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# A two-dimensional Zn<sup>II</sup> coordination polymer constructed by benzotriazole-5-carboxylate and 1,4,8,9-tetraazatriphenylene

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Poly[[( $\mu_3$ -benzotriazole-5-carboxylato- $\kappa^4 N^1: N^3: O, O'$ )(1,4,8,9tetraazatriphenylene- $\kappa^2 N^8$ ,  $N^9$ )zinc(II)] 0.25-hydrate], {[Zn(C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>3</sub>- $N_3O_2$  ( $C_{14}H_8N_4$ )]  $\cdot 0.25H_2O_n$ , exhibits a two-dimensional layer structure in which the asymmetric unit contains one Zn<sup>II</sup> centre, one 1,4,8,9-tetraazatriphenylene (TATP) ligand, one benzotriazole-5-carboxylate (btca) ligand and 0.25 solvent water molecules. Each Zn<sup>II</sup> ion is six-coordinated and surrounded by four N atoms from two different btca ligands and one chelating TATP ligand, and by two O atoms from a third btca ligand, to furnish a distorted octahedral geometry. The infinite connection of the metal ions and ligands forms a two-dimensional wave-like (6,3) layer structure. Adjacent layers are connected by  $C-H \cdots N$  hydrogen bonds. The solvent water molecules are located in partially occupied sites between parallel pairs of inversion-related TATP ligands that belong to two separate layers.

#### Comment

Considerable attention has been paid recently to the construction of inorganic-organic coordination polymers (Han et al., 2006, 2010; Han, Deng & Goddard, 2007; Han, He et al., 2007; Kaye et al., 2007; Kaye & Long, 2005; Lin et al., 2006; Ma, Han et al., 2007; Ma, Sun et al., 2007; Rosi et al., 2003; Wong-Foy et al., 2006) due to their interesting topological structures and potential applications as functional materials in molecular recognition, gas absorption, luminescence and magnetism (Ockwig et al., 2005; Rao et al., 2004; Bradshaw et al., 2005; Pan et al., 2004; Min & Suh, 2000; Deiters et al., 2005; Ishikawa et al., 2005; Lukin et al., 2003; Tezuka & Oike, 2001). The rational design and synthesis of predictable coordination polymers have been significantly influenced by choosing appropriate metal ions and organic linkers. Among the various ligands, 1,2,3-triazole and its derivatives have attracted much attention for the construction of coordination polymers (Bai et al., 2008; Jones *et al.*, 2002; Lu *et al.*, 2005; Yang *et al.*, 2007; Tabernor *et al.*, 2004). Meanwhile, carboxylate derivatives of the 1,2,3-triazole ligand, particularly benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid (H<sub>2</sub>btca), have been used to produce homometallic porous metal–organic frameworks (MOFs) because of their diverse coordination modes and high structural stability (Zhang *et al.*, 2007).



With the intention of preparing btca-coordinated complexes and studying the influence of the size of the aromatic chelate ligand on the framework structure, we chose the bidentate-coordinating 1,4,8,9-tetraazatriphenylene (TATP) ligand as a second reagent (Han *et al.*, 2009; Ma *et al.*, 2008), and a new coordination polymer, the title compound,  $[Zn(btca)(TATP)] \cdot 0.25H_2O$ , (I), was successfully synthesized.

Single-crystal X-ray diffraction analysis reveals that (I) exhibits a two-dimensional layer structure in which the asymmetric unit consists of one Zn<sup>II</sup> centre, one btca ligand, one TATP ligand and 0.25 solvent water molecules (Fig. 1). Each Zn<sup>II</sup> centre is six-coordinated, with a significantly distorted ZnN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub> octahedral coordination geometry consisting of two carboxylate O atoms (O1 and O2) from one btca ligand, two N atoms (N4 and N5) from one chelating TATP ligand and two N atoms [N3<sup>i</sup> and N1<sup>ii</sup>; symmetry codes: (i)  $x + \frac{1}{2}$ , y,  $-z + \frac{1}{2}$ ; (ii) -x,  $y + \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $-z + \frac{1}{2}$ ] from two different btca ligands. Two of the N atoms (N1<sup>ii</sup> and N4) occupy the axial positions, with an N1<sup>ii</sup>–Zn–N4 angle of 168.56 (6)°. The other axial angles are both less than 160°.



### Figure 1

A view of the components of (I), showing the atom-labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level and H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radii. [Symmetry codes: (i)  $x + \frac{1}{2}$ , y,  $-z + \frac{1}{2}$ ; (ii) -x,  $y + \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $-z + \frac{1}{2}$ .]



