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# Structure of (1,10-Phenanthroline)(salicylaldehydato)copper(II) Nitrate 

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#### Abstract

Cu}\left(\mathrm{C}_{7} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{O}_{2}\right)\left(\mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{~N}_{2}\right)\right] \mathrm{NO}_{3}, \quad M_{r}=426.9\), triclinic, $\quad P \overline{1}, \quad a=11.739(3), \quad b=9.062^{(2)}, \quad c=$ 8.773 (2) $\AA, \quad \alpha=95.74$ (2),$\quad \beta=112.78$ (2),$\quad \gamma=$ $79.87(1)^{\circ}, \quad V=846.5(6) \AA^{3}, \quad Z=2, \quad D_{x}=$ $1.67 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}, \quad \lambda(\mathrm{Mo} \mathrm{K} \mathrm{\alpha})=0.71069 \AA, \quad \mu=$ $1.379 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}, F(000)=434$, room temperature. $R=$ 0.043 for 2380 observed reflections. The Cu ion displays a distorted square-pyramidal coordination, being linked to two O atoms of the salicylaldehydato and two N atoms of the 1,10 -phenanthroline ligand and an O atom of the nitrate group. There is a weak interaction between Cu and an O atom of another salicylaldehydato ligand. The ( 1,10 -phenanthroline)(salicylaldehydato)copper(II) ion is roughly planar, the phenyl group of the salicylaldehydato ligand deviating most from this plane. Deviations in metal-ligand lengths are due to the different characters of the $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O}$ bonds.


Introduction. The behaviour of mixed-chelate complexes (Griesser \& Sigel, 1970) has been of great interest for inorganic and bioinorganic chemists in the last few years because their synthesis is a challenge itself, as is their characterization. A series of compounds of formula $M(\mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{N})(\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{O})(M=\mathrm{Cu}, \mathrm{N}-\mathrm{N}$ $=o$-phenanthroline, bipyridine or substituted phenanthroline, $\quad \mathrm{O}-\mathrm{O}=$ salicylaldehydato or acetylacetonato) have been synthesized, characterized and their stability constants determined by potentiometric methods (Gasque, 1984; Ruiz-Ramírez \& Gasque,
1986). The title compound is a member of this series of complexes and its crystal structure is determined in order to obtain the ligand arrangement around the Cu ion.

Experimental. Dark-green pinacoids $(0.5 \times 0.4 \times$ 0.1 mm ), Philips PW 1100 diffractometer, Mo Ka , graphite monochromator, cell parameters from 25 reflections ( $4 \leq \theta \leq 12^{\circ}$ ), $\omega$-scan technique, scan width $1^{\circ}$, scan speed $0.03^{\circ} \mathrm{s}^{-1} .2982$ independent reflections with $\theta \leq 25^{\circ} ; 2380$ with $I \geq 2 \cdot 5 \sigma(I), h k l$ range -12 to 12,0 to 10 , and 0 to 10 . Three standard reflections were measured every 2 h , significant intensity decay was not observed, Lp correction, absorption ignored.

The structure was solved by direct methods (MULTAN80, Main, Fiske, Hull, Lessinger, Germain, Declercq \& Woolfson, 1980). Full-matrix least-squares refinements (SHELX76, Sheldrick, 1976), $\sum w\left(\left|F_{o}\right|-\right.$ $\left.\left|F_{c}\right|\right)^{2}$ minimized, $w=\left[\sigma^{2}\left(F_{o}\right)+0.004\left|F_{o}\right|^{2}\right]^{-1}, f, f^{\prime}$ and $f^{\prime \prime}$ from International Tables for $X$-ray Crystallography (1974). An O atom of the $\mathrm{NO}_{3}$ group was located in a disordered position, an occupancy factor of 0.5 was assigned according to peak heights of Fourier synthesis. All H atoms from $\Delta \rho$ map and refined with an overall isotropic temperature factor, remaining atoms refined anisotropically, final $R=0.043$ ( $w R$ $=0.048)$ for all observed reflections, max. shift/e.s.d. $=0.27$ in $U_{12}$ of Cu , max. and min. peaks in final $\Delta \rho$ map 0.4 [ $1.05 \AA$ away from $\mathrm{N}(32)$ ] and $-0.3 \mathrm{e} \AA^{-3}$, respectively; IBM-3082 computer.

