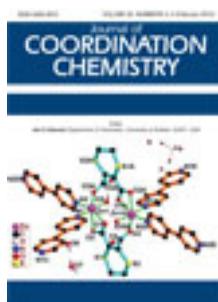


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A 2-D coordination polymer, $[\text{Co}(\text{OBA})_2]_\infty$ (OBA = 4,4'-oxy bis(benzoate)), where OBA ligands bridge cobalt in a terminal fashion to build up a 2-D layer structure with strong hydrogen-bonding interaction was isolated and structurally characterized from the reaction of OBA with $\text{Co}(\text{OAc})_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$. Magnetic data indicate the Co(II) centers in **1** are negligibly magnetically coupled to each other and the single-ion magnetic behavior of Co(II) in octahedral environment is dominated at low temperature to give an effective $S' = 1/2$ ground state from $S = 3/2$ state due to spin–orbit coupling.

Keywords: Coordination framework; Cobalt; 4,4'-Oxy bis(benzoate); Spin–orbit coupling

1. Introduction

The construction of coordination polymers plays a prominent role in materials science [1–4]. The construction of supramolecular networks containing divalent cobalt as connectors is attractive because of electronic and magnetic properties, which have been effective in exotic magnetic characteristics of single-molecule magnets [5], single-chain magnets [6], and photomagnets [7]. In particular, the molecular approaches to combining building units with essential properties *via* self-assembly processes can offer models to better understand fundamental phenomena and correlation, such as ferromagnetic, antiferromagnetic, and magnetic complexes with blended properties (spin canting/metamagnetism, spin canting/spin flop, etc.) [8].

One synthetic strategy in the coordination polymer field involves the use of carboxylates, which show versatile coordination characteristics and/or bridging modes to prepare target compounds [9, 10]. Aromatic dicarboxylate ligands such as benzenedicarboxylates and biphenylcarboxylates have been widely used to link metal ions in construction of coordination polymers [11]. Despite successes, the structural prediction and rational design of coordination polymers remains a challenge, arising from combined influences of coordination flexibility, versatility of metal ions and ligands, and subtle influences of weak interactions (e.g., hydrogen bonds), as well as

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synthetic conditions. Magnetic interactions can also be very different owing to the change of the bridging mode and environments of the metal centers [12–16]. For example, Salifoglou *et al.* [17] reported structurally diverse array of polynuclear complexes from the reaction of 6-methylpyridine-2-methanol with a range of cobalt(II) salts under a variety of reaction conditions. Recently, Zeng *et al.* [18] reported a new pillared-layer coordination polymer, $[\text{Co}_3(\text{pybz})_2(\text{pico})_2]_n$ (pybz = 4-(pyridin-4-yl) benzoate, pico = 3-hydroxypicolinate), which contained rare 2-D $[\text{Co}_3(\text{pico})_2]_n^{2n+}$ layers formed by linear cobalt(II) trimers and exhibited ferrimagnetic long-range ordering below 2.6 K [18].

Herein, we report the synthesis, crystal structure, and magnetic properties of a new coordination polymer of cobalt 4,4'-oxy bis(benzoate) (OBA) prepared by the reaction of $\text{Co}(\text{OAc})_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and 4,4'-oxy bis(benzoate) (OBA) [19, 20]. Single-crystal X-ray analysis showed that the complex exhibits a 2-D structure interlinked *via* strong hydrogen bonds on the terminal of free carboxylate groups. The magnetic property of the title compound is also discussed.

2. Experimental

2.1. General

All reagents were commercially available and used as received. IR (KBr pellet) spectra were recorded on a Vector 22 Bruker spectrophotometer from 400 to 4000 cm^{-1} . C, N, and H analyses were performed with a Perkin-Elmer 240 analyzer. Variable temperature magnetic susceptibility data on **1** were measured using an MPMS Quantum Design SQUID magnetometer at a constant magnetic field of 5000 G.

2.2. Synthesis of title compound

A mixture of $\text{Co}(\text{OAc})_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.0245 g, 0.1 mmol) and 4,4'-oxy bis(benzoic acid) (0.021 g, 0.1 mmol) was dissolved in 8 mL of water and placed in a 30 mL Teflon-lined stainless steel autoclave and heated at 150°C for 1 day, then slowly cooled to room temperature after 1 day. Red colored block-shaped crystals of **1** were obtained in 67% yield. Anal. Calcd (%) for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{22}\text{CoO}_{12}$: H, 3.64; C, 55.19. Found: H, 3.72; C, 55.32.

