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Hexaaquagallium Hexahydrogenhexamolybdocobaltate(III) Decahydrate†

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Abstract

The structure of hexaaquagallium(III) hexahydrogentetracosaoxocobalt(III)hexamolybdate decahydrate, [Ga-(H₂O)₆][Co(OH)₆Mo₆O₁₈].10H₂O, includes a polyanion with the so-called Anderson structure, of general formula H₆[X^{n+} Mo₆O₂₄]⁽⁶⁻ⁿ⁾⁻ (X is a heteroatom), where

all the O atoms in the central XO_6 octahedron are protonated. The Ga³⁺ ion is coordinated by six water molecules and the Co³⁺ ion by six O atoms. Both ions are located at inversion centers.

Comment

The title compound was investigated as part of structural studies on polymolybdate salts. *B*-type Anderson structure heteropolyanions (Anderson, 1937), *i.e.* containing a heteroatom X of low oxidation state within a protonated polyanion such as $H_6[X^{n+}Mo_6O_{24}]^{(6-n)-}$, have been reported for heteroatoms Cr^{3+} (Perloff, 1970), Cu^{2+} (Ito, Ozeki, Ichida & Sasaki, 1989) and Co^{3+} (Nagano, Lee, Ichida & Sasaki, 1990).

The present polyanion, [Co(OH)₆Mo₆O₁₈]³⁻, containing Co^{3+} as the heteroatom but Ga^{3+} as the counter ion, is close to having $D_{3d}(\bar{3}m)$ symmetry. It consists of a ring of six distorted MoO₆ octahedra surrounding one Co atom; the six Mo atoms form an almost planar (r.m.s. deviation 0.003 Å) hexagon with an edge of approximately 3.36 Å. The O atoms in the anion can be divided into three groups, Oc, Ob and Ot, where Ot represents a terminal O atom bound to one Mo atom, Ob represents a bridging O atom bound to two Mo atoms and Oc represents a central O atom coordinated to both the Co atom and an Mo atom. The Mo-O distances are Mo-Oc 2.282 (4)-2.352 (4), Mo-Ob 1.944 (4)-1.971 (4) and Mo—Ot 1.715(5)-1.749(4) Å. A similar trend has been found in Ba₃[Co(OH)₆Mo₆O₁₈]₂.20H₂O (Soriano-García, Panneerselvam & Holguín-Quiñones, 1996), $(C_{12}H_{24}O_6K)_2K[Co(OH)_6Mo_6O_{18}].12H_2O$ (Nagano, Lee, Ichida & Sasaki, 1990) and Na₃[Cr(OH)₆Mo₆O₁₈].-8H2O (Perloff, 1970).

The Co³⁺ and Ga³⁺ ions both have coordination number six. The Co³⁺ ion is coordinated to six Oc atoms at an average distance of 1.967 (4) Å. Of the 16



Fig. 1. The molecular structure of the title compound showing the atom-labeling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are shown at the 50% probability level.

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water molecules present in the crystal, six are bonded to the Ga³⁺ ion, forming a regular octahedron. The mean Ga—Ow coordination length is 1.969 (4) Å. The remaining water molecules fill the empty space in the unit cell, forming a hydrogen-bond network (Table 3). The molecular packing, viewed down the a axis, is shown in Fig. 2. In the crystal, the polyanions and $Ga(H_2O)_6$ cations form alternate columns in the a direction. The columns are connected via O-H···O hydrogen bonds.



Fig. 2. A polyhedron drawing of the crystal packing. Hydrogen bonds are indicated by dashed lines.

Experimental

The compound was obtained by mixing hexamolybdocobaltic acid, H₃[Co(OH)₆Mo₆O₁₈], with an equivalent amount of gallium acetate. The aqueous solution was allowed to stand for three weeks. The precipitate that formed was filtered off, washed several times with cold water (276 K), then with ethanol and dried at room temperature. Green single crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction studies were obtained.

Crystal data

diffractometer

$[Ga(H_2O)_6][Co(OH)_6Mo_6-O_{18}].10H_2O$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ Å}$
$M_r = 1382.39$ Triclinic $P\overline{1}$ a = 6.891 (2) Å b = 11.412 (6) Å c = 11.780 (4) Å $\alpha = 101.25 (4)^{\circ}$ $\beta = 96.96 (1)^{\circ}$ $\gamma = 102.06 (4)^{\circ}$ $V = 875.8 (6) Å^{3}$ Z = 1 $D_x = 2.622 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ $D_m = 2.638 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$	reflections $\theta = 5.258-12.673^{\circ}$ $\mu = 3.418 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 293 (2) K Rhombohedron $0.24 \times 0.22 \times 0.22 \text{ mm}$ Green
Data collection	
Siemens P4 four-circle	2715 observed reflections

