# Structure of Potassium Sodium Orthoperiodate(VII) Tetrahydrate 

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#### Abstract

K}_{2} \mathrm{Na}\left[\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{IO}_{6}\right] \cdot 4 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}, M_{r}=398 \cdot 17\), triclinic, $P \overline{1}, a=6.7201$ (5), $b=7.3601$ (4), $c=10.7671$ (6) $\AA$, $\alpha=97.607$ (5), $\beta=108.002$ (5), $\gamma=93.935$ (6) ${ }^{\circ}, V=$ $498.62 \AA^{3}, Z=2, \quad D_{m}=2.70, \quad D_{x}=2 \cdot 652 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$, $\lambda($ Мо $K \alpha)=0.71073 \AA, \mu=40.838 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}, F(000)=$ 384, $T=295 \mathrm{~K}, \quad R=0.0184$ for 5751 observed unique reflections. The $\left[\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{IO}_{6}\right]^{3-}$ anion has octahedral geometry, the OH groups are next to each other and the $\mathrm{I}-\mathrm{OH}$ bonds are on average 0.14 (1) $\AA$ longer than the $\mathrm{I}-\mathrm{O}$ bonds. The structure consists of $\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{4} \mathrm{Na}\left[\mu-(\mathrm{OH})_{2}\right] \mathrm{IO}_{4}$ double octahedra, which are linked by hydrogen bonds of medium strength, and two independent potassium ions. The coordination polyhedra of the potassium ions are trigonal prismatic and very irregular with coordination numbers 6 and 9, respectively.


Introduction. Although a large variety of compounds in the alkali metal-water-orthoperiodic acid systems have been reported [see, for example, Siebert (1967) and the references cited therein], the number of those which are structurally well characterized is rather limited.

The orthoperiodate anion is known to exist in different degrees of protonation. In the solid state, monomeric $\left[\mathrm{IO}_{6}\right]^{5-}$ anions have been observed for $\mathrm{K}_{4} \mathrm{Li}\left[\mathrm{IO}_{6}\right]$ (Hoppe \& Schneider, 1988) and $\mathrm{K}_{9} \mathrm{Li}_{3} \mathrm{O}\left[\mathrm{IO}_{6}\right]_{2}$ (Untenecker \& Hoppe, 1987). The [ $\left.\mathrm{HIO}_{6}\right]^{4-}$ anion probably occurs in $\mathrm{Cu}_{2}\left[\mathrm{HIO}_{6}\right] .2 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ (Adelsköld, Werner, Sundberg \& Uggla, 1981), although the structural parameters deduced from X-ray powder data are of limited accuracy, and as a ligand in the copper(III) complex salt $\mathrm{KNa}_{4}\left[\mathrm{Cu}\left(\mathrm{HIO}_{6}\right)_{2}\right] \cdot 12 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ (Adelsköld, Eriksson, Wang \& Werner, 1988). The $\left[\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{IO}_{6}\right]^{2-}$ anion is found in $\quad \mathrm{NaIO}_{4} \cdot 3 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O} '=\mathrm{Na}\left(\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}\right)\left[\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{IO}_{6}\right]$ (Abrahams \& Bernstein, 1978) and $\mathrm{Na}_{2}\left[\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{IO}_{6}\right]$ (Jansen \& Rehr, 1988). Additionally, the structures of some compounds containing binuclear anions have been reported, e.g. $\left[\mathrm{I}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{9}\right]^{4-}$ (Brehler, Jacobi \& Siebert, 1968) and $\left[\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{I}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{10}\right]^{4-}$ (Mikhail, 1977; Ferrari, Braibanti \& Tiripicchio, 1965; Tobias \& Jansen, 1987).

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The chemical composition of the title compound suggested the existence of $\left[\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{IO}_{6}\right]^{3-}$ anions which have hitherto not been characterized. A structure determination seemed, therefore, to be desirable.

