

**Direct Determination of the Crystal Structure of
Bis(dichlorophosphate)bis(phosphoryl chloride)**
Magnesium: Mg(PO₂Cl₂)₂(POCl₃)₂

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The crystal structure of Mg(PO₂Cl₂)₂(POCl₃)₂ has been determined by X-ray crystallographic methods. The space group is $P\bar{1}$ and the dimensions of the unit cell are: $a=11.21 \text{ \AA}$, $b=10.97 \text{ \AA}$, $c=9.75 \text{ \AA}$, $\alpha=116^\circ 44'$, $\beta=83^\circ 51'$, $\gamma=114^\circ 05'$. There are two formula units per unit cell. The structure was determined by the symbolic addition procedure, the geometrical parameters and the anisotropical temperature parameters were refined by the full matrix least squares method. The final R -value is 10 %. The magnesium ion is octahedrally coordinated to six oxygen atoms, four of which belong to dichlorophosphate ions forming bridges between the magnesium ions. The two remaining oxygen atoms in the octahedron belong to two phosphoryl chloride molecules.

This work continues the investigation of reaction products between metal oxides and phosphoryl chloride. These compounds were first prepared by Bassett and Taylor^{1,2} in 1911. The structure of Mn(PO₂Cl₂)₂(CH₃COOC₂H₅)₂ has been solved previously.³ The present compound was prepared by the method of Bassett and Taylor who suggested the formulae MgO₂POCl₃ or MgO₃POCl₃. We find, however, the reaction product to be Mg(PO₂Cl₂)₂(POCl₃)₂ and the structure is similar to the structure of Mn(PO₂Cl₂)₂(CH₃COOC₂H₅)₂. The reaction may be formulated as:



EXPERIMENTAL

Preparation. The compound was prepared according to Refs. 1, 2 except that the mixture of MgO and POCl₃ was heated to 131°C instead of 110°C. The MgO was prepared by heating MgCO₃ to 845°C for 2 h. The crystals of the reaction product are very sensitive to humidity and were dried in a desiccator with KOH and H₂SO₄. Some of the reaction product was dissolved in water and the solution was analyzed for Cl, HCl, and H₃PO₄.

None of the calculated values for MgO_2POCl_3 , MgO_3POCl_3 or $Mg(PO_2Cl_2)_2(POCl_3)_2$ fit well with the experimental values. This is probably due to the presence of $MgCl_2$ and unreacted MgO in the sample.

X-Ray technique. A crystal of dimensions $2.5 \times 0.3 \times 0.3$ mm³ was sealed in a Lindemann glass tube. The unit cell dimensions were determined from an oscillation diagram ($CuK\alpha$), Weissenberg diagrams of two layers ($CuK\alpha$), precession diagrams of two layers ($MoK\alpha$), and Rimsky retigraph diagrams ($MoK\alpha$) of six layers. The dimensions are: $a = 11.21$ Å, $b = 10.97$ Å, $c = 9.75$ Å, $\alpha = 116^\circ 44'$, $\beta = 83^\circ 51'$, $\gamma = 114^\circ 05'$. The space group must be $P\bar{1}$ or $P\bar{1}$.

The crystal was now transferred to an Arndt-Phillips linear diffractometer, where the intensities from $hk0$ to $hk12$ were recorded using $MoK\alpha$ radiation and balanced filters. There were many false reflections due to crystallites on the main crystal. Therefore the background for a peak was estimated as the smallest of the two background measurements at each side of the peak. For this reason and because it was very difficult to align the crystal accurately, the data material is thought to be of mediocre accuracy. Totally 4379 independent reflections were recorded. For 2108 reflections the intensity was less than two times the estimated standard deviation, these reflections were therefore considered insignificant. The data material was reduced and corrected for Lorentz-polarization effects by the GIER algol program G4, written by R. G. Hazell.⁴ No correction was made for absorption or extinction.

STRUCTURE DETERMINATION

The 4379 normalized structure factors:

$$|E(\mathbf{h})| = F(\mathbf{h}) / \left(\sum_{j=1}^N (f_j(\mathbf{h}))^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

were calculated by the method described by Karle and Karle.⁵ For this calculation the content of the unit cell was supposed to be $2(MgO_2POCl_3)$, as this would give a reasonable density. Simple statistics were calculated to see if there was a centre of symmetry or not. The results are shown in Table 1

Table 1. Calculated and theoretical statistics of the normalized structure factors.

