

Extended structures based on hydrogen bonding and π – π interactions: synthesis and characterization of two zinc complexes: $[\text{Zn}(\text{dap})\text{Cl}_2]$ and $[\text{Zn}(\text{dap})_2\text{Cl}_2]$

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Abstract

Two new Zn(II) complexes, $[\text{Zn}(\text{dap})\text{Cl}_2]$ (**1**) and $[\text{Zn}(\text{dap})_2\text{Cl}_2]$ (**2**) (dap stands for 2,3-diaminopyridine), were prepared and spectroscopically and crystallographically characterized. In both compounds, the zinc(II) atom has a pseudo-tetrahedral ZnN_2Cl_2 coordination environment. Compound **1** adopts a three-dimensional structure built up from $[\text{Zn}(\text{dap})\text{Cl}_2]_n$ zig-zag chains, which are linked by $\text{N-H}\cdots\text{Cl}$ hydrogen bonds. In compound **2** the dap is monodentate coordinating via the pyridine nitrogen; the mononuclear tetrahedral $[\text{Zn}(\text{dap})_2\text{Cl}_2]$ units are linked into two-dimensional sheets through extensive $\text{N-H}\cdots\text{Cl}$ hydrogen bonding. Inter-sheet π – π interactions connect them into a three-dimensional network.

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1. Introduction

In the last years, a pronounced interest has been focused on the engineering of supramolecular architectures organized, not only by covalent and coordinative bonds, but also by supramolecular interactions, such as hydrogen bonds and π – π interactions [1–5]. In particular, the crystal-engineering of noncentrosymmetric infinite coordination polymers has proven to be a very useful tool for the synthesis of nonlinear optical materials [6,7]. Non-centrosymmetric coordination networks can be rationally designed by combining well-defined metal coordination geometries with carefully chosen ri-

gid bridging ligands. As part of this research a variety of zinc-pyridine coordination compounds have been explored [8–11]. The pseudo-tetrahedral metal ion Zn(II) (d^{10}) has been used as connecting point in order to avoid unwanted optical losses from d–d transitions in the visible region. The unsymmetrical pyridine-based bridging ligands have been chosen in order to minimize potential packing complexity and to introduce electronic asymmetry, factors necessary for nonlinear optical effects.

In the present paper, we report the synthesis and structural characterization of two new zinc coordination compounds, $[\text{Zn}(\text{dap})\text{Cl}_2]$ (**1**) and $[\text{Zn}(\text{dap})_2\text{Cl}_2]$ (**2**) (dap stands for 2,3-diaminopyridine), which have a tetrahedral molecular configuration. Although the organic ligand is a relatively simple and commercially available one, no coordination compounds of this ligand have yet been published, to the best of our knowledge.

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2. Experimental

2.1. Synthesis

2,3-Diaminopyridine and ZnCl_2 anhydrous were purchased from Aldrich and Merck, respectively, and used as received. All other chemicals were of reagent grade quality and were used without further purification.

2.1.1. $[\text{Zn}(\text{dap})\text{Cl}_2]$ (**1**)

Dark orange crystals of the compound were obtained by slow diffusion of diethyl ether into a methanolic solution containing zinc chloride (68 mg, 0.5 mmol) and dap (55 mg, 0.5 mmol). Crystals were filtered, washed with diethyl ether and dried in vacuum. Yield: 54(%). *Anal.* Calc. for $\text{C}_5\text{H}_7\text{Cl}_2\text{ZnN}_3$: C, 24.5; H, 2.9; N, 17.1. Found: C, 24.8; H, 2.9; N, 17.0%. IR ($\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3426s, 3335s, 3235s, 3142s, 1653s, 1624s, 1574m, 1486s, 1458s, 1253m, 1050s, 779m, 749s, 645m, 611m, 482m, 456s, 374m, 351s cm^{-1} . UV–Vis ($\lambda_{\text{max}}/\text{nm}$): 372, 331, 260. ^1H NMR ($\text{dms}\text{-d}_6$, δ/ppm): 7.25 (H, dd), 6.70 (H, dd), 6.40 (H, q), 5.61 (2H, s), 4.78 (2H, s).

