

Multicomponent Polyanions. VIII. On the Crystal Structure of $\text{Na}_3\text{H}_6\text{Mo}_9\text{PO}_{34}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_x$, a Compound Containing Protonized Enneamolybdomonophosphate Anions

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In $\text{Na}_3\text{H}_6\text{Mo}_9\text{PO}_{34}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_x$ the Mo, Na, P, and O positions have been determined from three dimensional X-ray diffraction data collected with a PAILRED diffractometer using $\text{MoK}\alpha$ -radiation. Chemical analysis indicated an x -value of around 12–13. However, none of these water molecules could be detected with certainty in the X-ray analysis. There are two formula units in the hexagonal unit cell and the cell dimensions of the crystal used are $a = 14.248 \text{ \AA}$ and $c = 10.83 \text{ \AA}$. Different crystals seem to give slightly different cell dimensions. The space group is $P6_3$. It was found that the structure is built up of $\text{H}_6\text{Mo}_9\text{PO}_{34}^{3-}$ anions coupled together through O—Na—O bonds forming a three-dimensional network. Possible positions for the water molecules are discussed. Refinement by least squares methods using anisotropic vibrational parameters resulted in an R -value of 0.037, based on 1930 independent reflexions.

An equilibrium analysis in the aqueous system $\text{H}^+ - \text{MoO}_4^{2-} - \text{HPO}_4^{2-}$ has indicated that at excess of molybdate ions a series of protonized enneamolybdomonophosphates are formed and the complexes $(\text{H}^+)_{14}(\text{MoO}_4^{2-})_9(\text{HPO}_4^{2-})^6-$, $(\text{H}^+)_{15}(\text{MoO}_4^{2-})_9(\text{HPO}_4^{2-})^5-$, $(\text{H}^+)_{16}(\text{MoO}_4^{2-})_9(\text{HPO}_4^{2-})^4-$ and $(\text{H}^+)_{17}(\text{MoO}_4^{2-})_9(\text{HPO}_4^{2-})^3-$ have been proposed.¹ By crystallisation of aqueous solutions with compositions lying between the complexes $(\text{H}^+)_{16}(\text{MoO}_4^{2-})_9(\text{HPO}_4^{2-})^4-$ and $(\text{H}^+)_{17}(\text{MoO}_4^{2-})_9(\text{HPO}_4^{2-})^3-$ a crystalline phase of the formula $\text{Na}_3\text{H}_6\text{Mo}_9\text{PO}_{34}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_x$ was obtained. In the present work the crystal structure of this compound will be presented and discussed especially with reference to $\text{H}_6\text{Mo}_9\text{PO}_{34}^{3-}$, a polyanion group which forms the building units in the structure. The mentioned anion corresponds to the complex

$(\text{H}^+)_{17}(\text{MoO}_4^{2-})_9(\text{HPO}_4^{2-})^3-$ found in the equilibrium analysis. Also the Na^+ coordination to the group is of particular interest.

