Acid-Catalyzed Rearrangements between Cyclic Oligomers of 3,4-Dihydro-2*H*-1,5-benzodiazocine. Crystal and Molecular Structures of Mono- and Dinuclear Copper(II) Complexes of Tetraaza (16-Membered), Hexaaza (24-Membered), and Octaaza (32-Membered) Macrocycles

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Propylene-1,3-diamine and 2-chlorobenzaldehyde react together in the presence of copper and formic acid to produce the 32-membered octaaza-tetraimine macrocycle 7,8,16,17,18,27,28,36,37,38-decahydrotetrabenzo-[g,o,w,aw][1,5,9,13,17,21,25,29]octaazacyclodotriacontine (8) in 26% yield. Reduction of 8 with cyanoborohydride in acetic acid-methanol produces the corresponding 32-membered octaaza-octaamine 7,8,9,10,16,17,18,19,20,-27,28,29,30,36,37,38,39,40-octadecahydrotetrabenzo[g,o,w,ae][1,5,9,13,17,21,25,29]octaazacyclodotriacontine (9). In chloroform 8 rearranges into an equilibrium mixture of the 16-membered cyclic tetraaza-diimine 5,7,8,16,-17,18-pentahydrodibenzo[g,o][1,5,9,13]tetraazacyclotetradecine (4) and the 24-membered hexaaza-triimine 7,8,-16,17,18,27,28-heptahydrotribenzo[g,o,w][1,5,9,13]hexaazacyclotetracosine (6). The macrocycle 4 was separated as its nickel(II) thiocyanate derivative and subsequently displaced with cyanide. Reduction of 4 with cyanoborohydride afforded the 16-membered tetraaza-tetraamine 7,8,9,10,16,17,18,19,20-nonahydrodibenzo-[g,o][1,5,9,13] tetrazacyclotetradecine (5). The hexaaza-triimine 6 was trapped by precipitation, isolated by fractional crystallization, and subsequently converted into the 24-membered hexaaza-hexaamine 7,8,9,10,16,-17,18,19,20,27,28,29,30-tridecahydrotribenzo[g,o,w][1,5,9,13,17,21]hexaazacyclotetracosine (7) by reduction with cyanoborohydride. The structures of the paramagnetic salts [Cu₂(9)](CF₃SO₃)₄·3H₂O and [Cu(7-H)](CF₃-SO₃)₃·MeOH·2H₂O have been determined. Data for $[Cu_2(9)](CF_3SO_3)_4·3H_2O$: space group $P2_1/n$, a = 14.940(3)Å, b = 9.825(2) Å, c = 20.456(2) Å, $\beta = 97.58(1)^\circ$, R = 0.058, $R_w = 0.064$. Data for [Cu(7-H)](CF₃-SO₃)₃·MeOH·2H₂O: space group P1 (No. 2), a = 11.509(3) Å, b = 12.172(3) Å, c = 18.129(4) Å, $\alpha = 82.23^{\circ}$, $\beta = 83.58^\circ$, $\gamma = 72.47^\circ$, Z = 2, R = 0.059, $R_w = 0.069$. The copper ions in each structure have regular squareplanar geometries.

Introduction

Syntheses of macrocyclic aza-imines are generally brought about by metal-template Schiff-base condensations.¹ In the selfcondensation of 2-aminobenzaldehyde in the presence of nickel-(II), the products are the nickel(II) complexes of the 16membered cyclic tetraimine tetrabenzo[$b_i f_i j_i n$][1,5,9,13]tetraazacyclohexadecine (TAAB) and the 12-membered triimine



tribenzo[b,f,j][1,5,9]triazacycloduodecine (TRI).² The polycyclic bis- and tris-anhydro-oligomers formed by the selfcondensation of 2-aminobenzaldehyde in the absence of metal ions rearrange in the presence of nickel(II) to produce the complexes of TAAB and TRI.^{3,4} The diimines 1 (where X =



 $CH_{2,5}$ S,⁶ O,⁷ or AsMe⁸) can also be synthesized in high yields in the absence of metal ions. In each case the 14-membered *trans*-diimines spontaneously rearrange into the corresponding more stable 7-membered monoimines **2** in the presence of traces of acid.



Recently we have investigated the rearrangement of the tetraaza macrocycle 1 (where $X = NH^9$) in chloroform.¹⁰ This compound also rearranges under acidic conditions, but unlike

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its congeners, the 14-membered tetraaza-diimine macrocycle is the more stable species at equilibrium and the 7-membered monoimine **2** can be isolated as the kinetic product only.

In the case of the 8-membered benzodiazocine **3**, although the 16-membered tetraaza-diimine **4** is reported to be the more



stable product,⁹ we find the equilibrium also involves the 24membered hexaaza-triimine $\mathbf{6}$ and the 32-membered octaaza-



tetraimine 8 in the presence of acid, with 8 being the least



soluble and most readily isolated product. We report here details for the isolation of the cyclic oligomers 4, 6, and 8 and their reduction products, the corresponding polyaza—amines 5, 7, and 9; the isolation and structural characterization of the copper(II) complexes of 5, 7, and 9 are also described.



Results and Discussion

Syntheses of Imino Ligands 4, 6, and 8. The reaction of 2-chlorobenzaldehyde with propylene-1,3-diamine in boiling

toluene in the presence of copper powder and formic acid, according to the method given in ref 9, afforded an orange oil that was not amenable to crystallization. The oil, when dissolved in ethanol and diluted with diethyl ether, however, gave a solution from which the octaaza-tetraimine macrocycle 8 began to crystallize after 3-4 days; after 1 month the yield of 8 was 26%. The crude product was purified by Soxhlet extraction into chloroform whereupon fine needles of the pure material having mp 252-254 °C were obtained. The mass spectrum of this solid contained a prominent peak at m/e 640.3 amu consistent with the tetrameric structure. It was further characterised by reduction to the corresponding octaaza-octaamine 9.

