

## *mer*-(4-Aminobenzenesulfonato- $\kappa N$ )- triqua(1,10-phenanthroline- $\kappa^2 N, N'$ )- cobalt(II) chloride

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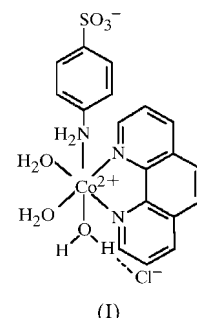
Both coordination and hydrogen bonds contribute to networking in the supramolecular title compound,  $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_6\text{NO}_3\text{S})(\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{N}_2)(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]\text{Cl}$ , which contains a discrete  $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_6\text{NO}_3\text{S})(\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{N}_2)(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]^+$  complex cation, formed by one 4-aminobenzenesulfonate ligand, one 1,10-phenanthroline ligand and three coordinated water molecules, together with one uncoordinated chloride anion. These discrete cations and chloride anions are connected by hydrogen-bonding interactions into a two-dimensional supramolecular motif. Further hydrogen-bonding interactions consolidate the structural architecture and extend the two-dimensional supramolecular structure into a three-dimensional network.

### Comment

Supramolecular frameworks based on metal and organic building blocks that contain diverse topologies with desired features are receiving increasing attention because of their promising potential uses in catalysis (Fujita *et al.*, 1994), gas storage (Kitaura *et al.*, 2003) and magnetism (Inoue *et al.*, 1996). However, there have been few reports of metal-based organosulfonate anions containing supramolecular compounds to date (Cai, Chen, Feng *et al.*, 2001; Cai, Chen, Liao *et al.*, 2001; Wang *et al.*, 2002). We present here a novel compound,  $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_6\text{NO}_3\text{S})(\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{N}_2)(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]\text{Cl}$ , (I), built from discrete  $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_6\text{NO}_3\text{S})(\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{N}_2)(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]^+$  cations, each formed by one 4-aminobenzenesulfonate (4-abs) ligand, one 1,10-phenanthroline (1,10-phen) ligand and three coordinated water molecules, together with one uncoordinated chloride anion.

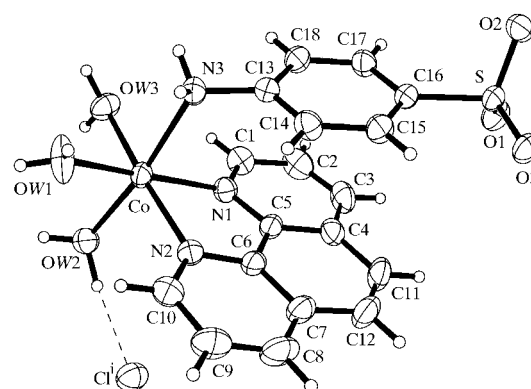
As depicted by Fig. 1, the  $\text{Co}^{\text{II}}$  center exhibits a slightly distorted octahedral coordination geometry, defined by three aqua O atoms [ $\text{Co}-\text{OW1} = 2.065$  (2) Å,  $\text{Co}-\text{OW2} = 2.083$  (2) Å and  $\text{Co}-\text{OW3} = 2.091$  (2) Å], two N atoms from a 1,10-phen ligand [ $\text{Co}-\text{N1} = 2.119$  (2) Å and  $\text{Co}-\text{N2} = 2.116$  (2) Å] and an N-atom donor from a 4-abs ligand [ $\text{Co}-\text{N3} = 2.270$  (2) Å; Table 1]. The coordination environment and

mode of coordination of 4-abs differ from that observed in  $[\text{Co}(4\text{-abs})_2(4,4'\text{-bipy})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (Wang *et al.*, 2002), in which the 4-abs ligands are not coordinated to  $\text{Co}^{\text{II}}$  and form one-dimensional head-to-tail zigzag chains *via* hydrogen-bonding interactions. The rings of the 4-abs and 1,10-phen



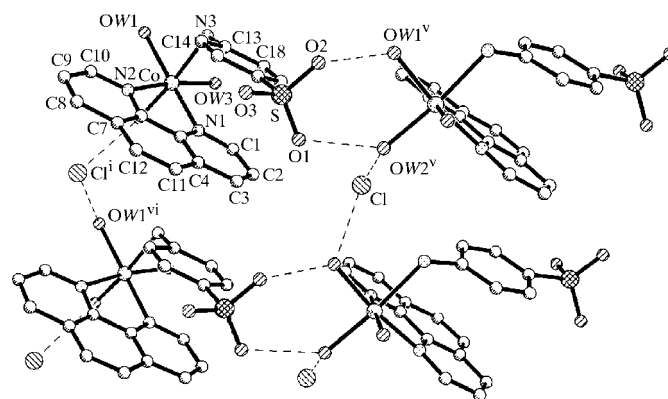
groups are not completely parallel to one another, the dihedral angle between their planes being  $12.6^\circ$  and the average ring separation being 3.324 Å.

