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## A Linear Trinuclear $\mathrm{Ni}^{\mathrm{II}}-\mathrm{Mn}^{\mathrm{II}}-\mathrm{Ni}^{\mathrm{II}}$ Complex with a $\mu$-Acetato Bridge: Bis $\{(\mu$-acetato $)[\mu$-bis(salicylidene)-1,3propanediaminato] ( $N, N$-dimethylformamide)nickel(II) $\}$ manganese(II) $\dagger$

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#### Abstract

The structure of the title compound, $\left[\mathrm{Mn}\left\{\mathrm{Ni}\left(\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{2}\right)\right.\right.$ $\left.\left(\mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{H}_{7} \mathrm{NO}\right)\left(\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}\right)\right\}_{2}$ ], consists of a linear heterotrinuclear unit with a central $\mathrm{Mn}^{11}$ ion. Both the terminal $\mathrm{Ni}^{\mathrm{II}}$ ions and the central $\mathrm{Mn}^{\mathrm{II}}$ ion have irregular octahedral coordinations. The central $\mathrm{Mn}^{11}$ ion is located on the inversion centre. Each pair of metal ions is triply bridged via O atoms from the $N, N^{\prime}$-bis(salicylidene)-1,3-propanediaminato (SALPD ${ }^{2-}$ ) ligands and from the acetate groups. The coordination around the $\mathrm{Mn}^{11}$ ion consists of four O atoms from two SALPD ${ }^{2-}$ ligands, and one O atom from each of two acetate ligands. The coordination of each terminal $\mathrm{Ni}^{11}$ ion is provided by the two O and two N atoms from a SALPD ${ }^{2-}$ ligand, and by one O atom each from a bridging acetate and a dimethylformamide (dmf) ligand. The dmf and acetate ligands are trans about the terminal $\mathrm{Ni}^{1 \mathrm{II}}$ ion. The average $\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{O}$ and $\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{N}$ distances for the terminal ions are 2.071 (2) and 2.026 (2) $\AA$, respectively. The $\mathrm{Ni} \cdots \mathrm{Mn}$ distance is 3.133 (2) Å.

\section*{Comment}

Trinuclear metal complexes of the first transition series are of interest because of the magnetic superexchange interactions between their bridged metal ions. The ligand stereochemistry around the paramagnetic $\dagger$ Alternative name: $\operatorname{bis}(\mu$-acetato $)-1: 3 \kappa^{2} O: O^{\prime} ; 2: 3 \kappa^{2} O: O^{\prime}-\operatorname{bis}(N, N$ -dimethylformamide)- $1 \kappa O, 2 \kappa O$-bis $\left\{\mu-2,2^{\prime}\right.$-[1,3-propanediylbis(nitrilomethylidyne) ]diphenolato $\}-1 \kappa^{4} N, N^{\prime}, O, O^{\prime}: 3 \kappa^{2} O, O^{\prime}: 2 \kappa^{4} N, N^{\prime}, O, O^{\prime}:-$ $3 \kappa^{2} O, O^{\prime}$-manganese(II)dinickel(II).


