

**Refinement**Refinement on  $F^2$ 

$$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.032$$

$$wR(F^2) = 0.093$$

$$S = 0.985$$

3358 reflections

245 parameters

H atoms: see below

$$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0521P)^2]$$

$$\text{where } P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$$

$$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$$

$$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.37 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$$

$$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.39 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$$

Extinction correction:

*SHELXL93* (Sheldrick, 1993)

Extinction coefficient:

$$0.0083 (8)$$

Scattering factors from

*International Tables for Crystallography* (Vol. C)Sheldrick, G. M. (1993). *SHELXL93. Program for the Refinement of Crystal Structures*. University of Göttingen, Germany.Siemens (1994). *XSCANS Users Manual*. Version 2.1. Siemens Analytical X-ray Instruments Inc., Madison, Wisconsin, USA.*Acta Cryst.* (1998). **C54**, 453–456**Tris(*N,N'*-diethylthiourea-*S*)iodocopper(I) and Tris(*N,N'*-diethylthiourea-*S*)iodo-silver(I)**HOONG-KUN FUN,<sup>a</sup> IBRAHIM ABDUL RAZAK,<sup>a</sup> CHAVENG PAKAWATCHAI,<sup>b</sup> CHUANPIT KHAOKONG,<sup>b</sup> SUCHADA CHANTRAPROMMA<sup>b</sup> AND SAOWANIT SAITHONG<sup>b</sup><sup>a</sup>*X-ray Crystallography Unit, School of Physics, Universiti Sains Malaysia, 11800 Penang, Malaysia, and* <sup>b</sup>*Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science, Prince of Songkla University, Hat Yai 90112, Thailand. E-mail: chaveng@ratree.psu.ac.th*

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Table 1. Selected geometric parameters (Å, °)

Cu—N2	1.953 (2)	Cu—O3	2.411 (2)
Cu—N3	1.958 (2)	N4—O1	1.209 (3)
Cu—O4	1.994 (2)	N4—O3	1.248 (3)
Cu—O5	2.018 (2)	N4—O2	1.251 (2)
N2—Cu—N3	94.01 (7)	N2—Cu—O3	85.34 (7)
N2—Cu—O4	164.01 (7)	N3—Cu—O3	104.48 (8)
N3—Cu—O4	99.54 (7)	O4—Cu—O3	99.33 (8)
N2—Cu—O5	100.45 (7)	O5—Cu—O3	86.27 (8)
N3—Cu—O5	162.69 (7)	C11—Cu—O3	93.55 (8)
O4—Cu—O5	64.87 (7)	O3—Cu—O2'	160.1 (2)

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

The H atoms in the dpyam ligand were located from a difference Fourier map and refined isotropically, whereas those in the propionate group were fixed geometrically and allowed to ride on the attached atoms.

Data collection, cell refinement and data reduction: *XSCANS* (Siemens, 1994). Structure solution and molecular graphics: *SHELXTL/PC* (Sheldrick, 1990). Structure refinement: *SHELXL93* (Sheldrick, 1993). Geometrical calculations: *PARST* (Nardelli, 1983).

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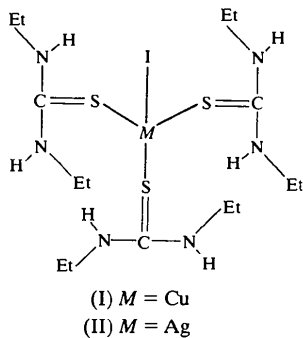
**Abstract**

The structures of the 1:3 mononuclear complexes of copper(I) and silver(I) iodide with diethylthiourea (dctu), namely,  $[\text{CuI}(\text{C}_5\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{S})_3]$  and  $[\text{AgI}(\text{C}_5\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{S})_3]$ , are isomorphous. The metal atoms are approximately tetrahedrally coordinated to three S atoms and to one I atom.

