## Table 9 (cont.)

		(r.m.s.)			
		(Å)	cosα <sub>1j</sub>	cosa <sub>2j</sub>	cosazj
C(3)	2	0.163	0.424	0.740	-0.520
• •	3	0.238	0.793	-0.027	0.607
	1	0.116	-0.562	-0.309	0.766
C(4)	2	0.202	-0.478	0.878	0.004
	3	0.257	0.674	0.364	0.642
	1	0.189	-0.667	0.000	-0.744
C(5)	2	0.260	0.02	- 0.997	-0.046
	3	0.327	0.742	0.020	-0.666
	1	0.204	-0.544	-0.148	0.825
C(6)	2	0.217	0.282	0.637	0.200
	3	0.263	-0.600	0.755	-0.259
	1	0.223	0.326	0.092	-0.929
C(7)	2	0.257	-0.375	-0.892	-0.238
	3	0.332	0.855	-0.433	0.282
	1	0.268	0.402	0.091	-0.910
C(8)	2	0.369	-0.842	-0.351	-0.407
• • •	3	0.455	0.357	-0.931	0.064
	1	0.219	0.126	0.673	0.727
C(9)	2	0.340	-0.104	0.738	-0.665
	3	0.395	0.986	-0.008	-0.164

The root-mean-square displacement  $(r.m.s.)_j$  is directed along the *j*th axes of the ellipsoid where  $\alpha_{1j}$ ,  $\alpha_{2j}$  and  $\alpha_{3j}$  are the angles between the *j*th axis and the *a*, *b* and  $c^*$  axes, respectively.

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## The Crystal and Molecular Structure of Bis(hydrogen o-phthalato)diaquocopper(II)

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Bis(hydrogen *o*-phthalato)diaquocopper(II), Cu(C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>5</sub>O<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>, is monoclinic,  $P_{21}/c$ :  $a=8\cdot31$  (2),  $b=14\cdot62$  (2),  $c=7\cdot20$  (2) Å,  $\beta=112\cdot2$  (0·2)°, Z=2. The crystal structure has been determined at room temperature from three-dimensional X-ray photographic data and refined by differential methods with anisotropic thermal parameters to a final R value of 7.9%. Two oxygen atoms from two carboxyl groups of two different phthalate ions and two H<sub>2</sub>O molecules coordinate with copper in a centro-symmetrical planar arrangement [Cu-O(1)=1.930 (8), Cu-O(5)=1.967 (8) Å]. Two further oxygen atoms, from the same Cu-coordinated carboxyl groups, are involved in two weaker interactions with the metal atom [Cu-O(2)=2.677 (5) Å], so the coordination polyhedron can be considered also as an elongated and distorted octahedron. The two carboxyl groups are slightly rotated with respect to the benzene ring, in opposite directions from each other and their relative position is determined by a strong intramolecular hydrogen bond,  $O(2)H \cdots O(3)=2.42$  Å. Packing is mainly determined by two hydrogen bonds formed by the water molecule with the oxygen atoms from the carboxyl groups of two adjacent molecules:  $O(5)H \cdots O(3^i)=2.81$ ,  $O(5)H \cdots O(4^{i_1})=2.67$  Å.

#### Introduction

Bis(hydrogen *o*-phthalato)diaquocopper(II),  $[Cu(C_8H_5O_4)_2(H_2O)_2],$  crystallizes from acid aqueous solutions in beautiful monoclinic crystals (Cingi & Magnano, 1959), suitable for single-crystal X-ray analysis. The study of their structure was considered to be interesting because it should help to find the way *o*-phthalate anion coordinates to metal, particularly in connexion with the influence of the steric-hindrance effects on coordination.

