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# Low-dimensional compounds containing cyano groups. IV. Bis(2,2'-bipyridine- $\kappa^2 N, N^1$ )(dicyanamido- $\kappa N'$ )copper(II) perchlorate and $\mu$ -dicyanamido- $\kappa^2 N^1: N^5$ bis[bis(2,2'-bipyridine- $\kappa^2 N, N'$ )copper(II)] triperchlorate ethanol hemisolvate, complexes with unusual dicyanamide coordination

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From reaction mixtures containing the same reagents, the two novel title complexes, with unusual coordination modes of the dicyanamide (dca) ligand, have been prepared. The first compound,  $[Cu(C_2N_3)(C_{10}H_8N_2)_2]ClO_4$ , represents a relatively rare class of compounds, with the dca ligand coordinated in a monodentate manner. Its structure is formed by the  $[Cu(bpy)_2[N(CN)_2]]^+$  complex cation (bpy is 2,2'-bipyridine) and a  $ClO_4^-$  anion, which does not enter the inner coordination sphere. The Cu centre is five-coordinate within a strongly distorted trigonal bipyramid to two bpy molecules and one dca ligand, which is coordinated through one nitrile N atom in the equatorial plane. The second compound,  $[Cu_2(C_2N_3)(C_{10}H_8N_2)_4](ClO_4)_3 \cdot 0.5C_2H_6O$ , contains dca coordinated in the more common bidentate manner, but instead of a chain structure, a unique binuclear complex is formed. The asymmetric unit consists of the  $[Cu(bpy)_2 \{N(CN)_2\}(bpy)_2]$  $(Cu)^{3+}$  binuclear complex cation, the charge of which is neutralized by three uncoordinated perchlorate anions, and a half-molecule of ethanol. Both Cu centres in the cation are five-coordinate, adopting a slightly distorted trigonal-bipyramidal environment.

## Comment

The dicyanamide (dca) anion,  $[N(CN)_2]^-$ , exhibits a rich variety of bonding modes. It can coordinate either in a monodentate manner or, more typically, in a bidentate,

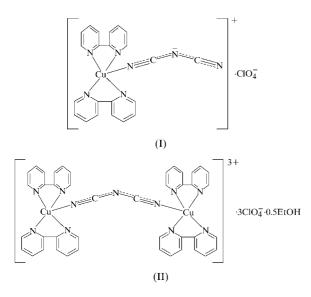
tridentate or even tetradentate manner, with participation of two or three N donor atoms. Nevertheless, monodentate coordination of dca through the amide N atom is rather improbable and, to date, no crystal structure of such a compound is known (Kohout et al., 2000). On the other hand, the structures of several molecular and ionic compounds with dca coordinated in a monodentate manner through a nitrile N atom have been reported. These compounds contain either six-coordinate central atoms and are of the general formula  $[ML_4(dca)_2]$ , e.g.  $[Ni(teta)(dca)_2]$  (teta is triethylenetetramine; Březina et al., 1999),  $[Ni(4-Meim)_4(dca)_2]$  (4-Meim is 4-methylimidazole; Kožíšek et al., 1996), [Cu(phen)<sub>2</sub>(dca)<sub>2</sub>] (phen is 1,10-phenanthroline; Potočňák et al., 1995) and [Cu(NITpPy)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>(dca)<sub>2</sub>] (NITpPy is the nitronyl nitroxide radical; Dasna et al., 2001), or exhibit five-coordination and have the general formula  $[ML_4(dca)]X$ , e.g.  $[Cu(phen)_2-$ (dca)]C(CN)<sub>3</sub> (Potočňák *et al.*, 1996), [Cu(bpy)<sub>2</sub>(dca)]C(CN)<sub>3</sub> (bpy is 2,2'-bipyridine; Potočňák, Dunaj-Jurčo, Mikloš & Jäger, 2001) and [Cu(bpy)<sub>2</sub>(dca)]BF<sub>4</sub> (Potočňák, Dunaj-Jurčo, Mikloš, Massa & Jäger, 2001), in which  $L_4$  may be one tetradentate, two bidentate or four monodentate ligands, and X is a monoanion.