The tetraimine 8 is poorly soluble in most solvents, including dimethyl sulfoxide, but a sample of sufficient concentration in chloroform- d_1 was obtained for NMR spectroscopy. The ¹H NMR spectrum of 8 in this solvent displays a weak but distinctive azamethine resonance at δ 8.20, as well as sets of multiplets for the aromatic and aliphatic protons. Over 1-2days in chloroform- d_1 , the azamethine signal at δ 8.20 for 8 decreased in intensity and was replaced by similar signals at δ 8.24 (80%) and δ 8.38 (20%). Over the same period the propylene proton multiplets of 8 were replaced by new sets of multiplets of similar profile. However, removal of solvent from the solution after rearrangement regenerated 8. Gas chromatography/mass spectral (GC/MS) experiments on chloroform d_i solutions of 8 indicated that if tested within 5 min of preparation, solutions contained extremely small quantities of the monomer 3 and dimer 4 in almost equal amounts. After being stood for 3-4 h, the same solutions contained 4 in substantially increased amounts as the predominant species detected. The tetramer was not observed by this technique.

These experiments suggested that, upon dissolution in chloroform, 8 commenced a rearrangement into two cyclic oligomers with ¹H NMR azamethine resonances at δ 8.24 and δ 8.38 and that one of these was the dimer 4 while the other was not observed by GC/MS; the rearrangement appeared to involve the intermediacy of barely detectable amounts of the monomer 3. These conclusions were validated by the isolation of the oligomers 4 and 6 as described below and confirmation that their ¹H NMR azamethine resonances appeared at δ 8.24 (4) and δ 8.38 (6) in chloroform- d_1 ; the propylene proton resonances were similarly consistent with those obtained after the monitored rearrangement of 8.

A sample of **8** was extracted into chloroform, and the solution was stood for 3 days, whereafter it was carefully concentrated and added to a large volume of *n*-heptane. This led to the precipitation of the two lower oligomers predominantly. The ¹H NMR spectrum of the precipitate, taken immediately after dissolution in chloroform- d_1 , indicated **4**:**6**:**8** = 70:25:5, according to the intensities of the azamethine resonances. Careful fractional recrystallization of the precipitate from dichloromethane-diethyl ether, under acid-free conditions, gave first

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Scheme 1



a small quantity of 8, but then pure 6 was obtained. This was characterized by reduction to the corresponding hexaazahexaamine 7. The tetraaza-diimine 4 was isolated from the original extract by treatment with aqueous nickel(II) chloride containing potassium thiocyanate. The addition of the metal salts led to selective precipitation of microcrystalline [Ni(4)]- $(SCN)_2$ from which the ligand was liberated with cyanide and extracted into dichloromethane. Incidentally, cyanide appeared to be an effective proton scavenger and minimized rearrangement of the oligomers in dichloromethane.

Chloroform solutions of 4 or 6 spontaneously, and rapidly, precipitated 8 when concentrated. All rearrangements occurred in the absence of metal ions and were accelerated by an increase in trace acidity, indicating that 3, 4, 6, and 8 exist simultaneously in a facile acid-catalyzed equilibrium in solution.

As suggested for the acid-catalyzed rearrangement between 4,5-dihydro-3H-2-benzazepine and its dimer,⁵ and related molecules,⁶⁻⁸ a stepwise mechanism involving 1,3-diazetidine intermediates is suggested for rearrangements between 4, 6, and 8 (Scheme 1). The direct dimerization of 4 to 6 by this mechanism is also possible.

Synthesis of Amino Ligands 5, 7, and 9. The addition of a 1:1 mixture of acetic acid-methanol to a mixture of Na(CN)-BH₃ and 4, 6, or 8, followed by neutralization with saturated NaOH solution, produced high yields of the amino ligands 5, 7, and 9, respectively. The amino ligands are strongly basic, especially 5. In the reduction of 4 below 5 °C, the tetraacetic acid salt 5.4HAc crystallized from the reaction mixture during the neutralization step and could be extracted into dichloromethane from which it was subsequently isolated by the addition of diethyl ether. At 30-40 °C, the diacetic acid salt 5.2HAc precipitated during the neutralization step and was extracted into dichloromethane and isolated by concentration and the addition of diethyl ether. Both salts afforded the free amine 5 upon neutralization and extraction into dichloromethane or precipitation of [Ni(5)](SCN)₂ followed by liberation with cvanide. Thermal decomposition of the acetic acid salts at 120-130 °C (0.1 mmHg) also yielded the tetraamine 5, which formed colorless crystals from methanol.

Copper(II) Triflates of the Amino Ligands 5, 7, and 9. The addition of copper(II) triflate in methanol to the amino ligands 5, 7, or 9 in dichloromethane produced deep green solutions from which the respective copper(II) complexes were isolated in high yield. For 5 and 7, 1 equiv of copper(II) triflate afforded the complexes $[Cu(5)](CF_3SO_3)_2$ and $[Cu(7-H)](CF_3-SO_3)_3$ ·MeOH·2H₂O; the octaaza-tetraamine 9 sequestered 2 equiv of copper(II) triflate to form the dinuclear complex

Table 1. Crystal Parameters and Experimental Data for X-ray Diffraction Measurements on $[Cu_2(9)](CF_3SO_3)_4$ ·3H₂O and $[Cu(7-H)](CF_3SO_3)_3$ ·MeOH·2H₂O^{*a*}

	[Cu ₂ (9)](CF ₃ SO ₃) ₄ • 3H ₂ O	[Cu(7-H)](CF ₃ SO ₃) ₃ • MeOH•2H ₂ O
empirical formula fw cryst dimens, mm lattice type space group a, Å b, Å c, Å c, Å a, deg β, deg γ, deg γ, deg $V, Å^3$ Z Q_{calcd}, gcm^{-3} F(000) μ, cm^{-1}	$\frac{[Cu_{2}(5)](CF_{3}SG_{3})^{4}}{3H_{2}O}$ $\frac{2}{C_{44}H_{56}Cu_{2}F_{12}N_{8}O_{15}S_{4}}$ $\frac{1420.28}{1420.28}$ $0.10 \times 0.09 \times 0.20$ primitive $\frac{P2_{1}/n}{(No. 14)}$ $\frac{14.940(3)}{9.825(2)}$ $20.456(2)$ 90.00 $97.58(1)$ 90.00 $2976.3(8)$ 2 1.585 1452.00 31.41 $bi = 4.550$	$\begin{array}{c} \text{He}(1)^{-}\text{H}_{1}^{-}(\text{C}1^{-}\text{3}3\text{C}3)^{3} \\ \text{Me}(1)^{-}\text{H}_{2}^{-}(1)^{-}\text{Me}(1)^{-}\text{H}_{2}^{-}(1)^{-}(1)^{-}\text{H}_{2}^{-}(1)^{$
data collen instrum radiation (graphite monochromated)	Rigaku AFC6R Cu Kα	Rigaku AFC6R Cu Ka
monochromated) λ (radiation), Å T, °C transmissn factors R , R_w^b	1.541 78 23 0.63-0.78 0.058, 0.064	1.541 78 23 0.68-0.82 0.059, 0.069