Experimental. Crystals of $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{Na}\left[\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{IO}_{6}\right] \cdot 4 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ were grown by slow evaporation of a concentrated alkaline solution $(5 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{KOH})$ of $\mathrm{KIO}_{4}$ and $\mathrm{NaIO}_{4}$, total molar ratio $\mathrm{K}: \mathrm{Na} \simeq 10: 1$, at room temperature. Density was measured pycnometrically under degassed toluene. Crystal selected for data collection was a slightly irregularly shaped platelet with max. dimensions $0.32 \times 0.29 \times 0.11 \mathrm{~mm}$. The triclinic crystal system and approximate lattice constants were obtained from precession photographs. The specimen was mounted in an arbitrary orientation in a sealed glass capillary tube on an Enraf-Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer. Lattice parameters were refined from 25 well centred reflections with $32<2 \theta$ $<62^{\circ} .7773$ reflections were measured in the $\omega-2 \theta$ scan mode with a scan width of $\Delta \omega=(1 \cdot 0+$ $0.35 \sin \theta)^{\circ}$ and a maximum scan time of 90 s up to $2 \theta$ $=70^{\circ},[(\sin \theta) / \lambda]_{\max }=0.8036 \AA^{-1}$, range of $h k l:-1$ $\leq h \leq 10,-11 \leq k \leq 11,-17 \leq l \leq 17$. Five monitor reflections were measured every 3 h and exhibited an average total intensity decrease of $1.8 \%$ for the 102 h of data collection. Therefore, a linear decay correction was applied to the data. Absorption effects were corrected empirically (North, Phillips \& Mathews, 1968) from the $\psi$-scan intensities of seven reflections, $\max . / \mathrm{min}$. correction $0 \cdot 999 / 0 \cdot 778$. Merging of symmetry equivalent reflections gave 6072 unique reflections ( $R_{\mathrm{int}}=0.011$ based on $I$ ).

The centrosymmetric space group $P \overline{1}$ was suggested by intensity statistics and confirmed by the structure determination. The I, K, Na and O coordinates were determined from Patterson and subsequent Fourier syntheses. After refinement of positional and anisotropic displacement parameters ( $R=0.022$ ), the H -atom positions were revealed from several difference Fourier syntheses and included in the refinement. Although the isotropic temperature factors of the H atoms refined to reasonable values between $0.8<B_{\text {iso }}(\mathrm{H})<3.9 \AA^{2}$, the $R$ factors and the goodness-of-fit were not improved and therefore they were kept constant at $2.5 \AA^{2}$ in
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Table 1. Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters $B_{\mathrm{eq}}\left(\AA^{2}\right)$ with e.s.d.'s given in parentheses

| $\begin{gathered} B_{\mathrm{eq}}=(4 / 3)\left[a^{2} \beta_{11}+b^{2} \beta_{22}+c^{2} \beta_{33}+(2 a b \cos \gamma) \beta_{12}+(2 a c \cos \beta) \beta_{13}\right. \\ \left.+(2 b c \cos \alpha) \beta_{23}\right] . \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | $B_{\text {eq }}$ |
| I | $0 \cdot 13927$ (1) | $0 \cdot 18159$ (1) | 0.24671 (1) | 0.943 (1) |
| K1 | 0.37746 (8) | 0.65452 (6) | 0.37756 (4) | $2 \cdot 393$ (7) |
| K2 | 0.43226 (6) | 0.68775 (6) | 0.85359 (4) | $2 \cdot 159$ (6) |
| Na | $0 \cdot 22080$ (11) | 0.18658 (10) | 0.76637 (7) | 1.79 (1) |
| O1 | -0.1460 (2) | 0.0718 (2) | 0.1335 (1) | 1.50 (2) |
| O 2 | $0 \cdot 1386$ (2) | -0.0470 (2) | 0.3257 (1) | 1.47 (2) |
| O3 | 0.0005 (2) | 0.2778 (2) | 0.3606 (1) | 1.60 (2) |
| 04 | 0.2402 (2) | 0.0531 (2) | $0 \cdot 1250$ (1) | 1.45 (2) |
| O5 | $0 \cdot 1227$ (2) | $0 \cdot 3865$ (2) | $0 \cdot 1652$ (1) | 1.83 (2) |
| O6 | $0 \cdot 4019$ (2) | $0 \cdot 2650$ (2) | 0.3640 (1) | 1.56 (2) |
| 07 | 0.4129 (2) | $0 \cdot 7421$ (2) | 0.1376 (2) | $2 \cdot 16$ (2) |
| O8 | $0 \cdot 1871$ (3) | 0.4074 (2) | 0.6241 (1) | $2 \cdot 42$ (3) |
| O9 | $0 \cdot 2919$ (2) | 0.9638 (2) | 0.5992 (1) | 2.01 (2) |
| O10 | 0.1861 (2) | 0.4169 (2) | 0.9332 (1) | $2 \cdot 19$ (2) |
| H11 | -0.142 (5) | 0.026 (5) | 0.053 (3) | 2.5* |
| H21 | $0 \cdot 191$ (5) | -0.003 (5) | 0.405 (3) | 2.5* |
| H71 | 0.357 (5) | 0.834 (5) | 0.135 (3) | 2.5* |
| H72 | $0 \cdot 346$ (5) | 0.663 (5) | 0.098 (3) | 2.5* |
| H81 | $0 \cdot 122$ (5) | 0.494 (5) | 0.624 (3) | 2.5* |
| H82 | $0 \cdot 144$ (5) | $0 \cdot 360$ (5) | $0 \cdot 542$ (3) | 2.5* |
| H91 | 0.396 (5) | 0.899 (5) | 0.614 (3) | 2.5* |
| H92 | $0 \cdot 212$ (5) | 0.897 (5) | 0.607 (3) | 2.5* |
| H101 | 0.076 (5) | 0.469 (5) | 0.888 (3) | $2 \cdot 5 *$ |
| H102 | $0 \cdot 156$ (5) | 0.377 (5) | 0.998 (3) | $2 \cdot 5 *$ |
| * $B_{\text {iso }}$ fixed at the given value. |  |  |  |  |

