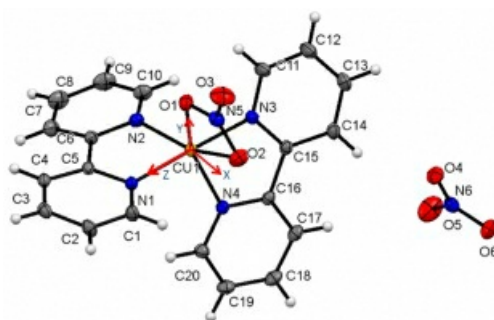


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The electron density distribution of [Cu(2,2'-bipyridine)NO₃]₂, obtained from high-resolution (0.5 Å) single-crystal X ray diffraction, using the Hansen-Coppens formalism, is herein described. N(meas) = 108763, N(ind) = 16999, N(obs, I>2σ(I)) = 12848, Rint = 0.036, MoKα = 0.71073 Å, 110 K, R(F₂, > 2σ(F₂)) = 0.035. Considering the herein defined local coordinate system for copper (see figure), orbitals dx²-y² (2.036 e) and dxy (2.204e) are the most occupied. The occupations of orbitals with z-components are considerably smaller: 1.788 e for dyz, 1.703 e for dxz and 1.499 e for dz². These results agree well to distances in the copper coordination sphere: two short bonds in the z direction, with d[Cu-N1] = 1.9878 (6) Å and d[Cu-N3] = 1.9740 (6) Å; and four longer Cu-L distances in plane XY (d[Cu-N2]=2.1276 (7) Å, d[Cu-N4] = 2.0114 (6) Å, d[Cu-O1] = 2.1276 (7) Å, and d[Cu-O2] = 2.596(7) Å). QTAIM (Bader, 1994) topological analysis shows differences in chemical bonds and atomic charges, depending on the Cu - O distances. QTAIM analysis in the aromatic rings shows distinct charges for different carbon atoms depending on their neighbors.

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