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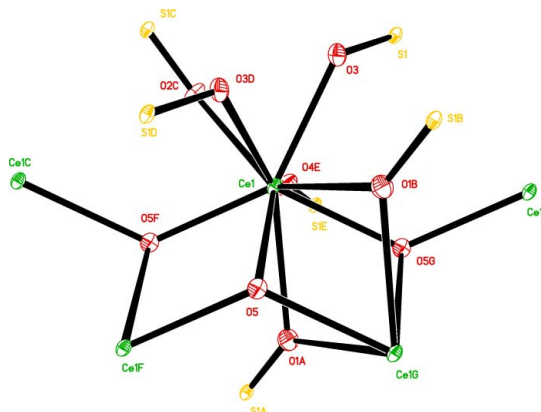
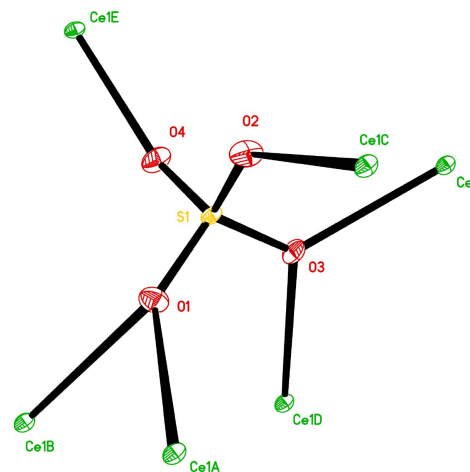
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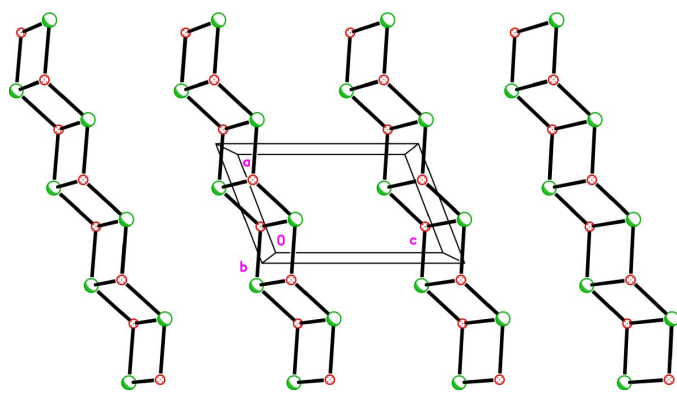
For details of how these key indicators were automatically derived from the article, see <http://journals.iucr.org/e>.**Cerium(III) hydroxide sulfate,  $Ce(OH)SO_4$** The title compound has been hydrothermally synthesized. The coordination environment of the  $Ce^{III}$  atom consists of six sulfate groups and three OH groups. The crystal structure consists of an infinite three-dimensional framework.

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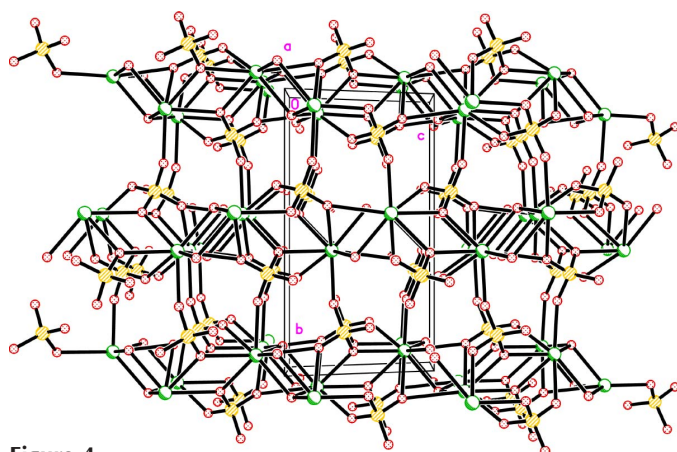
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**Comment**Although a number of hydrous lanthanide sulfate complexes have been reported in the past, structural information on anhydrous lanthanide sulfates is still limited (Wickleder, 1999, 2000). Only a few structures of hydroxide sulfates have been reported (Zhang *et al.*, 2004). We report here the structure of cerium hydroxide sulfate, (I).**Figure 1**Perspective view of the coordination mode of the cerium ion. [Symmetry codes: (A)  $x, y, 1 + z$ ; (B)  $2 - y, 1 - z$ ; (C)  $x - 1, y, z$ ; (D)  $1 - x, 2 - y, 1 - z$ ; (E)  $x \frac{3}{2} - y, \frac{1}{2} + z$ ; (F)  $1 - x, 2 - y, 2 - z$ ; (G)  $2 - x, 2 - y, 2 - z$ ; (H)  $1 + x, y, z$ .]**Figure 2**Perspective view of the coordination mode of the sulfate group. [Symmetry Codes: (A)  $2 - x, 2 - y, 1 - z$ ; (B)  $x, y, z - 1$ ; (C)  $1 + x, y, z$ ; (D)  $1 - x, 2 - y, 1 - z$ ; (E)  $x, \frac{3}{2} - y, z - \frac{1}{2}$ .]



