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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study

$T = 293$  K

Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003$  Å

$R$  factor = 0.035

$wR$  factor = 0.095

Data-to-parameter ratio = 15.6

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## catena-Poly[[aquanickel(II)]-di- $\mu$ -(4-pyridyl- sulfanyl)acetato- $\kappa^6\text{N}:\text{O},\text{O};\text{O},\text{O}':\text{N}$ ]

The water-coordinated Ni atom in the title compound,  $[\text{Ni}(\text{C}_7\text{H}_6\text{NO}_2\text{S})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})]_n$ , is covalently bonded to two carboxylate groups (one binding in a monodentate mode and the other in a chelating mode); it is also linked to the N atoms of two other carboxylate anions in an octahedral environment. The compound adopts a linear chain architecture; adjacent chains are linked into layers by hydrogen bonds.

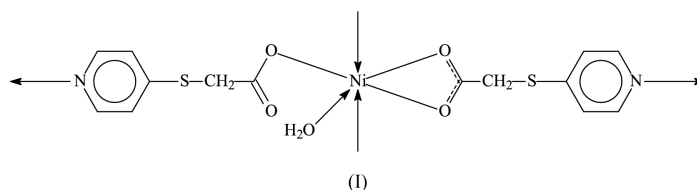
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#### Comment

A number of compounds resulting from the reaction of pyridyl-4-thiolyacetic acid with metal salts have been crystallographically authenticated; some of these are neutral complexes whereas others are zwitterions (Qin *et al.*, 2004; Zhang *et al.*, 2004*a,b*).



Tetraaquabis(pyridyl-4-thiolyacetato)nickel(II), which exists as a zwitterion, was synthesized hydrothermally in a nearly neutral aqueous solvent system; the reaction when carried out at a lower temperature and for a shorter time gave the title polymeric compound *catena*-poly[[aquanickel(II)]-di- $\mu$ -(4-pyridylsulfanyl)acetato], (I) (Fig. 1), whose Ni atom is instead covalently linked to two carboxylate anions. One of the anions functions as a chelate [bite angle =  $60.84(6)^\circ$ ]; its two O atoms, the water molecule and the O atom of a monodentate carboxylate anion are coplanar; the pyridyl N atoms belonging to two other carboxylate anions lie on opposite sides of the plane, these interactions giving rise to a chain motif (Fig. 2).

#### Experimental

Nickel acetate (100 mg, 0.4 mmol), 4-pyridylthioacetic acid (68 mg, 0.4 mmol) and sodium hydroxide (16 mg, 0.4 mmol) were dissolved in a water-ethanol (12:5 *v/v*) mixture (17 ml). The solution was placed in a Teflon-lined stainless-steel bomb (23 ml). The bomb was heated at 393 K for 12 h and then cooled to room temperature. CHN elemental analyses on the green crystals found (calculated) for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{NiO}_5\text{S}_2$  (%): C 40.23 (40.70), H 3.42 (3.42), N 6.64 (6.78). IR (KBr): 3385, 2921, 1599, 1579, 1561, 1487, 1430, 1376, 1218, 1147, 1119, 1057, 817, 804, 724, 701, 589, 503  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

Crystal data

[Ni(C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>6</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)]  
*M<sub>r</sub>* = 413.10  
 Triclinic, *P* $\bar{1}$   
*a* = 8.1693 (4) Å  
*b* = 10.3430 (5) Å  
*c* = 10.6876 (5) Å  
 $\alpha$  = 67.371 (1)°  
 $\beta$  = 73.176 (1)°  
 $\gamma$  = 86.825 (1)°  
*V* = 796.25 (7) Å<sup>3</sup>

*Z* = 2  
*D<sub>x</sub>* = 1.723 Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo *K*α radiation  
 Cell parameters from 5217 reflections  
 $\theta$  = 2.8–26.3°  
 $\mu$  = 1.51 mm<sup>-1</sup>  
*T* = 293 (2) K  
 Prism, green  
 0.13 × 0.12 × 0.10 mm

Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX area-detector diffractometer  
 $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Bruker, 2001)  
*T<sub>min</sub>* = 0.665, *T<sub>max</sub>* = 0.864  
 6789 measured reflections

3511 independent reflections  
 3266 reflections with *I* > 2σ(*I*)  
*R<sub>int</sub>* = 0.017  
 $\theta_{max}$  = 27.5°  
*h* = -10 → 10  
*k* = -13 → 13  
*l* = -13 → 13

Refinement

Refinement on *F*<sup>2</sup>  
*R* [*F*<sup>2</sup> > 2σ(*F*<sup>2</sup>)] = 0.035  
*wR* (*F*<sup>2</sup>) = 0.095  
*S* = 1.06  
 3511 reflections  
 225 parameters  
 H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.056P)^2 + 0.2563P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 ( $\Delta/\sigma$ )<sub>max</sub> = 0.001  
 $\Delta\rho_{max}$  = 0.49 e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{min}$  = -0.26 e Å<sup>-3</sup>