2.1.2. $[\text{Zn}(\text{dap})_2\text{Cl}_2]$ (**2**)

Dark orange crystals of the compound were obtained by slow evaporation of a methanolic solution containing zinc chloride (68 mg, 0.5 mmol) and dap (110 mg, 1.0 mmol). Crystals were filtered, washed with diethyl ether and dried in vacuum. Yield: 66 (%). *Anal.* Calc. for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{14}\text{Cl}_2\text{ZnN}_6$: C, 33.9; H, 3.98; N, 23.70. Found: C, 33.95; H, 3.64; N, 23.71%. IR ($\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$): 3371s, 3322s, 3196s, 3199s, 1647s, 1625s, 1573m, 1479s, 1455s, 1236m, 780m, 745s, 668m, 612m, 479s, 345s cm^{-1} . UV–Vis ($\lambda_{\text{max}}/\text{nm}$): 380, 344, 268. ^1H NMR ($\text{dms}\text{-d}_6$, δ/ppm): 7.24 (H, dd), 6.68 (H, dd), 6.35 (H, q), 5.38 (2H, s), 4.65 (2H, s).

2.2. Physical measurements

C, H and N analyses were performed with a Perkin–Elmer 2400 series II analyzer. Infrared spectra ($4000\text{--}300\text{ cm}^{-1}$, resp. 4 cm^{-1}) were recorded on a Perkin–Elmer Paragon 1000 FTIR spectrometer equipped with a Golden Gate ATR device, using the reflectance technique. Diffuse reflectance spectra were obtained on a Perkin–Elmer Lambda 900 spectrophotometer, with MgO as a reference. ^1H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DPX-300 spectrometer operating at a frequency of 300 MHz.

2.3. X-ray crystallographic analysis and data collection

Intensity data for a single crystals of compounds **1** and **2** were collected using $\text{Mo-K}\alpha$ radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073\text{ \AA}$) on a Nonius KappaCCD diffractometer

equipped with a rotating anode. Empirical absorption correction was applied to the data sets of both compounds.

For compound **1** a correction based on multiple measurement of symmetry-related reflections was applied (PLATON/MULABS [12], 0.549–0.900 transmission range). Compound **2** was corrected with an ΔF -based algorithm (PLATON/DELABS [12], 0.555–0.883 transmission range). The structures were solved by automated Patterson methods using DIRDIF99 [13] (compound **2**) or by direct methods using SHELXS97 [14] (compound **1**). Both structures were refined on F^2 by least-squares procedures using SHELXL97 [15]. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic displacement parameters. The amine hydrogen atoms were positively identified in a difference Fourier map, and their positions were refined with the restraint that for compound **2** the geometries of the NH_2 substituents at the same position on the pyridine rings be similar. All other hydrogen atoms were constrained to idealized geometries and allowed to ride on their carrier atoms. All hydrogen atoms were refined with an isotropic displacement parameter related to the equivalent displacement parameter of their carrier atoms. Compound **1** proved to be a pseudo-merohedral twin with a twofold rotation around the c -axis as the twin operation. The twin fraction refined to a value of 0.0320(12). Structure validation and molecular graphics preparation were performed with the PLATON package [12].

3. Results and discussions

3.1. Synthesis and spectroscopic properties

The reaction of ZnCl_2 with dap in the ratios 1:1 and 1:2 afforded two $\text{Zn}(\text{II})$ complexes (**1** and **2**), which were spectroscopically characterized. Complexes **1** and **2** are poorly soluble in most solvents, except DMSO and water.

