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## Tetraaza[3.3.3.3]- and Hexaaza[3.3.3.3.3]-paracyclophane Derivatives

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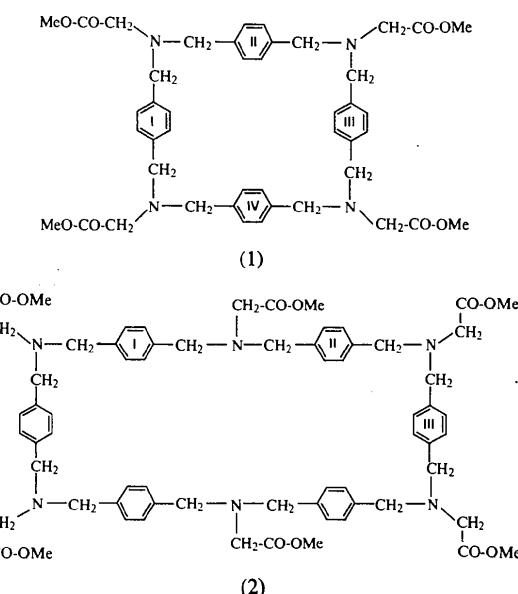
### Abstract

The macrocycle constituted by four  $[NR—CH_2—C_6H_4—CH_2]$  units,  $N,N',N'',N'''$ -tetramethoxycarbonylmethylene-1,10,19,28-tetraaza[3.3.3.3]paracyclophane, [or tetramethyl 3,10,17,24-tetraazapentacyclo[24.2.2.2<sup>5,8</sup>.2<sup>12,15</sup>.2<sup>19,22</sup>]hexadeca-1(28),5,7,12,14,19,21,26,-29,31,33,35-dodecaene-3,10,17,24-tetrayltetraacetate],  $C_{44}H_{52}N_4O_8$ , (1), has the shape of a rectangular dish. In all the four units, successive *gauche,anti* conformations can be observed for the endocyclic C—N bonds. The macrocycle with six  $[NR—CH_2—C_6H_4—CH_2]$  units,  $N,N',N'',N''',N''''$ -hexamethoxycarbonylmethylene-1,10,19,28,37,46-hexaaza[3.3.3.3.3]paracyclophane, [or hexamethyl 3,10,17,24,31,38-hexazaheptacyclo[38.2.2.2<sup>5,8</sup>.2<sup>12,15</sup>.2<sup>19,22</sup>.2<sup>26,29</sup>.2<sup>33,36</sup>]tetrapentacosa-1(42),5,7,12,14,19,21,26,28,33,35,40,43,45,47,49,51,53-octadecaene-3,10,17,24,31,38-hexylhexaacetate],  $C_{66}H_{78}N_6O_{12}$ , (2), is centrosymmetric; two of the three independent units have the same conformation as in (1), but in the third unit two adjacent C—N bonds are *anti*.

### Comment

Cyclophanes are interesting compounds capable of forming inclusion complexes with organic guests. Some of them are soluble in aqueous solution where they form inclusion complexes with hydrophobic compounds (for a recent review, see Abbott, Barrett, Godfrey, Kalindjian, Simpson & Williams, 1982). The azaparacyclophanes possess these properties. The structure of a crystalline complex obtained from an aqueous solution of an acidified polyparacyclophane and durene has been determined by X-ray diffraction: the guest appears to be fully included.  $N,N',N'',N'''$ -Tetramethyl-2,11,20,29-tetraaza[3.3.3.3]paracyclophane forms crystalline complexes from organic solvents with chloro-

form and dichloromethane (Odashima, Itai, Iitaka & Koga, 1980). The guest molecules have been shown to be exchangeable in the solid phase (Hirotsu, Kamitori, Higuchi, Tabushi, Yamamura & Nonoguchi, 1984). The title compounds, bearing glycine-derived side chains, afford crystals from concentrated acetonitrile solutions which display empty cavities. They have been prepared by condensation of  $N,N'$ -dimethoxycarbonylmethyl-*p*-xylene diamine with  $\alpha,\alpha'$ -dibromoparaxylene in boiling acetonitrile in the presence of potassium carbonate under high-dilution conditions, and purified by chromatography on a cation-exchange column (Pharmacia Sepharose fast flow S) in acid solutions.



