

mize the separation between the triphenylphosphine groups subject to the limitations set by the spatial extent of the anion, and of localized, directional electronic interactions. It should be noted that the adoption of this viewpoint in no way diminishes the validity of the arguments previously advanced for the opening up of the P-Cu-P angle but merely requires the explanation of smaller deviations from the "expected" value.¹⁶

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the geometry of this cationic, three-coordinate copper(I) species deviates from the idealized trigonal planar. The extent of the deviation is obscured by an apparent error in reporting the bond angles about the Cu atom. As given, the sum of these angles is 370°. Geometric considerations require the sum to be $\leq 360^\circ$.

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The Crystal and Molecular Structure of Tris(tetraisopropylmethylenediphosphonate)copper(II) Perchlorate with Comments on the Jahn-Teller Effect^{1a}

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Tris(tetraisopropylmethylenediphosphonate)copper(II) perchlorate, $\text{Cu}[\{(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CHO}\}_2\text{P}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2\text{P}(\text{O})[\text{OCH}(\text{CH}_3)_2]_2\}_3(\text{ClO}_4)_2$, crystallizes in the monoclinic space group $C2/c$ with eight molecules per unit cell. The unit cell dimensions are $a = 29.126$ (6) Å, $b = 23.399$ (4) Å, $c = 21.696$ (4) Å, and $\beta = 118.86$ (1)°. Intensity data were collected with a four-circle computer-controlled diffractometer using the θ - 2θ scan technique. All 74 nonhydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically and the 90 hydrogen atoms were included as fixed atoms. Refinement by full-matrix least squares using 11,541 reflections gave a final R factor of 0.063. The CuO_6 group is a slightly distorted octahedron. Average bond distances and bond angles with rms deviations for the chelate rings are as follows: Cu-O, 2.089 Å (range 2.067-2.111 Å); P-O, 1.478 (5) Å; P-C-P, 1.787 (8) Å; O-Cu-O, 90.1 (8)°; Cu-O-P, 131.0 (15)°; O-P-C, 112.3 (11)°; and P-C-P, 114.1 (14)°. Structural data for six-coordinate Cu(II) complexes with equivalent donor sites are compared with data for complexes where Jahn-Teller distortions are not expected. The results are interpreted in terms of a negligible static Jahn-Teller distortion in six-coordinate Cu(II) complexes with equivalent donor sites.

Introduction

The present paper describes the crystal and molecular structure of tris(tetraisopropylmethylenediphosphonate)copper(II) perchlorate, $\text{Cu}[\{(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CHO}\}_2\text{P}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2\text{P}(\text{O})[\text{OCH}(\text{CH}_3)_2]_2\}_3(\text{ClO}_4)_2$ (referred to as CuIPCP). Structural data are now available for seven complexes of six-coordinate Cu(II) which contain identical monodentate or bidentate ligands.² These data will be analyzed in terms of the Jahn-Teller effect.

Collection and Reduction of Data

Caution! Although the toxicity of IPCP is not known, it should be handled with care because of its similarity to OMPA, a toxic anticholinesterase agent.

The ligand IPCP was synthesized according to the procedure of Walmsley and Tyree³. Lannert⁴ first synthesized the Cu complex by mixing hydrated copper(II) perchlorate and ligand in a 1:4 mole ratio in acetone. The compound was isolated by evaporating the acetone solution at room temperature in a desiccator. Well-formed hexagonal needles suitable for X-ray studies were obtained by using absolute ethanol rather than acetone in the above procedure. The data crystal was easily cleaved parallel to (101) to give a $0.64 \times 0.94 \times 0.64$ mm hexagonal prism which was mounted with b^* parallel

to the ϕ axis of the diffractometer. Like CuPCP, CuIPCP crystals are slightly sensitive to atmospheric moisture and X-radiation. However, special procedures were not required to protect the data crystal.

