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#### Kev indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 293 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.003 Å R factor = 0.024 wR factor = 0.064 Data-to-parameter ratio = 13.9

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Ethane-1,2-diaminium hexaaguazinc(II) sulfate

The crystal structure of the title compound,  $(C_2H_{10}N_2)$ - $[Zn(H_2O)_6] > (SO_4)_2$ , comprises  $Zn^{II}$  complex cations, sulfate anions and diprotonated ethane-1,2-diamine (DAE). The Zn<sup>II</sup> atom is located on an inversion centre and is coordinated by six water molecules in an octahedral geometry. The DAE dication is located on another inversion centre. Hydrogen bonding occurs between anions and cations but not between DAE and Zn<sup>II</sup> complex cations.



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### **Experimental**

The reaction mixture was prepared by dissolving ZnSO<sub>4</sub>·7H<sub>2</sub>O (RDH 98%) in ethanol (Merck 95%), into which ethylenediamine, en (Carlo Erba 98%), was added while stirring vigorously. A white precipitate with a compositional molar ratio of ZnSO<sub>4</sub>·7H<sub>2</sub>O:en:C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH 1:0.1:100 was formed. The mixture was refluxed at 353 K for 6 h before allowing it to cool to room temperature. The white precipitate did not dissolve and was separated from the clear solution, into which an equivalent volume of deionized water was added. On storing at room temperature, single crystals of (I) were obtained from the solution after 24 h. Due to the acidic properties of the starting reagent, ZnSO<sub>4</sub>·7H<sub>2</sub>O and ethanol, protonation of en was assumed and confirmed from Fourier-transform IT spectroscopy (FT-IR) using a Nicolet 510 F T-IR spectrophotometer over the range 4000-400 cm<sup>-1</sup>. Samples were prepared as KBr pellets. The FT-IR spectrum showed a deformation band characteristic of NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> at 2100 cm<sup>-1</sup> and a shoulder centred at 2800 cm<sup>-1</sup> corresponding to NH stretching shifted to a lower wavenumber due to protonation of the amino group.

#### Crystal data

 $(C_2H_{10}N_2)[Zn(H_2O)_6](SO_4)_2$  $D_x = 1.895 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$  $M_r = 427.71$ Mo Ka radiation Monoclinic,  $P2_1/n$ reflections a = 8.1827 (6) Å b = 7.0914 (5) Å  $\theta = 1.6 - 28.2^{\circ}$ c = 13.1674 (9) Å  $\beta = 101.154 \ (1)^{\circ}$ T = 293 (2) K V = 749.63 (9) Å<sup>3</sup> Z = 2Data collection  $R_{\rm int} = 0.023$ Nonius KappaCCD diffractometer  $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans

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Absorption correction: none 3753 measured reflections 1352 independent reflections 1308 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

Cell parameters from 1676  $\mu = 1.99 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ Needle colourless 0.17  $\times$  0.05  $\times$  0.03 mm

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#### Refinement

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Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_0^2) + (0.0267P)^2]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.024$	+ 0.7365P]
$wR(F^2) = 0.064$	where $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
S = 1.14	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001$
1352 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.55 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
97 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.42 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
H-atom parameters constrained	

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Hydrogen-bond	geometry	(Å,	°).

$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots A$
$O1-H3\cdots O5^i$	0.93	1.82	2.7335 (19)	167
$O1 - H4 \cdots O4^{ii}$	0.90	1.84	2.7466 (19)	178
$O2-H5\cdots O7^{iii}$	0.87	1.98	2.8052 (19)	159
$O2-H6\cdots O6$	0.90	1.80	2.701 (2)	173
O3-H7··· $O7$ <sup>iii</sup>	0.82	2.14	2.8312 (19)	143
O3−H8···O5 <sup>iv</sup>	0.87	1.87	2.7322 (19)	167
$N1-H1A\cdots O6^{i}$	0.87	2.04	2.856 (2)	156
$N1-H1A\cdots O5^{i}$	0.87	2.50	3.214 (2)	140
$N1 - H1B \cdots O7^{v}$	0.91	1.91	2.820 (2)	173
$N1-H1C\cdots O4$	0.80	2.03	2.826 (2)	168

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

H atoms on the N and O atoms were located in a difference Fourier map and were refined as riding in their as-found relative positions to carrier atoms. Methylene H atoms were placed in calculated positions, with C-H = 0.97 Å, and included in the final cycles of refinement in the riding model, with  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.5U_{eq}(C)$ .

Data collection: COLLECT (Nonius, 1998); cell refinement: SCALEPACK (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997); data reduction: SCALEPACK and DENZO (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997); program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: ORTEP3 for Windows (Farrugia, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: WinGX (Farrugia, 1999).



#### Figure 1

The molecular structure of (I) with 30% probability displacement ellipsoids (arbitrary spheres for H atoms). Dashed lines indicate hydrogen bonds. [Symmetry codes: (vi) 1 - x, -y, 1 - z; (vii) -x, 1 - y, 1 - z.]

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