## Experimental

The compound gives blue pleochroic (blue when the electric vector is parallel to the elongation of the crystals, azure when perpendicular) monoclinic prisms elongated along [001]. Cell constants, determined from rotation and Weissenberg photographs, are as follows, (standard deviations are given in parentheses):

[Cu(C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>5</sub>O<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>],  $M = 429 \cdot 8$ ;  $a = 8 \cdot 31(2)$ ,  $b = 14 \cdot 62(2)$ ,  $c = 7 \cdot 20(2)$  Å,  $\beta = 112 \cdot 2^{\circ}(0 \cdot 2^{\circ})$ ;  $V = 809 \cdot 2$  Å<sup>3</sup>; Z = 2,  $D_m = 1 \cdot 81$ ,  $D_x = 1 \cdot 76$  g.cm<sup>-3</sup>;  $\mu = 25 \cdot 0$  cm<sup>-1</sup> (Cu K $\alpha$ ); F(000) = 438. Space group:  $P2_1/c$  (from systematic absences).

Three-dimensional intensity data were determined photometrically on integrated equi-inclination Weissenberg photographs (multiple-film technique; Cu  $K\alpha$ ) taken up to the seventh and sixth layers along [100] and [001] respectively. Of the 1721 possible independent reflexions within the Cu K $\alpha$  sphere, 1288 were collected, the remaining 433 reflexions being too weak to be estimated, or unobservable owing to the geometrical features of the camera. After correction for Lorentz, polarization and spot shape effects (Phillips, 1956) the absorption correction was taken into account considering the samples as spherical ( $\bar{r} = 0.02$  cm) and cylindrical ( $\bar{r} = 0.006$  cm) for the reflexions taken around [100] and [001] respectively. The data of both series were correlated and put on a common scale by the leastsquares procedure of Rollett & Sparks (1960). The absolute scale was determined first by Wilson's (1942) method, then by comparison of the observed and calculated structure factors.

### Structure determination and refinement

Since two molecules of  $[Cu(C_8H_5O_4)_2(H_2O)_2]$  are contained in a unit cell, they must be on a symmetry centre. Two sets of interactions between the Cu atom and light-atoms, the result of a Patterson mirror parallel to (010), are present in vector space; chemical criteria were successfully applied to distinguish between these two sets. Two three-dimensional Fourier cycles yielded the locations of all the non-hydrogen atoms (R=15.2%). The refinement was then carried out by means of six cycles of Booth's differential synthesis, two calculated with isotropic and four with anisotropic thermal parameters (R=8.4%).

While the location of the four benzene and the two water hydrogen atoms was possible from a final  $F_o - F_c$ synthesis, any attempt to locate the hydrogen atom of the uncoordinated carboxyl group was unsuccessful, the peak resulting from that atom being too spread out in the region between the two oxygen atoms. The fractional atomic coordinates for the hydrogen atoms located in this way are given in Table 1 with their electron density values, determined by differential synthesis.

Table 1. Observed fractional coordinates an	ıd
corresponding values for hydrogen atoms in	the
benzene ring and water molecule	

	x/a	y/b	z/c	<b>Q</b> 0
H(1)	0.5249	0.0547	0.1671	1.0 e.Å-3
H(2)	0.8105	0.1193	0.2297	1.2
H(3)	0.8481	0.2868	0.2334	0.9
H(4)	0.6044	0.3894	0.1754	0.2
H(5)	0.0010	-0.0679	0.3447	1.4
H(6)	0.1278	0.0104	0.3923	0.6

By adding the contributions of the hydrogen atoms quoted in Table 1 (with the isotropic temperature factor of the carbon or oxygen atoms to which they are attached) to the structure factors, the residual error indices, R and R', improved to 7.9% and 9.3% respectively (R for observed reflexions only, R' assuming  $F_o = \frac{1}{2}F_{\min}$  when  $F_c \ge F_{\min}$  for unobserved reflexions; multiplicities not considered).