Precession photographs showed the crystals to be monoclinic with hkl reflections absent for $h+k$ odd and $h0l$ reflections absent for l odd. The space group is therefore either $C2/c$ or Cc .⁵ The crystal density of 1.328 g/cm³, measured by flotation in a mixture of *n*-heptane and carbon tetrachloride, compares with the calculated value of 1.320 g/cm³ based on eight molecules per unit cell (volume 13037.8 Å³) and a molecular weight of 1295.42. Karle-Hauptman statistics indicated a center of symmetry,^{6,7} so the space group $C2/c$ was assumed. This choice was confirmed by the structure analysis.

Accurate cell parameters were determined at 21° from 26 high-angle reflections ($2\theta > 50^\circ$) manually centered on an accurately aligned four-circle diffractometer using the Cu $K\alpha_1$ line of the resolved doublet (λ 1.54051 Å) and a 1.0° X-ray tube takeoff angle. Least-squares refinement with diffractometer angles of 2θ , ω , and χ as observations gave $a = 29.126$ (6) Å, $b = 23.399$ (4) Å, $c = 21.696$ (4) Å, and $\beta = 118.86$ (1)°.

Intensity data were collected with a four-circle computer-controlled Picker diffractometer (FACS-I system) using a Digital Equipment Corp. PDP-8/I with a DF-32 disk memory. The data set was measured with Mo $K\alpha$ radiation complete to $2\theta = 50^\circ$ in the hkl and $\bar{h}\bar{k}l$ octants and included 11,541 reflections. A complete description of the experimental conditions and procedures for reduction of data are given in the previous paper of this series.²

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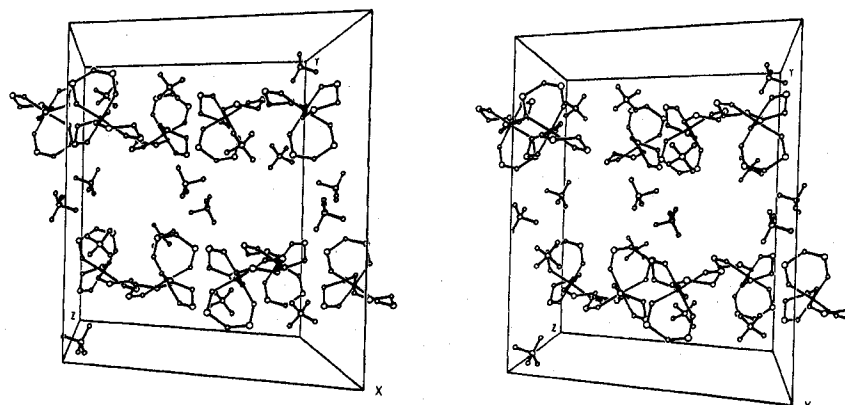


Figure 1. Stereogram of unit cell showing the cations (with side groups omitted) and the perchlorate anions.

Absorption corrections were made using a linear absorption coefficient of 6.5414 cm^{-1} calculated from mass absorption coefficients for Mo $K\alpha$.⁸ The calculated absorption factors ranged from 0.645 to 0.769 with an average of 0.718.

Solution and Refinement of the Structure

The CuIPCP structure was solved by the heavy-atom method using the F^2 and F_o Fourier synthesis and the $F_o - F_c$ difference synthesis, with subsequent refinement of nonhydrogen atoms by full-matrix least squares.

A sharpened, origin-removed F^2 synthesis showed all Cu-Cu vectors and several P-P vectors. Subsequent F_o and $F_o - F_c$ syntheses alternating with least-squares refinement allowed assignment of the remaining nonhydrogen atoms. Several additional full-matrix least-squares calculations were carried out using various blocks of up to 200 parameters selected from the 667 heavy-atom parameters. At this point, R was 0.078.

Most of the 90 hydrogen atoms were located by a combination of difference synthesis and methyl group geometry as described previously.² The remaining 18 were fixed by the tetrahedral geometry of the adjacent carbon atoms. Attempts to refine hydrogen coordinates by least squares were unsuccessful.

In the final cycle of refinement the parameters of the 90 hydrogen atoms were fixed and all other atoms were refined anisotropically to a final R factor, $R = (\sum \|F_o - |F_c|\|) / \sum |F_o|$, of 0.063 and a weighted R' , $R' = [(\sum w(|F_o - |F_c||)^2) / \sum w F_o^2]^{1/2}$, of 0.048. The final set of 11,541 data included reflections with $F_o = 0$ and allowed 17 observations for each of the 667 parameters refined.