As a consequence of the possible bridging function of dca, there has been an unusual level of interest in this ligand in recent years, especially in connection with the preparation of magnetic materials. Among them, weak ferromagnets of the general formula  $\alpha$ -[ $M(dca)_2$ ], with a three-dimensional rutiletype structure, have attracted much attention because of the ability of dca to act as a molecular-based magnet precursor, with several transition metal ions octahedrally coordinated by tridentate dca ligands (Batten et al., 1998; Jensen et al., 1999; Kurmoo & Kepert, 1998; Manson et al., 1998). If the two dca ligands are tetrahedrally coordinated only through the nitrile N atoms,  $\beta$ -isomers of these compounds occur in the form of sheet-like structures (Jensen et al., 1999). When two coordination sites of hexacoordinate metallic centres are occupied by additional blocking ligands, dca acts as a bidentate bridging ligand coordinated through the nitrile N atoms and the resulting compounds contain  $[ML_2(dca)_2]$  units  $(L_2$  is one bidentate or two monodentate ligands; Manson et al., 1999; Escuer et al., 2000; van Albada et al., 2000; Jäger et al., 2001; Dasna et al., 2001; Sun et al., 2001). All these compounds are one-dimensional and contain chains in which two metallic centres are connected by a pair of dca ligands, forming double bridges. Moreover, if the ligands L can serve as additional bridges between central atoms, the above chains are connected by these ligands, giving two-dimensional sheets (Jensen et al., 1999, 2001).

The  $[ML_2(dca)_2]$  units are also present in another type of structure, which was previously observed in  $[M(bpym)-(dca)_2]\cdot H_2O$  (*M* is Mn, Fe or Co, and bpym is 2,2'-bipyrimidine; Marshall *et al.*, 2000) and consists of chains in which two hexacoordinate metallic centres are connected by only one bridging dca ligand, while the second remains monodentate. The same type of one-dimensional structure, but with five-coordinate metal atoms, has been observed in the recently published structures of  $[Cu(dmbpy)(dca)_2]$  (dmbpy is

5,5'-dimethyl-2,2'-bipyridine; Kooijman *et al.*, 2002), [Cu-(phen)(dca)<sub>2</sub>] (Luo *et al.*, 2002) and [Cu(bpy)(dca)<sub>2</sub>] (Potočňák *et al.*, 2002; Vangdal *et al.*, 2002).

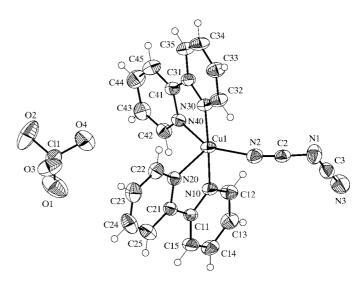
As part of our study on low-dimensional magnetic materials (Černák et al., 2002), and with the aim of finding possible reasons for the different shapes of the coordination polyhedra in related five-coordinate compounds, we present here the structures of two new complexes containing dca which were prepared from reaction mixtures containing the same reagents. The  $[Cu(bpy)_2(dca)]ClO_4$  complex, (I), belongs to the class of compounds with dca coordinated in a relatively unusual monodentate manner. On the other hand, the  $[Cu(bpy)_2(dca)(bpy)_2Cu](ClO_4)_3 \cdot 0.5EtOH$  complex, (II). contains dca coordinated in a bidentate manner, which is the most common coordination mode for dca. However, the propagation of the polymeric structure is broken at the two neighbouring central atoms and, instead of a chain structure, only binuclear units arise. As far as we are aware, complex (II) represents the first example of this type of structure containing bridging dca. Structures (I) and (II) are both ionic.



The structure of (I) (Fig. 1) consists of the  $[Cu(bpy)_2 \{N(CN)_2\}^+$  complex cation and a  $ClO_4^-$  anion, which does not enter the inner coordination sphere. The copper centre is fivecoordinated, within a distorted trigonal bipyramid, to two bpy molecules and one dca ligand coordinated through one nitrile N atom in the equatorial plane. In the trigonal bipyramid, the two out-of-plane Cu1-N10 and Cu1-N30 bonds have nearly the same values and are almost collinear (Table 1). The two inplane distances (Cu1-N20 and Cu1-N40) are, on average, longer by 0.096 Å than the out-of-plane Cu–N distances; this is a common feature for this kind of compound. The third inplane Cu1 - N2 [N from the N(CN)<sub>2</sub> ligand] distance is shorter than the other two but is comparable with the out-of-plane distances. This is different from the compound where the noncoordinating out-of-sphere anion X is  $[C(CN)_3]^-$ , (III) (Potočňák, Dunaj-Jurčo, Mikloš & Jäger, 2001), where this is the shortest Cu-N bond, but the same trends in bond distances were observed in the compound where X is  $[BF_4]^-$ , (IV) (Potočňák, Dunaj-Jurčo, Mikloš, Massa & Jäger, 2001), and in the related compound  $[Cu(phen)_2N(CN)_2][C(CN)_3]$ , (V), where this bond has the same length (within  $1\sigma$ ) as the two out-of-plane bonds (Potočňák *et al.*, 1996); Table 2 gives details of these comparisons.

