

65. *The Colour Isomerism and Structure of Copper Co-ordination Compounds. Part VIII.*¹ *The Crystal Structure of a Second Crystalline Form of Bis-salicylaldehydatocopper(II).*

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The crystal structure of a second crystalline modification of bis-salicylaldehydatocopper(II) has been determined by three-dimensional *X*-ray methods. The ligands are distorted from coplanarity by weak polarisation bonds between the copper atom and the chelate ring of adjacent molecules. The dimorphs differ essentially in the nature of such intermolecular interactions.

THE crystal structure of bis-salicylaldehydatocopper(II) recently described¹ shows that although the co-ordination is basically planar, weak axial interactions with neighbouring aromatic rings bring about a significant deviation from the overall planarity of the molecule. Another crystalline modification of this chelate has been reported² and we have determined its structure with the aim of accounting for the dimorphism.

EXPERIMENTAL

Crystals were obtained by cooling a hot saturated solution in ethanol. They were thin elongated plates with {100} developed and, as previously remarked,² were of irregular growth and badly overlaid. The data were: $C_{14}H_{10}CuO_2$, $M = 305.7$, monoclinic, $a = 11.75 \pm 0.03^\circ$, $b = 4.00 \pm 0.02^\circ$, $c = 12.42 \pm 0.03 \text{ \AA}$, $\beta = 90.3^\circ$, $V = 584 \text{ \AA}^3$, $D_m = 1.71 \text{ g. cm.}^{-3}$ by pycnometer,² $D_c = 1.74 \text{ g. cm.}^{-3}$, $Z = 2$, space group = $P2_1/c$. Intensity data were collected with single-crystal Weissenberg photographs using $Cu-K_\alpha$ radiation. These were from the $h0l$, $h1l$, and $h2l$ reciprocal lattice sections only, giving a 70% coverage of the accessible information.

All crystals were of poor quality and many of the spots (particularly on the $h2l$ photograph) were very diffuse and considerably elongated. Intensities were measured by visual comparison with a standard scale and as far as possible reflexions of the same spot shape were chosen within each layer. The problem of interscaling these data with further low-quality photographs was avoided by leaving the scale factor for each layer as a parameter to be determined. No absorption corrections were made.

¹ Part VII, McKinnon, Waters, and Hall, *J.*, 1964, 3290.

² von Stackelberg, *Z. anorg. Chem.*, 1947, 253, 136.

TABLE 2. (Continued.)