Atomic scattering factors for Cu(II), P, Cl, O, N, and C were those tabulated by Cromer and Mann.⁹ The Cu(II), Cl, and P scattering factors were corrected for the real part of anomalous dispersion. Hydrogen scattering factors were those of Stewart, Davidson, and Simpson.¹⁰

Structure factor, electron density, bond distance-angle, and least-squares calculations were carried out with the X-Ray 67 programs.¹¹

The quantity minimized in the least-squares calculation was $\sum w(|F_o - |F_c||)^2$ where the weights were $w = 1.0/\sigma^2(F)$ and ranged from 0.18 to 6.49. The atomic parameters and their standard deviations (calculated from the inverse matrix of the normal equations) are displayed in Table I. The values shown were used (before rounding) in the calculation of the final structure factors.¹² The large thermal parameters for the perchlorate oxygen atoms and some of the terminal methyl groups on the CuIPCP cation suggest local dis-

order. The average shift-to-error ratio for the final cycle was 0.18. The maximum ratio was 1.7 for a perchlorate coordinate and, in the IPCP ligands, 1.1 for B_{13} of C37. A final difference synthesis using all 11,541 reflections showed a maximum residual electron density of $0.76 \text{ e}/\text{Å}^3$ and a minimum of $-0.50 \text{ e}/\text{Å}^3$, both in the vicinity of the disordered perchlorate anions. No other residuals greater than 0.47 or less than $-0.36 \text{ e}/\text{Å}^3$ appeared on the map.

Magnitudes and directions of thermal ellipsoid principal axes (Table II) are included to permit comparison with published values for other six-coordinate complexes of Cu(II) which have octahedral or trigonal symmetry.²

Description of the Structure

Figure 1 shows the orientation of the cations and anions in the unit cell. There is one C-H...O interaction (C-O = 3.420 Å, H...O = 2.536 Å) between two cations in adjacent layers; this is between a methylene hydrogen on C3 (H31) and the alkoxy oxygen O34 of the cation related by a two-fold rotation (see Figure 2 for the numbering of the atoms). The nearest and next nearest copper atoms, related by a two-fold rotation and inversion, respectively, lie in the sheets on either side of the original copper position (with copper-copper separations of 10.709 and 11.225 Å). These neighboring cations approach in the vicinity of the C1 and C3 methylene bridges of the original cation. In contrast to the packing of anions about the cation of CuPCP² (with anions near all methylene bridges), no anions are near the C1 and C3 bridges of CuIPCP so that the closest approach between cations involves atoms of rings A and B on neighboring cations. An examination of the interactions between cations gives an idea of the closeness of packing. In the CuPCP structure there were six intermolecular carbon-carbon distances less than 3.60 Å and 26 less than 4.00 Å. However, in the CuIPCP structure, there are only four carbon-carbon interactions less than 3.80 Å but 30 less than 4.00 Å.

Bond distances and bond angles are shown in Tables III and IV; Figure 2 shows the thermal motion. The geometry of the chelate rings (Figure 3) is similar to that of CuPCP.² Each chelate ring has a slightly twisted boat conformation with the bend in ring A opposite to that of rings B and C. The degree of twist in the rings is shown by the least-squares plane calculations given in Table V. The P_2O_2 combination is approximately planar and it makes dihedral angles of about 21° with the O-Cu-O plane and 43° with the P-C-P plane. These angles are very similar to those for CuPCP.² Apparently, the change from a dimethylamino substituent to an isopropoxy substituent has little influence on the conformation of the chelate ring.

The average bond distances and mean deviations for CuIPCP are as follows: phosphoryl P-O, 1.478 (5) Å; bridging P-C-(P), 1.787 (8) Å; alkoxy P-O, 1.554 (4) Å; O-C, 1.484 (19) Å; C-C, 1.484 (23) Å.