**Comment**

Copper and silver(I) halides or oxyanions form neutral or ionic complexes of various stoichiometries and structural types with thiourea (tu) or substituted thiourea ligands (Pakawatchai *et al.*, 1996).  $[\text{Cu}(\text{tu})_2\text{Cl}]$  and  $[\text{Ag}(\text{tu})_2\text{Cl}]$  are isomorphous and form chain structures containing a trigonally coordinated metal atom, whereas  $[\text{Cu}(\text{tu})_3\text{Cl}]$  has a tetrahedral chain structure (Spofford & Amma, 1968, 1970; Vizzini & Amma, 1966; Okaya & Knobler, 1964).  $[\text{Cu}(\text{dmu})_3\text{Cl}]$  (dmu is dimethylthiourea) contains tetrahedrally coordinated  $\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}$  (Girling & Amma, 1971).  $[\text{Ag}(\text{mtu})_3\text{Cl}]$  (mtu is methylthiourea) consists of distorted tetrahedral  $[(\text{mtu})_3\text{AgCl}]$  units (Lee & Amma, 1972). Copper(I) and silver(I) halides form many  $\text{MXL}_3$  complexes, where *L* is a ligand containing group V donors such as  $\text{PPh}_3$ , *e.g.*  $[\text{XCu}(\text{PPh}_3)_3]$  (*X* = F, Cl, Br, I) (Gill *et al.*, 1976; Gulliver *et al.*, 1981; Barron *et al.*, 1987) and  $[\text{XAg}(\text{PPh}_3)_3]$  (*X* = Cl, Br, I) (Cassel, 1981; Engelhardt *et al.*, 1987; Camalli & Caruso, 1987; Hibbs *et al.*, 1996). For species where *L*

is one of the substituted thiourea ligands dtmu and mtu, the only known examples are [CuCl(dmtu)<sub>3</sub>] (Girling & Amma, 1971) and [Ag(mtu)<sub>3</sub>Cl] (Lee & Amma, 1972).



The structure determinations of tris(diethylthiourea)-iodocopper(I), (I) (Fig. 1), and tris(diethylthiourea)iodo-silver(I), (II) (Fig. 2), confirm the four-coordinate nature of the metal atoms. The structures are isomorphous and consist of discrete [MI(detu)<sub>3</sub>] molecular units arranged so that the iodide and metal atoms lie on a crystallographic threefold axis which relates the three detu ligands. For (II), one ethyl group (C2 and C3 atoms) of the ligand is disordered. The S—M—S angles in the copper and silver complexes [114.67(3) and 111.50(3)°, respectively] are larger than that in [(mtu)<sub>3</sub>CuCl] [106.4(1)°], while the Cu—S distance is shorter [2.350(1) *cf.* 2.360(1) Å]. This may be due to detu being more sterically demanding than mtu and also to the larger size of iodide compared with chloride, resulting in a weaker ligand-halide interaction and increased S—M—S angle.

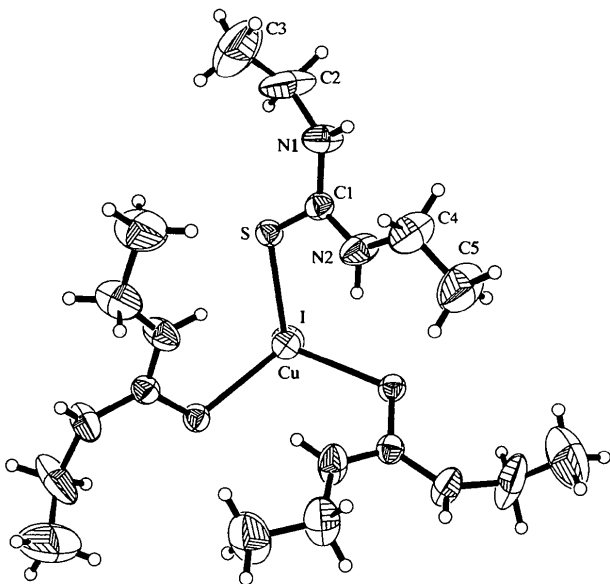


Fig. 1. A 30% displacement ellipsoid plot of (I) with the atom-numbering scheme.

