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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 298 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.007 Å R factor = 0.054 wR factor = 0.141 Data-to-parameter ratio = 12.4

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# Hexaaquazinc(II) bis(perchlorate) bis(2,5-dimethylpyrazine 1,4-dioxide)

The title molecular complex,  $[Zn(H_2O)_6](ClO_4)_2 \cdot 2C_6H_8N_2O_2$ , consists of neutral 2,5-dimethylpyrazine 1,4-dioxide molecules, a hexaaquazinc(II) cation and perchlorate anions, linked through Coulombic attraction and hydrogen bonding. Half the neutral molecules lie in general positions, and the other half are on inversion centers. Received 12 November 2004 Accepted 11 January 2005 Online 22 January 2005

# Comment

In the crystal structure of the title complex, (I), the zinc(II) ion is coordinated by six water molecules and has distorted octahedral geometry (Fig. 1). The coordinated water molecules are involved in extensive hydrogen-bonding interactions with both the perchlorate O atoms and the 2,5dimethylpyrazine 1,4-dioxide molecules. The asymmetric unit consists of one cation, two anions, a neutral molecule in a general position, and halves of two separate centrosymmetric neutral molecules. In addition, there is Coulombic attraction between the hexaaquazinc(II) cation and the perchlorate anions. The hydrogen bonds which connect the three components in the crystal structure are shown in Fig. 2. In the crystal structure, the hexaaquazinc(II) cations and 2,5-dimethylpyrazine 1,4-dioxide molecules are each stacked in an orderly manner along the b axis, forming infinite columns. Each hexaaquazinc(II) column is surrounded by four 2,5-dimethylpyrazine 1,4-dioxide columns and perchlorate anions are inserted into the columns of 2,5-dimethylpyrazine 1,4-dioxide molecules.



# **Experimental**

To an aqueous solution (8 ml) containing  $[Zn(H_2O)_6](ClO_4)_2$ (0.0760 g, 0.204 mmol), 2,5-dimethylpyrazine 1,4-dioxide (0.0860 g, 0.614 mmol) was added and the resulting solution stirred for a few minutes. Colorless single crystals were obtained after the solution was allowed to stand at room temperature for three weeks.

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Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation Cell parameters from 3876

reflections

 $\theta = 2.9-24.2^{\circ}$  $\mu = 1.24 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ 

T = 298 (2) K

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.061$ 

 $\begin{array}{l} \theta_{\rm max} = 25.5^\circ \\ h = -23 \rightarrow 23 \end{array}$ 

 $k = -15 \rightarrow 15$ 

 $l = -24 \rightarrow 22$ 

Rectangular block, colorless

4805 independent reflections

 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0678P)^2]$ 

where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ 

+ 6.6643P]

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.88 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$ 

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.82 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$ 

 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$ 

3802 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

 $0.50 \times 0.15 \times 0.11 \ \mathrm{mm}$ 

#### Crystal data

 $[Zn(H_2O)_6](ClO_4)_2 \cdot 2C_6H_8N_2O_2$   $M_r = 652.65$ Orthorhombic, *Pbcn*  a = 19.700 (4) Å b = 13.097 (3) Å c = 20.021 (4) Å V = 5166 (2) Å<sup>3</sup> Z = 8 $D_x = 1.678$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer  $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Sheldrick, 1996)  $T_{min} = 0.575, T_{max} = 0.875$ 26350 measured reflections

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.054$   $wR(F^2) = 0.142$  S = 1.064805 reflections 386 parameters H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

#### Table 1

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots \mathbf{A}$
$O3-H1O3\cdots O12^{i}$	0.85 (3)	1.954 (17)	2.789 (5)	168 (5)
$O4-H1O4\cdots O8^{i}$	0.85 (4)	1.96 (2)	2.772 (4)	160 (5)
$O5-H2O5\cdots O8^{ii}$	0.85 (5)	1.93 (5)	2.754 (5)	165 (5)
O1-H2O1···O7	0.85 (5)	1.89 (5)	2.688 (4)	157 (5)
O6−H2O6···O13	0.84 (3)	2.08 (2)	2.895 (5)	161 (5)
O2−H2O2···O15	0.86 (4)	1.94 (4)	2.785 (5)	171 (6)
$O2-H2O2 \cdot \cdot \cdot Cl3$	0.86 (4)	2.82 (4)	3.548 (3)	144 (5)
$O5-H1O5\cdotsO16^{iii}$	0.84 (3)	2.04 (2)	2.839 (8)	157 (5)
$O4-H2O4\cdots O10^{i}$	0.85 (3)	1.901 (17)	2.721 (4)	163 (4)
O3−H2O3···O10 <sup>ii</sup>	0.85 (3)	1.90 (3)	2.744 (5)	173 (6)
O1-H1O1···O9	0.85 (3)	1.93 (4)	2.774 (4)	177 (5)
$O6-H1O6\cdots O7^{iv}$	0.849 (11)	1.841 (12)	2.688 (4)	175 (5)
$O2-H1O2\cdots O9^{iv}$	0.85 (3)	1.846 (15)	2.688 (5)	169 (5)
Symmetry codes: (i) 1	$-r^{3} - v^{1} + z^{1}$	(ii) $r = 1 - v = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$	7: (iii) $r = \frac{1}{3}$	$-v_1 - z$ (iv)

Symmetry codes: (1)  $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} - x, \frac{1}{2} + y, z.$ 

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

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The title complex, with 30% probability displacement ellipsoids. H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitary radii. [Symmetry codes: (A) -x, -y + 1, -z + 1; (B) -x + 1, -y + 1, -z.]



#### Figure 2 The packing of (I), with hydrogen bonds shown as dashed lines.

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