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Redetermination of the cubic struvite analogue Cs[Mg(OH₂)₆](AsO₄)

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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; T = 293 K; mean $\sigma(Mg-O) = 0.003$ Å; R factor = 0.016; wR factor = 0.038; data-to-parameter ratio = 13.9.

In contrast to the previous refinement from photographic data [Ferrari et al. (1955). Gazz. Chim. Ital. 84, 169-174], the present redetermination of the title compound, caesium hexaaquamagnesium arsenate(V), revealed the Cs atom to be on Wyckoff position 4d instead of Wyckoff position 4b of space group $F\overline{4}3m$. The structure can be derived from the halite structure. The centres of the complex [Mg(OH₂)₆] octahedra and the AsO₄ tetrahedra (both with $\overline{43}m$ symmetry) are on the respective Na and Cl positions. The building units are connected to each other by O-H···O hydrogen bonds. The Cs⁺ cations ($\overline{4}3m$ symmetry) are located in the voids of this arrangement and exhibit a regular cuboctahedral 12coordination to the O atoms of the water molecules. The O atom bonded to As has 2mm site symmetry (Wyckoff position 24f) and the water-molecule O atom has m site symmetry (Wyckoff position 48h).

Related literature

The crystal structure of struvite, NH₄[Mg(OH₂)₆](PO₄), was reported by Whitaker & Jeffery (1970*a*,*b*). Crystal growth of struvite-type compounds using the gel diffusion technique was reported by Banks *et al.* (1975). For isotypic structures, see: Carver *et al.* (2006) for Cs[Fe(OH₂)₆](PO₄) and Massa *et al.* (2003) for the cubic form of dimorphic Cs[Mg(OH₂)₆](PO₄). Isotypic struvite-type phases as well as analogues were recently surveyed by Weil (2008).

Experimental

Crystal data

Cs[Mg(OH₂)₆](AsO₄) $M_r = 404.24$ Cubic, $F\overline{4}3m$ a = 10.1609 (5) Å V = 1049.05 (9) Å³ Z = 4Mo $K\alpha$ radiation $\mu = 6.75 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 293 (2) K $0.18 \times 0.18 \times 0.18 \text{ mm}$ Data collection

Enraf-Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer Absorption correction: integration (SHELXTL; Sheldrick, 2008) $T_{\min} = 0.341$, $T_{\max} = 0.382$ 3332 measured reflections

Refinement

 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.016$ $wR(F^2) = 0.038$ S = 1.14208 reflections 15 parameters 1 restraint 208 independent reflections 207 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ $R_{\rm int} = 0.037$ 3 standard reflections frequency: 200 min intensity decay: none

H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.50 \ {\rm e \ \mathring{A}^{-3}}$ $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.48 \ {\rm e \ \mathring{A}^{-3}}$ Absolute structure: Flack (1983), 90 Friedel pairs

Flack parameter: 0.01 (4)

Table 1 Selected bond lengths (Å).

$Cs1-O1^{i}$	3.6239 (5)	As1-O2	1.681 (3)
Mg1-O1	2.064 (3)		

Symmetry code: (i) -x + 1, -y + 1, z + 1.

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

D $ H$ $\cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D-\mathrm{H}\cdots A$
O1-H1···O2 ⁱⁱ	0.79 (2)	1.86 (2)	2.650 (2)	176 (4)

Symmetry code: (ii) $x, -y + \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{1}{2}$.

Data collection: *CAD-4 Software* (Enraf–Nonius, 1989); cell refinement: *CAD-4 Software*; data reduction: *HELENA* implemented in *PLATON* (Spek, 2003); method used to solve structure: coordinates taken from an isotypic compound; program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: *ATOMS* (Dowty, 2004); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

Supplementary data and figures for this paper are available from the IUCr electronic archives (Reference: HB2885).

