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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 289 KMean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.005 Å R factor = 0.037 wR factor = 0.106 Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.0

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# Bis(triethylaminium) hexaaquazinc(II) bis(naphthalene-1,6-disulfonate)

The title complex,  $(C_6H_{16}N)_2[Zn(H_2O)_6](C_{10}H_6O_6S_2)_2$ , is formed by aggregation of one hexahydrated zinc(II) cation, two triethylaminium cations and two naphthalene-1,6-disulfonate dianions. The Zn<sup>II</sup> cation is six-coordinate and located at an inversion center. The coordination around the metal ion is octahedral, with tetragonal elongation. Received 3 June 2005 Accepted 14 June 2005 Online 24 June 2005

### Comment

Organic sulfoacids and their derivatives are widely used in the synthesis of surface active agents, dyes, medicines and so on. So far, a few crystallographic studies on naphthalenesulfonate complexes have been reported (Gunderman *et al.*, 1997; Alvarez *et al.*, 1998; Cai, Chen, Feng *et al.*, 2001; Cai, Chen, Liao *et al.*, 2001; Chen *et al.*, 2002; Chandrasekhar *et al.*, 2003; Chen *et al.*, 2004; Sharma *et al.*, 2005). Recently, the title complex, (I), was synthesized in our laboratory and its crystal structure is discussed here.



Owing to the weak coordination strength of sulfonate toward transition metal ions, most of the reported transition metal sulfonates prepared in aqueous solution were formed by aggregation of aquametal complex cations and sulfonate anions (Kosnic *et al.*, 1992; Shubnell *et al.*, 1994; Gunderman *et al.*, 1997). The same situation appears in (I), with the triclinic unit cell containing one hexahydrated zinc(II) cation, two triethylaminium cations and two naphthalene-1,6-disulfonate (1,6-nds) dianions (Fig. 1). The Zn<sup>II</sup> ion is located at an inversion center and the coordination around the metal ion is



#### Figure 1

The structure of (I), showing 40% probability displacement ellipsoids and the atom-labeling scheme for the contents of the asymmetric unit. Unlabeled atoms are generated by the symmetry code -x, -y, -z. Dashed lines represent hydrogen bonds.

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Packing diagram of (I), viewed along the a axis. Dashed lines represent hydrogen bonds.

octahedral, with tetragonal elongation. The Zn-O distances range from 2.049 (2) to 2.130 (2) Å.

Two intramolecular C–H···O hydrogen bonds (Steiner & Desiraju, 1998) are observed in the 1,6-nds dianions. In the crystal structure, the 1,6-nds dianions are linked to the hexhydrated  $Zn^{II}$  cations through O–H···O hydrogen bonds and connected to the triethylaminium cations by N–H···O and C–H···O hydrogen bonds (Table 2 and Fig. 2).

## **Experimental**

Triethylamine,  $ZnCl_2$  and naphthalene-1,6-disulfonate in a molar ratio of 2:1:2 were mixed and dissolved in sufficient water by heating to a temperature at which a clear solution resulted. Crystals of (I) were formed by slow evaporation of water over a period of three weeks at 293 K.

