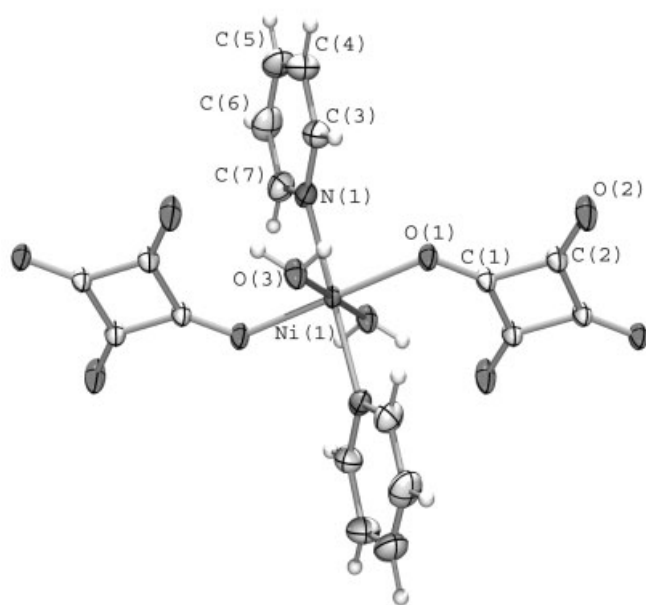


# Crystal structure of diaqua-bis(pyridine)- $\mu_2$ -squarato(1,3)-nickel(II), $\text{Ni}(\text{C}_4\text{O}_4)(\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{N})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$

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## Abstract

$\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{NiO}_6$ , orthorhombic, *Pbca* (No. 61),  $a = 7.914(1)$  Å,  $b = 12.020(2)$  Å,  $c = 15.718(3)$  Å,  $V = 1495.3$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $Z = 4$ ,  $R_{\text{gt}}(F) = 0.026$ ,  $wR_{\text{ref}}(F^2) = 0.062$ ,  $T = 293$  K.

## Source of material

Single crystals suitable for X-ray analysis have been obtained by mixing 7.5 ml of 0.2 M nickel(II) nitrate solution with 7.5 ml sodium metasilicate solution (1.06 g/ml, pH 5.0). After three days the gelling process is finished and a solution, containing 0.05 M sodium-squarate and 0.1 M pyridine, was placed over the set gel. Within one week well developed blue crystals are formed on the gel-solution interface.

## Discussion

The coordination polyhedron of nickel in diaquabis(pyridine)-squarato(1,3)nickel(II) is best described as an distorted octahedron. Each nickel atom is *trans*-connected to two molecules of pyridine ( $d(\text{Ni1}—\text{N1}) = 2.103$  Å), two molecules water

( $d(\text{Ni1}—\text{O3}) = 2.090$  Å) and two squarate-oxygen atoms ( $d(\text{Ni1}—\text{O1}) = 2.079$  Å). The squarate anion acts as a bridging ligand so that one-dimensional chains of *trans*-squarato bridged nickel(II) ions are built. These chains run parallel to the *a* axis. The water molecules are stabilized by building two different hydrogen bonds with two squarate-oxygen atoms. One hydrogen bond ( $\text{O2} \cdots \text{H3a}—\text{O3}$ ) is located between two parallel strands and one hydrogen bond ( $\text{O2} \cdots \text{H3b}—\text{O3}$ ) is located within the chain. During structure refinement, H atoms bound to the coordinated water molecule O3 were localized directly from the difference Fourier synthesis. The remaining H atoms (pyridine) were geometrically set as idealized aromatic C—H groups using a riding model.

**Table 1.** Data collection and handling.

|                                                      |                                                    |
|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Crystal:                                             | blue prism, size $0.12 \times 0.23 \times 0.46$ mm |
| Wavelength:                                          | Mo $K_{\alpha}$ radiation (0.71073 Å)              |
| $\mu$ :                                              | $13.31 \text{ cm}^{-1}$                            |
| Diffractometer, scan mode:                           | Stoe IPDS, $\varphi$                               |
| $2\theta_{\text{max}}$ :                             | $51.92^{\circ}$                                    |
| $N(hkl)_{\text{measured}}, N(hkl)_{\text{unique}}$ : | 10831, 1407                                        |
| Criterion for $I_{\text{obs}}, N(hkl)_{\text{gt}}$ : | $I_{\text{obs}} > 2 \sigma(I_{\text{obs}})$ , 1009 |
| $N(\text{param})_{\text{refined}}$ :                 | 114                                                |
| Programs:                                            | SHELXS-97 [2], SHELXL-97 [3]                       |