	$2(Mg(PO_2Cl_2)_2(POCl_3)_2)$	centrosymmetry	noncentrosymmetry
$\langle E ^2 \rangle$	1.0059	1.000	1.000
$\langle E \rangle$	0.8071	0.798	0.886
$\langle E^2 - 1 \rangle$	0.9014	0.968	0.736
% $ E > 1$	34.5	32	37
% $ E > 2$	3.8	5	1.8
% $ E > 3$	0.2	0.3	0.01

together with the theoretical values for a noncentrosymmetric and a centrosymmetric structure with infinitely many equal atoms per unit cell. Later the statistics were recalculated using the unit cell content: $2(Mg(PO_2Cl_2)_2(POCl_3)_2)$. The results did not differ significantly from the first calculated ones. The values in Table 1 indicate centrosymmetry and we tried to solve the structure by symbolic addition⁵ for the space group $P\bar{1}$.

After a series of unsuccessful attempts, symbolic addition was tried for the space group $P1$. It was decided to apply the equation:

$$\phi(h) - (\phi(k) + \phi(h-k)) = n2\pi$$

where $\phi(h)$ is the phase for reflection h and n is an integer.

The probability for this equation being true is to a first approximation increasing monotonically with

$$p = |\mathbf{E}(h) \cdot \mathbf{E}(k) \cdot \mathbf{E}(h-k)|$$

Table 2. The basic set of symbols.

h	k	l	E	Symbol	h	k	l	E	Symbol
-1	1	5	4.02	a	-6	4	5	3.00	l
-4	1	10	3.94	b	0	-4	5	2.90	m
1	-8	9	3.34	c	-6	-1	2	2.85	n
2	-7	6	3.61	d	7	-3	5	2.83	o
-1	2	7	3.40	f	0	1	10	2.78	p
6	-5	2	3.24	g	3	-8	1	2.76	r
-6	2	5	3.20	h	-4	2	6	2.72	s
-3	-7	5	2.99	j	2	-9	4	2.75	t
-12	5	5	3.03	k	5	-2	6	2.73	u

The 2271 significant reflections were now used and the 18 reflections with the greatest E-values were selected and were assigned symbols as shown in Table 2. Using equations of the type:

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(h_1) - (\text{sy}(k_1) + \text{sy}(h_1 - k_1)) &= n_1 \cdot 2\pi \\ \phi(h_1) - (\text{sy}(k_2) + \text{sy}(h_1 - k_2)) &= n_2 \cdot 2\pi\end{aligned}$$

where $\text{sy}(k_1)$, $\text{sy}(h_1 - k_1)$, $\text{sy}(k_2)$, $\text{sy}(h_1 - k_2)$ are four of the 18 symbols, the number of unknown symbols could be reduced to 6: a,b,d,g,h,k.

As the reflection with the symbol b appeared seldom in combination with other reflections, it was removed from the basic set. The origin of the unit cell was chosen by setting a, g, and h to 0° , as the indices of these reflections are linearly independent. For the symbols d and k the following relations were found:

$$\begin{aligned}4k &= n_1 2\pi \\ 2d + 3k &= n_2 2\pi\end{aligned}$$

where n_1 and n_2 are integers. This gives 8 possibilities for d and k. The 8 possibilities can be reduced to 4, as the possibilities two and two correspond to mutually enantiomeric structures. For each of the 4 possibilities 193

Table 3. The four sets of phases.

Set	k	d	R_E in %
1	0	0	22.85
2	$\pi/2$	$-3\pi/4$	20.34
3	$\pi/2$	$\pi/4$	22.14
4	π	$-\pi/2$	21.39

Table 4. Fractional coordinates and temperature parameters. The temperature factor is $T(h) = \exp[2\pi^2(U_{11}h\alpha^{*1} + U_{21}h\beta^{*1} + U_{31}h\gamma^{*1} + 2U_{12}h\alpha^{*2} + 2U_{32}h\gamma^{*2} + U_{23}h\beta^{*2} + 2U_{13}h\alpha^{*3} + 2U_{31}h\beta^{*3} + 2U_{21}h\gamma^{*3})]$.

