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# catena-Acetato(di-2-pyridylamine)- $\mu$-perchlorato-copper(II) Monohydrate 

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#### Abstract

Cu}\left(\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{9} \mathrm{~N}_{3}\right)\left(\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{2}\right)\left(\mathrm{ClO}_{4}\right)\right] . \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}, \mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{14}{ }^{-}\) $\mathrm{ClCuN}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{7}, M_{r}=411 \cdot 3$, monoclinic, $P 2_{1} / c, Z=4, a=$ 7.309 (3), $b=16.363$ (4), $c=13.646$ (4) $\AA, \beta=$ $10 \overline{3} .085(3)^{\circ}, U=1589.65 \AA^{3}, D_{m}=1.75(2), D_{c}=$ $1.72 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}{ }^{-3} . R=0.0517$ for 2518 observed reflections. The local molecular $\mathrm{CuN}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}^{\prime}$ chromophore involves an elongated rhombic octahedral structure with near symmetrically bonded di-2pyridylamine (dpyam) and acetate groups bonding in the plane and bridging semi-coordinate perchlorate groups completing the six coordination.


Introduction. In a programme to examine the bonding role of the acetate ligand (Hathaway, Ray. Kennedy. O'Brien \& Murphy, 1980) in ternary complexes of the $\mathrm{Cu}^{11}$ ion with bis-nitrogen chelate ligands, dark-green crystals of the title complex (1) were obtained. As the

[^0]IR spectrum (Hathaway \& Underhill. 1961) suggested that the perchlorate group was bonded to $\mathrm{Cu}^{11}$. but failed to establish the bonding of the acetate and water molecules, the structure of (1) was determined. (1) was prepared by mixing 0.01 mol of $\mathrm{Cu}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CO}_{2}\right)_{2} \mid \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ and 0.01 mol of $\left[\mathrm{Cu}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{6} \backslash\left(\mathrm{ClO}_{4}\right)_{2}\right.$. both in 60 ml of ( $1: 2$ ) aqueous ethanol, and adding 0.022 mol of dpyam in 60 ml of ( $1: 2$ ) aqueous ethanol. The solution was boiled, filtered, and allowed to stand and the dark-green crystals were deposited overnight.

Found: C. 35.00: H. 3.70: Cl. 8.63: Cu. 14.41: N. $9.91 \%$ : calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{14} \mathrm{ClCuN}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{7}: \mathrm{C} .35 \cdot 04: \mathrm{H}$. 3.41: Cl, $8 \cdot 63, \mathrm{Cu}, 15 \cdot 46: \mathrm{N} .10 \cdot 22 \%$. Intensities were collected on a Philips PW 1100 diffractometer with graphite-monochromatized Mo Ka radiation. Reflections with $3.0<\theta<32^{\circ}$ in one quadrant were examined in the $\theta-2 \theta$ scan mode with constant scan speed of $0.05^{\circ} \mathrm{s}^{-1}$, and a variable scan width of $(0.7+$ $0.1 \tan \theta)^{\circ} .2518$ unique reflections were retained $[I\rangle$
$2 \cdot 5 \sigma(I)]$. Lorentz and polarization corrections were applied, but no correction was made for absorption [ $\mu(\mathrm{Mo} K \alpha)=15.27 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ ]. The structure was solved by Patterson and Fourier techniques and refined by blocked-matrix least-squares analysis with anisotropic temperature factors for all non-H atoms.

