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By refluxing a mixture of CuCl<sub>2</sub> and 3-methyl-6-phenyl-[1,2,4]-triazolo[3,4-b][1,3,4]thiadiazole (TRTZ) with addition of acetic acid and KSCN, respectively, the complexes [Cu(TRTZ)<sub>2</sub>(OAc)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)]·1.5H<sub>2</sub>O (**1**) and [Cu(TRTZ)<sub>2</sub>(SCN)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>]·2DMF (**2**) were obtained. Single-crystal structure of both complexes was determined and their thermal behaviour and IR spectra examined.

*Keywords:* 1,3,4-Thiadiazole; Copper complex; Crystal structure; Properties

### 1. Introduction

Structures and properties of thiadiazoles, their derivatives and related compounds is of great interest owing to their plant growth regulating effects, antimicrobial activity and industrial applications [1–4]. In theory, *N,N'*-ligands such as 1,3,4-thiadiazoles are very versatile in that they are able to bridge a wide range of metals [5] and can coordinate to many metal ions through nitrogen or sulfur. Transition metal complexes of 1,3,4-thiadiazoles derivatives are intriguing from both theoretical and practical viewpoints and are the subject of several industrial applications [6]. Although a series of mono-thiadiazole complexes were reported [7–9], complexes of fused ring 1,3,4-thiadiazoles have not been extensively studied. Here we report the syntheses and crystal structures of [Cu(TRTZ)<sub>2</sub>(OAc)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)]·1.5H<sub>2</sub>O (**1**) and [Cu(TRTZ)<sub>2</sub>(SCN)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>]·2DMF (**2**)

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(TRTZ = 3-methyl-6-phenyl-[1,2,4]-triazole[3,4-b][1,3,4] thiadiazole). IR spectra and thermal analyses in an N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere are also reported.

## 2. Experimental

### 2.1. Materials and measurements

All chemicals were of analytical grade and used without further purification. The ligand, TRTZ, was prepared by a modified method described in the literature [10]. Single-crystal data were measured on a Rigaku-Raxis-IV X-ray diffractometer. Thermal behaviour was measured on a Netzsch TG209 system under nitrogen with a flow rate of 20 cm<sup>3</sup> min<sup>-1</sup>. IR spectra were recorded on a Nicolet IR-470 spectrophotometer (KBr pellets) in the range 4000–400 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

### 2.2. Syntheses

TRTZ (0.5 mmol, 0.108 g) in DMF/H<sub>2</sub>O (20 cm<sup>3</sup>, 1:1, v:v) was added to an aqueous solution (10 cm<sup>3</sup>) of CuCl<sub>2</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O (0.5 mmol, 0.085 g) with stirring for 30 min, then 0.5 cm<sup>3</sup> of glacial acetic acid was added. After reflux for 1 h, the resulting solution was allowed to stand at ambient temperatures for several weeks, yielding blue crystals of **1** (Yield, 45%). Complex **2** was obtained under the same procedure except using KSCN (1 mmol, 0.097 g) instead of glacial acetic acid. Green crystals of **2** were obtained in 50% yield. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>48</sub>H<sub>58</sub>Cu<sub>2</sub>N<sub>16</sub>O<sub>15</sub>S<sub>4</sub> (**1**) (%): C, 42.53; H, 4.28; N, 16.54. Found: C, 42.39; H, 4.26; N, 16.48. Calcd for C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>34</sub>CuN<sub>12</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S<sub>4</sub> (**2**) (%): C, 42.29; H, 4.28; N, 21.15. Found: C, 42.25; H, 4.27; N, 21.11%.

### 2.3. X-ray crystallography

Selected crystals of **1** and **2** were mounted on a Rigaku-Raxis-IV X-ray diffractometer using graphite-monochromated Mo-K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ ) at 291(2) K. Some 4351 reflections were measured over the ranges  $0 \leq h \leq 13$ ,  $-8 \leq k \leq 8$ ,  $-23 \leq l \leq 22$ , yielding 2531 unique reflections for **1** and 4648 reflections over the ranges  $-22 \leq h \leq 13$ ,  $-13 \leq k \leq 16$ ,  $-15 \leq l \leq 16$ , yielding 2787 unique reflections for **2**. Raw data were corrected and the structure was solved using the SHELX-97 program. Non-hydrogen atoms were located by direct phase determination and subjected to anisotropic refinement [11]. Full-matrix least-squares calculations on  $F^2$  were applied in the final refinement. Details of crystal structure determinations of **1** and **2** are summarized in table 1.