In Table 2 the final parameters with their e.s.d.'s (Cruickshank, 1949, 1950, 1956) and the ratios between the e.s.d.'s and the shifts of the coordinates are quoted. The  $B_{ij}$ 's were determined following the method of Nardelli & Fava (1960) by the use of the second derivatives

Table 2. Final atomic fractional coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and thermal parameters ( $\times 10$  Å<sup>2</sup>) with e.s.d.'s and ratios (e.s.d.)/(coordinate shift)

	x/a	y/b	z/c	B <sub>11</sub>	B <sub>22</sub>	B <sub>33</sub>	B <sub>12</sub>	<i>B</i> <sub>13</sub>	B <sub>23</sub>	r(x)	r(y)	r(z)
Cu	0 (1)	0 (1)	0 (2)	26 (1)	21 (0)	34 (2)	-4(1)	11 (2)	-1(1)	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$
O(1)	2303 (7)	475 (2)	551 (10)	19 (́4)	17 (0)	37 (6)	-5(3)	10 (6)	-2(3)	12	5	19
Ō(Ž)	1042 (8)	1717 (2)	1115 (11)	22 (5)	23 (0)	47 (8)	0 (3)	17 (8)	0 (4)	7	10	53
Ō(3)	1395 (8)	3363 (2)	1209 (9)	26 (5)	21 (0)	39 (7)	4 (3)	13 (7)	-1(4)	26	2	23
O(4)	3147 (8)	4341 (2)	561 (11)	27 (4)	18 (0)	39 (6)	0 (3)	5 (7)	4 (4)	$\infty$	2	18
Ō(5)	598 (9)	-298(3)	2848 (9)	33 (4)	33 (0)	33 (7)	-16 (3)	10 (7)	0 (3)	8	10	21
CÌÌ	2350 (9)	1320 (3)	994 (11)	20 (5)	19 (0)	22 (7)	0 (4)	8 (7)	3 (4)	9	5	36
C(2)	3990 (10)	1836 (3)	1354 (11)	16 (4)	15 (0)	19 (6)	0 (3)	5 (7)	1 (4)	4	10	9
C(3)	4207 (10)	2814 (3)	1375 (10)	15 (4)	16 (0)	21 (6)	-2(3)	5 (6)	-1(3)	2	4	102
Č(4)	2855 (9)	3558 (3)	1007 (10)	22 (5)	19 (0)	21 (6)	0 (4)	4 (7)	-1(4)	$\infty$	7	8
C(5)	5420 (10)	1259 (3)	1677 (11)	21 (5)	21 (0)	<b>3</b> 0 (8)	2 (4)	10 (8)	1 (5)	19	3	28
CÌŚ	7054 (11)	1617 (̀4)	2057 (13)	17 (5)	27 (1)	38 (9)	2 (4)	9 (9)	-1(5)	21	2	6
C(7)	7268 (11)	2580 (4)	2075 (13)	21 (5)	29 (1)	31 (8)	-3(4)	7 (8)	-1(5)	37	2	15
C(8)	5852 (10)	3163 (3)	1719 (11)	21 (5)	22 (0)	29 (8)	-4 (4)	6 (8)	1 (4)	13	2	28

of the electron density from differential synthesis. In Table 3 the observed atomic peak shapes for non-hydrogen atoms are compared with the calculated ones. Observed and calculated (including the H atoms of Table 1) structure factors are reported in Table 4. The atomic scattering factors used are those of Thomas & Umeda (1957) for  $Cu^{2+}$ , of Berghuis, Haanappel, Potters, Loopstra, MacGillavry & Veenendaal (1955) for O and C and of McWeeny (1951) for H. The standard deviations quoted in the next section are calculated