As the temperature factors of the O atoms of the $\mathrm{ClO}_{4}^{-}$group at this stage were high and the maximum residual electron density was associated with four peaks around the $\mathrm{ClO}_{4}^{-}$group at reasonable $\mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{O}$ bond distances of $1.4-1.5 \AA$, a disordered $\mathrm{ClO}_{4}^{-}$group was introduced. With isotropic temperature factors of the Cl and $O$ atoms fixed at $0 \cdot 1 \AA^{2}$, the site-occupation factors (s.o.f.) of the major and minor components of the $\mathrm{ClO}_{4}^{-}$ were refined (with the constraint that they add up to one), and yielded values of 0.929 and 0.071 respectively. The s.o.f.'s were then fixed, the temperature factors of the major $\mathrm{ClO}_{4}^{-}$made anisotropic and refinement continued with the minor component, treated as a rigid body with tetrahedral angles and $\mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{O}$ bond distances constrained to ca $1 \cdot 42 \AA$. The

Table 1. Fractional atomic coordinates ( $\times 10^{5}$ for Cu ; $\times 10^{4}$ for the other non -H atoms) and equivalent isotropic temperature factors $\left(\times 10^{4}\right.$ for $\mathrm{Cu} ; \times 10^{3}$ for the other non- H atoms)

|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | $\begin{aligned} & U_{\text {eu }} * \\ & \left(\AA^{2}\right) \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cu | 29038 (8) | 11259 (3) | 25330 (4) | 377 (4) |
| $\mathrm{N}(1)$ | 3622 (5) | 2197 (2) | 3101 (2) | 38 (2) |
| $\mathrm{N}(2)$ | 2020 (5) | 1522 (2) | 1157 (2) | 38 (2) |
| N(3) | 2333 (5) | 2930 (2) | 1617 (3) | 44 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O}(1)$ | 2472 (5) | -68 (2) | 2304 (2) | 50 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 3203 (5) | 434 (2) | 3807 (2) | 46 (2) |
| C(1) | 4653 (7) | 2207 (3) | 4073 (3) | 48 (3) |
| C(2) | 5380 (7) | 2912 (3) | 4555 (4) | 54 (3) |
| C(3) | 5054 (7) | 3627 (3) | 4025 (4) | 45 (3) |
| C(4) | 4036 (8) | 3637 (3) | 3051 (4) | 54 (3) |
| C(5) | 3345 (6) | 2902 (2) | 2595 (3) | 38 (2) |
| C(6) | 1688 (6) | 2318 (3) | 924 (3) | 36 (2) |
| C(7) | 734 (7) | 2560 (3) | -40 (3) | 47 (3) |
| C(8) | 130 (7) | 1981 (3) | --764 (4) | 49 (3) |
| $\mathrm{C}(9)$ | 566 (8) | 1164 (3) | -531(4) | 57 (3) |
| $\mathrm{C}(10)$ | 1454 (7) | 959 (3) | 423 (3) | 48 (3) |
| C(11) | 2747 (6) | -175 (3) | 3238 (4) | 43 (3) |
| C(12) | 2524 (10) | -1005 (3) | 3672 (5) | 68 (5) |
| Cl | 7700 (2) | 1158 (1) | 2304 (1) | 46 (1) |
| $\mathrm{O}(3){ }^{\dagger}$ | 6387 (7) | 817 (3) | 2785 (5) | 101 (6) |
| $\mathrm{O}(4) \dagger$ | 7706 (9) | 738 (4) | 1382 (4) | 112 (5) |
| $\mathrm{O}(5) \dagger$ | 9511 (7) | 1135 (4) | 2898 (5) | 106 (6) |
| $\mathrm{O}(6){ }^{\dagger}$ | 7169 (8) | 1997 (3) | 2078 (4) | 82 (6) |
| $\mathrm{O}(7)$ | 2134 (8) | 4482 (2) | 686 (3) | 86 (4) |
| $\mathrm{O}\left(3^{\prime}\right) \ddagger$ | 7895 | 1166 | 3361 | 34 (8) |
| $\mathrm{O}\left(4^{\prime}\right) \ddagger$ | 5855 | 905 | 1832 | 24 (7) |
| $\mathrm{O}\left(5^{\prime}\right) \ddagger$ | 9023 | 608 | 2054 | 37 (9) |
| $\mathrm{O}\left(6^{\prime}\right) \ddagger$ | 8030 | 1955 | 1972 | 41 (13) |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & * U_{\text {eq }}=\frac{1}{3} \sum_{i} \sum_{j} U_{i j} a_{i}^{*} a_{j}^{*} \mathbf{a}_{i} \cdot \mathbf{a}_{j} . \\ & \dagger \text { Occupancy }=0.929 . \\ & \ddagger \text { Occupancy }=0.071 . \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |

Table 2. Selected bond lengths ( $\AA$ ) and bond angles $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ with e.s.d.'s in parentheses

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\text { Symmetry code: (ii) }-1+x, y, z .
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| $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{N}(1)$ | 1.940 (3) | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{O}\left(5^{\mathrm{i}}\right) \\ & \mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{O}(3) \end{aligned}$ | 2.638 (4) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{N}(2)$ | 1.953 (3) |  | 1.396 (7) |
| $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{O}(1)$ | $1.992(3)$2.045 (3) | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{O}(4) \\ & \mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{O}(5) \end{aligned}$ | 1.434 (6) |
| $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{O}(2)$ |  |  | 1.387(5) |
| $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{O}(3)$ | 2.541 (4) | $\mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{O}(6) \quad 1.4$ | 1.44 |
| $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{N}(2)$ | 94.9(1) | $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{O}\left(5^{\text {i }}\right.$ ) | 95.8 (1) |
| $\mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 64.7(i) | $\mathrm{N}(2)-\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{O}\left(5^{\text {in }}\right.$ ) | 93.4 (1) |
| $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{O}(1)$ | ) 165.3(1) | $\mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{O}\left(5^{\text {ii) }}\right.$ | 85.0 (1) |
| $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 101.2(1) | $\mathrm{O}(2)-\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{O}\left(5^{\text {ii) }}\right.$ | 76.5 (1) |
| $\mathrm{N}(2)-\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{O}(1)$ | ) $\quad 99.7(1)$ | $\mathrm{O}(3)-\mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{O}(4)$ | 111.1 (4) |
| $\mathrm{N}(2)-\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 161.8(1) | $\mathrm{O}(3)-\mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{O}(5)$ | 112.4 (4) |
| $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{O}(3)$ | 87.3(1) | $\mathrm{O}(3)-\mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{O}(6)$ | 107.5 (4) |
| $\mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{O}(3)$ | 86.8(1) | $\mathrm{O}(4)-\mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{O}(5)$ | 107.9 (4) |
| $\mathrm{O}(2)-\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{O}(3)$ | 82.2(1) | $\mathrm{O}(4)-\mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{O}(6)$ | 108.8 (3) |
| $\mathrm{N}(2)-\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{O}(3)$ | 107.4(1) | $\mathrm{O}(5)-\mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{O}(6)$ | 109.0 (3) |