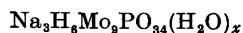
EXPERIMENTAL

In a typical preparation of the crystals, $\text{Na}_2\text{MoO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and $\text{NaH}_2\text{PO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ were dissolved in concentrated HClO_4 and then kept for crystallization at room temperature. The concentrations used were $[\text{MoO}_4^{2-}]_{\text{tot}} = 1.0 \text{ M}$, $[\text{HPO}_4^{2-}]_{\text{tot}} = 0.11 \text{ M}$ and $[\text{HClO}_4]_{\text{tot}} = 1.78 \text{ M}$. After a few days (sometimes weeks) of evaporation, yellowish crystals, grown as regular hexagonal prisms, were obtained. They are not stable in air and during the X-ray exposures they were enclosed together with part of the mother liquid in a sealed capillary of Lindemann glass. The contents of Na, Mo, and P were determined by elemental analysis (carried out at the Department of Analytical Chemistry, University of Umeå). (Found weight-%: Na 4.3; P 1.8; Mo 49.8. Calc. for $\text{Na}_3\text{H}_6\text{Mo}_9\text{PO}_{34}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{12}$: Na 4.0; P 1.8; Mo 49.9). In some experiments we measured the loss of water in thermobalance analysis. The results found here were 12–13 H_2O per formula unit. From rotation photographs around [001] and [100] and the corresponding Weissenberg photographs (zero, first and second layer lines) taken with $\text{CuK}\alpha$ -radiation it was concluded that the crystals are hexagonal. The dimension of the c -axis was determined from rotation photographs and the a -axis was calculated from omega measurements on the diffractometer. The parameters of the crystals used in the collection of the intensity material had the values $a = 14.248 \text{ \AA}$ and $c = 10.83 \text{ \AA}$. When the cell dimensions were calculated and refined from powder photographs the following parameters were obtained: $a = 14.182 \text{ \AA}$ and $c = 10.758 \text{ \AA}$. The differences between the two determinations are too large to

arise from experimental errors; they are most probably due to variable water contents in the crystals. Systematic extinctions were found only for 00*l*-reflexions with *l* odd. This is characteristic for the three space groups $P6_322$, $P6_3/m$, and $P6_3$. From the diffraction symmetry $P6_322$ could be rejected. Precession photographs were taken as a check on the space-group determination.

The density of the crystals was determined by flotation in a bromoform diiodomethane solution and the result was $d = 3.04 \pm 0.03$ g/cm³ ($d_{\text{calc}} = 3.02$ with 12 H₂O; 3.05 with 13 H₂O). Three-dimensional intensity data were collected with a Philips PAILRED linear diffractometer using MoK α -radiation. The crystal was mounted along the *c*-axis. Reflexions with a relative statistical error of $\Delta I_0/I_0$ greater than 0.5 were omitted leaving a total of 5159 reflexions from the layers *hk0* - *hk11*. The intensities were corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects and absorption correction was applied. In each level the reflexions *h*, *k*; -*k*, (*h* + *k*) and -(*h* + *k*), *h* were equivalent within experimental errors. For equivalent reflexions an arithmetic mean value was calculated which gave a set of 1930 independent reflexions. In connection with this calculation the quotient between the strongest and weakest reflexions in every triplet was computed. This test showed very good agreement between equivalent F_0 -values. In about 90% of the triplets the quotient varied from 0.9 to 1.1 and for the remaining triplets, which all included weak reflexions, the range was 0.8-1.2. The computer programs used were the same as those given in Ref. 2.

Crystal data



Hexagonal, $P6_3$

$Z = 2$

$a = 14.248(1)$ Å

$c = 10.83(1)$ Å

$d_{\text{calc}} = 3.02$ ($x = 12$); 3.05 ($x = 13$) g/cm³

$d_{\text{exp}} = 3.04 \pm 0.03$ g/cm³

$V = 1903.9$ Å³

$\mu = 30.2$ cm⁻¹ (MoK α)

STRUCTURE DETERMINATION AND REFINEMENT

The structure determination was initiated assuming the space group $P6_3/m$ but this failed and the space group $P6_3$ was tried. In a Patterson synthesis the symmetry vectors should be found in Harker planes such as ($2x, 2y, \frac{1}{2}$) and ($2y, 2y - 2x, \frac{1}{2}$). From the calculations of the highest of these peaks the three molybdenum atoms were located. A refinement at this stage gave an *R*-value of 0.17. Using the known Mo-atoms a three-dimensional Fourier synthesis

was performed. This gave the positions of Na, P and the oxygens bound to P and Mo. The *R*-value decreased to 0.05 using isotropic temperature factors and to 0.04 when anisotropic temperature factors were used. A second Fourier synthesis using the known atoms gave no distinct water oxygen peaks neither did a difference Fourier map. The highest peaks in the latter were equivalent to an electron density of about $4e^-/\text{Å}^3$. The reason for the failure to find the water oxygens is most likely that the water in the structure is not structural. The highest peaks in the difference Fourier map are probably only partly occupied positions. In the description and discussion of the structure the water content will be treated further.