the final cycles. Full-matrix least-squares refinement with the $S D P$ program (B. A. Frenz \& Associates, Inc., 1988) of 158 parameters based on $F$ magnitudes of 5751 reflections with $F \geq 2 \sigma_{F}$ converged at $R=$ $0.0184, w R=0.0221$ (unit weights, including unobserved reflections), $S=0.598$. An isotropic extinction coefficient refined to $2.00(1) \times 10^{-6}$. The ratio of max. least-squares shift to e.s.d. was less than 0.001 , max. peak heights in a final difference Fourier synthesis corresponded to $1 \cdot 4 /-1 \cdot 3$ e $\AA^{-3}$ within $1 \AA$ from the I-atom position. Complex atomic scattering factors for neutral atoms were taken from International Tables for X-ray Crystallography (1974, Vol. IV). Cell standardization was performed according to Gelato \& Parthe (1987) with the exception that all atoms ( O 1 to O6) belong to one $\left[\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{IO}_{6}\right]^{3-}$ unit. The final atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic temperature factors are given in Table 1.*

Discussion. All atoms occupy the general position $2(i)$. Selected bond distances and angles are given in Table 2. In contrast to most previous studies on similar compounds, the H atoms could be located.
The composition of $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{Na}\left[\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{IO}_{6}\right] \cdot 4 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ can be derived formally from $\mathrm{K}_{4}\left[\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{I}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{10}\right] \cdot 8 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ by addition

[^1]Table 2. Selected interatomic distances $(\AA)$ and angles $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ with e.s.d.'s given in parentheses
$\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{IO}_{6}$ octahedron

