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Copper(II) complexes of pentadentate 17-membered macrocyclic diamidodiamines with N, O or S as additional donors

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The crystal structures of (2,6-dioxo-1,4,7,11,14-pentaazacyclo-heptadecanato)copper(II) tetrahydrate, $[Cu(C_{12}H_{23}N_5O_2)]$ -4H₂O, (I), (3,16-dioxo-1-oxa-4,8,11,15-tetraazacycloheptadecanato)copper(II) pentahydrate, $[Cu(C_{12}H_{22}N_4O_3)]$ ·5H₂O, (II), and (3,16-dioxo-1-thia-4,8,11,15-tetraazacycloheptadecanato)copper(II) trihydrate, $[Cu(C_{12}H_{22}N_4O_2S)]$ ·3H₂O, (III), are reported. The coordination geometry in each case is approximately square pyramidal with two amine groups and two deprotonated amide groups in the basal plane. The apical position is occupied by an amine group, an ether O atom or a thio S atom. Trigonal distortion increases in the sequence S < O < N as apical donor. The relation between the distortion in the basal plane of the complexes and the maxima in their electronic spectra is discussed.

Comment

The coordination chemistries in aqueous solutions of 2,6-dioxo-1,4,7,11,14-pentaazacycloheptadecane (L^1), of 1-oxa-3,16dioxo-4,8,11,15-tetraazacycloheptadecane (L^2) and of 1-thia-3,16-dioxo-4,8,11,15-tetraazacycloheptadecane (L^3) with Cu²⁺ ions have been published recently (Steenland et al., 1997, 1999). The main complexes formed with the three ligands were found to be CuLH₋₂ complexes, viz. (I) with L^1 , (II) with L^2 and (III) with L^3 ; LH_{-2} in the three complexes indicates the twice deprotonated ligand. The electronic spectra of these CuLH₋₂ complexes exhibited two well defined maxima of about the same intensity, resulting in twin peaks, at 14 490 cm⁻¹ (ε = 133 M^{-1} cm⁻¹) and 18 520 cm⁻¹ (ε = 125 M^{-1} cm⁻¹) for (I), at 16 050 cm⁻¹ ($\varepsilon = 157 M^{-1}$ cm⁻¹) and 19 420 cm⁻¹ ($\varepsilon = 115 \ M^{-1} \ cm^{-1}$) for (II), and at 15 400 cm⁻¹ $(\varepsilon = 154 \ M^{-1} \ cm^{-1})$ and 19 610 cm⁻¹ $(\varepsilon = 150 \ M^{-1} \ cm^{-1})$ for (III).



The band at the highest energy may be attributed for each complex to an electron transition from the d_{xy} , d_{xz} , d_{yz} group of orbitals to $d_{x^2-y^2}$, and the band at lower energy to an electron transition from d_{z^2} to $d_{x^2-y^2}$ (Hathaway & Billing, 1970; Lever, 1984). The observation that the peak at the highest energy, which reflects the in-plane ligand field strength, had the lowest value (18 520 cm^{-1}) for the strongest $CuLH_{-2}$ complex, *viz*. (I), and the largest value (19 610 cm⁻¹) for the weakest $CuLH_{-2}$ complex, viz. (III), was puzzling and not readily understood from the thermodynamic stabilities of the complexes. Moreover, the v_{d-d} bands of the copper(II) complex of the fully saturated 1,4,7,11,14-pentaazacycloheptadecane, (IV), were found at even lower wavenumbers, *viz.* 17 180 cm⁻¹ ($\varepsilon = 180 M^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$) and a shoulder at 11 900 cm⁻¹ ($\varepsilon = 65 M^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$) (Hay *et al.*, 1984). A fivecoordinate square-pyramidal structure was proposed for this latter CuL complex, which was later confirmed by X-ray crystallography (Boeyens et al., 1990) to be a conformer in which the nitrogen (indicated in the Scheme above by an asterisk) in the apical position is linked to its two neighbouring N atoms in the basal plane by an ethylene and a propylene chain, respectively. The four N atoms in the basal plane form consecutive 5-6-5-membered linked chelate rings with the copper ion.

