and isotropic temperature factors of all non-hydrogen atoms. $R$ fell to 0.140 and was reduced to 0.089 by anisotropic refinement of Te and Br atoms. Attempts to refine the structure further with anisotropic temperature factors for the organic moiety resulted in one component of the thermal vibrations of several atoms going negative. This is possibly a result of the lack of correction for absorption.

At this stage, a difference synthesis showed a residual atom in the special position $0, y, \frac{1}{4}$. We introduced it as an O atom, presuming the presence of a water molecule in the crystal. The new calculated density is $2.554 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{~cm}^{-3}$, in better agreement with the measured value. $R$ converged to 0.071 .

On a new difference synthesis, the H atoms of the organic moiety were located. We could not locate the extra proton nor the H atoms of the water molecule. The H atoms found were introduced with the isotropic temperature factors of their atom of attachment. Their coordinates were not refined.

During the last cycles of refinement, the weighting scheme was $w=\left(0 \cdot 0037\left|F_{o}\right|^{2}-0 \cdot 2740\left|F_{o}\right|+10 \cdot 6\right)^{-1}$. The final $R=\sum w| | F_{o}\left|-\left|F_{c}\right|\right| / \sum w\left|F_{o}\right|=0 \cdot 068, R_{w}=\left[\sum w\left(\left|F_{o}\right|-\right.\right.$ $\left.\left.\left|F_{c}\right|\right)^{2} / \sum w\left|F_{o}\right|^{2}\right]^{1 / 2}=0 \cdot 080$.

Positional and thermal parameters are listed in Tables 2 and 3.*

## Description and discussion of the structure

Fig. 1 shows the structure projection along $\mathbf{c}$, with the atomic numbering.

[^0]Table 2. Fractional atomic coordinates ( $\times 10^{4}$ ), isotropic thermal parameters (in $\AA^{2}$ ), and anisotropic temperature factors $\left(\times 10^{4}\right)$ of the $\mathrm{TeBr}_{6}^{2-}$ ion

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { Estimated standard deviations are in parentheses. } \\
& T=\exp \left[-\left(\beta_{11} h^{2}+\beta_{22} k^{2}+\beta_{33} 3^{2}+2 \beta_{12} h k+2 \beta_{13} h l+2 \beta_{23} k l\right)\right. \text {. }
\end{aligned}
$$

|  | $x$ |  | $y$ | $z$ |  | $B$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Te | 0 |  | 368 (1) | 2500 |  | $1 \cdot 74$ (2) |
| $\mathrm{Br}(1)$ | 1599 |  | 1668 (1) | 2234 (2) |  | $3 \cdot 09$ (3) |
| $\mathrm{Br}(2)$ | 1568 |  | -1097 (1) | 2204 (2) |  | $2 \cdot 69$ (3) |
| Br(3) | 1217 |  | 418 (2) | 4321 (1) |  | $2 \cdot 94$ (3) |
| O (1) | 3495 |  | 1614 (11) | -344 (11) |  | $3 \cdot 2$ (3) |
| N(1) | 4162 |  | 2987 (14) | 396 (14) |  | $3 \cdot 1$ (4) |
| C(1) | 4374 |  | 2176 (15) | 4 (16) |  | 2.5 (4) |
| C(2) | 5703 |  | 1963 (16) | 19 (16) |  | 2.7 (4) |
| C(3) | 5875 |  | 1538 (17) | -895 (16) |  | $2 \cdot 9$ (4) |
| C(4) | 5422 |  | 557 (14) | -1135 (14) |  | 2.0 (4) |
| N(4) | 6107 |  | -37 (14) | -1469 (14) |  | $3 \cdot 1$ (4) |
| $\mathrm{O}(4)$ | 4390 |  | 280 (11) | - 1019 (10) |  | $3 \cdot 0$ (3) |
| $\mathrm{O}(w)$ | 0 |  | 6807 (21) | 2500 |  | $4 \cdot 9$ (5) |
|  | $\beta_{11}$ | $\beta_{22}$ | $\beta_{33}$ | $\beta_{12}$ | $\beta_{13}$ | $\beta_{23}$ |
| Te | 46 (1) | 11 (1) | 27 (1) | 0 | 8 (1) | 0 |
| $\operatorname{Br}(1)$ | 68 (2) | 23 (1) | 53 (2) | -11(1) | 17 (2) | 7 (1) |
| $\operatorname{Br}(2)$ | 59 (2) | 19 (1) | 47 (1) | 5 (1) | 15 (1) | -3(1) |
| $\mathrm{Br}(3)$ | 83 (2) | 26 (1) | 31 (1) | 0 (1) | 4 (1) | 2 (1) |

