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## Key indicators

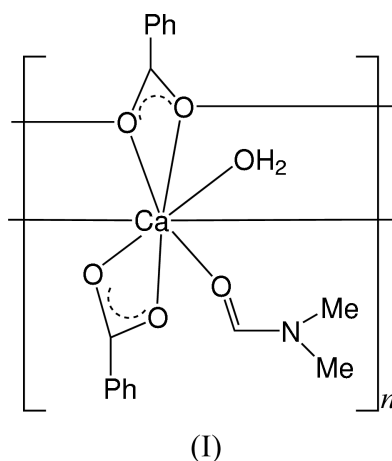
Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 143$  K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.004$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.045  
 $wR$  factor = 0.049  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 16.5For details of how these key indicators were automatically derived from the article, see <http://journals.iucr.org/e>.**catena-Poly[[aqua(benzoato)(*N,N'*-dimethylformamide)calcium(II)]- $\mu$ -benzoato]**

In the title complex,  $[\text{Ca}(\text{C}_7\text{H}_5\text{O}_2)_2(\text{C}_3\text{H}_7\text{NO})(\text{H}_2\text{O})]_n$ , the eightfold coordinated calcium ion is bonded to four carboxylate O atoms from two benzoate ions, an O atom from dimethylformamide and an O atom from a water molecule. One of the carboxylate groups bridges adjacent  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  ions to form a polymeric ribbon structure.

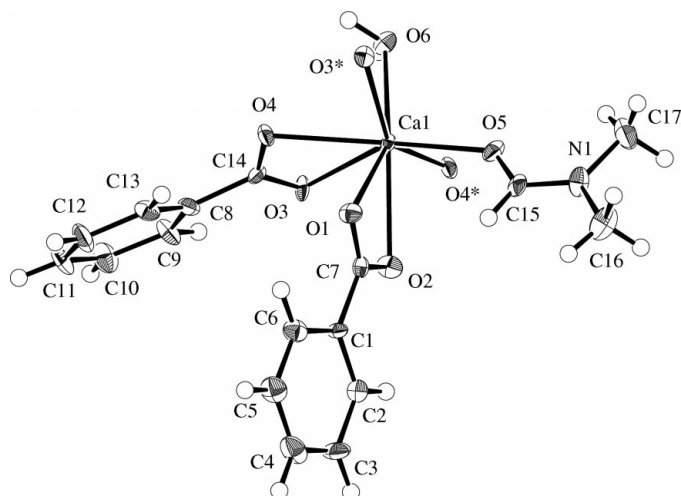
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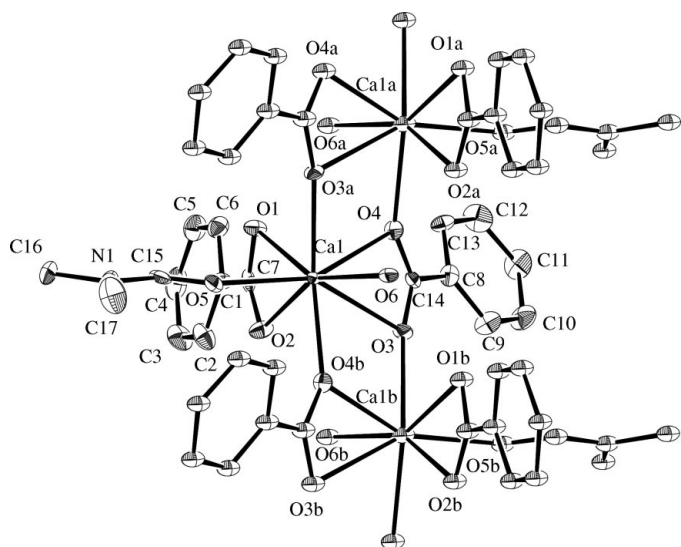
The synthesis and structure determination of inorganic polymers is an interesting subject for basic inorganic chemistry and materials science. In this paper, we report the successful isolation and X-ray crystal structure determination of a unique  $\text{Ca}^{\text{II}}$  polymeric compound, (I), bridged by a benzoate group.



As shown in Fig. 1, the calcium ion is surrounded by eight O atoms from two bidentate benzoates, an *N,N'*-dimethylformamide molecule, a water molecule and two carboxylate groups bridging adjacent  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  ions. The octacoordinate  $\text{CaO}_8$  polyhedron deviates extensively from idealized octacoordinated geometries. There are two coordinated benzoate groups forming planar four-membered chelate rings. In addition, the O3 and O4 atoms from one of the benzoates link different  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  ions by monodentate bridging bonds forming buckled four-membered  $\text{Ca}-\text{O}-\text{Ca}-\text{O}$  rings which partly form the basis of the extended structure. The polymeric ribbon structure is formed along the  $2_1$  screw axis parallel to *b*. As is usual in polymeric calcium carboxylates, the  $\text{Ca}-\text{O}$  bridging bond lengths [2.398 (2) and 2.400 (2) Å] are considerably shorter than the  $\text{Ca}-\text{O}$  chelate distances of 2.654 (3) and 2.460 (2) Å. Fairly long  $\text{Ca}-\text{O}$  distances [2.570 (2) and 2.508 (2) Å] are observed in one of the benzoate groups, which has no inter-



**Figure 1**  
The environment of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  for (I) showing 50% probability displacement ellipsoids.