As shown in Fig. 2, the discrete  $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_6\text{NO}_3\text{S})(\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{N}_2)(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]^+$  cations and chloride anions are connected into a two-dimensional supramolecular motif. The rings of two



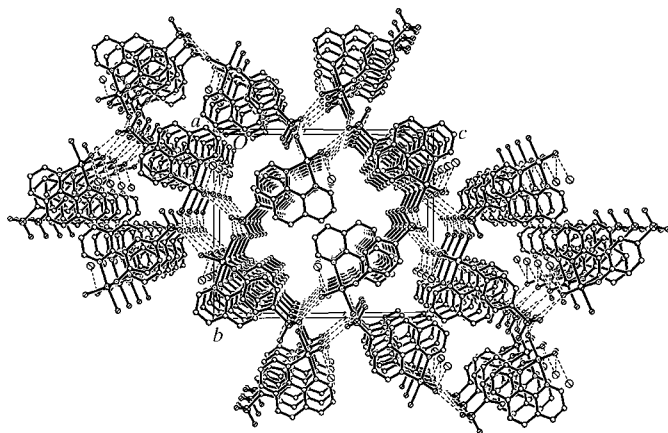
**Figure 1**

The molecular structure of the title compound, with the atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. (The symmetry code is as in Table 2.)



**Figure 2**

The two-dimensional network of  $[\text{Co}(4\text{-abs})(1,10\text{-phen})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]^+$  cations and chloride anions formed *via* hydrogen-bonding interactions. The symmetry codes are as in Table 2, plus (v)  $x - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} - y, z - \frac{1}{2}$ ; (vi)  $1 + x, y, z$ .


**Figure 3**

A packing diagram, showing the three-dimensional structure viewed along the *a* axis.

4-abs and two 1,10-phen ligands from two different discrete cations lie parallel to one another. In the supramolecular architecture, unusual hydrogen-bonding interactions play a crucial role. The OW2 and OW1 water molecules from one [Co(4-abs)(1,10-phen)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>3</sub>]<sup>+</sup> cation interact with the SO<sub>3</sub><sup>−</sup> group of the 4-abs ligand from another, thus forming hydrogen-bonding interactions [OW2...O1<sup>i</sup> = 2.875 (3) Å and OW1...O2<sup>i</sup> = 2.664 (3) Å; see Table 2 for all symmetry codes]. Furthermore, the OW2 and OW1 water molecules from two adjacent cations are bridged *via* hydrogen-bonding interactions with a chloride anion [Cl<sup>iii</sup>...OW1 = 3.072 (2) Å and Cl<sup>i</sup>...OW2 = 3.018 (2) Å]. In addition, there are hydrogen-bonding interactions between the OW3 water molecules and the SO<sub>3</sub><sup>−</sup> groups of 4-abs anions from two adjacent building blocks [O1<sup>iv</sup>...OW3 = 2.824 (3) Å and O2<sup>iii</sup>...OW3 = 2.748 (3) Å]. Therefore, such hydrogen-bonding interactions consolidate the structural architecture and further extend the two-dimensional supramolecular structure into a three-dimensional network (see Fig. 3).

## Experimental

To an aqueous solution of CoCl<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O (0.2379 g, 1.00 mmol) was added 4-aminobenzenesulfonic acid (0.074 g, 0.54 mmol) with stirring at 298 K. After the pH of the solution had been adjusted to ~5.5 with dilute NaOH, 1,10-phen (0.078 g, 0.50 mmol) was added slowly and the mixture was stirred for 30 min at 333 K. After filtration, a clear orange solution was obtained, which was allowed to stand at room temperature. Orange crystals were obtained after two weeks.

### Crystal data

[Co(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S)(C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>)·(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>3</sub>]Cl

*M<sub>r</sub>* = 500.81

Monoclinic, *P*<sub>2</sub><sub>1</sub>/*n*

*a* = 7.0148 (10) Å

*b* = 15.896 (4) Å

*c* = 18.587 (5) Å

β = 96.548 (18)°

*V* = 2059.0 (8) Å<sup>3</sup>

*Z* = 4

*D<sub>x</sub>* = 1.616 Mg m<sup>−3</sup>

Mo *K*α radiation

Cell parameters from 24 reflections

θ = 5.2–10.2°

μ = 1.11 mm<sup>−1</sup>

*T* = 293 (2) K

Block, orange

0.50 × 0.38 × 0.32 mm

### Data collection

Siemens *P4* diffractometer

ω scans

Absorption correction: ψ scan

(*SHELXTL*; Siemens, 1994)

*T*<sub>min</sub> = 0.561, *T*<sub>max</sub> = 0.687

5562 measured reflections

4060 independent reflections

2959 reflections with *I* > 2σ(*I*)

