

# Pyridinium diaquabis(methylene-diphosphonato- $\kappa^2O,O'$ )chromate(III) tetrahydrate

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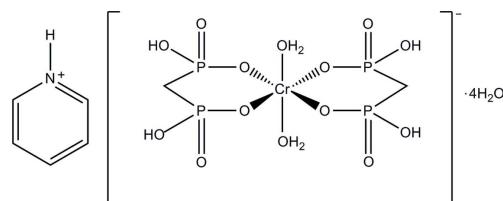
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study;  $T = 100$  K; mean  $\sigma(C-C) = 0.013$  Å; disorder in solvent or counterion;  $R$  factor = 0.024;  $wR$  factor = 0.070; data-to-parameter ratio = 14.7.

In the title complex,  $(C_5H_6N)[Cr(CH_4O_6P_2)_2(H_2O)_2] \cdot 4H_2O$ , the Cr<sup>III</sup> atom, lying on an inversion centre, is coordinated by two bidentate methylene diphosphonate ligands and two water molecules in a distorted octahedral coordination geometry. The pyridinium cation is located on an inversion centre, with an N atom and a C atom sharing a position each at a half occupancy. A three-dimensional network is constructed by O—H···O, N—H···O and C—H···O hydrogen bonds between the pyridinium cation, complex anion and uncoordinated water molecules.

## Related literature

For general background to metal-organic frameworks with diphosphonic acids, see: Barthelet *et al.* (2002). For related structures, see: Byun *et al.* (2006); Suh *et al.* (1997); Van der Merwe *et al.* (2009); Visser *et al.* (2010).



## Experimental

### Crystal data

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$b = 7.485$  (5) Å

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$\alpha = 107.085$  (5)°

$\beta = 106.128$  (5)°

$\gamma = 94.496$  (5)°

$V = 535.7$  (6) Å<sup>3</sup>

$Z = 1$

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation

$\mu = 0.92$  mm<sup>-1</sup>

$T = 100$  K

$0.22 \times 0.16 \times 0.08$  mm

### Data collection

Bruker APEXII CCD diffractometer

Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Bruker, 2001)

$T_{\min} = 0.843$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.931$

8784 measured reflections  
2632 independent reflections  
2483 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$

$R_{\text{int}} = 0.020$

### Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.024$

$wR(F^2) = 0.070$

$S = 1.05$

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179 parameters

16 restraints

H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.47$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.62$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

**Table 1**  
Selected bond lengths (Å).

Cr1—O1	1.991 (4)	Cr1—O7	1.964 (4)
Cr1—O2	1.956 (4)		

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

D—H···A	D—H	H···A	D···A	D—H···A
C1—H4···O6 <sup>i</sup>	0.97	2.49	3.346 (7)	147
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Data collection: *APEX2* (Bruker, 2007); cell refinement: *SAINT-Plus* (Bruker, 2007); data reduction: *SAINT-Plus*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXTL*; molecular graphics: *DIAMOND* (Brandenburg, 1999); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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### S1. Comment

The title compound forms part of an ongoing study in our group involving methylene diphosphonate and its coordination to various metal cores. (Van der Merwe *et al.*, 2009; Visser *et al.*, 2010). Diphosphonic acids are useful for the synthesis of metal-organic frameworks exhibiting microporous properties (Barthelet *et al.*, 2002).

