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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
$T=298 \mathrm{~K}$
Mean $\sigma(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C})=0.004 \AA$
$R$ factor $=0.040$
$w R$ factor $=0.097$
Data-to-parameter ratio $=15.0$
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## Aquaoxalato(2,4,6-tri-2-pyridyl-1,3,5triazine)cobalt(II) tetrahydrate

The asymmetric unit of the title compound consists of the complex molecule, $\left[\mathrm{Co}\left(\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{4}\right)\left(\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{12} \mathrm{~N}_{6}\right)\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)\right]$, and four solvent water molecules. The complexes are assembled into one-dimensional double chains via hydrogen-bonding and weak $\pi-\pi$ interactions. These chains are further assembled through intermolecular $\pi-\pi$ stacking into two-dimensional layers. These are further aggregated to form a threedimensional 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 $\mathrm{Co}^{\mathrm{II}}$, tptz and oxalate anions in aqueous methanolic solution.

(I)

The $\mathrm{Co}^{\mathrm{II}}$ ion of (I) is in a six-coordinate distorted octahedral environment (Fig. 1, Table 1). The equatorial plane defined by atoms $\mathrm{N} 1, \mathrm{~N} 5, \mathrm{O} 1$ and O 5 is nearly perpendicular to the plane of tptz, with a dihedral angle of 87.16 (6) ${ }^{\circ}$. 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 $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ interactions between the


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 $\left[\mathrm{Co}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)(\mathrm{tptz})\left(\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{4}\right)\right]$ molecules of (I) via hydrogen bonding (dashed lines) and $\pi-\pi$ stacking interactions between two neighbouring chains.
oxalate anions and the tptz ligands (Table 2), and through intermolecular $\pi-\pi$ stacking interactions with interplanar distances in the range $3.332-3.337 \AA$. A distance of $3.463 \AA$ 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 $\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{4}$ clusters, while the $\mathrm{O} 7, \mathrm{O} 8$ and O 9 water molecules bind to give hexameric chair-like $\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{6}$ clusters.

These clusters are corner-shared by the one-dimensional chains that extend in the [100] direction. These form hydrogen bonds to the two-dimensional layers of complex molecules to achieve a three-dimensional supramolecular structure (Fig. 3).

## Experimental

A 0.5 M NaOH solution ( 4.0 ml ) was added dropwise to an aqueous solution ( 5.0 ml ) of $\mathrm{CoCl}_{2} \cdot 6 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(0.238 \mathrm{~g}, 1.0 \mathrm{mmol})$ to produce a blue-green precipitate. This was centrifuged and washed with doubly distilled water until no $\mathrm{Cl}^{-}$was observed in the supernatant liquid. The fresh precipitate was treated with a mixed solution of oxalic acid $(0.126 \mathrm{~g}, 1.0 \mathrm{mmol})$ and tptz $(0.314 \mathrm{~g}, 1.0 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{MeOH}-\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ ( $20 \mathrm{ml} ; 1: 1 \mathrm{v} / \mathrm{v}$ ) with continuous stirring. Slow evaporation of the final rose-coloured solution $(\mathrm{pH}=2.96)$ at room temperature for several days afforded red platelet crystals of (I) suitable for single-crystal X-ray diffraction (yield $19.3 \%$, based on $\mathrm{CoCl}_{2} \cdot 6 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ ).

Crystal data
$\left[\mathrm{Co}\left(\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{4}\right)\left(\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{12} \mathrm{~N}_{6}\right)\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)\right] \cdot 4 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$
$V=1174.7$ (4) $\AA^{3}$
$M_{r}=549.37$
$Z=2$
Triclinic, $P \overline{1}$
$a=7.8902(16) \AA$
$D_{x}=1.553 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$
Mo $K \alpha$ radiation
$b=11.730$ (2) $\AA$
$c=13.988$ (3) A
$\alpha=98.10(3)^{\circ}$
$\beta=102.80(3)^{\circ}$
$\gamma=107.37(3)^{\circ}$
$\mu=0.79 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$
$T=298$ (2) K
Platelet, red
$0.26 \times 0.21 \times 0.09 \mathrm{~mm}$

