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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 295 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.008 Å Disorder in main residue R factor = 0.065 wR factor = 0.157 Data-to-parameter ratio = 11.3

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# The cyclic dimer $bis(\mu_2$ -4-sulfonatobenzoato)bis[(di-2-pyridylamine)copper(II)] trihydrate

The title complex,  $[Cu_2(C_7H_4O_5S)_2(C_{10}H_9N_3)_2]\cdot 3H_2O$ , comprises the centrosymmetric cyclic dimeric  $Cu^{II}$  complex and uncoordinated water molecules. The  $Cu^{II}$  atom displays a distorted square-pyramidal geometry. Within the cyclic dimer, the  $Cu \cdot \cdot \cdot Cu$  separation is 9.5362 (12) Å.

### Comment

In recent decades, a great number of dimeric complexes have been synthesized and structurally characterized (Huang *et al.*, 2003; Rochon & Massarweh, 2001; Heinze *et al.*, 1998), among which several are cyclic (Lawrence *et al.*, 2001; Burrows *et al.*, 1997). 4-Sulfobenzoic acid (H<sub>2</sub>sb) is a good bridging ligand for the construction of cyclic dimers (Fan *et al.*, 2005, 2004). Here, we present the title new cyclic complex, (I), bridged by  $sb^{2-}$ anions.



The centrosymmetric dimer of (I) is shown in Fig. 1. The Cu<sup>II</sup> atom adopts a distorted square-pyramidal geometry (Table 1), formed by two N donors from one 2.2'-dipyridylamine and three O atoms, two from a carboxyl group and one from a sulfonyl group of the other  $\mathrm{sb}^{2-}$  anion. The sulfonyl atom O5<sup>i</sup> [symmetry code: (i) 1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z] occupies the apical site. The bridging mode of the  $sb^{2-}$  anion in (I) is similar to that found in  $[Cd(phen)(sb)(H_2O)_2]_2$  (phen is 1,10-phenanthroline; Fan et al., 2005) but different from that found in  $[Cu(2,2'-bipy)(sb)(H_2O)]_2$  (2,2'-bipy is 2,2'-bipyridine; Fan et al., 2004). In the cyclic dimer molecule, the  $Cu \cdot \cdot \cdot Cu$  separation of 9.5362 (12) Å is shorter than the value of 9.7495 (8) Å in [Cu(2,2'-bipy)(sb)(H<sub>2</sub>O)]<sub>2</sub> (Fan *et al.*, 2004). The benzene ring is coplanar with the carboxyl group, the dihedral angle being  $0.6 (8)^{\circ}$ . The two pyridine rings of the 2,2'-dipyridylamine subtend a dihedral angle of  $11.8 (4)^{\circ}$ .

In the crystal structure of (I), extensive hydrogen bonding occurs between uncoordinated water and the complex molecules (Table 2).

## **Experimental**

A mixture of copper(II) acetate hydrate (0.040 g, 0.2 mmol), potassium hydrogen 4-sulfobenzoate (0.048 g, 0.2 mmol), 2,2'-dipyridylamine (0.031 g, 0.2 mmol), NaOH (0.020 g, 0.5 mmol) and water (15 ml) was heated at 423 K for 72 h in a 30 ml Teflon-lined stainlesssteel autoclave. After cooling to room temperature, a green solution was obtained. Green block-shaped single crystals of (I) were obtained from the resulting solution after 1 d.

