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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study

$T = 293\text{ K}$

Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.006\text{ \AA}$

Some non-H atoms missing

$R$  factor = 0.049

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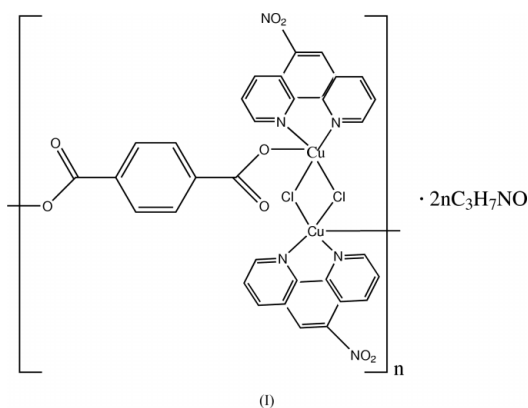
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catena-Poly[[[di- $\mu$ -chloro-bis[(5-nitro-1,10-phenanthroline)copper(II)]]- $\mu$ -terephthalato] bis( $N,N'$ -dimethylformamide)]

In the structure of the title complex,  $\{[\text{Cu}_2\text{Cl}_2(\text{C}_8\text{H}_4\text{O}_4)(\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_7\text{N}_3\text{O}_2)_2] \cdot 2\text{C}_3\text{H}_7\text{NO}\}_n$ , each copper cation is surrounded by one O atom from a terephthalate (ta) ligand, two bridging Cl atoms, and two N atoms from a 5-nitro-1,10-phenanthroline ligand. Dimeric blocks of  $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_7\text{N}_3\text{O}_2)_2(\text{ta})]$  are held together by two  $\mu$ -chloro bridges, which create a one-dimensional architecture. There is a center of symmetry halfway between the two Cu atoms and the two Cl atoms and at the center of the phenyl ring of the ta group.

## Comment

A study of the structural diversity of coordination polymers is an important strategy for the design and construction of novel networks with functional properties (Dey *et al.*, 2002*a,b*; Vaidhyanathan *et al.*, 2001). For example, the  $\text{Cu}^{2+}/1,10$ -phenanthroline (phen)/terephthalic acid ( $\text{H}_2\text{ta}$ ) system has been explored and at least four species have been synthesized, a dimeric complex,  $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{ta})(\text{phen})_4](\text{ClO}_4)_2$ , and three polymeric complexes,  $[\text{Cu}(\text{ta})(\text{phen})]$ ,  $\text{Cu}(\text{ta})(\text{phen})(\text{H}_2\text{O})$ , and  $\text{Cu}(\text{ta})(\text{phen})(\text{H}_2\text{O})(\text{DMF})$  (Sun *et al.*, 2000, 2001). We present here the first crystal structure of a copper(II) complex with both terephthalate and chloro bridges, where phen is replaced by 5-nitro-1,10-phenanthroline (nphen) in the  $\text{Cu}^{2+}/\text{phen}/\text{H}_2\text{ta}$  system.

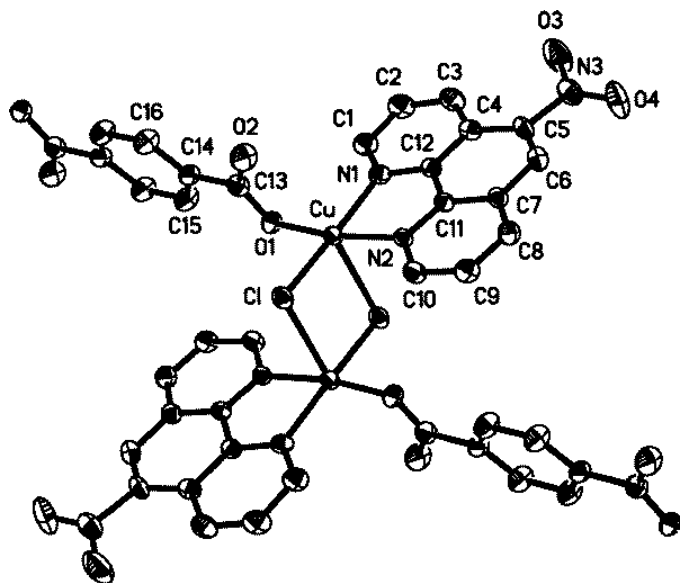


In the title complex, (I), each Cu atom is in a distorted square-pyramidal geometry (Fig. 1). The basal plane (O1, N1, N2 and Cl) consists of two nphen N atoms, one carboxylate O atom from the ta ligand, and one chloro bridge. The apical position is filled by the other Cl atom as a bridge, the corresponding axial bond distance [ $2.7247(10)\text{ \AA}$ ] being longer than the equatorial Cu—Cl bond distance [ $2.2781(9)\text{ \AA}$ ]. The distance for the apical Cu—Cl bridge in (I) is in the range found for di- $\mu$ -chloro-dicopper(II) complexes (Molina *et al.*, 1999; Wang *et al.*, 2001; West *et al.*, 2001; Zurowska &

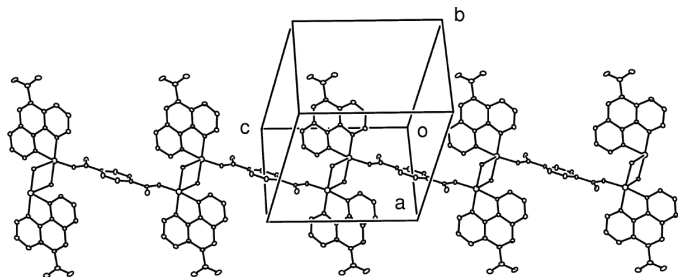
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**Figure 1**  
ORTEP-3 diagram (Farrugia, 1997) showing a section of the one-dimensional chain of (I). DMF molecules and H atoms have been omitted. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level and only atoms of the asymmetric unit are labeled.



