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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
 $T = 293\text{ K}$
Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.007\text{ \AA}$
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Tetrasodium(I) pentaoxalatodilanthanate(III) dihydrate

The La atom in the title compound, $\text{Na}_4[\text{La}_2(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)_5]\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$, is chelated by five oxalate groups in a bicapped square-antiprismatic geometry; one oxalate ligand is located on a centre of inversion. All oxalate groups function in a μ_2 -bridging mode, resulting in a three-dimensional network architecture. The Na^+ cations are octahedrally coordinated by oxalate O atoms and water molecules, the latter bridging pairs of cations.

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Comment

Crystal structures of monovalent polyoxalatolanthanates that have been reported include, for example, $M\text{La}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)_2\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ($M = \text{K}, \text{NH}_4$; Bataille, Auffrédic & Louër, 2000), $\text{K}_3\text{Ln}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)_3\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ($\text{Ln} = \text{Eu}, \text{Gd}, \text{Nd}, \text{Sm}, \text{Tb}$), $\text{K}_8\text{Ln}_2(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)_7\cdot 14\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ($\text{Ln} = \text{Dy}, \text{Er}, \text{Tb}, \text{Y}, \text{Yb}$) (Kahwa *et al.*, 1984), $\text{NH}_4\text{Ln}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)_2\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ($\text{Ln} = \text{Sm to Tm}, \text{Y}$; McDonald & Spink, 1967), $M\text{Ln}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)_2\cdot n\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ($M = \text{Li}, \text{Ln} = \text{La to Gd}, n = 2$; $M = \text{Na}, \text{Ln} = \text{Ce to Nd}, n = 3$; Roméro *et al.*, 1995), $\text{NH}_4\text{Gd}(\text{H}_2\text{O})(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)_2$, $\text{NH}_4\text{La}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)_2$ (Trombe *et al.*, 2001), $\text{NaY}(\text{H}_2\text{O})(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)_2\cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (Bataille & Louër, 1999) and $\text{CsY}(\text{H}_2\text{O})(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)_2$ (Bataille, Louër *et al.*, 2000). Recently, a series of oxalatolanthanates (La, Nd, Yb) with 1,2- or 1,3-diammoniumpropane as counter-ion has been reported in which the La atom is chelated by five oxalate groups (Mohanu

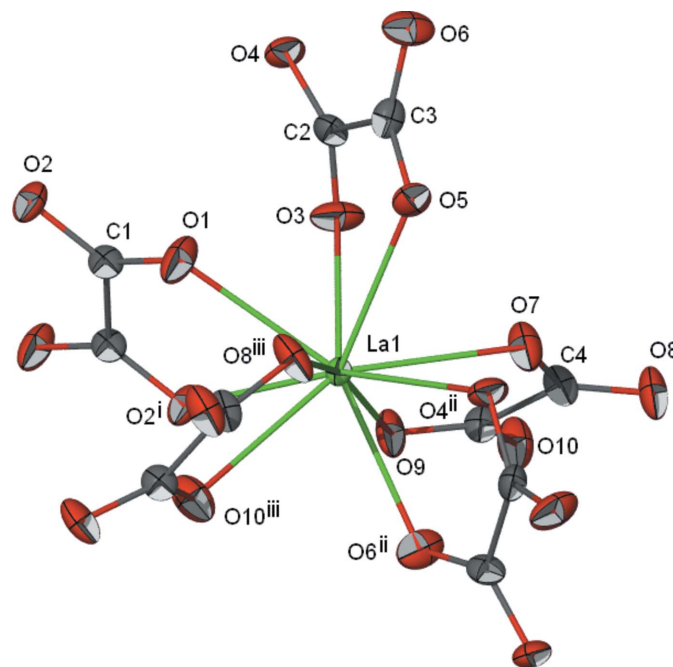


Figure 1
Fig. 1. The coordination of lanthanum with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 50% probability level. Symmetry codes are given in Table 1.