The out-of-plane angles in (I) lie within the range 78.78 (7)– 96.84 (7)°, similar to the values observed in (III)–(V). The bond angles in the equatorial plane of (I) differ considerably from the ideal trigonal angle of 120°, with one wide angle of 146.66 (8)° ( $\alpha_1 = N2-Cu1-N40$ ) and two narrow angles of 108.46 (8) ( $\alpha_2 = N2-Cu1-N20$ ) and 104.87 (8)° ( $\alpha_3 = N20-$ Cu1–N40). Corresponding values for (III)–(V) are given in Table 2. Thus the angle  $\alpha_3$ , which is opposite the Cu1–N2 bond, is narrower than the ideal angle of 120° by 15.13°, and there is a difference of 38.20° between  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$ .

According to the criteria of Harrison & Hathaway (1980), the coordination polyhedron around the Cu atom can be best described as distorted trigonal-bipyramidal with a distortion toward square-pyramidal, similar to (III) and (IV). On the other hand, according to the values of the angles  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  and  $\alpha_3$ , the coordination polyhedron of (V) can be best described as trigonal-bipyramidal with approximate  $C_{2\nu}$  symmetry. The difference in the shape of the coordination polyhedra is in accordance with the values of the  $\tau$  parameter [Table 2; the  $\tau$ parameter is 100 for an ideal trigonal bipyramid and 0 for an ideal tetragonal pyramid (Addison et al., 1984)]. This difference in the shape of the coordination polyhedron of (I), (III) and (IV) on one hand and of (V) on the other can be explained by the lower rigidity of the bpy ligand compared with the phen ligand. While the two outer pyridine rings in a phen molecule are connected by a phenyl ring making the whole molecule planar, the two pyridine rings in a bpy molecule can rotate around their common C-C single bond.



#### Figure 1

The structure of (I) with the atom-labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level and H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radii.

The angles between the two pyridine rings are 2.54 (7) and 8.35 (7)° for the first (N10–N20) and the second (N30–N40) bpy molecules in (I), respectively. Consequently, the first bpy molecule is almost planar [the largest deviation of atoms from the mean plane is 0.036 (3) Å for atom C24], while the planarity of the second is less [the largest deviation from the mean plane is 0.112 (3) Å for atom C43]. The sum of the bond angles in the equatorial plane of (I) (359.99°) indicates coplanarity of atom Cu1 with the three equatorial atoms [it is displaced from the N2/N20/N40 plane by 0.0092 (3) Å towards atom N10].

The dca anion in (I) is ligated in the unusual monodentate manner. Inspection of the bond lengths (Table 1) shows that none of the three possible canonical formulae (Golub *et al.*, 1986) adequately describes the bonding mode of the dicyanamide. Both the nitrile N=C and amide N=C distances have values close to those of N=C (1.15 Å) and N=C bonds (1.27 Å), respectively. The N(amide)–C=N(nitrile) angles are almost linear, while the C2–N1–C3 angle adopts a value of 119.4 (2)°, close to the ideal value of 120°. The dca ligand is planar, the largest deviation from the mean plane being 0.003 (2) Å for atom C2, and its bonding mode to atom Cu1 (C2=N2–Cu1) can be considered as angular.

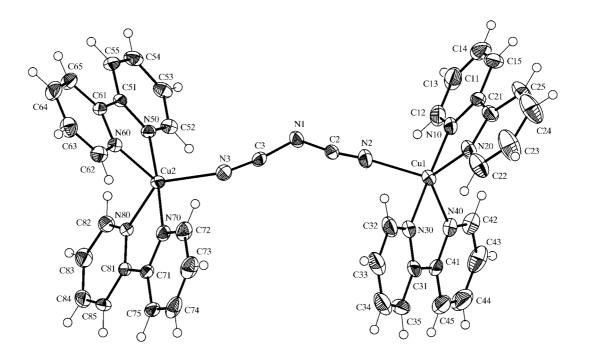
The asymmetric unit of (II) (Fig. 2) contains one binuclear  $[Cu(bpy)_2\{N(CN)_2\}(bpy)_2Cu]^{3+}$  complex cation, the charge of which is balanced by three uncoordinated perchlorate anions, and half a molecule of ethanol. Formally, we can consider the cation as two  $[Cu(bpy)_2\{N(CN)_2\}]^+$  complex cations, in which both Cu centres are five-coordinated within a slightly distorted trigonal bipyramid to two bpy molecules and one bridging dca ligand, which is coordinated equatorially to the two Cu centres

