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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
$T=295 \mathrm{~K}$
Mean $\sigma(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C})=0.004 \AA$
$R$ factor $=0.042$
$w R$ factor $=0.120$
Data-to-parameter ratio $=15.0$

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## Diaquabis(4,4'-bipyridine-кN)bis(4-carboxy-phenoxyacetato-кO)cobalt(II) tetrahydrate

The crystal structure of the title complex, $\left[\mathrm{Co}\left(\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{7} \mathrm{O}_{5}\right)_{2}{ }^{-}\right.$ $\left.\left(\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{~N}_{2}\right)_{2}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{2}\right] \cdot 4 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ or $\left[\mathrm{Co}(4-\mathrm{CPOAH})_{2}\left(4,4^{\prime}-\text { bipy }\right)_{2}-\right.$ $\left.\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{2}\right] \cdot 4 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\left(4,4^{\prime}\right.$-bipy is $4,4^{\prime}$-bipyridine and 4 -CPOAH ${ }^{-}$is the 4-carboxyphenoxyacetate monoanion), consists of two independent mononuclear molecules that interact through the uncoordinated water molecules. The $\mathrm{Co}^{\mathrm{II}}$ atoms lie on inversion centers and display an octahedral geometry defined by two oxyacetate O atoms of $4-\mathrm{CPOAH}^{-}$groups, two N atoms of $4,4^{\prime}$-bipy ligands and two water molecules. A threedimensional supramolecular network structure is formed through hydrogen-bonding interactions.

## Comment

4-Carboxyphenoxyacetic acid (4- $\mathrm{CPOAH}_{2}$ ) 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 $\mathrm{Co}^{\text {II }}$ polymers based on the $4-\mathrm{CPOA}^{2-}$ ligand, namely $\{[\mathrm{Co}(4-$ CPOA)(3-hydroxypyridine) $\left.\left.)_{2}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{2}\right]\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)\right\}_{n}$ (in which the 4-$\mathrm{CPOA}^{2-}$ group acts in a bis-monodentate mode; Gao et al., 2004), $\quad\left[\mathrm{Co}(4-\mathrm{CPOA})(1,10 \text {-phenanthroline })\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)\right]_{n} \quad$ and $\left[\mathrm{Co}(4-\mathrm{CPOA})\left(2,2^{\prime} \text {-bipyridine }\right)\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)\right]_{\mathrm{n}}$ (in which the 4-$\mathrm{CPOA}^{2-}$ 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 $\mathrm{Co}^{\mathrm{II}}$ binding modes of the $4-\mathrm{CPOAH}_{2}$ ligand, we have now isolated the title mononuclear $\mathrm{Co}^{\mathrm{II}}$ complex, $\quad\left[\mathrm{Co}(4-\mathrm{CPOAH})_{2}\left(4,4^{\prime} \text {-bipy }\right)_{2}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{2}\right] \cdot 4 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}, \quad$ (I), obtained by the reaction of 4-carboxyphenoxyacetic acid, 4, $4^{\prime}$ bipyridine and cobalt diacetate trihydrate in an aqueous solution.


As illustrated in Fig. 1, the crystal structure consists of two independent neutral mononuclear $\mathrm{Co}^{\mathrm{II}}$ 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 $\mathrm{Co}^{\mathrm{II}}$ atoms are located on inversion centers and the $4-\mathrm{CPOAH}^{-}$ligands is monodeprotonated. The $\mathrm{Co}^{\text {II }}$ atoms of the two molecules both display octahedral coordination, defined by two O atoms of 4-$\mathrm{CPOAH}^{-}$groups, two N atoms of $4,4^{\prime}$-bipy ligands and two water molecules. Similar bond distances and angles are observed in the molecules, except that the $\mathrm{Co} 1-\mathrm{O} 1 w$ bond is somewhat shorter than the $\mathrm{Co} 2-\mathrm{O} 2 w$ bond (Table 1). The $\mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{N}$ and $\mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{O}$ bond distances are within the normal range in the reported $\mathrm{Co}^{\text {II }}$ complexes containing the 4 CPOA ${ }^{2-}$ 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 $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{O} 3-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 1$ and $\mathrm{C} 22-\mathrm{O} 8-\mathrm{C} 21-\mathrm{C} 20$ torsion angles are 88.3 (3) and $-75.4(3)^{\circ}$, 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 ( $2.31 \mathrm{~g}, 10 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and 4, $4^{\prime}$-bipyridine $(1.56 \mathrm{~g}, 10 \mathrm{mmol})$ to a hot aqueous solution of 4-carboxyphenoxyacetic acid $(1.96 \mathrm{~g}$, 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 $\mathrm{C}_{38} \mathrm{H}_{42} \mathrm{CoN}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{16}$ : C $52.48, \mathrm{H} 4.87, \mathrm{~N} 6.44 \%$; found: C 52.45, H 4.84, N 6.46\%.