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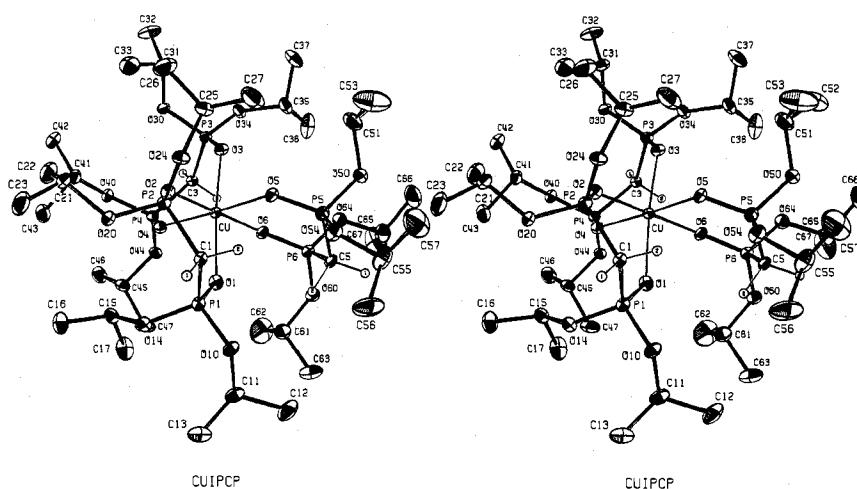


Figure 2. Stereogram of the cation. The thermal ellipsoids are shown at the 12% probability level. Stereograms in this paper were drawn with C. K. Johnson's ORTEP program; see Oak Ridge National Laboratory Report ORNL-3794, 1965.

Table II. Thermal Ellipsoid Principal Axis Magnitudes (Å) and Directions for Selected Atoms

	Axis	$\sqrt{u^2}$	Angle (deg) from		
			a	b	c
Cu	1	0.202	67	40	75
	2	0.192	59	74	163
	3	0.185	41	126	96
O1	1	0.266	40	129	106
	2	0.236	63	50	71
	3	0.193	63	64	154
O2	1	0.254	48	67	76
	2	0.236	83	154	72
	3	0.197	137	78	23
O3	1	0.266	57	34	97
	2	0.207	58	118	69
	3	0.196	130	73	22
O4	1	0.241	79	28	73
	2	0.231	69	118	57
	3	0.192	24	90	142
O5	1	0.276	112	85	8
	2	0.243	24	79	97
	3	0.199	82	168	86
O6	1	0.278	38	60	133
	2	0.247	68	86	50
	3	0.201	120	31	70

The Cu-O bond distances range from 2.067 to 2.111 Å. However, the deviations do not resemble any of the distortions commonly attributed to the Jahn-Teller effect.

The Jahn-Teller Effect and the Geometry of Cu(II) Complexes

For many years distortions in six-coordinate complexes of Cu(II) have been attributed to the Jahn-Teller effect.¹³ In the past 2 years several Cu(II) complexes have been found to have higher symmetry than the Jahn-Teller theorem allows. These include tris(octamethylpyrophosphoramidate)copper(II) perchlorate,¹⁴ tris(ethylenediamine)copper(II) sulfate,¹⁵ potassium lead hexanitrocuprate(II),^{16,17} and hexaquo-copper(II) hexafluorosilicate.¹⁸

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Table III. Intramolecular Bond Distances and Standard Deviations for CuIPCP^a (Å)

