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**Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 T = 293 K  
 Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.004 \text{ \AA}$   
 R factor = 0.037  
 wR factor = 0.097  
 Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.4

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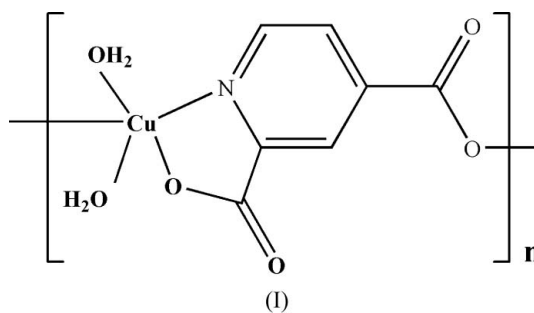
**catena-Poly[[diaquacopper(II)]- $\mu$ -pyridine-2,4-dicarboxylato- $\kappa^3\text{N},\text{O}^2:\text{O}^4$ ]**

In the title polymer,  $[\text{Cu}(\text{C}_7\text{H}_3\text{NO}_4)(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]_n$ , the  $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}$  ion is pentacoordinated and exhibits a distorted square-pyramidal environment formed by one N atom and two O atoms from pyridine-2,4-dicarboxylate ligands and two O atoms from coordinated water molecules. Each pyridine-2,4-dicarboxylate ligand bridges two  $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}$  ions, to generate an infinite zigzag chain. Adjacent chains are linked by  $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds, forming a three-dimensional network.

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**Comment**

Pyridine-2,4-dicarboxylate, a non-linear multidentate ligand, can also be a good linker, because it can tolerate a distortion in its molecular geometry, resulting in an expansion of the angle between coordination sites (Min *et al.*, 2001; Liang *et al.*, 2002; Sileo *et al.*, 2003; Tong *et al.*, 2005). We report here the structure of such a pyridine-2,4-dicarboxylate-containing coordination polymer, the title compound, (I).



As shown in Fig. 1, the  $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}$  ion in (I) adopts a square-pyramidal geometry and is coordinated by four O atoms, two of which belong to the two carboxylate groups of the pyridine-2,4-dicarboxylate ligand and two of which are from coordinated water molecules; one pyridine N atom completes the fivefold coordination environment around the metal centre. Geometric parameters (Table 1) are within normal ranges (Min *et al.*, 2001).

The pyridine-2,4-dicarboxylate ligand acts as a bridge *via* carboxylate atom O3, linking monomeric units in a head-to-tail fashion. This behaviour results in an infinite zigzag chain running along the [010] axis. Adjacent chains in the crystal structure are further extended into a three-dimensional network by extensive hydrogen bonds between coordinated water molecules and carboxylate O atoms (Fig. 2 and Table 2).

**Experimental**

$\text{Cu}(\text{MeCO}_2)_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.199 g, 1 mmol), pyridine-2,4-dicarboxylic acid (0.166 g, 1 mmol), sodium hydroxide (0.040 g, 1 mmol) and water

(14 ml) were placed in a 23 ml Teflon-lined autoclave, which was heated at 423 K for 3 d. After the mixture had cooled slowly to room temperature at a rate of 10 K h<sup>-1</sup>, blue block-shaped crystals of (I) were isolated from the solution.

#### Crystal data

[Cu(C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>]  
*M<sub>r</sub>* = 264.68  
 Monoclinic, *P*2<sub>1</sub>/*n*  
*a* = 7.1529 (10) Å  
*b* = 13.5737 (18) Å  
*c* = 9.1813 (13) Å  
 $\beta$  = 107.797 (2)°  
*V* = 848.8 (2) Å<sup>3</sup>

*Z* = 4  
*D<sub>x</sub>* = 2.071 Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo *K*α radiation  
 $\mu$  = 2.58 mm<sup>-1</sup>  
*T* = 293 (2) K  
 Block, blue  
 0.27 × 0.22 × 0.19 mm

#### Data collection

Rigaku R-Axis RAPID  
 diffractometer  
 $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan  
 (ABSCOR; Higashi, 1995)  
*T<sub>min</sub>* = 0.522, *T<sub>max</sub>* = 0.620

5016 measured reflections  
 1957 independent reflections  
 1620 reflections with *I* > 2σ(*I*)  
*R<sub>int</sub>* = 0.041  
 $\theta_{\max}$  = 28.0°

#### Refinement

Refinement on *F*<sup>2</sup>  
*R* [*F*<sup>2</sup> > 2σ(*F*<sup>2</sup>)] = 0.037  
*wR* (*F*<sup>2</sup>) = 0.097  
*S* = 1.04  
 1957 reflections  
 136 parameters  
 H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0555P)^2 + 0.1458P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.004$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.81 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.41 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