| $\mathrm{I}-\mathrm{Ol}$ | 1.974 (1) | $\mathrm{I}-\mathrm{O} 4$ | 1.839 (1) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{I}-\mathrm{O} 2$ | 1.984 (1) | I-O5 | 1.836 (1) |
| $\mathrm{I}-\mathrm{O} 3$ | 1.855 (1) | I-O6 | 1.832 (1) |
| $\mathrm{Ol}-\mathrm{I}-\mathrm{O} 2$ | $83 \cdot 66$ (5) | O2-I-O6 | $90 \cdot 20$ (5) |
| $\mathrm{Ol}-\mathrm{I}-\mathrm{O} 3$ | 83.98 (5) | O3-I-O5 | 92.97 (6) |
| $\mathrm{Ol}-\mathrm{I}-\mathrm{O} 4$ | 87.46 (5) | O3-I-O6 | 93.9I (5) |
| $\mathrm{Ol}-\mathrm{I}-\mathrm{O} 5$ | 92.48 (5) | O4-I-O5 | 92.33 (6) |
| $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{I}-\mathrm{O} 3$ | 87.07 (5) | O4-I-O6 | 94.08 (5) |
| $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{I}-\mathrm{O} 4$ | 87.08 (5) | O5-I-O6 | 93.68 (5) |
| $\mathrm{Na}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{4}(\mathrm{OH})_{2}$ octahedron |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{Na}-\mathrm{Ol}^{\mathbf{i}}$ | 2.403 (2) | $\mathrm{Na}-\mathrm{O} 8$ | $2 \cdot 352$ (2) |
| $\mathrm{Na}-\mathrm{O} 2{ }^{\text {i }}$ | 2.404 (1) | $\mathrm{Na}-\mathrm{O}^{\text {iii }}$ | 2.452 (2) |
| $\mathrm{Na}-\mathrm{O}^{\text {ii }}$ | $2 \cdot 348$ (1) | $\mathrm{Na}-\mathrm{Ol0}$ | $2 \cdot 380$ (2) |
| $\mathrm{O}{ }^{1}-\mathrm{Na}-\mathrm{O} 2^{1}$ | 66.60 (4) | $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{Na}-\mathrm{Ol0}$ | 99.64 (5) |
| $\mathrm{Ol}^{\mathbf{i}}-\mathrm{Na}-\mathrm{O}^{\text {iii }}$ | 102.86 (5) | $\mathrm{O} 7^{\mathrm{i}}-\mathrm{Na}-\mathrm{O} 8$ | 94.50 (6) |
| $\mathrm{Ol}^{\mathrm{i}}-\mathrm{Na}-\mathrm{Og}^{\text {iii }}$ | 87.22 (5) | $\mathrm{O} 7^{\text {ii }}-\mathrm{Na}-\mathrm{O} 9^{\text {iii }}$ | 87.22 (5) |
| $\mathrm{Ol}^{\mathbf{i}}-\mathrm{Na}-\mathrm{Ol} 0$ | 95.77 (6) | $\mathrm{O} 7 \mathrm{i}-\mathrm{Na}-\mathrm{Ol} 0$ | 87.46 (5) |
| $\mathrm{O} 22^{\mathrm{i}}-\mathrm{Na}-\mathrm{O} 8$ | $95 \cdot 65$ (5) | $\mathrm{O} 8-\mathrm{Na}-\mathrm{O}^{\text {iii }}$ | 89.41 (6) |
| $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{Na}-\mathrm{O} 9^{\text {iii }}$ | $85 \cdot 91$ (5) | $\mathrm{O} 8-\mathrm{Na}-\mathrm{Ol} 0$ | 89-16 (6) |
| K coordination |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{K} 1-\mathrm{O} 2^{\text {iv }}$ | 2.823 (1) | $\mathrm{K} 2-\mathrm{Ol}^{*}$ | 2.724 (1) |
| K1-O5 | 2.824 (1) | $\mathrm{K} 2-\mathrm{O}^{2}$ | 3.154 (1) |
| K1-06 | $2 \cdot 870$ (1) | $\mathrm{K} 2-\mathrm{O} 4^{\text {ii }}$ | 2.744 (1) |
| K1-O6 ${ }^{\text {ii }}$ | 2.680 (1) | $\mathrm{K} 2-\mathrm{O} 5^{\text {ii }}$ | 3.138 (2) |
| $\mathrm{K} 1-\mathrm{O} 7$ | 2.891 (2) | $\mathrm{K} 2-\mathrm{O} 6^{\mathrm{ii}}$ | 2.938 (2) |
| $\mathrm{K} 1-\mathrm{O} 8^{\text {ii }}$ | 2.998 (2) | $\mathrm{K} 2-\mathrm{O} 7^{\text {vi }}$ | 3.075 (2) |
|  |  | $\mathrm{K} 2-\mathrm{O} 8$ | 2.957 (1) |
|  |  | K2-O10 | $2 \cdot 885$ (2) |
|  |  | $\mathrm{K} 2-\mathrm{Ol} 0^{\text {vii }}$ | 3.089 (1) |