The positional parameters and anisotropic temperature factors for the atoms were refined by full-matrix least squares methods and the final *R*-value was 0.037. $R = \sum ||F_0| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_0|$. The atomic scattering factors used for Mo³⁺ were those given by Cromer and Waber,³ for P those given by Hanson, Herman, Lea and Skillman⁴ and for Na⁺ and O⁻ the values in International Tables.⁵ Account was taken of the real part of the dispersion correction.⁵ A weight-

Table 1. The fractional atomic coordinates and in parentheses their estimated standard deviations (referring to the last decimal place given). For the oxygen atoms indexed O(ij) or OP(ij) the (ij) means that the atom is bonded to the molybdenum atoms i and j.

	X	Y	Z
Mo1	0.75741(6)	0.49246(6)	0.0001(1)
Mo2	0.71956(7)	0.59972(7)	0.3201(1)
Mo3	0.46374(6)	0.40204(7)	0.2643(1)
P	0.6667(0)	0.3333(0)	0.2745(5)
O(1)	0.8272(7)	0.5903(6)	-0.1090(8)
O(11')	0.7909(6)	0.3771(5)	-0.0702(7)
OP(11'1'')	0.6667(0)	0.3333(0)	0.130(1)
O(13)	0.8870(5)	0.5133(5)	0.1074(7)
O(12)	0.7303(5)	0.5607(5)	0.1206(7)
O1(2)	0.7742(7)	0.7330(6)	0.279(1)
O2(2)	0.7051(8)	0.5979(8)	0.476(1)
O1(23)	0.8522(5)	0.5884(6)	0.3191(9)
O2(23)	0.5693(6)	0.5491(6)	0.2717(9)
OP(23)	0.6298(6)	0.4123(6)	0.3182(9)
O1(3)	0.3516(7)	0.4137(8)	0.245(1)
O2(3)	0.4636(7)	0.4274(7)	0.4660(9)
Na	0.167(1)	0.339(1)	0.172(2)
Aq1	0.18	0.51	0.14
Aq2	0.03	0.25	0.01

Table 2. Final anisotropic thermal parameters ($\times 10^4$) and their estimated standard deviations ($\times 10^4$) in parentheses. The parameters are calculated according to the formula $\exp[-(h^2\beta_{11} + k^2\beta_{22} + l^2\beta_{33} + hk\beta_{12} + hl\beta_{13} + kl\beta_{23})]$

	β_{11}	β_{22}	β_{33}	β_{12}	β_{13}	β_{23}
Mo1	19 (0)	17 (0)	23 (1)	18 (1)	2 (1)	4 (1)
Mo2	26 (0)	23 (0)	36 (1)	26 (1)	-2 (1)	-15 (1)
Mo3	22 (0)	26 (0)	28 (1)	29 (1)	4 (1)	-3 (1)
P	18 (1)	18 (1)	17 (4)	18 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)
O(1)	40 (5)	24 (4)	39 (8)	26 (7)	18 (9)	23 (8)
O(11')	24 (4)	30 (4)	14 (6)	32 (6)	1 (6)	0 (6)
OP(11'1'')	15 (4)	15 (4)	30(13)	15 (4)	0 (0)	0 (0)
O(13)	24 (4)	23 (4)	30 (7)	21 (6)	-3 (7)	5 (7)
O(12)	22 (4)	23 (4)	26 (6)	22 (6)	0 (7)	-7 (7)
O1(2)	40 (5)	31 (5)	71(10)	38 (8)	-5(11)	-10(11)
O2(2)	36 (5)	54 (7)	44(11)	39(10)	3(10)	-24(11)
O1(23)	23 (4)	30 (4)	44 (7)	29 (6)	-15 (8)	-25 (9)
O2(23)	28 (4)	25 (4)	48 (7)	32 (7)	-3(10)	-11 (9)
OP(23)	26 (4)	23 (4)	32 (7)	31 (6)	-1 (8)	-16 (8)
O1(3)	36 (5)	48 (6)	51(10)	63 (9)	10(10)	1(11)
O2(3)	46 (5)	40 (5)	34 (9)	44 (9)	21 (9)	-10 (9)
Na	166(13)	311(20)	184(19)	233(27)	-5(28)	-46(35)