^{*a*} The estimated standard deviation in the least significant digit is shown in parentheses for each entry in this and subsequent tables. ^{*b*} $R = (\sum |F_o| - |F_c|)/\sum |F_o|$; $R_w = (\sum w\Delta^2/\sum w |F_o|^2)^{1/2}$.

 $[Cu_2(9)](CF_3SO_3)_4$, which was isolated as the trihydrate. Each complex was paramagnetic having a moment consistent with regular square-planar geometries around the copper ions.¹¹ As expected the complexes each exhibited broad electronic transitions due to d-d transitions in the region of 650 nm.¹²

Crystal and Molecular Structures: $[Cu_2(9)](CF_3SO_3)_4 3H_2O$ and $[Cu(7-H)](CF_3SO_3)_3 MeOH 2H_2O$. Crystal data, information relating to data collection, and refinement details for $[Cu_2(9)](CF_3SO_3)_4 3H_2O$ and $[Cu(7-H)](CF_3SO_3)_3 MeOH 2H_2O$ are given in Table 1. Important bond distances are given in Table 2, and atomic coordinates for the two compounds are given in Table 3 and 4, respectively. Complete data are available as supplementary material.

The molecular structure of the dinuclear complex $[Cu_2(9)](CF_3 SO_3_4$ ·3H₂O is shown in Figure 1. The dinuclear cation has a center of symmetry with a water-O atom having half-occupancy near the inversion center. The copper ions in the complex are each located in approximately square-planar coordination environments; there is tetrahedral distortion around each copper with N(1) and N(3) lying slightly below the plane [0.026(7)and 0.027(4) Å, respectively] and N(2) and N(4) slightly above the plane [0.031(5) and 0.027(4) Å, respectively]. The Cu-N distances range between 2.026 and 2.100 Å and are similar to those found in [Cu(7-H)](CF₃SO₃)₃·MeOH·2H₂O (see below) which are typical for copper(II)-amine complexes. The Cu-Cu distance in the complex is 6.912(1) Å. The aromatic rings of the ligand alternate above and below the plane in the centrosymmetric structure. The pairwise arrangement of the NH atoms in the structure gives two copper units of opposite helicity in the centrosymmetric dimer.

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Table 2. Selected Bond Lengths and Angles

[Cu ₂ (9)](CF ₃ SO ₃) ₄ ·3H ₂ O		$[Cu(7-H)](CF_3SO_3)_3 \cdot MeOH \cdot 2H_2O$			
Bond Lengths (Å)					
Cu(1) - N(1)	2.100(4)	2.088(9)	Cu(1) - N(1)		
Cu(1) - N(2)	2.026(4)	2.023(7)	Cu(1) - N(2)		
Cu(1) - N(3)	2.089(4)	2.069(9)	Cu(1) - N(3)		
Cu(1) - N(4)	2.042(4)	2.019(7)	Cu(1) - N(4)		
Bond Angles (deg)					
N(1) - Cu(1) - N(2)	91.8(2)	92.6(3)	N(1) - Cu(1) - N(2)		
N(1) - Cu(1) - N(4)	90.5(2)	90.5(3)	N(1) - Cu(1) - N(4)		
N(1) - Cu(1) - N(3)	173.0(2)	84.2(3)	N(1) - Cu(1) - N(3)		
N(2) - Cu(1) - N(4)	175.7(2)	175.6(3)	N(2)-Cu(1)-N(4)		
N(2) - Cu(1) - N(3)	85.2(2)	84.2(3)	N(2) - Cu(1) - N(3)		
N(3) - Cu(1) - N(4)	92.1(2)	92.8(3)	N(3) - Cu(1) - N(4)		
Cu(1) - N(1) - C(1)	115.2(3)	113.6(6)	Cu(1) - N(1) - C(1)		
Cu(1) - N(3) - C(10)	110.5(3)	112.4(7)	Cu(1) - N(3) - C(10)		
Cu(1) - N(4) - C(18)	116.4(3)	114.8(5)	Cu(1) - N(4) - C(18)		
Cu(1) - N(1) - C(20)	114.5(3)	112.9(6)	Cu(1) - N(1) - C(30)		
Cu(1) - N(2) - C(7)	115.2(3)	117.0(6)	Cu(1) - N(2) - C(7)		
Cu(1) - N(4) - C(17)	109.3(3)	111.4(6)	Cu(1) - N(4) - C(17)		
C(18) - C(10) - C(20)	115.1(5)	109.8(7)	C(18) - C(19) - C(20)		
N(4) - C(18) - C(19)	114.6(5)	115.1(7)	N(4) - C(18) - C(19)		