Table 3 Atomic	neak heights	$(e^{\lambda}-3)$ and	aurnaturas l	( a Å -5)
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Cu	obs.	66.3	628	699	574	- 15	209	- 34
	calc.	66·0	627	693	581	-16	211	-27
O(1)	obs.	13.2	130	147	95	-2	37	-14
. ,	calc.	13.0	130	145	97	-2	37	-13
O(2)	obs.	13.0	122	133	95	-11	43	6
.,	calc.	12.7	119	133	97	-11	42	6
O(3)	obs.	13.6	123	124	110	- 5	45	7
• •	calc.	13.4	123	123	111	-4	45	6
O(4)	obs.	12.9	102	128	87	4	28	- 2
	calc.	12.8	103	127	89	3	30	-1
O(5)	obs.	13.1	100	97	118	6	37	-13
	calc.	12.8	102	97	117	5	37	-9
C(1)	obs.	9.4	93	106	86	-6	30	4
	calc.	9.7	93	106	86	-6	30	4
C(2)	obs.	10.0	93	94	95	5	35	5
	calc.	10.0	92	93	95	- 5	35	5
C(3)	obs.	10.1	94	92	99	-3	36	-4
	calc.	10.3	93	91	100	- 3	37	-4
C(4)	obs.	10.4	93	98	97	-2	33	4
	calc.	10.4	93	97	98	-2	34	-4
C(5)	obs.	9.5	88	92	94	6	25	-5
	calc.	9.6	88	92	85	6	25	-5
C(6)	obs.	8.7	81	74	68		24	2
	calc.	8.7	79	76	69	- 5	24	2
C(7)	obs.	9.0	79	79	72	0	25	- 5
	calc.	8.9	78	79	72	- 1	25	- 5
C(8)	obs.	9.6	84	98	81	1	25	-9
	calc.	9.6	84	97	82	1	25	8
	e.s.d.	0.2	2	2	2	1	1	1



Fig. 1.  $[Cu(C_8H_5O_4)_2(H_2O)_2]$ : projection of the structure along [001].

from the formulae of Ahmed & Cruickshank (1953) for bond lengths and of Darlow (1960) for angles, the effects of errors in cell parameters being accounted for by the method of Darlow & Cochran (1961).

All the calculations were performed on the Olivetti Elea 6001/S computer of the *Centro di Calcolo Elettronico della Università di Parma*, using the programs of Nardelli, Musatti, Domiano & Andreetti (1964, 1965).

## Discussion

A projection of the structure along [001] is shown in Fig. 1. Bond distances and angles in the coordination polyhedron and in the organic ion are quoted in Table 5.

Four oxygen atoms from two phthalate ions and two water molecules coordinate to the metal atom in a

## Table 4. Observed and calculated structure factors

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square-planar arrangement. The difference between the Cu-O(5) and Cu-O(1) distances is just statistically significant  $(\Delta/\sigma = 3.27)$ ; these two distances can be correlated with the  $x_q$  and  $y_q$  principal axes of the g-ellipsoid respectively, as deduced from the electron spin resonance spectrum (Dall'Olio, Dascola, Giori & Varacca 1968). These two bond distances are within the range of values generally found in oxygen coordinated Cu<sup>II</sup> complexes, e.g. 1.967(4), 1.981(4), 1.991(4) Å in Cu<sup>II</sup> glutamate dihydrate (Gramaccioli & Marsh, 1966); 1.962(7), 1.975(7), 1.975(6), 1.990(7) Å in Cu<sup>II</sup> succinate dihydrate (O'Connor & Maslen, 1966); 1.938(15), 1.941(15), 1.983(15), 2.000(15) Å in di- $\mu$ hydroxobis[dimethylaminecopper(II)] sulphate monohydrate (Iitaka, Shimizu & Kwan, 1966) and 1.930(7), 1.987(7)Å in glycylglycylglycinocopper(II) chloride sesquihydrate (Freeman, Robinson & Schoone, 1964).

The coordination polyhedron is completed by two longer bonds involving two oxygen atoms, O(2) and O(2') belonging to the same Cu-coordinated carboxyl groups which are part of a very elongated and severely distorted octahedron. The angle formed by these two long bonds with the coordination plane is 54.3°. This kind of distortion, which is commonly observed for Cu<sup>II</sup> complexes and is accounted for by Jahn-Teller effect, is also conditioned by the steric requirements concerning the orientation of the organic ions as can be seen from the clinographic projection of Fig.2.



Fig.2. [Cu( $C_8H_5O_4$ )<sub>2</sub>( $H_2O$ )<sub>2</sub>]: clinographic projection of the structure.

