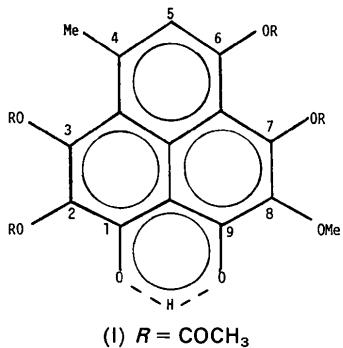


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## Structure of $[\text{Ni}(\text{OH}_2)_2(\text{NH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2)_2]\text{[picrate}]_2$

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**Abstract.** Diaquabis(1,3-diaminopropane)nickel(II) picrate,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{24}\text{N}_4\text{NiO}_2^{2+} \cdot 2\text{C}_6\text{H}_2\text{N}_3\text{O}_7^-$ ,  $M_r = 699.2$ , monoclinic,  $I2/a$  (non-standard setting of  $C2/c$ ),  $a = 16.2880 (6)$ ,  $b = 7.5741 (3)$ ,  $c = 22.6836 (8) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\beta = 96.606 (4)^\circ$ ,  $V = 2779.8 \text{ \AA}^3$ ,  $Z = 4$ ,  $D_m = 1.69 (1)$ ,  $D_x = 1.670 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ ,  $\lambda(\text{Cu} K\alpha) = 1.54184 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\mu = 1.82 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ ,  $F(000) = 1448$ ,  $T = 295 \text{ K}$ ,  $R = 0.0699$  for 2300 unique observed reflections. The structure contains discrete  $[\text{Ni}(\text{OH}_2)_2(\text{NH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2)_2]^{2+}$  cations and picrate anions, which are hydrogen bonded to the aqua ligands [O···O 2.670 (6)  $\text{\AA}$ ]. The Ni atom lies on a crystallographic centre of inversion; octahedral coordination around it is effected by two water and two bidentate 1,3-diaminopropane molecules to give a *trans*- $\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$  donor set. The Ni–O [2.126 (2)  $\text{\AA}$ ] and Ni–N [2.109 (2) and 2.101 (2)  $\text{\AA}$ ] distances are within normal ranges, and *cis* coordination angles range from 88.9 (1) to 91.2 (1) $^\circ$ . The six-membered chelate rings have a chair conformation.

McLean, 1971) with 0.15 g (2 mmol) of freshly distilled 1,3-diaminopropane in 25 ml acetonitrile. An orange solution was obtained, which upon slow evaporation at room temperature afforded well formed orange crystals. The density was measured by flotation. A crystal of size  $0.5 \times 0.5 \times 0.5 \text{ mm}$ , on a glass fibre, was examined on a Stoe–Siemens diffractometer. Unit-cell parameters were refined from  $2\theta$  values of 32 reflections (45–50 $^\circ$ ) measured at  $\pm \omega$ . Data collection employed  $\omega/\theta$  scans and on-line profile fitting (Clegg, 1981), to a maximum  $2\theta$  of 130 $^\circ$ ; index ranges were  $h - 19 \rightarrow 19$ ,  $k 0 \rightarrow 8$ ,  $l 0 \rightarrow 26$ , together with a partial set of equivalent reflections. No significant variation was observed in the intensities of three standard reflections. Semi-empirical absorption corrections were applied, with transmission factors in the range 0.261–0.392. The 3557 measured reflections yielded 2335 unique data, 2300 with  $F > 4\sigma_c(F)$  ( $\sigma_c$  from counting statistics only);  $R_{\text{int}} = 0.042$ .

The structure was solved by direct methods, and blocked-cascade least-squares refinement on  $F$ , with weighting  $w^{-1} = \sigma^2(F) = \sigma_c^2(F) + 54 - 229G + 857G^2$

Table 1. Atomic coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and equivalent isotropic thermal parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^4$ )

	$x$	$y$	$z$	$U_{\text{eq}}$
Ni	0	0	5000	370 (1)
O(1)	1096 (1)	1548 (2)	5085.6 (7)	645 (5)
N(1)	-295 (1)	992 (2)	5818.4 (7)	443 (4)
N(2)	-625 (1)	2103 (2)	4540.4 (7)	559 (6)
C(I)	-1077 (1)	1974 (3)	5848 (1)	570 (7)
C(2)	-1187 (2)	3460 (3)	5409 (1)	710 (8)
C(3)	-1347 (2)	2919 (3)	4765 (1)	722 (9)
C(4)	1720 (1)	1231 (2)	1583.2 (9)	406 (5)
C(5)	2615 (1)	1340 (2)	1670.3 (8)	402 (6)
C(6)	3091 (1)	675 (2)	2168.5 (8)	398 (5)
C(7)	2700 (1)	-172 (2)	2595.9 (7)	405 (5)
C(8)	1854 (1)	-364 (2)	2543.3 (8)	404 (6)
C(9)	1386 (1)	293 (2)	2044.7 (9)	439 (6)
O(2)	1290 (1)	1943 (2)	1156.3 (7)	680 (5)
N(3)	3055 (1)	2237 (2)	1245.8 (8)	473 (5)
O(31)	2748 (1)	2332 (3)	727.4 (7)	690 (5)
O(32)	3740 (1)	2868 (2)	1406.2 (9)	724 (6)
N(4)	3183 (1)	-842 (2)	3124.9 (8)	489 (5)
O(41)	3927 (1)	-751 (2)	3161.6 (8)	708 (6)
O(42)	2812 (1)	-1481 (3)	3515.1 (7)	807 (6)
N(5)	509 (1)	2 (3)	2016.5 (9)	572 (5)
O(51)	215 (1)	-609 (5)	2441 (1)	1188 (15)
O(52)	96 (1)	42 (5)	1532 (1)	1212 (9)

