

## X-ray Crystal Structure Analysis of Bis(pyridine *N*-oxide)copper(II) Nitrate, Cu(C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>NO)<sub>2</sub>(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>

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The crystals of Cu(C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>NO)<sub>2</sub>(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> are monoclinic with  $a = 11.820$ ,  $b = 14.862$ ,  $c = 8.005$  Å,  $\beta = 95.50^\circ$ , space group  $P2_1/n$ , with four formula units in the unit cell. A three-dimensional X-ray crystal structure analysis has shown that the compound is a dimeric complex, formula [Cu(C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>NO)<sub>2</sub>(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>, composed of two centrosymmetrically related monomers. Two copper atoms within the complex are joined by two bridging oxygen atoms (from C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>NO groups) with a Cu–Cu distance of 3.458 Å. Two nitrate groups, acting as monodentate ligands, and two oxygen atoms (from two C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>NO groups) are bonded to each copper atom by short (from 1.951 to 1.968 Å) and nearly coplanar bonds. The fifth Cu–O bond is long (2.439 Å); its oxygen atom belongs to the C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>NO group which is connected with the other copper atom (from the dimer) by short bonds. Thus each copper atom has a distorted tetragonal pyramidal environment of five oxygen atoms, and the dimeric complex contains two pyramidal polyhedra with one common pyramidal edge. The distances in the nitrate and pyridine *N*-oxide groupings do not deviate significantly from the known values. The shortest intermolecular distances correspond to van der Waals interactions.

### Introduction

Bis(pyridine *N*-oxide)copper(II) nitrate,



was isolated and characterized by infrared spectra, magnetic susceptibility and molecular conductance measurements by Quagliano, Fujita, Franz, Phillips, Walmsley & Tyree (1961). On the basis of the NO (from C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>NO) frequency band at 1205 cm<sup>-1</sup> and the strong absorption bands at 1292 and 1019 cm<sup>-1</sup> it was concluded that the pyridine *N*-oxide and the nitrate ligand made up the first coordination sphere of the copper atom. This is in agreement with a stoichiometric composition of the molecule, the usual coordination number of the copper(II) ion, and the property of pyridine *N*-oxide to coordinate only through an oxygen atom (since the oxygen atom is a negative end of a dipole). The conclusion of Quagliano *et al.* (1961) was confirmed by the present work of X-ray crystal structure analysis. Besides this some new, unpredictable, properties of the structure were revealed which may be of interest in a study of the structural chemistry of transition metal complexes of pyridine *N*-oxide; these include, among others, the geometry of coordination of the oxygen donor ligand, its role as a bridging ligand, the 'deficient' coordination number of copper(II) in the presence of two unattached oxygen atoms per NO<sub>3</sub> group and the absence of metal–metal interactions. A starting hypothesis of an octahedral coordination for the copper(II) atom with two nitrate groups, acting as bidentate ligands in the equatorial plane, and two pyridine *N*-oxide groups in axial positions had to be abandoned.

The main features of the crystal structure of bis(pyridine *N*-oxide)copper(II) nitrate, with some interatomic distances and angles within the copper polyhedron, were described by Ščavničar & Matković (1967). At that time the structure was solved by least-squares refinement with isotropic temperature factors. About 220 reflexions (mostly weak, slightly above film ground and the strongest which indicated that extinction corrections were necessary) were omitted in these calculations. The present paper describes in detail the structure derived from a three-dimensional anisotropic refinement with all (collected) reflexions and corrections for secondary extinction.

### Experimental

Crystals of Cu(C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>NO)<sub>2</sub>(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> were prepared by R. L. Carlin,\* and kindly supplied to D. Grdenić.† Intensities of X-ray reflexions were recorded photographically by the equi-inclination Weissenberg method (Ni-filtered Cu *K*α radiation) from a crystal mounted about the *b* axis (layers *h*0*l* to *h*7*l* inclusive) and about the *a* and *c* axes (zero layer reflexions only). Of 1917 attainable symmetry-independent reflexions, 1359 were measured with an optical densitometer, another 200 (slightly above background) were estimated visually and 358 reflexions were unobserved. Lorentz and polarization, but not absorption corrections were applied. The calculated absorption coefficient,  $\mu$ , of 27.5 cm<sup>-1</sup>, and

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the dimensions of crystals used indicated that  $\mu s$  was limited to between 0.8 and 1.0, where  $s$  was the maximum path length of an X-ray within the crystal. Unit-cell dimensions were obtained from the oscillation photographs taken with Cu  $K\alpha$  radiation.

#### Crystal data

The well developed crystals are bounded by the faces of the {010}, {110}, {021}, {011} and  $\{\bar{1}01\}$  forms of the monoclinic holosymmetric class. The crystals are transparent and of an intense emerald green colour. They are thick plate-like crystals of [010] habit slightly elongated in the  $a$ -axis direction.

