

## Refinement of the Crystal Structure of *trans*-Dichlorobis-(ethylenediamine)cobalt(III) Hexathionate Monohydrate

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The crystal structure of *trans*-dichlorobis(ethylenediamine)-cobalt(III) hexathionate monohydrate,  $[\text{Co}(\text{en})_2\text{Cl}_2]_2\text{S}_6\text{O}_6 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ , has been refined by a full-matrix least squares program using 1994 independent non-zero reflections. The data were collected by means of a single-crystal diffractometer using  $\text{MoK}\alpha$  radiation (Nb-filtered). The final conventional  $R$  value was 0.037.

The space group is *Pba2* (No. 32) with two formula units per unit cell, and  $a = 12.084(5)$  Å,  $b = 19.160(8)$  Å,  $c = 6.421(3)$  Å.

The six-membered sulphur chain of the hexathionate ion has the *trans-trans* rotational isomeric form. A twofold symmetry axis passes between the two middle sulphur atoms normal to the bond between these atoms. The dimensions of the chain are:  $\text{S}(1) - \text{S}(2) = 2.132(2)$  Å,  $\text{S}(2) - \text{S}(3) = 2.018(3)$  Å,  $\text{S}(3) - \text{S}(3') = 2.069(3)$  Å,  $\angle \text{S}(1) - \text{S}(2) - \text{S}(3) = 105.08(11)^\circ$ ,  $\angle \text{S}(2) - \text{S}(3) - \text{S}(3') = 107.35(11)^\circ$ . The three middle bonds, between divalent sulphur atoms, thus have alternating lengths, the central one being 0.05 Å longer than the two others. The SSS/SSS dihedral angle associated with the shorter bond is  $85.7^\circ$ , compared to  $71.4^\circ$  for the longer bond.

The cation is octahedral with  $\text{Co} - \text{Cl} = 2.299(2)$  and  $2.261(2)$  Å,  $\text{Co} - \text{N} = 1.958(4) - 1.974(4)$  Å,  $\angle \text{Cl} - \text{Co} - \text{Cl} = 179.4(1)^\circ$ ,  $\angle \text{Cl} - \text{Co} - \text{N} = 88.8(2)^\circ - 91.2(2)^\circ$ ,  $\angle \text{N} - \text{Co} - \text{N} = 85.9(2)^\circ$  and  $87.2(2)^\circ$  for nitrogens from the same ethylenediamine group, and  $\angle \text{N} - \text{Co} - \text{N} = 92.4(2)^\circ$  and  $94.5(2)^\circ$  for nitrogens from different ethylenediamine groups.

The hexathionate ion has a six-membered sulphur chain, where the two terminal sulphur atoms are each bonded to three oxygen atoms and form sulphonate groups. The remaining four sulphur atoms are divalent. In the crystal structure of  $[\text{Co}(\text{en})_2\text{Cl}_2]_2\text{S}_6\text{O}_6 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ , determined on the basis of X-ray film data,<sup>1</sup> there was a small difference in the lengths of two independent divalent sulphur-divalent sulphur bonds. Mainly to decide whether this difference is significant, a refinement based on diffractometer data has been undertaken.

## EXPERIMENTAL

The intensity data, and angles for unit cell dimensions, were measured on a Siemens automatic single-crystal diffractometer using  $\text{MoK}\alpha$  radiation (Nb-filtered) and a scintillation counter.

The crystal of  $[\text{Co}(\text{en})_2\text{Cl}_2]_2\text{S}_6\text{O}_6 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  used for the measurements was of a sample<sup>2</sup> that had been kept for thirteen years in a refrigerator, without showing any signs of decomposition. It was a well developed prism extended along the  $c$  axis. The distances between the (110) and between the  $(\bar{1}10)$  boundary faces were 0.173 and 0.193 mm, respectively, and the length of the crystal was reduced to 0.431 mm by cutting.

The crystal was mounted with the  $c$  axis approximately parallel to the  $\phi$  axis of the diffractometer, and setting angles for all reflections were calculated from the  $\theta$ ,  $\chi$  and  $\phi$  angles of seven non-coplanar reciprocal vectors.

The five-value procedure and  $\theta - 2\theta$  scan technique were used. The scan width was  $0.70^\circ$  for all reflections and maximum scan time per degree was 24 sec.

Two reflections of medium strength, 800 and 0100, were measured two times each at intervals of 50 reflections. The net intensities were brought to a common scale by means of these reflections; the scale factors varied from 1.00 to 1.05.