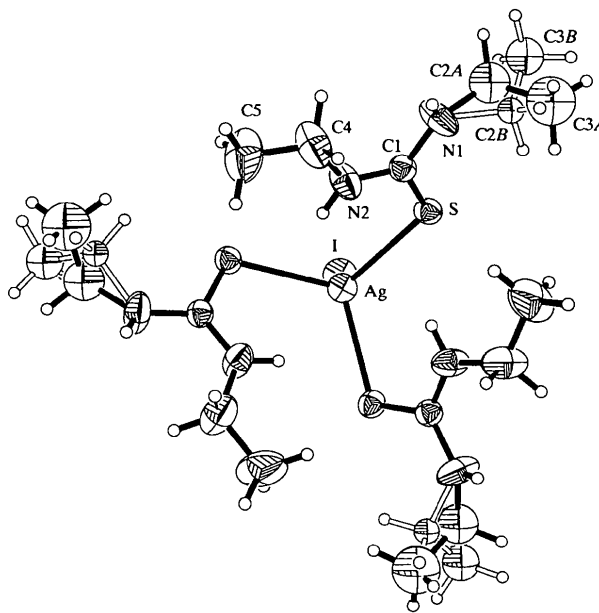


Fig. 2. A 30% displacement ellipsoid plot of (II) with the atom-numbering scheme.

## Experimental

The title complexes were obtained by mixing CuI or AgI (2.1 mmol) and *N,N'*-diethylthiourea (6.6 mmol) in acetonitrile with warming over a period of 4 h. The solutions were filtered and allowed to cool. Slow evaporation of the filtrates at room temperature yielded crystals suitable for analysis.

### Compound (I)

#### Crystal data

[CuI(C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S)<sub>3</sub>]

$M_r = 587.14$

Trigonal

*P*31*c*

$a = 12.686(1) \text{ \AA}$

$c = 9.314(2) \text{ \AA}$

$V = 1298.1(3) \text{ \AA}^3$

$Z = 2$

$D_x = 1.502 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$

$D_m$  not measured

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation

$\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$

Cell parameters from 39 reflections

$\theta = 6.13\text{--}12.46^\circ$

$\mu = 2.283 \text{ mm}^{-1}$

$T = 293(2) \text{ K}$

Cube

$0.62 \times 0.44 \times 0.32 \text{ mm}$

Colourless

#### Data collection

Siemens P4 diffractometer

$\theta/2\theta$  scans

Absorption correction:

empirical  $\psi$  scans

(Siemens, 1994)

$T_{\min} = 0.404$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.685$

3282 measured reflections

1422 independent reflections

1163 reflections with

$I > 2\sigma(I)$

$R_{\text{int}} = 0.028$

$\theta_{\max} = 30^\circ$

$h = -17 \rightarrow 1$

$k = -1 \rightarrow 17$

$l = -1 \rightarrow 13$

3 standard reflections

every 97 reflections

intensity decay: <3%

**Refinement**

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.030$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.081$   
 $S = 0.994$   
 1422 reflections  
 80 parameters  
 H atoms: riding model  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0497P)^2]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.33 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.27 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$

**Table 1. Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{Å}^2$ ) for (I)**

$$U_{\text{eq}} = (1/3)\sum_i\sum_j U^{ij} a_i^* a_j^* \mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{a}_j$$

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{eq}}$
Cu	1/3	2/3	0.38141 (9)	0.0548 (2)
I	1/3	2/3	0.09628 (2)	0.0738 (2)
S	0.18385 (8)	0.46675 (8)	0.44064 (13)	0.0519 (2)
N1	-0.0001 (5)	0.3622 (4)	0.6268 (6)	0.0791 (13)
N2	0.1187 (4)	0.5636 (4)	0.6474 (5)	0.0774 (12)
C1	0.0959 (4)	0.4648 (4)	0.5817 (4)	0.0521 (8)
C2	-0.0467 (11)	0.2446 (6)	0.5562 (12)	0.138 (4)
C3	-0.0416 (18)	0.1581 (12)	0.6280 (17)	0.198 (7)
C4	0.0492 (8)	0.5748 (6)	0.7665 (9)	0.110 (2)
C5	0.0772 (13)	0.6923 (9)	0.7987 (14)	0.143 (4)