*via* different nitrile N atoms. Inspection of Tables 2 and 3 indicates that, from this point of view, there is no major difference between the complex cation in (I) and the 'two cations' in (II).

The two out-of-plane bonds around the Cu1 and Cu2 centres have the same length to within  $2\sigma$  and are almost collinear. The two in-plane Cu $-N_{phen}$  distances are of almost the same value and are longer on average than the out-of-plane Cu-N distances, by 0.093 Å for Cu1 and 0.100 Å for Cu2. The in-plane Cu-N(dca) distances are shorter than the other two, but, unlike the corresponding bond in (I), they are somewhat longer than the out-of-plane distances.

Although the corresponding bond distances around atoms Cu1 and Cu2 in (II) are very similar and all equatorial angles are close to the ideal value of  $120^{\circ}$ , the equatorial angles around Cu1 and Cu2 are nevertheless quite different. The  $\alpha_1$  angles are almost equal, but the  $\alpha_2$  and  $\alpha_3$  angles differ. Thus, there is a difference [of  $8.54^{\circ}$  for Cu1 and  $1.49^{\circ}$  for Cu2] between  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$ , and both polyhedra can, according to the criteria of Harrison & Hathaway (1980), be best described as trigonal–bipyramidal with approximate  $C_{2\nu}$  symmetry. The high values of the  $\tau$  parameter for the polyhedra around Cu1 and Cu2 confirm that the distortions of the polyhedra from the ideal trigonal–bipyramidal shape are small.

Although, in comparison with (I), the dicyanamide is ligated differently in (II), there are no significant differences in ligand molecular geometry in the two structures. Nevertheless, due to its bridging function in (II), the ligand is more symmetrical in this compound, and this manifests itself in almost identical values for the corresponding bond distances (Table 3). Moreover, probably due to internal repulsions within the



#### Figure 2

The structure of the dinuclear cation in (II) with the atom-labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 40% probability level and H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radii.

dinuclear cation, both the C3-N1-C2 and the two  $C \equiv N(nitrile) - Cu$  angles adopt higher values in (II), increasing the distance between the two Cu centres in the cation and thus decreasing the intra-cation repulsion.

The  $O6 \cdot \cdot \cdot C11$  distance in (II) is shorter than the sum of the corresponding van der Waals radii, and the  $O6 \cdot \cdot C11^{i} - C15^{i}$ ,  $O6 \cdots C11^{i} - C21^{i}$  and  $O6 \cdots C11^{i} - N10^{i}$  [symmetry code: (i) 1 - x, 1 - y, -z angles have values of 90.2 (1), 85.3 (1) and 94.0 (1)°, respectively, which are all close to 90°. The O6···C11 contact is therefore almost perpendicular to the plane of the bipyridine molecule and may be considered as an intermolecular interaction between a free electron pair on the O atom and the delocalized  $\pi$ -electron system of the bipyridine molecule.

## **Experimental**

Crystals of (I) were prepared by mixing a 0.1 M aqueous solution of  $Cu(ClO_4)_2$  (5 ml) with a 0.1 M ethanol solution of bpy (10 ml). To the resulting blue solution, a 0.1 M aqueous ethanol solution of KN(CN)<sub>2</sub> (6 ml) was added (all solutions were warmed before mixing). Blue sheet-like crystals appeared within 1 h. The crystals were filtered off and dissolved in a mixture of ethanol and water (1:1). After two weeks, blue hexagonal plate-like crystals of (I) were filtered off and dried in air. Crystals of (II) were prepared by mixing a 0.1 M aqueous solution of  $Cu(ClO_4)_2$  (5 ml) with a 0.1 M ethanol solution of bpy (10 ml). To the resulting blue solution, a 0.1 M aqueous ethanol solution of KN(CN)<sub>2</sub> (5 ml) was added (all solutions were warmed before mixing). Blue crystals of (II) appeared within one week. The crystals were filtered off and dried in air.

