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## Low-dimensional compounds containing cyano groups. IV. Bis(2,2'-bipyridine- $\kappa^{2} N, N^{1}$ )(dicyan-amido- $\kappa N^{\prime}$ )copper(II) perchlorate and $\mu$-dicyanamido- $\kappa^{2} N^{1}: N^{5}$ -bis[bis(2,2'-bipyridine- $\left.\kappa^{2} N, N^{\prime}\right)$ 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, $\left[\mathrm{Cu}\left(\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{3}\right)\left(\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{~N}_{2}\right)_{2}\right] \mathrm{ClO}_{4}$, represents a relatively rare class of compounds, with the dca ligand coordinated in a monodentate manner. Its structure is formed by the $\left[\mathrm{Cu}(\text { bpy })_{2}\left\{\mathrm{~N}(\mathrm{CN})_{2}\right\}\right]^{+}$complex cation (bpy is $2,2^{\prime}$-bipyridine) and a $\mathrm{ClO}_{4}^{-}$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, $\left[\mathrm{Cu}_{2}\left(\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{3}\right)\left(\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{~N}_{2}\right)_{4}\right]\left(\mathrm{ClO}_{4}\right)_{3} \cdot 0.5 \mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{O}$, 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 $\left[\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{bpy})_{2}\left\{\mathrm{~N}(\mathrm{CN})_{2}\right\}(\mathrm{bpy})_{2^{-}}\right.$ $\mathrm{Cu}]^{3+}$ 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, $\left[\mathrm{N}(\mathrm{CN})_{2}\right]^{-}$, 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 $\left[M L_{4}(\mathrm{dca})_{2}\right]$, e.g. $\left[\mathrm{Ni}(\right.$ teta $\left.)(\mathrm{dca})_{2}\right]$ (teta is triethylenetetramine; Březina et al., 1999), $\left[\mathrm{Ni}(4-\mathrm{Meim})_{4}(\mathrm{dca})_{2}\right] \quad$ (4-Meim is 4-methylimidazole; Kožǐšek et al., 1996), $\left[\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{phen})_{2}(\mathrm{dca})_{2}\right]$ (phen is 1,10 -phenanthroline; Potočňák et al., 1995) and $\left[\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{NITpPy})_{2}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{2}(\mathrm{dca})_{2}\right](\mathrm{NITpPy}$ is the nitronyl nitroxide radical; Dasna et al., 2001), or exhibit five-coordination and have the general formula $\left[M L_{4}(\mathrm{dca})\right] X$, e.g. $\left[\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{phen})_{2^{-}}\right.$ (dca) $] \mathrm{C}(\mathrm{CN})_{3}$ (Potočńák et al., 1996), $\left[\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{bpy})_{2}(\mathrm{dca})\right] \mathrm{C}(\mathrm{CN})_{3}$ (bpy is 2,2'-bipyridine; Potočňák, Dunaj-Jurčo, Mikloš \& Jäger, 2001) and $\left[\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{bpy})_{2}(\mathrm{dca})\right] \mathrm{BF}_{4}$ (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 $\alpha-\left[M(\mathrm{dca})_{2}\right]$, 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 $\left[M L_{2}(\mathrm{dca})_{2}\right]$ units $\left(L_{2}\right.$ 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 $\left[M L_{2}(\mathrm{dca})_{2}\right]$ units are also present in another type of structure, which was previously observed in [M(bpym)$\left.(\mathrm{dca})_{2}\right] \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\left(M\right.$ is $\mathrm{Mn}, \mathrm{Fe}$ or Co , and bpym is $2,2^{\prime}$-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 $\left[\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{dmbpy})(\mathrm{dca})_{2}\right](\mathrm{dmbpy}$ is

5,5'-dimethyl-2,2'-bipyridine; Kooijman et al., 2002), [Cu(phen)(dca) $\left.)_{2}\right]$ (Luo et al., 2002) and $\left[\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{bpy})(\mathrm{dca})_{2}\right]$ (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 $\left[\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{bpy})_{2}(\mathrm{dca})\right] \mathrm{ClO}_{4}$ complex, (I), belongs to the class of compounds with dca coordinated in a relatively unusual monodentate manner. On the other hand, the $\left[\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{bpy})_{2}(\mathrm{dca})(\mathrm{bpy})_{2} \mathrm{Cu}\right]\left(\mathrm{ClO}_{4}\right)_{3} \cdot 0.5 \mathrm{EtOH}$ 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.

