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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study  $T=293~\mathrm{K}$  Mean  $\sigma(\mathrm{N-C})=0.008~\mathrm{\mathring{A}}$  R factor = 0.037 wR factor = 0.092 Data-to-parameter ratio = 9.5

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# Tetraaqua(nitromethane)potassium bromide monohydrate

Each  $K^+$  ion in  $[K(CH_3NO_2)(H_2O)_4]Br\cdot H_2O$ , (I), has an eightfold coordination, with the coordination sphere containing four water molecules and four O atoms from the nitromethane molecules. The coordination polyhedra share two O atoms from two different nitromethane molecules and, in this way, form chains running parallel to the (100) direction. Hydrogen bonding involving the  $Br^-$  ion and the fifth water molecule tie the chains together.

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#### **Experimental**

The title material, (I), was found as a side product in the attempted preparation of the linear chain compound Cu(14ane)CuBr<sub>4</sub> (where 14ane is 1,4,8,11-tetraazacyclotetradecane), similar to the corresponding chloride material (Wang *et al.*, 1996). The process involved slow crystallization of a solution of CuBr<sub>2</sub> and 14ane in an organic solvent contained in a sealed vial. The major product obtained was the mixed valence compound Cu(14ane)CuBr<sub>3</sub> (Willett, 2001). Further examination of the solid material obtained revealed a few small colorless crystals. With the possibility that this was a further product containing only the Cu<sup>I</sup> metal ion, a crystal was selected for single-crystal structure determination.

$$\begin{bmatrix} (H_2O)_4 & K^+ & O \\ O & N^-CH_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad Br^-(H_2O)$$

Crystal data

 $[K(CH_3NO_2)(H_2O)_4]Br \cdot H_2O$  $D_r = 1.772 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$  $M_r = 270.13$ Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation Cell parameters from 4394 Monoclinic,  $P2_1/n$ a = 6.8004 (3) Å reflections b = 13.8358 (5) Å $\theta = 2.4-23.3^{\circ}$  $\mu = 4.47 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ c = 10.8658 (4) Å  $\beta = 97.896 (1)^{\circ}$ T = 293 (2) K $V = 1012.66 (7) \text{ Å}^3$ Needle, colorless Z = 4 $0.50 \times 0.05 \times 0.05 \text{ mm}$ 

Data collection

SMART 1000 area-detector diffractometer  $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (*XPREP* in *SHELXTL*; Sheldrick, 1997b)  $T_{\min} = 0.718, T_{\max} = 0.800$ 4394 measured reflections
1446 independent reflections
1362 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.045$   $\theta_{\rm max} = 23.3^{\circ}$   $h = -7 \rightarrow 7$   $k = -15 \rightarrow 15$   $l = -11 \rightarrow 12$ 50 standard reflections frequency: beginning and end of collection intensity decay: 2.6%

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#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.037$   $wR(F^2) = 0.092$  S = 1.101446 reflections 153 parameters All H-atom parameters refined 
$$\begin{split} w &= 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0367P)^2 \\ &+ 2.7724P] \\ \text{where } P &= (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3 \\ (\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} &= 0.001 \\ \Delta\rho_{\text{max}} &= 0.44 \text{ e Å}^{-3} \\ \Delta\rho_{\text{min}} &= -0.52 \text{ e Å}^{-3} \\ \text{Extinction correction: } SHELXL97 \end{split}$$

Extinction coefficient: 0.0036 (14)

H atoms were located *via* difference syntheses and their positions were loosely constrained to expected geometry *via* the *DFIX* instruction in *SHELXL*97. Their isotropic displacement parameters were not constrained.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 1996); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 1996); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS*97 (Sheldrick, 1997a); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL*97 (Sheldrick, 1997a); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 1997b); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL*97.

The use of the Single Crystal Diffraction Facility of the University Research Office at the University of Idaho is greatly appreciated.

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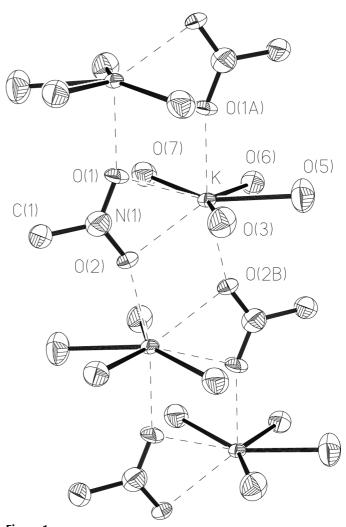
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**Figure 1** Illustration of the chain structure of the title compound. Displacement ellipsoids are shown at the 50% probability level.