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

## Refinement

| Refinement on $F^{2}$ | $w=1 /\left[\sigma^{2}\left(F_{\mathrm{o}}{ }^{2}\right)+(0.0381 P)^{2}\right.$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| $R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.040$ | $+0.6021 P]$ |
| $w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.097$ | where $P=\left(F_{\mathrm{o}}{ }^{2}+2 F_{\mathrm{c}}{ }^{2}\right) / 3$ |
| $S=1.06$ | $(\Delta / \sigma)_{\max }=0.008$ |
| 5312 reflections | $\Delta \rho_{\max }=0.36 \mathrm{e} \AA^{-3}$ |
| 355 parameters | $\Delta \rho_{\min }=-0.26 \mathrm{e} \AA^{-3}$ |

Table 1
Selected geometric parameters ( $\left({ }^{\circ},{ }^{\circ}\right)$.

| Co-O1 | $2.0750(19)$ | $\mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{N} 1$ | $2.247(2)$ |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: |
| $\mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{O} 2$ | $2.0127(19)$ | $\mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{N} 2$ | $2.060(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{O} 5$ | $2.087(2)$ | $\mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{N} 5$ | $2.215(2)$ |
|  |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{O} 1$ | $80.15(7)$ | $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{N} 5$ | $104.28(9)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{O} 5$ | $169.28(7)$ | $\mathrm{O} 5-\mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{N} 1$ | $90.83(8)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{O} 5$ | $89.29(8)$ | $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{O} 5$ | $93.56(8)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{N} 1$ | $90.46(8)$ | $\mathrm{O} 5-\mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{N} 5$ | $90.49(8)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{O} 1$ | $97.04(8)$ | $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{N} 1$ | $74.25(8)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{N} 5$ | $93.92(8)$ | $\mathrm{N} 5-\mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{N} 1$ | $148.73(8)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{N} 1$ | $106.98(9)$ | $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{N} 5$ | $74.49(8)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{N} 2$ | $176.89(8)$ |  |  |

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

| $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H}$ | $\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{O} 5-\mathrm{H} 5 A \cdots \mathrm{O} 4^{\text {i }}$ | 0.83 (3) | 1.94 (3) | 2.754 (3) | 165 (3) |
| O5-H5A $\cdots \mathrm{O}{ }^{\text {i }}$ | 0.83 (3) | 2.56 (3) | 3.069 (3) | 121 (3) |
| O5-H5B..O7 | 0.82 (2) | 1.93 (3) | 2.749 (3) | 172 (3) |
| O6-H6A $\cdots \mathrm{N}^{\text {ii }}$ | 0.85 (4) | 2.24 (4) | 3.058 (4) | 161 (3) |
| O6-H6B . ${ }^{\text {O3 }}$ | 0.84 (4) | 1.88 (4) | 2.718 (3) | 176 (3) |
| $\mathrm{O} 7-\mathrm{H} 7 A \cdots \mathrm{O} 8^{\text {iii }}$ | 0.85 (4) | 2.00 (3) | 2.835 (4) | 169 (4) |
| $\mathrm{O} 7-\mathrm{H} 7 \mathrm{~B} \cdots \mathrm{O} 9^{\text {iv }}$ | 0.82 (4) | 2.05 (4) | 2.859 (4) | 168 (4) |
| $\mathrm{O} 8-\mathrm{H} 8 A \cdots \mathrm{O}^{\text {v }}$ | 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) |
| $\mathrm{O} 8-\mathrm{H} 8 B \cdots \mathrm{~N} 4$ | 0.85 (3) | 2.69 (5) | 3.375 (4) | 139 (5) |
| O9-H9A $\cdots \mathrm{O}^{\text {vi }}$ | 0.84 (4) | 2.01 (5) | 2.780 (5) | 152 (5) |
| $\mathrm{O} 9-\mathrm{H} 9 B \cdots \mathrm{O}^{\text {vii }}$ | 0.86 (2) | 2.00 (3) | 2.841 (4) | 166 (4) |
| $\mathrm{C} 15-\mathrm{H} 15 A \cdots \mathrm{O}^{\text {viii }}$ | 0.93 | 2.57 | 3.277 (3) | 133 |
| $\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{H} 4 A \cdots \mathrm{O} 1^{\text {viii }}$ | 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 $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}=0.93 \AA$ and $U_{\text {iso }}(\mathrm{H})=1.2 U_{\text {eq }}(\mathrm{C}) . \mathrm{H}$ atoms attached to O were located in a difference Fourier map and refined isotropically, with $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H}$ distances restrained to 0.85 (2) $\AA$ 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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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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