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### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 298 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.008 Å H-atom completeness 51% R factor = 0.036 wR factor = 0.085 Data-to-parameter ratio = 16.0

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Hexaaquacobalt(II) tetrapotassium diethylenediaminetetraacetato(4—)cobaltate(III) β-octamolybdate hexahydrate

Crystals of the title double salt,  $K_4[Co^{II}(H_2O)_6][Co^{III}(C_{10}H_{12} N_2O_8)_2[\beta-MO_8O_{26}]\cdot 6H_2O$ , were prepared by the hydrothermal reaction of  $K_3$ [Co<sup>III</sup>Mo<sub>6</sub>O<sub>18</sub>(OH)<sub>6</sub>]·*n*H<sub>2</sub>O with Na<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>edta and CoCl<sub>2</sub> (edta is ethylenediamine tetraacetic acid). The compounds contain  $\beta$ -octamolybdate, [ $\beta$ -Mo<sub>8</sub>- $O_{26}$ <sup>4-</sup>, and ethylenediaminetetraacetato(4-)cobaltate(III),  $[Co^{III}(edta)]^-$ , complex anions. The counter-cations are  $[Co^{II}(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$  and  $K^+$ . The  $[\beta-Mo_8O_{26}]^{4-}$  anion and [Co<sup>II</sup>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>6</sub>]<sup>2+</sup> cations have inversion centers. The bondlength ranges are as follows: Co<sup>III</sup>-O in [Co(edta)]<sup>-</sup> 1.882 (4)–1.917 (4) Å,  $Co^{III}-N$  in  $[Co(edta)]^{-1.922}$  (4)– 1.931 (4) Å,  $Co^{II}-O$  in  $[Co(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$  2.062 (4)–2.141 (4) Å, and Mo–O in  $[Mo_8O_{26}]^{4-}$  1.690 (4)–1.716 (4) Å (Ot), 1.742 (3) - 2.265 (3) Å (Ob), 1.939 (3) - 2.348 (3) Å (Oc),2.187 (3)–2.472 (3) Å (Of), where Ot are terminal O atoms, Ob bridging O atoms bound to two Mo atoms, Oc central O atoms bound to three Mo atoms and Of central O atoms bound to five Mo atoms.

# Comment

Almost all the polyoxometalate species are synthesized as selfassembled by pH control. The attempt to separate new polyoxometalate species by the degradation of complicated heteropolyoxometalate species is meaningful. The title double salt compound, (I), was obtained by the reaction of  $K_2[Co^{III-}$  $Mo_6O_{18}(OH)_6]\cdot nH_2O$  with Na<sub>2</sub>edta and CoCl<sub>2</sub> solutions.



The octamolybdate anion,  $[Mo_8O_{26}]^{4-}$ , shows the most structural variety among isopolymolybdates; the  $\alpha$  (Fuchs & Hartl, 1976; Hsieh *et al.*, 1987; Day *et al.*, 1977),  $\beta$  (Lindqvist, 1952; William *et al.*, 1983; Xu *et al.*, 1994; Fun *et al.*, 1996; Zheng *et al.*, 2001; Wu *et al.*, 2001), and  $\gamma$  isomers (Niven *et al.*, 1991; Xi *et al.*, 1994; Inoue & Yamase, 1995; Hagrman & Zubieta, 1999) have been reported.

Fig. 1 shows a view of the  $\beta$ -[Mo<sub>8</sub>O<sub>26</sub>]<sup>4–</sup> anion. Its structural characteristics are normal. The Mo–O bonds can be classified into four types, Ot, Ob, Oc and Of, according to their coordinating modes; Ot is a terminal O atom, Ob represents a

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# Figure 1

Perspective view of  $[\beta$ -Mo<sub>8</sub>O<sub>26</sub>]<sup>4-</sup>. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.



# Figure 2

Perspective view of [Co<sup>III</sup>-edta]<sup>-</sup>. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. H atoms have been omitted.

bridging O atom bound to two Mo atoms, Oc represents a central O atom coordinated to three Mo atoms and Of represents a central O atom coordinated to five Mo atoms. The ranges of the Mo–O distances are 1.690(4)–1.716(4), 1.742(3)–2.265(3), 1.939(3)–2.348(3), and 2.187(3)–2.473(4) Å for Ot, Ob, Oc and Of, respectively.



