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#### **Key indicators**

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# Diaquabis(4,4'-bipyridine- $\kappa N$ )bis(4-carboxy-phenoxyacetato- $\kappa O$ )cobalt(II) tetrahydrate

The crystal structure of the title complex,  $[Co(C_9H_7O_5)_2-(C_{10}H_8N_2)_2(H_2O)_2]\cdot 4H_2O$  or  $[Co(4-CPOAH)_2(4,4'-bipy)_2-(H_2O)_2]\cdot 4H_2O$  (4,4'-bipy is 4,4'-bipyridine and 4-CPOAH<sup>-</sup> is the 4-carboxyphenoxyacetate monoanion), consists of two independent mononuclear molecules that interact through the uncoordinated water molecules. The Co<sup>II</sup> atoms lie on inversion centers and display an octahedral geometry defined by two oxyacetate O atoms of 4-CPOAH<sup>-</sup> groups, two N atoms of 4,4'-bipy ligands and two water molecules. A three-dimensional supramolecular network structure is formed through hydrogen-bonding interactions.

### Comment

4-Carboxyphenoxyacetic acid (4-CPOAH<sub>2</sub>) is a dicarboxylic acid with both rigid and flexible parts, and is an excellent candidate for the construction of supramolecular architectures. Recently, we have reported three one-dimensional Co<sup>II</sup> polymers based on the 4-CPOA<sup>2-</sup> ligand, namely {[Co(4-CPOA)(3-hydroxypyridine)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>](H<sub>2</sub>O) $_n$  (in which the 4-CPOA<sup>2-</sup> group acts in a bis-monodentate mode; Gao et al.,  $[Co(4-CPOA)(1,10-phenanthroline)(H_2O)]_n$ 2004), and  $[Co(4-CPOA)(2,2'-bipyridine)(H_2O)]_n$  (in which the 4-CPOA<sup>2-</sup> groups act in a tridentate mode; Gao, Huo, Gu, Liu et al., 2005; Gao, Huo, Gu, Zhao et al., 2005). In order to gain further insight into the Co<sup>II</sup> binding modes of the 4-CPOAH<sub>2</sub> ligand, we have now isolated the title mononuclear Co<sup>II</sup> complex,  $[Co(4-CPOAH)_2(4,4'-bipy)_2(H_2O)_2] \cdot 4H_2O$ , (I). obtained by the reaction of 4-carboxyphenoxyacetic acid, 4,4'bipyridine and cobalt diacetate trihydrate in an aqueous solution.



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As illustrated in Fig. 1, the crystal structure consists of two independent neutral mononuclear Co<sup>II</sup> molecules and eight

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#### Figure 1

*ORTEPII* plot (Johnson, 1976) of the title complex, with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 30% probability level. Hydrogen bonds are indicated by dashed lines. [Symmetry codes: (i) -x, 1 - y, -z; (ii) 1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z.]

uncoordinated water molecules. The Co<sup>II</sup> atoms are located on inversion centers and the 4-CPOAH- ligands is monodeprotonated. The Co<sup>II</sup> atoms of the two molecules both display octahedral coordination, defined by two O atoms of 4-CPOAH<sup>-</sup> groups, two N atoms of 4,4'-bipy ligands and two water molecules. Similar bond distances and angles are observed in the molecules, except that the Co1 - O1w bond is somewhat shorter than the Co2-O2w bond (Table 1). The Co-N and Co-O bond distances are within the normal range in the reported CoII complexes containing the 4-CPOA<sup>2-</sup> ligand (Gao et al., 2004; Gao, Huo, Gu, Liu et al., 2005; Gao, Huo, Gu, Zhao et al., 2005). The oxyacetate group is twisted out of the benzene plane and the C3-O3-C2-C1 and C22-O8-C21-C20 torsion angles are 88.3 (3) and -75.4 (3)°, respectively. A three-dimensional supramolecular network structure is formed through the extended hydrogenbonding interactions between water molecules, carboxylic acid OH groups and carboxylate O atoms (Table 2).

#### Experimental

The title complex was prepared by the addition of cobalt diacetate trihydrate (2.31 g, 10 mmol) and 4,4'-bipyridine (1.56 g, 10 mmol) to a hot aqueous solution of 4-carboxyphenoxyacetic acid (1.96 g, 10 mmol); the pH was adjusted to 6 with 0.1 *M* sodium hydroxide. The solution was allowed to evaporate at room temperature. Pink prismatic crystals separated from the filtered solution after several days. Analysis calculated for  $C_{38}H_{42}CoN_4O_{16}$ : C 52.48, H 4.87, N 6.44%; found: C 52.45, H 4.84, N 6.46%.