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Comment

Numerous compounds with general formula $A[B(OH_2)_6]XO_4$, where A = alkali metal, NH₄ or Tl, B = Mg or first row transition metal, and X = P or As, are known to crystallize in the orthorhombic struvite (NH₄[Mg(OH₂)₆](PO₄)) structure in space group $Pmn2_1$ (Whitaker & Jeffrey, 1970a, b). The title compound, (I), Cs[Mg(OH₂)₆](AsO₄), is an isoformular analogue of struvite, but crystallizes in the cubic crystal system. All these structures can be described in terms of closed-packed layers with different stacking sequences (Massa $et\ al.$, 2003). Phases that are isotypes of struvite, as well as struvite analogues were recently surveyed by Weil (2008). In comparison with the previous refinement from photographic data (Ferrari $et\ al.$, 1955), the present redetermination of Cs[Mg(OH₂)₆](AsO₄) revealed a different location of the Cs atom, the localization of the H atom and anisotropic displacement parameters for all non H-atoms.

The structure can be described as a derivative of the NaCl structure type (Massa *et al.*, 2003). The centres of the regular complex [Mg(H₂O)₆] octahedra are situated on the respective Na positions, and the centres of the regular AsO₄ tetrahedra are situated on the Cl positions (Fig. 1). Thus one [Mg(H₂O)₆] octahedron is surrounded by six AsO₄ tetrahedra in an octahedral arrangement, and *vice versa*. The corresponding Mg—O and As—O distances are in the normal range (Table 1). These building units are linked *via* medium-strong hydrogen bonds (Table 2). Details and differences of the hydrogen bonding schemes in cubic, hexagonal and orthorhombic struvite-type structures were discussed in detail by Massa *et al.* (2003). The Cs⁺ cations are located in the voids of this arrangement and exhibit a regular cuboctahedral 12-coordination to the oxygen atoms of the water molecules (Table 1).

Experimental

Colourless octahedral crystals of $Cs[Mg(OH_2)_6](AsO_4)$ with an edge-length up to 1 mm were grown by means of the gel diffusion technique, following a slightly modified procedure as that given by Banks *et al.* (1975). Aqueous solutions of 0.025 *M* MgSO₄ and 0.02 *M* Na₄edta (edta = ethylenediaminetetraacetate) were adjusted to pH 10 with NaOH. Commercially available gelatine foils (5 g) were dissolved in the hot resulting 100 ml solution and allowed to form a gel inside a large test tube overnight. When the gel had set, an equivalent amount of a solution of 0.025 *M* CsH₂AsO₄ (50 ml) was carefully poured over the gel. This solution was then adjusted to pH 9 with NaOH. The test tube was covered with parafilm and the crystal growth proceeded at the gel-liquid interface and into the gel. Crystals large enough for conventional *x*-ray analysis grew within one week at room temperature. They were separated mechanically from the gel and were washed with a water/ethanol/acetone (1/3/1) mixture.

Refinement

The coordinates of the isotypic compound $Cs[Fe(OH_2)_6](PO_4)$ (Carver *et al.*, 2006) were taken as starting parameters. The Cs atom in the original structure determination (Ferrari *et al.*, 1955) was positioned on Wyckoff site 4*b* (1/2, 1/2, 1/2),

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whereas in the present refinement Cs is on position 4d (3/4, 3/4). The position of the H atom was found from difference Fourier maps and was refined with a soft distance restraint of O—H = 0.85 (3) Å.

Figures

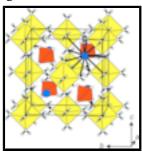


Fig. 1. The crystal structure of Cs[Mg(H₂O)₆](AsO₄) projected approximately along [00T]. [Mg(OH₂)₆] octahedra are yellow, PO₄ tetrahedra are red, Cs atoms are blue O atoms are white and H atoms are grey. For one of the Cs⁺ cations the Cs–O bonds are indicated.

Caesium hexaquamagnesium orthoarsenate(V)

Crystal data

Z = 4 $Cs[Mg(H_2O)_6](AsO_4)$ $M_r = 404.24$ $F_{000} = 768$ Cubic, $F\overline{4}3m$ $D_{\rm x} = 2.559 \; {\rm Mg \; m}^{-3}$ Mo Kα radiation Hall symbol: F-423 $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ Å}$ a = 10.1609 (5) ÅCell parameters from 25 reflections $\theta = 11.4-12.7^{\circ}$ b = 10.1609 (5) Åc = 10.1609 (5) Å $\mu = 6.75 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ $\alpha = 90^{\circ}$ T = 293 (2) K $\beta = 90^{\circ}$ Octahedron, colourless $\gamma = 90^{\circ}$ $0.18\times0.18\times0.18~mm$ $V = 1049.05 (9) \text{ Å}^3$

