

The Crystal and Molecular Structure of Diammine-(*o*-phthalato)copper (II)

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Diammine-(*o*-phthalato)copper(II), $\text{Cu}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{C}_8\text{H}_4\text{O}_4$, is monoclinic, $P2_1/c$: $a=6.64$ (1), $b=19.91$ (1), $c=7.55$ (1) Å, $\beta=109.9^\circ$ ($\cdot 1^\circ$), $Z=4$. The crystal structure has been determined from three-dimensional X-ray photographic data and refined by differential methods with anisotropic parameters to a final R value of 7.7%. The coordination around the metal atom is nearly square planar and involves two oxygen atoms from different phthalate ions and two nitrogen atoms from ammonia molecules [Cu—O 1.988 (5), 1.971 (5); Cu—N 1.992 (6), 1.997 (8) Å]. Two more oxygen atoms, *trans* with respect to the coordination plane, make two long contacts [Cu—O 2.313 (5), 2.799 (5) Å] so the coordination polyhedron can be considered also a distorted bipyramid. Two of these bipyramids are coupled along an $\text{O}\cdots\text{O}$ edge and the couples are linked in chains by phthalate bridges. Both carboxyl groups are slightly rotated with respect to the benzene ring in the same direction. Packing is determined by a set of hydrogen bonds involving the nitrogen atoms from ammonia molecules and the oxygen atoms from the carboxyl groups.

Introduction

The X-ray structural analysis of diammine-(*o*-phthalato)copper(II) was carried out as a part of a research programme concerning the coordination of aromatic carboxyl ligands (Biagini Cingi, Guastini, Musatti & Nardelli, 1969).

Experimental

Crystals of diammine-(*o*-phthalato)copper(II) were obtained by slow evaporation, at room temperature, from an aqueous solution of copper(II) phthalate to which concentrated ammonia was added. Their habit was that of flattened dark blue monoclinic prisms. Cell constants, determined from rotation and Weissenberg photographs, are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} &[\text{Cu}(\text{NH}_3)_2\text{C}_8\text{H}_4\text{O}_4], M=261.7 \\ &a=6.64 (1), b=19.91 (1), c=7.55 (1) \text{ \AA} \\ &\beta=109.9^\circ (0.1^\circ), V=938.5 \text{ \AA}^3, Z=4, D_m=1.83, \\ &D_x=1.85 \text{ g.cm}^{-3} \\ &\mu=33.6 \text{ cm}^{-1} (\text{Cu } K\alpha), F(000)=492 \end{aligned}$$

Space group $P2_1/c$ (from systematic absences).

Two series of equi-inclination Weissenberg photographs (Ni-filtered Cu-radiation; multiple film technique) were collected at room temperature around [100] and [001] up to the sixth layer. Of the 2133 possible independent reflexions within the $\text{Cu } K\alpha$ sphere, 1470 were collected; the remainder 663 were too weak to be estimated or were screened in the blind region of the camera. The intensities were measured photometrically and corrected for Lorentz, polarization and spot-shape effects. The sample used to take the photographs around [100] was a prism elongated along this axis and

for correcting the absorption was considered to be a cylinder with a mean radius of 0.008 cm; the photographs around [001] were taken with a nearly spherical fragment with a mean radius of 0.01 cm and for this set of data the absorption correction for spherical specimens was used. The data of both sets were correlated and put on a common scale using the least-squares procedure of Rollett & Sparks (1960). The absolute scale was determined, first by Wilson's method, then by comparison with the calculated values.

