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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
T = 173 K
Mean $\sigma(C-C)$ = 0.009 Å
H-atom completeness 93%
R factor = 0.052
wR factor = 0.107
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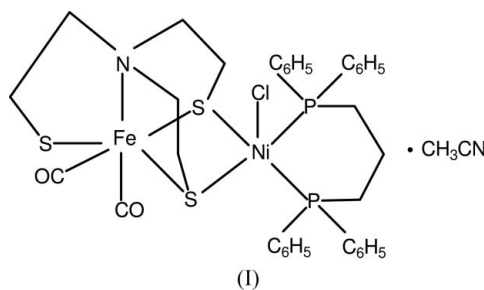
1,3-Bis(diphenylphosphino)propane-2 κ^2P,P' -dicarbonyl-1 κ^2C -chloro-2 κCl - $\{\mu$ -2,2',2''-nitriolo-triethanethiolato(3-)-1 κ^4N,S,S',S'' :2 κ^2S,S' -iron(II)nickel(II) acetonitrile solvate

The structure of the neutral title complex, $[[Fe-[(SCH_2CH_2)_3N](CO)_2-S,S']NiCl\{[P(C_6H_5)_2]_2(CH_2)_3\}]\cdot CH_3CN$ or $[FeNi(C_6H_{12}NS_3)Cl(C_{27}H_{26}P_2)(CO)_2]\cdot C_2H_3N$, is described. There are two independent complex molecules and two solvent molecules in the asymmetric unit. The Fe atoms are octahedrally coordinated; the three S atoms and a C atom of one of the two CO ligands form the equatorial plane, with the N atom of the $(SCH_2CH_2)_3N$ ligand and the second carbonyl C atom lying in the axial positions. The Ni atoms are square pyramidally coordinated, with the two bridging S atoms and the P atoms of the 1,3-bis(diphenylphosphino)propane ligand forming the basal plane and the Cl atom lying in the apical position.

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Comment

The title compound, (I), was prepared as a further example of a synthetic structural analogue of the dimetallic active site of the enzyme nickel-iron hydrogenase (Evans & Pickett, 2003; Davies *et al.*, 1999; Smith *et al.*, 2002, 2003). Compound (I) is closely related to $[[Fe[(SCH_2CH_2)_3N](CO)_2-S,S']NiCl\{[P(C_6H_5)_2]_2(CH_2)_2\}]$, (II) (Davies *et al.*, 1999; Smith *et al.*, 2002), in which the chelating diphosphane is 1,2-bis(diphenylphosphino)ethane (dppe), whereas in (I) it is 1,3-bis(diphenylphosphino)propane (dppp).



The asymmetric unit consists of two complex molecules and two solvent molecules. The S_3C equatorial planes of the octahedrally coordinated Fe atoms are slightly distorted, with deviations from the mean planes lying in the range -0.069 (3) to 0.074 (3) Å in molecule 1 (the negative sign indicates the opposite side of the mean plane) and -0.060 (3) to 0.063 (3) Å in molecule 2. The Fe atoms are displaced from these mean equatorial planes by 0.067 (2) and 0.1400 (12) Å, respectively, towards the axial CO ligand. The S_2P_2 basal planes of the square pyramidally coordinated Ni atoms are also slightly distorted, with deviations from the mean planes lying in the range -0.054 (3) to 0.053 (3) Å in molecule 1 and -0.035 (3) to 0.035 (3) Å in molecule 2. The Ni atoms are displaced 0.3227 (13) and 0.3175 (14) Å, respectively, from these mean