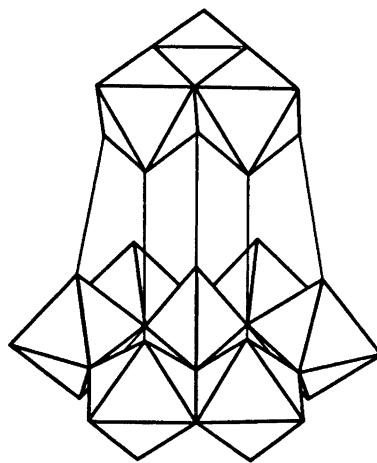


Fig. 1. The coupling of the nine MoO_6 -octahedra and the PO_4 -tetrahedron in the $\text{Mo}_9\text{PO}_{34}$ -group. For clarity the figure is idealised.

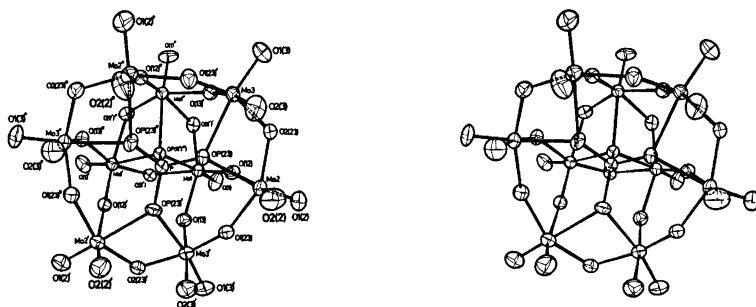


Fig. 2. Stereoscopic view of the $\text{Mo}_9\text{PO}_{34}$ -group.

Table 3. Observed and calculated structure factors ($\times 10$).

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		8	2	514	534	4	12	652	649	14	4	967	975	7	3	425	434			
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6	7	1017	993					10	5	449	459	5	1	1478	1383	L= 3				
6	6	1546	1517					10	4	286	271	5	2	947	879					
6	5	809																		

Table 3. Continued.

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13 2 280 289		7 2 1493 1493		3 4 373 401		12 0 472 468		7 2 693 704		3 7 800 779		14 1 469 469	
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Table 3. Continued.