Discussion. Atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic thermal coefficients are given in Table 1. Fig. 1 shows a view of the molecule with the numbering of atoms. The bond distances and angles are listed in Table 2.*

The Cu ion displays a distorted square-pyramidal coordination being linked to two O atoms of the salicylaldehydato and two N atoms of the $1,10-$ phenanthroline ligand, these four atoms being roughly planar [largest deviation $-0.259(5) \AA$ for $N(10)$, distance from Cu atom to mean plane -0.811 (3) $\AA$ ], and an O atom of a nitrate group in the apex site with a large contact distance $[2.402(3) \AA]$. This distance is $2 \cdot 15$ (4) $\AA$ in bis(2,9-dimethyl-1,10-phenanthroline)nitrato(trichloroacetato)copper(II) trichloroacetic acid solvate (Van Meerssche, Germain, Declercq \& Wilputte-Steinert, 1981). The loss of planarity of the Cu ion and the increase in the $\mathrm{Cu} \cdots \mathrm{ONO}_{2}$ length can be explained by a Jahn-Teller effect. The $\pi$-bond character of the $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{O}(1)$ bond produces a lengthening of the $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{O}(1)$ bond distance, 1.952 (3) $\AA$ with respect to

[^0]Table 1. Final atomic coordinates $\left(\times 10^{4}\right.$, for $\left.\mathrm{Cu} \times 10^{5}\right)$ and equivalent isotropic thermal parameters

| $B_{\text {eq }}=\frac{8}{3} \pi^{2} \sum_{i} \sum_{j} U_{i j} a_{i}^{*} a_{j}^{*} \mathbf{a}_{i} . \mathbf{a}_{j}$. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | $B_{\text {eq }}\left(\AA^{2}\right)$ |
| Cu | 87727 (4) | 40207 (5) | 46940 (5) | $2 \cdot 77$ (2) |
| $\mathrm{O}(1)$ | 9974 (3) | 2394 (3) | 5986 (3) | $3 \cdot 2$ (1) |
| C(1) | 10674 (4) | 1495 (4) | 5430 (5) | $2 \cdot 9$ (2) |
| C(2) | 10846 (3) | 1600 (4) | 3945 (5) | 2.9 (2) |
| C(3) | 11630 (4) | 400 (5) | 3503 (6) | $3 \cdot 8$ (2) |
| C(4) | 11836 (5) | 416 (5) | 2089 (6) | 4.3 (2) |
| C(5) | 11305 (4) | 1637 (5) | 1075 (6) | $3 \cdot 9$ (2) |
| C(6) | 10580 (4) | 2841 (5) | 1485 (5) | $3 \cdot 3$ (2) |
| C(7) | 10316 (3) | 2865 (4) | 2913 (5) | 2.4 (1) |
| $\mathrm{O}(8)$ | 9632 (3) | 4042 (3) | 3258 (4) | 3.4 (1) |
| $\mathrm{N}(10)$ | 7517 (3) | 5779 (4) | 3596 (4) | 2.9 (1) |
| C(11) | 7367 (4) | 6467 (5) | 2270 (5) | $3 \cdot 5$ (2) |
| C(12) | 6448 (5) | 7677 (6) | 1673 (6) | 4.5 (2) |
| C(13) | 5646 (4) | 8206 (5) | 2454 (7) | 4.7 (2) |
| C(14) | 5776 (4) | 7485 (5) | 3868 (6) | 3.9 (2) |
| C(15) | 4989 (4) | 7890 (6) | 4796 (8) | $4 \cdot 8$ (2) |
| C(16) | 5150 (5) | 7142 (7) | 6115 (8) | $4 \cdot 9$ (2) |
| C(17) | 6129 (4) | 5911 (5) | 6688 (6) | 3.8 (2) |
| C(18) | 6362 (5) | 5044 (6) | 8066 (7) | $4 \cdot 5$ (2) |
| C(19) | 7333 (5) | 3912 (6) | 8494 (6) | 4.9 (2) |
| C(20) | 8065 (4) | 3570 (5) | 7564 (5) | $3 \cdot 7$ (2) |
| $\mathrm{N}(21)$ | 7873 (3) | 4330 (4) | 6241 (4) | 3.0 (1) |
| C(22) | 6905 (4) | 5484 (5) | 5813 (5) | $3 \cdot 1$ (2) |
| C(23) | 6731 (4) | 6273 (4) | 4391 (5) | $3 \cdot 0$ (2) |
| $\mathrm{O}(31)$ | 12355 (3) | -1996 (4) | 6701 (4) | 4.8 (1) |
| $\mathrm{N}(32)$ | 12938 (3) | -1941 (4) | 8206 (4) | 3.6 (1) |
| $\mathrm{O}(33)$ | 13689 (4) | -3106 (5) | 8816 (5) | 6.4 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O}(34)$ | 12995 (22) | -866 (27) | 9083 (25) | 9.4 (9) |
| $\mathrm{O}(34)^{\prime}$ | 12552 (23) | -950 (27) | 8945 (23) | $9 \cdot 5$ (12) |

