

or will decompose too rapidly. It may be possible to prepare a "MR<sub>x</sub>R<sub>y</sub>" species by reduction of a M(V) complex (M = Mo or W; R' is a bulky, relatively innocuous ligand (e.g. mesityl), and R is methyl) that approaches the balance that apparently is achieved in "W(η<sup>5</sup>-C<sub>5</sub>Me<sub>5</sub>)Me<sub>3</sub>". We will continue to operate under the assumption that under the right circumstances alkyl ligands can provide an electronically favorable circumstance for dinitrogen to bind.

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### Direct C-Cl...Ca<sup>2+</sup> Binding: Crystal Structure of Calcium Chloroacetate Hydrate

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Although carbon-bound halogen atoms (X = F, Cl, Br, I) are generally considered to be poor donors toward metal ions, there have been a number of recent reports of C-X...M coordination encompassing a broad range of structural environments and bond motifs.<sup>1-4</sup> Both "covalent" and "ionic" C-X...M interactions have been observed. These weak C-X...M interactions, which carbon-bound hydrogen atoms cannot emulate, can be of utmost importance in influencing the structural features of metal-halo ligand coordination chemistry.

We have been particularly interested in the versatility of metal ion coordination by fluorine- and chlorine-substituted carboxylate ligands. In alkali-metal salts of fluoro and chloro carboxylic acids, there has been ample crystallographic evidence for the existence of significant C-X...M interactions.<sup>1,2</sup> However, there has been a paucity of reported crystallographic investigations of multivalent salts/complexes of halo carboxylic acids. In these latter systems, we may anticipate that binding of "hard" metal ions would be dominated by carboxylate (oxygen) coordination, although in some instances participation of the halogen atom in metal ion binding may be of great importance.

As part of a systematic study to investigate the structural coordination chemistry of the halocarbon environments in multivalent derivatives of halo carboxylic acids, we have determined the crystal structure of calcium chloroacetate hydrate, in which the chloroacetate moiety exhibits a direct C-Cl...Ca<sup>2+</sup> mode of binding.

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**Table I.** Fractional Coordinates and Equivalent Isotropic Displacement Parameters for Calcium Chloroacetate Hydrate<sup>a</sup>

atom	x/a	y/b	z/c	B <sub>eq</sub> , Å <sup>2</sup>
Ca	0.08561 (9)	0.04037 (3)	0.75694 (8)	1.55
Cl(1)	-0.0702 (1)	0.18605 (5)	0.7497 (2)	3.98
Cl(2)	-0.3655 (2)	-0.18102 (5)	0.5818 (2)	5.50
Ow	0.3789 (4)	-0.0322 (1)	0.6986 (4)	3.00
O(1)	-0.2927 (4)	0.0635 (1)	0.7324 (3)	2.48
O(2)	-0.6030 (4)	0.0987 (1)	0.8432 (3)	2.76
O(3)	-0.0410 (4)	-0.0594 (1)	0.9017 (3)	2.18
O(4)	-0.0961 (4)	-0.0612 (1)	0.5809 (3)	2.14
C(1)	-0.4101 (5)	0.1048 (2)	0.8068 (4)	2.07
C(2)	-0.3138 (6)	0.1688 (2)	0.8668 (6)	3.33
C(3)	-0.1054 (5)	-0.0868 (1)	0.7456 (1)	1.75
C(4)	-0.1850 (7)	-0.1543 (2)	0.7687 (5)	3.13
H1(Ow)	0.378	-0.054	0.574	5.00
H2(Ow)	0.516	-0.011	0.721	5.00
H1(C2)	-0.279	0.168	1.023	5.00
H2(C2)	-0.431	0.206	0.834	5.00
H1(C4)	-0.264	-0.158	0.905	5.00
H2(C4)	-0.046	-0.186	0.774	5.00

<sup>a</sup> Estimated standard deviations in the least significant digits are given in parentheses here and in other tables.