Data collection

Enraf-Nonius CAD-4 $R_{\rm int} = 0.037$ diffractometer $\theta_{\text{max}} = 30.9^{\circ}$ Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube $\theta_{min} = 3.5^{\circ}$ Monochromator: graphite T = 293(2) K $h = -14 \rightarrow 14$ $k = -14 \rightarrow 14$ $\omega/2\theta$ scans Absorption correction: integration $l = -14 \rightarrow 14$ (SHELXTL; Sheldrick, 2008) $T_{\min} = 0.341$, $T_{\max} = 0.382$ 3 standard reflections 3332 measured reflections every 200 min 208 independent reflections intensity decay: none 207 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$

Refinement

H atoms treated by a mixture of Refinement on F^2 independent and constrained refinement

 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_0^2) + 5.0469P]$ Least-squares matrix: full where $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.016$ $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$

 $wR(F^2) = 0.038$ $\Delta \rho_{\text{max}} = 0.50 \text{ e Å}^{-3}$ $\Delta \rho_{min} = -0.48 \text{ e Å}^{-3}$ S = 1.14

Extinction correction: SHELXL, 208 reflections $Fc^* = kFc[1+0.001xFc^2\lambda^3/\sin(2\theta)]^{-1/4}$

Extinction coefficient: 0.00144 (17) 15 parameters

Absolute structure: Flack (1983), 90 Friedel pairs 1 restraint

Primary atom site location: isomorphous structure Flack parameter: 0.01 (4) methods

Special details

Geometry. All e.s.d.'s (except the e.s.d. in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell e.s.d.'s are taken into account individually in the estimation of e.s.d.'s in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between e.s.d.'s in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell e.s.d.'s is used for estimating e.s.d.'s involving l.s. planes.

Refinement. Refinement of F^2 against ALL reflections. The weighted R-factor wR and goodness of fit S are based on F^2 , conventional R-factors R are based on F, with F set to zero for negative F^2 . The threshold expression of $F^2 > \sigma(F^2)$ is used only for calculating Rfactors(gt) etc. and is not relevant to the choice of reflections for refinement. R-factors based on F^2 are statistically about twice as large as those based on F, and R- factors based on ALL data will be even larger.

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (\mathring{A}^2)

	x	y	\boldsymbol{z}	$U_{\rm iso}*/U_{\rm eq}$
Cs1	0.7500	0.7500	0.7500	0.0599(3)
Mg1	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0250(6)
As1	0.2500	0.2500	0.2500	0.0201 (2)
O1	0.2031 (3)	0.0000	0.0000	0.0508 (8)
O2	0.34550 (19)	0.34550 (19)	0.34550 (19)	0.0269 (7)
H1	0.249 (3)	0.045 (2)	0.045 (2)	0.053 (12)*

Atomic displacement parameters (\mathring{A}^2)

	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{12}	U^{13}	U^{23}
Cs1	0.0599 (3)	0.0599 (3)	0.0599 (3)	0.000	0.000	0.000
Mg1	0.0250 (6)	0.0250 (6)	0.0250 (6)	0.000	0.000	0.000
As1	0.0201 (2)	0.0201 (2)	0.0201 (2)	0.000	0.000	0.000
O1	0.0259 (13)	0.0632 (13)	0.0632 (13)	0.000	0.000	-0.033 (2)
O2	0.0269 (7)	0.0269 (7)	0.0269 (7)	-0.0036 (7)	-0.0036 (7)	-0.0036 (7)