**Figure 2**  
A perspective view of the polymeric structure of (I). Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.

action among the neighboring  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  ions. These observations indicated the importance of the bridging interactions in the crystal structure of a polymeric network of calcium carboxylates (Karipides *et al.*, 1988; Einspahr & Bugg, 1981).

## Experimental

An aqueous solution of benzoic acid (0.74 g, 6.1 mmol) was adjusted to *ca* pH 7.0 with a 0.5 M KOH solution. Then  $\text{CaCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.38 g, 2.6 mmol) was added to the benzoic acid solution with stirring. A 10 ml portion of dimethylformamide was added to the reaction solution. The solution was concentrated to half volume and allowed to stand at room temperature for 24 h. Colorless crystals of (I) were obtained. Yield: 0.32 g (32.9%). Analysis found: C 54.55, H 5.14, N 3.72%; calculated for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{19}\text{CaNO}_6$ : C 54.68, H 5.13, N 3.75%.

## Crystal data

$[\text{Ca}(\text{C}_7\text{H}_5\text{O}_2)_2(\text{C}_3\text{H}_7\text{NO})(\text{H}_2\text{O})]$   
 $M_r = 373.42$   
 Monoclinic,  $P2_1/n$   
 $a = 10.8346$  (6) Å  
 $b = 6.7519$  (3) Å  
 $c = 24.363$  (1) Å  
 $\beta = 101.781$  (2)°  
 $V = 1744.7$  (2) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 4$

$D_x = 1.422$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 Cell parameters from 9115 reflections  
 $\theta = 2.8$ – $27.4$ °  
 $\mu = 0.39$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 143.2$  K  
 Prism, colorless  
 $0.35 \times 0.05 \times 0.02$  mm

## Data collection

Rigaku R-AXIS RAPID Imaging Plate diffractometer  
 $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (Higashi, 1995)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.755$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.992$   
 8718 measured reflections

3967 independent reflections  
 1789 reflections with  $F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.048$   
 $\theta_{\max} = 27.5$ °  
 $h = -13 \rightarrow 14$   
 $k = -8 \rightarrow 8$   
 $l = -31 \rightarrow 31$

## Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.045$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.049$   
 $S = 0.94$   
 3739 reflections  
 226 parameters

H-atom parameters not refined  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + \{0.002[\text{Max}(F_o^2, 0) + 2F_c^2]/3\}^2]$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.82$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.80$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

**Table 1**

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Ca1—O1	2.570 (2)	Ca1—O4	2.460 (2)
Ca1—O2	2.508 (2)	Ca1—O4 <sup>ii</sup>	2.400 (2)
Ca1—O3	2.654 (3)	Ca1—O5	2.363 (3)
Ca1—O3 <sup>i</sup>	2.398 (2)	Ca1—O6	2.405 (2)
O1—Ca1—O2	51.54 (7)	O3—Ca1—O4	51.00 (7)
O1—Ca1—O3	98.39 (7)	O3—Ca1—O4 <sup>ii</sup>	72.18 (7)
O1—Ca1—O3 <sup>i</sup>	79.76 (7)	O3—Ca1—O5	149.15 (8)
O1—Ca1—O4	74.96 (7)	O3—Ca1—O6	84.14 (7)
O1—Ca1—O4 <sup>ii</sup>	133.40 (7)	O3 <sup>i</sup> —Ca1—O4	75.78 (8)
O1—Ca1—O5	82.99 (7)	O3 <sup>i</sup> —Ca1—O4 <sup>ii</sup>	143.71 (6)
O1—Ca1—O6	151.76 (8)	O3 <sup>i</sup> —Ca1—O5	86.33 (8)
O2—Ca1—O3	74.37 (8)	O3 <sup>i</sup> —Ca1—O6	75.81 (7)
O2—Ca1—O3 <sup>i</sup>	130.99 (7)	O4—Ca1—O4 <sup>ii</sup>	121.28 (6)
O2—Ca1—O4	94.14 (7)	O4—Ca1—O5	153.62 (8)
O2—Ca1—O4 <sup>ii</sup>	82.48 (7)	O4—Ca1—O6	85.42 (7)
O2—Ca1—O5	82.99 (8)	O4 <sup>ii</sup> —Ca1—O5	84.48 (8)
O2—Ca1—O6	152.28 (8)	O4 <sup>ii</sup> —Ca1—O6	74.28 (7)
O3—Ca1—O3 <sup>i</sup>	124.37 (6)	O5—Ca1—O6	109.09 (7)

Symmetry codes: (i)  $\frac{3}{2} - x, \frac{1}{2} + y, \frac{1}{2} - z$ ; (ii)  $\frac{3}{2} - x, y - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} - z$ .

The H atoms, excluding those of water, were placed in idealized positions and refined as riding atoms with isotropic displacement parameters. Those of water were located from difference Fourier maps and their positional parameters refined using the reflections in the range of  $\sin\theta/\lambda < 0.4$ ; they were fixed at the last stage of the refinement.

Data collection: *PROCESS-AUTO* (Rigaku, 1998); cell refinement: *PROCESS-AUTO*; data reduction: *TEXSAN* (Molecular Structure Corporation, 2000); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS86* (Sheldrick, 1985); program(s) used to refine structure: *TEXSAN*; molecular graphics: *ORTEPII* (Johnson, 1976).

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