Table 3. Atomic Coordinates and Isotropic Displacement Parameters for $[Cu_2(9)](CF_3SO_3)_4$ ' $3H_2O$

atom	x	у	z	$B_{ m eq},^a { m \AA}^2$
Cu(1)	0.60585(5)	0.07471(8)	0.36395(4)	3.54(4)
N(1)	0.4696(3)	0.1006(4)	0.3764(2)	3.5(2)
N(2)	0.5990(3)	0.2265(5)	0.2964(2)	3.7(2)
N(3)	0.7357(3)	0.0420(4)	0.3397(2)	3.5(2)
N(4)	0.6158(3)	-0.0877(5)	0.4268(2)	3.4(2)
C(1)	0.4104(4)	0.1397(6)	0.3175(3)	3.8(3)
C(2)	0.3327(4)	0.0676(7)	0.2980(3)	5.0(3)
C(3)	0.2753(5)	0.1076(9)	0.2433(4)	6.8(4)
C(4)	0.2959(5)	0.218(1)	0.2073(4)	7.5(5)
C(5)	0.3752(5)	0.2890(8)	0.2251(3)	5.9(4)
C(6)	0.4338(4)	0.2498(7)	0.2803(3)	4.3(3)
C(7)	0.5212(4)	0.3228(6)	0.2972(3)	4.5(3)
C(8)	0.6048(4)	0.1740(6)	0.2293(3)	4.2(3)
C(9)	0.6985(4)	0.1186(6)	0.2232(3)	4.2(3)
C(10)	0.7316(4)	0.0043(6)	0.2689(3)	4.0(3)
C(11)	0.7992(4)	-0.0446(6)	0.3814(2)	3.3(2)
C(12)	0.8901(4)	-0.0108(6)	0.3917(3)	4.3(3)
C(13)	0.9508(4)	-0.0944(7)	0.4290(3)	4.8(3)
C(14)	0.9213(4)	-0.2092(7)	0.4563(3)	5.0(3)
C(15)	0.8315(4)	-0.2429(6)	0.4464(3)	4.1(3)
C(16)	0.7684(4)	-0.1611(5)	0.4085(2)	3.2(2)
C(17)	0.6707(4)	-0.1972(6)	0.4001(3)	3.7(3)
C(18)	0.6481(4)	-0.0580(6)	0.4975(3)	4.0(3)
C(19)	0.6383(4)	-0.1764(6)	0.5445(3)	4.5(3)
C(20)	0.5457(4)	-0.1904(6)	0.5669(3)	4.3(3)

 ${}^{a}B_{eq} = (8/3)\pi^{2}[U_{11}(aa^{*})^{2} + U_{22}(bb^{*})^{2} + U_{33}(cc^{*})^{2} + 2U_{12}aa^{*}bb^{*} \cos \gamma + 2U_{13}aa^{*}cc^{*}\cos \beta + 2U_{23}bb^{*}cc^{*}\cos \alpha].$

The geometry around the copper ion in [Cu(7-H)](CF₃-SO₃)₃·MeOH·2H₂O is approximately square-planar with N(1) and N(3) having distances of 0.038(7) and 0.045(7) Å below the coordination plane, respectively; for N(2) and N(4) the distances are respectively 0.041(7) and 0.040(7) Å above the plane (Figure 2). The Cu-N bond distances range between 2.019(7) and 2.088(9) Å with the N atoms of the chiral amine-N stereocenters at the end of the loop being arranged syn to one another and anti to the inner pair of coordinated N atoms. Polyaza macrocycles are spontaneously protonated in solutions containing water, which substantially decreases rates of metal chelation.¹ In the present system it is likely that the proton is delocalized between the free amino groups of the ligand in solution. In the solid state there is no evidence of association of the proton with one or the other of the uncoordinated amino groups, however.

Table 4.	Atomic Coordinates and Isotropic Displacement
Parameters	for $[Cu(7-H)](CF_3SO_3)_3$ ·MeOH·2H ₂ O

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atom	x	у	z	$B_{ m eq}$, a Å 2
Cu(1)	0.2498(1)	-0.0871(1)	0.20326(7)	4.40(4)
N(1)	0.1707(7)	-0.1873(6)	0.1494(4)	4.4(2)
N(2)	0.2311(7)	0.0370(6)	0.1156(4)	4.3(2)
N(3)	0.3220(7)	0.0210(6)	0.2526(5)	5.3(2)
N(4)	0.2822(7)	-0.2104(6)	0.2912(4)	4.3(2)
N(5)	0.0148(7)	-0.3781(6)	0.3920(4)	4.9(2)
N(6)	-0.0997(7)	-0.3570(7)	0.2426(4)	5.5(2)
C(1)	0.2078(8)	-0.1862(9)	0.0692(5)	4.3(3)
C(2)	0.2544(10)	-0.2886(9)	0.0411(7)	6.0(3)
C(3)	0.287(1)	-0.290(1)	-0.351(7)	7.1(4)
C(4)	0.273(1)	-0.188(1)	-0.0799(6)	7.2(4)
C(5)	0.2288(10)	-0.0857(10)	-0.0504(6)	5.5(3)
C(6)	0.1941(9)	-0.828(9)	0.0256(6)	4.6(3)
C(7)	0.1489(9)	0.0327(9)	0.0569(5)	5.3(3)
C(8)	0.3555(10)	0.0472(8)	0.0832(5)	5.5(3)
C(9)	0.419(1)	0.0962(9)	0.1333(6)	6.8(3)
C(10)	0.440(1)	0.0374(9)	0.2118(6)	6.8(3)
C(11)	0.3344(9)	0.0007(10)	0.3328(5)	4.8(3)
C(12)	0.309(1)	0.0976(10)	0.3701(7)	6.7(4)
C(13)	0.322(1)	0.081(1)	0.4472(8)	8.6(5)
C(14)	0.361(1)	-0.033(1)	0.4819(7)	8.0(4)
C(15)	0.386(1)	-0.125(1)	0.4453(7)	6.4(4)
C(16)	0.3730(9)	-0.1111(10)	0.3698(6)	5.2(3)
C(17)	0.3980(9)	-0.2136(8)	0.3277(5)	4.8(3)
C(18)	0.1691(9)	-0.2094(8)	0.3444(5)	4.9(3)
C(19)	0.1915(9)	-0.3063(8)	0.4093(5)	4.7(3)
C(20)	0.0654(10)	-0.3230(8)	0.4423(5)	5.7(3)
C(21)	-0.1006(10)	-0.4049(8)	0.4130(6)	5.0(3)
C(22)	-0.170(1)	-0.3817(9)	0.4797(6)	6.0(3)
C(23)	-0.287(1)	-0.404(1)	0.4948(6)	6.7(4)
C(24)	-0.334(1)	-0.450(1)	0.4455(8)	7.1(4)
C(25)	-0.265(1)	-0.4765(9)	0.3803(7)	6.7(4)
C(26)	-0.1498(10)	-0.4543(8)	0.3626(6)	5.0(3)
C(27)	-0.0822(10)	-0.4758(8)	0.2870(6)	5.6(3)
C(28)	-0.016(1)	-0.3573(9)	0.1730(6)	6.2(3)
C(29)	-0.0333(9)	-0.2382(9)	0.1326(5)	5.9(3)
C(30)	0.0259(9)	-0.1574(8)	0.1642(5)	5.3(3)