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Geometric parameters (Å, °)			
Cs1—O1 ⁱ	3.6239 (5)	Mg1—O1 ^{xiii}	2.064 (3)
Cs1—O1 ⁱⁱ	3.6239 (5)	Mg1—O1 ^{xiv}	2.064(3)
Cs1—O1 ⁱⁱⁱ	3.6239 (5)	Mg1—O1 ^{xv}	2.064(3)
Cs1—O1 ^{iv}	3.6239 (5)	Mg1—O1 ^{xvi}	2.064(3)
Cs1—O1 ^v	3.6239 (5)	Mg1—O1 ^{xvii}	2.064(3)
Cs1—O1 ^{vi}	3.6239 (5)	Mg1—O1	2.064(3)
Cs1—O1 ^{vii}	3.6239 (5)	As1—O2	1.681 (3)
Cs1—O1 ^{viii}	3.6239 (5)	As1—O2 ^{xviii}	1.681 (3)
Cs1—O1 ^{ix}	3.6239 (5)	As1—O2 ^{xix}	1.681 (3)
Cs1—O1 ^x	3.6239 (5)	$As1$ — $O2^{xx}$	1.681 (3)
Cs1—O1 ^{xi}	3.6239 (5)	O1—H1	0.79(2)
Cs1—O1 ^{xii}	3.6239 (5)		
O1 ⁱ —Cs1—O1 ⁱⁱ	47.49 (8)	O1 ⁱⁱⁱ —Cs1—O1 ^{xi}	72.12 (8)
O1 ⁱ —Cs1—O1 ⁱⁱⁱ	47.49 (8)	$O1^{iv}$ — $Cs1$ — $O1^{xi}$	47.49 (8)
O1 ⁱⁱ —Cs1—O1 ⁱⁱⁱ	47.49 (8)	$O1^{v}$ — $Cs1$ — $O1^{xi}$	90.991 (13)
O1 ⁱ —Cs1—O1 ^{iv}	164.89 (10)	$O1^{vi}$ — $Cs1$ — $O1^{xi}$	119.429 (8)
O1 ⁱⁱ —Cs1—O1 ^{iv}	119.430 (7)	O1 ^{vii} —Cs1—O1 ^{xi}	72.12 (8)
O1 ⁱⁱⁱ —Cs1—O1 ^{iv}	119.429 (7)	O1 ^{viii} —Cs1—O1 ^{xi}	119.429 (7)
O1 ⁱ —Cs1—O1 ^v	119.429 (8)	O1 ^{ix} —Cs1—O1 ^{xi}	47.49 (8)
O1 ⁱⁱ —Cs1—O1 ^v	164.89 (10)	O1 ^x —Cs1—O1 ^{xi}	164.89 (10)
O1 ⁱⁱⁱ —Cs1—O1 ^v	119.429 (7)	O1 ⁱ —Cs1—O1 ^{xii}	72.12 (8)
O1 ^{iv} —Cs1—O1 ^v	72.12 (8)	O1 ⁱⁱ —Cs1—O1 ^{xii}	119.429 (7)
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O1 ⁱⁱⁱ —Cs1—O1 ^{vi}	164.89 (10)	O1 ^v —Cs1—O1 ^{xii}	47.49 (8)
O1 ^{iv} —Cs1—O1 ^{vi}	72.12 (8)	O1 ^{vi} —Cs1—O1 ^{xii}	90.991 (13)
O1 ^v —Cs1—O1 ^{vi}	72.12 (8)	O1 ^{vii} —Cs1—O1 ^{xii}	47.49 (8)
O1 ⁱ —Cs1—O1 ^{vii}	90.991 (13)	O1 ^{viii} —Cs1—O1 ^{xii}	119.429 (7)
O1 ⁱⁱ —Cs1—O1 ^{vii}	119.430 (7)	O1 ^{ix} —Cs1—O1 ^{xii}	164.89 (10)
O1 ⁱⁱⁱ —Cs1—O1 ^{vii}	72.12 (8)	O1 ^x —Cs1—O1 ^{xii}	72.12 (8)
O1 ^{iv} —Cs1—O1 ^{vii}	90.991 (13)	O1 ^{xi} —Cs1—O1 ^{xii}	119.429 (8)
O1 ^v —Cs1—O1 ^{vii}	47.49 (8)	O1 ^{xiii} —Mg1—O1 ^{xiv}	180.0
O1 ^{vi} —Cs1—O1 ^{vii}	119.429 (8)	O1 ^{xiii} —Mg1—O1 ^{xv}	90.0
O1 ⁱ —Cs1—O1 ^{viii}	90.991 (13)	O1 ^{xiv} —Mg1—O1 ^{xv}	90.0
O1 ⁱⁱ —Cs1—O1 ^{viii}	72.12 (8)	O1 ^{xiii} —Mg1—O1 ^{xvi}	90.0
O1 ⁱⁱⁱ —Cs1—O1 ^{viii}	119.430 (7)	$O1^{xiv}$ —Mg1— $O1^{xvi}$	90.0
O1 ^{iv} —Cs1—O1 ^{viii}	90.991 (13)	$O1^{xv}$ —Mg1— $O1^{xvi}$	180.0
O1 ^v —Cs1—O1 ^{viii}	119.429 (8)	O1 ^{xiii} —Mg1—O1 ^{xvii}	90.0