## 3. Results and discussion

### 3.1. Crystal structures of **1** and **2**

Selected bond distances and angles for **1** and **2** are listed in tables 2 and 3. ORTEP drawings of them are presented in figures 1 and 2, respectively.

Table 1. Crystal data and structure refinement parameters for **1** and **2**.

	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
Empirical formula	C <sub>48</sub> H <sub>58</sub> Cu <sub>2</sub> N <sub>16</sub> O <sub>15</sub> S <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>34</sub> CuN <sub>12</sub> O <sub>4</sub> S <sub>4</sub>
<i>M</i>	1354.42	794.50
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> 2/ <i>n</i>	<i>C</i> 2/ <i>c</i>
<i>a</i> (Å)	11.626(2)	19.256(4)
<i>b</i> (Å)	6.8820(14)	14.227(3)
<i>c</i> (Å)	19.560(3)	13.726(3)
$\beta$ (°)	100.18(3)	105.69(3)
<i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )	1540(5)	3620.2(14)
<i>Z</i>	1	4
<i>D</i> <sub>c</sub> (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )	1.460	1.458
<i>F</i> (000)	700.0	1644
Crystal size (mm <sup>3</sup> )	0.17 × 0.18 × 0.20	0.17 × 0.18 × 0.20
$\theta$ range (°)	1.90 to 25.0	1.8 to 25.0
<i>S</i>	1.112	1.045
Reflections collected/unique	4351/2531 [ <i>R</i> (int) = 0.0420]	4648/2787 [ <i>R</i> (int) = 0.140]
Final <i>R</i> indices [ <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )]	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0487, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1525	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0722, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1965

Table 2. Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°) for **1** and **2**.

Complex <b>1</b>			
Cu1–O1	1.947(4)	N3–Cu1–N3#1	174.14(15)
Cu1–O1#1	1.947(4)	O1–Cu1–O1#1	175.21(15)
Cu1–N3	1.989(3)	O1–Cu1–N3	92.81(14)
Cu1–N3#1	1.989(3)	O1#1–Cu1–O3	92.40(11)
Cu1–O3	2.545(5)	Cu1–O1–C11	118.10(3)
O1–C11	1.286(6)	O1–Cu1–N3	92.81(14)
Complex <b>2</b>			
Cu1–O1	2.540(5)	O1–Cu1–N1	86.44(17)
Cu1–N1	1.993(4)	O1–Cu1–N5	83.30(2)
Cu1–N5	1.965(5)	O1–Cu1–O1#1	180.00
Cu1–N1#1	1.993(4)	N1–Cu1–N1#1	180.00
N5–C11	1.136(8)	Cu1–N5–C11	176.4(5)
S2–C11	1.642(7)	S2–C11–N5	179.4(5)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms #1:  $-x + 3/2, y, -z + 1/2$ .Table 3. Hydrogen bond data for **1** and **2** (Å, °).

D–H	(D–H)	d(H...A)	$\angle$ DHA	d(D...A)	A
Complex <b>1</b>					
O3–H3C	0.850	2.280	127.00	2.877(5)	O2 [3/2 – <i>x</i> , 1 + <i>y</i> , 1/2 – <i>z</i> ]
O3–H3D	0.850	2.590	101.00	2.877(5)	O2 [ <i>x</i> , – <i>y</i> , <i>z</i> – 1/2]
O5–H5B	0.850	2.540	102.00	2.842(7)	O2 [3/2 – <i>x</i> , 1 + <i>y</i> , 1/2 – <i>z</i> ]
O5–H5E	0.850	2.410	123.00	2.959(7)	O1 [ <i>x</i> + 1/2, – <i>y</i> + 1/2, <i>z</i> + 1/2]
Complex <b>2</b>					
O1–H1B	0.8500	2.8200	129.00	3.415(6)	S1 [3/2 – <i>x</i> , 1/2 – <i>y</i> , – <i>z</i> ]
O1–H1C	0.8500	2.1200	135.00	2.793(7)	O2 [3/2 – <i>x</i> , 1/2 – <i>y</i> , – <i>z</i> ]