In the IR spectrum of free solid dap, the characteristic bands of the hydrogen bonded PyNH_2 are present at 3329 cm^{-1} ($\nu_{\text{sym}}(\text{NH}_2)$), 3175 cm^{-1} ($\nu_{\text{asym}}(\text{NH}_2)$) and 1630 cm^{-1} ($\delta(\text{NH}_2)$). It has been reported that coordination of the amino group significantly shifts $\nu(\text{NH}_2)$ and $\delta(\text{NH}_2)$ [16]. Indeed, in the infrared spectrum of **1**, bands corresponding to $\nu(\text{NH}_2)$ (3426 and 3235 cm^{-1}) and $\delta(\text{NH}_2)$ (1653 cm^{-1}) shifted to higher frequencies are observed. However, since free amino groups are still present, other bands that are not significantly shifted are also observed ($\nu_{\text{as}}(\text{NH}_2)$ at 3335 cm^{-1} , $\nu_{\text{s}}(\text{NH}_2)$ at 3142 cm^{-1} and $\delta(\text{NH}_2)$ at 1624 cm^{-1}). The band corresponding to $\nu(\text{C-N})$, which is located in the infrared spectrum of the free ligand at 1249 cm^{-1} is shifted to higher frequency (1253 cm^{-1}) in compound **1**, as result of the coordination. In the infrared spectrum of **2**, the

bands corresponding to $\nu(\text{NH}_2)$ and $\delta(\text{NH}_2)$ occur at frequencies slightly higher than observed for the free ligand, while the band corresponding to $\nu(\text{C}=\text{N})$ is shifted to lower frequency (1236 cm^{-1}). In the IR spectra of both compounds, strong, broad bands near 1630 cm^{-1} corresponding to $\delta(\text{NH}_2)$ obscure the $\nu(\text{C}=\text{N})$ vibrations.

The ^1H NMR spectra of DMSO- d_6 solutions of **1** and **2** were measured in order to test the stability of both compounds in solution. In the ^1H NMR spectrum of **1**, the signals of the amino groups are shifted to lower field compared with the free ligand in DMSO, in agreement with coordination of the amino group. For the compound **2**, the ^1H NMR spectrum contains all of the characteristic ligand peaks shifted to slightly higher ppm values with respect to the free ligand. Due to the symmetry of the complex in solution, only one set of ligand signals appears between 4.6 and 7.3 ppm.

3.2. Description of crystal structures

The structures of complexes **1** and **2** were determined by X-ray crystallography. Crystallographic data are presented in Table 1 and selected bond lengths and angles are listed in Table 2.

A Pluton projection of the zig-zag $[\text{Zn}(\text{dap})\text{Cl}_2]_n$ chain of **1** is depicted in Fig. 1. Each zinc center has a pseudo-tetrahedral geometry, consisting of two chloride ions and two different dap ligands, one coordinated through the nitrogen atom of the pyridine ring, as is usually observed in combination with a coordinating chloride anion [17], and the second through an amino

Table 1
Crystal and structure refinement data for $[\text{Zn}(\text{dap})\text{Cl}_2]$ and $[\text{Zn}(\text{dap})_2\text{Cl}_2]$

	$[\text{Zn}(\text{dap})\text{Cl}_2]$	$[\text{Zn}(\text{dap})_2\text{Cl}_2]$
Chemical formula	$\text{C}_3\text{H}_7\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_3\text{Zn}$	$\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{14}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_6\text{Zn}$
Molecular weight	245.43	354.54
Crystal system	monoclinic	monoclinic
Space group	$P2_1/c$	$P2_1/c$
a (Å)	9.2853(10)	8.7657(4)
b (Å)	6.388(2)	12.6003(6)
c (Å)	16.324(3)	13.7483(7)
β (°)	121.595(10)	113.831(3)
V (Å ³)	824.7(3)	1389.04(12)
Z	4	4
D_{calc} (Mg m ⁻³)	1.977	1.695
μ (Mo K α) (mm ⁻¹)	3.558	2.147
Crystal size (mm)	$0.03 \times 0.21 \times 0.33$	$0.24 \times 0.18 \times 0.06$
T (K)	150	150
Data collected	22 263	10550
Unique data	1890	2716
R_{int}	0.058	0.052
$R(F)[I > 2\sigma(I)]$	0.030	0.030
	[1741 reflections]	[2047 reflections]
$R_w(F^2)$	0.077	0.071
S	1.20	1.03
$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}}, \Delta\rho_{\text{max}}$ (e Å ⁻³)	-0.51, 0.82	-0.34, 0.45