## Crystal data

$\left[\mathrm{Co}\left(\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{7} \mathrm{O}_{5}\right)_{2}\left(\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{~N}_{2}\right)^{2}\right.$ $\left.\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{2}\right] \cdot 4 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$
$M_{r}=869.69$
Triclinic, $P \overline{1}$
$a=10.807(2) \AA$
$b=12.614$ (3) $\AA$
$c=16.055$ (3) A
$\alpha=103.89$ (3) ${ }^{\circ}$
$\beta=108.77$ (3) ${ }^{\circ}$
$\gamma=103.69$ (3) ${ }^{\circ}$
$V=1890.7(10) \AA^{3}$
$Z=2$
$D_{x}=1.528 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$
Mo $K \alpha$ radiation
Cell parameters from 13808 reflections
$\theta=3.2-27.5^{\circ}$
$\mu=0.54 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$
$T=295$ (2) K
Prism, pink
$0.36 \times 0.26 \times 0.21 \mathrm{~mm}$

## Data collection

Rigaku R-AXIS RAPID diffractometer
$\omega$ scans
Absorption correction: multi-scan (ABSCOR; Higashi, 1995)
$T_{\text {min }}=0.830, T_{\text {max }}=0.895$
18606 measured reflections
Refinement
Refinement on $F^{2}$
$R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.042$
$w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.121$
$S=1.02$
8539 reflections
571 parameters
H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

8539 independent reflections 5898 reflections with $I>2 \sigma(I)$
$R_{\text {int }}=0.026$
$\theta_{\text {max }}=27.5^{\circ}$
$h=-13 \rightarrow 14$
$k=-14 \rightarrow 16$
$l=-20 \rightarrow 20$

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\begin{aligned}
& w=1 /\left[\sigma^{2}\left(F_{\mathrm{o}}{ }^{2}\right)+(0.0687 P)^{2}\right. \\
& +0.0415 P] \\
& \text { where } P=\left(F_{\mathrm{o}}{ }^{2}+2 F_{\mathrm{c}}{ }^{2}\right) / 3 \\
& (\Delta / \sigma)_{\max }=0.001 \\
& \Delta \rho_{\text {max }}=0.58 \mathrm{e}^{-3} \\
& \Delta \rho_{\text {min }}=-0.27 \mathrm{e}^{-3}
\end{aligned}
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## Table 1

Selected geometric parameters ( $\AA{ }^{\circ}{ }^{\circ}$ ).

| $\mathrm{Co} 1-\mathrm{O} 1 w$ | $2.0869(18)$ | $\mathrm{Co} 2-\mathrm{O} 7$ | $2.0383(15)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :---: |
| $\mathrm{Co} 1-\mathrm{O} 1$ | $2.0934(17)$ | $\mathrm{Co} 2-\mathrm{N} 3$ | $2.1698(17)$ |
| $\mathrm{Co} 1-\mathrm{N} 1$ | $2.1739(18)$ | $\mathrm{Co} 2-\mathrm{O} 2 w$ | $2.1718(17)$ |
|  |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{O} 1 w-\mathrm{Co} 1-\mathrm{O} 1 w^{\mathrm{i}}$ | 180.0 | $\mathrm{O} 2 w^{\mathrm{ii}}-\mathrm{Co} 2-\mathrm{O} 2 w$ | 180.0 |
| $\mathrm{O} 1 w-\mathrm{Co} 1-\mathrm{O} 1$ | $91.61(7)$ | $\mathrm{O} 7-\mathrm{Co} 2-\mathrm{O} 2 w$ | $96.64(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 1 w-\mathrm{Co} 1-\mathrm{O} 1^{\mathrm{i}}$ | $88.39(7)$ | $\mathrm{O} 7-\mathrm{Co} 2-\mathrm{O} 2 w^{\mathrm{ii}}$ | $83.36(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 1 w-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{N} 1$ | $91.27(8)$ | $\mathrm{O} 7^{\mathrm{ii}}-\mathrm{Co} 2-\mathrm{O} 7$ | 180.0 |
| $\mathrm{O} 1 w-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{N} 1^{\mathrm{i}}$ | $88.73(8)$ | $\mathrm{O} 7-\mathrm{Co} 2-\mathrm{N} 3$ | $89.48(7)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{Co} 1-\mathrm{O} 1^{\mathrm{i}}$ | 180.0 | $\mathrm{O} 7-\mathrm{Co} 2-\mathrm{N} 3^{\mathrm{ii}}$ | $90.52(7)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{Co} 1-\mathrm{N} 1^{\mathrm{i}}$ | $89.34(7)$ | $\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{Co} 2-\mathrm{O} 2 w$ | $91.14(7)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{Co} 1-\mathrm{N} 1$ | $90.66(7)$ | $\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{Co} 2-\mathrm{O} 2 w^{\mathrm{ii}}$ | $88.86(7)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 1^{\mathrm{i}}-\mathrm{Co} 1-\mathrm{N} 1$ | 180.0 | $\mathrm{~N} 3-\mathrm{Co} 2-\mathrm{N} 3^{i}$ | 180.0 |

