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# Structure of 2RbCl·CuCl<sub>2</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O

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Abstract. Copper(II) dirubidium tetrachloride dihydrate,  $M_r = 412.32$ , tetragonal,  $P4_2/mnm$ , a = 7.596 (2), c = 8.027 (3) Å, V = 463.1 (2) Å<sup>3</sup>, Z = 2,  $D_x = 2.957$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>,  $\overline{\lambda}$  (Mo  $K\alpha$ ) = 0.71073 Å,  $\mu = 12.23$  $13.63 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ , F(000) = 382, T = 293 K, R(F) = 0.039for 277 independent reflections with  $|F_o| > 3\sigma |F_o|$ . The Cu<sup>2+</sup> ion has a distorted octahedral coordination consisting of two Cl(1) ions at 3.000 (3) Å, two Cl(2) ions at 2.257 (3) Å and two water molecules at 1.969 (8) Å at the equatorial positions of the square plane. Each of the water molecules is trigonally coordinated and forms two equivalent O-H···Cl(1) hydrogen bonds with an O…Cl(1) length of 3.130 (7) Å. Four Cl(1) and four Cl(2) ions form a distorted cube around the Rb<sup>+</sup> ion with Rb-Cl(1) and Rb-Cl(2) lengths of 3.367 (2) and 3.380 (2) Å. respectively.

Introduction. An approximate structure of the 2RbCl·CuCl<sub>2</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O crystal was first determined by Hendricks & Dickinson (1927), together with crystallographically isomorphic 2KCl·CuCl<sub>2</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O and 2NH<sub>4</sub>Cl·CuCl<sub>2</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O crystals using the X-ray diffraction method. The three crystals were tetragonal with space group  $P4_2/mnm$ , and the Cu<sup>2+</sup> ion in the complex showed distorted octahedral coordination consisting of two elongated Cu—Cl(1) bonds, two Cu—Cl(2) and two Cu—H<sub>2</sub>O bonds, the order of the interatomic distances being reported as Cu— Cl(1) > Cu—O > Cu—Cl(2). For 2KCl·CuCl<sub>2</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O and 2NH<sub>4</sub>Cl·CuCl<sub>2</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O crystals, detailed structural analyses have been carried out by X-ray and neutron diffraction methods (Chrobak, 1934; Matković, Peterson & Willett, 1969; Chidambaram, Navarro, Garcia, Linggoatmodjo, Lin Shi-Chien, Il-Hwan Suh, Sequeira & Srikanta, 1970; Bhakay-Tamhane, Sequeira & Chidambaram, 1980). These results showed that the order of the bond lengths should be Cu-Cl(1) > Cu-Cl(2) > Cu-O for  $2KCl\cdotCuCl_2$ - $2H_2O$  and  $2NH_4Cl\cdotCuCl_2\cdot2H_2O$ , which is different from that reported by Hendricks & Dickinson (1927).

The crystal structure of  $2RbCl\cdot CuCl_2 \cdot 2H_2O$ , however, has not been redetermined except for the lattice parameters (Swanson, McMurdie, Morris, Evans, Paretzkin, Degroot & Carmel, 1972; Stepin, Iskhakova, Serebrennikova, Starikova & Trunov, 1976). Thus, the crystal structure of  $2RbCl\cdot CuCl_2 \cdot 2H_2O$  is reinvestigated here to refine the bond lengths between the Cu<sup>2+</sup> ion and ligands in order to compare the results with those of  $2KCl\cdot CuCl_2 \cdot 2H_2O$  and  $2NH_4Cl\cdot CuCl_2 \cdot 2H_2O$ .

**Experimental.** A crystal suitable for the X-ray analysis was prepared from an RbCl–CuCl<sub>2</sub>–H<sub>2</sub>O ternary solution by slow evaporation. A blue lumpy crystal with dimensions  $0.3 \times 0.3 \times 0.4$  mm was used for data collection at 293 K. Diffraction intensities were measured on a Rigaku AFC-5S automatic fourcircle diffractometer with graphite-monochromated Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation. The unit-cell parameters were determined from the setting angles  $(23.07 \le 2\theta \le 30.66^{\circ})$  of 25 reflections. Intensities of 453 reflections  $(0 \le h \le 11, 0 \le k \le 11, 0 \le l \le 11)$  within the range  $\theta < 30^{\circ}$  were measured using an  $\omega$ -2 $\theta$  scan mode

