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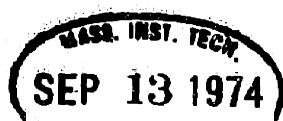
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ABSTRACT

CHAPTER I

The crystal structure of the form of rhenium(IV) chloride which is obtained by reaction of  $\text{Re}_3\text{Cl}_9$  with  $\text{ReCl}_5$  or  $\text{SbCl}_3$  with  $\text{ReCl}_5$  has been investigated. This substance proves to be identical with that first reported in 1967. The structure is here described in detail. The crystals belong to the monoclinic system, with unit cell parameters  $a = 6.362(2)\text{\AA}$ ,  $b = 6.273(2)\text{\AA}$ ,  $c = 12.165(4)\text{\AA}$ ,  $\beta = 93.15(5)^\circ$ ,  $d_{\text{calc}} = 4.49 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$  for  $Z = 4$ , and  $d_{\text{meas}} = 4.50 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$ . Successful refinement was carried out in the space group  $P2/c$  using 1227 measured intensities, corrected for absorption. In the final cycle of full-matrix, anisotropic refinement the unit-weighted and weighted residuals were both 0.049. The structure consists of confacial bioctahedra,  $\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_9$ , which are linked by shared terminal chlorine atoms. The Re-Re distance is  $2.728(2)\text{\AA}$  which is indicative of metal-to-metal bonding. X-Ray powder diffraction patterns show that the form of  $\text{ReCl}_4$  obtained by dechlorinating  $\text{ReCl}_5$  with  $\text{CCl}_2 = \text{CCl}_2$  has a different structure.

## CHAPTER II

When tetraacetatodimolybdenum is dissolved in aqueous hydrobromic acid and a solution of CsBr is added, a precipitate of microcrystalline  $\text{Cs}_3\text{Mo}_2\text{Br}_8$  is formed. By a special technique, crystallographically useful single crystals were obtained and the substance has been structurally characterized. The structure consists of  $\text{Cs}^+$  cations and  $\text{Mo}_2\text{Br}_8^{3-}$  anions, the latter having the shape of an  $\text{M}_2\text{X}_9$  confacial bioctahedron but with crystallographically disordered vacancies in the bridging positions. The dimensions of the  $\text{Mo}_2\text{Br}_8^{3-}$  ion indicate that there is bonding interaction of medium strength between the molybdenum atoms. The crystals belong to the hexagonal system, with space groups  $\text{P}\bar{6}2\text{c}$ ,  $\text{P}6_3/\text{mmc}$  and  $\text{P}6_3\text{mc}$  admissible on the basis of systematic absences.  $\text{P}6_3\text{mc}$  was eliminated convincingly on the basis of unsatisfactory refinement, but no clear choice between the other two space groups was possible using diffraction data. The unit-cell parameters are  $a = 7.757(3)$ ,  $c = 17.804(7)\text{\AA}$ ,  $Z = 2$ ;  $d_{\text{calc}} = 4.40$ ;  $d_{\text{obs}} = 4.33 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$ . The Mo-Mo distance is  $2.439(7)$ ; Mo-Br(terminal) =  $2.554(3)$ ; Mo-Br(bridge) =  $2.672(5)\text{\AA}$ .

## CHAPTER III

The structure of dimolybdenum tetraacetate, previously reported in part by Lawton and Mason (J. Amer. Chem. Soc., (1965) 87, 921) has been redetermined using more extensive, counter-diffractometer data. Crystals are triclinic,  $\text{P}\bar{1}$ ,  $a = 8.418(2)\text{\AA}$ ,  $b = 5.500(1)\text{\AA}$ ,  $c = 7.529(1)\text{\AA}$ ,  $\alpha = 84.13(2)^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 105.24(2)^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 106.00(2)^\circ$ ,  $22^\circ \text{C}$ ;  $M = 428.05$ ;  $Z = 1$ ;  $d_x = 2.20 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$ . The Mo-Mo distance now obtained is  $2.0934(8)\text{\AA}$  and the intermolecular O...Mo contacts are  $2.645(4)\text{\AA}$ .

## CHAPTER IV

The potentially bidentate ligand, tetramethyldiphosphinedisulfide  $(\text{CH}_3)_4\text{P}_2\text{S}_2$ , has been found to react

with copper(II) chloride dihydrate,  $\text{CuCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , in ethanol at room temperature to yield, as the major product, a white compound. This is apparently the same substance reported in 1965 by Meek and Nicpon as the sole product and formulated as  $(\text{Cu}(\text{S}_2\text{P}_2\text{Me}_4)_2)(\text{CuCl}_2)$ . An X-ray crystallographic investigation has shown that the white substance is a molecular, dinuclear compound (which may, of course, dissociate or otherwise rearrange in solution) in which each Cu(I) is surrounded by a tetrahedral array of three sulfur atoms and one chlorine atom. The  $\text{Me}_4\text{P}_2\text{S}_2$  ligands have a gauche rotational configuration and each one chelates to one Cu(I) atom to form a five-membered ring. The  $\text{Me}_4\text{P}_2\text{S}_4\text{CuCl}$  halves of the molecule are joined by two bridging sulfur atoms, one from each half, thus forming a planar  $\text{Cu}_2\text{S}_2$  rhombic ring. The entire molecule has as its only symmetry element an inversion center. The principal crystallographic data are: space group,  $\text{P}2_1/\text{n}$ ;  $a = 7.998(1)\text{\AA}$ ;  $b = 9.688(2)\text{\AA}$ ;  $c = 14.473(3)\text{\AA}$ ;  $\beta = 104.90(1)^\circ$ ;  $V = 1083.7(3)\text{\AA}^3$ ;  $Z = 2$ .

## CHAPTER V

It has been found that the reaction of  $\text{CuCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  with  $\text{Me}_4\text{P}_2\text{S}_2$  in ethanol at room temperature affords a small amount of a brown, crystalline product as well as the major, white Cu(I) product;  $(\text{Me}_4\text{P}_2\text{S}_2)_2\text{CuCl}$ . The brown compound decomposes to form the white one if left in contact with the reaction mixture for a few hours. X-ray crystallographic investigation has shown that the brown compound has the stoichiometry  $(\text{Me}_4\text{P}_2\text{S}_2)_2\text{CuCl}_2$  and that it crystallizes as an infinite polymer in which  $\text{CuCl}_2$  groups ( $\angle\text{Cl}-\text{Cu}-\text{Cl} = 142.4^\circ$ ) are connected by  $\text{Me}_4\text{P}_2\text{S}_2$  molecules. The latter retain their anti rotational configuration and are thus incapable of chelating. The angle is  $137.3^\circ$ , thus the coordination geometry at copper(II) is a flattened tetrahedron. The mean metal-ligand distances are:  $\text{Cu}-\text{Cl}$ ,  $2.22\text{\AA}$  and  $\text{Cu}-\text{S} = 2.33\text{\AA}$ . The principal crystallographic data are: space group,  $\text{P}2_1/\text{c}$ ;  $a = 6.138(1)\text{\AA}$ ;  $b = 15.452(5)\text{\AA}$ ;  $c = 12.465(7)\text{\AA}$ ;  $\beta = 93.30(4)^\circ$ ;  $V = 1180.1(8)\text{\AA}^3$ ;  $Z = 4$ .

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CHAPTER I

THE CHEMISTRY OF RHENIUM(IV) CHLORIDE.  
STRUCTURE OF ONE OF THE POLYMORPHS ( $\beta$ ) AND  
EVIDENCE FOR A NEW POLYMORPH ( $\gamma$ )

INTRODUCTION

The earliest report of the preparation of rhenium-(IV) chloride has not been confirmed.<sup>1,2,3</sup> In 1966, an authentic sample of  $\text{ReCl}_4$  was produced by accident in a commercial laboratory. Its identity has been confirmed<sup>4</sup> and some of its chemistry has been investigated.<sup>5,6</sup> Only recently have reproducible methods for the preparation of pure material of composition  $\text{ReCl}_4$  been published.<sup>7,8,9,10</sup> Some fundamental questions still remain concerning rhenium(IV) chloride. This paper will attempt to answer some of them.

In our earlier report on the chemical properties of the "new" form of  $\text{ReCl}_4$ , we proposed that this form be designated  $\beta\text{-ReCl}_4$ , to distinguish it from the previously reported form, for which the designation  $\alpha\text{-ReCl}_4$  was proposed. In view of the now doubtful existence of  $\alpha$

material, the need for the distinguishing prefixes,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , might rightly be questioned. For several reasons, we consider it wise to continue using the prefix  $\beta$ . First, it has already acquired currency in secondary literature and it clearly identified the one substance of stoichiometry  $\text{ReCl}_4$  whose existence, structure, and properties have previously been well documented and accepted. Its use will thus avoid ambiguity. Second, as will be shown later, there appears to be still another polymorph of  $\text{ReCl}_4$ , even though it is not produced by the previously described synthesis of " $\alpha\text{-ReCl}_4$ ."

The previous structural characterization<sup>4</sup> of  $\beta\text{-ReCl}_4$  was undertaken using the material obtained commercially. However, the investigation was not entirely satisfactory by contemporary standards of X-ray crystallography. The crystal fragments available were far from ideal for purposes of a single-crystal structural study and there were indications that disorder and/or twinning may have interfered. The structure failed to refine to an R value below 17%, although there seemed little doubt that its main features were correct. We considered it desirable to obtain a data set which would lead to a structure more secure in its details and accurate in its numerical parameters. It was

also of interest to determine if all of the newly reported methods of preparation actually give the same polymorph of  $\text{ReCl}_4$  and whether one or more of these are identical with the  $\beta$  form. Thus, a fresh single-crystal structural study was carried out using material prepared by the reaction of  $\text{ReCl}_5$  with  $\text{Re}_3\text{Cl}_9$  and powder diffraction patterns for various preparations of  $\text{ReCl}_4$ , including the original commercial one, were recorded and compared. These studies are reported here.

#### EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

Preparation. - The method of Canterford and Colton<sup>7</sup> was used to obtain single crystals of  $\beta\text{-ReCl}_4$ .  $\text{ReCl}_5$  and  $\text{Re}_3\text{Cl}_9$  were heated in a sealed Vycor tube at  $300^\circ$  for 24 hours.  $\text{ReCl}_5$  was used in slight stoichiometric excess. After 24 hours, half of the sealed tube was pulled out of the furnace and the excess  $\text{ReCl}_5$  was condensed in this cooler part. Most of the  $\text{ReCl}_4$  remained in the hot end of the tube as a black mass, but some crystalline material adhered to the middle section of the tube. The tube was cooled and opened in an inert atmosphere box. The crystalline  $\text{ReCl}_4$  from the middle of the tube was collected

separately. Some crystals were placed in capillaries which were promptly sealed. Other portions were analyzed, giving chlorine contents of 43.0 and 42.9%. The theoretical value for  $\text{ReCl}_4$  is 43.3%.

Samples of  $\text{ReCl}_4$  were also prepared by reduction of  $\text{ReCl}_5$  with  $\text{SbCl}_3$  following the procedure of Fraiss, Guest, and Lock<sup>8</sup> and by dechlorination of  $\text{ReCl}_5$  with  $\text{Cl}_2\text{C}=\text{CCl}_2$  either in refluxing  $\text{CCl}_4$ , following the procedure of Brignole and Cotton,<sup>9</sup> or in neat  $\text{Cl}_2\text{C}=\text{CCl}_2$  according to Muller and Waschinski.<sup>10</sup>

X-Ray Powder Patterns. - These were recorded on samples of  $\text{ReCl}_4$  prepared by each of the methods just mentioned and on a sample of the material originally supplied by Shattuck Chemical Co.<sup>4,5,6,11</sup> All samples were prepared in a dry nitrogen atmosphere and sealed in glass capillaries 0.5 mm in diameter. The patterns were recorded on film using conventional equipment supplied by the General Electric Co., with nickel-filtered  $\text{Cu K}\alpha$  radiation. Intensities were estimated visually on a scale of 1-10.

Single-Crystal Diffraction Data. - A crystal of  $\text{ReCl}_4$  approximately 0.2 x 0.1 x 0.1 mm was used throughout. Oscillation, Weissenberg, and precession photographs showed that the crystal belonged to the monoclinic system. The



only systematic absence found was for  $h0l, l = 2n + 1$ . This suggests that the space group is either  $Pc$  or  $P2/c$ .

The crystal was then mounted on a General Electric manual diffractometer and aligned with the  $a^*$  axis parallel to the  $\phi$  axis of the eucentric goniometer. Using  $Mo K\alpha$  radiation filtered with Nb foil (0.04 mm), preliminary measurements revealed strong reflections out to  $2\theta$  values as high as  $100^\circ$ . Unit cell parameters were therefore evaluated not only by measuring the settings for the  $Mo K\alpha$  maxima of about 30 reflections but also by measurements of the  $K\alpha_1-K\alpha_2$  separations for about 20 high-angle ( $35-100^\circ$ ) reflections. A takeoff angle of  $1^\circ$  was used. These data give the following unit cell dimensions:  $a = 6.362(2)\text{\AA}$ ,  $b = 6.273(2)\text{\AA}$ ,  $c = 12.165(4)\text{\AA}$ ,  $\beta = 93.15(5)^\circ$ . With these unit cell dimensions, the density calculated for  $Z = 4$  is  $4.49 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$ . The density measured pycnometrically is  $4.50 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$ .

The intensities of 1227 independent reflections, including 109 which should be systematically absent in  $P2/c$  with  $2\theta \leq 55^\circ$  were measured on the diffractometer. A moving crystal-moving counter technique was used, with a constant scan range of  $2.67^\circ$ . Peak intensity was measured for 40 sec and background was measured for 20 sec

each at  $1.33^\circ$  above and below the peak. A takeoff angle of  $3^\circ$  was used, and the pulse-height discriminator was set to accept 95% of the Mo K $\alpha$  peak. During the data collection process the intensities of the 200, 020, and 006 peaks were checked regularly. They showed only random fluctuations which were within  $\pm 3\%$ .

The intensities,  $I$ , were taken as  $I = P - B_1 - B_2$  where  $P$ ,  $B_1$ , and  $B_2$  are the peak counts and the two background counts, respectively. The observed structure factors were calculated from the equation  $|F_o| = (I/Lp)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  where  $Lp$  is the Lorentz and polarization correction. The estimated standard deviation of  $|F_o|$ ,  $\sigma(F_o)$ , was set equal to  $[\sigma_I^2 + (0.02I)^2]^{\frac{1}{2}}(Lp)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ .

Solution and Refinement. - The atomic positional parameters previously obtained<sup>4</sup> were used as input for a cycle of isotropic full-matrix least-squares refinement in the space group P2/c. The result strongly implied that the input parameters were correct. Four more cycles were run, leading to the following discrepancy indices:

$R_1 = (\sum ||F_o| - |F_c||) / \sum |F_o| = 0.086$ ,  $R_2 = (\sum w ||F_o| - |F_c||^2) / \sum w |F_o|^2 = 0.107$ . The weighting factors,  $w$ , were set equal to  $(\sigma(F_o))^{-2}$ .

The data were now corrected for absorption using the linear absorption coefficient  $\mu = 286.3 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The shape of the crystal was measured as carefully as possible under a microscope. It was approximated by a solid of eight faces. As a partial check on the adequacy of this approximation, the transmission coefficient as a function of  $\phi$  at  $\chi = 90^\circ$  was calculated and found to be in acceptable agreement with the observed variations in intensities.

Refinement was continued using absorption-corrected data and anisotropic temperature factors, leading to  $R_1 = 0.051$  and  $R_2 = 0.056$ . Nine reflections for which  $||F_o| - |F_c||/\sigma \geq 10$  were then omitted and refinement converged with  $R_1 = R_2 = 0.049$ . A difference electron density map showed no significant peaks. There was considerable random noise in the vicinity of the rhenium atom.

The following computer programs were used: PDATA (B. G. DeBoer) for calculating diffractometer settings, REDUCE (B. G. DeBoer and J. G. Norman, Jr.) for data reduction, SFIX (a local version of C. T. Prewitt's SFLS-5) for least-squares refinement, based on minimization of the function  $w ||F_o| - |F_c||^2$ , FORDAP (A. Zalkin) for Fourier

synthesis, STAN1 (B. G. DeBoer) for molecular geometry, ABSCOR (N. W. Alcock, B. Lee, and V. W. Day) for absorption corrections, ORTEP (C. K. Johnson) for preparing illustrations, SPADEX (Z. Cs. Mester) for calculating indices for powder patterns. The list of the observed and calculated structure factors is shown in Table I.

## RESULTS

Structure of  $\beta$ -Rhenium(IV) Chloride. - The final atomic positional and temperature parameters are recorded in Table II. Figure 1 shows the structure in projection on the ac plane. It defines the atom numbering scheme followed in the tables and emphasizes the arrangement of chains of linked  $\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_9$  bioctahedra parallel to the 'a' direction. The crystallographic twofold axes pass through Cl(4) and Cl(5). Figure 2 shows the contents of one unit cell projected in the  $c^*$  direction and indicates clearly the angle at the bridging atom, Cl(5). Tables III and IV present various interatomic distances and angles.