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	6 0 1530 1580	14 2 484 505	4 3 1219 1251	10 3 195 204	3 2 250 254	8 6 129 90	
2 8 3h3 360	7 0 394 354	14 1 131 138	4 2 668 667	10 2 536 542	3 3 124 111	8 5 632 437	
2 7 238 234	7 1 507 495	14 0 141 124	4 1 595 601	10 1 273 274	3 4 355 353	8 4 434 421	
2 6 308 315	7 2 148 124	15 0 137 128	4 0 899 897	10 0 434 446	3 5 559 583	8 3 362 352	
2 5 83 54	7 3 537 528	15 1 440 432	5 0 489 484	11 1 519 503	3 6 107 74	8 2 514 538	
2 4 536 533	7 4 592 573	15 2 145 172	5 1 745 749	11 2 504 590	3 7 369 379	8 1 690 703	
2 3 845 813	7 5 452 441	16 0 157 156	5 2 218 217	11 4 181 187	3 8 177 161	8 0 429 414	
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3 1 898 885	7 9 324 330	1 1 440 494	5 6 221 204	12 5 385 395	3 13 174 167	9 3 383 391	
3 2 292 283	7 10 435 414	1 2 179 146	5 7 265 261	12 4 344 348	3 14 204 200	9 4 150 159	
3 3 243 286	7 11 116 138	1 3 179 146	5 8 482 483	12 3 190 194	4 13 120 85	9 5 132 126	
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3 5 621 633	8 9 316 316	1 5 286 261	5 10 223 226	12 1 438 433	4 11 157 150	9 7 115 128	
3 6 117 114	8 8 305 321	1 6 179 166	5 11 117 74	12 0 458 462	4 10 574 581	9 8 318 334	
3 7 818 806	8 7 120 120	1 7 314 305	6 12 134 79	13 0 523 548	4 9 177 772	9 9 117 62	
3 8 769 793	8 6 615 613	1 8 998 999	6 10 189 182	13 1 363 363	4 8 134 132	10 8 162 172	
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3 11 455 447	8 4 522 526	1 10 197 199	6 8 237 215	13 3 249 263	4 6 236 295	10 6 313 309	
3 12 325 319	8 3 138 148	1 11 197 199	6 6 352 344	13 4 178 171	4 5 985 709	10 5 134 107	
3 13 713 697	8 2 375 372	1 12 219 212	6 5 328 346	13 5 285 307	4 4 451 466	10 4 332 352	
3 14 258 291	8 1 622 622	1 13 182 185	6 4 399 401	14 3 113 102	4 3 934 962	10 3 288 301	
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4 8 299 284	9 5 138 106	2 10 239 235	7 2 653 657	16 0 240 246	5 3 218 227	11 5 284 295	
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4 6 534 538	9 8 122 151	2 8 167 185	7 4 195 194	L = 11	5 5 768 764	11 7 384 385	
4 5 610 596	9 9 216 214	2 6 90 85	7 5 278 284		5 6 137 138	12 6 552 535	
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5 1 153 151	10 1 840 840	3 0 341 345	8 10 387 384	1 8 211 206	6 8 252 234	13 0 524 527	
5 2 627 639	10 0 478 481	3 1 305 316	8 9 276 275	1 9 284 284	6 7 271 280	13 2 508 517	
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5 4 581 571	11 1 478 494	3 3 268 298	8 7 133 122	1 11 429 434	6 5 133 119	13 4 144 128	
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5 6 247 238/	11 3 181 172	3 5 379 364	8 5 215 212	1 13 236 234	6 3 316 301	14 2 189 200	
5 7 625 636/	11 4 405 404	3 6 668 652	8 4 533 548	1 14 292 290	6 2 165 173	14 0 247 263	
5 8 366 312	11 5 973 974	3 7 627 634	8 3 367 359	1 15 227 181	6 1 232 221		
5 9 180 193	11 6 286 291	3 8 979 987	8 2 281 293	2 14 149 152	6 0 951 952		
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5 12 198 222	12 5 649 652	3 11 246 240	9 0 257 277	2 11 116 77	7 2 421 431		
5 13 211 218	12 4 123 125	3 12 373 358	9 1 412 405	2 10 553 550	7 3 147 140		
5 14 289 282	12 3 290 279	3 13 512 491	9 2 501 495	2 9 335 314	7 4 713 709		
6 11 412 416	12 2 461 470	3 14 708 703	9 3 154 142	2 8 231 227	7 5 871 877		
6 10 642 649	12 1 958 964	4 13 270 276	9 4 309 312	2 7 209 224	7 6 303 290		
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6 8 263 263	13 0 263 270	4 11 196 206	9 6 127 98	2 5 269 292	7 8 250 239		
6 7 465 477	13 1 124 118	4 10 115 83	9 7 119 96	2 4 353 371	7 9 621 619		
6 6 357 343	13 2 318 325	4 9 647 670	9 8 109 145	2 3 508 516	7 10 287 266		
6 5 119 101	13 3 289 293	4 8 544 540	9 9 216 249	2 2 435 405	7 11 347 336		
6 4 570 562	13 4 221 224	4 7 106 100	10 7 121 145	2 1 361 358	8 10 154 170		
6 3 197 197	13 5 381 379	4 6 316 322	10 6 478 463	2 0 482 491	8 9 614 628		

ing scheme according to Cruickshank was applied:

$\omega = 1/(a + |F_o| + c|F_o|^2 + d|F_o|^3)$ where the values of the constants were $a = 50$, $c = 0.0004$ and $d = 0.00009$.