M.W. for formula unit  $\text{Cu}(\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{NO})_2(\text{NO}_3)_2 = 377.76$ ,

Monoclinic,

$a = 11.820 \pm 0.005$ ,  $b = 14.862 \pm 0.01$ ,

$c = 8.005 \pm 0.005 \text{ \AA}$ ;  $\beta = 95.5 \pm 0.2^\circ$ .

$V = 1399.6 \text{ \AA}^3$ ,  $Z = 4$ ,

$D_c = 1.792$  and  $D_m = 1.78 \text{ g.cm}^{-3}$  (determined by the flotation method in a mixture of bromoform and benzene).

Systematic absences of reflexions occur for  $h0l: h+l=2n+1$  and  $0k0: k=2n+1$ . These uniquely determine the space group as  $P2_1/n$ . The asymmetric unit comprises one molecule; all the atoms are in the fourfold general positions of the set  $\pm(x, y, z; \frac{1}{2}-x, \frac{1}{2}+y, \frac{1}{2}-z)$ . An alternative choice of  $a$  axis along the  $[\bar{1}01]$  direction, providing a space group symbol in the more usual  $P2_1/a$  form, was not accepted because of a larger repeat period (13.590  $\text{\AA}$ ) in this direction and an inconveniently large monoclinic angle ( $120.1^\circ$ ).

#### Structure determination

Two Patterson projections  $P(xy)$  and  $P(yz)$  were interpreted to give a set of coordinates for the copper atom in the asymmetric unit. A three-dimensional Fourier synthesis, with the phases of the diffracted beams calculated from the positions of the copper atom, yielded the locations of all the other non-hydrogen atoms. The structure was then refined by several cycles of full-matrix least-squares refinement with isotropic temperature factors. At this point low order strong reflexions were found to have  $F_o$  consistently less than  $F_c$ , which indicated extinction. To handle this, Zachariasen's (1963) formulation of the extinction problem was adopted and the formula  $F_{\text{corr}} = 1/K \cdot F_{\text{obs}}(1 + \beta_{2\theta} C \cdot I_{\text{obs}})$  was employed. The resultant value of the  $C$  parameter was  $0.24 \cdot 10^{-3}$  for intensities on a relative scale. Prior to beginning the anisotropic refinement the scale factors,  $K$ , among the various  $hkl$  levels of the data were adjusted, again to give the best fit to the calculated structure factors (the values of  $K$  obtained were between 0.32 and 0.36). Five cycles of full-matrix least-squares refinement with anisotropic temperature factors for all non-hydrogen atoms reduced the reliability index to  $R_1 = 10.1\%$  (including unobserved reflexions) and  $R_2 = 7.5\%$  (omitting unobserved reflexions). The weighting scheme adopted was:  $w = 1$  for all reflexions whose intensities were determined with an optical densitometer,  $w = 0.25$  for reflexions which were estimated visually (slightly above film background) and  $w = 0$  for unobserved reflexions. Neutral-atom scattering factors were taken from *International Tables for X-ray Crystallology*.

Table 1. Final atomic coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and thermal parameters ( $\times 10^5$ )

Standard deviations are in parentheses.

Thermal parameters are of the form:

