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## *cis*-Bis(nitrato- $\kappa^2O,O'$ )bis(triethylphosphine oxide- $\kappa O$ )nickel(II)

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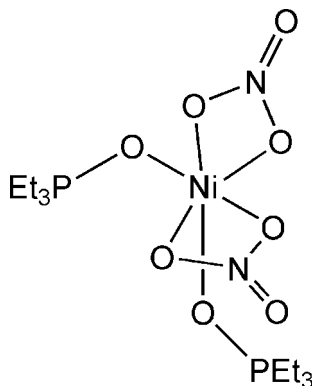
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study;  $T = 294$  K; mean  $\sigma(C-C) = 0.004$  Å;  $R$  factor = 0.029;  $wR$  factor = 0.073; data-to-parameter ratio = 15.5.

In the title compound,  $[Ni(NO_3)_2(C_6H_{15}OP)_2]$ , the  $Ni^{II}$  ion, lying on a crystallographic twofold axis, adopts a distorted octahedral coordination, consisting of  $O$ -donor atoms of two symmetry-related triethylphosphine oxide and two bidentate nitrate ligands.

### Related literature

For the synthesis and the crystal structure of the isotopic  $Co^{II}$  complex, see: Alnaji *et al.* (1991). For the preparation of the precursor *trans*- $[NiCl_2(Et_3P)_2]$  ( $Et_3P$  = triethylphosphine), see: Jensen (1936). For the synthesis of *cis*- $[Pt(NO_3)_2(Et_3P)_2]$ , see: Kuehl *et al.* (2001).



### Experimental

#### Crystal data

 $[Ni(NO_3)_2(C_6H_{15}OP)_2]$   
 $M_r = 451.03$ 

 Monoclinic,  $C2/c$   
 $a = 16.954$  (2) Å

 $b = 7.8494$  (5) Å  
 $c = 15.9905$  (9) Å  
 $\beta = 92.419$  (5)°  
 $V = 2126.1$  (3) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 4$ 

 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 $\mu = 1.10$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 294$  K  
 $0.31 \times 0.26 \times 0.24$  mm

#### Data collection

 Siemens P4 four-circle diffractometer  
 Absorption correction:  $\psi$  scan (*ABSPsiScan* in *PLATON*; Spek, 2009)  
 $T_{min} = 0.719$ ,  $T_{max} = 0.770$   
 2351 measured reflections

 1829 independent reflections  
 1641 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{int} = 0.047$   
 3 standard reflections every 97 reflections  
 intensity decay: none

#### Refinement

 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.029$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.073$   
 $S = 1.05$   
 1829 reflections

 118 parameters  
 H-atom parameters constrained  
 $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.22$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.28$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>
**Table 1**

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Ni1—O1	1.9741 (16)	Ni1—O3	2.1429 (17)
Ni1—O2	2.0738 (16)		
O1—Ni1—O1 <sup>i</sup>	94.2 (1)	O2—Ni1—O3 <sup>i</sup>	97.47 (7)
O1—Ni1—O2 <sup>i</sup>	96.97 (7)	O1—Ni1—O3	162.74 (7)
O1—Ni1—O2	102.19 (6)	O2—Ni1—O3	61.00 (7)
O2 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—O2	151.7 (1)	O3 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—O3	86.8 (1)
O1—Ni1—O3 <sup>i</sup>	91.95 (7)		

 Symmetry code: (i)  $-x, y, -z + \frac{1}{2}$ .

Data collection: *XSCANS* (Bruker, 1999); cell refinement: *XSCANS*; data reduction: *XSCANS*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: *DIAMOND* (Brandenburg, 2008); software used to prepare material for publication: *enCIFer* (Allen *et al.*, 2004).

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***cis*-Bis(nitrato- $\kappa^2$ O, $O'$ )bis(triethylphosphine oxide- $\kappa$ O)nickel(II)****Rüdiger W. Seidel****S1. Comment**

The title complex, *cis*-[Ni(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(OPEt<sub>3</sub>)] (OPEt<sub>3</sub> = triethylphosphine oxide), exhibits C<sub>2</sub> point symmetry and is located on a twofold crystallographic axis. An *ORTEP* diagram is depicted in Fig. 1.