Final atomic coordinates, vibrational parameters and corresponding standard deviations are given in Tables 1 and 2, and a comparison between the observed and calculated structure factors is reported in Table 3.

DESCRIPTION AND DISCUSSION OF THE STRUCTURE

The structure is built up of $H_6Mo_9PO_{34}^{3-}$ -groups coordinated by sodium ions. Each Na^+ -ion connects four adjacent groups by forming O-Na-O-bridges and in this way a three-dimensional network is formed.

The $H_6Mo_9PO_{34}^{3-}$ -group. This group consists of a central PO_4 tetrahedron surrounded by nine MoO_6 octahedra. Three of the octahedra form a compact group in which each octahedron is linked to its neighbour on either side by a shared edge. The corner common to the three octahedra is then shared with the PO_4 tetrahedron. The structure of the compact group is shown in the upper part of Fig. 1.

The remaining six MoO_6 octahedra are then coupled together in a zigzag arrangement forming a ring. The ring may be considered as built up of three Mo_2O_{10} -groups linked together by sharing corners. The two MoO_6 octahedra in the Mo_2O_{10} -group share two oxygens in a common edge and one of these oxygens is shared with the PO_4 tetrahedron. The arrangement of the ring and the PO_4 -group is illustrated in the lower part of Fig. 1. The ring is then linked to

Table 4. Distances (Å) and angles (degrees) within the $H_6Mo_9PO_{34}^{3-}$ -group. The numbering of the atoms is in accordance with that shown in Table 1, with primes indicating atoms in symmetry related positions. The standard deviations given in parentheses refer to the last decimal place given.

Mo, P

Mo1—Mo1'	3.411(1)	P—Mo1	3.564(11)
Mo1—Mo2	3.933(3)	P—Mo2	3.516 (2)
Mo1—Mo3	3.690(3)	P—Mo3	3.486 (1)
Mo2—Mo3	3.364(1)	Mo3—Mo2—Mo3'	117.23(4)
Mo2—Mo3'	3.703(1)	Mo2—Mo3—Mo2'	117.04(4)