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

	$x$	$y$	$z$	$\beta_{11}$	$\beta_{22}$	$\beta_{33}$	$\beta_{12}$	$\beta_{13}$	$\beta_{23}$
Cu(1)	1060 (1)	801 (1)	311 (2)	250 (8)	170 (10)	760 (20)	10 (8)	-30 (8)	40 (13)
O(2)	-582 (5)	740 (5)	533 (7)	294 (30)	228 (40)	874 (72)	-18 (28)	29 (22)	-147 (48)
O(3)	2608 (5)	604 (5)	-263 (8)	320 (36)	305 (41)	976 (81)	8 (22)	23 (32)	135 (45)
O(4)	1430 (5)	547 (6)	2712 (8)	459 (41)	348 (45)	869 (72)	127 (36)	130 (47)	29 (43)
O(5)	2479 (7)	1023 (6)	4905 (10)	761 (55)	541 (58)	1103 (99)	-75 (44)	-308 (60)	-28 (53)
O(6)	2131 (7)	1918 (7)	2802 (11)	1193 (73)	214 (37)	1640 (129)	-93 (52)	228 (82)	66 (65)
O(7)	755 (6)	1230 (6)	-2013 (8)	585 (45)	248 (39)	866 (78)	61 (36)	-79 (50)	61 (56)
O(8)	536 (7)	2514 (7)	-811 (10)	859 (61)	202 (38)	1968 (132)	-76 (46)	356 (73)	-315 (68)
O(9)	496 (7)	2423 (6)	-3539 (10)	917 (60)	425 (52)	1527 (113)	132 (49)	-135 (56)	482 (65)
N(10)	-995 (6)	1166 (6)	1853 (8)	261 (39)	148 (37)	681 (84)	47 (34)	-18 (28)	-120 (53)
N(11)	3382 (6)	212 (6)	879 (9)	242 (38)	294 (52)	1090 (105)	68 (37)	28 (43)	15 (41)
N(12)	2034 (7)	1190 (7)	3498 (10)	350 (44)	384 (53)	900 (97)	9 (27)	-4 (32)	-124 (69)
N(13)	568 (7)	2094 (8)	-2117 (10)	301 (41)	261 (49)	1413 (121)	32 (38)	-46 (60)	134 (83)
C(14)	-1089 (8)	708 (8)	3270 (11)	575 (78)	219 (37)	913 (98)	4 (29)	-42 (48)	70 (64)
C(15)	-1545 (9)	1150 (9)	4580 (13)	691 (89)	316 (47)	1157 (108)	134 (57)	187 (62)	172 (70)
C(16)	-1872 (9)	2037 (9)	4425 (13)	437 (61)	371 (52)	1156 (111)	-58 (36)	61 (51)	-185 (69)
C(17)	-1770 (8)	2496 (9)	2921 (12)	427 (58)	184 (33)	1382 (127)	45 (34)	60 (53)	-116 (65)
C(18)	-1313 (8)	2034 (8)	1617 (11)	448 (59)	184 (31)	1270 (122)	47 (34)	25 (39)	-248 (77)
C(19)	4309 (8)	717 (9)	1445 (11)	329 (43)	319 (45)	1297 (120)	-34 (37)	-62 (45)	-209 (82)
C(20)	5156 (9)	313 (9)	2559 (13)	468 (62)	428 (59)	1523 (132)	82 (49)	-133 (59)	-110 (66)
C(21)	5027 (9)	-580 (9)	3024 (13)	521 (68)	339 (57)	1403 (136)	163 (61)	-237 (84)	-230 (79)
C(22)	4062 (9)	-1081 (9)	2427 (14)	644 (85)	265 (44)	1519 (133)	211 (59)	-167 (66)	62 (58)
C(23)	3252 (8)	-637 (9)	1327 (13)	403 (52)	233 (40)	1518 (128)	-37 (33)	-81 (52)	20 (50)

Table 2. Observed, Fo, and calculated Fc, structure factors

H	K	L	100Fo	100Fc	H	K	L	100Fo	100Fc	H	K	L	100Fo	100Fc	H	K	L	100Fo	100Fc	H	K	L	100Fo	100Fc	H	K	L	100Fo	100Fc				
0	1	1	13512	12731	0	12	4	1138	1040	11	4	0	1961	-1686	7	12	0	2100	-1765	13	0	3	4003	-4101	3	1	3	1612	-1379				
0	1	2	2239	2317	0	12	5	627	411	12	4	0	0	-239	8	12	0	0	481	13	0	-3	0	-47	4	1	3	6517	-5854				
0	1	3	5478	5592	0	12	6	767	698	13	4	0	1677	-1618	9	12	0	0	276	0	0	4	8967	9544	5	1	3	3928	3618				
0	1	4	2498	-2230	0	12	7	0	-121	14	4	0	692	-685	10	12	0	1226	1222	2	0	4	8838	-8516	6	1	3	665	885				
0	1	5	906	995	0	12	8	0	0	17	5	0	5960	-6536	11	12	0	315	352	2	0	4	6796	6593	7	-1	3	2371	2165				
0	1	6	1170	1422	0	13	1	4474	4953	2	5	0	4079	-4380	1	13	0	2616	2272	4	0	4	2010	-1889	8	1	3	8325	8048				
0	1	7	0	221	0	13	2	814	1142	3	5	0	3045	-2954	2	13	0	627	-605	4	0	-4	1374	-1613	9	1	3	0	-310				
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0	2	3	6799	-7119	0	13	7	484	523	9	5	0	3488	-3193	8	13	0	1617	1561	10	0	-4	2981	2908	2	1	4	3075	-2747				
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0	2	6	768	674	0	14	3	1438	-1770	12	5	0	2063	-1941	11	13	0	0	774	14	0	5	827	-949	5	1	4	522	-540				
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Table 2 (cont.)