Structure determination and refinement

The structure was solved by the heavy-atom method starting from a three-dimensional Patterson map and refined by several cycles of Booth's differential synthesis with anisotropic thermal parameters determined using the second derivatives of the electron density from differential synthesis (Nardelli & Fava, 1960). The final residual error indices (R , for observed reflexions only; R' assuming $F_o = \frac{1}{2}F_{\text{min}}$ when $F_c \geq F_{\text{min}}$ for unobserved reflexions, multiplicities not considered) were $R=7.7\%$ and $R'=9.4\%$ including the four benzene hydrogen atoms localized from a final $F_o - F_c$ synthesis. The coordinates of these atoms are reported in Table 1. Attempts to locate the ammonia hydrogen atoms directly were unsuccessful. The final parameters for non-hydrogen atoms with their estimated standard deviations (e.s.d.'s) (Cruickshank, 1949, 1950, 1956) and the ratios between the e.s.d.'s and coordinate shifts are quoted in Table 2. In Table 3 observed atomic peak shapes are compared with the calculated ones. The structure factors reported in Table 4 are calculated with the final parameters of Table 2, including the benzene hydrogen atoms contributions, using the atomic scattering factors of Cromer & Mann (1968) for Cu, N, O, C and Stewart, Davidson & Simpson (1965) for H.

Table 1. Observed fractional coordinates for hydrogen atoms in the benzene ring

	x/a	y/b	z/c	ρ_0
H(1)	0.2167	0.2361	0.3717	0.5 e.Å ⁻³
H(2)	0.5000	0.3208	0.4753	0.7
H(3)	0.8667	0.2901	0.5253	0.6
H(4)	0.9479	0.1811	0.4477	0.7

Discussion

Bond distances and angles in the coordination polyhedron and in the organic ion are quoted in Table 5 and in Fig. 1 which shows a clinographic projection of the structure. The coordination around each copper atom is nearly square planar and concerns two oxygen atoms from two different phthalate ions and two nitrogen

Table 2. Final atomic fractional coordinates ($\times 10^4$), thermal parameters ($\times 10 \text{ \AA}^2$) with e.s.d.'s and ratios (e.s.d.)/(coordinate shift)

	x/a	y/b	z/c	B_{11}	B_{22}	B_{33}	B_{12}	B_{13}	B_{23}	$ r(x) $	$ r(y) $	$ r(z) $
Cu	542 (2)	-47 (1)	3053 (1)	25 (1)	26 (0)	26 (1)	0 (1)	9 (1)	-1 (1)	3	3	6
O(1)	5691 (9)	550 (2)	1531 (7)	22 (4)	27 (1)	20 (0)	4 (3)	0 (5)	-6 (3)	4	9	6
O(2)	8728 (8)	541 (2)	4020 (7)	17 (4)	22 (1)	15 (4)	5 (3)	4 (5)	2 (3)	6	3	5
O(3)	985 (9)	1162 (2)	1329 (8)	22 (4)	32 (1)	22 (4)	0 (3)	2 (5)	-2 (4)	4	10	7
O(4)	2801 (8)	637 (1)	4010 (7)	22 (4)	23 (1)	24 (5)	-3 (3)	8 (6)	2 (4)	4	8	24
N(1)	8170 (11)	-708 (2)	2057 (8)	24 (5)	24 (0)	26 (5)	-5 (3)	6 (6)	-9 (4)	4	2	7
N(2)	2555 (13)	-554 (2)	2094 (11)	30 (7)	29 (1)	36 (7)	1 (4)	18 (9)	-4 (5)	10	2	6
C(1)	6386 (12)	1452 (3)	3646 (10)	18 (5)	18 (1)	18 (5)	1 (4)	7 (7)	-1 (4)	6	3	14
C(2)	4262 (12)	1633 (2)	3378 (10)	22 (5)	19 (1)	20 (6)	0 (4)	6 (7)	0 (4)	24	3	33
C(3)	3782 (15)	2277 (3)	3743 (13)	32 (8)	23 (1)	26 (7)	4 (5)	14 (9)	-1 (5)	9	8	6
C(4)	5373 (15)	2752 (2)	4383 (12)	34 (8)	26 (1)	32 (8)	1 (5)	13 (10)	-4 (6)	17	8	10
C(5)	7521 (14)	2579 (3)	4720 (11)	38 (8)	24 (0)	33 (7)	-5 (4)	10 (10)	-6 (5)	28	4	22
C(6)	7990 (12)	1933 (3)	4332 (10)	25 (6)	21 (0)	27 (6)	-6 (3)	9 (8)	-5 (4)	4	8	19
C(7)	6939 (10)	800 (2)	3003 (9)	15 (5)	18 (1)	18 (5)	2 (3)	5 (6)	-2 (4)	3	5	14
C(8)	2547 (13)	1114 (2)	2825 (10)	18 (5)	21 (1)	20 (6)	2 (4)	7 (7)	0 (5)	3	4	5

