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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 295 KMean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.002 Å R factor = 0.033 wR factor = 0.097 Data-to-parameter ratio = 20.6

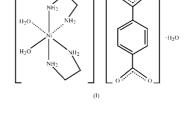
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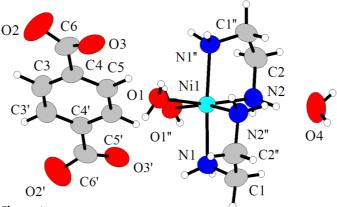
# *cis*-Diaquabis(ethylenediamine)nickel(II) benzene-1,4-dicarboxylate monohydrate

The title compound, cis-[Ni(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>](C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>)·H<sub>2</sub>O, was obtained by a reaction of nickel chloride hexahydrate, terephthalic acid, ethylenediamine and NaOH (molar ratio 2:1:4:2). The compound contains a six-coordinate Ni<sup>II</sup> cation, with four ethylenediamine N atoms and two water O atoms attached to the Ni atom, one benzene-1,4-dicarboxylate anion, and one water molecule of solvation. A  $C_2$  axis passes through the Ni atom, the anion and the water O atom. Intermolecular hydrogen-bonding interactions are present, linking the nickel complex cations, organic anions and uncoordinated water molecules in the crystal structure.

## Comment

The importance of functional materials with extended structures has attracted a lot of attention recently (Yaghi *et al.*, 1998; Eddaoudi *et al.*, 2001). Both hydrogen bonds and  $\pi$ - $\pi$ interactions are known as tools in the preparation of this type of material *via* a variety of metal ions and organic di- or polylinkers. In this context, we report here the synthesis and crystal structure of the title nickel complex, (I), in a hydrogenbonded framework with weak  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interactions.



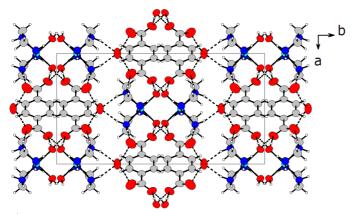


## Figure 1

The molecular structure of (I), showing the atom-numbering scheme and displacement ellipsoids at the 50% probability level and H atoms are drawn as small spheres of arbitrary radii [symmetry codes: (') -x, y,  $\frac{1}{2} - z$ ; ('') 1 - x, y,  $\frac{3}{2} - z$ ].

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#### Figure 2

The crystal packing diagram of (I), with hydrogen bonds shown as dashed lines, viewed along the c axis.

The title compound, (I), contains a six-coordinate Ni<sup>II</sup> cation, with four ethylenediamine N atoms and two water O atoms in a *cis* orientation attached to the Ni atom, one 1,4-benzenedicarboxylate anion, and one water molecule of solvation (Fig. 1). A crystallographically imposed  $C_2$  axis is present, passing through the uncoordinated water atom O4, Ni1, and the mid-points of the C3–C3' and C5–C5' bonds. The most interesting feature of the crystal structure is the intermolecular hydrogen bonding between cations as the hydrogen-bond acceptors, *via* hydrogen-bond connectors, *viz*. the uncoordinated water molecules (Fig. 2). All the hydrogen-bonding interactions appear normal (Steed & Atwood, 2000), based on H···A distances of 1.87–2.14 Å,  $D \cdots A$  distances of 2.651 (2)–3.003 (2) Å and bond angles of 160–171° (Table 2).

#### **Experimental**

Terephthalic acid (0.351 g, 2.092 mmol), nickel chloride hexahydrate (1.101 g, 4.631 mmol), imidazole (0.607 g, 8.827 mmol) and NaOH (0.229 g, 5.317 mmol) were dissolved by stirring in 10 ml of water. After three months, the blue single crystals of (I) which had formed were collected and dried in air (yield 50%).

#### Crystal data

 $T_{\min} = 0.620, T_{\max} = 0.718$ 

6464 measured reflections

$[Ni(C_2H_8N_2)_2(H_2O)_2](C_8H_4O_4)$	$D_x = 1.443 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
H <sub>2</sub> O	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
$M_r = 397.08$	Cell parameters from 3931
Monoclinic, $C2/c$	reflections
a = 12.489(1)  Å	$\theta = 2.5 - 25^{\circ}$
b = 20.494 (2) Å	$\mu = 1.10 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
c = 8.4365 (6) Å	T = 295 (2) K
$\beta = 122.191 (1)^{\circ}$	Column, blue
V = 1827.3 (2) Å <sup>3</sup>	$0.60 \times 0.40 \times 0.30 \text{ mm}$
Z = 4	
Data collection	
Bruker SMART CCD area-detector	2269 independent reflections
diffractometer	2024 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
$\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans	$R_{\rm int} = 0.047$
Absorption correction: multi-scan	$\theta_{\rm max} = 28.3^{\circ}$
(SADABS; Sheldrick, 1995)	$h = -13 \rightarrow 16$

### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0632P)^2]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.033$	+ 0.0602P]
$wR(F^2) = 0.097$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
S = 1.07	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001$
2269 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.37 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$
110 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.32 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
H-atom parameters constrained	
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# Table 1

Selected	geometric	parameters	(A, °)	).

Ni1-N2 Ni1-N1	2.0965 (11) 2.1076 (10)	Ni1-O1	2.1148 (10)
N2-Ni1-N1 N2-Ni1-O1	94.69 (4) 167.68 (4)	N1-Ni1-O1	97.31 (4)

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

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
O1−H1A···O3	0.82	1.87	2.651 (2)	160
$O1-H1B\cdots O3^{i}$	0.83	1.88	2.677 (2)	161
$N2-H2A\cdots O4$	0.90	2.14	3.003 (2)	161
$N2-H2B\cdots O2^{ii}$	0.90	2.03	2.919 (3)	171
$O4-H4A\cdots O2^{iii}$	0.87	1.87	2.733 (3)	170

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

H atoms were located in difference Fourier maps and refined as riding on their parent C, N and O atoms (C–H = 0.93 and 0.97 Å, N–H = 0.90 Å and O–H = 0.82 and 0.83 Å;  $U_{\rm iso} = 1.2U_{\rm eq}$  of the parent atom).

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 1997); cell refinement: *SMART*; data reduction: *SAINT* (Bruker, 1997); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS*97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL*97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 1998); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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 $k = -27 \rightarrow 22$ 

 $l = -11 \rightarrow 10$