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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 294 KMean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.003 Å R factor = 0.025 wR factor = 0.069 Data-to-parameter ratio = 10.9

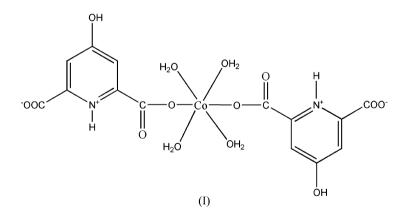
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# Tetraaqua(4-hydroxypyridine-2,6-dicarboxylato)cobalt(II)

The title compound,  $[Co(C_7H_4NO_4)_2(H_2O)_4]$ , consists of one cobalt cation, two 4-hydroxypyridine-2,6-dicarboxylate ligands, and four coordinated water molecules. The geometry around the cobalt(II) cation, which is located on a centre of inversion, is distorted octahedral. The four coordinated water molecules and the hydroxyl atoms from the ligand form intermolecular hydrogen bonds, resulting in a three-dimensional supramolecular network.

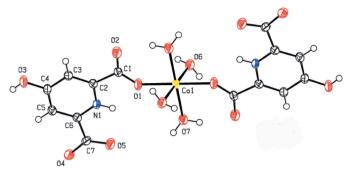
# Comment

The formation of metal–organic framework (MOF) structures is an active area of research as these compounds have potential uses in gas storage, molecular sieves, magnetism, opto-electronic devices and so on (Davis, 2002; Leadbeater & Marco, 2002; Moulton & Zaworotko, 2001). Carboxylate ligands play an important role in the construction of novel MOFs in coordination chemistry. 4-Hydroxypyridine-2,6dicarboxylic acid (H<sub>2</sub>chedam) is a very important carboxylate derivative. Systematic studies of 3*d*, 4*f* and 3*d*–4*f* complexes based on H<sub>2</sub>chedam have been reported in our previous work (Gao *et al.*, 2006; Zhao *et al.*, 2006).



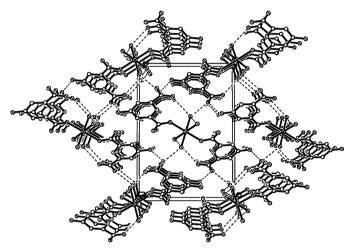
A new compound,  $[Co(Hchedam)_2(H_2O)_4]$ , (I) was isolated under hydrothermal conditions and characterized by elemental analysis, IR spectroscopy and single-crystal X-ray diffraction. The molecular structure of (I) is composed of one cobalt(II) cation, two chedam ligands and four aqua ligands (Fig. 1). The cobalt(II) cation, which is located on a centre of inversion, is six-coordinate and the geometry around the cobalt ion is slightly distorted octahedral. The equatorial sites are occupied by four O atoms from four aqua ligands. The axial sites are occupied by two O atoms from two ligands. It was observed that the H atoms linked to O4 and O4A have moved to N1 and N1A, respectively, forming an inner salt. The four coordinated water molecules and the hydroxyl atoms

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#### Figure 1

The molecular structure and atom-labelling scheme of (I). Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. Unlabelled atoms are related to labelled atoms by the symmetry operator (-x, -y, -z).



## Figure 2

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

from the ligand form intermolecular hydrogen bonds, resulting in a three-dimensional supramolecular network (Fig. 2 and Table 2).

# **Experimental**

## Crystal data

$[Co(C_7H_4NO_4)_2(H_2O)_4]$	Z = 2
$M_r = 495.22$	$D_x = 1.838 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
a = 5.3747 (8) Å	$\mu = 1.05 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
b = 10.8834 (16)  Å	T = 294 (2) K
c = 15.342 (2) Å	Block, red
$\beta = 94.496 \ (2)^{\circ}$	$0.18 \times 0.10 \times 0.06~\mathrm{mm}$
V = 894.7 (2) Å <sup>3</sup>	

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector	
diffractometer	
$\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans	
Absorption correction: multi-scan	
(SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)	
$T_{\rm min} = 0.834, T_{\rm max} = 0.940$	

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.025$   $wR(F^2) = 0.069$  S = 1.101578 reflections 145 parameters H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement 1578 independent reflections 1434 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  $R_{\text{int}} = 0.023$  $\theta_{\text{max}} = 25.0^{\circ}$ 

4447 measured reflections

# $$\begin{split} &w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_{\rm o}^2) + (0.0351P)^2 \\ &+ 0.3708P] \\ &where \ P = (F_{\rm o}^2 + 2F_{\rm c}^2)/3 \\ (\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.003 \\ \Delta\rho_{\rm max} = 0.25 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3} \\ \Delta\rho_{\rm min} = -0.29 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3} \end{split}$$

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Co1-O1	2.0653 (12)	Co1-O6	2.1266 (13)
Co1-O7	2.0764 (13)		
O1-Co1-O1 <sup>i</sup>	180	O7-Co1-O6 <sup>i</sup>	90.61 (6)
O1-Co1-O7 <sup>i</sup>	89.58 (5)	O1-Co1-O6	92.44 (5)
O1-Co1-O7	90.42 (5)	O7-Co1-O6	89.39 (6)
O7 <sup>i</sup> -Co1-O7	180	O6 <sup>i</sup> -Co1-O6	180
O1-Co1-O6 <sup>i</sup>	87.56 (5)		

Symmetry code: (i) -x, -y, -z.

Table 2	
Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).	

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
N1-H1···O1	0.85 (2)	2.14 (2)	2.560 (2)	110.1 (17)
$N1 - H1 \cdots O5$	0.85 (2)	2.25 (2)	2.602 (2)	105.5 (17)
O3−H3···O4 <sup>ii</sup>	0.81	1.83	2.6049 (19)	159
O6−H6A···O5 <sup>iii</sup>	0.83	1.85	2.6778 (19)	174
$O6-H6B\cdots O4^{iv}$	0.88	1.84	2.6878 (19)	159
$O7-H7A\cdots O2^{i}$	0.85	1.93	2.727 (2)	156
$O7 - H7B \cdots O6^{v}$	0.85	2.00	2.845 (2)	172
$C3-H3A\cdots O2^{vi}$	0.93	2.35	3.239 (2)	161
$C5-H5\cdots O5^{ii}$	0.93	2.37	3.265 (2)	162

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

Atom H1 (bound to N1) was found in a Fourier map and refined freely. All other H atoms were positioned geometrically and treated as riding atoms, with C-H = 0.93 Å, O-H = 0.82–0.88 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*.

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