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**Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 T = 293 K  
 Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003 \text{ \AA}$   
 R factor = 0.032  
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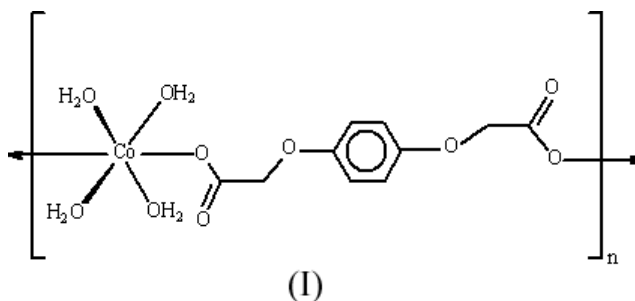
**catena-Poly[[tetraaquacobalt(II)]- $\mu$ -benzene-  
 1,4-dioxyacetato- $\kappa^2\text{O}:\text{O}'$ ]**

The  $\text{Co}^{\text{II}}$  atom in the title coordination polymer,  $[\text{Co}(1,4\text{-BDOA})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]_n$  (where 1,4-BDOA<sup>2-</sup> is benzene-1,4-dioxyacetate,  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_8\text{O}_6$ ), lies on an inversion center. The  $\text{Co}^{\text{II}}$  atom has an octahedral coordination configuration, involving two carboxyl O atoms of different benzene-1,4-dioxyacetate ligands and four water molecules. Adjacent  $\text{Co}^{\text{II}}$  atoms are bridged by anions with two monodentate carboxylate groups, forming a one-dimensional chain along the *c* axis; the  $\text{Co} \cdots \text{Co}$  separation within the polymer is 14.699 (2) Å. A supramolecular network structure is formed by  $\text{O}-\text{H} \cdots \text{O}$  hydrogen bonds.

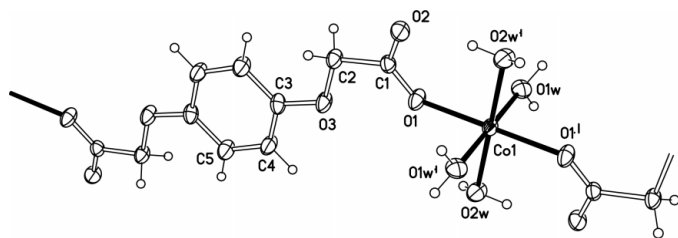
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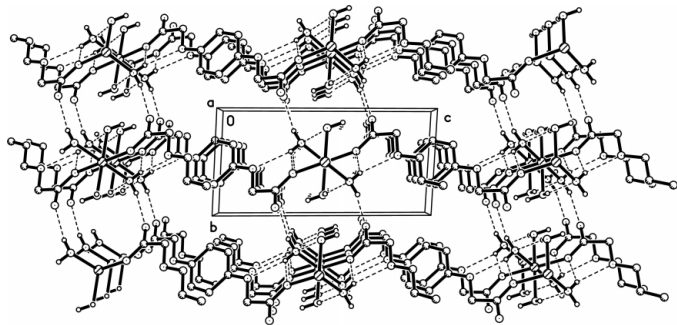
Many promising supramolecular architectures sustained by coordination covalent bonds and hydrogen bonds have been designed and constructed in recent years. The selection of appropriate ligands is crucial to determining the structure of the coordination framework and its properties. Fortunately, multicarboxylate ligands are good candidates because of their versatile binding modes, and numerous polymeric complexes have been reported (Lee *et al.*, 2003; Gomez-Lor *et al.*, 2002; Bian *et al.*, 2003). However, the structural characterization of polymers with the multidentate benzene-1,4-dioxyacetic acid ligand is less well developed. Recently, we have reported the structures of the mononuclear cobalt complexes  $[\text{Co}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6](1,4\text{-BDOA})$  (Liu *et al.*, 2004) and  $[\text{Co}(1,4\text{-BDOA})(\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_8\text{N}_2)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})] \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , (II) (Gao *et al.*, 2004); the 1,4-BDOA<sup>2-</sup> (1,4-BDOA<sup>2-</sup> is benzene-1,4-dioxyacetate) ligand functions as a counter-ion in the former, and only one of the two oxyacetate groups is coordinated to  $\text{Co}^{\text{II}}$  ion in the latter. We present here the crystal structure of a one-dimensional chain  $\text{Co}^{\text{II}}$  polymer,  $[\text{Co}(1,4\text{-BDOA})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]_n$ , (I).



