

***catena-Poly[[trans-bis(ethane-1,2-diamine- $\kappa^2N,N'$ )copper(II)]- $\mu$ -dithionato- $\kappa^2O:O'$ ] and trans-diaquabis-(propane-1,3-diamine- $\kappa^2N,N'$ )-copper(II) dithionate***

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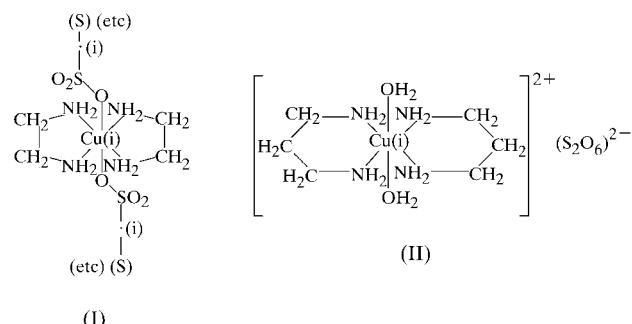
In title anhydrous *catena*-poly[[(*trans*-bis(ethane-1,2-diamine- $\kappa^2N,N'$ )copper(II)]- $\mu$ -dithionato- $\kappa^2O:O'$ ],  $[\text{Cu}(\text{S}_2\text{O}_6)(\text{C}_2\text{H}_8\text{N}_2)_2]_n$  or  $[[\text{H}_2\text{N}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{NH}_2]_2\text{Cu}(\text{O}\cdot\text{O}_2\text{SSO}_2\cdot\text{O})]_\infty$ , successive Cu atoms are bridged by a single doubly charged dithionate group, forming a one-dimensional polymer with inversion centres at the metal atoms and the mid-point of the S–S bond [ $\text{Cu}–\text{O} = 2.5744$  (15) Å]. In title (hydrated) *trans*-diaquabis-(propane-1,3-diamine- $\kappa^2N,N'$ )copper(II) dithionate,  $[\text{Cu}(\text{C}_3\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2](\text{S}_2\text{O}_6)$  or  $[[\text{H}_2\text{N}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{NH}_2]_2\text{Cu}(\text{OH}_2)_2](\text{S}_2\text{O}_6)$ , both ions have imposed  $2/m$  symmetry. The ‘axial’ anion components are displaced by a pair of water ligands [ $\text{Cu}–\text{O} = 2.439$  (3) Å], the shorter Cu–O distance being compensated by the lengthened Cu–N distance [2.0443 (18), cf. 2.0100 (13) and 2.0122 (16) Å].

## Comment

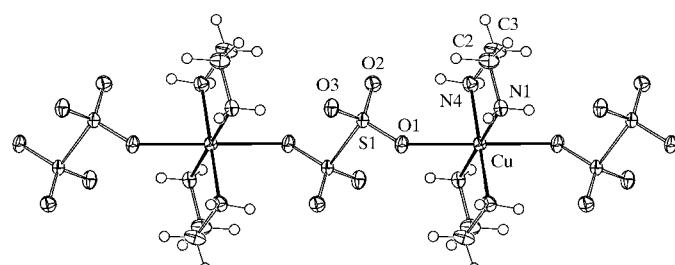
Copper(II) in the presence of the dithionite counter-ion crystallizes from an aqueous solution of ethane-1,2-diamine to yield an anhydrous complex *catena*-poly[[(*trans*-bis(ethane-1,2-diamine- $\kappa^2N,N'$ )copper(II)]- $\mu$ -dithionato- $\kappa^2O:O'$ ], (I); the propane-1,3-diamine counterpart is a dihydrate, *viz.* *trans*-diaquabis(propane-1,3-diamine- $\kappa^2N,N'$ )copper(II) dithionate, (II). In both cases, the Cu atom lies on a crystallographic inversion centre [the actual symmetry in (II) is  $2/m$ ] in a typical (Melník *et al.*, 1998) *trans* six-coordinate Cu(II)(N<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> environment.