Table 2
Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°) for compounds **1** and **2**

$[\text{Zn}(\text{dap})\text{Cl}_2]$		$[\text{Zn}(\text{dap})_2\text{Cl}_2]$	
<i>Bond distances</i>			
Zn1–Cl1	2.2476(12)	Zn1–Cl1	2.2479(8)
Zn1–Cl2	2.2264(12)	Zn1–Cl2	2.2475(7)
Zn1–N11	2.046(3)	Zn1–N11	2.038(3)
Zn1–N18	2.104(3)	Zn1–N21	2.050(2)
<i>Bond angles</i>			
Cl1–Zn1–Cl2	112.78(4)	Cl1–Zn1–Cl2	111.67(3)
Cl1–Zn1–N11	111.70(8)	Cl1–Zn1–N11	111.61(7)
Cl1–Zn1–N18	105.70(9)	Cl1–Zn1–N21	112.41(7)
Cl2–Zn1–N11	111.45(8)	Cl2–Zn1–N11	109.27(6)
Cl2–Zn1–N18	112.20(9)	Cl2–Zn1–N21	106.31(6)
N11–Zn1–N18	102.43(14)	N11–Zn1–N21	105.23(10)
Zn1–N11–C12	124.4(2)	Zn1–N11–C12	123.28(19)
Zn1–N11–C16	115.4(2)	Zn1–N11–C16	117.8(2)
Zn1–N18–H18a	112(3)	Zn1–N21–C22	129.86(19)
Zn1–N18–H18b	104(3)	Zn1–N21–C26	111.24(17)

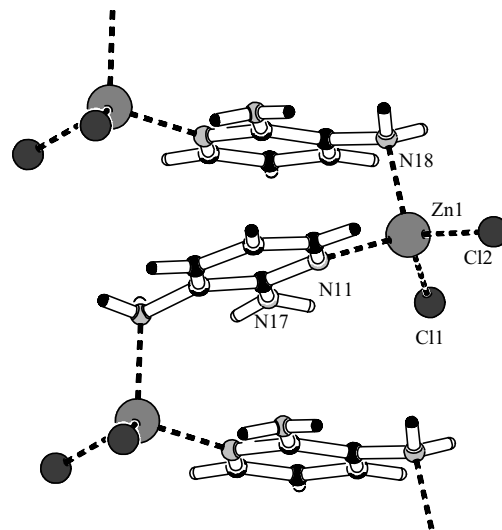


Fig. 1. Pluton [12] projection showing the one-dimensional $[\text{Zn}(\text{dap})\text{Cl}_2]_n$ zig-zag neutral chain of (**1**).

nitrogen atom. The two Zn–Cl bond distances (Zn–Cl1 = 2.2476(12) Å and Zn–Cl2 = 2.2264(12) Å) are slightly longer than those typically observed for dichlorobis(substituted pyridine)Zn(II) complexes [18], but they are comparable to those of $\text{Zn}(2\text{-NH}_2\text{py})_2\text{Cl}_2$ [8]. Both Cl ions accept two hydrogen bonds. The zinc to nitrogen bond distances are Zn1–N11 = 2.046(3) Å and Zn1–N18 = 2.104(3) Å for the pyridine and amino nitrogens, respectively. The first is not unusual and is similar to those reported for other Zn complexes [19–22]. However, the second distance is longer than usually observed for similar compounds, as a result of the bridging coordination mode of the 2,3-diaminopyridine ligand. The coordination polyhedron of the zinc center is a distorted tetrahedron, with angles around the metal ion in the range $102.43(14)^\circ$ – $112.78(4)^\circ$. Within the

chain, the diaminopyridine rings are nearly parallel (the acute angle between the least-squares planes through the ring atoms is $13.31(16)^\circ$), but are displaced with respect to one another, resulting in a rather long distance between their centers ($4.556(2)$ Å). Thus, any π - π interaction between the rings must be relatively weak [23].

