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# Poly[[tetraaquadi- $\mu_4$ -fumarato- $\mu_2$ oxalato-dierbium(III)] tetrahvdrate]

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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; T = 293 K; mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.006 Å; R factor = 0.018; wR factor = 0.045; data-to-parameter ratio = 15.7.

The title compound,  $\{[Er_2(C_4H_2O_4)_2(C_2O_4)(H_2O_4)_4] \cdot 4H_2O_{n}\}$ was synthesized by the reaction of erbium nitrate hexahydrate with fumaric acid and oxalic acid under hydrothermal conditions. The Er<sup>3+</sup> cation (site symmetry ..2) is eightcoordinated by six O atoms from four fumarate anions (site symmetry ...2) and one bidentate oxalate anion (site symmetry 222), and by two water molecules. The complex exhibits a three-dimensional structure consisting of oxalate pillared Erfumarate layers with channels occupied by coordinating and lattice water molecules. The three-dimensional structure features by Owater-H···O hydrogen bonds involving both the coordinating and lattice water molecules.

#### **Related literature**

For lanthanide-metal complexes containing fumarate ligands, see: Zhang et al. (2006). For lanthanide-containing structures with metal-organic frameworks and two different flexible carboxylate ligands, see: Zhang et al. (2008); Zhu et al. (2007).





## **Experimental**

#### Crystal data

 $[Er_2(C_4H_2O_4)_2(C_2O_4)(H_2O_4)]$ 4H<sub>2</sub>O  $M_r = 794.78$ Orthorhombic, Fddd a = 9.6016 (19) Åb = 15.701 (3) Å c = 26.722 (5) Å

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX CCD diffractometer Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Bruker, 2001)  $T_{\min} = 0.305, \ T_{\max} = 0.402$ 

#### Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.018$	74 parameters
$wR(F^2) = 0.045$	H-atom parameters constrained
S = 1.11	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.51 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
1162 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -1.04 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

 $V = 4028.5 (14) \text{ Å}^3$ 

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation

 $0.19 \times 0.16 \times 0.13 \text{ mm}$ 

9284 measured reflections

1162 independent reflections

1088 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

 $\mu = 8.38 \text{ mm}^-$ 

T = 293 K

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.022$ 

Z = 8

#### Table 1 Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdots A$	$D-\mathrm{H}$	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
$O4-H4A\cdots O5^{i}$	0.85	2.35	3.045 (5)	139
$O4-H4B\cdots O3^{ii}$	0.85	1.91	2.750 (3)	168
$O5-H5A\cdots O4$	0.85	1.99	2.836	180
$O5-H5B\cdots O2^{iii}$	0.85	2.36	2.938 (4)	125
Symmetry codes: $-x + \frac{3}{2}, y + \frac{1}{4}, z - \frac{1}{4}.$	(i) $-x + \frac{3}{4}$	$y, -z + \frac{3}{4};$	(ii) $-x + 1, -y,$	-z + 1; (iii)

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 2007); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 2007); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: DIAMOND (Brandenburg, 1999); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL (Sheldrick, 2008).

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# supporting information

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#### S1. Comment

In recent years, lanthanide metal-organic compounds have been of great interest due to their fascinating structures and potential applications in magnetism, luminescence, catalysis, gas storage and separation. Multitopic carboxylates have received considerable study due to their availability and potential for allowing for the tailored design of such frameworks. As we know, fumaric acid is a unique ligand with a relatively small, conjugated middle part and versatile coordination modes. A large number of lanthanide metal complexes containing fumarate ligands have been reported, see: Zhang *et al.* (2006). And lanthanide-containing MOFs with two different flexible carboxylate ligands are less developed, see: Zhang *et al.* (2008); Zhu *et al.* (2007). In this paper, we report the synthesis and structure of a new metal-organic compound constructed from fumarate ligands coordinated to Er atoms in the presence of oxalate ligands.