H	K	L	100Fo	100Fc	H	K	L	100Fo	100Fc	H	K	L	100Fo	100Fc	H	K	L	100Fo	100Fc	H	K	L	100Fo	100Fc	H	K	L	100Fo	100Fc	H	K	L	100Fo	100Fc
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4	4	-5	4617	-4901	14	5	-1	2658	2754	13	6	1	1914	1921	14	6	-2	1032	996	2	7	3	1406	-815	7	7	-4	2490	2460
2	5	1	4073	-6184	1	5	-2	6458	-6394	14	6	1	00	-61	1	6	-3	8660	-8747	3	7	3	877	923	8	7	-4	2303	-2255
3	5	1	2496	1949	2	5	-2	915	-992	1	6	2	1123	1133	2	6	-3	992	1052	4	7	3	4531	4335	9	7	-4	1056	970
4	5	1	2303	2456	3	5	-2	00	333	2	6	2	2401	2184	3	6	-3	3078	2662	5	7	3	1332	-1266	10	7	-4	1377	-1447
5	5	1	00	141	4	5	-2	1912	-1767	3	6	2	00	334	4	6	-3	1572	-1223	6	7	3	1114	1017	11	7	-4	2846	-2923
6	5	1	3872	3900	5	5	-2	5534	5769	4	6	2	00	597	5	6	-3	6978	7131	7	7	3	00						

Table 3. *Interatomic distances (shorter than 3.35 Å) and bond angles*

Standard errors are in parentheses.

Small letters indicate symmetry transformations or cell translations:

 $a: \bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z}; b: 1-x, \bar{y}, 1-z; c: \frac{1}{2}+x, \frac{1}{2}-y, \frac{1}{2}+z; d: \frac{1}{2}-x, \frac{1}{2}+y, \frac{1}{2}-z; e: x, y, 1+z.$ 

## (a) Distances within a dimeric molecule

Polyhedron around the copper atom			
Cu(1)—O(2)	1.968 (5)	O(3)—O(4)	2.873 (7)
Cu(1)—O(3)	1.951 (5)	O(3)—O(7)	2.653 (7)
Cu(1)—O(4)	1.966 (5)	O(2a)—O(2)	2.773 (6)
Cu(1)—O(7)	1.967 (5)	O(2a)—O(3)	3.110 (7)
Cu(1)—O(2a)	2.439 (6)	O(2a)—O(4)	3.305 (7)
O(2)—O(4)	2.862 (6)	O(2a)—O(7)	3.172 (7)
O(2)—O(7)	2.793 (7)		
Nitrate groups			
N(12)—O(4)	1.316 (9)	N(13)—O(7)	1.304 (8)
N(12)—O(5)	1.222 (9)	N(13)—O(8)	1.221 (8)
N(12)—O(6)	1.227 (10)	N(13)—O(9)	1.234 (9)
O(4)—O(5)	2.168 (8)	O(7)—O(8)	2.164 (10)
O(4)—O(6)	2.198 (10)	O(7)—O(9)	2.158 (9)
O(5)—O(6)	2.154 (10)	O(8)—O(9)	2.184 (7)
Pyridine <i>N</i> -oxide molecules			
N(10)—O(2)	1.362 (7)	N(11)—O(3)	1.361 (7)
N(10)—C(14)	1.337 (10)	N(11)—C(19)	1.369 (9)
N(10)—C(18)	1.352 (10)	N(11)—C(23)	1.325 (11)
C(14)—C(15)	1.389 (10)	C(19)—C(20)	1.410 (12)
C(15)—C(16)	1.376 (12)	C(20)—C(21)	1.391 (14)
C(16)—C(17)	1.399 (11)	C(21)—C(22)	1.407 (12)
C(17)—C(18)	1.400 (11)	C(22)—C(23)	1.402 (12)
Other distances shorter than 3.35 Å			
Cu(1)—N(10)	2.880 (4)	O(3)—O(6)	3.227 (9)
Cu(1)—N(11)	2.875 (6)	O(3)—O(12)	3.267 (7)
Cu(1)—N(12)	2.758 (6)	O(4)—N(10)	3.026 (7)
Cu(1)—N(13)	2.755 (6)	O(4)—N(11)	2.988 (6)
Cu(1)—O(6)	2.802 (7)	O(4)—C(14)	3.062 (8)
Cu(1)—O(8)	2.750 (7)	O(4)—C(23)	3.069 (10)
O(2)—O(3a)	3.110 (7)	O(8)—C(18)	3.143 (9)
O(2)—O(8)	3.182 (9)	N(11)—N(12)	3.112 (6)
O(2)—N(13)	3.309 (8)		
(b) Distances between dimeric molecules			
O(3e)—C(17c)	3.291 <sub>1</sub> (12)	O(9c)—C(19)	3.099 (12)
O(5)—C(21b)	3.307 <sub>1</sub> (10)	O(9e)—C(15)	3.312 (11)
O(5)—C(17c)	3.324 (11)	O(9e)—C(16)	3.154 (10)
O(6)—C(22d)	3.289 (13)	O(9e)—C(17c)	3.332 (11)
O(8e)—C(16c)	3.124 (12)	N(13e)—C(17c)	3.202 (9)
(c) Bond angles (in degrees $\pm 0.5^\circ$ )			
In nitrate groups			
O(4)—N(12)—O(5)	117.3	O(7)—N(13)—O(8)	117.9
O(4)—N(12)—O(6)	119.5	O(7)—N(13)—O(9)	116.4
O(5)—N(12)—O(6)	123.1	O(8)—N(13)—O(9)	125.6
In pyridine <i>N</i> -oxide molecules			
O(2)—N(10)—C(14)	119.1	O(3)—N(11)—C(19)	116.9
O(2)—N(10)—C(18)	116.8	O(3)—N(11)—C(23)	120.1
C(14)—N(10)—C(18)	124.1	C(19)—N(11)—C(23)	122.9
N(10)—C(14)—C(15)	118.0	N(11)—C(19)—C(20)	118.2
C(14)—C(15)—C(16)	120.7	C(19)—C(20)—C(21)	119.1
C(15)—C(16)—C(17)	119.9	C(20)—C(21)—C(22)	121.4
C(16)—C(17)—C(18)	118.3	C(21)—C(22)—C(23)	116.6
C(17)—C(18)—N(10)	119.0	C(22)—C(23)—N(11)	121.9
In a polyhedron around the copper atom			
O(2)—Cu(1)—O(4)	91.8	O(2a)—Cu(1)—O(2)	77.1
O(2)—Cu(1)—O(7)	90.4	O(2a)—Cu(1)—O(3)	89.5
O(3)—Cu(1)—O(4)	94.3	O(2a)—Cu(1)—O(4)	96.5
O(3)—Cu(1)—O(7)	85.2	O(2a)—Cu(1)—O(7)	91.5