Comparison of Different Preparations. - Table V lists the d spacings obtained by powder diffractometry for four different samples. The column headed "commercial sample" is for the material, originally purchased from Shattuck Chemical Co., on which all of the work reported in ref. 4, 5, 6, 11 was conducted. The columns headed preparation 1, 2, and 3 refer to the following. Preparation 1, the same batch of material from which the specimen for the single-crystal study was obtained, was prepared by the reaction of  $\text{Re}_3\text{Cl}_9$  with  $\text{ReCl}_5$ . Preparation 2, material was prepared by the method of Brignole and Cotton.<sup>9</sup> Preparation 3, material was prepared using neat tetrachloroethylene, as described by Muller and Waschinski.<sup>10</sup>

The films for the commercial sample and preparation 1 are essentially indistinguishable to the eye. As shown in Table V, the former contains a few more lines than the latter, but all are very weak. A set of indices is given for these two powder patterns. These indices were computed from the single-crystal data for preparation 1. It is clear that all of the observed powder lines in the commercial sample, with the exception of a few weak ones, match lines of similar relative intensity in preparation 1

and can be indexed satisfactorily for  $\beta$ - $\text{ReCl}_4$ . Fraiss, Guest, and Lock<sup>8</sup> previously made a similar comparison of powder data for their preparations with d spacings calculated from the preliminary single-crystal data.<sup>12</sup> The present work is conclusive as to the identity of the original commercial sample and the  $\beta$ - $\text{ReCl}_4$  prepared by the reaction of  $\text{Re}_3\text{Cl}_9$  with  $\text{ReCl}_5$ , since it involves not only successful indexing of the powder pattern for the latter, but direct comparison of the two powder patterns.

Finally, in Table V are listed the powder lines for preparations in which  $\text{ReCl}_5$  was dechlorinated by  $\text{Cl}_2\text{C}=\text{CCl}_2$  under different experimental conditions. It is evident that the two products are identical with each other but different from  $\beta$ - $\text{ReCl}_4$ .

#### DISCUSSION

Structure of  $\beta$ - $\text{ReCl}_4$ . - The present study confirms the previously reported<sup>4</sup> structure of  $\beta$ - $\text{ReCl}_4$ . With the present data set, refinement proceeded satisfactorily in the space group  $P2/c$  to unit-weighted and weighted residuals of 0.049, thus removing all uncertainty about the correctness of the structure.

The structure can be described as zig-zag chains of  $\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_9$  confacial bioctahedra, in which one terminal chlorine atom at each end is shared between two bioctahedra. The chains run parallel to the crystallographic a axis. The angle at the bridging chlorine atom (Cl(5)) that is shared by two bioctahedra is  $127^\circ$ . Single chlorine bridges (as opposed to sets of two or three) of this type are not very common, although a few have been observed previously, as, for example, connecting the clusters in  $\text{Nb}_6\text{Cl}_{14}$  and  $(\text{Mo}_6\text{Cl}_8)\text{Cl}_4$ .

A check of Wyckoff's compilation<sup>13</sup> indicates that the  $\beta\text{-ReCl}_4$  structure is unique among metal tetrahalides. Presumably one reason why this unique structure is adopted here is that it allows for direct Re-Re interaction, across the shared octahedral face. The Re-Re distance of  $2.728\text{\AA}$  is indicative of a metal-metal bond. It may be compared with the Re-Re distances of 2.74 and  $2.76\text{\AA}$  in the hexagonally close packed metal,<sup>14</sup> and with Re-Re distances in various other bi- and tri-nuclear compounds in which Re-Re bonds of various strengths exist.<sup>15</sup> Thus, in compounds based on the  $\text{Re}_3$  trinuclear cluster, where double bonds occur, the distances are about  $2.48\text{\AA}$ , and in the various binuclear species containing quadruple

bonds, the Re-Re distances are about  $2.24\text{\AA}$ . In the molecules  $\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_3\text{-O}(\text{PPh}_3)_2(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{COO})_2$  and  $\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_5\text{O}(\text{PPh}_3)_2(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{COO})$ , where octahedrally coordinated rhenium atoms share an edge, the Re-Re distances are  $2.51$  and  $2.52\text{\AA}$ , respectively. Thus the distance of  $2.728\text{\AA}$  found here is relatively long but still short enough to be consistent with the occurrence of an attractive Re-Re interaction. It will be shown below that the overall dimensions of the  $\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_9$  bioctahedron imply that there is such an attractive interaction, though not an especially strong one, as compared with that in the isoelectronic  $\text{W}_2\text{Cl}_9^{3-}$  ion.

Comparison with Other  $\text{M}_2\text{X}_9$  Structures. - In a recent paper the structural criteria for determining the nature (i.e., attractive or repulsive) and strength of the M-M interaction in confacial bioctahedra have been discussed and applied to a number of known structures.<sup>16</sup> The important parameter for  $\beta\text{-ReCl}_4$  in this connection are summarized in Table VI and contrasted with those for the  $\text{M}_2\text{Cl}_9^{3-}$  systems, containing Cr, Mo and W, in which the M-M interaction ranges from repulsive to moderately attractive to strongly attractive. These  $\text{M}_2\text{Cl}_9^{3-}$  ions are isoelectronic (i.e., contain  $d^3$  M ions) with  $\beta\text{-ReCl}_4$ . It should be noted though that in  $\beta\text{-ReCl}_4$  the bioctahedron is



significantly distorted from  $D_{3h}$  symmetry, particularly by the participation of one terminal chlorine atom in bridging between two bioctahedra. Thus some of the individual distances and angles of a given type deviate appreciably from the mean values for that type.

The bioctahedron in  $\beta\text{-ReCl}_4$  is most similar to  $\text{Mo}_2\text{Cl}_9^{3-}$ . Clearly, the M-M interaction is not repulsive, as it is in  $\text{Cr}_2\text{Cl}_9^{3-}$ , but it is not nearly so strongly attractive as that in  $\text{W}_2\text{Cl}_9^{3-}$ . A "diagonal relationship" in which the  $\text{Mo}^{3+}$  and  $\text{Re}^{4+}$  species have similar structures is not particularly surprising. The two are isoelectronic, but each, for different reasons, will tend to form less strong M-M bonds than that in  $\text{W}_2\text{Cl}_9^{3-}$ . For molybdenum the interaction is weaker in accord with the general trend toward weaker bonding as a group is ascended. For  $\beta\text{-ReCl}_4$  the increased positive charge of the 4+ ion presumably has the effect of contracting the 5d orbitals, as compared with those in  $\text{W}^{3+}$ , and thus reducing the effectiveness of metal-metal overlap.

Even though the M-M bonding is weaker in  $\text{Mo}_2\text{Cl}_9^{3-}$  than it is in  $\text{W}_2\text{Cl}_9^{3-}$ , it is still sufficient to give a spinsinglet ground state<sup>17</sup> in  $\text{Mo}_2\text{Cl}_9^{3-}$ . The Re-Re bond in  $\beta\text{-ReCl}_4$  is slightly longer than that in  $\text{Mo}_2\text{Cl}_9^{3-}$ , and Table VI suggests that the Re-Re interaction may be correspondingly a little weaker than that in  $\text{Mo}_2\text{Cl}_9^{3-}$ .

Polymorphs of  $\text{ReCl}_4$ . - As noted in the introductory section, the actual existence of  $\alpha\text{-ReCl}_4$  is doubtful at best. The existence of the  $\beta$  form is now fully established. Its structure is accurately known, and its powder diffraction pattern (Table V) can serve as a convenient means of identification. Several methods for its preparation are also available and have been reproduced in two or more laboratories. Recently, the region of stability of  $\beta\text{-ReCl}_4$  in the phase diagram of the Re-Cl system has been defined.<sup>18</sup>

In their report of the preparation of  $\text{ReCl}_4$  by dechlorination of  $\text{ReCl}_5$  with  $\text{Cl}_2\text{C}=\text{CCl}_2$  in refluxing  $\text{CCl}_4$ , Brignole and Cotton<sup>9</sup> (B and C) noted that while their product gave several reactions which were qualitatively the same as those reported for  $\beta\text{-ReCl}_4$ , it had several solubility differences. The possibility that the substance obtained by B and C's method was a different polymorph of  $\text{ReCl}_4$  was, of course, considered and work was undertaken to check on this. It was soon found by the present authors that B and C's material has a different powder pattern from that of  $\beta\text{-ReCl}_4$ . We delayed publishing this result in order to complete an accurate redetermination of the structure of  $\beta\text{-ReCl}_4$ . In the meantime, Muller and Waschinski<sup>10</sup> (M and W) reported their results using

unsaturated chlorocarbons to dechlorinate  $\text{ReCl}_5$ . They concluded that both  $\text{Cl}_2\text{C}=\text{CClCCl}_3$  and neat  $\text{Cl}_2\text{C}=\text{CCl}_2$  afforded a product which was not  $\beta\text{-ReCl}_4$ . They proposed calling this  $\gamma\text{-ReCl}_4$  and, most appropriately, put the question of whether the B and C material would not also be  $\gamma\text{-ReCl}_4$ .

Our results and conclusions are in good agreement with those of M and W. As Table V shows, the substances obtained by B and C's method ( $\text{CCl}_2=\text{CCl}_2$  in  $\text{CCl}_4$ ) and M and W's method (neat  $\text{CCl}_2=\text{CCl}_2$ ) are identical with each other but different from  $\beta\text{-ReCl}_4$ .

Our experience with  $\gamma\text{-ReCl}_4$  indicates that it will be extremely difficult, if not impossible, to obtain single crystals of this substance large enough to use for structure determination. M and W report a set of unit cell dimensions which they derived from a powder pattern for  $\gamma\text{-ReCl}_4$ . We have found that this unit cell is capable of providing indices for all of the powder lines we observe for  $\gamma\text{-ReCl}_4$ . This does not, of course prove it to be correct.

Magnetic Measurements. - Magnetic susceptibility measurements have been carried out employing the Faraday method on both of the  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  polymorphs. The suscep-

tibilities for  $\beta\text{-ReCl}_4$  were recorded between  $60\text{K}^\circ$  and  $295\text{K}^\circ$  at which temperatures the values were  $620 \times 10^{-6}$  and  $460 \times 10^{-6}$  cgs units per formula unit, respectively. These values have been corrected for diamagnetic contribution of  $-132 \times 10^{-6}$  in the same units. The variation of susceptibilities with the temperature had no resemblance to the Curie law. The crystal structure showed that the rhenium atoms form dinuclear clusters with relatively large inter cluster distances. The magnetic behaviour of such a system can be expected to follow the predictions of the Heisenberg theory of antiferromagnetic interaction between two  $d^3$  configurations with  $S = 3/2$ . This approximation turned out to be inadequate and we were unable to make any correlation between the structure and magnetic susceptibilities.

Magnetic susceptibilities for  $\gamma\text{-ReCl}_4$  were measured between  $61\text{K}^\circ$  and  $294\text{K}^\circ$ , where the values were  $565 \times 10^{-6}$  and  $354 \times 10^{-6}$  cgs units per formula unit, respectively. Again diamagnetic corrections have been made on all susceptibility data.

The susceptibilities followed a similar pattern as in the previous case and we failed to abstract any structural information from them.

Comparison with Technetium(IV) Chloride. - The structures of  $\beta\text{-ReCl}_4$  and the only known polymorph<sup>19</sup> of  $\text{TcCl}_4$  are quite different. While in each case the metal atom is surrounded by a distorted octahedron of chlorine atoms, the linking of these octahedra by means of shared chlorine atoms follows quite different patterns. In  $\text{TcCl}_4$  the octahedra share edges in such a way as to leave the unshared chlorine atoms of each octahedron in cis positions. The Tc-Tc distances are  $3.62\text{\AA}$  and the angles in the rhombus formed by the two metal atoms and the bridging chlorine atoms imply that the metal atoms are repelling each other.

Comparison of the  $\text{TcCl}_4$  and  $\beta\text{-ReCl}_4$  structures affords a good example of the normal trend<sup>15a</sup> toward increased metal-metal bonding as a group is descended, provided other factors remain constant.

TABLE I

THE OBSERVED AND FINAL CALCULATED STRUCTURE  
FACTORS LISTED AS  $10 |F_o|$  AND  $10 |F_c|$ , IN ELECTRONS

K L				F085				FCALC				K L				F085				FCALC											
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2

K L				F085				FCALC				K L				F085				FCALC											
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2





TABLE II

ATOMIC POSITIONAL PARAMETERS AND  
ANISOTROPIC TEMPERATURE PARAMETERS<sup>a,b</sup>

a) Numbers in parentheses are estimated standard deviations, occurring in the least significant figure listed.

b) The form of the temperature parameter expression is:  $\exp(-\frac{1}{4}(B_{11}h^2a^{*2} + B_{22}k^2b^{*2} + B_{33}l^2c^{*2} + 2B_{12}hka^{*}b^{*} + 2B_{13}hla^{*}c^{*} + 2B_{23}klb^{*}c^{*}))$ .

Atom	x	y	z
Re	0.18466(6)	0.26727(6)	0.31251(3)
C1(1)	0.2520(5)	0.1129(5)	0.4787(3)
C1(2)	0.1337(4)	0.4071(6)	0.1272(2)
C1(3)	0.3569(5)	0.5683(5)	0.3653(3)
C1(4)	0.0	-0.0503(6)	0.25
C1(5)	0.50	0.0930(7)	0.25

Equiv  
isotropic

B	B11	B22	B33	B12	B13	B23
1.00	0.77(2)	1.13(2)	1.12(2)	0.00(1)	0.17(1)	0.00(1)
2.12	2.2(1)	2.5(1)	1.7(1)	0.0(1)	0.0(1)	0.5(1)
1.79	1.1(1)	2.7(1)	1.6(1)	-0.5(1)	0.4(1)	0.6(1)
1.90	1.8(1)	1.6(1)	2.3(1)	-0.3(1)	0.2(1)	-0.5(1)
1.80	1.4(2)	1.3(2)	2.7(2)	0.0(0)	-0.2(1)	0.0(0)
1.79	0.9(1)	1.5(2)	3.1(2)	0.0(0)	0.9(1)	0.0(0)

TABLE III

BOND DISTANCES, ANGSTROMS<sup>a</sup>

a) Numbers in parentheses are estimated standard deviations, occurring in the least significant figure listed.

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Re-Re	2.728(2)	C1(1)-C1(4)	3.297(4)
Re-C1(1)	2.261(3)	C1(1)-C1(5)	3.275(4)
Re-C1(2)	2.424(3)	C1(2)-C1(3)	3.314(5)
Re-C1(2')	2.361(3)	C1(2)-C1(2')	3.519(6)
Re-C1(3)	2.259(3)	C1(2)-C1(4)	3.366(5)
Re-C1(4)	2.414(3)	C1(2)-C1(5)	3.341(4)
Re-C1(5)	2.442(2)	C1(3)-C1(2')	3.287(4)
C1(1)-C1(3)	3.257(5)	C1(3)-C1(5)	3.439(5)
C1(1)-C1(2')	3.277(5)	C1(4)-C1(5)	3.306(2)

TABLE IV

BOND ANGLES, DEGREES<sup>a</sup>

a) Numbers in parentheses are estimated standard deviations, occurring in the least significant figure listed.

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C1(1)-Re-C1(2)	174.6(1)	C1(3)-Re-C1(2')	90.7(1)
C1(1)-Re-C1(2')	90.3(1)	C1(3)-Re-C1(5)	93.9(1)
C1(1)-Re-C1(3)	92.2(1)	C1(3)-Re-C1(4)	178.1(1)
C1(1)-Re-C1(4)	89.6(1)	C1(5)-Re-C1(4)	85.8(1)
C1(1)-Re-C1(5)	88.2(1)	C1(4)-Re-C1(2')	89.7(1)
C1(2)-Re-C1(2')	94.7(1)	C1(5)-Re-C1(2')	175.2(1)
C1(2)-Re-C1(3)	90.0(1)	Re-C1(2)-Re'	69.5(1)
C1(2)-Re-C1(4)	88.2(1)	Re-C1(4)-Re'	68.8(1)
C1(2)-Re-C1(5)	86.7(1)	Re-C1(5)-Re(2)	126.8(2)

TABLE V

POWDER PATTERNS FOR FOUR SAMPLES OF  
RHENIUM(IV) CHLORIDE WITH DIFFERENT ORIGINS<sup>a</sup>

<i>hkl</i> indices	Com- mercial sample	Prepara- tion 1	Prepara- tion 2	Prepara- tion 3
	6.535 (2)			
010	6.215 (3)		8.867 (4)	8.934 (5)
002	5.926 (6)	6.046 (7)	7.167 (4)	7.182 (3)
	5.698 (2)			6.537 (1)
011	5.588 (10)	5.574 (10)	6.057 (1)	6.088 (1)
10 $\bar{2}$	4.450 (5)	4.506 (7)	5.513 (10)	5.455 (10)
11 $\bar{1}$	4.201 (5)	4.220 (7)	5.082 (2)	5.040 (1)
013 (?)	3.357 (1)		4.695 (2)	4.733 (1)
200, 020	3.126 (2)	3.159 (3)	4.379 (7)	4.369 (8)
11 $\bar{3}$ , 021, 004	3.022 (2)	3.068 (3)	4.018 (1)	3.978 (1)
113	2.921 (2)	2.965 (2)	3.579 (1)	
022, 21 $\bar{1}$	2.776 (8)	2.793 (5)	3.408 (1)	
211	2.714 (8)	2.718 (7)	3.215 (2)	3.198 (2)
104	2.663 (1)	2.661 (1)	3.132 (2)	3.115 (1)
21 $\bar{2}$	2.603 (2)	2.611 (2)	2.945 (2)	2.931 (2)
114	2.557 (2)	2.553 (2)	2.867 (2)	2.858 (1)
21 $\bar{3}$ , 12 $\bar{3}$	2.414 (1)		2.734 (7)	2.718 (7)
	2.359 (2)		2.622 (3)	2.600 (2)
20 $\bar{4}$	2.257 (3)	2.257 (2)	2.558 (2)	
22 $\bar{1}$ , 220	2.217 (1)	2.225 (2)	2.472 (3)	2.485 (1)
204	2.156 (3)	2.154 (2)	2.369 (6)	2.359 (7)
115, 12 $\bar{4}$	208.5 (7)	2.087 (5)	2.261 (4)	2.248 (3)
031, 222	2.053 (7)	2.060 (5)	2.181 (1)	
006, 310, 214	2.019 (6)	2.029 (4)	2.138 (1)	
31 $\bar{1}$	1.985 (8)	1.987 (6)	2.082 (4)	2.075 (5)
302, 13 $\bar{1}$ , 311	1.953 (3)	1.945 (3)	2.026 (4)	2.023 (5)
025, 223, 016	1.922 (1)		1.976 (2)	
215	1.884 (4)	1.893 (2)	1.950 (1)	1.942 (1)
033, 12 $\bar{5}$	1.852 (1)		1.905 (1)	1.900 (2)
224	1.824 (1)	1.826 (2)	1.853 (1)	1.841 (2)
13 $\bar{3}$	1.788 (6)	1.786 (5)	1.826 (4)	1.816 (3)
20 $\bar{6}$	1.749 (2)	1.751 (4)	1.764 (4)	1.751 (3)
314	1.719 (1)	1.720 (1)	1.693 (2)	1.699 (1)
026	1.698 (2)	1.697 (1)		1.671 (1)
017	1.670 (4)	1.665 (2)	1.613 (2)	1.608 (1)
126	1.618 (1)	1.617 (2)		1.553 (2)
323	1.588 (1)	1.581 (1)	1.529 (2)	1.523 (2)
13 $\bar{5}$	1.546 (1)	1.541 (1)	1.487 (2)	1.476 (1)
402	1.513 (4)	1.509 (2)	1.438 (2)	1.433 (1)
14 $\bar{2}$	1.481 (1)	1.481 (1)	1.390 (3)	1.384 (3)
31 $\bar{6}$ , 043	1.462 (1)	1.460 (1)	1.371 (3)	1.368 (3)
40 $\bar{4}$	1.449 (1)			
14 $\bar{3}$ , 332	1.433 (1)	1.432 (1)		
33 $\bar{3}$	1.412 (1)	1.411 (1)		
325	1.391 (2)	1.392 (1)		
422	1.364 (4)	1.365 (3)		
24 $\bar{3}$	1.339 (1)	1.333 (1)		
243	1.319 (2)	1.317 (1)		
42 $\bar{4}$	1.305 (4)	1.305 (1)		

<sup>a</sup> *d* spacings are in ångströms; numbers in parentheses are relative intensities, visually estimated. The origin of the specimens is explained in the text.



