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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 298 KMean  $\sigma(\text{S}-\text{O}) = 0.002 \text{ Å}$  R factor = 0.031 wR factor = 0.073Data-to-parameter ratio = 10.5

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# Diammonium hexaaquacobalt(II) bis(sulfate)

In the title compound, $(NH_4)_2[Co(H_2O)_6](SO_4)_2$ , six water molecules are coordinated to one Co<sup>2+</sup> cation, which lies on an inversion centre. The geometry around the Co<sup>2+</sup> cation is that of an octahedron. The coordinated water molecules, uncoordinated ammonium cations and sulfate anions are linked by hydrogen bonds into a network structure.

#### Comment

In the synthesis of crystal structures by design, the assembly of molecular units in predefined arrangements is a key goal (Desiraju, 1995, 1997; Braga *et al.*, 1998). Directional intermolecular interactions are the primary tools in achieving this goal and hydrogen bonding is currently the best among these (Zaworotko, 1997; Braga & Grepioni, 2000). Against this background, we report here the structure of the title compound, (I).

 $\begin{bmatrix} H_{2}O & OH_{2} \\ H_{2}O & OH_{2} \\ H_{2}O & OH_{2} \\ H_{2}O & OH_{2} \end{bmatrix}^{2+} \cdot 2NH_{4}^{+} \cdot 2SO_{4}^{2-}$ (I)

The asymmetric unit of (I) consists of one half of a  $[Co(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$  cation, an  $NH_4^+$  cation and a sulfate anion. The cobalt cation lies on an inversion centre, and the geometry around the  $Co^{2+}$  ion is that of an octahedron, with bonds to six water molecules (Fig. 1 and Table 1). The two ammonium cations lie beside the  $Co^{2+}$  ion to balance charges.

The coordinated water molecules, uncoordinated ammonia cations and sulfate anions interact through hydrogen bonds (Fig. 2 and Table 2), generating a three-dimensional network.

## Experimental

Cobalt sulfate heptahydrate (0.06 g, 0.2 mmol) was dissolved in water (10 ml) and the solution was mixed with a dimethylformamide solu-



#### Figure 1

The structure of (I), showing 50% probability displacement ellipsoids and the atom-numbering scheme. Only the contents of the asymmetric unit are labelled.

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Figure 2

A view of the three-dimensional network formed by the hydrogenbonding interactions in (I), which are shown as dashed lines.

tion (10 ml) of 5-sulfoisophthalic acid monosodium salt (0.11 g, 0.4 mmol) and ammonium pyrrolidine dithiocarbamate (0.07 g, 0.4 mmol). Ammonia (0.2 ml) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was filtered and allowed to stand. Yellow prism-shaped crystals of (I) were separated from the solution after about three months. As shown by the present crystal structure analysis, the 5-sulfoisophthalic acid monosodium salt and ammonium pyrrolidine dithiocarbamate entities were not incorporated into the product.

#### Crystal data

$(NH_4)_2[Co(H_2O)_6](SO_4)_2$
$M_r = 395.23$
Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$
a = 6.2362 (13)Å
b = 12.521 (3)  Å
c = 9.2553 (19)  Å
$\beta = 107.038 \ (4)^{\circ}$
$V = 691.0 (2) \text{ Å}^3$
Z = 2

#### Data collection

Bruker APEX CCD area-detector	1237 independent reflections
diffractometer	1126 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
$\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans	$R_{\rm int} = 0.023$
Absorption correction: multi-scan	$\theta_{\rm max} = 25.2^{\circ}$
(SADABS; Bruker, 2002)	$h = -7 \rightarrow 7$
$T_{\min} = 0.84, \ T_{\max} = 0.91$	$k = -15 \rightarrow 14$
3595 measured reflections	$l = -11 \rightarrow 11$

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$  $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.031$  $wR(F^2) = 0.073$ S=1.051237 reflections 118 parameters Only coordinates of H atoms refined

 $D_x = 1.900 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo Ka radiation

reflections

 $\mu = 1.62 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ 

T = 298 (2) K

Prism, yellow  $0.21 \times 0.06 \times 0.05 \text{ mm}$ 

 $\theta = 2.3 - 25.3^{\circ}$ 

Cell parameters from 1237

 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0328P)^2]$ + 0.6682P] where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$  $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.33 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$  $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.27 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$ 

#### Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Co1-O1 Co1-O3	2.064 (2) 2.101 (2)	Co1-O2	2.103 (2)
$D1^{i}-Co1-O1$ $D1^{i}-Co1-O3$ D1-Co1-O3	180 90.40 (8) 89.60 (8)	O3-Co1-O2 $O1-Co1-O2^{i}$ $O3-Co1-O2^{i}$	91.04 (8) 91.32 (8) 88.96 (8)
$D3^{4}-Co1-O3$ D1-Co1-O2	180 88.68 (8)	$O2-Co1-O2^{i}$	180

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

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

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - H \cdots A$
$O2-H2A\cdots O6^{i}$	0.83(1)	1.96 (1)	2.783 (3)	173 (3)
$O2-H2B\cdots O7^{ii}$	0.83 (1)	2.01 (1)	2.833 (3)	176 (3)
$O3-H3A\cdots O7^{iii}$	0.84 (1)	1.93 (1)	2.759 (3)	172 (3)
$O3-H3B\cdots O5^{iv}$	0.84 (1)	1.88 (1)	2.710 (3)	177 (4)
$O1-H1A\cdots O4^{v}$	0.84 (1)	1.87 (1)	2.705 (3)	173 (3)
$O1 - H1B \cdot \cdot \cdot O6^{ii}$	0.83(1)	1.94 (1)	2.768 (3)	169 (3)
$N1 - H4D \cdots O6$	0.85 (4)	2.00 (4)	2.847 (4)	171 (3)
$N1 - H4A \cdots O4^{v}$	0.83 (4)	2.22 (4)	2.996 (4)	157 (3)
$N1 - H4A \cdots O5^{v}$	0.83 (4)	2.47 (4)	3.151 (4)	140 (3)
$N1 - H4B \cdots O4^{ii}$	0.82 (4)	2.17 (4)	2.973 (4)	166 (4)
$N1 - H4C \cdots O7^{vi}$	0.80 (4)	2.13 (4)	2.903 (4)	165 (4)

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

All H atoms were located in a difference Fourier map and their positional parameters were refined.  $U_{iso}(H)$  values were set equal to  $1.5U_{eq}$  (carrier atom). The water H atoms were refined with the O-H and H...H distances restrained to 0.84 (1) and 1.37 (2) Å, respectively.

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 2002); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 2002); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXTL (Bruker, 2002); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXTL; molecular graphics: SHELXTL; software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL.

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