(I)

(II)

The structure of (I) (Fig. 1) consists of the $\left[\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{bpy})_{2^{-}}\right.$ $\left.\left\{\mathrm{N}(\mathrm{CN})_{2}\right\}\right]^{+}$complex cation and a $\mathrm{ClO}_{4}{ }^{-}$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 $\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 10$ and $\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 30$ bonds have nearly the same values and are almost collinear (Table 1). The two inplane distances $(\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 20$ and $\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 40)$ are, on average, longer by $0.096 \AA$ than the out-of-plane $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{N}$ distances; this is a common feature for this kind of compound. The third inplane $\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 2\left[\mathrm{~N}\right.$ from the $\mathrm{N}(\mathrm{CN})_{2}$ 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 $\left[\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{CN})_{3}\right]^{-}$, (III) (Potočňák, Dunaj-Jurčo, Mikloš \& Jäger, 2001), where this is the shortest $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{N}$ bond, but the same trends in bond
distances were observed in the compound where $X$ is $\left[\mathrm{BF}_{4}\right]^{-}$, (IV) (Potočňák, Dunaj-Jurčo, Mikloš, Massa \& Jäger, 2001), and in the related compound $\left[\mathrm{Cu}(\text { phen })_{2} \mathrm{~N}(\mathrm{CN})_{2}\right]\left[\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{CN})_{3}\right]$, $(\mathrm{V})$, 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)$96.84(7)^{\circ}$, 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 $120^{\circ}$, with one wide angle of $146.66(8)^{\circ}\left(\alpha_{1}=\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 40\right)$ and two narrow angles of 108.46 (8) $\left(\alpha_{2}=\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 20\right)$ and $104.87(8)^{\circ}\left(\alpha_{3}=\mathrm{N} 20-\right.$ $\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 40$ ). Corresponding values for (III)-(V) are given in Table 2. Thus the angle $\alpha_{3}$, which is opposite the $\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 2$ bond, is narrower than the ideal angle of $120^{\circ}$ by $15.13^{\circ}$, and there is a difference of $38.20^{\circ}$ 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 $(\mathrm{V})$ can be best described as trigonal-bipyramidal with approximate $C_{2 v}$ 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 $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}$ 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) ${ }^{\circ}$ 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) $\AA$ for atom C24], while the planarity of the second is less [the largest deviation from the mean plane is 0.112 (3) $\AA$ for atom C43]. The sum of the bond angles in the equatorial plane of (I) ( $359.99^{\circ}$ ) indicates coplanarity of atom Cu 1 with the three equatorial atoms [it is displaced from the N2/N20/N40 plane by 0.0092 (3) A 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 $\mathrm{N} \equiv \mathrm{C}$ and amide $\mathrm{N}=\mathrm{C}$ distances have values close to those of $\mathrm{N} \equiv \mathrm{C}(1.15 \AA)$ and $\mathrm{N}=\mathrm{C}$ bonds $(1.27 \AA)$, respectively. The $\mathrm{N}($ amide $)-\mathrm{C} \equiv \mathrm{N}($ nitrile $)$ angles are almost linear, while the $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 3$ angle adopts a value of $119.4(2)^{\circ}$, close to the ideal value of $120^{\circ}$. The dca ligand is planar, the largest deviation from the mean plane being 0.003 (2) $\AA$ for atom C 2 , and its bonding mode to atom Cu 1 ( $\mathrm{C} 2 \equiv \mathrm{~N} 2-\mathrm{Cu} 1$ ) can be considered as angular.