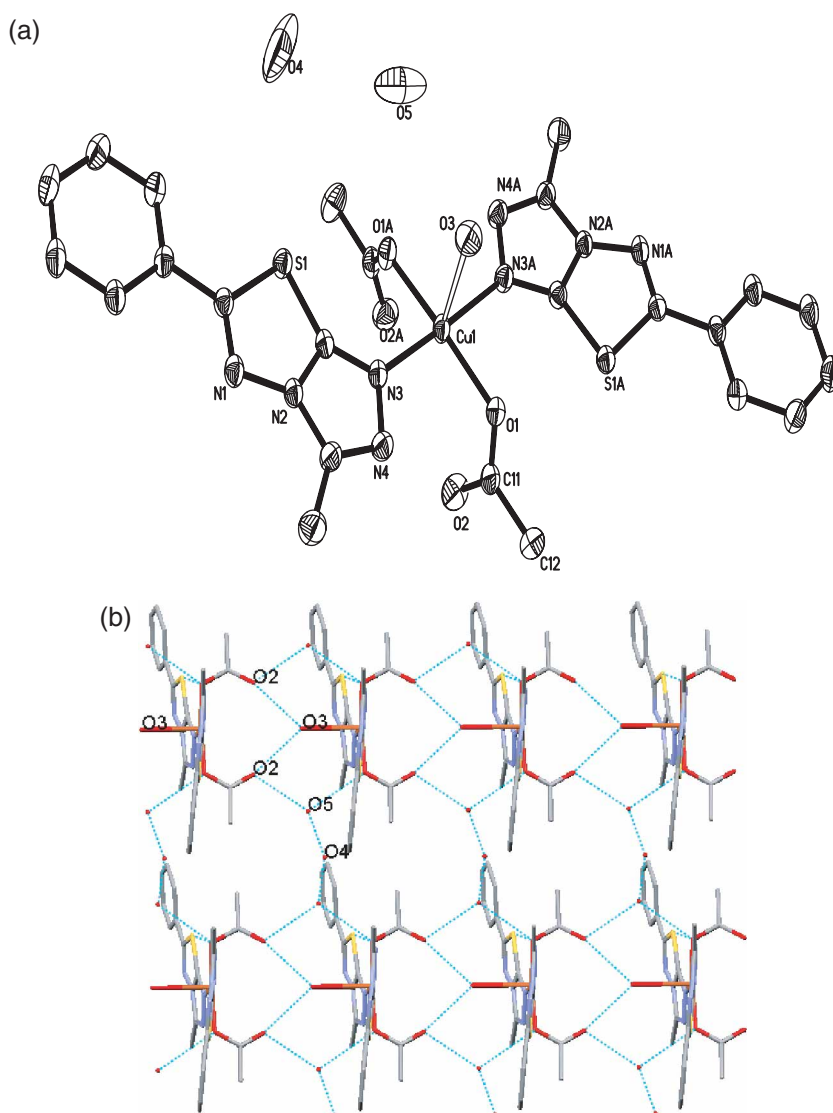


Figure 1. (a) ORTEP drawing of **1** (50% probability displacement ellipsoids); (b) the 2D hydrogen bond network in **1**; (c) packing of **1** along the *a* axis.

The structure of **1** is shown in figure 1(a). The copper (II) ion is four-coordinated by two nitrogen atoms of two TRTZ ligands and two oxygen atoms of  $\text{OAc}^-$  groups in a *trans* configuration. O3 is at the axial position of a tetragonal pyramid with a  $\text{Cu1-O3}$  distance of 2.545(5) Å, which indicates a weak  $\text{Cu-O}$  ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) interaction. Taking this weak interaction into account the copper(II) ion can be considered to have a 4+1 coordination environment and may be described as lying in a distorted elongated tetragonal pyramid [12]. The basal plane has a small tetrahedral distortion (mean deviation from plane = 0.0918 Å) and the metal ion is displaced by 0.01 Å towards the axially coordinated water molecule. The two TRTZ ligands, which are almost