To get a better understanding of these observations, the CuLH₋₂ complexes of the three title ligands were prepared and obtained in the solid state. The structures of the three complexes consist of discrete neutral CuLH₋₂ entities solvated by a number of water molecules [see Figs. 1, 2 and 3 for (I), (II) and (III), respectively]. The coordination geometry in each of the three complexes is square pyramidal overall, with two amine groups and two deprotonated amide groups making up the basal plane. The axial position is occupied by a fifth amine group in (I), an ether O atom in (II) and a thio S atom in (III). Each of the CuLH₋₂ entities forms hydrogen bonds with the water molecules through the amide O atoms and through the secondary amine groups (see Tables 2, 4 and 6 for details). In (I), the amine N-H group is also involved. Water O atoms act as both donors and acceptors with other water molecules. All hydrogen bonds combine to form an extensive three-dimensional framework. It is remarkable that only in compound (II) is there a direct hydrogen-bond contact between complex units, via an N71-H71···O21 hydrogen bond.

The three CuLH₋₂ complexes occur in the same conformation, with consecutive 6–5–6-linked chelate rings in the basal plane. The angular structural parameter τ , an index for

trigonality in these five-coordinate structures (Addison et al., 1984), is 0.30 in (I), 0.16 in (II) and 0.03 in (III). The distortion from a regular square-pyramidal geometry is thus largest with a nitrogen donor and smallest with a sulfur in the axial position. The two six-membered chelate rings in the three complexes have chair conformations, distorted towards a boat and with a high puckering amplitude. Q values (Cremer & Pople, 1975) are, on average, 0.654 (5) in (I), 0.701 (5) in (II) and 0.676 (11) in (III). The conformations of the fivemembered chelate rings (Duax et al., 1976) are envelope with a local pseudo-mirror along C82 and the mid-point of Cu-N71 for (I) and (II), and a half-chair with a local pseudotwofold axis along Cu and the mid-point of C8A - C8B for (III). The weighted average Cu-N bond distance in the basal plane is 2.01 (2) Å in (I), 2.01 (2) Å in (II) and 2.00 (3) Å in (III). These bond lengths are appreciably shorter than in CuL complex (IV) [2.07 (6) A; Hay et al., 1984]. This is certainly due to the presence of the two negatively charged amide N atoms in the basal plane and offers an obvious explanation for the much stronger in-plane ligand field in these CuLH₋₂ complexes compared with the in-plane ligand field in complex (IV). Also, the difference in the sequence of the linked chelate rings is a consequence of the presence in the basal plane of the two deprotonated N atoms, which are stronger σ -donors than amine N atoms (Miyoshi et al., 1983). The observed sequence of the in-plane ligand-field strength for the three $CuLH_{-2}$ complexes, viz. (III) > (II) > (I), can now be understood from the distortion of the basal plane formed by the four independent N atoms (N31, N32, N71 and N72) in compounds (I) and (II). In (III), there is no distortion at all due to mirror symmetry in the basal plane formed by atoms N3 and N7. In fact, the largest displacement from the mean plane through atoms N31, N32, N71 and N72 is observed for N72, viz. 0.099 (4) Å in (II) and 0.298 (3) Å in (I), the largest value. The displacement of the Cu atom from the mean plane does not follow the same trend for the three complexes, but again the largest displacement is observed in (I) [0.203 (1) Å] compared with 0.134 (1) Å in (II) and 0.182 (1) Å in (III).





A view of the molecule of (I) with 50% probability displacement ellipsoids. H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radii.







In the axial position, the nitrogen donor, which is the strongest of the three donors, produces the strongest deviation in the basal plane, resulting in the weakest in-plane ligand field. The sulfur donor with the longest Cu-S axial bond distance causes less distortion in the basal plane, resulting in the strongest in-plane ligand field. The position of the peak with the lowest energy $(d_{z^2} \rightarrow d_{x^2-y^2}$ transition) is then determined by two aspects: first, the stronger the intrinsic axial donor strength (N > S > O), the lower the energy for this transition to occur; secondly, the stronger the in-plane ligand field (N < O < S), the higher the energy for this transition. These two aspects combine and result in the lowest position of the second peak for (I) with the N atom in the axial position. Deviation of the axial donor from a position more or less perpendicular above the mid-point in the basal plane may explain the much higher molar absorptivity of this transition and the appearance of the twin peak feature in the electronic spectra of these CuLH₋₂ complexes.





A view of the molecule of (III) with 50% probability displacement ellipsoids. H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radii.