1.898 (3) $\AA$ observed for $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{O}(8)$. This effect is also observed in bis(salicylaldehydato)copper(II) (McKinnon, Waters \& Hall, 1964) where these distances are 1.98 and $1.86 \AA$, respectively (the different values for


Fig. 1. View of the molecule with the atom-numbering scheme.

Table 2. Bond lengths $(\AA)$ and angles $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$

| $\mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{Cu} \quad 1$ | 1.952 (3) | $\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(12) \quad 1.36$ | 1.364 (8) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{O}(8)-\mathrm{Cu} \quad 1.8$ | 1.898 (3) | $\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{C}(13) \quad 1.4$ | 1.403 (7) |
| $\mathrm{N}(10)-\mathrm{Cu} \quad 2$. | 2.005 (3) | $\mathrm{C}(15)-\mathrm{C}(14) \quad 1.43$ | 1.433 (7) |
| $\mathrm{N}(21)-\mathrm{Cu} \quad 1$ | 1.991 (3) | $\mathrm{C}(23)-\mathrm{C}(14) \quad 1.3$ | 1.394 (5) |
| $\mathrm{O}(3 \mathrm{I})-\mathrm{Cu} \quad 2$ | 2.402 (3) | $\mathrm{C}(16)-\mathrm{C}(15) \quad 1.33$ | 1.333 (8) |
| $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{Cu} \quad 3$ | 3.486 (1) | $\mathrm{C}(17)-\mathrm{C}(16) \quad 1.4$ | 1.426 (7) |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{O}(1) \quad 1$ | 1.254 (4) | $\mathrm{C}(18)-\mathrm{C}(17) \quad 1.4$ | 1.418 (7) |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(1) \quad 1$ | 1.409 (6) | $\mathrm{C}(22)-\mathrm{C}(17) \quad 1.3$ | 1.389 (5) |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(2) \quad 1$ | 1.421 (5) | $\mathrm{C}(19)-\mathrm{C}(18) \quad 1.35$ | 1.352 (7) |
| $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(2) \quad 1$ | 1.428 (5) | $\mathrm{C}(20)-\mathrm{C}(19) \quad 1.37$ | 1.378 (6) |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(3) \quad 1$ | 1.355 (6) | $\mathrm{N}(21)-\mathrm{C}(20) \quad 1.33$ | 1.333 (6) |
| $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(4) \quad 1.3$ | 1.389 (7) | $\mathrm{C}(22)-\mathrm{N}(21) \quad 1.3$ | 1.362 (5) |
| $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(5) \quad 1$ | 1.370 (6) | $\mathrm{C}(23)-\mathrm{C}(22) \quad 1$. | 1.428 (6) |
| $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(6) \quad 1$. | 1.400 (5) | $\mathrm{N}(32)-\mathrm{O}(31) \quad 1.2$ | 1.230 (5) |
| $\mathrm{O}(8)-\mathrm{C}(7) \quad 1$ | 1.302 (4) | $\mathrm{O}(33)-\mathrm{N}(32) \quad 1$. | 1.265 (5) |
| $\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{N}(10) \quad 1$. | 1.312 (5) | $\mathrm{O}(34)-\mathrm{N}(32) \quad 1$. | 1.174 (17) |
| $\mathrm{C}(23)-\mathrm{N}(10) \quad 1$. | 1.351 (5) | $\mathrm{O}(34)^{\prime}-\mathrm{N}(32) \quad 1$. | 1.183 (17) |
| $\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{C}(11) \quad 1$. | 1.379 (7) | $\mathrm{O}(34)^{\prime}-\mathrm{O}(34) \quad 0 \cdot$ | $0 \cdot 504$ (40) |
| $\mathrm{O}(8)-\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{O}(1)$ | $93 \cdot 6$ (1) | C(23)-C(14)-C(15) | 117.8 (4) |
| $\mathrm{N}(10)-\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{O}(1)$ | $173 \cdot 8$ (1) | $\mathrm{C}(16)-\mathrm{C}(15)-\mathrm{C}(14)$ | 121.8 (4) |
| $\mathrm{N}(10)-\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{O}(8)$ | 91.6 (1) | $\mathrm{C}(17)-\mathrm{C}(16)-\mathrm{C}(15)$ | 121.5 (4) |
