

Aquachloro(4-cyanobenzoato- κO)- (1,10-phenanthroline- $\kappa^2 N, N'$)copper(II) monohydrate

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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
 $T = 293$ K
 Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.004$ Å
 R factor = 0.034
 wR factor = 0.088
 Data-to-parameter ratio = 11.8

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The reaction of copper(II) chloride with 4-cyanobenzoic acid and 1,10-phenanthroline in a mixture of dimethylformamide and methanol gives the title complex, $[\text{CuCl}(\text{C}_8\text{H}_4\text{NO}_2)(\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{N}_2)(\text{H}_2\text{O})] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$. The Cu^{II} ion is coordinated by one 1,10-phenanthroline, one water molecule, one Cl atom, and one 4-cyanobenzoate ligand. In the crystal structure, there are $\text{O}-\text{H} \cdots \text{Cl}$ hydrogen bonds and $\pi-\pi$ -stacking interactions.

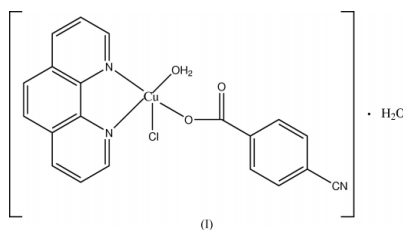
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Complexes with the $[\text{Cu}(\text{phen})\text{Cl}]^+$ or $[\text{Cu}(\text{phen})_2\text{Cl}]^+$ chromophore have been extensively investigated due to their interesting electronic properties under pressure or upon heating (Drickamer & Bray, 1990; Murphy *et al.*, 1997; O'Sullivan *et al.*, 1999). Moreover, weak $\text{C}-\text{H} \cdots \text{Cl}$ hydrogen bonding and $\pi-\pi$ interactions have been observed in these complexes (Ma *et al.*, 2000). Recently, 4-cyanobenzoic acid (Hcba) has been used to synthesize blue fluorescent complexes (Yuan *et al.*, 2001; He & Zhu, 2003; He *et al.*, 2003). We present here the crystal structure of a copper complex, (I), containing the $[\text{Cu}(\text{phen})\text{Cl}]^+$ unit and a cba ligand, which provides an interesting example of a mixed-anion quaternary assembly extended *via* hydrogen bonding and $\pi-\pi$ interactions.



Compound (I) is a monomer species, in which the geometry around the Cu^{II} atom is best described as square pyramidal, as shown in Fig. 1. The coordination of the Cu^{II} atom is completed by one chloro ligand, one water O atom, one O atom from a cba ligand, and two N atoms from a 1,10-phenanthroline ligand. The apical position is occupied by the chloro atom at a distance of 2.524 (1) Å, which is longer than the distances in complexes containing a $[\text{Cu}(\text{phen})_2\text{Cl}]^+$ unit, such as $[\text{Cu}(\text{phen})_2\text{Cl}](\text{OH}) \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$, and similar to the distance in $[\text{Cu}(\text{bipy})\text{Cl}(\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_8\text{NCIF}_3)] \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (Xie *et al.*, 2003). The cba ligand is coordinated in a monodentate fashion, with a $\text{Cu}-\text{O}(\text{COO}^-)$ distance of 1.976 (2) Å, which is longer than in the structure of $[\text{Cu}(4,4'\text{-bipy})(\text{cba})_2]_n$ (He & Zhu, 2003). The parameter τ was introduced to describe the distortion of the square pyramidal (Albada *et al.*, 1999). In the case of (I), $\tau = (164.21 - 162.57)/60 = 0.0273$, which suggests some distortion from ideal square pyramidal.

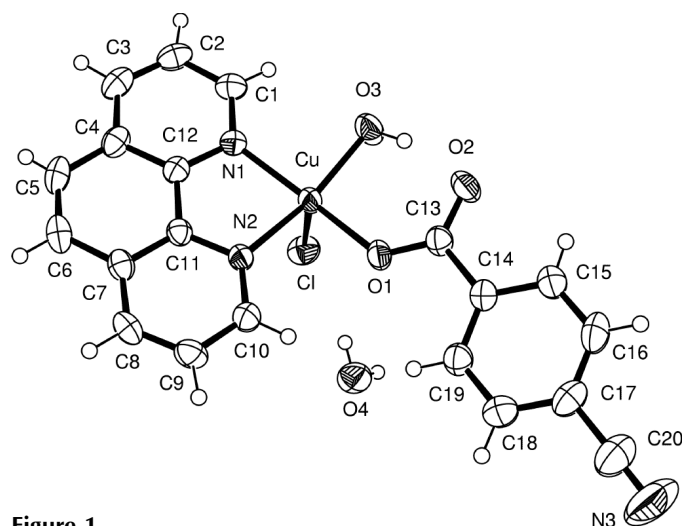


Figure 1
View of the asymmetric unit of (I), showing the atom-labeling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.