Out of 2149 independent reflections attainable within  $\theta = 29^\circ$ , only 155 were found to have net intensities below three times its standard deviation. These reflections were assigned an intensity equal to this limit and labelled as unobserved.

The linear absorption coefficient for  $\text{MoK}\alpha$  radiation is  $19.6 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , and absorption corrections were carried out in addition to Lorentz and polarization corrections. The number of Gaussian grid points used for the absorption corrections were 8, 8, and 12 along the  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  axes, respectively. The absorption factors by which the intensities were multiplied varied from 1.32 to 1.54.

The scattering factor curves used were those listed in *International Tables for X-Ray Crystallography*.<sup>3</sup> The curves for cobalt, chlorine, and sulphur were corrected for anomalous dispersion using the values given by Cromer,<sup>4</sup> and taking the amplitude as the corrected value.

The refinement was carried out with a full-matrix least squares program minimizing the function

$$r = \sum W(|F_o| - K|F_c|)^2$$

The intensity data were eventually corrected for secondary extinction with a program written by K. Åse of this Institute.

For further details concerning the data collection and the programs used, see Ref. 5.

The unit cell dimensions, calculated by means of a least squares program using the  $\theta$  angles ( $\theta = 22 - 28^\circ$ ) of 11 reflections measured on the diffractometer, are  $a = 12.084(5) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $b = 19.160(8) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $c = 6.421(3) \text{ \AA}$ .

The space group is  $Pba2$  (No. 32) with two  $[\text{Co}(\text{en})_2\text{Cl}_2]_2\text{S}_6\text{O}_6 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  formula units per unit cell.<sup>2</sup>

## REFINEMENT

Structure factor calculations were carried out using the positional and thermal parameters arrived at by the refinement of the film data,<sup>1</sup> except that isotropic thermal parameters were used for all atoms. On refinement of these parameters, the  $R$  value ( $(\sum ||F_o| - |F_c||) / \sum |F_o|$ ) converged at 0.093. Since only relative  $z$  coordinates are required for this space group, the  $z$  coordinate for cobalt was put equal to zero and was not included in the refinement.

Anisotropic thermal parameters were then introduced for the cobalt, chlorine, and sulphur atoms, whereby the reliability index was reduced to 0.053. The thermal parameters for two of the sulphonate oxygen atoms, the water oxygen atom, and the two carbon atoms of one ethylenediamine group were high compared to those of the other atoms. This is in accordance with the result of the refinement based on the film data.<sup>1</sup> When anisotropic thermal

parameters were used also for the lighter atoms, the  $R$  value was reduced to 0.040.

Secondary extinction corrections were then carried out according to Zachariassen.<sup>6</sup> The absorption term in the expression for  $F_{\text{corr}}$  was put equal to

Table 1. Atomic coordinates for *trans*-dichlorobis(ethylenediamine)cobalt(III) hexathionate monohydrate. Origin on a twofold axis. Standard deviations are given in parentheses.

	$x$	$y$	$z$
S(1)	0.25429(10)	0.09166(6)	0.50648(38)
S(2)	0.16421(13)	0.00393(8)	0.39242(34)
S(3)	0.07232(14)	-0.02888(9)	0.63589(38)
O(1)	0.33544(46)	0.06433(28)	0.64130(139)
O(2)	0.30101(51)	0.11618(28)	0.31087(105)
O(3)	0.17218(34)	0.13776(22)	0.59417(81)
Co	0.04158(5)	0.27620(3)	0
Cl(1)	0.16913(11)	0.29738(9)	0.24271(30)
Cl(2)	-0.08830(11)	0.25590(9)	-0.24602(29)
N(1)	0.08213(34)	0.17649(21)	-0.00163(97)
N(2)	-0.06717(35)	0.25312(27)	0.21536(72)
N(3)	0.00305(36)	0.37630(21)	-0.00721(99)
N(4)	0.14760(38)	0.29820(29)	-0.22361(87)
C(1)	-0.01291(54)	0.13735(28)	0.09967(109)
C(2)	-0.04811(47)	0.17955(30)	0.28668(96)
C(3)	0.08721(67)	0.41443(41)	-0.12442(192)
C(4)	0.14053(90)	0.37272(42)	-0.27471(175)
H <sub>2</sub> O	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0.31219(133)

Table 2. Thermal parameters expressed in the form  $\exp[-2\pi^2(h^2a^{-2}U_{11} + \dots + 2hka^{-1}b^{-1}U_{12} + \dots)]$ . All values have been multiplied by  $10^4$ . Standard deviations are given in parentheses.

