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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
 T = 291 K
 Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.007 \text{ \AA}$
 Disorder in solvent or counterion
 R factor = 0.030
 wR factor = 0.071
 Data-to-parameter ratio = 12.0

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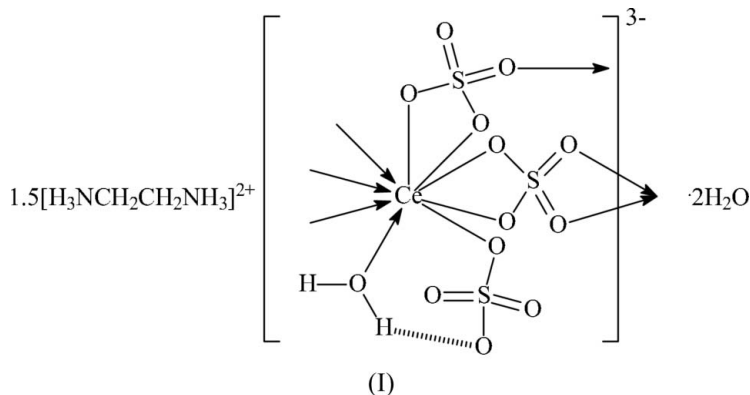
catena-Poly[sesqui(1,2-ethanediamonium) [[aqua(sulfato- κ O)cerate(III)]-di- μ -sulfato- κ^3 O,O':O''; κ^4 O,O':O'',O'''] dihydrate]

The polyanion of the title compound, $\{(\text{C}_2\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2)_{1.5}[\text{Ce}(\text{SO}_4)_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})] \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}\}_n$, adopts a layer structure, and the cations and uncoordinated water molecules are located between the layers. One of the cations lies on a center of inversion. The compound is isostructural with the Nd analog, whose structure was recently reported [Liu, Meng, Li, Cui, Wang & Pang (2005). *J. Solid State Chem.* **178**, 1003–1007].

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Comment

As for the previously reported Nd compound, $(\text{C}_2\text{N}_2\text{H}_{10})_{1.5}[\text{Nd}(\text{SO}_4)_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})] \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (Liu *et al.*, 2005) which exhibits intense photoluminescence, the title compound adopts a layer structure in which the cations and uncoordinated water molecules occupy the space between the layers. One of the cations lies on a center of inversion. The report of the Nd compound gives details of only the N–H...O hydrogen bonding. In the present study of the title compound, (I) (Fig. 1), good data resolution allowed for the calculation of all the hydrogen-bonding geometries (Table 2), even though one of the uncoordinated water molecules is disordered over two sites. The Ce center exists in a tricapped trigonal-prismatic coordination geometry (Fig. 2).



When ethylenediamine is replaced with diethylenetriamine in the synthesis of the Nd compound $(\text{C}_4\text{N}_3\text{H}_{16})[\text{Nd}(\text{SO}_4)_3] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ is formed; the polyanion exists as a linear chain (Xing *et al.*, 2003).

Experimental

Cerium nitrate hexahydrate (0.212 g, 0.48 mmol) was dissolved in water (8 ml) and to the solution were added 0.10 ml of concentrated sulfuric acid (approx. 1.5 mmol) and 0.06 ml of ethylenediamine (approximately 1 mmol). Rod shaped crystals separated from solution after 10 days in 40% yield.