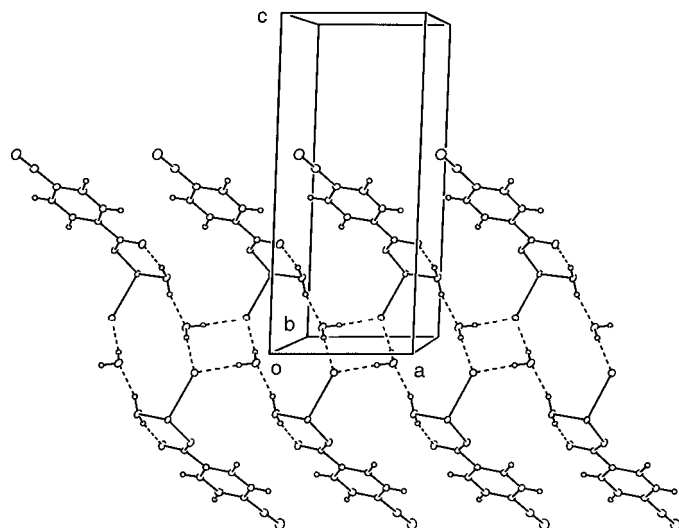


Figure 2
View of the one-dimensional hydrogen-bonding network. The 1,10-phenanthroline ligands have been omitted for clarity. Hydrogen bonding is shown as dotted lines.

A striking feature of this compound is seen in its extended structure, formed through O—H...Cl hydrogen bonding and π – π interactions (Figs. 2 and 3, respectively). The Cl atom forms hydrogen bonds with the uncoordinated water molecule, which is further linked to the Cl and a carboxylate O atom to form hydrogen bonds; thus a one-dimensional hydrogen-bonding network is formed. Stacking between cba ligands is also observed; such interactions result in a dimeric species, as shown in Fig. 3. In addition, stacking is also observed in the phen ligands, to form an extended one-dimensional chain. The interplanar distances for the two π – π interactions are approximately 3.72 and 3.42 Å.

Experimental

$\text{CuCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.051 g, 0.3 mmol) and Hcba (0.088 g, 0.6 mmol) were dissolved in *N,N'*-dimethylformamide (20 ml). A solution of 1,10-phenanthroline (0.059 g, 0.3 mmol) in methanol (20 ml) was added to

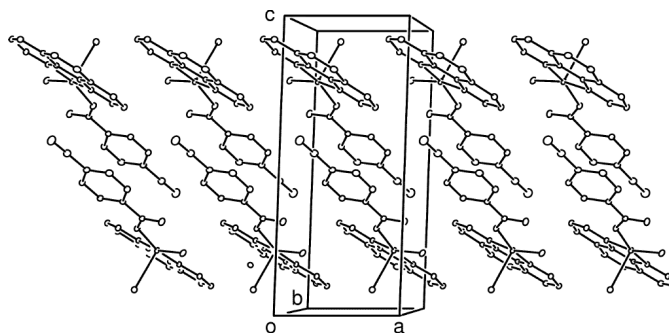


Figure 3
View of the π – π interactions between cba and 1,10-phenanthroline ligands.

the above solution. After about two weeks, blue crystals suitable for X-ray analysis were obtained and filtered off.

Crystal data

$[\text{CuCl}(\text{C}_8\text{H}_4\text{NO}_2)(\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{N}_2) \cdot (\text{H}_2\text{O})] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$
 $M_r = 461.35$
 Triclinic, $P\bar{1}$
 $a = 6.5460$ (6) Å
 $b = 9.4402$ (8) Å
 $c = 15.6840$ (14) Å
 $\alpha = 87.438$ (2)°
 $\beta = 88.035$ (2)°
 $\gamma = 81.046$ (2)°
 $V = 956.07$ (15) Å³

$Z = 2$
 $D_x = 1.603$ Mg m⁻³
 Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 Cell parameters from 3099 reflections
 $\theta = 5.2$ – 55.6 °
 $\mu = 1.32$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 293$ (2) K
 Plate, blue
 $0.42 \times 0.35 \times 0.32$ mm

Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer
 φ and ω scans
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)
 $T_{\min} = 0.382$, $T_{\max} = 0.655$
 5452 measured reflections

3871 independent reflections
 3377 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.044$
 $\theta_{\max} = 26.5$ °
 $h = -8 \rightarrow 7$
 $k = -9 \rightarrow 11$
 $l = -19 \rightarrow 19$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.034$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.088$
 $S = 1.04$
 3871 reflections
 327 parameters
 All H-atom parameters refined

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0477P)^2]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.009$
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.45$ e Å⁻³
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.42$ e Å⁻³
 Extinction correction: SHELXL97
 Extinction coefficient: 0.0119 (16)

Table 1

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

$D-H \cdots A$	$D-H$	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D-H \cdots A$
$\text{O3}-\text{H13} \cdots \text{O4}^{\text{i}}$	0.84 (3)	1.82 (4)	2.645 (3)	164 (3)
$\text{O3}-\text{H14} \cdots \text{O2}$	0.82 (4)	1.76 (4)	2.559 (3)	163 (4)
$\text{O4}-\text{H15} \cdots \text{Cl}$	0.849 (18)	2.334 (18)	3.175 (2)	171 (3)
$\text{O4}-\text{H16} \cdots \text{Cl}^{\text{ii}}$	0.823 (18)	2.373 (19)	3.187 (2)	170 (3)

Symmetry codes: (i) $1 + x, y, z$; (ii) $1 - x, 1 - y, -z$.

All H atoms were refined; C–H distances are in the range 0.87 (2)–0.95 (3) Å.

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 1997); cell refinement: SMART; data reduction: SAINT (Bruker, 1997) and SHELXTL (Bruker, 1997); program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: SHELXTL; software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL.

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