

**Bis(dimethylformamide-2κO)dipyridine-1κN,3κN-bis(μ-2'-salicylbenzohydrazidato)-1κ<sup>3</sup>O,N,O':-2κ<sup>2</sup>N,O'';2κ<sup>2</sup>N,O'':3κ<sup>3</sup>O,N,O'-trinickel(II) dimethylformamide disolvate hemihydrate****Ming-Xing Yang and Shen Lin\***College of Chemistry and Material Science,  
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**Key indicators**Single-crystal X-ray study  
*T* = 293 K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.005 \text{ \AA}$   
Disorder in solvent or counterion  
*R* factor = 0.047  
*wR* factor = 0.137  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 17.9For details of how these key indicators were  
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<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.

In the trinuclear nickel(II) complex of the title compound,  $[\text{Ni}_3(\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_4\text{O}_6)_2(\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{N})_2(\text{C}_2\text{H}_6\text{NO})_2] \cdot 2\text{C}_3\text{H}_7\text{NO} \cdot 0.5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , the central  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$  ion is located on an inversion centre. This  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$  ion has a distorted octahedral coordination geometry involving two N and two O atoms from the 2'-salicylbenzohydrazidate ligands in the equatorial plane and two N atoms from two dimethylformamide molecules in the axial positions. The inversion-related outer  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$  ions, separated by 9.3038 (7) Å, have square-planar coordination environments.

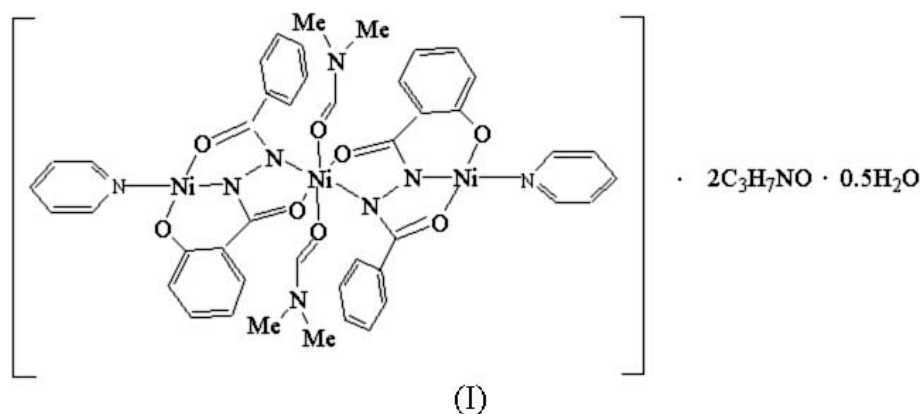
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**Comment**

*N*-Alkylsalicylhydrazides have been actively investigated as multifunctional ligands which can chelate as well as bridge metal ions to give polynuclear, metallamacrocyclic and one-dimensional complexes (Kwak *et al.*, 1998, 2000; Kim *et al.*, 2001; Lin *et al.*, 2002, 2002*a*, 2002*b*, 2004; Liu *et al.*, 2001; Yang *et al.*, 2003; Li *et al.*, 2005), which have potential applications in chemically modified electrodes, anion-selective separation agents, magnetic materials and bioinorganic chemistry (Liu *et al.*, 2001; Alexiou *et al.*, 2003). In these complexes, the triply deprotonated *N*-acylsalicylhydrazides may bridge the neighboring metal ions through their hydrazide N–N group, forming polynuclear complexes. We report here the synthesis and crystal structure of a new linear trinuclear nickel(II) complex, (I), with 2'-salicylbenzohydrazide, in which the central Ni atom adopts an axially elongated octahedral geometry, whereas the two outer Ni atoms on the two sides have square-planar coordination environments.



In the trinuclear nickel(II) complex of the title compound, the central atom Ni2 (Fig. 1) has an axially elongated octahedral coordination of Ni(ON)(ON)(O)(O) type. The two carbonyl O atoms and the two hydrazide N atoms make up the equatorial plane, with Ni2–O2 and Ni2–N2 distances of

2.023 (2) and 2.101 (2) Å, respectively, while the two O atoms of the dimethylformamide molecules occupy the axial positions at longer distances [Ni2—O4 = 2.137 (2) Å]. The square-planar coordination of the outer Ni atoms (Ni1 and Ni1A in Fig. 1) is formed by the hydrazine N1, carbonyl O3, phenolate O1 and pyridine N3 atoms. The interatomic distance between the symmetry-related atoms Ni1 and Ni1A is 9.3038 (7) Å, which is longer than the Ni···Ni distances [9.2030 (8)–9.1876 (9) Å] in the similar structure of bis[μ-(*N*-butylsalicylhydrazide)(pyridine)nickel(II)]bispyridinenickel(II) (Yang *et al.*, 2003).

