# The Crystal and Molecular Structure of 1,10-Phenanthrolinebis(difluoroborondiphenyl-glyoximato)nickel(II)-Diacetone 

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#### Abstract

The structure of the title compound has been refined to $R 0.085$ for 2008 photographic intensities. The crystals are monoclinic, space group $C 2 / c$, with $a=20.577$ (36), $b=10.756$ (24), $c=20.130$ (42) $\AA, \beta=$ $94.1(1)^{\circ}, Z=4$. The complex has imposed $2\left(C_{2}\right)$ symmetry. The planarity of the macrocyclic parent complex, bis(difluoroborondiphenylglyoximato)nickel(II), is destroyed by the cis coordination of the 1,10phenanthroline giving rise to a distorted octahedral environment about Ni : the $\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{N}$ distances are 2.007 (6), $2 \cdot 106$ (8) $\AA$ for the glyoxime and $2 \cdot 114$ (7) $\AA$ for the phenanthroline ligand. The acetone molecules occupy holes in the crystal lattice.


## Introduction

A series of complexes $\left[\mathrm{Ni}\left(\mathrm{F}_{2} \mathrm{BON}: \mathrm{CR} . \mathrm{CR} R^{\prime}: \mathrm{NO}\right)_{2}\right]$ with $R=R^{\prime}=\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}$ and $R=\mathrm{H}, R^{\prime}=\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ have been obtained by the addition of $\mathrm{BF}_{3} . \mathrm{O}\left(\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{2}$ to the parent glyoximates (Stephens, Vagg \& Watton, 1977). The structure of the complex with $R=R^{\prime}=$ $\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ has been reported (Stephens \& Vagg, 1977) and has shown the two dimethylglyoximate ligands to be bridged by $\mathrm{BF}_{2}$ groups, replacing the hydrogen bonds present in the parent glyoximate, and creating a planar macrocyclic structure. These $\mathrm{BF}_{2}$-substituted complexes, unlike their parent glyoximates, form numerous adducts with N -base ligands (Stephens, Vagg \& Watton, 1977), in general, 1:2 adducts with monodentate bases such as pyridine and 1:1 adducts with bidentate bases such as 1,10 -phenanthroline.

The $1: 1$ adducts with 1,10 -phenanthroline are of interest; 1,10-phenanthroline can only coordinate cis and hence a distortion of the planar macrocycle is necessary. It has been suggested (Ablov \& Samus, 1975) that similar complexes of conjugated planar macrocyclic ligands would resist bending or folding and as a consequence they have been used as models for biological systems. Two possible configurations about the metal atom could arise from the adduct formation, a distorted octahedron or a trigonal prism; the latter would require the least distortion from planarity of the macrocycle. An analysis of the 1,10 -phenanthroline adduct for the complex with $R=R^{\prime}=$ phenyl has been undertaken to determine the molecular structure.

## Experimental

## Crystal data

$\mathrm{C}_{46} \mathrm{H}_{40} \mathrm{~B}_{2} \mathrm{~F}_{4} \mathrm{~N}_{6} \mathrm{O}_{6} \mathrm{Ni}, M_{r}=929 \cdot 2$, monoclinic, $a=$ $20.577(36), b=10.756(24), c=20.130(42) \AA, \beta=$
$94.1(1)^{\circ}, U=4443.9 \AA^{3}, D_{m}=1.40$ (by flotation), $Z=4, D_{c}=1.389 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{~cm}^{-3}, F(000)=1920, \mu($ Mo $K \alpha)$ $=4.0 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. Systematic absences: $h k l$ if $h+k \neq 2 n$ and $h 0 l$ if $l \neq 2 n$, space group $C c$ or $C 2 / c$.

The paramagnetic complex crystallizes as orange-red plates on the addition of 1,10 -phenanthroline to an acetone solution of bis(difluoroborondiphenylglyoximato)nickel(II). Cell parameters were determined from precession photographs taken with Mo Kr radiation. Intensities were estimated visually from the layers $0-6$ precessing about [100], $0-5$ about [001] and $0-7$ about [101]. Reflexions were corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects but no correction for absorption or extinction was applied. 2644 non-zero reflexions were recorded and after internal correlation yielded 2008 unique reflexions.

Scattering factors were taken from International Tables for X-ray Crystallography (1962). All calculations were carried out on a Univac 1106 computer with programs written by FSS.

## Structure determination

From the systematic absences the space group is $C c$ or $C 2 / c$. A Patterson synthesis indicated the centrosymmetric space group and this was confirmed by the successful analysis. The Patterson map yielded the position of the Ni atom and the complete solution was obtained by Fourier synthesis.