Table 3. Least-squares planes of the form $l X+m Y+$ $n Z=p$, where $X, Y$ and $Z$ refer to orthogonal axes, with deviations ( $\AA$ ) of relevant atoms in square brackets
E.s.d.'s for the atomic deviations are in the range $0.001-0.003 \AA$.
$l \quad m \quad n \quad p$
Plane (1): $\mathrm{N}(1), \mathrm{N}(2), \mathrm{O}(1), \mathrm{O}(2)$ (r.m.s.d. $=0 \cdot 101)$
$0.940(1) \quad-0.140(2) \quad-0.312(2) \quad 0.700(2)$
$1 \mathrm{~N}(1) 0.085, \mathrm{~N}(2)-0.087, \mathrm{O}(1) 0.116, \mathrm{O}(2)-0.113, \mathrm{Cu} 0.056 \mid$
Plane (2): $\mathrm{N}(1), \mathrm{C}(1)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ (r.m.s.d. $=0.005$ )
$0.841(1) \quad-0.134(2) \quad-0.524(2) \quad-0.207(1)$
$\mathrm{N}(1)-0.008, \mathrm{C}(1) 0.003, \mathrm{C}(2) 0.002, \mathrm{C}(3) 0.000, \mathrm{C}(4)-0.005$.
C(5) 0.0091
Plane (3): $\mathrm{N}(2), \mathrm{C}(6)-\mathrm{C}(10)$ (r.m.s.d. $=0.015)$
$0.874(1) \quad 0.081(2) \quad-0.479(2) \quad 0.876(2)$
$\mathrm{IN}(2)-0.013, \mathrm{C}(6) 0.013, \mathrm{C}(7) 0.005, \mathrm{C}(8)-0.023 . \mathrm{C}(9) 0.023$.
C(10) -0.005 I
Plane (4): $\mathrm{O}(1), \mathrm{O}(2), \mathrm{C}(11), \mathrm{C}(12)$ (r.m.s.d. $=0.002)$
$0.965(1) \quad-0.193(2) \quad-0.178(2) \quad 1.233(10)$
$[\mathrm{O}(1)-0.001, \mathrm{O}(2)-0.001, \mathrm{C}(11) 0.003, \mathrm{C}(12)-0.001]$
Angle between normals to planes (2) and (3) is $12.8(1)^{\circ}$.
positions of the H atoms were calculated geometrically and 'floated' on the adjacent atoms assuming $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}$ $1.08 \AA$, and a fixed temperature factor of $0.07 \AA^{2}$. The data converged when the maximum shift/e.s.d. was $<0.03$ with a refined weighting scheme, $w=k \mid \sigma^{2}\left(F_{o}\right)+$ $\left.g\left(F_{o}\right)^{2}\right]$ with $k=0.848$ and $g=0.00433, R=0.0517$ and $R_{w}=0.0603$. The maximum residual electron density was 0.77 e $\AA^{-3}$. Complex atomic scattering factors were employed and those for Cu and Cl were corrected for anomalous dispersion (Cromer \& Waber, 1965; Cromer \& Liberman, 1970). All calculations


Fig. 1. The molecular structure of $\mid \mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{dpyam})\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CO}_{2}\right)$ $\left.\left(\mathrm{ClO}_{4}\right)\right] . \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ viewed down c showing the atom-numbering scheme used. Symmetry code: (i) $-x \cdot \frac{1}{2}+y$, $\frac{1}{2}-z$ : (ii) $1+x, 1, z$.
were carried out with SHELX 76 and XANADU (G.M. Sheldrick) and PLUTO (S. Motherwell) on an IBM 370/138 computer. Final atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic temperature factors are given in Table 1.* Selected bond lengths and angles are in Table 2 and some mean plane data in Table 3. Fig. 1 shows the molecular structure of (1). the atom-numbering scheme, and the packing arrangement viewed down $\mathbf{c}$.

Discussion. The local molecular structure of the Cu atom involves an elongated rhombic octahedral $\mathrm{CuN}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}^{\prime}$ chromophore. The dpyam ligand bonds in the plane almost symmetrically with $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{N}$ distances of 1.940 (3) and 1.953 (3) $\AA$. mean $1.947 \AA$. a difference that is only just significant, with a bite angle of $94.9(1)^{\circ}$. The acetate group also bonds in the plane with $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{O} 1.992(3)$ and $2.045(3) \AA$, mean $2.019 \AA$. a difference that is considered significant. Due to the near symmetrical coordination of the acetate group to the Cu atom to give a four-membered ring, the bite angle at Cu is significantly less than $90^{\circ}$, at $64.7(1)^{\circ}$. The axial positions are occupied by O atoms from the unsymmetrically bridging perchlorate groups, major $\mathrm{ClO}_{4}^{-}, \quad \mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{O}(3) \quad 2.541$ (4) $\AA$ and $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{O}\left(5^{i i}\right)$ 2.638 (4) $\AA$, mean $2.590 \AA$ í: minor $\mathrm{ClO}_{4}^{-} \cdot \mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{O}\left(4^{\prime}\right)$ $2.576 \AA$ and $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{O}\left(5^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{i}^{\prime}\right) 2.890 \AA$, mean $2.733 \AA$. distances that are consistent with semi-coordination of