In (I), the *trans* O-atom donors form successive ends of the doubly charged dithionate anion ( $\text{O} \cdot \text{O}_2\text{SSO}_2 \cdot \text{O}^-$ ), linking successive translation-related Cu atoms into a single-stranded polymer parallel to *c*, with inversion centres also lying at the centres of the S–S bonds (Fig. 1). The Cu–N distances are

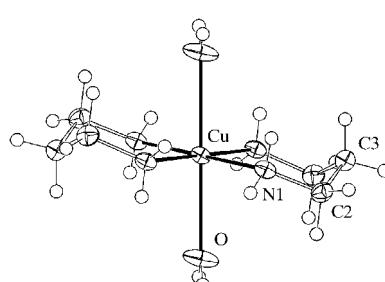
2.0100 (13) and 2.0122 (16) Å, the Cu–O distance is 2.5744 (15) Å, and the Cu–O–S angle is 125.84 (7)°, the coordinated O–S distance being comparable to the uncoordinated distance (Table 1). Both ligand conformations are necessarily the same and of the  $\delta\lambda$  form, with quasi-twofold symmetry about the line through the C–C bonds, the angles in the chelate rings (outwardly from the Cu atom) being 12.7 (4), 15.7 (2), –38.1 (2), –40.5 (2) and 52.2 (3)°. Hydrogen bonds from the amine groups to the anions are detailed in Table 2.



Compound (II) (Fig. 2), by contrast, is a dihydrate in which a pair of aqua ligands now coordinate in the *trans* mono-dentate sites, supplanting the anionic moieties so that the complex is now ionic rather than polymeric; both the anion and the cation are centrosymmetric. In (II), the Cu—N distances increases to 2.0443 (18) Å (Table 3), compensating the shorter Cu—O distance [2.439 (3) Å] associated with the stronger O-atom donor; this distance is appreciably shorter



**Figure 1**  
A projection of a section of the polymer of (I). Displacement ellipsoids are shown at the 50% probability level and H atoms are shown as circles of arbitrary radii (0.1 Å) (also for Fig. 2).



**Figure 2**  
A projection of the cation of (II).

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than those recorded for other examples of this cation that are also centrosymmetric [2.637 (6) (Emsley *et al.*, 1988), 2.587 (8) and 2.555 (7) (Sundberg & Klinga, 1994), and 2.618 (2) Å (Sundberg & Uggla, 1997)]. The water H atoms form hydrogen bonds with O atoms in the anion [ $\text{H}\cdots\text{O} = 2.08$  (4) Å; Table 4]. The O-atom environment is planar, but, in the present circumstances, the elongated displacement envelope of the O atom may be a foil for unresolved disorder or off-axis displacement. The chelate rings are of the low-energy  $C_3$ -chair form (Niketic *et al.*, 1976); the torsion angles (outward from the Cu atom) are  $-22.5$  (2),  $47.7$  (3) and  $-72.8$  (3)°.

## Experimental

The title complexes (which appear to be new) were prepared from aqueous solutions of copper(II) chloride with two equivalents of the appropriate diamine (ethane-1,2-diamine or propane-1,2-diamine dihydrate), by the addition of lithium dithionite solutions. Crystals were deposited after slow evaporation under ambient conditions. For (I), analysis found: C 14.3, H 5.2, N 16.1%;  $\text{C}_4\text{H}_{16}\text{CuN}_4\text{O}_6\text{S}_2$  requires: C 13.97, H 4.69, N 16.29%. For (II), analysis found: C 18.2, H 6.1, N 13.5%;  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{24}\text{CuN}_4\text{O}_8\text{S}_2$  requires: C 17.67, H 5.93, N 13.7%.

## Compound (I)

### Crystal data

$[\text{Cu}(\text{S}_2\text{O}_6)(\text{C}_2\text{H}_8\text{N}_2)_2]$   
 $M_r = 343.87$   
Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$   
 $a = 8.4727$  (10) Å  
 $b = 10.2699$  (10) Å  
 $c = 8.0696$  (10) Å  
 $\beta = 116.170$  (2)°  
 $V = 630.19$  (12) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 2$

$D_x = 1.812 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$   
Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
Cell parameters from 3259 reflections  
 $\theta = 2.5\text{--}28.2^\circ$   
 $\mu = 2.09 \text{ mm}^{-1}$   
 $T = 150$  (2) K  
Prism, purple  
 $0.10 \times 0.05 \times 0.04 \text{ mm}$

### Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD diffractometer  
 $\omega$  scans  
Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Sheldrick, 1996)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.809$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.928$   
6260 measured reflections

1608 independent reflections  
1441 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.023$   
 $\theta_{\max} = 29.2^\circ$   
 $h = -11 \rightarrow 10$   
 $k = -14 \rightarrow 14$   
 $l = -10 \rightarrow 10$

### Refinement

Refinement on  $F$   
 $R = 0.023$   
 $wR = 0.031$   
 $S = 1.1$   
1441 reflections  
111 parameters

All H-atom parameters refined  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F) + 0.0004F^2]$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.014$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.57 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.41 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