Experimental

The title complexes were obtained by mixing in water at room temperature equimolar amounts of Cu(ClO₄)₂·6H₂O (444.6 mg, 1.20 mmol) and the ligands L^1 (478.4 mg, 1.20 mmol), L^2 (345.9 mg, 1.20 mmol) or L^3 (455.8 mg, 1.20 mmol) in their hydrated hydrochloride form, and by adding a calculated amount of a concentrated aqueous 1.0 M KOH solution to bring the pH to 7. The solvent was then evaporated on a rotary evaporator and the solid residue taken up in ethanol. Diethyl ether was then added to the ethanol solution to precipitate most of the inorganic salts. The ethanol solution was then evaporated and the remaining solid dissolved in water. The aqueous solution was allowed to concentrate slowly. After about two weeks, crystals of the three complexes were obtained [yields: 203.6 mg (42%)] for (I); 345.9 mg (68%) for (II); 300.6 mg (62%) for (III)]. Suitable crystals were selected for X-ray structure determination. Analysis found [calculated for C₁₂H₂₃CuN₅O₂·4H₂O, (I), %]: C 35.3 (35.6), Cu 15.5 (15.7), N 16.9 (17.3); found [calculated for $C_{12}H_{22}CuN_4O_3$ ·5H₂O, (II), %]: C 33.8 (34.0), Cu 14.8 (15.0), N 13.1 (13.2); found [calculated for C₁₂H₂₂CuN₄O₂S·3H₂O, (III), %]: C 35.5 (35.6), Cu 15.7 (15.7), N 13.8 (13.9). The number of solvate water molecules in each complex was determined from titrations of known amounts of the complexes in water with standardized hydrochloric acid, and is the nearest whole number value determined from the equivalence point in the titration. IR spectra (KBr pellets): ν (cm⁻¹) 3400–3200 (*br*), 1599 (*s*), 1585 (*s*), 1305 (s), 1100 (s) for (I); 3415 (br), 3168 (s), 3087 (s), 1599 (s), 1321 (s), 1112 (s) for (II); 3392 (br), 3226 (br), 1592 (s), 1565 (s), 1385 (s), 1041 (s) for (III). EPR (powders at room temperature) 34.00 GHz (Q-band): g_{parallel} and $g_{\text{perpendicular}}$, respectively, are 2.2170 and 2.0442 for (I), 2.2098 and 2.0469 for (II), and 2.2034 and 2.0415 for (III).

Compound (I)

Crystal data

 $[Cu(C_{12}H_{23}N_5O_2)]\cdot 4H_2O$ $M_r = 404.96$ Orthorhombic, Pna21 a = 13.3375(5) Å h = 8.9992(3) Å c = 15.5637 (4) Å $V = 1868.06 (11) \text{ Å}^3$ Z = 4 $D_x = 1.44 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$

Data collection

Siemens P4 four-circle diffractometer $\omega/2\theta$ scans Absorption correction: ψ scan (*XEMP*; Siemens, 1989) $T_{\min} = 0.400, T_{\max} = 0.804$ 2267 measured reflections 1856 independent reflections 1824 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2 R(F) = 0.040 $wR(F^2) = 0.104$ S = 1.111856 reflections 218 parameters H-atom parameters constrained $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0764P)^2]$ + 0.2709P] where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

Table 1

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

Cu-N31	1.980 (3)	Cu-N71	2.055 (4)
Cu-N32	1.995 (3)	Cu-N	2.281 (4)
Cu-N72	2.032 (3)		
N31-Cu-N32	100.6 (1)	N72-Cu-N71	84.3 (1)
N31-Cu-N72	171.2 (1)	N31-Cu-N	78.6 (1)
N32-Cu-N72	88.2 (1)	N32-Cu-N	80.0 (1)
N31-Cu-N71	87.8 (1)	N72-Cu-N	103.1 (1)
N32-Cu-N71	153.0 (1)	N71-Cu-N	126.9 (1)

Table 2

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °) for (I).

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - H \cdots A$
$N - H \cdot \cdot \cdot O1^{i}$	0.90	2.16	2.997 (6)	155
$O1 - H1A \cdots O3^{ii}$	0.85	2.01	2.825 (5)	157
$O1 - H1B \cdot \cdot \cdot O21^{iii}$	0.85	2.07	2.910 (5)	173
$O2-H2A\cdots O21^{ii}$	0.85	2.12	2.955 (5)	172
$O2-H2B\cdots O4$	0.85	2.03	2.835 (5)	158
$O3-H3A\cdots O2^{iv}$	0.85	1.99	2.825 (6)	166
$O3-H3B\cdots O22^{iii}$	0.85	1.89	2.732 (6)	174
$O4-H4A\cdots O21^{iii}$	0.85	1.93	2.770 (4)	170
$O4-H4B\cdots O22^{v}$	0.85	1.82	2.665 (4)	176
$N71 - H71 \cdot \cdot \cdot O4^{i}$	0.86	2.17	3.023 (5)	169
N72-H72···O3	0.87	2.18	3.045 (5)	174

