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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 295 KMean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003 \text{ Å}$  R factor = 0.025 wR factor = 0.067 Data-to-parameter ratio = 12.5

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# Bis(4-carboxamidopyridinium) diaquadioxalatocuprate(II)

In the title compound,  $(C_6H_7N_2O)_2[Cu(C_2O_4)_2(H_2O)_2]$ , the Cu<sup>II</sup> center (site symmetry  $\overline{1}$ ) exhibits an octahedral coordination geometry arising from four O atoms of two oxalate dianions and two O atoms of water molecules. The protonated isonicotinamide cation interacts with the anion by  $O-H\cdots O$  and  $N-H\cdots O$  hydrogen bonds, generating a three-dimensional network.

## Comment

To extend our work (Gao *et al.*, 2006) on hydrogen-bonded supramolecular architectures (Eddaoudi *et al.*, 2002), we obtained the title compound, (I), by choosing oxalate dianions, isonicotinamide and  $Cu^{2+}$  cations as the starting materials.



Compound (I) contains  $[Cu(C_2O_4)_2(H_2O)_2]^{2-}$  dianions and  $[C_6H_7N_2O]^+$  cations, as shown in Fig. 1. The Cu<sup>II</sup> atom (site symmetry  $\overline{1}$ ) shows a distorted octahedral coordination geometry, being coordinated by four O atoms from two oxalate ligands and two O atoms from water molecules, with the Cu–O distances showing a typical Jahn–Teller distortion (Table 1).

The monoprotonated (at the pyridyl N atom) isonicotinamide cations balance the charge of the anionic complex ion.  $O-H\cdots O$  and  $N-H\cdots O$  hydrogen-bonding interactions (Table 2) play an important role in stabilizing the network in the crystal strcture of (I) (Fig. 2), resulting in a three-dimensional supramolecular network.

## **Experimental**

A mixture of CuSO<sub>4</sub> (0.5 mmol),  $K_2C_2O_4H_2O$  (0.5 mmol) and isonicotinamide (1 mmol) was heated in 20 ml of water/ethanol (1:1  $\nu/\nu$ ) solution and continually stirred for about 30 min at 333 K. The pH value was adjusted to about 4.0 with 4 *M* HCl. The mixture was

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then cooled to room temperature and filtered. The filtrate was allowed to evaporate at room temperature. One week later, aquamarine-blue crystals of (I) were obtained.

 $\gamma = 79.483 \ (3)^{\circ}$ 

Z = 1

V = 476.9 (2) Å<sup>3</sup>

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation

 $0.43 \times 0.32 \times 0.24$  mm

4061 measured reflections

1887 independent reflections

1822 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

H-atom parameters constrained

 $\mu = 1.23 \text{ mm}^-$ 

T = 295 (2) K

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.012$ 

151 parameters

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.25 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^-$ 

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.46 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$ 

#### Crystal data

 $\begin{array}{l} (C_{6}H_{7}N_{2}O)_{2}[Cu(C_{2}O_{4})_{2}(H_{2}O)_{2}]\\ M_{r}=521.89\\ \text{Triclinic, }P\overline{1}\\ a=6.788\ (2)\ \text{\AA}\\ b=6.957\ (2)\ \text{\AA}\\ c=10.849\ (3)\ \text{\AA}\\ a=76.127\ (2)^{\circ}\\ \beta=75.198\ (2)^{\circ} \end{array}$ 

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD APEX II diffractometer Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Bruker, 2002)  $T_{min} = 0.635$ ,  $T_{max} = 0.750$ 

#### Refinement

 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.025$  $wR(F^2) = 0.067$ S = 1.001887 reflections

### Table 1

Selected bond lengths (Å).

Cu-O1	1.9428 (13)	Cu-OW1	2.4872 (16)
Cu-O2	1.9873 (13)		

### Table 2

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - H \cdots A$
$OW1 - HW1 \cdots O5^{v}$	0.84	1.97	2.7959 (19)	170
OW1−HW2···O4 <sup>ii</sup>	0.79	1.94	2.733 (2)	175
N1-H1···O3 <sup>iii</sup>	0.86	1.91	2.675 (2)	148
$N1-H1\cdots O4^{iii}$	0.86	2.31	2.963 (2)	132
$N2-HN1\cdots OW1^{iv}$	0.86	2.04	2.837 (2)	154
$N2-HN2\cdots O2^{i}$	0.86	2.31	3.078 (2)	149

The water H atoms were located in difference maps and refined as riding in their as-found relative positions (O–H = 0.79–0.84 Å), with  $U_{\rm iso}({\rm H}) = 1.2 U_{\rm eq}({\rm O})$ . The other H atoms were positioned geometrically and refined with a riding model (N–H = 0.86 Å and C–H = 0.93 Å), with  $U_{\rm iso}({\rm H}) = 1.2 U_{\rm eq}({\rm C},{\rm N})$ .

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:



## Figure 1

The structure of (I), showing 30% probability displacement ellipsoids (arbitrary spheres for the H atoms). The hydrogen bond is shown as a double dashed line. [Symmetry code: (i) 1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z.]



#### Figure 2

The unit cell packing for (I), showing the hydrogen bonds as dashed lines.

*DIAMOND* (Brandenburg, 1999); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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