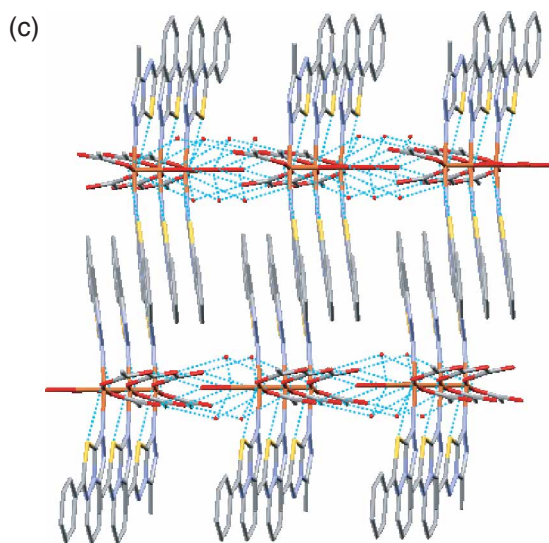


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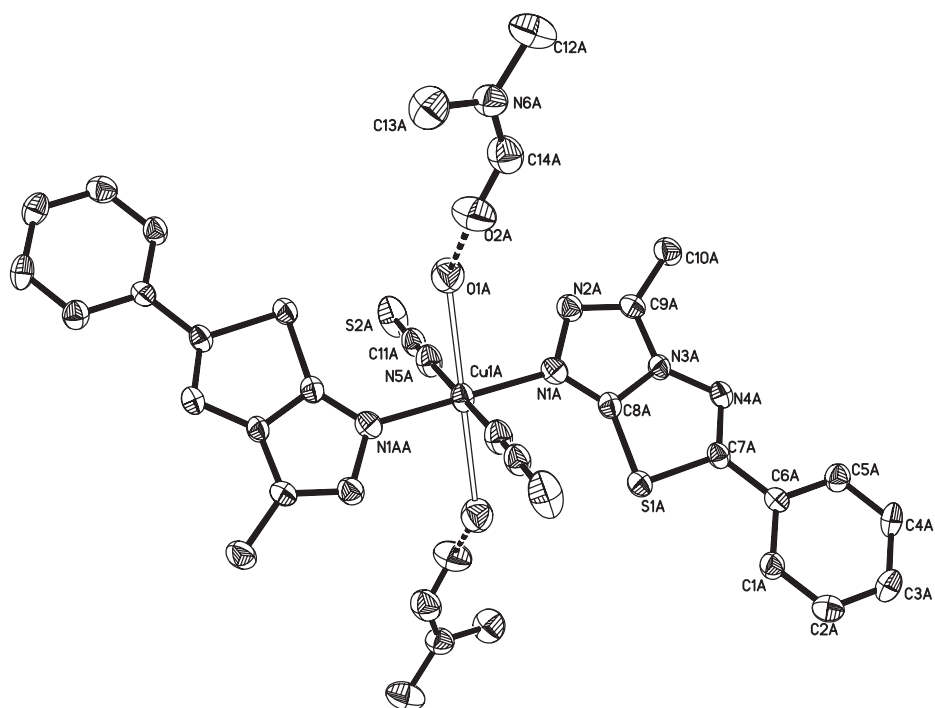
planar due to conjugation (mean deviation 0.0105 Å), coordinate to copper(II) ion with a dihedral angle of 162.4° owing to repulsions involving OAc<sup>-</sup>. Hydrogen bonds between acetate O atoms and coordinated H<sub>2</sub>O with O3–H3...O2 2.877(5) Å link the units of **1** into a 1D chain along the *b* axis. The existence of lattice water expands the hydrogen bond network along the *a* axis to construct a 2D plane with the typical hydrogen bonds O5–H5E...O1 2.959(7) and O5–H5B...O2 2.842(7) Å (figure 1b). The TRTZ rings lie of adjacent nets lie parallel to each other with a separation of 3.339 Å; the resulting  $\pi$ – $\pi$  stacking assembles the 2D network into a 3D structure (figure 1c).

