



Syntheses and crystal structures of dichloridobis-(2,3-dimethylpyrazine- κN)zinc(II) and *catena*-poly[[dichloridozinc(II)]- μ -2,3-dimethylpyrazine- $\kappa^2 N^1:N^4$]

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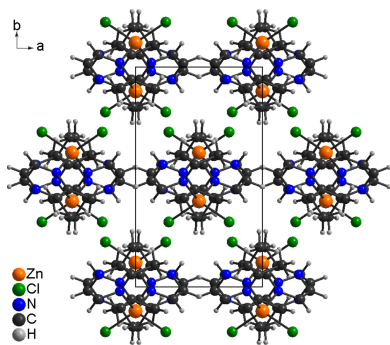
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The reactions of zinc(II)chloride with 2,3-dimethylpyrazine (C₆H₈N₂) in different ratios in acetonitrile lead to the formation of [ZnCl₂(C₆H₈N₂)₂] (**1**) and [ZnCl₂(C₆H₈N₂)_n] (**2**). The asymmetric unit of **1** consists of one Zn cation located on a twofold rotation axis, one chloride anion and one 2,3-dimethylpyrazine ligand that occupy general positions. In compound **2** the asymmetric unit is built up of one zinc cation, two chloride anions and one 2,3-dimethylpyrazine ligand that are located in general positions in the uncommon trigonal space group *P*3₂. In compound **1**, the Zn cations are tetrahedrally coordinated by two chloride anions and two 2,3-dimethylpyrazine ligands forming discrete complexes. These complexes are arranged in columns that proceed along the *c*-axis direction. The Zn cations in **2** are also tetrahedrally coordinated by two chloride anions and two 2,3-dimethylpyrazine ligands but linked *via* the bridging 2,3-dimethylpyrazine ligands into helical infinite chains that propagate along the *c*-axis direction. Powder X-ray diffraction measurements indicate that both compounds were obtained as pure crystalline phases.

1. Chemical context

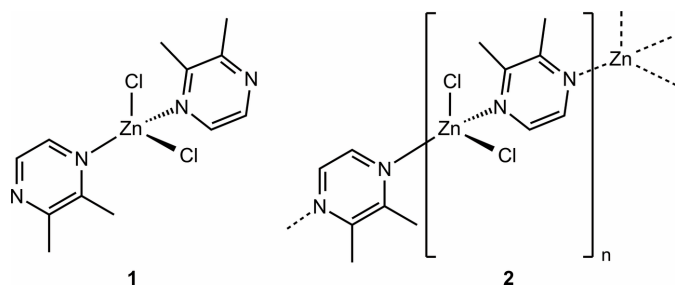
Coordination compounds based on transition-metal halides and neutral coligands have been investigated for many years. Such compounds shows extremely versatile structural behavior, which is especially valid for compounds containing copper(I) cations (Kromp & Sheldrick, 1999; Peng *et al.*, 2010; Näther & Jess, 2002, 2004; Li *et al.*, 2005). In this class of compounds, the copper cations can be linked by the halide anions into dinuclear units, chains or layers, which can be additionally connected if bridging instead of mono-coordinating coligands are used. Moreover, for a specific copper(I) halide and a specific coligand, compounds with a different ratio between the copper(I) halide and the neutral coligand are observed. If larger amounts of the coligands are used in the synthesis, mostly discrete units are obtained and an excess of the copper(I) halide leads to the formation of more condensed networks. The latter compounds can also be obtained if the discrete compounds with larger amounts of the coligands are heated, which usually leads to a stepwise removal of the coligands and the formation of new compounds consisting of single and double chains or layers (Näther *et al.*, 2001, 2002).

In contrast, compounds based on divalent cations show a less pronounced structural variability. In most cases, the metal cations are linked by pairs of μ -1,1 bridging halide anions into chains and such chains can be further connected into layers if bridging coligands are used. This is the case, *e.g.* in CdX₂



compounds with the composition $\text{CdX}_2(\text{pyrazine})$ with $X = \text{Cl}$ (Cambridge Structural Database refcode TISSUJ; Pickardt & Staub, 1996), $X = \text{Br}$ (RINSIQ and RINSOW; Bailey & Pennington, 1997), and $X = \text{I}$ (RINSIQ01 and RINSOW01; Pickardt & Staub, 1997), which have been known for many years. In these compounds, the Cd^{2+} cations are linked by pairs of halide anions into linear chains that are further connected into layers by the bridging pyrazine ligands.

In the course of our ongoing work in this area, we tried to prepare ZnCl_2 compounds with 2,3-dimethylpyrazine ($\text{C}_6\text{H}_8\text{N}_2$) that also can act as bridging ligands. This led to the formation of two different crystalline phases that were characterized by single crystal X-ray diffraction. Related compounds containing zinc and pyrazine are described in the *Database survey* section below.



2. Structural commentary

The asymmetric unit of $\text{ZnCl}_2(\text{C}_6\text{H}_8\text{N}_2)_2$ (**1**) consists of one Zn cation that is located on a twofold rotation axis, as well as one chloride anion and one 2,3-dimethylpyrazine ligand in general positions. The Zn cations are tetrahedrally coordinated by two 2,3-dimethylpyrazine coligands and two chloride anions into discrete complexes (Fig. 1). The $\text{Cl}-\text{Zn}-\text{Cl}$ and $\text{N}-\text{Zn}-\text{N}$ angles are larger than the $\text{Cl}-\text{Zn}-\text{N}$ angles, which shows that the tetrahedra are slightly distorted (Table 1).