metal ions and the structure of the O -atom bridges influence these magnetic exchange interactions. The synthesis and magnetic properties of trinuclear complexes with the general formulae $\left[M \mathrm{Cu}_{2}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CO}_{2}\right)_{2}-\right.$ (SALPD) $)_{2}\left(M=\mathrm{Mg}^{2+}, \mathrm{Mn}^{2+}, \mathrm{Co}^{2+}, \mathrm{Ni}^{2+}, \mathrm{Cu}^{2+}\right.$ or $\mathrm{Zn}^{2+}$ ) and $\left[M \mathrm{Ni}_{2}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CO}_{2}\right)_{2}(\mathrm{SALPD})_{2}\right]\left(M=\mathrm{Mg}^{2+}, \mathrm{Mn}^{2+}\right.$, $\mathrm{Co}^{2+}$ or $\mathrm{Ni}^{2+}$ ), where $\mathrm{H}_{2}$ SALPD represents $N, N^{\prime}$-bis-(salicylidene)-1,3-propanediamine, have been reported previously (Fukuhara et al., 1990). In these groups of compounds, only the structure of $\left[\mathrm{Zn}\left\{\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CO}_{2}\right)\right.\right.$ (SALPD)Cu $\}_{2}$ ] has been determined by X-ray diffraction (Fukuhara et al., 1990). Structural studies of the complexes formulated as $\left[M_{3}(\mathrm{SALPN})_{2}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CO}_{2}\right)_{2}\right]$.$2 d m f\left[M=\mathrm{Co}^{2+}\right.$ or $\mathrm{Fe}^{2+}$; SALPN $=N, N^{\prime}$-bis(salicyl-idene)-2,2-dimethylpropylenediamine; dmf = dimethylformamide] have been reported by Gerli et al. (1991). $\left[\mathrm{Ni}_{3}\left\{\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CO}_{2}\right)(\mathrm{SALPD})(\text { dmso })\right\}_{2}\right]$ (dmso $=$ dimethyl sulfoxide) (Ülkü, Ercan et al., 1997) and $\left[\mathrm{Cd}\left\{\mathrm{Ni}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}-\right.\right.\right.$ $\mathrm{CO}_{2}$ )(SALPD)(dmf) $\}_{2}$ ] (Ülkü, Tahir et al., 1997) have also been studied in this laboratory.

We describe here the structure of a new linear heterometal trinuclear complex, $\left[\mathrm{Mn}\left\{\mathrm{Ni}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CO}_{2}\right)\right.\right.$ (SALPD)(dmf) $\}_{2}$ ], (I). The structure consists of centrosymmetric trimers, with the central metal ion, $\mathrm{Mn}^{\mathrm{II}}$, occupying the inversion centre at the origin. The coordination around Mn is a distorted octahedron, involving four bridging O atoms from two SALPD ${ }^{2-}$ ligands in the equatorial plane and an O atom from each of the two bridging acetate groups in the axial positions. The MnO bond lengths range from 2.163 (1) to 2.194 (2) $\AA$, the shortest bond being to the SALPD ${ }^{2-} \mathrm{Ol}$ atom. The $\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{N} 1$ and $\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{N} 2$ bond lengths are 2.016(2) and 2.036 (2) $\AA$, respectively. The two inversion-related $\mathrm{Ni}^{\mathrm{II}}$ ions also have a distorted octahedral environment. The four equatorial positions are occupied by the two N and the two O atoms from the SALPD ${ }^{2-}$ ligand. The axial positions of this distorted octahedron are completed by the O atom from the bridging acetate and another O atom from the dmf. The terminal Ni atom is $0.0632(3) \AA$ out of the equatorial plane defined by atoms $\mathrm{N} 1, \mathrm{O} 1, \mathrm{~N} 2$ and O 2 .

(I)

The dihedral angle between the two equatorial planes ( $\mathrm{O} 1, \mathrm{O} 2, \mathrm{Ol}^{\mathrm{i}}, \mathrm{O}^{\mathrm{i}}$ and $\mathrm{O} 1, \mathrm{O} 2, \mathrm{~N} 1, \mathrm{~N} 2$ ) of the neighbouring polyhedra is $23.68(8)^{\circ}$ [symmetry code:
(i) $-x,-y,-z]$. A comparison of the dihedral angle between the two equatorial planes of the neighbouring polyhedra $(\varphi)$, between the $\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{O}-M(\mathrm{Ni}, \mathrm{Cd}, \mathrm{Mn})-$ O bridging plane and the coordination plane around the Ni atom ( $\kappa$ ), along with the related distance ranges and bridging angles, are given in Table 1 for the three trimeric metal complexes recently studied in this laboratory. The bond lengths and angles within the ligands show no unusual values. The SALPD ${ }^{2-}$ ligand is not planar. The dihedral angles between the equatorial plane ( $\mathrm{O} 1, \mathrm{O} 2, \mathrm{~N} 1, \mathrm{~N} 2$ ) and the two salicylaldimine residues ( $\mathrm{N} 1, \mathrm{C} 11, \mathrm{C} 12-\mathrm{C} 17, \mathrm{O} 2$ and $\mathrm{N} 2, \mathrm{C} 7, \mathrm{C} 1-$ $\mathrm{C} 6, \mathrm{O} 1$ ) are 26.91 (7) and $32.36(9)^{\circ}$, respectively. The $\mathrm{Mn}-\mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{SALPD}^{2}}$ - bond lengths [2.163(1)-2.166(2) A] are shorter than the $\mathrm{Mn}-\mathrm{O}_{\text {acetate }}$ distances [2.194 (2) $\AA$ ] . The $\mathrm{Ni} \cdots \mathrm{Mn}$ distance is 3.133 (2) $\AA$. The six-membered chelate ring ( $\mathrm{Ni}, \mathrm{N} 2, \mathrm{C} 8, \mathrm{C} 9, \mathrm{C} 10, \mathrm{~N} 1$ ) has a flattened chair conformation. The distances of the two parapositioned chair atoms, Ni and C 9 , from the plane of $\mathrm{N} 1, \mathrm{~N} 2, \mathrm{C} 8$ and C 10 , are 0.0428 (1) and -0.344 (3) $\AA$, respectively. The magnetic behaviour of this compound is currently under investigation.


