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# Poly[[dimethanolmagnesium(II)]-μ-p-phenylenedioxydiacetato]: a three-dimensional magnesium(II) coordination polymer

The Mg<sup>II</sup> ion and the 1,4-BDOA<sup>2-</sup> ligand in the title coordination polymer,  $[Mg(1,4-BDOA)(CH_3OH)_2]_n$  (where 1,4-BDOA<sup>2-</sup> is the *p*-phenylenedioxydiacetate dianion,  $C_{10}H_8O_6^{2-}$ ), lie on inversion centers. The Mg<sup>II</sup> center has an octahedral coordination geometry defined by four carboxyl O atoms from four different 1,4-BDOA<sup>2-</sup> ligands and two hydroxy O atoms from two methanol molecules. The Mg<sup>II</sup> atoms are bridged by 1,4-BDOA<sup>2-</sup> ligands, leading to a three-dimensional infinite network structure.

## Comment

The coordination chemistry of the alkaline earth metals has, until recently, remained a largely underdeveloped area (Sen et al., 2003). Although transition metal carboxylates have been widely investigated (Reyes et al., 2003), reports on magnesium coordination polymers with carboxylate ligands are very rare (Wang et al., 1994). The flexible benzene-1,4-dioxydiacetic acid (1,4-BDOAH<sub>2</sub>) exhibits high symmetry and versatile binding modes, and hence it could generate various supramolecular architectures. Previously, our group has reported some one- and two-dimensional transition metal coordination polymers incorporating this ligand, in which the 1,4-BDOA<sup>2-</sup> group shows the capability of acting as a bridging ligand in various coordination modes, including bidentate (Gao et al., 2004a), tridentate (Gao et al., 2004b), tetradentate (Gao, Liu, Huo, Xu & Zhao, 2005) and hexadentate (Gao, Liu, Huo, Zhao & Zhao, 2005). As part of our continuing investigations into the coordination behavior of this ligand, we report here the crystal structure of a new three-dimensional coordination polymer,  $[Mg(1,4-BDOA)(CH_3OH)_2]_n$ , (I).



As shown in Fig. 1, the  $Mg^{II}$  atom and 1,4-BDOA<sup>2-</sup> ligand lie on inversion centers, and the fully deprotonated carboxylate groups are bonded to the  $Mg^{II}$  ions in a monodentate fashion. Each  $Mg^{II}$  atom is covalently bonded to four carboxyl O atoms from four different 1,4-BDOA<sup>2-</sup> ligands and two hydroxy O atoms from two coordinated methanol molecules, displaying an approximate octahedral coordination

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## Figure 1

ORTEPII plot (Johnson, 1976) of the title complex, with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 30% probability level. Hydrogen bonds are indicated by dotted lines. [Symmetry codes: (i) 1 - x, 1 - y, -z; (ii) 1 - x,  $\frac{1}{2} + y, \frac{1}{2} - z;$  (iii)  $x, \frac{1}{2} - y, z - \frac{1}{2};$  (A)  $1 - x, y - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} - z;$  (B)  $1 + x, \frac{3}{2} - y, \frac{1}{2} + z;$ (C) - x, 1 - y, 1 - z.

configuration. Methanol atom O4 not only engages in coordination but also forms an intramolecular hydrogen bond with the coordinated carboxyl atom O2, consolidating the structure (Table 2).

Two adjacent Mg<sup>II</sup> atoms are linked through one bis-(monodentate) carboxyl group, with an Mg $1 \cdot \cdot \cdot$ Mg1A distance of 5.320 (3) Å [symmetry code: (A) -x + 1,  $y - \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $-z + \frac{1}{2}$ ]. Pairs of Mg<sup>II</sup> atoms are further connected via four carboxyl O atoms of one 1,4-BDOA<sup>2-</sup> ligand, with Mg1···Mg1B [symmetry code: (B) -x,  $y + \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $-z + \frac{1}{2}$ ] and Mg1 $\cdots$ Mg1C [symmetry code: (C) x - 1, y, z + 1] distances of 13.273 (3) and 14.278 (3) Å, respectively. It can be seen from a perspective view of the title complex along the c axis (Fig. 2) that each 1,4-BDOA<sup>2-</sup> group acts as a tetrakis(monodentate) ligand to link four Mg<sup>II</sup> ions, resulting in the formation of a regular three-dimensional open framework with a triangular channel, which holds the coordinated methanol.