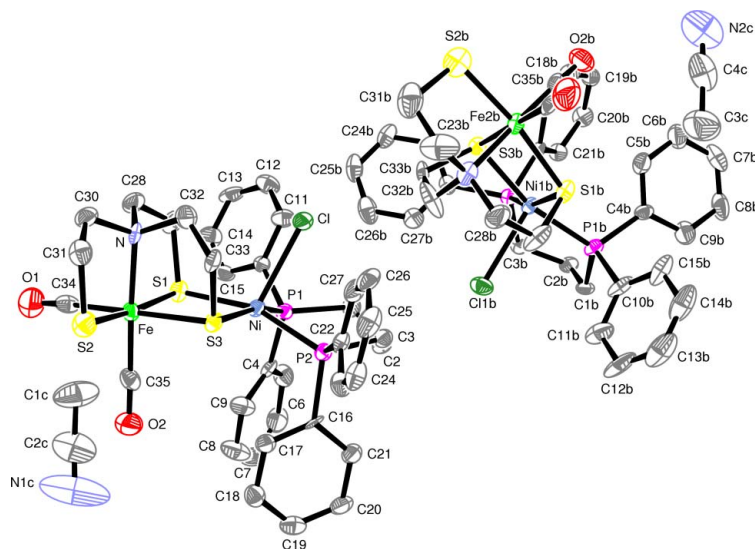


Figure 1

The asymmetric unit of (I), showing displacement ellipsoids at the 50% probability level. H atoms have been omitted.

planes, towards the Cl atoms. The S_3C and S_2P_2 mean planes are not coplanar, with an angle between their normals of $16.31(6)^\circ$; in (II), this angle is $19.38(7)^\circ$.

Bond dimensions about the Fe and Ni atoms are not unusual and are comparable to those in (II) [see Table 1 for dimensions in (I)]. The Fe–C bond to the equatorial CO ligand is slightly longer than those to the axial CO ligand in both molecules of (I) and in complex (II); in the second molecule of (I) it is longer than in the first and in (II) as a result of unresolved disorder in the O atom [Fe– C_{eq} = $1.783(12)$ Å and Fe– C_{axial} = $1.741(10)$ in (II)].

The unusual torsion angles in the $(SCH_2CH_2)_3N$ ligand in (I) are also found in (II); the usual pseudo-threefold rotation about the Fe–N bond is removed by the non-bridging SCH_2CH_2 'arm' in both structures (see Fig. 2). Other bond dimensions in the ligands are as expected.

The molecules are arranged within the crystal structure with the complex molecules forming chains parallel to the crystallographic a axis; the solvent molecules occupy the centres of the channels enclosed by four such chains (see Fig. 3).

Experimental

Under an atmosphere of carbon monoxide, a mixture of $[NiCl_2(dppp)]$ (0.21 g, 0.39 mmol) and $(NEt_4)[Fe\{(SCH_2CH_2)_3N\}(CO)]$ (0.16 g, 0.39 mmol) in MeCN (100 ml) was refluxed with stirring for 2.5 h. After cooling overnight, crystals were collected by filtration and dried (0.31 g, 97%). Analysis expected for $C_{37}H_{41}ClFeNi_2NiO_2P_2S_3$: C 52.1, H 4.8, N 3.3%; found C 51.7, H 4.9, N 3.2%. $\nu(CO)$, KBr: 1944 and 2006 cm^{-1} ; Mössbauer (solid, 80 K, relative to iron foil at 298 K) isomer shift 0.07 mm s^{-1} , quadrupole splitting 0.56 mm s^{-1} .

Crystal data

$[FeNi(C_6H_{12}NS_3)Cl(C_{27}H_{26}P_2)(CO)_2] \cdot C_2H_3N$
 $M_r = 853.85$
 Orthorhombic, $Pca2_1$
 $a = 20.6025(4)$ Å
 $b = 12.4769(2)$ Å
 $c = 29.7090(6)$ Å
 $V = 7636.9(2)$ Å³
 $Z = 8$

$D_x = 1.485\text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
 Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 Cell parameters from 24708 reflections
 $\theta = 3.7\text{--}23.8^\circ$
 $\mu = 1.23\text{ mm}^{-1}$
 $T = 173(2)\text{ K}$
 Plate, brown
 $0.2 \times 0.2 \times 0.02\text{ mm}$

Data collection

Nonius KappaCCD diffractometer
 φ and ω scans
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (Blessing, 1995)
 $T_{min} = 0.823$, $T_{max} = 0.979$
 24708 measured reflections
 10246 independent reflections

8837 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{int} = 0.052$
 $\theta_{max} = 23.7^\circ$
 $h = -22 \rightarrow 22$
 $k = -14 \rightarrow 13$
 $l = -27 \rightarrow 33$

