or high background(s); these reflections showed larger or smaller structure amplitudes than those of the equivalents. The deviations were up to several ten percent of the  $|F_o|$ values in most cases and several hundred percent in extreme cases for weak reflections. Such reflections were mainly concentrated in a limited region of the reciprocal lattice space, *i.e.* +h+k+l ( $\theta = 10^\circ \rightarrow 50^\circ$  and  $l = 10 \rightarrow 50$  depending on h and k); after they were removed (695 in total), the equivalent reflections were averaged and used for the structure determination. Owing to the mechanical blind regions of the diffractometer, 574 high-angle reflections (62.5°  $< \theta < 66^{\circ}$ ) could not be measured. The absorption correction was made by an analytical calculation using the crystal shape of the hexagonal plate. Water molecules were all isotropic. Large residual electron densities were not found in voids which could possibly contain some disordered water molecules.

In (2), the data collection was carried out first with an  $\omega$ -scan technique using Cu  $K\alpha$  radiation, and then with an  $\omega/2\theta$  scan using Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation, and finally some Bijvoet pairs were added to increase the number of reflections; thus, the effectiveness of the structure refinement gradually grew. The greatest problem, however, was the determination of the locations of the disordered anion near the (001) plane. A rigid group refinement was finally adopted for the positionally disordered anion formed by the B4, F13, F14, F15 and F16 atoms. In spite of prolonged calculations, the maximum  $\Delta/\sigma$  ratio was not less than 0.06. The y coordinate of the Co atom was fixed in the structure refinement. Water molecules were disordered at several sites. These and the disordered anions were refined isotropically. Large residual electron densities were not found in voids.

The absolute structure in each case was determined from about 100 selected Bijvoet pairs with large differences, by refinement of the inverted structure to significantly higher residuals, and by refinement of the Flack (1983) parameter.

For both compounds, data collection: MSC/AFC Diffractometer Control System (Rigaku Corporation, 1991); cell refinement: MSC/AFC Diffractometer Control System; data reduction: TEXSAN (Molecular Structure Corporation, 1995); program(s) used to solve structures: PATTY in DIRDIF92 (Beurskens et al., 1992); program(s) used to refine structures: TEXSAN; molecular graphics: ORTEPII (Johnson, 1976); software used to prepare material for publication: TEXSAN.

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## A maleate-bridged dinuclear bipyridinecontaining zinc(II) complex

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#### Abstract

A novel cyclic dinuclear zinc complex with maleate dianions as the bridging ligands, di- $\mu$ -maleato-bis-[aqua(2,2'-bipyridine)zinc(II)] dihydrate, [Zn<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-(C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)]<sub>2</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O, has been characterized by X-ray analysis. The complex lies about a crystallographic inversion centre. The zinc centre has distorted square-pyramidal geometry with two bipy N atoms, a carboxylate O atom and an aqua O atom forming the base; the Zn—N bond lengths are in the range 2.1021 (15)–2.120 (2) Å and the Zn—O bond lengths are in the range 1.9709 (13)–2.125 (2) Å. A maleate O atom completes the coordination sphere in the apical site, with a Zn—O bond length of 2.0223 (13) Å. The Zn···Zn distance is 5.281 (1) Å.

## Comment

Dinuclear zinc complexes with N- and O-donor ligands have been of considerable interest since such systems of two Zn atoms are known to exist at the active site of some zinc-containing enzymes, such as phospholipase



Fig. 1. The molecular structure of the title compound showing 50% probability displacement ellipsoids. H atoms have been omitted for clarity.

C (Huogh *et al.*, 1989) and bovine lens leucine aminopeptidase (Burley *et al.*, 1992). Several dinuclear zinccarboxylate complexes have been synthesized and characterized structurally by X-ray diffraction (Uhlenbrock & Krebs, 1992; Chen *et al.*, 1994). We report here the crystal structure of a dinuclear zinc complex with maleate dianions as bridging ligands, (I).



The title compound forms centrosymmetric dinuclear molecules with maleate dianions acting as bridging ligands (Fig. 1). In the dinuclear molecule, two Zn atoms are linked by two maleate bridges forming a 14-membered non-planar macrocyclic structure. Each Zn atom in the complex is in a highly distorted square-pyramidal ZnO<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub> coordination geometry. The Zn—N bond lengths of 2.1021 (15) and 2.120 (2) Å, respectively, are similar to those in [Zn<sub>2</sub>(bipy)<sub>2</sub>(MeCO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]-ClO<sub>4</sub> [2.127 (5), 2.138 (5), 2.100 (5) and 2.151 (5) Å; Chen *et al.*, 1994], but slightly longer than those in [Zn(bipy)Cl<sub>2</sub>] [2.064 (2) and 2.053 (2) Å; Khan & Tuck, 1984]. The bite angle of 77.20 (6)° is similar to those

in  $[Zn_2(bipy)_2(MeCO_2)_3]ClO_4$  [77.1 (2) and 76.8 (2)°], but smaller than that in  $[Zn(bipy)Cl_2]$  [80.3 (1)°].

The dinuclear molecules are linked to form an infinite chain by O— $H \cdots O$  hydrogen bonds; details are in Table 2.

#### Experimental

To an aqueous solution of zinc sulfate (10 mmol, 20 ml) was added an aqueous solution of sodium maleate (10 mmol, 20 ml) with stirring for 30 min. To the colourless solution was added an ethanolic solution of bipy (10 mmol, 15 ml) with stirring. White solids precipitated immediately. Crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained by slow evaporation of the solvent from the above filtrate.

