in a stream of nitrogen. It was then dissolved in the minimum volume of dichloromethane ( $\sim 3 \mathrm{ml}$ ) and treated with methanol ( 15 ml ). On cooling overnight at $0^{\circ}$ yellow crystals separated; these were washed with methanol and dried in vacuo ( $0.19 \mathrm{~g}, 95 \%$ based on VII). VIII could also be prepared by heating $\mathrm{Ru}(\mathrm{CO})_{2}(\mathrm{SP})_{2}(\mathrm{~V})$ in $n$-nonane for 5 hr or by heating the $\sigma$-bonded complex VI in $n$-nonane for $20-30 \mathrm{hr}$. Ir spectroscopy showed that VII was an intermediate in both cases (see text).
Preparation of Dihalocarbonylbis-1,4-[0-(diphenyiphosphino)-phenyl)-cis-2-buteneruthenium(II) Complexes, $\mathrm{RuX}_{2}(\mathrm{CO})\left\{0-\left(\mathrm{C}_{6}-\right.\right.$ $\left.\left.\mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{2} \mathrm{PC}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}=\mathrm{CHCH}_{2} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{P}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{j}}\right)_{2}-0\right) \quad[\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{Cl}$ (IX(i) and IX(ii)) or $\mathbf{X}=\mathbf{B r}(\mathbf{X}(\mathrm{i})$ and $\mathbf{X}(\mathrm{ii}))]$ by Hydrogen Halide Addition to VIII. (i) A solution of VIII ( 0.1 g ) in dichloromethane ( 5 ml ) was degassed by passing nitrogen through it for several minutes and then treated with dry hydrogen chloride gas. The color changed from deep yellow to almost colorless over a period of 2 min , after which time the solution was again flushed with nitrogen. Solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was recrystaliized from dichloromethane-methanol ( $1: 4$ ) to give colorless crystals IX(ii) ( $\mu(\mathrm{CO}) 1990 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ (Nujol)) which were washed with methanol
and dried in vacuo (yield, $\sim 90 \%$ ). On standing for several days the mother liquor deposited a mixture of colorless and yellow crystals, identified by their $\nu(\mathrm{CO})$ bands at 1990 and $2015 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ as IX(ii) and IX(i), respectively. These could not be separated owing to the ease with which IX(i) isomerized to IX(ii).
(ii) The procedure described above was repeated using hydrogen bromide in place of hydrogen chloride. The orange-brown complex initially isolated was X (i) ( $\nu(\mathrm{CO}) 2010 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ (Nujol)) ( $\sim 90 \%$ yield). This isomerized at room temperature over a period of 3 weeks in dichloromethane to the morestable X(ii) $\left(\nu(\mathrm{CO}) 1989 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right)$, as shown by nmr spectroscopy. The same process occurred more rapidly on three successive recrystallizations of $\mathrm{X}(\mathrm{i})$ from dichloro-methane-methanol (1:4).

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# Transition Metal Hydroborate Complexes. VI. ${ }^{1}$ The Solid-State Structure of $\mu$-Bis(cyanotrihydroborato)tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)dicopper(I) 

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#### Abstract

The structure of $\mu$-bis(cyanotrihydroborato)-tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)dicopper(I) has been determined in a single-crystal X-ray diffraction study. The compound crystallizes in the space group $P 2_{1} / n$ of the monoclinic system with four dimeric molecules per unit cell. The lattice parameters are $a=18.100$ (1) $\AA, b=27.407$ (5) $\AA, c=13.615$ (1) $\AA$, and $\beta=104.43$ (1) ${ }^{\circ}$, with $\rho_{\text {obsd }}=1.28$ (3) and $\rho_{\text {calcd }}=1.27 \mathrm{~g} \mathrm{~cm}^{-3}$. From 2921 independent observed reflections collected by diffractometer the structure was solved and refined with the phenyl rings constrained as rigid bodies to a final value for the discrepancy index $R_{1}$ of 0.060 . No crystallographic symmetry is imposed on the molecule. The $\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{BCN}^{-}$ligands bridge the two copper atoms forming a ten-membered nonplanar ring, with a $\mathrm{Cu} \cdots \mathrm{Cu}$ distance of 5.637 (2) $\AA$. Each quasitetrahedral copper atom is bonded to two triphenylphosphine ligands and to a hydrogen and a nitrogen atom from the different cyanotrihydroborate groups. The $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{N}$ distances are 1.96 (1) and 2.01 (1) $\AA$. The average $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{H}$ distance of $1.86 \pm 0.1 \AA$ is similar to those found in related bis(triphenylphosphine)copper(I) hydroborate complexes. The structure is a rare example of a hydroborate ligand bonded by only one of its hydrogen atoms to a metal atom. The $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{P}$ distances are 2.262 (3), 2.242 (3), 2.272 (3), and 2.280 (3) $\AA$, and the $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{P}$ angles are 124.8 (1) and 122.1 (1) ${ }^{\circ}$. The geometry of the coordinated $\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{BCN}$ ligand, determined for the first time, compares favorably to that of $\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{CCN}$ in related complexes. The local site symmetry at the boron atoms of the two cyanotrihydroborate ligands is distinctly different and can account for the appearance of two CN stretching bands in the infrared spectrum.


TThe cyanotrihydroborate anion, $\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{BCN} \mathrm{N}^{-}$, was first isolated as the lithium salt in 1951,2 and its utility as a selective organic reducing agent was later reported. ${ }^{3.4}$ Although the $\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{CNBH}_{3}$ linkage had been obtained from a solution of dicyanobis( $o$-phenanthroline)iron(II) that was allowed to react with diborane, ${ }^{5}$ complexes containing $\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{NCBH}_{3}$ bonds were unknown until recently. ${ }^{6-8}$
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As discussed in a previous paper, ${ }^{9}$ interest in the title compound was initially generated from its infrared spectrum which strongly suggested the presence of both $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{NCBH}_{3}$ and $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{HBH}_{2} \mathrm{CN}$ type linkages. In particular, two possible dimeric structures were considered, and the present X-ray diffraction study was undertaken to determine which (if either) was the correct one. Additional incentive for this investigation was derived from the need to (1) test the remote possibility that the ligand had isomerized to form M $\mathrm{CNBH}_{3}$ bonds, (2) elucidate the nature of the copperhydroborate attachment, and (3) determine the detailed molecular geometry of the cyanotrihydroborate anion, especially in its role as a bridging ligand. Also it was felt that structural information might help to assess the effect of the cyanide group on the coordinat-
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Table I. Final Positional, Group, and Thermal Parameters of the Atoms for $\left[\left(\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{3} \mathrm{P}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Cu}\left(\mathrm{NCBH}_{3}\right)_{2}{ }^{\text {a }}\right.$, ${ }^{b}$