Table 3. Atomic peak heights (e.Å⁻³) and curvatures (e.Å⁻⁵)

		ρ	$-A_{hh}$	$-A_{kk}$	$-A_{ll}$	A_{kl}	A_{hl}	A_{hk}
Cu	obs.	66.9	653	696	605	-39	184	-1
	calc.	68.3	649	691	603	-38	184	0
O(1)	obs.	13.9	113	123	119	-10	33	7
	calc.	13.9	113	123	118	-9	33	6
O(2)	obs.	14.1	139	143	105	-23	37	18
	calc.	14.0	137	143	105	-22	37	16
O(3)	obs.	13.1	119	113	104	-7	33	-1
	calc.	13.3	122	115	107	-6	39	-1
O(4)	obs.	13.3	120	145	94	-4	19	-16
	calc.	13.3	119	143	93	-4	19	-14
N(1)	obs.	10.6	96	108	90	-9	21	-13
	calc.	10.4	94	108	90	-8	22	-12
N(2)	obs.	9.4	86	99	71	-23	28	4
	calc.	9.3	86	98	72	-22	28	3
C(1)	obs.	9.6	91	88	89	0	28	-2
	calc.	9.3	89	86	87	1	27	-2
C(2)	obs.	9.8	92	92	89	-5	31	-2
	calc.	9.5	90	91	87	-5	30	-3
C(3)	obs.	8.8	75	91	69	2	22	4
	calc.	8.6	74	89	68	2	22	3
C(4)	obs.	8.5	75	96	70	-6	25	3
	calc.	8.4	74	94	69	-5	24	2
C(5)	obs.	8.1	74	76	71	-4	20	-4
	calc.	7.8	72	74	70	-4	19	-3
C(6)	obs.	8.8	74	93	72	2	19	-3
	calc.	8.5	73	91	71	2	18	-3
C(7)	obs.	10.8	102	106	96	1	27	0
	calc.	10.7	100	105	95	1	27	-1

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Table 4. Observed and calculated structure factors

A minus sign with F_o means 'less than'.

