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Aquaoxalato(2,4,6-tri-2-pyridyl-1,3,5-triazine)cobalt(II) tetrahydrate

The asymmetric unit of the title compound consists of the complex molecule, $[Co(C_2O_4)(C_{18}H_{12}N_6)(H_2O)]$, and four solvent water molecules. The complexes are assembled into one-dimensional double chains *via* hydrogen-bonding and weak π - π interactions. These chains are further assembled through intermolecular π - π stacking into two-dimensional layers. These are further aggregated to form a three-dimensional supramolecular structure *via* hydrogen bonding to chains of corner-sharing tetrameric and chair-like hexameric water clusters.

Comment

The ligand 2,4,6-tris(2-pyridyl)-1,3,5-triazine (tptz) has been widely used as an analytical reagent for various metal ions for decades (Collins *et al.*, 1959; Byers *et al.*, 1996). It has attracted considerable interest as both a tridentate and a bidentate ligand, and is used as a spacer for designing novel complexes (Paul *et al.*, 1998; Chen *et al.*, 2001; Ghumaan *et al.*, 2006). Our interest in tptz transition metal complexes prompts us to report a new tptz complex, (I), obtained by self-assembly from Co^{II} , tptz and oxalate anions in aqueous methanolic solution.



The Co^{II} ion of (I) is in a six-coordinate distorted octahedral environment (Fig. 1, Table 1). The equatorial plane defined by atoms N1, N5, O1 and O5 is nearly perpendicular to the plane of tptz, with a dihedral angle of 87.16 (6)°. One-dimensional chains of the complex molecules form along the *a* axis due to hydrogen-bonding interactions. These are coupled into double chains through weak $C-H\cdots O$ interactions between the

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Figure 1

The molecular structure of (I), with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 45% probability level. Solvent water molecules have been omitted.



Figure 2

A view of the one-dimensional double chains formed by the [Co(H₂O)(tptz)(C₂O₄)] molecules of (I) via hydrogen bonding (dashed lines) and π - π stacking interactions between two neighbouring chains.

oxalate anions and the tptz ligands (Table 2), and through intermolecular π - π stacking interactions with interplanar distances in the range 3.332-3.337 Å. A distance of 3.463 Å between the pyridine rings of two neighbouring double chains indicates further $\pi - \pi$ stacking, which generates a twodimensional layer structure along [100] (Fig. 2).

The uncoordinated water molecules appear both between these layers and outside them and are hydrogen bonded to one another. The O6 and O9 water molecules form rhombic tetrameric $(H_2O)_4$ clusters, while the O7, O8 and O9 water molecules bind to give hexameric chair-like (H₂O)₆ clusters.

Experimental

A 0.5 M NaOH solution (4.0 ml) was added dropwise to an aqueous solution (5.0 ml) of CoCl₂·6H₂O (0.238 g, 1.0 mmol) to produce a blue-green precipitate. This was centrifuged and washed with doubly distilled water until no Cl⁻ was observed in the supernatant liquid. The fresh precipitate was treated with a mixed solution of oxalic acid (0.126 g, 1.0 mmol) and tptz (0.314 g, 1.0 mmol) in MeOH-H₂O (20 ml; 1:1 v/v) with continuous stirring. Slow evaporation of the final rose-coloured solution (pH = 2.96) at room temperature for several days afforded red platelet crystals of (I) suitable for single-crystal X-ray diffraction (yield 19.3%, based on CoCl₂·6H₂O).

V = 1174.7 (4) Å³

 $D_x = 1.553 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$

 $0.26 \times 0.21 \times 0.09 \text{ mm}$

11557 measured reflections

5312 independent reflections

3985 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$

Mo $K\alpha$ radiation

 $\mu = 0.79 \text{ mm}^-$

T = 298 (2) K

Platelet, red

 $R_{\rm int}=0.034$ $\theta_{\rm max} = 27.5^{\circ}$

Z = 2

Crystal data

[Co(C2O4)(C18H12N6)(H2O)]·4H2O $M_r = 549.37$ Triclinic, P1 a = 7.8902 (16) Å b = 11.730(2) Å c = 13.988 (3) Å $\alpha = 98.10(3)^{\circ}$ $\beta = 102.80(3)^{\circ}$ $\gamma = 107.37 (3)^{\circ}$