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with a scan width of  $(1.40 + 0.50 \tan \theta)^{\circ}$ .  $R_{int} =$ 0.0273. Reflections were monitored every 100 reflections by three standard reflections, and the result showed no significant variation in the intensities during the measurement. All the reflections were corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects. An empirical absorption correction using DIFABS (Walker & Stuart, 1983) was applied after an isotropic refinement, with corrections in the range 0.97-1.02. The corrected intensities did not definitely show whether the crystal had the tetragonal space group  $P4_2/mnm$ ,  $P\overline{4}n2$  or  $P4_2nm$ . The structure was successfully solved in the centrosymmetric space group  $P4_2/mnm$ . The standard deviations,  $\sigma(F_o)$ , were estimated from counting statistics, and 277 independent reflections with  $|F_o| > 3\sigma |F_o|$  were used for the structure determination and refinement. The heavy-atom method was applied and the structure was refined by the full-matrix least-squares method. Several cycles of refinement (on F) for the atomic positions, including anisotropic thermal parameters of ions, were carried out with the  $w = [(\sigma |F_o|)^2 + (0.020|F_o|)^2]^{-1}.$ scheme weighting The electron density associated with H atoms could be discerned at the expected locations in the difference map, and H atoms were refined isotropically. The final values were: R = 0.039, wR = 0.055, S = 0.99,  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max}$  = 0.08 for positional parameters and 0.24 for thermal parameters. Difference Fourier maps calculated using the final parameters showed maximum and minimum electron-density peaks of 0.7 and  $-1.3 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$ , located around the Rb<sup>+</sup> ions. Scattering factors and anomalous-dispersion terms were taken from International Tables for X-ray Crystallography (1974, Vol. IV). All calculations were performed on a MicroVAX II computer at the Institute for Molecular Science by using the Enraf-Nonius SDP program system (Frenz, 1985).

**Discussion.** The final positional parameters are listed in Table 1.\* Selected interatomic distances and angles are given in Table 2. An *ORTEP* (Johnson, 1965) drawing of the crystal structure, together with the atomic numbering, is shown in Fig. 1. The distorted octahedral coordination around  $Cu^{2+}$  consists of two Cl(1) and two Cl(2) ions, and two water molecules. The order of the bond lengths is Cu-Cl(1) > Cu-Cl(2) > Cu-O, which is consistent with the bond-length order in the 2KCl·CuCl<sub>2</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O (Chrobak, 1934; Chidambaram *et al.*, 1970) and 2NH<sub>4</sub>Cl·CuCl<sub>2</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O (Chrobak, 1934; Matković *et* 

 Table 1. Coordinates and equivalent isotropic thermal parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>)

	$\boldsymbol{B}_{eq} = (4/3) \sum_{i} \sum_{j} \boldsymbol{\beta}_{ij}  \boldsymbol{a}_{i} \boldsymbol{.} \boldsymbol{a}_{j} \boldsymbol{.}$					
	x	v	Z	Beg		
Rb	0	0.5	0.25	2.0		
Cu	0	0	0	1.6		
CIO	0.7207 (4)	- x	0	1.8		
CI(2)	0.2101 (4)	x	0	1.6		
0	0	0	0.2454 (9)	2.4		
H	0.070 (16)	x	0.308 (20)	9.5 (61)		

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

Cu octahedron			
Cu-O	1.969 (8) × 2	Cl(1)CuO	90
Cu-Cl(1)	$3.000(3) \times 2$	Cl(2)CuO	90
$\hat{\mathbf{C}}_{\mathbf{n}} - \hat{\mathbf{C}}_{\mathbf{n}} \hat{\mathbf{C}}_{\mathbf{n}}$	$2.257(3) \times 2$	Cl(1) - Cu - Cl(2)	90

 Rb polyhedron (cube)

 Rb—Cl(1)
 3.367 (2) × 4

 Rb—Cl(2)
 3.380 (2) × 4

Water molecule	e and hydrogen bo	ond	
0—Н	0.91 (15)	Cu—O—H	124 (12)
O - Cl(1)	3.130 (7)	Н—О—Н	113 (14)
CI(I)—H	2.24 (15)	Cl(1)—H—O	170 (14)