#### Compound (I)

#### Crystal data

 $[Cu(C_2N_3)(C_{10}H_8N_2)_2]ClO_4$  $M_r = 541.41$ Orthorhombic, Pbca a = 8.7343 (4) Åb = 17.9450(9) Å c = 28.7230(17) Å V = 4502.0 (4) Å<sup>3</sup> Z = 8 $D_x = 1.598 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ 

#### Data collection

Stoe IPDS image-plate diffractometer  $\varphi$  scans Absorption correction: numerical, face-indexed  $T_{\rm min}=0.627,\ T_{\rm max}=0.792$ 40 361 measured reflections

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$  $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.036$ wR(F<sup>2</sup>) = 0.091 S = 0.975308 reflections 316 parameters

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation Cell parameters from 8000 reflections  $\theta = 14.3 - 28.0^{\circ}$  $\mu = 1.14 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 193 (2) KHexagonal plate, blue  $0.60 \times 0.46 \times 0.22 \text{ mm}$ 

5308 independent reflections 3430 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  $R_{\rm int}=0.062$  $\theta_{\rm max} = 28.1^\circ$  $h = -10 \rightarrow 11$  $k=-23\rightarrow 23$  $l = -37 \rightarrow 37$ 

H-atom parameters constrained  $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.050P)^2]$ where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001$  $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.53 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$  $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.43 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ 

#### Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °) for (I).

Cu1-N30	1.9916 (18)	N10-C11	1.347 (3)
Cu1-N40	2.0396 (18)	N10-C12	1.339 (3)
Cu1-N10	2.0025 (18)	N20-C21	1.346 (3)
Cu1-N20	2.1457 (18)	N20-C22	1.337 (3)
Cu1-N2	1.995 (3)	N30-C31	1.349 (3)
N1-C2	1.291 (4)	N30-C32	1.340 (3)
N1-C3	1.323 (4)	N40-C41	1.352 (3)
N2-C2	1.145 (4)	N40-C42	1.336 (3)
N3-C3	1.138 (4)		
N30-Cu1-N40	80.52 (7)	Cu1-N30-C32	124.66 (15)
N2-Cu1-N30	92.51 (8)	C31-N30-C32	119.66 (19)
N2-Cu1-N40	146.67 (8)	Cu1-N40-C41	114.17 (14)
N10-Cu1-N20	78.78 (7)	Cu1-N40-C42	127.33 (15)
N10-Cu1-N30	177.17 (7)	C41-N40-C42	118.40 (19)
N10-Cu1-N40	96.85 (7)	N1 - C2 - N2	174.1 (3)
N2-Cu1-N10	90.27 (8)	N1-C3-N3	174.4 (3)
N2-Cu1-N20	108.46 (8)	N10-C11-C15	120.2 (2)
N20-Cu1-N40	104.87 (7)	N10-C11-C21	115.35 (18)
N20-Cu1-N30	100.81 (7)	N10-C12-C13	122.2 (2)
C2-N1-C3	119.4 (2)	N20-C21-C11	115.3 (2)
Cu1-N2-C2	143.5 (2)	N20-C21-C25	121.1 (2)
Cu1-N10-C11	117.65 (14)	N20-C22-C23	123.0 (2)
Cu1-N10-C12	122.71 (15)	N30-C31-C35	120.7 (2)
C11-N10-C12	119.62 (19)	N30-C31-C41	114.88 (18)
Cu1-N20-C21	112.91 (14)	N30-C32-C33	122.1 (2)
Cu1-N20-C22	128.26 (16)	N40-C41-C31	114.55 (19)
C21-N20-C22	118.7 (2)	N40-C41-C45	121.7 (2)
Cu1-N30-C31	115.66 (14)	N40-C42-C43	122.5 (2)

#### Compound (II)

Crystal data	
$[Cu_{2}(C_{2}N_{3})(C_{10}H_{8}N_{2})_{4}]-$ $(CIO_{4})_{3} \cdot 0.5C_{2}H_{6}O$ $M_{r} = 1139.25$ Triclinic, <i>P</i> T <i>a</i> = 10.2999 (9) Å <i>b</i> = 14.3808 (12) Å <i>c</i> = 16.4311 (16) Å <i>a</i> = 74.120 (10)° <i>β</i> = 83.371 (11)° <i>γ</i> = 80.046 (10)° <i>V</i> = 2299.7 (4) Å <sup>3</sup>	Z = 2 $D_x = 1.645 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo $K\alpha$ radiation Cell parameters from 7998 reflections $\theta = 2.3-28.0^{\circ}$ $\mu = 1.18 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 193 (2) K Block, blue $0.33 \times 0.24 \times 0.14 \text{ mm}$
Data collection	
Stoe IPDS image-plate	10 314 independent reflections