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O1 ^{vi} —Cs1—O1 ^{viii}	47.49 (8)	O1 ^{xiv} —Mg1—O1 ^{xvii}	90.0
O1 ^{vii} —Cs1—O1 ^{viii}	164.89 (10)	O1 ^{xv} —Mg1—O1 ^{xvii}	90.0
O1 ⁱ —Cs1—O1 ^{ix}	119.429 (7)	O1 ^{xvi} —Mg1—O1 ^{xvii}	90.0
$O1^{ii}$ — $Cs1$ — $O1^{ix}$	72.12 (8)	O1 ^{xiii} —Mg1—O1	90.0
O1 ⁱⁱⁱ —Cs1—O1 ^{ix}	90.991 (13)	O1 ^{xiv} —Mg1—O1	90.0
$O1^{iv}$ — $Cs1$ — $O1^{ix}$	47.49 (8)	O1 ^{xv} —Mg1—O1	90.0
$O1^{v}$ — $Cs1$ — $O1^{ix}$	119.429 (8)	O1 ^{xvi} —Mg1—O1	90.0
O1 ^{vi} —Cs1—O1 ^{ix}	90.991 (13)	O1 ^{xvii} —Mg1—O1	180.0
O1 ^{vii} —Cs1—O1 ^{ix}	119.429 (8)	O2—As1—O2 ^{xviii}	109.5
O1 ^{viii} —Cs1—O1 ^{ix}	72.12 (8)	O2—As1—O2 ^{xix}	109.471 (1)
O1 ⁱ —Cs1—O1 ^x	72.12 (8)	O2 ^{xviii} —As1—O2 ^{xix}	109.5
$O1^{ii}$ — $Cs1$ — $O1^x$	90.991 (13)	O2—As1—O2 ^{xx}	109.5
Ol ⁱⁱⁱ —Cs1—O1 ^x	119.430 (7)	O2 ^{xviii} —As1—O2 ^{xx}	109.5
$O1^{iv}$ — $Cs1$ — $O1^x$	119.429 (8)	$O2^{xix}$ —As1— $O2^{xx}$	109.5
$O1^v$ — $Cs1$ — $O1^x$	90.991 (13)	Mg1—O1—Cs1 ^{xxi}	97.56 (5)
$O1^{vi}$ — $Cs1$ — $O1^{x}$	47.49 (8)	Mg1—O1—Cs1 ^{xxii}	97.56 (5)
$O1^{vii}$ — $Cs1$ — $O1^x$	119.429 (7)	Cs1 ^{xxi} —O1—Cs1 ^{xxii}	164.89 (10)
O1 ^{viii} —Cs1—O1 ^x	47.49 (8)	Mg1—O1—H1	126 (3)
$O1^{ix}$ — $Cs1$ — $O1^{x}$	119.429 (7)	Cs1 ^{xxi} —O1—H1	85.6 (3)
$O1^{i}$ — $Cs1$ — $O1^{xi}$	119.430 (7)	Cs1 ^{xxii} —O1—H1	85.6 (3)
$O1^{ii}$ — $Cs1$ — $O1^{xi}$	90.991 (13)		

Symmetry codes: (i) -y+1, z+1, -x+1; (ii) z+1, -x+1, -y+1; (iii) -x+1, -y+1; (iv) -y+1/2, z+1/2, -x+1; (v) z+1/2, -x+1, -y+1/2; (vi) -x+1, -y+1/2; (vii) y+1/2, z+1/2; (viii) y+1, z+1/2; (viii) y+1, z+1/2; (ix) x+1/2, y+1/2, z+1; (x) z+1, x+1/2; (xi) z+1/2, x+1/2; (xi) z+1/2, z+1/2; (xi) z+1/2, z+1/2; (xii) z+1/2, z+1/2; (xiii) z+1/2; (xiiii) z+1/2; (xiiiii) z+1/2; (xiiii) z

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Symmetry codes: (xix) x, -y+1/2, -z+1/2.

Fig. 1