Fig. 1. An ORTEP drawing (Johnson, 1965) of 2RbCl·CuCl<sub>2</sub>·-2H<sub>2</sub>O with the thermal ellipsoids scaled at 30% probability level. H atoms and hydrogen bonds are represented by small circles with 0.1 Å radius and by dotted lines, respectively.

al., 1969) crystals. The length of the Cu—Cl(1) bond varies from 2.895 Å for 2KCl·CuCl<sub>2</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O (Chidambaram *et al.*, 1970) to 3.000 Å for 2RbCl·CuCl<sub>2</sub>·-2H<sub>2</sub>O (Bhakay-Tamhane *et al.*, 1980), although the lengths of the Cu—Cl(2) and Cu—O bonds are not very different in the three compounds.

The O atoms of the water molecules are situated above and below the  $Cu^{2+}$  ion along the *c* axis, forming two equivalent hydrogen bonds with the Cl(1) ions belonging to the nearest-neighbour Cu octahedra. The Cl···O distance of the Cl(1)···H—O hydrogen bonds of 3.130 (7) Å is comparable with 3.116 (5) Å for 2KCl·CuCl<sub>2</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O (Chidambaram *et al.*, 1970) and 3.146 (2) Å for 2NH<sub>4</sub>Cl·CuCl<sub>2</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O (Bhakay-Tamhane *et al.*, 1980).

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Four Cl(1) and four Cl(2) ions form a distorted cube around the  $Rb^+$  ion located on the  $\overline{4}$  axes as shown in Fig. 2. The average distance between the  $Rb^+$  and  $Cl^-$  ions, 3.374 Å, is similar to that between the  $NH_4^+$  and  $Cl^-$  ions in  $2NH_4Cl\ CuCl_2$  -2H<sub>2</sub>O, 3.364 Å (Bhakay-Tamhane et al., 1980). The average distance between the K<sup>+</sup> and Cl<sup>-</sup> ions in 2KCl·CuCl<sub>2</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O, 3.320 Å (Chidambaram et al., 1970), is shorter than those between the monovalent cation and Cl<sup>-</sup> ion in the 2RbCl·CuCl<sub>2</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O and 2NH<sub>4</sub>Cl·CuCl<sub>2</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O crystals. Since the jonic radii reported for the ions with eight coordination are 1.51, 1.61 (Shannon, 1976) and 1.66 Å (Khan & Baur, 1972) for  $K^+$ ,  $Rb^+$  and  $NH_4^+$ , respectively, the interionic distances estimated by using 1.81 Å for the ionic radius of Cl<sup>-</sup> (Shannon, 1976) become 3.32, 3.42 and 3.47 Å for the  $K^+$ —Cl<sup>-</sup>,  $Rb^+$ —Cl<sup>-</sup> and NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>-Cl<sup>-</sup> pairs, respectively. For 2KCl·CuCl<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>- $2H_2O$ , the average  $K^+$ -- $Cl^-$  distance measured is comparable to the sum of the ionic radii thus calculated, although the average distances between the



Fig. 2. An ORTEP drawing (Johnson, 1965) of the surroundings of the  $Rb^+$  ion with the thermal ellipsoids scaled at the 30% probability level.

monovalent cation and  $Cl^-$  ion for  $2RbCl \cdot CuCl_2 \cdot 2H_2O$  and  $2NH_4Cl \cdot CuCl_2 \cdot 2H_2O$  are significantly shorter than the sum of the relevant ionic radii. Judging from the above  $M^+ - Cl^-$  distances, the ionic radius of the K<sup>+</sup> ion may be most suitable to occupy the space of the three-dimensional network consisting of  $[CuCl_4 \cdot 2H_2O]$  octahedra and the hydrogen bonds.

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## Structures of $SrV_6O_{11}$ and $NaV_6O_{11}$

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sodium hexavanadate, NaV<sub>6</sub>O<sub>11</sub>,  $M_r = 504.63$ , hexagonal,  $P6_3/mmc$ , a = 5.7123 (1), c = 13.0974 (4) Å, V = 370.12 (1) Å<sup>3</sup>, Z = 2,  $D_m = 4.50$ ,  $D_x = 4.528$  g cm<sup>-3</sup>,  $\mu = 71.64$  cm<sup>-1</sup>, F(000) = 474.0, final R = 0.017 for 580 unique observed reflections.

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