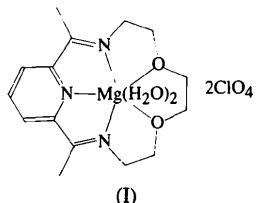


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rigid macrocycle that can be isolated only as its metal complexes (Drew, Othman, McFall, McIlroy & Nelson, 1977).



(I)

The magnesium complex of the macrocycle was assigned pentagonal bipyramidal geometry (Cook, Fenton, Drew, McFall & Nelson, 1977) and this has been confirmed in the present study. The cationic complex has exact twofold symmetry with the Mg, N and C3 atoms lying on the twofold axis that relates one half of the cation to the other.

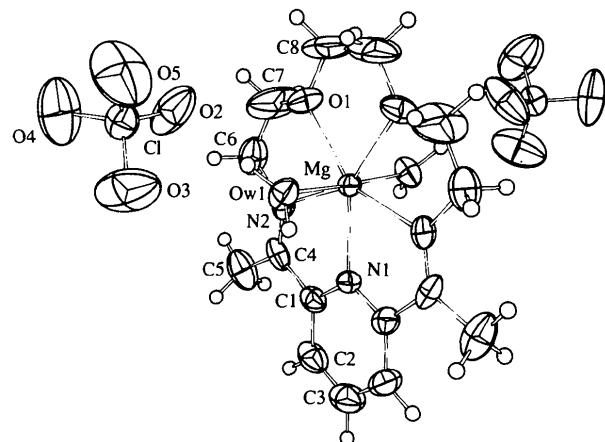


Fig. 1. ORTEPII (Johnson, 1976) plot of the title complex with displacement ellipsoids plotted at the 40% probability level.

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## Diaqua[2,13-dimethyl-3,12,18-triaza-6,9-dioxabicyclo[12.3.1]octadeca-1(18),2,12,14,16-pentaene]magnesium(II) Diperchlorate

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### Abstract

The O and N atoms of the macrocyclic ligand occupy the pentagonal sites and the aqua O atoms the apical sites of the pentagonal bipyramidal geometry at the seven-coordinate Mg atom of the title compound,  $[\text{Mg}(\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2)(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2](\text{ClO}_4)_2$ . Each  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  molecule is involved in hydrogen bonding with the two  $\text{ClO}_4^-$  ions [2.797 (7) and 2.963 (9) Å].

### Comment

The study of the title complex, diaqua[2,13-dimethyl-3,12,18-triaza-6,9-dioxabicyclo[12.3.1]octadeca-1(18),-2,12,14,16-pentaene]magnesium(II) diperchlorate, (I), was undertaken as an extension of a study of the effect of metal ions in promoting the synthesis of 2,13-dimethyl-3,12,18-triaza-6,9-dioxabicyclo[12.3.1]octadeca-1(18),2,12,14,16-pentaene, a relatively

### Experimental

The title compound was synthesized from magnesium perchlorate, 2,6-diacylpyridine and 1,8-diamino-3,6-dioxaocane, according to the method of Cook, Fenton, Drew, McFall & Nelson (1977). Recrystallization from methanol gave yellow octahedral crystals.

### Crystal data

$[\text{Mg}(\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2)(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]\text{-}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
$M_r = 534.59$	$\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$
Monoclinic	Cell parameters from 25 reflections
$C2/c$	$\theta = 1-25^\circ$
$a = 15.964 (3) \text{ \AA}$	$\mu = 0.370 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$b = 13.603 (1) \text{ \AA}$	$T = 298 \text{ K}$
$c = 10.835 (2) \text{ \AA}$	Octahedral
$\beta = 97.000 (7)^\circ$	$0.29 \times 0.29 \times 0.29 \text{ mm}$
$V = 2335.5 (6) \text{ \AA}^3$	Yellow
$Z = 4$	
$D_x = 1.520 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$	

**Data collection**

Enraf–Nonius CAD-4  
diffractometer  
 $\omega$ -2*θ* scans  
Absorption correction:  
none  
1589 measured reflections  
1526 independent reflections  
1075 observed reflections  
[ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ]

$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0181$   
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 22.45^\circ$   
 $h = 0 \rightarrow 17$   
 $k = 0 \rightarrow 14$   
 $l = -11 \rightarrow 11$   
3 standard reflections  
frequency: 60 min  
intensity decay: none

