

Bis[tetraqua(1,10-phenanthroline- $\kappa^2N,N'$ )-cobalt(II)] 1,2,4,5-benzenetetracarboxylateDao-Yong Wang,<sup>a</sup> Gang Liu,<sup>b</sup> Bo Zheng,<sup>a</sup> Jun Lu<sup>a\*</sup> and Huai-Ming Hu<sup>a</sup><sup>a</sup>Department of Chemistry, Northwest University, Xi'an 710069, People's Republic of China, and <sup>b</sup>Institute of Chemistry, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing 100080, People's Republic of China

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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 293$  K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.004$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.035  
 $wR$  factor = 0.087  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 13.9For details of how these key indicators were automatically derived from the article, see <http://journals.iucr.org/e>.

The title compound,  $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{N}_2)(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]_2(\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_2\text{O}_8)$ , consists of discrete tetraqua(1,10-phenanthroline)cobalt(II) cations and 1,2,4,5-benzenetetracarboxylate anions. The  $\text{Co}^{\text{II}}$  atom is octahedrally coordinated by two N atoms of the 1,10-phenanthroline ligand and four O atoms of water molecules. The anion lies on an inversion centre. A two-dimensional hydrogen-bonding network is formed by O atoms of benzenetetracarboxylate and the coordinated water molecules.

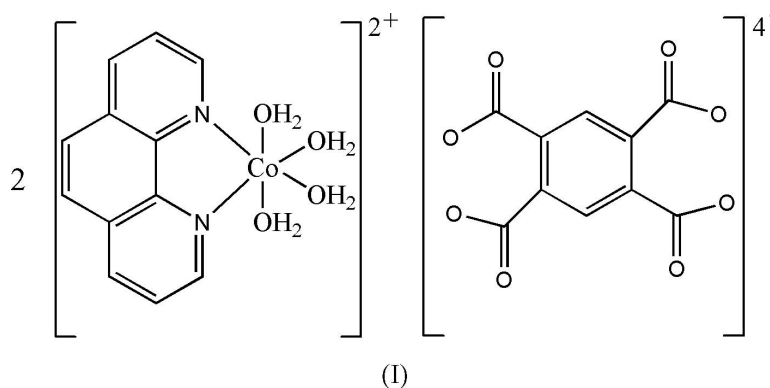
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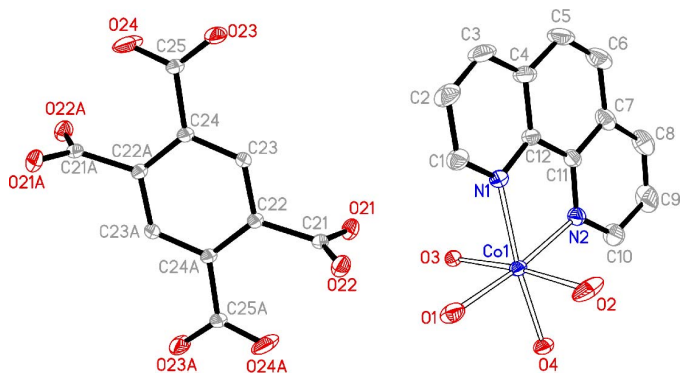
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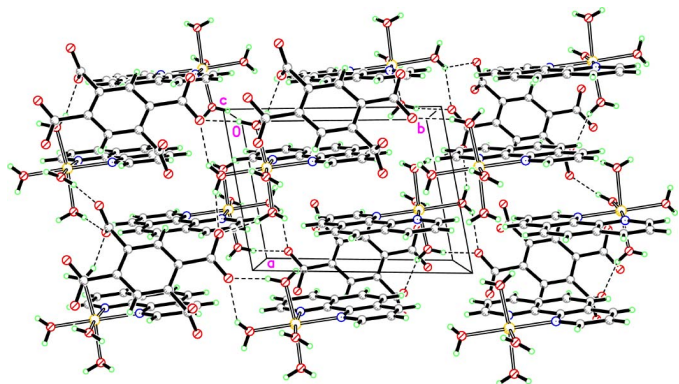
Polycarboxylate ligands are of considerable theoretical and practical interest. 1,2,4,5-Benzenetetracarboxylate has four carboxylate groups and can act as a versatile bridging or chelating ligand, leading to extended metal-organic networks. It can coordinate to metal cations in numerous ways, in one-atom bridging, three-atom bridging and chelating modes. It can also form hydrogen bonds with uncoordinated or coordinated water molecules (Zou *et al.*, 1998). Many coordination compounds with new interesting structures have been reported, such as  $[\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_2\text{Ag}_4\text{O}_8]_n$  and  $[\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_6\text{Ag}_4\text{O}_{10}]_n$  (Sun *et al.*, 2004),  $[\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_6\text{Co}_3\text{O}_{14}]_n$  (Li *et al.*, 2003),  $[\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{18}\text{Co}_2\text{N}_8\text{O}_8]_n$  (Zhang *et al.*, 2003),  $[\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{20}\text{Co}_4\text{O}_{24}]_n \cdot 4n\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (Kumagai *et al.*, 2002), and  $[\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{10}\text{Nd}_2\text{O}_{18}]_n$  (Sun *et al.*, 2002). In this paper, we report the crystal structure of the title compound,  $2[\text{Co}(\text{phen})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4](\text{btc})$ , (I), where phen is 1,10-phenanthroline and btc is 1,2,4,5-benzenetetracarboxylate.