	$U_{11}$	$U_{22}$	$U_{33}$	$U_{12}$	$U_{23}$	$U_{13}$
S(1)	288(5)	298(5)	653(9)	6(4)	11(9)	27(9)
S(2)	418(8)	378(7)	634(11)	-12(6)	-73(8)	-26(8)
S(3)	507(8)	413(8)	753(13)	-121(7)	174(9)	-70(10)
O(1)	705(35)	510(28)	1719(72)	11(26)	71(40)	-781(45)
O(2)	1047(47)	562(31)	1006(53)	-181(32)	-139(32)	627(44)
O(3)	392(22)	490(23)	555(28)	40(18)	-140(22)	72(22)
Co	198(2)	292(3)	236(3)	26(2)	-9(3)	-4(3)
Cl(1)	257(5)	550(8)	336(7)	-5(6)	-28(7)	-67(6)
Cl(2)	305(6)	481(8)	284(6)	-22(6)	13(7)	-68(6)
N(1)	395(21)	315(19)	384(23)	92(17)	-51(27)	9(30)
N(2)	232(18)	343(21)	266(26)	23(17)	24(20)	27(18)
N(3)	366(20)	298(19)	434(24)	19(16)	7(27)	25(32)
N(4)	249(20)	503(28)	326(29)	3(21)	9(24)	64(21)
C(1)	488(33)	306(26)	437(33)	25(24)	18(26)	-19(30)
C(2)	412(28)	359(27)	367(33)	9(23)	70(24)	6(26)
C(3)	682(49)	490(40)	1415(91)	68(37)	355(53)	493(62)
C(4)	1261(83)	498(42)	1069(80)	-147(47)	70(50)	763(72)
H <sub>2</sub> O	752(47)	819(54)	607(52)	294(43)	0	0

Table 3. Observed and calculated structure amplitudes ( $\times 10$ ) for *trans*-dichlorobis-(ethylenediamine)cobalt(III) hexathionate monohydrate. A minus sign on  $F(O)$  indicates an unobserved reflection.