TABLE VI

COMPARISON OF THE BIOCTAHEDRON IN  $\beta\text{-ReCl}_4$  WITH SOME OTHERS

a) Cf. ref. 16 for definitions of the parameters.

b)  $d = 1.30\text{\AA}$ ;  $d' = 1.36\text{\AA}$ .

Structure parameter <sup>a</sup>	$\beta$ -ReCl <sub>4</sub>	Cr <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>9</sub> <sup>3-</sup>	Mo <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>9</sub> <sup>3-</sup>	W <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>9</sub> <sup>3-</sup>
M-M, Å	2.73	3.12	2.66	2.41
d'/d	1.05 <sup>b</sup>	1.23	0.98	0.90
90° - $\alpha'$ , deg	-0.9	4.2	-4.2	-8.0
$\beta$ -70.53°, deg	-1.2	5.9	-6.0	-12.5

FIGURE I

A projection of the structure in the y direction. The y axis is directed away from the reader. The crystallographic twofold axes pass through C1(4) and C1(5).

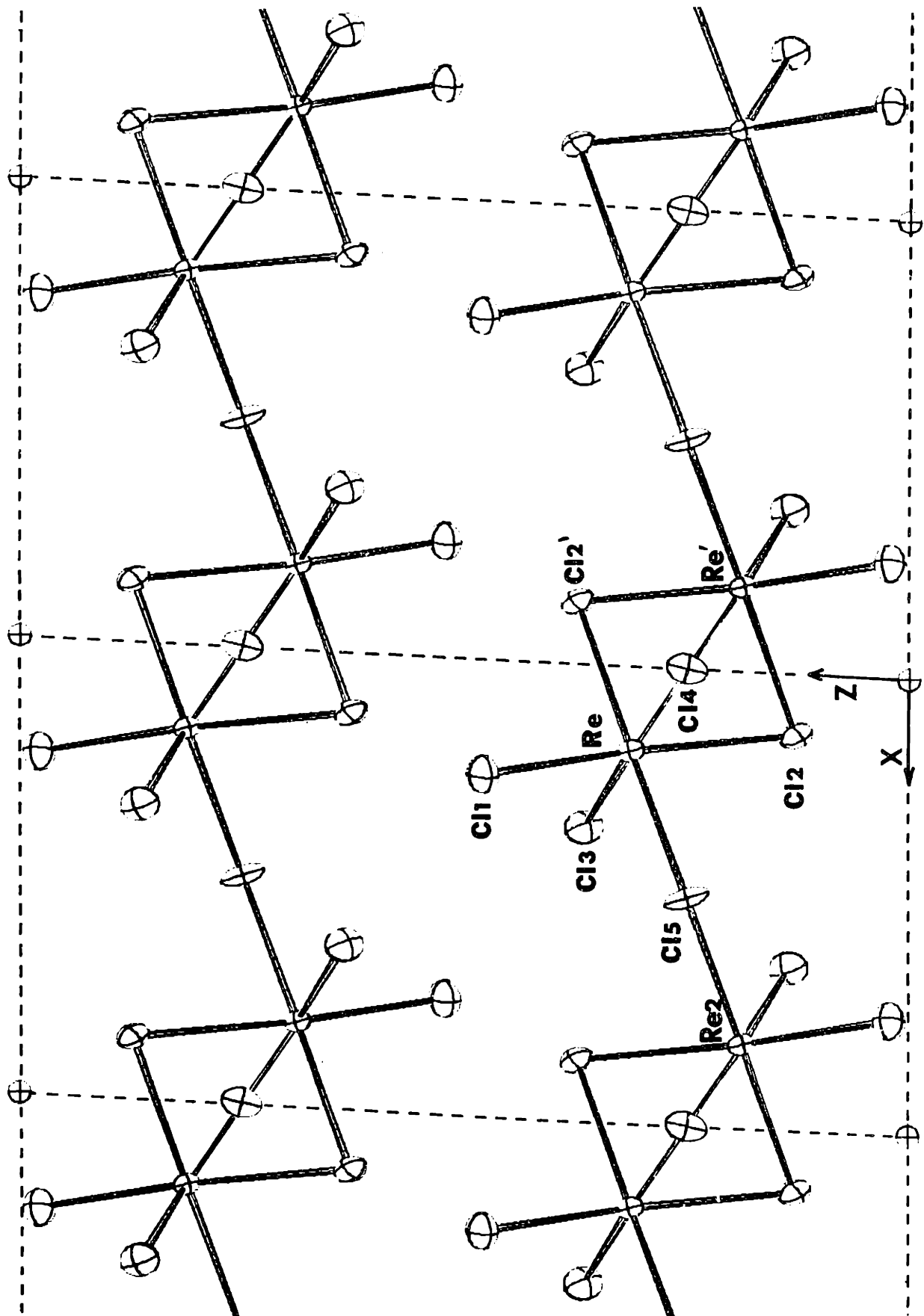
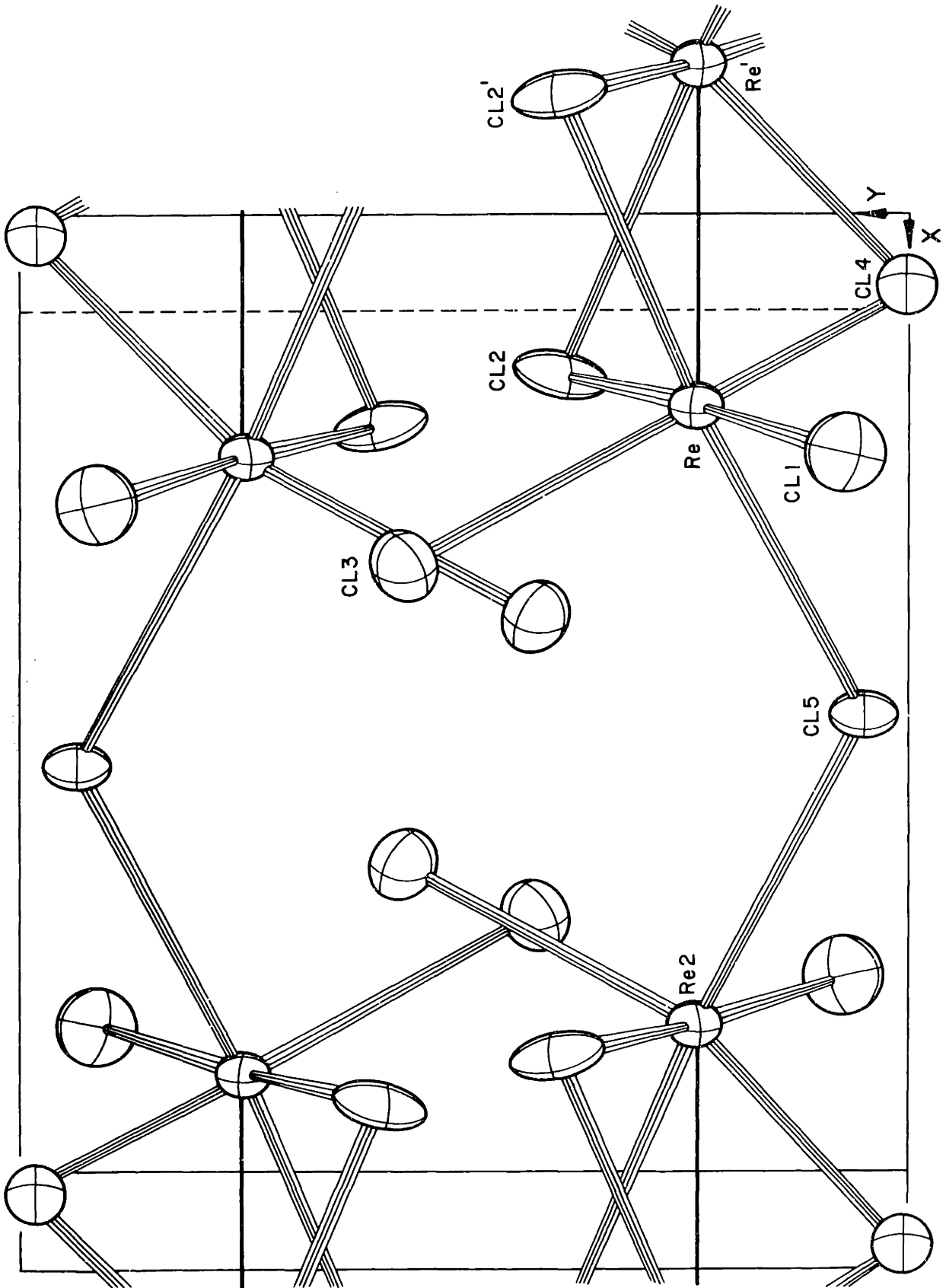


FIGURE 2

A projection of the structure in the  $c^*$  direction.



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## CHAPTER II

### THE STRUCTURE OF TRICESIUM OCTABROMODIMOLYBDATE; AN EXAMPLE OF A SPACE-GROUP AMBIGUITY

#### INTRODUCTION

In a previous study it has been shown that the reaction of  $\text{Mo}_2(\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2)_4$  with 12N HCl at  $60^\circ$  in presence of large alkali cations,  $\text{M}^{\text{I}}$  ( $\text{M}^{\text{I}} = \text{Rb}, \text{Cs}$ ) leads to the isolation of the compounds  $\text{M}_3^{\text{I}}\text{Mo}_2\text{Cl}_8$ . A crystallographic study<sup>1</sup> of the rubidium compound produced the surprising result that the compound is structurally very similar to a number of  $\text{M}_3^{\text{I}}\text{M}_2^{\text{III}}\text{X}_9$  compounds. The differences are: 1)  $\text{Rb}_3\text{Mo}_2\text{Cl}_8$  contains  $\text{Cl}_3\text{Mo}(\mu\text{-Cl})_2\text{MoCl}_3$  anions which are derived from a true  $\text{D}_{3h}$  bioctahedron by removal of one bridging chlorine ( $\mu\text{-Cl}$ ). This deletion occurs randomly, so that the structure can be refined with an occupancy factor of 0.67 for the  $\mu\text{-Cl}$  atoms. 2) The space group for  $\text{Rb}_3\text{Mo}_2\text{Cl}_8$  was  $\text{P}\bar{6}2\text{c}$ , which is noncentric, rather than the centric  $\text{P}6_3/\text{mmc}$  which is found for many  $\text{M}_3^{\text{I}}\text{M}_2^{\text{III}}\text{X}_9$  compounds (see below).

In the course of further chemical studies of reactions of  $\text{Mo}_2(\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2)_4$  with mineral acids, the stoichio-

metrically analogous bromo compound,  $\text{Cs}_3\text{Mo}_2\text{Br}_8$ , has been obtained and studied crystallographically. The crystallographic and structural work is reported here as it presents some features which are perhaps of more than routine interest. Again, from systematic absences and Laue symmetry, the three space groups  $P\bar{6}2c$ ,  $P6_3/mmc$  and  $P6_3mc$  had to be considered. In this case again  $P6_3mc$  could be eliminated convincingly. However, for  $\text{Cs}_3\text{Mo}_2\text{Br}_8$ , with a larger data set than for  $\text{Rb}_3\text{Mo}_2\text{Cl}_8$ , a convincing choice between  $P\bar{6}2c$  and  $P6_3/mmc$  could not be made on the basis of their performance in the refinement.

#### EXPERIMENTAL

Preparation of  $\text{Cs}_3\text{Mo}_2\text{Br}_8$ . - Tricesium octabromodimolybdenum was prepared by mixing stoichiometric quantities of dimolybdenum tetracetate with cesium bromide, each dissolved in concentrated hydrobromic acid. The chemistry of this reaction is sensitive to conditions of temperature, concentration and purity of reagents. Further investigations are in progress and a detailed report will be published in due course. Ordinarily, the reaction does not yield crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction studies. Recrystallization did not prove

feasible because of the lack of a suitable solvent. Therefore the method of crystal growth by diffusion was applied. A U-shaped glass tube having a replaceable center part equipped with a fritted disc was constructed, see Figure 1. Solutions of CsBr and of  $\text{Mo}_2(\text{O}_2\text{CCH}_3)_4$  in concentrated hydrobromic acid were put into separate ends of the U tube; the whole apparatus was then placed in a refrigerator. After three days several reddish-yellow plate-like crystals appeared on both surfaces of the fritted disk. The bulk microcrystalline material ordinarily obtained has been shown to be the same substance as that obtained in the form of larger crystals. The X-ray powder diffraction pattern of the bulk material can be satisfactorily indexed using the unit-cell and space-group data obtained from the larger crystals.

Collection of X-ray Data. - A Syntex PI, computer-controlled, four-circle diffractometer equipped with a graphite-crystal incidentbeam monochromator was used to examine a crystal of dimensions  $0.083 \times 0.033 \times 0.001$  cm, with faces later identified as  $(100)$ ,  $(\bar{1}00)$ ,  $(0\bar{1}0)$ ,  $(1\bar{1}0)$ ,  $(1\bar{2}0)$ , and  $(\bar{1}20)$ . A hexagonal unit cell similar to that reported<sup>1</sup> for  $\text{Rb}_3\text{Mo}_2\text{Cl}_8$  was obtained. Least-squares refinement of fifteen centered reflections produced the

orientation matrix for data collection and gave cell constants  $a = b = 7.757(3)$  and  $c = 17.804(7)\text{\AA}$ . For  $V = 927.6(6)\text{\AA}^3$  and  $Z = 2$  the calculated density is  $4.40\text{gcm}^{-3}$ ; this is in good agreement with the observed density of  $4.33\text{g cm}^{-3}$  measured by displacement in carbon tetrachloride.

Data were collected in the range  $0^\circ < 2\theta \leq 45^\circ$  using Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation. It later appeared that a larger data set would have been helpful. While the structure is adequately overdetermined (ca. 10:1), reflections beyond  $2\theta = 45^\circ$  might have improved the chances of distinguishing centric and noncentric space groups. These reflections would result primarily from scattering by inner core electrons, although this is probably also the case for many reflections with  $2\theta < 45^\circ$ , because the structure consists only of heavy atoms (Cs, Mo, and Br). At the time, data collection was terminated because of the sufficient overdeterminacy and because the last data shell ( $40^\circ < 2\theta \leq 45^\circ$ ) showed a large drop-off in the fraction of reflections which are significantly above background. The  $\theta$ - $2\theta$  scan technique with a variable scan rate from 2.0 to 24.0°/min was used. The scan range was from  $2\theta_{\text{MoK}\alpha_1} - 0.8^\circ$  to  $2\theta_{\text{MoK}\alpha_2} + 0.8^\circ$ . Additional

details about data collection have been described previously<sup>2</sup>. In order to check the stability of the X-ray measurements three reflections were selected as standards and their intensities were recorded periodically throughout data collection. No significant change in these intensities was observed.