Fig. 1. The molecular structure of the title compound, with the atomnumbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the $30 \%$ probability level. H atoms have been omitted for clarity. [Symmetry code (i) $-x,-y,-z$.]

## Experimental

To a solution of bis- $N, N^{\prime}$-salicylidene-1,3-propanediamine ( $0.565 \mathrm{~g}, 2 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in hot ethanol ( 50 ml ), ammonia solution $(20 \%, 10 \mathrm{ml})$ was added and the mixture heated to boiling point. Then, a solution of $\mathrm{NiCl}_{2} .6 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(4.75 \mathrm{~g}, 2 \mathrm{mmol})$ in hot water ( 30 ml ) was added, and the resulting mixture was set aside. After 2 h , the light-green Ni complex was filtered, and dried at $423-433 \mathrm{~K}$ for 4 h . This complex ( $0.338 \mathrm{~g}, 1 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was dissolved in hot DMF ( 50 ml ) and the temperature of the solution was increased to boiling point ( 383 K ). Manganese acetate solution ( $0.173 \mathrm{~g}, 1 \mathrm{mmol}$, in 20 ml hot methanol) was added dropwise to the final mixture. Green crystals formed after 24 h .

## Crystal data

$\left[\mathrm{MnNi}_{2}\left(\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{2}\right)_{2}\right.$
$\left(\mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{H}_{7} \mathrm{NO}\right)_{2}-$
$\left.\left(\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}\right)_{2}\right]$
$\left(\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}\right)_{2}$ ]
$M_{r}=997.30$
Triclinic
$P \overline{1}$
$a=9.614(4) \AA$
$b=10.664$ (4) $\AA$
$c=12.260(3) \AA$
$\alpha=112.37(3)^{\circ}$
$\beta=100.77(3)^{\circ}$
$\gamma=90.20(3)^{\circ}$
$V=1137.9(4) \AA^{3}$
$Z=1$
$D_{x}=1.46 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$
$D_{m}$ not measured
Data collection
Enraf-Nonius CAD-4
diffractometer
$\omega / 2 \theta$ scans
Absorption correction:
empirical via $\psi$ scans
(Fair, 1990)
$T_{\text {min }}=0.776, T_{\text {max }}=0.831$
4862 measured reflections
4604 independent reflections

## Refinement

Refinement on $F$
$R=0.031$
$w R=0.040$

Mo $K \alpha$ radiation
$\lambda=0.71073 \AA$
Cell parameters from 25 reflections
$\theta=10-18^{\circ}$
$\mu=1.15 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$
$T=295 \mathrm{~K}$
Prismatic
$0.32 \times 0.20 \times 0.16 \mathrm{~mm}$
Green