2.3. X-ray crystallography

Diffraction data of **1** were collected on a Bruker Apex II CCD area-detector diffractometer ($\text{Mo-K}\alpha$, $\lambda = 0.71073\text{ \AA}$) [21]. Absorption correction was applied by using multiscan program SADABS. The structure was solved with direct methods and refined with a full-matrix least-squares technique with the SHELXTL program package [22]. Anisotropic thermal parameters were applied to all non-hydrogen atoms of **1**. The positions of hydrogen atoms were generated geometrically, assigned isotropic thermal parameters, and allowed to ride on their parent carbons before the final cycle of refinement. The crystal data are given in table 1 and selected bond distances and angles are listed in table 2.

Table 1. Crystallographic data for **1**.

Empirical formula	C ₂₈ H ₂₂ O ₁₂ Co
Formula weight	609.39
Temperature (K)	293(2)
Wavelength (Å)	0.71073
Crystal system	Triclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> -1
Unit cell dimensions (Å, °)	
<i>a</i>	6.6354(3)
<i>b</i>	7.3611(3)
<i>c</i>	25.5389(13)
α	91.708(4)
β	91.207(4)
γ	90.251(4)
Volume (Å ³), <i>Z</i>	1246.57(10), 2
Calculated density (Mg m ⁻³)	1.624
<i>F</i> (000)	626
Absorption coefficient (mm ⁻¹)	0.760
θ range for data collection (°)	2.86–25.00
Limiting indices	$-7 \leq h \leq 7$; $-8 \leq k \leq 8$; $-30 \leq l \leq 29$
Reflections collected	11,221
Unique reflections	4384 [<i>R</i> _{int} = 0.0406]
Data/restraints/parameters	4384/0/373
<i>S</i>	1.107
<i>R</i> ₁ , <i>wR</i> ₂ [<i>I</i> ≥ 2σ(<i>I</i>)]	<i>R</i> ₁ = 0.0684, <i>wR</i> ₂ = 0.2012
<i>R</i> ₁ , <i>wR</i> ₂ (all data)	<i>R</i> ₁ = 0.0825, <i>wR</i> ₂ = 0.2141

Table 2. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for **1**.

Co1–O11W	2.069(3)	Co2–O12W	2.071(3)
Co1–O2	2.104(3)	Co2–O8	2.107(3)
Co1–O9	2.130(3)	Co2–O1	2.126(3)
O11W(A)–Co1–O2	89.06(11)	O12W–Co2–O8(C)	89.72(11)
O11W–Co1–O2	90.94(11)	O12W–Co2–O1(B)	90.69(11)
O11W(A)–Co1–O9	91.16(11)	O12W–Co2–O1	89.31(11)
O11W–Co1–O9	88.84(11)	O8(C)–Co2–O1	87.51(11)
O2–Co1–O9	92.93(11)	O8(D)–Co2–O1	92.49(11)
O2–Co1–O9(A)	87.07(11)		

Symmetry code: (A): $-x, 2-y, -z$; (B): $-1-x, 3-y, -z$; (C): $-1-x, 2-y, -z$; (D): $x, y+1, z$.

3. Results and discussion

Complex **1** was synthesized under hydrothermal conditions. X-ray diffraction analysis revealed that **1** crystallizes in triclinic crystal system, space group *P*-1. As depicted in figure 1(a), the asymmetric unit of **1** contains two half Co(II) cations, two terminal coordinated OBA ligands, and two ligated water molecules. The cobalts sit on centers of inversion. The fully deprotonated terminal OBA[−] exhibits an $\eta^1-\eta^1$ coordination mode and one carboxylate adopts bis-monodentate bridging to two Co(II) cations. The central Co(II) cation is six-coordinate in octahedral geometry, with four oxygen atoms from the carboxylate defining the equatorial positions, and the axial positions occupied by two oxygen atoms from crystallographically related water molecules. The Co–O distance in the equatorial plane falls within the range 2.104–2.130 Å, while the distance on the apical position is 2.069 Å, indicating a compressed octahedral environment.