As shown in Fig. 1, macrocycle (1) adopts a dish conformation; the shape of the molecule is rectangular with the phenyl rings nearly equally inclined over the plane of the N atoms. For rings I to IV, the dihedral angles between the mean plane of each aromatic ring and the mean plane through the four N atoms are 43, 29, 46 and 42°, respectively. The C—N and C—C<sub>aromatic</sub> torsion angles are similar in the four  $[NR—CH_2—C_6H_4—CH_2]$  independent units (Table 3). The conformation is characterized by the repetition ( $g^+, g^+, a, g^+$ ) (or  $g^-, g^-, a, g^-$ ) with all *gauche* bonds of the same sign in one unit, but with the sign alternating from one unit to another (Dale, 1980). The absolute values of the *gauche* bonds range from 45 to 76°. The conformation observed here is the same as that reported for uncomplexed  $N,N',N'',N'''$ -tetramethyl-1,10,19,28-tetraaza[3.3.3.3]paracyclophane, but it is completely different from the square conformation of the inclusion complexes of that molecule with, for example,  $CHCl_3$  or  $CH_2Cl_2$  (Hirotsu *et al.*, 1984; Abbott *et al.*, 1982). The atoms of the ester group on C47 are highly agitated and their geometry has not been determined precisely.



C13	0.4983 (2)	0.8636 (3)	0.4159 (2)	0.0785 (9)	C9—N10—C11	112.8 (3)	O40—C38—C37	111.6 (4)
C14	0.5896 (2)	0.8848 (3)	0.3926 (2)	0.0783 (9)	N10—C11—C12	112.9 (3)	C38—O40—C41	119.1 (4)
C15	0.6125 (2)	1.0031 (3)	0.3393 (2)	0.0691 (7)	C17—C12—C11	122.4 (3)	N10—C42—C43	116.8 (3)
C16	0.5405 (3)	1.0971 (3)	0.3101 (3)	0.0927 (11)	C13—C12—C11	120.2 (3)	O44—C43—O45	122.8 (4)
C17	0.4486 (3)	1.0754 (4)	0.3336 (3)	0.0969 (12)	C16—C15—C18	122.5 (3)	O44—C43—C42	125.6 (3)
C18	0.7124 (2)	1.0271 (4)	0.3186 (3)	0.0793 (9)	C14—C15—C18	120.3 (3)	O45—C43—C42	111.5 (4)
N19	0.7675 (2)	0.9330 (3)	0.2597 (2)	0.0738 (7)	N19—C18—C15	111.9 (3)	C43—O45—C46	117.3 (4)
C20	0.8675 (3)	0.9116 (4)	0.2708 (3)	0.0865 (10)	C47—N19—C18	113.3 (3)	N19—C47—C48	116.1 (4)
C21	0.8849 (2)	0.8355 (3)	0.3648 (2)	0.0752 (8)	C47—N19—C20	114.1 (3)	O49—C48—O50	121.3 (6)
C22	0.8530 (3)	0.7130 (4)	0.3967 (3)	0.0843 (10)	C18—N19—C20	112.6 (3)	O49—C48—C47	127.3 (7)
C23	0.8712 (3)	0.6427 (4)	0.4810 (3)	0.0852 (10)	N19—C20—C21	111.3 (3)	O50—C48—C47	110.8 (5)
C24	0.9217 (2)	0.6911 (3)	0.5371 (2)	0.0780 (9)	C26—C21—C20	121.0 (3)	C48—O50—C51	115.2 (6)
C25	0.9513 (2)	0.8153 (4)	0.5049 (3)	0.0926 (11)	C22—C21—C20	121.3 (3)	N28—C52—C53	117.6 (3)
C26	0.9343 (2)	0.8851 (4)	0.4206 (3)	0.0916 (11)	C23—C24—C27	122.2 (3)	O54—C53—O55	122.4 (4)
C27	0.9484 (2)	0.6102 (5)	0.6264 (3)	0.0894 (10)	C25—C24—C27	121.2 (3)	O54—C53—C52	127.1 (4)
N28	0.8717 (2)	0.5458 (3)	0.6804 (2)	0.0749 (7)	N28—C27—C24	112.7 (3)	O55—C53—C52	110.5 (4)
C29	0.8039 (2)	0.6418 (4)	0.7266 (3)	0.0795 (9)	C52—N28—C29	113.5 (3)	C53—O55—C56	117.1 (5)
C30	0.7093 (2)	0.5951 (3)	0.7538 (2)	0.0676 (7)	C36—N1—C2—C3	73.1 (4)	C18—N19—C20—C21	68.3 (4)
C31	0.6618 (2)	0.5628 (4)	0.6885 (2)	0.0823 (9)	N1—C2—C3—C4	48.1 (4)	N19—C20—C21—C22	53.7 (5)
C32	0.5718 (2)	0.5327 (4)	0.7110 (2)	0.0826 (9)	C5—C6—C9—N10	-43.7 (5)	C23—C24—C27—N28	-43.9 (5)
C33	0.5270 (2)	0.5341 (3)	0.7995 (2)	0.0649 (7)	C6—C9—N10—C11	-74.5 (4)	C24—C27—N28—C29	-76.7 (4)
C34	0.5766 (3)	0.5611 (4)	0.8640 (2)	0.0916 (11)	C9—N10—C11—C12	157.0 (3)	C27—N28—C29—C30	159.1 (3)
C35	0.6664 (2)	0.5902 (4)	0.8413 (2)	0.0900 (11)	N10—C11—C12—C13	-68.5 (4)	N28—C29—C30—C31	-56.9 (4)
C36	0.4261 (2)	0.5124 (3)	0.8215 (2)	0.0733 (8)	C14—C15—C18—N19	67.0 (4)	C2—N1—C36—C33	-153.5 (3)
C37	0.4422 (3)	0.2688 (4)	0.8356 (2)	0.0788 (9)	C15—C18—N19—C20	-154.8 (3)	C32—C33—C36—N1	48.3 (4)
C38	0.3921 (3)	0.2337 (4)	0.9312 (3)	0.0932 (10)				
O39	0.3203 (2)	0.2871 (3)	0.9623 (2)	0.1184 (10)				
O40	0.4373 (3)	0.1315 (4)	0.9770 (3)	0.215 (2)				
C41	0.3980 (6)	0.0808 (7)	1.0680 (4)	0.262 (5)				
C42	0.2909 (3)	0.8531 (4)	0.2836 (2)	0.0798 (9)				
C43	0.2053 (3)	0.9481 (4)	0.2555 (3)	0.0893 (10)				
O44	0.1509 (2)	1.0162 (3)	0.3052 (2)	0.1202 (10)				
O45	0.1949 (2)	0.9458 (4)	0.1710 (2)	0.1388 (12)				
C46	0.1161 (4)	1.0342 (7)	0.1344 (4)	0.178 (3)				
C47	0.7485 (3)	0.9633 (4)	0.1654 (2)	0.0918 (10)				
C48	0.7738 (5)	1.0978 (7)	0.1132 (3)	0.146 (2)				
O49	0.8362 (6)	1.1413 (8)	0.1144 (4)	0.346 (6)				
O50	0.7158 (3)	1.1490 (4)	0.0547 (3)	0.182 (2)				
C51	0.7362 (6)	1.2742 (6)	-0.0017 (5)	0.262 (5)				
C52	0.9012 (3)	0.4237 (4)	0.7402 (3)	0.0886 (10)				
C53	0.9546 (3)	0.4363 (5)	0.8164 (3)	0.1043 (12)				
O54	0.9796 (3)	0.5374 (4)	0.8317 (2)	0.1484 (14)				
O55	0.9709 (3)	0.3183 (3)	0.8688 (2)	0.1500 (13)				
C56	1.0237 (8)	0.3137 (8)	0.9471 (6)	0.201 (4)				