MoO₆-octahedra

Mo1—O(1)	1.713(9)	OP(11'1'')—Mo1—O(13)	80.3(3)
Mo1—O(11')	2.080(7)	OP(11'1'')—Mo1—O(12)	85.8(4)
Mo1—O(11')'	1.826(8)	OP(11'1'')—Mo1—O(11')	72.3(3)
Mo1—O(12)	1.778(8)	OP(11'1'')—Mo1—O(11')'	76.4(3)
Mo1—O(13)	2.075(8)	O(1)—Mo1—O(13)	99.1(4)
Mo1—OP(11'1'')	2.419(9)	O(1)—Mo1—O(12)	104.9(4)
OP(11'1'')—O(13)	2.908(7)	O(1)—Mo1—O(11')	97.1(4)
OP(11'1'')—O(12)	2.894(7)	O(1)—Mo1—O(11')'	102.0(4)
OP(11'1'')—O(11')	2.67 (1)	O(13)—Mo1—O(12)	85.9(3)
O(1)—O(13)	2.89 (1)	O(12)—Mo1—O(11')'	101.2(3)
O(1)—O(12)	2.77 (1)	O(11')—Mo1—O(11')'	87.0(4)
O(1)—O(11')	2.85 (1)	O(11')—Mo1—O(13)	77.2(3)
O(1)—O(11')'	2.75 (1)		
O(13)—O(12)	2.63 (1)		
O(12)—O(11')'	2.79 (1)		
O(11')—O(11')'	2.70 (1)		
O(11')—O(13)	2.59 (1)		
Mo2—O1(2)	1.708(9)	O2(2)—Mo2—O1(23)	97.2(5)
Mo2—O2(2)	1.70 (1)	O2(2)—Mo2—OP(23)	90.3(4)
Mo2—O(12)	2.258(9)	O2(2)—Mo2—O2(23)	98.8(5)
Mo2—O1(23)	1.971(7)	O2(2)—Mo2—O1(2)	104.9(5)
Mo2—O2(23)	1.942(8)	O(12)—Mo2—O1(23)	77.7(4)
Mo2—OP(23)	2.312(7)	O(12)—Mo2—OP(23)	76.8(3)
O2(2)—O1(23)	2.76 (1)	O(12)—Mo2—O2(23)	81.5(3)
O2(2)—OP(23)	2.87 (1)	O(12)—Mo2—O1(2)	88.4(5)
O2(2)—O2(23)	2.77 (1)	O1(23)—Mo2—OP(23)	84.2(3)
O2(2)—O1(2)	2.70 (2)	OP(23)—Mo2—O2(23)	72.9(3)
O(12)—O1(23)	2.66 (1)	O2(23)—Mo2—O1(2)	97.8(4)
O(12)—OP(23)	2.84 (1)	O1(2)—Mo2—O1(23)	100.1(4)
O(12)—O2(23)	2.75 (1)		
O(12)—O1(2)	2.79 (1)		
O1(23)—OP(23)	2.88 (1)		
OP(23)—O2(23)	2.55 (1)		
O2(23)—O1(2)	2.76 (1)		
O1(2)—O1(23)	2.83 (1)		
Mo3—O1(3)	1.697(9)	O2(3)—Mo3—O1(23)'	79.4(4)
Mo3—O2(3)	2.21 (1)	O2(3)—Mo3—OP(23)	80.4(3)
Mo3—O(13)'	1.813(9)	O2(3)—Mo3—O2(23)	81.2(4)
Mo3—O1(23)'	1.825(8)	O2(3)—Mo3—O1(3)	91.3(4)
Mo3—O2(23)	1.886(7)	O(13)'—Mo3—O1(23)'	94.9(4)
Mo3—OP(23)	2.375(7)	O(13)'—Mo3—OP(23)	87.7(3)
O2(3)—O1(23)'	2.60 (1)	O(13)'—Mo3—O2(23)	99.0(4)
O2(3)—OP(23)	2.96 (1)	O(13)'—Mo3—O1(3)	101.0(4)
O2(3)—O2(23)	2.68 (1)	O1(23)'—Mo3—OP(23)	80.8(3)
O2(3)—O1(3)	2.82 (1)	OP(23)—Mo3—O2(23)	72.3(3)
O(13)'—O1(23)'	2.68 (1)	O2(23)—Mo3—O1(3)	99.9(4)
O(13)'—OP(23)	2.93 (1)	O1(3)—Mo3—O1(23)'	104.5(4)

Table 4. Continued.

O(13)'-O2(23)	2.81 (1)		
O(13)'-O1(3)	2.71 (1)		
O1(23)'-OP(23)	2.75 (1)		
OP(23)-O2(23)	2.55 (1)		
O2(23)-O1(3)	2.74 (1)		
O1(3)-O1(23)'	2.79 (1)		
PO ₄ -tetrahedron			
P-OP(11'1'')	1.57 (2)	OP(11'1'')-P-OP(23)	108.0(6)
P-OP(23)	1.532(8)	OP(23)-P-OP(23)'	110.9(5)
OP(11'1'')-OP(23)	2.51 (1)		
OP(23)-OP(23)'	2.52 (1)		

the compact group by sharing of corners as outlined in the same figure. Fifteen of the oxygen atoms in the group are unshared, two per octahedron in the ring and one per octahedron in the compact group. The symmetry in the group is a three-fold rotation axis (parallel to the *c*-axis).