Symmetry codes: (i) x, 1 + y, z; (ii) x, y - 1, z; (iii) $\frac{1}{2} + x$, $-\frac{1}{2} - y$, z; (iv) $\frac{1}{2} - x$, $\frac{1}{2} + y$, $\frac{1}{2} + z$; $(\mathbf{v}) \frac{1}{2} - x, y - \frac{1}{2}, z - \frac{1}{2}.$

Compound (II)

Crystal data	
$[Cu(C_{12}H_{22}N_4O_3)] \cdot 5H_2O$	$D_x = 1.448 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
$M_r = 423.96$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
Monoclinic, Cc	Cell parameters from 25
a = 12.098 (9) Å	reflections
b = 20.337 (14) Å	$\theta = 20-25^{\circ}$
c = 8.134(5) Å	$\mu = 1.17 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$\beta = 103.68 \ (5)^{\circ}$	T = 293 (2) K
V = 1944 (2) Å ³	Prism, blue
Z = 4	$0.43 \times 0.29 \times 0.29 \text{ mm}$

Data collection

Stoe Stadi-4 four-circle diffractometer ω scans Absorption correction: ψ scan (EMPIR; Stoe & Cie, 1989) $T_{\min} = 0.670, \ T_{\max} = 0.710$ 3348 measured reflections 3020 independent reflections 2510 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2 R(F) = 0.043 $wR(F^2) = 0.101$ S = 1.043020 reflections 226 parameters H atom parameters constrained $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0565P)^2]$ where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.033$ $\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.5^{\circ}$ $h = -15 \rightarrow 15$ $k = -26 \rightarrow 2$ $l=-2\rightarrow 10$ 3 standard reflections frequency: 60 min intensity decay: 3%

 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0$ $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.47 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$ $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.60 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$ Absolute structure: Flack (1983), 773 Friedel pairs Flack parameter = -0.005 (18)

Cu $K\alpha$ radiation

reflections

 $\theta = 10.9 - 27.7^{\circ}$ $\mu = 1.98~\mathrm{mm}^{-1}$

T = 293 (2) K

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.033$

 $\theta_{\rm max} = 69.1^{\circ}$

 $h=-1\rightarrow 16$

 $k = -1 \rightarrow 10$

 $l=-16\rightarrow 1$

 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0$ $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.67 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

3 standard reflections

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.54 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

138 Friedel pairs

Flack parameter = 0.03 (4)

Extinction correction: SHELXL97

Extinction coefficient: 0.0062 (5)

Absolute structure: Flack (1983),

every 100 reflections

intensity decay: 3%

Tablet, dark blue

 $0.48 \times 0.40 \times 0.11 \ \mathrm{mm}$

Cell parameters from 41

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

Cu-N31	1.963 (4)	Cu-N71	2.056 (4)
Cu-N32	1.987 (4)	Cu-O	2.428 (4)
Cu-N72	2.017 (4)		
N31-Cu-N32	100.2 (2)	N72-Cu-N71	84.0 (2)
N31-Cu-N72	173.2 (2)	N31-Cu-O	76.2 (2)
N32-Cu-N72	85.8 (2)	N32-Cu-O	75.4 (2)
N31-Cu-N71	89.4 (2)	N72-Cu-O	108.6 (2)
N32-Cu-N71	163.9 (2)	N71-Cu-O	119.7 (2)

Table 4

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °) for (II).

$D - H \cdots A$	$D-{\rm H}$	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - H \cdots A$
01 H14 021V	0.95	1.0	2744 (6)	174
	0.85	1.9	2.744 (0)	1/4
$O1 - H1B \cdots O4^{v}$	0.85	2.06	2.865 (7)	159
$O2-H2A\cdots O22$	0.85	1.91	2.762 (7)	180
O3−H3A···O22	0.85	2.06	2.863 (7)	158
O3−H3B···O1	0.85	2.13	2.862 (7)	144
$O4-H4A\cdots O22$	0.85	1.99	2.839 (6)	176
$O4-H4B\cdots O2^{vi}$	0.85	1.99	2.803 (7)	161
$O5-H5A\cdots O3$	0.85	2.02	2.852 (8)	165
$O5-H5B\cdots O2^{vii}$	0.85	1.96	2.723 (8)	149
$N71 - H71 \cdots O21^{vi}$	0.90	1.96	2.858 (6)	173
N72-H72···O5	0.91	1.92	2.834 (7)	176

Symmetry codes: (v) 1 + x, -y, $\frac{1}{2} + z$; (vi) x, -y, $\frac{1}{2} + z$; (vii) x, y, 1 + z.