The asymmetric unit of $[\text{ZnCl}_2(\text{C}_6\text{H}_8\text{N}_2)]_n$ (**2**) consists of one Zn cation, two chloride anions and one 2,3-dimethyl-

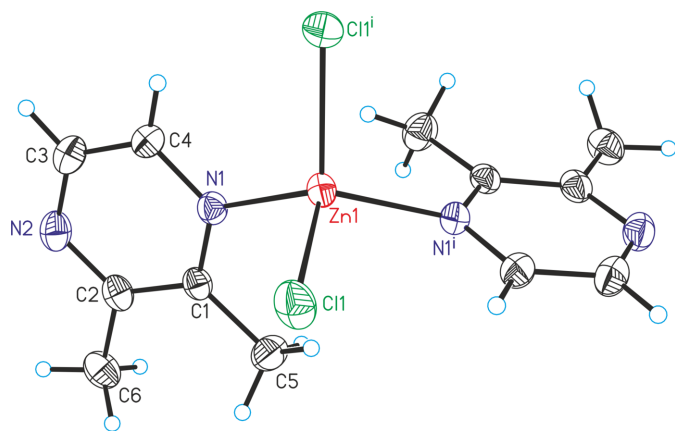


Figure 1

The molecular structure of **1** with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 50% probability level. Symmetry code for the generation of equivalent atoms: (i) $-x + 1, y, -z + \frac{3}{2}$.

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (\AA , $^\circ$) for **1**.

Zn1—Cl1	2.2261 (7)	Zn1—N1	2.0769 (19)
Cl1 ⁱ —Zn1—Cl1	118.70 (4)	N1—Zn1—Cl1 ⁱ	105.92 (6)
N1—Zn1—Cl1	105.21 (6)	N1 ⁱ —Zn1—N1	116.47 (11)

Symmetry code: (i) $-x + 1, y, -z + \frac{3}{2}$.

Table 2

Selected geometric parameters (\AA , $^\circ$) for **2**.

Zn1—Cl1	2.2142 (11)	Zn1—N1	2.109 (3)
Zn1—Cl2	2.2042 (11)	Zn1—N2 ⁱ	2.083 (3)
Cl2—Zn1—Cl1	116.23 (5)	N2 ⁱ —Zn1—Cl1	115.43 (10)
N1—Zn1—Cl1	107.11 (9)	N2 ⁱ —Zn1—Cl2	107.98 (10)
N1—Zn1—Cl2	105.99 (9)	N2 ⁱ —Zn1—N1	102.82 (12)

Symmetry code: (i) $-x + y + 1, -x + 1, z + \frac{1}{3}$.

pyrazine ligand, but in contrast to compound **1**, all atoms are located in general positions (Fig. 2). As in compound **1**, the Zn cations are tetrahedrally coordinated by two chloride anions and two 2,3-dimethylpyrazine ligands. In contrast to compound **1** the $\text{N}-\text{Zn}-\text{N}$ angles are smaller than the $\text{N}-\text{Zn}-\text{Cl}$ angles with the latter close to the ideal tetrahedral values (Table 2). The Zn cations are linked into helical chains by the 2,3-dimethylpyrazine ligands and these chains propagate in the crystallographic c -axis direction (Fig. 3)

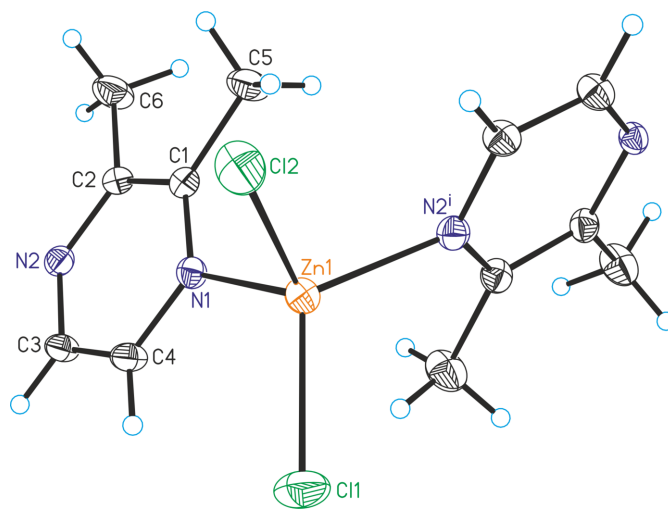


Figure 2

The molecular structure of **2** with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 50% probability level. Symmetry code for the generation of equivalent atoms: (i) $-x + y + 1, -x + 1, z + \frac{1}{3}$.

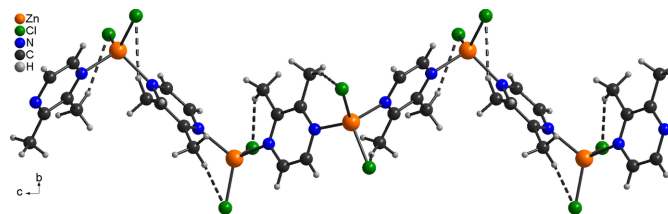


Figure 3

Part of a $[001]$ chain in **2** with intrachain and intrachain $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{Cl}$ hydrogen bonds shown as dashed lines.

Table 3
Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °) for **1**.