Atom	x/a	$\sigma \times 10^4$	y/b	$\sigma \times 10^4$	z/c	$\sigma \times 10^4$	U_{11} \AA^2	$\sigma \times 10^3$	U_{22} \AA^2	$\sigma \times 10^3$	U_{33} \AA^2	$\sigma \times 10^3$	U_{12} \AA^2	$\sigma \times 10^3$	U_{13} \AA^2	$\sigma \times 10^3$	U_{23} \AA^2	$\sigma \times 10^3$
Mg	0.0586	4	0.9926	5	0.2322	4	0.031	3	0.030	3	0.027	2	0.014	2	0.002	2	0.017	2
O ₁	0.2155	11	0.1602	13	0.1864	11	0.047	7	0.060	8	0.060	7	0.016	7	0.018	6	0.035	7
O ₂	0.1058	11	0.1431	12	0.4542	10	0.057	8	0.049	7	0.032	5	0.024	7	0.002	5	0.011	5
O ₃	0.0804	10	0.1658	12	0.7229	10	0.050	7	0.039	7	0.045	6	-0.004	6	0.004	5	0.027	6
O ₄	0.2063	12	0.9278	14	0.2566	12	0.067	9	0.072	9	0.063	7	0.047	8	-0.007	6	0.029	7
O ₅	0.0438	10	0.8512	12	0.0064	9	0.043	7	0.048	7	0.029	5	0.023	6	0.009	5	0.020	5
O ₆	0.0653	10	0.9335	12	0.7975	10	0.041	6	0.051	7	0.045	5	0.030	6	0.011	5	0.032	6
P ₁	0.3281	4	0.2839	6	0.1918	5	0.028	3	0.060	3	0.057	3	0.003	2	0.007	2	0.040	2
P ₂	0.2490	5	0.8261	6	0.2679	5	0.152	3	0.066	4	0.040	2	0.036	3	0.014	2	0.027	2
P ₃	0.1521	4	0.2176	4	0.6151	4	0.029	2	0.027	2	0.025	2	0.006	2	0.004	1	0.011	2
P ₄	0.0840	4	0.8418	5	0.8579	4	0.033	2	0.036	2	0.028	2	0.021	2	0.004	1	0.013	2
Cl ₁	0.3540	6	0.4713	6	0.3751	6	0.089	4	0.060	4	0.089	4	-0.003	3	-0.006	3	0.011	3
Cl ₂	0.3288	8	0.3215	8	0.0200	7	0.151	7	0.137	6	0.102	4	0.016	5	0.006	4	0.096	5
Cl ₃	0.4906	6	0.2605	9	0.1964	10	0.040	3	0.153	7	0.194	7	0.038	4	-0.005	4	0.066	6
Cl ₄	0.4385	6	0.8913	10	0.2693	9	0.056	4	0.218	9	0.162	6	0.079	5	0.040	4	0.115	6
Cl ₅	0.1170	8	0.6265	7	0.0975	6	0.190	8	0.073	5	0.076	3	0.065	5	0.012	4	0.009	3
Cl ₆	0.2054	7	0.7998	7	0.4511	6	0.124	5	0.114	5	0.066	3	0.046	4	0.021	3	0.061	4
Cl ₇	0.3386	5	0.2374	8	0.6309	6	0.044	3	0.128	6	0.083	4	0.036	3	-0.006	3	0.035	4
Cl ₈	0.1816	6	0.4312	5	0.6971	6	0.124	5	0.032	3	0.070	3	0.024	3	0.019	3	0.019	2
Cl ₉	0.2735	5	0.8719	7	0.8511	6	0.042	3	0.129	5	0.094	4	0.058	3	0.025	3	0.062	4
Cl ₁₀	0.0023	6	0.3710	6	0.2993	5	0.113	5	0.043	3	0.051	2	0.038	3	0.003	3	0.001	2

Table 5. Observed and calculated structure factors. Columns are: index h, |F_{obs}| and F_{calc} on arbitrary scale.