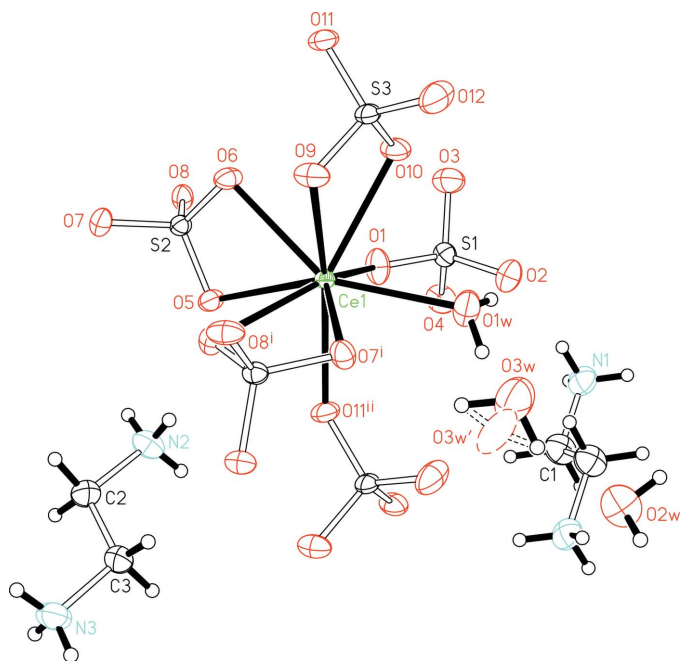


Figure 1
ORTEP (Johnson, 1976) diagram showing part of the crystal structure of the title compound. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level and H atoms are drawn as spheres of arbitrary radii. The disorder of one of the uncoordinated water molecules ($O3w/O3w'$) is shown using dashed lines for one component. In the cation containing C1 the unlabeled atoms are related to the labeled atoms by $2 - x, 1 - x, 1 - z$. [Symmetry codes: (i) $x, \frac{3}{2} - y, z - \frac{1}{2}$, (ii) $1 + x, y, z$].

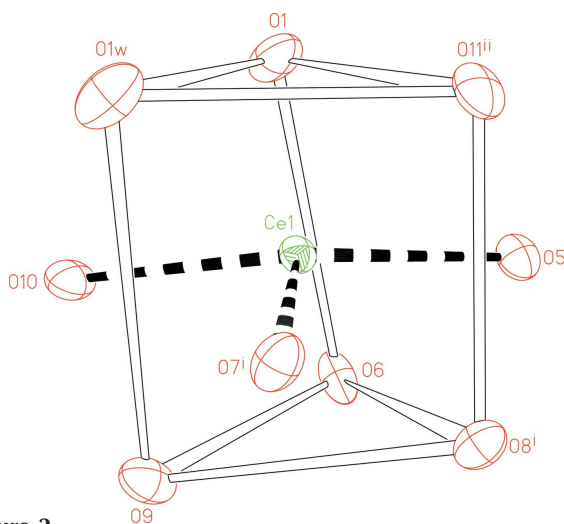


Figure 2
Tricapped trigonal prismatic geometry of Ce in the polyanion.

Crystal data

$(C_2H_{10}N_2)_{1.5}[Ce(SO_4)_3 \cdot (H_2O)] \cdot 2H_2O$
 $M_r = 575.53$
 Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$
 $a = 6.6287$ (4) Å
 $b = 26.629$ (2) Å
 $c = 10.0073$ (6) Å
 $\beta = 104.655$ (1)°
 $V = 1709.0$ (2) Å³
 $Z = 4$

$D_x = 2.237$ Mg m⁻³
 Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 Cell parameters from 3746 reflections
 $\theta = 2.2$ – 27.7°
 $\mu = 3.11$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 291$ (2) K
 Parallelepiped, yellow
 $0.27 \times 0.08 \times 0.07$ mm

Data collection

Bruker APEX area-detector diffractometer
 φ and ω scans
 Absorption correction: multi-scan SADABS (Sheldrick, 1996)
 $T_{\min} = 0.597, T_{\max} = 0.812$
 10213 measured reflections

3852 independent reflections
 3254 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.035$
 $\theta_{\max} = 27.5^\circ$
 $h = -8 \rightarrow 8$
 $k = -34 \rightarrow 23$
 $l = -12 \rightarrow 13$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.030$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.071$
 $S = 0.99$
 3852 reflections
 320 parameters

All H-atom parameters refined
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.039P)^2]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.74$ e Å⁻³
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.71$ e Å⁻³

Table 1
Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Ce1—O1	2.393 (3)	Ce1—O11 ⁱⁱ	2.451 (3)
Ce1—O5	2.594 (3)	Ce1—O9	2.554 (3)
Ce1—O6	2.559 (2)	Ce1—O10	2.566 (3)
Ce1—O7 ⁱ	2.583 (2)	Ce1—O1w	2.518 (3)
Ce1—O8 ⁱ	2.575 (3)		
O1—Ce1—O5	78.7 (1)	O6—Ce1—O10	73.5 (1)
O1—Ce1—O6	88.0 (1)	O6—Ce1—O11 ⁱⁱ	126.7 (1)
O1—Ce1—O7 ⁱ	142.6 (1)	O6—Ce1—O1w	145.7 (1)
O1—Ce1—O8 ⁱ	146.5 (1)	O7 ⁱ —Ce1—O8 ⁱ	54.5 (1)
O1—Ce1—O9	129.6 (1)	O7 ⁱ —Ce1—O9	71.5 (1)
O1—Ce1—O10	75.5 (1)	O7 ⁱ —Ce1—O10	109.4 (1)
O1—Ce1—O11 ⁱⁱ	80.9 (1)	O7 ⁱ —Ce1—O11 ⁱⁱ	77.7 (1)
O1—Ce1—O1w	76.7 (1)	O7 ⁱ —Ce1—O1w	70.1 (1)
O5—Ce1—O6	54.4 (1)	O8 ⁱ —Ce1—O9	78.7 (1)
O5—Ce1—O7 ⁱ	122.3 (1)	O8 ⁱ —Ce1—O10	133.1 (1)
O5—Ce1—O8 ⁱ	71.0 (1)	O8 ⁱ —Ce1—O11 ⁱⁱ	76.7 (1)
O5—Ce1—O9	117.8 (1)	O8 ⁱ —Ce1—O1w	123.4 (1)
O5—Ce1—O10	121.9 (1)	O9—Ce1—O10	55.0 (1)
O5—Ce1—O11 ⁱⁱ	72.4 (1)	O9—Ce1—O11 ⁱⁱ	148.1 (1)
O5—Ce1—O1w	146.4 (1)	O9—Ce1—O1w	95.5 (1)
O6—Ce1—O7 ⁱ	129.3 (1)	O10—Ce1—O11 ⁱⁱ	148.5 (1)
O6—Ce1—O8 ⁱ	85.7 (1)	O10—Ce1—O1w	72.9 (1)
O6—Ce1—O9	70.8 (1)	O11 ⁱⁱ —Ce1—O1w	81.5 (1)