### Crystal data

$[Zn_2(C_4H_2O_4)_2(C_{10}H_8N_2)_2-$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
$(H_2O)_2]\cdot 2H_2O$	$\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ Å}$
$M_r = 743.28$	Cell parameters from 29
Monoclinic	reflections
$C_2/c$	$\theta = 3.18 - 16.57^{\circ}$
a = 14.485(2) Å	$\mu = 1.681 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
b = 10.804 (2) Å	T = 290(2) K
c = 19.567(3) Å	Prism
$\beta = 103.28(1)^{\circ}$	$0.52 \times 0.44 \times 0.32$ mm
$V = 2980.3 (8) \text{ Å}^3$	Colourless
Z = 4	
$D_x = 1.657 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$	
$D_m = 1.66 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$	
D. measured by flotation	

 $D_m$  measured by flotation in 1,2-dibromoethane and cyclohexane

## $[Zn_2(C_4H_2O_4)_2(C_{10}H_8N_2)_2(H_2O)_2]\cdot 2H_2O$

#### Data collection

Siemens P4 diffractometer $\omega$ scans Absorption correction: semi-empirical $\psi$ scans (North et al., 1968) $T_{min} = 0.529, T_{max} = 0.584$ 3704 measured reflections 3269 independent reflections 2636 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$	$R_{int} = 0.012$ $\theta_{max} = 27^{\circ}$ $h = 0 \rightarrow 18$ $k = 0 \rightarrow 13$ $l = -24 \rightarrow 24$ 3 standard reflections every 97 reflections intensity decay: 2.26%
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#### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.260 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm A}^{-3}$
R(F) = 0.025	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.265 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$
$wR(F^2) = 0.059$	Extinction correction:
S = 1.057	SHELXL93 (Sheldrick,
3268 reflections	1993)
225 parameters	Extinction coefficient:
H-atom parameters	0.0054 (2)
constrained	Scattering factors from
$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0355P)^2]$	International Tables for
where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$	Crystallography (Vol. C)
$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001$	

Table 1. Selected geometric parameters (Å, °)

ZnO3'	1.9709 (13)	01—C11	1.273 (2)
Zn-Ol	2.0223 (13)	02—C11	1.241 (2)
Zn—N2	2.1021 (15)	O3-C14	1.269 (2)
Zn—N1	2.120(2)	04C14	1.239 (2)
Zn05	2.125 (2)		
O3'-Zn-O1	108.85 (6)	N1-Zn05	170.06 (6)
O3 <sup>i</sup> —Zn—N2	134.92 (6)	Cll-Ol-Zn	127.98 (12)
O1—Zn—N2	115.35 (6)	C14-O3-Zn'	116.06 (12)
O3 <sup>i</sup> —Zn—N1	93.09 (6)	C5-N1-Zn	116.11 (12)
Ol-Zn-Nl	92.22 (5)	C1—N1—Zn	124.68 (13)
N2—Zn—N1	77.20(6)	C10-N2-Zn	125.12 (13)
O3 <sup>i</sup> —Zn—O5	92.50(7)	C6-N2-Zn	115.89 (12)
01-Zn-05	93.75 (6)	02-C11-O1	126.2 (2)
N2-Zn05	93.05 (6)	O4-C14-O3	124.1 (2)
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Symmetry code: (i)  $\frac{1}{2} - x$ ,  $\frac{1}{2} - y$ , 1 - z.

## Table 2. Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °)

D—H···A	<i>D</i> H	H···A	$D \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	<i>D</i> H· · · ∕ <i>A</i>
O5H5A····O2	0.84	1.79	2.615(2)	166
05H5B····O6 <sup>i</sup>	0.72	2.05	2.753 (3)	170
06-H6A···01	0.74	2.37	3.107 (3)	174
O6—H6 <i>B</i> ···O4 <sup>ii</sup>	0.84	1.94	2.774 (2)	173
Symmetry codes: (i)	$\frac{1}{2} - x, \frac{1}{2} - y$	$z_{1} - z_{1}$ (ii)	-x, -y, 1 -	Ζ.

Data collection: XSCANS (Siemens, 1991). Cell refinement: XSCANS. Data reduction: SHELXTL-Plus (Sheldrick, 1990a). Program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS86 (Sheldrick, 1990b). Program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL93 (Sheldrick, 1993). Molecular graphics: SHELXTL-Plus. Software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL-Plus.

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# A dihomonuclear complex: di- $\mu$ -methacrylato-O:O'-bis[(1,10-phenanthroline-N,N')bis-(methacrylato-O,O')ytterbium(III)]

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#### Abstract

In the structure of the title complex,  $[Yb_2(C_4H_5O_2)_6-(C_{12}H_8N_2)_2]$ , each  $Yb^{3+}$  ion is coordinated by six O atoms from four methacrylate ligands and by two N atoms of a phenanthroline ligand, giving a coordination polyhedron which is a distorted square antiprism. Within each centrosymmetric dinuclear molecule, two  $Yb^{3+}$  ions are bridged by two bidentate bridging methacrylate ligands.

#### Comment

There is increasing interest in the stereochemistry of complexes of rare earth ions with unsaturated carboxylic acids because of the potential use of such complexes as extraction agents or as catalysts for hydrogenation, as well as the effect of the  $\alpha$ -C=C double bond on

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