H, 0, 0	9	110	10	H, 11, 0	1	273	368	-2	720	-688	5	153	-160		
	10	131	-134		2	79	65	-1	53	-6	6	129	-62		
1	614	605		-4	203	217	3	109	99	0	138	136			
2	606	-572	H, 5, 0	-3	149	164	4	122	-99	1	238	303	H, 7, 1		
3	62	90		-2	119	14	5	611	-605	2	139	-103			
4	120	115	-14	104	-65		7	192	188	3	354	401	-11	147	-137
5	228	-235	-13	222	247	H, 12, 0	8	167	161	4	407	394	-10	98	43
6	215	212	-12	86	121		10	244	268	6	320	-335	-8	224	224
7	350	-378	-11	217	-250	-6	126	-132	10	231	-278	-7	186	189	
8	175	-196	-10	155	-196						-5	91	-49		
10	146	-156	-8	82	90	H, -11, 1					-4	356	37		
12	181	198	-5	72	34		-10	159	-154		-1	140	118		
			-5	196	196	1	136	-115	-9	139	-140	-11	145	159	
H, 1, 0	-4	90	88	-3	148	-113	-7	195	186	-10	149	-186	0	169	199
-13	87	95	-2	86	-87	H, 12, 0	6	130	148	-5	96	77	-7	342	345
-12	123	-149	-1	1131	1158		-3	659	623	-6	426	447	H, 8, 1		
-11	97	14	0	335	351	H, -10, 1	-2	70	50	-5	136	125			
-10	99	72	1	126	105		-1	713	707	-4	252	-273	-12	179	-193
-8	391	-392	3	256	-265	0	194	-233	0	536	504	-3	229	218	
-7	336	333	4	86	35	1	224	-243	1	367	-368	-2	330	328	
-6	969	-910	5	241	249	2	177	-193	2	1192	-1189	-1	58	-35	
-5	1282	-1326	9	97	-137	6	151	-136	3	318	315	0	243	228	
-4	711	700	10	92	-33	8	134	115	4	999	-1035	1	117	-108	
3	114	94	11	111	46		5	162	-151	2	145	151	5	109	127
2	395	-371				H, -9, 1	6	117	117	4	315	331	H, 9, 1		
-1	561	560	H, 6, 0				-5	120	-119	5	250	321			
0	511	492				-6	198	213	8	109	122	6	105	-66	
1	240	232	-12	86	124	-9	126	-141	-11	237	-285	-9	111	-115	
2	760	766	-10	85	-118	-3	202	-218	9	216	243	7	137	148	
3	455	-454	-9	75	42	5	108	-106	-6	183	-187	-8	105	250	
4	65	-64	-8	289	322	7	116	133	4	598	591	-6	273	266	
5	509	528	-7	260	-259	8	287	304	H, -2, 1	H, 3, 1	0	209	-256		
6	453	-488	-6	753	-763	-10	107	-69	-12	100	-75	H, 10, 1			
7	411	-425	-4	150	151	10	185	200	-8	95	90	-10	136	-129	
9	178	-186	-3	363	360	-9	178	197	-8	100	-60	-6	242	250	
10	172	-197	-2	109	102	H, -8, 1	-6	183	-187	-8	67	-105	-5	103	147
12	115	103	0	205	250		-4	598	591	-6	146	135	-3	148	167
			1	429	462	-4	101	28	-2	544	-542	-3	372	-357	
H, 2, 0	3	137	133	-2	141	125	-2	141	125	-2	160	-156	0	146	128
			5	91	84	0	133	125	-2	795	753	-2	160	-156	
-12	304	-339	5	116	112	-119	2	423	-449	0	396	-390	-1	713	-483
-11	218	249	6	110	-102	3	563	-592	1	594	586	0	541	535	
-10	68	89	8	146	-130	4	175	-162	2	659	-618	1	336	-340	
-8	180	-163	9	119	-98	5	203	-201	3	1579	-1581	2	566	-555	
-6	428	-419	7	109	-104	4	1260	-1291	3	687	-704	4	132	87	
-5	210	-212	H, 7, 0	9	149	169	5	124	-170	4	332	-355	11	139	-78
-4	407	-412		10	139	155	6	133	-143	5	105	90	12	124	-98
-3	166	180	-13	192	-216	7	170	-185	9	170	-185	6	265	327	
-2	864	847	-12	107	139	H, -7, 1	10	146	144	7	169	-201	H, -11, 2		
