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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
 T = 295 K
 Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.005 \text{ \AA}$
 R factor = 0.041
 wR factor = 0.114
 Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.2

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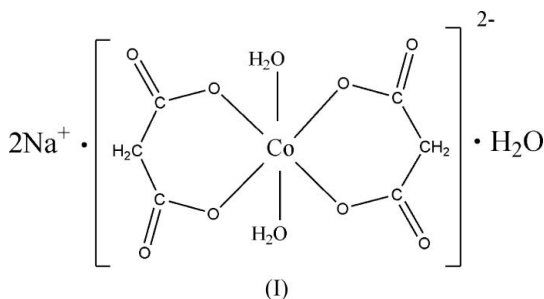
**Disodium diaquabis(malonato- $\kappa^2\text{O},\text{O}'$)-
 cobalt(II) monohydrate**

In the title compound, $\text{Na}_2[\text{Co}(\text{C}_3\text{H}_2\text{O}_4)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$, the Co atom and two crystallographically independent Na^+ ions lie on twofold rotation axes. The Co atom is coordinated by four O atoms from two malonate ligands and two water molecules in a distorted octahedral geometry [Co—O = 1.595 (3)–2.219 (4) Å]. The two independent Na^+ ions are coordinated by six and eight O atoms, respectively [Na—O = 2.268 (4)–2.844 (3) Å]. A two-dimensional hydrogen-bonding network formed by O—H...O hydrogen bonds stabilizes the crystal structure.

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Comment

Malonate is an important ligand for building metal-organic frameworks (MOFs) (Lightfoot & Snedden, 1999; Muro *et al.*, 1999; Wang *et al.*, 2004). Recently, we have reported the crystal structure of trisodium diaquabis(malonato- $\kappa^2\text{O},\text{O}'$)nickelate(II) chloride hexahydrate (Li *et al.*, 2006). Here we present the crystal structure of the title compound, (I).



In (I) (Fig.1), the Co atom lies on a twofold axis and is coordinated by the four O atoms from two malonate ligands and two water molecules in a distorted octahedral geometry (Table 1). Interestingly, the Co1—O6 bond length of 1.595 (3) Å is distinctly shorter than the other Co—O bonds (Table 1). Two crystallographically independent Na^+ ions are both located on twofold rotation axes and have different chemical environments. Na1 is coordinated by four O atoms from four malonate ligands and two O atoms from two water molecules. Na2 is coordinated by six O atoms from four malonate ligands and two O atoms from two water molecules. A two-dimensional hydrogen-bonding network formed by O—H...O hydrogen bonds (Table 2) stabilizes the crystal structure.

Experimental

Malonic acid and $\text{CoCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ of analytical grade were used without further purification. Malonic acid (2.08 g, 20 mmol) and $\text{CoCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$

(2.38 g, 10 mmol) were dissolved in water (30 ml), and the pH was adjusted to about 5 using an NaOH solution (0.1 M) with stirring. The mixture was stirred for another hour and then filtered. The filtrate was allowed to stand at room temperature for several weeks, giving brown block-shaped crystals.

Crystal data

$\text{Na}_2[\text{Co}(\text{C}_3\text{H}_2\text{O}_4)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$
 $M_r = 363.05$
 Orthorhombic, $C222_1$
 $a = 7.2503$ (15) Å
 $b = 15.952$ (3) Å
 $c = 10.371$ (2) Å
 $V = 1199.5$ (4) Å³

$Z = 4$
 $D_x = 2.010$ Mg m⁻³
 Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 $\mu = 1.56$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 295$ (2) K
 Block, brown
 $0.43 \times 0.41 \times 0.38$ mm

Data collection

Rigaku R-AXIS RAPID
 diffractometer
 ω scans
 Absorption correction: multi-scan
 (ABSCOR; Higashi, 1995)
 $T_{\min} = 0.557$, $T_{\max} = 0.590$
 (expected range = 0.522–0.553)

5787 measured reflections
 1348 independent reflections
 1312 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.019$
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.5^\circ$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.041$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.114$
 $S = 1.25$
 1348 reflections
 95 parameters
 H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0723P)^2 + 1.3726P]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.85$ e Å⁻³
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.57$ e Å⁻³
 Absolute structure: Flack (1983),
 543 Friedel pairs
 Flack parameter: 0.17 (3)