h	k	l	$10F_o$	$10F_c$	h	k	l	$10F_o$	$10F_c$	h	k	l	$10F_o$	$10F_c$	h	k	l	$10F_o$	$10F_c$															
1	0	0	410	523	2	13	0	162	160	2	3	-1	120	177	1	10	1	56	-11	4	17	1	289	-274	7	1	2	39	-14	3	8	-2	333	-640
2	0	0	71	63	2	13	0	96	-88	3	3	1	273	-334	2	10	-1	158	46	4	17	-1	329	317	7	1	2	64	-13	4	2	308	211	
3	0	0	160	105	5	13	0	266	250	3	3	-1	176	262	2	10	-1	158	155	5	17	-1	144	-139	8	1	-2	39	-48	1	8	-2	289	-329
4	0	0	79	105	5	13	0	79	78	4	3	1	587	-613	2	10	-1	284	-258	5	17	-1	257	239	0	2	2	1433	-1355	5	8	-2	152	147
5	0	0	120	-118	6	13	0	112	105	4	3	-1	588	641	3	10	1	36	78	6	17	-1	128	121	1	2	2	241	-278	5	8	-2	152	147
6	0	0	365	-314	0	14	0	644	631	5	3	1	128	-112	3	10	-1	208	-226	0	18	1	185	181	1	2	2	740	-836	6	8	2	206	204
7	0	0	112	-71	1	14	0	281	298	5	3	-1	699	586	4	10	1	42	-1	18	1	1	193	186	2	2	2	71	-82	6	8	-2	112	-106
1	1	0	39	-9	2	14	0	48	-7	7	3	1	144	-9	5	10	-1	178	-116	2	18	1	71	-14	3	-2	2	64	61	8	6	-2	31	-34
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1	2	0	305	426	6	15	0	48	45	3	4	-1	316	-248	2	11	-1	44	-46	4	19	1	112	-82	7	2	2	84	-29	4	9	-2	152	144
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5	2	0	87	107	1	16	0	538	509	6	4	-1	64	-38	3	11	1	474	-500	1	19	-1	79	72	1	3	2	64	-70	5	9	-2	87	-85
7	2	0	216	-209	2	16	0	71	68	5	4	-1	96	-113	4	11	1	394	-409	2	19	-1	106	87	2	3	2	233	-236	6	9	-2	152	-148
1	3	0	176	-166	3	16	0	87	70	5	4	-1	96	-113	4	11	-1	104	102	3	19	1	79	-69	2	3	2	885	895	7	9	-2	64	-48
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7	4	0	23	-31	6	17	0	11	-11	5	6	1	595	-641	2	12	-1	313	314	1	20	-1	128	-115	6	3	2	36	-40	3	10	-2	442	-480
0	4	0	716	854	0	18	0	603	561	3	5	1	71	0	2	12	1	185	186	2	20	-1	193	-181	8	3	2	39	-48	4	10	2	426	-450
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1	5	0	329	357	3	19	0	168	159	7	5	1	112	-110	6	12	-1	39	-18	1	21	1	160	-136	3	4	2	241	232	0	11	2	538	-326
3	5	0	322	337	5	19	0	104	95	0	6	1	297	289	7	12	-1	39	-18	1	21	1	160	-136	3	4	2	241	232	0	11	2	538	-326
4	5	0	64	-67	0	20	0	281	261	1	6	-1	79	-114	1	13	1	224	-222	2	21	1	200	-189	4	4	2	474	-526	2	11	2	120	-140
5	5	0	264	272	1	20	0	273	242	2	6	1	401	-388	1	13	-1	96	-38	3	21	1	39	-34	5	4	2	120	-136	3	10	2	200	-207
6	5	0	164	168	2	20	0	128	122	2	6	1	160	133	3	13	-1	305	-327	3	21	-1	87	71	6	4	2	233	207	3	11	2	128	-128
7	5	0	71	-66	4	20	0	87	74	3	6	1	273	-304	2	13	1	160	-136	3	21	-1	87	71	6	4	2	233	207	3	11	2	128	-128
0	6	0	233	-66	4	20	0	48	31	3	6	-1	39	-23	3	13	1	563	-572	4	21	-1	200	210	6	4	2	152	-183	4	11	2	64	67
1	6	0	676	785	5	20	0	15	15	4	6	1	128	129	3	13	-1	193	190	0	22	1	87	84	7	4	2	64	-80	5	11	2	96	-96
2	6	0	901	1068	5	20	0	64	49	4	6	-1	99	-93	4	13	-1	112	-92	1	22	1	120	101	0	5	2	402	344	5	11	2	160	-146
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4	6	0	39	-18	3	21	0	168	161	5	6	-1	128	130	5	13	1	200	-184	2	22	1	48	-0	1	5	2	675	653	0	12	2	418	-435
5	6	0	87	-75	4	21	0	86	89	8	6	1	104	-105	6	13	-1	264	247	4	22	-1	176	-176	3	5	-2	112	129	1	12	2	105	-155
6	6	0	233	-214	1	22	0	120	108	7	6	-1	104	-105	6	13	-1	264	247	4	22	-1	176	-176	3	5	-2	112	129	1	12	2	105	-155
7	6	0	426	-432	2	22	0	224	211	7	6	-1	64	-6	0	14	1	257	262	4	22	-1	56	-61	3	5	-2	112	129	1	12	2	105	-155
1	7	0	394	408	3	22	0	96	89	8	6	1	224	-223	1	14	-1	361	353															

Table 4 (cont.)