-1	660	-643	-11	124	135				8	161	-116	10	163	102	
0	954	-935	-9	155	-144	-3	165	188	H, -1, 1	10	161	47	0	211	-215
1	118	118	-6	343	-360	-1	104	-77		9	163	102	1	141	-101
4	176	164	-4	473	-467	0	156	165	-11	107	-64	4	121	-128	
5	576	559	-4	129	-125	1	112	105	10	178	170	H, 4, 1			
6	241	-243	-3	96	77	3	229	-232	-8	167	170	7	209	217	
8	58	-111	-2	114	-85	4	589	-619	-7	180	-175	-12	143	-132	
9	140	-126	-1	76	47	6	131	105	-6	117	79	-9	144	122	
			0	114	140	7	124	-117	-5	139	-139	-6	279	-287	
H, 3, 0	2	111	115	8	170	-188	-4	79	79	-4	636	845	H, -10, 2		
			3	92	72	10	183	-150	-3	1018	1019	-3	500	496	
-8	84	-85	6	131	-112	-2	1488	1437	-2	473	475	-2	122	-13	
-7	274	-284	7	101	-120	H, -6, 1	-1	288	286	-1	125	105	2	250	-250
-6	817	834				0	138	151	1	764	-765	3	186	-197	
-4	198	-201	H, 8, 0	-6	115	-44	1	270	-263	1	353	-408	5	138	141
-2	766	749				-2	300	302	2	45	45	3	389	401	
0	731	-732	-11	184	178	3	429	441	4	422	407	3	258	263	
1	322	317	-10	90	108	2	251	245	5	614	-632	6	176	-143	
2	234	229	-9	121	-145	3	266	250	7	294	-310	7	112	-112	
3	455	455	-8	87	-47	4	213	191	9	156	-168	10	154	136	
4	272	294	-7	190	198	5	450	458	10	192	200	1	160	-143	
6	66	101	-6	126	117	6	148	-176	H, 5, 1	H, 5, 1	2	157	-175		
7	209	208	-5	97	-55	8	256	-292		5	184	224	6	191	-179
8	110	-95	-2	153	161	9	102	-72	-10	240	242	8	145	150	
10	98	47	1	140	137	10	112	-113	-8	249	-267	-7	244	-260	
11	123	-161	2	228	225	-10	107	87	-5	737	755	11	134	160	
12	90	-80	3	193	198	H, -5, 1	-7	107	87	-4	159	185	12	198	217
						-4	120	-75	-2	454	471				
H, 4, 0						-8	126	104	-3	151	161	-2	155	161	
						-2	138	-162	-2	515	-405	H, -8, 2			
-13	118	160	-12	115	-116	-2	116	137	3	349	341	1	150	359	
-12	95	91	-8	151	-170	-1	416	-417	1	424	-380	2	143	-165	
-11	297	-327	-7	100	59	0	508	-508	2	806	778	4	105	-119	
-10	88	-87	-6	146	151	1	310	-329	3	363	365	5	233	-290	
-8	112	-101	-4	95	-88	2	457	459	4	691	654	7	108	55	
-7	570	-562	-3	153	-164	3	302	305	5	548	-569	1	119	-76	
-6	498	494	-2	177	-186	4	161	-167	6	369	-374	H, 6, 1			
-3	174	-164	3	126	-85	5	328	-329	7	221	-217	3	148	-135	
-2	375	-380				6	446	-449	8	100	79	-10	133	-141	
-1	722	-692	H, 10, 0	9	148	-170	9	210	-202	-7	166	-224	9	114	132
0	298	-282				-1	173	-176	-3	653	-627	4	158	-155	
1	380	-395	-11	148	-158	H, -4, 1			-4	117	-114	H, -7, 2			
2	234	236	-6	145	-150	-6	178	178	-2	167	-202				
3	234	256	-5	145	-150	-8	191	-196	-1	177	185	-10	144	74	
4	435	-442	2	184	169	-6	300	301	-7	263	262	0	371	370	
5	223	-239	-1	105	78	-8	301	-302	-1	177	185	-2	113	73	
6	269	332	1	104	-121	-3	101	-124	-5	762	750	1	179	-188	
7	85	-54	2	126	-151	-2	130	120	-4	1097	-1048	2	151	-178	
8	80	38	-1	173	-176	-3	653	-627	4	158	-155	1	402	401	

