

## Crystal and Molecular Structure of Hexaquomagnesium Trihydrogenhexaoxiodate(VII)

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Crystals of hexaquomagnesium trihydrogenhexaoxiodate(VII),  $[\text{Mg}(\text{OH}_2)_6][\text{H}_3\text{IO}_6]$ , are monoclinic, space group  $Pc$ . The unit-cell constants are  $a = 5.180$  (6),  $b = 9.886$  (13),  $c = 10.625$  (7) Å,  $\beta = 116.90$  (15)°,  $Z = 2$ . The structure was solved from three-dimensional data ( $R = 8.8\%$ ). The structure consists of octahedral cations  $[\text{Mg}(\text{OH}_2)_6]^{2+}$  and octahedral anions  $[\text{H}_3\text{IO}_6]^{2-}$ . The iodine-oxygen bond lengths range from 2.01 to 1.78 Å, and the magnesium-water bond lengths from 2.15 to 2.06 Å. The hexaquocations and the trihydrogenhexaoxiodate(VII) anions are held together by a dense network of hydrogen bonds. There are fourteen independent possible hydrogen bonds  $\text{O}\cdots\text{O}$ , shorter than 2.86 Å, the shortest being 2.56 Å.

### Introduction

As part of a programme of research on compounds of oxygenated acids of iodine(VII) and iodine(V) (Ferrari, Braibanti & Tiripicchio, 1965; Ferrari, Cingi & Guastini, 1967; Biagini Cingi, Emiliani & Guastini, 1967; Braibanti, Tiripicchio & Manotti Lanfredi, 1967) a

hydrated magnesium periodate has been examined. The compound could be represented, assuming the existence of hexaquomagnesium cations, either as an enneaoxidiodate(VII),  $[\text{Mg}(\text{OH}_2)_6]_2[\text{I}_2\text{O}_9] \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , or as a dihydrogendecaoxidiodate(VII),  $[\text{Mg}(\text{OH}_2)_6]_2[\text{H}_2\text{I}_2\text{O}_{10}] \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , or as a trihydrogenhexaoxiodate(VII),  $[\text{Mg}(\text{OH}_2)_6][\text{H}_3\text{IO}_6]$ . According to Siebert (1967) the compound should be considered as a dihydrogendecaoxidiodate(VII), an assignment based on an analysis of the infrared spectrum of the compound. On the other hand, Ferrari, Cingi & Guastini (1967) concluded, on the grounds of chromatographic tests, that the compound is very likely a trihydrogenhexaoxiodate(VII). Therefore, the study of the crystal structure of this compound has been undertaken in order to solve the problem.

### Experimental

#### Preparation

Crystals of the compound were obtained by evaporation of aqueous solutions, obtained from equivalent amounts of magnesium carbonate and periodic acid.

Table 1. Fractional atomic coordinates (with *e. s. d.*'s)  $\times 10^4$

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>
I	0000	2206 (2)	2500
Mg	-0295 (37)	2869 (22)	7516 (20)
O(1)	-1025 (97)	1054 (17)	0780 (37)
O(2)	-2034 (92)	1064 (26)	3005 (46)
O(3)	1085 (89)	3319 (14)	4080 (39)
O(4)	2067 (102)	3304 (32)	1759 (47)
O(5)	-3447 (76)	3252 (32)	1337 (44)
O(6)	3463 (70)	1086 (32)	3543 (41)
O(7)	2528 (97)	1541 (24)	9173 (47)
O(8)	-3411 (102)	1485 (30)	7398 (61)
O(9)	-3292 (90)	3993 (26)	5875 (40)
O(10)	2976 (91)	4168 (32)	7725 (50)
O(11)	-0851 (86)	4095 (22)	9021 (41)
O(12)	0633 (78)	1672 (26)	6129 (45)

Table 2. Anisotropic thermal parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>)