M	K	L	F(O)	F(C)	H	K	L	F(O)	F(C)	M	K	L	F(O)	F(C)	H	K	L	F(O)	F(C)	M	K	L	F(O)	F(C)
4	0	0	1137	1244	4	5	0	408	513	8	8	0	77	78	13	4	0	140	139	2	16	1	241	263
0	0	0	565	567	4	10	0	158	176	6	9	0	271	267	13	5	0	286	279	2	17	1	262	259
0	0	0	1055	1016	4	11	0	164	147	8	10	0	143	133	13	6	0	-41	22	2	18	1	237	238
0	1	0	548	537	4	12	0	56	44	8	11	0	262	290	13	7	0	52	44	2	19	1	130	143
0	12	0	-57	27	4	13	0	335	356	8	12	0	153	137	13	8	0	82	75	2	20	1	121	128
0	14	0	212	225	4	14	0	89	87	9	13	0	55	48	13	9	0	199	193	2	21	1	232	234
0	16	0	52	45	4	15	0	236	237	8	14	0	-36	15	13	10	0	-52	29	2	22	1	363	357
0	19	0	54	54	4	15	0	417	421	8	15	0	155	155	13	11	0	230	213	2	23	1	58	64
0	22	0	53	53	4	17	0	554	556	8	15	0	-55	7	13	12	0	-39	4	2	24	1	47	40
0	25	0	259	247	4	18	0	114	121	8	17	0	75	70	13	13	0	168	169	2	25	1	87	91
0	24	0	33	37	4	18	0	447	453	8	18	0	83	82	13	14	0	233	221	3	1	1	344	337
0	26	0	52	44	4	20	0	431	154	8	19	0	-40	15	13	15	0	123	134	3	2	1	477	448
1	2	0	474	460	4	21	0	267	285	8	20	0	54	103	13	16	0	-45	45	3	3	1	1101	1110
1	3	0	1012	1058	4	22	0	236	261	8	21	0	-40	15	14	0	0	292	295	3	4	1	671	678
1	6	0	117	113	4	22	0	216	212	8	22	0	84	86	14	1	0	116	106	3	5	1	164	147
1	7	0	51	50	4	23	0	36	36	9	2	0	25	216	14	2	0	25	216	3	6	1	416	427
1	7	0	1044	1046	4	23	0	54	54	9	2	0	-34	41	14	3	0	84	53	3	7	1	939	954
1	7	0	1560	1563	5	1	0	411	380	9	3	0	234	540	14	4	0	70	67	3	8	1	495	493
1	9	0	35	39	5	2	0	-27	6	9	4	0	655	363	14	5	0	196	211	3	9	1	291	268
1	9	0	1405	1123	5	3	0	205	162	5	5	0	275	201	14	6	0	173	177	3	10	1	466	462
1	11	0	254	335	5	4	0	79	53	5	6	0	203	206	14	7	0	238	235	3	11	1	518	543
1	11	0	743	734	5	5	0	423	254	5	7	0	877	837	14	8	0	49	39	3	12	1	674	687
1	12	0	-30	7	5	6	0	471	455	5	9	0	213	212	14	9	0	337	136	3	13	1	324	314
1	12	0	422	443	5	7	0	395	317	5	9	0	115	95	14	11	0	393	186	3	14	1	45	49
1	14	0	230	215	5	8	0	258	265	5	11	0	344	344	14	11	0	127	135	3	15	1	391	374
1	15	0	167	170	5	8	0	74	79	3	11	0	373	374	14	12	0	40	4	3	15	1	276	192
1	16	0	163	164	5	10	0	744	754	5	12	0	430	424	14	13	0	-40	14	3	17	1	202	196
1	17	0	210	203	5	11	0	77	66	5	12	0	-36	0	15	1	0	48	51	3	18	1	186	183
1	18	0	113	105	5	12	0	405	387	5	14	0	-36	21	15	2	0	-41	43	3	19	1	135	103
1	17	0	56	57	5	12	0	35	44	5	15	0	147	147	15	1	0	157	155	3	20	1	135	131
1	21	0	56	56	5	14	0	313	323	5	14	0	417	211	15	4	0	236	227	3	21	1	191	191
1	21	0	-60	61	5	15	0	54	114	5	17	0	115	135	15	5	0	150	159	3	22	1	78	85
1	22	0	137	147	5	16	0	151	155	5	18	0	253	263	15	6	0	187	186	3	23	1	-38	24
1	23	0	-40	127	5	17	0	131	150	5	18	0	68	65	15	7	0	315	321	3	24	1	-85	24
1	24	0	136	137	5	18	0	350	350	5	22	0	74	63	15	8	0	173	169	4	8	1	416	427
1	24	0	-41	17	5	19	0	335	7	9	21	0	71	70	15	9	0	118	113	4	0	1	801	781
1	24	0	135	137	5	20	0	147	152	10	0	0	670	670	15	10	0	140	123	4	1	1	865	877
2	0	0	1041	1057	-5	21	0	207	152	10	1	0	120	123	16	0	0	101	122	4	2	1	379	316
2	1	0	795	675	5	22	0	110	111	10	2	0	171	163	16	1	0	280	279	4	3	1	514	515
2	2	0	1214	1215	5	23	0	-41	29	13	3	0	245	243	16	2	0	156	157	4	4	1	337	347
2	3	0	327	327	5	24	0	90	55	13	4	0	110	238	16	3	0	253	257	4	5	1	399	389
2	4	0	1142	1142	6	0	0	123	111	10	5	0	343	537	16	4	0	238	225	4	6	1	308	339
2	5	0	875	889	6	1	0	432	405	10	6	0	122	55	16	5	0	191	182	4	7	1	340	303
2	6	0	76	57	6	2	0	327	172	10	7	0	215	207	16	6	0	-43	6	4	8	1	517	506
2	7	0	347	341	6	3	0	721	721	10	8	0	121	114	16	7	0	184	174	4	9	1	742	742
2	8	0	515	514	6	4	0	159	156	10	9	0	422	419	7	4	0	254	322	4	10	1	376	396
2	9	0	802	772	6	5	0	427	470	10	10	0	431	415	0	6	1	548	318	4	11	1	238	232
2	10	0	651	761	6	6	0	583	702	10	11	0	140	141	0	8	1	123	117	4	12	1	354	401
2	11	0	655	576	6	7	0	481	217	10	12	0	-38	19	0	10	1	878	819	4	13	1	189	203
2	12	0	612	612	6	8	0	22	22	13	1	0	131	131	0	11	1	417	406	4	14	1	337	337
2	13	0	555	553	6	9	0	-35	16	10	14	0	251	269	0	14	1	359	358	4	15	1	346	346
2	14	0	127	107	6	10	0	482	471	10	15	0	46	56	0	16	1	201	212	4	16	1	134	149
2	15	0	443	455	6	11	0	45	54	10	16	0	458	293	0	18	1	437	435	4	17	1	220	213
2	16	0	146	127	6	12	0	494	316	10	17	0	64	76	0	20	1	421	431	4	18	1	268	274
2	17	0	152	142	6	13	0	314	314	10	18	0	149	149	0	22	1	108	108	4	19	1	242	243
2	18	0	155	162	6	14	0	741	757	10	19	0	47	81	0	24	1	139	141	4	20	1	177	181
2	19	0	232	267	6	15	0	263	277	10	20	0	-45	58	1	1	1	665	689	4	21	1	259	254
2	20	0	644	455	6	16	0	353	355	11	1	0	137	128	1	2	1	518	923	4	22	1	-35	20
2	21	0	38	75	6	17	0	318	334	11	2	0	145	132	1	3	1	453	416	4	23	1	125	130
2	22	0	-35	24	6	18	0	324	302	11	3	0	66	66	1	4	1	562	576	4	24	1	44	47
2	23	0	177	173	6	19	0	231	236	11	4	0	155	170	1	5	1	763	777	4	25	1	91	95
2	24	0	141	138	6	20	0	56	56	11	5	0	164	175	1	6	1	422	446	5	1	1	34	11
2	25	0	50	53	6	21	0	156	154	11	6	0	226	229	1	7	1	300	488	5	2	1	306	297
3	0	0	50	55	6	22	0	-39	4	11	7	0	145	142	1	8	1	482	707	5	3	1	597	591
3	2	0	1167	1157	6	23	0	132	127	11	8	0	180	174	1	9	1	922	945	5	4	1	301	264
3	3	0	821	764	6	24	0	-44	10	11	5	0	246	232	1	10	1	264	236	5	5	1	271	265
3	4	0	545	456	7	1	0	165	154	11	10	0	76	65	1	11	1	596	614	5	6	1	351	360
3	5	0	372	316	7	2	0	523	513	11	11	0	232	221	1	12	1	249	243	5	7	1	222	232