| $\mathrm{N}(21)-\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{O}(1)$ | 91.9 (1) | $\mathrm{C}(18)-\mathrm{C}(17)-\mathrm{C}(16)$ | 125.4 (4) |
| $\mathrm{N}(21)-\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{O}(8)$ | 171.4 (1) | $\mathrm{C}(22)-\mathrm{C}(17)-\mathrm{C}(16)$ | 118.1 (5) |
| $\mathrm{N}(21)-\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{N}(10)$ | 82.5 (1) | $\mathrm{C}(22)-\mathrm{C}(17)-\mathrm{C}(18)$ | 116.5 (4) |
| $\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{Cu}$ | 122.6 (3) | C(19)-C(18)-C(17) | 119.5 (4) |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{O}(1)$ | 126.9 (4) | $\mathrm{C}(20)-\mathrm{C}(19)-\mathrm{C}(18)$ | $120 \cdot 2$ (5) |
| C(3)-C(2)-C(1) | 117.4 (4) | $\mathrm{N}(21)-\mathrm{C}(20)-\mathrm{C}(19)$ | 122.7 (4) |
| $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | 123.4 (3) | $\mathrm{C}(20)-\mathrm{N}(21)-\mathrm{Cu}$ | 129.9 (3) |
| $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | 119.2 (4) | $\mathrm{C}(22)-\mathrm{N}(21)-\mathrm{Cu}$ | 112.7 (3) |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | $120 \cdot 8$ (4) | $\mathrm{C}(22)-\mathrm{N}(21)-\mathrm{C}(20)$ | 117.4 (3) |
| $\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | 119.9 (4) | $\mathrm{N}(21)-\mathrm{C}(22)-\mathrm{C}(17)$ | 123.6 (4) |
| $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(5)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | 121.1 (4) | $\mathrm{C}(23)-\mathrm{C}(22)-\mathrm{C}(17)$ | $120 \cdot 6$ (4) |
| $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | 121.2 (4) | $\mathrm{C}(23)-\mathrm{C}(22)-\mathrm{N}(21)$ | 115.8 (3) |
| $\mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | 117.7 (3) | $\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{C}(23)-\mathrm{N}(10)$ | 122.9 (4) |
| $\mathrm{O}(8)-\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | 123.4 (3) | $\mathrm{C}(22)-\mathrm{C}(23)-\mathrm{N}(10)$ | 117.1 (3) |
| $\mathrm{O}(8)-\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | 118.9 (3) | C(22)-C(23)-C(14) | 120.1 (4) |
| $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{O}(8)-\mathrm{Cu}$ | 123.3 (2) | $\mathrm{O}(33)-\mathrm{N}(32)-\mathrm{O}(31)$ | 116.0 (4) |
| $\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{N}(10)-\mathrm{Cu}$ | 129.6 (3) | $\mathrm{O}(34)-\mathrm{N}(32)-\mathrm{O}(31)$ | 126.4 (13) |
| $\mathrm{C}(23)-\mathrm{N}(10)-\mathrm{Cu}$ | 111.9 (3) | $\mathrm{O}(34)-\mathrm{N}(32)-\mathrm{O}(33)$ | 116.7 (13) |
| $\mathrm{C}(23)-\mathrm{N}(10)-\mathrm{C}(11)$ | 1) 118.4 (3) | $\mathrm{O}(34)^{\prime}-\mathrm{N}(32)-\mathrm{O}(31)$ | 115.8 (12) |
| $\mathrm{C}(12)-\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{N}(10)$ | 0) 122.4 (4) | $\mathrm{O}(34)^{\prime}-\mathrm{N}(32)-\mathrm{O}(33)$ | 126.3 (12) |
| $C(13)-C(12)-C(11)$ | 1) 120.5 (4) | $\mathrm{O}(34)^{\prime}-\mathrm{N}(32)-\mathrm{O}(34)$ | 24.7 (19) |
| $\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{C}(13)-\mathrm{C}(12)$ | 2) 118.4 (4) | $\mathrm{O}(34)^{\prime}-\mathrm{O}(34)-\mathrm{N}(32)$ | 78.7 (37) |
| $\mathrm{C}(15)-\mathrm{C}(14)-\mathrm{C}(13)$ | 3) 124.8 (4) | $\mathrm{O}(34)-\mathrm{O}(34)^{\prime}-\mathrm{N}(32)$ | $76 \cdot 6$ (35) |

