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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
T = 295 K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.008 \text{ \AA}$   
R factor = 0.028  
wR factor = 0.059  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 16.0

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## Poly[[ $(1,10\text{-phenanthroline})\text{lead(II)}\text{-}\mu_5\text{-}1,3\text{-benzenedicarboxylato}$ ]

The Pb atom in the polymeric title compound,  $[\text{Pb}(\text{C}_8\text{H}_4\text{O}_4)(\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{N}_2)]_n$ , is chelated by the carboxylate arms of two isophthalate dianions and bridged by one carboxylate O atom. The bridging mode of the dianion gives rise to the formation of a ladder chain.

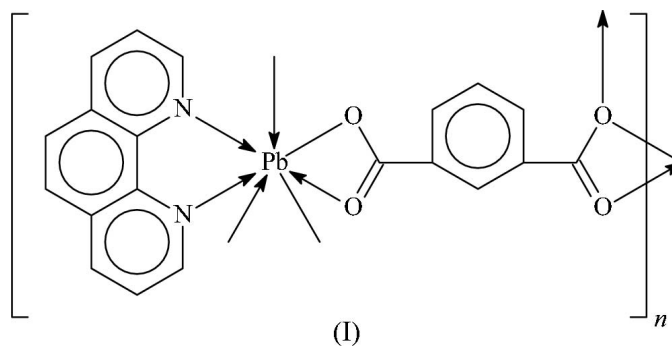
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#### Comment

Transition metal 1,3-benzenedicarboxylate (1,3-bdc) complexes have been extensively prepared (Moulton *et al.*, 2003), while main group metal 1,3-bdc complexes are rare. In the title compound, (I), the  $\text{Pb}^{\text{II}}$  atom adopts a seven-coordinated geometry (Fig. 1 and Table 1).

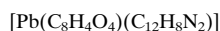


The 1,3-bdc ligand coordinates to the metal atom, acting as a  $\mu_5$ -bridge. One carboxylate group is in a chelating mode, while the other is in a chelating-bridging mode. The bridging property of the carboxylate group results in a one-dimensional ladder chain (Fig. 2). In the chain, bridged carboxylate groups construct a four-membered ring,  $[\text{Pb}_2\text{O}_2]$ , with a  $\text{Pb}\cdots\text{Pb}$  distance of  $4.3475(5) \text{ \AA}$  and a  $[\text{Pb}_2(\text{mbdc})_2]$  box. In the box motif, two 1,3-benzenedicarboxylate ligands are parallel and the separation of  $\text{Pb}\cdots\text{Pb}$  by 1,3-bdc is  $10.2706(9) \text{ \AA}$ . It is worth noting that the coordination sphere can be considered as hemidirected (Shimoni-Livny *et al.*, 1998). The lone pair of electrons on the Pb atom is stereochemically active; it occupies one of the sites of the dodecahedron.

#### Experimental

A mixture of  $\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  (0.02130 g, 0.64 mmol), 1,3-benzenedicarboxylic acid (0.0504 g, 0.30 mmol), 1,10-phenanthroline (0.0599 g, 0.30 mmol), NaOH (0.0148 g, 0.37 mmol) and water (10 ml) was heated at 433 K for 48 h in a 20 ml Teflon-lined stainless steel autoclave. After cooling, colorless needle-shaped crystals of (I) were obtained.

Crystal data



*M<sub>r</sub>* = 551.51  
Triclinic, *P* $\bar{1}$   
*a* = 7.5493 (8) Å  
*b* = 9.786 (1) Å  
*c* = 13.148 (1) Å  
 $\alpha$  = 69.753 (1)°  
 $\beta$  = 80.542 (1)°  
 $\gamma$  = 71.340 (1)°  
*V* = 861.8 (2) Å<sup>3</sup>

*Z* = 2  
*D<sub>x</sub>* = 2.125 Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
Mo *K*α radiation  
Cell parameters from 3925 reflections  
 $\theta$  = 2.3–26.7°  
 $\mu$  = 9.82 mm<sup>-1</sup>  
*T* = 295 (2) K  
Needle, colorless  
0.20 × 0.07 × 0.04 mm

Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX area-detector diffractometer  
 $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans  
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Bruker, 2002)  
*T<sub>min</sub>* = 0.317, *T<sub>max</sub>* = 0.672  
9956 measured reflections

3893 independent reflections  
3451 reflections with *I* > 2σ(*I*)  
*R<sub>int</sub>* = 0.038  
 $\theta_{max}$  = 27.5°  
*h* = -9 → 9  
*k* = -12 → 12  
*l* = -17 → 17

Refinement

Refinement on *F*<sup>2</sup>  
*R* [*F*<sup>2</sup> > 2σ(*F*<sup>2</sup>)] = 0.028  
*wR* (*F*<sup>2</sup>) = 0.059  
*S* = 0.96  
3893 reflections  
244 parameters

