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# Hexaaquacobalt(II) Bis(hydrogen cyclo-propane-1,1-dicarboxylate) 

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#### Abstract

The title complex salt, $\left[\mathrm{Co}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{6}\right]\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{O}_{4}\right)_{2}$, has been investigated by means of single-crystal X-ray diffraction. The structure of this compound is composed of discrete $\left[\mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{H}_{4}(\mathrm{COO})(\mathrm{COOH})\right]^{-}$anions and $\left[\mathrm{Co}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{6}\right]^{2+}$ cations. The geometrical parameters of the anion are comparable to those of the diammonium salt.


## Comment

To our knowledge, there is no structural information about the salts of the first row transition metals with cyclopropane-1,1-dicarboxylic acid, but there are well known complexes with platinum (Huang et al., 1990). The most important result of our investigations is the ionic character of the title compound, (I). The $\mathrm{Co}^{2+}$ ion is octahedrally coordinated by six water molecules. This is an interesting result because analogous transition metal complexes of cyclobutane-1,1-dicarboxylic acid show that the metal cations are coordinated by the carboxylate anions and not by the water molecules (Allan \& Dalrymple, 1993).

(I)

The hydrogen cyclopropane-1,1-dicarboxylate anion possesses $C_{s}$ point symmetry. The mirror plane is identical to the plane formed by the cyclopropane ring ( $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 4$ ) and also includes the acidic H atom. The exact position of the acidic H atom could not be located, but it should be bonded to those O atoms having the longer $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O}$ distances [ O 4 and $\mathrm{O}^{\mathrm{iv}}$, symmetry code: (iv) $x,-y, z$ ]. The values of 1.231 (4) $\AA$ for $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{O} 3$, which is typical for a $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$ double bond (Weast, 1972), and 1.290 (3) $\AA$ for $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{O} 4$ differ significantly. As the $\mathrm{O} 4 \cdots \mathrm{O} 4^{\text {iv }}$ distance is very short [ 2.490 (3) $\AA$ ], the symmetrical hydrogen bond could be linear. However,
considering hydridization of the O atoms, an angular hydrogen bond is more likely. The torsion angle between the two carboxylic acid groups ( $\mathrm{O} 4-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 2^{14}$ ) is $7.7(9)^{\circ}$ and the torsion angle between the carboxylic acid groups and the cyclopropane ring ( $\mathrm{O} 4-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 3-$ C1) is 40.1 (2) ${ }^{\circ}$.

The average bond length in the cyclopropane ring of the anion is $1.503 \AA$, in good agreement with the value found for cyclopropane-1,1-dicarboxylic acid (Meester et al., 1971). The individual bond lengths within the cyclopropane ring vary from $1.460(6)(\mathrm{Cl}-$ C4) to 1.525 (5) $\AA(\mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{C} 3)$ (Table 1). The bond angles (Table 1) within this ring vary between $57.2(3)$ and $61.4(3)^{\circ}$. These correspond to the values found for the diammonium salt (Brehin et al., 1992). The carboxylic acid groups show expected bond lengths, equal to those found from X-ray experiments of salts of various carboxylic acids (Jaulmes et al., 1987). The C2-C3$\mathrm{C} 2^{\text {iv }}$ angle is about $120^{\circ}$ and is consistent with $s p^{2}$ hybridization for the cyclopropyl C2 atom (McQuillin, 1972). The $\mathrm{Co}^{2+}$ ion is surrounded by six water molecules, forming an elongated octahedron in the $\mathrm{O}_{2}{ }^{\text {ii }}-$ $\mathrm{Co} 1-\mathrm{O} 2$ axial direction [symmetry code: (ii) $x, 1-y$, $z$ ]. The four equatorial Co-O bond lengths are only slightly shorter than the two axial $\mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{O}$ bond lengths (Table 1). The values of these bond lengths are in excellent agreement with other inorganic compounds, e.g. $\mathrm{CoCl}_{2} .6 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ (Mizuno, 1960).


Fig. 1. ORTEPIII (Johnson \& Burnett, 1997) drawing (30\% probability ellipsoids) showing the atom-numbering scheme.

