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## Key indicators

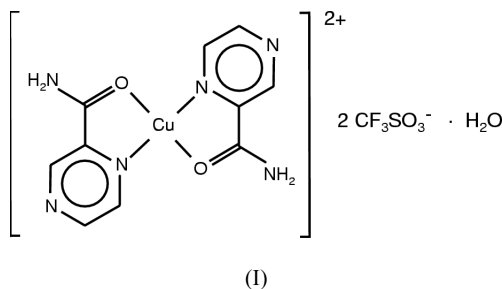
Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 295$  K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.037  
 $wR$  factor = 0.105  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 15.3For details of how these key indicators were  
automatically derived from the article, see  
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## Bis(pyrazine-2-carboxamide)bis(trifluoromethanesulfonato)copper(II) monohydrate

The copper(II) ion in  $[\text{Cu}(\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{N}_3\text{O})_2(\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3)_2] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  lies on a center of symmetry and is coordinated by two pyrazine-carboxamide ligands in a square-planar geometry with  $\text{Cu}-\text{O}$  and  $\text{Cu}-\text{N}$  distances of 1.9445 (14) and 1.9680 (17) Å, respectively. The  $\text{Cu}(\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{N}_3\text{O})_2$  unit is approximately planar, with an average atomic deviation of 0.057 (4) Å from the least-squares plane. Each copper center is further coordinated, in the axial direction, by two symmetry-equivalent O atoms from trifluoromethanesulfonate anions with a  $\text{Cu}-\text{O}$  distance of 2.4871 (17) Å, giving the copper(II) ion a Jahn-Teller distorted-octahedral geometry.

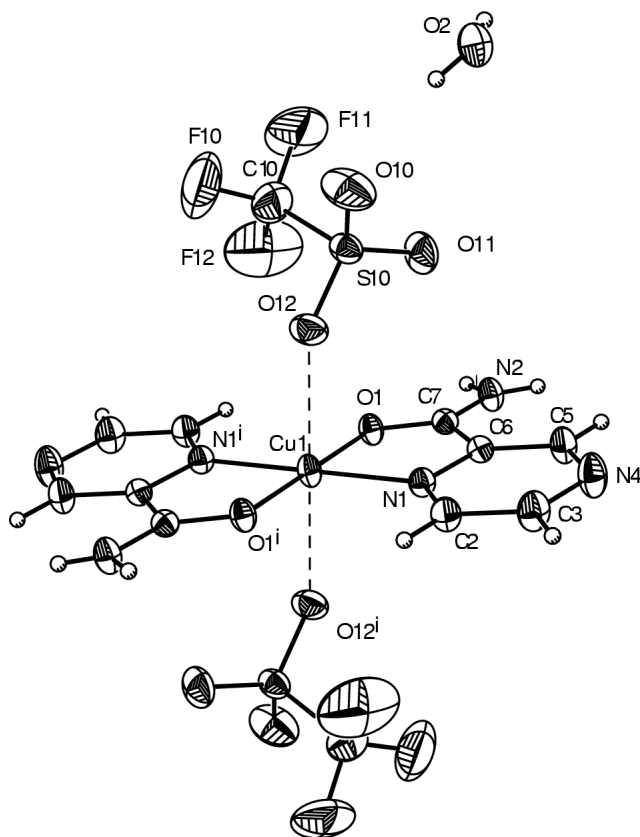
## Comment

The multifunctionality of the pyrazine-2-carboxamide (pyca) ligand offers interesting possibilities in crystal engineering, owing to its chelating properties, in addition to its potential as a linker molecule between metal centers. In this contribution, we present the crystal structure of bis(pyrazine-2-carboxamide)bis(trifluoromethanesulfonato)copper(II) monohydrate, (I). The copper(II) ion lies on a center of symmetry and is coordinated by two pyca ligands in a square-planar geometry (Fig. 1). The  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  ion chelates the pyca ligand *via* N1 and O1 to form a five-membered ring. The  $\text{N1}-\text{O1}-\text{Cu1}-\text{N1}^i-\text{O1}^i$  moiety [symmetry code (i):  $-x, -y, -z$ ] is strictly planar. The average atomic deviation from the least-squares plane defined by all the non-H atoms of the pyca ligand is 0.024 (4) Å. The ligand plane forms an angle of 5.83 (9)° with the five-membered ring plane, which results in a copper out-of-plane distance from the pyca ligand of 0.1422 (1) Å.



The changes of intermolecular geometry of the pyca molecule upon coordination to the  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  cation are insignificant, with all distances within one standard deviation of the average value for the four crystalline polymorphs of pyca which have been structurally determined (Allen & Kennard, 1993). Each copper center is further coordinated, in the axial direction, by two symmetry-equivalent O atoms from trifluoromethanesulfonate anions. The geometry of the copper ion can thus be

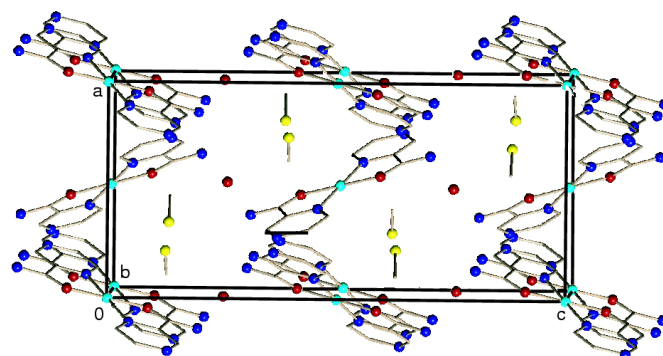
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**Figure 1**  
ORTEP (Johnson, 1976) drawing of the molecular structure of the title compound, with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 30% probability level for all non-H atoms.