Distances in Cation			
Cu-O1	2.106 (2)	O24-C25	1.484 (4)
Cu-O2	2.086 (2)	O30-C31	1.481 (4)
Cu-O3	2.067 (2)	O34-C35	1.472 (5)
Cu-O4	2.089 (2)	O40-C41	1.465 (5)
Cu-O5	2.077 (2)	O44-C45	1.484 (3)
Cu-O6	2.110 (2)	O50-C51	1.519 (5)
O1-P1	1.483 (3)	O54-C55	1.468 (6)
O2-P2	1.475 (3)	O60-C61	1.443 (5)
O3-P3	1.471 (3)	O64-C65	1.481 (5)
O4-P4	1.482 (3)	C11-C12	1.484 (7)
O5-P5	1.480 (2)	C11-C13	1.481 (8)
O6-P6	1.476 (2)	C15-C16	1.481 (7)
P1-C1	1.788 (4)	C15-C17	1.475 (6)
P2-C1	1.797 (3)	C21-C22	1.518 (9)
P3-C3	1.776 (3)	C21-C23	1.463 (7)
P4-C3	1.783 (3)	C25-C26	1.461 (6)
P5-C5	1.790 (3)	C25-C27	1.479 (8)
P6-C5	1.792 (5)	C31-C32	1.475 (8)
P1-O10	1.561 (3)	C31-C33	1.479 (7)
P1-O14	1.555 (2)	C35-C36	1.470 (8)
P2-O20	1.560 (2)	C35-C37	1.451 (6)
P2-O24	1.551 (2)	C41-C42	1.501 (8)
P3-O30	1.556 (2)	C41-C43	1.513 (8)
P3-O34	1.557 (3)	C45-C46	1.514 (7)
P4-O40	1.554 (2)	C45-C47	1.498 (6)
P4-O44	1.548 (2)	C51-C52	1.448 (9)
P5-O50	1.556 (2)	C51-C53	1.432 (11)
P5-O54	1.557 (4)	C55-C56	1.478 (9)
P6-O60	1.548 (2)	C55-C57	1.461 (9)
P6-O64	1.549 (3)	C61-C62	1.429 (12)
O10-C11	1.494 (4)	C61-C63	1.502 (9)
O14-C15	1.479 (5)	C65-C66	1.487 (7)
O20-C21	1.485 (5)	C65-C67	1.477 (12)
Distances in Anions			
C11-O70	1.367 (6)	C12-O80	1.299 (6)
C11-O71	1.384 (5)	C12-O81	1.285 (5)
C11-O72	1.329 (7)	C12-O82	1.364 (6)
C11-O73	1.341 (5)	C12-O83	1.368 (8)

^a The terminal C-C distances and the Cl-O distances are affected by the large apparent librational motion.

Room-temperature X-ray analysis does not eliminate the possibility of a dynamic Jahn-Teller effect. The epr spectra¹⁹⁻²² of these high-symmetry compounds have been

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Table IV. Intramolecular Bond Angles and Standard Deviations for CuIPCP (deg)