3569 reflections with

$$
I>\sigma(I)
$$

$R_{\text {int }}=0.011$
$\theta_{\text {max }}=26.3^{\circ}$
$h=-11 \rightarrow 11$
$k=-13 \rightarrow 0$
$l=-14 \rightarrow 15$
3 standard reflections
frequency: 120 min
intensity decay: $1.4 \%$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& (\Delta / \sigma)_{\max }=0.002 \\
& \Delta \rho_{\max }=0.37 \mathrm{e}^{-3} \\
& \Delta \rho_{\min }=-0.09 \mathrm{e}^{-3}
\end{aligned}
$$

Table 1. Structural data, bridging angles and dihedral angles ( $\varphi$ and $\kappa$ ) for three homo- or hetero-trinuclear complexes

| Complex | $\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{O}(\AA)$ | $M-\mathrm{O}(\AA)$ | $\mathrm{Ni}-M(\AA)$ | $\mathrm{O}-M-\mathrm{O}\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ | $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{N}\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ | $\boldsymbol{\rho}\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ | $\kappa\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\left[\mathrm{Ni}_{3}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CO}_{2}\right)_{2}(\mathrm{SALPD})_{2}(\mathrm{dmso})_{2}\right] \dagger$ | $2.010(3)-2.254(3)$ | $2.024(3)-2.098(3)$ | $3.043(2)$ | $79.4(1)$ | $89.8(2)-90.6(2)$ | $21.9(1)$ | $33.1(1)-35.06(7)$ |
| $\left[\mathrm{CdNi}_{2}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CO}_{2}\right)_{2}(\mathrm{SALPD})_{2}(\mathrm{dmf})_{2}\right] \ddagger$ | $2.012(1)-2.190(2)$ | $2.260(1)-2.293(2)$ | $3.227(5)$ | $73.66(5)$ | $88.09(7)-89.76(6)$ | $23.10(7)$ | $26.38(6)-32.80(7)$ |
| $\left[\mathrm{MnNi}_{2}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CO}_{2}\right)_{2}(\mathrm{SALPD})_{2}(\mathrm{dmf})_{2}\right] \S$ | $2.017(2)-2.184(2)$ | $2.163(1)-2.194(2)$ | $3.133(2)$ | $76.66(6)$ | $88.93(8)-90.38(7)$ | $23.68(8)$ | $26.91(7)-32.36(9)$ |

$\dagger$ Ülkü, Ercan et al. (1997). $\ddagger$ Ülkü, Tahir et al. (1997). § The title compound.
$S=1.10$
3569 reflections 286 parameters
H atoms: see below
$w=1 /\left[\sigma F^{2}+(0.02 F)^{2}\right.$
$+0.10]$

Extinction correction: none Scattering factors from International Tables for X-ray Crystallography (Vol. IV)

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Table 2. Selected geometric parameters $\left(\AA^{\circ},^{\circ}\right)$

| $\mathrm{Ni} \cdots \mathrm{Mn}$ | $3.133(2)$ | $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{Cl}$ | $1.309(2)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | ---: |
| $\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{O} 1$ | $2.035(2)$ | $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{Cl} 7$ | $1.320(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{O} 2$ | $2.017(2)$ | $\mathrm{O} 3-\mathrm{Cl} 8$ | $1.251(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{O} 4$ | $2.046(2)$ | $\mathrm{O} 4-\mathrm{Cl} 18$ | $1.247(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{O5}$ | $2.184(2)$ | $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{C} 20$ | $1.226(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{N} 1$ | $2.016(2)$ | $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{Cl0}$ | $1.465(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{N} 2$ | $2.036(2)$ | $\mathrm{C} 9-\mathrm{Cl} 10$ | $1.514(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{Mn}-\mathrm{O} 1$ | $2.163(1)$ | $\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{Cl} 2$ | $1.452(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{Mn}-\mathrm{O} 2$ | $2.166(2)$ | $\mathrm{C} 18-\mathrm{Cl} 9$ | $1.510(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{Mn}-\mathrm{O} 3$ | $2.194(2)$ |  |  |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{O} 2$ | $82.98(7)$ | $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{N} 2$ | $84.79(8)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{O} 4$ | $93.66(8)$ | $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{N} 2$ | $97.49(9)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{O} 5$ | $88.22(8)$ | $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{Mn}-\mathrm{O} 2$ | $76.66(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{N} 1$ | $172.58(8)$ | $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{Mn}-\mathrm{O} 3$ | $85.95(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{O} 4$ | $95.10(7)$ | $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{Mn}-\mathrm{O} 3$ | $87.74(7)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{O} 5$ | $91.55(7)$ | $\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{Ol}-\mathrm{Mn}$ | $96.49(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{N} 2$ | $171.23(8)$ | $\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{Ol}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | $123.4(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 4-\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{N} 1$ | $90.23(8)$ | $\mathrm{Mn}-\mathrm{Ol}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | $135.9(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 4-\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{N} 2$ | $88.77(8)$ | $\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{Mn}$ | $96.95(7)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 5-\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{N} 1$ | $88.64(8)$ | $\mathrm{Mn}-\mathrm{O} 3-\mathrm{Cl} 8$ | $130.5(2)$ |