	$B_{11}$	$B_{22}$	$B_{33}$	$B_{12}$	$B_{13}$	$B_{23}$
I	2.402	2.641	2.696	-0.020	1.239	-0.008
Mg	1.776	2.272	2.328	-0.231	1.119	0.132
O(1)	3.614	3.497	3.941	-0.045	1.634	-0.344
O(2)	3.815	2.994	3.736	0.244	1.291	-0.147
O(3)	3.635	2.728	3.812	0.362	1.607	0.288
O(4)	3.101	2.694	3.312	-0.253	1.610	-0.048
O(5)	3.089	3.221	3.361	0.259	1.358	0.363
O(6)	3.132	3.339	3.683	0.377	1.607	0.596
O(7)	3.335	3.055	3.713	-0.151	1.624	0.051
O(8)	3.169	3.847	5.010	-0.005	1.986	0.041
O(9)	3.948	4.301	4.182	0.035	1.698	0.140
O(10)	3.484	3.856	3.800	0.163	1.738	0.073
O(11)	2.914	3.309	3.287	-0.099	1.456	-0.018
O(12)	3.484	3.569	3.626	0.161	1.692	0.020

Shifts in the last cycle

$$|\Delta B_{ij}|_{\text{av}} = 0.064, \quad |\Delta B_{ij}|_{\text{max}} = 0.177.$$

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Table 3. Observed and calculated structure factors

The 10F<sub>0</sub> followed by = were unobserved.

h	k	l	10F <sub>o</sub>	10F <sub>c</sub>	α	h	k	l	10F <sub>o</sub>	10F <sub>c</sub>	α	h	k	l	10F <sub>o</sub>	10F <sub>c</sub>	α	h	k	l	10F <sub>o</sub>	10F <sub>c</sub>	α	h	k	l	10F <sub>o</sub>	10F <sub>c</sub>	α	h	k	l	10F <sub>o</sub>	10F <sub>c</sub>	α
1	0	0	1205	1349	359	4	1	3	260	235	8	1	2	1	386	383	163	-3	2	10	392	343	3	-3	3	7	302	284	185	3	4	5	239	228	351
2	0	0	611	570	3	-4	1	3	534	580	351	-1	2	1	465	407	194	-4	2	10	338	293	15	-4	3	7	293	287	168	-3	4	5	312	330	350
3	0	0	836	823	349	5	1	3	194	181	8	2	2	1	502	463	334	-5	2	10	256	239	14	-5	3	7	211	196	155	4	4	5	127	149	353
4	0	0	420	387	349	-5	1	3	349	301	345	-2	2	1	550	560	245	-6	2	10	185	207	9	-6	3	7	178	177	171	-4	4	5	229	253	14
5	0	0	289	244	1	-6	1	3	203	176	341	3	2	1	204	190	179	0	2	11	107	95	26	0	3	8	161	172	159	-5	4	5	223	234	11
6	0	2	1184	1335	179	0	1	4	205	205	49	-3	2	1	309	296	198	1	1	11	274	167	353	1	3	8	123	136	185	-6	4	5	159	162	359
1	0	2	462	540	181	1	4	4	120	146	338	4	2	1	152	129	190	-1	2	11	134	121	347	-1	3	8	188	196	149	0	4	6	269	276	179
-1	0	2	1146	1265	183	-1	1	4	429	492	84	-4	2	1	228	197	167	-2	2	11	191	165	355	2	3	8	127	115	184	1	4	6	237	268	183
2	0	2	742	833	175	2	1	4	145	175	40	5	2	1	122	103	156	-3	2	11	173	148	22	-2	3	8	172	162	143	-1	4	6	384	425	174
-2	0	2	272	363	175	-2	1	4	152	123	263	-5	2	1	135	128	231	-4	2	11	129	100	345	-3	3	8	158	153	152	2	4	6	249	264	179
3	0	2	594	581	172	3	1	4	67	53	312	-6	2	1	83	85	203	-5	2	11	110	90	351	-4	3	8	164	156	187	-2	4	6	436	411	191
-3	0	2	702	782	172	-3	1	4	136	148	302	0	2	2	971	973	352	0	2	12	32	173	189	-5	3	8	146	139	173	3	4	6	182	179	185
4	0	2	357	323	179	4	1	4	77	56	290	1	2	2	703	825	353	-1	2	12	237	208	181	-6	3	8	103	116	152	-3	4	6	135	306	177
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3	0	4	367	349	347	-3	1	5	248	260	144	-6	2	2	215	201	4	2	3	0	328	294	156	0	3	10	97	98	348	-3	4	7	265	278	189
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4	0	8	433	391	12	-5	1	7	290	287	0	0	2	5	369	399	213	-4	3	2	82														

Table 3 (cont.)

