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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
$T=293 \mathrm{~K}$
Mean $\sigma(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C})=0.002 \AA$
$R$ factor $=0.039$
$w R$ factor $=0.097$
Data-to-parameter ratio $=14.7$
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## Hexaaquamagnesium(II) benzene-1,3dioxyacetate trihydrate

The title complex, $\left[\mathrm{Mg}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{6}\right](1,3-\mathrm{BDOA}) \cdot 3 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O} \quad(1,3-$ $\mathrm{BDOA}^{2-}=$ benzene-1,3-dioxyacetate, $\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{O}_{6}{ }^{2-}$ ), consists of an $\left[\mathrm{Mg}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{6}\right]^{2+}$ cation, a benzene-1,3-dioxyacetate dianion and three uncoordinated water molecules. The $\mathrm{Mg}^{\mathrm{II}}$ atom is coordinated by six water molecules, forming a slightly distorted octahedral coordination. A two-dimensional supramolecular network structure is constructed by hydrogen bonds.

## Comment

Phenylenedioxydiacetic acids, which have been known to show biological activities, are multidentate flexible ligands with versatile bonding modes. In contrast to metal complexes of benzene-1,2-dioxyacetic acid or benzene-1,4-dioxyacetic acid (Gao et al., 2004; Liu et al., 2004; McCann et al., 1995, 1996; Kennard et al., 1986), reports of structures of complexes with benzene-1,3-dioxyacetic acid are rare. Recently, we reported the crystal structure of a one-dimensional chain $\mathrm{Zn}^{\mathrm{II}}$ polymer, $\left\{\left[\mathrm{Zn}\left(\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{O}_{6}\right)\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{2}\right] \cdot\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{2}\right\}_{n}$ (Gao et al., 2004), in which the zinc(II) ion displays a four-coordinate distorted tetrahedral geometry and benzene-1,3-dioxyacetate acts as the bridging ligand. In the present study, the title complex, $\left[\mathrm{Mg}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{6}\right](1,3-\mathrm{BDOA}) \cdot 3 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\left(1,3-\mathrm{BDOA}^{2-}=\right.$ benzene-1,3dioxyacetate), (I), was obtained by the reaction of magnesium perchlorate hexahydrate, imidazole and sodium benzene-1,3dioxyacetate in an aqueous solution. We report here the synthesis and structure of (I).


(I)

As shown in Fig. 1, the asymmetric unit of (I) consists of an $\left[\mathrm{Mg}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{6}\right]^{2+}$ cation, a benzene-1,3-dioxyacetate dianion and three water molecules, which are linked by intermolecular hydrogen bonds. The $\mathrm{Mg}^{\mathrm{II}}$ atom is coordinated by six water molecules, forming a distorted octahedral coordination $[\mathrm{Mg}-\mathrm{O}=2.048(1)-2.117$ (1) $\AA]$. The oxyacetate groups and the benzene ring are essentially coplanar, with $\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{O} 10-$ $\mathrm{C} 9-\mathrm{C} 10$ and $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{O} 9-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 1$ torsion angles of -177.3 (1) and $165.0(1)^{\circ}$, respectively. The cations and anions are linked by four $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ hydrogen bonds through the carboxylate O

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Figure 1
ORTEPII (Johnson, 1976) plot of the title compound, with $30 \%$ probability ellipsoids. Dashed lines represent hydrogen bonds.


The hydrogen-bonded chain structure of the title complex.
atoms with coordinated water molecules, resulting in a onedimensional chain along the $c$ direction. A two-dimensional supermolecular network is constructed by hydrogen bonds in the $a c$ plane (Fig. 2 and Table 2).

## Experimental

Benzene-1,3-dioxyacetic acid was prepared following the method described for the synthesis of benzene-1,2-dioxyacetic acid by Mirci (1990). The title complex was prepared by the addition of magnesium perchlorate hexahydrate ( 20 mmol ) and imidazole ( 20 mmol ) to an aqueous solution of benzene-1,3-dioxyacetic acid ( 20 mmol ), and the pH was adjusted to 7 with 0.1 M sodium hydroxide. Colorless crystals were separated from the filtered solution after several days. Analysis calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{26} \mathrm{MgO}_{15}$ : C $29.25, \mathrm{H} 6.38 \%$; found: $\mathrm{C} 29.01, \mathrm{H}$ 6.49\%.

