

Langbeinite-type  $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{Mn}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3$ Xian-Ming Zhang,<sup>a</sup> Zheng-Ming Hao<sup>a</sup> and Seik Weng Ng<sup>b\*</sup><sup>a</sup>School of Chemistry and Materials Science, Shanxi Normal University, Linfen 041004, Shanxi Province, People's Republic of China, and <sup>b</sup>Department of Chemistry, University of Malaya, 50603 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 295 \text{ K}$   
Mean  $\sigma(\text{S}-\text{O}) = 0.003 \text{ \AA}$   
 $R$  factor = 0.030  
 $wR$  factor = 0.071  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 11.7For details of how these key indicators were automatically derived from the article, see <http://journals.iucr.org/e>.

The anionic component of the crystal structure of cubic langbeinite-type diammonium dimanganese(II) trisulfate(IV),  $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{Mn}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3$ , is a three-dimensional  $[\text{Mn}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3]^{2-}$  network based on  $\text{SO}_4$  tetrahedra corner-linked to  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}\text{O}_6$  octahedra. The charge-balancing ammonium cations occupy the cavities in the network. The pairs of independent Mn and N atoms lie on special positions of site symmetry 3.

## Comment

The development of microporous materials has led to investigations of the factors governing the amine-templated syntheses of metal sulfates (Behera *et al.*, 2004). The present report on a new ammonium manganese sulfate, which was obtained unexpectedly in a hydrothermal synthesis intended for this purpose, is a contribution to the limited number of structural studies of inorganic manganese sulfate compounds, such as, for example,  $\text{Mn}(\text{HSO}_4)_2$ ,  $\text{Mn}(\text{HSO}_4)_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{Mn}(\text{HSO}_4)_2(\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4)$  (Stiewe *et al.*, 1998),  $\text{MnSO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  (Le Fur *et al.*, 1966),  $(\text{H}_5\text{O}_2)[\text{Mn}^{\text{III}}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2(\text{SO}_4)_2]$  (Chang *et al.*, 1983),  $\text{MnSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (Caminiti *et al.*, 1982),  $\text{MnSO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  (Wildner & Giester, 1991), and  $\text{MnSO}_4 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (Held & Bohatý, 2002). The sulfatomanganate(II) dianion can exist as a distinct entity, as noted in histidinium tetraaquadisulfatomanganate (Wojtczak & Jaskólski, 1989) and ethylenediammonium tetraaquadisulfatomanganate (Chaabouni *et al.*, 1996); both salts have monodentate sulfate groups only.

The title compound is a double salt and crystallizes in the langbeinite  $[\text{K}_2\text{Mg}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3]$  structure type (Gossner & Koch, 1931; Zemann & Zemann, 1957). Its cubic cell dimensions (10.192 Å) were first reported by Gattow & Zemann (1957).  $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{Mn}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3$  is isotypic with its selenate analog  $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{Mn}_2(\text{SeO}_4)_3$ . The latter is obtained by dehydrating the hexahydrate, and forms a solid-solution series with the sulfate (Kohler & Franke, 1964). The chromate analog,  $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{Mn}_2(\text{CrO}_4)_3$  (Cord *et al.*, 1971), is also isotypic with the title compound.

The anionic component of  $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{Mn}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3$  is a three-dimensional network of  $\text{SO}_4$  tetrahedra and  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}\text{O}_6$  octahedra. Each tetrahedron shares its corners with four octahedra; the Mn—O bond lengths in the two  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}\text{O}_6$  octahedra are very similar (Table 1 and Fig. 1). The ammonium cations occupy the voids of the network and are weakly hydrogen-bonded to it (Table 2).

## Experimental

A mixture of manganese(II) sulfate hydrate (0.05 g, 0.3 mmol), oxalic acid dihydrate (0.02 g, 0.2 mmol), *o*-phenylenediamine (0.02 g, 0.2 mmol) and acetonitrile (5 ml) was sealed into a 15 ml Teflon-lined

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stainless steel bomb, which was then heated at 433 K for 72 h. The bomb was cooled slowly to room temperature to give pale yellow (almost colorless) block-shaped crystals of  $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{Mn}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3$ , in about 65% yield.

#### Crystal data

$(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{Mn}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3$   
 $M_r = 434.14$   
 Cubic,  $P2_13$   
 $a = 10.188(2) \text{ \AA}$   
 $V = 1057.5(4) \text{ \AA}^3$   
 $Z = 4$   
 $D_x = 2.727 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$   
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation

Cell parameters from 1534 reflections  
 $\theta = 3.5\text{--}21.5^\circ$   
 $\mu = 3.05 \text{ mm}^{-1}$   
 $T = 295(2) \text{ K}$   
 Block, pale yellow  
 $0.14 \times 0.08 \times 0.05 \text{ mm}$

#### Data collection

Bruker APEX area-detector diffractometer  
 $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Bruker, 2002)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.584$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.862$   
 7327 measured reflections

818 independent reflections  
 765 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.069$   
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.4^\circ$   
 $h = -13 \rightarrow 13$   
 $k = -12 \rightarrow 13$   
 $l = -12 \rightarrow 8$

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.030$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.071$   
 $S = 1.05$   
 818 reflections  
 70 parameters  
 Only coordinates of H atoms refined

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.043P)^2]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.36 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.35 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$   
 Extinction correction: none  
 Absolute structure: Flack (1983),  
 342 Friedel pairs  
 Flack parameter: 0.01 (4)

**Table 1**

Selected geometric parameters ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ).