h	k	l	10F <sub>o</sub>	10F <sub>c</sub>	α	h	k	l	10F <sub>o</sub>	10F <sub>c</sub>	α	h	k	l	10F <sub>o</sub>	10F <sub>c</sub>	α	h	k	l	10F <sub>o</sub>	10F <sub>c</sub>	α	h	k	l	10F <sub>o</sub>	10F <sub>c</sub>	α	h	k	l	10F <sub>o</sub>	10F <sub>c</sub>	α
-6	5	3	15 <sup>o</sup>	121	1	2	5	8	167	158	2	5	6	1	25	157	172	-2	6	6	181	171	358	4	7	0	190	194	188	2	7	5	89	84	24
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-2	5	6	224	208	172	-1	5	12	15 <sup>o</sup>	82	8	-2	6	4	332	319	137	-4	6	9	228	246	191	-2	7	3	202	180	123	-3	7	8	236	241	174
3	5	6	145	146	187	-2	5	12	107	122	349	3	6	4	130	122	165	-5	6	9	158	189	187	3	7	3	89	81	192	-4	7	8	189	200	165
-3	5	6	347	332	182	-3	5	12	141	146	352	-3	6	4	170	163	167	0	6	10	78	89	24	-3	7	3	106	95	167	-5	7	8	132	166	174
-4	5	6	263	270	172	-4	5	12	110	135	355	4	6	4	74	93	191	-1	6	10	112	117	333	4	7	3	36	45	150	0	7	9	58	65	334
-5	5	6	185	190	160	0	6	0	159	211	180	-4	6	4	186	181	167	-2	6	10	130	130	353	-4	7	3	54	46	220	1	7	9	18 <sup>o</sup>	70	6
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3	5	7	20 <sup>o</sup>	92	358	1	6	1	642	587	181	3	6	5	221	235	177	-4	6	11	154 <sup>o</sup>	197	7	3	7	4	164	178	186	-1	7	10	132	157	359
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0	5	8	201	216	1	-3	6	1	416	394	187	1	6	6	143	142	343	2	7	0	379	350	188	1	7	5	105	108	30	-2	7	11	46	58	222
1	5	8	150	166	3	4	6	1	278	290	172	-1	6	6	226	226	7	3	7	0	239	214	200	-1	7	5	229	209	53	-3	7	11	58	72	207
-1	5	8	264	294	358	-4	6	1	296	301	190	2	6	6	127	130	337																		

## Intensity measurement

Integrated reflexions (831 observed out of 867 possible reflexions)  $h0l$ ,  $h1l \dots h7l$  and  $0kl$  were obtained by a Weissenberg camera and their intensities measured by a microdensitometer. The crystal used was a pseudo-hexagonal elongated prism and absorption corrections were applied as for cylindrical specimens ( $\mu R[010] = 5.3$ ). The scattering factors were used in analytical form (Moore, 1963). No correction for anomalous dispersion was introduced because the iodine atoms were considered to be centrosymmetric with respect to each

other and therefore their contributions to  $\Delta f''$  cancelled one another out.

The calculations were performed on the computer Olivetti Elea 6001/S of the Centro di Calcolo elettronico of the University of Parma.

## Determination and refinement of the structure

The structure was solved by Patterson and Fourier methods. The Fourier syntheses showed unequivocally that the structure of this compound is derived from hexaoxiodic(VII) acid (orthoperiodic acid) and any

other possible hypothesis can be excluded. The refinement was carried out by differential syntheses; anisotropic thermal parameters were refined by the method of Nardelli & Fava (1960) ( $R=8.8\%$ , observed reflexions only). No definite physical significance can be attributed to the thermal parameters since their accuracy was highly affected by the systematic errors in the experimental data. The final results are quoted in Tables 1–5.