A total of 313 reflections were collected and the usual data reduction procedures were applied. The following crystallographic computer programs were used on the IBM 360: DATARED by Frenz for data reduction; AGNOST by Cahen, which is based on Coppens's DATAPP and the Tompa analytical subroutines of Cullen's program, for absorption corrections; JIMDAP by Ibers, a version of Zalkin's FORDAP, for Fourier summations; NUCLS by Ibers and Doedens, based on Busing and Levy's ORFLS, for least-squares refinement; SADIAN by Baur for calculating atomic distances and angles; RSCAN by Doedens for structure-factor analysis; ORTEP by Johnson for plotting; ORFFE by Busing and Martin Levy and modified by Brown, Johnson, and Thiessen, for calculating errors or derived parameters; and LIST by Snyder for listing the data. The parameter  $p$  used in the calculation of standard devia-

tions on the intensities ( $\sigma(F_0^2)$ ) was assigned the value 0.05. The high linear absorption coefficient ( $\mu = 253.5 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  for Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation) and the platelet shape of the crystal necessitated an absorption correction. A numerical correction gave transmission factors varying from 9 to 70% with an average of 61%. A comparison of observed and calculated structure factors showed that an extinction correction was unnecessary.

Refinement of X-ray Data. - Systematic extinctions of  $l \neq 2n$  for  $hh2\bar{h}l$  (except 221, see below) and no conditions for  $hkil$  or  $h\bar{h}0l$  are consistent with three space groups: noncentric  $P6_3mc$  (No. 186), noncentric  $P\bar{6}2c$  (No. 190), and centric  $P6_3/mmc$  (No. 194). Because of the similarity in cell constants and the identical systematic absences for the present work and that of  $\text{Rb}_3\text{Mo}_2\text{Cl}_8$ , it was assumed that the analogy extended to the crystal and molecular structure. Hence space group  $P\bar{6}2c$  was selected and refinement was begun with Cs, Mo, and Br atoms in positions derived from the structure of  $\text{Rb}_3\text{Mo}_2\text{Cl}_8$ . Only the 202 reflections with  $F_0^2 > 3\sigma(F_0^2)$  were used in the full-matrix least-squares refinement on  $F_c$  in which the quantity minimized was  $\sum w(|F_0| - |F_c|)^2$ , where  $|F_0|$  and  $|F_c|$  are the observed and calculated

structure factor amplitudes and  $w$  is  $4F_o^2/\sigma^2(F_o^2)$ .  
Scattering factors were from Cromer's tabulation.<sup>3</sup>  
Included in calculations for  $F_c$  were<sup>4</sup> anomalous  
dispersion effects for all atoms.<sup>5</sup>

Individual isotropic refinement resulted in conventional and weighted agreement factors of  $R_1 = 0.083$  and  $R_2 = 0.098$ . As discussed later, reflections 221 and 2,2,15, which were omitted from refinement because the space-group symmetry requires them to be absent, had observed intensities significantly above background. No satisfactory explanation for their high intensities could be deduced. Three cycles of anisotropic refinement gave  $R$  values of 0.053 and 0.068. With the rejection of two additional reflections ( $F_o$  vs.  $F_c$  for 002 and 061 were 133 vs. 93 and 37 vs. 9) the agreement factors were reduced to 0.043 and 0.052. In view of the large data set (relative to the number of variables) and the fact that the calculated structure factors for the two rejected reflections are largely independent of the various space group refinements (see below), the intensities of these reflections were considered to be spurious.

In the final stage of refinement in the noncentric space group  $P\bar{6}2c$  there existed a high correlation between

anisotropic temperature factors  $\beta_{11}$  and  $\beta_{12}$  for both Br(1) and Br(2); the correlation coefficients were 0.69 and 0.96 respectively. In addition, the errors in the x coordinates for each of the Br atoms were an order of magnitude greater than those in other parameters. Since these observations suggested the possibility of a space group of higher symmetry, refinements were carried out in the centric space group  $P6_3/mmc$ .

In all previous studies of  $M_2X_9^{3-}$  structures the centric space group has been assumed. These include  $Cs_3Cr_2Cl_9$ ,<sup>6</sup>  $Cs_3Cr_2Br_9$ ,  $Cs_3Mo_2Cl_9$ ,  $Cs_3Mo_2Br_9$ ,<sup>7</sup>  $K_3W_2Cl_9$ ,<sup>8</sup>  $Cs_3Tl_2Cl_9$ ,<sup>9,10</sup>  $Cs_3Bi_2I_9$ ,<sup>11</sup> and  $((CH_3)_4N)_3Sb_3Br_9 \cdot Br_2$ <sup>12</sup>. In none of the reports of these structures is there an indication that the noncentric space group was tested.

As shown in Table I, statistics on the distribution of intensities favor the centric space group. However, it is known that a centric distribution can be obtained even for a noncentrosymmetric crystal when certain symmetry or near-symmetry elements are present in the cell.<sup>13</sup> This test is, therefore, by itself inconclusive.

Using the centric space group, three cycles of anisotropic least-squares refinement resulted in R values



of 0.046 and 0.056. All correlation coefficients were less than 0.56 and the errors in the x coordinates were normal. Variables included a scale factor, an occupancy factor for Br(1), and positional and anisotropic temperature parameters not fixed by space-group symmetry. Thus refinement in  $P\bar{6}2c$  included 25 variables, while  $P6_3/mmc$  required 20 variables. On the basis of Hamilton's R-factor ratio test<sup>14</sup> for a ratio of 1.068, the hypothesis that the centric space group is correct can be rejected on the 0.995 confidence level, i.e., if this were the only criterion for judgement we would be quite sure that the space group is noncentric. Structure factors based on the parameters derived from the noncentric refinement were calculated for 500 Freidel pairs of reflections within the bounds of the experiment. Of these, only twelve pairs having  $k|F_c| > 10$  differed by more than 10%. Examination of these twelve pairs on the diffractometer showed that most of the intensities were barely above background and that the difference between pairs was random and not generally significant. No attempt has been made to

test for a piezoelectric effect; the often unreliable nature of this experiment did not encourage us to seek or construct facilities for the test. Thus one is left with the choice between the statistical test on the R values suggesting the noncentric space group on the one hand and the least-squares correlation coefficients as well as the intensity distribution suggesting the centric space group on the other. A summary of results obtained from refinement in both space groups is given in Table II.

For the sake of completeness, refinement was also attempted in the third possible space group  $P6_3mc$ . Isotropic refinement gave  $R_1=0.185$  and  $R_2=0.239$  and produced many high correlations among parameters. Anisotropic refinement diverged and caused non-positive-definite temperature factors for two atoms. Thus space group  $P6_3mc$  is definitely unacceptable.

A comparison of  $\sum w(|F_o| - |F_c|)^2$  as a function of indices,  $\lambda^{-1} \sin \theta$ ,  $|F_o|$ , etc. showed no significant trends in the data after refinement in  $P\bar{6}2c$  or  $P6_3/mmc$ . In the last cycles of refinement in both  $P6_3/mmc$  and  $P\bar{6}2c$  no parameter shifted by more than 0.01 times its standard deviation. A list of  $|F_o|$  and  $|F_c|$  values for refinement in  $P6_3/mmc$  is given in Table III.

A disturbing feature of this work is the presence of the 221 reflection, a reflection expected to be extinguished by the  $c$  glide plane. Of the 38 unique reflections examined in the class  $hh2\bar{h}l$  with  $l = 2n + 1$ , 36 reflections are definitely unobserved. The 2,2,15 reflection with  $I = 134$  and  $\sigma(I) = 36$  (where  $I$  is the observed intensity corrected only for background and  $\sigma(I)$  is the standard deviation based on counting statistics alone) is of marginal significance. However, the 221 reflection has  $I = 512$  and  $\sigma(I) = 58$ . Another crystal mounted in a different orientation showed a diffuse spot on precession films for this reflection, thus ruling out most causes of spurious reflections, e.g. Renninger effects. If we accept this reflection as genuine, the crystal must not contain a  $c$  glide plane, although the successful refinement in space group  $P6_3/mmc$  suggests that the actual crystal symmetry must be very close to satisfying the  $c$  glide condition. In space groups not including the  $c$  glide plane the  $hkl$  and  $khl$  reflections are no longer equivalent and since both forms had not been collected, refinement in these space groups was precluded. However, had this been possible it is doubtful that it would have clarified the situation. A poor

refinement would substantiate the results obtained from the present refinement but not explain the presence of the 221 reflection; on the other hand, a good refinement could explain the presence of the 221 reflection but would still leave ambiguous the question of space group since the structure successfully refined in space group  $P6_3/mmc$ . Because the crystal which was used to collect data later decomposed and since no other suitable crystals were available or readily obtainable, it was decided that the achievement of what seemed likely to be only another ambiguous result was not worth the large amount of effort and cost involved. In any event it is doubtful that the molecular structure could change significantly from that reported here. Nor is it likely that the confirmation of the presence or absence of the glide plane would clarify the ambiguity between centric and noncentric space groups.

## RESULTS

The final positional and thermal parameters obtained from refinement in  $P6_3/mmc$  are presented in Table IV, and V. Root-mean-square vibrational amplitudes are given in

Table VI. Interatomic distances and angles are presented in Tables II and VII, respectively. Figure 2 is a stereo pair showing the contents of the unit cell.

#### DISCUSSION

Leaving aside the space-group ambiguity, which has been fully discussed in the Experimental section, and causes no significant uncertainty in the structural parameters, the structure of  $\text{Cs}_3\text{Mo}_2\text{Br}_8$  is very similar to that of  $\text{Rb}_3\text{Mo}_2\text{Cl}_8$ . According to all the criteria previously proposed<sup>15</sup> for evaluating the nature and magnitude of the direct metal-to-metal interaction in confacial bioctahedra, the Mo-Mo interaction is unquestionably of a bonding nature, but slightly less strong than that in  $\text{Mo}_2\text{Cl}_8^{3-}$ . Thus in  $\text{Mo}_2\text{Cl}_8^{3-}$  the Mo-Mo distance is 2.38(1)Å, while in  $\text{Mo}_2\text{Br}_8^{3-}$  it is 2.439(7)Å.

An interesting comparison can be made between the pair  $\text{Mo}_2\text{X}_8^{3-}$  (X=Cl,Br) on the one hand and the pair  $\text{Mo}_2\text{X}_9^{3-}$  (X=Cl,Br) on the other.<sup>7</sup> Both of the nonhalo anions have much longer Mo-Mo distances (2.66, 2.82Å) than their octahalo analogs (2.38, 2.44Å), and according to all criteria<sup>15</sup> have markedly weaker Mo-Mo bonding interactions.

The metal-to-halogen bonds in the two sets of compounds are presumably very similar since corresponding bond distances differ very little, except for the Mo-Br(bridge) bond distances. In  $\text{Mo}_2\text{Br}_9^{3-}$  the distance is 2.624 Å, while in  $\text{Mo}_2\text{Br}_8^{3-}$  it is 2.672 Å.

The rather strong Mo-Mo interaction in  $\text{Mo}_2\text{Br}_8^{3-}$  reduces the Mo-Br-Mo angle to the remarkably low value of 54.3(2)°. This is smaller than any previously observed bridge angle in a confacial bioctahedron. So far as we know it is the smallest angle ever reported at a bridging halogen atom in any compound.

Related to this uniquely low bridge angle is the parameter  $d'/d''$  (the ratio of the distance ( $d'$ ) of the metal atom to the plane of the set of bridging halogen atoms to the distance ( $d''$ ) of the metal atom from the plane of the terminal set of halogen atoms). The smaller this ratio, the stronger the M-M attraction must be. The value in this structure is  $1.22\text{Å}/1.45\text{Å}=0.84$ . This is the smallest value yet observed. Previously the smallest was that in  $\text{Mo}_2\text{Cl}_8^{3-}$ , namely 0.89. This is further evidence for a strong Mo-Mo bond in  $\text{Mo}_2\text{Br}_8^{3-}$  although it should not be taken to imply that it is stronger than that  $\text{Mo}_2\text{Cl}_8^{3-}$ .

The very short Mo-Mo distance in  $\text{Mo}_2\text{Br}_8^{3-}$  would lead one to predict that the ion would have only one unpaired electron. Even in  $\text{Mo}_2\text{Cl}_9^{3-}$ , where Mo-Mo =  $2.66\text{\AA}$ , there is only a small temperature-independent paramagnetism, although  $\text{Mo}_2\text{Br}_9^{3-}$  (Mo-Mo =  $2.82\text{\AA}$ ) appears to possess unpaired electrons.<sup>16</sup>

Undoubtedly the greater deformation of the (incomplete) bioctahedra in the  $\text{Mo}_2\text{X}_8^{3-}$  structures, compared to the  $\text{Mo}_2\text{X}_9^{3-}$  ones occurs because, in effect, there is only 2/3 as much resistance to compression along the threefold axis. A comparison may also be made with the recently reported structure of molybdenum(III) bromide.<sup>17</sup> This consists of infinite stacks of  $\text{MoBr}_6$  octahedra, sharing opposite faces. The Mo-Mo distances are alternately  $2.92$  and  $3.14\text{\AA}$ . The Mo-Br distances range from  $2.53$  to  $2.57\text{\AA}$ . The planes of the triangular sets of Br atoms are separated by  $3.68\text{\AA}$  as compared to only  $2.67\text{\AA}$  between the planes of the terminal and bridging sets in  $\text{Mo}_2\text{Br}_8^{3-}$ . This shows very dramatically the great structural influence of the Mo-Mo bonding coupled with the incompleteness of the bridging set of bromine atoms.

Note added in proof: Powder samples of  $\text{Cs}_3\text{Mo}_2\text{Br}_8$  and  $\text{Cs}_3\text{Mo}_2\text{Cl}_8$  were examined for second harmonic generation (SHG) since lack of an inversion center is a necessary condition for SHG.<sup>18</sup> Negative results were obtained for each compound. In each case both 1.06 $\mu$  to green (0.54 $\mu$ ) conversion and 1.32 $\mu$  to red (0.66 $\mu$ ) conversion were examined. Increasing the power of the laser resulted only in burning the sample. These results tend to indicate that the crystals are centric; if they are, in fact acentric, the harmonic is either very weak or it is being absorbed. While the indication of the centric space group is quite acceptable in the present case, its significance is uncertain for the chloro compound where refinement definitely favored the acentric space group. Since the SHG criterion thus appears to be inconclusive, the space group ambiguity is considered to be still unresolved.



TABLE I

DISTRIBUTION OF  $|E|$  VALUES

	Observed	Theoretical (centric)	Theoretical (noncentric)
Av. $ E $	0.720	0.798	0.886
Av. $ E ^2$	0.948	1.000	1.000
Av. $ E^2 - 1 $	1.077	0.968	0.736
$ E  > 1(\%)$	27.5	27.5	37.0
$ E  > 2(\%)$	6.1	5.0	1.8
$ E  > 3(\%)$	0.32	0.30	0.01

TABLE II

COMPARISON OF REFINEMENTS IN TWO SPACE GROUPS

	Noncentric P6 <sub>2</sub> c	Centric P6 <sub>3</sub> /mmc
R values R <sub>1</sub>	0.0428	0.0455
R <sub>2</sub>	0.0519	0.0555
Correlation coefficients between $\beta_{11}$ and $\beta_{12}$		
Br(1)	0.69	< 0.5
Br(2)	0.95	< 0.5
Error in x coordinate		
Br(1)	0.0028	0.0004
Br(2)	0.0014	0.0002
Occupancy factor for Br(1)	0.70	0.70
Bond distances (Å)		
Mo-Mo	2.438(7)	2.439(7)
Mo-Br(1)	2.679(6)	2.672(5)
Mo-Br(2)	2.554(3)	2.554(3)
Br(1)-Br(2)	3.560(15)	3.494(3)
Br(1)-Br(2')	3.435(15)	3.494(3)
Br(1)-Br(1')	3.634(10)	3.640(9)
Br(2)-Br(2')	3.639(4)	3.638(5)

TABLE III

VALUES OF  $10|F_o|$  AND  $10|F_c|$  (IN ELECTRONS) FOR  
 $Cs_3Mo_2Br_8$  AFTER REFINEMENT IN SPACE GROUP  $PG_3/mmc$



TABLE IV

POSITIONAL PARAMETERS FOR  $\text{Cs}_3\text{Mo}_2\text{Br}_8^a$

a) Numbers in parentheses in this and all other tables are estimated standard deviations in the last significant digit.

Atom	No. of Positions, Wyckoff notation	Symmetry	x	y	z
Cs(1)	2b	$\bar{6}m2$	0	0	1/4
Cs(2)	4f	3m	1/3	2/3	0.5720(1)
Mo	4f	3m	1/3	2/3	0.1816(2)
Br(1) <sup>b</sup>	6h	mm	0.5103(4)	2x	1/4
Br(2)	12k	m	0.1770(2)	2x	0.0999(2)

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b) The final occupancy factor was 0.70(1).



TABLE V

ANISOTROPIC THERMAL PARAMETERS FOR  $\text{Cs}_3\text{Mo}_2\text{Br}_8$ <sup>a</sup>

a) The form of the thermal ellipsoid is

$$\exp(-(\beta_{11}h^2 + \beta_{22}k^2 + \beta_{33}l^2 + 2\beta_{12}hk + 2\beta_{13}hl + 2\beta_{23}kl))$$

Atom	$\beta_{11}$	$\beta_{22}$	$\beta_{33}$	$\beta_{12}$	$\beta_{13}$	$\beta_{23}$
Cs(1)	0.02226(8)	$\beta_{11}$	0.0023(2)	$\beta_{11}/2$	0	0
Cs(2)	0.0248(6)	$\beta_{11}$	0.0016(1)	$\beta_{11}/2$	0	0
Mo	0.0181(7)	$\beta_{11}$	0.0014(1)	$\beta_{11}/2$	0	0
Br(1)	0.0369(2)	0.0156(2)	0.0014(2)	$\beta_{22}/2$	0	0
Br(2)	0.0240(7)	0.0154(7)	0.0038(1)	$\beta_{22}/2$	-0.0010(5)	$\beta_{13}/2$

TABLE VI

ROOT-MEAN-SQUARE AMPLITUDES OF VIBRATION ( $\text{\AA}$ )

	Minimum	Intermed.	Maximum
Cs(1)	0.193(7)	0.227(4)	0.227(4)
Cs(2)	0.161(5)	0.238(3)	0.238(3)
Mo	0.148(7)	0.203(4)	0.203(4)
Br(1)	0.152(9)	0.189(10)	0.317(8)
Br(2)	0.187(4)	0.237(6)	0.257(6)

TABLE VII

BOND ANGLES IN THE  $\text{Mo}_2\text{Br}_8^{3-}$  ION,  
DEGREES

Mo - Br(1) - Mo'	54.3(2)
Br(1) - Mo - Br(1')	100.8(1)
Br(1) - Mo - Br(2)	83.90(6)
Br(1) - Mo - Br(2')	172.5(2)
Br(2) - Mo - Br(2')	90.8(1)

FIGURE 1

Glass crystallizing apparatus.  
The interchangeable centerpiece  
has a fritted disk (dotted line),  
where the diffusion occurred. Three  
such center pieces were devised  
with different porosity of the disk.  
This apparatus was also used to  
gain crystals for complexes described  
in Chapter IV and V.