Table 3. Continued.

H	K	L	F(O)	F(C)	H	K	L	F(O)	F(C)	H	K	L	F(O)	F(C)	H	K	L	F(O)	F(C)	H	K	L	F(O)	F(C)
6	14	1	210	266	11	6	1	150	148	1	17	2	276	264	5	22	2	81	75	10	13	2	308	310
6	14	1	140	121	11	7	1	334	321	1	18	2	257	245	5	23	2	-40	31	10	14	2	105	105
6	14	1	220	236	11	8	1	211	205	1	19	2	168	166	5	24	2	77	75	10	15	2	154	156
6	15	1	213	367	11	9	1	220	215	1	20	2	56	97	6	0	2	313	359	10	16	2	240	247
6	16	1	214	224	11	10	1	251	252	1	21	2	165	195	6	1	2	698	791	10	17	2	136	140
6	17	1	230	275	11	11	1	250	253	1	22	2	-40	17	6	2	2	452	445	10	18	2	132	131
6	18	1	253	259	11	12	1	105	109	1	23	2	146	141	6	3	2	520	520	10	19	2	99	94
6	19	1	246	242	11	13	1	251	251	1	24	2	89	76	6	4	2	675	672	11	1	2	173	175
6	20	1	135	129	11	14	1	135	131	1	25	2	165	154	6	5	2	336	337	11	2	2	352	350
6	21	1	154	152	11	15	1	154	150	2	0	2	590	594	6	6	2	366	366	11	3	2	272	271
6	22	1	-40	43	11	16	1	93	92	2	1	2	642	646	6	7	2	159	161	11	4	2	113	121
6	23	1	115	117	11	17	1	146	144	2	2	2	505	507	6	8	2	766	767	11	5	2	402	395
6	24	1	72	61	11	18	1	59	99	2	3	2	615	590	6	9	2	152	166	11	6	2	197	192
7	1	1	214	242	11	19	1	442	441	2	4	2	301	336	6	10	2	699	703	11	7	2	492	420
7	2	1	320	333	12	0	1	517	511	2	5	2	657	645	6	11	2	135	143	11	8	2	294	253
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14	56	4	241	266	8	2	5	52	101	2	2	6	268	268	8	4	6	135	109	4	9	7	154	150
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14	60	4	167	163	8	6	5	102	106	2	6	6	123	141	8	8	6	50	39	4	13	7	87	84
14	61	4	75	83	8	7	5	166	200	2	7	6	255	253	8	9	6	-41	20					





Table 4. Dimensions of the *trans-trans* form of the hexathionate ion. Standard deviations are given in parentheses.