**Refinement**

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R(F) = 0.0675$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.1194$   
 $S = 1.062$   
1526 reflections  
157 parameters  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.1011P)^2 + 6.6075P]$   
where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.457 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.342 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
Atomic scattering factors  
from *International Tables for Crystallography* (1992,  
Vol. C, Tables 4.2.6.8 and  
6.1.1.4)

**Table 1.** Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )

$$U_{\text{eq}} = (1/3)\sum_i \sum_j U_{ij} a_i^* a_j^* \mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{a}_j$$

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{eq}}$
Cl	0.31683 (10)	0.84307 (13)	0.31915 (15)	0.0561 (6)
Mg	1/2	0.7231 (2)	3/4	0.0358 (7)
OW1	0.3988 (3)	0.7266 (3)	0.6112 (4)	0.0546 (12)
O1	0.5487 (3)	0.8514 (3)	0.6615 (4)	0.0638 (13)
O2	0.3896 (4)	0.8505 (5)	0.4039 (6)	0.132 (3)
O3	0.2782 (4)	0.7527 (5)	0.3360 (9)	0.145 (3)
O4	0.3389 (5)	0.8529 (7)	0.2031 (6)	0.157 (3)
O5	0.2579 (5)	0.9145 (6)	0.3318 (8)	0.155 (3)
N1	1/2	0.5628 (5)	3/4	0.039 (2)
N2	0.5862 (3)	0.6692 (4)	0.6174 (4)	0.0480 (13)
C1	0.5493 (4)	0.5133 (4)	0.6802 (5)	0.047 (2)
C2	0.5509 (5)	0.4111 (5)	0.6790 (7)	0.070 (2)
C3	1/2	0.3615 (8)	3/4	0.080 (3)
C4	0.5990 (4)	0.5781 (5)	0.6059 (6)	0.052 (2)
C5	0.6583 (5)	0.5315 (7)	0.5249 (7)	0.084 (3)
C6	0.6275 (5)	0.7440 (7)	0.5495 (7)	0.077 (2)
C7	0.6165 (9)	0.8395 (8)	0.5988 (14)	0.160 (6)
C8	0.5296 (8)	0.9411 (6)	0.7103 (13)	0.145 (5)

**Table 2.** Selected geometric parameters ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ )

Mg—OW1	2.069 (4)	Mg—N1	2.182 (7)
		Mg—N2	2.231 (5)
OW1 <sup>i</sup> —Mg—OW1	177.4 (3)	O1—Mg—N2	72.5 (2)
OW1—Mg—O1 <sup>i</sup>	90.7 (2)	N1—Mg—N2	70.8 (2)
OW1—Mg—O1	87.2 (2)	OW1—Mg—N2 <sup>i</sup>	89.3 (2)
OW1—Mg—N1	91.3 (2)	O1—Mg—N2 <sup>i</sup>	145.9 (2)
O1—Mg—N1	143.2 (1)	N2—Mg—N2 <sup>i</sup>	141.6 (3)
OW1—Mg—N2	91.6 (2)		

Symmetry code: (i)  $1 - x, y, \frac{3}{2} - z$ .

H atoms were allowed to ride on their parent atoms with displacement factors 1.5 times those of their parent C atoms. The H atom of the water molecule was located and refined with  $U$  fixed at  $0.10 \text{ \AA}^2$ .

Data collection: CAD-4 VAX/PC Fortran System (Enraf–Nonius, 1988). Cell refinement: CAD-4 VAX/PC Fortran System. Data reduction: *Xtal3.0* (Hall & Stewart, 1990). Program(s) used to solve structure: MULTAN80 (Main, Fiske, Hull, Lessinger, Germain, Declercq & Woolfson, 1980). Pro-

gram(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL93* (Sheldrick, 1993). Molecular graphics: *ORTEPII* (Johnson, 1976). Software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL93*.

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## Dimorphism in Actinide Phosphides: Tetrakis[bis(2-dimethylphosphinoethyl)- phosphido]thorium(IV)

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**Abstract**

The first example of dimorphism in actinide di-alkylphosphides has been observed in the title complex, [Th(C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>20</sub>P<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>]. The Th atom is eight-coordinate with coordination geometry which may be described as a bi-capped trigonal prism, and is bonded to four phosphido