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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 292 KMean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.004 \text{ Å}$  R factor = 0.031 wR factor = 0.090 Data-to-parameter ratio = 15.4

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# Bis(acetato- $\kappa^2 O, O'$ )diaquacopper(II)

A new monomeric copper acetate complex,  $[Cu(C_2H_3O_2)_2(H_2O)_2]$ , was obtained unexpectedly by the reaction of  $Cu_2(CO_3)_2(OH)_2 \cdot xH_2O$ , acetonitrile, ammonia and water under hydrothermal conditions. The structure contains a discrete centrosymmetric diacetatodiaquacopper(II) complex and the  $Cu^{II}$  atom is coordinated by four O atoms from two acetate anions and two water molecules, giving a distorted octahedral geometry.

#### Comment

Dimeric copper acetate monohydrate tetra- $\mu$ -acetatodiaquadicopper(II) has been reported (van Niekerk & Schoening, 1953; de Meester *et al.*, 1973). We obtained a new monomeric copper acetate complex, (I), by hydrothermal reaction of Cu<sub>2</sub>(CO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(OH)<sub>2</sub>·*x*H<sub>2</sub>O, acetonitrile, ammonia and H<sub>2</sub>O. Under such reaction conditions, acetonitrile could be hydrolysed to form the acetate anion, which is coordinated to the Cu atom.



The Cu<sup>II</sup> atom, lying on a centre of symmetry, is coordinated by four acetate O atoms of [Cu1-O2 = 2.0051 (17) Å and Cu1-O3 = 2.682 (2) Å], and two water molecules [Cu1-O1 =1.978 (3) Å], giving an elongated octahedral coordination geometry (Fig. 1). This is a typical instance of the Jahn-Teller



© 2006 International Union of Crystallography All rights reserved Received 24 October 2006 Accepted 18 November 2006 effect. The O3-C1 distance [1.237 (3) Å] is significantly shorter than the O2-C1 distance [1.278 (3) Å], suggesting that the carboxylate group is not a completely delocalized system. The molecules are firmly linked by hydrogen bonds to form a three-dimensional network (Fig. 2).

### **Experimental**

A mixture of  $Cu_2(CO_3)_2(OH)_2 \cdot xH_2O$  (0.5 g), acetonitrile (5 ml), ammonia (25%, 5 ml) and  $H_2O$  (5 ml) was heated in a 23 ml stainless steel reactor with a Teflon liner at 453 K for 72 h. Blue block-shaped crystals of the title complex were obtained.

Z = 2

 $D_x = 1.803 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ 

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation

 $\mu = 2.71 \text{ mm}^-$ 

T = 292 (2) K

Block, blue

#### Crystal data

 $\begin{bmatrix} Cu(C_2H_3O_2)_2(H_2O)_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ M_r = 217.66 \\ Monoclinic, P2_1/c \\ a = 5.4731 (7) Å \\ b = 10.1990 (13) Å \\ c = 7.5187 (10) Å \\ \beta = 107.230 (2)^{\circ} \\ V = 400.86 (9) Å^3 \end{bmatrix}$ 

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer  $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Bruker, 2000)  $T_{\min} = 0.482, T_{\max} = 0.648$ 

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.031$   $wR(F^2) = 0.090$  S = 1.15907 reflections 59 parameters H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement 2290 measured reflections 907 independent reflections 825 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  $R_{int} = 0.016$  $\theta_{max} = 27.5^{\circ}$ 

 $0.30 \times 0.20 \times 0.16 \ \mathrm{mm}$ 

$$\begin{split} w &= 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0509P)^2 \\ &+ 0.2477P] \\ \text{where } P &= (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3 \\ (\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} &= 0.001 \\ \Delta\rho_{\text{max}} &= 0.70 \text{ e } \text{ Å}^{-3} \\ \Delta\rho_{\text{min}} &= -0.78 \text{ e } \text{ Å}^{-3} \end{split}$$

#### Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å,  $^{\circ}$ ).

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
$\begin{array}{c} \hline O1 - H1A \cdots O3^{i} \\ O1 - H1B \cdots O2^{ii} \end{array}$	1.01 (3) 0.99 (4)	2.08 (3) 2.13 (4)	3.015 (3) 3.108 (3)	154 (3) 168 (3)
	( )	( )	( )	( )

Symmetry codes: (i) -x + 1,  $y - \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $-z + \frac{3}{2}$ ; (ii) -x + 2, -y, -z + 2.





Methyl H atoms were placed in geometrically idealized positions (C-H = 0.96 Å) and refined as riding, with  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.5U_{eq}(C)$ . Water H atoms were located in a difference map and their positional parameters were refined, with  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.5U_{eq}(O)$ .

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* (Bruker, 2000); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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