The most interesting feature of the crystal structure of **1** is the presence of multiple intra- and intermolecular hydrogen bonds (Fig. 2). The hydrogen bond parameters are given in Table 3. There is one intramolecular hydrogen bond of type N-H...Cl between one chloride ion and the closest amino group of the dap ligand. The $[\text{Zn}(\text{dap})\text{Cl}_2]_n$ chains are linked together through hydrogen bonds of type N-H...Cl involving chloride anions and amine hydrogen atoms of adjacent chains. The hydrogen bonds N17-H17B...Cl2 $[x-1, 1/2-y, z-1/2]$ and N18-H18A...Cl2 $[1-x, 1-y, 1-z]$ link adjacent Zn-ligand chains (which run in direction $[010]$) into sheets with base vectors $[102]$ and $[010]$. The hydrogen bond N18-H18B...Cl1 $[1-x, 1/2+y, 1/2-z]$

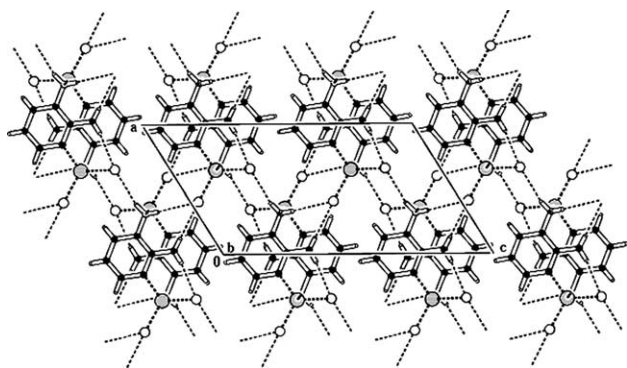


Fig. 2. The crystal packing of $[\text{Zn}(\text{dap})\text{Cl}_2]$ (**1**), as viewed along the *b* axis.

Table 3
Hydrogen bond parameters (Å and °)

D-H...A	D-H	H...A	D...A	D-H...A
<i>[Zn(dap)Cl₂]</i>				
N17-H17A...Cl1	0.84(6)	2.43(6)	3.252(4)	167(3)
N17-H17B...Cl2 ⁱ	0.84(5)	2.55(5)	3.341(3)	159(4)
N18-H18A...Cl2 ⁱⁱ	0.82(4)	2.59(4)	3.347(3)	155(4)
N18-H18B...Cl1 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.86(6)	2.44(6)	3.267(4)	160(4)
<i>[Zn(dap)₂Cl₂]</i>				
N17-H17A...Cl1	0.856(17)	2.470(17)	3.289(3)	160.6(18)
N17-H17B...N18	0.852(15)	2.42(2)	2.759(4)	104.7(13)
N17- H17B...N28 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.852(15)	2.231(13)	3.061(3)	164.7(19)
N18-H18A...Cl2 ^{iv}	0.849(16)	2.630(16)	3.476(3)	174.6(18)
N27-H27A...Cl1	0.844(15)	2.480(13)	3.295(2)	162(2)
N27-H27B...N28	0.84(2)	2.46(2)	2.769(3)	102.8(19)
N27-H27B...N18 ^v	0.84(2)	2.34(2)	3.173(3)	170(2)

Symmetry codes: (i) $-1+x, 1/2-y, -1/2+z$; (ii) $1-x, 1-y, 1-z$; (iii) $1-x, 1/2+y, 1/2-z$; (iv) $1+x, 1/2-y, 1/2+z$; (v) $1-x, -1/2+y, 1/2-z$.

links adjacent chains into sheets with base vectors $[100]$ and $[010]$. Combination of all these hydrogen bonds results in a three-dimensional network.