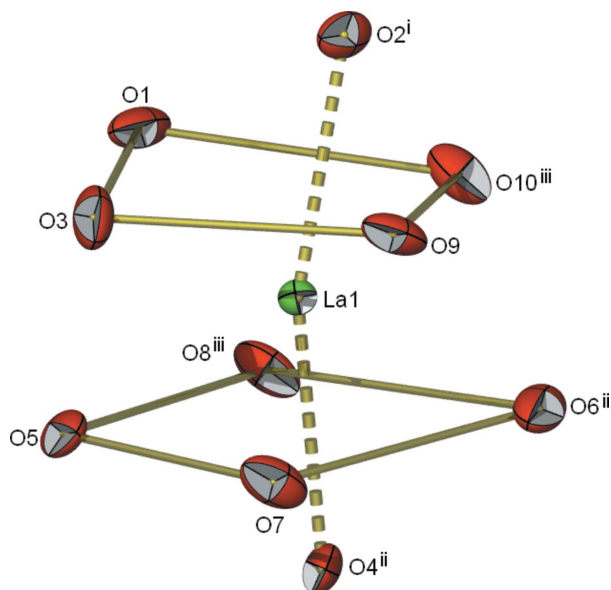


Figure 2
Fig. 2. Biccapped square-antiprismatic coordination geometry of La.

et al., 2006). Ten-coordinate lanthanum arising from chelation by five oxalate groups is also found in the title compound, $[(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\text{Na}_4][(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)_5\text{La}_2]$ (Fig. 1). The O atoms that surround the central metal atom approximate a biccapped square-antiprismatic polyhedron. All oxalate groups function in a μ_2 -bridging mode, resulting in a three-dimensional network architecture. One oxalate ligand is located on a centre of inversion. The Na^+ cations are octahedrally coordinated by oxalate O atoms and water molecules, the latter bridging pairs of cations. The network is further consolidated by hydrogen bonds (Table 2).

Experimental

A mixture of lanthanum(III) nitrate x -hydrate (0.217 g, 0.5 mmol), oxalic acid dihydrate ((0.252 g, 2 mmol), nicotinic acid (0.123 g, 1 mmol), sodium hydroxide (0.200 g, 5 mmol) and water (10 ml) was placed in a 15-ml Teflon-lined stainless-steel Parr bomb. The bomb was heated at 433 K for 72 h. Colourless crystals were isolated from the cool solution in about 50% yield.

Crystal data

$\text{Na}_4[\text{La}_2(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)_5] \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	$Z = 2$
$M_r = 845.91$	$D_x = 2.598 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
$a = 7.8410$ (4) Å	$\mu = 4.09 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$b = 11.6990$ (7) Å	$T = 293$ (2) K
$c = 12.0084$ (7) Å	Block, colourless
$\beta = 100.943$ (1)°	$0.23 \times 0.16 \times 0.13 \text{ mm}$
$V = 1081.5$ (1) Å ³	

Data collection

Bruker APEX area-detector diffractometer	5919 measured reflections
φ and ω scans	2400 independent reflections
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)	2277 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
$T_{\min} = 0.453$, $T_{\max} = 0.619$ (expected range = 0.430–0.588)	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.020$
	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.5^\circ$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.025$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.080$
 $S = 1.23$
 2400 reflections
 180 parameters
 All H-atom parameters refined

$$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0274P)^2 + 5.3936P]$$

where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.76 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.77 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

