

## Stacked Amido Macroyclic Complexes: Synthesis and Single Crystal X-Ray Structure of $\text{Na}[\text{Cu}(\text{L})(\text{NCMe})](\text{BF}_4)_2(\text{NO}_3)$ [L = 1-formyl-4,7-bis(2-hydroxy-2-methylpropyl)-1,4,7-triazacyclononane]

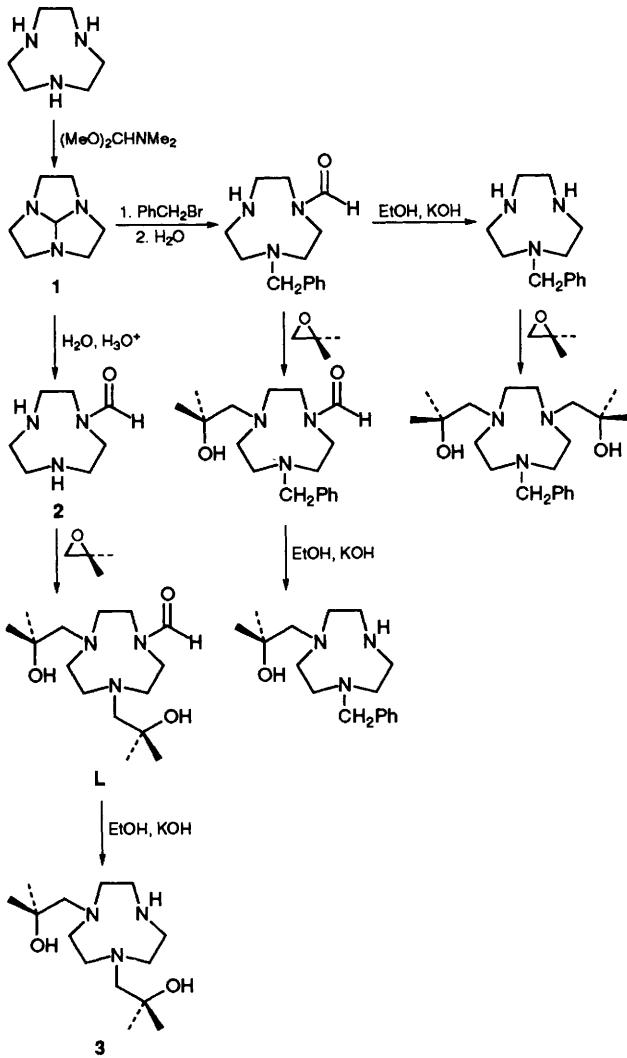
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The synthesis of bi-functional derivatives of [9]aneN<sub>3</sub> is described; the structure of  $\text{Na}[\text{Cu}(\text{L})(\text{NCMe})](\text{BF}_4)_2(\text{NO}_3)$  shows a central  $[\text{Na}(\text{BF}_4)_2]^-$  core with the O-donor of the amide moiety of successive  $[\text{Cu}(\text{L})(\text{NCMe})]^{2+}$  cations bound to  $\text{Na}^+$  to give a stacked structure.

The synthesis of pendant arm derivatives of [9]aneN<sub>3</sub> (1,4,7-triazacyclononane) has led to the preparation of a range of highly stable metal complexes.<sup>1,2</sup> Most of these complexes are based upon the functionalisation of all three N-donors of the macrocycle to afford trifunctionalised ligands incorporating octahedral recognition sites for metal ion coordination. We wished to investigate the specific formation of five-coordinate metal complexes based on the coordination to bi-functionalised [9]aneN<sub>3</sub> ligands.<sup>3</sup> We report herein a general route to bi-functionalised derivatives of [9]aneN<sub>3</sub>, and the structure of an unusual stacked Cu<sup>II</sup> complex of the amido ligand L.

Our approach was based upon the synthesis of the orthoamide 1 of [9]aneN<sub>3</sub>.<sup>4,5</sup> Acid hydrolysis affords the formyl species 2 in which one N-donor is protected by an external formyl function.<sup>4</sup> Derivatisation of 2 with 2,2-dimethyl oxirane affords the bi-functionalised ligand L.<sup>†</sup> Base hydrolysis of L affords 3 in high yield. Scheme 1 summarises these and related



Scheme 1

synthetic routes to functionalised ligands. The single crystal X-ray structure of 3 confirms<sup>‡</sup> (Fig. 1) the formation of the bi-functionalised macrocycle with the two pendant arm alcohols H-bonded to a  $\text{CHCl}_3$  molecule of crystallisation. The macrocyclic ring adopts a [333] conformation.