 ${}^{a}B_{eq} = (8/3)\pi^{2}[U_{11}(aa^{*})^{2} + U_{22}(bb^{*})^{2} + U_{33}(cc^{*})^{2} + 2U_{12}aa^{*}bb^{*}\cos\gamma + 2U_{13}aa^{*}cc^{*}\cos\beta + 2U_{23}bb^{*}cc^{*}\cos\alpha].$

Single crystals of $[Cu(5)](CF_3SO_3)_2$ were isolated from various solvent mixtures but were found to be twinned in every case. Refinement of X-ray data corrected on this compound to R = 0.20 revealed approximately square-planar coordination of the ligand around the centrosymmetrical copper(II) ion (Figure 3).

Experimental Section

¹H NMR and ¹³C spectra were recorded at 20 °C on a Varian Gemini 300 spectrometer operating at 299.96 MHz. Chemical shifts are quoted as δ values in chloroform- d_1 relative to internal Me₄Si unless otherwise stated. Magnetic moments were measured with a Princeton Applied Research vibrating magnetometer (Model 155) at 10 kG and 20 °C. Corrections for diamagnetism and temperature independent paramagnetism were made. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer Model 1800 FTIR spectrometer. Elemental analyses and molecular weight measurements were performed by the staff within the Research School of Chemistry. The names of the macrocycles are consistent with Chemical Abstracts nomenclature.

7,8,16,17,18,27,28,36,37,38-Decahydrotetrabenzo[g,o,w,aw][1,5,9,-13,17,21,25,29]octaazacyclodotriacontine-0.3-Water (80.3H₂O). *Caution:* 2-*Chlorobenzaldehyde is an extreme irritant which may be harmful by inhalation or skin absorption.* A mixture of propane-1,3diamine (126.4 g, 6-fold excess), formic acid (4.5 mL), and copper powder (18.0 g, 0.284 g atom) was heated under reflux in toluene (300 mL) for 30 min. To this mixture, under reflux, a solution of 2-chlorobenzaldehyde (40.0 g, 0.284 mol) in toluene (150 mL) was slowly added over 4 h (directly into the reaction mixture via a second condenser with maintainence of a slow flow of inert gas in the direction



Figure 1. ORTEP view of $[Cu_2(9)](CF_3SO_3)_4$ - $3H_2O$ showing the atomlabeling scheme for non-hydrogen atoms in the centrosymmetrical dimer. Thermal ellipsoids enclose 50% probability levels.



Figure 2. ORTEP view of [Cu(7-H)](CF₃SO₃)₃·MeOH·2H₂O showing the atom-labeling scheme for non-hydrogen atoms. Thermal ellipsoids enclose 50% probability levels.

of the falling drops to prevent condensation of the aldehyde with the diamine in the vapor phase). The mixture was then heated under reflux for 12 h. The unreacted copper was removed by filtration from the hot solution, and the upper yellow and lower blue layers were separated. The lower layer was extracted with toluene, and the combined organic fractions were then washed with water, dried over MgSO4, and evaporated under reduced pressure to yield an orange oil. The oil was taken up in a small quantity of ethanol, to which diethyl ether or water was added. The crude product began to separate as a colorless precipitate after 3-4 days and continued to precipitate over several months. Yield: ca. 4.5 g after 1 week; 12 g after 1 month. The material was collected and washed with 20 mL portions of methanol, diethyl ether, and n-pentane. Additional product precipitated from the washings. The crude product was purified by extraction into a small volume of chloroform in a Soxhlet apparatus whereupon the pure product crystallized as whispy, colorless needles with 0.3 water of crystallization after drying for 2 h at 200 °C and 0.1 mmHg: mp 252-254 °C. Anal. Calcd for C40H48N80.3H2O: C, 74.3; H, 7.6; N, 17.3. Found: C, 74.4; H, 7.5; N, 17.3. ¹H NMR: δ 1.60 (b, 0.3 H₂O), 1.97 (t, 8 H, ³J_{HH} = 5.1 Hz, C-CH₂-C), 3.26 (t, 8 H, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 5.1$ Hz, -CH₂-), 3.55 (t, 8 H, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 5.1$ Hz, $-CH_{2}-$), 5.59 (m, 4 H, Ar H), 6.65 (m, 4 H, Ar H), 7.15 (m, 4 H, Ar H), 7.25 (m, 4 H, Ar H), 8.20 (s, 4 H, ArCH=N),



Figure 3. Perspective view of the cation of $[Cu(5)](CF_3SO_3)_2$ refined to R = 0.20.

9.17 (b, 4 H, NH). Mass spectrum (*m*/*e*): 640.3, $[M]^+$. IR (KBr disk): 1631 cm⁻¹ (ν_{C-N}).