Refinement was carried out by least squares in which the function minimized was $\Sigma w \Delta^{2}$. The weight, $w$, was initially unity and in the final refinement given by $w=$ $\left(15.0+0.7\left|F_{o}\right|+0.007\left|F_{o}\right|^{2}\right)^{-1}$. For this latter scheme the mean values of $w \Delta^{2}$ for ranges of increasing $\left|F_{o}\right|$ were almost constant. Reflexions for which $\left|F_{c}\right|<$ $0.35 \mid F_{o}$ I were omitted.

Initial refinement used a full-matrix procedure in

Table 1. Final atomic coordinates (fractional; $\times 10^{4}$ for non-hydrogen atoms, $\times 10^{3}$ for hydrogen atoms) with estimated standard deviations in parentheses

which positional and individual isotropic thermal parameters were refined. After three cycles the positions of the H atoms of the aromatic rings were calculated, assuming $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}=1.0 \AA$, and in subsequent calculations their contributions were included.

Final refinement was with anisotropic thermal parameters for all non-hydrogen atoms. Owing to the large number of parameters (295) it was necessary to refine in block matrices; the five matrices contained the parameters for (1) the overall scale and thermal parameters, (2) the Ni atom, the phenanthroline ring and the atoms of the $\mathrm{BF}_{2}$-glyoxime fragment, (3) and (4) the two phenyl rings and (5) the acetone molecule. Refinement was terminated when the maximum shift in any parameter was $<0 \cdot 15 \sigma .2002$ reflexions were included in the final cycle. The final value for $R$, based on 2008 reflexions, was 0.085 and for $R^{\prime}=$ $\left(\Sigma w \Delta^{2} / \Sigma w\left|F_{o}\right|^{2}\right)^{1 / 2}, 0 \cdot 113$. A final difference map showed maximum positive electron density of $0.8 \mathrm{e} \AA^{-3}$ around the Ni atom.

Final atomic coordinates are given in Table 1.*

## Discussion

Fig. 1 shows the geometry of the complex (Johnson, 1965) and the labelling of the atoms. The packing of the

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Fig. 1. A perspective drawing of the complex and the labelling of the atoms. Thermal ellipsoids are scaled to include $35 \%$ probability.
molecules is shown in Fig. 2. The molecules are held together by van der Waals forces with the acetone molecules occupying holes in the crystal lattice. The closest approach of any atom of the complex to an acetone molecule is from $\mathrm{F}(2)$ at $\left(x,-y, z-\frac{1}{2}\right)$ to $\mathrm{C}(33), 3.29 \AA$. There are four other interatomic contacts less than $3.5 \AA ; \mathrm{C}(13)$ to $\mathrm{F}(2)$ at $(x, 1-y$, $\left.z-\frac{1}{2}\right)(3.27 \AA), \mathrm{C}(23)$ to $\mathrm{O}(22)$ at $\left(\frac{1}{2}-x, \frac{1}{2}+y, \frac{1}{2}-z\right)$ ( $3.32 \AA$ ) $\mathrm{C}(14)$ to $\mathrm{F}(2)$ at $\left(x, 1-y, z-\frac{1}{2}\right)(3.37 \AA)$ and $\mathrm{C}(24)$ to $\mathrm{O}(22)$ at $\left(-\frac{1}{2}-x, \frac{1}{2}+y, \frac{1}{2}-z\right)(3.43 \AA)$.


Fig. 2. The packing of the molecules in the crystal.

The bond distances and angles are given in Table 2. The molecule has imposed $2\left(C_{2}\right)$ symmetry. The environment about Ni is a distorted octahedron (Fig. 3 ), the angles between the plane $\mathrm{NiN}(11) \mathrm{N}(22)$ and the planes $\mathrm{NiN}\left(11^{\prime}\right) \mathrm{N}\left(22^{\prime}\right)$ and $\mathrm{NiN}(1) \mathrm{N}\left(1^{\prime}\right)$ both being $74^{\circ}$.