La1—O1	2.553 (4)	La1—O6 ⁱⁱ	2.551 (4)
La1—O2 ⁱ	2.568 (3)	La1—O7	2.553 (4)
La1—O3	2.541 (4)	La1—O8 ⁱⁱⁱ	2.565 (4)
La1—O4 ⁱⁱ	2.701 (4)	La1—O9	2.670 (4)
La1—O5	2.605 (3)	La1—O10 ⁱⁱⁱ	2.693 (4)
O1—La1—O2 ⁱ	63.6 (1)	O3—La1—O10 ⁱⁱⁱ	134.7 (1)
O1—La1—O3	68.7 (1)	O4 ⁱⁱ —La1—O5	64.4 (1)
O1—La1—O4 ⁱⁱ	122.1 (1)	O4 ⁱⁱ —La1—O6 ⁱⁱ	62.2 (1)
O1—La1—O5	75.8 (1)	O4 ⁱⁱ —La1—O7	62.5 (1)
O1—La1—O6 ⁱⁱ	146.0 (1)	O4 ⁱⁱ —La1—O8 ⁱⁱⁱ	59.9 (1)
O1—La1—O7	137.7 (1)	O4 ⁱⁱ —La1—O9	115.2 (1)
O1—La1—O8 ⁱⁱⁱ	68.3 (1)	O4 ⁱⁱ —La1—O10 ⁱⁱⁱ	100.8 (1)
O1—La1—O9	120.8 (1)	O5—La1—O6 ⁱⁱ	125.2 (1)
O1—La1—O10 ⁱⁱⁱ	73.9 (1)	O5—La1—O7	69.9 (1)
O2 ⁱ —La1—O3	76.2 (1)	O5—La1—O8 ⁱⁱⁱ	70.4 (1)
O2 ⁱ —La1—O4 ⁱⁱ	163.3 (1)	O5—La1—O9	120.5 (1)
O2 ⁱ —La1—O5	130.7 (1)	O5—La1—O10 ⁱⁱⁱ	129.8 (1)
O2 ⁱ —La1—O6 ⁱⁱ	103.9 (1)	O6 ⁱⁱ —La1—O7	76.0 (1)
O2 ⁱ —La1—O7	125.7 (1)	O6 ⁱⁱ —La1—O8 ⁱⁱⁱ	92.3 (1)
O2 ⁱ —La1—O8 ⁱⁱⁱ	114.7 (1)	O6 ⁱⁱ —La1—O9	74.6 (1)
O2 ⁱ —La1—O9	65.9 (1)	O6 ⁱⁱ —La1—O10 ⁱⁱⁱ	72.2 (1)
O2 ⁱ —La1—O10 ⁱⁱⁱ	64.6 (1)	O7—La1—O8 ⁱⁱⁱ	119.6 (1)
O3—La1—O4 ⁱⁱ	120.4 (1)	O7—La1—O9	61.9 (1)
O3—La1—O5	63.4 (1)	O7—La1—O10 ⁱⁱⁱ	148.2 (1)
O3—La1—O6 ⁱⁱ	142.3 (1)	O8 ⁱⁱⁱ —La1—O9	166.2 (1)
O3—La1—O7	74.2 (1)	O8 ⁱⁱⁱ —La1—O10 ⁱⁱⁱ	61.6 (1)
O3—La1—O8 ⁱⁱⁱ	122.5 (1)	O9—La1—O10 ⁱⁱⁱ	109.4 (1)
O3—La1—O9	71.3 (1)		

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

Table 2

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H \cdots A$	$D-H$	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D-H \cdots A$
O1w—H1 \cdots O3 ^{iv}	0.85 (1)	2.06 (3)	2.865 (6)	159 (7)
O1w—H2 \cdots O6 ^v	0.85 (1)	1.97 (2)	2.811 (5)	168 (6)

Symmetry codes: (iv) $-x + 1, -y + 1, -z$; (v) $-x + 2, -y + 1, -z$.

The water H atoms were located in a difference Fourier map and were refined with distance restraints of O—H 0.85 (1) and H \cdots H 1.39 (1) Å. The displacement parameters were freely refined.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2003); cell refinement: *SAINTE* (Bruker, 2003); data reduction: *SAINTE*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *X-SEED* (Barbour, 2001); software used to prepare material for publication: *pubCIF* (Westrip, 2006).

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