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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 296 KMean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.004 \text{ Å}$  R factor = 0.055 wR factor = 0.177 Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.9

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# Hexaaquamagnesium(II) bis[(4-oxo-4*H*-pyridin-1-yl)acetate] dihydrate

In the title compound,  $[Mg(H_2O)_6](C_7H_6NO_3)_2 \cdot 2H_2O$ , the  $Mg^{II}$  atom lies on a centre of symmetry and is coordinated by six water molecules in an octahedral geometry. A threedimensional supramolecular framework is formed *via* O- $H \cdot \cdot \cdot O$  hydrogen bonds between the anions and cations.

## Comment

Recently, we have described the complexes  $[M(H_2O)_6]$ -(4-OPA)<sub>2</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O [4-OPA<sup>-</sup> is the (4-oxo-4*H*-pyridin-1-yl)acetate anion, M = Zn, Ni; Gao *et al.*, 2004; Zhang *et al.*, 2004], in which 4-OPA<sup>-</sup> exists as an [O=C(CH=CH)<sub>2</sub>N-CH<sub>2</sub>-CO<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup> counterion having a double-bonded O atom connected to the ring. In order to explore further the coordination behaviour and solid-state structure of metal salts with the 4-HOPA ligand, we used Mg(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O under similar reaction conditions to synthesize the title hexaaquamagnesium(II) complex, (I).







#### Figure 1

The structural components of (I), with the atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level and H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radii. The hydrogen bond is shown as a dashed line. The symmetry code for the unlabelled aqua ligands is as in Table 1.

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#### Figure 2

A packing diagram for (I), viewed along the c axis. Hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines. H atoms bonded to C atoms have been omitted.

## **Experimental**

The title complex was prepared by the addition of  $Mg(NO_3)_2 \cdot 6H_2O$ (1.94 g, 10 mmol) to an aqueous solution of (4-oxo-4H-pyridin-1yl)acetic acid (2.92 g, 20 mmol). The pH was adjusted to 7 with 0.2 M NaOH solution. Colourless crystals of (I) were obtained from the filtered solution over several days. CHN analysis, calculated for [Mg(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>6</sub>](C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>6</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O: C 35.57, H 5.97, N 5.93%; found: C 35.77, H 5.84, N 6.06%.

## Crystal data

166 parameters

refinement

H atoms treated by a mixture of

independent and constrained

$[Mg(H_2O)_6](C_7H_6NO_3)_2 \cdot 2H_2O$	$D_x = 1.449 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
$M_r = 472.69$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$	Cell parameters from 9023
a = 12.486(3)  Å	reflections
b = 12.904 (3) Å	$\theta = 3.2-27.5^{\circ}$
c = 6.8131 (14)  Å	$\mu = 0.16 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$\beta = 99.21 (3)^{\circ}$	T = 296 (2)  K
V = 1083.6 (4) Å <sup>3</sup>	Prism, colourless
Z = 2	$0.38 \times 0.26 \times 0.17 \ \mathrm{mm}$
Data collection	
Rigaku RAXIS-RAPID	2477 independent reflections
diffractometer	2212 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
w scans	$R_{int} = 0.022$
Absorption correction: multi-scan	$\theta_{\rm max} = 27.5^{\circ}$
(ABSCOR: Higashi, 1995)	$h = -16 \rightarrow 16$
$T_{\rm min} = 0.953$ $T_{\rm max} = 0.974$	$k = -16 \rightarrow 16$
9164 measured reflections	$l = -8 \rightarrow 8$
Refinement	
Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_0^2) + (0.0802P)^2$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.055$	+ 1.5072P]
$wR(F^2) = 0.177$	where $P = (F_{0}^{2} + 2F_{0}^{2})/3$
S = 1.08	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$
2477 reflections	$\Delta \rho = 0.39 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$

Table 1					
Selected	geometric parameter	's (	Å,	°)	

Mg1-O1W	2.0735 (19)	O2-C7	1.245 (3)
Mg1 - O2W	2.0652 (19)	O3-C3	1.272 (3)
Mg1-O3W	2.0490 (18)	C1-C2	1.353 (4)
O1-C7	1.253 (3)	C4-C5	1.356 (4)
O2W-Mg1-O1W	89.98 (9)	O3W-Mg1-O2W	89.68 (8)
$O2W - Mg1 - O1W^{i}$	90.02 (9)	$O3W - Mg1 - O2W^{i}$	90.32 (8)
O3W-Mg1-O1W	90.97 (9)	N1-C6-C7	113.9 (2)
O3W-Mg1-O1W <sup>i</sup>	89.03 (9)		

Symmetry code: (i) 1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z.

Table 2		
Hydrogen-bonding geometry	(Å,	°).

$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots A$
$O1W - H1W1 \cdots O4W$	0.85 (3)	1.89 (3)	2.734 (3)	172 (4)
$O1W = H1W2 \cdots O1^{ii}$ $O2W = H2W2 \cdots O1^{iii}$	0.85(3) 0.85(3)	2.01 (3) 1.89 (3)	2.837 (3) 2.709 (3)	164 (3) 162 (3)
$O2W - H2W1 \cdots O1^{i}$ $O3W - H3W2 \cdots O3^{iv}$	0.85(3) 0.85(3)	2.06(3) 1.92(3)	2.847 (3) 2.754 (3)	153 (3) 170 (4)
$O3W - H3W1 \cdots O2^{v}$	0.84(3)	1.88(3) 1.08(2)	2.719 (3)	173 (3) 163 (5)
$O4W - H4W1 \cdots O3^{\text{vii}}$	0.85(3) 0.85(3)	2.17 (2)	2.978 (4)	158 (5)

Symmetry codes: (i) 1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z; (ii) x, y, 1 + z; (iii)  $1 - x, y - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} - z$ ; (iv) 2 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z; (v)  $x, \frac{3}{2} - y, \frac{1}{2} + z;$  (vi) x - 1, y, 1 + z; (vii)  $x - 1, \frac{3}{2} - y, \frac{1}{2} + z.$ 

H atoms on C atoms were placed in calculated positions, with C-H = 0.93 or 0.97 Å and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$ , and were included in the refinement in the riding-model approximation. Water H atoms were located in difference Fourier maps and refined with the restraints O- $H = 0.85 (1) \text{ Å}, H \cdot \cdot \cdot H = 1.39 (1) \text{ Å}, \text{ and with } U_{iso}(H) = 1.5U_{eq}(O).$ 

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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 $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.27 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$