In the title compound I, Er1 is eight-coordinated with four O atoms from four fumarate ligands ( $O2^{iii}$ ,  $O1^{iv}$ , O2,  $O1^{v}$ , (iii), 1.25 - x, 0.25 - y, z; (iv) 1.5 - x, 0.5 - y, 1 - z; (v) -0.25 + x, -0.25 + y, 1 - z), two O atoms from one oxalate ligand (O3 and O3<sup>iii</sup>) and two water molecules (O4 and O4<sup>iii</sup>) (Fig. 1). The Er—O bond lengths are between 2.273 (3)–2.428 (3) Å. The Er atoms are linked through bridging carboxyl groups of fumarate ligands to form two-dimensional Er–fum layers in the *ab* plane (Fig. 2). Along the *c* direction, the Er-fum layers are pillared by the oxalic acid resulting in a three-dimensional structure. The framework contains approximately 6.2 Å×11.1 Å rectangular channels along the [100] direction. These channels are occupied by coordinated and free water molecules (Fig. 3). The three-dimensional structure is stabilized by O<sub>water</sub>—H···O hydrogen bonds involving both the coordinated and free water molecules.

#### **S2. Experimental**

A mixture of fumaric acid (0.058 g, 0.50 mmol), oxalic acid (0.063 g, 0.50 mmol) and erbium nitrate hexahydrate (0.230 g, 0.50 mmol) in distilled water (15 ml) was stirred fully in air, and then sealed in 25 ml Teflon-lined stainless steel container, which was heated firstly at 403 K for 2 days and then at 443 K for 1 day. The pink block product, I, was crystallized upon cooling to 273 K.

#### **S3. Refinement**

The H atoms attached to carbon were positioned geometrically and treated as riding on their parent atoms, with C—H 0.93. The hydrogen atoms of the water molecules were located in difference maps and refined by using the 'DFIX' command with O—H = 0.85 (2)Å with  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.5U_{iso}(O)$ .



## Figure 1

Coordination environment of Er1 in compound I with labelling and displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 30% probability level. Symmetry codes: (i) 2.25 - x, 0.25 - y, *z*; (ii) 1.25 - x, *y*, 1.25 - z; (iii) 1.25 - x, 0.25 - y, *z*; (iv) 1.5 - x, 0.5 - y, 1 - z; (v) -0.25 + x, -0.25 + y, 1 - z; (vi) 1 + x, *y*, *z*; (vii) 2 - x, -y, 1 - z; (viii) *x*, 0.25 - y, 1.25 - z; (ix) -1 + x, *y*, *z*; (*x*) -0.75 + x, 0.25 + y, 1 - z.









The three-dimensional network with rectangular channels along the [100] direction.

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#### Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX CCD diffractometer Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube Graphite monochromator Detector resolution: 9.00cm pixels mm<sup>-1</sup>  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Bruker, 2001)  $T_{\min} = 0.305, T_{\max} = 0.402$   $D_x = 2.621 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Melting point: not measured K Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation,  $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ Å}$ Cell parameters from 9875 reflections  $\theta = 3.0-27.5^{\circ}$  $\mu = 8.38 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 293 KBlock, pink  $0.19 \times 0.16 \times 0.13 \text{ mm}$ 

9284 measured reflections 1162 independent reflections 1088 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   $R_{int} = 0.022$   $\theta_{max} = 27.5^{\circ}, \theta_{min} = 3.0^{\circ}$   $h = -12 \rightarrow 12$   $k = -20 \rightarrow 20$  $l = -34 \rightarrow 31$  Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier
Least-squares matrix: full	map
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.018$	Hydrogen site location: inferred from
$wR(F^2) = 0.045$	neighbouring sites
S = 1.11	H-atom parameters constrained
1162 reflections	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0186P)^2 + 60.2587P]$
74 parameters	where $P = (F_{o}^{2} + 2F_{c}^{2})/3$
0 restraints	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.003$
Primary atom site location: structure-invariant	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.51 \ { m e} \ { m \AA}^{-3}$
direct methods	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -1.04 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$

#### Special details

**Geometry**. All e.s.d.'s (except the e.s.d. in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell e.s.d.'s are taken into account individually in the estimation of e.s.d.'s in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between e.s.d.'s in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell e.s.d.'s is used for estimating e.s.d.'s involving l.s. planes.

