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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 100 KMean  $\sigma(\text{N}-\text{C}) = 0.002 \text{ Å}$  R factor = 0.017 wR factor = 0.047 Data-to-parameter ratio = 17.8

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# Poly[aquadi- $\mu_3$ -dicyanamido-di- $\mu_2$ -dicyanamido-dicopper(II)]

The asymmetric unit of the title compound,  $[Cu_2(C_2N_3)_4(H_2O)]_n$ , contains two Cu atoms with  $CuN_6$  and  $CuN_4O_2$  chromophores. The Cu atoms lie on inversion centres and the aqua ligands on a crystallographic twofold rotation axis. Two dicyanamide ligands link the metal ions into an infinite three-dimensional structure.

### Comment

Transition metal complexes of dicyanamide anions form one-, two- and three-dimensional coordination compounds with interesting magnetic properties (Armentano *et al.*, 2006; Van Albada *et al.*, 2006; Miller, 2006; Zeng *et al.*, 2006).



The asymmetric unit of the title compound, (I) (Fig. 1), contains two Cu atoms and a water molecule in special positions, and two dicyanamide ligands. The Cu atoms lie on inversion centres and the aqua ligands on a crystallographic twofold rotation axis. Both Cu atoms are hexacoordinated, Cu1 by four N donor atoms in the equatorial plane [1.976 (1) and 2.017 (1) Å] and two water O atoms [2.390 (1) Å], and Cu12 by six N donor atoms [1.974 (1), 1.972 (1) and 2.565 (1) Å]. One of the dicyanamide anions is triply coordinating through its three N atoms. The other organic ligand bridges two metal ions through the terminal N atoms, while the central N atom acts as an acceptor of one water H atom (Table 1, Fig. 2). Along the c axis, there are chains of metal ions bridged by the O atoms of the water molecules, with  $Cu \cdot \cdot \cdot Cu^{i}$  distances of 4.4064 (2) Å [symmetry code: (i) 1 - x,  $y, \frac{1}{2} - z$ ]. Overall, the organic ligands assemble into an infinite three-dimensional metal-organic framework.

A similar compound has been reported by Kurmoo & Kepert (1998). In that case, the dicyanamide anion is triply

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Figure 1

Part of the polymeric structure of (I), with the numbering scheme of the asymmetric unit. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. Unlabelled atoms are related to labelled atoms by the symmetry operator (-x, -y, -z).

coordinating, bridging the metal ions in an infinite threedimensional metal-organic framework with a rutile-type structure.

## **Experimental**

A solution of  $CuSO_4$ -5H<sub>2</sub>O (1.0 mmol) in water (3 ml) was added to a solution of  $KNO_2NCN$  (4.0 mmol) in water (10 ml) mixed with a solution of imidazole (4.0 mmol) in methanol (10 ml). The resulting green solution was left standing and after a few days blue crystals of (I) were isolated (yield *ca* 10%).

### Crystal data

 $\begin{bmatrix} Cu_2(C_2N_3)_4(H_2O) \end{bmatrix} \\ M_r = 409.30 \\ Monoclinic, C2/c \\ a = 21.8718 (11) Å \\ b = 6.8726 (3) Å \\ c = 8.8127 (4) Å \\ \beta = 100.199 (4)^{\circ} \end{bmatrix}$ 

### Data collection

Oxford Gemini R CCD areadetector diffractometer Absorption correction: analytical (Clark & Reid, 1995)  $T_{\rm min} = 0.366, T_{\rm max} = 0.889$ 

### Refinement

 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.017$  $wR(F^2) = 0.048$ S = 1.191989 reflections  $V = 1303.76 (11) Å^{3}$ Z = 4 Mo K\alpha radiation \mu = 3.29 mm<sup>-1</sup> T = 100 (1) K 0.37 \times 0.31 \times 0.06 mm

57505 measured reflections 1989 independent reflections 1959 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  $R_{\text{int}} = 0.020$ 

112 parameters All H-atom parameters refined  $\Delta \rho_{max} = 0.36 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$  $\Delta \rho_{min} = -0.35 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$ 





A packing diagram for (I), showing the hydrogen-bonding network as dashed lines.

## Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
$O13-H13\cdots N4^i$	0.88 (3)	2.01 (3)	2.8538 (15)	162 (2)
Symmetry code: (i) _	-r⊥1 v⊥1	7 1 <sup>1</sup>		

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

The unique water H atom was located in a difference Fourier map and refined freely with an isotropic displacement parameter.

Data collection: *CrysAlis CCD* (Oxford Diffraction, 2006); cell refinement: *CrysAlis CCD*; data reduction: *CrysAlis RED* (Oxford Diffraction, 2006); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *DIAMOND* (Brandenburg, 1998); software used to prepare material for publication: *enCIFer* (Allen *et al.*, 2004).

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