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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
$T=295 \mathrm{~K}$
Mean $\sigma(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C})=0.006 \AA$
$R$ factor $=0.046$
$w R$ factor $=0.147$
Data-to-parameter ratio $=18.2$

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## [ $N, N^{\prime}$-Ethylenebis(salicylideneiminato)]nickel(II) chloroform solvate

In the crystal structure of the title compound, $\left[\mathrm{Cu}\left(\mathrm{C}_{8} \mathrm{H}_{7^{-}}\right.\right.$ $\left.\mathrm{NO})_{2}\right] \cdot \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$, the nickel complex and the solvent molecule both have crystallographic mirror symmetry. The Ni atom exists in square-planar geometry.

## Comment

The crystal structure of [ $N, N^{\prime}$-ethylenebis(salicylideneiminato)]nickel(II) was first reported in 1970 (Shkol'nikova et al., 1970) and redetermined to improved precision some 13 years later (Manfredotti \& Guastini, 1983). It has since between re-determined twice more (DiMauro \& Kozlowski, 2002; Kondo et al., 2003). The same complex has now been isolated as the chloroform solvate, (I) (Fig. 1), and is described here.

(I)

In the title solvate, the square-planar geometry of the Ni atom is almost the same as in the unsolvated structure. Atoms Ni1, C9, and C11 occupy special positions on a mirror plane.

The $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ molecule interacts with the nickel complex by way of a bifurcated $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots\left(\mathrm{O}, \mathrm{O}^{\prime}\right)$ bond (Fig.1, Table 2).

## Experimental

Nickel nitrate hexahydrate $(0.58 \mathrm{~g}, 2 \mathrm{mmol})$ and an excess of triethylamine ( 1 ml ) were added to $N, N^{\prime}$-ethylenebis(salicylideneimine) $(0.54 \mathrm{~g}, 2 \mathrm{mmol})$ dissolved in a small volume of ethanol. The mixture was heated for 1 h . After removal of the solvent, a red solid was collected, and this was purified by recrystallization from chloroform. Red prismatic crystals of (I) were obtained. CHN elemental analysis, calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{15} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{3} \mathrm{Ni}$ : C 45.95 , H 3.40, N 6.30\%; found: C 45.91 , H 3.43, N 6.28\%.

## Crystal data

$\left[\mathrm{Cu}\left(\mathrm{C}_{8} \mathrm{H}_{7} \mathrm{NO}\right)_{2}\right] \cdot \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$
$M_{r}=444.37$
Orthorhombic, Pnnm
$a=6.997(1) \AA$
$b=14.221(3) \AA$
$c=18.355(4) \AA$
$V=1826.4(6) \AA^{3}$
$Z=4$
$D_{x}=1.616 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$

Mo $K \alpha$ radiation
Cell parameters from 14841 reflections
$\theta=3.1-27.5^{\circ}$
$\mu=1.51 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$
$T=295$ (2) K
Prism, red
$0.35 \times 0.26 \times 0.18 \mathrm{~mm}$

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Data collection

Rigaku R-AXIS RAPID diffractometer

## $\omega$ scans

Absorption correction: multi-scan
(ABSCOR; Higashi, 1995)
$T_{\text {min }}=0.507, T_{\text {max }}=0.764$
16264 measured reflections

## Refinement

Refinement on $F^{2}$
$R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.046$
$w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.147$
$S=1.07$
2150 reflections
118 parameters
H -atom parameters constrained

2150 independent reflections 1766 reflections with $I>2 \sigma(I)$
$R_{\text {int }}=0.023$
$\theta_{\text {max }}=27.5^{\circ}$
$h=-9 \rightarrow 8$
$k=-18 \rightarrow 18$
$l=-22 \rightarrow 23$

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\begin{aligned}
& w=1 /\left[\sigma^{2}\left(F_{\mathrm{o}}{ }^{2}\right)+(0.0952 P)^{2}\right. \\
& +0.4858 P] \\
& \text { where } P=\left(F_{\mathrm{o}}{ }^{2}+2 F_{\mathrm{c}}{ }^{2}\right) / 3 \\
& (\Delta / \sigma)_{\max }=0.001 \text { 。 } \\
& \Delta \rho_{\text {max }}=0.73 \mathrm{e}^{\AA^{-3}} \\
& \Delta \rho_{\min }=-0.56 \mathrm{e}^{-3} \\
& \text { Extinction correction: none }
\end{aligned}
$$

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

| $\mathrm{Ni} 1-\mathrm{O} 1$ | $1.844(2)$ | $\mathrm{Ni} 1-\mathrm{N} 1$ | $1.843(3)$ |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: |
|  |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{Ni} 1-\mathrm{O} 1^{\mathrm{i}}$ | $84.6(1)$ | $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{Ni} 1-\mathrm{N} 1^{\mathrm{i}}$ | $178.9(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{Ni} 1-\mathrm{N} 1$ | $94.8(1)$ | $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{Ni} 1-\mathrm{N} 1^{i}$ | $85.9(2)$ |

Symmetry codes: (i) $x, y,-z+1$.

Table 2
Hydrogen-bond geometry $\left(\AA^{\circ},{ }^{\circ}\right)$.

| $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H}$ | $\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C9-H9 $\cdots \mathrm{O} 1$ | 0.98 | 2.43 | $3.292(5)$ | 147 |
| C9-H9 $\mathrm{O}^{\mathrm{i}}$ | 0.98 | 2.43 | $3.292(5)$ | 147 |

Symmetry codes: (i) $x, y,-z+1$.
H atoms were placed in calculated positions ( $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}=0.93-0.98 \AA$ ) and refined as riding, with the constraint $U_{\text {iso }}(\mathrm{H})=1.2 U_{\text {eq }}(\mathrm{C})$ applied in all cases.

Data collection: RAPID-AUTO (Rigaku, 1998); cell refinement: RAPID-AUTO; data reduction: CrystalStructure (Rigaku/MSC, 2002); program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: ORTEPII (Johnson, 1976); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL97.


Figure 1
A view of (I), showing the atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the $50 \%$ probability level and H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radii. $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ interactions are shown as dashed lines. [Symmetry code (i): $x, y, 1-z$.]

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