As previously observed in the isotypic Co<sup>II</sup> complex (Alnaji *et al.*, 1991), the triethylphosphine oxide and the nitrate ligands are arranged in a *cis* geometry about the Ni<sup>II</sup> ion. The bond lengths are comparable to those reported for the Co<sup>II</sup> complex. The bidentate nitrate ligand binds asymmetrically with Ni—O distances of 2.0738 (16) and 2.1429 (17) Å. This leads to differences in the N—O bond lengths. The N—O distances of the coordinated oxygen atoms are considerably longer than that of the free one (Table 1). The magnitude of the asymmetric bidentate binding is slightly smaller than that reported for the Co<sup>II</sup> complex.

The O2—Ni1—O3 angle is small, as is expected for a bidentate chelating nitrate ion. The remaining angles about the Ni<sup>II</sup> ion show large deviations from the regular octahedral geometry (see table 1). The P—O—Ni angle exhibits a typical value of 140.8 (1)°.

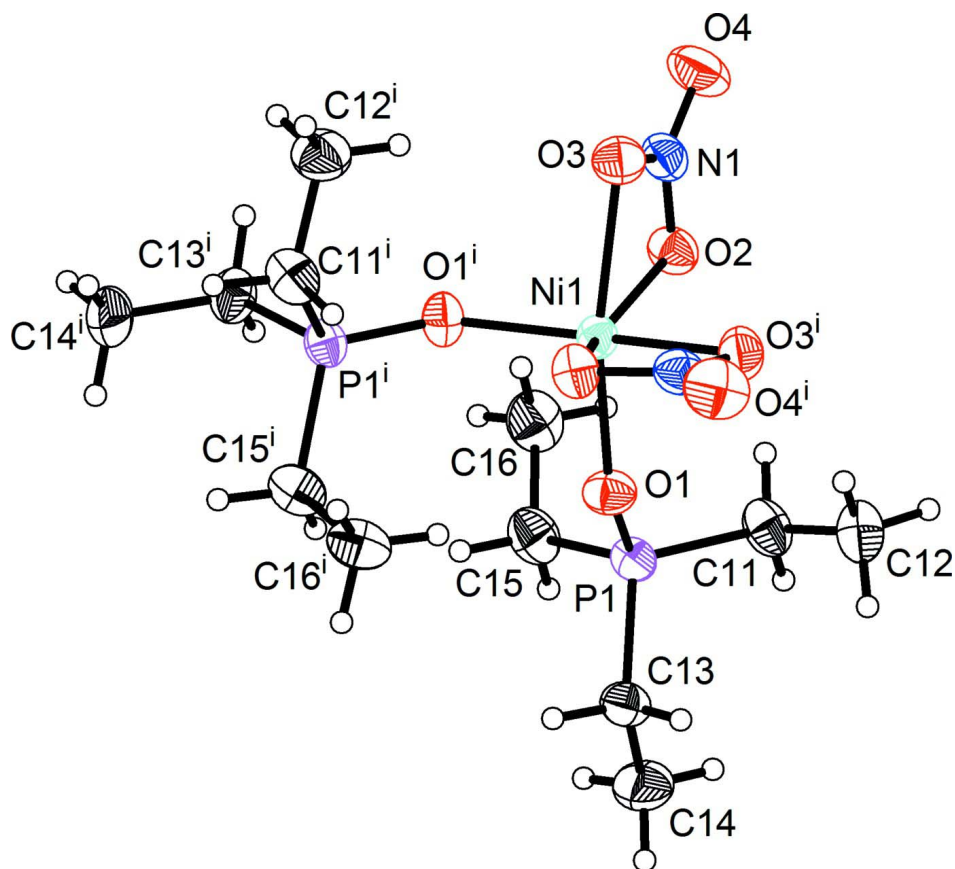
**S2. Experimental**

The title compound was obtained as an oxidation product of the metathesis reaction of *trans*-[NiCl<sub>2</sub>(Et<sub>3</sub>P)<sub>2</sub>] with AgNO<sub>3</sub>. The synthetic procedure was adapted from the preparation of *cis*-[Pt(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(Et<sub>3</sub>P)<sub>2</sub>] (Kuehl *et al.*, 2001).