| Atom | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | $B, \AA^{2}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cu 1 | 0.25204 (9) | 0.24630 (6) | 0.1183 (1) |  |
| P1 | 0.2362 (1) | 0.2416 (1) | 0.2778 (2) |  |
| P2 | 0.2755 (1) | 0.3152 (1) | 0.0428 (2) |  |
| Cu 2 | 0.25948 (8) | 0.06927 (5) | -0.0897 (1) |  |
| P3 | 0.2354 (1) | 0.0780 (1) | -0.2607 (2) |  |
| P4 | 0.2754 (1) | -0.0053 (1) | -0.0133 (2) |  |
| N1 | 0.1849 (5) | 0.1975 (4) | 0.0355 (7) |  |
| C1 | 0.1612 (7) | 0.1600 (5) | 0.004 (1) |  |
| B1 | 0.133 (1) | 0.1088 (6) | -0.032 (1) |  |
| N2 | 0.3299 (5) | 0.1214 (3) | -0.0156 (8) |  |
| C2 | 0.3561 (6) | 0.1481 (5) | 0.047 (1) |  |
| B2 | 0.3908 (9) | 0.1827 (6) | 0.140 (1) |  |
| H1 | 0.072 (6) | 0.101 (4) | -0.050 (7) | 5.5 |
| H2 | 0.163 (5) | 0.080 (4) | 0.044 (8) | 6.5 |
| H3 | 0.168 (6) | 0.095 (3) | -0.080 (7) | 6.5 |
| H4 | 0.347 (5) | 0.214 (3) | 0.135 (6) | 4.5 |
| H5 | 0.392 (5) | 0.157 (4) | 0.205 (7) | 5.5 |
| H6 | 0.440 (6) | 0.197 (4) | 0.134 (7) | 5.5 |
| CA1 ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | 0.1910 (5) | 0.1841 (2) | 0.2980 (6) | 4.0 (2) |
| CB1 | 0.1169 (4) | 0.1819 (2) | 0.3096 (6) | 6.1 (3) |
| CC1 | 0.0830 (3) | 0.1368 (3) | 0.3166 (6) | 7.7 (3) |
| CD1 | 0.1233 (5) | 0.0940 (2) | 0.3120 (7) | 6.6 (3) |
| CE1 | 0.1975 (5) | 0.0962 (2) | 0.3004 (7) | 8.2 (3) |
| CF1 | 0.2313 (3) | 0.1412 (3) | 0.2934 (6) | 6.9 (3) |
| CA2 | 0.3240 (3) | 0.2443 (4) | 0.3796 (5) | 3.8 (2) |
| CB2 | 0.3844 (4) | 0.2695 (3) | 0.3571 (4) | 4.8 (2) |
| CC2 | 0.4530 (4) | 0.2745 (3) | 0.4304 (6) | 5.6 (3) |
| CD2 | 0.4611 (3) | 0.2542 (5) | 0.5262 (5) | 6.1 (3) |
| CE2 | 0.4007 (4) | 0.2289 (3) | 0.5487 (4) | 6.4 (3) |
| CF2 | 0.3321 (4) | 0.2240 (3) | 0.4754 (6) | 5.1 (2) |
| CA3 | 0.1717 (8) | 0.2864 (7) | 0.3101 (6) | 3.6 (2) |
| CB3 | 0.1173 (5) | 0.3062 (3) | 0.2292 (4) | 5.0 (2) |
| CC3 | 0.0598 (6) | 0.3360 (5) | 0.2473 (5) | 5.9 (3) |
| CD3 | 0.0567 (8) | 0.3460 (7) | 0.3464 (7) | 6.3 (3) |
| CE3 | 0.1111 (5) | 0.3262 (3) | 0.4273 (4) | 5.8 (3) |
| CF3 | 0.1686 (6) | 0.2965 (5) | 0.4092 (5) | 5.1 (2) |
| CA4 | 0.3385 (4) | 0.3568 (3) | 0.1296 (5) | 3.5 (2) |
| CB4 | 0.4152 (4) | 0.3601 (2) | 0.1296 (5) | 5.3 (2) |
| CC4 | 0.4639 (3) | 0.3900 (3) | 0.2000 (6) | 7.2 (3) |
| CD4 | 0.4358 (4) | 0.4164 (3) | 0.2700 (6) | 6.1 (3) |
| CE4 | 0.3591 (5) | 0.4130 (2) | 0.2700 (5) | 5.8 (3) |
| CF4 | 0.3104 (3) | 0.3832 (3) | 0.1997 (5) | 4.2 (2) |
| CA5 | 0.1902 (3) | 0.3511 (2) | -0.0099 (5) | 3.9 (2) |
| CB5 | 0.1227 (4) | 0.3254 (2) | -0.0465 (6) | 5.6 (3) |
| CC5 | 0.0553 (3) | 0.3504 (3) | -0.0892 (6) | 6.8 (3) |
| CD5 | 0.0555 (3) | 0.4010 (3) | -0.0952 (6) | 6.6 (3) |
| CE5 | 0.1231 (5) | 0.4268 (2) | -0.0585 (6) | 5.9 (3) |
| CF5 | 0.1904 (3) | 0.4018 (2) | -0.0159 (5) | 4.8 (2) |
| CA6 | 0.3192 (4) | 0.3099 (3) | -0.0631 (5) | 4.0 (2) |
| CB6 | 0.3552 (4) | 0.2662 (2) | -0.0754 (6) | 7.3 (3) |
| CC6 | 0.3912 (5) | 0.2612 (2) | -0.1541 (7) | 9.6 (4) |
| CD6 | 0.3912 (5) | 0.2999 (3) | -0.2203 (6) | 7.2 (3) |
| CE6 | 0.3553 (4) | 0.3435 (3) | -0.2080 (5) | 7.0 (3) |
| CF6 | 0.3193 (4) | 0.3485 (2) | -0.1293 (6) | 5.2 (3) |
| CA7 | 0.1888 (8) | 0.1354 (3) | -0.3072 (5) | 4.1 (2) |
| CB7 | 0.1333 (6) | 0.1404 (2) | -0.3979 (5) | 6.0 (3) |
| CC7 | 0.0983 (4) | 0.1854 (4) | -0.4247 (5) | 7.5 (3) |
| CD7 | 0.1188 (8) | 0.2253 (3) | -0.3607 (7) | 8.5 (4) |
| CE7 | 0.1743 (7) | 0.2203 (3) | -0.2699 (7) | 11.5 (5) |
| CF7 | 0.2093 (5) | 0.1754 (4) | -0.2432 (5) | 8.6 (4) |
| CA8 | 0.3194 (3) | 0.0763 (3) | -0.3127 (5) | 3.5 (2) |
| CB8 | 0.3802 (4) | 0.0472 (2) | -0.2630 (4) | 4.5 (2) |
| CC8 | 0.4435 (4) | 0.0417 (3) | -0.3028 (5) | 4.3 (2) |
| CD8 | 0.4460 (3) | 0.0654 (4) | -0.3923 (5) | 4.8 (2) |
| CE8 | 0.3852 (4) | 0.0945 (2) | -0.4420 (4) | 4.9 (2) |
| CF8 | 0.3219 (4) | 0.1000 (3) | -0.4022 (5) | 5.0 (2) |
| CA9 | 0.1736 (9) | 0.0318 (5) | -0.3351 (7) | 3.9 (2) |
| CB9 | 0.1184 (6) | 0.0125 (2) | -0.2910 (5) | 5.3 (2) |
| CC9 | 0.0679 (6) | -0.0227 (5) | -0.3420 (7) | 7.2 (3) |
| CD9 | 0.0727 (9) | -0.0388 (6) | -0.4372 (8) | 6.4 (3) |
| CE9 | 0.1279 (6) | -0.0196 (2) | -0.4814 (5) | 6.6 (3) |
| CF9 | 0.1783 (5) | 0.0157 (5) | -0.4303 (6) | 5.2 (2) |
| CA10 | 0.3438 (4) | -0.0420 (3) | -0.0595 (5) | 3.0 (2) |
| CB10 | $0.4204(4)$ $0.4725(2)$ | -0.0433 (2) | $-0.0070(4)$ -0.0459 (5) | 4.2 (2) 5.3 (2) |
| CC10 CD10 | 0.4725 (2) 0.4481 (4) | -0.0696 (3) | -0.0459 (5) | 5.3 (2) 5.0 (2) |

