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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 293$  K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.016$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.054  
 $wR$  factor = 0.120  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 12.9

For details of how these key indicators were  
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Poly[potassium aquadi- $\mu$ -oxalato-neodymium(III)  
dihydrate]

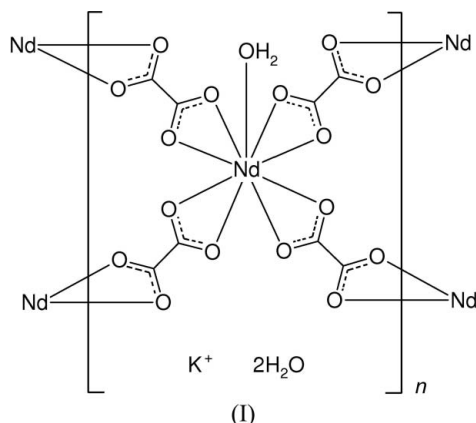
The title compound,  $\{\text{K}[\text{Nd}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})]\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}\}_n$ , has been prepared hydrothermally. Every  $\text{Nd}^{\text{III}}$  atom is linked to four others through oxalate anions lying on centres of inversion, generating a three-dimensional anionic network with channels that contain  $\text{K}^+$  cations and water molecules.

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## Comment

Previously, some lanthanide oxalates have been reported with layered honeycomb network structures (Ollendorf & Weigel, 1969; Hansson, 1970, 1973; Trollet *et al.*, 1997). To produce open-framework lanthanide oxalates, the challenge is to connect layers of such complexes to construct three-dimensional architectures. We present here the structure of the title  $\text{Nd}^{\text{III}}$  complex, (I), which exhibits a three-dimensional network structure.



In (I),  $\text{Nd}^{\text{III}}$  is nine-coordinated by eight O atoms from four oxalate anions and one water molecule in a distorted mono-capped square-antiprismatic geometry (Fig. 1). The Nd—O distances (Table 1) are closely comparable to the corresponding distances in  $(\text{NH}_4)_2[\text{Nd}_2(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)_3(\text{CO}_3)(\text{H}_2\text{O})]\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (average Nd—O = 2.492 Å; Trombe *et al.*, 2002). Every  $\text{Nd}^{\text{III}}$  atom is linked to four others through oxalate anions lying on centres of inversion, generating a three-dimensional anionic network structure with formula  $[\text{Nd}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})]^-$  (Fig. 2). This network exhibits channels running along  $[001]$ , in which  $\text{K}^+$  cations and water molecules reside.

## Experimental

All reagents and solvents were used as obtained without further purification.  $\text{K}_{10}[\text{P}_2\text{W}_{17}\text{O}_{61}]\cdot 20\text{H}_2\text{O}$  was synthesized according to the procedure given by Contant (1990). Hydrothermal reaction of  $\text{K}_{10}[\text{P}_2\text{W}_{17}\text{O}_{61}]\cdot 20\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.10 mmol),  $\text{Nd}_2\text{O}_3$  (0.50 mmol),  $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4$

(0.37 mmol), edta (0.25 mmol) and water (15 ml) at 473 K for 60 h yielded pink crystals of (I).

#### Crystal data

$K[Nd(C_2O_4)_2(H_2O)] \cdot 2H_2O$   
 $M_r = 413.43$   
 Monoclinic,  $C2/c$   
 $a = 23.085 (5) \text{ \AA}$   
 $b = 7.4913 (15) \text{ \AA}$   
 $c = 12.941 (3) \text{ \AA}$   
 $\beta = 99.286 (3)^\circ$   
 $V = 2208.6 (8) \text{ \AA}^3$

$Z = 8$   
 $D_x = 2.487 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$   
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 $\mu = 5.13 \text{ mm}^{-1}$   
 $T = 293 (2) \text{ K}$   
 Block, pink  
 $0.26 \times 0.13 \times 0.11 \text{ mm}$

#### Data collection

Rigaku R-Axis-IV diffractometer  
 $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan  
 (ABSCOR; Higashi, 1995)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.330$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.569$

5056 measured reflections  
 1985 independent reflections  
 1531 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.041$   
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 25.3^\circ$

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.054$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.120$   
 $S = 1.28$   
 1985 reflections  
 154 parameters

H-atom parameters constrained  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + 55.1422P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.87 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -2.08 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

**Table 1**

Selected bond lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ ).