*trans*-[NiCl<sub>2</sub>(Et<sub>3</sub>P)<sub>2</sub>] was prepared according to the literature (Jensen, 1936). 33 mg (0.197) AgNO<sub>3</sub> was added to a stirred solution of 36 mg (0.098 mmol) *trans*-[NiCl<sub>2</sub>(Et<sub>3</sub>P)<sub>2</sub>] in 40 ml acetone. The mixture was stirred 12 h in the dark. The colour changed from red to yellow. The solvent was removed in vacuum and the residue was suspended in 40 ml dichloromethane. Filtration and subsequent evaporation of the solvent yielded a yellow powder. A single-crystal suitable for X-ray diffraction was obtained from methanol-*d*4 when the solvent was allowed to evaporate slowly at ambient temperature.

**S3. Refinement**

Hydrogen atoms were placed at geometrically calculated positions and refined with  $U_{\text{iso}}$  1.2 times (1.5 for methyl groups) of their parent atoms and allowing to ride on them. The initial torsion angles of the methyl groups were determined *via* a difference Fourier analysis and refined, while retaining the tetrahedral geometry.



**Figure 1**

ORTEP diagram of the title compound. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level. Hydrogen atoms are drawn with arbitrary size. Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x, y, -z + 1/2$ .

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$Z = 4$

$F(000) = 952$

$D_x = 1.409\ \text{Mg m}^{-3}$

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation,  $\lambda = 0.71073\ \text{\AA}$

Cell parameters from 50 reflections

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Prism, yellow

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*Data collection*

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Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube

Graphite monochromator

$\omega$  scans

Absorption correction:  $\psi$  scan

(ABSPsiScan in *PLATON*; Spek, 2009)

$T_{\min} = 0.719, T_{\max} = 0.770$

2351 measured reflections

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$R_{\text{int}} = 0.047$

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$h = -1 \rightarrow 20$

$k = -1 \rightarrow 9$   
 $l = -18 \rightarrow 18$

3 standard reflections every 97 reflections  
 intensity decay: none

*Refinement*

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 Least-squares matrix: full  
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.029$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.073$   
 $S = 1.05$   
 1829 reflections  
 118 parameters  
 0 restraints  
 Primary atom site location: structure-invariant  
 direct methods  
 Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier  
 map

Hydrogen site location: inferred from  
 neighbouring sites  
 H-atom parameters constrained  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0309P)^2 + 1.435P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.22 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.28 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
 Extinction correction: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick,  
 2008),  $F_c^* = kFc[1 + 0.001x\text{Fc}^2\lambda^3/\sin(2\theta)]^{-1/4}$   
 Extinction coefficient: 0.0039 (5)

*Special details*

**Geometry.** All e.s.d.'s (except the e.s.d. in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell e.s.d.'s are taken into account individually in the estimation of e.s.d.'s in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between e.s.d.'s in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell e.s.d.'s is used for estimating e.s.d.'s involving l.s. planes.

**Refinement.** Refinement of  $F^2$  against ALL reflections. The weighted  $R$ -factor  $wR$  and goodness of fit  $S$  are based on  $F^2$ , conventional  $R$ -factors  $R$  are based on  $F$ , with  $F$  set to zero for negative  $F^2$ . The threshold expression of  $F^2 > \sigma(F^2)$  is used only for calculating  $R$ -factors(gt) *etc.* and is not relevant to the choice of reflections for refinement.  $R$ -factors based on  $F^2$  are statistically about twice as large as those based on  $F$ , and  $R$ -factors based on ALL data will be even larger.

*Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )*

	$x$	$y$	$z$	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
Ni1	0.0000	0.58558 (5)	0.2500	0.04465 (16)
P1	0.10851 (4)	0.30215 (8)	0.15778 (3)	0.04913 (18)
O1	0.08156 (10)	0.4144 (2)	0.22694 (10)	0.0585 (4)
O2	-0.04216 (10)	0.6501 (2)	0.13055 (10)	0.0596 (4)
O3	-0.08635 (10)	0.7839 (2)	0.23545 (11)	0.0644 (5)
O4	-0.12961 (13)	0.8501 (3)	0.10934 (14)	0.0895 (6)
N1	-0.08784 (12)	0.7647 (3)	0.15682 (13)	0.0587 (5)
C11	0.13399 (18)	0.4234 (3)	0.06864 (16)	0.0681 (7)
H11A	0.1582	0.3481	0.0290	0.082*
H11B	0.0860	0.4682	0.0418	0.082*
C12	0.18933 (19)	0.5692 (4)	0.0880 (2)	0.0799 (8)
H12A	0.1668	0.6427	0.1286	0.120*
H12B	0.1977	0.6323	0.0377	0.120*
H12C	0.2389	0.5256	0.1100	0.120*
C13	0.19220 (15)	0.1817 (3)	0.19631 (17)	0.0642 (7)
H13A	0.2336	0.2609	0.2137	0.077*
H13B	0.1772	0.1198	0.2457	0.077*
C14	0.22625 (19)	0.0551 (4)	0.1355 (2)	0.0910 (10)
H14A	0.1884	-0.0334	0.1233	0.137*
H14B	0.2736	0.0059	0.1602	0.137*
H14C	0.2383	0.1127	0.0847	0.137*

C15	0.03471 (17)	0.1488 (4)	0.12138 (18)	0.0722 (7)
H15A	0.0588	0.0715	0.0826	0.087*
H15B	0.0189	0.0820	0.1689	0.087*
C16	-0.03782 (17)	0.2241 (4)	0.0791 (2)	0.0831 (9)
H16A	-0.0620	0.3019	0.1166	0.125*
H16B	-0.0744	0.1347	0.0641	0.125*
H16C	-0.0235	0.2838	0.0296	0.125*

*Atomic displacement parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>)*

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
Ni1	0.0491 (2)	0.0437 (2)	0.0416 (2)	0.000	0.00704 (16)	0.000
P1	0.0584 (4)	0.0457 (3)	0.0434 (3)	0.0050 (3)	0.0032 (2)	0.0001 (2)
O1	0.0626 (9)	0.0619 (10)	0.0511 (9)	0.0137 (8)	0.0046 (7)	-0.0072 (8)
O2	0.0711 (11)	0.0575 (10)	0.0502 (9)	0.0081 (9)	0.0033 (8)	0.0022 (8)
O3	0.0675 (11)	0.0579 (10)	0.0683 (11)	0.0082 (8)	0.0083 (9)	-0.0071 (9)
O4	0.0899 (14)	0.0704 (12)	0.1056 (16)	0.0125 (11)	-0.0261 (12)	0.0235 (12)
N1	0.0599 (12)	0.0473 (11)	0.0682 (14)	-0.0036 (10)	-0.0041 (10)	0.0072 (10)
C11	0.096 (2)	0.0589 (15)	0.0500 (13)	-0.0035 (14)	0.0058 (13)	0.0047 (12)
C12	0.087 (2)	0.0734 (19)	0.0802 (19)	-0.0169 (16)	0.0137 (16)	0.0077 (15)
C13	0.0660 (16)	0.0587 (15)	0.0683 (16)	0.0138 (13)	0.0091 (12)	0.0080 (12)
C14	0.082 (2)	0.0632 (18)	0.129 (3)	0.0169 (15)	0.025 (2)	-0.0113 (18)
C15	0.0865 (19)	0.0573 (15)	0.0721 (17)	-0.0088 (14)	-0.0049 (14)	0.0011 (14)
C16	0.086 (2)	0.0774 (19)	0.084 (2)	-0.0173 (17)	-0.0143 (16)	-0.0025 (16)