*R*<sub>int</sub> = 0.026

θ<sub>max</sub> = 26.0°

*h* = −1 → 8

*k* = −1 → 19

*l* = −22 → 22

3 standard reflections

every 97 reflections

intensity decay: 8.0%

### Refinement

Refinement on *F*<sup>2</sup>

*R*[*F*<sup>2</sup> > 2σ(*F*<sup>2</sup>)] = 0.034

*wR*(*F*<sup>2</sup>) = 0.073

*S* = 1.09

4060 reflections

271 parameters

H-atom parameters constrained

*w* = 1/[σ<sup>2</sup>(*F*<sub>o</sub><sup>2</sup>) + (0.02*P*)<sup>2</sup>]

where *P* = (*F*<sub>o</sub><sup>2</sup> + 2*F*<sub>c</sub><sup>2</sup>)/3

(Δ/σ)<sub>max</sub> = 0.001

Δρ<sub>max</sub> = 0.31 e Å<sup>−3</sup>

Δρ<sub>min</sub> = −0.37 e Å<sup>−3</sup>

**Table 1**

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Co—OW1	2.065 (2)	S—O3	1.4415 (18)
Co—OW2	2.083 (2)	S—C16	1.767 (2)
Co—OW3	2.091 (2)	N1—C1	1.329 (3)
Co—N1	2.119 (2)	N1—C5	1.361 (3)
Co—N2	2.116 (2)	N2—C10	1.333 (3)
Co—N3	2.270 (2)	N2—C6	1.360 (3)
S—O1	1.461 (2)	N3—C13	1.428 (3)
S—O2	1.469 (2)		
OW1—Co—OW2	90.81 (8)	O2—S—C16	105.35 (12)
OW1—Co—OW3	92.55 (8)	O3—S—C16	106.85 (11)
OW1—Co—N1	170.16 (8)	Co—N1—C5	112.67 (16)
OW1—Co—N2	94.96 (8)	C1—N1—C5	117.8 (2)
OW1—Co—N3	82.49 (8)	Co—N1—C1	128.30 (18)
OW2—Co—OW3	86.49 (8)	C6—N2—C10	117.8 (2)
OW2—Co—N1	96.43 (8)	Co—N2—C6	113.19 (16)
OW2—Co—N2	92.36 (8)	Co—N2—C10	128.86 (18)
OW2—Co—N3	172.50 (8)	Co—N3—C13	118.20 (17)
OW3—Co—N1	94.52 (8)	N1—C1—C2	122.4 (3)
OW3—Co—N2	172.41 (8)	N1—C5—C6	117.1 (2)
OW3—Co—N3	90.43 (8)	N1—C5—C4	123.3 (2)
N1—Co—N2	78.14 (8)	N2—C6—C5	117.1 (2)
N1—Co—N3	90.62 (8)	N2—C6—C7	122.8 (2)
N2—Co—N3	91.58 (8)	N2—C10—C9	122.4 (2)
O1—S—O2	111.23 (11)	N3—C13—C18	120.4 (2)
O1—S—O3	114.76 (12)	N3—C13—C14	120.1 (2)
O1—S—C16	106.28 (12)	S—C16—C15	119.86 (18)
O2—S—O3	111.67 (12)	S—C16—C17	120.25 (19)

**Table 2**

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

<i>D</i> — <i>H</i> ... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> — <i>H</i>	<i>H</i> ... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> ... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> — <i>H</i> ... <i>A</i>
OW1—HW1...O2 <sup>i</sup>	0.84	1.82	2.664 (3)	177
OW1—HW2...Cl <sup>ii</sup>	0.95	2.17	3.072 (2)	158
OW2—HW3...Cl <sup>i</sup>	0.97	2.06	3.018 (2)	170
N3—H3A...O3 <sup>iii</sup>	0.90	2.18	3.062 (3)	167
N3—H3B...Cl <sup>ii</sup>	0.90	2.53	3.392 (2)	160
OW2—HW4...O1 <sup>i</sup>	0.90	2.01	2.875 (3)	161
OW3—HW5...O2 <sup>iii</sup>	0.91	1.84	2.748 (3)	174
OW3—HW6...O1 <sup>iv</sup>	0.93	1.90	2.824 (3)	170

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

Water H atoms were located from difference maps and their positions were fixed during refinement. Other H atoms were placed in geometric positions using a riding model, with C—H distances of 0.93 Å and N—H distances of 0.90 Å, and with *U*<sub>iso</sub>(H) values equal to 1.2*U*<sub>eq</sub>(C, N).

Data collection: *XSCANS* (Siemens, 1994); cell refinement: *XSCANS*; data reduction: *XSCANS*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXTL* (Siemens, 1994); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXTL*; molecular graphics: *SHELXTL*; software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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