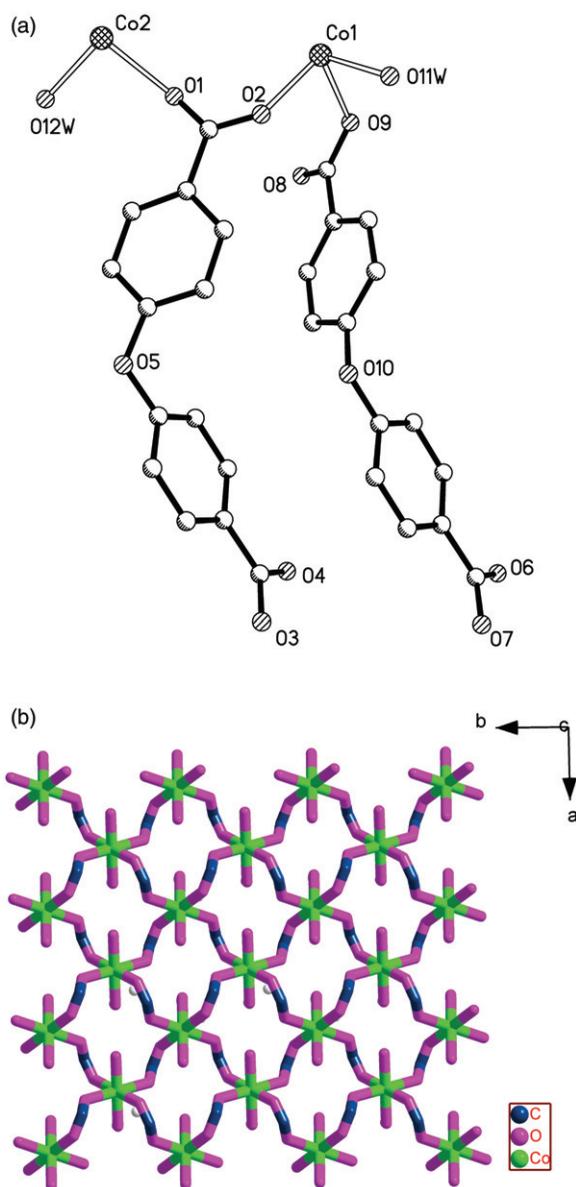


Figure 1. (a) Structure of $[\text{Co}(\text{OBA})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$ with atom-labeling scheme. Thermal ellipsoids are drawn with 50% probability surfaces. (b) The 2-D cobalt carboxylate-bridged structure in the crystallographic *ab* plane.

The Co(II) cations are linked by 1,3-coordinated carboxylates in the crystallographic *ab* plane to form a 2-D layer (figure 1b). The layers are connected to each other by two sets of free carboxylic acid groups on another terminal along the crystallographic *c*-axis to generate a 3-D supramolecular framework (figure 2). The connection is evidenced by short $\text{O}\cdots\text{O}$ contact distances of 2.614 and 2.621 Å between free carboxylic acid groups of two adjacent layers, which suggests that the layers are strongly hydrogen-bonded to each other.

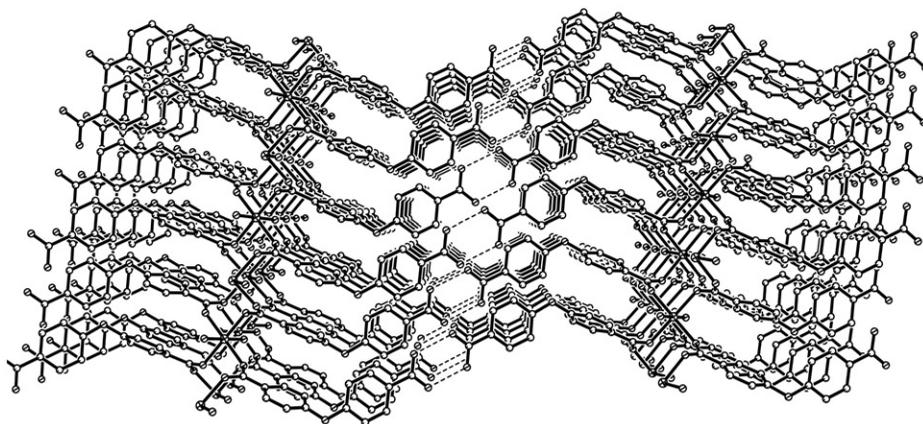


Figure 2. Hydrogen-bonding connectivity between layers of cobalt planes in **1**.