In (I), the  $\text{Co}^{\text{II}}$  atom exists in an octahedral coordination environment (Fig. 1), defined by two carboxyl O atoms of different 1,4-BDOA<sup>2-</sup> ligands [ $\text{Co}-\text{O} = 2.090 (1) \text{ \AA}$ ] and four water molecules [ $\text{Co}-\text{O}_{\text{mean}} = 2.095 (2) \text{ \AA}$ ]. The  $\text{Co}^{\text{II}}$  atom and the 1,4-BDOA<sup>2-</sup> ligand lie on inversion centers.



**Figure 1**  
A view of the title complex, with 30% probability displacement ellipsoids. Symmetry code (i) as in Table 1.



**Figure 2**  
A packing diagram of the title complex. Hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines.

The C1—O1 bond distance [1.263 (2) Å; Table 1] is slightly longer than C1—O2 [1.252 (2) Å], appropriate for the monodentate coordination mode of carboxyl groups. The oxyacetate group and benzene ring are almost coplanar, with a C3—O3—C2—C1 torsion angle of 176.9 (2)°, whereas the torsion angles of the two oxyacetate groups and the benzene ring in (II) are 80.7 (3) and −90.2 (3)°.

In (II), the Co atom has the same coordination geometry as in (I). However, only one of the two oxyacetate groups in the monodentate mode is coordinated to the Co<sup>II</sup> center, and the other oxyacetate group is not involved in coordination. The Co—O<sub>carboxylate</sub> bond distance [2.106 (2) Å] is slightly longer than the corresponding bond distance in (I).

In (I), each 1,4-BDOA<sup>2-</sup> group acts in a bis-monodentate mode to bridge two Co<sup>II</sup> atoms, forming a one-dimensional chain along the *c* axis. In the chain, the Co···Co distance is 14.699 (2) Å. Furthermore, chains are connected through intermolecular hydrogen bonds involving the water molecules and O atoms of 1,4-BDOA<sup>2-</sup> groups, with O···O distances ranging from 2.692 (2) to 2.979 (2) Å and O—H···O angles ranging from 135 (2) to 158 (2)° (Table 2), yielding a hydrogen-bonding supramolecular network (Fig. 2).

## Experimental

Benzene-1,4-dioxyacetic acid was prepared according to the method described for the synthesis of benzene-1,2-dioxyacetic acid by Mirci (1990). The title complex was synthesized by the addition of cobalt diacetate trihydrate (4.76 g, 20 mmol) and 3-hydroxypyridine (0.95 g, 10 mmol) to a hot aqueous solution of 1,4-BDOAH<sub>2</sub> (4.52 g, 20 mmol). The solution was allowed to evaporate at room temperature, and pink prismatic crystals were obtained after about six days. Analysis calculated for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>16</sub>CoO<sub>10</sub>: C 33.82, H 4.54%; found: C 33.91, H 4.46%.