**Figure 2**  
View of the one-dimensional chain of (I).

Mrozinski, 2003). The basal plane is roughly perpendicular to the plane of the phenyl ring of the terephthalate; the dihedral angle is  $80.00(12)^\circ$ . The ta dianion binds two copper(II) ions in a bis-monodentate mode. The Cu1—O1 bond length is  $1.928(2) \text{ \AA}$  and is in agreement with analogous literature distances in copper complexes with a bis-monodentate terephthalate ligand (Li *et al.*, 2001*a,b*; Sun *et al.*, 2001; Xanthopoulos *et al.*, 1993; Verdaguer *et al.*, 1984). The dimeric units of  $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{nphen})_2(\text{ta})]$  in the structure are linked by Cl atoms and the one-dimensional zigzag network is as expected. The intrachain Cu...Cu distances through the chloro bridges and the terephthalate bridge are  $3.47(1)$  and  $10.97(1) \text{ \AA}$ , respectively. The shortest interchain Cu...Cu separation is  $6.92(1) \text{ \AA}$ .

## Experimental

The title complex was synthesized, in a narrow tube, by a layered-solution method. The upper layer was 6 ml of a methanol solution of 5-nitro-1,10-phenanthroline (nphen,  $0.06 \text{ mol l}^{-1}$ ). The bottom layer was 6 ml of an *N,N*-dimethylformamide (DMF) solution of  $\text{CuCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  ( $0.05 \text{ mol l}^{-1}$ ) and  $\text{H}_2\text{ta}$  ( $0.05 \text{ mol l}^{-1}$ ). The middle layer

was 4 ml of of DMF and methanol in a 1:1 volume ratio. After three weeks, green crystals of (I) were obtained by filtration. Elemental analysis for (I): C 47.60, H 3.36, N 11.60%; found: C 47.64, H 3.42, N 11.32%.

## Crystal data

$[\text{Cu}_2\text{Cl}_2(\text{C}_8\text{H}_4\text{O}_4)(\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_7\text{N}_3\text{O}_2)_2] \cdot 2\text{C}_3\text{H}_7\text{NO}$   
 $M_r = 958.7$   
 Triclinic,  $P\bar{1}$   
 $a = 9.4185(11) \text{ \AA}$   
 $b = 10.2030(12) \text{ \AA}$   
 $c = 12.3617(15) \text{ \AA}$   
 $\alpha = 106.223(2)^\circ$   
 $\beta = 93.856(2)^\circ$   
 $\gamma = 116.698(2)^\circ$   
 $V = 993.0(2) \text{ \AA}^3$

$Z = 1$   
 $D_x = 1.603 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$   
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 Cell parameters from 2222 reflections  
 $\theta = 4.8\text{--}53.3^\circ$   
 $\mu = 1.27 \text{ mm}^{-1}$   
 $T = 293(2) \text{ K}$   
 Needle, green  
 $0.53 \times 0.39 \times 0.19 \text{ mm}$

## Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer  
 $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)  
 $T_{\text{min}} = 0.04$ ,  $T_{\text{max}} = 0.786$   
 5614 measured reflections

4022 independent reflections  
 3093 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.086$   
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 26.5^\circ$   
 $h = -11 \rightarrow 11$   
 $k = -11 \rightarrow 12$   
 $l = -15 \rightarrow 15$

## Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.049$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.124$   
 $S = 0.96$   
 4022 reflections  
 308 parameters

H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0588P)^2]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.72 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.39 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

**Table 1**

Selected geometric parameters ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ).

Cu—O1	1.928 (2)	Cu—Cl	2.2781 (9)
Cu—N2	2.031 (3)	Cu—Cl <sup>i</sup>	2.7248 (11)
Cu—N1	2.042 (3)		
O1—Cu—N2	171.33 (10)	O1—Cu—Cl <sup>i</sup>	95.33 (8)
O1—Cu—N1	92.19 (11)	N2—Cu—Cl <sup>i</sup>	88.71 (8)
N2—Cu—N1	79.82 (11)	N1—Cu—Cl <sup>i</sup>	94.63 (8)
O1—Cu—Cl	93.53 (8)	Cl—Cu—Cl <sup>i</sup>	92.59 (3)
N2—Cu—Cl	93.95 (8)	Cu—Cl—Cu <sup>i</sup>	87.41 (3)
N1—Cu—Cl	170.34 (8)		

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

H atoms bonded to the C atoms of the terephthalate and 5-nitro-1,10-phenanthroline rings were located from difference Fourier maps and refined isotropically. All H atoms of the DMF molecules were placed in calculated positions using a riding-model approximation, with C—H distances of  $0.93 \text{ \AA}$  for  $\text{O}=\text{C}-\text{H}$  and  $0.96 \text{ \AA}$  for methyl H atoms [ $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2(\text{CH})$  or  $1.5(\text{CH}_3)$  times  $U_{\text{eq}}(\text{parent atom})$ ].

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 1997); cell refinement: SMART; data reduction: SAINT (Bruker, 1997); program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXTL (Bruker, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXTL; molecular graphics: ORTEP-3 for Windows (Farrugia, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: WinGX (Farrugia, 1999).

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