## Experimental

The title compound was obtained by neutralizing cyclo-propane-1,1-dicarboxylic acid (Singh \& Danishefsky, 1975) with cobalt(II) carbonate in aqueous solution at 353 K . Single crystals suitable for X -ray analysis were grown by slow evaporation at room temperature.

## Crystal data

$\left[\mathrm{Co}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{6}\right)_{6}\right]\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{O}_{4}\right)_{2} \quad$ Mo $K \alpha$ radiation
$M_{r}=425.20$
$\lambda=0.71073 \AA$

Monoclinic
A2/m
$a=6.4014$ (11) $\AA$
$b=9.2804$ (12) $\AA$
$c=13.606(2) \AA$
$\beta=93.126(18)^{\circ}$
$V=807.1$ (2) $\mathrm{A}^{3}$
$Z=2$
$D_{x}=1.750 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$
$D_{m}=1.72 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$
$D_{m}$ measured by pycnometry

## Data collection

Stoe IPDS diffractometer
Rotation scans
Absorption correction: none
2853 measured reflections
680 independent reflections
657 reflections with
$I>2 \sigma(I)$

## Refinement

Refinement on $F^{2}$
$R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.037$
$w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.107$
$S=1.210$
680 reflections
65 parameters
H atoms: see below
$w=1 /\left[\sigma^{2}\left(F_{o}^{2}\right)+(0.0617 P)^{2}\right.$
$+1.4573 P]$
where $P=\left(F_{o}^{2}+2 F_{c}^{2}\right) / 3$
Table 1. Selected geometric parameters $\left(\AA,^{\circ}\right)$

| Col-O1 | 2.056 (3) | $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 3$ | 1.525 (5) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{Col}-\mathrm{O} 2$ | 2.081 (2) | $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 3$ | 1.500 (3) |
| O3-C2 | 1.231 (4) | C3-C4 | 1.524 (5) |
| $\mathrm{O} 4-\mathrm{C} 2$ | 1.290 (3) |  |  |
| $\mathrm{Ol}^{1}-\mathrm{Col}-\mathrm{Ol}$ | 180.0 | $\mathrm{O} 3-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 3$ | 121.3(2) |
| $\mathrm{Ol}-\mathrm{Col}-\mathrm{O} 2^{\prime \prime}$ | 90.29 (9) | $\mathrm{O} 4-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 3$ | 116.2 (3) |
| $\mathrm{OI}-\mathrm{Col}-\mathrm{O}^{\text {i4 }}$ | 89.71 (9) | $\mathrm{C} 2{ }^{\text {12 }}-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 2$ | 119.8 (3) |
| $\mathrm{O} 2{ }^{\text {in }}-\mathrm{Col}-\mathrm{O} 2$ | 90.39 (14) | $\mathrm{C} 2{ }^{\prime \prime}-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{Cl}$ | 116.09 (18) |
| $\mathrm{O} 2^{\text {mi }}-\mathrm{Col}-\mathrm{O} 2$ | 89.61 (14) | $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{Cl}$ | 116.09 (18) |
| $\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{C} 3$ | 61.4 (3) | $\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{Cl}$ | 57.2 (3) |
| $\mathrm{O} 3-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{O} 4$ | 122.5 (3) |  |  |

Symmetry codes: (i) $-x, 1-y,-z$; (ii) $x, 1-y, z$; (iii) $-x, y,-z$; (iv) $x,-y, z$.
Different space groups were tried and it turned out that, although space group $A 2$ had twice as many parameters as $A 2 / m$, the $R$ values were nearly identical. In addition, the Le Page symmetry test (Le Page, 1987, 1988) pointed towards an
additional mirror plane which led to space group $A 2 / m$. An adequate absorption correction would have been desirable in this case, but because of lack of suitable software at the time of data collection it was not applied and it was decided not to apply refined absorption methods retrospectively. The H atoms were geometrically set as idealized $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ groups using a riding model.

Data collection: IPDS (Stoe \& Cie, 1995). Cell refinement: IPDS. Data reduction: IPDS. Program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1990). Program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997). Molecular graphics: PLATON92 (Spek, 1992). Software used to prepare material for publication: PLATON92 and PLUTON (Spek, 1990).

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