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Co1—O6	1.595 (3)	Na1—O7	2.321 (3)
Co1—O1	1.995 (2)	Na1—O4 ⁱⁱ	2.507 (3)
Co1—O3	2.016 (2)	Na2—O2 ⁱⁱⁱ	2.418 (3)
Co1—O5	2.219 (4)	Na2—O4 ^{iv}	2.493 (3)
Na1—O6	2.268 (4)	Na2—O7	2.6917 (8)
Na1—O2 ⁱ	2.321 (2)	Na2—O3 ^v	2.844 (3)
O6—Co1—O1	98.32 (9)	O1—Co1—O3	88.62 (11)
O1 ^{vi} —Co1—O1	163.36 (18)	O3 ^{vi} —Co1—O3	159.50 (15)
O6—Co1—O3 ^{vi}	100.25 (7)	O6—Co1—O5	180.0
O1—Co1—O3 ^{vi}	88.43 (11)	O1—Co1—O5	81.68 (9)
O6—Co1—O3	100.25 (7)	O3—Co1—O5	79.75 (7)

Symmetry codes: (i) $x + \frac{1}{2}, -y + \frac{1}{2}, -z + 1$; (ii) $-x + \frac{3}{2}, -y + \frac{1}{2}, z - \frac{1}{2}$; (iii) $x + \frac{1}{2}, y + \frac{1}{2}, z$; (iv) $x - \frac{1}{2}, y + \frac{1}{2}, z$; (v) $x - \frac{1}{2}, -y + \frac{1}{2}, -z + 1$; (vi) $-x + 1, y, -z + \frac{1}{2}$.

Table 2

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H \cdots A$	$D-H$	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D-H \cdots A$
O5—H5 \cdots O4 ^{viii}	0.85	1.90	2.743 (4)	176
O7—H3 \cdots O1 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.85	1.98	2.797 (3)	162

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

C-bound H atoms were positioned geometrically (C—H = 0.97 Å) and treated as riding on their parent atoms, with $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$. The water H atoms were initially located in a difference Fourier map,

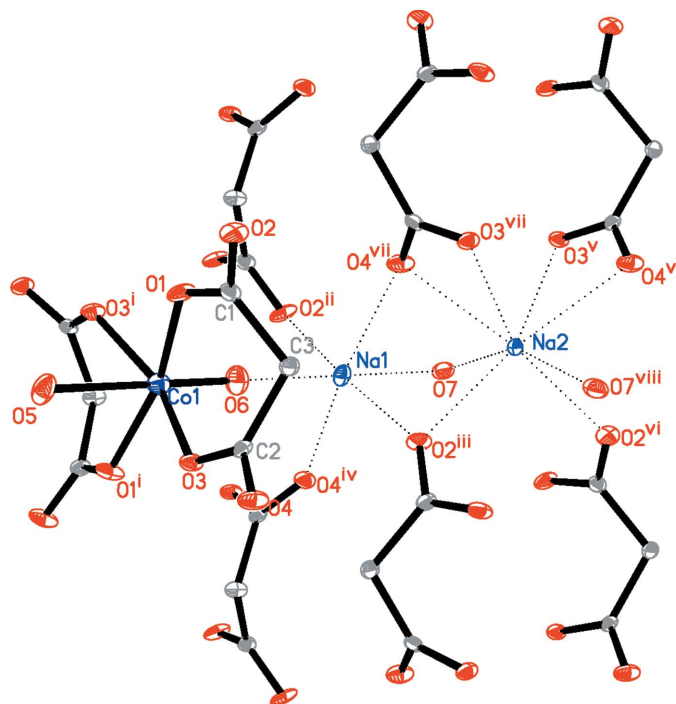


Figure 1

The structure of the title compound, showing the atom-labelling scheme [symmetry codes: (i) $-x + 1, y, -z + \frac{1}{2}$; (ii) $-x + \frac{1}{2}, -y + \frac{1}{2}, z - \frac{1}{2}$; (iii) $x + \frac{1}{2}, -y + \frac{1}{2}, -z + 1$; (iv) $-x + \frac{3}{2}, -y + \frac{1}{2}, z - \frac{1}{2}$; (v) $x - \frac{1}{2}, -y + \frac{1}{2}, -z + 1$; (vi) $x + \frac{1}{2}, y + \frac{1}{2}, z$; (vii) $x - \frac{1}{2}, y + \frac{1}{2}, z$; (viii) $-x + 1, -y + 1, z + \frac{1}{2}$]. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level. H atoms have been omitted for clarity.

but were idealized and refined as riding on their parent atoms, with O—H = 0.85 Å, H \cdots H = 1.37 Å and $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{O})$. The value of the Flack parameter suggests some inversion twinning.

Data collection: *RAPID-AUTO* (Rigaku, 1998); cell refinement: *RAPID-AUTO*; data reduction: *CrystalStructure* (Rigaku/MS, 2002); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *PLATON* (Spek, 2003); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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