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
$C3-H3\cdots N2^{ii}$	0.94	2.68	3.459 (3)	140
$C4-H4\cdots Cl1^i$	0.94	2.81	3.445 (3)	126

Symmetry codes: (i) $-x + 1, y, -z + \frac{3}{2}$; (ii) $-x + 2, -y + 1, -z + 1$.

3. Supramolecular features

In compound **1**, the discrete complexes are arranged into columns that propagate in the crystallographic c -axis direction (Fig. 4). Between these columns there are no pronounced intermolecular interactions. One $C-H\cdots N$ and one $C-H\cdots Cl$ contact (Table 3) are observed, but at relatively long $H\cdots N$ and $H\cdots Cl$ distances and with angles far from linearity, which indicate that these are, at best, very weak interactions.

In contrast, in compound **2**, intra and interchain $C-H\cdots Cl$ hydrogen bonding is observed. Within the chains there are two $C-H\cdots Cl$ contacts between one H atom of the methyl groups and a halide anions but the $C-H\cdots Cl$ angles deviate from linearity, indicating that these are very weak interactions (Fig. 3 and Table 4). The chains are crosslinked by $C-H\cdots Cl$ contacts, but even here relatively long $H\cdots Cl$ distances and angles far from linearity are observed, indicating only weak interactions (Fig. 5 and Table 4).

4. Database survey

A search in the CCDC database (Groom *et al.*, 2016, CSD Version 5.43, January 2025) using CONQUEST (Bruno *et al.*, 2002) revealed that no compounds with twofold positively charged transition-metal halides and 2,3-dimethylpyrazine are known. However, with pyrazine ($C_4H_4N_2$), Zn^{2+} cations and

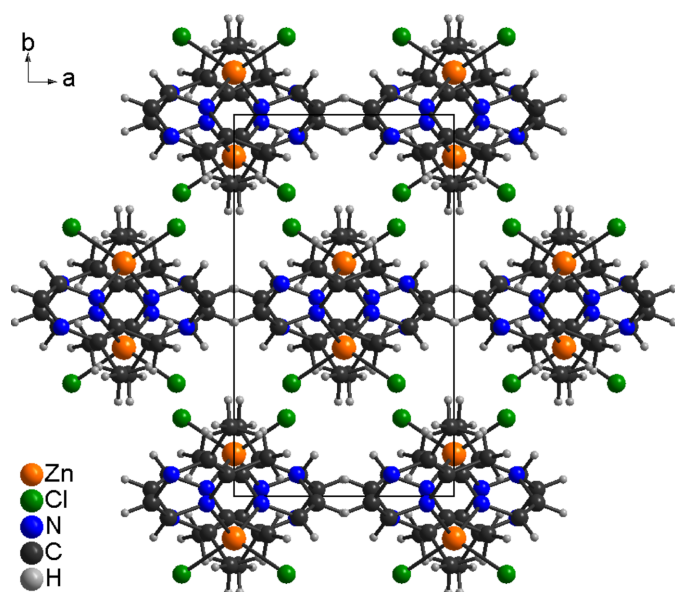


Figure 4
Crystal structure of **1** with view along the crystallographic c -axis direction.

Table 4
Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °) for **2**.

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
$C3-H3\cdots Cl1^{ii}$	0.94	2.90	3.590 (4)	132
$C3-H3\cdots Cl2^{iii}$	0.94	2.85	3.482 (4)	126
$C4-H4\cdots Cl1$	0.94	2.87	3.500 (4)	126
$C5-H5A\cdots Cl2$	0.97	2.85	3.724 (5)	151
$C6-H6A\cdots Cl1^{iii}$	0.97	2.80	3.721 (5)	160
$C6-H6C\cdots Cl2^{iv}$	0.97	2.80	3.596 (5)	140

Symmetry codes: (ii) $-y, x - y - 1, z - \frac{1}{3}$; (iii) $-y + 1, x - y, z - \frac{1}{3}$; (iv) $-y + 1, x - y + 1, z - \frac{1}{3}$.

halide anions, a number of compounds with different stoichiometries and different structural behaviors are observed. With $ZnCl_2$, two compounds with the composition $ZnCl_2(C_4H_4N_2)_2$ (REMPAB; Bosekar *et al.*, 2006) and $ZnCl_2(C_4H_4N_2)$ (TISTAQ; Pickardt & Staub, 1996) have been reported. In the first compound, the Zn cations are octahedrally coordinated by two chloride anions and four pyrazine ligands and are linked into layers by the coligands. In the pyrazine-deficient compound, the Zn cations are also octahedrally coordinated but the Zn cations are linked by pairs of bridging halide anions into chains that are connected into layers by the coligands, as is the case in the corresponding Cd compounds. For $ZnBr_2(C_4H_4N_2)_2$, two different modifications [EBOLAI (Bourne *et al.*, 2001) and EBOLAI01 (Bosekar *et al.*, 2006)] are observed, of which one is isotypal to the