considered as a Jahn–Teller distorted octahedron. The water molecule lies on a twofold axis and forms four hydrogen bonds by accepting two symmetry-equivalent protons from the amide groups and by donating two relatively weak, equivalent hydrogen bonds to trifluoromethanesulfonate O atoms. The hydrogen-bond pattern is completed by a relatively weak hydrogen bond between the amide group and the trifluoromethanesulfonate atom O11. The packing in the unit cell, viewed along the *b* axis, is shown in Fig. 2.

In the closely related bis(pyca)copper(II) perchlorate (Sekisaki, 1973), the copper center is chelated by two symmetry-equivalent pyca ligands with Cu–O and Cu–N distances of 1.964 (4) and 1.999 (6) Å, respectively. In this case, however, the perchlorate anions are non-coordinating, and the axial positions of the copper ion are occupied by the ring N atom, corresponding to N4 of the title compound, of adjacent Cu(pyca)<sub>2</sub> complexes, resulting in a two-dimensional square-grid network. In acetylacetonato(pyca)copper(II) perchlorate monohydrate (Zhong *et al.*, 1990), which has a similar bidentate coordination mode to the title compound, the Cu–O and Cu–N distances are 2.008 (6) and 1.992 (3) Å, respectively. Interestingly, in this case the perchlorate anions occupy axial positions, with Cu–O distances of 2.543 (9) and 2.871 (4) Å, and each perchlorate anion bridges two adjacent copper centers to form extended chains.



**Figure 2**  
The packing in the unit cell, viewed along the *b* axis. H atoms, and O and F atoms of the trifluoromethanesulfonate anions are omitted for clarity.

## Experimental

A mixture of Cu(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>6</sub>(CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (1 mmol) and pyrazine-3-carboxamide (4 mmol) in water/ethanol (50:50) was stirred while boiling. The solution was allowed to evaporate slowly, affording X-ray quality crystals. The chosen crystals were coated with a hydrocarbon oil and mounted on a glass fibre.

### Crystal data

[Cu(C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>(CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>].H<sub>2</sub>O  
*M<sub>r</sub>* = 625.94  
 Orthorhombic, *Pbcn*  
*a* = 8.9014 (7) Å  
*b* = 13.7809 (11) Å  
*c* = 18.8910 (15) Å  
*V* = 2317.3 (3) Å<sup>3</sup>  
*Z* = 4  
*D<sub>x</sub>* = 1.794 Mg m<sup>-3</sup>

Mo *K*α radiation  
 Cell parameters from 1907 reflections  
 $\theta$  = 2.2–28.0°  
 $\mu$  = 1.23 mm<sup>-1</sup>  
*T* = 295 (2) K  
 Prism, blue  
 0.30 × 0.25 × 0.18 mm

### Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD diffractometer  
 $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Bruker, 1998)  
 $T_{\min}$  = 0.710,  $T_{\max}$  = 0.809  
 13434 measured reflections

2738 independent reflections  
 1907 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}}$  = 0.035  
 $\theta_{\text{max}}$  = 28.0°  
 $h$  = -11 → 11  
 $k$  = -18 → 18  
 $l$  = -24 → 16

### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)]$  = 0.037  
 $wR(F^2)$  = 0.105  
 $S$  = 0.89  
 2738 reflections  
 179 parameters  
 H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0773P)^2]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.53 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.54 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$   
 Extinction correction: *SHELXL*  
 Extinction coefficient: 0.0034 (5)

**Table 1**

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Cu1–O1	1.9445 (14)	O1–C7	1.253 (2)
Cu1–N1	1.9680 (17)	N2–C7	1.299 (3)
Cu1–O12	2.4871 (17)	C6–C7	1.496 (3)
O1 <sup>i</sup> –Cu1–N1	97.17 (6)	N1–Cu1–O12	84.10 (7)
O1–Cu1–N1	82.83 (6)	C7–O1–Cu1	114.37 (13)
O1–Cu1–O12 <sup>i</sup>	88.01 (6)	O1–C7–N2	122.17 (19)
N1–Cu1–O12 <sup>i</sup>	95.90 (7)	O1–C7–C6	117.09 (18)
O1–Cu1–O12	91.99 (6)		

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

**Table 2**

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

$D-H \cdots A$	$D-H$	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D-H \cdots A$
$N2-H1B \cdots O11^i$	0.81 (3)	2.11 (3)	2.898 (3)	164 (3)
$N2-H1A \cdots O2^{ii}$	0.84 (3)	2.16 (3)	2.936 (3)	153 (2)
$O2-H2B \cdots O10$	0.79 (3)	2.17 (3)	2.945 (3)	169 (3)

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

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 1998); cell refinement: *SMART* and *SAINT* (Bruker, 1998); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 1998); program(s) used to

refine structure: *SHELXTL*; molecular graphics: *SHELXTL*; software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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