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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 293 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.004 Å R factor = 0.042 wR factor = 0.117 Data-to-parameter ratio = 15.9

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# *catena*-Poly[[bis(tetrafluoroborato)copper(II)]bis[ $\mu$ -1,3-bis(ethylsulfinyl)propane- $\kappa^2 O:O'$ ]]

The title complex,  $[Cu(BF_4)_2(C_7H_{16}O_2S_2)_2]_n$ , is isostructural with the perchlorate analog [Li *et al.* (2005). *Cryst. Growth Des.* **5**, 1919–1932], both having a double-bridging onedimensional chain structure containing sixteen-membered macrocyclic units. Each Cu atom lies on a crystallographic inversion center

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#### Comment

In recent years, we have been focusing on the investigation of flexible disulfoxide metal complexes (Li *et al.*, 2004, 2005). As part of these efforts, we report here the crystal structure of a copper(II) complex  $[Cu(L)_2(BF_4)_2]_n$ , (I), where *L* is 1,3-bis(-ethylsulfinyl)propane, which is isostructural with the perchlorate analog reported by us (Li *et al.*, 2005), having a double-bridging one-dimensional chain structure containing sixteen-membered macrocyclic units (Fig. 1). Selected geometric parameters are listed in Table 1.



Each copper(II) center, located on a crystallographic inversion center, is in a tetragonally elongated octahedral coordination environment formed by four O atoms of distinct L ligands in the equatorial plane and two F atoms of BF<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> in the axial positions. The Cu-F distance is 2.575 (2) Å, which should be considered as a weak coordination. In (I), the intramolecular Cu···Cu distance is 7.767 (2) Å. In the crystal structure of (I), all the chains are arranged parallel to the crystallographic *a*-axis direction.

#### **Experimental**

The ligand 1,3-bis(ethylsulfinyl)propane (*L*) was synthesized according to the method reported by Zhang *et al.* (1995). Single crystals of (I) suitable for X-ray analysis were obtained by diffusing an acetone solution (4 ml) of  $Cu(BF_4)_2$ · $6H_2O$  (35 mg, 0.1 mmol) into a chloroform solution (4 ml) of *L* (39 mg, 0.2 mmol) using diethoxyethane (3 ml) as interlayer and dehydrating reagent at room

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#### Figure 1

Part of the polymeric chain of (I), showing 20% probability displacement ellipsoids and the atomic numbering. Atoms labeled with the suffixes A, B and C are generated by the symmetry operations (-x, 1 - y, -z), (x - 1, y, z) and (1 - x, 1 - y, -z), respectively.

temperature. After 14 d, blue crystals were collected. Yield: 48%. Analysis calculated for  $C_{14}H_{32}CuB_2F_8O_4S_4$ : C 26.71, H 5.13%; found: C 26.56, H 5.21%. IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3430 (*m*), 2934(*m*), 1635 (*w*), 1449 (*m*), 1411 (*w*), 1382 (*w*), 1060 (*s*), 982 (*s*), 952 (*s*), 522 (*m*). In the IR spectrum, the strong S=O stretching vibration at 982 cm<sup>-1</sup> is lower than that of the free ligand (1019 cm<sup>-1</sup>) (Li *et al.*, 2005), indicating that O atoms of *L* coordinate to metal ions.

#### Crystal data

[Cu(BF<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]  $D_{\rm r} = 1.617 \ {\rm Mg \ m}^{-3}$  $M_r = 629.80$ Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation Monoclinic,  $P2_1/n$ Cell parameters from 1640 a = 7.767 (3) Å reflections b = 11.091 (5) Å  $\theta = 2.9 - 26.5^{\circ}$  $\mu = 1.24 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ c = 15.094 (7) Å  $\beta = 96.074 \ (8)^{\circ}$ T = 293 (2) K  $V = 1293.0 (10) \text{ Å}^3$ Block, blue Z = 2 $0.22 \times 0.18 \times 0.18 \; \mathrm{mm}$ 

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART 1000 CCD area-	2408 independent reflections
detector diffractometer	2109 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
$\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans	$R_{\rm int} = 0.064$
Absorption correction: multi-scan	$\theta_{\rm max} = 25.5^{\circ}$
(SADABS; Bruker, 1998)	$h = -6 \rightarrow 9$
$T_{\min} = 0.762, T_{\max} = 0.835$	$k = -13 \rightarrow 12$
6471 measured reflections	$l = -18 \rightarrow 14$

#### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	H-atom parameters constrained
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.042$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0799P)^2]$
$wR(F^2) = 0.117$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
S = 1.03	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001$
2408 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.59 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$
151 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.65 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

## Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Cu1-O1	1.931 (2)	S1-O1	1.5284 (19)
Cu1-O2	1.9411 (17)	S2-O2	1.5331 (18)
$O1-Cu1-O1^{i}$	180	O1-S1-C2	105.67 (14)
$O1-Cu1-O2^{i}$	87.50 (8)	O2-S2-C5	103.52 (12)
O1-Cu1-O2	92.50 (8)	O2-S2-C6	104.61 (13)
$O2^{i}-Cu1-O2$	180	C5-S2-C6	99.74 (14)
O1-S1-C3	101.33 (13)		

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

H atoms were included in calculated positions and treated in the subsequent refinement as riding atoms, with C-H = 0.96 or 0.97 Å and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.5$  or 1.2 times  $U_{eq}(C)$ .

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 1998); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 1998); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 1998); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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