**Compound (2)***Crystal data* $M_r = 1147.34$ 

Monoclinic

 $P2_1/c$  $a = 18.075$  (3) Å $b = 17.946$  (2) Å $c = 9.658$  (2) Å $\beta = 90.04$  (1)° $V = 3132.8$  (9) Å<sup>3</sup> $Z = 2$  $D_x = 1.216$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>Cu  $K\alpha$  radiation $\lambda = 1.54180$  Å

Cell parameters from 18

reflections

 $\theta = 5$ –13° $\mu = 0.681$  mm<sup>-1</sup> $T = 293$  (2) K

Parallelepiped

0.48 × 0.17 × 0.04 mm

Colourless

*Data collection*

Huber four circle diffractometer

 $\theta_{\max} = 67.50$ ° $h = -21 \rightarrow 21$  $k = 0 \rightarrow 21$  $l = 0 \rightarrow 11$ 

1 standard reflection

monitored every 50

reflections

intensity variation: 8% (corrected)

*Refinement*Refinement on  $F^2$  $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.0564$  $wR(F^2) = 0.1512$  $S = 1.245$ 

5668 reflections

482 parameters

 $w = 1/\sigma^2(F_o^2)$ + (0.0952P)<sup>2</sup>where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.498$  $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.213$  e Å<sup>-3</sup> $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.222$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

Extinction correction:

*SHELXL93* (Sheldrick, 1993)

Extinction coefficient:

0.0012 (2)

Atomic scattering factors from *International Tables for Crystallography* (1992, Vol. C, Tables 4.2.6.8 and 6.1.1.4)