The asymmetric unit of (II) (Fig. 2) contains one binuclear $\left[\mathrm{Cu}(\text { bpy })_{2}\left\{\mathrm{~N}(\mathrm{CN})_{2}\right\}(\text { bpy })_{2} \mathrm{Cu}\right]^{3+}$ 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 $\left[\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{bpy})_{2}\left\{\mathrm{~N}(\mathrm{CN})_{2}\right\}\right]^{+}$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 Cu 1 and Cu 2 centres have the same length to within $2 \sigma$ and are almost collinear. The two in-plane $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{N}_{\text {phen }}$ distances are of almost the same value and are longer on average than the out-ofplane $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{N}$ distances, by $0.093 \AA$ for Cu 1 and $0.100 \AA$ for Cu 2 . The in-plane $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{N}(\mathrm{dca})$ 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 Cu 1 and Cu 2 in (II) are very similar and all equatorial angles are close to the ideal value of $120^{\circ}$, the equatorial angles around Cu 1 and Cu 2 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 Cu 1 and $1.49^{\circ}$ for Cu 2 ] 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 $C_{2 v}$ symmetry. The high values of the $\tau$ parameter for the polyhedra around Cu 1 and Cu 2 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 $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 2$ and the two $\mathrm{C} \equiv \mathrm{N}$ (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 . . C11 distance in (II) is shorter than the sum of the corresponding van der Waals radii, and the $\mathrm{O} 6 \cdots \mathrm{C} 11^{\mathrm{i}}-\mathrm{C} 15^{\mathrm{i}}$, O6 $\cdots \mathrm{C} 11^{\mathrm{i}}-\mathrm{C} 21^{\mathrm{i}}$ and $\mathrm{O} 6 \cdots \mathrm{C} 11^{\mathrm{i}}-\mathrm{N} 10^{\mathrm{i}}$ [symmetry code: (i) $1-x, 1-y,-z]$ angles have values of 90.2 (1), 85.3 (1) and $94.0(1)^{\circ}$, respectively, which are all close to $90^{\circ}$. The $\mathrm{O} 6 \cdots \mathrm{C} 11$ 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 $\mathrm{Cu}\left(\mathrm{ClO}_{4}\right)_{2}(5 \mathrm{ml})$ with a 0.1 M ethanol solution of bpy $(10 \mathrm{ml})$. To the resulting blue solution, a 0.1 M aqueous ethanol solution of $\mathrm{KN}(\mathrm{CN})_{2}$ $(6 \mathrm{ml})$ 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 $\mathrm{Cu}\left(\mathrm{ClO}_{4}\right)_{2}(5 \mathrm{ml})$ with a 0.1 M ethanol solution of bpy $(10 \mathrm{ml})$. To the resulting blue solution, a 0.1 M aqueous ethanol solution of $\mathrm{KN}(\mathrm{CN})_{2}(5 \mathrm{ml})$ 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

$\left[\mathrm{Cu}\left(\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{3}\right)\left(\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{~N}_{2}\right)_{2}\right] \mathrm{ClO}_{4}$
$M_{r}=541.41$
Orthorhombic, $P b c a$
$a=8.7343(4) \AA$
$b=17.9450(9) \AA$
$c=28.7230(17) \AA$
$V=4502.0(4) \AA^{3}$
$Z=8$
$D_{x}=1.598 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$

## Data collection

| Stoe IPDS image-plate | 5308 independent reflections |
| :--- | :--- |
| diffractometer | 3430 reflections with $I>2 \sigma(I)$ |
| $\varphi$ scans | $R_{\text {int }}=0.062$ |
| Absorption correction: numerical, | $\theta_{\max }=28.1^{\circ}$ |
| face-indexed | $h=-10 \rightarrow 11$ |
| $T_{\min }=0.627, T_{\max }=0.792$ | $k=-23 \rightarrow 23$ |
| 40361 measured reflections | $l=-37 \rightarrow 37$ |

## Refinement

Refinement on $F^{2}$
$R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.036$
$w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.091$
$S=0.97$
5308 reflections
316 parameters

Table 1
Selected geometric parameters ( $\AA,^{\circ}$ ) for (I).