#### Figure 2

A view of a single (6,3) layer of (I) along the *ab* plane. H atoms and TATP ligands have been omitted for clarity.





The three-dimensional structure of (I), viewed along the b axis. The water molecules have been omitted for clarity.

The btca ligand of (I) coordinates to three different Zn atoms *via* O,O'-bidentate chelation and monodentate bridging coordination modes through two of the triazole N atoms. The latter link two adjacent Zn<sup>II</sup> centres to form a one-dimensional zigzag chain (Fig. 2). These chains are then crosslinked by the O,O'-bidentate coordination from the btca ligand to a Zn atom in a neighbouring chain to give an extended wave-like (6,3) network layer structure. Adjacent layers are connected together through C $-H\cdots$ N hydrogen-bonding interactions between btca and TATP ligands to help form the three-dimensional supramolecular structure (Fig. 3). The 0.25-

occupancy water molecules are located between the TATP ligands of adjacent layers, where, on account of the  $O1W \cdots O2$  distance of 2.804 (14) Å, they probably form  $O-H \cdots O$  hydrogen bonds with one of the carboxylate O atoms of a btca ligand.

Compound (I) is the first example of a coordination polymer constructed by btca and TATP as mixed ligands. To date, only one complex with the btca ligand, *viz*.  $[Co_3(OH)_2-(btca)_2]$  (Zhang *et al.*, 2007), has been reported, which forms a homometallic porous metal–organic framework with '*sra*' topology. The layered structure of (I) is quite different from that of  $[Co_3(OH)_2(btca)_2]$ , in which the btca ligands in a  $\mu_5$ mode link { $Co_3(OH)_2$ } chains to yield a three-dimensional framework.

In (I), two N atoms from the TATP ligand occupy two coordination positions of the Zn<sup>II</sup> atom, while the remaining coordination positions are available for btca ligands, allowing the formation of the layer structure. Clearly, the presence of secondary chelate ligands in transition metal carboxylate systems contributes to the formation of low-dimensional coordination polymers, especially one-dimensional chains and two-dimensional layers, with the metal ions acting as nodes and the carboxylate ligands as linkers. These results indicate that aromatic chelate ligands have a significant impact on the framework structures of coordination polymers.

#### **Experimental**

TATP was prepared according to the method of Dickeson & Summers (1970). A mixture of  $Zn(NO_3)_2$  (0.148 g, 0.5 mmol), benzotriazole-5-carboxylic acid (0.049 g, 0.3 mmol), TATP (0.068 g, 0.3 mmol), dimethylformamide (5 ml) and water (5 ml) was placed in a 23 ml Teflon reactor and stirred for 20 min in air, then heated at 453 K for 5 d, followed by cooling to room temperature at a rate of 5 K h<sup>-1</sup>. The resulting brown prismatic crystals of (I) were isolated in *ca* 42% yield based on Zn.

Crystal data	
$[Zn(C_7H_3N_3O_2)(C_{14}H_8N_4)] - 0.25H_2O$ $M_r = 463.24$ Orthorbombic <i>Phea</i>	$V = 3567.8 (3) \text{ Å}^3$ Z = 8 Mo $K\alpha$ radiation $\mu = 1.42 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
a = 17.3649 (9)  Å b = 8.6087 (4)  Å c = 23.8669 (12)  Å	T = 173  K 0.37 × 0.32 × 0.23 mm

#### Data collection

F

A

Bruker APEXII CCD area-detector	27994 measured reflections
diffractometer	3509 independent reflections
Absorption correction: multi-scan	2865 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
(SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)	$R_{\rm int} = 0.063$
$T_{\min} = 0.623, \ T_{\max} = 0.732$	

## Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geor	netry (A, °).	
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Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.027$	H atoms treated by a mixture of
$wR(F^2) = 0.071$	independent and constrained
S = 0.97	refinement
3509 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.52 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$
289 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.36 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

The aromatic H atoms were placed at calculated positions in the riding-model approximation, with C-H = 0.95 Å and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$ . The H atoms of the water molecule could not be located reliably and were omitted from the model. The presence of solvent water molecules was determined according to the IR spectrum and thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) results. The TGA results indicate that the title compound loses its lattice water molecules below 340 K and the weight loss of 0.92% was consistent with that calculated (0.97%); the occupancy was thus fixed at 0.25.

Data collection: *APEX2* (Bruker, 2004); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2001); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 2008); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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