Table 3 (cont.)

Angles on oxygen atoms			
Cu(1)—O(2)—N(10)	118·6	Cu(1)—O(7)—N(13)	113·2
Cu(1)—O(3)—N(11)	119·4	Cu(1)—O(2)—Cu(1 <i>a</i> )	102·9
Cu(1)—O(4)—N(12)	112·8	Cu(1 <i>a</i> )—O(2)—N(10)	124·1

*tallography* (1962). The real, but not the imaginary part of the anomalous dispersion correction for the copper atom was applied. The attempt to locate hydrogen atoms by means of a difference-Fourier synthesis and to refine the calculated hydrogen positional parameters (with C—H ~ 1 Å) was unsuccessful.

Three-dimensional Fourier syntheses (Sly, Shoemaker & van den Hende, 1962) and several cycles of least-squares refinement (Busing, Martin & Levy, 1962) were carried out on the Washington State University IBM 709 computer. The least-squares refinement (Prewitt, 1964) was continued on the IBM 7040 computer at the University of Technology (Technische Hochschule), Vienna. Final refinement (Polić, 1968), the atomic distances and angles, and the mean planes (Zelenko, 1968) were computed on the Institute Ruder Bošković CAE 90·40 computer.

The final atomic coordinates and thermal parameters together with their estimated standard deviations are shown in Table 1, and the observed and calculated structure factors in Table 2. The bond lengths and angles together with other selected interatomic distances are given in Table 3 and Fig. 1.

### Description and discussion of the structure

Fig. 2 represents the projection of the structure along [001]: atoms in the nitrate and pyridine *N*-oxide groups are connected by full heavy lines, as are copper–oxygen bonds; the coordination polyhedra of the copper atoms are drawn as full and broken lines. The only atoms numbered are those whose distances and angles are mentioned in Table 3.

The crystal is composed of discrete molecules which are dimeric,  $[\text{Cu}(\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{NO})_2(\text{NO}_3)_2]_2$ . A three-dimensional arrangement is achieved by a fairly efficient molecular packing but no specific intermolecular interactions are indicated. The shortest distances correspond to normal van der Waals interactions. Dimeric species are placed in the monoclinic unit cell astride centres of symmetry at 0, 0, 0, and  $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$ , and so are composed of two centrosymmetrically related complex monomers. These two monomers are connected in such a way that two copper atoms [*e.g.* Cu(1) and Cu(1*a*) of Fig. 2] are bridged by two oxygen atoms [*e.g.* O(2) and O(2*a*)] which belong to two symmetrically equivalent pyridine *N*-oxide groups. In the monomeric unit the copper