Figure 3 Packing diagram of one unit cell, showing the hydrogen bonds.

Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (H<sub>4</sub>edta) is a well-known chelating agent (Ogino & Shimura, 1986), with six potential sites of four carboxyl and two amino groups available for binding with metal cations. The anion edta<sup>4–</sup> forms chelate complexes with many metal cations, and most of these complexes are stable. Therefore, edta<sup>4–</sup> can extract Co<sup>3+</sup> from  $[Co^{III}Mo_6O_{18}(OH)_6]^{3-}$  and form  $[Mo_8O_{26}]^{4-}$  and  $[Co^{III}(edta)]^-$  complexes. The following chemical reaction is expected:

$$4[\text{Co}^{\text{III}}\text{Mo}_{6}\text{O}_{18}(\text{OH})_{6}]^{3-} + 4\text{edta}^{4-} + 12\text{H}^{+} \rightarrow 3[\text{Mo}_{8}\text{O}_{26}]^{4-} + 4[\text{Co}^{\text{III}}(\text{edta})]^{-} + 18\text{H}_{2}\text{O}.$$

The crystal structures of Co<sup>III</sup>-edta (Weakliem & Hoard, 1959; Okazaki et al., 1983; Zubkowski et al., 1995) and Co<sup>II</sup>edta (McCandlish et al., 1978; Gomez-Romero et al., 1986; Solans & Font-Bardia, 1987) complexes have been reported. Fig. 2 shows the [Co<sup>III</sup>(edta)]<sup>-</sup> structure as found in the present study. As is expected, the Co-O and Co-N bond distances are shorter than those in [Co<sup>II</sup>(edta)]<sup>2-</sup>. The apical bond lengths, Co1-O15 [1.882 (4) Å] and Co1-O14[1.894 (4) Å], are shorter than the equatorial bond lengths Co1-O16 [1.917 (4) Å], Co1-O17 [1.915 (4) Å], Co1-N1 [1.922 (4) Å], and Co1-N2 [1.931 (4) Å]. On the other hand, the apical bond lengths, Co2-OW2 [2.141 (4) Å], are longer than the equatorial bond lengths, such as Co2-OW1 [2.062 (4) Å] and Co2 - OW3 = [2.082 (4) Å], in the  $[Co(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$  complex ion, which has crystallographic inversion symmetry.

All water molecules are involved in strong hydrogen bonds with carbonyl O atoms of edta and  $\beta - [Mo_8O_{26}]^{4-}$  (Table 2 and Fig. 3).

# **Experimental**

The title compound was synthesized by mixing stoichiometric quantities of  $K_3[CoMo_6O_{18}(OH)_6] \cdot nH_2O$  (Lee *et al.*, 2001), Na<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>edta and CoCl<sub>2</sub> in aqueous solution. The resulting solution was concentrated in a water bath. After one day, stable violet-coloured crystals were obtained at room temperature.

## Crystal data

Z = 1
$D_x = 2.597 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
Cell parameters from 30
reflections
$\theta = 9.6 - 10.5^{\circ}$
$\mu = 2.87 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
T = 298 (2)  K
Tetragonal prism, violet
$0.60 \times 0.40 \times 0.30 \text{ mm}$

### Data collection

Stoe Stadi-4 diffractometer	$\theta_{\rm max} = 27.5^{\circ}$
$\omega/2\theta$ scans	$h = -10 \rightarrow 10$
Absorption correction: $\psi$ scan	$k = -13 \rightarrow 13$
(X-SHAPE; Stoe & Cie, 1996)	$l = 0 \rightarrow 21$
$T_{\min} = 0.273, T_{\max} = 0.425$	3 standard reflections
6733 measured reflections	frequency: 60 min
6733 independent reflections	intensity decay: 3.2%
5391 reflections with $>2\sigma(I)$	

# Refinement

# $\begin{array}{ll} \mbox{Refinement on } F^2 & w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0288P)^2 \\ R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.036 & w + 3.9688P] \\ wR(F^2) = 0.085 & where \ P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3 \\ S = 1.15 & (\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001 \\ 6733 \ reflections & \Delta\rho_{\rm max} = 0.72 \ e \ {\rm \AA}^{-3} \\ 421 \ parameters & \Delta\rho_{\rm min} = -0.91 \ e \ {\rm \AA}^{-3} \\ \ H\ -atom \ parameters \ constrained \end{array}$

# Table 1

Selected interatomic distances (Å).