A Pluton projection of the mononuclear unit of **2** is depicted in Fig. 3. The pseudo-tetrahedral zinc(II) coordination polyhedron consists of two monodentate dap ligands and two chloride ions, with the angles around the metal center falling in the range $105.22(8)^\circ$ – $112.42(6)^\circ$ (Table 2). The two Zn-Cl bond distances are similar (Zn-Cl1 = $2.2478(7)$ Å and Zn-Cl2 = $2.2475(7)$ Å) and are within the range of Zn-Cl bond distances observed for similar compounds [8]. The Zn-N bond distances are slightly different (Zn-N11 = $2.038(2)$ Å and Zn-N21 = $2.050(2)$ Å) and both comparable with those in other zinc complexes containing pyridine-based ligands [19–22].

The mononuclear units of **2** are further stabilized by the presence of weak intramolecular hydrogen bonds established between the amino groups of the same dap ligand (N17-H17B...N18 and N27-H27B...N28), and between the ortho amino group of each dap ligand and one of the chloride ions (N17-H17A...Cl1 and N27-H27A...Cl1) (Fig. 4 and Table 3). The mononuclear

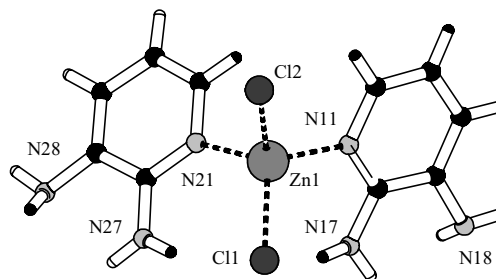


Fig. 3. Pluton[12] projection of the molecular structure of $[\text{Zn}(\text{dap})_2\text{Cl}_2]$ (**2**).

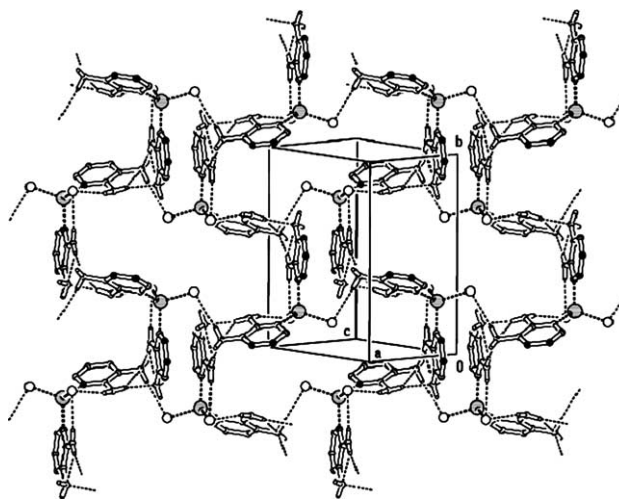


Fig. 4. The two-dimensional hydrogen-bonded layer of $[\text{Zn}(\text{dap})_2\text{Cl}_2]_n$ (**2**). Hydrogen atoms bonded to carbon have been omitted for clarity.

[Zn(dap)₂Cl₂] units are linked into two-dimensional sheets parallel to the (10–2) lattice planes through N–H···N hydrogen bonds involving the amino groups of adjacent molecules and N–H···Cl hydrogen bonds involving the second chloride ion and one amino group of a neighboring molecule (Fig. 4 and Table 3). At the interfaces between the hydrogen-bonded layers, the diaminopyridine rings are assembled in a facial arrangement, allowing π – π stacking interactions with C_g···C_g distances of 3.4860(15) Å and 3.8868(19) Å [22] (C_g is the geometrical center of a ring), which connect the layers into a three-dimensional network.

4. Supplementary material

Crystallographic data (excluding structure factors) have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre as supplementary publication No. CCDC-222186 and 222187. Copies of the data can be obtained free of charge on application to The Director, CCDC, 12 Union Road, Cambridge, CB2 1EZ, UK (fax: +44-1223-336-033; e-mail: deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk or <http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk>).

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