The cyclopentadienyl rings were idealized and refined as rigid groups. Some of the methoxy groups, especially the O atoms, have high U values.

Data collection: profile-fitting program (Clegg, 1981). Cell refinement: profile-fitting program. Data reduction: XLS (Sheldrick, 1987). Program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS86 (Sheldrick, 1985) using direct methods. Program(s) used to refine structure: XLS (Sheldrick, 1987). Molecular graphics: SHELXTL-Plus (Sheldrick, 1990). Software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL-Plus.

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# *trans*-Diazidobis[1,2-bis(diethylphosphino)ethane-*P*,*P'*]iron(II)

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### Abstract

The title structure,  $[Fe(N_3)_2(C_{10}H_{24}P_2)_2]$ , has been studied and was found to consist of neutral molecules with the Fe atom located at a centre of symmetry. The Fe—P bond lengths [2.258 (1) and 2.268 (1) Å] are indicative of low-spin Fe<sup>II</sup>. The Fe—N<sub>azido</sub> distance is 2.008 (4) Å.

### Comment

As part of a project investigating the synthesis of iron tetraphosphines having acetylido, azido and nitrile ligands, a series of diazido complexes of the type  $[Fe(PP)_2(N_3)_2]$  [where PP is 1,2-bis(dimethyl-phosphino)ethane (dmpe), 1,2-bis(diethylphosphino)ethane (depe) or 1,2-bis(dipropylphosphino)ethane (dprpe)] were synthesized and their properties examined (Buys, Field, George, Hambley & Pike, 1995). These bis(diazido)-iron(II) complexes can easily be converted to the corresponding iron-bis(acetylide) complexes by reaction with the corresponding acetylene. The title compound, [Fe(depe)\_2(N\_3)\_2], (1), was synthesized by substitution of the chloride in [FeCl<sub>2</sub>(depe)<sub>2</sub>] with azide in alcohol solution.



The crystal structure of (1) (Fig. 1) shows the three N atoms of each azide group to be approximately linear, with an Fe-N-N angle of 139.1 (4)°. This is significantly larger than the corresponding angle found in related structures, for example,  $132.3 (3)^{\circ}$  for Fe—N—N in [Fe(dmpe)<sub>2</sub>(N<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>] (Buys, Field, George, Hambley & Pike, 1995), 121.8 (4)° for Fe—N—N in [Fe(tpp)(N<sub>3</sub>)] (where tpp is tetraphenylporphyrin) (Zhang, Hallows, Ryan, Jones, Carpenter & Sweigart, 1994), 116.7 (7)° for Ru-N-N in  $[Ru(en)_2(N_2)(N_3)]^+$  (Davis & Ibers, 1970), 132.9 (3)° for Ru—N—N in [Ru(N<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(depe)<sub>2</sub> (Buys, Field, George, Hambley & Purches, 1995), 125.4 (5)° for Cu-N-N in  $[Cu{Et_2NCH_2CH_2N(H)CH_2CH_2NEt_2}_2(Br)(N_3)]$ (Ziolo, Allen, Titus, Gray & Dorio, 1972) and 121.4(6)- $129.9(5)^{\circ}$  for Mo—N—N in [Mo(N<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>(NO)(H<sub>2</sub>NO)] (Weighardt, Backes-Dahmann, Swiridoff & Weiss, 1983). The N-N bond lengths are 1.170(5) and 1.155 (6) Å for (Fe—) $N_1$ — $N_2$  and (N—) $N_2$ — $N_3$ , respectively, which compare well with values of 1.179 (5) and 1.162 (5) Å for the corresponding bond lengths in [Fe(dmpe)<sub>2</sub>(N<sub>3</sub>)] (Buys, Field, George, Hambley & Pike, 1995), and values of 1.180(5) and 1.170 (5) Å in  $[Ru(depe)_2(N_3)_2]$  (Buys, Field, George, Hambley & Purches, 1995). The N-N bond lengths in HN<sub>3</sub> are 1.240(3) and 1.134(3) Å (Amkle & Dailey, 1950), and 1.150 (16) Å in  $N_3^-$  (Frevel, 1936). The azide groups in (1) are tilted in opposite directions in the crystal.

