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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 293 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.003 Å R factor = 0.032 wR factor = 0.084 Data-to-parameter ratio = 17.0

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## Bis(acetato-O)diaqua(2,2'-bipyridyl-*N*,*N*')cobalt(II) (OC-13): a two-dimensional material

The structure of the title compound,  $[Co(AcO)_2(2,2'-bipy)(H_2O)_2]$  or  $[Co(C_2H_3O_2)_2(C_{10}H_8N_2)(H_2O)_2]$ , consists of mononuclear molecules with crystallographic twofold rotation symmetry. The Co atom displays a distorted tetragonally compressed octahedral environment, with a unique Co–N distance of 2.1227 (14) Å and Co–O distances in the range 2.0976 (13)–2.1256 (14) Å. The molecules are self-assembled *via* hydrogen bonds to form an one-dimensional chain and *via* aromatic–aromatic interactions giving a two-dimensional structure.

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#### Comment

The construction of coordination polymers with one-, two- and three-dimensional frameworks using directional interactions such as hydrogen-bonding and dative coordinate bonding has attracted much attention. In this sense, the utilization of hydrogen bonding is a well known design principle in the construction of a supramolecular architecture (Lehn, 1995). The introduction of hydrogen bonds can be achieved by the use of coordinating water molecules which tend to form hydrogen bonds with neighbouring nitrogen- and oxygen-containing organic units in order to link the network structures. As part of a study of the supramolecular organization of cobalt(II) carboxylate complexes (Carballo *et al.*, 2001), we report here the two-dimensional structure of the mononuclear mixed-ligand compound  $[Co(AcO)_2(2,2'-bipy)(H_2O)_2]$ , (I).



Compound (I) is isostructural with the nickel(II) complex  $[Ni(AcO)_2(2,2'-bipy)(H_2O)_2]$  (Ye *et al.*, 1998), which has a two-dimensional structure generated *via* hydrogen bonding between the hydrophilic groups and *via*  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interactions

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#### Figure 1

ZORTEP (Zsolnai & Huttner, 1994) diagram of  $[Co(AcO)_2(2,2'-bipy)(H_2O)_2]$  showing the atom-numbering system. Non-H atoms are represented as ellipsoids drawn at the 30% probability level.

between the hydrophobic groups. In (I), the cobalt(II) atom lies on a twofold axis (e position in the Wyckoff notation) and is six-coordinate, bound in equatorial positions to the nitrogen atoms of one 2,2'-bipyridyl molecule and two aqua ligands, and in apical positions to two unidentate acetates. The bond lengths between cobalt and its surrounding atoms (Table 1) are similar, but not exactly equal, to those found in the nickel compound. The Co $-O_{acetate}$  bond is only slightly longer than Ni-O<sub>acetate</sub> [2.079 (2) Å], but more significant is the lengthening of the Co-N bond [2.1229 (14) Å compared with Ni-N (2.069(2) Å]. However, the two mutually trans  $Co-O_{acetate}$ distances are shorter than the remaining four bond distances in (I), denoting a kind of distortion in the octahedral coordination geometry around Co<sup>II</sup> absent in the Ni<sup>II</sup> analogue. The  $Co^{II}$  ion with a high-spin  $d^7$  electron configuration is subject to a Jahn-Teller effect and, as a result, a tetragonally compressed octahedral geometry is present in (I). There are no significant differences in the C-O distances in the acetate group [1.257 (2) and 1.253 (2) Å], due to the involvement of the uncoordinated O2 in two strong hydrogen bonds, giving rise to a pseudo-bridging behaviour of the carboxylate group (Deacon & Phillips, 1980). The individual pyridine rings of the 2,2'-bipyridyl ligand are planar, but the dihedral angle between the two pyridyl rings is 8.2  $(1)^{\circ}$ .

## Figure 2 SCHAKAL (Keller, 1988) diagram showing the packing due to $\pi$ - $\pi$ interactions.

There are intra- and intermolecular hydrogen-bonding interactions between the water molecules and the uncoordinated O<sub>carboxylate</sub> O2 (Table 2). Each water molecule, as donor, and each O2 atom, as acceptor, participate in two hydrogen bonds, one intra-  $(O3 - H3A \cdots O2^{i};$  symmetry code as in Table 2) and another intermolecular  $(O3-H3B\cdots O2^{ii};$  symmetry code as in Table 2). The intermolecular hydrogen bond involves two O2 atoms of two neighbouring molecules, giving a one-dimensional zigzag chain extending along the c axis, thus forming channels as shown in Fig. 2. The separation between the planes of each pair of adjacent pyridyl rings in this chain is 8.15 Å. The intercalation of bipyridyl groups on one side of a chain with those on the next chain expands the structure into a two-dimensional network (Fig. 3). As result of the intercalation, the aromatic ring planes overlap in an offset or displaced geometry with a significant ring slippage, to the extent that only some atom-atom contacts have distance values accepted for a  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interaction (Janiak, 2000), the shortest distance being 3.698 Å for C4···C5<sup>iii</sup> [symmetry code: (iii) x, -y, 1/ 2+z].