*Geometric parameters (Å, °)*

Ni1—O1	1.9741 (16)	C12—H12A	0.9600
Ni1—O1 <sup>i</sup>	1.9741 (16)	C12—H12B	0.9600
Ni1—O2 <sup>i</sup>	2.0738 (16)	C12—H12C	0.9600
Ni1—O2	2.0738 (16)	C13—C14	1.521 (4)
Ni1—O3 <sup>i</sup>	2.1429 (17)	C13—H13A	0.9700
Ni1—O3	2.1429 (17)	C13—H13B	0.9700
P1—O1	1.5001 (16)	C14—H14A	0.9600
P1—C11	1.782 (2)	C14—H14B	0.9600
P1—C13	1.793 (2)	C14—H14C	0.9600
P1—C15	1.814 (3)	C15—C16	1.499 (4)
O2—N1	1.270 (3)	C15—H15A	0.9700
O3—N1	1.266 (3)	C15—H15B	0.9700
O4—N1	1.217 (3)	C16—H16A	0.9600
C11—C12	1.503 (4)	C16—H16B	0.9600
C11—H11A	0.9700	C16—H16C	0.9600
C11—H11B	0.9700		
O1—Ni1—O1 <sup>i</sup>	94.2 (1)	H11A—C11—H11B	107.6
O1—Ni1—O2 <sup>i</sup>	96.97 (7)	C11—C12—H12A	109.5
O1 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—O2 <sup>i</sup>	102.19 (6)	C11—C12—H12B	109.5
O1—Ni1—O2	102.19 (6)	H12A—C12—H12B	109.5

O1 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—O2	96.97 (7)	C11—C12—H12C	109.5
O2 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—O2	151.7 (1)	H12A—C12—H12C	109.5
O1—Ni1—O3 <sup>i</sup>	91.95 (7)	H12B—C12—H12C	109.5
O1 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—O3 <sup>i</sup>	162.74 (7)	C14—C13—P1	116.2 (2)
O2 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—O3 <sup>i</sup>	61.00 (7)	C14—C13—H13A	108.2
O2—Ni1—O3 <sup>i</sup>	97.47 (7)	P1—C13—H13A	108.2
O1—Ni1—O3	162.74 (7)	C14—C13—H13B	108.2
O1 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—O3	91.95 (7)	P1—C13—H13B	108.2
O2 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—O3	97.47 (7)	H13A—C13—H13B	107.4
O2—Ni1—O3	61.00 (7)	C13—C14—H14A	109.5
O3 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—O3	86.8 (1)	C13—C14—H14B	109.5
O1—P1—C11	111.57 (12)	H14A—C14—H14B	109.5
O1—P1—C13	108.53 (11)	C13—C14—H14C	109.5
C11—P1—C13	109.97 (13)	H14A—C14—H14C	109.5
O1—P1—C15	113.50 (12)	H14B—C14—H14C	109.5
C11—P1—C15	106.55 (13)	C16—C15—P1	115.1 (2)
C13—P1—C15	106.58 (13)	C16—C15—H15A	108.5
P1—O1—Ni1	140.8 (1)	P1—C15—H15A	108.5
N1—O2—Ni1	93.42 (13)	C16—C15—H15B	108.5
N1—O3—Ni1	90.36 (13)	P1—C15—H15B	108.5
O4—N1—O3	122.7 (2)	H15A—C15—H15B	107.5
O4—N1—O2	122.1 (2)	C15—C16—H16A	109.5
O3—N1—O2	115.21 (19)	C15—C16—H16B	109.5
C12—C11—P1	114.3 (2)	H16A—C16—H16B	109.5
C12—C11—H11A	108.7	C15—C16—H16C	109.5
P1—C11—H11A	108.7	H16A—C16—H16C	109.5
C12—C11—H11B	108.7	H16B—C16—H16C	109.5
P1—C11—H11B	108.7		

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