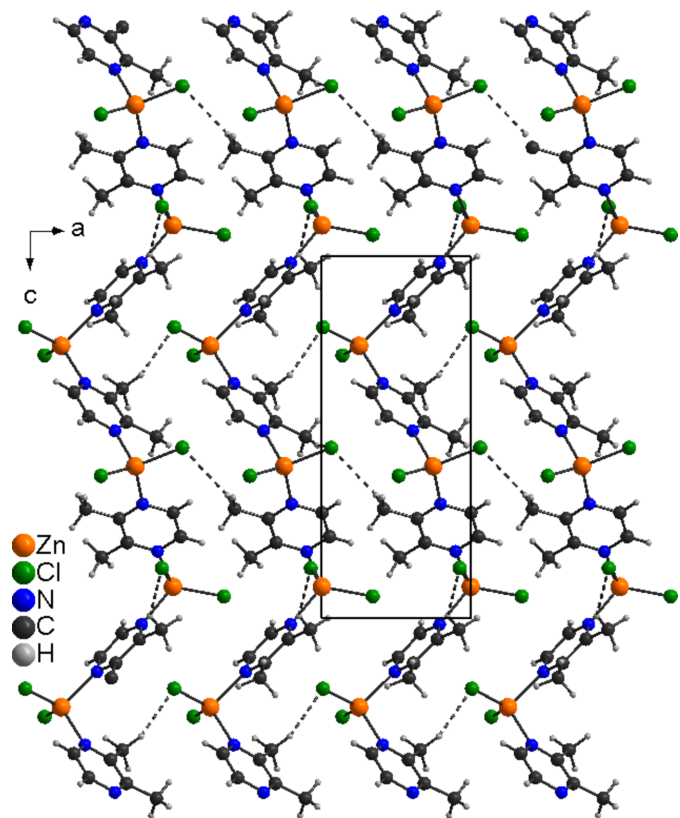


Figure 5
The crystal structure of **2** with view along the crystallographic b -axis direction and interchain $C-H\cdots Cl$ hydrogen bonding shown as dashed lines.

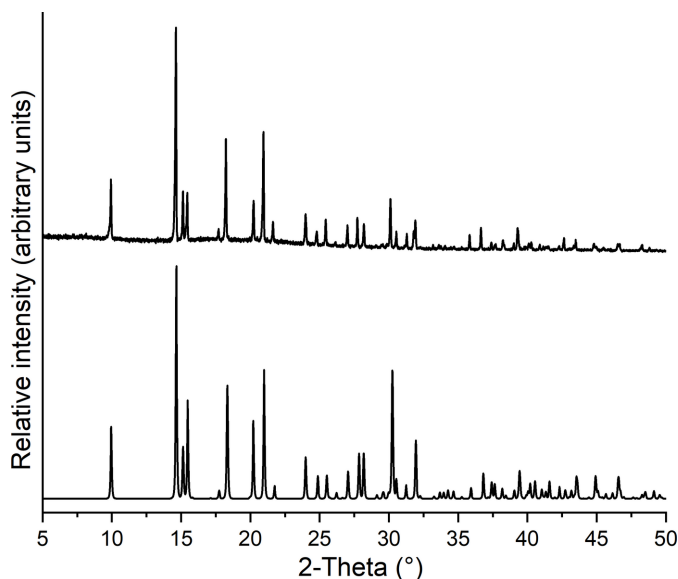
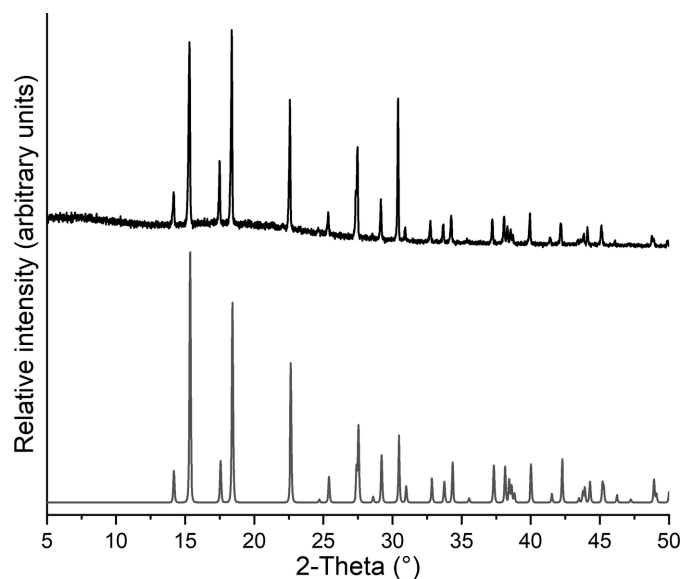
Table 5
 Experimental details.

	1	2
Crystal data		
Chemical formula	[ZnCl ₂ (C ₆ H ₈ N ₂) ₂]	[ZnCl ₂ (C ₆ H ₈ N ₂)]
M_r	352.56	244.41
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, <i>C2/c</i>	Trigonal, <i>P3₂</i>
Temperature (K)	220	220
a, b, c (Å)	6.9984 (4), 12.0864 (9), 17.8220 (12)	7.2027 (5), 7.2027 (5), 15.1418 (12)
α, β, γ (°)	90, 94.773 (8), 90	90, 90, 120
V (Å ³)	1502.25 (17)	680.30 (11)
Z	4	3
Radiation type	Mo $K\alpha$	Mo $K\alpha$
μ (mm ⁻¹)	1.98	3.23
Crystal size (mm)	0.11 × 0.08 × 0.06	0.12 × 0.07 × 0.05
Data collection		
Diffractometer	Stoe <i>IPDS2</i>	Stoe <i>IPDS2</i>
Absorption correction	Numerical (<i>X-RED</i> and <i>X-SHAPE</i> ; Stoe, 2008)	Numerical (<i>X-RED</i> and <i>X-SHAPE</i> ; Stoe, 2008)
T_{\min}, T_{\max}	0.684, 0.802	0.530, 0.709
No. of measured, independent and observed [$I > 2\sigma(I)$] reflections	6648, 1822, 1593	4933, 2178, 2078
R_{int}	0.031	0.037
$(\sin \theta/\lambda)_{\text{max}}$ (Å ⁻¹)	0.663	0.660
Refinement		
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)], wR(F^2), S$	0.035, 0.093, 1.06	0.026, 0.066, 1.02
No. of reflections	1822	2178
No. of parameters	90	103
No. of restraints	0	1
H-atom treatment	H-atom parameters constrained	H-atom parameters constrained
$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}}, \Delta\rho_{\text{min}}$ (e Å ⁻³)	0.41, -0.47	0.43, -0.45
Absolute structure	–	Flack x determined using 989 quotients [$(I^+ - I^-)/(I^+ + I^-)$] (Parsons <i>et al.</i> , 2013)
Absolute structure parameter	–	-0.008 (9)