Table 5. Continued.

	H,-7,2	-3	133	-118	1	568	-599	-3	247	-230	H,-4,3	3	257	-211					
9	408	379	-1	985	-918	3	140	164	-2	132	-127	-9	125	-98					
4	261	245	0	766	789	4	247	293	3	198	-187	-4	432	-411					
5	133	126	1	887	860	5	504	-541	-3	343	-334	6	244	243					
6	330	-347	2	627	-578	7	169	192	H,-9,2	-2	624	-582	7	306	325				
7	143	-150	3	271	263	8	175	202	-3	167	149	1	254	-236					
8	143	148	4	315	308	9	142	-107	-2	129	120	3	131	-138					
9	294	282	5	555	-576	11	142	-107	-1	142	123	5	75	-46					
13	238	238	6	319	-327	7	223	238	H,-3,2	0	141	144	6	138	126				
			8	146	132		2	135	-149	2	135	-149	7	280	270				
			9	170	147		H,-6,2				H,-3,3				-3	208	-191		
-9	130	-18	10	147	140	-11	156	-114	H,-11,3							-2	333	-315	
-8	154	87	12	162	155	-10	161	161								-1	152	-146	
-6	176	194				-9	108	16	-2	124	113	-9	168	135	1	239	239		
-5	144	179	H,-1,2			-8	106	-82	0	112	-146	-7	165	135	1	240	-544		
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12	107	-121	4	476	-511	-5	174	183	-4	155	154	-3	145	136		
		5	138	128	-4	193	207	H, 6, 7	0	235	244	1	80	63		
H, -8, 6	6	272	256	-2	235	-219			0	269	213	4	125	-145		
-6	110	118	10	252	-226	-1	192	-167	-5	148	-142	-9	122	-74		
-5	159	158	H, -2, 6	0	96	-86	-4	285	-273	1	100	140	6	139	134	
-4	119	101	2	111	-96	-3	109	-110	4	135	118	10	119	-74		
-1	95	-114	-8	228	267	5	107	61	-1	268	263	8	103	35		
2	313	-313	-7	206	169		0	214	366	H, 1, 7	-5	109	-101			
3	122	-141	-5	119	123	H, 5, 6	1	224	235	-4	121	-72				
5	224	-237	-4	368	329	3	117	124	-11	153	185	-2	164	148		
6	69	87	-3	121	-116	-10	118	-89	4	214	224	-1	281	293		
7	246	269	-2	292	292	-5	178	190	5	72	67	-6	133	-160		
8	251	224	-1	432	439	-4	144	152	6	97	-7	-5	210	-234		
10	117	77	0	276	-312	-3	119	124	8	115	124	-4	249	-254		
		1	305	-276	-1	233	-204	9	114	116	-1	249	270	3	157	-166
H, -7, 6	2	204	-209	-1	233	-204	10	117	-141	0	262	274	5	119	104	
		3	270	-245	2	0	242	-199	11	117	-76	4	158	150		
-9	124	-9	4	205	203	2	109	-106	13	120	75	5	127	85		
-6	124	119	5	530	507						7	122	-38	7	127	-101
-3	192	211	6	142	-114	H, 6, 6						10	120	-121		
-1	263	255	9	114	-45	H, -5, 7						11	143	83		
0	433	455	11	115	96	-6	248	221	-5	259	-252	12	103	46		
1	307	-300	-5	156	145	-4	264	-274	-8	101	-38					
2	777	-761	H, 1, 6	-3	189	176	0	103	-87	-6	222	222	H, -7, 8			
3	238	-257	0	140	99	1	100	110	-5	116	86					
5	167	148	-10	131	-81	H, 7, 6	2	121	130	-2	198	-193	-7	129	-86	
6	90	89	-9	106	16		4	292	301	-1	402	-448	-6	114	-141	
7	234	-244	-8	107	102		5	304	361	1	125	-130	-2	125	254	
8	112	131	-7	204	-232	-1	193	129	6	111	147	1	123	155		
9	142	222	-5	250	235		7	227	-227	2	146	143	2	217	225	
10	116	55	-4	413	408	H, -13, 7	10	127	101	6	195	157	3	244	269	
11	140	156	-3	182	184		11	127	-91	7	132	116	4	243	236	
		-1	575	-613	2	113	-4	H, -4, 7		6	219	-212	6	139	-123	
H, -6, 6	1	138	131	4	116	112	H, 3, 7		7	139	-123		8	161	-169	
-8	122	-22	3	325	-329	-10	155	132	-5	106	-68	-11	146	-113		

Table 5. Continued.

phases were determined by a modification of the GIER algol program ML4, written by M. S. Lehmann.⁶ After that phase refinements were performed by the program N16⁷ according to the method described by Karle and Karle.⁵ The results of the phase refinements were 894 phases for each possibility. Table 3 shows the 4 possibilities with corresponding R_E -values (eqn. 5.2 in Karle and Karle).⁵ The second set was selected as the most probable and a Fourier synthesis was calculated.⁸ Chlorine atoms were placed at the positions of the 12 highest peaks and the R -values were calculated⁹ to 46 %. By successive Fourier synthesis and R calculations it was possible to determine positions for 39 atoms and it appeared eventually that the formula was $Mg(PO_2Cl_2)_2(POCl_3)_2$. The R -value was now 26 % and the structure was seen to be centrosymmetric. By full matrix least squares refinement using the program ORFLS in the X-ray-63 system,¹⁰ the R -value was reduced to 10 %. As anisotropic factors were used, the computer (IBM 7090) was too small for the total matrix, so the refinement was made in blocks containing as many atoms as possible. Atomic scattering factors were selected from *International Tables*.¹¹ Table 4 shows the final parameters. The observed and calculated structure factors are shown in Table 5 as printed by the LISTFC program.¹⁰

