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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
$T=298 \mathrm{~K}$
Mean $\sigma(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C})=0.007 \AA$
$R$ factor $=0.062$
$w R$ factor $=0.161$
Data-to-parameter ratio $=12.4$

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## Pentapotassium dicitrato(4-)manganate(III) pentahydrate

The centrosymmetric crystal structure pentapotassium dicitrato(4-)manganate(III) pentahydrate, $\mathrm{K}_{5}\left[\mathrm{Mn}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4}-\right.\right.$ $\left.\left.\mathrm{O}_{7}\right)_{2}\right] \cdot 5 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$, has two independent anions, both of which lie at inversion centers in the triclinic unit cell. The Mn atoms are $O, O^{\prime}, O^{\prime \prime}$-chelated by the citrate entity and the six O atoms surrounding each Mn atom constitute an octahedron. The K atoms interact with the anions and the water molecules, leading to the formation of a network structure that also features extensive hydrogen bonding.

## Comment

The citrate ion, in the form of its transition-metal derivatives, has been extensively studied, and for the Mn-citrate system in particular, the synthesis has been investigated in order to understand the influence of pH on the nature and composition of the product. At a pH of $1.5-3.0$ and in the presence of ammonium hydroxide, $\mathrm{Mn}^{2+}$ reacts with citric acid to form neutral $\left[\mathrm{Mn}^{\mathrm{II}}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{O}_{7}\right)_{2}\right] \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ (Deng et al., 2003), whereas at a pH of 7 , the reaction yields $\left(\mathrm{NH}_{4}\right)_{4}\left[\mathrm{Mn}^{\mathrm{II}}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{O}_{7}\right)_{2}\right]$, the ammonium counter-ion being incorporated into the crystal structure in this example. On the other hand, at a somewhat higher pH of 8 , the $\mathrm{Mn}^{3+}$ product, $\left(\mathrm{NH}_{4}\right)_{5}\left[\mathrm{Mn}^{\mathrm{III}}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{7}\right)_{2}\right]$-$2 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ (Matzapetakis et al., 2000) could be isolated. The use of potassium hydroxide as the base in place of ammonium hydroxide furnishes the corresponding pentapotassium manganate(III) complex, (I), at pH 9 , and it crystallizes with five water molecules per. The potassium cation is able to bind to more water molecules than the ammonium cation; this feature has also been observed for the related citratovanadates $(\mathrm{V}), \mathrm{K}_{2}\left[\mathrm{VO}_{2}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{O}_{7}\right)\right]_{2} \cdot 4 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ and $\left(\mathrm{NH}_{4}\right)_{2}\left[\mathrm{VO}_{2}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6}-\right.\right.$ $\left.\left.\mathrm{O}_{7}\right)\right]_{2} \cdot 2 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ (Zhou et al., 1995), and $\mathrm{K}_{4}\left[\mathrm{VO}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{O}_{7}\right)\right]_{2} \cdot 6 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ and $\left(\mathrm{NH}_{4}\right)_{4}\left[\mathrm{VO}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{O}_{7}\right)\right]_{2} \cdot 2 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ (Tsaramyrsi et al., 2001; Velayutham et al., 1998).


The Mn atom is $O, O^{\prime}, O^{\prime \prime}$-chelated by the $\left[\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{7}\right]^{4-}$ ion, which uses two carboxyl and the alkoxyl O atom to bond in a fac manner (Fig. 1 and Table 1). The two independent Mn atoms both lie at inversion centers. The negative charge of the anion is balanced by five potassium cations, but the stability of

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Figure 1
ORTEPII (Johnson, 1976) plot of the two symmetry-independent dicitratomanganate(III) ions and the water molecules, with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the $75 \%$ probability level. The $\mathrm{K}^{+}$ions have been omitted. H atoms are drawn as spheres of arbitrary radii. [Symmetry codes: (i) $1-x, 1-y, 1-z$; (ii) $1-x, 2-y, 2-z$.]
this salt is better explained in terms of stabilization by the lattice water molecules, which form extensive hydrogen bonds (Table 2), as well as interacting with the potassium ions.

## Experimental

Manganese(II) dichloride ( $0.99 \mathrm{~g}, 5 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and citric acid monohydrate ( $2.10 \mathrm{~g}, 10 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) were dissolved in water ( 10 ml ). Aqueous potassium hydroxide was added in drops until the solution registered a pH of 9.0. The solution was filtered and the filtrate was set aside for several days to allow the brown crystals to separate from solution. IR $(\mathrm{KBr}): v_{\mathrm{as}}\left(\mathrm{CO}_{2}\right)$ 1637, 1593; $v_{s}\left(\mathrm{CO}_{2}\right) 1403,1379 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$.

## Crystal data

$\mathrm{K}_{5}\left[\mathrm{Mn}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{7}\right)_{2}\right] \cdot 5 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$
$M_{r}=716.70$
Triclinic, $P \overline{1}$
$a=6.8304$ (4) $\AA$
$b=9.2270(5) \AA$
$c=20.197$ (1) $\AA$
$\alpha=78.294$ (1) ${ }^{\circ}$
$\beta=82.734(1)^{\circ}$
$\gamma=74.892(1)^{\circ}$
$V=1199.7$ (1) $\AA^{3}$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& Z=2 \\
& D_{x}=1.984 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{~m}^{-3} \\
& \text { Mo } K \alpha \text { radiation } \\
& \text { Cell parameters from } 3636 \\
& \text { reflections } \\
& \theta=2.3-28.3^{\circ} \\
& \mu=1.51 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1} \\
& T=298(2) \mathrm{K} \\
& \text { Plate, brown } \\
& 0.19 \times 0.19 \times 0.04 \mathrm{~mm}
\end{aligned}
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## Data collection