<i>h</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>F_o</i>	<i>F_c</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>F_o</i>	<i>F_c</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>F_o</i>	<i>F_c</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>F_o</i>	<i>F_c</i>	
	-1	1298 *	1161		1	322	334		-1	207	223		-13	58	-31	
	-2	554 *	469		2	65	-40		-3	86	78		-14	88	84	
	-3	157	182		3	225	223		-4	49	75		2	0	390 *	454
	-4	81	35		4	91	69		-5	121	123		1	131	199	
	-5	556 *	471		5	245	262		-7	107	126		2	122	148	
	-6	144	121		7	239	260		-8	44	-24		3	149	148	
	-7	367	375		8	49	50		-9	130	103		4	<34	58	
	-9	148	108		10	109	103		-10	61	71		4	5	167	-138
	-11	210	183		11	162	165		-11	73	88		5	6	329	286
	-12	68	-60		13	70	67						6	7	65	79
	-13	167	161		-1	244	258		11	0	49	-58	7	8	161	146
	-15	104	100		-2	37	1			1	137	131	8	10	52	36
3	0	171	139		-3	181	177		3	171	178		10	11	<49	66
	1	168	250		-4	142	-142		5	189	192		11	12	126	115
	2	45	75		-5	132	117		6	44	-46		12	14	77	70
	3	275 *	314		-7	231	206		7	98	105		-1	388 *	343	
	4	199	-235		-8	110	-76		-1	127	128		-2	152	174	
	5	137	142		-9	268	263		-3	109	132		-3	75	-42	
	6	136	-140		-10	84	-59		-4	<48	56		-4	219	199	
	7	256	289		-11	82	51		-5	46	33		-5	167	-132	
	8	45	-28		-13	144	152		-7	98	122		-6	350	311	
	10	164	-139						-8	60	-31		-7	72	14	
	11	128	107	7	0	49	16		-9	78	88		-8	213	163	
	13	151	134		2	119	110		-10	37	-47		-10	121	108	
	15	44	50		3	91	85						-12	161	145	
	-1	539 *	600		4	155	155	12	0	57	-71		-14	84	104	
	-2	482 *	450		5	243	163		1	137	135		3	0	521 *	582
	-3	250	259		6	82	104		3	119	126		2	152	186	
	-4	81	95		7	163	169		5	169	162		0	378 *	356	
	-5	292	266		8	153	177		9	69	89		4	50	-52	
	-6	110	110		9	69	84		-1	209	228		5	6	349	323
	-7	507	458		11	138	151		-3	120	140		6	7	135	155
	-8	77	72		13	52	61		-5	82	99		8	155	142	
	-9	180	159		-1	323	326		-7	81	80		10	90	86	
	-11	143	94		-3	159	132		-9	58	80		12	126	125	
	-12	74	-61		-4	94	-59						14	58	73	
	-13	154	136		-5	56	52		2	56	56		-1	50	64	
	-15	78	79		-7	110	99		3	127	133		-2	434 *	429	
4	0	164	161		-8	70	72		5	48	51		-3	319	-262	
	1	321 *	379		-9	108	61		7	48	60		-4	128	135	
	3	98	109		-10	47	-13		-1	125	141		-5	99	-68	
	4	192	-214		-11	44	61		-2	<38	43		-6	420	437	
	5	296	352		-13	84	74		-3	90	116		-7	246	-205	
	6	40	34						-5	58	65		-8	264	225	
	7	238	251	8	0	108	106		-7	63	102		-9	<51	81	
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	9	197	187		2	190	182	14	0	90	96		-11	49	-23	
	10	111	-96		3	146	134		1	55	58		-12	125	121	
	11	200	212		5	257	293		3	74	81		-13	37	3	
	13	155	156		6	86	91		-1	55	54		-14	71	80	
	14	48	-40		7	128	145		-2	<30	-41					
	15	51	70		9	58	66		-3	74	96		4	0	291 *	374
	-1	542 *	587		11	123	117						1	148	175	
	-2	235	-237		13	69	96		0	(<i>h</i> 2 <i>l</i> reflexions)			2	227	281	
	-3	274	276		-1	251	221		2	122	129		3	86	-88	
	-4	80	-49		-2	78	79		3	27	-37		4	266	291	
	-5	181	145		-3	271	282		4	264	234		6	220	255	
	-6	225	-208		-4	81	78		5	36	-52		7	49	41	
	-7	381	343		-5	108	93		6	259	246		8	149	148	
	-9	166	100		-7	158	208		7	55	-47		10	95	95	
	-11	121	119		-8	86	84		8	185	147		12	129	136	
	-12	65	-49		-9	119	105		9	109	92		14	27	30	
	-13	107	66		-13	51	61		10	174	154		-1	308 *	361	
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	6	60	67		11	119	119		3	167	180		-12	117	129	
	7	282	374		-1	280	278		4	100	89		-13	56	-29	
	8	128	-158		-3	161	151		5	79	-78		-14	67	95	
	9	195	188		-4	92	78		6	94	96					
	11	124	115		-5	178	204		8	186	160		5	0	206	240
	13	147	149		-7	131	124		9	71	-74		1	60	42	
	-1	353	455		-8	81	91		11	138	-116		2	175	209	
	-2	163	-127		-9	183	229		12	66	63		4	208	251	
	-3	405	422		-10	72	82		13	41	41		6	237	270	
	-4	156	-148		-11	56	58		14	95	96		7	101	108	
	-5	193	169						-1	72	59		8	140	150	
	-6	192	-165		0	69	-67		-2	182	176		9	61	63	
	-7	430	420		1	70	-51		-3	68	55		10	150	144	
	-8	229	-211		2	138	-128		-4	170	150		12	111	109	
	-9	199	140		3	132	105		-5	94	-72		-1	67	-7	
	-10	102	75		5	156	147		-6	374	316		-2	241	279	
	-11	102	75		6	59	-40		-7	64	-21		-3	173	210	
	-13	145	131		7	80	79		-8	218	180		-4	170	208	
	-14	30	-17		9	98	109		-9	63	37		-6	144	123	
					10	<33	-38		-10	216	175		-7	196	208	
6	0	184	184		11	72	70		-12	164	166		-8	229	195	

TABLE 2. (Continued.)

