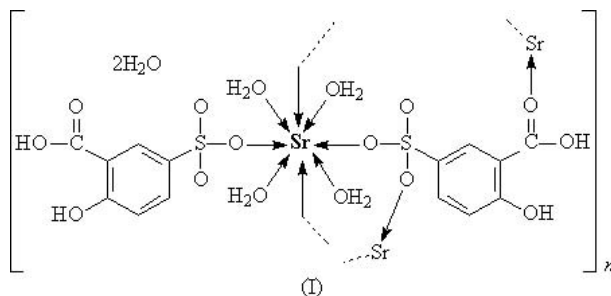


catena-Poly[[[tetraqua(3-carboxy-4-hydroxybenzenesulfonato)strontium(II)]- μ_3 -3-carboxy-4-hydroxybenzenesulfonato] dihydrate]Shan Gao,^{a*} Li-Hua Huo,^a
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shangao67@yahoo.com**Key indicators**Single-crystal X-ray study
 $T = 293$ K
Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003$ Å
 R factor = 0.027
 wR factor = 0.062
Data-to-parameter ratio = 13.6For details of how these key indicators were automatically derived from the article, see <http://journals.iucr.org/e>.

The title complex, $\{[\text{Sr}(\text{C}_7\text{H}_5\text{O}_6\text{S})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4] \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}\}_n$, exists as a ladder chain of Sr^{II} ions connected by 3-carboxy-4-hydroxybenzenesulfonate anions through μ_2 -sulfonate and carboxyl groups, and solvent water molecules, forming a three-dimensional hydrogen-bonded framework. The Sr^{II} ion exhibits a distorted square antiprismatic coordination geometry defined by three O atoms of two sulfonate groups, one carboxyl O and four water molecules. The 3-carboxy-4-hydroxybenzenesulfonate anions show two types of coordination to strontium, *viz.* μ_2 -sulfonate + monodentate-carboxyl bridging and monodentate sulfonate–O coordination.

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In recent years, the assembly of multifunctional ligands with metal ions has received growing attention due to their use in constructing higher dimensional polymers with interesting structures and properties [for a recent review, see Çoté & Shimizu (2003)]. 3-Carboxy-4-hydroxybenzenesulfonic acid (H_2L) is such a ligand and has three different potential coordinating groups and therefore varied coordination modes. The structure of the hydrate of the ligand has been reported (Attig, 1975). Some crystal structures of metal coordination complexes with this ligand are also documented (Aliev *et al.*, 1994; Sharutin *et al.*, 1997; Sun *et al.*, 1995), in particular, two recent Ag^{I} complexes, *viz.* $[\text{Ag}_2\text{L}(\text{H}_2\text{O})]_n$ and $\{[\text{Ag}_2(\text{HL})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}\}_n$ (Ma *et al.*, 2005), which exhibit three- and two-dimensional extended structures, respectively. In such complexes, the ligand adopts various coordination modes. We report here a one-dimensional chain Sr^{II} complex, (I), which was obtained by the reaction of $\text{Sr}(\text{CO}_3)_2$ and H_2L in water.



The structure of (I) consists of $[\text{Sr}(\text{HL})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]$ neutral ladder chains and solvent water molecules. The coordination environment around the Sr^{II} ion and the linkage modes of ligands together with the atom-numbering scheme of (I) are shown in Fig. 1 and selected geometrical parameters are listed in Table 1. The eight-coordinate Sr^{II} ion is bound by three O atoms of two sulfonate groups, one carboxyl O atom and four

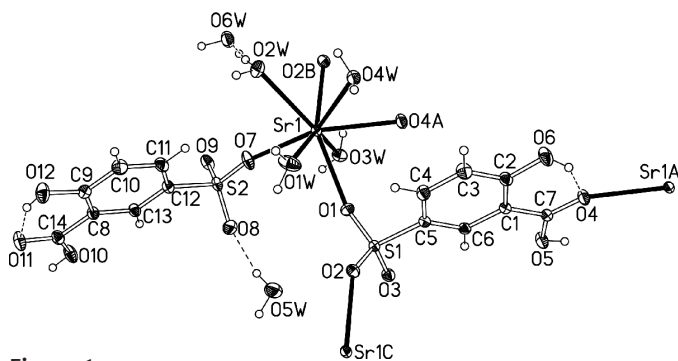


Figure 1
The local coordination environments of the sulfonate ligand and the Sr^{II} center in (I). The dashed lines denote hydrogen bonds and displacement ellipsoids are shown at the 50% probability level. The atom-numbering scheme of the asymmetric unit is shown, together with symmetry-equivalent atoms [symmetry codes: (A) $1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z$; (B) $x, y - 1, z$; (C) $x, y + 1, z$].