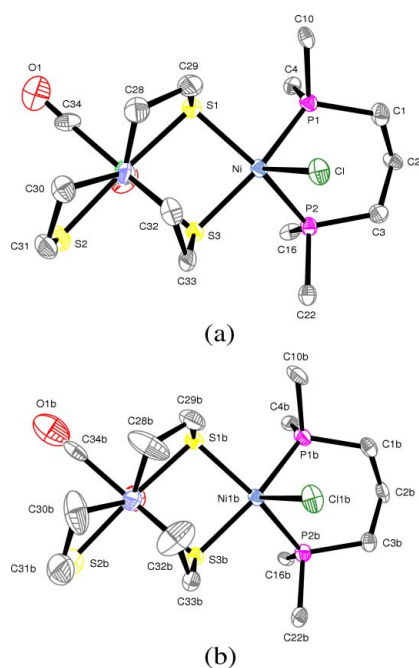


Figure 2

View along the N–Fe–C–O axis of (a) molecule 1 and (b) molecule 2, showing the deviation from the pseudo-threefold rotation of the $(SCH_2CH_2)_3N$ ligand. H atoms have been omitted.

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.052$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.107$
 $S = 1.07$
 10246 reflections
 884 parameters
 H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + 30.7123P]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.006$
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.88 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.63 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$
 Absolute structure: Flack (1983),
 4317 Friedel pairs
 Flack parameter: 0.604 (14)

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Ni—P1	2.2012 (14)	Ni1b—P1b	2.2018 (15)
Ni—P2	2.2060 (15)	Ni1b—P2b	2.2046 (15)
Ni—S3	2.2517 (13)	Ni1b—S1b	2.2495 (16)
Ni—S1	2.2574 (15)	Ni1b—S3b	2.2536 (14)
Ni—Cl	2.5787 (14)	Ni1b—Cl1b	2.5971 (16)
Fe—C35	1.759 (6)	Fe2b—C35b	1.760 (6)
Fe—C34	1.829 (6)	Fe2b—C34b	1.912 (7)
Fe—N	2.048 (4)	Fe2b—N1b	2.065 (5)
Fe—S1	2.2865 (15)	Fe2b—S2b	2.2839 (19)
Fe—S2	2.2978 (16)	Fe2b—S1b	2.2909 (16)
Fe—S3	2.3159 (15)	Fe2b—S3b	2.3029 (15)
O1—C34	1.065 (7)	O1b—C34b	0.861 (8)
O2—C35	1.151 (7)	O2b—C35b	1.137 (7)
P1—Ni—P2	92.88 (5)	O2—C35—Fe	176.9 (5)
P1—Ni—S3	165.43 (6)	P1b—Ni1b—P2b	92.84 (6)
P2—Ni—S3	88.90 (5)	P1b—Ni1b—S1b	87.92 (6)
P1—Ni—S1	87.87 (5)	P2b—Ni1b—S1b	161.55 (6)
P2—Ni—S1	160.38 (6)	P1b—Ni1b—S3b	164.85 (6)
S3—Ni—S1	85.67 (5)	P2b—Ni1b—S3b	88.78 (5)
P1—Ni—Cl	88.51 (5)	S1b—Ni1b—S3b	85.85 (5)
P2—Ni—Cl	92.94 (5)	P1b—Ni1b—Cl1b	88.79 (5)
S3—Ni—Cl	105.85 (5)	P2b—Ni1b—Cl1b	92.29 (5)
S1—Ni—Cl	106.68 (5)	S1b—Ni1b—Cl1b	106.16 (6)
C35—Fe—C34	91.6 (2)	S3b—Ni1b—Cl1b	106.21 (5)
C35—Fe—N	175.2 (2)	C35b—Fe2b—C34b	90.1 (3)
C34—Fe—N	92.5 (2)	C35b—Fe2b—N1b	177.9 (2)
C35—Fe—S1	95.72 (19)	C34b—Fe2b—N1b	91.8 (2)
C34—Fe—S1	96.10 (18)	C35b—Fe2b—S2b	94.41 (19)
N—Fe—S1	86.26 (12)	C34b—Fe2b—S2b	87.86 (18)
C35—Fe—S2	90.91 (19)	N1b—Fe2b—S2b	86.57 (13)
C34—Fe—S2	87.63 (18)	C35b—Fe2b—S1b	92.44 (18)
N—Fe—S2	86.83 (12)	C34b—Fe2b—S1b	95.97 (18)
S1—Fe—S2	172.29 (7)	N1b—Fe2b—S1b	86.47 (13)
C35—Fe—S3	88.34 (18)	S2b—Fe2b—S1b	172.15 (7)
C34—Fe—S3	179.60 (19)	C35b—Fe2b—S3b	90.78 (19)
N—Fe—S3	87.58 (12)	C34b—Fe2b—S3b	179.1 (2)
S1—Fe—S3	83.53 (5)	N1b—Fe2b—S3b	87.29 (13)
S2—Fe—S3	92.76 (6)	S2b—Fe2b—S3b	92.30 (6)
Ni—S1—Fe	95.51 (6)	S1b—Fe2b—S3b	83.76 (5)
O1—C34—Fe	175.3 (5)	Ni1b—S1b—Fe2b	95.18 (6)
Fe—S1—C29—C28	−9.4 (6)	C29b—C28b—N1b—Fe2b	−43.0 (10)
S1—C29—C28—N	38.6 (8)	Fe2b—S2b—C31b—C30b	25.8 (8)
C29—C28—N—Fe	−51.9 (7)	S2b—C31b—C30b—N1b	−54.9 (10)
Fe—S2—C31—C30	23.7 (6)	C31b—C30b—N1b—Fe2b	58.7 (9)
S2—C31—C30—N	−51.7 (8)	Fe2b—S3b—C33b—C32b	−35.8 (7)
C31—C30—N—Fe	55.3 (7)	S3b—C33b—C32b—N1b	42.1 (10)
Fe—S3—C33—C32	−38.3 (6)	C33b—C32b—N1b—Fe2b	−24.5 (10)
S3—C33—C32—N	45.8 (8)	P1—C1—C2—C3	−68.5 (8)
C33—C32—N—Fe	−27.3 (8)	C1—C2—C3—P2	69.7 (8)
Fe2b—S1b—C29b—C28b	−3.0 (8)	P1b—C1b—C2b—C3b	−69.3 (8)
S1b—C29b—C28b—N1b	29.6 (12)	C1b—C2b—C3b—P2b	67.1 (8)