Bond lengths and angles	
$\text{S}(1) - \text{S}(2) = 2.1323(21) \text{ \AA}$	$\angle \text{S}(1) - \text{S}(2) - \text{S}(3) = 105.08(11)^\circ$
$\text{S}(2) - \text{S}(3) = 2.0184(29)$	$\angle \text{S}(2) - \text{S}(3) - \text{S}(3') = 107.35(11)^\circ$
$\text{S}(3) - \text{S}(3') = 2.0687(34)$	
$\text{S}(1) - \text{O}(1) = 1.410(7)$	$\angle \text{S}(2) - \text{S}(1) - \text{O}(1) = 105.9(2)^\circ$
$\text{S}(1) - \text{O}(2) = 1.455(7)$	$\angle \text{S}(2) - \text{S}(1) - \text{O}(2) = 99.0(3)^\circ$
$\text{S}(1) - \text{O}(3) = 1.443(5)$	$\angle \text{S}(2) - \text{S}(1) - \text{O}(3) = 105.4(2)^\circ$
	$\angle \text{O}(1) - \text{S}(1) - \text{O}(2) = 112.4(4)^\circ$
	$\angle \text{O}(1) - \text{S}(1) - \text{O}(3) = 117.8(4)^\circ$
	$\angle \text{O}(2) - \text{S}(1) - \text{O}(3) = 114.9(3)^\circ$
Dihedral angles	
$\text{S}(1)\text{S}(2)\text{S}(3)/\text{S}(2)\text{S}(3)\text{S}(3') = 85.7^\circ$	$\text{S}(2)\text{S}(3)\text{S}(3')/\text{S}(3)\text{S}(3')\text{S}(2') = 71.4^\circ$
$\text{S}(3)\text{S}(2)\text{S}(1)/\text{S}(2)\text{S}(1)\text{O}(1) = 72.3^\circ$	$\text{S}(2)\text{S}(1)\text{O}(1)/\text{S}(2)\text{S}(1)\text{O}(2) = 116.5^\circ$
$\text{S}(3)\text{S}(2)\text{S}(1)/\text{S}(2)\text{S}(1)\text{O}(2) = 171.1^\circ$	$\text{S}(2)\text{S}(1)\text{O}(1)/\text{S}(2)\text{S}(1)\text{O}(3) = 125.5^\circ$
$\text{S}(3)\text{S}(2)\text{S}(1)/\text{S}(2)\text{S}(1)\text{O}(3) = 53.1^\circ$	$\text{S}(2)\text{S}(1)\text{O}(2)/\text{S}(2)\text{S}(1)\text{O}(3) = 118.0^\circ$
Non-bonded distances	
$\text{S}(1) - \text{S}(3') = 4.2089(22) \text{ \AA}$	$\text{S}(2) - \text{S}(2') = 3.9715(31) \text{ \AA}$
$\text{S}(1) - \text{S}(2') = 5.4282(20)$	$\text{S}(1) - \text{S}(1') = 7.0786(28)$

scopic view of the ion as seen along the twofold axis, and Fig. 2, with principal bond lengths and angles, gives a view normal to this axis.

The differences between the present, refined dimensions of the hexathionate ion, and those arrived at on basis of the film data,<sup>1</sup> are within the errors estimated for the latter. The three independent bonds of the sulphur chain are thus of significantly different lengths.

The terminal S-S bonds are 2.132(2) Å, compared to 2.119(1) and 2.110(1) Å in the potassium barium salt, 2.124(6) and 2.110(6) Å in potassium pen-



Fig. 1. The *trans-trans* form of the hexathionate ion in  $[\text{Co}(\text{en})_2\text{Cl}_2]_2\text{S}_6\text{O}_6 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  as seen along the twofold axis. The ellipsoids represent 50% probability.

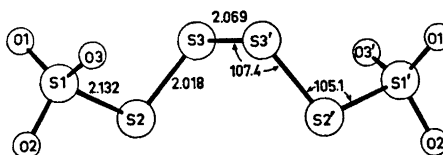


Fig. 2. The hexathionate ion as seen normal to the twofold axis.

tathionate hemitrihydrate,<sup>9</sup> and an average value of 2.12(2) Å in the barium pentathionates.<sup>10</sup> In all cases, these are the longer bonds of the sulphur chain.

The three divalent sulphur-divalent sulphur bonds are 2.018(3) Å, 2.069(3) Å, and 2.018(3) Å. They probably possess some double-bond character, arising from overlap of the  $p\pi$  electron pair of one divalent sulphur atom with available  $3d$  orbitals of a bond partner.<sup>10</sup> If it is assumed that in the sulphonate sulphur-divalent sulphur bond there is little double-bond character, the S(II) atom next to the sulphonate group has its  $p\pi$  electron pair available for  $\pi$ -bond formation with one bond partner only, whereas each of the two central S(II) atoms has to share its  $p\pi$  electron pair between two neighbours. One might therefore assume that the S(II)–S(II) bonds next to the sulphonate groups should be shorter than the central one.