#### **Experimental**

Compound (I) was obtained as a by-product from the mother liquor resulting from the synthesis of  $[Co(HBENO)_2(2,2'-bipy)_2]$  (Carballo *et al.*, unpublished) from cobalt(II) acetate, benzylic acid (=



#### Figure 3

SCHAKAL (Keller, 1988) diagram showing the one-dimensional zigzag chains.

H<sub>2</sub>BENO) and 2,2'-bipyridyl in isopropyl alcohol; m.p. >523 K. Analysis found: C 45.5, H 5.2, N 7.6%; C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Co requires: C 45.5, H 4.9, N 7.6%. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3284 (*vs*, br) *v*(OH), 1557 (*vs*)  $v_{asym}$ (COO), 1417 (*vs*)  $v_{sym}$ (COO) [ $\Delta v = v_{asym}$ (COO) -  $v_{sym}$ (COO) = 140]; 1471 (*m*), 1340 (*m*), 1162 (*m*), 1050 (*m*), 1020 (*m*), 773 (*s*), 739 (*m*), 657 (*s*) bands due to 2,2'-bipyridyl.

#### Crystal data

$$\begin{split} & [\mathrm{Co}(\mathrm{C_2H_3O_2})_2(\mathrm{C_{10}H_8N_2})(\mathrm{H_2O})_2] \\ & M_r = 369.23 \\ & \mathrm{Monoclinic}, \ C2/c \\ & a = 15.4398 \ (17) \ \mathrm{\mathring{A}} \\ & b = 12.8818 \ (14) \ \mathrm{\mathring{A}} \\ & c = 8.1537 \ (9) \ \mathrm{\mathring{A}} \\ & \beta = 92.890 \ (2)^{\circ} \\ & V = 1619.6 \ (3) \ \mathrm{\mathring{A}}^3 \\ & Z = 4 \end{split}$$

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector	1907 i
diffractometer	1623 1
$\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans	$R_{int} =$
Absorption correction: multi-scan	$\theta_{max} =$
(SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)	h = -
$T_{\min} = 0.783, T_{\max} = 0.877$	<i>k</i> = –
5035 measured reflections	1

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.032$   $wR(F^2) = 0.084$  S = 1.031907 reflections 112 parameters Mo K $\alpha$  radiation Cell parameters from 2454 reflections  $\theta = 2.6-28.0^{\circ}$  $\mu = 1.09 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 293 (2) K Prism, orange  $0.24 \times 0.14 \times 0.12 \text{ mm}$ 

 $D_x = 1.514 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ 

1907 independent reflections 1623 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   $R_{int} = 0.029$   $\theta_{max} = 28.0^{\circ}$   $h = -19 \rightarrow 20$   $k = -17 \rightarrow 12$  $l = -10 \rightarrow 10$ 

H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement  $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0486P)^2]$ where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} = 0.001$  $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.33 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$  $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.34 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ 

#### Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Co-O1	2.0974 (13)	O2-C10	1.253 (2)
Co-N1	2.1229 (14)	C10-C11	1.511 (3)
Co-O3	2.1258 (13) N1-C5		1.343 (2)
O1-C10	1.257 (2)	N1-C1	1.343 (2)
O1 <sup>i</sup> -Co-O1	179.96 (7)	N1-Co-O3 <sup>i</sup>	170.59 (5)
O1-Co-N1 <sup>i</sup>	90.83 (5)	O1-Co-O3	92.71 (5)
O1-Co-N1	89.14 (5)	N1-Co-O3	94.72 (6)
N1 <sup>i</sup> -Co-N1	76.62 (8)	O3 <sup>i</sup> -Co-O3	94.15 (8)
O1-Co-O3 <sup>i</sup>	87.32 (5)		

Symmetry code: (i) -x, y,  $\frac{3}{2} - z$ .

# Table 2Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
$03-H3A\cdots O2^{i}$ $O3-H3B\cdots O2^{ii}$	0.768 (16) 0.86 (2)	1.887 (17) 1.92 (2)	2.635 (2) 2.7663 (19)	164 (3) 165 (2)
Commentary and any (i)				

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

The H atoms bound to O3 (aqua ligand) were refined with a common isotropic displacement parameter. All other H atoms were included with a riding model.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 1998); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 1998); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS*97 (Sheldrick, 1990); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL*97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ZORTEP* (Zsolnai & Huttner, 1994) and *SCHAKAL* (Keller, 1988); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL*97.

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