Compound (III)

Crystal data

$[Cu(C_{12}H_{22}N_4O_2S)]\cdot 3H_2O$
$M_r = 403.98$
Monoclinic, $P2_1/m$
a = 7.4905 (6) Å
b = 16.1160 (9)Å
c = 7.6404 (4) Å
$\beta = 107.553 \ (5)^{\circ}$
$V = 879.38 (10) \text{ Å}^3$
Z = 2

Data collection

Siemens P4 four-circle diffractometer $\omega/2\theta$ scans Absorption correction: ψ scan (XEMP; Siemens, 1989) $T_{min} = 0.43, T_{max} = 0.645$ 2013 measured reflections 1536 independent reflections 1415 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2 R(F) = 0.047 $wR(F^2) = 0.133$ S = 1.071536 reflections 119 parameters H-atom parameters constrained $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0756P)^2 + 0.7615P]$ where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

$D_x = 1.526 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
Cu Ka radiation
Cell parameters from 38
reflections
$\theta = 22.0-56.0^{\circ}$
$\mu = 3.13 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
T = 293 (2) K
Prism, dark blue
$0.32 \times 0.26 \times 0.14 \text{ mm}$

$$\begin{split} R_{\rm int} &= 0.050\\ \theta_{\rm max} &= 68.9^\circ\\ h &= -1 \rightarrow 9\\ k &= -19 \rightarrow 1\\ l &= -7 \rightarrow 7\\ 3 \mbox{ standard reflections}\\ \mbox{ every 100 reflections}\\ \mbox{ intensity decay: } 3\% \end{split}$$

 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0$ $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.41 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.61 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ Extinction correction: *SHELXL*97 Extinction coefficient: 0.0022 (8)

Table 5 Selected geometric parameters (Å, °) for (III).

Cu-N3 1.967 (3) Cu-N7 2.042(3)Cu-N3^{viii} 1.967 (3) 2.6594 (13) Cu-SCu-N7^{viii} 2.042(3)N7^{viii}-Cu-N7 N3-Cu-N3viii 98.29 (15) 84.28 (19) N3-Cu-N7^{viii} N3^{viii}-Cu-N7^{viii} N3-Cu-S 167.40 (13) 81.37 (9) N3^{viii}-Cu-S 87.76 (12) 81.37 (9) N7^{viii}-Cu-S N3-Cu-N7 87.76 (12) 110.58 (11) N3viii-Cu-N7 167.40 (13) N7-Cu-S110.58 (11)

Symmetry codes: (viii) $x, \frac{1}{2} - y, z$.

Table 6

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °) for (III).

$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots A$
$01 - H1C \cdots O2^{ix}$ $01 - H1D \cdots O2^{x}$ $03 - H3 \cdots O1$ $N7 - H7 \cdots O1^{xi}$ $N7 - H7 \cdots O1^{xi}$	0.85 0.85 0.85 0.91	1.93 2.05 2.15 2.14	2.749 (5) 2.813 (5) 2.932 (4) 3.040 (5)	163 148 152 173
$n/-n/1\cdots 01$	0.91	2.2	5.040 (5)	155

Symmetry codes: (ix) -x, -y, 1 - z; (x) 1 + x, y, 1 + z; (xi) x, y, z - 1.

The coordinates of the water H atoms in the three title compounds were calculated using the program HYDROGEN (Nardelli, 1999) and were introduced in the refinements keeping the O-H distances and the H-O-H angles constrained. All other H atoms were treated as riding, with C-H distances of 0.97 Å and N-H distances in the range 0.85–0.90 Å. The structure of (III) has pseudosymmetry, with a mirror plane through atoms Cu, S and O3 for all atoms except C8A and C8B. The pseudosymmetry resulted in high correlation factors and poor convergence on refinement in space group $P2_1$. Therefore, the structure was refined in the centrosymmetric space group P21/m with a disorder model for C8A/C8B. The structure of (III) was refined with three solvate water molecules, in accord with the chemical analysis, although the occupancy of water atom O3 refined from the initial value of 0.5 to 0.385. The occupancy of the other O atom (O1) did not change from the initial value of 1 when it was refined, so it was fixed at 1.

For compounds (I) and (III), data collection: *XSCANS* (Siemens, 1996); cell refinement: *XSCANS*; data reduction: *REDUCE* in *XSCANS*. For compound (II), data collection: *DIF4* (Stoe & Cie, 1992); cell refinement: *DIF4*; data reduction: *REDU4* (Stoe & Cie, 1992). For all compounds, program(s) used to solve structure: *SIR92* (Altomare *et al.*, 1994); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *DIAMOND* (Bergerhoff, 1996); software used to prepare material for publication: *WinGX* (Farrugia, 1999).

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