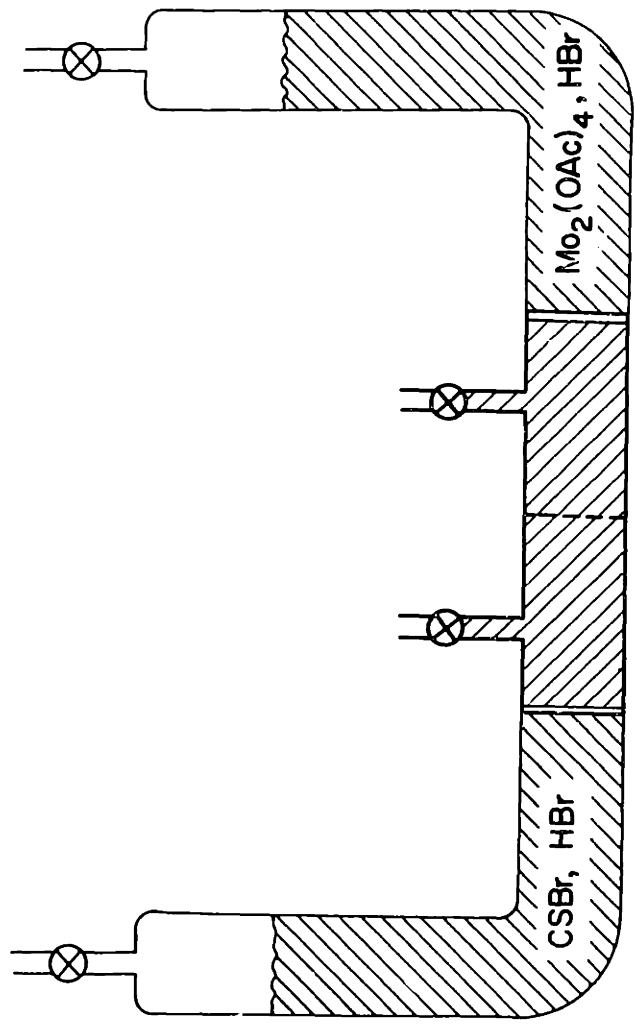
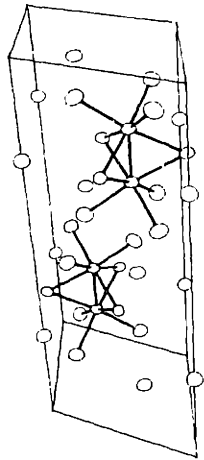
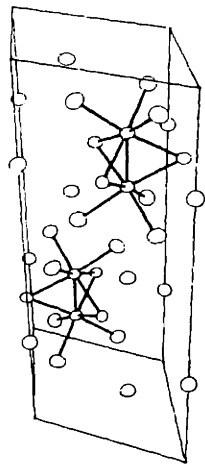




FIGURE 2.

The unit cell of  $\text{Cs}_3\text{Mo}_2\text{Br}_8$  presented as a stereoscopic pair. The origin of the unit cell is the front, upper left-hand corner, with x pointing into the plane of the paper, y pointing to the right, z pointing downward.



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## CHAPTER III

### DIMOLYBDENUM TETRAACETATE

#### INTRODUCTION

Dimolybdenum tetraacetate is a compound of unique significance in the field of metal-to-metal multiple bonds, since it is the precursor of nearly all of the known compounds containing Mo $\overset{4^{\circ}}{\text{---}}$ Mo (quadruple) bonds. Its partial structure was reported by Lawton and Mason<sup>1</sup> (1965) nearly a decade ago, but many details were omitted and the accuracy was low by present standards. Two particularly important questions which remained unsettled by the published report are: (1) Is the Mo-Mo distance in this compound (reported as 2.11(1)Å) really different from that (2.090(4)Å) in Mo<sub>2</sub>(O<sub>2</sub>CCF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>.<sup>2</sup> (2) Are the Mo<sub>2</sub>(O<sub>2</sub>CCH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> molecules packed so as to give slightly bonding intermolecular Mo<sup>•••</sup>O contacts, as in the case of Mo<sub>2</sub>(O<sub>2</sub>CCF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub> where the distance is 2.72(1)Å and in K<sub>4</sub>(Mo<sub>2</sub>(SO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>4</sub>)·2H<sub>2</sub>O where it is 2.593Å.<sup>3</sup> A redetermination of the structure was undertaken to answer these questions and provide a complete set of structural parameters.

## EXPERIMENTAL

Preparation. - The preparation of dimolybdenum tetraacetate<sup>4</sup> invariably provides microcrystalline material, but the size of the crystals are too small for the purpose of single-crystal investigations. Since dimolybdenum tetraacetate does not have any solvent in which it is capable to dissolve without chemical change, the usual recrystallization procedures fail. However, a very carefully controlled reaction following Wilkinson's method<sup>4</sup>, where the reaction mixture after 4 hours reflux was slowly (one day) cooled down to room temperature, provided suitable crystals for single-crystal work. This material proved to be rather stable in air contrary to previous observations. The crystal selected for data collection did not show any significant change even after several months.

Collection of X-Ray Data. - A Syntex P1 computer-controlled, four-circle diffractometer equipped with a graphite-crystal monochromator in the incident beam was used for data collection. A needle-shaped crystal with dimensions 0.045x0.0025x0.0021 cm was selected and a triclinic unit cell, similar to that previously reported, was obtained. Least-squares refinement of fifteen

reflections provided the orientation matrix for data collection and resulted in the following cell parameters:  $a = 8.418(2)\text{\AA}$ ,  $b = 5.500(1)\text{\AA}$ ,  $c = 7.529(1)\text{\AA}$ ,  $\alpha = 84.13(2)^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 105.24(2)^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 106.00(2)^\circ$ , and  $V = 323.15(1)\text{\AA}^3$ . For  $Z = 1$  the calculated density is  $2.20\text{gcm}^{-3}$ , in good agreement with the experimental value of  $2.18\text{g cm}^{-3}$  determined by flotation in a mixture of bromoform and cyclohexane.

Data were collected in the range of  $0^\circ < 2\theta < 60^\circ$  using Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation. The  $\theta/2\theta$  scan technique with variable scan rate from  $4^\circ\text{-}24^\circ/\text{min}$  has been used. The scan range was from  $2\theta(\text{MoK}\alpha_1) - 0.9^\circ$  to  $2\theta(\text{MoK}\alpha_2) + 0.9^\circ$ .

The stabilities of the crystal and the instrument were checked by periodic remeasurements of three standard reflections. No significant changes in these intensities were observed.

A total of 1909 reflections were collected and the usual data reduction procedures were applied. Computer programs used in data reduction, refinement, and interpretation of the structure were as follows: DATARED by Frenz for data reduction; FOURIER, by Robinson and Dellaca, based on FORDAP by Zalkin; the least-squares program NUCLS by Doedens and Ibers based on Busing and Levy's

ORFLS program; a local modification of Baur's SADIAN program for calculating atomic distances and angles; PERFECT by Frenz for analyzing structure factors; ORTEP by Johnson for illustrations; the function and error program ORFFE by Busing, Martin and Levy as modified by Brown, Johnson and Thiessen; and LIST by Snyder for listing the data. The parameter 'p' used in the calculation of standard deviations on intensities ( $\sigma(F_0^2)$ ) was assigned the value 0.07.

Since the linear absorption coefficient was relatively low ( $\mu = 19.17 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $\text{MoK}\alpha$ ) absorption corrections were omitted.

Solution and Refinement of the Structure. - A three-dimensional Patterson function was calculated and from this - assuming space group  $\text{P}\bar{1}$  - one Mo and four oxygen atoms were immediately located. The structure was solved and refined by the usual combination of least-squares refinements and difference Fourier-syntheses. In the least-squares refinement only those 1526 reflections were employed for which  $F_0^2 > 3\sigma(F_0^2)$ . Three cycles of isotropic least-squares refinement of one molybdenum and four oxygen atoms resulted in  $R_1 = \sum ||F_0| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_0| = 0.159$  and  $R_2 = (\sum w(|F_0| - |F_c|)^2 / \sum wF_0^2)^{1/2} = 0.215$ . A difference



Fourier synthesis then provided the locations of the carbon atoms. Five cycles of anisotropic refinement on all non-hydrogen atoms resulted in full convergence and gave  $R_1 = 0.047$  and  $R_2 = 0.062$ . Parameter changes in the last cycle were all less than 0.05 times the estimated standard deviation of that parameter. There were only three pairs of parameters (all between the scale factor and  $\beta_{11}(\text{Mo})$ ,  $\beta_{22}(\text{Mo})$  and  $\beta_{33}(\text{Mo})$ ) where the correlation coefficients slightly exceeded 0.5. The standard deviation in an observation of unit weight was 1.18.

Of the 1526 reflections used in the least-squares refinement there were only 40 for which  $|| F_o | - | F_c ||$  slightly exceeded  $3\sigma(F_o^2)$ . The  $1\bar{2}1$  reflection suffered from extinction.

In the final difference Fourier map the highest peak had a density of  $1.67 \text{ e}\text{\AA}^{-3}$  and there were four other peaks, with densities exceeding  $1 \text{ e}\text{\AA}^{-3}$ . These 5 peaks appeared at distances of  $0.8 \text{\AA}$  to  $1.2 \text{\AA}$  from the Mo atom. Another difference Fourier map, where all reflections beyond  $\sin\theta/\lambda = 0.35$  were excluded provided densities less than  $0.8 \text{ e}\text{\AA}^{-3}$ . In this map there were peaks at locations reasonable for hydrogen atoms, but attempts at refinement failed.

Atomic scattering factors for Mo, C and O were taken from Cromer (1972)<sup>5</sup> and the anomalous dispersion corrections for Mo were obtained from Cromer and Liberman (1971)<sup>6</sup>.

## RESULTS

The positional, thermal parameters are reported in Table I and II. Figure 1 shows the structure and the atom numbering scheme. The bond distances (as well as the one important intermolecular contact) and the bond angles are listed in Table III and IV. The important least-squares planes are depicted in Table V. The observed and final calculated structure factors are reported in Table VI.

## DISCUSSION

The structure found in this work is in very close agreement with that of  $\text{Mo}_2(\text{O}_2\text{CCF}_3)_4$ . The two Mo-Mo distances, 2.093(1) and 2.090(4) are the same to within  $\pm 0.005\text{\AA}$ , despite the difference in the basicities of the  $\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-$  and  $\text{CF}_3\text{COO}^-$  ligands. The average values of the other principal dimensions of this structure, viz., Mo-O,  $2.12 \pm 0.01\text{\AA}$ ; C-O,  $1.280 \pm 0.005\text{\AA}$ ; C-C,  $1.151 \pm 0.005\text{\AA}$ ; Mo-Mo-O,  $91.8 \pm 0.8^\circ$ ; O-C-O,  $121.3 \pm 0.5^\circ$ , all agree closely with the corresponding dimensions of the  $\text{Mo}_2(\text{O}_2\text{CCF}_3)_4$

structure. These dimensions would be suitable for use in molecular orbital calculations or vibrational analysis.

The  $\text{Mo}_2(\text{O}_2\text{CCH}_3)_4$  molecules are strung together in infinite chains in essentially the same way as the  $\text{Mo}_2(\text{O}_2\text{CCF}_3)_4$  molecules. The oxygen atoms O2 and O2' each make a contact that is essentially coaxial with the Mo-Mo bond to the closest Mo atom of the adjacent molecule. The O...Mo distance in this case,  $2.645(4)\text{\AA}$ , is similar to those in  $\text{Mo}_2(\text{O}_2\text{CCF}_3)_4$ ,  $2.72(1)\text{\AA}$ , and  $\text{K}_4(\text{Mo}_2(\text{SO}_4)_4) \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $2.593\text{\AA}$ .

The fact that the Mo-Mo distance in the two carboxylato compounds ( $2.092\text{\AA}$ ) is significantly (in a statistical sense) shorter than that ( $2.110(3)\text{\AA}$ ) in the  $(\text{Mo}_2(\text{SO}_4)_4)^{4-}$  ion may be due to the smaller "bite" of the  $\text{RCO}_2^-$  ligand as compared to that of the  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  ligand. On the other hand, since Mo-Mo distances in various salts of the  $\text{Mo}_2\text{Cl}_8^{4-}$  ion vary over a range of ca.  $0.02\text{\AA}$ , (cf. ref. 3), there may not be any such simple explanation.

TABLE I

POSITIONAL PARAMETERS FOR  $\text{Mo}_2(\text{O}_2\text{CCH}_3)_4^a$

a) The numbers in parentheses in this and other tables are the estimated standard deviations in the least significant digits.

Atom	x	y	z
Mo	0.04395(6)	0.16735(8)	0.07307(6)
O1	-0.1754(6)	0.0809(8)	0.1772(6)
O2	-0.0766(5)	0.3644(7)	-0.1600(6)
O3	0.2687(6)	0.2754(8)	-0.0214(7)
O4	0.1697(6)	-0.0069(8)	0.3127(6)
C1	-0.2869(8)	-0.1273(13)	0.1296(9)
C2	-0.1561(8)	0.2426(11)	-0.3077(8)
C3	-0.4438(9)	0.1974(17)	0.2040(11)
C4	-0.2329(10)	0.3802(14)	-0.4760(9)

TABLE II

THERMAL PARAMETERS FOR  $\text{Mo}_2(\text{O}_2\text{CCH}_3)_4^a$

a) The anisotropic temperature parameters are of the form

$$\exp(-(\beta_{11}h^2 + \beta_{22}k^2 + \beta_{33}l^2 + 2\beta_{12}kh + 2\beta_{13}hl + 2\beta_{23}kl))$$

Atom	$\beta_{11}$	$\beta_{22}$	$\beta_{33}$	$\beta_{12}$	$\beta_{23}$	$\beta_{13}$
Mo	0.01016(8)	0.01295(16)	0.01091(9)	0.00340(8)	0.00134(6)	-0.00261(8)
O1	0.0128(7)	0.0240(15)	0.0146(8)	0.0051(8)	0.0045(6)	-0.0038(9)
O2	0.0127(7)	0.0166(13)	0.0125(8)	0.0046(8)	0.0015(6)	-0.0020(8)
O3	0.0115(7)	0.0221(15)	0.0166(9)	0.0018(8)	0.0028(6)	-0.0028(9)
O4	0.0152(8)	0.0180(14)	0.0128(8)	0.0068(8)	0.0003(6)	-0.0041(8)
C1	0.0119(10)	0.0292(23)	0.0157(12)	0.0083(13)	0.0028(9)	0.0019(13)
C2	0.0122(9)	0.0233(20)	0.0123(10)	0.0059(11)	0.0034(8)	-0.0019(11)
C3	0.013(1)	0.046(3)	0.022(2)	0.055(2)	0.009(1)	-0.001(2)
C4	0.021(1)	0.029(2)	0.012(1)	0.012(1)	0.000(1)	-0.001(1)

TABLE III

BOND DISTANCES, Å



Mo-Mo 2.0934(8)

Mo-O1 2.110(4)

Mo-O2 2.137(4)

Mo-O3 2.107(5)

Mo-O4 2.121(4)

C1-O1 1.279(8)

C1-O3<sup>1</sup> 1.272(8)

C2-O4 1.273(7)

C2-O2<sup>1</sup> 1.284(7)

C1-C3 1.507(9)

C2-C4 1.496(9)

Intermolecular Distance, Å:

Mo-O2 2.645(4)

TABLE IV

BOND ANGLES, DEGREES

Mo <sup>†</sup> -Mo-01	91.7(1)
Mo <sup>†</sup> -Mo-02	90.4(1)
Mo <sup>†</sup> -Mo-03	92.0(1)
Mo <sup>†</sup> -Mo-04	93.2(1)
01-Mo-03	176.3(1)
02-Mo-04	176.5(2)
01-Mo-02	90.9(2)
01-Mo-04	89.2(2)
02-Mo-03	89.1(2)
03-Mo-04	90.6(2)
Mo-01-C1	117.2(4)
Mo-02-C2 <sup>†</sup>	118.5(4)
Mo-03-C1 <sup>†</sup>	117.3(4)
Mo-04-C2	117.1(4)
01-C1-03 <sup>†</sup>	121.8(6)
04-C2-02 <sup>†</sup>	120.8(5)
01-C1-C3	118.7(6)
02 <sup>†</sup> -C2-C4	119.4(5)
03 <sup>†</sup> -C1-C3	119.5(5)
04-C2-C4	119.4(5)

TABLE V

LEAST SQUARES PLANES<sup>a</sup>

a)  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  are fractional  
triclinic coordinates.