The benzene ring of the phthalate ion is planar, its least-squares equation:

## 0.1921X - 0.0141Y - 0.9813Z = -0.3540.

The carboxyl groups are both planar and slightly rotated around their C-C bonds in opposite directions (the distances of the oxygen atoms from the benzene ring are: O(1), +0.32; O(2), -0.31; O(3), -0.36; O(4), +0.35 Å), the dihedral angle between them being  $28.2^{\circ}$ . The two C-O distances in the deprotonated carboxyl group are not significantly different and correspond to the average value of the two C-O distances in the other group. The difference between these last two distances is significant; the longer one belongs to the hydroxyl group as usually observed in carboxyl acids (Nardelli, Fava & Giraldi, 1962). A strong intramolecular hydrogen bond,  $O(2)H \cdots O(3) = 2.422(6)$  Å, determines the relative orientations of the carboxyl groups which are, for this reason, unable to act as bridges between adjacent metal atoms, as observed in other Cu<sup>II</sup>-carboxylate complexes, e.g. Cu<sup>II</sup> acetate dihydrate (van Niekerk & Schoening, 1953), Cu<sup>II</sup> formate tetrahydrate (Kiriyama, Ibamoto & Matsuo, 1954) and Cu<sup>II</sup> benzoate trihydrate (Koizumi, Osaki & Watanabé, 1963). The same kind of behaviour is observed in Cu<sup>II</sup> salicylate tetrahydrate (Hanic & Michalov, 1960) in which the OH group is hydrogen-bonded to the carboxyl oxygen atom involved in the long bond with the metal atom.

The bond angle and distances in the water molecule are in quite good agreement with those (HOH =  $104.5^{\circ}$ , O-H=0.96 Å) generally found. The orientation of the molecule is determined by the two normal hydrogen bonds it makes with O(3<sup>1</sup>) and O(4<sup>11</sup>):O(5)H(5)... O(3<sup>1</sup>)=2.81, O(5)H(6)...O(4<sup>11</sup>)=2.67 Å; H(5)O(5)-O(3<sup>1</sup>)=13.6^{\circ}, H(6)O(5)O(4<sup>11</sup>)=14.8°. The plane of the water molecule is rotated with respect to the O(1)CuO(5) coordination plane, the dihedral angle between these two planes being 46.1°. The angles formed by O-H and Cu-O bonds are: H(5)O(5)Cu=130.1° and H(6)O(5)Cu=122.8°.

The organic ions are packed in layers roughly parallel to (001) as shown in Fig.2. The packing contacts less than 3.5 Å are as follows:

$O(1) \cdots O(3^{iii}) = 3.38 \text{ Å}$	i,	$\bar{x}, y - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} - z$
$O(1) \cdots O(4^{ii}) = 3.41$	ii,	$x, \frac{1}{2} - y, z + \frac{1}{2}$
$O(2) \cdots O(4^{ii}) = 3.39$	iii,	$x, \frac{1}{2} - y, z - \frac{1}{2}$

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### Table 5. Bond distances and angles