Computer programs: *X-AREA* (Stoe, 2008), *SHELXT2014/4* (Sheldrick, 2015a), *SHELXL2016/6* (Sheldrick, 2015b), *DIAMOND* (Brandenburg, 1999) and *XP* in *SHELXTL-PC* (Sheldrick, 2008), *pubCIF* (Westrip, 2010).

corresponding chloride compounds. In both compounds, the same layer topology is observed. The crystal structure of ZnBr₂(C₄H₄N₂) is different from that of the chloride compounds. In this compound, the Zn cations are tetra-

hedrally coordinated and linked into corrugated chains *via* the neutral coligands (EBOKUB; Bourne *et al.*, 2001). Finally, ZnI₂(C₄H₄N₂) is also known and shows a structure similar to that of the corresponding bromide compound with a tetra-


Figure 6
 Experimental (top) and calculated X-ray powder pattern (bottom) of **1**.

Figure 7
 Experimental (top) and calculated X-ray powder pattern (bottom) of **2**.

hedral coordination of the metal center [ISOPOV (Song *et al.*, 2004) and ISOPOV01 (Bhosekar *et al.*, 2006)].

5. Synthesis and crystallization

Zinc chloride and 2,3-dimethylpyrazine were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. To prepare **1**, 1.00 mmol (136.3 mg) of zinc chloride was reacted with 2.00 mmol (216.3 mg) of 2,3-dimethylpyrazine in 1 ml of acetonitrile. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 d and the precipitate was filtered off and dried. Single crystals were obtained under the same reaction conditions without stirring. Compound **2** was prepared when 1.00 mmol (136.3 mg) of zinc chloride was reacted with 1.00 mmol (108.1 mg) of 2,3-dimethylpyrazine in 1 ml of acetonitrile. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 d and the precipitate was filtered off and dried. Single crystals were obtained under the same reaction conditions without stirring.

Comparison of the the experimental X-ray powder patterns with that calculated for the title compounds from single-crystal data shows that pure crystalline phases have been obtained (Figs. 6 and 7). The PXRD measurements were performed with Cu $K\alpha_1$ radiation ($\lambda = 1.540598 \text{ \AA}$) using a Stoe Transmission Powder Diffraction System (STADI P) equipped with a MYTHEN 1K detector and a Johansson-type Ge(111) monochromator.

6. Refinement

Crystal data, data collection and structure refinement details are summarized in Table 5. The C–H hydrogen atoms were positioned with idealized geometry (methyl H atoms allowed to rotate but not to tip) and were refined isotropically with $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2 U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ (1.5 for methyl H atoms).

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Computing details

Dichloridobis(2,3-dimethylpyrazine- κ N)zinc(II) (1)

Crystal data

[ZnCl₂(C₆H₈N₂)₂]

$M_r = 352.56$

Monoclinic, *C2/c*

$a = 6.9984$ (4) Å

$b = 12.0864$ (9) Å

$c = 17.8220$ (12) Å

$\beta = 94.773$ (8)°

$V = 1502.25$ (17) Å³

$Z = 4$

$F(000) = 720$

$D_x = 1.559$ Mg m⁻³

Mo $K\alpha$ radiation, $\lambda = 0.71073$ Å

Cell parameters from 6648 reflections

$\theta = 2.3$ – 28.1 °

$\mu = 1.98$ mm⁻¹

$T = 220$ K

Block, colorless

$0.11 \times 0.08 \times 0.06$ mm

Data collection

Stoe IPDS-2

diffractometer

Graphite monochromator

ω scans

Absorption correction: numerical

(X-Red and X-Shape; Stoe, 2008)

$T_{\min} = 0.684$, $T_{\max} = 0.802$

6648 measured reflections

1822 independent reflections

1593 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$

$R_{\text{int}} = 0.031$

$\theta_{\max} = 28.1$ °, $\theta_{\min} = 2.3$ °

$h = -8$ → 9

$k = -15$ → 15

$l = -23$ → 23

Refinement

Refinement on F^2

Least-squares matrix: full

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.035$

$wR(F^2) = 0.093$

$S = 1.06$

1822 reflections

90 parameters

0 restraints

Primary atom site location: dual

Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites

H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0513P)^2 + 2.9305P]$

where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$

$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.41$ e Å⁻³

$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.47$ e Å⁻³

Extinction correction: $[(I^+) - (I^-)] / [(I^+) + (I^-)]$,

$F_c^* = kFc[1 + 0.001xFc^2\lambda^3/\sin(2\theta)]^{-1/4}$

Extinction coefficient: 0.0093 (10)

Special details

Geometry. All esds (except the esd in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell esds are taken into account individually in the estimation of esds in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between esds in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell esds is used for estimating esds involving l.s. planes.