**Figure 3**  
The chains formed by cerium (green circles) and hydroxide (red circles), showing O atoms only. H atoms have been omitted.



**Figure 4**  
Packing diagram of compound (I). H atoms have been omitted.

In (I), each cerium ion is coordinated by nine O atoms, of which six are from six different sulfate groups, while the other three are from three  $\mu_3$ -OH groups (Fig. 1). All O atoms of the sulfate group take part in the coordination (Fig. 2). The S atom makes four S—O—Ce linkages through two two-coordinate O atoms (S—O—Ce) and two three-coordinate O atoms (S— $\mu_3$ -O—Ce<sub>2</sub>).

Compound (I) is, in fact, isostructural with lanthanum(III) hydroxide sulfate (Zhang *et al.*, 2004). In the structure, one OH group links three different cerium ions, which form cerium–hydroxide chains (Fig. 3). The chains are linked by sulfate groups into an infinite three-dimensional framework (Fig. 4). In the structure, the H atom of the OH group forms a weak O—H...O hydrogen bond with one O atom of a sulfate group (Table 2).

## Experimental

A mixture of Ce(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O (0.217 g, 0.5 mmol), Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>·10H<sub>2</sub>O (0.161 g, 0.5 mmol), NaOH (0.040 g, 2 mmol) and H<sub>2</sub>O (15 ml) was stirred in air for 20 min and transferred to a 25 ml Teflon-lined stainless steel reactor and heated at 443 K for 4 d. After being cooled slowly at a rate of 6 K h<sup>-1</sup> to room temperature, colorless crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction analysis were obtained.

## Crystal data

Ce(OH)(SO<sub>4</sub>)  
 $M_r = 253.19$   
 Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$   
 $a = 4.5079$  (13) Å  
 $b = 12.556$  (4) Å  
 $c = 7.135$  (2) Å  
 $\beta = 111.094$  (4)°  
 $V = 376.8$  (2) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 4$

$D_x = 4.463$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 Cell parameters from 995 reflections  
 $\theta = 3.1$ – $27.0^\circ$   
 $\mu = 12.52$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 293$  (2) K  
 Block, colorless  
 0.19 × 0.14 × 0.11 mm

## Data collection

Bruker SMART 1000 CCD diffractometer  
 $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.148$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.251$   
 3082 measured reflections

820 independent reflections  
 795 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.021$   
 $\theta_{\max} = 27.0^\circ$   
 $h = -5 \rightarrow 5$   
 $k = -16 \rightarrow 16$   
 $l = -9 \rightarrow 8$

## Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.015$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.040$   
 $S = 1.23$   
 820 reflections  
 68 parameters  
 All H-atom parameters refined

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0217P)^2 + 0.2357P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.94$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.66$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

**Table 1**

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Ce1—O4 <sup>i</sup>	2.410 (3)	Ce1—O1 <sup>viii</sup>	2.839 (3)
Ce1—O5 <sup>ii</sup>	2.459 (2)	Ce1—Ce1 <sup>iv</sup>	3.7370 (8)
Ce1—O5	2.481 (2)	Ce1—Ce1 <sup>ii</sup>	3.9677 (9)
Ce1—O2 <sup>iii</sup>	2.530 (2)	S1—O2	1.455 (2)
Ce1—O5 <sup>iv</sup>	2.558 (3)	S1—O4	1.459 (2)
Ce1—O3 <sup>v</sup>	2.567 (2)	S1—O1	1.473 (2)
Ce1—O3	2.571 (3)	S1—O3	1.495 (2)
Ce1—O1 <sup>vi</sup>	2.661 (3)		
Ce1 <sup>ii</sup> —O5—Ce1	106.86 (9)	Ce1—O5—Ce1 <sup>iv</sup>	95.72 (8)
Ce1 <sup>iii</sup> —O5—Ce1 <sup>iv</sup>	127.93 (10)		

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

**Table 2**

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

D—H...A	D—H	H...A	D...A	D—H...A
O5—H5...O2 <sup>viii</sup>	0.76 (5)	2.52 (5)	3.241 (4)	159 (4)

Symmetry code: (viii)  $2 - x, \frac{1}{2} + y, \frac{3}{2} - z$ .

The H atom was located in a difference map and refined isotropically.

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 1999); cell refinement: SAINT-Plus (Bruker, 1999); data reduction: SAINT-Plus; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXTL (Bruker, 1999); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXTL; molecular graphics: SHELXTL; software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL.

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