Table I (Continued)

| Atom |  | $x$ | $y$ |  | $z$ | $B, \AA^{2}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CE10 |  | 0.3716 (4) | -0.0933 (2) |  | -0.1896 (4) | 5.0 (2) |
| CF10 |  | 0.3194 (3) | -0.0670 (3) |  | -0.1508 (5) | 4.3 (2) |
| CA11 |  | 0.1925 (3) | -0.0458 (2) |  | -0.0285 (5) | 3.4 (2) |
| CB11 |  | 0.1207 (4) | -0.0246 (1) |  | -0.0423 (5) | 4.2 (2) |
| CC11 |  | 0.0565 (3) | -0.0539 (2) |  | -0.0530 (5) | 4.6 (2) |
| CD11 |  | 0.0639 (3) | -0.1045 (2) |  | -0.0498 (5) | 4.7 (2) |
| CE11 |  | 0.1356 (4) | -0.1257 (1) |  | -0.0360 (5) | 4.5 (2) |
| CF11 |  | 0.1999 (3) | -0.0964 (2) |  | -0.0253 (5) | 3.9 (2) |
| CA12 |  | 0.3144 (3) | -0.0047 (2) |  | 0.1241 (3) | 3.0 (2) |
| CB12 |  | 0.3327 (4) | 0.0402 (2) |  | 0.1712 (5) | 4.6 (2) |
| $\mathrm{CC12}$ |  | 0.3613 (4) | 0.0427 (2) |  | 0.2759 (5) | 4.7 (2) |
| CD12 |  | 0.3715 (3) | 0.0001 (3) |  | 0.3336 (3) | 4.6 (2) |
| CE12 |  | 0.3532 (4) | -0.0448 (2) |  | 0.2865 (5) | 4.5 (2) |
| CF12 |  | 0.3246 (4) | -0.0473 (2) |  | 0.1818 (5) | 4.4 (2) |
| Group | $X_{0}{ }^{\text {d }}$ | $Y_{0}$ | $Z_{0}$ | $\phi$ | $\theta$ | $\rho$ |
| 1 | 0.1572 (3) | 0.1390 (2) | 0.3050 (3) | -2.077 (5) | ) 2.831 (5) | -2.953 (5) |
| 2 | 0.3925 (3) | 0.2492 (1) | 0.4528 (4) | 2.508 (7) | ) -2.268 (4) | -0.878 (7) |
| 3 | 0.1142 (3) | 0.3162 (1) | 0.3282 (4) | -1.85 (1) | -1.970 (4) | -1.20 (1) |
| 4 | 0.3871 (3) | 0.3866 (1) | 0.1998 (3) | 1.239 (5) | ) $\quad 2.508$ (4) | -2.425 (5) |
| 5 | 0.1229 (3) | 0.3761 (2) | -0.0525 (3) | -0.515 (4) | ) 3.187 (4) | 0.200 (4) |
| 6 | 0.3552 (2) | 0.3049 (2) | -0.1417 (4) | 0.272 (5) | ) 2.902 (5) | 1.993 (5) |
| 7 | 0.1538 (3) | 0.1804 (2) | -0.3339 (4) | -0.947 (8) | ) $\quad-2.320$ (5) | 0.219 (8) |
| 8 | 0.3827 (2) | 0.0709 (1) | -0.3525 (3) | 0.615 (6) | (6) 2.397 (4) | 2.200 (6) |
| 9 | 0.1231 (2) | -0.0035 (1) | -0.3862 (4) | -1.48(1) | 2.023 (5) | 2.26 (1) |
| 10 | 0.3960 (2) | -0.0683 (1) | -0.0983 (3) | 1.923 (5) | ) 2.468 (4) | 0.777 (5) |
| 11 | 0.1281 (2) | -0.0751 (1) | -0.0391 (3) | -2.527 (4) | ) 3.089 (4) | -3.037 (4) |
| 12 | 0.3430 (2) | -0.0022 (1) | 0.2288 (3) | 3.082 (4) | ) -3.066 (4) | -1.206 (4) |
| Atom | $\beta_{11}{ }^{\text {a }}$ | $\beta_{22}$ | $\beta_{33}$ | $\beta_{12}$ | $\beta_{13}$ | $\beta_{25}$ |
| Cu 1 | 4.08 (7) | 1.16 (3) | 5.7 (1) | -0.21 (4) | 1.28 (7) | -0.02 (5) |
| P1 | 3.6 (1) | 1.01 (5) | 5.5 (2) | -0.20 (7) | 1.0 (1) | 0.11 (9) |
| P2 | 3.2 (1) | 1.03 (5) | 4.7 (2) | 0.10 (7) | 1.3 (1) | 0.21 (9) |
| Cu 2 | 3.60 (7) | 1.09 (2) | 5.7 (1) | 0.04 (3) | 1.52 (7) | 0.09 (5) |
| P3 | 3.4 (1) | 1.10 (5) | 5.4 (2) | 0.09 (7) | 1.5 (1) | 0.14 (9) |
| P4 | 2.8 (1) | 1.04 (5) | 4.6 (2) | 0.00 (6) | 1.3 (1) | 0.00 (9) |
| N2 | 3.1 (4) | 1.1 (2) | 6.8 (9) | -0.2 (2) | 0.4 (5) | -0.1 (3) |
| C 2 | 2.1 (5) | 1.2 (2) | 7 (1) | 0.1 (3) | 0.9 (6) | -0.0 (4) |
| B2 | 2.9 (7) | 1.3 (3) | 11 (1) | 0.4 (4) | 0.8 (9) | -0.2 (6) |
| N1 | 4.2 (5) | 1.6 (2) | 7.5 (9) | 0.1 (2) | 1.9 (5) | 0.0 (3) |
| C1 | 3.3 (5) | 1.2 (3) | 8 (1) | 0.0 (3) | 1.2 (6) | 0.0 (4) |
| B2 | 4.1 (8) | 1.1 (3) | 16 (2) | -0.5 (4) | 4 (1) | -1.3(6) |