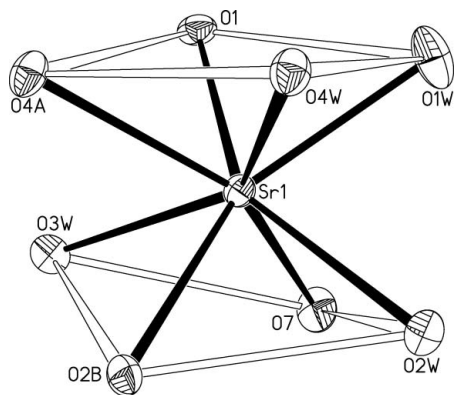


Figure 2
The geometry around the Sr^{II} ion in (I).

water molecules to give a distorted square antiprism (Fig. 2). In contrast to other reported metal complexes mentioned above, in (I) the 3-carboxy-4-hydroxybenzenesulfonate ligands show two types of coordination modes, *viz.* μ_2 -sulfonate + monodentate-carboxyl bridging and monodentate sulfonate-O coordination. For the former, a sulfonate group adopting a μ_2 -bridging coordination mode uses its two O atoms to link two adjacent Sr^{II} ions to form an Sr–OSO–single chain, in which the Sr1...Sr1B [symmetry code: (B) $x, 1 + y, z$] separation is 7.078 (1) Å (Fig. 3). Two such single chains are linked by the ligand skeleton through carboxyl atom O4 coordinated to Sr^{II} ions to give a ladder-like double chain structure containing dinuclear grid units. In the dinuclear unit, the Sr1...Sr1A [symmetry code: (A) $1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z$] distance is 10.660 (3) Å. The other sulfonate O-monodentate ligands are located on the periphery of the double chain to complete the coordination of the Sr^{II} ions. In the one-dimensional chain, the phenyl ring planes (such as C1–C6, C8–C13 and C1A–C6A) are almost parallel with each other, the dihedral angle between the ring planes C1–C6 and C8–C13 being 15.4 (1)°. In addition, both intra- and intermolecular hydrogen bonds (Fig. 1 and Table 2) are observed. The latter assemble one-dimensional chains with solvent water molecules to form a three-dimensional framework.

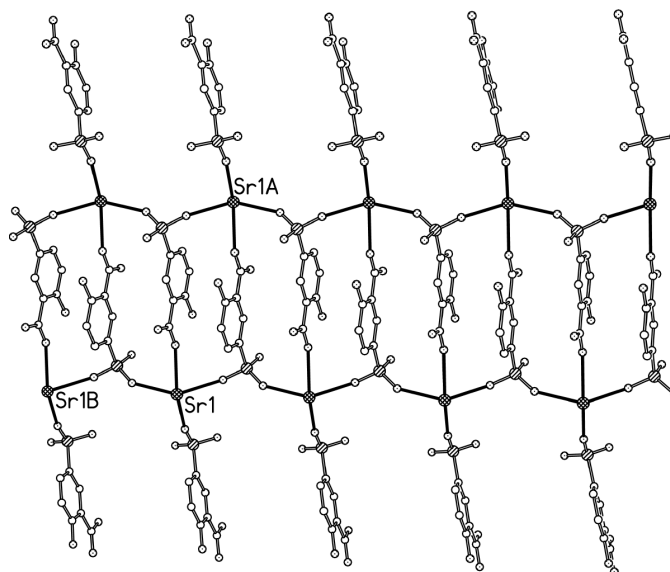


Figure 3
A perspective view of the one-dimensional chain structure of (I). H atoms and water molecules have been omitted.

Experimental

The title complex, (I), was synthesized by the addition of Sr(CO₃)₂ (410 mg, 2 mmol) to an aqueous solution (50 ml) of 3-carboxy-4-hydroxybenzenesulfonic acid (660 mg, 3 mmol). The resulting solution was stirred for 2 h at room temperature and then filtered. The filtrate was allowed to evaporate slowly. After about 10 d, colorless crystals of (I) were isolated (yield: 21%, based on Sr). Analysis calculated (%) for C₁₄H₂₂O₁₈S₂Sr: C 26.69, H 3.52; found: C 26.10, H 3.82.

Crystal data

[Sr(C₇H₅O₆S)₂(H₂O)₄]₂·2H₂O
M_r = 630.06
 Triclinic, *P* $\bar{1}$
a = 6.893 (1) Å
b = 7.078 (1) Å
c = 24.754 (5) Å
 α = 96.41 (3)°
 β = 90.83 (3)°
 γ = 108.49 (3)°
V = 1136.5 (4) Å³

Z = 2
D_x = 1.841 Mg m⁻³
 Mo *K*α radiation
 Cell parameters from 6098 reflections
 θ = 3.1–27.4°
 μ = 2.64 mm⁻¹
T = 293 (2) K
 Block, colorless
 0.26 × 0.26 × 0.24 mm

Data collection

Rigaku R-Axis RAPID diffractometer
 ω scans
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (ABSCOR; Higashi, 1995)
T_{min} = 0.509, *T_{max}* = 0.530
 11 145 measured reflections

5160 independent reflections
 4497 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
R_{int} = 0.026
 θ_{max} = 27.5°
h = -8 → 8
k = -9 → 8
l = -32 → 31