Table 3. Fractional coordinates ( $\times 10^{3}$ ) of the hydrogen atoms

|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ |
| :--- | :---: | ---: | ---: |
| H1(C2) | 604 | 146 | 57 |
| H2(C2) | 620 | 264 | 14 |
| H1(C3) | 689 | 152 | -81 |
| H2(C3) | 541 | 200 | -145 |
| H1(N1) | 485 | 332 | 91 |
| H2(N1) | 334 | 344 | 29 |
| H1(N4) | 683 | 40 | -137 |
| H2(N4) | 608 | -74 | -178 |

## Hexabromotellurate anion

Interatomic distances and angles for the $\mathrm{TeBr}_{6}^{2-}$ ion are listed in Table 4. Examination of the individual values shows an unexpected distortion of the octahedron. $\mathrm{Te}-\mathrm{Br}(1)$ is a kind of covalent bond, $2 \cdot 642$, $\mathrm{Te}-\mathrm{Br}(2)$ an ionic bond, $2 \cdot 798$, and $\mathrm{Te}-\mathrm{Br}(3)$ intermediate, $2 \cdot 699 \AA$, if we consider the theoretical values given by Pauling (1960). The mean $\mathrm{Te}-\mathrm{Br}$ value, 2.713 $\AA$, is a little larger than those found in
$\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CHCOOH}\right)_{2} \mathrm{TeBr}_{6}$ (Dahan \& Lefèbvre-Sou$\mathrm{NH}_{3}$
beyran, 1976), 2.693; $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{TeBr}_{6}$ (Brown, 1964), 2.681; $\left(\mathrm{NH}_{4}\right)_{2} \mathrm{TeBr}_{6}$ and $\mathrm{Cs}_{2} \mathrm{TeBr}_{6}$ (Das \& Brown, 1966), $2 \cdot 695 \AA$.

The greatest angular deviation from the ideal octahedron is $4 \cdot 27^{\circ}$.

Table 4. Interatomic distances $(\AA)$ and angles $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ for the $\mathrm{TeBr}_{6}^{2-}$ ion with e.s.d.'s in parentheses

| iii denotes the equivalent position $-x, y, \frac{1}{2}-z$. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{Te}-\mathrm{Br}(1)$ | 2.642 (3) | $\mathrm{Te}-\mathrm{Br}$ (3) | 2.699 (2) |
| $\mathrm{Te}-\mathrm{Br}(2)$ | 2.798 (3) | Mean $\mathrm{Te}-\mathrm{Br}$ | 2.713 |
| $\mathrm{Br}(1)-\mathrm{Br}(2)$ | 3.870 (3) | $\mathrm{Br}(1)-\mathrm{Te}-\mathrm{Br}(2)$ | 90.66 (8) |
| $\mathrm{Br}(1)-\mathrm{Br}(3)$ | $3 \cdot 690$ (3) | $\mathrm{Br}(1)-\mathrm{Te}-\mathrm{Br}(3)$ | 87.41 (8) |
| $\operatorname{Br}(1)-\operatorname{Br}(1)^{\text {iii }}$ | 3.831 (4) | $\mathrm{Br}(1)-\mathrm{Te}-\mathrm{Br}(1)^{\mathrm{ili}}$ | 92.97 (8) |
| $\mathrm{Br}(1)-\mathrm{Br}(3)^{1 i 1}$ | 3.796 (4) | $\mathrm{Br}(1)-\mathrm{Te}-\mathrm{Br}(3)^{\text {di }}$ | 90.57 (8) |
| $\mathrm{Br}(2)-\mathrm{Br}(3)$ | 3.907 (3) | $\mathrm{Br}(2)-\mathrm{Te}-\mathrm{Br}(3)$ | 90.56 (8) |
| $\mathrm{Br}(2)-\mathrm{Br}(2)^{11 \mathrm{i}}$ | $3 \cdot 807$ (4) | $\mathrm{Br}(2)-\mathrm{Te}-\mathrm{Br}(2)^{111}$ | $85 \cdot 73$ (8) |
| Br(2)- $\mathrm{Br}(3)^{\text {iii }}$ | 3.942 (3) | $\mathrm{Br}(2)-\mathrm{Te}-\mathrm{Br}(3)^{\text {iiI }}$ | 91.59 (8) |
| Mean $\mathrm{Br}-\mathrm{Br}$ | $3 \cdot 835$ | Mean $\mathrm{Br}-\mathrm{Te}-\mathrm{Br}$ | 89.93 |