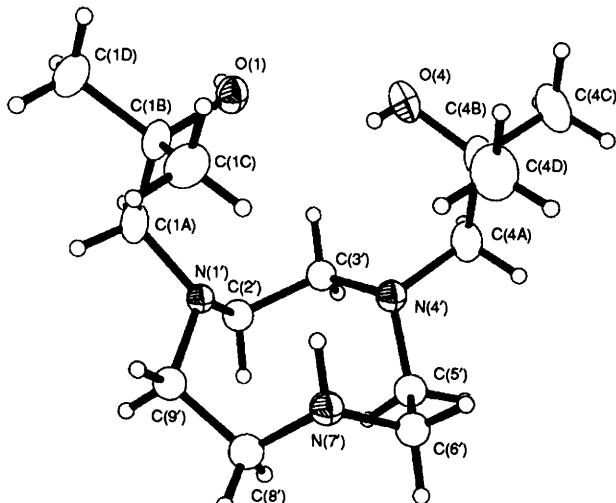


Fig. 1 View of the structure of 3 with numbering scheme adopted

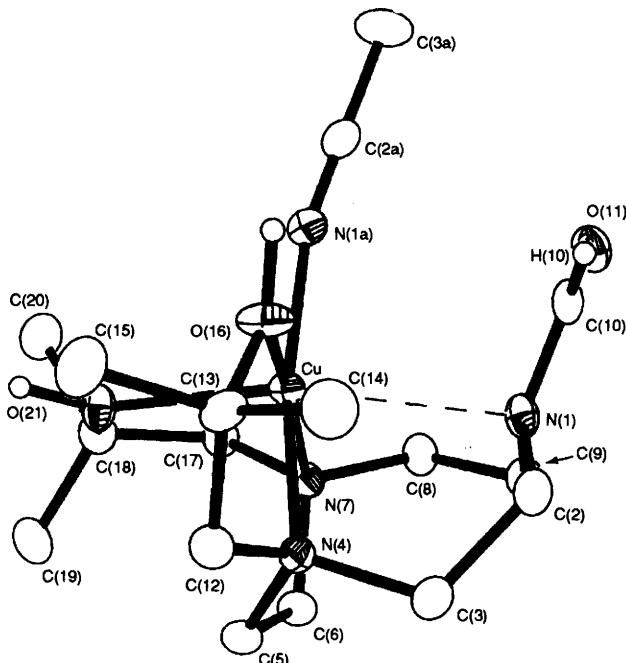
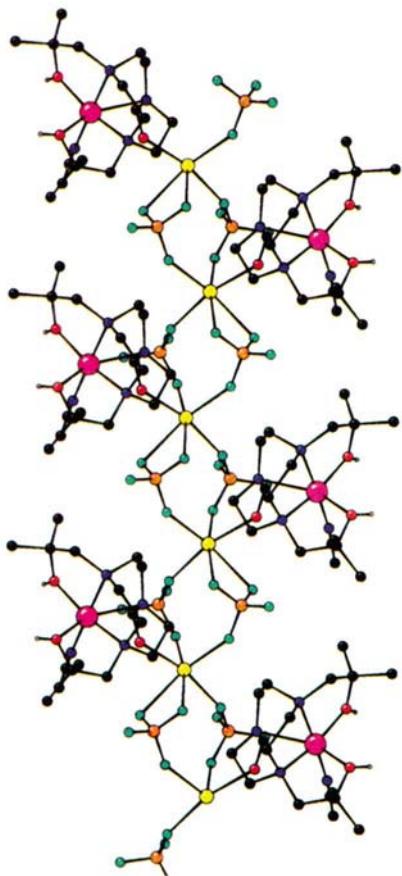
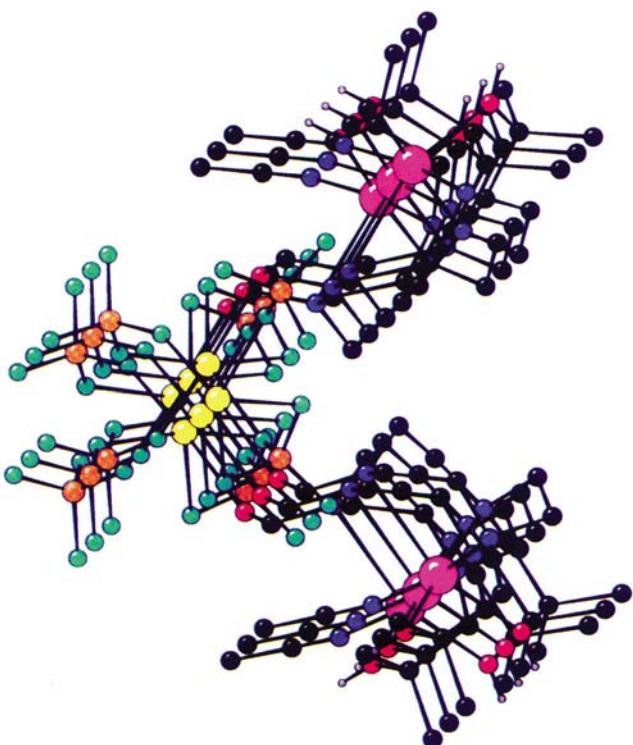