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (\AA^2)

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
Zn1	0.500000	0.61053 (3)	0.750000	0.02169 (16)
Cl1	0.26198 (10)	0.70442 (6)	0.68863 (4)	0.0358 (2)
N1	0.6245 (3)	0.52007 (17)	0.66778 (11)	0.0223 (4)
N2	0.7842 (3)	0.44320 (18)	0.54064 (12)	0.0296 (5)
C1	0.5340 (3)	0.44317 (19)	0.62405 (13)	0.0218 (5)
C2	0.6168 (4)	0.40470 (19)	0.55934 (14)	0.0252 (5)
C3	0.8750 (4)	0.5175 (2)	0.58671 (15)	0.0300 (5)
H3	0.995471	0.544204	0.575367	0.036*
C4	0.7971 (3)	0.5558 (2)	0.64998 (14)	0.0266 (5)
H4	0.865143	0.607572	0.681208	0.032*
C5	0.3471 (4)	0.3998 (2)	0.64656 (16)	0.0322 (6)
H5A	0.368112	0.329850	0.672689	0.048*
H5B	0.259902	0.388697	0.601969	0.048*
H5C	0.291943	0.452534	0.679620	0.048*
C6	0.5205 (4)	0.3189 (2)	0.50888 (16)	0.0330 (6)
H6A	0.585136	0.313807	0.462928	0.050*
H6B	0.387536	0.339443	0.496697	0.050*
H6C	0.526353	0.247889	0.534301	0.050*

Atomic displacement parameters (\AA^2)

	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{12}	U^{13}	U^{23}
Zn1	0.0234 (2)	0.0244 (2)	0.0175 (2)	0.000	0.00345 (13)	0.000
Cl1	0.0373 (4)	0.0406 (4)	0.0294 (3)	0.0133 (3)	0.0023 (3)	0.0082 (3)
N1	0.0223 (9)	0.0249 (9)	0.0201 (9)	0.0021 (7)	0.0036 (7)	−0.0007 (8)
N2	0.0328 (11)	0.0299 (11)	0.0274 (11)	0.0058 (9)	0.0092 (8)	0.0017 (9)
C1	0.0250 (11)	0.0211 (10)	0.0192 (10)	0.0030 (8)	0.0011 (8)	0.0032 (9)
C2	0.0318 (12)	0.0218 (11)	0.0219 (11)	0.0057 (9)	0.0020 (9)	0.0023 (9)
C3	0.0270 (12)	0.0314 (13)	0.0327 (13)	−0.0003 (10)	0.0094 (10)	0.0015 (11)
C4	0.0218 (11)	0.0318 (12)	0.0265 (12)	−0.0021 (9)	0.0035 (9)	0.0002 (10)
C5	0.0275 (12)	0.0339 (14)	0.0356 (14)	−0.0042 (10)	0.0061 (10)	−0.0043 (11)
C6	0.0416 (15)	0.0287 (12)	0.0282 (13)	0.0029 (11)	−0.0008 (11)	−0.0033 (10)

Geometric parameters (\AA , $^\circ$)

Zn1—Cl1 ⁱ	2.2261 (7)	C2—C6	1.496 (4)
Zn1—Cl1	2.2261 (7)	C3—H3	0.9400
Zn1—N1 ⁱ	2.077 (2)	C3—C4	1.373 (4)
Zn1—N1	2.0769 (19)	C4—H4	0.9400

N1—C1	1.338 (3)	C5—H5A	0.9700
N1—C4	1.346 (3)	C5—H5B	0.9700
N2—C2	1.329 (3)	C5—H5C	0.9700
N2—C3	1.341 (4)	C6—H6A	0.9700
C1—C2	1.412 (3)	C6—H6B	0.9700
C1—C5	1.495 (3)	C6—H6C	0.9700
Cl1 ⁱ —Zn1—Cl1	118.70 (4)	N2—C3—C4	121.9 (2)
N1—Zn1—Cl1	105.21 (6)	C4—C3—H3	119.1
N1 ⁱ —Zn1—Cl1 ⁱ	105.21 (6)	N1—C4—C3	120.7 (2)
N1—Zn1—Cl1 ⁱ	105.92 (6)	N1—C4—H4	119.6
N1 ⁱ —Zn1—Cl1	105.92 (6)	C3—C4—H4	119.6
N1 ⁱ —Zn1—N1	116.47 (11)	C1—C5—H5A	109.5
C1—N1—Zn1	124.81 (16)	C1—C5—H5B	109.5
C1—N1—C4	118.4 (2)	C1—C5—H5C	109.5
C4—N1—Zn1	115.78 (17)	H5A—C5—H5B	109.5
C2—N2—C3	117.6 (2)	H5A—C5—H5C	109.5
N1—C1—C2	119.9 (2)	H5B—C5—H5C	109.5
N1—C1—C5	118.0 (2)	C2—C6—H6A	109.5
C2—C1—C5	122.1 (2)	C2—C6—H6B	109.5
N2—C2—C1	121.3 (2)	C2—C6—H6C	109.5
N2—C2—C6	117.0 (2)	H6A—C6—H6B	109.5
C1—C2—C6	121.6 (2)	H6A—C6—H6C	109.5
N2—C3—H3	119.1	H6B—C6—H6C	109.5
Zn1—N1—C1—C2	165.76 (16)	C2—N2—C3—C4	-1.9 (4)
Zn1—N1—C1—C5	-14.9 (3)	C3—N2—C2—C1	2.0 (4)
Zn1—N1—C4—C3	-166.6 (2)	C3—N2—C2—C6	-177.9 (2)
N1—C1—C2—N2	0.1 (3)	C4—N1—C1—C2	-2.4 (3)
N1—C1—C2—C6	-179.9 (2)	C4—N1—C1—C5	176.9 (2)
N2—C3—C4—N1	-0.4 (4)	C5—C1—C2—N2	-179.2 (2)
C1—N1—C4—C3	2.6 (4)	C5—C1—C2—C6	0.8 (4)

Symmetry code: (i) $-x+1, y, -z+3/2$.