7,8,9,10,16,17,18,19,20,27,28,29,30,36,37,38,39,40-Octadecahydrotetrabenzo[g,o,w,ae][1,5,9,13,17,21,25,29]octaazacyclo-dotriacontine (9). A mixture of the tetraimine 8 (5.0 g, 7.8 mmol) and Na(CN)BH₃ (3.9 g, 62.0 mmol) was treated with a mixture of anhydrous acetic acid-methanol (1:1, 500 mL). Hydrogen was evolved as the solids dissolved to give a pale yellow solution. After 1 h the solution was cooled to 0 °C and saturated sodium hydroxide solution (500 mL) was slowly added. The mixture was then extracted with dichloromethane (3 \times 100 mL), and the extract was dried over MgSO₄. Concentration in vacuo left a pale yellow oil. Addition of dichloromethane-diethyl ether to the oil produced the amine as colorless microcrystals: mp 139-140 °C; yield 4.80 g (95%). Anal. Calcd for C40H56N8: C, 74.0; H, 8.7; N, 17.3. Found: C, 74.4; H, 9.0; N, 17.2. ¹H NMR: δ 1.80 (q, 8 H, ³J_{HH} = 7.1 Hz, C-CH₂-C), 2.65 (t, 8 H, ${}^{3}J_{\text{HH}} = 7.1 \text{ Hz}, -CH_{2}$ -), 3.10 (t, 8 H, ${}^{3}J_{\text{HH}} = 7.1 \text{ Hz}, -CH_{2}$ -), 3.73 (s, 8 H, Ar-CH₂-N), 6.60 (m, 8 H, Ar H), 6.90 (d, 4 H, ${}^{2}J_{HH} = 7.1$ Hz, Ar H), 7.13 (m, 4 H, Ar H). ¹³C NMR: δ 29.72, 41.39, 47.07, 53.75, 109.88, 115.95, 123.56, 128.47, 129.57, 148.46. Mass spectrum (*m/e*): 648.6, $[M]^+$. Molecular weight (osmometry in CH₂Cl₂): calcd (found) 648.9 (652). IR (KBr disk): 3249 cm⁻¹ (ν_{NH}).

5,7,8,16,17,18-Pentahydrodibenzo[g,o][1,5,9,13]tetraazacyclotetradecine (4). Crude 8 (5.0 g) was extracted into chloroform (250-300 mL, Soxhlet apparatus) over 3 days; the extract was filtered and heated under reflux for a further 2 days. The solution was then reduced in volume to ca. 30 mL in vacuo, being careful to avoid crystallization, and the concentrated solution was slowly poured into n-heptane (250 mL) with vigorous stirring. The mixture was concentrated to half-volume, and additional n-heptane (150 mL) was added. This solution was reduced to dryness, and the residue was redissolved in dry dichloromethane (100 mL). The solution, including some undissolved solid, was stirred briefly with a solution of sodium cyanide (3 g) in water (40 mL). The organic layer was separated, filtered (to remove 8), and added to a solution of nickel(II) chloride (3.70 g) and potassium thiocyanate (3.0 g) in methanol-water (1:1, 30 mL). The brown microcrystalline complex [Ni(7)(NCS)₂] was collected (4.35 g). The filtrate was retained for use in the preparation of 9. After being washed with methylene chloride and diethyl ether, the solid was suspended in dichloromethane (60 mL) and stirred overnight with a

solution of sodium cyanide (5 g) in water (60 mL), during which time the solid dissolved. The aqueous layer was separated and washed with dichloromethane. The combined organic fractions were washed with water, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated. Upon the addition of diethyl ether to the concentrate the product crystallized as colorless needles. Successive recrystallizations did not significantly improve the melting point of the material (120-140 °C), although analytical and spectroscopic data indicated high purity. Filtration through a short column of silica gel (activity I) using diethyl ether as eluent produced a sample having mp 236-238 °C (lit.⁹ mp 236-238 °C), yield 2.53 g (90%). Anal. Calcd for C₂₀H₂₄N₄: C, 75.0; H, 7.6, N: 17.5. Found: C, 74.9; H, 7.7; N, 17.3. ¹H NMR: δ 2.17 (m, 4 H, C-CH₂-C), 3.36 $(t, 4 H, {}^{3}J_{HH} = 5.1 Hz, -CH_{2}-), 3.72 (t, 4 H, {}^{3}J_{HH} = 5.1 Hz, -CH_{2}-)$), 6.59 (m, 4 H, Ar H), 7.08 (m, 2 H, Ar H), 7.20 (m, 2 H, Ar H), 8.24 (s, 2 H, ArCH=N-), 9.02 (b, 4 H, NH). ¹³C NMR: δ 29.73, 42.46, 62.33, 109.55, 113.83, 131.18, 134.04, 149.00, 164.20. Mass spectrum (m/e): 320.2, $[M]^+$. Molecular weight (osmometry in CH₂Cl₂): calcd (found); 320.4 (321). IR (KBr disk): 1632 cm⁻¹ ($\nu_{C=N}$).

7,8,9,10,16,17,18,19,20-Nonahydrodibenzo[g,o][1,5,9,13]tetrazacyclotetradecine (5). Pure 4 (5.0 g) was mixed with Na(CN)-BH₃ (3.92 g) and treated with anhydrous acetic acid-methanol (1:1, 500 mL) to produce a clear yellow solution. After I h the solution was cooled to 0 °C and saturated sodium hydroxide solution (500 mL) was slowly added. The nature of the product was dependent upon the temperature of the addition. For example, at temperatures below 5 °C the tetraacetic acid salt crystallized (along with sodium acetate) from the reaction mixture during the neutralization step; at 35-40 °C the diacetic acid salt crystallized. At higher temperatures the free amine was isolated. Extraction with dichloromethane (3 \times 100 mL), drying of the extracts over MgSO₄, and concentration to a small volume followed by the addition of diethyl ether produced the respective products as colorless crystals. 5: mp 103 °C; yield 4.75 g (94%). Anal. Calcd for C₂₀H₂₈N₄: C, 74.0; H, 8.7; N, 17.3. Found: C, 74.4; H, 9.3; N, 17.5. ¹H NMR: δ 1.78 (t, 4 H, ³J_{HH} = 5.1 Hz, C-CH₂-C), 2.72 (t, 4 H, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 5.1$ Hz, $-CH_{2}-$), 3.16 (t, 4 H, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 5.1$ Hz, -CH₂-), 3.73 (s, 4 H, Ar-CH₂-N), 6.58 (m, 4 H, Ar H), 7.00 (d, 2 H, ${}^{2}J_{\text{HH}} = 7.1$ Hz, Ar H), 7.15 (m, 2 H, Ar H). 13 C NMR: δ 28.90, 42.46, 49.10, 54.44, 109.64, 115.46, 123.68, 128.42, 129.90, 148.20. Mass spectrum (m/e): 324.3, $[M]^+$. Molecular weight (osmometry in CH₂Cl₂): calcd (found) 324.47 (331). IR (KBr disk): 3324 cm⁻¹ (ν_{NH}).