Table with 28 columns representing crystallographic coordinates and parameters (h, k, l, FO, etc.) for various reflections. The data is organized in groups of 7 columns each, repeated 4 times. Values include integers and decimal fractions, representing the intensity and phase of different reflections.

[Cu...Cu = 3.260 (2) Å is also present]. The dimers are joined in chains, running along [100], by phthalate bridges.

The benzene ring is planar, its least-squares plane being:

$$0.2176X + 0.2641Y - 0.9396Z = -0.9582.$$

Bond lengths and angles in it are quoted in Table 5.

The carboxyl groups, C(1)C(7)O(1)O(2) and C(2)C(8)O(3)O(4), are both planar, their least-squares planes being:

$$-0.6943X - 0.4803Y + 0.5360Z = -2.2905$$

$$-0.7129X + 0.5150Y + 0.4759Z = 1.4166.$$

They are slightly rotated around their C-C bonds in the same direction, the dihedral angles they form with the benzene plane being 38.9 and 27.9° respectively. As observed in other cases (Nardelli, Fava & Giraldi, 1962) the two C-O distances in each carboxyl group are not equal, the longer one involves the oxygen atom lying in the main coordination plane.

The packing is determined by hydrogen bonds which the free oxygen atoms from the ammoniac molecules [O(1)-N(1ⁱⁱⁱ) = 3.04(1), O(1)-N(2ⁱⁱⁱ) = 3.32(1), O(3)-N(1ⁱⁱⁱ) = 2.94(1) and O(3)-N(2^{iv}) = 3.08(1) Å] as shown in Fig. 2. Coordinates for derived positions are as follows:

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Table 4 (cont.)

Table with 16 columns labeled h, k, l, 10F0, 10Fc, h, k, l, 10F0, 10Fc, h, k, l, 10F0, 10Fc, h, k, l, 10F0, 10Fc. It contains a grid of numerical data representing diffraction spot intensities.

Table 5. Bond distances and angles

(a) In the coordination polyhedron

Table listing bond distances and angles: Cu-N(1), Cu-N(2), Cu-O(2), Cu-O(4), Cu-O(2a), Cu-O(3), N(2)-Cu-N(1), N(1)-Cu-O(2), O(2)-Cu-O(4), O(4)-Cu-N(2), 94.0 (0.3)°, 91.6 (0.2), 86.5 (0.2), 87.9 (0.2)

(b) In the phthalate ion

Table listing bond distances and angles for the phthalate ion: C(7)-O(1), C(7)-O(2), C(7)-C(1), C(8)-O(3), C(8)-O(4), C(8)-C(2), C(1)-C(2), C(2)-C(3), C(3)-C(4), C(4)-C(5), C(5)-C(6), C(6)-C(1), C(3)-H(1), C(4)-H(2), C(5)-H(3), C(6)-H(4), 1.241 (8) Å, 1.282 (8), 1.475 (8), 1.249 (10), 1.275 (7), 1.488 (10), 1.401 (12), 1.371 (9), 1.376 (12) Å, 1.403 (14), 1.378 (8), 1.394 (10), 1.08 (1), 1.01 (1), 0.97 (1), 0.99 (1)

Table 5 (cont.)