A. Equations of Planes<sup>a</sup>

(1) 01, 03', 01', 03     $3.311x - 2.873y + 4.588z - 0. = 0$

(2) 02, 04, 02', 04'     $-7.642x + 0.216y + 4.151z - 0. = 0$

(3) 01, 02, 03, 04     $-0.321x + 4.576y + 3.762z - 1.0916 = 0$

B. Dihedral Angles

Planes (1) and (2)                     $90.8^\circ$

Planes (1) and (3)                     $91.3^\circ$

Planes (2) and (3)                     $89.7^\circ$

TABLE VI

OBSERVED AND FINAL CALCULATED STRUCTURE FACTORS

AS  $10|F_o|$  AND  $10|F_c|$ , IN ELECTRONS

H= 0

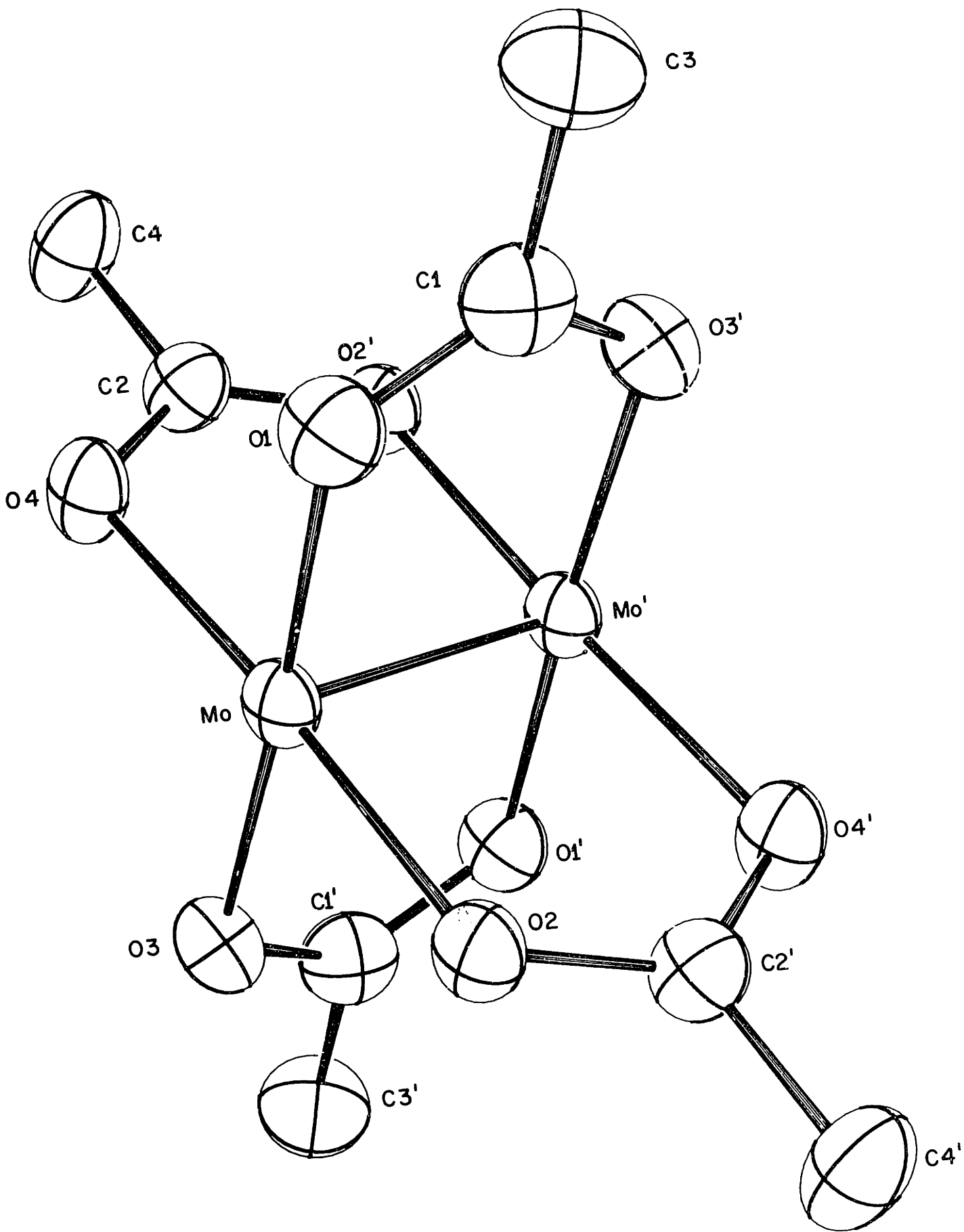
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0 2	271	248	-4 0	352	322	5 -6	127	132	-1 0	65	66	-2	-7	59	53	-5	-6	230	246
0 4	116	113	-4 1	762	648	5 -5	224	215	-1 4	98	101	-2	-5	197	200	-5	-4	235	267
0 5	257	242	-4 2	264	279	5 -4	206	209	-8 7	102	102	-2	-5	311	308	-5	-4	194	224
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1 -8	201	189	-3 -8	166	163	5 4	109	104	1 0	178	141	-2	2	295	303	-5	3	236	243
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1 -4	249	251	-3 -5	68	69	6 -2	185	112	1 3	512	518	-2	5	206	210	-4	-8	126	128
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1 6	747	742	-3 5	225	233	8 3	21	21	3 -3	221	215	-2	1	415	412	-4	2	184	187
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1 9	94	90	-3 7	82	90	9 5	2	2	0	448	436	-1	3	47	49	-4	4	88	88
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2 -4	241	237	-2 -5	139	154	-7 -1	85	104	2 5	138	131	-1	8	111	108	-3	-9	157	150
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FIGURE 1

An ORTEP drawing of the  $\text{Mo}_2(\text{O}_2\text{CCH}_3)_4$  structure. Each atom is represented by its ellipsoid of thermal motion drawn to enclose 30% of the electron density. The molecule has a center of inversion,  $\bar{I}$ , and the primed and corresponding unprimed atoms are related by  $\bar{I}$ .



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CHAPTER IV

COPPER(I) AND COPPER(II) COMPLEXES OF  
TETRAMETHYLDIPHOSPHINEDISULFIDE I.  
STRUCTURAL CHARACTERIZATION OF THE DINUCLEAR,  
MOLECULAR COMPLEX OF COPPER(I) CHLORIDE

INTRODUCTION

Despite the fact that, on the one hand, sulfur as a ligand atom is of major, widespread importance and, on the other, phosphine oxides, and P = O groups in other compounds, are also important ligands, the literature on complexes containing P = S groups as ligands is remarkably sparse. Indeed the first coordination compound containing such a ligand,  $\text{Ph}_3\text{PS}$ , was reported only in 1960.<sup>1</sup> In that limited investigation only the palladium complex,  $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{Ph}_3\text{PS})_2$ , its  $\text{Ph}_3\text{PSe}$  analog and  $\text{SnCl}_4(\text{Ph}_3\text{PSe})_2$  were reported. An attempt to prepare  $\text{SnCl}_4(\text{Ph}_3\text{PS})_2$ , as well as attempts to prepare  $\text{Ph}_3\text{PS}$  complexes of  $\text{BF}_3$ ,  $\text{Co}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  were unsuccessful.

This work implied that the prospects for obtaining an extensive series of phosphine sulfide (or selenide) complexes seemed doubtful.

Subsequently, however, there have been many further reports.<sup>2-11</sup> Of special interest there are certain results of Meek and Nicpon.<sup>12,13</sup> These workers have shown that  $\text{Me}_3\text{PS}$  is a better ligand than  $\text{Ph}_3\text{PS}$ . They then extended their studies to the potentially bidentate ligands,  $\text{Me}_2\text{P}(\text{S})-\text{P}(\text{S})\text{Me}_2$  and its tetraethyl analog. They found these diphosphine disulfides to be good ligands for  $\text{Cu}(\text{I})$ ; these complexes were prepared by reactions of the ligands with  $\text{Cu}(\text{II})$  compounds, specifically,  $\text{Cu}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$  and  $\text{CuCl}_2$ . From the perchlorate, compounds with the composition  $(\text{R}_4\text{P}_2\text{S}_2)_2\text{CuClO}_4$  were obtained. Conductance data led Meek and Nicpon to conclude that these compounds are uni-univalent electrolytes. Thus, the ability of the  $\text{R}_4\text{P}_2\text{S}_2$  ligand to function as a bidentate chelating ligand was indicated. The product obtained with  $\text{Me}_4\text{P}_2\text{S}_2$  and  $\text{CuCl}_2$ , of composition  $(\text{Me}_4\text{P}_2\text{S}_2)\text{CuCl}$ , was formulated as  $((\text{Me}_4\text{P}_2\text{S}_2)_2\text{Cu})(\text{CuCl}_2)$  on the basis of electrolytic conductance data.

Aside from a general interest in the ligand properties of the  $\text{R}_4\text{P}_2\text{S}_2$  molecules, our interest in the particular

compound  $(\text{Me}_4\text{P}_2\text{S}_2)\text{CuCl}$  was aroused because of the plausible suggestion that it might contain the  $\text{CuCl}_2^-$  ion. Although this linear ion has often been postulated, there is only one report of direct evidence for its existence<sup>14</sup> and an additional documented example would have been of interest. An attempt was therefore made to prepare the compound in crystalline form and ascertain its structure by X-ray crystallography. That attempt was successful and is described herein. In the course of preparing the substance in a form suitable for crystallographic investigation we observed that the white substance was not the sole product of the reaction, but that a brown product could be obtained in small quantities and in crystalline form. Nicpon<sup>13</sup> made a similar observation, however, he did not characterize that product either. That substance was also identified and structurally characterized, as described in the following chapter.<sup>15</sup>

#### EXPERIMENTAL

Preparation. - Copper(II) chloride dihydrate (0.5g) was dissolved in 70 ml absolute ethanol. Separately, an equimolar solution of  $\text{Me}_4\text{P}_2\text{S}_2$  (0.55g) in 50 ml tetrahydrofuran plus 20 ml  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  was prepared. These

solutions were poured into the two sides of a U-tube having a medium porosity sintered glass disk at its midpoint. The solutions were able to mix slowly, at 22°, through the disk. After about an hour a mixture of brown crystals and white crystals had formed on the disk, the white crystals being far more abundant. Further observation showed that when the brown substance remained in contact with the reaction mixture, it was converted into a white material in a few hours. Crystals of both the brown and the white substances were separated by filtration, dried by brief pumping and mounted in capillaries for X-ray study.

Collection of X-ray Data. - A crystal of dimensions 0.010 x 0.0047 x 0.050 cm was selected and mounted on a Syntex P1 computer-controlled, four-circle diffractometer, equipped with a graphite-crystal monochromator in the incident beam. The unit cell was found to be monoclinic and least-squares refinement of fifteen centered reflections produced the orientation matrix for data collection and gave the following unit cell dimensions:  $a = 7.998(1)\text{\AA}$ ;  $b = 9.688(2)\text{\AA}$ ;  $c = 14.473(3)\text{\AA}$ ;  $\beta = 104.90(1)^\circ$ ;  $V = 1083.7(3)\text{\AA}^3$ . Systematic absences subsequently evident in the set of intensity data indicated that the space group is  $P2_1/n$ , a nonstandard setting of  $P2_1/c$ .

The calculated density is  $1.747\text{gcm}^{-3}$  if the cell is assumed to contain four formula units,  $(\text{CH}_3)_4\text{P}_2\text{S}_2\text{CuCl}$ ; this agrees well with a density of  $1.752\text{gcm}^{-3}$  measured by flotation.

Intensity data were collected in the range  $0^\circ < 2\theta \leq 55^\circ$  using  $\text{Mo K}\bar{\alpha}$  radiation. The  $\theta$ - $2\theta$  scan technique with a variable scan rate from  $4$ - $24^\circ/\text{min}$  was used. The scan range was from  $2\theta(\text{Mo K}\alpha_1) - 0.9^\circ$  to  $2\theta(\text{Mo K}\alpha_2) + 0.9^\circ$ . Additional details about data collection have been described elsewhere.<sup>16</sup> In order to check the stability of the crystal and the X-ray diffractometer, four reflections were selected as standards and their intensities were recorded periodically. No significant variations in these intensities were observed.

A total of 3242 reflections were collected and the usual data reduction procedures<sup>17</sup> were applied. The parameter  $p$ , used in the calculation of standard deviations on intensities ( $\sigma(F_o^2)$ ), was assigned the value 0.06. Although the linear absorption coefficient is not especially high ( $\mu = 29.24\text{cm}^{-1}$  for  $\text{Mo K}\bar{\alpha}$  radiation), in order to get the most accurate atomic parameters, absorption corrections have been made. The faces of the crystal were identified by the indices  $0\bar{1}0$ ,  $\bar{1}01$ ,



10I, 10I, 10I, 11I and 11I. A numerical correction gave transmission factors varying from 73% to 91% with an average of 85%.

Solution and Refinement of the Structure.<sup>17</sup>

A Patterson function was calculated and the copper atom was located on the Harker plane of  $1/2-2X$ ;  $1/2$ ;  $1/2-2Z$ . The structure was solved by the usual combination of least-squares refinements and difference Fourier syntheses. In the least-squares refinements only those 1488 reflections were used for which  $F_o^2 \geq 3\sigma(F_o^2)$ . The quantity minimized was  $\sum w(|F_o| - |F_c|)^2$ , where  $|F_o|$  and  $|F_c|$  are the observed and calculated structure factor amplitudes and the weight  $w$  is  $4F_o^2/\sigma^2(F_o^2)$ . Scattering factors were taken from the International Tables<sup>18</sup> and anomalous dispersion corrections<sup>19</sup> were included for all atoms except carbon and hydrogen atoms.

After all nonhydrogen atoms in the asymmetric unit, i.e., Cu, Cl, 2S 2P and 4C atoms, had been located, anisotropic refinement was carried out, which resulted in the following discrepancy indices:  $R_1 = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum F_o = 0.065$  and  $R_2 = (\sum w(|F_o| - |F_c|)^2 / \sum w F_o^2)^{1/2} = 0.11$ . A difference electron density map then revealed some of the hydrogen atoms, namely two on C(1), two on C(2), one on C(3) and one on C(4). The position of the

remaining six hydrogen atoms were calculated assuming tetrahedral geometry about the carbon atoms and C-H bond lengths of  $0.95\text{\AA}$ .

Two more cycles of refinement were carried out in which all nonhydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically and the positional coordinates of the hydrogen atoms were refined, while the temperature parameter for each hydrogen atom was fixed at an isotropic value of  $5.0\text{\AA}^2$ . This lead to the discrepancy indicates  $R_1 = 0.041$  and  $R_2 = 0.052$ . Finally, two cycles, in which the isotropic thermal parameters for the hydrogen atoms were also allowed to vary, were carried out; in these cycles there was a total of 139 variable parameters so that the ratio of data to variables was slightly greater than 10. The final R values were:  $R_1 = 0.040$  and  $R_2 = 0.051$ . For only three parameter pairs (all on the chlorine atom) did the correlation coefficients slightly exceed 0.5. Parameter changes in the final cycle were all less than 0.25 times the esd of the parameter.

A final difference map, calculated using all the reflections included in the refinement, had no peak with a density in excess of  $0.5e\text{\AA}^{-3}$  with the exception of one maximum with a density of  $1.7e\text{\AA}^{-3}$  at a distance of  $0.92\text{\AA}$  from the Cu atom and trans to a trigonal sulfur atom.

This peak had roughly twice the density of peaks due to the hydrogen atoms that were found. However, on a difference map calculated using only the 126 reflections for which  $\lambda^{-1} \sin \theta < 0.250$  this peak disappeared while the peaks due to the hydrogen atoms remained. We conclude that this peak is an artifact.

Of the 1488 reflections used in the refinement, there were only 20 for which  $||F_o| - |F_c||$  slightly exceeded  $3\sigma(F_o^2)$ . No dependence of the  $\sum w(|F_o| - |F_c|)^2$  values on the indices, on  $(\sin \theta)/\lambda$  or on  $|F_o|$  was noted. The standard deviation in an observation of unit weight was 1.11.

A table of the  $F_o$  and the final  $F_c$  values are presented in Table I. The final refined positional and thermal parameters are listed in Table II and in Table III.

## RESULTS

The structure is made up of dinuclear molecules, one of which is shown in Figure 1. These dinuclear units lie on crystallographic inversion centers; there are two of them in each unit cell. Table IV presents interatomic distances and Table V gives bond angles. Table VI gives the equations of some mean planes and the dihedral angles between them.

## DISCUSSION

The  $\text{Me}_4\text{P}_2\text{S}_2$  molecules in this compound serve as chelating, bidentate ligands. They form puckered five-membered rings including the copper atoms.

Each copper(I) atom achieves a coordination number of four with distorted tetrahedral geometry of the surrounding ligands. This is possible because one sulfur atom in each  $\text{Me}_4\text{P}_2\text{S}_2$  molecule serves as a bridge between two copper atoms. The bonds from the copper atoms to the bridging sulfur atoms are considerably longer ( $\sim 0.15\text{\AA}$ ) than those to the nonbridging sulfur atoms.

The central four-membered ring consisting of alternating Cu and S atoms is rigorously planar because of the crystallographic inversion center. There is a slight distortion from full rhombic ( $\text{C}_{2h}$ ) symmetry because the Cu-S2 and Cu-S2' are not quite equal.

It is notable that there is still only one proven example for the existence of the  $\text{CuCl}_2^-$  ion. Though its presence had been suggested to account for the electrolytic conductance of this compound, it is not present in the crystalline substance.