The $\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{N}$ distances are typical of those observed in octahedral $\mathrm{Ni}^{\text {II }}$ complexes with N ligands (Tables of Interatomic Distances and Configuration in Molecules


Fig. 3. The octahedral environment about the Ni atom; the angle between the two trigonal planes illustrated is $1.9^{\circ}$.
and Ions, 1958, 1965): those to the glyoxime N atoms ( $2 \cdot 106,2.007 \AA$ ) are markedly longer than the corresponding distances of $1.85-1.87 \AA$ found in the square planar structures of Ni glyoximates (Stephens \& Vagg, 1977; Bowers, Banks \& Jacobson, 1972; Calleri,

Table 2. Bond lengths and angles with estimated standard deviations in parentheses
Atoms marked with a prime are related to those at $(x, y, z)$ by the twofold axis at $\left(0, y, \frac{1}{4}\right)$.
(a) Distances ( $\AA$ )

| $\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{N}(11)$ | $2.106(8)$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{N}(1)$ | $2.114(7)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(11)-\mathrm{O}(11)$ | $1.39(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(11)-\mathrm{C}(11)$ | $1.27(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(111)-\mathrm{C}(11)$ | $1.50(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(12)$ | $1.37(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{C}(13)$ | $1.35(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(14)$ | $1.38(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{C}(15)$ | $1.37(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(15)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | $1.39(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(16)-\mathrm{C}(11)$ | $1.39(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | $1.32(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | $1.41(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | $1.30(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | $1.46(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | $1.43(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{N}(1)$ | $1.36(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | $1.42(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}\left(5^{\prime}\right)$ | $1.43(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}\left(6^{\prime}\right)$ | $1.37(2)$ |


| $\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{N}(22)$ | $2.007(6)$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{C}(111)-\mathrm{C}(222)$ | $1.49(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(22)-\mathrm{O}(22)$ | $1.39(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(22)-\mathrm{C}(222)$ | $1.27(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(222)-\mathrm{C}(21)$ | $1.50(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(21)-\mathrm{C}(22)$ | $1.99(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(22)-\mathrm{C}(23)$ | $1.40(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(23)-\mathrm{C}(24)$ | $1.34(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(24)-\mathrm{C}(25)$ | $1.37(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(25)-\mathrm{C}(26)$ | $1.40(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(26)-\mathrm{C}(21)$ | $1.39(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{F}(1)$ | $1.37(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{F}(2)$ | $1.38(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{O}\left(11^{\prime}\right)$ | $1.53(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{O}(22)$ | $1.46(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(31)-\mathrm{O}(31)$ | $1.22(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(31)-\mathrm{C}(32)$ | $1.49(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(31)-\mathrm{C}(33)$ | $1.57(2)$ |

(b) Angles $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$

| $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{N}\left(1^{\prime}\right)$ | $79.0(3)$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{N}(11)$ | $88.1(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{N}\left(11^{\prime}\right)$ | $163 \cdot 3(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(11)-\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{N}\left(11^{\prime}\right)$ | $106.4(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(11)-\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{N}\left(22^{\prime}\right)$ | $87.3(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{N}(11)-\mathrm{O}(11)$ | $123(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{N}(11)-\mathrm{C}(111)$ | $115(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(11)-\mathrm{N}(11)-\mathrm{C}(111)$ | $117(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(11)-\mathrm{O}(11)-\mathrm{B}^{\prime}$ | $115(1)$ |


| $\mathrm{N}(11)-\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{N}(22)$ | $75 \cdot 8(3)$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{N}(22)$ | $104.7(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{N}\left(2^{\prime}\right)$ | $97 \cdot 1(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(22)-\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{N}\left(22^{\prime}\right)$ | $151 \cdot 7(3)$ |
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| $\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{N}(22)-\mathrm{O}(22)$ | $119(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{N}(22)-\mathrm{C}(222)$ | $119(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(22)-\mathrm{N}(22)-\mathrm{C}(222)$ | $118(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(22)-\mathrm{O}(22)-\mathrm{B}$ | $112(1)$ |

Table 2 (cont.)

| $\mathrm{N}(11)-\mathrm{C}(111)-\mathrm{C}(222)$ | $112(1)$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{N}(11)-\mathrm{C}(111)-\mathrm{C}(11)$ | $125(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(222)-\mathrm{C}(111)-\mathrm{C}(11)$ | $122(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(111)-\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(12)$ | $121(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(111)-\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(16)$ | $119(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(16)$ | $120(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{C}(11)$ | $121(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(12)$ | $120(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(15)-\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{C}(13)$ | $119(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(16)-\mathrm{C}(15)-\mathrm{C}(14)$ | $122(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(16)-\mathrm{C}(15)$ | $118(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | $130(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | $113(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | $117(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{N}(1)$ | $124(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | $120(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | $120(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | $116(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | $123(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(31)-\mathrm{C}(31)-\mathrm{C}(32)$ | $122(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(31)-\mathrm{C}(31)-\mathrm{C}(33)$ | $122(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(32)-\mathrm{C}(31)-\mathrm{C}(33)$ | $116(2)$ |