<i>h</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>F_o</i>	<i>F_c</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>F_o</i>	<i>F_c</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>F_o</i>	<i>F_c</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>F_o</i>	<i>F_c</i>	
	-9	52	56		8	89	110		9	0	150		2	77	93	
	-10	79	83		10	70	72		3	117	104		4	136	142	
	-12	57	44		12	123	120		4	161	154		6	40	52	
	-13	45	-31		-2	.178	174		6	87	88		8	54	54	
					-3	48	46		7	83	78		-2	149	141	
6	0	211	235		-4	140	143		10	87	89		-3	47	-13	
	1	97	84		-6	117	108		-2	200	182		-4	118	115	
	2	209	259		-7	52	-12		-3	52	64		-6	111	126	
	4	205	248		-8	139	133		-4	52	30		-7	45	-35	
	6	190	231		-10	55	49		-5	72	-51		-8	84	92	
	7	63	67		-12	70	75		-6	80	75		-9	40	74	
	8	185	204						-7	83	-68					
	9	109	-110	8	0	209	190		-8	136	135		12	0	102	101
	10	109	121		1	150	-135		-9	57	-46		1	53	43	
	12	117	130		2	50	-22		-10	59	56		2	94	102	
	13	36	-22		3	109	-119		-11	42	-16		4	78	90	
	-2	206	211		4	97	109						6	71	81	
	-4	110	103		6	167	168	10	0	159	124		-1	68	-39	
	-5	78	-39		7	50	-24		1	97	75		-2	123	128	
	-6	122	121		9	79	68		2	89	92		-4	48	72	
	-8	127	109		10	86	76		4	141	151		-6	75	75	
	-9	71	68		11	54	-42		6	99	106					
	-10	58	63		12	60	74		8	<38	49		13	0	114	112
	-12	45	48		-1	70	-57		10	81	85		2	47	74	
					-2	114	92		-1	109	-78		4	91	115	
7	0	229	233		-3	<49	68		-2	194	185		-2	104	110	
	1	132	130		-4	72	62		-4	181	158		-3	45	-17	
	2	168	182		-5	104	-93		-6	81	84		-4	40	69	
	3	183	-235		-6	117	127		-7	43	-27					
	4	70	83		-8	135	121		-8	128	135					
	6	206	251		-10	70	64		-10	80	99					
	7	141	-156		-12	42	50	11	0	127	123					

* Corrected for secondary extinction.

out two symmetry-related molecules and the atomic co-ordinates of one of these were determined. Three cycles of refinement involving the least-squares adjustment of positional parameters and temperature factors (an overall isotropic factor for the light atoms and a separate isotropic factor for copper) and a determination of scale factors by setting $k\Sigma |F_o| = \Sigma |F_c|$ for observed

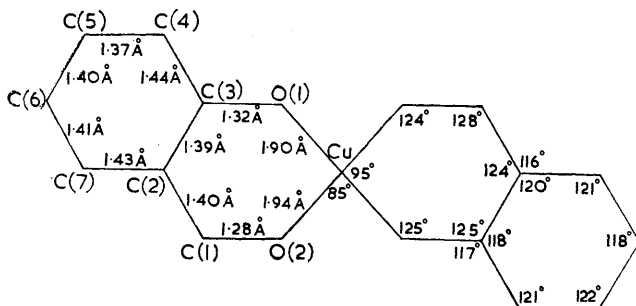


FIG. 1. Molecular bond lengths and angles.

planes reduced the *R* factor to 0.136 (observed planes only, with 38 corrected for secondary extinction³). This may be broken down into $R_{hol} = 0.141$, $R_{h1l} = 0.131$, $R_{h2l} = 0.137$, there being, respectively, 178, 272, and 239 observed planes.

Atomic co-ordinates are listed in Table 1. The numbering system is shown in Fig. 1 together with the observed bond lengths and angles. The maximum standard deviations in atomic positions for the light atoms are $\sigma_x = 0.020$ Å, $\sigma_y = 0.025$ Å, $\sigma_z = 0.019$ Å. Final isotropic temperature factors of 2.90 for the light atoms and 2.50 for the copper atom were obtained. Observed structure amplitudes and calculated structure factors are listed in Table 2.