## Crystal data

| $\left[\mathrm{Mg}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{6}\right]\left(\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{O}_{6}\right) \cdot 3 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | $D_{x}=1.456 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $M_{r}=410.62$ | Mo $K \alpha$ radiation |
| Monoclinic, $P 2_{1} / n$ | Cell parameters from 12616 |
| $a=6.134(1) \AA$ | reflections |
| $b=26.020(5) \AA$ | $\theta=3.5-27.4^{\circ}$ |
| $c=12.028(2) \AA$ | $\mu=0.17 \mathrm{~mm}^{\circ}$ |
| $\beta=102.64(3)^{\circ}$ | $T=293(2) \mathrm{K}$ |
| $V=1873.3(6) \AA^{3}$ | Prism, colorless |
| $Z=4$ | $0.39 \times 0.26 \times 0.18 \mathrm{~mm}$ |

## Data collection

Rigaku R-AXIS RAPID diffractometer

## $\omega$ scans

Absorption correction: multi-scan (ABSCOR; Higashi, 1995)
$T_{\text {min }}=0.937, T_{\text {max }}=0.971$
17782 measured reflections

## Refinement

Refinement on $F^{2}$
$R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.039$
$w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.097$
$S=1.09$
4240 reflections
289 parameters
H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

4240 independent reflections
3547 reflections with $I>2 \sigma(I)$
$R_{\text {int }}=0.019$
$\theta_{\text {max }}=27.4^{\circ}$
$h=-7 \rightarrow 7$
$k=-33 \rightarrow 33$
$l=-15 \rightarrow 15$

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\begin{aligned}
& w=1 /[ \sigma^{2}\left(F_{o}{ }^{2}\right)+(0.0482 P)^{2} \\
&+0.4786 P] \\
& \text { where } P=\left(F_{o}{ }^{2}+2 F_{c}{ }^{2}\right) / 3 \\
&(\Delta / \sigma)_{\max }<0.001 \\
& \Delta \rho_{\max }=0.39 \mathrm{e} \AA^{-3} \\
& \Delta \rho_{\min }=-0.15 \mathrm{e}^{-3}
\end{aligned}
$$

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

| $\mathrm{Mg} 1-\mathrm{O} 1$ | $2.051(1)$ | $\mathrm{Mg} 1-\mathrm{O} 4$ | $2.048(1)$ |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: |
| $\mathrm{Mg} 1-\mathrm{O} 2$ | $2.059(1)$ | $\mathrm{Mg} 1-\mathrm{O} 5$ | $2.055(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{Mg} 1-\mathrm{O} 3$ | $2.114(1)$ | $\mathrm{Mg} 1-\mathrm{O} 6$ | $2.117(1)$ |
|  |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{Mg} 1-\mathrm{O} 2$ | $178.36(5)$ | $\mathrm{O} 4-\mathrm{Mg} 1-\mathrm{O} 2$ | $88.69(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{Mg} 1-\mathrm{O} 3$ | $88.20(5)$ | $\mathrm{O} 4-\mathrm{Mg} 1-\mathrm{O} 3$ | $88.81(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{Mg} 1-\mathrm{O} 5$ | $85.25(5)$ | $\mathrm{O} 4-\mathrm{Mg} 1-\mathrm{O} 5$ | $178.18(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{Mg} 1-\mathrm{O} 6$ | $91.18(5)$ | $\mathrm{O} 4-\mathrm{Mg} 1-\mathrm{O} 6$ | $89.74(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{Mg} 1-\mathrm{O} 3$ | $91.61(5)$ | $\mathrm{O} 5-\mathrm{Mg} 1-\mathrm{O} 2$ | $93.12(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{Mg} 1-\mathrm{O} 6$ | $89.05(5)$ | $\mathrm{O} 5-\mathrm{Mg} 1-\mathrm{O} 3$ | $90.91(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 3-\mathrm{Mg} 1-\mathrm{O} 6$ | $178.39(5)$ | $\mathrm{O} 5-\mathrm{Mg} 1-\mathrm{O} 6$ | $90.52(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 4-\mathrm{Mg} 1-\mathrm{O} 1$ | $92.94(5)$ |  |  |

Table 2
Hydrogen-bonding geometry ( $\mathrm{A}^{\circ}{ }^{\circ}$ ).