Fig. 2 View of the structure of  $[\text{Cu}(\text{L})(\text{NCMe})]^{2+}$  with numbering adopted.  $\text{Cu}-\text{N}(1) = 2.611(5)$ ,  $\text{Cu}-\text{N}(4) = 2.002(3)$ ,  $\text{Cu}-\text{N}(7) = 2.015(3)$ ,  $\text{Cu}-\text{O}(16) = 1.963(3)$ ,  $\text{Cu}-\text{O}(21) = 2.2518(25)$ ,  $\text{Cu}-\text{N}(1a) = 1.984(3)$ ,  $\text{N}(1)-\text{C}(2) = 1.481(5)$ ,  $\text{N}(1)-\text{C}(9) = 1.472(5)$ ,  $\text{N}(1)-\text{C}(10) = 1.357(5)$ ,  $\text{C}(10)-\text{O}(11) = 1.218(4)$  Å.  $\angle \text{N}(4)\text{Cu}\text{N}(7) = 86.95(12)$ ,  $\text{N}(4)\text{CuO}(16) = 82.12(11)$ ,  $\angle \text{N}(4)\text{CuO}(21) = 96.57(10)$ ,  $\angle \text{N}(4)-\text{CuN}(1a) = 168.40(12)$ ,  $\angle \text{N}(7)\text{CuO}(16) = 169.07(11)$ ,  $\angle \text{N}(7)\text{CuO}(21) = 77.66(10)$ ,  $\angle \text{N}(7)\text{CuN}(1a) = 97.85(12)$ .



**Fig. 3** Packing diagram of  $\text{Na}[\text{Cu}(\text{L})(\text{NCMe})](\text{BF}_4)_2(\text{NO}_3)$ .  $\text{NO}_3^-$  ions have been omitted for clarity; Na: yellow, Cu: magenta, C: black, B: brown, F: green, N: blue, O: red.



**Fig. 4** Packing diagram of  $\text{Na}[\text{Cu}(\text{L})(\text{NCMe})](\text{BF}_4)_2(\text{NO}_3)$ .  $\text{NO}_3^-$  ions have been omitted for clarity; Na: yellow, Cu: magenta, C: black, B: brown, F: green, N: blue, O: red.

We were interested in determining the coordination characteristics of **L**. The presence of an amido function in **L** raised questions as to whether this moiety would bind to a metal centre or whether it would act as a dangling group available for intermolecular H-bonding. The formation of supramolecular arrays utilising H-bonding to amide functions has been reported previously.<sup>6</sup> Additionally, although the binding of deprotonated amido macrocyclic ligands is well established,<sup>7</sup> there are few examples of *N*-donors of tertiary amides binding to metal centres.<sup>8</sup>

Reaction of  $[\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2]$  with **L** in MeCN affords a blue solution. Addition of an excess of  $\text{NaBF}_4$  leads to the formation of deep-blue crystals containing the  $[\text{Cu}(\text{L})(\text{NCMe})]^{2+}$  cation. The single crystal structure confirms<sup>§</sup> the stoichiometry of the product to be  $\text{Na}[\text{Cu}(\text{L})(\text{NCMe})](\text{BF}_4)_2(\text{NO}_3)$ . The  $\text{Cu}^{II}$  centre is bound to both pendant arm alcohols and two *N*-donors of **L** and one MeCN molecule (Fig. 2). In addition, the complex cation shows an additional long-range interaction to the amido *N*-donor [N(1)] at 2.611(5) Å, with N(1) pointing directly to the sixth coordination site of the  $\text{Cu}^{II}$  ion. Interaction of N(1) with the Cu centre is confirmed further by the observed loss of planarity of the  $\text{C}(2)\text{C}(9)\text{N}(1)\text{C}(10)\text{O}(11)\text{H}(10)$  fragment. Thus, the dihedral angle between the planes defined by  $\text{C}(2)\text{C}(9)\text{N}(1)$  and  $\text{N}(1)\text{C}(10)\text{O}(11)\text{H}(10)$  (deviation 0.001 Å) is 27.1(4)°. The solid-state structure of  $\text{Na}[\text{Cu}(\text{L})(\text{NCMe})](\text{BF}_4)_2(\text{NO}_3)$  is further complicated by the presence of an aggregate of  $[\text{Na}(\text{BF}_4)_2]^-$  ions which forms a polymeric chain.  $[\text{Cu}(\text{L})(\text{NCMe})]^{2+}$  cations are bound through the amide *O*-donor [O(11)] to  $\text{Na}^+$  ions within this chain. Thus, each  $\text{Na}^+$  ion is six coordinate with five interactions to  $\text{F}^-$  ions of  $\text{BF}_4^-$  at 2.242(3)-2.424(3) Å, and a sixth interaction with the amide *O*-donor at 2.321(3) Å. Figs. 3 and 4 illustrate the packing of successive  $[\text{Cu}(\text{L})(\text{NCMe})]^{2+}$  cations along the  $[\text{Na}(\text{BF}_4)_2]^-$  chain. Thus, the amide function in **L** not only interacts with the  $\text{Cu}^{II}$  centre *via* the N-atom, but also binds to an external  $\text{Na}^+$  ion *via* the O-atom to afford a supramolecular array of cation-anion interactions.