## Disuccinamide moiety

Bond lengths and angles are shown in Figs. 2 and 3. They are similar to those found in succinamide (Davies \& Pasternak, 1956). The terminal groups -C-C $-\mathbf{N}$ are planar within experimental error (Table 5). The angle between the two planes is $20 \cdot 7^{\circ}$.


Fig. 1. The structure viewed along $\mathbf{c}$ with atomic numbering.

Table 5. Equations of the mean planes and deviations ( $\AA$ ) of atoms from these planes, with e.s.d.'s in parentheses
The planes are represented by equations of the type $I X+m Y+$ $n Z=P$, referred to an orthogonal system of axes, which has $X$ along $\mathbf{a}, Y$ in the $a b$ plane and $Z$ along $\mathbf{c}^{*}$.

Plane 1: $\mathrm{C}(1), \mathrm{C}(2), \mathrm{N}(1), \mathrm{O}(1)$

$$
0.0949 X+0.4621 Y-0.8817 Z=1.8557
$$

Plane 2: $\mathrm{C}(3), \mathrm{C}(4), \mathrm{N}(4), \mathrm{O}(4)$

$$
-0.2280 X+0.3095 Y-0.9232 Z=0.2726
$$

| Plane 1 |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)$ | $0.01(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)$ | $-0.00(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(1)$ | $-0.00(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(1)$ | $-0.00(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(3) \dagger$ | $0.91(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(4) \dagger$ | $0.56(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(4) \dagger$ | $0.69(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(4) \dagger$ | $0.12(1)$ |

Plane 2

| $\mathrm{C}(3)$ | $-0.00(3)$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)$ | $0.01(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(4)$ | $-0.00(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(4)$ | $-0.00(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(1) \dagger$ | $-0.44(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(2) \dagger$ | $-0.88(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(1) \dagger$ | $-0.52(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(1) \dagger$ | $-0.04(2)$ |

$\dagger$ Atoms not included in the calculation of the planes.

## Hydrogen bonding

The hydrogen bonds and angles are listed in Table 6, as are the $\mathrm{Br} \cdots \mathrm{Br}$ and $\mathrm{O} \cdots \mathrm{Br}$ intermolecular distances less than $4 \cdot 2 \AA$.

The H atoms from $\mathrm{N}(4)$ are accepted by $\mathrm{Br}(2)$ $[\mathrm{N}(4)-\mathrm{H} \cdots \operatorname{Br}(2)=3 \cdot 44 \AA]$ and by the water molecule $[\mathrm{N}(4)-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}(w)=3.00 \AA]$. One H from $\mathrm{N}(1)$ is accepted by $\operatorname{Br}(2)[\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{H} \cdots \operatorname{Br}(2)=3 \cdot 50 \AA]$, the other


Fig. 2. Bond lengths $(\AA)$ in the disuccinamide. The average e.s.d.'s are 0.03 on $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O}, \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{N}$ and $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}$ and $0.2 \AA$ on $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}$ and $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H}$ bonds.


Fig. 3. Bond angles $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ in the disuccinamide. The average e.s.d.'s are $2^{\circ}$ on the angles not involving H atoms and $13^{\circ}$ on the others.