a Atoms are labeled as indicated in Figures 1 and 2. ${ }^{b}$ Standard deviations, in parentheses, occur in the last significant figure for each parameter. ${ }^{c}$ In this table, CA1, for example, refers to carbon atom $A$ of phenyl ring $1 .{ }^{d} X_{0}, Y_{0}$, and $Z_{0}$ are the fractional coordinates of the center of gravity of the rigid-body constrained phenyl rings, and $\phi, \theta$, and $\rho$ are the orientational angles given in radians. These parameters are defined in ref $18 .{ }^{e} \beta$ 's are defined in the text; values reported here are $\times 10^{3}$.
ing ability of the $\mathrm{RBH}_{3}{ }^{-}$anion since the structure of a related $\mathrm{BH}_{4}^{-}$derivative, tetrahydroboratobis(triphenylphosphine)copper(I), is known. ${ }^{10}$ Finally of interest was to learn whether the values of the $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{P}$ bond length and $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{P}$ angle correlated with expectations based upon a recent analysis of the factors influencing the stereochemistry of four-coordinate copper(I) phosphine complexes, ${ }^{11}$ a subject of recent investigation in our laboratory. ${ }^{12}$

## Experimental Procedure

Collection and Reduction of the Data. The compound was prepared as described previously ${ }^{9}$ (we thank Dr. P. S. Welcker for supplying crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction work), and a suitable multifaceted crystal was mounted with nail polish along the $b^{*}$ axis on the end of a glass fiber. After an approximate alignment on the optical goniometer, the crystal was transferred to the precession camera where unit cell and space group information were obtained using Ni -filtered $\mathrm{Cu} \mathrm{K}_{\bar{\alpha}}$ radiation ( $\lambda 1.5418 \AA$ ). The observed extinctions, $h 0 l, h+l \neq 2 n$, and $0 k 0, k \neq 2 n$, uniquely suggested the space group to be $P 2_{1} / n$, an unconventional setting of

[^0]$P 2_{1} / c^{13}$ having the general equivalent positions $(x, y, z),(-x,-y$, $-z),(1 / 2+x, 1 / 2-y, 1 / 2+z)$, and $(1 / 2-x, 1 / 2+y, 1 / 2-z)$. This choice was later proved correct by the successful refinement of the structure.
A crystal of approximate dimensions $0.2 \times 0.1 \times 0.1 \mathrm{~mm}$ was mounted along (601) in a glass capillary (for convenience only) and transferred to a Picker FACS-I-DOS diffractometer for data collection. Several open counter $\omega$ scans showed the mosaic spread to be $\sim 0.07-0.10^{\circ}$, which is acceptably low. Lattice parameters $a=18.100 \pm 0.001 \AA, b=27.407 \pm 0.005 \AA, c=13.615 \pm$ $0.001 \AA$, and $\beta=104.426 \pm 0.007^{\circ}$ were determined at $23^{\circ}$ by a least-squares refinement of the setting angles for 12 reflections which were carefully centered on the $\mathrm{Cu} \mathrm{K} \alpha_{1}$ line ( $\lambda 1.54051 \AA$ ). The calculated density, assuming eight $\left[\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{3} \mathrm{P}\right]_{2} \mathrm{Cu}\left(\mathrm{NCBH}_{3}\right)$ formulas per unit cell, is $1.27 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{cm}^{3}$. The average density measured by flotation in aqueous KI solutions is $1.28 \pm 0.03 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{cm}^{3}$, in agreement with the observed value.
Intensity data were obtained with $\mathrm{Cu} \mathrm{K}_{\bar{\alpha}}$ radiation using a symmetric scan range of $1.25^{\circ}$ in $2 \theta$ plus the $\mathrm{K} \alpha_{1}-\mathrm{K} \alpha_{2}$ difference. The takeoff angle at the X-ray tube was $2.0^{\circ}$, and an aperture of $4.0 \times$ 4.0 mm was placed in front of the scintillation counter at a distance of about 31 cm from the crystal. Stationary crystal, stationary counter background counts of 10 sec were taken at the beginning and end of the scan range. Aluminum foil attenuators of various thickness were automatically inserted in front of the counter aperture whenever the counting rate exceeded $10,000 \mathrm{cps}$ in order to eliminate saturation of the counter circuit. Three standards were

[^1]collected every 97 reflections and showed no crystal or electronic instability. A total of 4372 data were collected out to $2 \theta<80^{\circ}$. After 273 equivalent $h k 0$ reflections were averaged with an agreement factor of $0.041,2921$ data were judged to be observed by the criterion $F^{2}>3 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)$. The value for $\sigma\left(F^{2}\right)$ was obtained from the expression ${ }^{14}$
$$
\sigma\left(F^{2}\right)=(\mathrm{Lp})^{-1}\left[E+\left(t_{\mathrm{c}} / 2 t_{\mathrm{b}}\right)^{2}\left(B_{1}+B_{2}\right)+(\epsilon I)^{2}\right]^{1 / 2}
$$
where $E$ is the total integrated counts, $\left(t_{c} / 2 t_{b}\right)$ is the ratio of the time spent counting the integrated peak intensity to the total background counting time, $B_{1}$ and $B_{2}$ are the individual background counts, $\epsilon$ is the "ignorance factor" set equal to 0.04 in this case, $I=$ $E-\left(t_{\mathrm{c}} / 2 t_{\mathrm{b}}\right)\left(B_{1}+B_{2}\right)$, and $(\mathrm{Lp})^{-1}$ is the Lorentz-polarization factor. The intensities, $I$, were corrected for Lp effects but not absorption. The transmission coefficients were estimated to range from 0.775 to $0.816,{ }^{15}$ a relatively small variation due to the low linear absorption coefficient ( $20.6 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ ) and small, fairly unifcrm crystal dimensions.

The scattering factors used were for the neutal atoms. ${ }^{16}$ Corrections for anomalous dispersion effects for the Cu and $\mathbf{P}$ atoms were taken from the compilations of Cromer ${ }^{17}$ and applied to the calculated structure factor amplitudes. The data were placed on an approximately absolute scale through a modification of Wilson's method ${ }^{15}$ which produced an estimated mean $B$ of $3.98 \AA^{2}$ and scale factor of 0.333 .

Determination and Refinement of the Structure. Using the corrected data, an origin removed, sharpened Patterson map was computed. It was immediately evident that the compound was a dimer as the structure formed by the Cu and P atoms could be clearly seen on the $X=0.0$ section of the vector map. The $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{Cu}$ distance was approximately $5.8 \AA$, and the $\left(\mathrm{P}_{2} \mathrm{Cu}\right)_{2}$ unit was approximately parallel to the $Y Z$ plane.

