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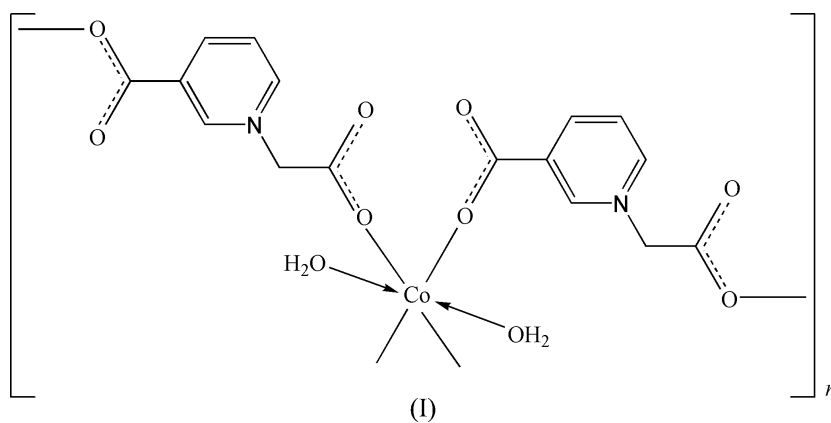
Poly[*diaquabis*[μ -1-(carboxylatomethyl)-pyridinium-4-carboxylato- $\kappa^2\text{O}^1:\text{O}^3$]-cobalt(II)]

In the title compound, $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_8\text{H}_6\text{NO}_4)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]_n$, the Co^{II} ion (site symmetry $\bar{1}$) adopts a distorted octahedral coordination geometry. Neighboring metal ions are bridged by 1-(carboxylatomethyl)pyridinium-3-carboxylate ligands, forming a two-dimensional coordination network which is stabilized by $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ hydrogen bonds.

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Comment

The synthesis and characterization of coordination polymers using di- and polycarboxylate *O*-donor ligands such as benzene-1,4-dicarboxylate, benzene-1,2-dicarboxylate, benzene-1,3,5-tricarboxylate, and benzene-1,2,4,5-tetracarboxylate has attracted the attention of many laboratories (Zheng & Sun, 2003).



In the present work, a pyridinium dicarboxylate anion, namely 1-(carboxylatomethyl)pyridinium-3-carboxylate (*L*), was used as a ligand to generate the title compound, (I). The *L* molecule comprises a betaine grouping (containing a positively charged N atom and a negatively charged carboxylate group in the same molecule) (Szafran *et al.*, 2003; Zhang *et al.*, 2003), which endows this ligand with zwitterionic properties as well as flexibility and conformational freedom in the molecular assembly process.

As depicted in Fig. 1, the Co^{II} ions in (I) are each located on an inversion center. Each Co^{II} ion is six-coordinated in a distorted octahedral geometry, surrounded by six O atoms from four different *L* ligands and two water molecules. The $\text{Co}-\text{O}(\text{carboxylate})$ bond lengths are in the range 2.103 (1)–2.110 (1) Å, comparable with those found in monodentate carboxylate groups of other cobalt(II) dicarboxylate complexes (Choi *et al.*, 2006; Zheng *et al.*, 2004; Su *et al.*, 2004). The range of *cis* bond angles about Co [83.77 (6)–96.23 (6)°] reflects the degree of distortion from an ideal octahedral

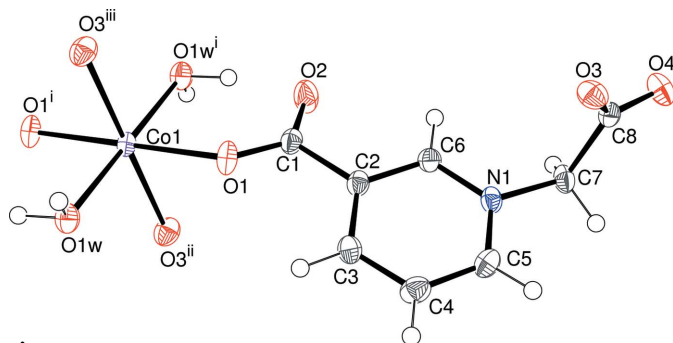


Figure 1

The asymmetric unit of (I), expanded to show the Co coordination environment (50% displacement ellipsoids and arbitrary spheres for the H atoms). [Symmetry codes: (i) $1-x, 1-y, 1-z$; (ii) $x, \frac{1}{2}-y, z-\frac{1}{2}$; (iii) $1-x, \frac{1}{2}+y, \frac{1}{2}-z$.]

