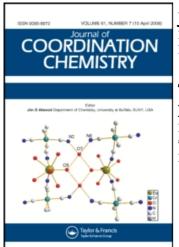
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As a part of a continuing study <sup>1-4</sup> of the effect of ligand structure on the bonding in copper(II) Schiffbase complexes the EPR spectrum of N,N'-bis(1,1,1-trifluoro-2,4-hexanedione)-1,2-propanediimine copper(II), [Cu pn(tfhex)<sub>2</sub>], has been studied.

The Ni(II) chelate was synthesized containing 1-3% <sup>63</sup>Cu by methods previously described <sup>1,5</sup> and characterized by partial elemental analysis. Calculated: C -41.90%, H -3.98%, N -6.52%; Found: C -42.0%, H -4.16%, N -6.50%.

Single crystals of the Cu(II) doped Ni[pn(tfhex)<sub>2</sub>], were grown by slow evaporation of acetone solution. The complex crystallized as hexagonal platelets. No x-ray crystallographic structure study of either the Ni(II) or Cu(II) complex has been done.

'EPR spectra were recorded at angular increments of  $10^{\circ}$  in planes perpendicular to the axes shown in Figure 1. The data were reduced by standard techniques 1 to yield the parameters of the spin-Hamiltonian for a doublet spin state. The results are listed in Table I. Values for  $g_z$  and  $A_z$  determined from the spectrum of a polycrystalline sample are in excellent agreement with those determined from the single crystal measurements. Only one magnetic site was observed in the single crystal spectrum and for that site the z-axis of the g-tensor coincides with the z-axis in Figure 1. Because  $g_x$  and  $g_y$ ,  $A_x$  and  $A_y$  are nearly equal it was not possible to locate the tensor axes precisely but they are believed to coincide with the x and y axes in Figure 1.

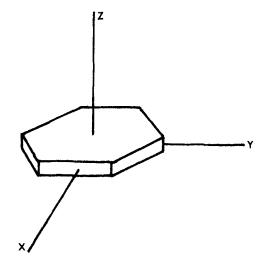


FIGURE 1 Relationship between crystal morphology and laboratory axis system.

The values of the magnetic parameters of [Cu(pn(tfhex)<sub>2</sub>] are essentially the same as those obtained in the analysis of the EPR spectrum of N,N'-bis(trifluoro-2,4-hexanedione)ethylenediimine

TABLE I
Spin-Hamiltonian parameters for Cu[pn(tfhex)<sub>2</sub>]

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$g_z$	$2.195 \pm 0.001$	
$g_{x}$	$2.048 \pm 0.002$	
$g_{\mathcal{V}}$	$2.047 \pm 0.002$	
${\stackrel{g_y}{A_z}}{ m Cu} {\stackrel{A_z}{A_x}}{ m Cu}$	193.3 ± 0.5 G	$198.1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ cm}^{-1}$
$A_{\mathbf{x}}^{-}\mathrm{C}u$	$32.8 \pm 1.0 \text{ G}$	$31.4 \times 10^{-4} \text{ cm}^{-1}$
$A_y^{Cu}$ $A_z^{N}$	31.9 ± 1.0 G	$30.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ cm}^{-1}$
$A_z^N$	$12.4 \pm 0.5  \mathrm{G}$	$12.7 \times 10^{-4} \text{ cm}^{-1}$
$A_x^N = A_y^N$	$15.9 \pm 0.5 \mathrm{G}$	$15.2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ cm}^{-1}$

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Cu(II) [Cu en(tfhex)<sub>2</sub>] indicating that the change in the bridging amine in the Schiff-base ligand has minimal effect of the environment of the Cu(II) ion in the complex. Calculation of the wave function coefficients in the usual ligand field wave functions showed them to be essentially the same for both chelates.

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