Lists of structure factors, anisotropic displacement parameters, Hatom coordinates, complete geometry and torsion angles have been deposited with the IUCr (Reference: JZ1119). Copies may be obtained through The Managing Editor, International Union of Crystallography, 5 Abbey Square, Chester CH1 2HU, England.

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Fig. 1. ORTEP (Johnson, 1965) plot of (1) with ellipsoids at the 30% probability level. Only one of the disordered C(5)-C(6) components is shown.

#### **Experimental**

Details of the synthesis of (1) have been published elsewhere (Buys, Field, George, Hambley & Pike, 1995). The crystals of (1) used for the crystallographic analysis were obtained by slow evaporation of a toluene solution.

Crystal data

 $[Fe(N_3)_2(C_{10}H_{24}P_2)_2]$ Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  $M_r = 552.38$  $\lambda = 0.7109 \text{ Å}$ Monoclinic reflections  $P2_1/n$ a = 9.897(2) Å  $\theta = 10 - 12^{\circ}$ b = 13.746(2) Å T = 294 Kc = 10.436(2) Å Prism  $\beta = 99.81 (2)^{\circ}$  $V = 1399.1 (4) \text{ Å}^3$ Blue-green Z = 2 $D_x = 1.311 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Data collection Enraf-Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer

 $\omega/2\theta$  scans Absorption correction: analytical (De Meulenaer & Tompa, 1965)  $T_{\min} = 0.988, T_{\max} =$ 0.996 2740 measured reflections 2675 independent reflections

#### Refinement

Refinement on F R = 0.050wR = 0.058S = 2.26

Cell parameters from 25  $\mu = 0.787 \text{ mm}^{-1}$  $0.110 \times 0.090 \times 0.025 \text{ mm}$ 

1906 observed reflections  $[I > 2.5\sigma(I)]$  $R_{\rm int} = 0.04$  $\theta_{\rm max} = 25^{\circ}$  $h = -11 \rightarrow 11$  $k = 0 \rightarrow 16$  $l = 0 \rightarrow 12$ 3 standard reflections frequency: 120 min intensity decay: 13%

 $w = 1/\sigma^2(F)$  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.05$  $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.5 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$  $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.4 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$ 

1906 reflections	Atomic scattering factors
160 parameters	from TEXSAN (Molecular
H-atom parameters not	Structure Corporation,
refined	1993)

Table 1. Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $Å^2$ )

 $B_{eq} = (8\pi^2/3)\sum_i\sum_i U_{ii}a_i^*a_i^*\mathbf{a}_i.\mathbf{a}_i.$ 

	x	у	z	Bea	
Fe(1)	0	0	1/2	2.69 (3)	
P(1)	-0.09531 (13)	0.10629 (9)	0.62340 (12)	3.62 (5)	
P(2)	0.19760 (12)	0.03440 (9)	0.63727 (12)	3.45 (5)	
N(1)	0.0372 (4)	0.1084 (3)	0.3820 (4)	4.1 (2)	
N(2)	0.0224 (4)	0.1927 (3)	0.3720 (4)	4.1 (2)	
N(3)	0.0118 (6)	0.2758 (4)	0.3583 (6)	7.0 (3)	
C(1)	0.1700 (6)	0.1334 (4)	0.7470 (6)	5.7 (3)	
C(2)	0.0404 (6)	0.1889 (4)	0.6995 (6)	5.7 (3)	
C(3)	-0.2268(6)	0.1927 (4)	0.5460 (6)	5.1 (3)	
C(4)	-0.2584 (7)	0.2798 (4)	0.6236 (6)	6.4 (3)	
C(5)†	-0.259 (3)	0.036(2)	0.7628 (4)	8.1 (20)	
C(5')†	-0.175 (3)	0.0614 (13)	0.7524 (15)	7.4 (15)	
C(6)†	-0.118(2)	0.0364 (16)	0.838 (4)	12.1 (20)	
C(6')†	-0.169 (3)	0.0823 (18)	0.8828 (18)	12.0 (20)	
C(7)	0.3529 (6)	0.0710(5)	0.5782 (6)	5.9 (3)	
C(8)	0.3518 (7)	0.1656 (6)	0.5116(7)	8.5 (4)	
C(9)	0.2656 (6)	-0.0605 (4)	0.7560 (6)	5.9 (3)	
C(10)	0.3861 (7)	-0.0346 (5)	0.8589 (6)	6.9 (3)	

† Occupancy of 0.5.