 $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$

$\theta/2\theta$ scans $R_{\rm int} = 0.019$ Absorption correction: $\theta_{\rm max} = 25^{\circ}$ semi-empirical from 15 ψ scans (North, Phillips Mathews, 1968) $T_{\min} = 0.131, T_{\max} =$ 0.195 3755 measured reflections 2980 independent reflections

Refinement

Co-Co-Co-Ga-Ga-Ga-Mo Мо Mo Mo Mo

Mo

Refinement on F^2 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.0371$ $wR(F^2) = 0.0995$ S = 1.0862980 reflections 221 parameters H atoms included in the structure-factor calculations $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0455P)^2]$ + 5.7695P] where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

- $h = -8 \rightarrow 8$ $k = -13 \rightarrow 13$ $l = -1 \rightarrow 14$ 3 standard reflections monitored every 97 reflections intensity decay: 0.08%
- $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = -0.018$ $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.711 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$ $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.936 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$ Extinction correction: none 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 (\AA^2)

$U_{\rm eq} = (1/3) \sum_i \sum_i U_{ii} a_i^* a_i^* \mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{a}_i.$

	x	у	z	U_{cq}
Co	1/2	1/2	0	0.0096 (2)
Ga	1/2	0	1/2	0.0215 (2)
Mol	0.13028 (7)	0.33410 (5)	0.10480 (4)	0.0201 (2)
Mo2	0.16445 (7)	0.25757 (5)	-0.17807 (4)	0.0227 (2)
Mo3	0.52601 (8)	0.42752 (5)	-0.28861 (4)	0.0219 (2)
01 <i>c</i>	0.2922 (6)	0.5333 (4)	0.0974 (3)	0.0205 (9)
01 <i>b</i>	0.3555 (6)	0.3944 (4)	0.2343 (4)	0.0268 (9)
Olta	-0.0601 (7)	0.3891 (4)	0.1674 (4)	0.0308 (10)
01 <i>tb</i>	0.0836 (7)	0.1808 (4)	0.1082 (4)	0.0348 (11)
O2c	0.3838 (6)	0.3268 (4)	-0.0024 (3)	0.0206 (9)
O2b	0.0157 (6)	0.3230 (4)	-0.0593 (4)	0.0259 (9)
O2ta	-0.0027 (7)	0.2530 (5)	-0.3006 (4)	0.0398 (12)
O2tb	0.1349 (7)	0.1071 (4)	-0.1660 (4)	0.0371 (11)
03c	0.3201 (6)	0.4629 (4)	-0.1497 (3)	0.0194 (8)
03b	0.4119 (6)	0.2711 (4)	-0.2478 (4)	0.0251 (9)
O3ta	0.7106 (7)	0.3843 (5)	-0.3606 (4)	0.0379 (12)
O3tb	0.3388 (7)	0.4339 (5)	-0.3962 (4)	0.0371 (11)
On 1	0.7776 (6)	0.0937 (4)	0.5105 (4)	0.0329 (11)
Ow2	0.6042 (7)	-0.1382 (4)	0.5370 (4)	0.0313 (10)
Ow3	0.4904 (7)	-0.0676 (4)	0.3309 (4)	0.0297 (10)
Ow4	0.0157 (8)	0.3699 (5)	0.4133 (4)	0.0473 (13)
Ow5	0.6022 (8)	0.2638 (5)	0.3373 (5)	0.0434 (13)
0116	0.9885 (7)	0.8796 (5)	0.6511 (4)	0.0435 (13)
Ow7	0.6897 (8)	1.0180 (5)	0.8701 (4)	0.0440 (13)
Ow8	0.5886 (7)	1.1689 (5)	1.0680 (5)	0.0419 (12)

Table 2. Selected geometric parameters (Å, °)

O3c	1.945 (4)	Mo2-021a	1.719 (5)
–O2 <i>c</i>	1.965 (4)	Mo2—O2tb	1.723 (5)
01 <i>c</i>	1.992 (4)	Mo2—O2b	1.956 (4)
–On·1	1.963 (4)	Mo2—O3b	1.971 (4)
-Ow2	1.964 (5)	Mo2	2.302 (4)
On:3	1.979 (4)	Mo2—O3c	2.304 (4)
1—O1 <i>tb</i>	1.721 (5)	Mo3-O3ta	1.715 (5)
1—01 <i>ta</i>	1.749 (4)	Mo3-03tb	1.719 (5)
I—O1b	1.944 (4)	Mo3-O1b ¹	1.969 (5)
1—O2b	1.967 (4)	Mo3—O3b	1.969 (4)
1-02c	2.282 (4)	Mo3-03c	2.324 (4)
1-01c	2.336 (4)	Mo3-01c	2.352 (4)

O3c—Co—O2c'	96.6 (2)	Ow1—Ga—Ow2	89.3 (2)
O3c—Co—O2c	83.4 (2)	Ow1—Ga—Ow2"	90.7 (2)
03c-Co-01c	95.1 (2)	Ow1—Ga—Ow3"	90.3 (2)
02c—Co—O1c	84.3 (2)	Ow2—Ga—Ow3"	90.3 (2)
$03c$ —Co—O1 c^{1}	84.9 (2)	Ow1—Ga—Ow3	89.7 (2)
02 <i>c</i> —Co—O1 <i>c</i> ¹	95.7 (2)	Ow2—Ga—Ow3	89.7 (2)

Symmetry codes: (i) 1 - x, 1 - y, -z; (ii) 1 - x, -y, 1 - z.

