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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
T = 298 K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.019 \text{ \AA}$   
R factor = 0.098  
wR factor = 0.253  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 12.1

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## Di- $\mu$ -hydroxo-bis[aqua(1,10-phenanthroline- $\kappa^2N,N'$ )-copper(II)] terephthalate octahydrate

The title compound,  $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{OH})_2(\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{N}_2)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2] \cdot (\text{C}_8\text{H}_4\text{O}_4) \cdot 8\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , was prepared by the hydrothermal reaction of  $\text{CuCl}_2$ , 1,10-phenanthroline, terephthalic acid and water at 443 K. It consists of a double-hydroxo-bridged dinuclear complex cation  $[\text{Cu} \cdots \text{Cu} = 2.911(3) \text{ \AA}]$ , a terephthalate anion and eight water molecules. Both cation and anion possess inversion symmetry. A network of  $\text{O}-\text{H} \cdots \text{O}$  hydrogen bonds stabilizes the structure.

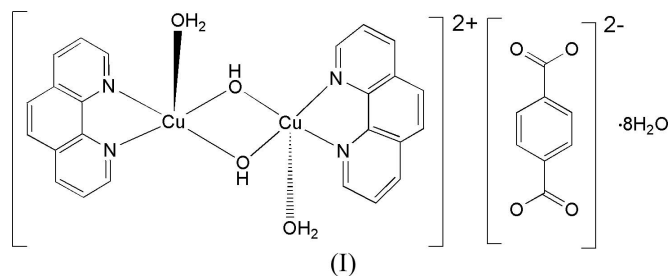
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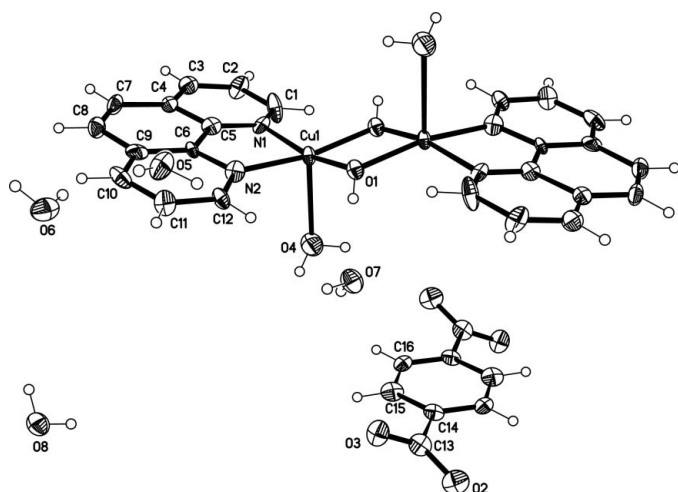
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#### Comment

In recent years, the design and synthesis of coordination polymers has attracted much attention, due to their potential application in catalysis, ion exchange and gas adsorption (Eddaoudi *et al.*, 2002; Moulton & Zaworotko, 2001). As a multidentate bridging ligand, terephthalic acid ( $\text{ta}^{2-}$ ) has been much used in this field because of its ability to form short metal-metal bridges *via* one carboxylate end group or long bridges *via* the intervening benzene ring (Ma *et al.*, 2003; Zhang *et al.*, 2003; Yuan *et al.*, 2003). Numerous complexes with the  $\text{ta}^{2-}$  ligand have been reported (Hagrman *et al.*, 1999; Li *et al.*, 1999; Groenman *et al.*, 1999), while new complexes are constantly being synthesized. We report here another such structure, the title compound, (I) (Fig. 1), consisting of an uncoordinated  $\text{ta}^{2-}$  anion, a  $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{N}_2)(\text{OH})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]^{2+}$  dinuclear cation and water molecules of crystallization. Both cation and anion are generated by inversion symmetry from the atoms of the asymmetric unit.



In the  $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{N}_2)(\text{OH})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]^{2+}$  cation of (I), the  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  environment is that of a distorted square pyramid, composed of two phen N atoms and two O atoms of bridging hydroxide groups at the corners of the basal square and a fifth weakly coordinated water molecule at the apical position. Because of inversion symmetry, the two apical water molecules are in a trans conformation. This dinuclear cation is similar to others reported previously (Zheng *et al.*, 2000; Lu *et al.*, 2003, 2004). The  $\text{Cu} \cdots \text{Cu}$  distance of  $2.911(3) \text{ \AA}$  in (I) is longer than that found in  $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{N}_2)(\text{OH})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$


**Figure 1**

The structure of (I), with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 30% probability level and H atoms shown as small spheres of arbitrary radii. Unlabelled atoms in the cation and anion are related to labelled atoms by the symmetry operators  $(1 - x, 2 - y, 2 - z)$  and  $(-x, 1 - y, 2 - z)$ , respectively.

[2.902 (1) Å; Zheng *et al.*, 2000; Lu *et al.*, 2004] and shorter than that found [2.933 (1) Å] by Lu *et al.* (2003).

The hydrogen-bonding geometry in (I) is listed in Table 2 and illustrated in Fig. 2. These O—H...O hydrogen bonds link  $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{N}_2)(\text{OH})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]^{2+}$  cations and  $\text{ta}^{2-}$  anions, as well as uncoordinated water molecules, resulting in a three-dimensional network.