O(1)-C(7)-O(2)	125.0 (0.5)°	C(5)-C(4)-C(3)	120.3 (0.6)°
O(1)-C(7)-C(1)	118.8 (0.6)	C(4)-C(3)-C(2)	120.7 (0.9)
O(2)-C(7)-C(1)	116.1 (0.5)	C(3)-C(2)-C(1)	120.2 (0.7)
C(7)-C(1)-C(6)	118.9 (0.7)	Cu—O(4)-C(8)	110.8 (0.6)
C(7)-C(1)-C(2)	122.0 (0.6)	Cu—O(2)-C(7)	126.3 (0.4)
O(3)-C(8)-O(4)	124.1 (0.6)	C(2)-C(3)-H(1)	116.0 (0.7)
O(3)-C(8)-C(2)	121.3 (0.5)	C(4)-C(3)-H(1)	122.6 (0.7)
O(4)-C(8)-C(2)	114.5 (0.6)	C(3)-C(4)-H(2)	119.1 (1.0)
C(8)-C(2)-C(1)	119.8 (0.5)	C(5)-C(4)-H(2)	120.2 (0.8)
C(8)-C(2)-C(3)	119.9 (0.8)	C(4)-C(5)-H(3)	121.1 (0.6)
C(2)-C(1)-C(6)	118.7 (0.6)	C(6)-C(5)-H(3)	120.2 (0.9)
C(1)-C(6)-C(5)	121.4 (0.8)	C(5)-C(6)-H(4)	119.8 (0.7)
C(6)-C(5)-C(4)	118.7 (0.7)	C(1)-C(6)-H(4)	118.8 (0.6)