| $\mathrm{N}(22)-\mathrm{C}(222)-\mathrm{C}(111)$ | $114(1)$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{N}(22)-\mathrm{C}(222)-\mathrm{C}(21)$ | $124(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(111)-\mathrm{C}(222)-\mathrm{C}(21)$ | $122(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(222)-\mathrm{C}(21)-\mathrm{C}(22)$ | $121(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(222)-\mathrm{C}(21)-\mathrm{C}(26)$ | $119(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(22)-\mathrm{C}(21)-\mathrm{C}(26)$ | $120(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(23)-\mathrm{C}(22)-\mathrm{C}(21)$ | $120(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(24)-\mathrm{C}(23)-\mathrm{C}(22)$ | $120(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(25)-\mathrm{C}(24)-\mathrm{C}(23)$ | $122(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(26)-\mathrm{C}(25)-\mathrm{C}(24)$ | $120(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(21)-\mathrm{C}(26)-\mathrm{C}(25)$ | $119(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | $125(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | $119(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}\left(5^{\prime}\right)$ | $120(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}\left(5^{\prime}\right)$ | $118(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}\left(6^{\prime}\right)$ | $121(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{F}(1)-\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{F}(2)$ | $112(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}\left(11^{\prime}\right)-\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{O}(22)$ | $115(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{F}(1)-\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{O}\left(11^{\prime}\right)$ | $107(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{F}(1)-\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{O}(22)$ | $113(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{F}(2)-\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{O}\left(11^{\prime}\right)$ | $103(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{F}(2)-\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{O}(22)$ | $106(1)$ |
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Table 3. Least-squares planes and their equations given by $l X^{\prime}+m Y^{\prime}+n Z^{\prime}-p=0$ where $X^{\prime}, Y^{\prime}$ and $Z^{\prime}$ are orthogonal coordinates related to the atomic coordinates $X, Y$ and $Z$ by $X^{\prime}=X \sin \beta, Y^{\prime}=Y, Z^{\prime}=$ $Z+X \cos \beta$

Deviations ( $\dot{\mathrm{A}}$ ) of the most relevant atoms from the planes are given in square brackets.

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\begin{array}{llll}
l & m & n & p
\end{array}
$$

Plane (1): Ni, N(11), C(111), C(222), N(22)
$\begin{array}{llll}0.1871 & 0.8428 & 0.5047 & 3.8726\end{array}$ $[\mathrm{Ni}-0.06, \mathrm{~N}(11) 0 \cdot 12, \mathrm{C}(111)-0.13, \mathrm{C}(222) 0.04, \mathrm{~N}(22) 0.02$, $\mathrm{O}(11)-0.06, \mathrm{O}(22) 0.52$, B 1.961
Plane (2): C(111), N(11), C(11), C(222)

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\begin{array}{llll}
0.0820 & 0.9465 & 0.3120 & 3.6489
\end{array}
$$

$[\mathrm{C}(111)-0.021, \mathrm{~N}(11) 0.008, \mathrm{C}(11) 0.007, \mathrm{C}(222) 0.006$ ]
Plane (3): C(222), $N(22), C(21), C(111)$

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\begin{array}{llll}
0.3171 & 0.8302 & 0.4585 & 3.3785
\end{array}
$$

[C(222)-0.002; $\mathrm{N}(22), \mathrm{C}(21), \mathrm{C}(111) 0.001$ ]
Plane (4): $\mathrm{N}(11), \mathrm{O}(11), \mathrm{C}(111), \mathrm{Ni}$
$\begin{array}{lllll}0.1591 & 0.8481 & 0.5055 & 3.8640\end{array}$
[ $\mathrm{N}(11) 0.15 ; \mathrm{O}(11), \mathrm{C}(111)-0.06 ; \mathrm{Ni}-0.04 \mid$
Plane (5): $\mathrm{N}(22), \mathrm{O}(22), \mathrm{C}(222), \mathrm{Ni}$
$\begin{array}{lllll}0.3187 & 0.8958 & 0.3097 & 2.8824\end{array}$
$[\mathrm{N}(22)-0.13 ; \mathrm{O}(22), \mathrm{C}(222) 0.05$; Ni 0.03 ]
Plane (6): N(1), C(1)-C(6)
$0.9941 \quad 0.0081 \quad 0.1084 \quad 0.5149$
$[\mathrm{N}(1)-0.014, \mathrm{C}(1) 0.002, \mathrm{C}(2) 0.001, \mathrm{C}(3)-0.004, \mathrm{C}(4) 0.014$, $\mathrm{C}(5) 0.012, \mathrm{C}(6)-0.011, \mathrm{Ni} 0.04$ )
Plane (7): $\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{C}(16)$