**Table 3.** Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ ) for (2)

	$x$	$y$	$z$	$U_{\text{eq}}$	C7—C6—C9	121.7 (2)	N1—C28—C29	116.8 (2)
N1	0.73910 (10)	0.64184 (10)	0.1396 (2)	0.0561 (5)	C5—C6—C9	120.4 (3)	O30—C29—O31	122.0 (3)
C2	0.7821 (2)	0.57360 (14)	0.1349 (3)	0.0637 (7)	N10—C9—C6	111.8 (2)	O30—C29—C28	125.7 (3)
C3	0.80668 (14)	0.54745 (12)	0.2756 (2)	0.0554 (6)	C33—N10—C9	112.4 (2)	O31—C29—C28	112.3 (3)
C4	0.7597 (2)	0.55048 (14)	0.3888 (3)	0.0626 (7)	C33—N10—C11	113.8 (2)	C29—O31—C32	116.9 (3)
C5	0.7805 (2)	0.52158 (14)	0.5156 (3)	0.0646 (7)	C9—N10—C11	111.7 (2)	N10—C33—C34	115.1 (2)
C6	0.84883 (14)	0.48851 (12)	0.5333 (3)	0.0576 (6)	N10—C11—C12	112.5 (2)	O35B—C34—O36	124.5 (3)
C7	0.8956 (2)	0.48605 (14)	0.4213 (3)	0.0634 (7)	C17—C12—C11	122.2 (2)	O35B—C34—C33	120.5 (3)
C8	0.87535 (15)	0.51574 (14)	0.2941 (3)	0.0623 (6)	C13—C12—C11	120.3 (2)	O36—C34—C33	113.6 (3)
C9	0.8709 (2)	0.4570 (2)	0.6724 (3)	0.0682 (7)	C14—C15—C18	120.9 (2)	C34—O36—C37	116.8 (3)
N10	0.82533 (11)	0.39284 (10)	0.7108 (2)	0.0559 (5)	C16—C15—C18	121.7 (2)	N19—C38—C39	117.1 (2)
C11	0.8425 (2)	0.32696 (14)	0.6251 (3)	0.0579 (6)	N19—C18—C15	110.9 (2)	O40—C39—O41	123.3 (2)
C12	0.78607 (13)	0.26627 (12)	0.6404 (2)	0.0494 (5)	C38—N19—C18	116.7 (2)	O40—C39—C38	125.9 (2)
C13	0.71672 (14)	0.27377 (14)	0.5810 (3)	0.0586 (6)	C38—N19—C20	113.4 (2)	O41—C39—C38	110.8 (2)
C14	0.66437 (14)	0.21875 (14)	0.5917 (3)	0.0597 (6)	C18—N19—C20	112.6 (2)	C39—O41—C42	116.9 (2)
C15	0.67889 (13)	0.15333 (12)	0.6625 (2)	0.0536 (6)	C27—N1—C2—C3	-159.4 (2)	C14—C15—C18—N19	-48.0 (3)
C16	0.74819 (14)	0.14569 (13)	0.7223 (3)	0.0564 (6)	N1—C2—C3—C4	41.3 (3)	C15—C18—N19—C20	-76.7 (3)
C17	0.80085 (14)	0.20115 (13)	0.7108 (2)	0.0558 (6)	C5—C6—C9—N10	66.3 (3)	C18—N19—C20—C21	162.6 (2)
C18	0.62137 (14)	0.09257 (14)	0.6722 (3)	0.0610 (7)	C6—C9—N10—C11	71.0 (3)	N19—C20—C21—C22	-57.4 (3)
N19	0.54980 (10)	0.12304 (10)	0.7127 (2)	0.0529 (5)	C9—N10—C11—C12	-167.4 (2)	C2—N1—C27—C24 <sup>i</sup>	159.8 (2)
C20	0.54605 (15)	0.1405 (2)	0.8609 (3)	0.0583 (6)	N10—C11—C12—C13	73.3 (3)	N1—C27—C24—C23 <sup>i</sup>	-65
C21	0.48330 (12)	0.19203 (13)	0.8939 (2)	0.0510 (6)				
C22	0.47893 (15)	0.26065 (14)	0.8293 (3)	0.0624 (7)				
C23	0.42264 (15)	0.30921 (15)	0.8589 (3)	0.0622 (7)				
C24	0.36824 (13)	0.29148 (13)	0.9529 (2)	0.0535 (6)				
C25	0.3726 (2)	0.2231 (2)	0.1070 (3)	0.0688 (7)				
C26	0.42962 (15)	0.1739 (2)	0.9878 (3)	0.0670 (7)				
C27	0.69323 (15)	0.6544 (2)	0.0170 (3)	0.0628 (7)				
C28	0.7808 (2)	0.70681 (15)	0.1798 (3)	0.0618 (7)				
C29	0.8397 (2)	0.7329 (2)	0.0812 (3)	0.0734 (8)				
O30	0.85469 (13)	0.70438 (15)	-0.0281 (3)	0.1069 (8)				
O31	0.87238 (14)	0.79273 (12)	0.1240 (3)	0.1108 (8)				
C32	0.9314 (2)	0.8214 (2)	0.0391 (5)	0.131 (2)				
C33	0.8267 (2)	0.3783 (2)	0.8587 (3)	0.0669 (7)				
C34	0.9013 (2)	0.3600 (2)	0.9170 (3)	0.0767 (8)				
O35A <sup>†</sup>	0.9639 (14)	0.3362 (22)	0.8509 (14)	0.167 (13)				
O35B <sup>†</sup>	0.9268 (4)	0.2993 (2)	0.9036 (9)	0.084 (3)				
O36	0.92589 (11)	0.40933 (13)	1.0023 (3)	0.1010 (7)				
C37	0.9966 (2)	0.3941 (3)	1.0674 (5)	0.142 (2)				
C38	0.48551 (15)	0.08500 (14)	0.6621 (3)	0.0576 (6)				
C39	0.46934 (15)	0.00932 (14)	0.7222 (3)	0.0598 (6)				
O40	0.51120 (11)	-0.02780 (10)	0.7877 (2)	0.0908 (7)				
O41	0.40068 (10)	-0.01186 (10)	0.6923 (2)	0.0817 (6)				
C42	0.3772 (2)	-0.0827 (2)	0.7450 (4)	0.0957 (10)				