When the dihedral angle associated with a sulphur-sulphur bond of this kind deviates much from 90°, there seems to be an increase in the bond length, probably caused by increase in the repulsion between the  $p\pi$  electron pairs or by less favourable conditions for  $\pi$ -bonding.<sup>11</sup> The bond lengths, with associated dihedral angles given in parentheses, are 2.018 Å (85.7°), 2.069 Å (71.4°), and 2.018 Å (85.7°) in the present salt, and 2.042 Å (109.4°), 2.056 Å (89.0°), and 2.039 Å (106.3°) in the potassium barium salt. Assuming that the S(II)–S(II) bonds next to the sulphonate groups should be shorter than the central one, the differences between the bond lengths in the two salts might be correlated with the differences in dihedral angles. The small dihedral angle, 71.4°, in the present salt causes a lengthening of the central S(II)–S(II) bond and thus increases the difference between this bond and the terminal ones, which have dihedral angles of 85.7°. The large dihedral angles, 109.4° and 106.3°, in the potassium barium salt cause a lengthening of the two terminal S(II)–S(II) bonds and thus decrease the difference between these bonds and the central one, which has a dihedral angle of 89.0°.

In potassium pentathionate hemitrihydrate<sup>9</sup> the average value of the S(II)–S(II) bond lengths is 2.029(7) Å with an average value of the dihedral angles of 83°, compared to 2.04 Å and 108° in the barium pentathionates.<sup>10</sup> The sulphur chain has the *trans* form in the potassium salt and the *cis* form in the barium salts.

The S–S–S angles vary more in the *cis-cis* chain than in the *trans-trans* chain. The individual values are 101.3(1)°, 110.2(1)°, 109.0(1)°, and 100.0(1)° in the former, and 105.1(1)°, 107.4(1)°, 107.4(1)°, and 105.1(1)° in the latter.

The sulphonate groups have the usual distorted tetrahedral form, the O–S–O angles being larger and the S–S–O angles being smaller than the tetrahedral angle. The S–S–O angle, involving the oxygen atom O(2) situated near the S(1)–S(2)–S(3) plane and with the S–O bond pointing in a direction opposite to that of the S(2)–S(3) bond, is 6.7° smaller than the average value of the two others. The reason for the apparent shortness of the S(1)–O(1) bond, 1.410(7) Å, might be the large thermal motion of O(1) normal to this bond. The largest differences between the sulphonate groups in this salt and in the potassium barium salt are in the degrees of rotation about the S–S bonds which differ by approximately 16°.

The dimensions of the *trans*-dichlorobis(ethylenediamine)cobalt(III) ion are listed in Table 5. The four nitrogen atoms are coordinated to cobalt in a

Table 5. Dimensions of the *trans*-dichlorobis(ethylenediamine)cobalt(III) ion. Standard deviations are given in parentheses. The ethylenediamine groups are N(1)–C(1)–C(2)–N(2) and N(3)–C(3)–C(4)–N(4).