Angles ^a about the Metal Ion		Other Angles in Chelate Rings	
Type I			
O1-Cu-O2	89.7 (1)	Cu-O1-P1	129.7 (1)
O3-Cu-O4	91.1 (1)	Cu-O2-P2	131.3 (2)
O5-Cu-O6	90.6 (1)	Cu-O3-P3	129.0 (1)
Type II			
O1-Cu-O4	90.9 (1)	Cu-O4-P4	131.3 (2)
O1-Cu-O6	89.2 (1)	Cu-O5-P5	131.9 (2)
O2-Cu-O3	96.0 (1)	Cu-O6-P6	132.5 (2)
O2-Cu-O5	87.3 (1)	O1-P1-C1	111.8 (2)
O3-Cu-O5	89.2 (1)	O2-P2-C1	112.7 (2)
O4-Cu-O6	94.0 (1)	O3-P3-C3	113.5 (2)
Type III			
O1-Cu-O5	89.3 (1)	O4-P4-C3	110.7 (2)
O2-Cu-O4	88.1 (1)	O5-P5-C5	113.2 (2)
O3-Cu-O6	85.0 (1)	O6-P6-C5	112.0 (2)
Other Angles in Cation			
O1-P1-O10	114.8 (2)	P1-C1-P2	112.6 (3)
O1-P1-O14	114.6 (2)	P3-C3-P4	114.3 (2)
O2-P2-O20	115.0 (2)	P5-C5-P6	115.3 (2)
O2-P2-O24	114.4 (2)	O10-C11-C12	105.8 (3)
O3-P3-O30	114.9 (2)	O10-C11-C13	108.2 (4)
O3-P3-O34	114.1 (2)	O14-C15-C16	106.1 (4)
O4-P4-O40	113.8 (2)	O14-C15-C17	109.0 (4)
O4-P4-O44	116.6 (2)	O20-C21-C22	108.5 (4)
O5-P5-O50	114.4 (2)	O20-C21-C23	106.3 (3)
O5-P5-O54	107.1 (2)	O24-C25-C26	108.8 (4)
O6-P6-O60	115.0 (1)	O24-C25-C27	106.5 (4)
O6-P6-O64	110.9 (2)	O30-C31-C32	105.7 (4)
O10-P1-O14	105.4 (2)	O30-C31-C33	108.0 (3)
O20-P2-O24	105.3 (2)	O34-C35-C36	107.2 (4)
O30-P3-O34	104.7 (2)	O34-C35-C37	107.4 (4)
O40-P4-O44	104.5 (1)	O40-C41-C42	106.5 (5)
O50-P5-O54	109.4 (2)	O40-C41-C43	107.9 (4)
O60-P6-O64	103.9 (2)	O44-C45-C46	107.1 (3)
C1-P1-O10	101.4 (2)	O44-C45-C47	106.1 (4)
C1-P1-O14	107.7 (1)	O50-C51-C52	106.5 (4)
C1-P2-O20	101.1 (1)	O50-C51-C53	110.0 (6)
C1-P2-O24	107.1 (2)	O54-C55-C56	107.0 (4)
C3-P3-O30	102.5 (1)	O54-C55-C57	110.0 (5)
C3-P3-O34	106.0 (2)	O60-C61-C62	108.0 (6)
C3-P4-O40	108.3 (2)	O60-C61-C63	105.0 (4)
C3-P4-O44	102.0 (2)	O64-C65-C66	106.0 (4)
C5-P5-O50	104.6 (2)	O64-C65-C67	107.3 (5)
C5-P5-O54	107.9 (2)	C12-C11-C13	114.1 (5)
C5-P6-O60	106.2 (2)	C16-C15-C17	113.6 (3)
C5-P6-O64	108.3 (2)	C22-C21-C23	114.7 (4)
P1-O10-C11	120.4 (3)	C26-C25-C27	115.1 (4)
P1-O14-C15	126.8 (3)	C32-C31-C33	112.9 (4)
P2-O20-C21	122.7 (2)	C36-C35-C37	113.6 (6)
P2-O24-C25	125.5 (3)	C42-C41-C43	113.5 (4)
P3-O30-C31	118.0 (2)	C46-C45-C47	112.9 (4)
P3-O34-C35	126.3 (3)	C52-C51-C53	110.6 (5)
P4-O40-C41	127.0 (3)	C56-C55-C57	111.7 (7)
P4-O44-C45	121.8 (3)	C62-C61-C63	112.4 (6)
P5-O50-C51	122.8 (3)	C66-C65-C67	112.0 (6)
P5-O54-C55	126.0 (3)		
P6-O60-C61	125.7 (3)		
P6-O64-C65	123.4 (3)		

^a Types of angles: I, between bonds of the same ligand; II, between bonds related by a pseudo-threefold axis; III, between bonds in different ligands.

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Table V. Least-Squares P₂O₂ Ligand Planes for CuIPCP

Ring A		Ring B		Ring C	
Atom	Dev, Å	Atom	Dev, Å	Atom	Dev, Å
Cu ^a	-0.50	Cu ^a	-0.57	Cu ^a	+0.51
O1	-0.12	O3	-0.05	O5	+0.01
P1	+0.12	P3	+0.05	P5	-0.01
C1 ^a	-0.68	C3 ^a	-0.67	C5 ^a	+0.64
P2	-0.12	P4	-0.05	P6	+0.01
O2	+0.12	O4	+0.05	O6	-0.01

^a Omitted from calculation of the plane.

panded by Liehr and Ballhausen,²⁵ assumes that three mutually perpendicular tetragonal distortions of equal energy are present. Rapid oscillation among the three distortions gives an average structure with high symmetry at room temperature. The lack of static distortions at room temperature in six-coordinate Cu(II) complexes with equivalent ligands prompted us to investigate published structural results for six-coordinate Cu(II) complexes. Although the number of distorted species is much larger than the number of undistorted species,²⁶ most of the distortions attributed to the Jahn-Teller effect²⁷ can also be attributed to other causes. Some of these have been discussed by Hathaway and Billing.²⁸