Table 6. Hydrogen-bond distances ( $\AA$ ) and angles $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$
Symmetry code


Atoms belong to molecule i unless otherwise specified.

| $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{H} 1(\mathrm{~N} 1) \cdots \mathrm{Br}(2)^{\text {v }}$ | 3.50 | $\mathrm{H} 1(\mathrm{~N} 1) \cdots \mathrm{Br}(2)^{\text {v }}$ | 2.47 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{H} 2(\mathrm{~N} 1) \cdots \operatorname{Br}(3)^{\mathrm{vil}}$ | $3 \cdot 47$ | $\mathrm{H} 2(\mathrm{~N} 1) \cdots \operatorname{Br}(3)^{\text {vil }}$ | $2 \cdot 84$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{H} 2(\mathrm{~N} 1) \cdots \mathrm{O}(1)^{11}$ | 2.98 | $\mathrm{H} 2(\mathrm{~N} 1) \cdots \mathrm{O}(1)^{\text {vi }}$ | 2.06 |
| $\mathrm{N}(4)-\mathrm{Hl}(\mathrm{N} 4) \cdots \mathrm{Br}(2)^{11}$ | 3.44 | $\mathrm{H1}(\mathrm{~N} 4) \cdots \cdot \operatorname{Br}(2)^{1 i}$ | $2 \cdot 61$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(4)-\mathrm{H} 2(\mathrm{~N} 4) \cdots \mathrm{O}\left(w^{\text {v }}{ }^{\mathbf{v}}\right.$ | $3 \cdot 00$ | $\mathrm{H} 2(\mathrm{~N} 4) \cdots \mathrm{O}(w)^{\mathrm{v1}}$ | $2 \cdot 04$ |


| $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{H} 1(\mathrm{~N} 1) \cdots \operatorname{Br}(2)^{v}$ | 173 |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{~N}(1)-\mathrm{H} 2(\mathrm{~N} 1) \cdots \operatorname{Br}(3)^{\mathrm{vii}}$ | 116 |
| $\mathrm{~N}(1)-\mathrm{H} 2(\mathrm{~N} 1) \cdots \mathrm{O}(1)^{\mathrm{vi}}$ | 141 |
| $\mathrm{~N}(4)-\mathrm{H} 1(\mathrm{~N} 4) \cdots \mathrm{Br}(2)^{11}$ | 142 |
| $\mathrm{~N}(4)-\mathrm{H} 2(\mathrm{~N} 4) \cdots \mathrm{O}(w)^{\text {vi }}$ | 147 |

Intermolecular distances $(\AA)$ less than $4 \cdot 20 \AA$

| $\mathrm{O}(w) \cdots \operatorname{Br}(2)$ | 3.50 | $\mathrm{O}(w) \cdots \operatorname{Br}(1)^{v}$ | 3.69 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{O}(1) \cdots \cdot \operatorname{Br}(1)^{\text {vi }}$ | 3.69 | $\mathrm{O}(1) \cdots \cdot \operatorname{Br}()^{\text {iv }}$ | 3.79 |
| $\mathrm{O}(1) \cdots \cdot \operatorname{Br}(3)^{\text {iv }}$ | 3.75 | $\mathrm{O}(4) \cdots \cdot \operatorname{Br}(2)^{\text {iv }}$ | 3.71 |
| $\mathrm{O}(4) \cdots \operatorname{Br}(3)^{\text {iv }}$ | 3.81 |  |  |
| $\mathrm{Br}(1) \cdots \operatorname{Br}(2)^{v i \mathrm{ii}}$ | 3.705 | $\mathrm{Br}(3) \cdots \operatorname{Br}(3)^{\text {ii }}$ | 3.953 |

forms bifurcated hydrogen bonds with $\operatorname{Br}(3)$ and one of the terminal O atoms of the succinamide $[\mathrm{N}(1)-$ $\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{Br}(3)=3 \cdot 47, \mathrm{~N}(1)-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}(1)=2 \cdot 98 \AA \mathrm{~A}$. The water molecule has contacts with $\operatorname{Br}(2)[\mathrm{O}(w) \cdots \mathrm{Br}(2)=$ $3 \cdot 50 \AA]$ and $\operatorname{Br}(1)[\mathrm{O}(w) \cdots \operatorname{Br}(1)=3 \cdot 69 \AA]$ which seem a little too long for $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{Br}$ hydrogen bonds. $\mathrm{Br}(3)$ is involved in one hydrogen bond, $\operatorname{Br}(2)$ in two and $\operatorname{Br}(1)$ in none. Contrarily, in the hexabromotellurate of $\mathrm{DL}-\alpha$-ammonio- $n$-butyric acid (Dahan \& LefèbvreSoubeyran, 1976) each Br atom is involved in one strong hydrogen bond. As expected, the electronegativity of Br increases with $\mathrm{Te}-\mathrm{Br}$ distance.

