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## A one-dimensional nickel(II) coordination polymer with pyridine and isophthalate

A nickel(II) coordination polymer, *catena*-poly[[aquatripyridinenickel(II)]- $\mu$ -isophthalato],  $[\text{Ni}(\text{C}_8\text{H}_4\text{O}_4)(\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{N})_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})]_n$ , obtained by reaction of *m*-bda, pyridine and  $\text{Ni}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  under hydrothermal conditions, where *m*-bda is isophthalic acid, was characterized by single-crystal X-ray diffraction. The  $\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}$  atom is six-coordinate and lies at the centre of a distorted octahedron, coordinated by two carboxylate O atoms from two *m*-bda ligands, three N atoms from three pyridine molecules and one water molecule. The carboxylate groups of *m*-bda link the  $\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}$  atoms, forming an extended one-dimensional zigzag chain. The chains are then knitted together, forming a two-dimensional supramolecular arrangement, *via* C—H $\cdots$ O hydrogen bonds between the H atoms of pyridine rings and the coordinated carboxylate O atoms of *m*-bda.

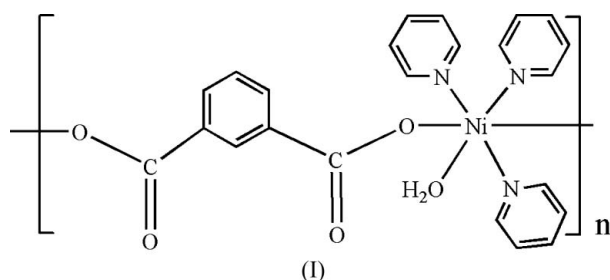
#### Comment

In recent years, research on coordination polymers has expanded rapidly because of their fascinating structural diversity and potential application as functional materials (Moulton & Zaworotko, 2001; Batten & Robson, 1998). Multifunctional carboxylates and related species provide an effective means of designing novel hybrid structures with porous structures and other interesting properties (Kitagawa *et al.*, 2004; Yaghi *et al.*, 2003). Owing to their bridging ability, rigid carboxylate ligands are very important in the construction of coordination polymers (Eddaoudi *et al.*, 2002; Li *et al.*, 1999). To date, a number of one-, two- and three-dimensional infinite frameworks have been generated with isophthalic acid (*m*-bda, also called ipa) (De Bettencourt-Dias, 2005; Ma *et al.*, 2005; Shen *et al.*, 2005; Zhou *et al.*, 2004). Much of the work has so far been focused on coordination polymers co-operating with N-donor chelating or bridging ligands, such as 2,2'-bipyridine (2,2'-bpy), 4,4'-bipyridine (4,4'-bpy), and 1,10-phenanthroline (phen) and its analogues (Shen *et al.*, 2005; Ma *et al.*, 2004; Chen & Liu, 2002). However, structure reports on pyridine acting as the secondary monodentate N-donor ligand are not common. In this paper, we report the preparation and crystal structure of the title one-dimensional coordination polymer, formulated as  $[\text{Ni}(m\text{-bda})(\text{py})_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})]_n$  (py is pyridine), (I).

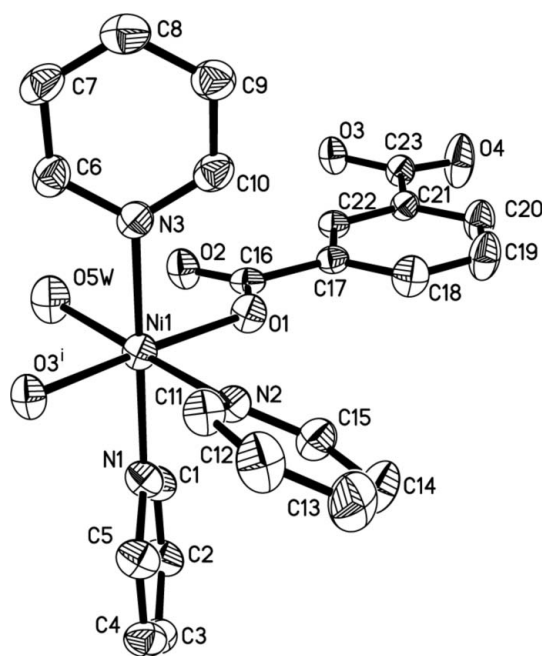
The structure of (I) was revealed by single-crystal X-ray diffraction analysis. The asymmetric unit contains one independent Ni atom, which is octahedrally coordinated by two carboxylate O atoms of two *m*-bda molecules, one water molecule and three N atoms of three pyridine molecules. The bond lengths and angles involving Ni—O(carboxylate) are similar to those of other nickel-carboxylate coordination polymers (Baca *et al.*, 2005), with the Ni center displaying the