The most important consideration in determining the suitability of systems for study of the Jahn-Teller effect is the requirement that all six donor sites be equivalent. This requirement is necessary since the Jahn-Teller effect only applies to degenerate e_g orbitals. Nonequivalent ligands remove the degeneracy and any distortions which occur cannot be attributed to the Jahn-Teller effect. We have examined X-ray structural data for 77 representative six-coordinate Cu(II) complexes^{26,29} and we find that *the requirement of six equivalent donor sites eliminates nearly all systems heretofore described as examples of Jahn-Teller distortion*. Unsuitable examples include CsCuCl₅³⁰ where ligands occupy both bridging and nonbridging positions, or bis(hexafluoroacetylacetonato)(bipyridine)copper(II), a CuO₄N₂ system.³¹

Structural data are now available for seven Cu(II) complexes which satisfy the requirements of donor site equivalence. Data for these complexes are given in Table VI. These results can be compared with results for complexes where Jahn-Teller distortions are not expected. Data for several complexes of Mg(II) and Ni(II) are included in Table VI for this purpose.

The tetragonality ratio, $T = R_S/R_L$, where R_S and R_L are the mean equatorial and axial bond distances, is used as a measure of tetragonal distortion.³² We see that four of the seven Cu(II) complexes have higher site symmetry than that permitted by the Jahn-Teller theorem with all six Cu-O bond distances equal ($T = 1.00$). The complex [Cu(H₂O)₆]SiF₆ is an interesting case with one of the four copper cations at a $\bar{3}$ (C_{3i}) symmetry site while the other three are at $\bar{1}$ (C_i) sites. The tetragonality ratio for the $\bar{1}$ (C_i) sites is 0.83,

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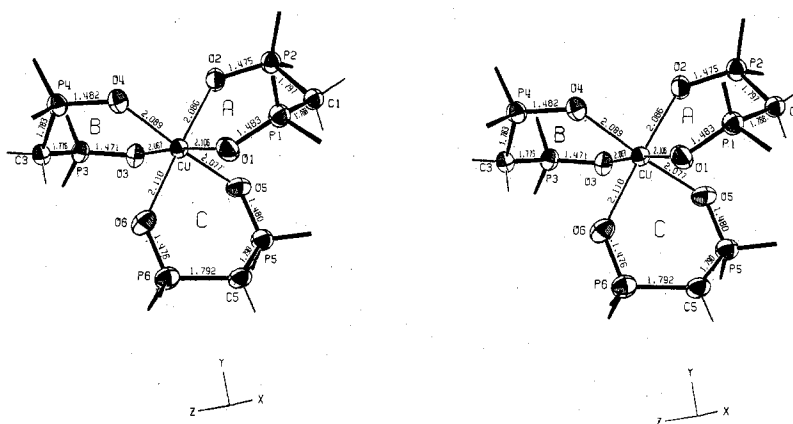


Figure 3. Stereogram of the CuIPCP backbone showing ligand rings A, B, and C.

Table VI. Six-Coordinate Metal Complexes with Chemically Equivalent Donor Sites

Ligand (L) ^a	Metal (M ²⁺)	Site symmetry	M-L dist, ^b Å	L-M-L angle, deg	$T = R_S/R_L$	No. of cases	Ref
H ₂ O	Mg		2.056-2.077	85-95	0.99	15	26
H ₂ O	Ni		2.037-2.088	85-95	0.97	5	26
H ₂ O	Cu		1.966-2.229	85-95	0.88	6	26
H ₂ O	Cu ^c	$\bar{3} (C_{3i})$ (1)	2.074	89.6-90.4	1.00	1	18
		$\bar{1} (C_1)$ (3)	1.970-2.367	87.6-92.4	0.83		
NO ₂ ⁻	Cu	m3 (T_h)	2.114	90	1.00	2	16, 17
NO ₂ ⁻	Ni ^d	m3 (T_h)	Equal		1.00	1	<i>d</i>
en	Ni	32 (D_3) (2)	2.115-2.128	82.3-94.6	0.99	3	<i>f</i>
		C_3 (1)					
en	Cu	32 (D_3)	2.150	80.9-94.2	1.00	1	15
OMPA	Mg	32 (D_3)	2.061	86.1-91.5	1.00	1	14
OMPA	Cu	32 (D_3)	2.065	88.4-90.6	1.00	1	14
NIPA	Cu ^e	32 (D_3)	Equal		1.00	1	2
PCP	Cu	C_3	2.023-2.134	87.2-93.7	0.95	1	2
IPCP	Cu	C_3	2.067-2.111	85.0-96.0	0.98	1	