Hydrogen-bond geometry (\AA , $^\circ$)

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
C3—H3 \cdots N2 ⁱⁱ	0.94	2.68	3.459 (3)	140
C4—H4 \cdots Cl1 ⁱ	0.94	2.81	3.445 (3)	126

Symmetry codes: (i) $-x+1, y, -z+3/2$; (ii) $-x+2, -y+1, -z+1$.

catena-Poly[[dichloridozinc(II)]- μ -2,3-dimethylpyrazine- κ^2 N¹:N⁴] (2)

Crystal data

$[\text{ZnCl}_2(\text{C}_6\text{H}_8\text{N}_2)]$

$M_r = 244.41$

Trigonal, $P3_2$

$a = 7.2027 (5) \text{\AA}$

$c = 15.1418 (12) \text{\AA}$

$V = 680.30 (11) \text{\AA}^3$

$Z = 3$

$F(000) = 366$

$D_x = 1.790 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
 Mo $K\alpha$ radiation, $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$
 Cell parameters from 4933 reflections
 $\theta = 3.3\text{--}28.0^\circ$

$\mu = 3.23 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
 $T = 220 \text{ K}$
 Block, colorless
 $0.12 \times 0.07 \times 0.05 \text{ mm}$

Data collection

Stoe IPDS-2
 diffractometer
 ω scans
 Absorption correction: numerical
 (X-Red and X-Shape; Stoe, 2008)
 $T_{\min} = 0.530$, $T_{\max} = 0.709$
 4933 measured reflections

2178 independent reflections
 2078 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.037$
 $\theta_{\max} = 28.0^\circ$, $\theta_{\min} = 3.3^\circ$
 $h = -9 \rightarrow 9$
 $k = -9 \rightarrow 9$
 $l = -19 \rightarrow 19$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 Least-squares matrix: full
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.026$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.066$
 $S = 1.02$
 2178 reflections
 103 parameters
 1 restraint
 Primary atom site location: dual
 Hydrogen site location: inferred from
 neighbouring sites
 H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0475P)^2]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.43 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.45 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
 Extinction correction: SHELXL-2016/6
 (Sheldrick 2016),
 $F_c^* = kFc[1 + 0.001xFc^2\lambda^3/\sin(2\theta)]^{-1/4}$
 Extinction coefficient: 0.059 (5)
 Absolute structure: Flack x determined using
 989 quotients $[(F^+) - (F^-)] / [(F^+) + (F^-)]$ (Parsons *et al.*, 2013)
 Absolute structure parameter: -0.008 (9)

Special details

Geometry. All esds (except the esd in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell esds are taken into account individually in the estimation of esds in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between esds in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell esds is used for estimating esds involving l.s. planes.

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (\AA^2)

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
Zn1	0.25122 (6)	-0.00067 (6)	0.24667 (2)	0.01715 (15)
Cl1	0.13944 (19)	-0.34299 (16)	0.27312 (8)	0.0330 (3)
Cl2	0.00920 (17)	0.07332 (19)	0.19522 (8)	0.0310 (3)
N1	0.4909 (5)	0.1016 (5)	0.1488 (2)	0.0154 (6)
N2	0.7919 (5)	0.2020 (5)	0.0175 (2)	0.0169 (6)
C1	0.6175 (6)	0.3059 (6)	0.1242 (3)	0.0170 (7)
C2	0.7759 (6)	0.3587 (6)	0.0583 (3)	0.0171 (7)
C3	0.6607 (6)	-0.0026 (6)	0.0417 (3)	0.0179 (7)
H3	0.669885	-0.113306	0.012859	0.022*
C4	0.5131 (6)	-0.0516 (6)	0.1080 (3)	0.0184 (7)
H4	0.425794	-0.195318	0.125101	0.022*
C5	0.5867 (7)	0.4770 (6)	0.1651 (3)	0.0270 (9)
H5A	0.442266	0.414171	0.188400	0.041*
H5B	0.608877	0.583536	0.120896	0.041*

H5C	0.689115	0.544493	0.212727	0.041*
C6	0.9230 (8)	0.5846 (7)	0.0315 (3)	0.0288 (9)
H6A	1.043882	0.593490	-0.000465	0.043*
H6B	0.974247	0.674413	0.083733	0.043*
H6C	0.846871	0.633232	-0.006131	0.043*

Atomic displacement parameters (Å²)