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Ni1—O3	2.023 (2)	Ni1—O1w	2.049 (2)
Ni1—O1	2.094 (2)	Ni1—N1 <sup>i</sup>	2.099 (2)
Ni1—O2	2.210 (2)	Ni1—N2 <sup>ii</sup>	2.094 (2)
O1—Ni1—O2	60.84 (6)	O2—Ni1—N2 <sup>ii</sup>	92.02 (7)
O1—Ni1—O3	166.10 (6)	O3—Ni1—N1 <sup>i</sup>	88.82 (7)
O1—Ni1—O1w	98.41 (6)	O3—Ni1—N2 <sup>ii</sup>	90.56 (7)
O1—Ni1—N1 <sup>i</sup>	88.55 (6)	O3—Ni1—O1w	95.20 (7)
O1—Ni1—N2 <sup>ii</sup>	91.65 (6)	O1w—Ni1—N1 <sup>i</sup>	89.29 (7)
O2—Ni1—O3	105.37 (6)	O1w—Ni1—N2 <sup>ii</sup>	92.43 (7)
O2—Ni1—O1w	158.89 (7)	N1 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—N2 <sup>ii</sup>	178.21 (7)
O2—Ni1—N1 <sup>i</sup>	86.52 (6)		

Symmetry codes: (i) 1 - *x*, 2 - *y*, 2 - *z*; (ii) 1 - *x*, 1 - *y*, 1 - *z*.

Table 2

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

<i>D</i> —H... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H	H... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> ... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H... <i>A</i>
O1w—H1w2...O1 <sup>iii</sup>	0.84 (1)	1.88 (1)	2.722 (2)	176 (3)
O1w—H1w1...O4	0.85 (1)	1.83 (2)	2.633 (2)	158 (3)

Symmetry code: (iii) 1 - *x*, 1 - *y*, 2 - *z*.

The water H atoms were located in a difference map and refined with distance restraints of O—H = 0.85 (1) Å and H...H = 1.39 (1) Å. The aromatic (C—H = 0.93 Å) and aliphatic (C—H = 0.97 Å) H atoms were placed at calculated positions and refined using the riding-model approximation, with *U*<sub>iso</sub> = 1.2*U*<sub>eq</sub>(C).

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 2001); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 2001); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics:

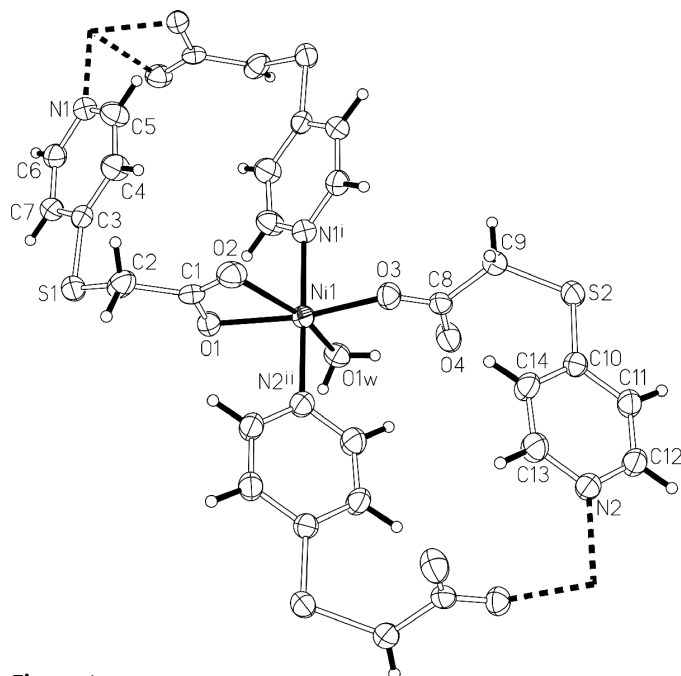


Figure 1

ORTEP (Johnson, 1976) plot of (I). Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. H atoms are shown as spheres of arbitrary radii. [Symmetry codes: (i) 1 - *x*, 2 - *y*, 2 - *z*; (ii) 1 - *x*, 1 - *y*, 1 - *z*.]

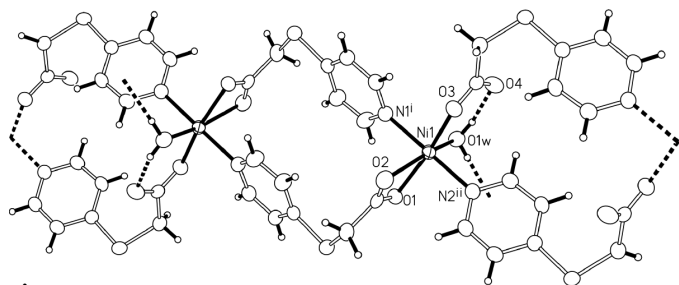


Figure 2

ORTEP (Johnson, 1976) plot of the chain structure of (I). Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. H atoms are shown as spheres of arbitrary radii. [Symmetry codes as for Fig. 1.]

ORTEP (Johnson, 1976); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL97.

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