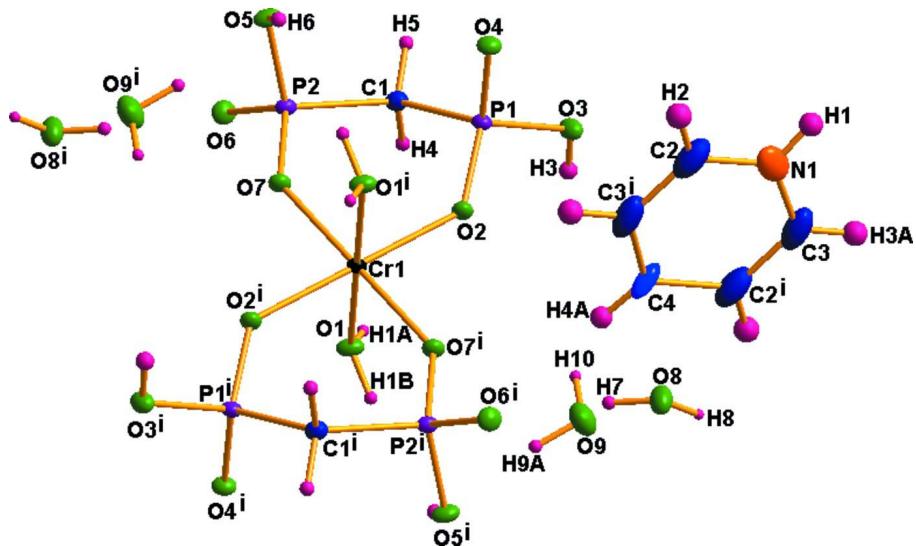
The Cr<sup>III</sup> ion in the title complex is in a distorted octahedral environment (Fig. 1), with Cr—O bond distances ranging from 1.956 (4) to 1.991 (4) Å (Table 1). All the bond distances and angles are well within the normal range (Byun *et al.*, 2006; Suh *et al.*, 1997). The pyridinium cation is located on an inversion centre and an N atom and a C atom share a position at a half occupancy for each atom. A three-dimensional network is provided by numerous hydrogen bonds between the pyridinium cation, complex anion and uncoordinated water molecules (Table 2).

### S2. Experimental

CrCl<sub>3</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O (0.092 g, 0.347 mmol) was dissolved in water (40 ml) and ammonium hydroxide was gradually added dropwise in order to precipitate Cr(III) hydroxide. Methylenediphosphonate (0.347 g, 2 mmol) was added to the Cr(OH)<sub>3</sub> and water (40 ml). The reaction solution was heated on an oil bath for 5 h at 100°C, after which pyridine (10 ml) was added to the solution. Boiling H<sub>2</sub>O (30 ml) was added and the solution was centrifuged. Green crystals of the title compound crystallized from the filtrate after several days.

### S3. Refinement

C-bound H atoms were positioned geometrically and refined as riding atoms, with C—H = 0.97 Å and  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ . The H atoms attached to hydroxy groups and water molecules were located on a difference Fourier map and refined isotropically except H3, which was refined as riding, with O3—H3 = 0.82 Å and  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H3}) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{O3})$ . A 50% positional disorder was assigned to N1 and C4, which share a position of the pyridine ring, as this provided the best fit of the data. Short C—C bond interactions, probably due to this disorder, are observed for the pyridinium cation.

**Figure 1**

Molecular structure of the title compound. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. [Symmetry code: (i) 1-x, 1-y, 1-z.]

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$F(000) = 303$

$D_x = 1.823$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>

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Cell parameters from 6300 reflections