**Table 2.** Atomic coordinates and displacement parameters (in Å<sup>2</sup>).

| Atom  | Site | <i>x</i> | <i>y</i> | <i>z</i> | $U_{\text{iso}}$ |
|-------|------|----------|----------|----------|------------------|
| H(7)  | 8c   | −0.1599  | 0.5854   | 0.1634   | 0.041            |
| H(3)  | 8c   | 0.0076   | 0.2885   | 0.1077   | 0.039            |
| H(6)  | 8c   | −0.2240  | 0.5305   | 0.2994   | 0.054            |
| H(4)  | 8c   | −0.0546  | 0.2270   | 0.2423   | 0.052            |
| H(5)  | 8c   | −0.1665  | 0.3488   | 0.3410   | 0.055            |
| H(3A) | 8c   | 0.016(4) | 0.697(2) | 0.050(2) | 0.047(8)         |
| H(3B) | 8c   | 0.175(4) | 0.665(2) | 0.031(2) | 0.058(9)         |

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**Table 3.** Atomic coordinates and displacement parameters (in Å<sup>2</sup>).

| Atom  | Site       | <i>x</i>   | <i>y</i>  | <i>z</i>    | <i>U</i> <sub>11</sub> | <i>U</i> <sub>22</sub> | <i>U</i> <sub>33</sub> | <i>U</i> <sub>12</sub> | <i>U</i> <sub>13</sub> | <i>U</i> <sub>23</sub> |
|-------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Ni(1) | 4 <i>a</i> | 0          | 1/2       | 0           | 0.0129(2)              | 0.0161(2)              | 0.0228(2)              | 0.0001(1)              | −0.0001(1)             | 0.0004(1)              |
| O(1)  | 8 <i>c</i> | −0.2351(2) | 0.5747(1) | −0.01453(8) | 0.0153(8)              | 0.0172(6)              | 0.0373(8)              | −0.0014(5)             | −0.0005(6)             | 0.0028(5)              |
| O(3)  | 8 <i>c</i> | 0.0840(2)  | 0.6483(1) | 0.05499(9)  | 0.0204(9)              | 0.0192(7)              | 0.0365(8)              | 0.0014(6)              | −0.0020(7)             | −0.0027(6)             |
| O(2)  | 8 <i>c</i> | −0.6122(2) | 0.6739(1) | −0.0179(1)  | 0.0183(9)              | 0.0161(7)              | 0.073(1)               | 0.0013(6)              | 0.0005(7)              | 0.0048(6)              |
| N(1)  | 8 <i>c</i> | −0.0687(2) | 0.4438(1) | 0.1219(1)   | 0.022(1)               | 0.0264(9)              | 0.0267(8)              | −0.0017(8)             | 0.0019(7)              | 0.0008(6)              |
| C(7)  | 8 <i>c</i> | −0.1374(3) | 0.5125(2) | 0.1795(1)   | 0.033(1)               | 0.035(1)               | 0.034(1)               | 0.0004(9)              | 0.0059(9)              | −0.0019(9)             |
| C(3)  | 8 <i>c</i> | −0.0392(3) | 0.3380(2) | 0.1467(1)   | 0.034(1)               | 0.031(1)               | 0.033(1)               | 0.0015(9)              | 0.0001(9)              | 0.0045(9)              |
| C(6)  | 8 <i>c</i> | −0.1763(4) | 0.4803(2) | 0.2614(2)   | 0.043(2)               | 0.061(2)               | 0.031(1)               | −0.001(1)              | 0.010(1)               | −0.007(1)              |
| C(4)  | 8 <i>c</i> | −0.0758(4) | 0.3007(2) | 0.2275(2)   | 0.048(2)               | 0.042(1)               | 0.041(1)               | −0.001(1)              | −0.001(1)              | 0.015(1)               |
| C(5)  | 8 <i>c</i> | −0.1433(3) | 0.3724(2) | 0.2859(1)   | 0.045(2)               | 0.067(2)               | 0.027(1)               | −0.006(1)              | 0.004(1)               | 0.011(1)               |
| C(1)  | 8 <i>c</i> | −0.3791(3) | 0.5327(1) | −0.0062(1)  | 0.016(1)               | 0.0156(8)              | 0.027(1)               | 0.0002(7)              | −0.0017(8)             | 0.0002(7)              |
| C(2)  | 8 <i>c</i> | −0.5499(3) | 0.5783(2) | −0.0086(1)  | 0.018(1)               | 0.0180(8)              | 0.030(1)               | 0.0000(7)              | −0.0014(8)             | 0.0000(7)              |

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