Distances and angles between the Mo-atoms are collected in Table 4. It can be seen that when the MoO₆ octahedra share edges the Mo-Mo distances are 3.41 Å (Mo1-Mo1') and 3.36 Å (Mo2-Mo3).

When the octahedra share only a corner the distances increase to 3.70 Å (Mo2-Mo3'), 3.69 Å (Mo1-Mo3) and 3.93 Å (Mo1-Mo2). All these Mo-Mo distances are quite normal² but the distance Mo1-Mo2=3.93 Å is comparatively long. This is a result of the zigzag MoO₆ arrangement in the ring which in turn surely, is caused by the attached protons. However, the positions of these protons could not be determined in the present investigation.

The coordination of Na⁺-ions around the H₆Mo₉PO₃₄³⁻-groups. As mentioned above the H₆Mo₉PO₃₄³⁻-group has fifteen unshared oxygens. To twelve of these Na⁺-ions are coordinated. There is only one crystallographic sodium atom in the structure and this is attached to four Mo-oxygens, one in each of four different groups. In this way a three-dimensional network of H₆Mo₉PO₃₄³⁻-groups connected by O-Na-O bridges is formed. In all there are twelve Na⁺-ions around the group and since every ion is shared between four groups this implies that the charge of the group has been neutralized by the coordinated Na⁺-ions.

The MoO₆-octahedra. Distances and angles are collected in Table 4. The MoO₆-octahedra are somewhat distorted from an ideal octahedron

and the Mo-O distances can be divided into three groups according to the number of atoms that the oxygen atom is coordinated to:

(i) coordinated to one Mo atom, the distances are 1.71; 1.70; 1.71; 1.70; 2.21 (Å)

(ii) coordinated to two Mo atoms, the distances vary between 1.78 and 2.26 Å

(iii) coordinated to P and to two or three Mo atoms the distances vary between 2.31 and 2.42 Å.

The trend of increasing distances with increasing coordination numbers seems to be well documented. The same trend is found also in other structures.² An exception in the present study is the distance 2.21 Å occurring between Mo3 and O2(3). The explanation for this long distance must be that the oxygen is protonized.

The PO₄-tetrahedron. Distances and angles within the group are collected in Table 4. The distances P-O are 1.53 and 1.57 Å and the O-O distances are 2.51 and 2.52 Å. These distances and the angles O-P-O agree well with values found in other compounds containing phosphate groups and the group is almost regular.

The water molecules. The elemental analysis, calculation of formula weight from density and cell-volume as well as thermobalance analysis showed that the crystals contain 12-13 water molecules per formula unit. The positions of these water oxygens could, however, not be definitely determined in the structure analysis. One explanation for this could be that the water oxygen atoms are not structural. The positions of the oxygen atoms in relation to the Mo-atoms can also be so special that their contributions to the *F*_o-values are "drowned" in the contributions from the Mo-atoms. The small *R*-value (0.17), based on the Mo-atoms only,

shows how the contributions from these atoms dominate the intensity-material.

In earlier determinations of similar structures the Na^+ -ions have always coordinated six oxygen atoms. The Na^+ -ion in this structure coordinates four group-oxygens, therefore a reasonable assumption is that two water molecules should be found at a suitable distance from the sodium atom. Two of the highest peaks in the final difference Fourier map are also in such positions. (As these are general six-fold positions the two peaks correspond to six water molecules per formula unit). When these atoms were included in the refinement their temperature factors became very large and they were excluded in the final refinement. The positions of these presumed water oxygen atoms are, however, given in Table 1. It has not been possible to locate the remaining water molecules, perhaps they may be in the channels that can be found in the structure. In order to determine these remaining water oxygen positions, the intensity material must be completed with reflexions in a higher $\sin \theta/\lambda$ range perhaps also collected at lower temperatures. Work in this direction is in progress.

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