Table 3. Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °)

D — $H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	<i>D</i> -H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D — $\mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
$O1c$ —H1 $Oc \cdot \cdot \cdot O2b'$	1.031	1.954	2.984 (5)	175.8
$O2c - H2Oc \cdot \cdot \cdot Ow8^{ii}$	0.889	1.820	2.700 (6)	169.8
$O3c - H3Oc \cdot \cdot \cdot O1ta^{i}$	0.807	1.920	2.723 (5)	173.5
Ow1—H1a···O2ta ⁱⁿ	0.743	1.923	2.646 (6)	164.5
Ow1—H1b···Ow6"	0.817	1.850	2.661 (7)	172.1
$Ow2$ — $H2a \cdot \cdot \cdot Ow5^{\circ}$	0.787	1.849	2.599 (7)	158.9
Ow2—H2b· · · Ow6 ^{vi}	0.841	1.975	2.769 (7)	157.0
Ow3—H3a· · · O3b [™]	0.830	1.795	2.594 (6)	161.2
Ow3—H3b· · · Ow7 ^{viii}	0.881	1.922	2.751 (7)	156.3
Ow4—H4a···O3tb ^{ix}	0.830	2.149	2.828 (6)	139.0
Ow5—H5a· · · O1b	0.801	2.022	2.801 (6)	164.3
Ow5—H5b· · · Ow4 ^x	0.848	2.089	2.811 (7)	142.8
Ow6—H6a···O2tb ^{x1}	0.841	2.217	2.932 (6)	143.0
Ow6—H6b···Ow4 ^{viii}	1.286	1.664	2.793 (7)	142.2
Ow7—H7a···O1tb ^{vin}	0.831	2.373	3.043 (6)	138.2
Ow7—H7b· · · Ow3 ^{vni}	1.113	2.215	2.751 (7)	106.8
Ow8—H8a· · · Ow7	1.043	1.916	2.866 (7)	149.8
Ow8-H8b···Olta ^{xi}	0.905	2.242	3.028 (6)	145.1

Symmetry codes: (i) -x, 1-y, -z; (ii) x, y-1, z-1; (iii) 1+x, y, 1+z; (iv) 2-x, 1-y, 1-z; (v) 1-x, -y, 1-z; (vi) x, y-1, z; (vi) 1-x, -y, -z; (vii) 1-x, 1-y, 1-z; (ix) x, y, 1+z; (x) 1+x, y, z; (xi) 1+x, 1+y, 1+z.

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$[Os_5(\mu-H)_2(CO)_{16}]$: a Second Crystal Form

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Abstract

The title compound, hexadecacarbonyl- $1\kappa^3 C$, $2\kappa^3 C$, $3\kappa^3 C$, $4\kappa^4 C$, $5\kappa^3 C$ -di- μ -hydrido- $1:2\kappa^2 H$; $1:3\kappa^2 H$ -pentaosmium(8 *Os*—*Os*), has been crystallized in a different crystal form from that reported previously [Guy & Sheldrick (1978). *Acta Cryst.* B**34**, 1725–1727]. The form reported here has crystallographic mirror symmetry and the packing arrangement in the crystal exhibits a different relative orientation of the molecules from the earlier structure.

Comment

The title compound, (I), was first obtained by Eady, Johnson & Lewis (1973, 1977) from the vacuum pyrolysis of $Os_3(CO)_{12}$ in the presence of water. During our study of the reaction between $Os_3(CO)_{12}$ and Me_2GeH_2 , we have also isolated compound (I) as a minor product. Crystallization from hot toluene gave brown, irregularly shaped crystals in the orthorhombic system.

In the earlier study by Guy & Sheldrick (1978), it was noted that the molecule has approximate C_s symmetry. In our particular sample, the mirror symmetry is crystallographically imposed, as the molecule sits on a mirror plane passing through Os1, Os3 and Os4 (Fig. 1). The molecular geometries and bond parameters are, however, otherwise identical within the e.s.d.'s reported for the earlier structure. Although the H atom was not located crystallographically, its position was calculated with the program HYDEX (Orpen, 1980) and it was included (but not refined) in the final cycles of refinement. The H atom was calculated to be bridging the longest Os-Os bonds (Os2-Os3 and Os2'-Os3). The closest intermolecular contacts in both the structure reported here and that reported by Guy & Sheldrick (1978) are quite similar; these involve O12 and O23 in