Bruker APEX area-detector diffractometer
$\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans
Absorption correction: multi-scan
(SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)
$T_{\text {min }}=0.711, T_{\text {max }}=0.942$
7084 measured reflections

> 4168 independent reflections
> 3444 reflections with $I>2 \sigma(I)$
> $R_{\text {int }}=0.024$
> $\theta_{\max }=25.0^{\circ}$
> $h=-8 \rightarrow 8$
> $k=-10 \rightarrow 8$
> $l=-24 \rightarrow 22$

## Refinement

Refinement on $F^{2}$
$R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.062$
$w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.161$
$S=1.15$
4168 reflections
337 parameters
H -atom parameters constrained

Table 1
Selected geometric parameters $\left(\AA,{ }^{\circ}\right)$.

| Mn1-O1 | 1.979 (3) | Mn2-O8 | 1.976 (3) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mn1-O3 | 2.174 (3) | Mn2-O10 | 2.216 (3) |
| Mn1-O5 | 1.872 (3) | Mn2-O12 | 1.870 (3) |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{Mn} 1-\mathrm{O} 1^{\text {i }}$ | 180 | $\mathrm{O} 8-\mathrm{Mn} 2-\mathrm{O} 8^{\text {ii }}$ | 180 |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{Mn} 1-\mathrm{O} 3$ | 88.5 (1) | $\mathrm{O} 8-\mathrm{Mn} 2-\mathrm{O} 10$ | 87.0 (1) |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{Mn} 1-\mathrm{O} 3^{\text {i }}$ | 91.5 (1) | $\mathrm{O} 8-\mathrm{Mn} 2-\mathrm{O} 10^{\text {ii }}$ | 93.0 (1) |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{Mn} 1-\mathrm{O} 5$ | 84.2 (1) | $\mathrm{O} 8-\mathrm{Mn} 2-\mathrm{O} 12$ | 84.2 (1) |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{Mn} 1-\mathrm{O}^{\text {i }}$ | 95.8 (1) | $\mathrm{O} 8-\mathrm{Mn} 2-\mathrm{O} 12{ }^{\text {ii }}$ | 95.8 (1) |
| $\mathrm{O} 3-\mathrm{Mn} 1-\mathrm{O} 5$ | 86.7 (1) | $\mathrm{O} 10-\mathrm{Mn} 2-\mathrm{O} 10^{\text {ii }}$ | 180 |
| $\mathrm{O} 3-\mathrm{Mn} 1-\mathrm{O} 3{ }^{\text {i }}$ | 180 | $\mathrm{O} 10-\mathrm{Mn} 2-\mathrm{O} 12$ | 86.3 (1) |
| $\mathrm{O} 3-\mathrm{Mn} 1-\mathrm{O} 5^{\text {i }}$ | 93.3 (1) | $\mathrm{O} 10-\mathrm{Mn} 2-\mathrm{O} 12^{\text {ii }}$ | 93.7 (1) |
| $\mathrm{O} 5-\mathrm{Mn} 1-\mathrm{O} 5{ }^{\text {i }}$ | 180 | $\mathrm{O} 12-\mathrm{Mn} 2-\mathrm{O} 12^{\text {ii }}$ | 180 |

Symmetry codes: (i) $1-x, 1-y, 1-z$; (ii) $1-x, 2-y, 2-z$.

Table 2
Hydrogen-bonding geometry $\left(\AA,{ }^{\circ}\right)$.

| $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H}$ | $\mathrm{H} \cdots \cdot$ | $D \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{O} 1 w-\mathrm{H} 1 w 2 \cdots 5^{\text {i }}$ | 0.98 | 2.00 | 2.919 (6) | 157 |
| $\mathrm{O} 2 w-\mathrm{H} 2 w 1 \cdots \mathrm{O} 9^{\text {iii }}$ | 0.98 | 1.95 | 2.902 (5) | 165 |
| $\mathrm{O} 2 w-\mathrm{H} 2 w 2 \cdots \mathrm{O} 1 w$ | 0.99 | 2.14 | 2.830 (6) | 125 |
| $\mathrm{O} 3 w-\mathrm{H} 3 w 2 \cdots \mathrm{O} 11^{\text {iv }}$ | 0.97 | 2.22 | 2.828 (5) | 120 |
| $\mathrm{O} 3 w-\mathrm{H} 3 w 1 \cdots \mathrm{O} 12^{\text {ii }}$ | 0.97 | 2.13 | 2.992 (5) | 148 |
| $\mathrm{O} 4 w-\mathrm{H} 4 w 1 \cdots \mathrm{O} 4$ | 0.97 | 1.92 | 2.828 (6) | 153 |
| $\mathrm{O} 4 w-\mathrm{H} 4 w 2 \cdots \mathrm{O} 3 w$ | 0.97 | 2.56 | 2.903 (7) | 101 |
| $\mathrm{O} 5 w-\mathrm{H} 5 w 1 \cdots \mathrm{O} 2$ | 0.98 | 1.82 | 2.792 (6) | 171 |
| $\mathrm{O} 5 w-\mathrm{H} 5 \mathrm{w} 2 \cdots \mathrm{O} 11^{v}$ | 0.98 | 2.06 | 2.822 (6) | 134 |

The C -bound H atoms were positioned geometrically and were included in the refinement in the riding-model approximation. The positions of the water H atoms were generated by HYDROGEN (Nardelli, 1999) but these were not refined. The displacement parameters of all H atoms were set to 1.2 times $U_{\text {eq }}$ of their parent atoms.

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 2001); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 2001); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS 97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: ORTEPII (Johnson, 1976); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL97.

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