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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 294 KMean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.009 \text{ Å}$ Disorder in solvent or counterion R factor = 0.068 wR factor = 0.157 Data-to-parameter ratio = 12.0

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# Triaqua(4-hydroxypyridine-2,6-dicarboxylato)nickel(II) sesquihydrate

The title compound,  $[Ni(chedam)(H_2O)_3]\cdot 1.5H_2O$   $[H_2chedam = 4-hydroxypyridine-2,6-dicarboxylic acid, C_7H_5NO_5]$ , consists of one nickel cation, one chedam ligand, three coordinated water molecules and 1.5 uncoordinated water molecules. The nickel(II) cation is six-coordinate, with a distorted octahedral geometry.

# Comment

The carboxylate group is an important class of ligand in inorganic and bioinorganic chemistry. Metal complexes containing carboxylic acids are well known and the publication of many structurally characterized examples of this class of compound has demonstrated the versatility of the carboxylate group as an inner-sphere ligand (Mehrotra & Bohra, 1983). However, the coordination chemistry of 4hydroxypyridine-2,6-dicarboxylic acid (H<sub>2</sub>chedam) as one of many dicarboxylic acids is far less developed and, indeed, structural information for this class of complex is relatively scarce (Gao *et al.*, 2006).



The asymmetric unit of the title complex, (I), is composed of one nickel(II) cation, one chedam ligand, three aqua ligands and 1.5 uncoordinated water molecules, one water molecule being disordered over a twofold rotation axis (Fig. 1). The nickel(II) cation is six-coordinate with a distorted octahedral geometry. The equatorial sites of the nickel cation(II) are occupied by one O atom from one aqua ligand, and two O atoms and one N atom from one chelating ligand. The axial sites are occupied by two aqua ligands. The three coordinated water molecules and the hydroxy atom from the ligand generate intermolecular hydrogen bonds, resulting in a threedimensional supramolecular network (Fig. 2 and Table 1).

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### Experimental

 $[Ni(chedam)(H_2O)_3] \cdot 1.5H_2O$  was prepared under hydrothermal conditions.  $[Ni(SO_4)_2] \cdot 6H_2O$  (0.2 mmol) and H<sub>2</sub>chedam (0.2 mmol) were placed in a 25 ml reaction vessel. The reaction vessel was then sealed and subsequently placed in an oven for 140 h at 433 K. Prism-shaped crystals of (I) were obtained and washed with ethanol.

Z = 8

 $D_x = 1.827 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ 

 $0.22 \times 0.18 \times 0.12 \text{ mm}$ 

5364 measured reflections

2069 independent reflections

1700 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation

 $\mu = 1.71 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ 

T = 294 (2) K

Prism, green

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.052$ 

 $\theta_{\rm max} = 25.0^{\circ}$ 

#### Crystal data

 $\begin{bmatrix} \text{Ni}(C_7\text{H}_3\text{NO}_5)(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3 \end{bmatrix} \cdot 1.5\text{H}_2\text{O} \\ M_r = 320.89 \\ \text{Monoclinic, } C2/c \\ a = 14.879 (2) \text{ Å} \\ b = 6.9505 (14) \text{ Å} \\ c = 22.567 (3) \text{ Å} \\ \beta = 90.474 (9)^{\circ} \\ V = 2333.6 (7) \text{ Å}^3 \\ \end{bmatrix}$ 

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer  $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Sheldrick, 1996)  $T_{\rm min} = 0.698, T_{\rm max} = 0.821$ 

#### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0372P)^2]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.068$	+ 28.3869P]
$wR(F^2) = 0.157$	where $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
S = 1.23	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001$
2069 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.61 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
172 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.71 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
H-atom parameters constrained	

#### Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - H \cdots A$
$O5-H5\cdots O1^{i}$	0.85	1.82	2.670 (6)	174
$O6-H6A\cdots O2^{ii}$	0.85	1.94	2.738 (6)	156
$O7-H7A\cdots O2^{iii}$	0.85	2.25	2.878 (6)	131
$O7-H7A\cdots O5^{iv}$	0.85	2.40	3.121 (6)	143
$O8-H8A\cdots O3^{v}$	0.85	1.94	2.784 (6)	173

Symmetry codes: (i)  $x - \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $y - \frac{1}{2}$ , z; (ii) -x + 1, -y, -z + 1; (iii) -x + 1, -y + 1, -z + 1; (iv)  $-x + \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $-y + \frac{1}{2}$ , -z + 1; (v) -x + 1, y,  $-z + \frac{3}{2}$ .

All H atoms were positioned geometrically and treated as riding atoms with C-H = 0.93 Å, O-H = 0.85 Å and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C,O)$ .

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 1997); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 1997); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.



#### Figure 1

The asymmetric unit and atom-labelling scheme of (I). Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level.



#### Figure 2

The three-dimensional supramolecular structure of (I). Dashed lines indicate hydrogen bonds and H atoms have been omitted.

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