H-atom parameters constrained  
*w* = 1/[σ<sup>2</sup>(*F<sub>o</sub>*<sup>2</sup>) + (0.0221*P*)<sup>2</sup>]  
where *P* = (*F<sub>o</sub>*<sup>2</sup> + 2*F<sub>c</sub>*<sup>2</sup>)/3  
(Δ/σ)<sub>max</sub> = 0.001  
Δρ<sub>max</sub> = 0.90 e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
Δρ<sub>min</sub> = -0.82 e Å<sup>-3</sup>

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Pb1—O1	2.706 (3)	Pb1—O4 <sup>i</sup>	2.627 (3)
Pb1—O2	2.385 (3)	Pb1—N1	2.519 (4)
Pb1—O3 <sup>i</sup>	2.461 (3)	Pb1—N2	2.688 (4)
Pb1—O3 <sup>ii</sup>	2.877 (3)		
O1—Pb1—O2	50.9 (1)	O3 <sup>i</sup> —Pb1—O3 <sup>ii</sup>	71.2 (1)
O1—Pb1—O3 <sup>i</sup>	131.9 (1)	O3 <sup>i</sup> —Pb1—O4 <sup>i</sup>	51.4 (1)
O1—Pb1—O3 <sup>ii</sup>	102.5 (1)	O3 <sup>i</sup> —Pb1—N1	75.3 (1)
O1—Pb1—O4 <sup>i</sup>	153.8 (1)	O3 <sup>i</sup> —Pb1—N2	119.9 (1)
O1—Pb1—N1	79.9 (1)	O3 <sup>ii</sup> —Pb1—O4 <sup>i</sup>	102.4 (1)
O1—Pb1—N2	82.4 (1)	O3 <sup>ii</sup> —Pb1—N1	136.3 (1)
O2—Pb1—O3 <sup>i</sup>	82.8 (1)	O3 <sup>ii</sup> —Pb1—N2	160.1 (1)
O2—Pb1—O3 <sup>ii</sup>	73.7 (1)	O4 <sup>i</sup> —Pb1—N1	76.5 (1)
O2—Pb1—O4 <sup>i</sup>	130.9 (1)	O4 <sup>i</sup> —Pb1—N2	77.0 (1)
O2—Pb1—N1	75.1 (1)	N1—Pb1—N2	63.3 (1)
O2—Pb1—N2	122.1 (1)		

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

The aromatic H atoms were positioned geometrically and were included in the refinement in the riding-model approximation [C—H = 0.93 Å and *U<sub>iso</sub>*(H) = 1.2*U<sub>eq</sub>*(C)].

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 2002); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 2002); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: ORTEP-3 for Windows (Farrugia, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: WinGX (Farrugia, 1999).

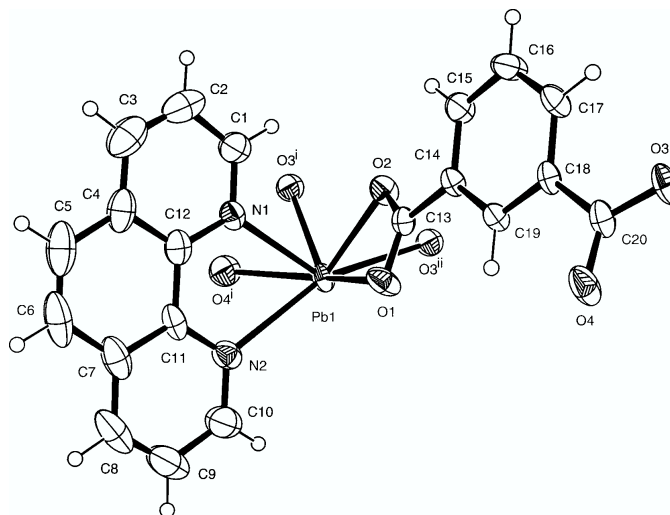


Figure 1 ORTEP plot (Johnson, 1976) of a portion of the polymeric structure of (I). Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. [Symmetry codes: (i) 1 + *x*, *y* - 1, *z*; (ii) 1 - *x*, 1 - *y*, 1 - *z*.]

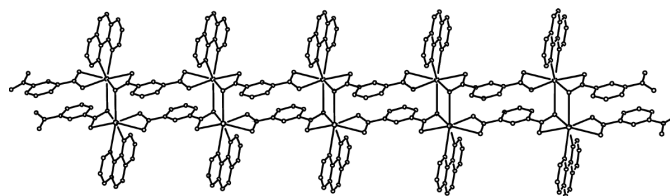


Figure 2 View of the one-dimensional ladder chain of (I). H atoms have been omitted for clarity.

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