DISCUSSION

The structure of $Mg(PO_2Cl_2)_2(POCl_3)_2$ is similar to the structure of $Mn(PO_2Cl_2)_2(CH_3COOC_2H_5)_2$. In both cases the metal atom is octahedrally coordinated by oxygen. Four of the oxygen atoms belong to four PO_2Cl_2 groups which form bridges to two other metal atoms. The remaining two oxygen atoms are in *cis* positions. In the magnesium compound they belong to two phosphoryl chloride groups, in the manganese compound they belong to two ethyl acetate groups. The infinite chains formed by the dichlorophosphate groups run in the direction of the *c*-axis. Fig. 1 shows an MgO octahedron with the attached groups.

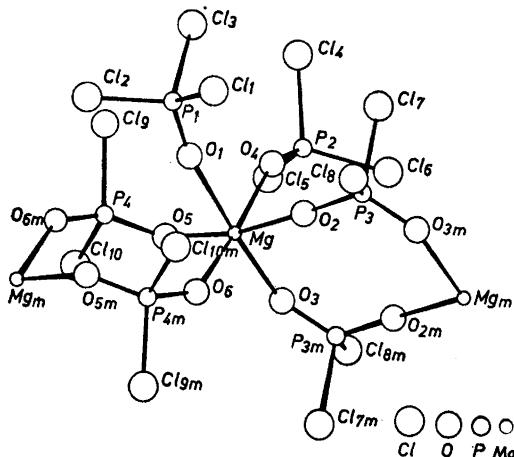


Fig. 1. MgO octahedron with the attached groups.

The similarity between the two solved structures now explains why the magnesium compound when dissolved in organic solvents such as ketones or esters is crystallized as $Mg(PO_2Cl_2)_2(\text{solvent})_2$.^{1,2}

Table 6.

Distances	\AA	$\sigma \times 10^3$	Angles	Degrees	$\sigma \times 10$
$Mg - O_1$	2.146	13	$O_1 - Mg - O_2$	85.5	4
$Mg - O_2$	2.003	9	$O_1 - Mg - O_3$	177.1	7
$Mg - O_3$	1.993	12	$O_1 - Mg - O_4$	85.1	6
$Mg - O_4$	2.122	18	$O_1 - Mg - O_5$	87.7	4
$Mg - O_5$	2.019	8	$O_1 - Mg - O_6$	89.9	6
$Mg - O_6$	2.010	16	$O_2 - Mg - O_3$	94.1	5
			$O_2 - Mg - O_4$	87.7	5
			$O_2 - Mg - O_5$	170.4	5
			$O_2 - Mg - O_6$	92.6	5
			$O_3 - Mg - O_4$	92.1	6
			$O_3 - Mg - O_5$	92.4	4
			$O_3 - Mg - O_6$	93.0	6
			$O_4 - Mg - O_5$	85.0	5
			$O_4 - Mg - O_6$	174.9	5
			$O_5 - Mg - O_6$	94.2	5
$P_1 - O_1$	1.410	12	$Mg - O_1 - P_1$	167.0	8
$P_1 - Cl_1$	1.955	7	$O_1 - P_1 - Cl_1$	114.3	5
$P_1 - Cl_2$	1.895	11	$O_1 - P_1 - Cl_2$	113.1	6
$P_1 - Cl_3$	1.948	10	$O_1 - P_1 - Cl_3$	113.0	8
			$Cl_1 - P_1 - Cl_2$	106.1	5
			$Cl_1 - P_1 - Cl_3$	103.7	4
			$Cl_2 - P_1 - Cl_3$	105.7	5
$P_2 - O_4$	1.429	19	$Mg - O_4 - P_2$	152.6	8
$P_2 - Cl_4$	1.944	8	$O_4 - P_2 - Cl_4$	112.1	7
$P_2 - Cl_5$	1.944	7	$O_4 - P_2 - Cl_5$	113.7	6
$P_2 - Cl_6$	1.917	8	$O_4 - P_2 - Cl_6$	114.0	6
			$Cl_4 - P_2 - Cl_5$	105.4	4
			$Cl_4 - P_2 - Cl_6$	105.5	5
			$Cl_5 - P_2 - Cl_6$	105.5	4
$P_3 - O_2$	1.440	10	$Mg - O_2 - P_3$	162.0	11
$P_3 - O_{3m}$	1.434	12	$O_2 - P_3 - O_{3m}$	122.0	6
$P_3 - Cl_7$	2.005	8	$O_2 - P_3 - Cl_7$	108.3	6
$P_3 - Cl_8$	1.995	7	$O_2 - P_3 - Cl_8$	108.0	7
			$O_{3m} - P_3 - Cl_7$	108.6	7
			$O_{3m} - P_3 - Cl_8$	107.3	5
			$Cl_7 - P_3 - Cl_8$	100.8	3
$P_4 - O_5$	1.441	10	$Mg - O_5 - P_4$	144.2	7
$P_4 - O_{6m}$	1.440	16	$O_5 - P_4 - O_{6m}$	122.3	8
$P_4 - Cl_9$	2.010	7	$O_5 - P_4 - Cl_9$	108.7	6
$P_4 - Cl_{10}$	1.997	5	$O_5 - P_4 - Cl_{10}$	108.1	5
			$O_{6m} - P_4 - Cl_9$	107.0	5
			$O_{6m} - P_4 - Cl_{10}$	107.9	4
			$Cl_9 - P_4 - Cl_{10}$	100.8	3