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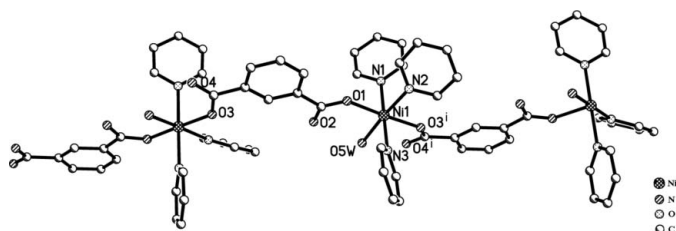
typical distorted octahedral coordination (Table 1). The two *trans* pyridine ligands coordinated to Ni are almost perpendicular. The other pyridine ligand and the water ligand are also *trans* to each other (Fig. 1). The isophthalate dianion acts as a bridging ligand, linking two adjacent metal ions and forming a one-dimensional zigzag chain (Fig. 2). In each chain, the planes of every other *m*-bda benzene ring are coplanar, and adjacent rings exhibit only a small dihedral angle [12.3 (2)°].



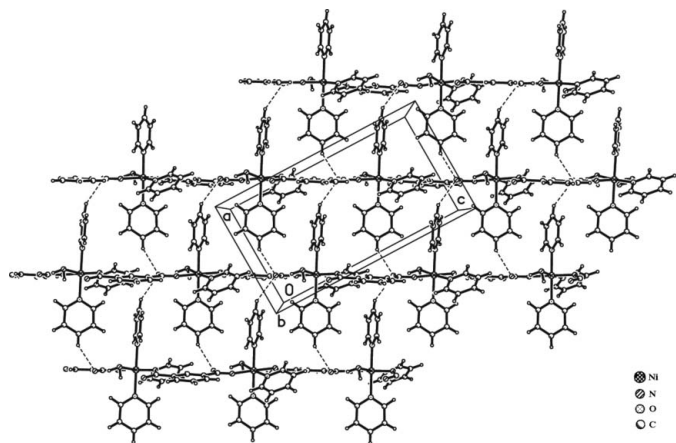
The water molecule and carboxylate groups form extensive hydrogen-bonding interactions (Table 2). The hydrogen-bonding interactions can be divided into two types according to the different donors. One interaction is between the carboxylate O atoms and the coordinated water molecule [O5W—H···O2 and O5W—H···O4<sup>i</sup>; symmetry code: (i)  $-\frac{1}{2} + x, \frac{1}{2} - y, \frac{1}{2} + z$ ]. The other interactions are between pyridine C—H groups and carboxylate O atoms [C3—H···O2<sup>ii</sup> and C8—H···O2<sup>iii</sup>; symmetry codes: (ii)  $-1 + x, y, z$ ; (iii)  $\frac{1}{2} + x, \frac{1}{2} - y, \frac{1}{2} + z$ ]. The C···O bond lengths are in the range 3.2–3.4 Å,



**Figure 1**  
View of the local coordination of Ni<sup>II</sup> with the atomic numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level. H atoms have been omitted. [Symmetry code: (i)  $-\frac{1}{2} + x, \frac{1}{2} - y, \frac{1}{2} + z$ .]



**Figure 2**  
The one-dimensional chain-like fragment of (I). H atoms have been omitted. [Symmetry code: (i)  $-\frac{1}{2} + x, \frac{1}{2} - y, \frac{1}{2} + z$ .]



**Figure 3**  
A packing diagram for the two-dimensional supramolecular hydrogen-bonding framework *via* C—H···O interactions. The view shows a layer parallel to the *ac* plane; the view direction is parallel to the *b* axis. Hydrogen bonds are indicated by dashed lines.

which is similar to previous reports (Desiraju, 1996; Steed & Atwood, 2000). Weak C—H···O interactions of the *para*-H of the pyridine molecules and the carboxylate O atoms link adjacent one-dimensional chains, which associate with each other in a parallel manner, forming a two-dimensional supramolecular layer, as shown in Fig. 3.