DISCUSSION

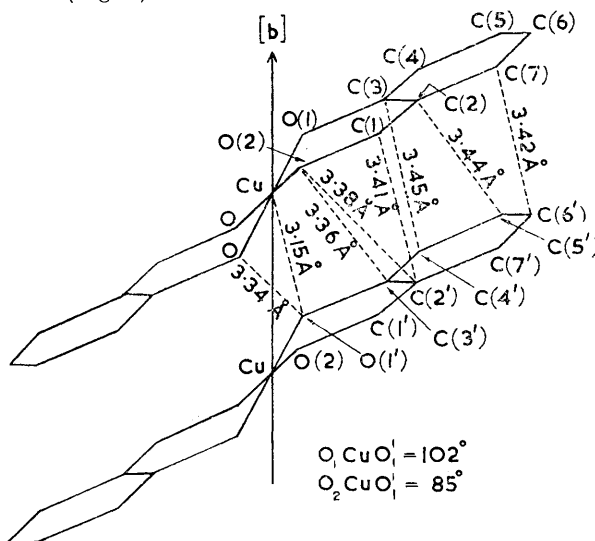
The molecular bond lengths and bond angles are normal and in reasonable agreement with those derived from the other dimorph.

The inclination of the molecules to the (010) plane (Fig. 2) is such that neighbours make a number of close contacts and the 3.15 Å separations between a copper atom and the hydroxy-oxygen atoms of adjacent molecules seem particularly significant. These complete a very distorted octahedron about the copper. They are shown to be genuine interactions by the distortion of the molecules from the overall planarity seen in the similar

³ Pinnock, Taylor, and Lipson, *Acta Cryst.*, 1956, **9**, 175.

complexes bis-(*N*-methylsalicylaldiminato)copper(II)⁴ and bis-salicylaldiminatonickel(II).⁵ The mean plane through the whole molecule was calculated by the method of Schomaker *et al.*,⁶ as $x - 0.51921y - 0.37101z = 0$ and the mean plane through one benzene ring as $x - 0.56908y - 0.44641z + 0.03172 = 0$ (co-ordinates in Å). The individual atomic deviations of the copper atom and one ligand from these planes are listed in Table 3. Each ligand is essentially planar but their two planes are separated within the complex by 0.37 Å. This deviation from overall planarity occurs within the co-ordinating sphere and introduces a "step" into this region of the molecule (Fig. 2).

FIG. 2. Intermolecular approaches. The molecular distortion is exaggerated for clarity.



The perpendicular distance from a copper atom to the plane of a neighbouring chelate ring is 3.13 Å, slightly shorter than the distance to the oxygen, so the interaction may be with a delocalised system rather than with a specific atom. Interactions with such

TABLE 3.

Deviations from the mean planes through (i) the molecule and (ii) the benzene ring.

Atom	Deviation in Å		Atom	Deviation in Å	
	(i)	(ii)		(i)	(ii)
Cu	0	-0.187	C(3)	+0.057	-0.002
O(1)	+0.168	+0.050	C(4)	+0.035	+0.022
O(2)	+0.038	-0.098	C(5)	-0.082	-0.033
C(1)	+0.071	-0.006	C(6)	-0.050	+0.023
C(2)	+0.030	-0.007	C(7)	-0.032	-0.003

systems are also found in bis(acetylacetonato)copper(II),⁷ *NN'*-ethylenebis(acetylacetoniminato)copper(II),^{8,9} and the other crystalline form of bis-salicylaldehydato-copper(II).¹ Attention has been drawn to their similarity with the polarisation bonds of organic chemistry.⁸

The two dimorphs of this complex may now be compared. In both, chains of molecules exist parallel to *b* such that successive members make numerous close contacts. The angle of tilt differs in the two forms such that the copper atom makes its closest contact with a different delocalised system in each. The molecules are in each case distorted, but not in

⁴ Lingafelter, Simmons, and Morosin, *Acta Cryst.*, 1961, **14**, 1222.

⁵ Stewart and Lingafelter, *Acta Cryst.*, 1959, **12**, 842.

⁶ Schomaker, Waser, Marsh, and Bergman, *Acta Cryst.*, 1959, **12**, 600.

⁷ Dahl, personal communication to Piper and Belford, *Mol. Phys.*, 1962, **5**, 169.

⁸ Hall, Rae, and Waters, *Proc. Chem. Soc.*, 1962, 143.

⁹ Hall, Rae, and Waters, *J.*, 1963, 5897.

the same way. In the present form the two planar ligands are displaced in a sense which increases the angle of tilt in the region of the copper atom (Fig. 2). This seems clearly a consequence of the intermolecular interactions, the molecules being "stepped" in such a way as to allow the 3.15 Å approach to the chelate rings in the vicinity of O(1) without imposing excessively close contacts elsewhere. Where the polarisation bond involves the outer reaches of the molecules [near C(6) in the other modification] the distortions will, of necessity, be reversed.

The interactions, though weak, are thus seen to have structural significance and through the choice of alternative bond sites stabilise the molecular arrangement in one or other of the dimorphic forms.

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