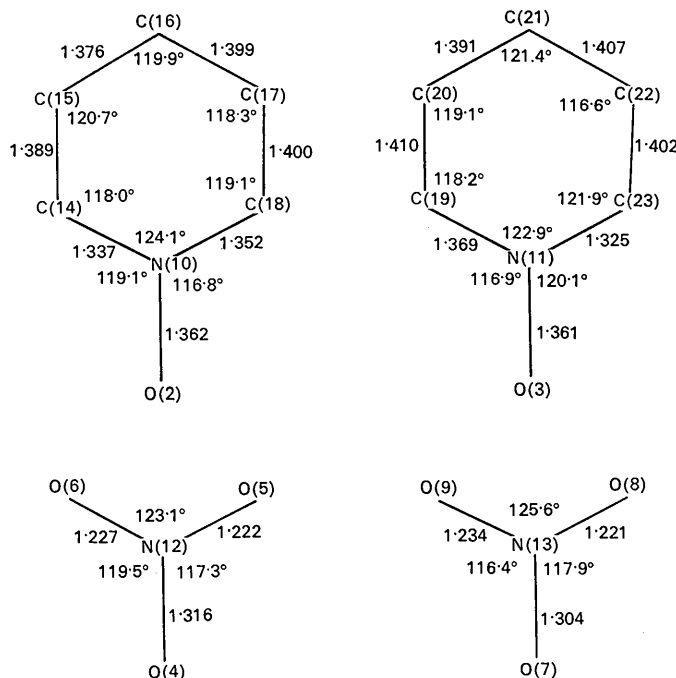


Fig. 1. Bond distances and angles in pyridine *N*-oxide and nitrate groups.

atom is at a centre of a nearly coplanar rectangular arrangement of four oxygen atoms which belong to two nitrate and two pyridine *N*-oxide groups. These groups occupy *trans* positions to one another in the coordination sphere of the copper atom. The structural arrangement is such that one of the four oxygen atoms mentioned [O(2)] participates also in the coordination sphere of the copper atom from the centrosymmetrically related monomer, and *vice versa*. Thus each copper atom has a distorted tetragonal pyramidal environment of five oxygen atoms. Short and nearly coplanar bonds (mean value, 1.963 Å) are directed from the copper atom Cu(1) to four oxygen atoms: O(2) from C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>NO at 1.968 Å, O(3) from C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>NO at 1.951 Å, O(4) from NO<sub>3</sub> at 1.966 Å and O(7) from NO<sub>3</sub> at 1.967 Å; the fifth (long) bond (2.439 Å) is approximately perpendicular to the plane of those four oxygen atoms and directed to the bridging oxygen atom [O(2a)]. Next closest atoms (to the copper atom), on the opposite side the pyramidal apex, are two oxygen atoms [O(6) at 2.802 Å and O(8) at 2.750 Å] and two nitrogen atoms [N(12) at 2.758 Å and N(13) at 2.755 Å] from two NO<sub>3</sub> groups of the same monomer. Their distances from the copper

atom are too great to be considered in the copper coordination sphere. This conclusion is partly supported by a significant difference between N–O bond lengths in the NO<sub>3</sub> groups: bonds directed to the oxygen atoms [O(4) and O(7)] from the copper polyhedron are about 0.08 Å longer than the remaining nitrogen–oxygen bonds. It follows that nitrate groups act as monodentate ligands, presumably because of a steric hindrance which prevents one of them from completing, as a bidentate ligand, an octahedral copper coordination. In spite of being structurally independent both NO<sub>3</sub> groups coordinate with an equal Cu–O–N angle of 113°; this value is closer to the tetrahedral (109.5°) than to the trigonal angle (120°), making *sp*<sup>3</sup> hybridization more likely than *sp*<sup>2</sup> on the O(4) and O(7) atoms.

There is no metal–metal interaction in the present structure. The closest Cu–Cu approach is 3.458 Å and this occurs within a dimeric unit; it is greater than the separation in other bridged copper complexes (Porai-Koshits & Gilinskaya, 1966; Muetterties & Schunn, 1966; Sager, Williams & Watson, 1967).

The equation of the mean plane through the copper [Cu(1)] and four oxygen atoms [O(2), O(3), O(4) and