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## Footnotes

† All ligands have been characterised by NMR spectroscopy, mass spectrometry and elemental analysis.

‡ Crystal data for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{31}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2 \cdot \text{CHCl}_3$ :  $M = 404.8$ , orthorhombic, space group  $Pna2_1$ ,  $a = 11.813(6)$ ,  $b = 11.300(6)$ ,  $c = 15.231(9)$  Å,  $V = 2033$  Å<sup>3</sup> [from 20 values of 32 reflections measured at  $\pm \omega$  ( $25 \leq 2\theta \leq 27^\circ$ ),  $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å,  $T = 150$  K],  $Z = 4$ ,  $D_c = 1.322$  g cm<sup>-3</sup>, colourless plate,  $\mu = 0.465$  mm<sup>-1</sup>. 1858 Data ( $5 \leq 2\theta \leq 45^\circ$ ) were collected using a Stoe Stadi-4 four-circle diffractometer equipped with an Oxford Cryosystems low temperature device [J. Cosier and A. M. Glazer, *J. Appl. Crystallogr.*, 1986, **19**, 105] and Mo-K $\alpha$  X-radiation. The structure was solved by direct methods using SHELXS-86 [G. M. Sheldrick, *Acta Crystallogr., Sect. A*, 1990, **46**, 467] and refined on  $F^2$  using SHELXL-93 [G. M. Sheldrick, Univ. of Göttingen, Germany, 1993]. Substantial disorder was modelled by allowing isotropic refinement of two interpenetrant rings with constrained values of C-C and C-N bonds which converged at 1.515(7) and 1.472(3) Å, respectively. The major and minor conformers have occupancies of 0.663(8) and 0.337(8), respectively. Other non-H atoms were refined with anisotropic thermal parameters, H atoms bound to N and O atoms were refined positionally and other H atoms were included in calculated positions. At final convergence,  $R[F \geq 4\sigma(F)]$ , 1638 data] = 0.047,  $wR[F^2]$ , all data] = 0.104,  $S[F^2] = 1.11$  for 217 parameters. The final  $\Delta F$  synthesis contained no feature beyond  $\pm 0.30$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>.

§ Crystal data for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{34}\text{B}_2\text{F}_8\text{N}_5\text{NaO}_6\text{Cu}$ :  $M = 664.52$ , monoclinic, space group  $P2_1/a$ ,  $a = 9.6373(22)$ ,  $b = 30.814(12)$ ,  $c = 10.1042(22)$  Å,  $\beta = 114.433(22)^\circ$ ,  $V = 2732$  Å<sup>3</sup> [from 20 values of 25 reflections measured at  $\pm \omega$  ( $30 \leq 2\theta \leq 32^\circ$ ),  $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å,  $T = 150$  K],  $Z = 4$ ,

$D_c = 1.615 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$ , deep-blue triangular prism,  $\mu = 0.909 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ , 3449 Unique data were collected as above and the structure solved and developed using heavy-atom methods. All non-H atoms were refined anisotropically on  $F$ ; H atoms bonded to O were constrained to lie at distances of 0.96 Å; the methyl group of MeCN was allowed to rotate about the CCN axis as a rigid entity and all other H atoms were included at calculated positions [SHELX76: G. M. Sheldrick, Univ. of Cambridge, 1976]. At final convergence,  $R$ ,  $R_w = 0.034$ , 0.045, respectively,  $S = 1.037$  for 376 parameters and 3239 data with  $F \geq 4\sigma(F)$ . The final  $\Delta F$  synthesis exhibited no feature beyond  $\pm 0.45 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ .

Crystal packings (CAMERON, L. J. Pearce and D. J. Watkin, Chemical Crystallography Laboratory, University of Oxford, 1993) are illustrated in Figs. 3 and 4. Atomic coordinates, bond lengths and angles, and thermal parameters have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre. See Information for Authors, Issue No. 1.

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