The initial difficulty due to inadequate phasing in the $X$ direction was eliminated upon the location of several carbon atoms from a difference Fourier map based on phases assigned after a leastsquares refinement of the two copper and four phosphorus atom positional and thermal parameters. Successive cycles of leastsquares refinements of the scale factor, positional parameters, and isotropic temperature factor and subsequent difference Fourier syntheses revealed all but three of the carbon atoms in the 12 crystallographically independent phenyl rings. The resulting values of 0.139 and 0.188 were calculated for the discrepancy factors $R_{1}=\Sigma\left\|F_{\mathrm{o}}\left|-\left|F_{\mathrm{c}} \| / \Sigma\right| F_{\mathrm{o}}\right|\right.$ and $R_{2}=\left(\Sigma w\left(\left|F_{0}\right|-\left|F_{\mathrm{c}}\right|\right)^{2} \mid\right.$ $\left.\Sigma w\left|F_{0}\right|^{2}\right),^{1 / 2}$ respectively, where $w=4 F_{0}{ }^{2} / \sigma^{2}\left(F_{0}{ }^{2}\right)$. The function $\Sigma \omega\left(\left|F_{\mathrm{o}}\right|-\mid F_{\mathrm{c}}\right)^{2}$ was minimized.

At this stage the 12 crystallographically independent phenyl rings were treated as rigid body contributions to the structure, with $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}$ distances of $1.39 \AA$. There are 150 atoms (including H) in the asymmetric unit, and, if conventional full-matrix least-squares techniques were employed, it would have required the refinement of 631 parameters, assigning anisotropic temperature factors to the copper and phosphorus atoms and isotropic $B$ 's to all other atoms. Such a refinement would overextend the approximately 2900 observed data points. The program bugls ${ }^{15}$ allows the simultaneous refinement of individual atoms and of groups of atoms and has the capability of including the fixed hydrogen atom contributions to A and B parts of the structure factor. ${ }^{18}$ The total number of parameters in the final refinement (see below) was thereby reduced to 277 including the scale factor.

In order to verify that the copper atoms were indeed bonded to nitrogen atoms, and that no structural rearrangement had

[^2]occurred which would result in the existence of $\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{CNBH}_{3}$ linkages (as proposed for $\left.\mathrm{Fe}(\text { phen })_{2}\left(\mathrm{CNBH}_{3}\right)_{2}\right),{ }^{5}$ the scattering factors for carbon and nitrogen atoms were interchanged, and a least-squares refinement was run, with variation of positional and isotropic thermal parameters of the N and C ligand atoms. The temperature factors for the pseudonitrogen atems decreased in value to 0.8 and 2.1 (from 3.1 and 4.3, respectively) while those for the pseudocarbon atoms increased to 7.2 and 7.4 (from 3.6 and 4.3 , respectively). The original model therefore is presumed to be the correct one.

Examination of a difference Fourier map following isotropic rigid body refinement of the phenyl rings and individual $\mathrm{Cu}, \mathrm{P}$, and light atoms of the cyanotrihydroborate group showed residual electron density near the $\left(\mathrm{P}_{2} \mathrm{CuNCB}\right)_{2}$ atoms. Thus, in subsequent refinements, anisotropic thermal parameters of the form exp[. $\left.-\left(\beta_{11} h^{2}+\beta_{22} k^{2}+\beta_{33} l^{2}+2 \beta_{12} h k+2 \beta_{13} h l+2 \beta_{23} k l\right)\right]$ were assigned to these atoms.

After refinement of the parameters so that the change in the positional coordinates was at most 0.01 that of the standard deviation of these values, a fixed contribution was computed for the phenyl ring H atoms and used in the structure factor calculations (the C-H distances were set equal to $1.08 \AA$ ). A difference Fourier map at this stage clearly showed the six hydrogen atoms of the two $\mathrm{BH}_{3}$ groups. The positional parameters of these atoms were varied to convergence on subsequent refinement cycles. Their isotropic thermal parameters were assigned values to reflect the thermal motion of the boron atom to which they are attached as well as their structural function as a bridging or terminal atom. In the final refinement stages a modification of the weighting scheme was introduced to improve the constancy of the function $w \Delta^{2}$ for the various classes of reflections. ${ }^{18}$ The empirical function used set $w=\left(26.0-0.402 F+0.00283 F^{2}\right)^{-1}$. In the last refinement cycles the parameters varied by no more than $0.5 \%$ of their estimated standard deviations and the discrepancy indices converged at $R_{1}=0.060$ and $R_{2}=0.072$. The value of the function ${ }^{19}$ $\left[\left(\Sigma w \Delta^{2}\right) /(m-n)\right]^{1 / 2}$ was 1.206 , compared to the ideal value of 1.0. A final difference map showed only slight residual electron density of $\sim 0.4 \mathrm{e} / \AA^{3}$ near the phenyl rings, and the structure was thus considered to be complete. ${ }^{20}$

Table I contains the final atomic positional and thermal parameters for all atoms, with their standard deviations derived from the inverse matrix of the last-least-squares refinement cycle. A summary of the geometry of all nonphenyl atoms is included in Table II, and Table III lists short intramolecular interactions of phenyI ring hydrogens with other atoms in the structure. Table IV lists the root-mean-square amplitudes of vibration for the atoms refined anisotropically. The size and orientaton of the anisotropic ellipsoids are shown along with the atom labeling scheme in Figures 1 and 2.

## Discussion

The molecular configuration of $\left[\left(\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{3} \mathrm{P}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Cu}-\right.$ $\left.\left(\mathrm{NCBH}_{3}\right)\right]_{2}$ consists of dimeric units (Figures 1 and 2). Each copper atom is four-coordinate. The coordination geometry is that of a distorted tetrahedron defined by two phosphorus atoms and a nitrogen and hydrogen atom from two different ligands. The two bidentate bridging cyanotrihydroborate anions and the two copper atoms form a nonplanar, ten-membered ring. To our knowledge there is only one other reported structure ${ }^{21}$ in which a single hydrogen atom of a hydroborate group is bonded to a metal atom, although singly bridged three-center $\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{Mn}$ bonds occur in solid $\mathrm{HMn}_{3}(\mathrm{CO})_{10}\left(\mathrm{BH}_{3}\right)_{2} .{ }^{22}$

Unlike the approximately planar configuration found for the copper atoms and bridging ligands in $\left[\left(\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{2^{-}}\right.\right.$
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Figure 1. The ten-membered ring and its bonded atoms in $\left[\left(\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{3}-\right.\right.$ $\left.\mathrm{P})_{2} \mathrm{Cu}\left(\mathrm{NCBH}_{3}\right)\right]_{2}$ showing the atom designations. The $50 \%$ probability thermal ellipsoids are depicted.