The structure of **2** is shown in figure 2(a). Like complex **1**, the Cu(II) ion is also four-coordinated by two nitrogen atoms of two TRTZ ligands and two nitrogen atoms of NCS<sup>-</sup> ligands in a *trans* arrangement. Two water molecules are located at axial positions with a Cu–O (H<sub>2</sub>O) distance of 2.536 Å, which is longer than the four Cu–N bonds in the equatorial plane. As a result, the copper(II) ion lies in a 4 + 2 coordination environment that may be described as an elongated octahedron (Jahn-Teller effect) [13, 14]. Compared with **1**, the two TRTZ ligands coordinated to Cu(II) are coplanar. The NCS<sup>-</sup> groups are almost linear (S2–C11–N5, 179.4(5)°) as is the Cu1–N5–C11 axis, (176.4(5)°). This situation is different to that in [Fe(L)<sub>2</sub>(NCS)<sub>2</sub>][(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>](H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub> (L = bitrazole, Fe1–N7–C5, 154.3(5)°) [15]. In complex **2**, intermolecular hydrogen bonds form only between water and DMF molecules with O1–H1F...O2 of 2.793(7) Å, whereas  $\pi$ – $\pi$  stacking exists between TRTZ rings with a separation of 3.353 Å. A packing diagram is shown in figure 2(b).

### 3.2. IR spectra and thermal properties

Characteristic IR data for **1** and **2** are listed in table 4. Broad absorption bands at 3472 and 3375 cm<sup>-1</sup> arise from lattice water molecules in **1** and **2**. A series of strong bands

(a)



(b)

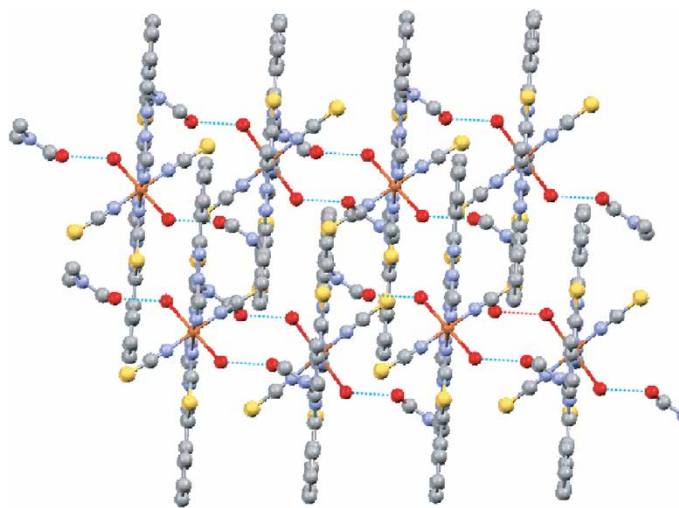


Figure 2. (a) ORPTEP drawing of **2** (50% probability displacement ellipsoids). (b) Packing of **2** along the *b* axis.

at 1485, 1445, 1235, 779 and 692  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in both indicate the existence of the 1,3,4-thiadiazole and benzene rings. Strong bands at about 2100 and 1655  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in **2** are due to terminally coordinated  $\text{NCS}^-$  and carbonyl (DMF), respectively, and that at 1593  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in **1** to  $\text{OAc}^-$ . IR results are thus in agreement with the X-ray studies.

Table 4. Selected IR data (cm<sup>-1</sup>).

Complex	$\nu(\text{CH}_3)$	$(\text{NCS}^-)$	$\nu(\text{CON})$	$\nu(\text{COO}^-)^{\text{as}}$	$\nu(-\overset{\text{N}}{\underset{\text{S}}{\parallel}}-)$	$\nu(\text{ph})^{\text{s}}$
<b>1</b>	3129			1593s	1480, 1403d	779, 692
<b>2</b>	3216	2100s	1645s		1485, 1393d	779, 691

d, doublet; s, strong; as, antisymmetric stretching vibration.

TGA curves of both complex show two stages. For **1**, the first weight loss is about 6.7% in the range 35–90°C, corresponding to the release of water (Calcd 6.6%), and for **2**, the first weight loss of about 22.0% in the range 35–182°C is due to the release of water and DMF (Calcd 22.9%). Main weight losses, 63.9% for **1** and 55.4% for **2** in the range 203.0–320.5°C with both maximum reaction rates at 247.2°C, correspond to decomposition. Total mass losses of 88.5% for **1** and 85.8% for **2** at about 700°C are quite close to theoretical values (88.4% and 85.5%), calculated by taking CuO and Cu(CN)<sub>2</sub> as the final products [16], respectively.

### Supplementary material

Supplementary crystallographic data have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre, CCDC Nos. 257842 (**1**) and 275917 (**2**). Copies of this information may be obtained free of charge from The Director, CCDC, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK (Fax: +44 1223 336033; Email: deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk or www: <http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk>).

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