**Refinement**. Refinement of  $F^2$  against ALL reflections. The weighted *R*-factor *wR* and goodness of fit *S* are based on  $F^2$ , conventional *R*-factors *R* are based on *F*, with *F* set to zero for negative  $F^2$ . The threshold expression of  $F^2 > \sigma(F^2)$  is used only for calculating *R*-factors(gt) *etc.* and is not relevant to the choice of reflections for refinement. *R*-factors based on  $F^2$  are statistically about twice as large as those based on *F*, and *R*- factors based on ALL data will be even larger.

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters  $(A^2)$ 

	x	У	Ζ	$U_{\rm iso}$ */ $U_{\rm eq}$
C1	0.9358 (4)	0.1660 (2)	0.52974 (13)	0.0167 (6)
C2	1.0906 (4)	0.1604 (3)	0.53278 (16)	0.0268 (8)
H2	1.1407	0.2110	0.5348	0.032*
C3	0.6250	0.0756 (3)	0.6250	0.0150 (8)
Er1	0.6250	0.1250	0.508677 (7)	0.01528 (8)
01	0.8868 (3)	0.23742 (16)	0.51740 (10)	0.0237 (5)
O2	0.8597 (3)	0.10210 (16)	0.53731 (11)	0.0239 (5)
O3	0.6164 (3)	0.04009 (15)	0.58332 (9)	0.0190 (5)
O4	0.4757 (3)	0.12267 (15)	0.43533 (9)	0.0256 (5)
H4A	0.3985	0.1447	0.4440	0.031*
H4B	0.4595	0.0706	0.4288	0.031*
O5	0.5533 (3)	0.20049 (15)	0.34370 (9)	0.0859 (16)
H5A	0.5298	0.1769	0.3711	0.103*
H5B	0.5661	0.2534	0.3485	0.129*

Atomic displacement parameters  $(Å^2)$ 

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
C1	0.0141 (15)	0.0186 (16)	0.0173 (16)	0.0032 (13)	-0.0010 (13)	0.0001 (13)
C2	0.0159 (17)	0.0232 (18)	0.041 (2)	-0.0021 (14)	0.0015 (15)	-0.0025 (17)
C3	0.0133 (19)	0.013 (2)	0.019 (2)	0.000	-0.0012 (19)	0.000
Er1	0.01765 (12)	0.01422 (11)	0.01396 (11)	0.00560 (8)	0.000	0.000
01	0.0239 (13)	0.0200 (12)	0.0270 (13)	0.0067 (10)	0.0003 (11)	0.0045 (10)
O2	0.0168 (12)	0.0205 (12)	0.0344 (14)	0.0009 (10)	0.0001 (11)	0.0027 (11)
O3	0.0269 (13)	0.0139 (11)	0.0161 (11)	-0.0003 (10)	-0.0015 (10)	-0.0010 (9)