It must be remembered that the H atom involved in the protonation of the succinamide has not been found. We may expect O - rather than N -protonation, knowing that the HNH angles about each N atom add up to $360^{\circ}$. There is a very short $\mathrm{O}(1) \cdots \mathrm{O}(4)$ intramolecular distance, $2 \cdot 45 \AA$. We may reasonably think that the proton is statistically divided between $\mathrm{O}(1)$ and $\mathrm{O}(4)$, linking them by a strong hydrogen bond.

The influence of the cation on general valence force field constants and mean amplitudes of vibration has been discussed (Srivastava, Dublish \& Pandey, 1974). From the variation of the stretching force constants, the authors inferred that in the presence of organic cations the stiffness of the chemical bonds in anions generally increases with the size of the cations. In our study, the succinamide being a little larger than the amino acid, it is interesting to note the mean respective $\mathrm{Te}-\mathrm{Br}$ values: 2.713 compared with $2.693 \AA$.

The hexabromotellurate of protonated disuccinamide is, to our knowledge, the first crystalline structure reported with a distorted $\mathrm{TeBr}_{6}^{2-}$ octahedron. Not only may the regularity of the octahedra in the two
compounds be discussed but also the deviations of the structures from the cubic symmetry found with inorganic cations. With the amino acid, Te atoms are at the apex of an $A$ face-centred monoclinic lattice. The contacts between Br atoms in different anions range from 3.943 to $4.134 \AA$, which are larger than van der Waals contacts. With the succinamide, Te atoms are $0.515 \AA$ away from the apex of the $C$ face-centred lattice. The van der Waals contacts between Br atoms in different $\mathrm{TeBr}_{6}^{2-}$ ions are grouped into four short contacts of 3.705 and two longer contacts of $3.953 \AA$. A larger organic cation tends to distort the octahedra network but does not deform it fundamentally.

In the two structures, the cohesion is governed by hydrogen bonds and $\mathrm{Br} \cdots \mathrm{Br}$ intermolecular van der Waals contacts. The packing of the molecules approaches close packing, with the octahedra in contact, and the cavities occupied by the organic cations.

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# The Crystal Structure of 2,5-Dimercaptothiadiazole 

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The crystal structure of 2,5 -dimercaptothiadiazole $\left(\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{3}\right)$ has been determined at room temperature. The compound has the space group $P 2_{1} / c$, with $a=6 \cdot 225$ (1), $b=10 \cdot 593$ (3), $c=9 \cdot 248$ (3) $\AA$ and $\beta=113.65$ (2) ${ }^{\circ}$. The compound crystallizes as thiadiazole-2-thiol-5-thione, as a result of proton transfer in one of the two $\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{N}$ hydrogen bonds. Difference density maps based on atomic parameters from a conventional and a high-order X-ray refinement have been calculated and interpreted in terms of bonding effects in the molecule.

## Introduction

With the improvement in accuracy of X-ray diffraction analyses, several studies have recently been concerned with the determination of electron densities in solids (see Coppens, 1976). In the field of the determination of the nature of the bonding of the sulfur atom, electron density studies have been applied to ortho-

[^1]rhombic sulfur (Blessing, Cooper, Yang \& Coppens, 1973), sulfamic acid (Bats, Coppens \& Koetzle, 1977), and Na sulfanilate. $2 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ (Bats, 1977).
As a continuation in this field, it seemed interesting to study 2,5 -dimercaptothiadiazole, in which the sulfur atom is involved in some type of bonding not present in other compounds studied.

The present work is concerned with the determination of the structure of the title compound at room temperature ( 295 K ), in order to investigate the suitability of the structure for electron density studies.


[^0]:    * A list of structure factors has been deposited with the British Library Lending Division as Supplementary Publication No. SUP 31864 ( 9 pp .). Copies may be obtained through The Executive Secretary, International Union of Crystallography, 13 White Friars, Chester CH1 1NZ, England.

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