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## Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	H-atom parameters constrained
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.046$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0564P)^2]$
$wR(F^2) = 0.113$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
S = 0.84	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001$
10 314 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.99 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$
658 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.67  {\rm e}  {\rm \AA}^{-3}$

The aromatic H atoms in (I) were placed in calculated positions and refined as riding on their parent C atoms, with C-H = 0.93 Å and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$ . In (II), these H atoms were placed geometrically and refined as riding, with C-H = 0.95 Å and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$ , while the solvent H atoms were found in difference Fourier syntheses and refined as part of rigid rotating groups, with O-H = 0.84 Å,

5455 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.072$ 

 $\theta_{\rm max} = 28.2^\circ$ 

 $h = -13 \rightarrow 13$ 

 $k=-17\rightarrow 17$  $l = -21 \rightarrow 21$ 

Table 2	
A comparison of molecular geometry parameters (Å, $^{\circ}$ ) for some [CuL <sub>4</sub> (dca)] <sup>+</sup> species.	

Parameter†	(I)	(II), atom Cu1	(II), atom Cu2	(III)	(IV)	(V)
Cu1-N10	2.0024 (17)	1.979 (3)	1.979 (3)	1.998 (4)	2.006 (3)	1.981 (3)
Cu1-N30	1.9916 (17)	1.973 (3)	1.974 (3)	1.975 (4)	1.998 (3)	1.977 (4)
Cu1-N20	2.1456 (19)	2.063 (3)	2.086 (3)	2.116 (4)	2.142 (3)	2.112 (4)
Cu1-N40	2.0395 (19)	2.074 (4)	2.067 (3)	2.027 (4)	2.043 (3)	2.064 (3)
Cu1-N2	1.995 (2)	2.034 (3)	2.027 (3)	1.973 (5)	2.015 (3)	1.982 (4)
N10-Cu1-N30	177.16 (9)	178.41 (13)	176.73 (12)	175.3 (2)	177.52 (12)	175.12 (14)
$\alpha_1$	146.66 (8)	123.02 (15)	123.88 (13)	140.0(2)	145.00 (13)	133.6 (2)
$\alpha_2$	108.46 (8)	114.48 (13)	122.39 (13)	112.4 (2)	108.54 (12)	115.7 (2)
$\alpha_3$	104.87 (8)	122.50 (13)	113.72 (11)	107.6 (2)	106.45 (11)	110.70 (13)
τ	50.8	92.3	88.1	58.8	54.2	69.2

 $\dagger$  The numbering schemes have been standarized as for (I). Notes: (I) is  $[Cu(bpy)_2(dca)]ClO_4$  (this work); (II) is  $[Cu(bpy)_2(dca)(bpy)_2Cu](ClO_4)_3 \cdot 0.5EtOH$  (this work); (III) is  $[Cu(bpy)_2(dca)][C(CN)_3]$  (Potočňák, Dunaj-Jurčo, Mikloš & Jäger, 2001); (IV) is  $[Cu(bpy)_2(dca)]BF_4$  (Potočňák, Dunaj-Jurčo, Mikloš, Massa & Jäger, 2001); (V) is  $[Cu(phen)_2[N(CN)_2]]C(CN)_3$  (Potočňák *et al.*, 1996).

Table 3	
Selected geometric parameters (Å, °)	) for (II).