Mo1-Mo2	3.2217 (9)	Mo3-Ot11	1.711 (4)
Mo1-Mo4 <sup>i</sup>	3.2846 (8)	Mo3-Ob5 <sup>i</sup>	1.904 (4)
Mo1-Mo3 <sup>i</sup>	3.4126 (9)	Mo3-Oc3	2.004 (3)
Mo1-Mo2 <sup>i</sup>	3.4972 (7)	Mo3-Oc2 <sup>i</sup>	2.296 (3)
Mo2-Mo3	3.2207 (8)	Mo3-Of1 <sup>i</sup>	2.309 (3)
Mo2-Mo4	3.4307 (9)	Mo4-Ot13	1.698 (4)
Mo3-Mo4 <sup>i</sup>	3.2522 (9)	Mo4-Ot12	1.716 (4)
Mo1-Ot8	1.692 (4)	Mo4-Ob6	1.926 (4)
Mo1-Ot7	1.708 (4)	Mo4-Ob5	1.929 (3)
Mo1-Ob6 <sup>i</sup>	1.911 (4)	Mo4-Ob4	2.265 (3)
Mo1-Oc2	1.999 (3)	Mo4-Of1	2.472 (3)
Mo1-Of1 <sup>i</sup>	2.307 (3)	Co1-O15	1.882 (4)
$Mo1 - Oc3^i$	2.348 (3)	Co1-O14	1.894 (4)
Mo2 - Ot9	1.693 (3)	Co1-O17	1.915 (4)
Mo2-Ob4	1.742 (3)	Co1-O16	1.917 (4)
Mo2-Oc3	1.939 (3)	Co1-N1	1.922 (4)
Mo2-Oc2	1.962 (3)	Co1-N2	1.931 (4)
Mo2-Of1 <sup>i</sup>	2.187 (3)	Co2-OW1	2.062 (4)
Mo2-Of1	2.323 (3)	Co2-OW3	2.082 (4)
Mo3-Ot10	1.690 (4)	Co2-OW2	2.141 (4)

Symmetry code: (i) -x, 1 - y, 1 - z.

### Table 2

Hydrogen-bonding  $D \cdots A$  distances (Å).

OW1···O16 <sup>i</sup>	2.726 (5)	OW4···OW5	2.935 (8)
$OW1 \cdot \cdot \cdot O14^{ii}$	2.745 (5)	$OW4 \cdots OW6$	2.970 (11)
$OW2 \cdot \cdot \cdot O18^{iii}$	2.805 (6)	$OW5 \cdots OB6^{iv}$	2.832 (6)
$OW2 \cdot \cdot \cdot O17^{i}$	2.899 (5)	$OW6 \cdot \cdot \cdot O20^{i}$	2.862 (8)
$OW3 \cdots OW4$	2.677 (7)	$OW6 \cdot \cdot \cdot O18^{ii}$	3.188 (8)
$OW3 \cdots O19^{i}$	2.918 (6)		
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Symmetry codes: (i) 1 - x, -y, 1 - z; (ii) x, y, z - 1; (iii) -x, -y, 1 - z; (iv) 1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z.

H atoms were located in difference Fourier maps, then positioned geometrically and allowed to ride on their respective parent atoms.

Data collection: *STADI*4 (Stoe, 1996); cell refinement: *STADI*4; data reduction: *X-RED* (Stoe, 1996); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS*97 (Sheldrick, 1990); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL*97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEP-3* (Farrugia, 1997) and *DIAMOND* (Brandenberg, 1998); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL*97.

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