[^1]the bridging perchlorate groups (Procter, Hathaway \& Nicholls, 1968), and yield a tetragonal $T$ (=mean in-plane distance/mean out-of-plane distance) of 0.765 . The four in-plane ligands, $\mathrm{N}(1), \mathrm{N}(2), \mathrm{O}(1)$ and $\mathrm{O}(2)$ are reasonably planar, r.m.s. deviation $0 \cdot 1 \AA$ (Table 3) with a slight tetrahedral twist. The Cu atom lies above this plane, $0.056 \AA$ towards $\mathrm{O}(3)$ and the tetrahedral twist results in non-linear angles at $\mathrm{Cu}: \mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{O}(1)$ $165.3^{\circ}$ and $\mathrm{N}(2)-\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{O}(2) 161.8^{\circ}$. There are no unusual bond lengths or angles in the dpyam ligand (Ray \& Hathaway, 1978). The separate pyridine rings are planar (Table 3) and inclined to each other at an angle of $12.8^{\circ}$. The acetate group is planar, and consistent with the near symmetrical bidentate coordination to the Cu atom. the $\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{O}(1)$ and $\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ distances of 1.257 (6) and 1.261 (5) $\AA$ not being significantly different. The symmetrical coordination of the acetate group (Oldham, 1968) is unique in the coordinating role of this ligand to Cu , which usually involves very asymmetric bonding (Hathaway et al., 1980), with $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{O}$ distances of 2.00 and 2.5-2.9 $\AA$, respectively, a difference in coordination of the acetate O atoms that is not reflected in a difference in the $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O}$ bond distances. In addition the mean $\mathrm{C}(11)-\mathrm{O}$ distance in (1) of $1.259 \AA$ is not very different from the mean $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O}$ distance of $1.25 \pm$ $0.02 \AA$ in the unsymmetrically bonded acetate groups of $\left[\mathrm{Cu}(\text { bpy })_{2}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CO}_{2}\right)\right]\left(\mathrm{ClO}_{4}\right) .2 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ and $\mid \mathrm{Cu}(\text { bpy })_{2}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CO}_{2}\right) \mid\left(\mathrm{BF}_{4}\right) \quad$ (bpy $=2,2^{\prime}$-bipyridyl), (Hathaway et al.. 1980), notwithstanding the different bonding role of the acetate in these three complexes. Attempts to determine the IR spectra of the acetate group in these complexes were prevented by the presence of overlapping nitrogen chelate ligand bands. The bridging role of the perchlorate group is reflected in the IR spectra of the group (Table 4): the strong $v_{3}$ and $v_{4}$ bands of the ionic perchlorate group are clearly split into three bands and the forbidden $y_{1}$ band of the free ion appears with medium intensity (Hathaway \& Underhill, 1961). These results are consistent with a bidentate bonding role of the $\mathrm{ClO}_{4}^{-}$with approximate $C_{2 v}$ symmetry. The main $\mathrm{ClO}_{4}^{-}$is reasonably tetrahedral, mean $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{O}$ angle $109.5^{\circ}$ and mean $\mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{O}$ distance $1.42 \AA$, but in view of the disorder present, no attempt was made to interpret the structure in the approximate $C_{20}$ symmetry of a bridging $\mathrm{ClO}_{4}^{-}$ion. The bridging role of the $\mathrm{ClO}_{4}^{-}$group is unusual, but not unique, in $\mathrm{Cu}^{11}$ chemistry; it occurs in $\left[\mathrm{Cu}(\text { bpy })_{2}\left(\mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{ClO}_{2}\right)\right]\left(\mathrm{ClO}_{4}\right)$ (Nakai, 1971), but with less symmetrical $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{O}$ distances of 2.45 and $2.73 \AA$.