# **Experimental**

The 1,4-BDOAH<sub>2</sub> ligand was prepared by the reaction of chloroacetic acid with hydroquinol (Mirci, 1990). The title complex was prepared by the addition of magnesium perchlorate hexahydrate (5.13 g, 20 mmol) to a methanol solution (20 ml) containing 1,4-BDOAH<sub>2</sub> (4.52 g, 20 mmol), and the pH value was adjusted to 7 with 0.1 M NaOH solution. The resulting solution was stirred for 30 min at room temperature and then filtered. Colorless prismatic single crystals were isolated from the solution at room temperature over a period of several days. Analysis calculated for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>16</sub>O<sub>8</sub>Mg: C 46.11, H 5.16%; found: C 46.13, H 5.12%.

## Crystal data

$[Mg(C_{11}H_{14}O_6)(CH_4O)_2]$
$M_r = 312.56$
Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$
a = 12.070 (2) Å
b = 7.7088 (15)  Å
c = 7.3332 (15)  Å
$\beta = 91.42 \ (3)^{\circ}$
$V = 682.1 (2) \text{ Å}^3$
Z = 2
$D = 1.522 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$

Mo Ka radiation Cell parameters from 4419 reflections  $\theta = 3.1 - 25.9^{\circ}$  $\mu = 0.17 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 295 (2) K Prism, colorless  $0.23\,\times\,0.18\,\times\,0.08$  mm



#### Figure 2

Packing diagram of the title complex, viewed along the c axis. The coordinated methanol molecules have been omitted for clarity; they occupy the apparent triangular channels.

# Data collection

Rigaku R-AXIS RAPID	1328 independent reflections
diffractometer	1082 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
$\omega$ scans	$R_{\rm int} = 0.069$
Absorption correction: multi-scan	$\theta_{\rm max} = 26.0^{\circ}$
(ABSCOR; Higashi, 1995)	$h = -14 \rightarrow 14$
$T_{\min} = 0.962, \ T_{\max} = 0.987$	$k = -9 \rightarrow 9$
4471 measured reflections	$l = -9 \rightarrow 8$

# Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_0^2) + (0.104P)^2]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.063$	+ 0.0721P]
$wR(F^2) = 0.166$	where $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
S = 1.08	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$
1328 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.38 \text{ e} \text{ \AA}^{-3}$
102 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.24 \text{ e} \text{ \AA}^{-3}$
H atoms treated by a mixture of	
independent and constrained	
refinement	

#### Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Mg1-O1	2.033 (2)	O1-C1	1.246 (4)
$Mg1 - O2^{i}$	2.111 (2)	O2-C1	1.259 (4)
Mg1-O4	2.080 (3)		
O1 <sup>ii</sup> -Mg1-O1	180	O2 <sup>i</sup> -Mg1-O2 <sup>iii</sup>	180
O1-Mg1-O4	88.22 (10)	$O4-Mg1-O2^{i}$	90.92 (11)
O1 <sup>ii</sup> -Mg1-O4	91.78 (10)	O4 <sup>ii</sup> -Mg1-O2 <sup>i</sup>	89.08 (11)
$O1^{ii} - Mg1 - O2^{i}$	93.03 (10)	O4-Mg1-O4 <sup>ii</sup>	180
$O1 - Mg1 - O2^i$	86.97 (10)	-	

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

# Table 2

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdots A$	<i>D</i> -H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
O4−H7···O2	0.84 (3)	2.02 (2)	2.798 (3)	153 (4)

C-bound H atoms were placed in calculated positions, with C–H = 0.93 (aromatic), 0.96 (CH<sub>3</sub>) or 0.97 Å (CH<sub>2</sub>) and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$  or  $1.5U_{eq}(C_{methyl})$ , and were refined in the riding-model approximation. The hydroxy H atom of the methanol molecule was located in a difference Fourier map and refined with O–H and H···H distance restraints of 0.85 (1) and 1.39 (1) Å, respectively, and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.5U_{eq}(O)$ .

Data collection: *RAPID-AUTO* (Rigaku Corporation, 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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