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The crystal structure of diaquobisacetylacetonatonicel(II). By H. MONTGOMERY and E. C. LINGAFELTER,
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Bullen (1959) has reported the crystal structure of diaquobisacetylacetonatocobalt(II), $\text{Co}(\text{C}_5\text{H}_7\text{O}_2)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$. Cell dimensions and general distribution of intensities in the diffraction patterns indicate that the corresponding nickel compound has essentially the same structure. Because of our interest in the coordination polyhedra of transition metal ions, we have determined the crystal structure of diaquobisacetylacetonatonicel(II).

The unit cell has dimensions

$$a = 10.954 \pm 0.01, \quad b = 5.361 \pm 0.006, \quad c = 11.245 \pm 0.01 \text{ \AA};$$

$$\beta = 106^\circ 48' \pm 9',$$

and contains two molecules. The space group is $P2_1/c$. The structure was refined finally to $R=0.07$ by three-dimensional least squares on the IBM 709 computer, using 937 independent reflections from integrated equi-inclination Weissenberg photographs, $h0l$ through $h3l$, taken with $\text{Cu K}\alpha$ radiation.

The final atomic positions and thermal parameters are given in Tables 1 and 2 and the bond lengths and angles, with their estimated standard deviations, in Table 3. The numbering system used by Bullen (1959) has been followed. The final values of observed and calculated structure factors are given in Table 4.

Table 1. *Final atomic parameters*

	x/a	y/b	z/c	
Ni	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	
O(1)	0.1445	0.2147	0.1013	
O(2)	0.1137	-0.1741	-0.0861	
O(3)	0.0453	-0.2849	0.1390	
C(1)	0.3564	0.3371	0.2024	
C(2)	0.2613	0.1696	0.1122	
C(3)	0.3081	-0.0154	0.0485	
C(4)	0.2346	-0.1755	-0.0458	
C(5)	0.3024	-0.3645	-0.1019	
C(1)	H(1)	0.3440	0.5077	0.1656
	H(2)	0.3396	0.3372	0.2851
	H(3)	0.4453	0.2784	0.2122
	H(4)	0.2826	-0.3234	-0.1844
C(5)	H(5)	0.2718	-0.5364	-0.0915
	H(6)	0.3965	-0.3549	-0.0623
C(3)	H(7)	0.4009	-0.0217	0.0788
O ₃	H(8)	0.0876	-0.4385	0.1449
	H(9)	0.0152	-0.2465	0.2128

Table 2. *Anisotropic temperature factors*

Each term is multiplied by 10^3

	U_{11}	U_{22}	U_{33}	U_{12}	U_{13}	U_{23}
Ni	3.17	7.86	2.65	0.04	0.69	-0.37
O(1)	2.36	5.63	2.33	-0.12	0.34	-1.10
O(2)	2.94	6.29	1.77	0.11	0.26	-1.13
O(3)	6.50	5.62	2.15	0.64	1.00	0.05
C(1)	3.27	5.73	3.00	-1.38	0.36	-0.13
C(2)	2.39	5.81	1.53	0.00	0.28	0.46
C(3)	2.16	5.69	2.71	0.73	0.23	0.18
C(4)	2.78	5.11	1.69	0.28	0.87	0.25
C(5)	3.67	6.60	3.18	0.69	1.47	-0.24
H	3.17	3.17	3.17	0.00	0.92	0.00

The structure is essentially the same as that reported by Bullen (1959) for the cobalt compound, the only significant difference being in the coordination polyhedron. In the cobalt compound, the cobalt ion is surrounded by a tetragonally distorted octahedron, with acetylacetonate oxygen atoms at 2.05 and 2.06 Å and water oxygen atoms at 2.23 Å. In the nickel compound,

Table 3. *Bond lengths and angles*

Estimated standard deviation in parentheses

Bond lengths (Å)		Bond angles (°)	
Ni-O(1)	2.021	O(1)-Ni-O(2)	92.4
Ni-O(2)	2.014	O(3)-Ni-O(1)	90.9
Ni-O(3)	2.139	O(3)-Ni-O(2)	88.6
O(1)-C(2)	1.273	Ni-O(1)-C(2)	123.2
O(2)-C(4)	1.270	Ni-O(2)-C(4)	123.9
C(2)-C(3)	1.404	O(1)-C(2)-C(3)	126.2
C(3)-C(4)	1.420	O(2)-C(4)-C(3)	124.8
C(1)-C(2)	1.499	O(1)-C(2)-C(1)	115.3
C(4)-C(5)	1.520	O(2)-C(4)-C(5)	116.5
		C(2)-C(3)-C(4)	126.6

the nickel ion has acetylacetonate oxygen atoms at 2.01 and 2.02 Å and water oxygen atoms at 2.14 Å. This tetragonal distortion is not observed in diaquobis(salicylaldehydato)nickel (Stewart, Lingafelter & Breazeale, 1961), in which the salicylaldehyde oxygen atoms are at 2.02 Å and the water oxygen atoms are at 2.04 Å, nor in the hexakis(aquo) metal ions in the Tutton salts (Montgomery & Lingafelter, 1964), which show $\text{Co-O} = 2.08, 2.09, 2.11$ Å and $\text{Ni-O} = 2.04, 2.08, 2.09$ Å.

The acetylacetonate residue is planar, with a mean deviation of 0.04 Å ($\sim 1.5\sigma$). As noted for other acetylacetonates, the nickel atom does not lie in the plane of the acetylacetonate residue, but 0.32 Å from it. Corresponding displacements in other compounds are 0.36 Å in diaquobisacetylacetonatocobalt(II) (Bullen, 1959), 0.40 and 0.25 Å in mono(aquo)bisacetylacetonatocobalt(II) (Montgomery & Lingafelter, 1963), and 0.17 Å in bisacetylacetonatocopper(II) (Dahl, 1963).

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