| Hydrogen bonding $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H} \cdots X$ | $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H}$ | O $\cdots$ X | H $\cdots$ X | $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H} \cdots X$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{Ol}-\mathrm{Hll}{ }^{\cdots} \mathrm{O}^{\text {diii }}$ | 0.90 (4) | 2.673 (2) | 1.82 (3) | 158 (3) |
| O2-H21 $\cdots \mathrm{O} 9^{\text {iii }}$ | 0.83 (3) | 2.791 (2) | 2.04 (4) | 151 (4) |
| $\mathrm{O} 7-\mathrm{H} 71 \cdots \mathrm{O} 4^{\mathrm{iv}}$ | 0.79 (4) | 2.637 (2) | 1.84 (4) | 176 (4) |
| O7-H72 ${ }^{\text {O }}$ O10 ${ }^{\text {ix }}$ | 0.71 (3) | 2.987 (2) | $2 \cdot 30$ (3) | 164 (4) |
| $\mathrm{O} 8-\mathrm{H} 81 \cdots{ }^{-}$ | 0.80 (4) | 2.723 (2) | 1.93 (4) | 172 (3) |
| O8--H82 $\cdots 3$ | 0.85 (3) | 2.731 (2) | 1.89 (3) | 169 (4) |
| O9-H91 $\cdots \mathrm{O}^{\text {ii }}$ | 0.86 (4) | 2.716 (2) | 1.86 (4) | 174 (3) |
| O9-H92 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{O} 3^{2}$ | $0 \cdot 74$ (4) | 2.732 (2) | 2.00 (4) | 177 (3) |
| $\mathrm{O} 10-\mathrm{H} 101 \cdots \mathrm{O} 5^{\circ}$ | 0.89 (3) | 2.643 (2) | 1.77 (4) | 166 (3) |
| O10-H102 ${ }^{\text {O }}{ }^{\text {ri }}$ | 0.86 (4) | 2.695 (2) | 1.87 (4) | 158 (3) |

Symmetry operations: (i) $-x,-y, 1-z$; (ii) $1-x, 1-y, 1-z$; (iii) $x, y-1, z$; (iv) $x, y+1, z$; (v) $-x, 1-y, 1-z$; (vi) $x, y, z+1$; (vii) $1-x, 1-y, 2-z$; (viii) $-x,-y,-z$; (ix) $x, y, z-1$.
of two equivalents of NaOH , and since the latter compound also crystallizes in the triclinic system with similar lattice parameters (Ferrari, Braibanti \& Tiripicchio, 1965; Mikhail 1977), it was first supposed to be identical with the compound under study.
$\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{Na}\left[\mathrm{H}_{2}\left[\mathrm{O}_{6}\right] \cdot 4 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right.$ is shown to be the first compound with dihydrogenorthoperiodate $\left[\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{IO}_{6}\right]^{3-}$ anions. However, these are not isolated, but share both OH groups with an adjacent sodium ion resulting in two edge-sharing octahedra which are additionally connected by one hydrogen bond, see Fig. 1. The orthoperiodate part of these double octahedra is only slightly distorted: the bonds to the OH oxygen atoms are on average (combined e.s.d.'s) $0 \cdot 14$ (1) $\AA$


Fig. 1. $\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{4} \mathrm{Na}\left[\mu-(\mathrm{OH})_{2}\right] \mathrm{IO}_{4}$ double octahedron. Vibrational ellipsoids (Johnson, 1976) are drawn at the $50 \%$ level, H atoms are given arbitrary radii. The dashed line represents a hydrogen bond.


Fig. 2. Environment of (a) K 1 and (b) K2. For further explanations see Fig. I.
longer than the remaining ones and all bond angles are close to $90^{\circ}$, see Table 2. A similar significant difference between $\mathrm{I}-\mathrm{O}$ and $\mathrm{I}-\mathrm{OH}$ bonds has also been found for $\mathrm{Na}\left(\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}\right)\left[\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{IO}_{6}\right.$ ], i.e. $0 \cdot 076(4) \AA$ (Abrahams \& Bernstein, 1978), which is in accordance with the findings of Ferraris \& Ivaldi (1984) that these differences become smaller with an increase of the degree of protonation of such oxoanions. Surprisingly, in $\mathrm{Na}_{2}\left[\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{IO}_{6}\right]$ no such difference is observed (Jansen \& Rehr, 1988) although that compound exhibits a similar structural element, i.e. chains of common-edged octahedra. Moreover, for $\mathrm{KNa}_{4}\left[\mathrm{Cu}\left(\mathrm{HIO}_{6}\right)_{2}\right] \cdot 12 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ (Adelsköld, Eriksson, Wang \& Werner, 1988) and for $\mathrm{K}_{2}\left[\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{I}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{10}\right] \cdot 4 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ (Mikhail, 1977), the OH groups have been assigned to the shorter $\mathrm{I}-\mathrm{O}$ bonds.
The $\mathrm{Na}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{4}(\mathrm{OH})_{2}$ octahedron is significantly more distorted than the $\left[\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{IO}_{6}\right]^{3-}$ anion. This is mainly shown from the respective bond angles (see Table 2). The short $\mathrm{Ol} \cdots \mathrm{O} 2$ distance of $2 \cdot 640$ (2) $\AA$ and the small $\mathrm{O} 1 \cdots \mathrm{Na} \cdots \mathrm{O} 2$ angle are obviously caused by the geometry constraints of the $\left[\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{IO}_{6}\right]^{3-}$