Table 5. Possible hydrogen bonds ( $\leq 2.86 \text{ \AA}$ )

O(2)—O(6 <sup>i</sup> )	2.64 (8) $\text{\AA}$
O(5)—O(4 <sup>i</sup> )	2.56 (8)
O(7)—O(5 <sup>iii</sup> )	2.86 (6)
O(7)—O(6 <sup>iii</sup> )	2.78 (4)
O(8)—O(2 <sup>iii</sup> )	2.62 (4)
O(8)—O(12 <sup>i</sup> )	2.76 (8)
O(9)—O(3 <sup>i</sup> )	2.75 (7)
O(9)—O(5 <sup>iv</sup> )	2.78 (4)
O(10)—O(4 <sup>iv</sup> )	2.66 (5)
O(10)—O(11 <sup>v</sup> )	2.85 (8)
O(11)—O(3 <sup>iv</sup> )	2.74 (4)
O(11)—O(4 <sup>vi</sup> )	2.72 (6)
O(12)—O(3)	2.81 (5)
O(12)—O(1 <sup>iii</sup> )	2.80 (4)

#### Asymmetric units

i	$x-1$	$y$	$z$
ii	$1+x$	$y$	$1+z$
iii	$x$	$-y$	$\frac{1}{2}+z$
iv	$x$	$1-y$	$\frac{1}{2}+z$
v	$1+x$	$y$	$z$
vi	$x$	$y$	$1+z$

### Discussion

The whole structure (Fig. 1) appears to be built up from anions  $[\text{H}_3\text{IO}_6]^{2-}$  and hexaquocations, in approximate octahedra, held together by a dense network of hydrogen bonds. The iodine–oxygen bonds are not equal, ranging from 1.78 to 2.01  $\text{\AA}$  (Fig. 2). Oxygen atoms shared between I and H correspond generally to the longest iodine–oxygen bonds and unshared oxygen atoms to the shortest ones (Ferrari, Braibanti & Tiripicchio, 1965). Therefore I–O(2)=1.78 and I–O(3)=1.87  $\text{\AA}$  can be classified as I–O bonds and I–O(1)=2.01  $\text{\AA}$  and I–O(6)=1.97  $\text{\AA}$  as I–OH while I–O(5)=1.95 and I–O(4)=1.93  $\text{\AA}$  could share one hydrogen atom because they form a very strong hydrogen bond with one another [O(5)···O(4)=2.56  $\text{\AA}$ ]. In principle the assignment of H to O(5) seems more likely because this were so the anion would be *trans*-octahedrally coordinated (Jones, 1964) and consequently the hydrogen atoms should be as far as possible from one another.

Unfortunately the standard deviations are rather high. The angles between iodine–oxygen bonds show an average deviation  $\pm 2.3^\circ$  from  $90^\circ$  with maximum deviation  $-4.9^\circ$ , which suggests that the deviation from the octahedral configuration is not too high. The metal–water distances in the hexaquomagnesium cation range from 2.06 to 2.15  $\text{\AA}$  (Fig. 2). Distances quoted in

the literature for this aquo cation are: Mg–OH<sub>2</sub>=2.115, 2.068, 2.068 (Nardelli, Fava & Giraldi, 1962), 2.054, 2.099, 2.045, 2.046, 2.092, 2.055 (Baur, 1964), 2.054,

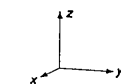
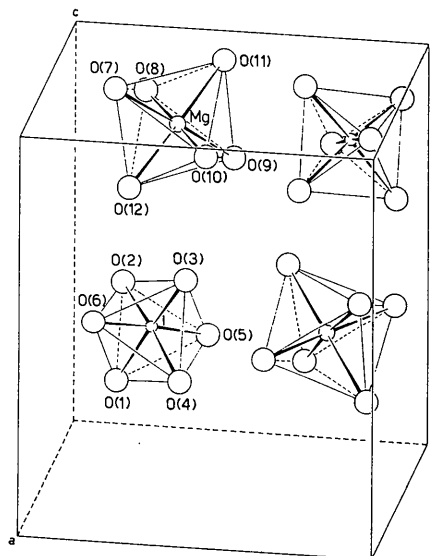


Fig. 1. Clinographic view of the structure.