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\begin{array}{llll}
-0.6794 & 0.5158 & 0.5219 & 3.9769
\end{array}
$$

[C(11) 0.005, C(12) 0.001, C(13) $-0.008, \mathrm{C}(14) 0.011, \mathrm{C}(15)$ $-0.007, C(16)-0.001, C(111) 0.03$ !
Plane (8): C(21)-C(26)
$\begin{array}{llll}0.0849 & 0.2031 & 0.9755 & 4.3549\end{array}$
IC(21) 0.007, C(22) 0.009, C(23) $-0.023, \mathrm{C}(24) 0.021, \mathrm{C}(25)$ $-0.005, C(26)-0.009, C(222) 0.031$

Ferraris \& Viterbo, 1967; Murmann \& Schlemper, 1967; Williams, Wohlauer \& Rundle, 1959). The formation of an octahedral stereochemistry with the cis coordination of the phenanthroline ligand considerably distorts the macrocyclic ligand from the planarity found in an analogous parent complex, bis(difluoroborondimethylglyoximato)nickel(II) (Stephens \& Vagg, 1977). The five-membered glyoximate coordination ring deviates from planarity [plane (1), Table 3]; the two glyoxime C atoms are trigonally planar [planes (2) and (3), Table 3] whereas the N atoms show a trend towards a pyramidal environment [planes (4) and (5), Table 3]. In the present structure the $\mathbf{C}-\mathrm{N}$ distances $(1.39 \AA)$ are in good agreement with the corresponding values ( $1 \cdot 38-1.40 \AA$ ) in glyoxime (Calleri, Ferraris \& Viterbo, 1966; Merritt \& Lanterman, 1952), in contrast to the shorter values $(1.34-1.35 \AA$ ) found in bis(glyoximato)nickel(II) complexes. With the exception of the $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{N}$ distances and the glyoxime bite angle $\left[\mathrm{N}(11)-\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{N}(22) 75.8^{\circ}\right]$ the bond lengths and angles within the glyoxime ligand are in good agreement with the corresponding values in related complexes. The smaller bite angle in the present structure is a consequence of the longer $\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{N}$ distances.

The phenyl rings and the phenanthroline ligand exhibit the expected planarity [planes (6)-(8), Table 3] and the bond lengths and angles within the rings are in good agreement with reported values (Tables of Interatomic Distances, 1958, 1965).

From thermodynamic studies of the $1: 1$ adducts of the parent macrocyclic complexes with bases Graddon \& Siddiqi (1976) concluded that for the adducts the macrocyclic ligand would not permit the lengthening of the in-plane $\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{N}$ bonds commensurate with the formation of high-spin species. The results of this
structure determination show this conclusion to be incorrect and further would cast some doubt on the validity (Ablov \& Samus, 1975) of using this system as a model for rigidly planar biological macrocyclic chelates.

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# The Crystal and Molecular Structure of the Methanesulphonamide of Morpholine (MSM): $\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{5}} \mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{1 1}} \mathbf{N O S O}_{\mathbf{2}}$ 

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#### Abstract

The structure of MSM has been determined by single-crystal X-ray diffraction techniques. The crystals are orthorhombic, space group $P 22_{1} 2_{1}$, with cell parameters $a=13.207, b=10.078$ and $c=5.7318 \AA ; Z=4$. The structure was solved with the heavy-atom method and successive Fourier syntheses. It was fuither refined by a least-squares technique to a final $R$ value of 0.055 for 1051 observed reflexions, measured on an automatic four-circle diffractometer. The hetero-ring shows a chair conformation with the $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{SO}_{2}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ group in the equatorial position. There are no intermolecular distances shorter than the sum of the van der Waals radii.


## Introduction

The conformational equilibrium of piperidine (1) has been the subject of prolonged controversy. At present, however, there seems to be a satisfactory settlement in favour of the NH-equatorial form for the gas phase (Cook et al., 1973). This conclusion appears to apply equally to a variety of C -substituted piperidines in which a ring $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ group in position 3 or 4 has been

replaced by $\mathrm{O}, \mathrm{S}$ or $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H}$. Such a replacement in the 4 position would not be expected to disturb greatly the equilibrium behaviour. In the present work the resolution of the crystal structure of N -methanesulphonylmorpholine was undertaken, following the suggestion of Dr Moreno-Mañas, in order to determine the conformation of the $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{SO}_{2}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ group.

## Experimental

Crystals of MSM are transparent and colourless. Accurate cell parameters were determined by leastsquares calculations from $26 \theta$ values measured on a single-crystal X-ray diffractometer with Mo Ka radiation. Systematic absences are compatible with the


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