Table II. Molecular Geometry for $\left[\left(\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{3} \mathrm{P}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Cu}\left(\mathrm{NCBH}_{3}\right)\right]_{2}{ }^{a}$

|  | Intramolecular |  | Bond Distances $(\AA)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- |
| Cu1-P1 | $2.262(3)$ | Cu2-P3 | $2.272(3)$ |
| Cu1-P2 | $2.242(3)$ | Cu2-P4 | $2.280(3)$ |
| Cu1-H4 | $1.90(10)$ | Cu2-H3 | $1.83(11)$ |
| Cu1-N1 | $1.96(1)$ | Cu2-N2 | $2.01(1)$ |
| Cu1-B2 | $3.01(2)$ | Cu2-B1 | $2.81(1)$ |
| N1-C1 | $1.15(1)$ | N2-C2 | $1.13(1)$ |
| C1-B1 | $1.53(2)$ | C2-B2 | $1.59(2)$ |
| B1-H1 | $1.08(11)$ | B2-H4 | $1.17(10)$ |
| B1-H2 | $1.29(11)$ | B2-H5 | $1.12(10)$ |
| B1-H3 | $1.09(10)$ | B2-H6 | $1.00(10)$ |
| P1-CA1 | $1.830(8)$ | P3-CA7 | $1.822(10)$ |
| P1-CA2 | $1.831(7)$ | P3-CA8 | $1.831(7)$ |
| P1-CA3 | $1.822(17)$ | P3-CA9 | $1.821(16)$ |
| P2-CA4 | $1.823(9)$ | P4-CA10 | $1.823(8)$ |
| P2-CA5 | $1.821(7)$ | P4-CA11 | $1.837(7)$ |
| P2-CA6 | $1.815(7)$ | P4-CA12 | $1.829(6)$ |
| Cu1-.Cu2 | $5.637(2)$ |  |  |

Selected Intramolecular Bond Angles (in Degrees)

| P1-Cu1-P2 | $124.8(1)$ | P3-Cu2-P4 | $122.1(1)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| H4-Cu1-N1 | $100(3)$ | H3-Cu2-N2 | $99(3)$ |
| H4-Cu1-P1 | $101(3)$ | H3-Cu2-P3 | $95(3)$ |
| H4-Cu1-P2 | $100(3)$ | H3-Cu2-P4 | $110(3)$ |
| N1-Cu1-B2 | $92.6(4)$ | N2-Cu2-B1 | $92.6(5)$ |
| N1-Cu1-P1 | $107.8(3)$ | N2-Cu2-P3 | $112.0(3)$ |
| N1-Cu1-P2 | $118.1(3)$ | N2-Cu2-P4 | $114.6(3)$ |
| C2-B2-H4 | $106(5)$ | C1-B1-H1 | $119(6)$ |
| C2-B2-H5 | $101(5)$ | C1-B1-H2 | $104(5)$ |
| C2-B2-H6 | $110(6)$ | C1-B1-H3 | $107(6)$ |
| H4-B2-H5 | $114(7)$ | H1-B1-H2 | $106(8)$ |
| H4-B2-H6 | $108(8)$ | H1-B1-H3 | $121(8)$ |
| H5-B2-H6 | $117(8)$ | H2-B1-H3 | $95(7)$ |
| Cu1-H4-B2 | $158(7)$ | Cu2-H3-B1 | $148(8)$ |
| Cu1-N1-C1 | $160(1)$ | Cu2-N2-C2 | $158(1)$ |
| N1-C1-B1 | $176(1)$ | N2-C2-B2 | $176(1)$ |
| Cu11-P1-CA1 | $111.2(2)$ | Cu2-P3-CA7 | $113.6(3)$ |
| Cu1-P1-CA2 | $115.5(3)$ | Cu2-P3-CA8 | $115.3(3)$ |
| Cu1-P1-CA3 | $115.8(4)$ | Cu2-P3-CA9 | $115.5(4)$ |
| Cu1-P2-CA4 | $112.8(2)$ | Cu2-P4-CA10 | $110.9(3)$ |
| Cu1-P2-CA5 | $113.4(2)$ | Cu2-P4-CA11 | $118.9(2)$ |
| Cu1-P2-CA6 | $117.8(3)$ | Cu2-P4-CA12 | $115.6(3)$ |
| CA1-P1-CA2 | $104.8(4)$ | CA7-P3-CA8 | $104.1(5)$ |
| CA1-P1-CA3 | $102.0(5)$ | CA7-P3-CA9 | $103.9(6)$ |
| CA2-P1-CA3 | $106.1(5)$ | CA8-P3-CA9 | $102.8(5)$ |
| CA4-P2-CA5 | $104.4(4)$ | CA10-P4-CA11 | $103.6(4)$ |
| CA4-P2-CA6 | $103.9(4)$ | CA10-P4-CA12 | $103.6(4)$ |
| CA5-P2-CA6 | $103.0(4)$ | CA11-P4-CA12 | $102.5(3)$ |

${ }^{a}$ See footnotes $a$ and $b$, Table I.
$\left.\left.\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{PCu}(\mathrm{NCS})\right]_{2},{ }^{23}$ the ten-membered ring in $\left[\left(\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{3^{-}}\right.\right.$ $\left.\mathrm{P})_{2} \mathrm{Cu}\left(\mathrm{NCBH}_{3}\right)\right]_{2}$ is considerably distorted. A similar
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Figure 2. An ORTEP produced diagram of the molecule showing the atom labeling scheme.

Table III. Short ( 3.0 Å) Intramolecular Phenyl Ring Hydrogen Atom Contacts in $\left[\left(\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{3} \mathrm{P}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Cu}\left(\mathrm{NCBH}_{8}\right)\right]_{2}{ }^{a}$

| Cu1-HB2 | 2.98 | Cu2-HB12 | 2.89 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Cu1-HB3 | 2.93 | P3-HF7 | 2.81 |
| Cu1-HB5 | 2.98 | P3-HB8 | 2.86 |
| P1-HB1 | 2.98 | P3-HF8 | 2.98 |
| P1-HF1 | 2.87 | P3-HB9 | 2.82 |
| P1-HB2 | 2.82 | P4-HB10 | 2.94 |
| P1-HB3 | 2.84 | P4-HF10 | 2.90 |
| P2-HB4 | 2.92 | P4-HB11 | 2.89 |
| P2-HF4 | 2.92 | P4-HF11 | 2.96 |
| P2-HB5 | 2.85 | P4-HB12 | 2.87 |
| P2-HF5 | 2.99 | P4-HF12 | 2.97 |
| P2-HB6 | 2.88 | C2-HB6 | 2.60 |
| P2-HF6 | 2.95 | B2-HB6 | 2.62 |
| N1-HB5 | 2.78 | N2-HF7 | 2.63 |
| B1-HB11 | 2.60 | N2-HB12 | 2.36 |
| H1-HB11 | 2.49 | C2-HB12 | 2.45 |
| H2-HB11 | 2.23 | H4-HB2 | 2.76 |
| H2-HB12 | 2.87 | H4-HB6 | 2.29 |
| H3-HB9 | 2.71 | H4-HC12 | 2.69 |
| H3-HB11 | 2.52 | H5-HF1 | 2.41 |
| H6-HB6 | 2.56 | H5-HB12 | 2.70 |

${ }^{a}$ In this table, HB1, for example, refers to a phenyl hydrogen atom bonded to carbon atom B of phenyl ring 1 .