† Occupancy factors: A = 0.34 (2), B = 0.66 (2).

In compound (2), the crystals are monoclinic metricaly pseudo-orthorhombic,  $\beta$  being very near  $90^\circ$ . The accuracy of the choice of space group is based on the fact that the  $F_o(hkl)$ 's differ from the  $F_o(-hkl)$ 's. For both compounds, only H-atom U's were refined with a common  $U_{\text{iso}}$ :  $U(\text{H}) = 0.114$  in (1) and  $U(\text{H}) = 0.0859 \text{ \AA}^2$  in (2).

Data collection, cell refinement and data reduction were performed using a local program. Program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS86* (Sheldrick, 1990). Program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL93* (Sheldrick, 1993). Molecular graphics: *PLUTO* (Motherwell & Clegg, 1978). Software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL93*.

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Lists of structure factors, anisotropic displacement parameters, H-atom coordinates and complete geometry have been deposited with the IUCr (Reference: NA1104). Copies may be obtained through The Managing Editor, International Union of Crystallography, 5 Abbey Square, Chester CH1 2HU, England.

**Table 4.** Selected geometric parameters ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ) for (2)

N1—C28	1.441 (3)	C24—C27 <sup>i</sup>	1.504 (3)
N1—C2	1.451 (3)	C28—C29	1.504 (4)
N1—C27	1.463 (3)	C29—O30	1.203 (3)
C2—C3	1.504 (3)	C29—O31	1.293 (3)
C6—C9	1.511 (4)	O31—C32	1.441 (4)
C9—N10	1.464 (3)	C33—C34	1.498 (4)
N10—C33	1.453 (3)	C34—O35B	1.190 (5)
N10—C11	1.477 (3)	C34—O36	1.288 (3)
C11—C12	1.500 (3)	O36—C37	1.450 (4)
C15—C18	1.510 (3)	C38—C39	1.506 (4)
C18—N19	1.458 (3)	C39—O40	1.189 (3)
N19—C38	1.433 (3)	C39—O41	1.330 (3)
N19—C20	1.467 (3)	O41—C42	1.434 (3)
C20—C21	1.498 (3)		
C28—N1—C2	114.3 (2)	N19—C20—C21	112.1 (2)
C28—N1—C27	112.9 (2)	C26—C21—C20	122.2 (2)
C2—N1—C27	114.1 (2)	C22—C21—C20	119.7 (2)
N1—C2—C3	113.1 (2)	C25—C24—C27 <sup>i</sup>	122.0 (2)
C8—C3—C2	120.8 (2)	C23—C24—C27 <sup>i</sup>	120.5 (2)
C4—C3—C2	121.3 (2)	N1—C27—C24 <sup>i</sup>	111.2 (2)

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