**Table 1**

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Cu1—O1W	1.923 (2)	Cu1—N1	1.982 (2)
Cu1—O3 <sup>i</sup>	1.9262 (19)	Cu1—O2W	2.345 (2)
Cu1—O1	1.9461 (19)		
O1W—Cu1—O3 <sup>i</sup>	93.23 (8)	O1—Cu1—N1	82.79 (9)
O1W—Cu1—O1	91.46 (8)	O1W—Cu1—O2W	91.44 (9)
O3 <sup>i</sup> —Cu1—O1	165.62 (9)	O3 <sup>i</sup> —Cu1—O2W	89.16 (8)
O1W—Cu1—N1	174.24 (9)	O1—Cu1—O2W	104.31 (9)
O3 <sup>i</sup> —Cu1—N1	92.26 (9)	N1—Cu1—O2W	90.37 (8)

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

**Table 2**

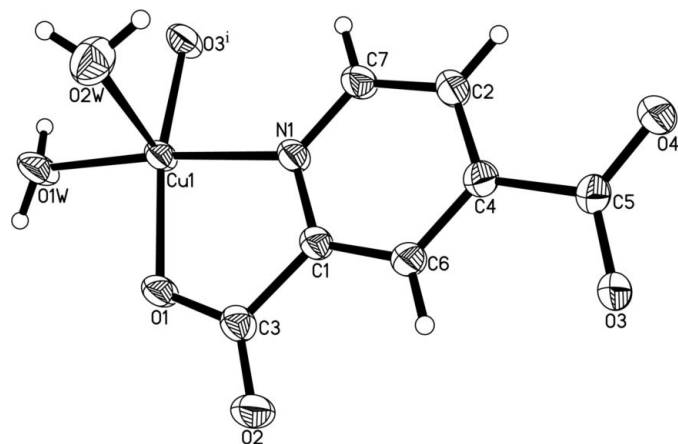
Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

<i>D</i> —H... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H	H... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> ... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H... <i>A</i>
O1W—H1WA...O1 <sup>ii</sup>	0.86	1.82	2.664 (3)	169
O1W—H1WA...O2 <sup>ii</sup>	0.86	2.65	3.139 (3)	118
O1W—H1WB...O4 <sup>i</sup>	0.84	1.83	2.659 (3)	167
O2W—H2WA...O2 <sup>iii</sup>	0.83	1.99	2.822 (3)	174
O2W—H2WB...O4 <sup>iv</sup>	0.83	2.37	3.107 (3)	149

Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x + \frac{3}{2}, y + \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{3}{2}$ ; (ii)  $-x + 3, -y + 2, -z + 2$ ; (iii)  $-x + \frac{5}{2}, y + \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{3}{2}$ ; (iv)  $-x + 1, -y + 2, -z + 1$ .

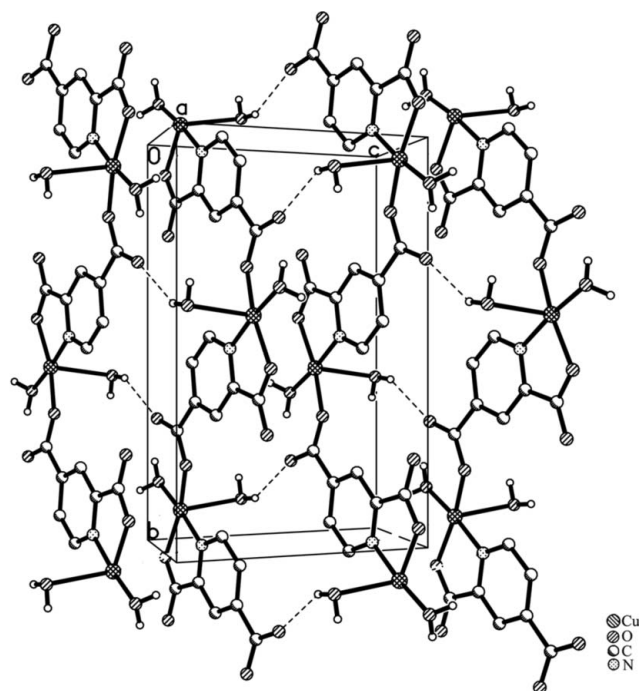
Water H atoms were located in a difference map and refined as riding in their as-found relative positions, with *U*<sub>iso</sub>(H) = 1.5*U*<sub>eq</sub>(O). Other H atoms were placed in calculated positions and refined as riding on their parent atoms, with C—H = 0.93 Å and *U*<sub>iso</sub>(H) = 1.2*U*<sub>eq</sub>(C).

Data collection: *PROCESS-AUTO* (Rigaku, 1998); cell refinement: *PROCESS-AUTO*; data reduction: *PROCESS-AUTO*;



**Figure 1**

The asymmetric unit of (I), together with a symmetry-generated atom to complete the coordination of Cu1, with the atomic numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. [Symmetry code: (i)  $-x + \frac{3}{2}, y + \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{3}{2}$ ]



**Figure 2**

The hydrogen-bonding interactions (dashed lines) in the crystal packing of (I).

program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL-Plus* (Siemens, 1998); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL-Plus*.

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