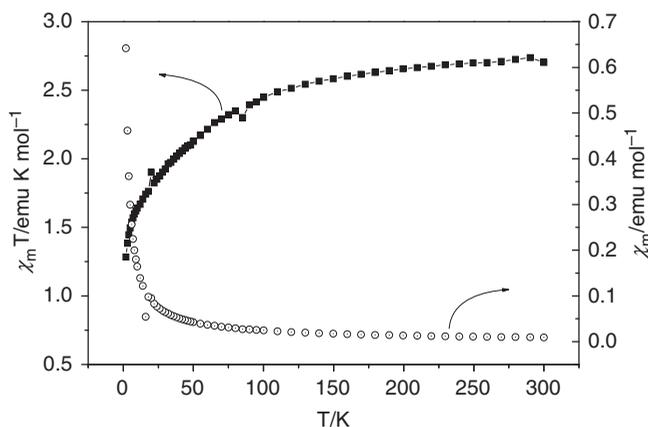


Figure 3. Temperature dependence of the magnetic susceptibility in the form of $\chi_m T$ vs. T from 1.8 to 300 K.

The temperature dependence of the molar magnetic susceptibility (χ_m) of the Co(II)–(OBA)₂ polymer was studied from 300 to 1.8 K. The magnetic susceptibility (χ_m) and product of the susceptibility with temperature ($\chi_m T$) are shown in figure 3. The $\chi_m T$ value, 2.70 emu K mol⁻¹, at 300 K is larger than the value for a spin-only $S = 3/2$ system (1.875 emu K mol⁻¹), due to a large first-order orbital contribution to the magnetic moment as expected for octahedral high-spin cobalt(II) [23]. The fitting according to Curie–Weiss laws, $\chi_m = C/(T - \theta)$, down to 30 K gave $\theta = -12.4$ K and $C = 2.81$ cm³ mol⁻¹ K. As the temperature decreases, $\chi_m T$ decreases and reaches a value of 1.28 emu K mol⁻¹ at 1.8 K. The decrease in $\chi_m T$ can be ascribed to weak antiferromagnetic interactions, as well as the single-ion effects of the cobalt(II) center. However, if we keep in mind that the Co(II) ions are singly bridged by carboxylate, clearly a poor mediator of magnetic exchange in **1**, the antiferromagnetic interactions between the cobalt(II) centers are very weak. Despite the large drop in $\chi_m T$, there is no maximum $\chi_m T$ observed down to 1.8 K in the temperature dependence of χ_m versus T ; thus, single-ion effects dominate the magnetic behavior. Thus, the decrease in $\chi_m T$ can

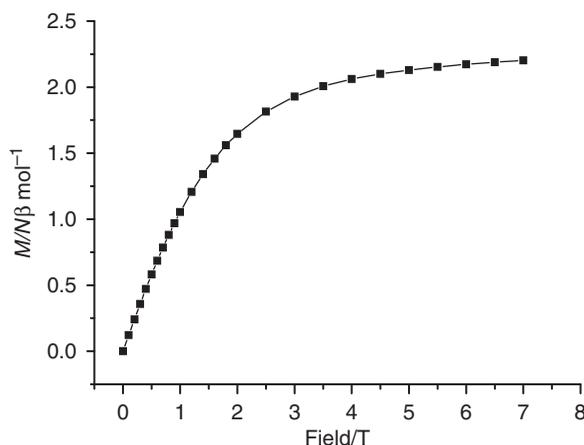


Figure 4. Magnetization measurements in the field range 0–7 T.

be ascribed to the effect of spin–orbit coupling of Co^{II}, resulting in an effective $S' = 1/2$ at low temperature from an $S = 3/2$ state at high temperature [24].

To further support the above proposal, magnetization measurements on **1** were run at 1.8 K and in the field range 0–7 T. The derived data are shown in the form of $M/N [\mu\beta]$ versus $H [T]$ in figure 4. The value of the saturated M of *ca* $2 \mu B$ at 1.8 K per Co(II) is consistent with a very small interaction between Co(II) magnetic centers, assuming independent spins in the coordination polymers with $S' = 1/2$ with effective g value of *ca* 4.0. They clearly reveal the negligible antiferromagnetic exchange interaction between cobalt(II) ions and, indeed, the behavior of Co(II) single ion is responsible for the magnetic behavior.

4. Conclusion

We have synthesized a cobalt-based layered coordination polymer with strong layer···layer hydrogen-bonding interactions and interesting magnetic properties. Further research on design and construction of a series of tunable magnetic metal–organic frameworks for interesting magnetic chemistry is underway.

Supplementary material

CCDC 836791 contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this article. These data can be obtained free of charge *via* www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/conts/retrieving.html

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