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

Table 2
Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H \cdots A$	$D-H$	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D-H \cdots A$
O1w—H1w1 \cdots O2	0.85 (1)	1.85 (2)	2.673 (4)	161 (6)
O1w—H1w2 \cdots O3w	0.85 (1)	2.28 (5)	2.94 (3)	134 (6)
O2w—H2w1 \cdots O3 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.85 (1)	1.92 (2)	2.755 (5)	168 (6)
O2w—H2w2 \cdots O4 ^{iv}	0.85 (1)	1.95 (2)	2.778 (4)	164 (6)
O3w—H3w1 \cdots O2w	0.85 (1)	2.11 (2)	2.82 (1)	141 (3)
O3w—H3w2 \cdots O7 ⁱ	0.85 (1)	2.13 (2)	2.91 (1)	151 (4)
O3w [—] H3w1 \cdots O2w	0.86 (1)	2.11 (2)	2.96 (2)	169 (4)
O3w [—] H3w2 \cdots O7 ⁱ	0.85 (1)	2.13 (2)	2.90 (1)	151 (4)
N1—H1n1 \cdots O2	0.85 (1)	2.00 (1)	2.845 (5)	172 (4)
N1—H1n2 \cdots O2w ^v	0.85 (1)	1.94 (2)	2.750 (5)	160 (4)
N1—H1n3 \cdots O12 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.85 (1)	2.45 (3)	2.977 (5)	121 (3)
N1—H1n3 \cdots O1w ⁱⁱⁱ	0.85 (1)	2.50 (4)	3.051 (5)	123 (3)
N2—H2n1 \cdots O6 ⁱⁱ	0.85 (1)	2.14 (2)	2.954 (5)	161 (4)
N2—H2n3 \cdots O8 ⁱ	0.85 (1)	2.14 (1)	2.976 (5)	171 (4)
N2—H2n2 \cdots O9 ^{vi}	0.85 (1)	2.30 (2)	3.007 (5)	142 (3)
N3—H3n1 \cdots O4 ⁱ	0.86 (1)	2.00 (1)	2.848 (5)	173 (4)
N3—H3n2 \cdots O10 ^{vii}	0.85 (1)	2.27 (2)	3.080 (5)	160 (4)
N3—H3n3 \cdots O3w ^{vi}	0.85 (1)	2.17 (2)	2.98 (2)	162 (5)

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

The uncoordinated O3w molecule is disordered over two positions, and the occupancy of the major and minor components of the O atom refined to 0.60 (5):0.40 (5). The molecule was refined such that the two O atoms shared common H atoms (*i.e.*, the H atoms were ordered).

The diffraction intensities were of sufficiently high quality to allow for the refinement of all H atoms, although they were refined with distance restraints of C–H = 0.95 (1), N–H = O–H = 0.85 (1) Å. The H···H distance was restrained to 1.55 (1) Å for the methylene groups, and to 1.39 (1) Å for the ammonium groups and the water molecules. The displacement parameters of the H atoms were freely refined.

The final difference Fourier map was diffuse as there were no peaks or holes larger than $1 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$. The map would have had a large peak if the disordered water molecule was not refined as such.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2002); cell refinement: *SAINTE* (Bruker, 2002); data reduction: *SAINTE*; method used to solve structure: the atomic coordinates of the reported Nd analog were used as

the starting model; 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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