Table 2. Selected geometric parameters (Å, °)

Fe(1)—P(1) N(1)—N(2) Fe(1)—N(1)	2.258 (1) 1.170 (5) 2.008 (4)	Fe(1)—P(2) N(2)—N(3)	2.268 (1) 1.155 (6)
P(1)— $Fe(1)$ — $P(2)P(1)$ — $Fe(1)$ — $N(1)$	84.49 (5) 90.44 (1)	Fe(1)—N(1)—N(2) N(1)—N(2)—N(3)	139.1 (4) 176.9 (6)
P(2) - Fe(1) - N(1)	90.24 (1)		

Data were reduced and Lorentz, polarization and absorption corrections were applied using the TEXSAN system (Molecular Structure Corporation, 1993). The structure was solved by heavy-atom methods and refined by full-matrix least-squares analysis with TEXSAN. One of the ethyl groups [C(5)-C(6)]was found to be disordered over two sites. H atoms, except those on C(5) and C(6), were included at calculated sites with isotropic displacement parameters fixed to those of the parent atom. All other atoms were refined anisotropically. The atomic nomenclature is defined in the ORTEP plot (Johnson, 1965) given in Fig. 1.

Lists of structure factors, anisotropic displacement parameters, Hatom coordinates and complete geometry have been deposited with the IUCr (Reference: TA1025). Copies may be obtained through The Managing Editor, International Union of Crystallography, 5 Abbey Square, Chester CH1 2HU, England.

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Copper(II) and Nickel(II) Complexes with 3,14-Dimethyl-2,6,13,17-tetraazatricyclo[16.4. $0.0^{7,12}$ ]docosane, [ $M(C_{20}H_{40}N_4)$ ]Cl<sub>2</sub>.2H<sub>2</sub>O ( $M = Cu^{II}$ and Ni<sup>II</sup>)

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## Abstract

The structures of (3,14-dimethyl-2,6,13,17-tetraazatricyclo[16.4.0.0<sup>7,12</sup>]docosane-N,N',N'',N''')copper(II) dichloride dihydrate, [Cu(C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>40</sub>N<sub>4</sub>)]Cl<sub>2</sub>.2H<sub>2</sub>O, and (3,14-dimethyl-2,6,13,17-tetraazatricyclo[16.4.0.0<sup>7,12</sup>]docosane-N,N',N'',N''')nickel(II) dichloride dihydrate, [Ni(C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>40</sub>N<sub>4</sub>)]Cl<sub>2</sub>.2H<sub>2</sub>O, are presented. Both complexes have an  $MN_4$  square plane involving the four N atoms of the docosane ligand. In the copper complex, water molecules occupy the two axial positions, though the Cu···O distances are longer than the normal coordination ranges. In the nickel complex, the water molecules are displaced too far from the metal coordination sphere to be considered bonded to the Ni atom.

## Comment

To our knowledge, this is the first report of the structures of the Cu complex, (I), and the Ni complex, (II), with the 3,14-dimethyl-2,6,13,17-tetraazatricyclo[16.4. $0.0^{7,12}$ ]-docosane ligand. The ligand was synthesized by previously reported methods (Hay & Lawrence, 1975; Kang, Kweon & Jung, 1991) (see *Experimental*).



In both structures, the metal atom is located on an inversion center. The ligand contains two cyclohexane rings, which have chair conformations in both complexes, and a central ring of 14 atoms. The complexes contain  $MN_4$  square-planar units. Because of the presence of the inversion center, the  $MN_4$  atoms are exactly coplanar in each structure. The Cl<sup>-</sup> ions in both structures participate in hydrogen bonding (Table 4). A major



Fig. 1. ORTEPII (Johnson, 1976) drawing of complex (I) with the atom-labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at 40% probability. Dashed lines indicate hydrogen bonds.



Fig. 2. ORTEPII (Johnson, 1976) drawing of complex (II) with the atom-labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at 40% probability. Dashed lines indicate hydrogen bonds.