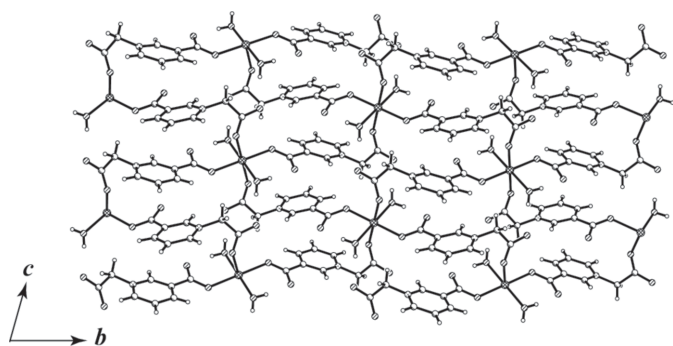


Figure 2

The two-dimensional structure of (I), viewed along the a axis.

geometry. The carboxylate C—O bond lengths indicate delocalization of the negative charges in these groups.

The Co^{II} ions are linked by bridging L ligands with the *syn-syn* monodentate coordination mode of both carboxylate groups, generating two one-dimensional chains extending along the $[011]$ and $[0\bar{1}1]$ directions. These one-dimensional chains are further crosslinked into two-dimensional layers lying in the (100) family of planes. Finally, $\text{O—H}\cdots\text{O}$ hydrogen bonds linking water molecules to uncoordinated carboxylate O atoms complete the structure (Table 2).

Experimental

4-Carboxy-1-carboxymethylpyridinium hydroxide was synthesized according to the literature procedure of Wang *et al.* (2003). The sodium salt NaL was obtained by dissolving 4-carboxy-1-carboxymethylpyridinium hydroxide in aqueous sodium bicarbonate, and methanol was added to precipitate out the product. Compound (I) was prepared by reaction of NaL (0.204 g, 1 mmol) and $\text{Co}(\text{ClO}_4)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.366 g, 1 mmol) in 8 ml distilled water. The resulting mixture was stirred at about 296 K for 15 min and then filtered. The filtrate was left to stand in air at room temperature for several days and pink block- and plate-shaped crystals of (I) were obtained in 85% yield. Analysis calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{CoN}_2\text{O}_{10}$: C 42.21, H 3.54, N 6.15%; found: C 42.67, H 3.55, N 5.91%. IF-IR (KBr, cm^{-1}): $\nu(\text{CO})$ 1601 (vs), 1377 (vs).

Crystal data

$[\text{Co}(\text{C}_8\text{H}_6\text{NO}_4)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$

$M_r = 455.24$

Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$

$a = 7.5954$ (5) Å

$b = 16.901$ (4) Å

$c = 7.2755$ (5) Å

$\beta = 117.378$ (5)°

$V = 829.32$ (19) Å³

$Z = 2$

$D_x = 1.823$ Mg m⁻³

Mo $K\alpha$ radiation

$\mu = 1.10$ mm⁻¹

$T = 296$ (2) K

Block, pink

$0.22 \times 0.22 \times 0.18$ mm

Data collection

Siemens P4 diffractometer

ω scans

Absorption correction: ψ scan

(North *et al.*, 1968)

$T_{\text{min}} = 0.794$, $T_{\text{max}} = 0.826$

2090 measured reflections

1815 independent reflections

1550 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$

$R_{\text{int}} = 0.018$

$\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.0^\circ$

3 standard reflections

every 120 reflections

intensity decay: 3.3%

Refinement

Refinement on F^2

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.031$

$wR(F^2) = 0.072$

$S = 1.09$

1815 reflections

134 parameters

H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.03P)^2 + 0.536P]$

where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$

$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.36 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$

$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.36 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$

Extinction correction: *SHELXL97*

Extinction coefficient: 0.0153 (17)

Table 1

Selected bond lengths (Å).

Co1—O1	2.1025 (14)	C1—O2	1.249 (3)
Co1—O3 ⁱ	2.1101 (15)	C8—O4	1.244 (2)
Co1—O1W	2.1573 (14)	C8—O3	1.257 (2)
C1—O1	1.258 (2)		

Symmetry code: (i) $x, -y + \frac{1}{2}, z - \frac{1}{2}$.

Table 2

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D\text{—H}\cdots A$	$D\text{—H}$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D\text{—H}\cdots A$
O1W—H1WA \cdots O2 ⁱⁱ	0.95	1.68	2.612 (2)	167
O1W—H1WB \cdots O4 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.95	1.84	2.788 (2)	176

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

All H atoms other than those of water molecules were positioned geometrically (C—H = 0.93–0.97 Å) and refined as riding, with $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$. The H atoms of water molecules were located in a difference map and refined as riding in their as-found relative positions, with $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{O})$.

Data collection: *XSCANS* (Siemens, 1994); cell refinement: *XSCANS*; data reduction: *XSCANS*; 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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