The structure of (I) consists of  $\text{Co}^{\text{II}}$  complex cations and btc counter-anions (Fig. 1). In the cation, the  $\text{Co}^{\text{II}}$  atom is coordinated by two N atoms (N1 and N2) from the phen ligand and four O atoms (O1, O2, O3 and O4) from the water molecules. The average Cu—N and Cu—O bond lengths are 2.130 (2) and 2.090 Å, respectively, which are comparable to the values found in the compounds  $[\text{Co}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6](\text{H}_2\text{btc})$  (Kumagai *et al.*, 2002) and  $[\text{Co}_2(\text{phen})_2(\text{H}_2\text{btc})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]_n$  (Hu


**Figure 1**

The molecular structure of (I), showing 30% probability displacement ellipsoids and the atom-numbering scheme. H atoms have been omitted for clarity. Atoms with the suffix *A* are generated by the symmetry code  $(-x, 1 - y, -z)$ .


**Figure 2**

The packing diagram of (I), showing the hydrogen-bonding scheme as dashed lines.

*et al.*, 2004). Although the O atoms of the carboxylate ligands do not coordinate to the Co<sup>II</sup> atom, they form a two-dimensional hydrogen-bonding network with the O atoms of the coordinated water molecules (Fig. 2).

## Experimental

An ethanol solution (10 ml) of cobalt(II) acetate tetrahydrate (25 mg, 0.1 mmol) was carefully layered with a mixed solvent solution (10 ml, ethanol/water, 25:75) of sodium 1,2,4,5-benzenetetracarboxylate (34 mg, 0.1 mmol) and phenanthroline (18 mg, 0.1 mmol). Red needle-shaped crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction determination were formed after several days. Analysis found: C 45.78, H 3.69, N 6.18%; calculated for  $C_{17}H_{17}CoN_2O_8$ : C 46.80, H 3.93, N 6.42%.

### Crystal data

$[Co(C_{12}H_8N_2)(H_2O)_4]_2(C_{10}H_2O_8)$   
 $M_r = 872.52$   
 Triclinic,  $P\bar{1}$   
 $a = 7.3184$  (4) Å  
 $b = 9.8767$  (6) Å  
 $c = 12.5639$  (7) Å  
 $\alpha = 76.600$  (3)°  
 $\beta = 88.384$  (3)°  
 $\gamma = 79.414$  (3)°  
 $V = 868.28$  (9) Å<sup>3</sup>

$Z = 1$   
 $D_x = 1.669$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 Cell parameters from 6047 reflections  
 $\theta = 2.2$ – $27.4$ °  
 $\mu = 1.04$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 293$  (2) K  
 Needle, red  
 $0.38 \times 0.12 \times 0.12$  mm