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$\begin{bmatrix} C_0(C_9H_7O_5)_2(C_{10}H_8N_2)_2 - (H_2O)_2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot 4H_2O$ $M_r = 869.69$ Triclinic, $P\overline{1}$ a = 10.807 (2) Å b = 12.614 (3) Å c = 16.055 (3) Å $\alpha = 103.89$ (3)° $\beta = 108.77$ (3)° $\gamma = 103.69$ (3)° V = 1890.7 (10) Å <sup>3</sup>	Z = 2 $D_x = 1.528 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo K $\alpha$ radiation Cell parameters from 13808 reflections $\theta = 3.2-27.5^{\circ}$ $\mu = 0.54 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 295 (2) K Prism, pink $0.36 \times 0.26 \times 0.21 \text{ mm}$
Data collection	
Rigaku R-AXIS RAPID diffractometer $\omega$ scans Absorption correction: multi-scan ( <i>ABSCOR</i> ; Higashi, 1995) $T_{min} = 0.830, T_{max} = 0.895$ 18606 measured reflections	8539 independent reflections 5898 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ $R_{int} = 0.026$ $\theta_{max} = 27.5^{\circ}$ $h = -13 \rightarrow 14$ $k = -14 \rightarrow 16$ $l = -20 \rightarrow 20$
Refinement	
Refinement on $F^2$ $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.042$ $wR(F^2) = 0.121$ S = 1.02 8539 reflections 571 parameters H atoms treated by a mixture of	$w = 1/[\sigma^{2}(F_{o}^{2}) + (0.0687P)^{2} + 0.0415P]$ where $P = (F_{o}^{2} + 2F_{c}^{2})/3$ $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} = 0.001$ $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.58 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$ $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.27 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$

# Table 1

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refinement

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

independent and constrained

Co1-O1w	2.0869 (18)	Co2-O7	2.0383 (15)
Co1-O1	2.0934 (17)	Co2-N3	2.1698 (17)
Co1-N1	2.1739 (18)	Co2-O2w	2.1718 (17)
$O1w-Co1-O1w^i$	180.0	$O2w^{ii}$ -Co2-O2w	180.0
O1w-Co1-O1	91.61 (7)	O7-Co2-O2w	96.64 (6)
$O1w-Co1-O1^i$	88.39 (7)	O7–Co2–O2w <sup>ii</sup>	83.36 (6)
O1w-Co1-N1	91.27 (8)	O7 <sup>ii</sup> -Co2-O7	180.0
O1w-Co1-N1 <sup>i</sup>	88.73 (8)	O7-Co2-N3	89.48 (7)
O1-Co1-O1 <sup>i</sup>	180.0	O7-Co2-N3 <sup>ii</sup>	90.52 (7)
O1-Co1-N1 <sup>i</sup>	89.34 (7)	N3-Co2-O2w	91.14 (7)
O1-Co1-N1	90.66 (7)	N3-Co2-O2w <sup>ii</sup>	88.86 (7)
N1 <sup>i</sup> -Co1-N1	180.0	N3-Co2-N3 <sup>ii</sup>	180.0

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

Table 2			
Hydrogen-bond geome	try (A	Å, °)	

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
$O1w-H1w1\cdots O2$	0.84 (2)	2.06 (2)	2.765 (3)	141 (2)
$O1w - H1w2 \cdots O5w^{iii}$	0.85 (1)	2.01 (1)	2.835 (3)	165 (2)
$O2w - H2w1 \cdots N4^{iv}$	0.85 (1)	2.05 (1)	2.884 (2)	167 (2)
$O2w - H2w2 \cdots N2^v$	0.85 (2)	1.98 (1)	2.801 (3)	161 (2)
$O3w - H3w1 \cdots O2w^{iii}$	0.85	2.05	2.867 (2)	160
$O3w - H3w2 \cdots O2$	0.85	2.09	2.843 (2)	147
$O4w - H4w1 \cdots O3w^{vi}$	0.87(1)	1.96 (1)	2.828 (3)	176 (3)
$O4w - H4w2 \cdots O3w^{vii}$	0.88 (3)	1.94 (3)	2.808 (3)	173 (3)
$O5w - H5w1 \cdots O4^{vii}$	0.86 (3)	2.14(2)	2.869 (3)	143 (3)
$O5w - H5w2 \cdots O6$	0.86 (3)	1.79 (3)	2.638 (3)	168 (4)
$O6w - H6w1 \cdots O5w^{viii}$	0.85 (1)	1.97 (2)	2.734 (3)	150 (3)
$O6w - H6w2 \cdots O1^{ix}$	0.84 (3)	2.17 (3)	2.995 (3)	165 (3)
$O5-H12\cdots O6w$	0.86(1)	1.77 (1)	2.614 (3)	170 (4)
$O10-H9\cdots O4w$	0.85 (1)	1.71 (1)	2.561 (2)	174 (3)

Symmetry codes: (iii) x - 1, y, z - 1; (iv) x, y - 1, z; (v) x + 1, y + 1, z + 1; (vi) -x, -y, -z; (vii) x, y - 1, z + 1; (viii) -x + 1, -y + 2, -z + 1; (ix) x, y + 1, z.

C-bound H atoms were placed in calculated positions, with C–H = 0.93 or 0.97 Å and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$ , and were refined in the riding-model approximation. H atoms of the O3*w* water molecule were added using the *HYDROGEN* program (Nardelli, 1999), and refined with O–H = 0.85 Å and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.5U_{eq}(O3w)$ . The other H atoms of the water molecules and hydroxy groups were located in a difference map and refined with O–H restraints of 0.85 (1) Å, and with  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.5U_{eq}(O)$ .

Data collection: *RAPID-AUTO* (Rigaku, 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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