The elongation axes of the rhombic octahedral $\mathrm{CuN}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}^{\prime}$ chromophore are aligned approximately parallel to $\mathbf{a}$ (Fig. 1) and are connected by the bridging $\mathrm{ClO}_{4}^{-}$groups in this direction. The chains of $\left[\mathrm{Cu}\right.$ (dpyam) $\left.\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CO}_{2}\right)\left(\mathrm{ClO}_{4}\right)\right]$ are linked by the uncoordinated water molecule into an infinite threedimensional structure via some short non-bonded

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\left[\mathrm{Cu}\left(\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{9} \mathrm{~N}_{3}\right)\left(\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{2}\right)\left(\mathrm{ClO}_{4}\right)\right] \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}
$$

Table 4. IR spectrum of the $\mathrm{ClO}_{4}$ group $\left(\mathrm{cm}^{1}\right)$

|  | $v_{1} A$ | $\nu_{2}$ | $v_{3}$ | $v_{4}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- |
| (1) | $930 m$ |  | 1070 | 625 |
|  |  |  | 1110 s | 630 s |
|  |  |  | 1145 | 637 |
| Ionic | 935 w | 460 s | $1050-1170 \mathrm{~s}$ | 630 s |

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distances $\mathrm{O}(7) \cdots \mathrm{N}(3) 2 \cdot 828(5)$ and $\mathrm{O}(7) \cdots \mathrm{O}\left(2^{i}\right)$ 2.847 (5) $\AA$.

The electronic reflectance spectrum of (1) involves a broad peak at $15820 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ with a weakly resolved shoulder at ca $10000 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ (Procter, Hathaway \& Hodgson, 1972), and the polycrystalline ESR spectrum is axial, $g_{1}=2.074$ and $g_{11}=2 \cdot 284$. The single-crystal ESR spectrum of (1) yields three $g$ factors $2.053,2.065$ and 2.274 , but as the $\mathrm{CuN}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}$ plane is slightly misaligned by the monoclinic twofold axis, these crystal $g$ factors cannot be unambiguously resolved into their local molecular $g$ factors. Nevertheless, the electronic properties of (1) are consistent with the elongated rhombic octahedral $\mathrm{CuN}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}^{\prime}$ chromophore of (1) as reported above (Hathaway \& Billing, 1970).

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# Structure of Acetato( $N$-methyl- $\boldsymbol{N}^{\prime}$-salicylidene-1,3-propanediaminato)copper(II) Dimer 

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#### Abstract

Cu}\left(\mathrm{C}_{11} \mathrm{H}_{15} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)\left(\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{2}\right)\right]_{2}\), $\left(\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{CuN}_{2}-\right.$ $\left.\mathrm{O}_{3}\right)_{2}, M_{r}=627.68$, triclinic, $P 1, a=8.247(3), b=$ 9.173 (2), $c=10.239$ (3) $\AA, \alpha=108.88$ (2),$~ \beta=$ $111.20(3), \gamma=76.49(3)^{\circ}, V=677.3(4) \AA^{3}, Z=$ $1, D_{m}=1.53$ (flotation), $D_{x}=1.539 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}, \mu($ Mo $K a)=1.68 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$. The structure was solved by direct methods and refined by the block-diagonal leastsquares technique to $R=0.043$ for 2246 reflections with $I>2 \sigma(I)$. The tridentate Schiff base derived from salicylaldehyde and $N$-methyl-1,3-propanediamine form together with the acetate O atom the coordination plane around Cu . The axial positions are occupied by the more distant carboxyl O atoms ( 2.51 and $2.83 \AA$ ).


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The acetate ion acts under these conditions as an unsymmetrically chelating and monoatomic bridging group.

Introduction. Several Schiff-base $\mathrm{Cu}^{11}$ complexes derived from L amino acids and salicylaldehyde have been analysed by X-ray methods (Ueki, Ashida, Sasada \& Kakudo, 1967, 1969; Fujimaki, Oonishi, Muto, Nakahara \& Konijama, 1971; Hämäläinen, Ahlgrén, Turpeinen \& Rantala, 1978; Hämäläinen, Turpeinen, Ahlgrén \& Rantala, 1978; Korhonen \& Hämäläinen, 1979, 1981). The coordination sphere of the $\mathrm{Cu}^{11}$ ion in these compounds has almost invariably


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