Mn1—O1	2.164 (3)	S—O1	1.473 (3)
Mn1—O3 <sup>iii</sup>	2.169 (3)	S—O2	1.475 (3)
Mn2—O2	2.157 (3)	S—O3	1.462 (3)
Mn2—O4 <sup>vii</sup>	2.175 (3)	S—O4	1.467 (3)
O1—Mn1—O1 <sup>i</sup>	95.0 (1)	O2—Mn2—O4 <sup>viii</sup>	81.6 (1)
O1—Mn1—O3 <sup>iii</sup>	88.8 (1)	O2—Mn2—O4 <sup>ix</sup>	173.6 (1)
O1—Mn1—O3 <sup>iv</sup>	174.2 (1)	O4 <sup>vii</sup> —Mn2—O4 <sup>viii</sup>	93.2 (1)
O1—Mn1—O1 <sup>x</sup>	95.0 (1)	O1—S—O2	110.4 (2)
O1—Mn1—O3 <sup>v</sup>	89.1 (1)	O1—S—O3	108.9 (2)
O3 <sup>iii</sup> —Mn1—O3 <sup>iv</sup>	86.8 (1)	O1—S—O4	110.7 (2)
O2—Mn2—O2 <sup>vi</sup>	94.6 (1)	O2—S—O3	110.6 (2)
O2—Mn2—O2 <sup>v</sup>	94.6 (1)	O2—S—O4	107.9 (2)
O2—Mn2—O4 <sup>vii</sup>	90.9 (1)	O3—S—O4	108.4 (2)

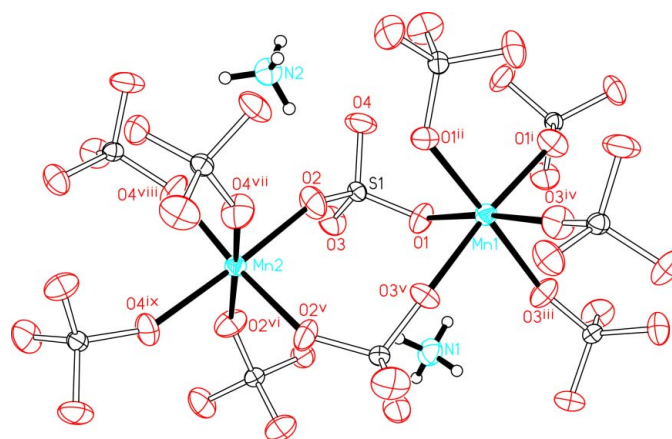
Symmetry codes: (i)  $z, x, y$ ; (iii)  $-x + 2, y + \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{3}{2}$ ; (iv)  $-z + \frac{3}{2}, -x + 2, y + \frac{1}{2}$ ; (v)  $y + \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{3}{2}, -x + 2$ ; (vi)  $-z + 2, x - \frac{1}{2}, -y + \frac{3}{2}$ ; (vii)  $-x + \frac{3}{2}, -y + 1, z + \frac{1}{2}$ ; (viii)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

**Table 2**

Hydrogen-bond geometry ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ).

$D\text{--}H\cdots A$	$D\text{--}H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D\text{--}H\cdots A$
N1—H11 $\cdots$ O1 <sup>v</sup>	0.85 (1)	2.55 (3)	2.933 (4)	108 (3)
N1—H11 $\cdots$ O3 <sup>iii</sup>	0.85 (1)	2.62 (8)	3.075 (3)	115 (6)
N1—H11 $\cdots$ O4 <sup>iii</sup>	0.85 (1)	2.42 (2)	3.178 (5)	149 (4)
N1—H12 $\cdots$ O1	0.85 (1)	2.58 (1)	2.933 (4)	106 (1)
N2—H21 $\cdots$ O2	0.85 (1)	2.12 (1)	2.946 (4)	163 (3)
N2—H22 $\cdots$ O3 <sup>x</sup>	0.85 (1)	2.46 (1)	3.127 (6)	136 (2)

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



**Figure 1**

ORTEP (Johnson, 1976) plot of a part of the structure of  $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{Mn}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3$ , with displacement ellipsoids at the 50% probability level. H atoms are drawn as spheres of arbitrary radii. [Symmetry codes: (i)  $z, x, y$ ; (ii)  $y, z, x$ ; (iii)  $2 - x, \frac{1}{2} + y, \frac{3}{2} - z$ ; (iv)  $\frac{3}{2} - z, 2 - x, \frac{1}{2} + y$ ; (v)  $\frac{1}{2} + y, \frac{3}{2} - z, 2 - x$ ; (vi)  $2 - z, x - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2} - y$ ; (vii)  $\frac{3}{2} - x, 1 - y, \frac{1}{2} + z$ ; (viii)  $\frac{3}{2} - z, 1 - x, \frac{1}{2} + y$ ; (ix)  $\frac{3}{2} - y, 1 - z, \frac{1}{2} + x$ .]

H atoms were found in difference Fourier maps and were refined with distance restraints of  $\text{N—H} = 0.85(1) \text{ \AA}$  and  $\text{H}\cdots\text{H} = 1.39(1) \text{ \AA}$ . The  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H})$  values were set to  $1.2U_{\text{eq}}$  of the parent atoms.

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 2002); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 2002); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: ORTEP (Johnson, 1976); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL97.

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