(a) In the coordina	tion polyhedron		
Cu-O(1)	1·930 (8) Å	O(1)-Cu-O(5)	91·4 (0·3)°
Cu-O(5)	1.967 (8)	O(1)-Cu-O(2)	54·4 (0·2)
CuO(2)	2.677 (5)	O(2)-Cu-O(5)	88.2 (0.2)
(b) In the phthalate	e ion		
C(1)-O(1)	1·273 (5) Å	C(5)-C(6)	1·382 (12) Å
C(1)-O(2)	1.264 (10)	C(6)–C(7)	1.418 (8)
C(1)-C(2)	1.492 (11)	C(7) - C(8)	1.396 (11)
C(4)-O(3)	1.306 (11)	C(8) - C(3)	1.390 (12)
C(4)-O(4)	1.237 (7)	C(5)-H(1)	1.05 (2)
C(4) - C(3)	1.513 (9)	C(6) - H(2)	1.03(2)
C(2) - C(3)	1.440 (7)	C(7)-H(3)	1.04(3)
C(2)-C(5)	1.403 (11)	C(8)-H(4)	1.08 (2)
O(1)-C(1)-O(2)	121·1 (0·7)°	C(5)-C(6)-C(7)	119·2 (0·7)°
O(1) - C(1) - C(2)	118.3 (0.7)	C(6) - C(7) - C(8)	120.7 (0.8)
O(2) - C(1) - C(2)	120.6 (0.4)	C(7) - C(8) - C(3)	120.8 (0.5)
C(1) - C(2) - C(5)	112.7 (0.5)	C(8)-C(3)-C(2)	118.5 (0.6)
C(1)-C(2)-C(3)	127.3 (0.7)	C(2)-C(5)-H(1)	119•4 (1•5)
O(3)-C(4)-O(4)	120.8 (0.6)	C(6)-C(5)-H(1)	119.8 (2.0)
O(3) - C(4) - C(3)	118.9 (0.5)	C(5)-C(6)-H(2)	120.8 (1.6)
O(4) - C(4) - C(3)	120.4 (0.7)	C(7)-C(6)-H(2)	120.1 (2.0)
C(4) - C(3) - C(2)	129.1 (0.7)	C(6)-C(7)-H(3)	120.8 (1.8)
C(4) - C(3) - C(8)	112.5 (0.4)	C(8)-C(7)-H(3)	118.5 (1.5)
C(3)-C(2)-C(5)	120.0 (0.7)	C(7) - C(8) - H(4)	119.6 (1.6)
C(2)-C(5)-C(6)	120.8 (0.5)	C(3) - C(8) - H(4)	119.6 (1.8)
(c) In the water m	olecule		
O(5)-H(5)	0·94 (2) Å	H(5)-O(5)-H(6)	103•9 (1•6)°
O(5)-H(6)	0.97 (2)		

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# Structure of *p*-Bromocarbobenzoxy-glycyl-prolyl-leucyl-glycine

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The crystal structure of the synthetic oligopeptide, p-bromocarbobenzoxy-Gly-L-Pro-L-Leu-Gly(OH), has been determined. The crystal is orthorhombic, space group  $P2_12_12_1$ , with four molecules per unit cell of dimensions: a = 14.25, b = 6.21 and c = 29.67 Å. The R value is 0.05 and the average of the estimated standard deviations of the bond lengths is 0.025 Å. The peptide chain is folded back at Pro and Leu so as to make the intramolecular hydrogen bond between NH of Gly(2) and O of Gly(1). The conformation of the peptide backbone is very similar to those in some cyclohexapeptides. The Pro residue in this peptide, unlike those in the structure models of collagen, has the  $C_{\alpha}$ -H bond cis to the C'=O bond. The particular conformation may be related to the fact that this peptide is inactive against collagenase while carbobenzoxy-Gly-Pro-Leu-Gly-Pro(OH) is active. The strong hydrogen bond between Gly(2) and the oxycarbonyl group links the peptides to form an endless and slightly deformed helical chain.

### Introduction

The X-ray studies on a series of oligopeptides, such as carbobenzoxy(Z)-Gly, Z-Gly-Pro, Z-Gly-Pro-Leu, Z-Gly-Pro-Leu-Gly and Z-Gly-Pro-Leu-Gly-Pro has been carried out as a long range research project in this laboratory, concerning biologically important substances. They were synthesized in order to examine the relationship between the structure of collagen and the substrate specificity of the enzymatic reaction of col-

lagenase (Nagai & Noda, 1959; Nagai, Sakakibara, Noda, Akabari, 1960; Sakakibara & Nagai, 1960; Kakudo, Sasada, Katsube, Sakakibara & Akabori, 1963). It has been recognized that the above mentioned pentapeptide has a high degree of specificity to the reaction while the tetrapeptide has not, and that the sequence of the amino acid residues, such as -Pro-Leu-Gly-Pro-, has an essential importance for the specificity (Nagai & Noda, 1959; Nagai *et al.* 1960). From this biochemical information it seems natural to expect the existence of substantial difference in the molecular structures of the tetra- and penta-peptide. In fact, the difference has already been suggested on the basis of their crystallographic data (Sasada, Tanaka, Ogawa & Kakudo, 1961; Sasada & Kakudo, 1961; Kakudo

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