## Experimental

A mixture of Ni(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O (0.0872 g), H<sub>2</sub>bda (0.0498 g), NaOH (0.0210 g), pyridine (1 ml) and water (10 ml) was stirred for 20 min in air. The mixture was then transferred to a 23 ml Teflon reactor and kept at 438 K for 3 d under autogenous pressure, then cooled to room temperature at a rate of 5 K h<sup>-1</sup>. Blue block-shaped crystals of (I) were obtained; these were washed with distilled water and dried at room temperature (yield *ca* 60% based on Ni). Elemental analysis found: C 57.64, H 4.49, N 8.87%; calculated: C 57.78, H 4.43, N 8.79%.

### Crystal data

[Ni(C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>)(C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>N)<sub>3</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)]  
*M<sub>r</sub>* = 478.14  
 Monoclinic, *P*2<sub>1</sub>/*n*  
*a* = 9.0723 (5) Å  
*b* = 15.1897 (8) Å  
*c* = 16.6524 (9) Å  
 $\beta$  = 91.886 (1)°  
*V* = 2293.5 (2) Å<sup>3</sup>  
*Z* = 4

*D<sub>x</sub>* = 1.385 Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo K $\alpha$  radiation  
 Cell parameters from 13853 reflections  
 $\theta$  = 1.8–28.2°  
 $\mu$  = 0.88 mm<sup>-1</sup>  
*T* = 293 (2) K  
 Block, blue  
 0.35 × 0.29 × 0.23 mm

Data collection

Rigaku R-AXIS RAPID diffractometer  
 $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (ABSCOR; Higashi, 1995)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.751, T_{\max} = 0.814$   
 14005 measured reflections

5392 independent reflections  
 2787 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.042$   
 $\theta_{\max} = 28.3^\circ$   
 $h = -12 \rightarrow 11$   
 $k = -19 \rightarrow 20$   
 $l = -22 \rightarrow 15$

Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.038$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.071$   
 $S = 1.00$   
 5392 reflections  
 297 parameters

H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0201P)^2]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.29 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.39 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

**Table 1**  
 Selected geometric parameters ( $\text{\AA}, ^\circ$ ).

N1—Ni1	2.1372 (19)	Ni1—O3 <sup>i</sup>	2.0280 (13)
N2—Ni1	2.1110 (17)	Ni1—O1	2.0446 (13)
N3—Ni1	2.102 (2)	Ni1—O5W	2.0727 (17)
O3 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—O1	176.88 (6)	O5W—Ni1—N2	175.67 (8)
O3 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—O5W	89.24 (7)	N3—Ni1—N2	90.06 (7)
O1—Ni1—O5W	93.85 (7)	O3 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—N1	89.74 (6)
O3 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—N3	89.93 (7)	O1—Ni1—N1	89.57 (6)
O1—Ni1—N3	90.73 (6)	O5W—Ni1—N1	93.84 (8)
O5W—Ni1—N3	86.56 (8)	N3—Ni1—N1	179.48 (7)
O3 <sup>i</sup> —Ni1—N2	88.05 (6)	N2—Ni1—N1	89.52 (7)
O1—Ni1—N2	88.90 (6)		

Symmetry code: (i)  $x - \frac{1}{2}, -y + \frac{1}{2}, z + \frac{1}{2}$ .

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

$D-H \cdots A$	$D-H$	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D-H \cdots A$
O5W—H5B <sup>i</sup> ...O2	0.94 (4)	1.81 (4)	2.647 (3)	146 (4)
O5W—H5A <sup>i</sup> ...O4 <sup>i</sup>	0.87 (3)	2.18 (3)	2.664 (3)	115 (2)
C3—H3...O2 <sup>ii</sup>	0.93	2.51	3.315 (4)	145
C8—H8...O2 <sup>iii</sup>	0.93	2.60	3.378 (3)	141

Symmetry codes: (i)  $x - \frac{1}{2}, -y + \frac{1}{2}, z + \frac{1}{2}$ ; (ii)  $x - 1, y, z$ ; (iii)  $x + \frac{1}{2}, -y + \frac{1}{2}, z + \frac{1}{2}$ .

All H atoms on C atoms were positioned geometrically and refined as riding atoms, with C—H = 0.93  $\text{\AA}$  and  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ . O-

bound atoms H5A and H5B were located in an electron-density difference map and were refined freely.

Data collection: *PROCESS-AUTO* (Rigaku, 1998); cell refinement: *PROCESS-AUTO*; data reduction: *PROCESS-AUTO*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL-Plus* (Sheldrick, 1990); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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