the $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{O}$ bond lengths are explained by the different trans atoms). This fact explains the shortening of the $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{N}(21)$ bond distance [1.991 (3) $\AA$, trans to $\mathrm{O}(8)$ ] with respect to 2.005 (3) $\AA$ observed for $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{N}(10)$ [trans $\mathrm{O}(1)]$. The Cu ion is also weakly linked to $\mathrm{O}\left(8^{\text {i }}\right)$ of another cation $\left[\mathrm{Cu} \cdots \mathrm{O}\left(8^{i}\right) 2.781(3) \AA\right.$, symmetry code: (i) $2-x, 1-y, 1-z]$, being located at the opposite side from $\mathrm{O}(31)$ (Fig. 1).
The salicylaldehydato ligand is not planar. The phenyl ring is planar, with the largest deviation from the mean plane being 0.014 (6) $\AA ; O(8)$ and $O(1)$ deviate from this phenyl plane by 0.035 (4) and -0.086 (4) $\AA$ respectively. The dihedral angle between the phenyl ring and the $\mathrm{O}(1), \mathrm{O}(8), \mathrm{N}(10), \mathrm{N}(21)$ plane is $18.6(3)^{\circ}$. The 1,10 -phenanthroline ligand is planar with the dihedral angle between this plane and the $O(1), O(8)$ $\mathrm{N}(10), \mathrm{N}(21)$ plane equal to $2.8(3)^{\circ}$.

The mean $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{N}$ (phenanthroline) distance of 1.998 (7) $\AA$ is similar to that of 2.01 (1) $\AA$ observed in aqua( 1,10 -phenanthroline)(thiamine pyrophosphate)copper(II) dinitrate hydrate (Aoki \& Yamasaki, 1980), while it is shorter than those obtained in the trans-bis(1,10-phenanthroline)copper(II) complex [mean value 2.05 (1) $\AA$; Boys, Escobar \& Martinez-Carrera, 1981].

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# Structure of Tris( $\eta$-methylcyclopentadienyl)(trimethylphosphine)cerium(III) 

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#### Abstract

Ce}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{4}\right)_{3}\left\{\mathrm{P}_{\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}}^{3}\right]\right.\), $M_{r}=453.57$, monoclinic, $C c, a=14.017$ (4), $b=9.351$ (3), $c=$ 16.348 (6) $\AA, \beta=103.92$ (3) ${ }^{\circ}, V=2080$ (3) $\AA^{3}, Z=$ $4, D_{x}=1.448$ (3) $\mathrm{g} \mathrm{cm}^{-3}$, Mo $K \alpha, \lambda\left(\alpha_{1}\right)=0.70930 \AA$, $\mu=23.0 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}, F(000)=916, T=296 \mathrm{~K}, R=0.024$ for 1232 reflections $\left[F^{2}>\sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]$. The structure consists of Ce centered monomolecular units in which the Ce atom is coordinated in a pentahapto fashion to three cyclopentadiene rings and to the phosphorus atom of the trimethylphosphine molecule. The average $\mathrm{Ce}-\mathrm{C}$ distance is 2.82 (4) $\AA$ and the $\mathrm{Ce}-\mathrm{P}$ distance is 3.072 (4) $\AA$.


Introduction. Recently we reported the structure of $\left[\mathrm{U}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{4}\right)_{3} \mathrm{P}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right]$ (Brennan \& Zalkin, 1985) as part of a study of the relative affinity of Lewis bases
toward $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{4}\right)_{3} \mathrm{U}$. A parallel experiment using $\left[\mathrm{Ce}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{4}\right)_{3} \mathrm{P}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right]$ is being performed to study what effect a different metal atom has on the molecular structure and chemistry. Interligand contacts influence the ability of a ligand to coordinate to a metal ion and must be considered when comparing ligand basicities. As part of this study we report here the X-ray structure of $\left[\mathrm{Ce}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{4}\right)_{3} \mathrm{P}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right.$, which is isomorphous with the uranium complex.

Experimental. Yellow air-sensitive needles of the phosphine complex were prepared by reacting [Ce$\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{4}\right)_{3} \mathrm{OC}_{4} \mathrm{H}_{8}$ ], isolated from the reaction of $\mathrm{CeCl}_{3}$ with three equivalents of $\mathrm{NaCH}_{3} \mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{4}$ in tetrahydrofuran, with $\mathrm{P}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}$ in diethyl ether and crystallizing from diethyl ether at 253 K . Crystals were
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