| $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H}$ | $\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| O1-H11 $\cdots$ O ${ }^{\text {a }}{ }^{\text {i }}$ | 0.853 (9) | 1.876 (9) | 2.728 (2) | 177 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{H} 12 \cdots \mathrm{O} 15^{\text {ii }}$ | 0.844 (9) | 1.962 (9) | 2.803 (2) | 174 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{H} 13 \cdots \mathrm{O} 11^{\text {iii }}$ | 0.855 (9) | 1.839 (9) | 2.694 (2) | 179 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{H} 14 \cdots \mathrm{O} 7$ | 0.849 (9) | 2.067 (9) | 2.913 (2) | 175 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O} 3-\mathrm{H} 15 \cdots \mathrm{O} 6^{\text {ii }}$ | 0.851 (9) | 2.04 (1) | 2.854 (2) | 161 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O} 3-\mathrm{H} 16 \cdots \mathrm{O} 13^{\text {ii }}$ | 0.859 (9) | 1.813 (9) | 2.648 (2) | 163 (2) |
| O4-H17 . . 88 | 0.853 (9) | 1.797 (9) | 2.649 (2) | 176 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O} 4-\mathrm{H} 18 \cdots \mathrm{O} 3^{\text {iv }}$ | 0.845 (9) | 2.08 (1) | 2.926 (2) | 176 (2) |
| O5-H19 . . O12 ${ }^{\text {iii }}$ | 0.851 (9) | 1.81 (1) | 2.657 (2) | 174 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O} 5-\mathrm{H} 20 \cdots \mathrm{O} 14^{\text {v }}$ | 0.843 (9) | 2.057 (9) | 2.897 (2) | 173 (2) |
| O6-H21 $\cdots$ O14 | 0.848 (9) | 1.941 (9) | 2.787 (2) | 175 (2) |
| O6-H22 . O 15 | 0.847 (9) | 1.90 (1) | 2.738 (2) | 168 (2) |
| O13-H23 . O 8 | 0.848 (9) | 1.95 (1) | 2.745 (2) | 156 (2) |
| O13-H23 $\cdots$ O 9 | 0.848 (9) | 2.42 (2) | 3.047 (2) | 132 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O} 13-\mathrm{H} 24 \cdots \mathrm{O} 7^{\text {vi }}$ | 0.846 (9) | 1.919 (9) | 2.751 (2) | 167 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O} 14-\mathrm{H} 25 \cdots \mathrm{O} 10^{\text {vii }}$ | 0.849 (9) | 2.53 (2) | 3.138 (2) | 129 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O} 14-\mathrm{H} 25 \cdots \mathrm{O} 12^{\text {vii }}$ | 0.849 (9) | 2.02 (1) | 2.837 (2) | 162 (2) |
| O14-H26 . $\mathrm{O}^{\text {1 }} 1^{\text {iii }}$ | 0.845 (9) | 2.59 (1) | 3.381 (2) | 156 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O} 15-\mathrm{H} 27 \cdots \mathrm{O} 10^{\text {viii }}$ | 0.846 (9) | 2.65 (2) | 3.242 (2) | 128 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O} 15-\mathrm{H} 27 \cdots \mathrm{O} 12^{\text {viii }}$ | 0.846 (9) | 1.955 (9) | 2.779 (2) | 165 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O} 15-\mathrm{H} 28 \cdots \mathrm{O} 8^{\text {i }}$ | 0.847 (9) | 2.11 (1) | 2.856 (2) | 147 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O} 15-\mathrm{H} 28 \cdots \mathrm{O} 9^{\text {i }}$ | 0.847 (9) | 2.44 (1) | 3.174 (2) | 145 (2) |

Symmetry codes: (i) $1-x,-y, 1-z$; (ii) $x-1, y, z$; (iii) $x-2, y, z-1$; (iv) $-x,-y, 1-z ; \quad$ (v) $\quad-x,-y,-z ; \quad$ (vi) $\quad 1+x, y, z ; \quad$ (vii) $\quad x-1, y, z-1$; (viii) $2-x,-y, 1-z$.

Water H atoms were located in a difference map and refined as riding, with $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H}$ and $\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{H}$ distance restraints of 0.85 (1) and 1.39 (1) Å, respectively, and $U_{\text {iso }}(\mathrm{H})=1.5 U_{\text {eq }}(\mathrm{O})$. All other H atoms were placed in calculated positions $[\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}=0.93$ (aromatic) or $0.97 \AA$ (aliphatic)] and refined using a riding model $\left[U_{\text {iso }}(H)=1.2 U_{\text {eq }}(\mathrm{C})\right]$.

## metal-organic papers

Data collection: RAPID-AUTO (Rigaku, 1998); cell refinement: RAPID-AUTO; data reduction: CrystalStructure (Rigaku/MSC, 2002); program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (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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