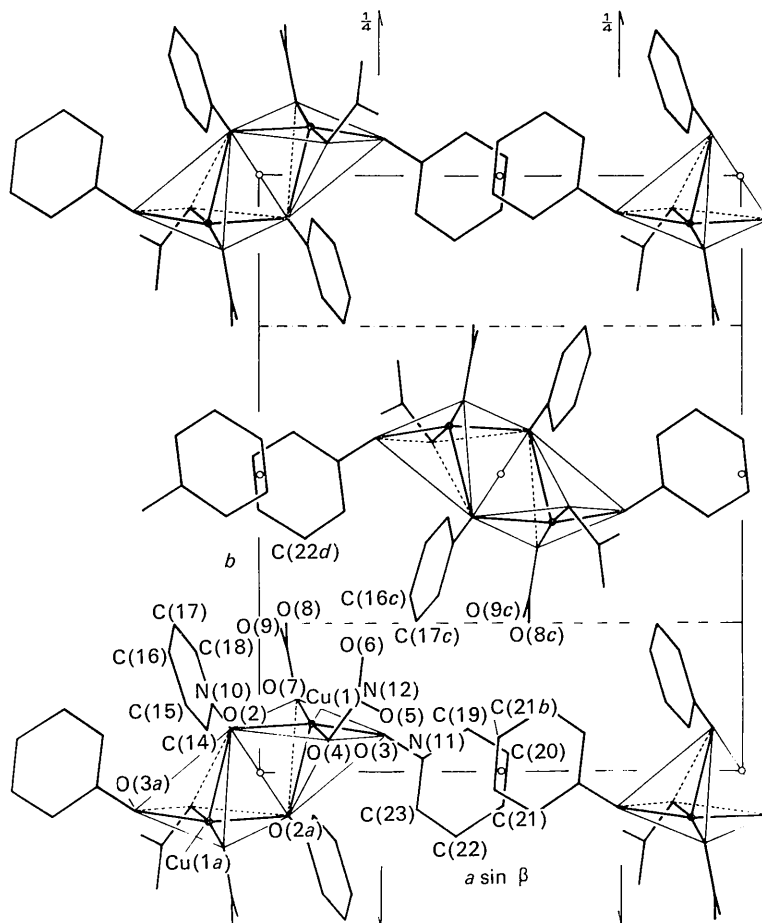


Fig. 2. The projection of the structure along [001].



O(7)], together with the distances of the atoms from this plane, are shown in Table 4. These data indicate a small tetrahedral distortion of a planar configuration of four oxygen atoms: the diagonal O(2)–O(3) of a quadrilateral does not intersect the second O(4)–O(7) diagonal; they are separated by 0.36 Å from one another. Table 4 also contains the equations of the mean planes through the atoms of the pyridine *N*-oxide and nitrate groups together with the deviations of the atoms from these planes; these deviations are so small (and the sums of the bond angles are very close to 360° or 720°) that all nitrate and pyridine *N*-oxide groups may be considered as planar.

The pyridine rings are twisted out of the Cu–O–N planes. The angle between the normal to the copper–oxygen plane and the normal to either pyridine ring is  $64 \pm 0.5^\circ$ , and the angle between the normals to two pyridine rings is  $82 \pm 0.5^\circ$ . From the lack of coincidence of the Cu–O–N plane and the pyridine ring it may be concluded that the interaction between the *p* orbital of the oxygen atom and the  $\pi$  system of the pyridine group was of little importance in determining the mutual orientation of ligands and the equatorial plane of the copper polyhedron.

Taking into account the probable error in the positional parameters, the differences between the corresponding bond lengths within two independent pyridine *N*-oxide molecules are not significant; mean values of nitrogen–oxygen (1.361 Å), nitrogen–carbon (1.345 Å) and carbon–carbon (1.396 Å) distances are in good agreement with published data (Horrocks, Templeton & Zalkin, 1968; Sager, Williams & Watson, 1967; Tsoucaris, 1961). Both pyridine *N*-oxide molecules coordinate with the same Cu–O–N angle of  $119 \pm 0.5^\circ$ . This value is very close to  $120^\circ$  and may suggest, as in the structure of  $\text{Ni}(\text{C}_5\text{H}_7\text{O}_2)_2(\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{NO})_2$  (Horrocks *et al.*, 1968), an  $sp^2$  hybridization on oxygen, at least for a non-bridging oxygen atom; for a bridging oxygen atom [O(2)] the third weakest O(2)–Cu(1*a*) bond of 2.439 Å is out of the Cu(1)–O(2)–N(10) plane, with a corresponding reduction of the Cu(1)–O(2)–Cu(1*a*) angle to  $103^\circ$ .

In the crystal structure of  $[(\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{NO})\text{CuCl}_2]_2$  (Schafer, Morrow & Smith, 1965; Sager, Williams & Watson, 1967), which is also an oxygen bridged dimer, two Cu–O bonds are of similar strength (with lengths of 1.979 and 2.036 Å) and the distribution of 2 Cl and 2 O atoms is distorted square planar. Comparing this

with the structure of 2:1 complex copper(II) nitrate it follows that in the formation of the present structure four strong Cu–O bonds were equally distributed among four structurally independent ligands (two  $\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{NO}$  and two  $\text{NO}_3$  groups) which remain at the disposal of each copper ion, while the fifth (more remote) apical position was left for bridging purposes.

Crystal structures with a 4+1 coordination of the  $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}$  ion were reviewed by Zemann (1961) and later by Muettterties & Schunn (1966). In all of them, independent of whether the formation of a pentacoordinate structure was achieved by dimerization or not, the fifth Cu–O bond is about 0.4 Å longer than the bonds from the equatorial plane; our data are in agreement with this. In the recently determined structure of  $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (Duffin, 1968), the fifth Cu–O bond is a little shorter (2.31 Å). The values obtained for short copper–oxygen bonds fall within the range of expected values of 1.9 to 2.0 Å.

The shortest distances between oxygen and carbon atoms from adjacent dimeric molecules [O(9*e*)–C(19) = 3.10, O(8*e*)–C(16*c*) = 3.12, O(9*e*)–C(16) = 3.15 Å] are too long, which may indicate some significant intermolecular interactions which could account for hydrogen bonding. There are no additional atoms of closer approach, although the possible positions of some of the hydrogen atoms fall within this range.