| $\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 30$ | $1.9916(18)$ | $\mathrm{N} 10-\mathrm{C} 11$ | $1.347(3)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 40$ | $2.0396(18)$ | $\mathrm{N} 10-\mathrm{C} 12$ | $1.339(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 10$ | $2.0025(18)$ | $\mathrm{N} 20-\mathrm{C} 21$ | $1.346(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 20$ | $2.1457(18)$ | $\mathrm{N} 20-\mathrm{C} 22$ | $1.337(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 2$ | $1.995(3)$ | $\mathrm{N} 30-\mathrm{C} 31$ | $1.349(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 2$ | $1.291(4)$ | $\mathrm{N} 30-\mathrm{C} 32$ | $1.340(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 3$ | $1.323(4)$ | $\mathrm{N} 40-\mathrm{C} 41$ | $1.352(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 2$ | $1.145(4)$ | $\mathrm{N} 40-\mathrm{C} 42$ | $1.336(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 3$ | $1.138(4)$ |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{N} 30-\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 40$ | $80.52(7)$ | $\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 30-\mathrm{C} 32$ | $124.66(15)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 30$ | $92.51(8)$ | $\mathrm{C} 31-\mathrm{N} 30-\mathrm{C} 32$ | $119.66(19)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 40$ | $146.67(8)$ | $\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 40-\mathrm{C} 41$ | $114.17(14)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 10-\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 20$ | $78.78(7)$ | $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{N} 40-\mathrm{C} 42$ | $127.33(15)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 10-\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 30$ | $177.17(7)$ | $\mathrm{C} 41-\mathrm{N} 40-\mathrm{C} 42$ | $118.40(19)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 10-\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 40$ | $96.85(7)$ | $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{N} 2$ | $174.1(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 10$ | $90.27(8)$ | $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{N} 3$ | $174.4(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 20$ | $108.46(8)$ | $\mathrm{N} 10-\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 15$ | $120.2(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 20-\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 40$ | $104.87(7)$ | $\mathrm{N} 10-\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 21$ | $115.35(18)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 20-\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 30$ | $100.81(7)$ | $\mathrm{N} 10-\mathrm{C} 12-\mathrm{C} 13$ | $122.2(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 3$ | $119.4(2)$ | $\mathrm{N} 20-\mathrm{C} 21-\mathrm{C} 11$ | $115.3(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 2$ | $143.5(2)$ | $\mathrm{N} 20-\mathrm{C} 21-\mathrm{C} 25$ | $121.1(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 10-\mathrm{C} 11$ | $117.65(14)$ | $\mathrm{N} 20-\mathrm{C} 22-\mathrm{C} 23$ | $123.0(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 10-\mathrm{C} 12$ | $122.71(15)$ | $\mathrm{N} 30-\mathrm{C} 31-\mathrm{C} 35$ | $120.7(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{N} 10-\mathrm{C} 12$ | $119.62(19)$ | $\mathrm{N} 30-\mathrm{C} 31-\mathrm{C} 41$ | $114.88(18)$ |
| $\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 20-\mathrm{C} 21$ | $112.9(14)$ | $\mathrm{N} 30-\mathrm{C} 32-\mathrm{C} 33$ | $122.1(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 20-\mathrm{C} 22$ | $128.26(16)$ | $\mathrm{N} 40-\mathrm{C} 41-\mathrm{C} 31$ | $114.55(19)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 21-\mathrm{N} 20-\mathrm{C} 22$ | $118.7(2)$ | $\mathrm{N} 40-\mathrm{C} 41-\mathrm{C} 45$ | $121.7(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 30-\mathrm{C} 31$ | $115.66(14)$ | $\mathrm{N} 40-\mathrm{C} 42-\mathrm{C} 43$ | $122.5(2)$ |

## Compound (II)

## Crystal data

$\left[\mathrm{Cu}_{2}\left(\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{3}\right)\left(\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{~N}_{2}\right)_{4}\right]-$
$\quad\left(\mathrm{ClO}_{4}\right)_{3} \cdot 0.5 \mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{O}$
$M_{r}=1139.25$
Triclinic, $P \overline{1}$
$a=10.2999(9) \AA$
$b=14.3808(12) \AA$
$c=16.4311(16) \AA$
$\alpha=74.120(10)^{\circ}$
$\beta=83.371(11)^{\circ}$
$\gamma=80.046(10)^{\circ}$
$V=2299.7(4) \AA^{\circ}$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& Z=2 \\
& D_{x}=1.645 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{~m}^{-3} \\
& \text { Mo } K \alpha \text { radiation } \\
& \text { Cell parameters from } 7998 \\
& \quad \text { reflections } \\
& \theta=2.3-28.0^{\circ} \\
& \mu=1.18 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1} \\
& T=193(2) \mathrm{K} \\
& \text { Block, blue } \\
& 0.33 \times 0.24 \times 0.14 \mathrm{~mm}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Data collection