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$h = -9 \rightarrow 9$

$k = -9 \rightarrow 6$

$l = -14 \rightarrow 14$

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$

Least-squares matrix: full

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$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0342P)^2 + 0.4874P]$   
where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.47 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.62 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$	Occ. (<1)
Cr1	0.5000	0.5000	0.5000	0.0082 (3)	
P2	0.2173 (2)	0.79359 (19)	0.41325 (14)	0.0086 (4)	
P1	0.29362 (19)	0.7622 (2)	0.69142 (14)	0.0085 (4)	
O2	0.4491 (6)	0.6457 (6)	0.6635 (4)	0.0110 (8)	
O5	-0.0069 (6)	0.7069 (6)	0.3539 (4)	0.0128 (8)	
O3	0.3700 (6)	0.8943 (6)	0.8418 (4)	0.0134 (8)	
H3	0.4774	0.9569	0.8570	0.020*	
O7	0.3373 (6)	0.6353 (6)	0.3947 (4)	0.0113 (8)	
O9	-0.0373 (8)	0.7358 (7)	0.8942 (5)	0.0235 (10)	
O1	0.7325 (6)	0.6953 (6)	0.5401 (4)	0.0121 (8)	
C1	0.2683 (8)	0.9145 (8)	0.5903 (6)	0.0108 (10)	
H4	0.3885	1.0063	0.6226	0.013*	
H5	0.1633	0.9841	0.6027	0.013*	
O4	0.0957 (6)	0.6494 (6)	0.6673 (4)	0.0118 (8)	
O8	0.2601 (7)	0.9720 (7)	1.1133 (5)	0.0198 (10)	
N1	0.381 (7)	0.479 (8)	0.070 (5)	0.028 (12)	0.50
H1	0.3025	0.4691	0.1145	0.034*	0.50
C4	0.381 (8)	0.466 (10)	0.078 (5)	0.024 (10)	0.50
H4A	0.3051	0.4405	0.1294	0.029*	0.50
C3	0.5612 (13)	0.5896 (11)	0.1367 (8)	0.0312 (17)	
H3A	0.6025	0.6454	0.2295	0.037*	
C2	0.3206 (12)	0.3837 (11)	-0.0627 (8)	0.0322 (17)	
H2	0.2008	0.3014	-0.1034	0.039*	
O6	0.2543 (6)	0.9385 (6)	0.3492 (4)	0.0133 (8)	
H8	0.193 (16)	0.882 (13)	1.042 (9)	0.06 (3)*	
H7	0.262 (14)	0.950 (13)	1.184 (7)	0.03 (2)*	
H1B	0.844 (10)	0.677 (12)	0.577 (8)	0.03 (2)*	
H1A	0.731 (13)	0.806 (9)	0.573 (8)	0.025*	
H6	-0.032 (11)	0.597 (8)	0.352 (9)	0.03 (3)*	
H9A	0.002 (13)	0.710 (13)	0.828 (8)	0.03 (2)*	
H10	-0.110 (17)	0.817 (16)	0.888 (14)	0.07 (4)*	

Atomic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
Cr1	0.0067 (6)	0.0081 (6)	0.0107 (6)	0.0020 (4)	0.0035 (4)	0.0035 (5)
P2	0.0072 (6)	0.0076 (7)	0.0120 (7)	0.0015 (5)	0.0031 (5)	0.0042 (5)
P1	0.0068 (6)	0.0084 (7)	0.0103 (7)	0.0011 (5)	0.0032 (5)	0.0025 (5)
O2	0.0103 (18)	0.0121 (19)	0.0119 (19)	0.0050 (15)	0.0043 (15)	0.0042 (15)
O5	0.0077 (18)	0.011 (2)	0.019 (2)	0.0004 (15)	0.0019 (15)	0.0053 (16)
O3	0.0110 (18)	0.013 (2)	0.0126 (19)	-0.0004 (15)	0.0036 (15)	0.0006 (16)
O7	0.0103 (18)	0.0116 (19)	0.0136 (19)	0.0046 (15)	0.0047 (15)	0.0048 (15)

O9	0.029 (3)	0.024 (3)	0.021 (2)	0.004 (2)	0.014 (2)	0.007 (2)
O1	0.0082 (18)	0.0088 (19)	0.019 (2)	0.0013 (15)	0.0034 (16)	0.0043 (16)
C1	0.010 (2)	0.008 (2)	0.013 (3)	0.0014 (19)	0.003 (2)	0.003 (2)
O4	0.0085 (18)	0.0114 (19)	0.0153 (19)	0.0000 (14)	0.0039 (15)	0.0043 (15)
O8	0.018 (2)	0.026 (2)	0.013 (2)	-0.0028 (18)	0.0032 (17)	0.0052 (19)
N1	0.04 (2)	0.028 (18)	0.033 (19)	0.019 (13)	0.019 (16)	0.023 (13)
C4	0.026 (18)	0.019 (15)	0.018 (15)	-0.001 (12)	-0.008 (12)	0.008 (13)
C3	0.042 (5)	0.020 (3)	0.021 (3)	0.007 (3)	-0.004 (3)	0.006 (3)
C2	0.033 (4)	0.023 (4)	0.029 (4)	0.000 (3)	-0.008 (3)	0.009 (3)
O6	0.0148 (19)	0.0108 (19)	0.016 (2)	0.0016 (15)	0.0053 (16)	0.0073 (16)