**Table II.** Selected Bond Lengths (Å) and Angles (deg) for Calcium Chloroacetate Hydrate<sup>a</sup>

Ca-Cl(1)	3.206 (1)	C(1)-O(1)	1.254 (4)
Ca-Ow	2.418 (2)	C(1)-O(2)	1.237 (4)
Ca-O(1)	2.388 (2)	C(1)-C(2)	1.518 (5)
Ca-O(2 <sup>d</sup> )	2.331 (2)	C(2)-Cl(1)	1.778 (4)
Ca-O(3)	2.461 (2)	C(3)-O(3)	1.254 (3)
Ca-O(4)	2.665 (2)	C(3)-O(4)	1.247 (3)
Ca-O(3 <sup>b</sup> )	2.387 (2)	C(3)-C(4)	1.511 (4)
Ca-O(4 <sup>c</sup> )	2.344 (2)	C(4)-Cl(2)	1.741 (4)
O(1)-C(1)-O(2)	126.4 (3)	O(3)-Ca-O(4)	50.44 (7)
O(1)-C(1)-C(2)	119.5 (3)	O(3)-Ca-O(3 <sup>b</sup> )	72.42 (8)
O(2)-C(1)-C(2)	114.0 (3)	O(4)-Ca-O(4 <sup>c</sup> )	74.99 (8)
Cl(1)-C(2)-C(1)	112.9 (2)	Cl(1)-Ca-O(1)	60.79 (6)
O(3)-C(3)-O(4)	122.4 (3)	Cl(1)-Ca-O(2 <sup>d</sup> )	75.35 (6)
O(3)-C(3)-C(4)	115.6 (3)	Cl(1)-Ca-O(3 <sup>b</sup> )	78.75 (6)
O(4)-C(3)-C(4)	121.9 (3)	Cl(1)-Ca-O(4 <sup>c</sup> )	80.27 (6)
Cl(2)-C(4)-C(3)	115.2 (2)	Cl(1)-Ca-Ow	145.71 (7)
Cl(1)-Cl(1)-Ca	93.4 (1)	Cl(1)-Ca-O(3)	135.78 (6)
Ca-O(3)-Ca <sup>b</sup>	107.58 (8)	Cl(1)-Ca-O(4)	129.54 (6)
Ca-O(4)-Ca <sup>c</sup>	105.01 (8)		

<sup>a</sup> Superscripts are defined in Figure 1.

### Experimental Section

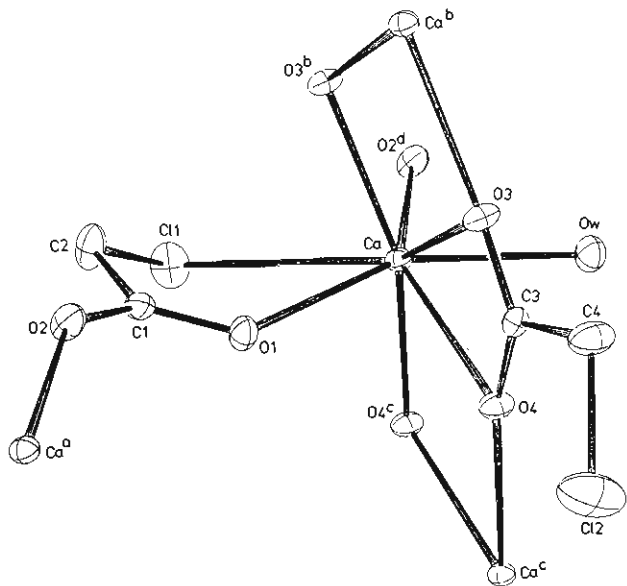
Colorless prismatic crystals of the title compound were readily grown from an aqueous solution of the salt by slow evaporation. The crystals cleave easily, are quite hygroscopic, and must be handled carefully to prevent fracturing. A well-formed single crystal of approximate dimensions 0.28 × 0.28 × 0.22 mm, which gave sharp optical extinction along three mutually perpendicular directions under crossed polarizers, was sealed in a thin-walled glass capillary tube. Unit cell constants were determined from a least-squares refinement of the setting angles of 25 reflections in the range 18° < 2θ < 37° measured with MoKα radiation on a CAD4 computer-controlled diffractometer equipped with a graphite-crystal incident-beam monochromator.

**Crystal Data:** Ca(CH<sub>2</sub>ClCOO)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O), fw 245.08, monoclinic, space group P2<sub>1</sub>/c, a = 6.186 (1) Å, b = 20.992 (2) Å, c = 6.804 (1) Å, β = 92.990 (9)°, Z = 4, V = 882.34 Å<sup>3</sup>, ρ<sub>calcd</sub> = 1.84 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, ρ<sub>measd</sub> = 1.83 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, μ(Mo Kα) = 12.6 cm<sup>-1</sup>, T = 292 K.

Integrated three-dimensional intensity data in quadrants h,k,±l in the range 1° ≤ 2θ ≤ 53° were collected on the aforementioned diffractometer by using the ω-θ scan techniques. Absorption and secondary extinction corrections were not applied. After data reduction a total of 1670 independent reflections had F<sub>o</sub> ≥ 0.50σ(F<sub>o</sub>) and were used in subsequent calculations.<sup>5</sup>

The structure was solved by using a combination of direct and heavy-atom methods and refined by a full-matrix least-squares procedure.

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**Figure 1.** A portion of the crystalline structure showing the mode of chloroacetate- $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  binding and the atom-labeling scheme. Hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity. Chloroacetate (A) is specified by atoms O(1), O(2), C(1), C(2), Cl(1) and chloroacetate (B) by atoms O(3), O(4), C(3), C(4), Cl(2). The superscripts specify the symmetry-related positions of the atoms given in Table I: (a)  $x - 1, y, z$ ; (b)  $-x, -y, 2 - z$ ; (c)  $-x, -y, 1 - z$ ; (d)  $x + 1, y, z$ .