**Table 1**  
Selected geometric parameters (Å, °) for (I).

Cu—N1	2.0100 (13)	Cu—O1	2.5744 (15)
Cu—N4	2.0122 (16)		
N1—Cu—N4	85.02 (6)	Cu—N1—C2	108.81 (11)
N1—Cu—O1	87.64 (6)	Cu—N4—C3	108.05 (12)
N4—Cu—O1	93.78 (6)		

**Table 2**  
Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °) for (I).

$D-\text{H}\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}$	$\text{H}\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}\cdots A$
N4—H4B···O2	0.92 (2)	2.09 (3)	2.980 (2)	162 (2)
N1—H1A···O3 <sup>i</sup>	0.85 (3)	2.15 (3)	2.993 (2)	174 (2)
N1—H1B···O3 <sup>ii</sup>	0.90 (2)	2.13 (2)	3.025 (2)	173 (2)
N4—H4A···O2 <sup>iii</sup>	0.88 (2)	2.20 (2)	2.997 (2)	152 (2)

Symmetry codes: (i)  $x, y, 1+z$ ; (ii)  $x, \frac{1}{2}-y, \frac{1}{2}+z$ ; (iii)  $x, -\frac{1}{2}-y, \frac{1}{2}+z$ .

## Compound (II)

### Crystal data

$[\text{Cu}(\text{C}_3\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2](\text{S}_2\text{O}_6)$   
 $M_r = 407.96$   
Orthorhombic,  $Pnnm$   
 $a = 15.500$  (2) Å  
 $b = 7.098$  (1) Å  
 $c = 7.224$  (1) Å  
 $V = 794.78$  (19) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 2$   
 $D_x = 1.705 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
Cell parameters from 3669 reflections  
 $\theta = 2.4\text{--}28.2^\circ$   
 $\mu = 1.68 \text{ mm}^{-1}$   
 $T = 150$  (2) K  
Plate, blue  
 $0.40 \times 0.40 \times 0.09 \text{ mm}$

### Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD diffractometer  
 $\omega$  scans  
Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Sheldrick, 1996)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.605$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.894$   
7799 measured reflections

1104 independent reflections  
1002 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.040$   
 $\theta_{\max} = 29.0^\circ$   
 $h = -20 \rightarrow 20$   
 $k = -9 \rightarrow 9$   
 $l = -9 \rightarrow 9$

### Refinement

Refinement on  $F$   
 $R = 0.035$   
 $wR = 0.041$   
 $S = 1.21$   
1002 reflections  
82 parameters

All H-atom parameters refined  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F) + 0.0003F^2]$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.017$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 1.14 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.88 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

**Table 3**  
Selected geometric parameters (Å, °) for (II).

Cu—O	2.439 (3)	Cu—N1	2.0443 (18)
O—Cu—N1	86.75 (8)	Cu—N1—C2	122.03 (14)
N1—Cu—N1 <sup>iv</sup>	93.50 (7)		

Symmetry code: (iv)  $x, y, 1-z$ .

**Table 4**  
Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °) for (II).

$D-\text{H}\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}$	$\text{H}\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}\cdots A$
O—H···O1 <sup>v</sup>	0.79 (4)	2.08 (4)	2.854 (2)	167 (3)
N1—H1B···O2 <sup>v</sup>	0.86 (3)	2.25 (3)	3.108 (2)	176 (3)
N1—H1A···O1 <sup>vi</sup>	0.85 (3)	2.31 (3)	3.080 (3)	151 (2)
N1—H1B···O2 <sup>vii</sup>	0.86 (3)	2.25 (3)	3.108 (3)	176 (3)

Symmetry codes: (v)  $-x, 2-y, z$ ; (vi)  $-x, 1-y, z$ ; (vii)  $-x, 2-y, -z$ .

H atoms were located from difference Fourier maps and placed at idealized positions ( $\text{C}-\text{H} = 0.95$  Å), and then their positional parameters and  $U_{\text{iso}}$  values were refined.

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For both title compounds, data collection: *SMART* (Siemens, 1995); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Siemens, 1995); data reduction: *Xtal3.5 User's Manual* (Hall *et al.*, 1995); program(s) used to solve structure: *Xtal3.5 User's Manual*; program(s) used to refine structure: *CRYLSQ* in *Xtal3.5 User's Manual*; molecular graphics: *Xtal3.5 User's Manual*; software used to prepare material for publication: *BONDLA* and *CIFIO* in *Xtal3.5 User's Manual*.

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Supplementary data for this paper are available from the IUCr electronic archives (Reference: TA1422). Services for accessing these data are described at the back of the journal.

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