5·2HAc: mp 144–147 °C; yield 5.27 g (76%). Anal. Calcd for $C_{20}H_{28}N_4$ ·2CH₃CO₂H: C, 64.8; H, 8.2; N, 12.6. Found: C, 64.5; H, 8.3; N, 12.4. ¹H NMR: δ 1.50 (s, 6 H, CH₃CO₂H), 2.12 (t, 4 H, ³J_{HH} = 5.1 Hz, C–CH₂–C), 3.18 (t, 4 H, ³J_{HH} = 5.1 Hz, –CH₂–), 3.32 (t, 4 H, ³J_{HH} = 5.1 Hz, –CH₂–), 3.94 (s, 4 H, Ar–CH₂–N), 6.64 (m, 4 H, Ar H), 7.04 (d, 2 H, ²J_{HH} = 7.1 Hz, Ar H), 7.27 (m, 2 H, Ar H). ¹³C NMR: δ 26.15, 42.37, 49.88, 51.66, 23.29, 111.10, 116.53, 130.51, 131.22, 146.94, 178.10.

5•4HAc: mp 130 °C; yield 6.78 g (77%). Anal. Calcd for $C_{20}H_{28}N_4$ ·4CH₃CO₂H: C, 59.56; H, 7.9; N, 9.9. Found: C, 59.3; H, 7.8; N, 9.9. ¹H NMR: δ 1.75 (b, 12 H, CH₃CO₂H), 2.17 (t, 4 H, ³J_{HH} = 5.1 Hz, C-CH₂-C), 3.34 (t, 8 H, ³J_{HH} = 5.1 Hz, Ar-CH₂-N and -CH₂-), 4.01 (t, 4 H, ³J_{HH} = 5.1 Hz, -CH₂-), 6.64 (m, 4 H, Ar H), 7.05 (d, 2 H, ²J_{HH} = 7.1 Hz, Ar H), 7.27 (m, 2 H, Ar H). ¹³C NMR: δ 22.40, 25.40, 42.44, 50.10, 51.20, 111.50, 117.11, 130.90, 131.70, 147.00, 178.00.

7,8,16,17,18,27,28-Heptahydrotribenzo[g,o,w][1,5,9,13]hexaazacyclotetracosine-0.3-Water (6-0.3H2O). The red dichloromethane filtrate from the separation of $[Ni(4)](SCN)_2$ in the preparation of 4 contained mainly 6. The solution was concentrated to ca. 40 mL and stirred with sodium cyanide (2 g) in water (40 mL) for 2 h. The colorless organic layer was then separated, washed with water, dried over MgSO₄, and reduced to ca. 5 mL. The careful addition of diethyl ether to this solution produced 6 as colorless needles. After filtration, the remaining solution was concentrated and diethyl ether was added. Several successive crystallizations in this way produced a total of 0.53 g (ca. 30%) of 6. Crystallizations were complete within 20-30 min of addition of the ether; longer periods produced material contaminated with 10-30% of 8, whereas rapid recrystallizations led to contamination with 4. The imine 6 crystallized with 0.3 water after drying for 2 h at 60 °C and 0.1 mmHg: mp 170-172 °C. Anal. Calcd for C₃₀H₃₆N₆O.3H₂O: C, 74.1; H, 7.6; N, 17.3. Found: C, 73.9; H, 7.6;

N, 17.3. ¹H NMR: δ 1.60 (H₂O), 2.12 (t, 6 H, ³J_{HH} = 7.1 Hz, $-CH_2-$), 3.32 (t, 6 H, ³J_{HH} = 7.1 Hz, $-CH_2-$), 3.68 (t, 6H, ³J_{HH} = 7.1 Hz, $-CH_2-$), 6.67 (m, 6 H, Ar H), 7.20 (m, 6 H, Ar H), 8.38 (s, 3 H, ArCH=N), 9.33 (b, 3 H, NH). ¹³C NMR: δ 31.64, 40.56, 58.88,109.86, 114.10, 131.17, 133.63, 164.14. Mass spectrum (*m*/*e*): 480.2, [M]⁺. Molecular weight (osmometry in CH₂Cl₂): calcd (found) 480.66 (485). IR (KBr disk): 1632 cm⁻¹ (ν_{C-N}).

7,8,9,10,16,17,18,19,20,27,28,29,30-Tridecahydrotribenzo[g,o,w]-[1,5,9,13,17,21]hexaazacyclotetracosine (7). Pure 6 (0.53 g) was mixed with $Na(CN)BH_3$ (0.42 g) and treated with anhydrous acetic acid-methanol (1:1, 53 mL). After 1 h the clear yellow solution was cooled to 0 °C and a saturated sodium hydroxide solution (53 mL) was slowly added. Extraction of the mixture with dichloromethane (3 \times 75 mL), followed by drying of the extracts, and concentration of the solution to near dryness followed by addition of diethyl ether produced colorless crystals of the product: mp 140-142 °C; yield 0.50 g (93%). Anal. Calcd for $C_{30}H_{42}N_6$: C, 74.0; H, 8.7; N, 17.3. Found: C, 73.8; H, 8.9; N, 16.7. ¹H NMR: δ 1.82 (t, 6 H, ³J_{HH} = 7.1 Hz, $-CH_2-$), 2.70 (t, 6 H ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 7.1$ Hz, $-CH_2-$), 3.12 (t, 6 H, ${}^{3}J_{HH}$ = 7.1 Hz, $-CH_2-$), 3.79 (s, 6 H, Ar $-CH_2-$ N), 6.60 (m, 6 H, Ar H), 6.95 (m, 3 H, Ar H), 7.17 (m, 3 H, Ar H). ¹³C NMR: δ 29.72, 41.60, 46.61, 53.23, 109.94, 115.96, 123.34, 128.43, 129.54, 148.58. Mass spectrum (m/e): 486.4, $[M]^+$. Molecular weight (osmometry in CH₂-Cl₂): calcd (found) 486.70 (479). IR (KBr disk): 3264 cm⁻¹ (ν_{NH}).