*Geometric parameters ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^{\circ}$ )*

Cr1—O1	1.991 (4)	O1—H1B	0.83 (6)
Cr1—O2	1.956 (4)	O1—H1A	0.80 (6)
Cr1—O7	1.964 (4)	C1—H4	0.9700
P2—O6	1.499 (4)	C1—H5	0.9700
P2—O7	1.519 (4)	O8—H8	0.85 (7)
P2—O5	1.568 (4)	O8—H7	0.83 (6)
P2—C1	1.804 (6)	N1—C2	1.34 (5)
P1—O4	1.512 (4)	N1—C3	1.36 (4)
P1—O4	1.512 (4)	N1—H1	0.8600
P1—O2	1.515 (4)	C4—C3	1.40 (5)
P1—O3	1.568 (4)	C4—C2	1.41 (5)
P1—C1	1.797 (6)	C4—H4A	0.9300
O5—H6	0.83 (5)	C3—C2 <sup>i</sup>	1.371 (13)
O3—H3	0.8200	C3—H3A	0.9300
O9—H9A	0.83 (6)	C2—C3 <sup>i</sup>	1.371 (13)
O9—H10	0.84 (7)	C2—H2	0.9300
O2 <sup>ii</sup> —Cr1—O2	180.00 (15)	P2—O5—H6	114 (5)
O2 <sup>ii</sup> —Cr1—O7	88.35 (17)	P1—O3—H3	109.5
O2—Cr1—O7	91.65 (17)	P2—O7—Cr1	140.0 (3)
O2 <sup>ii</sup> —Cr1—O7 <sup>ii</sup>	91.65 (17)	H9A—O9—H10	108 (10)
O2—Cr1—O7 <sup>ii</sup>	88.35 (17)	Cr1—O1—H1B	119 (6)
O7—Cr1—O7 <sup>ii</sup>	180.0 (2)	Cr1—O1—H1A	120 (6)
O2 <sup>ii</sup> —Cr1—O1 <sup>ii</sup>	90.51 (17)	H1B—O1—H1A	107 (9)
O2—Cr1—O1 <sup>ii</sup>	89.49 (17)	P1—C1—P2	114.8 (3)
O7—Cr1—O1 <sup>ii</sup>	90.81 (18)	P1—C1—H4	108.6
O7 <sup>ii</sup> —Cr1—O1 <sup>ii</sup>	89.19 (18)	P2—C1—H4	108.6
O2 <sup>ii</sup> —Cr1—O1	89.49 (17)	P1—C1—H5	108.6
O2—Cr1—O1	90.51 (17)	P2—C1—H5	108.6
O7—Cr1—O1	89.19 (18)	H4—C1—H5	107.5
O7 <sup>ii</sup> —Cr1—O1	90.81 (18)	H8—O8—H7	114 (10)
O1 <sup>ii</sup> —Cr1—O1	180.0 (3)	C2—N1—C3	123 (4)
O6—P2—O7	114.8 (2)	C2—N1—H1	118.3
O6—P2—O5	107.8 (2)	C3—N1—H1	118.3
O7—P2—O5	109.7 (2)	C3—C4—C2	116 (5)

O6—P2—C1	108.2 (3)	C3—C4—H4A	122.1
O7—P2—C1	109.0 (2)	C2—C4—H4A	122.1
O5—P2—C1	107.1 (2)	N1—C3—C2 <sup>i</sup>	118 (2)
O4—P1—O2	115.5 (2)	C2 <sup>i</sup> —C3—C4	122 (3)
O4—P1—O2	115.5 (2)	N1—C3—H3A	121.1
O4—P1—O3	107.9 (2)	C2 <sup>i</sup> —C3—H3A	121.1
O4—P1—O3	107.9 (2)	C4—C3—H3A	116.7
O2—P1—O3	108.6 (2)	N1—C2—C3 <sup>i</sup>	119 (2)
O4—P1—C1	110.1 (2)	C3 <sup>i</sup> —C2—C4	122 (2)
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O3—P1—C1	106.9 (3)	C4—C2—H2	117.1
P1—O2—Cr1	134.1 (2)		

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