$-96H + 55H^2 - 45GH$  [ $G = F_o/F_{\text{max}}$ ,  $H = \sin\theta/\sin\theta_{\text{max}}$  (Wang Hong & Robertson, 1985)], including anisotropic thermal parameters from all non-H atoms, constrained H atoms [C—H and N—H 0.96 Å, H—C—H and H—N—H 109.5°, aromatic H on ring angle external bisectors, O—H 0.87 Å,  $U(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(X)$ ], and an isotropic extinction parameter  $x = 2.1(2) \times 10^{-5}$  [ $F'_c = F_c/(1 + xF_c^2/\sin^2\theta)^{1/4}$ ]. At convergence,  $R = 0.0699$ ,  $wR = 0.0264$ ,  $S = 2.37$  for 212 parameters. The mean and maximum  $\Delta/\sigma$  were 0.007 and 0.027, respectively, and all features in a final difference synthesis lay between +1.02 and -0.43 e Å<sup>-3</sup>. Scattering factors were taken from *International Tables for X-ray Crystallography* (1974, Vol. IV, pp. 99, 149). *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 1985) and local computer programs were used.

Atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic thermal parameters are given in Table 1, bond lengths and angles in Table 2.\* The structure of the centrosymmetric cation and two symmetry-related anions is shown in Fig. 1.

**Related literature.** The structure of the same cation has been reported in its nitrate (Pajunen, 1968) and perchlorate (Pajunen, 1969) salts, and also in the hydrated mixed salt  $[\text{Ni}(\text{NH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2)_3][\text{Ni}(\text{NH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2)_2(\text{OH}_2)_2]\text{Cl}_4\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (Andreotti,

Table 2. Bond lengths (Å) and angles (°)

Ni—O(1)	2.126 (2)	Ni—N(1)	2.109 (2)
Ni—N(2)	2.101 (2)	N(1)—C(1)	1.482 (3)
N(2)—C(3)	1.470 (4)	C(1)—C(2)	1.500 (3)
C(2)—C(3)	1.512 (4)	C(4)—C(5)	1.451 (3)
C(4)—C(9)	1.424 (3)	C(4)—O(2)	1.250 (3)
C(5)—C(6)	1.389 (3)	C(5)—N(3)	1.436 (3)
C(6)—C(7)	1.378 (3)	C(7)—C(8)	1.377 (3)
C(7)—N(4)	1.449 (2)	C(8)—C(9)	1.381 (3)
C(9)—N(5)	1.440 (3)	N(3)—O(31)	1.226 (2)
N(3)—O(32)	1.230 (2)	N(4)—O(41)	1.207 (2)
N(4)—O(42)	1.228 (3)	N(5)—O(51)	1.214 (4)
N(5)—O(52)	1.221 (3)		
O(1)—Ni—N(1)	89.9 (1)	O(1)—Ni—N(2)	88.9 (1)
N(1)—Ni—N(2)	91.2 (1)	Ni—N(1)—C(1)	120.2 (1)
Ni—N(2)—C(3)	120.6 (1)	N(1)—C(1)—C(2)	112.6 (2)
C(1)—C(2)—C(3)	115.7 (2)	N(2)—C(3)—C(2)	113.1 (2)
C(5)—C(4)—C(9)	113.0 (2)	C(5)—C(4)—O(2)	123.1 (2)
C(9)—C(4)—O(2)	123.8 (2)	C(4)—C(5)—C(6)	123.3 (2)
C(4)—C(5)—N(3)	120.4 (2)	C(6)—C(5)—N(3)	116.2 (2)
C(5)—C(6)—C(7)	118.7 (2)	C(6)—C(7)—C(8)	121.8 (2)
C(6)—C(7)—N(4)	119.6 (2)	C(8)—C(7)—N(4)	118.5 (2)
C(7)—C(8)—C(9)	119.0 (2)	C(4)—C(9)—C(8)	124.1 (2)
C(4)—C(9)—N(5)	120.3 (2)	C(8)—C(9)—N(5)	115.6 (2)
C(5)—N(3)—O(31)	119.4 (2)	C(5)—N(3)—O(32)	119.4 (2)
O(31)—N(3)—O(32)	121.2 (2)	C(7)—N(4)—O(41)	118.9 (2)
C(7)—N(4)—O(42)	118.0 (2)	O(41)—N(4)—O(42)	123.1 (2)
C(9)—N(5)—O(51)	120.1 (2)	C(9)—N(5)—O(52)	118.5 (2)
O(51)—N(5)—O(52)	119.8 (2)		

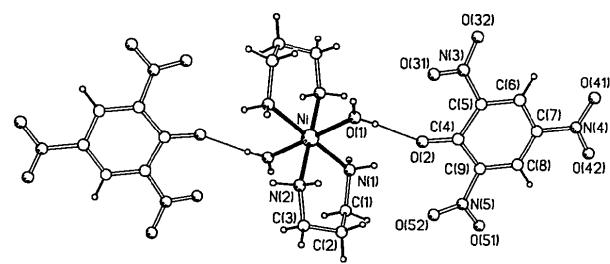


Fig. 1. Structure of the cation with two symmetry-related anions. Independent non-hydrogen atoms are labelled.

Cavalca & Sgarabotto, 1971), with essentially the same geometry as that found here.

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