Data collection

Rigaku R-AXIS RAPID diffractometer ω scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (ABSCOR; Higashi, 1995) $T_{\rm min}=0.761,\;T_{\rm max}=0.930$

Refinement

refinement

| Refinement on F^2 | $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0381P)^2]$ |
|---------------------------------|--|
| $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.040$ | + 0.6021P] |
| $wR(F^2) = 0.097$ | where $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ |
| S = 1.06 | $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.008$ |
| 5312 reflections | $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.36 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ |
| 355 parameters | $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.26 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ |
| H atoms treated by a mixture of | |
| independent and constrained | |

Table 1 Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

| Co-O1 | 2.0750 (19) | Co-N1 | 2.247 (2) |
|----------|-------------|----------|------------|
| Co-O2 | 2.0127 (19) | Co-N2 | 2.060 (2) |
| Co-O5 | 2.087 (2) | Co-N5 | 2.215 (2) |
| | | | |
| D2-Co-O1 | 80.15 (7) | O2-Co-N5 | 104.28 (9) |
| D1-Co-O5 | 169.28 (7) | O5-Co-N1 | 90.83 (8) |
| D2-Co-O5 | 89.29 (8) | N2-Co-O5 | 93.56 (8) |
| D1-Co-N1 | 90.46 (8) | O5-Co-N5 | 90.49 (8) |
| N2-Co-O1 | 97.04 (8) | N2-Co-N1 | 74.25 (8) |
| D1-Co-N5 | 93.92 (8) | N5-Co-N1 | 148.73 (8) |
| D2-Co-N1 | 106.98 (9) | N2-Co-N5 | 74.49 (8) |
| D2-Co-N2 | 176.89 (8) | | |
| | | | |

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

| $D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$ | D-H | $H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$ | $D \cdots A$ | $D - \mathbf{H} \cdots A$ |
|--------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| $O5-H5A\cdots O4^{i}$ | 0.83 (3) | 1.94 (3) | 2.754 (3) | 165 (3) |
| $O5-H5A\cdots O3^{i}$ | 0.83 (3) | 2.56 (3) | 3.069 (3) | 121 (3) |
| $O5-H5B\cdots O7$ | 0.82(2) | 1.93 (3) | 2.749 (3) | 172 (3) |
| $O6-H6A\cdots N6^{ii}$ | 0.85 (4) | 2.24 (4) | 3.058 (4) | 161 (3) |
| O6−H6B···O3 | 0.84 (4) | 1.88 (4) | 2.718 (3) | 176 (3) |
| $O7-H7A\cdots O8^{iii}$ | 0.85 (4) | 2.00 (3) | 2.835 (4) | 169 (4) |
| $O7 - H7B \cdot \cdot \cdot O9^{iv}$ | 0.82 (4) | 2.05 (4) | 2.859 (4) | 168 (4) |
| $O8-H8A\cdots O9^{v}$ | 0.86 (4) | 1.98 (4) | 2.833 (5) | 171 (5) |
| $O8-H8B\cdots N6$ | 0.85 (3) | 2.27 (4) | 3.060 (4) | 154 (5) |
| $O8-H8B\cdots N4$ | 0.85 (3) | 2.69 (5) | 3.375 (4) | 139 (5) |
| $O9-H9A\cdots O6^{vi}$ | 0.84 (4) | 2.01 (5) | 2.780 (5) | 152 (5) |
| $O9-H9B\cdots O6^{vii}$ | 0.86 (2) | 2.00 (3) | 2.841 (4) | 166 (4) |
| $C15-H15A\cdots O4^{viii}$ | 0.93 | 2.57 | 3.277 (3) | 133 |
| $C4-H4A\cdots O1^{viii}$ | 0.93 | 2.55 | 3.395 (3) | 151 |
| | | | | |

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

All H atoms bound to C were positioned geometrically and refined as riding, with C–H = 0.93 Å and $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$. H atoms attached to O were located in a difference Fourier map and refined isotropically, with O–H distances restrained to 0.85 (2) 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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Figure 3

The packing of (I), showing the supramolecular layers stablized by hydrogen-bonding interactions (dashed lines) between the water clusters and the chains of complex molecules.

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