TABLE I

THE OBSERVED AND FINAL CALCULATED STRUCTURE FACTORS,  
LISTED AS  $10|F_o|$  AND  $10|F_c|$ , IN ELECTRONS.

K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	AA	AB	AC	AD	AE	AF	AG	AH	AI	AJ	AK	AL	AM	AN	AO	AP	AQ	AR	AS	AT	AU	AV	AW	AX	AY	AZ	BA	BB	BC	BD	BE	BF	BG	BH	BI	BJ	BK	BL	BM	BN	BO	BP	BQ	BR	BS	BT	BV	BW	BX	BY	BZ	CA	CB	CC	CD	CE	CF	CG	CH	CI	CJ	CK	CL	CM	CN	CO	CP	CQ	CR	CS	CT	CV	CW	CX	CY	CZ	DA	DB	DC	DD	DE	DF	DG	DH	DI	DJ	DK	DL	DM	DN	DO	DP	DQ	DR	DS	DT	DV	DW	DX	DY	DZ	EA	EB	EC	ED	EE	EF	EG	EH	EI	EJ	EK	EL	EM	EN	EO	EP	EQ	ER	ES	ET	EV	EW	EX	EY	EZ	FA	FB	FC	FD	FE	FF	FG	FH	FI	FJ	FK	FL	FM	FN	FO	FP	FQ	FR	FS	FT	FV	FW	FX	FY	FZ	GA	GB	GC	GD	GE	GF	GG	GH	GI	GJ	GK	GL	GM	GN	GO	GP	GQ	GR	GS	GT	GV	GW	GX	GY	GZ	HA	HB	HC	HD	HE	HF	HG	HH	HI	HJ	HK	HL	HM	HN	HO	HP	HQ	HR	HS	HT	HV	HW	HX	HY	HZ	IA	IB	IC	ID	IE	IF	IG	IH	II	IJ	IK	IL	IM	IN	IO	IP	IQ	IR	IS	IT	IV	IW	IX	IY	IZ	JA	JB	JC	JD	JE	JF	JG	JH	JI	IJ	JK	KL	JM	JN	JO	JP	JQ	JR	JS	JT	JV	JW	JX	JY	JZ	KA	KB	KC	KD	KE	KF	KG	KH	KI	KJ	KK	KL	KM	KN	KO	KP	KQ	KR	KS	KT	KV	KW	KX	KY	KZ	LA	LB	LC	LD	LE	LF	LG	LH	LI	LJ	LK	LL	LM	LN	LO	LP	LQ	LR	LS	LT	LV	LW	LX	LY	LZ	MA	MB	MC	MD	ME	MF	MG	MH	MI	MJ	MK	ML	MM	MN	MO	MP	MQ	MR	MS	MT	MV	MW	MX	MY	MZ	NA	NB	NC	ND	NE	NF	NG	NH	NI	NJ	NK	NL	NM	NN	NO	NP	NQ	NR	NS	NT	NV	NW	NX	NY	NZ	OA	OB	OC	OD	OE	OF	OG	OH	OI	OJ	OK	OL	OM	ON	OO	OP	OQ	OR	OS	OT	OV	OW	OX	OY	OZ	PA	PB	PC	PD	PE	PF	PG	PH	PI	PJ	PK	PL	PM	PN	PO	PP	PQ	PR	PS	PT	PV	PW	PX	PY	PZ	QA	QB	QC	QD	QE	QF	QG	QH	QI	QJ	QK	QL	QM	QN	QO	QP	QQ	QR	QS	QT	QV	QW	QX	QY	QZ	RA	RB	RC	RD	RE	RF	RG	RH	RI	RJ	RK	RL	RM	RN	RO	RP	RQ	RR	RS	RT	RV	RW	RX	RY	RZ	SA	SB	SC	SD	SE	SF	SG	SH	SI	SJ	SK	SL	SM	SN	SO	SP	SQ	SR	SS	ST	SV	SW	SX	SY	SZ	TA	TB	TC	TD	TE	TF	TG	TH	TI	TJ	TK	TL	TM	TN	TO	TP	TQ	TR	TS	TV	TW	TX	TY	TZ	UA	UB	UC	UD	UE	UF	UG	UH	UI	UJ	UK	UL	UM	UN	UO	UP	UQ	UR	US	UT	UV	UW	UX	UY	UZ	VA	VB	VC	VD	VE	VF	VG	VH	VI	VJ	VK	VL	VM	VN	VO	VP	VQ	VR	VS	VT	VV	VW	VX	VY	VZ	WA	WB	WC	WD	WE	WF	WG	WH	WI	WJ	WK	WL	WM	WN	WO	WP	WQ	WR	WS	WT	WV	WW	WX	WY	WZ	XA	XB	XC	XD	XE	XF	XG	XH	XI	XJ	XK	XL	XM	XN	XO	XP	XQ	XR	XS	XT	XV	XW	XX	XY	XZ	YA	YB	YC	YD	YE	YF	YG	YH	YI	YJ	YK	YL	YM	YN	YO	YP	YQ	YR	YS	YT	YV	YW	YX	YY	YZ	ZA	ZB	ZC	ZD	ZE	ZF	ZG	ZH	ZI	ZJ	ZK	ZL	ZM	ZN	ZO	ZP	ZQ	ZR	ZS	ZT	ZV	ZW	ZX	ZY	ZZ
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5 2	517	552	3 0	557	554	1 11	127	125	1 5	136	133	4 -2	170	130	
5 3	164	181	3 2	591	564	1 12	224	224	1 6	272	276	3 3	232	289	
5 4	168	168	3 1	777	781	2-17	329	310	1 7	211	226	4 4	132	166	
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5 8	137	90	3 8	145	205	2 -8	184	191	2 -8	352	357	5 -7	138	114	
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5 29	141	174	4 7	754	334	3 -6	174	173	3 -2	133	111	7 -2	220	215	
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5 31	150	150	4 9	242	157	3 -4	446	460	3 2	231	251	7 4	184	189	
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5 40	418	428	5 -7	155	164	3 6	197	191	4-10	151	174	4 4	201	198	
5 41	187	173	5 -6	222	442	3 7	459	418	4 -9	322	301	4 5	152	142	
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5 61	143	77	6 -5	184	191	5-14	157	149	5 2	207	188	1 4	114	107	
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5 64	274	230	6 -1	156	154	5 -9	289	284	5 4	317	305	3 0	106	96	
5 65	115	133	6 0	613	647	5 -8	118	124	5 5	170	198	2 -5	117	114	
5 66	158	150	6 1	381	386	5 -7	102	104	5 5	147	179	2 -4	204	199	
5 67	121	121	6 2	141	139	5 -6	111	152	6 -1	149	189	1 -2	147	107	
5 68	115	217	6 5	176	183	5 -5	216	227	6-11	138	144	2 -2	131	144	
5 69	127	272	6 11	245	245	5 -3	254	254	6-11	109	112	2 1	157	174	
5 70	193	189	6 12	156	160	5 -2	158	158	6-10	242	244	2 2	130	127	
5 71	120	140	7-15	119	107	5 -1	467	480	6 -12	147	147	2 -1	170	212	
5 72	174	151	7-14	128	139	5 2	115	100	6 -8	121	203	1-14	203	234	
5 73	196	191	7-13	121	126	5 3	171	330	6 -5	216	200	3 -9	117	110	
5 74	155	155	7-11	115	115	5 5	131	174	6 -3	131	140	3 -6	170	212	
5 75	135	125	7-10	203	207	5 6	203	204	6 -2	303	314	3 -4	114	122	
5 76	174	157	7 -3	145	149	5 9	127	114	6 -1	164	173	3 0	259	277	
5 77	221	227	7 -2	149	147	5 11	145	126	6 1	254	240	3 1	114	114	
5 78	313	300	7 -4	181	172	6-13	169	141	6 4	165	151	4-12	149	142	
5 79	120	140	7 -5	104	108	6-12	123	119	6 5	165	164	4-11	123	95	
5 80	174	151	7-14	124	139	6 -11	125	110	7-11	137	107	4 -8	171	172	
5 81	194	191	7-13	121	126	5 3	171	330	6 -5	216	200	3 -9	117	110	
5 82	155	155	7-11	115	115	5 5	131	174	6 -3	131	140	3 -6</			

TABLE II

POSITIONAL PARAMETERS FOR  $((\text{Me}_4\text{P}_2\text{S}_2)\text{CuCl})_2^{\text{a}}$

a) Numbers in parentheses in this and all other tables are estimated standard deviations in the last significant digit.



Atom	x	y	z
Cu	-0.0295(1)	0.08567(8)	0.09733(6)
C1	-0.1073(3)	0.3029(2)	0.1204(1)
S1	0.0053(2)	-0.0434(1)	0.2353(1)
S2	-0.2195(2)	-0.0580(1)	-0.0256(1)
P1	-0.0263(2)	-0.2314(1)	0.18115(9)
P2	-0.2455(2)	-0.2237(1)	0.05140(9)
C1	-0.0822(9)	-0.3578(7)	0.2586(5)
C2	0.1526(9)	-0.2968(8)	0.1437(6)
C3	-0.250(1)	-0.3827(7)	-0.0122(5)
C4	-0.4339(9)	-0.2156(9)	0.0966(6)
H1	-0.119(8)	-0.430(6)	0.228(4)
H2	-0.176(8)	-0.324(6)	0.277(4)
H3	0.019(9)	-0.368(7)	0.313(5)
H4	0.180(9)	-0.260(8)	0.092(5)
H5	0.148(9)	-0.391(9)	0.137(5)
H6	0.262(9)	-0.277(7)	0.187(6)
H7	-0.143(9)	-0.386(7)	-0.044(4)
H8	-0.345(9)	-0.386(7)	-0.052(5)
H9	-0.259(8)	-0.457(6)	0.029(4)
H10	-0.417(9)	-0.137(9)	0.139(6)
H11	-0.444(9)	-0.285(7)	0.130(5)
H12	-0.518(9)	-0.211(7)	0.045(5)

TABLE III

THERMAL PARAMETERS FOR  $((\text{Me}_4\text{P}_2\text{S}_2)\text{CuCl})_2^{\text{a}}$

a) The form of the thermal ellipsoid is  
 $\exp(-(\beta_{11}h^2 + \beta_{22}k^2 + \beta_{33}l^2 + 2\beta_{12}hk + 2\beta_{13}hl + 2\beta_{23}kl))$

Atom	B iso- tropic	$\beta_{11}$	$\beta_{22}$	$\beta_{33}$	$\beta_{12}$	$\beta_{13}$	$\beta_{23}$
Cu		0.0340(3)	0.00583(5)	0.00450(4)	0.0019(1)	0.00244(8)	0.00049(5)
C1		0.0373(5)	0.0061(1)	0.0069(1)	0.0032(2)	0.0100(2)	0.0008(1)
S1		0.0209(3)	0.0057(1)	0.00283(7)	-0.0018(1)	0.0006(1)	-0.00029(8)
S2		0.0120(1)	0.0059(1)	0.00322(7)	0.0000(1)	0.0003(1)	0.00122(8)
P1		0.0096(2)	0.0050(1)	0.00241(6)	0.0006(1)	0.0008(1)	0.00042(7)
P2		0.0091(2)	0.0047(1)	0.00282(6)	-0.0003(1)	0.0006(1)	0.00022(7)
C1		0.018(1)	0.0070(7)	0.0037(3)	-0.0013(8)	0.0018(6)	0.0014(4)
C2		0.14(1)	0.0122(9)	0.0053(4)	0.0048(9)	0.0032(6)	0.0007(5)
C3		0.026(2)	0.0066(7)	0.0035(3)	-0.0035(9)	0.0001(6)	-0.0009(4)
C4		0.011(1)	0.014(1)	0.0059(4)	0.0009(9)	0.0023(6)	0.0024(6)
H1							
H2							
H3							
H4							
H5							
H6							
H7							
H8							
H9							
H10							
H11							
H12							

TABLE IV

BOND DISTANCES, ANGSTROMS

Average Value

Cu-C1	2.244(2)	
Cu-S1	2.311(2)	
Cu-S2	2.453(2)	
Cu-S2'	2.486(2)	
P1-S1	1.973(2)	
P2-S2	1.995(2)	
P1-P2	2.217(2)	
Cu-Cu'	3.406(2)	
P1-C1	1.772(7)	1.787(3)
P1-C2	1.792(6)	
P2-C3	1.790(6)	
P2-C4	1.793(7)	
C1-H1	0.84(6)	0.92(2)
C1-H2	0.92(6)	
C1-H3	0.98(7)	
C2-H4	0.91(7)	
C2-H5	0.91(9)	
C2-H6	0.96(8)	
C3-H7	1.07(7)	
C3-H8	0.82(9)	
C3-H9	0.96(6)	
C4-H10	0.96(8)	
C4-H11	0.86(6)	
C4-H12	0.86(8)	

TABLE V

BOND ANGLES, DEGREES

C1-Cu-S1	110.81(7)
C1-Cu-S2	119.76(8)
C1-Cu-S2'	116.48(7)
S1-Cu-S2	103.52(6)
S1-Cu-S2'	111.79(7)
S2-Cu-S2'	92.82(5)
P1-S1-Cu	100.48(7)
Cu-S2-Cu'	87.18(5)
P2-S2-Cu	100.71(7)
P2-S2-Cu'	110.87(7)
S1-P1-P2	107.32(8)
C1-P1-S1	114.2(3)
C1-P1-P2	106.4(2)
C1-P1-C2	107.4(4)
C2-P1-S1	114.8(3)
C2-P1-P2	106.1(3)
P1-P2-S2	109.09(8)
C3-P2-P1	108.2(3)
C3-P2-S2	113.4(2)
C3-P2-C4	108.5(4)
C4-P2-P1	104.4(3)
C4-P2-S2	112.8(3)
H1-C1-P1	110(4)
H2-C1-P1	107(4)

H3-C1-P1	106(4)
H1-C1-H2	104(5)
H1-C1-H3	117(5)
H2-C1-H3	112(5)
H4-C2-P1	120(5)
H5-C2-P1	112(5)
H6-C2-P1	114(5)
H4-C2-H5	109(7)
H4-C2-H6	95(6)
H5-C2-H6	106(7)
H7-C3-P2	110(4)
H8-C3-P2	107(6)
H9-C3-P2	108(4)
H7-C3-H8	113(6)
H7-C3-H9	117(5)
H8-C3-H9	102(7)
H10-C4-P2	106(5)
H11-C4-P2	113(4)
H12-C4-P2	103(5)
H10-C4-H11	106(6)
H10-C4-H12	117(7)
H11-C4-H12	111(7)



TABLE VI

LEAST SQUARES PLANES<sup>a</sup>

a) x, y and z are fractional  
monoclinic coordinates.

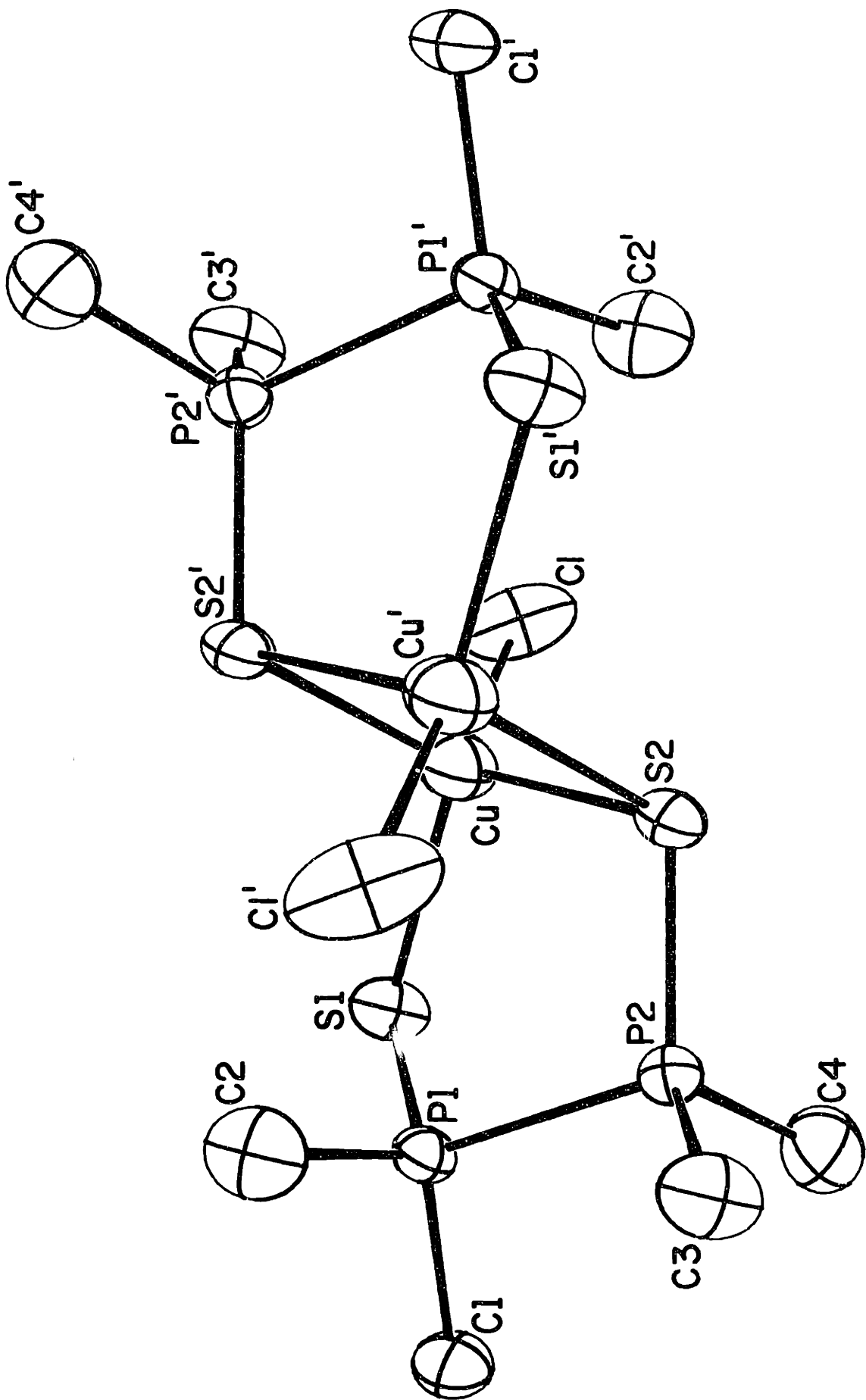
Plane	Atoms	Equation	Dihedral Angle
1	Cu, S1, S2, P1, P2	$-7.269x + 2.716y + 7.554z - 1.3089 = 0$	1 and 2    11.7° 1 and 3    6.1 1 and 4    101.5°
2	Cu, S1, S2	$-7.006x + 4.306y + 5.797z - 1.1397 = 0$	2 and 3    17.3° 2 and 4    113.2°
3	S1, S2, P1, P2	$-7.455x + 1.707y + 7.744z - 1.5244 = 0$	3 and 4    96.6°
4	Cu, S2, Cu', S2'	$1.217x - 7.782y + 7.218z = 0$	-----

B. Distances ( $\text{\AA}$ ) of Atoms from Least Squares Planes

Plane 1		Plane 3	
Cu	-0.127	S1	0.185
S1	0.313	S2	-0.186
S2	-0.064	P1	-0.322
P1	-0.379	P2	0.323
P2	0.257	C1	0.482
C1	1.207	C2	-2.062
C1	0.271	C3	-0.411
C2	-2.145	C4	2.096
C3	-0.626		
C4	1.996		

FIGURE 1

The structure of the Centrosymmetric dinuclear molecule showing the atom numbering scheme. Atoms with primed labels are related by the inversion center to those with the corresponding unprimed numbers. Each atom is represented by its thermal ellipsoid, scaled to enclose 50% of the electron density.