H atoms were not located for the CH₃CN solvent molecules. The value of the Flack (1983) parameter indicates an inversion twin. All other H atoms were positioned geometrically (C—H = 0.95–0.99 Å) and refined as riding [$U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$].

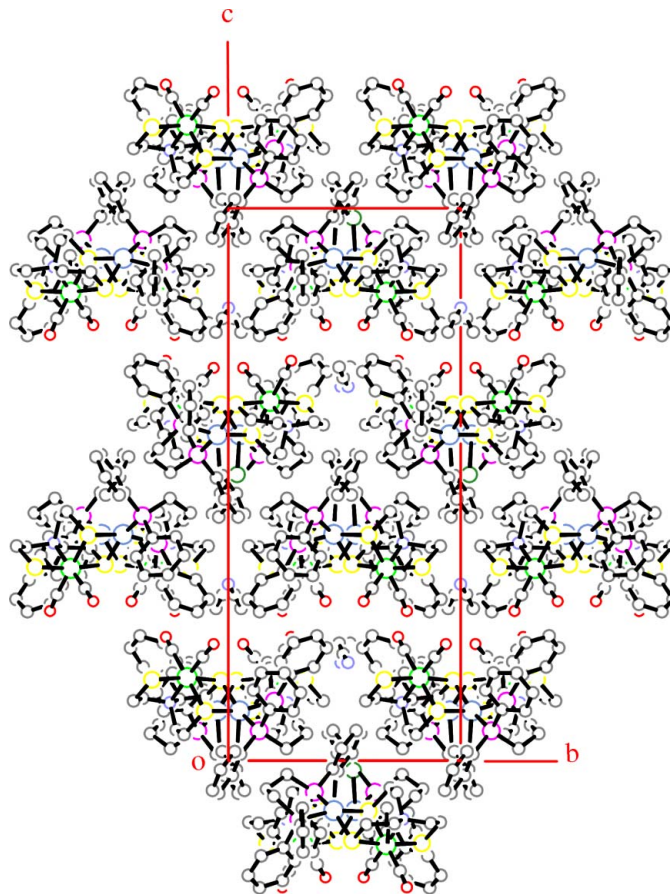


Figure 3
 The packing, viewed along the crystallographic *a* axis. Atoms are represented by arbitrary spheres. H atoms have been omitted.

Data collection: *COLLECT* (Nonius, 2000); cell refinement: *HKL SCALEPACK* (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997); data reduction: *HKL DENZO* (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997) and *SCALEPACK*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEP-3 for Windows* (Farrugia, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *WinGX* (Farrugia, 1999).

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