Refinement

Refinement on *F*²
R[*F*² > 2σ(*F*²)] = 0.028
wR(*F*²) = 0.062
S = 1.03
 5160 reflections
 380 parameters
 H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0319P)^2 + 0.4193P]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} = 0.002$
 $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.32 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.47 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

Table 1
Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Sr1—O1	2.566 (2)	Sr1—O4W	2.728 (2)
Sr1—O2 ⁱ	2.546 (2)	Sr1—O3W	2.732 (2)
Sr1—O1W	2.534 (2)	Sr1—O4 ⁱⁱ	2.620 (2)
Sr1—O2W	2.660 (2)	Sr1—O7	2.533 (2)
O1—Sr1—O2W	148.03 (6)	O2 ⁱ —Sr1—O4W	83.02 (6)
O1—Sr1—O3W	72.46 (6)	O2W—Sr1—O3W	132.48 (6)
O1—Sr1—O4 ⁱⁱ	75.35 (6)	O2W—Sr1—O4W	68.85 (6)
O1—Sr1—O4W	108.70 (6)	O4 ⁱⁱ —Sr1—O2W	127.40 (6)
O1W—Sr1—O1	72.64 (6)	O4 ⁱⁱ —Sr1—O3W	70.43 (6)
O1W—Sr1—O2 ⁱ	143.54 (6)	O4 ⁱⁱ —Sr1—O4W	68.07 (5)
O1W—Sr1—O2W	76.67 (7)	O4W—Sr1—O3W	136.37 (5)
O1W—Sr1—O3W	141.31 (6)	O7—Sr1—O1	89.84 (6)
O1W—Sr1—O4 ⁱⁱ	115.51 (7)	O7—Sr1—O1W	88.72 (7)
O1W—Sr1—O4W	71.63 (6)	O7—Sr1—O2 ⁱ	99.44 (6)
O2 ⁱ —Sr1—O1	142.11 (5)	O7—Sr1—O2W	80.67 (6)
O2 ⁱ —Sr1—O2W	69.84 (6)	O7—Sr1—O3W	75.03 (6)
O2 ⁱ —Sr1—O3W	74.67 (6)	O7—Sr1—O4 ⁱⁱ	145.10 (5)
O2 ⁱ —Sr1—O4 ⁱⁱ	76.32 (6)	O7—Sr1—O4W	146.59 (6)

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

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

$D-H \cdots A$	$D-H$	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D-H \cdots A$
O1W—H15A \cdots O5W ⁱⁱⁱ	0.85 (1)	2.02 (1)	2.839 (3)	163 (3)
O1W—H15B \cdots O6W ^{iv}	0.85 (1)	1.89 (1)	2.740 (3)	176 (3)
O2W—H16A \cdots O6W	0.85 (1)	1.86 (1)	2.703 (3)	173 (3)
O2W—H16B \cdots O8 ^{iv}	0.84 (1)	2.08 (1)	2.894 (3)	162 (3)
O3W—H17B \cdots O2W ^v	0.84 (1)	2.14 (2)	2.926 (3)	155 (3)
O3W—H17A \cdots O3 ⁱ	0.85 (1)	2.04 (2)	2.852 (2)	159 (4)
O4W—H18B \cdots O3 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.84 (1)	1.96 (1)	2.797 (2)	176 (3)
O4W—H18A \cdots O3W ⁱⁱⁱ	0.84 (1)	2.11 (1)	2.951 (2)	176 (3)
O5—H22 \cdots O4W ⁱⁱ	0.81 (3)	1.87 (3)	2.667 (2)	169 (3)
O5W—H19B \cdots O8	0.84 (1)	1.95 (1)	2.775 (3)	168 (3)
O5W—H19A \cdots O9 ^{iv}	0.84 (1)	1.98 (1)	2.815 (3)	174 (4)
O6—H21 \cdots O4	0.90 (4)	1.76 (4)	2.576 (2)	149 (3)
O6W—H20A \cdots O5W ⁱ	0.85 (1)	2.01 (1)	2.838 (3)	166 (3)
O6W—H20B \cdots O11 ^{vi}	0.85 (1)	1.92 (1)	2.756 (2)	170 (3)
O10—H24 \cdots O9 ^{vii}	0.82 (3)	1.94 (3)	2.739 (2)	163 (3)
O12—H23 \cdots O11	0.80 (3)	1.89 (4)	2.627 (3)	152 (3)

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

The H atoms of the water molecules, carboxyl and hydroxyl groups were located in Fourier difference maps. The water molecule O—H distances were restrained to 0.85 (1) Å. The aromatic H atoms were placed in calculated positions and treated as riding in the refinement [$C-H = 0.93$ Å and $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$]

Data collection: *RAPID-AUTO* (Rigaku, 1998); cell refinement: *RAPID-AUTO*; data reduction: *CrystalStructure* (Rigaku/MS, 2002); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXL97*; software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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