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CHAPTER V

COPPER(I) AND COPPER(II) COMPLEXES OF  
TETRAMETHYLDIPHOSPHINEDISULFIDE. II.  
ISOLATION AND CHARACTERIZATION OF A POLYMERIC COPPER(II)  
PRECURSOR,  $(\text{Me}_4\text{P}_2\text{S}_2)\text{CuCl}_2$ , TO THE ULTIMATE  
COPPER(I) PRODUCT,  $((\text{Me}_4\text{P}_2\text{S}_2)\text{CuCl})_2$ .

INTRODUCTION

Meek and Nicpon<sup>1,2</sup> have described the reactions of the tetramethyl- and tetraethyldiphosphinedisulfides with various copper(II) salts, the products of which were found to be copper(I) complexes of the  $\text{R}_4\text{P}_2\text{S}_2$  ligands. Their observations were that the copper(II) was consistently reduced, rapidly and completely, to copper(I) under the conditions they employed. In contrast to this, it has been reported<sup>3</sup> that the compounds  $(\text{Me}_4\text{P}_2\text{S}_2)\text{CuX}_2$ ,  $\text{X}=\text{Cl}, \text{Br}$ , can be isolated. However, no details of their preparation were given and only the Cu and X analyses along with their IR spectra were reported.

As described in the preceding chapter<sup>4</sup>, we conducted a reinvestigation of one of the compounds described by

Meek and Nicpon,<sup>1,2</sup> viz., the compound of empirical composition  $((\text{CH}_3)_4\text{P}_2\text{S}_2)\text{CuCl}$ , preparing it under conditions explicitly designed to yield useful single crystals. Under these conditions we obtained, in addition to the desired white cuprous compound, a crystalline brown product. This brown substance was obtained in only about 10% the yield of the white substance and was observed to decompose to produce the white substance if left in contact with the reaction mixture for several hours. These observations led us to hypothesize that the brown compound might be a copper(II) precursor to the final, white copper(I) product, perhaps even the substance formulated as  $(\text{Me}_4\text{P}_2\text{S}_2)\text{CuCl}_2$  Beg and his coworkers.<sup>3</sup> Since the brown substance made itself available conveniently in the nature of well formed single crystals, its identity and structure were investigated by X-ray crystallography.

#### EXPERIMENTAL

The preparation of the brown compound has been described in the preceding chapter.

Collection of X-Ray Data. - A crystal of approximate dimensions 0.3x0.1x0.1 mm was placed in a glass capillary

and mounted on a Syntex P $\bar{I}$  computer-controlled, four-circle diffractometer, equipped with a graphite-crystal monochromator in the incident beam. The crystal was found to belong to the monoclinic system. Least-squares refinement of fifteen carefully centered reflections produced the orientation matrix required to control data collection and afforded the following unit cell dimensions:  $a = 6.138(1)\text{\AA}$ ;  $b = 15.452(5)\text{\AA}$ ;  $c = 12.465(7)\text{\AA}$ ;  $\beta = 93.30(4)^\circ$ ;  $V = 1180.1(8)\text{\AA}^3$ . Assuming a value of  $Z$  equal to 4, the reasonable density  $1.81\text{ gcm}^{-3}$  can be calculated. Attempts to measure the density were unsuccessful because of the chemical instability of the compound.

Data were collected in the range of  $0^\circ < 2\theta \leq 30^\circ$  using Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation. The  $\theta$ - $2\theta$  scan technique with a variable scan rate from 4.0 to 24.0 deg/min was used. The scan range was from  $2\theta(\text{Mo } K\alpha_1) - 0.9^\circ$  to  $2\theta(\text{Mo } K\alpha_2) + 0.9^\circ$ . In order to check the stability of the measurement three reflections were selected as standards and their intensities were recorded periodically throughout data collection. Data collection beyond  $2\theta = 30^\circ$  failed due to an abrupt decrease of intensities. A total of 583 reflections were collected and the usual data reduction

procedures were applied.<sup>5</sup> The parameter  $p$  used in the calculation of standard deviations on the intensities ( $\sigma(F_o^2)$ ) was assigned the value 0.05. The linear absorption coefficient was  $29.12 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  (Mo K $\alpha$ ). As the conditions of the measurement did not permit an accurate determination of crystal dimensions, an absorption correction was not feasible.

Solution and Refinement of the Structure. -

Systematic extinctions of  $l = 2n+1$  for  $h0l$  and  $k = 2n+1$  for  $0k0$  are consistent with space group  $P2_1/c$ . The copper atom was immediately located in a three-dimensional Patterson map. The solution and the refinement of the structure was carried out by the usual sequence of difference Fourier syntheses and full-matrix least-squares refinements. In the refinement only those 386 reflections were used for which  $F_o^2 > 3\sigma(F_o^2)$  and the quantity minimized was  $\sum w (|F_o| - |F_c|)^2$ , where  $|F_o|$  and  $|F_c|$  are the observed and calculated structure factor amplitudes, and  $w = 4F_o^2 / \sigma^2(F_o^2)$ .

Because of the small data set no attempt was made to locate the hydrogen atoms. The Cu, 2Cl, 2S and 2P atoms were refined anisotropically and the four carbon atoms isotropically (a total of 80 varied parameters).

Final discrepancy indices of  $R_1 = \sum || F_o | - | F_c || / \sum | F_o | = 0.039$  and  $R_2 = (\sum w (|F_o| - |F_c|)^2 / \sum w F_o^2)^{1/2} = 0.049$  were reached at convergence. No parameter changed by more than 0.01 times its standard deviation in the final cycle of refinement. The error in an observation of unit weight was 1.47 and the final difference Fourier map had no peak with an electron density greater than  $0.38 \text{ e\AA}^{-3}$ .

A list of the observed and final calculated structure factors is given in Table I.

The positional and thermal parameters are listed in Table II and in Table III.

## RESULTS

The structure consists of infinite chains running parallel to the y axis, as shown in Figure 1. The  $\text{Me}_4\text{P}_2\text{S}_2$  ligands are extended in an anti-rotational conformation with each sulfur atom bonded to a different copper atom. Each copper atom is surrounded by a very distorted tetrahedral array of two chlorine atoms and two sulfur atoms. Interatomic distances and angles of greatest interest are listed in Table IV and Table V.

## DISCUSSION

The structure reveals, that the tetramethyl-diphosphinedisulfide ligand essentially retained its original anti-rotational conformation assumed as a free ligand.<sup>6</sup> The copper(II) atom has a coordination geometry which is one of its most common ones, namely a flattened tetrahedron, the Cl(1)-Cu-Cl(2) angle being 142° and the S1-Cu-S2 angle being 137°, respectively. Due to the formation of the copper-sulfur bond, the P-S bond length (1.993Å) in the complex is significantly greater, than in the free ligand (1.960Å). The comparison of the P-P bond lengths in the complex and in the free ligand is somewhat obscure. In the free ligand two significantly different phosphorus-phosphorus bond lengths (2.245Å and 2.161Å) have been established<sup>6</sup>, while the same distance (2.220Å) in the complex seems to fall almost exactly between these values. This bond length is twice as long as the single bond covalent radius of the phosphorus atom<sup>7</sup>, suggesting the presence of a P-P single bond.

The instability of the complex is evidently of chemical rather than structural origin. It can be ascribed to the ability of the phosphine sulfide ligand to reduce Cu(II) to Cu(I).

TABLE I

OBSERVED AND FINAL CALCULATED STRUCTURE FACTORS,  
 $10|F_o|$  and  $10|F_c|$ , FOR  $((Me)_4P_2S_2CuCl_2)$ , IN ELECTRONS





TABLE II

POSITIONAL PARAMETERS FOR  $(Me_4P_2S_2)CuCl_2^a$

a) Numbers in parentheses in this and all other tables are estimated standard deviations in the last significant digit.

Atom	x	y	z
Cu	0.1323(5)	-0.1290(2)	0.2309(2)
Cl(1)	-0.1369(9)	-0.1382(4)	0.1038(5)
Cl(2)	0.1968(9)	-0.1216(4)	0.4067(4)
S1	0.216(1)	0.0084(4)	0.1700(5)
S2	0.230(1)	-0.2714(4)	0.1945(5)
P1	0.424(1)	0.0658(4)	0.2766(5)
P2	0.439(1)	-0.3212(4)	0.3063(5)
C1	0.663(4)	0.002(1)	0.322(2)
C2	0.303(3)	0.112(1)	0.393(2)
C3	0.323(3)	-0.363(1)	0.425(1)
C4	0.679(4)	-0.256(1)	0.348(2)

TABLE III

THERMAL PARAMETERS FOR  $(\text{Me}_4\text{P}_2\text{S}_2)\text{CuCl}_2^{\text{a}}$

a) The form of the thermal ellipsoid is  
 $\exp(-(\beta_{11}h^2 + \beta_{22}k^2 + \beta_{33}l^2 + 2\beta_{12}hk + 2\beta_{13}hl + 2\beta_{23}kl))$

Atom	B	$\beta_{11}$	$\beta_{22}$	$\beta_{33}$	$\beta_{12}$	$\beta_{13}$	$\beta_{23}$
Cu		0.024(1)	0.0024(2)	0.0043(3)	-0.0001(4)	-0.0013(4)	0.0000(2)
Cl(1)		0.027(3)	0.0032(4)	0.0056(6)	-0.0017(9)	-0.001(1)	0.0002(4)
Cl(2)		0.035(3)	0.0035(3)	0.0043(6)	0.001(1)	-0.001(1)	-0.0003(4)
S1		0.033(4)	0.0023(4)	0.0041(7)	-0.0012(9)	-0.001(1)	0.0002(3)
S2		0.029(4)	0.0020(4)	0.0060(6)	0.0010(8)	-0.002(1)	-0.0002(4)
P1		0.023(3)	0.0018(4)	0.0035(6)	0.0000(9)	-0.001(1)	0.0004(4)
P2		0.019(3)	0.0022(4)	0.0036(7)	-0.0001(8)	-0.001(1)	-0.0002(4)
C1	2.5(6)						
C2	2.3(5)						
C3	2.2(5)						
C4	3.1(6)						

TABLE IV

BOND DISTANCES, Å

		Average values
Cu-C1(1)	2.225(6)	2.215 $\pm$ 0.010
Cu-C1(2)	2.206(6)	
Cu-S1	2.322(7)	2.327 $\pm$ 0.005
Cu-S2	2.332(7)	
S1-P1	1.995(9)	1.993 $\pm$ 0.002
S2-P2	1.991(9)	
P1-C1	1.83(2)	1.82 $\pm$ 0.02
P1-C2	1.81(2)	
P2-C3	1.80(2)	
P2-C4	1.84(4)	
P1-P2	2.220(8)	

TABLE V

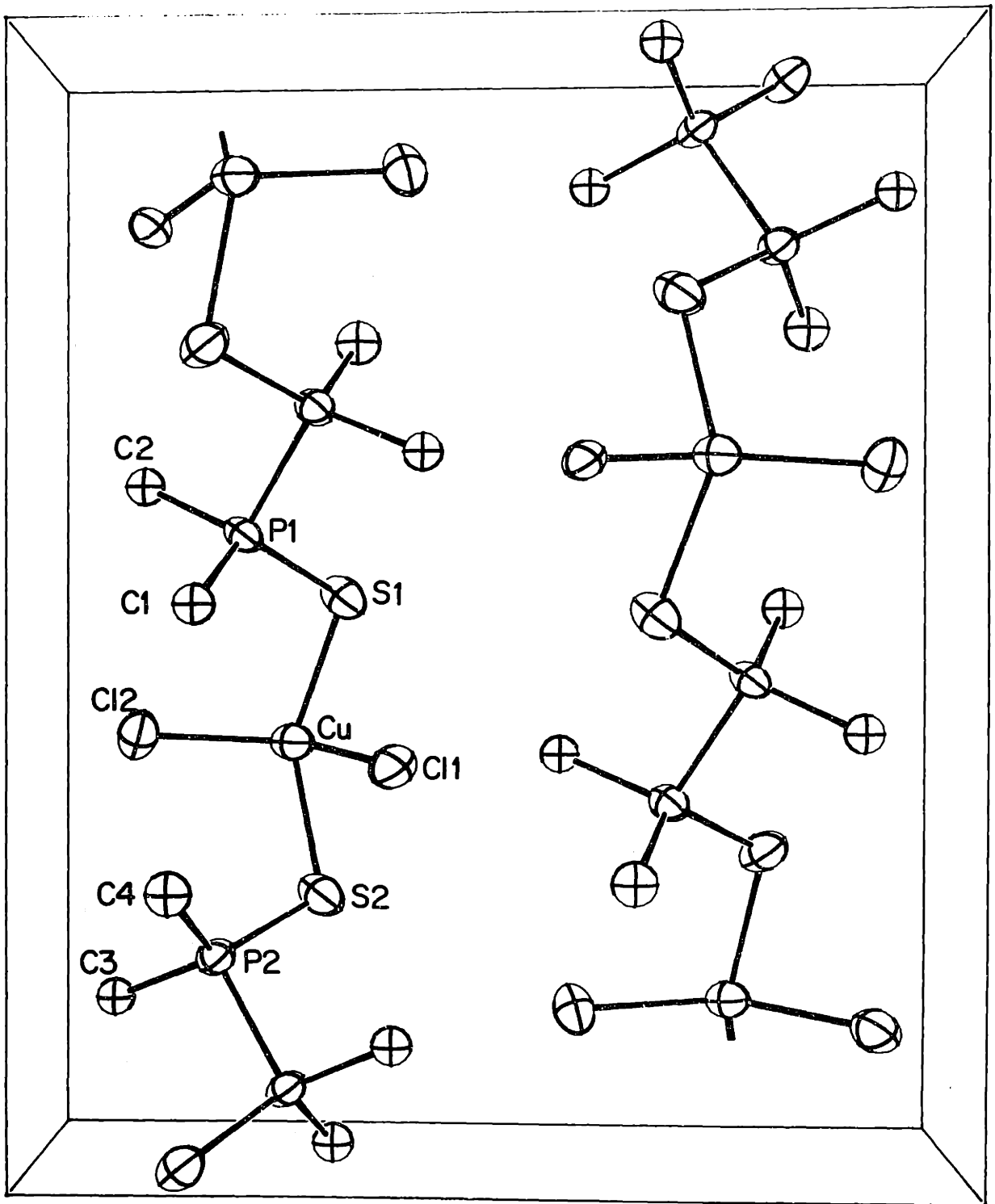
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C1(1)-Cu-C1(2)	142.4(3)
S1-Cu-S2	137.3(2)
C1(1)-Cu-S1	89.7(2)
C1(1)-Cu-S2	89.5(3)
C1(2)-Cu-S1	104.3(3)
C1(2)-Cu-S2	102.1(3)
P1-S1-Cu	109.5(3)
P2-S2-Cu	113.1(3)
C1-P1-S1	115.9(7)
C1-P1-P2	104.2(7)
C1-P1-C2	108.9(9)
C2-P1-S1	115.6(8)
C2-P1-P2	104.3(7)
S1-P1-P2	106.6(4)
C3-P2-S2	116.4(7)
C3-P2-P1	106.1(7)
C3-P2-C4	108.3(9)
C4-P2-S2	117.2(7)
C4-P2-P1	104.3(7)
S2-P2-P1	103.0(3)



FIGURE 1

An ORTEP projection of the contents of one unit cell in the x direction. (The origin of the unit cell is at the lower left corner, X axis is directed backward, Y axis upward and Z axis to the right, providing a right handed system). The atom numbering scheme used in the tables is shown. Each atom is represented by its thermal vibration ellipsoid scaled to enclose 50% of the electron density.



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