	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{12}	U^{13}	U^{23}
Zn1	0.0168 (2)	0.0170 (2)	0.0174 (2)	0.00821 (17)	-0.00047 (15)	-0.00136 (15)
Cl1	0.0359 (6)	0.0185 (4)	0.0402 (7)	0.0104 (4)	0.0011 (4)	0.0064 (4)
Cl2	0.0266 (5)	0.0401 (6)	0.0340 (6)	0.0224 (4)	-0.0108 (4)	-0.0091 (4)
N1	0.0164 (14)	0.0157 (14)	0.0139 (15)	0.0080 (12)	0.0024 (11)	0.0004 (11)
N2	0.0176 (14)	0.0171 (15)	0.0160 (15)	0.0086 (12)	-0.0011 (12)	0.0010 (12)
C1	0.0205 (17)	0.0168 (16)	0.0143 (16)	0.0099 (14)	0.0002 (13)	0.0012 (13)
C2	0.0208 (17)	0.0152 (16)	0.0165 (17)	0.0100 (14)	-0.0001 (14)	0.0013 (13)
C3	0.0204 (17)	0.0139 (16)	0.0208 (18)	0.0096 (14)	0.0011 (14)	-0.0004 (13)
C4	0.0209 (18)	0.0144 (16)	0.0217 (19)	0.0101 (14)	0.0031 (15)	0.0018 (13)
C5	0.037 (2)	0.0172 (18)	0.029 (2)	0.0152 (17)	0.0098 (18)	0.0027 (16)
C6	0.035 (2)	0.0155 (17)	0.031 (2)	0.0097 (17)	0.0089 (18)	0.0008 (16)

Geometric parameters (Å, °)

Zn1—Cl1	2.2142 (11)	C2—C6	1.487 (5)
Zn1—Cl2	2.2042 (11)	C3—H3	0.9400
Zn1—N1	2.109 (3)	C3—C4	1.374 (6)
Zn1—N2 ⁱ	2.083 (3)	C4—H4	0.9400
N1—C1	1.339 (5)	C5—H5A	0.9700
N1—C4	1.341 (5)	C5—H5B	0.9700
N2—C2	1.340 (5)	C5—H5C	0.9700
N2—C3	1.344 (5)	C6—H6A	0.9700
C1—C2	1.418 (5)	C6—H6B	0.9700
C1—C5	1.491 (5)	C6—H6C	0.9700
Cl2—Zn1—Cl1	116.23 (5)	N2—C3—H3	119.7
N1—Zn1—Cl1	107.11 (9)	N2—C3—C4	120.7 (4)
N1—Zn1—Cl2	105.99 (9)	C4—C3—H3	119.7
N2 ⁱ —Zn1—Cl1	115.43 (10)	N1—C4—C3	121.3 (4)
N2 ⁱ —Zn1—Cl2	107.98 (10)	N1—C4—H4	119.3
N2 ⁱ —Zn1—N1	102.82 (12)	C3—C4—H4	119.3
C1—N1—Zn1	124.6 (3)	C1—C5—H5A	109.5
C1—N1—C4	118.7 (3)	C1—C5—H5B	109.5
C4—N1—Zn1	116.7 (3)	C1—C5—H5C	109.5
C2—N2—Zn1 ⁱⁱ	124.2 (3)	H5A—C5—H5B	109.5
C2—N2—C3	119.2 (3)	H5A—C5—H5C	109.5
C3—N2—Zn1 ⁱⁱ	116.5 (3)	H5B—C5—H5C	109.5
N1—C1—C2	120.3 (3)	C2—C6—H6A	109.5
N1—C1—C5	119.5 (3)	C2—C6—H6B	109.5

C2—C1—C5	120.2 (3)	C2—C6—H6C	109.5
N2—C2—C1	119.7 (3)	H6A—C6—H6B	109.5
N2—C2—C6	118.8 (3)	H6A—C6—H6C	109.5
C1—C2—C6	121.5 (4)	H6B—C6—H6C	109.5
Zn1—N1—C1—C2	179.3 (3)	C1—N1—C4—C3	-0.5 (6)
Zn1—N1—C1—C5	-2.2 (5)	C2—N2—C3—C4	-0.8 (6)
Zn1—N1—C4—C3	178.3 (3)	C3—N2—C2—C1	-1.7 (5)
Zn1 ⁱⁱ —N2—C2—C1	175.4 (3)	C3—N2—C2—C6	179.6 (4)
Zn1 ⁱⁱ —N2—C2—C6	-3.4 (5)	C4—N1—C1—C2	-2.0 (6)
Zn1 ⁱⁱ —N2—C3—C4	-178.1 (3)	C4—N1—C1—C5	176.5 (4)
N1—C1—C2—N2	3.2 (6)	C5—C1—C2—N2	-175.3 (4)
N1—C1—C2—C6	-178.2 (4)	C5—C1—C2—C6	3.4 (6)
N2—C3—C4—N1	2.0 (6)		

Symmetry codes: (i) $-x+y+1, -x+1, z+1/3$; (ii) $-y+1, x-y, z-1/3$.

Hydrogen-bond geometry (\AA , $^\circ$)

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
C3—H3 \cdots C11 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.94	2.90	3.590 (4)	132
C3—H3 \cdots C12 ⁱⁱ	0.94	2.85	3.482 (4)	126
C4—H4 \cdots C11	0.94	2.87	3.500 (4)	126
C5—H5A \cdots C12	0.97	2.85	3.724 (5)	151
C6—H6A \cdots C11 ⁱⁱ	0.97	2.80	3.721 (5)	160
C6—H6C \cdots C12 ^{iv}	0.97	2.80	3.596 (5)	140

Symmetry codes: (ii) $-y+1, x-y, z-1/3$; (iii) $-y, x-y-1, z-1/3$; (iv) $-y+1, x-y+1, z-1/3$.