**Compound (II)****Crystal data**

$[\text{AgI}(\text{C}_5\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{S})_3]$   
 $M_r = 631.45$   
 Trigonal  
 $P31c$   
 $a = 12.792 (1) \text{ Å}$   
 $c = 9.3350 (10) \text{ Å}$   
 $V = 1323.09 (14) \text{ Å}^3$   
 $Z = 2$   
 $D_x = 1.585 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$   
 $D_m$  not measured

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ Å}$   
 Cell parameters from 40 reflections  
 $\theta = 5.55\text{--}12.41^\circ$   
 $\mu = 2.177 \text{ mm}^{-1}$   
 $T = 293 (2) \text{ K}$   
 Cube  
 $0.40 \times 0.34 \times 0.30 \text{ mm}$   
 Colourless

**Data collection**

Siemens P4 diffractometer  
 $\theta/2\theta$  scans  
 Absorption correction:  
 empirical  $\psi$  scans  
 (Siemens, 1994)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.433$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.520$   
 3329 measured reflections  
 1452 independent reflections  
 990 reflections with  
 $I > 2\sigma(I)$

$R_{\text{int}} = 0.022$   
 $\theta_{\max} = 30^\circ$   
 $h = -17 \rightarrow 1$   
 $k = -1 \rightarrow 18$   
 $l = -1 \rightarrow 13$   
 3 standard reflections  
 every 97 reflections  
 intensity decay:  $<3\%$

**Refinement**

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.027$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.070$   
 $S = 0.901$   
 1452 reflections  
 88 parameters  
 H atoms: riding model

Extinction correction:  
 $SHELXL93$   
 Extinction coefficient:  
 0.0036 (6)  
 Scattering factors from  
*International Tables for Crystallography* (Vol. C)

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0363P)^2]$  Absolute structure: Flack  
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$  (1983)  
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$  Flack parameter =  $-0.03 (3)$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.24 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.20 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$

**Table 2. Selected geometric parameters ( $\text{Å}$ ,  $^\circ$ )**

Parameter	(I) ( $M = \text{Cu}$ )	(II) ( $M = \text{Ag}$ )
$M\text{—}S$	2.350 (1)	2.593 (1)
$M\text{—}I$	2.656 (1)	2.774 (1)
$S\text{—}C1$	1.716 (4)	1.711 (4)
$C1\text{—}N1$	1.330 (6)	1.335 (6)
$C1\text{—}N2$	1.291 (6)	1.306 (6)
$S\text{—}M\text{—}S^i$	114.67 (3)	111.50 (3)
$S\text{—}M\text{—}I$	103.58 (4)	107.35 (3)
$M\text{—}S\text{—}C1$	111.3 (1)	110.9 (2)

Symmetry code: (i)  $-x + y, 1 - x, z$  for (I);  $1 - x + y, 1 - x, z$  for (II).

The title structures were solved by direct methods and refined by full-matrix least-squares techniques. In (II), atoms C2 and C3 showed disorder with implausible N—C and C—C lengths. The disordered ethyl group was modelled with alternative sites for C2 and C3. The occupancies of C2 and C3 were initially refined and then fixed at 0.80 for C2A and C3A, and at 0.20 for C2B and C3B. The disordered atoms were refined anisotropically with N—C and C—C distances restrained. In (I), the  $U^{ij}$  values for C2 and C3 suggest a similar but less marked disorder and the introduction of alternative sites for the atoms was not considered necessary. All H atoms in (I) and (II) were fixed geometrically and allowed to ride on those atoms to which they are attached.

Programs used for data collection, cell refinement and data reduction: *XSCANS* (Siemens, 1994); for structure solution and molecular graphics: *SHELXTL/PC* (Sheldrick, 1990); for structure refinement: *SHELXL93* (Sheldrick, 1993); for geometrical calculations: *PARST* (Nardelli, 1983).