### Data collection

Rigaku R-Axis RAPID IP diffractometer  
 Oscillation scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (ABSCOR; Higashi, 1995)  
 $T_{min} = 0.693$ ,  $T_{max} = 0.885$   
 6047 measured reflections

3866 independent reflections  
 3295 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{int} = 0.031$   
 $\theta_{max} = 27.4$ °  
 $h = -9 \rightarrow 9$   
 $k = -12 \rightarrow 12$   
 $l = -16 \rightarrow 16$

### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.035$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.087$   
 $S = 1.03$   
 3866 reflections  
 278 parameters  
 H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0453P)^2 + 0.4128P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} = 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.38$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.39$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 Extinction correction: SHELXL97  
 Extinction coefficient: 0.0101 (15)

**Table 1**

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Co1—O1	2.0750 (17)	Co1—O4	2.1524 (15)
Co1—O2	2.0350 (18)	Co1—N1	2.1397 (16)
Co1—O3	2.1016 (15)	Co1—N2	2.1204 (18)
O1—Co1—O2	91.32 (9)	O2—Co1—N2	90.37 (9)
O1—Co1—O3	86.90 (7)	O3—Co1—O4	86.99 (6)
O1—Co1—O4	93.85 (7)	O3—Co1—N1	90.44 (6)
O1—Co1—N1	95.59 (7)	O3—Co1—N2	92.07 (6)
O1—Co1—N2	173.67 (7)	O4—Co1—N1	170.07 (6)
O2—Co1—O3	173.48 (6)	O4—Co1—N2	92.33 (6)
O2—Co1—O4	86.87 (7)	N1—Co1—N2	78.17 (7)
O2—Co1—N1	95.98 (7)		

**Table 2**

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
O1—H1A <sup>i</sup> ···O22	0.82 (3)	1.83 (3)	2.646 (3)	173 (4)
O1—H1C <sup>ii</sup> ···O1 <sup>i</sup>	0.80 (3)	2.39 (3)	2.874 (3)	120 (3)
O1—H1C <sup>ii</sup> ···O23 <sup>iii</sup>	0.80 (3)	2.44 (3)	2.979 (3)	126 (3)
O2—H2A <sup>iv</sup> ···O24 <sup>iii</sup>	0.82 (3)	1.81 (2)	2.623 (3)	168 (3)
O2—H2C <sup>iv</sup> ···O21 <sup>iv</sup>	0.82 (3)	1.90 (3)	2.670 (3)	157 (3)
O3—H3A <sup>v</sup> ···O23 <sup>v</sup>	0.82 (3)	1.90 (3)	2.705 (2)	168 (3)
O3—H3C <sup>v</sup> ···O21	0.82 (3)	1.86 (3)	2.682 (2)	177 (4)
O4—H4A <sup>v</sup> ···O23 <sup>v</sup>	0.82 (2)	1.96 (2)	2.740 (3)	157 (4)
O4—H4B <sup>v</sup> ···O22 <sup>i</sup>	0.82 (3)	2.27 (3)	2.919 (2)	137 (3)
O4—H4B <sup>v</sup> ···O24 <sup>iii</sup>	0.82 (3)	2.17 (3)	2.845 (3)	140 (3)

Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x + 1, -y + 2, -z$ ; (ii)  $-x + 1, -y + 1, -z$ ; (iii)  $x + 1, y + 1, z$ ; (iv)  $x + 1, y, z$ ; (v)  $x, y + 1, z$ .

Water H atoms were located in a difference Fourier map and refined with restrained O—H bond lengths [0.82 (2) Å] and fixed isotropic displacement parameters (0.08 Å<sup>2</sup>). Other H atoms were placed at calculated positions and refined using a riding model, with C—H = 0.93 Å and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$ .

Data collection: RAPID-AUTO (Rigaku, 2001); cell refinement: RAPID-AUTO; data reduction: RAPID-AUTO; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: XP (Siemens, 1994); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL (Siemens, 1995).

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