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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
$T=298 \mathrm{~K}$
Mean $\sigma(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C})=0.004 \AA$
$R$ factor $=0.035$
$\omega R$ factor $=0.082$
Data-to-parameter ratio $=12.3$
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## Tetraaqua-1,2,4,5-benzenetetracarboxylato(pyrazine)dicobalt(II) dihydrate

The $\mathrm{Co}(\mathrm{II})$ atom in polymeric $\left\{\left[\mathrm{Co}_{2}\left(\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{8}\right)\left(\mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{~N}_{2}\right)\right.\right.$ $\left.\left.\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{4}\right] \cdot 2 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right\}_{n}$ exists in an octahedral coordination environment defined by the two O atoms of a chelating carboxyl group, the O atom of a monodentate carboxyl group of another benzenetetracarboxylato unit, two water molecules and the N atom of the pyrazine. The tetraanionic ligand and the $N$-heterocycle are located on inversion centers. The layer structure is linked by hydrogen bonds into a network structure.

## Comment

A recent study documented the structure of polymeric tetra-aqua(1,2,4,5-benzenetetracarboxylato)(pyrazine)dinickel(II) dihydrate (Yang et al., 2003). The cobalt(II) analog was synthesized under similar reaction conditions in this study. The structure of the Ni compound has been presented in detail; a similar description applies to the present isomorphous compound (Fig. 1).


## Experimental

Sodium hydroxide ( $0.16 \mathrm{~g}, 4 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and pyromellitic anhydride ( $0.22 \mathrm{~g}, 1 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) were dissolved in water ( 15 ml ). Cobalt(II) nitrate hexahydrate ( $0.58 \mathrm{~g}, 2 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and pyrazine ( $0.16 \mathrm{~g}, 2 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) were dissolved in water ( 3 ml ) and the two solutions were mixed. The mixture was placed in a 20 ml Teflon-lined stainless-steel bomb. The bomb was heated at 423 K for 20 h . Crystals separated from the solution when the bomb was cooled to room temperature at $5 \mathrm{~K} \mathrm{~h}^{-1}$.

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## Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX areadetector diffractometer
$\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans
Absorption correction: multi-scan
(SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)
$T_{\min }=0.406, T_{\max }=0.744$
4046 measured reflections

2084 independent reflections
1780 reflections with $I>2 \sigma(I)$
$R_{\text {int }}=0.030$
$\theta_{\text {max }}=27.5^{\circ}$
$h=-9 \rightarrow 9$
$k=-10 \rightarrow 10$
$l=-12 \rightarrow 12$

## Refinement

Refinement on $F^{2}$
$R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.035$
$w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.082$
$S=0.95$
2084 reflections
169 parameters

H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement
$w=1 /\left[\sigma^{2}\left(F_{o}^{2}\right)+(0.0368 P)^{2}\right]$ where $P=\left(F_{o}{ }^{2}+2 F_{c}{ }^{2}\right) / 3$
$(\Delta / \sigma)_{\max }=0.001$
$\Delta \rho_{\text {max }}=0.58 \mathrm{e}^{\AA^{-3}}$
$\Delta \rho_{\min }=-0.56 \mathrm{e}^{-3}$

Table 1
Selected geometric parameters ( $\left({ }^{\circ},{ }^{\circ}\right)$.
$\left.\begin{array}{lrlr}\hline \mathrm{Co} 1-\mathrm{O} 1 & 2.179(2) & \mathrm{Co} 1-\mathrm{O} 1 w & 2.077(2) \\ \mathrm{Co} 1-\mathrm{O} 2 & 2.147(2) & \begin{array}{l}\mathrm{Co} 1-\mathrm{O} 2 w \\ \mathrm{Co} 1-\mathrm{O} 3^{\mathrm{i}}\end{array} & 2.047(2)\end{array}\right)$

Symmetry code: (i) $1-x, 1-y, 2-z$.

Table 2
Hydrogen-bonding geometry ( $\AA^{\circ},{ }^{\circ}$ ).

| $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H}$ | $\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{O} 1 w-\mathrm{H} 1 w 2 \cdots \mathrm{O}^{\text {ii }}$ | $0.84(1)$ | $1.90(2)$ | $2.645(3)$ | $147(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 1 w-\mathrm{H} 1 w 1 \cdots 4^{\mathrm{i}}$ | $0.85(1)$ | $1.87(2)$ | $2.645(3)$ | $152(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 2 w-\mathrm{H} 2 w 2 \cdots \mathrm{O} 1 w^{\text {iii }}$ | $0.84(1)$ | $1.98(1)$ | $2.816(3)$ | $171(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 2 w-\mathrm{H} 2 w 1 \cdots \mathrm{O} 3 w^{\mathrm{iv}}$ | $0.85(1)$ | $1.89(1)$ | $2.723(3)$ | $167(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}^{\mathrm{iv}} w-\mathrm{H} 3 w 1 \cdots \mathrm{O} 2$ | $0.85(1)$ | $2.25(2)$ | $3.069(3)$ | $165(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}^{2} w-\mathrm{H} 3 w 2 \cdots \mathrm{O}^{\mathrm{v}}$ | $0.84(1)$ | $1.99(1)$ | $2.833(3)$ | $175(4)$ |

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

A value of 0.50 was used in the $\theta$-dependent absorption correction in SADABS (Sheldrick, 1996). The atomic coordinates of the published Ni compound (Yang et al., 2003) were used as the starting point for refinement.

The aromatic H atoms were positioned geometrically $(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}$ $0.93 \AA$ ) and were allowed to ride on the C atoms, with $U(\mathrm{H})=$ $1.2 U_{\text {eq }}(\mathrm{C})$. The water H -atoms were located and refined with an $\mathrm{O}-$ H 0.85 (1) $\AA$ distance restraint.


Figure 1
ORTEP (Johnson, 1976) plot of a segment of the title structure, with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the $75 \%$ probability level. [Symmetry code: (i) $1-x, 1-y, 2-z$.]

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 2001); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 2001); data reduction: SAINT; method used to solve structure: atomic coordinates taken from isomorphous Ni compound (Yang et al., 2003); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: ORTEPII (Johnson, 1976); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL97.

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    | $\left[\mathrm{Co}_{2}\left(\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{8}\right)\left(\mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{~N}_{2}\right)-\right.$ | $Z=1$ |
    | :--- | :--- |
    | $\left.\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{4}\right] \cdot 2 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | $D_{x}=1.970 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$ |
    | $M_{r}=556.16$ | Mo ${ }^{-3}$ radiation |
    | Triclinic, $P \overline{1}$ | Cell parameters from 3407 |
    | $a=7.2342(4) \AA$ | reflections |
    | $b=8.0693(5) \AA$ | $\theta=2.3-28.3^{\circ}$ |
    | $c=9.3975(6) \AA$ | $\mu=1.85 \mathrm{~mm}^{\circ}$ |
    | $\alpha=96.114(1)^{\circ}$ | $T=298(2) \mathrm{K}$ |
    | $\beta=102.350(1)^{\circ}$ | Prism, red |
    | $\gamma=116.053(1)^{\circ}$ | $0.48 \times 0.27 \times 0.16 \mathrm{~mm}$ |
    | $V=468.71(5) \AA^{\circ}$ |  |