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## Magnesium Sulfate Tetraurea Monohydrate

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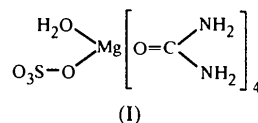
### Abstract

In the title adduct, MgSO<sub>4</sub>·4CH<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O·H<sub>2</sub>O {aqua-(sulfato-*O*)tetrakis(urea-*O*)magnesium, [Mg(SO<sub>4</sub>)(CH<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>4</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)]}, the Mg atoms have octahedral coordination, formed by one water and four urea molecules, and one sulfate O atom. The neutral MgSO<sub>4</sub>(urea)<sub>4</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O clusters are dimerized into centrosymmetric units through two O—H···O hydrogen bonds held together in a network where urea molecules act as both hydrogen-bond donors and acceptors.

### Comment

The industrial methods for preparation of the widely used defoliant Mg(ClO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> use mainly NaClO<sub>3</sub> and MgCl<sub>2</sub> as starting materials (Martinov, 1957; Harvey, 1986). Our investigations (Todorov *et al.*, 1998) on the structure and applicability of Mg(ClO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·6CH<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O, a new defoliating agent with improved purity and biological activity synthesized from MgSO<sub>4</sub>, NaClO<sub>3</sub> and urea, prompted us to investigate the ternary system MgSO<sub>4</sub>–urea–H<sub>2</sub>O. Sulaimankoulov (1971) studied its solubility diagram which revealed only compound

MgSO<sub>4</sub>·CH<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O·3H<sub>2</sub>O. Recently, we have recognized a new adduct, MgSO<sub>4</sub>·4CH<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O·H<sub>2</sub>O, (I), and this paper reports its crystal structure.



The structure of the title compound consists of Mg atoms bonded to four urea O atoms, one water molecule and an SO<sub>4</sub> tetrahedron (Fig. 1). The Mg—O distances are within the typical range 2.064 (2)–2.098 (2) Å, while O—Mg—O angles lie between 84.30 (7) and 94.85 (7)°. The values for C—O—Mg angles are in the relatively narrow range 136.19 (15)–149.89 (15)°. The torsion angles N1—C—O—Mg, used to describe the deviation from the urea in-plane coordination (Macíček *et al.*, 1995), are 1.4 (4), 15.4 (3), –20.5 (4) and 12.3 (4)°, for U3 (where U3 is urea molecule 3), U1, U2 and U4, respectively. They show a larger, but not significant, deviation around the latter three molecules.

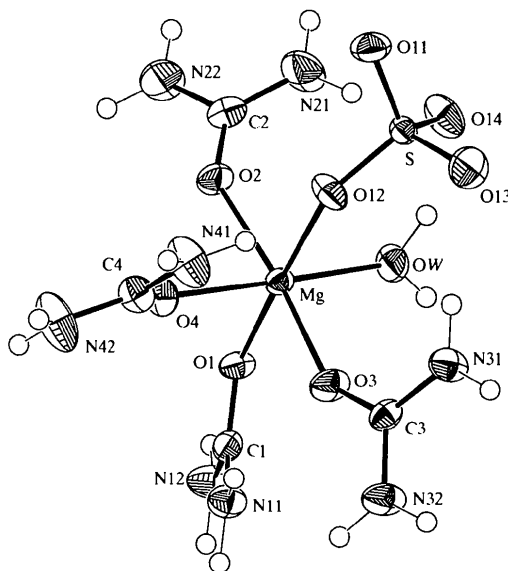


Fig. 1. A view of the title cluster with the atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are plotted at the 50% probability level. H atoms are arbitrarily small.

The SO<sub>4</sub> group has ordinary tetrahedral geometry. The longest S—O distance of 1.482 (2) Å is at the coordinated O atom and the bonds to the terminal O atoms are shorter by more than 7σ. The Mg—O12—S angle of 139.30 (10)° indicates that atom O12 does not coordinate to the Mg atom through either an ion–dipole interaction or through an sp<sup>3</sup> orbital.

The neutral MgSO<sub>4</sub>·4CH<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O·H<sub>2</sub>O clusters are held together by an extensive network of hydrogen