^a Abbreviations: en, ethylenediamine; OMPA, octamethylpyrophosphoramidate; NIPA, nonamethylimidodiphosphoramidate; PCP, octamethylmethylenediphosphonic diamide; IPCP, tetraisopropylmethylenediphosphonate. ^b M-L is the weighted average and standard deviation of the shortest and longest metal-to-ligand bond distance, respectively, for the number of cases reported. ^c In unit cell of Cu(H₂O)₆SiF₆ one Cu(II) is at a $\bar{3} (C_{3i})$ symmetry site while the other three are at $\bar{1} (C_1)$ symmetry sites. ^d K₂PbNi(NO₂)₆ is isostructural with K₂PbCu(NO₂)₆: H. Elliott, B. J. Hathaway, and R. C. Slade, *Inorg. Chem.*, **5**, 669 (1966). ^e Cu(NIPA)₃(ClO₄)₂ is isostructural with Cu(OMPA)₃(ClO₄)₂ but an independent structure determination has not been made. ^f L. N. Swink and M. Atoji, *Acta Crystallogr.*, **13**, 639 (1960); Mazhar-Ul-Haque, C. N. Caughlan, and K. Emerson, *Inorg. Chem.*, **9**, 2421 (1970); Y. I. Smolin, *Sov. Phys.-Crystallogr.*, **15**, 23 (1970).

the lowest in the table. The remaining two complexes have small deviations from octahedral symmetry with tetragonality ratios of 0.95 and 0.98. The L-M-L angles for the Cu(II) complexes are similar to those found in the corresponding Mg(II) and Ni(II) complexes.

In summary, six-coordinate complexes of Cu(II) with equivalent donor sites have either cubic, trigonal, octahedral, or slightly distorted octahedral geometry at room temperature. The distortions from octahedral geometry are small (maximum differences of 0.11 and 0.04 Å in Cu-O distances for CuPCP and CuIPCP). Where data for corresponding Mg(II) and Ni(II) complexes are available, the Cu(II) complex has a larger distortion in only one case, [Cu(H₂O)₆]²⁺. Even in this case the difference in Cu-O distances is only 0.40 Å and the O-Cu-O angles are the same as the corresponding Mg(II) complex (90 ± 5°).

We conclude that static Jahn-Teller distortions are either small or not detectable at room temperature. Although the epr results¹⁹⁻²² provide experimental support for a dynamic-static Jahn-Teller effect, the magnitude of the static distortion at low temperature is not known. X-Ray powder studies of potassium lead hexanitrocuprate(II)²¹ indicate a change in the cubic structure as the temperature is lowered. However, no complete X-ray structure determinations have been made at low temperature on these high-symmetry systems

so we have no data on the magnitude of the distortions seen in the epr work.

We have initiated a low-temperature X-ray diffraction study of tris(octamethylpyrophosphoramidate)copper(II) perchlorate. The trigonal symmetry of the room-temperature diffraction pattern disappears at low temperature and several triclinic lattices appear.³³ Data are now being collected for these lattices to see if any change in the Cu(II) environment can be detected.

Although epr and X-ray results are in support of a dynamic-static Jahn-Teller effect, we feel that these distortions are quite small. The present survey of structural data indicates that most literature reports on distortions in six-coordinate Cu(II) complexes are incorrect in attributing these distortions to the Jahn-Teller effect.

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