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O4 O5	0.0296 (13) 0.099 (4)	0.0215 (12) 0.076 (3)	0.0256 (13) 0.082 (3)	-0.0017 (11) -0.011 (3)	-0.0040 (11) 0.012 (3)	0.0002 (11) 0.037 (3)
Geomet	ric parameters (À	, °)				
C1—02	2	1.258 (4	)	Er1—O3	2.	401 (2)
C10	1	1.260 (4	)	Er1—O2	2.	407 (3)
C1—C2	2	1.491 (5	)	Er1—O2 <sup>iii</sup>	2.	407 (3)
C2—C2	2 <sup>i</sup>	1.294 (8	)	Er1—O4	2.	428 (2)
С2—Н	2	0.9300		Er1—O4 <sup>iii</sup>	2.	428 (2)
C3—O	3	1.249 (3	)	O1—Er1 <sup>iv</sup>	2.	273 (3)
C3—O	3 <sup>ii</sup>	1.249 (3	)	O4—H4A	0.	8500
С3—С	3 <sup>iii</sup>	1.550 (9	)	O4—H4B	0.	8499
Er1—O	1 <sup>iv</sup>	2.273 (3	)	O5—H5A	0.	8500
Er1—O	1 <sup>v</sup>	2.273 (3	)	O5—H5B	0.	8500
Er1—O	<sup>3<sup>iii</sup></sup>	2.401 (2	)			
02—C	1—01	122.4 (3	)	O3—Er1—O2 <sup>iii</sup>	77	7.67 (9)
О2—С	l—C2	121.5 (3	)	O2—Er1—O2 <sup>iii</sup>	14	42.93 (13)
01—C	1—C2	116.0 (3)	)	O1 <sup>iv</sup> —Er1—O4	74	4.78 (9)
C2 <sup>i</sup> —C	2—C1	124.0 (5	)	O1 <sup>v</sup> —Er1—O4	76	5.55 (9)
C2 <sup>i</sup> —C	2—Н2	118.0		O3 <sup>iii</sup> —Er1—O4	13	34.38 (9)
C1—C2	2—Н2	118.0		O3—Er1—O4	12	29.93 (8)
O3—C	3—O3 <sup>ii</sup>	126.9 (4	)	O2—Er1—O4	14	43.80 (9)
O3—C	3—C3 <sup>iii</sup>	116.6 (2	)	O2 <sup>iii</sup> —Er1—O4	72	2.91 (9)
O3 <sup>ii</sup> —C	C3—C3 <sup>iii</sup>	116.6 (2)	)	$O1^{iv}$ — $Er1$ — $O4^{iii}$	76	5.55 (9)
O1 <sup>iv</sup> —E	Er1—O1 <sup>v</sup>	144.28 (	13)	O1 <sup>v</sup> —Er1—O4 <sup>iii</sup>	74	1.78 (9)
O1 <sup>iv</sup> —E	Er1—O3 <sup>iii</sup>	74.25 (9	)	O3 <sup>iii</sup> —Er1—O4 <sup>iii</sup>	12	29.93 (8)
01 <sup>v</sup> —E	r1—O3 <sup>iii</sup>	141.35 (	9)	O3—Er1—O4 <sup>iii</sup>	13	34.38 (9)
O1 <sup>iv</sup> —F	Er1—O3	141.35 (	9)	O2—Er1—O4 <sup>iii</sup>	72	2.91 (9)
O1 <sup>v</sup> —E	r1—O3	74.25 (9	)	O2 <sup>iii</sup> —Er1—O4 <sup>iii</sup>	14	13.80 (9)
O3 <sup>iii</sup> —I	Er1—O3	67.62 (1	1)	O4—Er1—O4 <sup>iii</sup>	72	2.38 (12)
O1 <sup>iv</sup> —E	Er1—O2	106.62 (	9)	C1-O1-Er1 <sup>iv</sup>	16	50.8 (3)
01 <sup>v</sup> —E	r1—O2	84.78 (9	)	C1-O2-Er1	11	1.9 (2)
O3 <sup>iii</sup> —I	Er1—O2	77.67 (9	)	C3—O3—Er1	11	9.4 (2)
O3—E1	-1—02	71.66 (9	)	Er1—O4—H4A	10	)6.7
O1 <sup>iv</sup> —E	Er1—O2 <sup>iii</sup>	84.78 (9	)	Er1—O4—H4B	10	)6.7
O1 <sup>v</sup> —E	r1—O2 <sup>iii</sup>	106.62 (	9)	H4A—O4—H4B	10	)6.7
O3 <sup>iii</sup> —I	Er1—O2 <sup>iii</sup>	71.66 (9	)	H5A—O5—H5B	10	)9.5

Symmetry codes: (i) -x+9/4, -y+1/4, z; (ii) -x+5/4, y, -z+5/4; (iii) -x+5/4, -y+1/4, z; (iv) -x+3/2, -y+1/2, -z+1; (v) x-1/4, y-1/4, -z+1.

## Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)

<i>D</i> —H··· <i>A</i>	D—H	H···A	$D \cdots A$	<i>D</i> —H… <i>A</i>
O4—H4A····O5 <sup>vi</sup>	0.85	2.35	3.045 (5)	139
O4—H4 <i>B</i> ···O3 <sup>vii</sup>	0.85	1.91	2.750 (3)	168

# O5—H5A···O4 0.85 1.99 2.836 180 O5—H5B···O2<sup>viii</sup> 0.85 2.36 2.938 (4) 125

Symmetry codes: (vi) -x+3/4, y, -z+3/4; (vii) -x+1, -y, -z+1; (viii) -x+3/2, y+1/4, z-1/4.