[SP-4]-(7,8,9,10,16,17,18,19,20,27,28,29,30,36,37,38,39,40-Octadecahydrotetrabenzo[g, o, w, ae][1,5,9,13,17,21,25,29]octaazacyclodotriacontine- $N^5, N^9, N^{15}, N^{19}, N^{25}, N^{29}, N^{35}, N^{39}$)dicopper(II) Triflate-3-Water ([Cu₂(9)](SO₃CF₃)₄·3H₂O) (10). A solution of 9 (0.40 g) in dichloromethane (5 mL) was added to a solution of copper(II) triflate (0.60 g) in methanol (0.5 mL). The green solution was stood in an open vessel overnight, yielding the product as blue microcrystals that were separated and washed with *n*-pentane. Yield: 0.75 g (94%). Anal. Calcd for C₄₄H₅₆Cu₂F₁₂N₈O₁₂S₄·3H₂O: C, 37.1; H, 4.4; N, 7.9. Found: C, 37.2; H, 4.1; N, 7.7. Magnetic moment: $\mu_{eff} = 1.84 \, \mu_{B}$ per Cu (25 °C). IR (KBr disk): 3242 cm⁻¹ (ν_{NH}). Electronic spectrum (MeOH): 246, 248, 298, 400, 646 nm.

[*SP*-4]-(7,8,9,10,16,17,18,19,20,27,28,29,30-Tridecahydrotribenzo-[*g*,*o*,*w*][1,5,9,13,17,21]hexaazacyclotetracosine-*N*⁵,*N*⁹,*N*¹⁵,*N*¹⁹,*N*²⁵,*N*²⁹)copper(II) Triflate-1-Methanol-2-Water ([Cu(7-H)](SO₃CF₃)₃· MeOH·2H₂O) (11). A solution of 7 (0.10 g) in dichloromethane (5 mL) was added to a solution of copper(II) triflate (0.15 g) in methanol (0.5 mL). The intensely colored green solution was filtered, and diethyl ether was added; the product separated from the solution as purple crystals. Yield: 0.13 g (71%). Anal. Calcd for C₃₀H₄₃-CuF₉N₆O₉S₃·CH₃OH·2H₂O: C, 38.3; H, 4.8; N, 7.9. Found: C, 38.6; H, 4.3; N, 7.9. Magnetic moment: $\mu_{eff} = 1.83 \mu_B$ (25 °C). IR (KBr disk): 3253 cm⁻¹ (ν_{NH}). Electronic spectrum (MeOH): 251, 302, 399, 670 nm.

[SP-4]-(7,8,9,10,16,17,18,19,20-Nonahydro[g,o][1,5,9,13]tetraazacyclotetradecine- N^5 , N^9 , N^{15} , N^{19})copper(II) Triflate ([Cu(5)]-(SO₃CF₃)₂) (12). A solution of 5 (0.50 g) in dichloromethane (5 mL) was added to a solution of copper(II) triflate (0.73 g) in methanol (0.5 mL). An immediate dark green color developed. Addition of diethyl ether and a few drops of *n*-pentane to the solution produced, over 12 h, tetragonal green crystals of the product which were filtered off, washed with *n*-pentane, and dried. Yield: 0.89 g (84%). Anal. Calcd for C₂₂H₂₈CuF₆N₄O₆S₂: C, 38.5; H: 4.1; N, 8.2. Found: C, 38.6; H, 4.1; N, 8.0. Magnetic moment: $\mu_{\rm eff} = 1.84 \ \mu_{\rm B}$ (25 °C). IR (KBr disk): 3228 cm⁻¹ ($\nu_{\rm NH}$). Electronic spectrum (MeOH): 207, 270, 320, 390, 664 nm.

Structural Analyses. Single crystals of $[Cu_2(9)](SO_3CF_3)_4\cdot 3H_2O$, $[Cu(7-H)](SO_3CF_3)_3\cdot MeOH\cdot 2H_2O$, and $[Cu(5)](SO_3CF_3)_2$ were isolated as described above. The calculations were performed with the teXsan crystallographic software of the Molecular Structure Corp.¹³ In the calculations, neutral atom scattering factors were taken from Table 2.2A of ref 14 and mass attenuation coefficients and values for $\Delta f'$ and $\Delta f''$ were taken from Tables 4.2.4.3 and 4.2.6.8 of ref 15, respectively. Anomalous dispersion effects were included in F_c .¹⁶

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For $[Cu_2(9)](SO_3CF_3)_4$ · $3H_2O$ the complex was solved using Fourier techniques.¹⁷ All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically, with the exception of minor disordered components for a CF₃ group of one counterion. One of the oxygens of the water molecules was refined with half-occupancy near the center of symmetry. Hydrogen atoms were included in calculated positions but not refined. Water hydrogens were not located. For $[Cu(7-H)](SO_3CF_3)_3$ ·MeOH·2H₂O, the crystal structure was solved by a heavy-atom Patterson method¹⁸ and expanded using Fourier techniques.¹⁷ All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically, with the exception of the minor component of one disordered triflate CF₃ group, which was refined isotropically as a rigid group. Hydrogen atoms were included in calculated positions and held

fixed, but those attached to N(5) and N(6) were located from a difference map calculated with $(\sin \theta)/\lambda$ cutoff of 60°. Methanol and water hydrogens were not located.

Further crystal data, information relating to data collection, and refinement details are summarized in Table 1. The atomic coordinates are given in Tables 3 and 4.

Supplementary Material Available: For $[Cu_2(9)](SO_3CF_3)_4$ · $3H_2O$ and $Cu(7-H)](SO_3CF_3)_3$ ·MeOH·2H₂O tables of bond distances and angles, torsion angles, complete atomic coordinates and isotropic displacement parameters, anisotropic displacement parameters, nonbonded contacts, selected least-square planes, and hydrogen bond data (55 pages). Ordering information is given on any current masthead page.

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