Co–Cl(1) = 2.229(2) Å	$\angle \text{Cl}(1) - \text{Co} - \text{N}(1) = 90.5(2)^\circ$	$\angle \text{N}(1) - \text{Co} - \text{N}(2) = 87.2(2)^\circ$
Co–Cl(2) = 2.261(2)	$\angle \text{Cl}(1) - \text{Co} - \text{N}(2) = 90.7(2)^\circ$	$\angle \text{N}(3) - \text{Co} - \text{N}(4) = 85.9(2)^\circ$
Co–N(1) = 1.972(4)	$\angle \text{Cl}(1) - \text{Co} - \text{N}(3) = 90.2(2)^\circ$	$\angle \text{N}(1) - \text{Co} - \text{N}(4) = 92.4(2)^\circ$
Co–N(2) = 1.958(4)	$\angle \text{Cl}(1) - \text{Co} - \text{N}(4) = 91.2(2)^\circ$	$\angle \text{N}(2) - \text{Co} - \text{N}(3) = 94.5(2)^\circ$
Co–N(3) = 1.974(4)	$\angle \text{Cl}(2) - \text{Co} - \text{N}(1) = 90.1(2)^\circ$	$\angle \text{Co} - \text{N}(1) - \text{C}(1) = 106.8(3)^\circ$
Co–N(4) = 1.970(5)	$\angle \text{Cl}(2) - \text{Co} - \text{N}(2) = 89.4(2)^\circ$	$\angle \text{Co} - \text{N}(2) - \text{C}(2) = 109.0(3)^\circ$
N(1)–C(1) = 1.518(8)	$\angle \text{Cl}(2) - \text{Co} - \text{N}(3) = 89.3(2)^\circ$	$\angle \text{Co} - \text{N}(3) - \text{C}(3) = 109.5(4)^\circ$
N(2)–C(2) = 1.500(8)	$\angle \text{Cl}(2) - \text{Co} - \text{N}(4) = 88.8(2)^\circ$	$\angle \text{Co} - \text{N}(4) - \text{C}(4) = 109.5(5)^\circ$
N(3)–C(3) = 1.461(11)	$\angle \text{Cl}(1) - \text{Co} - \text{Cl}(2) = 179.4(1)^\circ$	$\angle \text{N}(1) - \text{C}(1) - \text{C}(2) = 106.8(4)^\circ$
N(4)–C(4) = 1.467(10)	$\angle \text{N}(1) - \text{Co} - \text{N}(3) = 178.2(2)^\circ$	$\angle \text{N}(2) - \text{C}(2) - \text{C}(1) = 107.7(4)^\circ$
C(1)–C(2) = 1.509(9)	$\angle \text{N}(2) - \text{Co} - \text{N}(4) = 178.1(2)^\circ$	$\angle \text{N}(3) - \text{C}(3) - \text{C}(4) = 112.8(7)^\circ$
C(3)–C(4) = 1.409(14)		$\angle \text{N}(4) - \text{C}(4) - \text{C}(3) = 115.2(7)^\circ$

planar arrangement, the maximum deviation of an atom from a least squares plane being 0.025 Å. The distances of the carbon atoms from this plane are: –0.48 Å for C(1), 0.20 Å for C(2), 0.31 Å for C(3), and –0.06 Å for C(4). The carbon atoms of one ethylenediamine group, C(3) and C(4), are thus closer to the cobalt-nitrogen plane than are the two other carbon atoms, and they form shorter C–N and C–C bonds, 1.46 and 1.41 Å, respectively, compared to 1.51 and 1.51 Å. C(3) and C(4) have large thermal motions nearly normal to the cobalt-nitrogen plane, and this is probably the reason for the short lengths and short distances from the plane. Similar effects of high thermal motions are found in the structure of  $\text{Cu}_3(\text{en})_2(\text{CN})_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,<sup>12</sup> where disorder of the ethylenediamine groups or a dynamic flipping of the carbon atoms across the copper-nitrogen plane is suggested.

Hydrogen bonds are probably formed from the water molecule to O(3) and its image across the twofold axis on which the water oxygen atom is situated. The  $\text{H}_2\text{O} - \text{O}$  distance is 3.153(9) Å, and the  $\text{O} - \text{H}_2\text{O} - \text{O}$  angle is

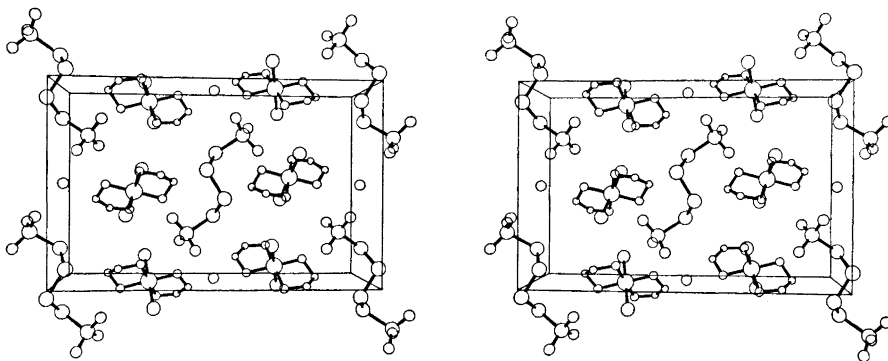


Fig. 3. A stereoscopic view of the cell packing in  $[\text{Co}(\text{en})_2\text{Cl}_2]_2\text{S}_6\text{O}_6 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  as seen normal to the *c* crystal plane.

95.8(3)°. N(1) probably forms a hydrogen bond to O(1) at  $x, y, z - 1$ , the N—O distance being 2.910(7) Å. The hydrogen atoms located in the difference electron density map are in accordance with such hydrogen bonds.

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