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

Table 2
Hydrogen-bond geometry ( $\AA{ }^{\circ}{ }^{\circ}$ ).

| $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H}$ | $\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{O} 1 w-\mathrm{H} 1 w 1 \cdots \mathrm{O} 2$ | $0.84(2)$ | $2.06(2)$ | $2.765(3)$ | $141(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 1 w-\mathrm{H} 1 w 2 \cdots \mathrm{O} 5 w^{\text {iii }}$ | $0.85(1)$ | $2.01(1)$ | $2.835(3)$ | $165(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 2 w-\mathrm{H} 2 w 1 \cdots \mathrm{~N}^{\text {iv }}$ | $0.85(1)$ | $2.05(1)$ | $2.884(2)$ | $167(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 2 w-\mathrm{H} 2 w 2 \cdots \mathrm{~N} 2^{\text {v }}$ | $0.85(2)$ | $1.98(1)$ | $2.801(3)$ | $161(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 3 w-\mathrm{H} 3 w 1 \cdots \mathrm{O} 2 w^{\text {iii }}$ | 0.85 | 2.05 | $2.867(2)$ | 160 |
| $\mathrm{O} 3 w-\mathrm{H} 3 w 2 \cdots \mathrm{O} 2$ | 0.85 | 2.09 | $2.843(2)$ | 147 |
| $\mathrm{O} 4 w-\mathrm{H} 4 w 1 \cdots \mathrm{O} 3 w^{\text {vi }}$ | $0.87(1)$ | $1.96(1)$ | $2.828(3)$ | $176(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 4 w-\mathrm{H} 4 w 2 \cdots \mathrm{O} 3 w^{\text {vii }}$ | $0.88(3)$ | $1.94(3)$ | $2.808(3)$ | $173(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 5 w-\mathrm{H} 5 w 1 \cdots \mathrm{O} 4^{\text {vii }}$ | $0.86(3)$ | $2.14(2)$ | $2.869(3)$ | $143(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 5 w-\mathrm{H} 5 w 2 \cdots \mathrm{O} 6$ | $0.86(3)$ | $1.79(3)$ | $2.638(3)$ | $168(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 6 w-\mathrm{H} 6 w 1 \cdots \mathrm{O} 5 w^{\text {viii }}$ | $0.85(1)$ | $1.97(2)$ | $2.734(3)$ | $150(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 6 w-\mathrm{H} 6 w 2 \cdots \mathrm{O} 1^{\text {ix }}$ | $0.84(3)$ | $2.17(3)$ | $2.995(3)$ | $165(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 5-\mathrm{H} 12 \cdots \mathrm{O} 6 w$ | $0.86(1)$ | $1.77(1)$ | $2.614(3)$ | $170(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 10-\mathrm{H} 9 \cdots \mathrm{O} 4 w$ | $0.85(1)$ | $1.71(1)$ | $2.561(2)$ | $174(3)$ |

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) $x, y+1, z$.

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C-bound H atoms were placed in calculated positions, with $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}=$ 0.93 or $0.97 \AA$ and $U_{\text {iso }}(\mathrm{H})=1.2 U_{\text {eq }}(\mathrm{C})$, and were refined in the riding-model approximation. H atoms of the $\mathrm{O} 3 w$ water molecule were added using the HYDROGEN program (Nardelli, 1999), and refined with $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H}=0.85 \AA$ and $U_{\mathrm{iso}}(\mathrm{H})=1.5 U_{\mathrm{eq}}(\mathrm{O} 3 w)$. The other H atoms of the water molecules and hydroxy groups were located in a difference map and refined with $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H}$ restraints of 0.85 (1) $\AA$, and with $U_{\text {iso }}(\mathrm{H})=1.5 U_{\text {eq }}(\mathrm{O})$.

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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