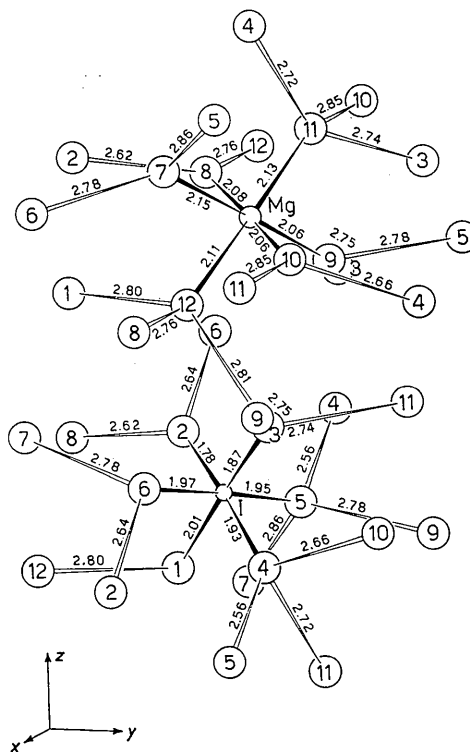


Fig. 2. Hydrogen bonds radiating from the octahedral groups  $[\text{Mg}(\text{OH}_2)_6]^{2+}$  and  $[\text{H}_3\text{IO}_6]^{2-}$ .

2·059, 2·083 and 2·044, 2·046, 2·080 (Zalkin, Ruben & Templeton, 1964), 2·081, 2·080, 2·061 (Johnson, 1965), 2·059, 2·061, 2·065 (Sasvari & Jeffrey, 1966), 2·083, 2·073, 2·051 (Margulis & Templeton, 1962), and 2·053, 2·061, 2·063 Å (Braibanti, Tiripicchio, Manotti Lanfredi & Bigoli, 1969). The angles around the magnesium atom are again approximately octahedral. The hydrogen bonds (Table 5) play an important role in the crystal structure. They are numerous and strong. There are fourteen independent possible hydrogen bonds  $O \cdots O \leq 2.86 \text{ \AA}$  (Fig. 2). An attempt has been made to distinguish between donor (of hydrogen) and acceptor atoms and a reasonable scheme consistent with the assignment of hydrogen atoms in the anion has been obtained. According to this tentative scheme two hydrogen bonds are assigned to each water molecule on the assumption that the water molecules contribute to the bond as hydrogen donors. The corresponding angles with the oxygen atoms bound through hydrogen bridges are:  $O(6^{iii}) \cdots O(7) \cdots O(5^{ii}) = 127.2$ ,  $O(2^{ii}) \cdots O(8) \cdots O(12^i) = 107.7$ ,  $O(3^i) \cdots O(9) \cdots O(5^{iv}) = 104.7$ ,  $O(4^{iv}) \cdots O(10) \cdots O(11^v) = 100.0$ ,  $O(3^{iv}) \cdots O(11) \cdots O(4^{vi}) = 102.9$  and  $O(1^{iii}) \cdots O(12) \cdots O(3) = 125.6^\circ$ , which are reasonable values (Hamilton & Ibers, 1968). These bonds connect water molecules either with anions or with other molecules. Two more strong hydrogen bonds occur between anions  $O(2) \cdots O(6^i) = 2.64 \text{ \AA}$ , with  $O(6)$  as donor, and  $O(5) \cdots O(4^i) = 2.56 \text{ \AA}$ , possibly with the hydrogen atom shared between the two. Even if limited by un-

certainities due to the experimental errors, these conclusions seem acceptable.

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## The Crystal Structure of Thiopin 1,1-Dioxide and the Question of $\pi$ -Electron Delocalization in the Molecule

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Thiopin 1,1-dioxide,  $C_6H_6SO_2$ , crystallizes in the monoclinic space group  $P2_1/n$  with cell dimensions of  $a = 6.788$ ,  $b = 13.173$ ,  $c = 7.596 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\beta = 109.10^\circ$ , and four molecules per unit cell. Three-dimensional X-ray diffraction data were initially collected using a Weissenberg camera and  $Cu K\alpha$  radiation; a second set was subsequently measured with  $Mo K\alpha$  radiation on an automatic diffractometer. The structure was readily solved by location of the intermolecular S-S vectors in the Patterson function. Refinement was carried out by full matrix least-squares with anisotropic temperature factors to an  $R$  of 0.055 (weighted  $R = 0.024$ ). Hydrogen atoms were included with isotropic temperature factors. Only the counter data were used in the final refinement cycles. There is substantial evidence for double-bond character in the two C-S bonds; no firm conclusions can be drawn regarding delocalization in the carbon atom portion of the molecule.

#### Introduction

Sulfur may expand its valence shell beyond the Lewis octet by accepting ligand electrons of  $\pi$  symmetry into

its unfilled  $3d$  orbitals. The formation of a new chemical bond between the acceptor (sulfur) and donor (ligand) will occur if (a) the necessary donor and acceptor orbitals overlap appreciably with each other and