Hydrogen atom parameters were not refined. The function minimized in the least-squares procedure was  $\sum w(|F_o| - |F_c|)^2$ , where  $w = [(\sigma(F_o))^2 + (0.02F_o)^2]^{-1}$ . Anisotropic refinement (on  $F$ ) of all non-hydrogen atoms (109 variable parameters; 15.3 data/parameter) converged to a conventional  $R$  factor ( $R$ ) of 0.046, a weighted  $R$  factor ( $R_w$ ) of 0.055, and an error in an observation of unit weight of 1.62. In the final cycle of refinement the largest ratio of shifts to estimated standard deviations was 0.01. Final fractional coordinates and equivalent isotropic thermal parameters are given in Table I.

## Results and Discussion

There are no symmetry conditions imposed on the crystalline structure by the space group, and the asymmetric unit consists of one  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ , two independent chloroacetate ions (designated A and B), and one water molecule. A view of the structure is shown in Figure 1. Bond distances and angles are given in Table II.

The most significant feature revealed in this structural investigation is the direct participation of a carbon-bound chlorine atom in  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  binding. The two chloroacetate ligands differ in the manner in which they coordinate  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  ions. Chloroacetate (A) chelates a  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  ion through its chlorine atom, Cl(1), and carboxylate oxygen, O(1), forming a buckled five-membered chelate ring. In addition, a second  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  ion is coordinated to carboxylate (A) oxygen, O(2), via a unidentate bridging interaction. Chloroacetate (B) binds three different  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  ions through its carboxylate group—one through a reasonably symmetric, planar four-membered chelate ring and two others through unidentate bridging bonds, which lead to the formation of planar  $\text{Ca}-\text{O}-\text{Ca}-\text{O}$  four-membered rings. These bridging interactions are common features<sup>7</sup> in calcium carboxylates and form the basis for the polymeric nature of the crystalline structure.

This  $\text{C}-\text{Cl}\cdots\text{Ca}^{2+}$  binding is to the best of our knowledge the first example of direct  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ -halocarbon binding. An example of indirect  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ -fluorocarbon binding mediated through a coordinated water molecule has been recently described.<sup>2</sup> The  $\text{Ca}^{2+}-\text{Cl}(1)$  distance is 3.206 (1) Å, which is in the range expected for a weak ion-dipole  $\text{C}-\text{Cl}\cdots\text{Ca}^{2+}$  interaction. Essentially full ionic  $\text{Ca}^{2+}\cdots\text{Cl}^-$  separations (2.741 Å in  $\text{CaCl}_2\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ )<sup>8</sup> are, of course, considerably shorter. Although there are no other reported

direct chlorocarbon- $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  linkages, the observed distance is shorter than the comparable  $\text{C}-\text{Cl}\cdots\text{K}^+$  separations (range 3.243-3.462 Å) found in potassium hydrogen chloromaleate,<sup>9</sup> potassium hydrogen trichloroacetate,<sup>10</sup> potassium hydrogen dichloroacetate,<sup>11</sup> and potassium bis(chloroacetato)stannate(II).<sup>12</sup>

The intramolecular bond lengths and angles of the two independent chloroacetate groups (Table I) are similar to the dimensions reported in other structures containing chloroacetate.<sup>12-17</sup> The dihedral angles between the carboxylate plane and the corresponding  $\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{Cl}$  plane are 18.8 and 25.4° for chloroacetate (A) and chloroacetate (B), respectively.

The  $\text{CaO}_7\text{Cl}$  polyhedron deviates extensively from idealized eight-coordinate geometries, and selection of an appropriate stereochemical description for eight-coordinate polyhedra is often difficult.<sup>18</sup> An analysis of shape parameters suggests the  $\text{CaO}_7\text{Cl}$  polyhedron lies along the reaction pathway connecting a dodecahedron and bicapped trigonal prism.<sup>19</sup>

Calcium chloroacetate monohydrate is easily crystallized from aqueous solution, and in view of the high affinity of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  for oxygen donor groups, it appears remarkable that the carbon-bound chlorine effectively competes with carboxylate oxygens and water molecules for  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  binding. Because chloroacetate is well-known to bind metal ions only through its carboxylate group, the  $\text{C}-\text{Cl}\cdots\text{Ca}^{2+}$  interaction does not arise because of any inherent geometrical constraint imposed by the ligand or complex. Thus, although weak, the observed  $\text{C}-\text{Cl}\cdots\text{Ca}^{2+}$  binding represents a genuine attractive interaction that is undoubtedly largely Coulombic in origin. Although direct evidence is lacking, this  $\text{C}-\text{Cl}\cdots\text{Ca}^{2+}$  binding may probably even occur in solution (albeit fleeting) inasmuch as this interaction survives in the crystal.

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## Determining the Stability Constant of Copper(I) Halide Complexes from Kinetic Measurements

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Copper in oxidation state I seems to be the only first-row transition element showing typical class B behavior, characterized by the halide affinity sequence  $\text{F}^- \ll \text{Cl}^- < \text{Br}^- < \text{I}^-$  in aqueous solution.<sup>1,2</sup> The complex formation of an acceptor in such a unique

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