Distances and angles were calculated by the BONDLA program.¹⁰ The values are shown in Table 6. The estimated standard deviations are of the order 0.01 Å for the distances and 0.5° for the angles. Mean values of the equivalent distances are shown in Table 7. The values were tested at the 5 % significance level. None of the equivalent distances are significantly different.

Table 7. Mean values of equivalent distances.

Number of dist.	Type	Mean dist., Å
4	MgO	2.006
2	MgO	2.134
2	PO in POCl_3	1.420
4	PO in PO_2Cl_2	1.439
6	PCl in POCl_3	1.934
4	PCl in PO_2Cl_2	2.002

The two sets of Mg—O distances have a significant difference of 0.13 Å, the P—Cl distances in POCl_3 and PO_2Cl_2 are significantly different by 0.07 Å. The P—O distances in the POCl_3 groups and the PO_2Cl_2 groups are not significantly different.

The dimensions of free POCl_3 as determined from electron diffraction measurements¹² are 1.45 Å for the P—O distance, 1.99 Å for the P—Cl distance, and 103.5° for the Cl—P—Cl angle. The POCl_3 groups in the present structure are thus only slightly distorted. There is no significant difference between the structure of PO_2Cl_2 in the magnesium compound and the manganese compound.

The temperature parameters vary in a way which is consistent with the geometric structure. Magnesium and phosphorus have the smallest temperature factor as these atoms are located at the center of an octahedron and a tetrahedron, respectively. The chlorine atoms and especially those in the POCl_3 groups have the greatest temperature factors. The anisotropic temperature parameters indicate that the main motion of the POCl_3 groups is an oscillation around the P—O bonds, and the main motion of the PO_2Cl_2 group is an oscillation in a plane perpendicular to the O—O direction.

Table 8. The shortest van der Waals contacts, Å.

$\text{Cl}_9 - \text{Cl}_3$	a	3.404	a: $1-x, -y, -z$
$\text{Cl}_7 - \text{Cl}_2$	b	3.479	b: $x, y, 1+z$
$\text{Cl}_8 - \text{Cl}_5$	c	3.513	c: $x, 1+y, 1+z$
$\text{Cl}_8 - \text{Cl}_{10}$	c	3.539	d: x, y, z
$\text{Cl}_8 - \text{Cl}_1$	d	3.610	e: $1-x, 1-y, 1-z$
$\text{Cl}_7 - \text{Cl}_1$	e	3.650	f: $-x, -1-y, -1-z$
$\text{Cl}_{10} - \text{Cl}_{10}$	f	3.667	g: $-x, -y, -z$
$\text{Cl}_8 - \text{Cl}_3$	e	3.679	
$\text{Cl}_9 - \text{Cl}_4$	a	3.693	
$\text{Cl}_{10} - \text{Cl}_1$	g	3.695	

The shortest van der Waals contacts are given in Table 8. The packing of the chains is dominated by the Cl—Cl interactions. The shortest distance is 3.404 Å and four of the distances are shorter than the most ordinary van der Waals distance of 3.6 Å.

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