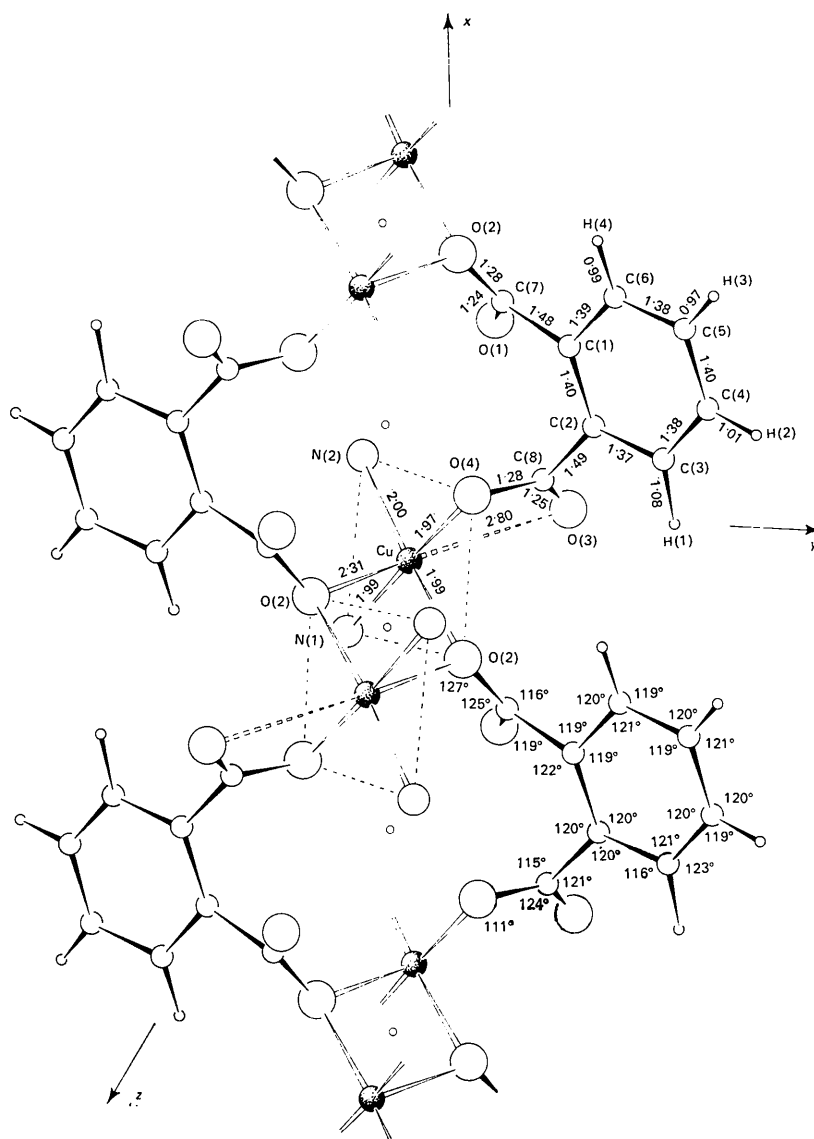


Fig. 1. Clinographic projection of the structure.

Table 6. Cu-O and Cu-N distances in the main coordination plane of Cu(II)-complexes

Compound	Cu-O	Cu-N	Literature
Bis(hydrogen <i>o</i> -phthalato)diaquocopper(II)	1.930 (8) Å 1.967 (8)		Biagini Cingi, Guastini, Musatti & Nardelli (1969)
Copper glutamate dihydrate	1.967 (4) 1.981 (4) 1.991 (4)	1.998 (4) Å	Gramaccioli & Marsh (1966)
Cu(II) succinate dihydrate	1.990 (7) 1.975 (6) 1.962 (7) 1.975 (7)		O'Connor & Maslen (1966)
Di- μ -hydroxobis(dimethylamine)copper(II) sulphate monohydrate	1.941 (15) 2.000 (15) 1.938 (15) 1.983 (15)	2.007 (19) 2.020 (19) 2.024 (19) 2.011 (19)	Iitaka, Shimizu & Kwan (1966)
Glycylglycylglycinocopper(II) chloride sesquihydrate	1.988 (7) 1.930 (7)	1.990 (8)	Freeman, Robinson & Schoone (1964)
Bis(ethylenediamine)copper(II) thiocyanate		2.01 (1) 1.99 (1)	Brown & Lingafelter (1964)
Bis(ethylenediamine)copper(II) nitrate		2.044 (13) 2.012 (13)	Komiyama & Lingafelter (1964)
Dipotassium bis(glycylglycinato)cuprate(II) hexahydrate		2.04 (1) 1.97 (1)	Sugihara, Tamaichi, Sasada & Kakudo (1968)
Bis(ethylenediamine)copper(II) fluoroborate		2.02 (1) 2.03 (1)	Brown, Lee & Melsom (1968)
Bis(diethylenetriamine)copper(II) bromide monohydrate		2.040 (23) 2.131 (24) 2.027 (26) 2.066 (25)	Stephens (1969)
Present paper	1.988 (5) 1.971 (5)	1.997 (8) 1.992 (6)	(1969)