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Table 4. *Least-squares planes and deviations of atoms from the planes*

*x, y, z* are fractional atomic coordinates.

Atoms and their distances (Å) from the plane	Equation of plane (fractional form)
Cu(1), –0.0348; O(2), 0.1852; O(3), 0.1917; O(4), –0.1622; O(7), –0.1799	$x/1.21082 + y/0.08960 + z/0.68208 = 1$
O(4), 0.0005; O(5), 0.0005; O(6), 0.0005; N(12), –0.0015	$x/0.01526 + y/–0.03135 + z/–0.04096 = 1$
O(7), 0.0054; O(8), 0.0063; O(9), 0.0062; N(13), –0.0179	$x/0.10274 + y/0.53835 + z/–4.89626 = 1$
O(2), –0.0123; N(10), 0.0118; C(14), 0.0080; C(15), –0.0082; C(16), 0.0006; C(17), –0.0049; C(18), 0.0050	$x/–0.01600 + y/–0.03878 + z/–0.08116 = 1$
O(3), –0.0316; N(11), 0.0252; C(19), 0.0143; C(20), –0.0011; C(21), –0.0201; C(22), –0.0026; C(23), 0.0158	$x/0.24024 + y/–0.34687 + z/–0.24250 = 1$

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## The Crystal and Molecular Structure of the Triethylammonium Salt of Cyclic Uridine-3', 5'-Phosphate

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The triethylammonium salt of cyclic uridine-3',5'-phosphate forms monoclinic crystals of space group  $P2_1$ , with  $a=15.51$ ,  $b=11.674$ ,  $c=11.044$  Å,  $\beta=98.6^\circ$ ; there are two molecules of the salt in the asymmetric unit. Three-dimensional diffractometer data were collected with Cu  $K\alpha$  radiation. The structure was determined by Patterson and Fourier syntheses in conjunction with the tangent formula, and refined by block-diagonal least squares. The final  $R$  value was 5.8% for the 2712 reflections used in the refinement and 6.5% for all 2866 data.

The nucleotides pack with the pyrimidine rings nearly normal to  $c$ , arranged in hydrogen-bonded ribbons with the base planes near  $z=0$  and  $z=\frac{1}{2}$ . Adjacent anions are linked with a hydrogen bond between the C(2') hydroxyl group of the ribose and a phosphate oxygen atom.

The geometry of the molecule is in accord with previous studies of nucleotides. The C(4)–O(4) carbonyl bond on the uracil ring is bent towards N(3), as was found in most earlier studies. The torsion angles of the bases with respect to the sugars are  $-77^\circ$  and  $-58^\circ$ , both in the *anti* range. The ribose conformation is C(3')-*endo* in both anions. The conformation about the C(4')–C(5') bond is *trans-gauche* rather than *gauche-gauche* because of the geometrical requirements for forming the cyclic phosphate.

### Introduction

Cyclic uridine-3',5'-phosphate (3',5'-UMP) is an interesting member of the class of mononucleotides. Uridine is a component of ribonucleic acid, and cyclic 2',3'-phosphate esters are intermediates in the breakdown of RNA. Cyclic 3',5'-ribonucleotides were used by Smith & Khorana (1959) in the synthesis of the specific 3',5'-phosphodiester linkage of a dinucleotide; some of these nucleotides (especially cyclic adenosine-3',5'-phosphate) are physiologically active. No detailed structure determinations have been reported for cyclic nucleotides, and this study was undertaken to elucidate the crystal structure of 3'-5'-UMP. Preliminary notes have appeared for this structure (Coulter, 1968) and for the adenosine analog, 3',5'-AMP (Watenpaugh, Dow, Jensen & Furberg, 1968). The chemical structure of 3',5'-UMP is given in Fig. 1 with the conventional numbering of the atoms.

### Experimental

The triethylammonium salt of 3',5'-UMP was prepared and crystallized from an ethanol–water solution by Dr D. H. Rammner. The crystals were tabular plates, flattened on (001). They tended to fracture easily along (001). A roughly cube-shaped crystal 0.2 mm on a side was aligned about  $a^*$  and used for the determination of cell constants and the initial data collection. To this end, the specimen was placed on a General Electric goniostat with a single-crystal orienter and scintillation counter, and irradiated with nickel-filtered copper radiation. Cell dimensions were derived by a least-squares fit of 31 careful  $2\theta$  measurements, and were found to be:

$$a = 15.51 \pm 0.01 \quad b = 11.674 \pm 0.007, \quad c = 11.044 \pm 0.006 \text{ Å} \\ \beta = 98.6^\circ \pm 0.1; \quad \text{Cu } K\alpha: \lambda = 1.5418 \text{ Å}.$$

Systematic extinctions ( $0k0$ ,  $k=2n+1$ ) suggested space