Table IV. Root-Mean-Square Amplitudes of Vibration (in $\AA)^{a, b}$

| Atom | Min | Int | Max |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Cu1 | $0.207(3)$ | $0.223(2)$ | $0.255(2)$ |
| Cu 2 | $0.203(2)$ | $0.215(2)$ | $0.240(2)$ |
| P1 | $0.191(5)$ | $0.221(4)$ | $0.243(4)$ |
| P2 | $0.190(5)$ | $0.201(5)$ | $0.228(5)$ |
| P3 | $0.201(6)$ | $0.207(5)$ | $0.237(4)$ |
| P4 | $0.188(5)$ | $0.199(5)$ | $0.216(4)$ |
| N1 | $0.23(1)$ | $0.25(1)$ | $0.27(1)$ |
| C1 | $0.21(2)$ | $0.22(2)$ | $0.27(2)$ |
| B1 | $0.19(3)$ | $0.22(2)$ | $0.39(2)$ |
| N2 | $0.19(2)$ | $0.22(1)$ | $0.26(1)$ |
| C2 | $0.17(2)$ | $0.22(2)$ | $0.26(2)$ |
| B2 | $0.19(3)$ | $0.24(2)$ | $0.32(2)$ |

${ }^{a}$ Taken along the principal axes of the thermal ellipsoids. The orientation of these axes may be seen from Figure 1. ${ }^{b}$ See footnotes $a$ and $b$, Table I.
distortion was reported for $\left[\left(\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{3} \mathrm{P}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Cu}\left(\mathrm{N}_{3}\right)\right]_{2} .{ }^{24}$ This difference is not surprising when one considers the intramolecular steric interactions present in these molecules. The diphenylmethylphosphine ligand suffers much less overall steric hindrance than triphenylphosphine in these compounds, and the interactions of the
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phenyl rings with the bridging ligands are therefore smaller. Indeed, an examination of the perspective view of the molecular structure of the thiocyanate dimer ${ }^{23}$ shows the methyl carbons to be orientated in the direction of the bridging ligand atoms, which would alleviate the possible steric interactions. Similar results have also been found in the structural analysis of other copper(I) complexes containing $\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{2}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) \mathrm{Y}$ or $\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Y}$ ligands $(\mathrm{Y}=\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{As}) .{ }^{12 \mathrm{~b}}$

The nonbonded $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{Cu}$ distance of 5.637 (2) $\AA$ is longer than that found in the thiocyanate bridged dimer ${ }^{23}$ where a value of $5.30 \pm 0.02 \AA$ was reported. The greater distance in the present structure may be attributed to the combined effects of the increased steric interactions of the triphenylphosphine compared to the diphenylmethylphosphine ligand as well as the general increase in the number of bridging atoms.

The $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{H}$ bond distances of 1.83 (11) and 1.90 (10) $\AA$ compare favorably with the values of 1.84 (5) and 1.85 (5) $\AA$ in $\left[\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{\mathbf{5}}\right)_{3} \mathrm{P}_{2} \mathrm{Cu}\left(\mathrm{B}_{3} \mathrm{H}_{8}\right) .{ }^{25}\right.$ Apparently the elec-tron-withdrawing cyanide group has little effect on the coordinating ability of the $\mathrm{BH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}^{-}$hydrogen atoms. The essential constancy of the refined $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{H}$ bond distances in the $\left[\mathrm{L}_{2} \mathrm{Cu}\left(\mathrm{NCBH}_{3}\right)_{2}\right]_{2}$ and $\mathrm{L}_{2} \mathrm{Cu}\left(\mathrm{B}_{3} \mathrm{H}_{8}\right)$ complexes led us to reexamine the refinement of the $\mathrm{L}_{2} \mathrm{Cu}$ $\left(\mathrm{BH}_{4}\right)$ structure. Here the $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{H}$ bond length of $1.89 \AA$ obtained from a difference Fourier synthesis refined to a value of 2.02 (5) $\AA^{1,10}$ which, at the time, was not recognized to be unusually long. In the original refinement of the structure, ${ }^{10}$ the weighting scheme used was that written into the 1967 version of Prewitt's absorption correction program ACAC. This scheme, which was only used for the $\left[\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{3} \mathrm{P}_{2} \mathrm{Cu}\left(\mathrm{BH}_{4}\right)\right.$ structure, assigned more excessive weights to the strong reflections than does the expression ${ }^{14}$ defined in the Experimental Section. Analysis of the function $w \Delta^{2}$ for the various classes of reflections ${ }^{19}$ in the original refinement revealed serious deficiencies, and empirical weights, $w=\left(10.68-0.74 F+0.020 F^{2}\right)^{-1}$, were introduced. This new refinement had little effect on the heavy-atom parameters. Except for slight adjustments in the phenyl ring parameters, which made their geometry slightly more regular, all changes were less than one standard deviation. The boron hydrogen atom coordinates were substantially modified, however. The new results for the copper borohydride structure are summarized in Table $V$ along with selected features of the copper-coordination spheres of the present compound and the octahydrotriborate analog. The value of 1.75 (3) $\AA$ for the $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{H}$ distance in the borohydride complex is now in closer agrement with results for the other two compounds, demonstrating the pronounced effect that the weighting scheme can have on the refinement of hydrogen atoms. The greater reliability of hydrogen atom positional parameters obtained from difference Fourier maps rather than from the weighting scheme has been noted previously. ${ }^{26}$

The mean $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{H}$ distance of $1.82 \AA$ for the three structures (Table V ) is compatible with results for other first-row transition metals with bridging hydrogen atoms. ${ }^{27}$ The $\mathrm{Cu} \cdots \mathrm{B}$ distances and $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{B}$ angles