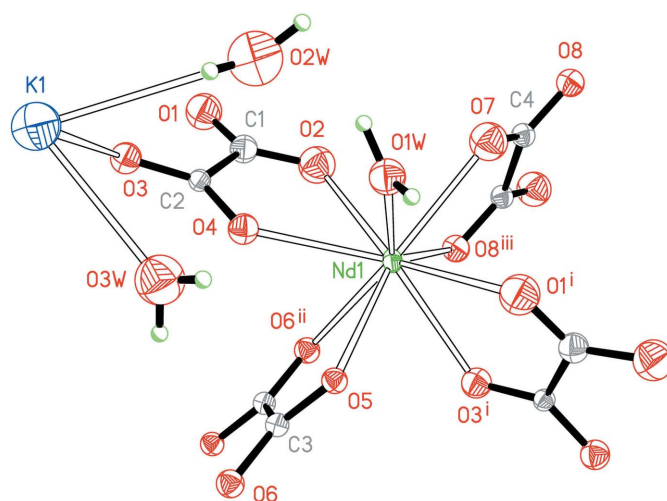
Nd1—O1 <sup>i</sup>	2.492 (8)	K1—O1 <sup>iv</sup>	3.161 (11)
Nd1—O2	2.502 (8)	K1—O3	2.781 (9)
Nd1—O3 <sup>i</sup>	2.527 (7)	K1—O5 <sup>v</sup>	2.936 (8)
Nd1—O4	2.514 (8)	K1—O6 <sup>vi</sup>	3.377 (9)
Nd1—O5	2.455 (7)	K1—O8 <sup>vii</sup>	2.857 (8)
Nd1—O6 <sup>ii</sup>	2.444 (7)	K1—O1W <sup>v</sup>	3.336 (9)
Nd1—O7	2.505 (8)	K1—O2W	3.324 (13)
Nd1—O8 <sup>iii</sup>	2.472 (8)	K1—O3W	2.841 (11)
Nd1—O1W	2.432 (8)	K1—O3W <sup>vi</sup>	2.803 (10)

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

H atoms of the water molecules were placed at calculated positions so as to form reasonable O—H...O contacts, with O—H = 0.85  $\text{\AA}$ , and refined as riding, with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{\text{iso}}(\text{O})$ . The resulting H-atom positions are approximate. The water O atoms were restrained to approximately isotropic behaviour. The deepest hole in the residual electron density is located 1.05  $\text{\AA}$  from K1.

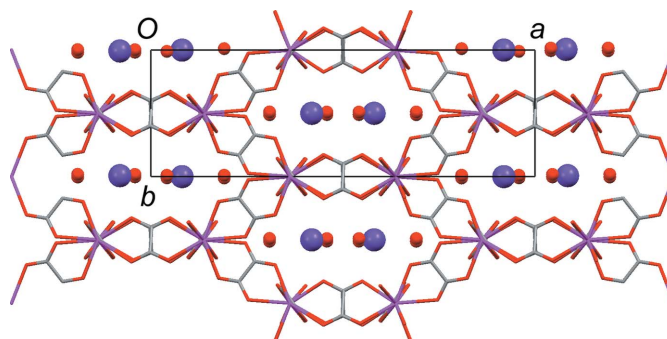
Data collection: *PROCESS-AUTO* (Rigaku, 1998); cell refinement: *PROCESS-AUTO*; data reduction: *CrystalStructure* (Rigaku/MS, 2004); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *WinGX* (Farrugia, 1999); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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**Figure 1**

The asymmetric unit, expanded to show the complete coordination of the  $\text{Nd}^{\text{III}}$  atom, with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 50% probability level. Symmetry codes as in Table 1.



**Figure 2**

View of (I) along [001], showing the  $[\text{Nd}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})]^-$  network structure, with  $\text{K}^+$  cations (purple spheres) and water molecules (red spheres) residing in channels. H atoms have been omitted.

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