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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 294 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.005 Å R factor = 0.041 wR factor = 0.119 Data-to-parameter ratio = 12.0

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# catena-Poly[piperazinium(2+) [tetraaquazinc(II)µ-benzene-1,3,5-tricarboxylato-diaquacobalt(II)µ-benzene-1,3,5-tricarboxylato] dihydrate]

The asymmetric unit of the title polymer,  $\{(C_4H_{12}N_2)|ZnCo-(C_9H_3O_6)_2(H_2O)_6]\cdot 2H_2O\}_n$ , contains one independent  $Zn^{II}$  atom and one independent  $Co^{II}$  atom, each of which is located on an inversion center. The benzene-1,3,5-tricarboxylate molecule bridges the  $Zn^{II}$  and  $Co^{II}$  atoms in two coordination modes, forming a one-dimensional polymeric zigzag chain structure; the chains are further linked by  $O-H\cdots O$  and  $N-H\cdots O$  hydrogen bonds, forming a three-dimensional network. In the micropore formed by the packing of the zigzag chains, there is one piperazinium(2+) cation and two water molecules.

# Comment

Benzene-1,3,5-tricarboxylate usually plays the role of a bridging ligand in metal complexes (Wang *et al.*, 2005; Wei *et al.*, 2006). We present here the structure of the title  $Zn^{II}$  and  $Co^{II}$ complex, (I), in which benzene-1,3,5-tricarboxylate (BTC) ligands link the  $Zn^{II}$  and  $Co^{II}$  atoms in two kinds of coordination modes, forming a polymeric complex.



The title polymer contains two independent atoms,  $Zn^{II}$  and  $Co^{II}$ , located at the centers of centrosymmetric  $ZnO_6$  and  $CoO_6$  octahedra (Fig. 1). Each BTC ligand bridges one  $Zn^{II}$  and one  $Co^{II}$  atom, forming a polymeric zigzag chain running along [011]. Two carboxylate group of the BTC coordinate to the  $Zn^{II}$  and  $Co^{II}$  atoms, one in a monodentate fashion and the other in a bidentate chelating fashion; the third carboxylate group of the BTC is not coordinated to the  $Zn^{II}$  and  $Co^{II}$  atoms. The packing of the chains forms quadrilateral pores, which are occupied by one piperazinium(2+) cation and two water molecules (Fig. 2).

### Experimental

© 2006 International Union of Crystallography All rights reserved An aqueous solution (15 ml) of benzene-1,3,5-tricarboxylic acid (0.210 g) and piperazine hexahydrate (0.132 g) was mixed with an

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aqueous solution (5 ml) of zinc(II) nitrate hexahydrate (0.149 g) and cobalt(II) nitrate hexahydrate (0.146 g) with continuous stirring. The mixture was sealed in a 40 ml Teflon-lined stainless steel vessel and heated at 453 K for 96 h under autogenous conditions. After cooling to room temperature, the resulting product was filtered off to obtain pink crystals of (I) (about 76.2% yield based on the Zn source). IR (KBr,  $\nu$  cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3120, 2446, 2345, 1610, 1533, 1429, 1426, 1398, 1363, 1202, 1087, 754, 712, 542, 521, 459; elemental analysis calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>34</sub>CoN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>20</sub>Zn: C 34.25, H 4.45, N 3.63%; found: C 34.29, H 4.52, N 3.58%.

#### Crystal data

$(C_4H_{12}N_2)[ZnCo(C_9H_3O_6)_2-$
$(H_2O)_6]$ ·2H <sub>2</sub> O
$M_r = 770.81$
Triclinic, $P\overline{1}$
a = 7.189 (3) Å
b = 10.588 (4) Å
c = 10.593 (4) Å
$\alpha = 110.675 \ (5)^{\circ}$
$\beta = 91.429 \ (6)^{\circ}$

 $\gamma = 102.538 \ (6)^{\circ}$   $V = 731.8 \ (5) \text{ Å}^3$  Z = 1  $D_x = 1.749 \ \text{Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  $\mu = 1.48 \ \text{mm}^{-1}$   $T = 294 \ (2) \ \text{K}$ Block, pink  $0.20 \times 0.18 \times 0.14 \ \text{mm}$ 

3672 measured reflections

 $R_{\rm int}=0.023$ 

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

2549 independent reflections 2137 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer  $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Sheldrick, 1996)  $T_{\rm min} = 0.485, T_{\rm max} = 0.813$ 

#### Refinement

 $\begin{array}{ll} \mbox{Refinement on } F^2 & w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0648P)^2 \\ R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.041 & w \mbox{here } P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3 \\ S = 1.04 & (\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001 \\ 2549 \mbox{ reflections } & \Delta\rho_{\rm max} = 0.72 \mbox{ e } {\rm \AA}^{-3} \\ 212 \mbox{ parameters constrained } & \Delta\rho_{\rm min} = -0.77 \mbox{ e } {\rm \AA}^{-3} \end{array}$ 

### Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
$\overline{N1-H1A\cdots O7^{i}}$	0.90	2.05	2.901 (4)	156
$O8-H8A\cdots O5^{i}$	0.84	1.84	2.672 (4)	170
$O10-H10C\cdots O6^{i}$	0.85	1.90	2.751 (5)	180
$N1-H1A\cdots O8^{ii}$	0.90	2.44	3.033 (4)	124
$N1 - H1B \cdot \cdot \cdot O6^{iii}$	0.90	1.87	2.758 (4)	169
$O7 - H7B \cdot \cdot \cdot O5^{iv}$	0.85	1.89	2.721 (4)	168
$O8-H8B\cdots O4^{iv}$	0.85	1.92	2.755 (3)	167
$O9-H9B\cdots O2^{v}$	0.85	1.80	2.641 (4)	168
$O10-H10D\cdots O9^{vi}$	0.85	2.09	2.920 (5)	167
O9−H9A···O10	0.84	1.96	2.756 (5)	156
$O7-H7A\cdots O2$	0.85	1.85	2.653 (4)	158

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

All H atoms were placed in geometrically idealized positions and constrained to ride on their parent atoms, with C-H = 0.93–0.97 Å, N-H = 0.90 Å and O-H = 0.84–0.86 Å, and with  $U_{iso}(H)$  values set at  $1.2U_{eq}(C,N)$  or  $1.5U_{eq}(O)$ .

Data collection: *SMART* (Siemens, 1996); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Siemens, 1996); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997*a*); program(s) used to refine



Figure 1

View of a segment of the title polymer (I) with 30% probability displacement ellipsoids (arbitratry spheres for H atoms) [Symmetry codes: (A) -x, -y, -z + 1; (B) -x, -y + 1, -z; (C) -x + 2, -y + 2, -z].



## Figure 2

Packing of (I), viewed along the a axis. Dashed lines indicate hydrogen bonds.

structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997*a*); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 1997*b*); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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