[^3]Table V. Comparison of Selected Bond Distances and Angles of the Copper Coordination Spheres of Three $\left[\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{3} \mathrm{P}\right]_{2} \mathrm{CuX}$ Complexes ${ }^{a}$

| Distance | Value, $\AA$ | Angle | Value, deg |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{NCBH}_{3}{ }^{\text {b }}$ |  |  |  |
| Cu1-H4 | 1.90 (10) | $\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{H} 4-\mathrm{B} 2$ | 158 (7) |
| Cu2-H3 | 1.83 (11) | $\mathrm{Cu} 2-\mathrm{H} 3-\mathrm{B} 1$ | 148 (8) |
| $\mathrm{Cu} 2 \cdots \mathrm{~B} 1$ | 2.81 (1) |  |  |
| Cu1...B2 | 3.01 (2) |  |  |
| $\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{BH}_{4}{ }^{\text {c }}$ |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{b}}$ | 1.75 (3) | $\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{b}}-\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{b}}{ }^{\prime}$ | 61 (2) |
| $\mathrm{Cu} \cdots \mathrm{B}$ | 2.196 (6) | $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{b}}-\mathrm{B}$ | 95 (2) |
| $\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{B}_{3} \mathrm{H}_{8}{ }^{\text {d }}$ |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{H} 5$ | 1.84 (5) | H5-Cu-H6 | 103 (2) |
| $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{H} 6$ | 1.85 (5) | $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{H} 5-\mathrm{B} 2$ | 100 (3) |
| $\mathrm{Cu} \cdots$ - ${ }^{\text {2 }}$ | 2.30 (1) | Cu-H6-B3 | 98 (3) |
| $\mathrm{Cu} \cdots$ - ${ }^{\text {3 }}$ | 2.30 (1) |  |  |

${ }^{a}$ Numbers given in parentheses refer to the standard deviation in the last significant figures used. ${ }^{b}$ See Figure 1 for labeling scheme. ${ }^{c}$ See ref 10 for labeling scheme. The new refined hydrogen atoms positional parameters (see text) are $\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{b}}(x=0.006$ (1), $y=0.284$ (3), $z=0.201$ (2)) and $H_{t}(x=0.042(2), y=0.431$ (5), $z=0.287(3))$. These parameters produce the following bond distances ( $\AA$ ) and angles (deg): $\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{b}}, 1.08$ (2); $\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{t}}, 1.15$ (4); $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{b}}, 107.3$ (7); $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{b}}{ }^{\prime}, 122.4$ (7); $\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{b}}-\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{b}}{ }^{\prime}, 103$ (3); $\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{t}}-\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{t}}{ }^{\prime}, 110$ (4); $\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{b}}-\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{t}}, 109$ (3); $\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{b}}-\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{t}}{ }^{\prime}, 113$ (2). d See ref 25 for labeling scheme.
are substantially larger in the cyanotrihydroborate dimer than in the other two compounds (Table V). This result is not surprising in view of the bridging nature of the cyanotrihydroborate group and the insensitivity of the bonding 1 s orbital on a bridging hydrogen atom to the angle at that atom. The average B-H distance of 1.13 (10) $\AA$ for the cyanotrihydroborate complex is slightly shorter than anticipated from a neutron diffraction study of uranium borohydride (mean value $1.25 \AA$ ), ${ }^{28}$ a displacement expected on theoretical grounds. ${ }^{29}$

As seen in Figure 1, there are two different conformational orientations of the boron terminal hydrogen atoms with respect to the NCB axes. The two terminal hydrogen atoms on B 2 straddle the approximate plane formed by N2, C2, B2, and C1, whereas these hydrogens on B1 lie on one side only of the plane formed by N1, Cl, B 1 , and $\mathrm{C} 2 .{ }^{30}$ In the latter case, the result is a displacement of boron atom Bl toward the copper atom (Tables II and V). The local site symmetries of the two cyanotrihydroborate ligands are thus seen to be distinctly different, a result which accounts for the observed $15-\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ separation of the $\mathrm{C} \equiv \mathrm{N}$ stretching frequencies in the solid mull infrared spactrum of $\left[\left(\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{3^{-}}\right.\right.$ $\left.\mathrm{P}_{2} \mathrm{Cu}\left(\mathrm{NCBH}_{3}\right)\right]_{2} .{ }^{9}$ The difference in attachment of the $\mathrm{BH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$ groups probably occurs to minimize the nonbonded steric interactions with the phenyl ring ortho hydrogen atoms (labeled HB and HF, Table III).

The $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{N}$ distances of 1.96 (1) and 2.01 (1) $\AA$ are comparable to the value of 2.02 (2) $\AA$ reported in the structure of $\left[\left(\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{\dot{j}}\right)_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{P}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{NSC})\right]_{2} .{ }^{23}$ The observed $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{C}$ angles are 160 (1) and 158 (1) ${ }^{\circ}$. These
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values suggest that, as in $\mathrm{Cu}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{4}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}\right)_{2}$ and $\mathrm{Cu}_{3} \mathrm{Cl}_{6}{ }^{-}$ $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}\right)_{2}$ (where values of 165 (4) and 159 (1) ${ }^{\circ}$ are reported ${ }^{31}$ ), the nitrogen atoms do not use pure sp hybrid orbitals but have partial $\mathrm{sp}^{2}$ character. The average N --C bond distance of 1.14 (1) $\AA$ is reasonable and compares favorably with a recent value of 1.17 (3) $\AA$ found in the crystal structure of $\mathrm{VO}\left(\mathrm{NO}_{3}\right)_{3}$. $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$, which contains the ligand $\mathrm{NCCH}_{3}$ bonded through the nitrogen atom to the vanadyl ion. ${ }^{32}$ In the structures of $\mathrm{VO}\left(\mathrm{NO}_{3}\right)_{3} \cdot \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}^{32}$ and $\mathrm{B}_{20} \mathrm{H}_{16}-$ $\left(\mathrm{NCCH}_{3}\right)_{2} \cdot \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN},{ }^{33}$ distances of 1.46 (4) $\AA$, and an average distance of 1.47 (1) $\AA$, respectively, were found for the $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}$ bonds in the $\mathrm{NCCH}_{3}$ ligands, values smaller than the mean $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{B}$ bond length of 1.56 (3) $\AA$ in the present structure. This result is expected from the smaller covalent radius of $0.77 \AA$ for tetrahedral carbon compared with $0.88 \AA$ for tetrahedral boron. ${ }^{34}$

The geometry of the bis(triphenylphosphine)copper(I) attachment (Table II) in the present determination is in general agreement with a recent analysis of the factors influencing the stereochemistry of four-coordinate copper(I) phosphine complexes. ${ }^{11}$ The $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{P}$ angle is typically large ( $124.8^{\circ}$ ). It may be seen from Table II that there is one short $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{P}$ bond length of 2.242 (3) $\AA$ in the cyanotrihydroborate dimer. Two other structures recently determined also show one such short $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{P}$ bond, viz., (a) 2.24 (1) $\AA$ vs. the average of 2.271 (1) $\AA$ in the thiocyanate bridged dimer ${ }^{23}$ and (b) 2.250 (3) $\AA$ vs. 2.271 (4) $\AA$ in the azide bridged dimer, ${ }^{24}$ the two values in each instance given for phosphorus atoms bonded to the same copper atom. Although no concrete conclusions may be reached at this time to explain why these bond lengths should be significantly shorter than the other $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{P}$ lengths in the same structures, two factors are important to mention.
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The average P-C distance of $1.82 \pm 0.01 \AA$ and other geometric parameters of the triphenylphosphine ligands are in close agreement with results found in the structure determinations for related compounds. ${ }^{1,2 \pi}$

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