## Crystal data

[Co(C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O<sub>6</sub>)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>4</sub>]  
*M<sub>r</sub>* = 355.16  
 Triclinic, *P* $\bar{1}$   
*a* = 4.9218 (10) Å  
*b* = 5.7966 (12) Å  
*c* = 11.804 (2) Å  
 $\alpha$  = 92.41 (3)°  
 $\beta$  = 94.98 (3)°  
 $\gamma$  = 96.91 (3)°  
*V* = 332.59 (12) Å<sup>3</sup>

*Z* = 1  
*D<sub>x</sub>* = 1.773 Mg m<sup>−3</sup>  
 Mo *K*α radiation  
 Cell parameters from 2096 reflections  
 $\theta$  = 3.5–27.5°  
 $\mu$  = 1.34 mm<sup>−1</sup>  
*T* = 293 (2) K  
 Prism, pink  
 0.37 × 0.26 × 0.18 mm

## Data collection

Rigaku R-Axis RAPID  
 diffractometer  
 $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan  
 (ABSCOR; Higashi, 1995)  
*T<sub>min</sub>* = 0.637, *T<sub>max</sub>* = 0.794  
 3183 measured reflections

1526 independent reflections  
 1351 reflections with *I* > 2σ(*I*)  
*R<sub>int</sub>* = 0.024  
 $\theta_{max}$  = 27.5°  
*h* = −6 → 6  
*k* = −7 → 7  
*l* = −15 → 15

## Refinement

Refinement on *F*<sup>2</sup>  
*R*[*F*<sup>2</sup> > 2σ(*F*<sup>2</sup>)] = 0.032  
*wR*(*F*<sup>2</sup>) = 0.072  
*S* = 1.05  
 1526 reflections  
 109 parameters  
 H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0406P)^2 + 0.0781P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.37 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.28 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$

**Table 1**

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

|                          |           |                          |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|-----------|
| Co1—O1                   | 2.090 (1) | O1—C1                    | 1.263 (2) |
| Co1—O1W                  | 2.118 (2) | O2—C1                    | 1.252 (2) |
| Co1—O2W                  | 2.072 (2) |                          |           |
| O1—Co1—O1 <sup>i</sup>   | 180       | O2W—Co1—O1               | 88.56 (6) |
| O1—Co1—O1W <sup>i</sup>  | 91.79 (6) | O2W—Co1—O1W              | 90.47 (6) |
| O1—Co1—O1W               | 88.21 (6) | O2W—Co1—O1W <sup>i</sup> | 89.53 (6) |
| O1W—Co1—O1W <sup>i</sup> | 180       | O2W—Co1—O2W <sup>i</sup> | 180       |
| O2W—Co1—O1 <sup>i</sup>  | 91.44 (6) |                          |           |

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

**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—H1W1···O2 <sup>ii</sup>   | 0.85 (2)    | 1.93 (1)      | 2.733 (2)             | 158 (2)                 |
| O1W—H1W2···O1 <sup>iii</sup>  | 0.84 (2)    | 2.22 (2)      | 2.876 (2)             | 135 (2)                 |
| O1W—H1W2···O3 <sup>iii</sup>  | 0.84 (2)    | 2.21 (2)      | 2.979 (2)             | 153 (2)                 |
| O2W—H2W2···O2 <sup>i</sup>    | 0.85 (2)    | 1.89 (1)      | 2.692 (2)             | 158 (2)                 |
| O2W—H2W1···O1W <sup>iii</sup> | 0.85 (2)    | 2.12 (1)      | 2.869 (2)             | 148 (2)                 |

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

C-bound H atoms were placed in calculated positions, with C—H = 0.93 and 0.97 Å and *U<sub>iso</sub>*(H) = 1.2*U<sub>eq</sub>*(C), and were refined in the riding-model approximation. The H atoms of water molecules were located in a difference map and refined with O—H and H···H distance restraints of 0.85 (1) and 1.39 (1) Å, respectively, and *U<sub>iso</sub>*(H) = 1.5*U<sub>eq</sub>*(O).

Data collection: *RAPID-AUTO* (Rigaku Corporation, 1998); cell refinement: *RAPID-AUTO*; data reduction: *CrystalStructure* (Rigaku/MSC, 2002); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); 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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