Cu1-N2	2.034 (4)	N10-C11	1.344 (5)
Cu1-N10	1.980 (4)	N20-C21	1.360 (5)
Cu1-N20	2.063 (3)	N20-C22	1.331 (6)
Cu1-N30	1.973 (4)	N30-C31	1.342 (6)
Cu1-N40	2.073 (4)	N30-C32	1.337 (5)
Cu2-N3	2.027 (3)	N40-C42	1.343 (6)
Cu2-N50	1.979 (3)	N40-C41	1.350 (6)
Cu2-N60	2.086 (3)	N50-C52	1.343 (4)
Cu2-N70	1.974 (3)	N50-C51	1.341 (5)
Cu2-N80	2.067 (3)	N60-C62	1.332 (5)
O13-C5	1.392 (10)	N60-C61	1.360 (5)
N1-C2	1.302 (5)	N70-C72	1.341 (5)
N1-C3	1.291 (4)	N70-C71	1.350 (5)
N2-C2	1.152 (5)	N80-C82	1.339 (5)
N3-C3	1.153 (5)	N80-C81	1.345 (5)
N10-C12	1.339 (6)		~ /
N2-Cu1-N10	90.91 (15)	Cu2-N50-C51	116.7 (2)
N2-Cu1-N20	123.00 (15)	Cu2-N60-C61	110.7(2) 112.5(2)
N2-Cu1-N30	90.56 (15)	C61-N60-C62	118.8 (3)
$N_2 - Cu_1 - N_{30}$ $N_2 - Cu_1 - N_{40}$	114.49 (14)	Cu2 - N60 - C62	128.6 (3)
N10-Cu1-N20	80.70 (14)	C71-N70-C72	119.8 (3)
N10-Cu1-N30	178.42 (14)	Cu2-N70-C72	123.4 (3)
N10-Cu1-N40	99.58 (15)	Cu2-N70-C72 Cu2-N70-C71	116.7 (2)
N20-Cu1-N30	98.01 (14)	Cu2-N80-C82	127.4 (3)
N20-Cu1-N40	122.51 (14)	C81-N80-C82	119.0 (3)
N30-Cu1-N40	80.31 (15)	Cu2-N80-C81	113.6 (3)
N3-Cu2-N50	91.82 (14)	N1-C2-N2	171.6 (4)
N3-Cu2-N60	122.38 (14)	N1-C3-N3	171.2 (4)
N3-Cu2-N70	91.44 (14)	N10-C11-C15	120.6 (4)
N3-Cu2-N80	123.90 (14)	N10-C11-C21	115.3 (3)
N50-Cu2-N60	80.24 (12)	N10-C12-C13	122.2 (4)
N50-Cu2-N70	176.73 (12)	N20-C21-C11	115.2 (3)
N50-Cu2-N80	98.27 (12)	N20-C21-C25	121.1 (4)
N60-Cu2-N70	97.73 (12)	N20-C22-C23	122.6 (5)
N60-Cu2-N80	113.71 (12)	N30-C31-C41	115.0 (4)
N70-Cu2-N80	80.15 (12)	N30-C31-C35	120.3 (4)
C2-N1-C3	125.3 (3)	N30-C32-C33	122.7 (5)
Cu1-N2-C2	161.4 (3)	N40-C41-C45	122.0 (4)
Cu2-N3-C3	167.0 (4)	N40-C41-C31	114.8 (4)
Cu1-N10-C11	116.0 (3)	N40-C42-C43	122.0 (5)
C11-N10-C12	119.5 (4)	N50-C51-C61	115.3 (3)
Cu1-N10-C12	124.4 (3)	N50-C51-C55	120.7 (3)
C21-N20-C22	118.4 (4)	N50-C52-C53	122.2 (4)
Cu1-N20-C21	112.6 (3)	N60-C61-C51	115.0 (3)
Cu1-N20-C22	128.8 (3)	N60-C61-C65	121.3 (3)
C31-N30-C32	119.4 (4)	N60-C62-C63	122.6 (4)
Cu1-N30-C32	124.1 (4)	N70-C71-C81	114.5 (3)
Cu1-N30-C31	116.5 (3)	N70-C71-C75	120.1(3)
C41-N40-C42	118.8 (4)	N70-C72-C73	122.0 (4)
Cu1-N40-C41	112.8 (3)	N80-C81-C71	1122.0(4) 115.0(3)
Cu1-N40-C42	128.0 (4)	N80-C81-C85	121.7 (4)
Cu2-N50-C52	123.6 (3)	N80-C82-C83	122.0 (4)
C51-N50-C52	119.7 (3)	013 - C5 - C4	122.8 (7)
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methylene C-H = 0.99 Å and methyl C-H = 0.98 Å, and with  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C, O)$ .

For both compounds, data collection: *EXPOSE* in *IPDS* (Stoe & Cie, 1999); cell refinement: *CELL* in *IPDS*; data reduction: *INTE-GRATE* in *IPDS*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1990); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *DIAMOND* (Crystal Impact, 1999); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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