### Experimental

2'-Salicylbenzohydrazide (H<sub>2</sub>L) was synthesized according to the method of Liu *et al.* (2001). Five drops of pyridine were added to a mixture of Ni(OAc)<sub>2</sub>·4H<sub>2</sub>O (0.25 mmol) in methanol (5 ml) and H<sub>2</sub>L (0.25 mmol) in dimethylformamide (5 ml). The resulting red solution was stirred for 10 min and then filtered. After standing for 20 d, red block-shaped crystals were separated from the filtrate.

#### Crystal data

[Ni <sub>3</sub> (C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>20</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>6</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>5</sub> N) <sub>2</sub> ·(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> NO) <sub>2</sub> ·2C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub> NO·0.5H <sub>2</sub> O	<i>D</i> <sub>x</sub> = 1.419 Mg m <sup>-3</sup>
<i>M</i> <sub>r</sub> = 1142.19	Mo <i>K</i> α radiation
Monoclinic, <i>C</i> 2/ <i>c</i>	Cell parameters from 5983 reflections
<i>a</i> = 29.4926 (15) Å	<i>θ</i> = 1.5–27.5°
<i>b</i> = 10.1678 (3) Å	<i>μ</i> = 1.11 mm <sup>-1</sup>
<i>c</i> = 19.7293 (3) Å	<i>T</i> = 293 (2) K
<i>β</i> = 115.389 (2)°	Block, red
<i>V</i> = 5344.9 (3) Å <sup>3</sup>	0.56 × 0.46 × 0.38 mm
<i>Z</i> = 4	

#### Data collection

Rigaku Weissenberg IP diffractometer with 18 kW rotating anode	5983 measured reflections
<i>ω</i> scans	5983 independent reflections
Absorption correction: <i>ψ</i> scan (North <i>et al.</i> , 1968)	4085 reflections with <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> )
<i>T</i> <sub>min</sub> = 0.517, <i>T</i> <sub>max</sub> = 0.66	<i>θ</i> <sub>max</sub> = 27.5°
	<i>h</i> = 0 → 38
	<i>k</i> = 0 → 13
	<i>l</i> = -25 → 22

#### Refinement

Refinement on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	H-atom parameters constrained
<i>R</i> [ <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> > 2σ( <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> )] = 0.047	<i>w</i> = 1/[σ <sup>2</sup> ( <i>F</i> <sub>o</sub> <sup>2</sup> ) + (0.08 <i>P</i> ) <sup>2</sup> ]
<i>wR</i> ( <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> ) = 0.137	where <i>P</i> = ( <i>F</i> <sub>o</sub> <sup>2</sup> + 2 <i>F</i> <sub>c</sub> <sup>2</sup> )/3
<i>S</i> = 0.98	(Δ/ <i>σ</i> ) <sub>max</sub> < 0.001
5983 reflections	Δ <i>ρ</i> <sub>max</sub> = 0.57 e Å <sup>-3</sup>
334 parameters	Δ <i>ρ</i> <sub>min</sub> = -0.37 e Å <sup>-3</sup>

The C-bound H atoms were positioned geometrically. Atom HO6 of the water molecule was located in a difference Fourier map. H atoms were refined as riding, with C—H = 0.93–0.97 Å, O—H = 0.81 Å and *U*<sub>iso</sub> = 1.2–1.5*U*<sub>eq</sub>(parent atom). The occupancies of O6 (water) and HO6 were fixed at 0.5; the water molecule lies on a twofold rotation axis.

Data collection: *TEXSAN* (Molecular Structure Corporation, 1999); cell refinement: *RAPID-AUTO* (Rigaku, 1998); data reduction: *CrystalStructure* (Rigaku/MS, 2002); program(s) used to solve

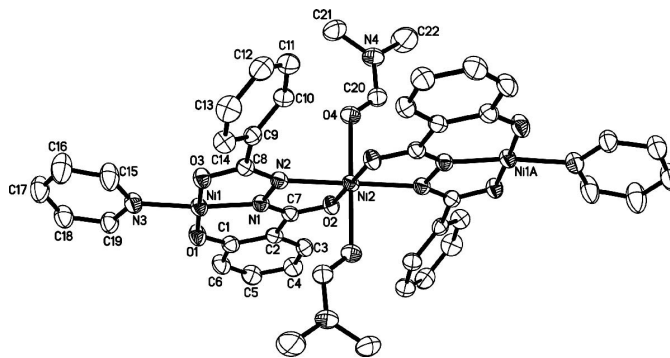


Figure 1

View of the title compound with 30% probability displacement ellipsoids. H atoms and solvent molecules have been omitted for clarity. Symmetry code (which applies also to unlabelled atoms): (A)  $-x + \frac{1}{2}, -y + \frac{1}{2}, -z$ .

structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL/PC* (Sheldrick, 1998); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL/PC*.

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