## Experimental

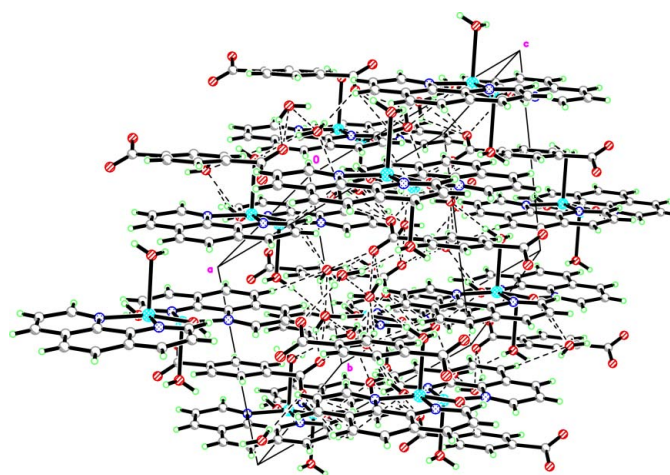
All chemicals were of reagent grade and commercially available from the Beijing Chemical Reagents Company of China, and were used without further purification. A mixture of  $\text{CuCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.0851 g, 0.5 mmol), 1,10-phenanthroline (0.0992 g, 0.5 mmol) and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (15 ml) was stirred for 35 min at 323 K. The mixture and terephthalic acid (0.0801 g, 0.5 mmol) were then sealed in a 20 ml Teflon-lined autoclave and heated at 443 K for 86 h. After cooling, blue crystals of (I) were recovered.

### Crystal data

$[\text{Cu}_2(\text{OH})_2(\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{N}_2)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2] \cdot (\text{C}_8\text{H}_4\text{O}_4) \cdot 8\text{H}_2\text{O}$	$Z = 1$
$M_r = 865.78$	$D_x = 1.609 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
Triclinic, $P\bar{1}$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
$a = 9.295$ (4) Å	Cell parameters from 279 reflections
$b = 10.639$ (5) Å	$\theta = 2.2\text{--}17.9^\circ$
$c = 11.258$ (5) Å	$\mu = 1.27 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$\alpha = 114.603$ (8) $^\circ$	$T = 298$ (2) K
$\beta = 112.540$ (8) $^\circ$	Plate, blue
$\gamma = 95.065$ (8) $^\circ$	$0.20 \times 0.20 \times 0.01 \text{ mm}$
$V = 893.2$ (7) Å <sup>3</sup>	

### Data collection

Bruker SMART 1K CCD area-detector diffractometer	2960 independent reflections
$\omega$ scans	1399 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 2000)	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.107$
$T_{\text{min}} = 0.785$ , $T_{\text{max}} = 0.987$	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 25.0^\circ$
4159 measured reflections	$h = -11 \rightarrow 10$
	$k = -12 \rightarrow 12$
	$l = -8 \rightarrow 13$


**Figure 2**

The packing of (I), with dashed lines indicating hydrogen bonds.

### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.098$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.253$   
 $S = 0.84$   
 2960 reflections  
 244 parameters

H-atom parameters constrained  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.1026P)^2]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.59 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.83 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

**Table 1**

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Cu1—O1	1.925 (7)	Cu1—N1	2.024 (9)
Cu1—O1 <sup>i</sup>	1.930 (7)	Cu1—O4	2.427 (9)
Cu1—N2	2.023 (10)		
O1—Cu1—O1 <sup>i</sup>	81.9 (3)	N2—Cu1—N1	84.0 (4)
O1—Cu1—N2	94.7 (4)	O1—Cu1—O4	99.4 (3)
O1 <sup>i</sup> —Cu1—N2	167.6 (3)	O1 <sup>i</sup> —Cu1—O4	99.3 (3)
O1—Cu1—N1	166.7 (3)	N2—Cu1—O4	93.0 (3)
O1 <sup>i</sup> —Cu1—N1	96.5 (4)	N1—Cu1—O4	93.9 (3)

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

**Table 2**

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D\text{—}H \cdots A$	$D\text{—}H$	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D\text{—}H \cdots A$
O8—H82...O2 <sup>ii</sup>	0.84	2.34	2.783 (13)	113
O7—H72...O6 <sup>iii</sup>	0.82	2.08	2.822 (12)	149
O7—H71...O3 <sup>iv</sup>	0.81	2.24	2.713 (12)	118
O6—H61...O3 <sup>iii</sup>	0.82	2.17	2.828 (12)	138
O5—H52...O2 <sup>iv</sup>	0.82	2.10	2.802 (12)	144
O5—H51...O4 <sup>v</sup>	0.82	2.30	3.088 (13)	161
O4—H41...O6 <sup>iii</sup>	0.83	2.19	2.983 (13)	160
O1—H13...O7	0.83	1.96	2.756 (11)	159

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

H atoms attached to C atoms were placed in geometrically idealized positions ( $C\text{—}H = 0.93 \text{ \AA}$ ) and refined as riding [ $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ ]. H atoms attached to O were located in a difference Fourier map, relocated in idealized positions ( $O\text{—}H = 0.80\text{--}0.84 \text{ \AA}$ ) and refined as riding, with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{O})$ .

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 2000); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 2000); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve

structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL/PC* (Sheldrick, 1999); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL/PC*.

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