#### Crystal data

$\begin{array}{l} (\mathrm{C_6H_{16}N})_2[\mathrm{Zn}(\mathrm{H_2O})_6](\mathrm{C_{10}H_6O_6S_2})_2 \\ M_r = 950.46 \\ \mathrm{Triclinic}, \ P\overline{1} \\ a = 7.078 \ (1) \ \mathrm{\AA} \\ b = 11.597 \ (2) \ \mathrm{\AA} \\ c = 13.924 \ (2) \ \mathrm{\AA} \\ \alpha = 77.89 \ (1)^{\circ} \\ \beta = 75.41 \ (1)^{\circ} \\ \gamma = 79.35 \ (1)^{\circ} \\ V = 1070.9 \ (3) \ \mathrm{\AA}^3 \end{array}$	Z = 1 $D_x = 1.474 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo K\alpha radiation Cell parameters from 31 reflections $\theta = 3.9-15.2^{\circ}$ $\mu = 0.84 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 289 (2)  K Block, colorless $0.46 \times 0.34 \times 0.34 \text{ mm}$
Data collection	
Siemens P4 diffractometer $\omega$ scans Absorption correction: $\psi$ scan (XSCANS; Siemens, 1994) $T_{\min} = 0.716, T_{\max} = 0.751$ 4420 measured reflections 4067 independent reflections 3227 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$	$\begin{aligned} R_{\text{int}} &= 0.011\\ \theta_{\text{max}} &= 25.8^{\circ}\\ h &= 0 \rightarrow 8\\ k &= -13 \rightarrow 14\\ l &= -16 \rightarrow 17\\ 3 \text{ standard reflections}\\ \text{ every 97 reflections}\\ \text{ intensity decay: 3.1\%} \end{aligned}$
Refinement	
Refinement on $F^2$ $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.037$ $wR(F^2) = 0.106$ S = 1.10 4067 reflections 291 parameters H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement	$\begin{split} &w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0591P)^2 \\ &+ 0.1823P] \\ &where \ P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3 \\ (\Delta/\sigma)_{max} = 0.001 \\ \Delta\rho_{max} = 0.53 \ e \ \text{\AA}^{-3} \\ \Delta\rho_{min} = -0.42 \ e \ \text{\AA}^{-3} \\ &\text{Extinction correction: } SHELXL97 \\ &\text{Extinction coefficient: } 0.0132 \ (18) \end{split}$

Table 1	
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Selected geometric parameters (Å,  $^{\circ}$ ).

Zn—O8 Zn—O9	2.049 (2) 2.078 (2)	Zn-O7	2.130 (2)
$D8 - Zn - O8^{i}$ $D8 - Zn - O9^{i}$ D8 - Zn - O9 $D9^{i} - Zn - O9$ D8 - Zn - O7	180.00 (12) 93.85 (8) 86.15 (8) 180.00 (14) 93.45 (9)	09-Zn-07 $08-Zn-07^{i}$ $09-Zn-07^{i}$ $07-Zn-07^{i}$	87.79 (9) 86.55 (9) 92.21 (9) 180.00 (13)

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

Table 2Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
$D-H\cdots A$ $N-H0N\cdots O1$ $07-H7A\cdots O6$ $07-H7B\cdots O5^{ii}$ $08-H8A\cdots O1^{iii}$ $08-H8B\cdots O4^{ii}$ $09-H9A\cdots O2^{iv}$ $09-H9B\cdots O4^{i}$ $C2-H2\cdots O1$	D-H 0.94 (4) 0.84 (1) 0.84 (1) 0.83 (1) 0.84 (1) 0.85 (1) 0.84 (1) 0.93	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H}{\cdots}\text{A}\\ \hline 1.97 \ (4)\\ 2.03 \ (1)\\ 2.00 \ (1)\\ 1.90 \ (1)\\ 1.91 \ (1)\\ 1.92 \ (1)\\ 1.88 \ (1)\\ 2.41 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} D \cdots A \\ \hline 2.842 (4) \\ 2.832 (4) \\ 2.827 (3) \\ 2.716 (3) \\ 2.727 (3) \\ 2.761 (4) \\ 2.719 (4) \\ 2.877 (3) \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} D-H\cdots A\\ 154 (3)\\ 159 (3)\\ 169 (2)\\ 168 (2)\\ 166 (2)\\ 173 (2)\\ 172 (3)\\ 107 \end{array}$
$C8-H8\cdots O6$ $C12-H12C\cdots O3^{v}$	0.93 0.96	2.54 2.49	2.913 (4) 3.445 (4)	105 179

Symmetry codes: (i) -x, -y, -z; (ii) x - 1, y, z; (iii) -x, -y, -z + 1; (iv) x, y, z - 1; (v) -x + 1, -y + 1, -z + 1.

H atoms attached to the N atom and the H atoms of water molecules were located in a difference Fourier map and refined isotropically, with the O-H and H···H distances restrained to 0.84 (1) and 1.37 (2) Å, respectively. The other H atoms were placed in idealized positions and allowed to ride on their parent atoms, with C-H distances of 0.93 (aromatic), 0.96 (methyl) and 0.97 Å (methylene), and with  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$ . The C-C bond lengths in the triethylaminium cation were restrained to be equal within 0.03 Å.

Data collection: XSCANS (Siemens, 1994); cell refinement: XSCANS; data reduction: SHELXTL (Siemens, 1998); program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: SHELXTL; software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL97.

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