Stoe IPDS image-plate diffractometer
$\varphi$ scans
Absorption correction: numerical,
face-indexed
$T_{\text {min }}=0.790, T_{\text {max }}=0.869$
27918 measured reflections

## Refinement

Refinement on $F^{2}$
$R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.046$
$w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.113$
$S=0.84$
10314 reflections
658 parameters

10314 independent reflections 5455 reflections with $I>2 \sigma(I)$
$R_{\text {int }}=0.072$
$\theta_{\text {max }}=28.2^{\circ}$
$h=-13 \rightarrow 13$
$k=-17 \rightarrow 17$
$l=-21 \rightarrow 21$

H -atom parameters constrained
$w=1 /\left[\sigma^{2}\left(F_{o}{ }^{2}\right)+(0.0564 P)^{2}\right]$
where $P=\left(F_{o}^{2}+2 F_{c}^{2}\right) / 3$
$(\Delta / \sigma)_{\max }=0.001$
$\Delta \rho_{\text {max }}=0.99 \mathrm{e}^{\AA^{-3}}$
$\Delta \rho_{\text {min }}=-0.67 \mathrm{e}^{\AA^{-3}}$

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

Table 2
A comparison of molecular geometry parameters $\left(\AA^{\circ},{ }^{\circ}\right)$ for some $\left[\mathrm{Cu} L_{4}(\mathrm{dca})\right]^{+}$species.

| Parameter $\dagger$ | (I) | (II), atom Cu 1 | (II), atom Cu 2 | (III) | (IV) | (V) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 10$ | 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) |
| $\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 20$ | 2.1456 (19) | 2.063 (3) | 2.086 (3) | 2.116 (4) | 2.142 (3) | 2.112 (4) |
| $\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 40$ | 2.0395 (19) | 2.074 (4) | 2.067 (3) | 2.027 (4) | 2.043 (3) | 2.064 (3) |
| $\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 2$ | 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) |
| $\tau$ | 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 $\left[\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{bpy})_{2}(\mathrm{dca})\right] \mathrm{ClO}_{4}$ (this work); ( II ) is $\left.\left[\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{bpy})_{2}(\mathrm{dca})(\mathrm{bpy})_{2} \mathrm{Cu}\right](\mathrm{ClO})_{4}\right)_{3} \cdot 0.5 \mathrm{EtOH}(\mathrm{this}$ work); ( III$)$ is $\left[\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{bpy})_{2}(\mathrm{dca})\right]\left[\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{CN})_{3}\right]$ (Potoč̌̌ák, Dunaj-Jurčo, Mikloš \& Jäger, 2001); (IV) is $\left[\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{bpy})_{2}(\mathrm{dca})\right] \mathrm{BF}_{4}$ (Potoč̌̌́ák, Dunaj-Jurčo, Mikloš, Massa \& Jäger, 2001); (V) is $\left[\mathrm{Cu}(\text { phen })_{2}\left\{\mathrm{~N}(\mathrm{CN})_{2}\right\}\right] \mathrm{C}(\mathrm{CN})_{3}$ (Potočńák et al., 1996).

Table 3
Selected geometric parameters ( $\AA,{ }^{\circ}$ ) for (II).