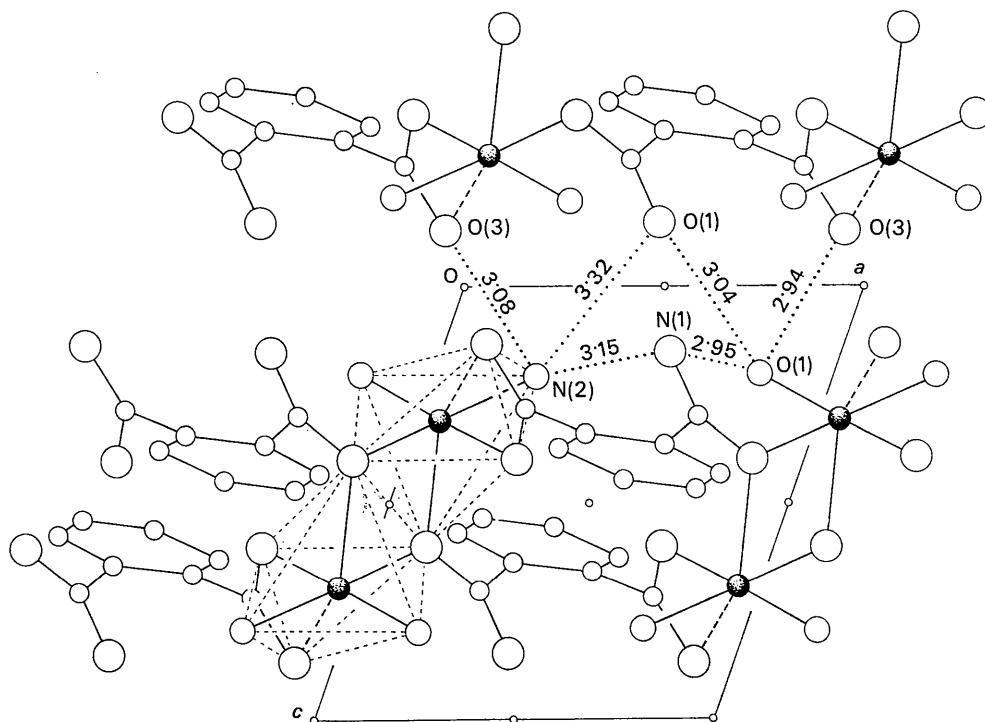


Fig. 2. Diagrammatic projection of the structure on (010).

- i $x-1, y, z$
- ii $1-x, \bar{y}, 1-z$
- iii $1-x, \bar{y}, \bar{z}$
- iv $\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z}$

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Crystal Structure of the Praseodymium β -Diketonate of 2,2,6,6-Tetramethyl-3,5-heptanedione, $\text{Pr}_2(\text{thd})_6$

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The crystal structure of the β -diketonate with empirical formula $\text{Pr}[(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{C} \cdot \text{CO} \cdot \text{CH} \cdot \text{CO} \cdot \text{C} \cdot (\text{CH}_3)_3]_3$ has been determined from 5373 intensities measured visually using the multiple-film Weissenberg technique at room temperature. The crystals are monoclinic with space group $P2_1/n$ and cell constants $a=22.28$ (6), $b=28.51$ (7), $c=12.56$ (5) Å, and $\beta=105^\circ \pm 30'$. Observed and calculated densities are 1.20 and 1.19 g.cm⁻³ respectively, for $Z=8$, i.e. with two crystallographically independent formula units. Refinement by full-matrix least-squares including 9 layer-line scale factors and individual isotropic temperature factors (329 parameters) converged to a conventional R of 0.133. The asymmetric unit consists of a dimer $\text{Pr}_2(\text{thd})_6$ in which each of the Pr atoms is surrounded by 7 oxygen atoms in positions consistent with maximum repulsion. Two of the oxygen atoms are shared equally between Pr atoms. Only the methyl groups of neighbouring dimers are in loose van der Waals contact as evidenced by exceptionally high temperature factors for the methyl carbon atoms. This is interpreted as symptomatic of the known volatility of the thd lanthanides.

Introduction

The β -diketonate $[(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{C} \cdot \text{CO}]_2\text{CH}_2$, H(thd), forms volatile lanthanide complexes with the general empirical formula $\text{Ln}(\text{thd})_3$ (Eisenbraun & Sievers, 1965). These complexes have been the subject of several crystallographic studies (e.g. Chen, 1967; Mode & Smith, 1969) which established that the complexes of the lighter lanthanides (La to Dy) are monoclinic and that those of Ho to Lu are orthorhombic. Work in this laboratory has been confined to the study of the crystallography

of the lighter series and the detailed analysis of two of the structure types encountered. Part of the work is described in this paper, a preliminary report having been published previously (Erasmus & Boeyens, 1969).

Crystallographic relationships

Sublimed samples of each of the La^{III} to Dy^{III} thd complexes were kindly supplied by Dr R. E. Sievers of Aerospace Research Laboratories, Dayton, Ohio. These were recrystallized from n-hexane, exposed to the atmosphere and found to constitute an isomorphous series with space group $P2_1/n$. The cell constants as determined from suitable oscillation, Weissenberg

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