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Triaqua(pyridine-2,6-dipicolinato- $O, N, O^{\prime}$ )iron(III) Bis(pyridine-2,6-dipicolinato$\boldsymbol{O}, \boldsymbol{N}, \boldsymbol{O}^{\prime}$ )iron(III) Hexahydrate: an Unusual Ion-Pair Compound

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All non-H atoms were refined with anisotropic displacement parameters. The H -atom positions were taken from difference maps. A riding model was used for all H atoms, with $U_{\text {iso }}(\mathrm{H})=$ $1.3 U_{\mathrm{eq}}(\mathrm{C})$ of the parent atom.
Data collection: CAD-4 EXPRESS (Enraf-Nonius, 1993). Data reduction: MolEN (Fair, 1990). Program(s) used to solve structure: SIMPEL in MolEN. Program(s) used to refine structure: LSFM in MolEN. Molecular graphics: ORTEPII (Johnson, 1976) in MolEN. Software used to prepare material for publication: MolEN.

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## Abstract

The reaction of dipicolinic acid (2,6-pyridinedicarboxylic acid) with $\mathrm{FeCl}_{3}$ results in the unusual title ion-pair compound, $\left[\mathrm{Fe}\left(\mathrm{C}_{7} \mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{NO}_{4}\right)\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{3}\right]\left[\mathrm{Fe}\left(\mathrm{C}_{7} \mathrm{H}_{3}-\right.\right.$ $\left.\left.\mathrm{NO}_{4}\right)_{2}\right] .6 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$. Each Fe atom has an octahedral geometry. The dipicolinate ligands are nearly planar, with the two in the anion being perpendicular to each other and displaying a dihedral angle of $93.74(6)^{\circ}$. The $\mathrm{Fe}-\mathrm{O}$ (carboxylate) bond distances are comparable and range from 2.008 (2) to 2.028 (2) $\AA$, while the $\mathrm{Fe}-$ N distances are $2.059(2), 2.054$ (2) and 2.054 (2) $\AA$. The $\mathrm{Fe}-\mathrm{O}$ (water) distances are 1.971 (2), 1.987 (2) and 2.004 (2) $\AA$. The cation, anion and water molecules are involved in an extensive three-dimensional hydrogenbonding network, with $\mathrm{O} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ distances ranging from 2.36 (2) to 2.953 (3) $\AA$ and angles ranging from 129 to $177^{\circ}$.

## Comment

The reaction of iron with dipicolinic acid (2,6-pyridinedicarboxylic acid, dipicH $\mathrm{H}_{2}$ ) is more complicated than expected, particularly in the solid state. Several crystal structures of iron(III) and iron(II) complexes with dipicH2 and its derivatives have been reported in which mononuclear, binuclear and polynuclear structures are formed. The ligand-to-iron ratio can be one and two, and six- and seven-coordinate iron complexes have been reported (Laine et al., 1995, 1995a,b,c; Hseu et al., 1991; Marsh, 1993; Cousson et al., 1992; Thich et al., 1976). Interest in this area stems from the biological