| $\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 2$ | 2.034 (4) | N10-C11 | 1.344 (5) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 10$ | 1.980 (4) | N20-C21 | 1.360 (5) |
| $\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 20$ | 2.063 (3) | N20-C22 | 1.331 (6) |
| $\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 30$ | 1.973 (4) | N30-C31 | 1.342 (6) |
| $\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 40$ | 2.073 (4) | N30-C32 | 1.337 (5) |
| $\mathrm{Cu} 2-\mathrm{N} 3$ | 2.027 (3) | N40-C42 | 1.343 (6) |
| $\mathrm{Cu} 2-\mathrm{N} 50$ | 1.979 (3) | N40-C41 | 1.350 (6) |
| $\mathrm{Cu} 2-\mathrm{N} 60$ | 2.086 (3) | N50-C52 | 1.343 (4) |
| $\mathrm{Cu} 2-\mathrm{N} 70$ | 1.974 (3) | N50-C51 | 1.341 (5) |
| $\mathrm{Cu} 2-\mathrm{N} 80$ | 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) | $\mathrm{Cu} 2-\mathrm{N} 50-\mathrm{C} 51$ | 116.7 (2) |
| N2-Cu1-N20 | 123.00 (15) | $\mathrm{Cu} 2-\mathrm{N} 60-\mathrm{C} 61$ | 112.5 (2) |
| N2-Cu1-N30 | 90.56 (15) | C61-N60-C62 | 118.8 (3) |
| N2-Cu1-N40 | 114.49 (14) | $\mathrm{Cu} 2-\mathrm{N} 60-\mathrm{C} 62$ | 128.6 (3) |
| N10-Cu1-N20 | 80.70 (14) | C71-N70-C72 | 119.8 (3) |
| N10-Cu1-N30 | 178.42 (14) | $\mathrm{Cu} 2-\mathrm{N} 70-\mathrm{C} 72$ | 123.4 (3) |
| N10-Cu1-N40 | 99.58 (15) | $\mathrm{Cu} 2-\mathrm{N} 70-\mathrm{C} 71$ | 116.7 (2) |
| N20-Cu1-N30 | 98.01 (14) | $\mathrm{Cu} 2-\mathrm{N} 80-\mathrm{C} 82$ | 127.4 (3) |
| N20-Cu1-N40 | 122.51 (14) | C81-N80-C82 | 119.0 (3) |
| N30-Cu1-N40 | 80.31 (15) | $\mathrm{Cu} 2-\mathrm{N} 80-\mathrm{C} 81$ | 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) |
| $\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 2$ | 161.4 (3) | N40-C41-C45 | 122.0 (4) |
| $\mathrm{Cu} 2-\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 3$ | 167.0 (4) | N40-C41-C31 | 114.8 (4) |
| $\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 10-\mathrm{C} 11$ | 116.0 (3) | N40-C42-C43 | 122.0 (5) |
| C11-N10-C12 | 119.5 (4) | N50-C51-C61 | 115.3 (3) |
| $\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 10-\mathrm{C} 12$ | 124.4 (3) | N50-C51-C55 | 120.7 (3) |
| C21-N20-C22 | 118.4 (4) | N50-C52-C53 | 122.2 (4) |
| $\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 20-\mathrm{C} 21$ | 112.6 (3) | N60-C61-C51 | 115.0 (3) |
| $\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 20-\mathrm{C} 22$ | 128.8 (3) | N60-C61-C65 | 121.3 (3) |
| C31-N30-C32 | 119.4 (4) | N60-C62-C63 | 122.6 (4) |
| $\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 30-\mathrm{C} 32$ | 124.1 (4) | N70-C71-C81 | 114.5 (3) |
| $\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 30-\mathrm{C} 31$ | 116.5 (3) | N70-C71-C75 | 120.1 (3) |
| C41-N40-C42 | 118.8 (4) | N70-C72-C73 | 122.0 (4) |
| $\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 40-\mathrm{C} 41$ | 112.8 (3) | N80-C81-C71 | 115.0 (3) |
| $\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 40-\mathrm{C} 42$ | 128.0 (4) | N80-C81-C85 | 121.7 (4) |
| $\mathrm{Cu} 2-\mathrm{N} 50-\mathrm{C} 52$ | 123.6 (3) | N80-C82-C83 | 122.0 (4) |
| C51-N50-C52 | 119.7 (3) | O13-C5-C4 | 122.8 (7) |

methylene $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}=0.99 \AA$ and methyl $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}=0.98 \AA$, and with $U_{\text {iso }}(\mathrm{H})=1.2 U_{\text {eq }}(\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{O})$.

For both compounds, data collection: EXPOSE in IPDS (Stoe \& Cie, 1999); cell refinement: CELL in IPDS; data reduction: INTEGRATE 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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