Fig. 3. Structure of $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{Na}\left[\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{IO}_{6}\right] \cdot 4 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$, parallel projection along b. I, K, and Na are represented as shaded ellipsoids, H atoms as open circles. Dashed lines represent hydrogen bonds between the depicted atoms, dotted lines indicate those to symmetryrelated ones ( $y+1$ or $y-1$, respectively).
anion. All remaining $\mathrm{O} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ distances in the Na coordination polyhedron are larger than $3 \cdot 25 \AA$.

The coordination of the potassium ions by water molecules and orthoperiodate O atoms is very unequal, see Fig. 2. Whereas the coordination is quite well defined for K1, i.e. trigonal prismatic with K 1 being moved off-centre, this is not the case for K 2 , which has a very irregular coordination sphere. Only those oxygen neighbours with distances $<3 \cdot 2 \AA$ are included in Table 2 and Fig. 2.
The potassium ions and the extensive hydrogenbond network link the $\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{4} \mathrm{Na}[\mu-(\mathrm{OH})]_{2} \mathrm{IO}_{4}$ double octahedra as shown in Fig. 3. Three water molecules are each donor for two hydrogen bonds of similar medium strength with $\mathrm{O}_{W} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ distances in the range 2.643 (2)-2.791 (2) $\AA$, see Table 2. A noticeably different behaviour is found for $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(\mathrm{O} 7)$, which shows simultaneously the shortest $[2 \cdot 637$ (2) $\AA$ ] and the longest [ 2.987 (2) $\AA$ ] hydrogen-bond distance. It is therefore likely that the OH stretching vibrations of this water molecule are decoupled owing to this asymmetry in hydrogen bonding, a feature which has sometimes been observed for solid hydrates (Lutz, 1988; Lutz, Kellersohn \& Beckenkamp, 1991). With this assumption, the occurrence of a relatively sharp, high-wavenumbered $\left(3516 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right) \mathrm{OH}$ stretching band in the IR spectra ( 95 K ) can be explained. The remaining water bands are found as broad features between 3400 and $2700 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$, the $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H}$ vibrations of the $\left[\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{IO}_{6}\right]^{3-}$ anion are assigned to the lower frequency bands of the given range. Thus, it is qualitatively shown that $\left[\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{IO}_{6}\right]^{3-}$ anions are stronger hydrogen-bond acceptors than $\mathrm{IO}_{4}^{-}$and $\mathrm{IO}_{3}^{-}$anions and they are expected to be comparably strong as $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ (for a detailed list see the survey given by Lutz, 1988). The I-OH deformation frequencies
are observed at 1178 and $1153 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$, thus confirming the existence of two independent $\mathrm{I}-\mathrm{OH}$ groups.

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# Structure of $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ - $\mathbf{T l M o}_{\mathbf{2}} \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{3}} \mathbf{O}_{\mathbf{1 3}}$ 

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#### Abstract

Thallium molybdenum triphosphate, $\mathrm{TlMo}_{2} \mathrm{P}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{13}, M_{r}=697 \cdot 16$, monoclinic, $P 2_{1} / c, a=$ 9.7536 (3),$\quad b=19.0640$ (16) , $c=6.3945$ (7) $\AA, \quad \beta=$ $107.099(7)^{\circ}, V=1136(2) \AA^{3}, Z=4, D_{m}$ not meas-


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ured, $D_{x}=4.08 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}, \lambda($ Mo K $\alpha)=0.71073 \AA, \mu$ $=16.90 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}, F(000)=314, T=293 \mathrm{~K}, 951$ reflections, $R=0.047, w R=0.047$. The lattice is built up from $\mathrm{MoO}_{6}, \mathrm{PO}_{4}$ and $\mathrm{P}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{7}$ groups delimiting tunnels where the $\mathrm{Tl}^{+}$ions are located. The title compound is isotypic with $\beta-\mathrm{KMo}_{2} \mathrm{P}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{13}$.
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