#### Crystal data

$[Cu_2(C_7H_4O_5S)_2(C_{10}H_9N_3)_2]\cdot 3H_2O$	Z = 1
$M_r = 923.86$	$D_x = 1.670 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
Triclinic, P1	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
a = 8.2409 (5) Å	Cell parameters from 3422 reflec-
b = 9.8064 (6) Å	tions
c = 11.5670 (7)  Å	$\theta = 2.5 - 27.7^{\circ}$
$\alpha = 87.027 \ (1)^{\circ}$	$\mu = 1.35 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$\beta = 85.507 \ (1)^{\circ}$	T = 295 (2) K
$\gamma = 80.552 \ (1)^{\circ}$	Block, green
$V = 918.5 (1) \text{ Å}^3$	$0.38 \times 0.19 \times 0.16 \text{ mm}$

3218 independent reflections 2979 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.019$ 

 $\theta_{\rm max} = 25.0^{\circ}$ 

 $h = -9 \rightarrow 9$ 

 $k = -11 \rightarrow 11$  $l = -13 \rightarrow 13$ 

#### Data collection

Bruker APEX area-detector
diffractometer
$\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans
Absorption correction: multi-scan
(SADABS; Sheldrick, 2002)
$T_{\min} = 0.629, \ T_{\max} = 0.813$
6651 measured reflections

#### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_0^2) + (0.0638P)^2]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.065$	+ 2.1586P]
$wR(F^2) = 0.157$	where $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
S = 1.17	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$
3218 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.98 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
284 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.52 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
H-atom parameters constrained	

#### Table 1

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

Cu1-O1	1.985 (4)	Cu1-N1	1.956 (4)
Cu1-O2	2.090 (3)	Cu1-N3	1.951 (4)
$Cu1-O5^i$	2.227 (4)		
O1-Cu1-O2	64.16 (14)	N1-Cu1-O5 <sup>i</sup>	99.40 (16)
O1-Cu1-O5i	89.24 (17)	N3-Cu1-N1	94.06 (17)
O2-Cu1-O5 <sup>i</sup>	95.85 (15)	N3-Cu1-O1	165.98 (17)
N1-Cu1-O1	97.59 (16)	N3-Cu1-O2	102.42 (16)
N1-Cu1-O2	156.07 (17)	N3-Cu1-O5 <sup>i</sup>	96.54 (17)

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

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Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).
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$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
$N2-H2N\cdotsO1W$	0.86	1.98	2.817 (11)	165
$N2-H2N\cdotsO1W'$	0.86	2.13	2.857 (15)	141
$O1W-H1A\cdots O4^{ii}$	0.81	2.08	2.844 (12)	158
$O1W-H1B\cdots O2W^{iii}$	0.83	1.66	2.349 (15)	139
$O1W' - H1C \cdot \cdot \cdot O4'^{iv}$	0.85	1.66	2.393 (15)	142
$O1W' - H1C \cdot \cdot \cdot O4^{iv}$	0.85	1.95	2.773 (15)	162
$O1W' - H1D \cdots O2W^{iii}$	0.87	1.91	2.767 (18)	171
O2W-H1WO1	0.85	2.11	2.925 (10)	160
$O2W - H2W \cdot \cdot \cdot O4^{v}$	0.85	2.28	3.025 (17)	147
$O2W - H2W \cdot \cdot \cdot O3^{v}$	0.85	2.32	3.104 (12)	153

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



#### Figure 1

The dimeric structure of (I), with 40% probability displacement ellipsoids (arbitrary spheres for H atoms). Minor disordered components have been omitted for clarity. [Symmetry code (i): 1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z.]

The sulfonyl atom O4 is disordered over two positions; two occupancies were initially refined. They converged to 0.503 (4) and 0.497 (4), and then each was fixed at 0.5 in the final cycles of refinement. One uncoordinated water atom (O1W) was also disordered over two positions; the occupancies were initially refined. They converged to 0.532 (4) and 0.468 (4), and were then fixed at 0.57 and 0.43, respectively, in the final cycles of refinement. H atoms on O atoms were located in a difference Fourier map and refined by riding on their as-found positions relative to the O atoms, with  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(O)$ . Other H atoms were placed in calculated positions, with C-H = 0.93 Å and N-H = 0.86 Å, and were included in the final cycles of refinement in riding mode, with  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}$  of the carrier atoms.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2002); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2002); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEP3* for Windows (Farrugia, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *WinGX* (Farrugia, 1999).

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