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Bis(3,5-dimethylpyrazole-*κN*²)silver(I) nitrate

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The two independent bis(3,5-dimethylpyrazole)silver(I) cations in crystalline $[Ag(C_5H_7N_2)_2]NO_3$ display N-Ag-N angles of 175.51 (14) and 174.44 (13)°, and an average Ag-N distance of 2.124 (5) Å. The nitrate anion is situated between $[Ag(C_5H_7N_2)_2]^+$ units and interacts *via* hydrogen bonds with the NH groups. The two 3,5-dimethylpyrazole ligands are *trans* about the silver center. Only a small deviation from linearity is observed in the coordination around silver.

Comment

The chemistry of pyrazole and pyrazolate-metal complexes is quite extensive (Trofimenko, 1972, 1986). There has been much interest in the chemistry of pyrazolate adducts of coinage (group 11) metals (La Monica & Ardizzoia, 1997).

In recent years, we have been investigating the coordination chemistry of Ag^I, Au^I, and Cu^{II} with pyrazolate derivatives (Murray *et al.*, 1988). The X-ray structure analysis of the title compound, bis(3,5-dimethylpyrazole- κN^2)silver(I) nitrate, was undertaken to investigate the possible coordination flexibility of the pyrazole ligands with Ag atoms. Coordination flexibility in silver(I) complexes ranges from two to eight. Depending on the reaction conditions and the particular pyrazolate ligand, the coordination will change, but linear structures are the most common. Among published silver–pyrazolate complexes, the average N–Ag–N angles and Ag–N distances are 169 (9)° and 2.167 (17) Å, respectively (Allen & Kennard, 1993).



The crystal structure of (I) reveals two independent silverpyrazole units linked by nitrate ions. The resulting structure is almost centrosymmetric across the silver center. A potential center of symmetry at each Ag atom is broken by the deviation of the N-Ag-N moiety from linearity due to the



Figure 1

The molecular structure of (I). Displacement ellipsoids are shown at the 50% probability level for non-H atoms and H atoms are shown as spheres of arbitrary radii.

hydrogen bonds formed between the nitrate anion and the pyrazole ligand.

The Ag-N-N angles are 123.0 (2), 124.3 (3), 120.3 (2) and $120.8 (3)^{\circ}$ (Table 1). A drawing of the title compound is shown in Fig. 1, and bond distances and angles are given in Table 1. Hydrogen-bonding distances are shown in Table 2. The angle formed by the planes of the two five-membered rings attached to each silver center is 12.1 (1) $^{\circ}$ for Ag1 and 9.7 (1) $^{\circ}$ for Ag2, and only a small deviation from linearity is observed in the coordination around silver. No π - π stacking is apparent in the crystal structure. The crystal packing showed that the silverpyrazole units are linked by nitrates to form sheets, with Ag...N interactions between layers; the average Ag-N distance is 3.644 (4) Å. The hydrogen bonds formed between the NH groups and the nitrate anions are weak, with an average $N \cdots O$ distance of 3.01 (8) Å (Table 2). There is weaker hydrogen bonding to nitrate atoms N9 and N10 (see Table 2).

Experimental

The title compound was obtained by reaction of $AgNO_3$ with 3,5dimethylpyrazole (1:2 stoichiometric ratio) in tetrahydrofuran (THF). Fine colorless crystals were obtained by slow evaporation of the solvent or by slow diffusion of hexanes into a THF solution of the title compound. The chosen crystals were coated with a hydrocarbon oil and mounted on a glass fiber.

Crystal data

 $[Ag(C_5H_7N_2)_2]NO_3$ Z = 4 $M_{r} = 362.15$ $D_{\rm r} = 1.680 {\rm Mg} {\rm m}^{-3}$ Triclinic, P1 Mo $K\alpha$ radiation a = 10.030(1) Å Cell parameters from 4477 b = 11.336(1) Å reflections c = 13.656 (2) Å $\theta = 2.5 - 27.5^{\circ}$ $\mu = 1.42 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ $\alpha = 90.99 \ (2)^{\circ}$ $\beta = 109.47 \ (2)^{\circ}$ T = 213 (2) K $\gamma = 101.01 (3)^{\circ}$ Plate, colourless V = 1431.4 (3) Å³ $0.46 \times 0.12 \times 0.09 \text{ mm}$

Table 1Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Ag1-N2	2.119 (3)	Ag2—N6	2.127 (3)
Ag1-N3	2.120 (3)	Ag2-N7	2.129 (3)
N2-Ag1-N3	175.51 (14)	N4-N3-Ag1	120.3 (2)
N6-Ag2-N7	174.44 (12)	N5-N6-Ag2	124.3 (3)
N1-N2-Ag1	123.0 (2)	N8-N7-Ag2	120.8 (3)

Data collection

Bruker SMART diffractometer	3871 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
ω scans	$R_{\rm int} = 0.022$
Absorption correction: multi-scan	$\theta_{\rm max} = 25.0^{\circ}$
(SADABS; Blessing, 1995)	$h = -11 \rightarrow 11$
$T_{\rm min} = 0.703, \ T_{\rm max} = 0.884$	$k = -12 \rightarrow 13$
7378 measured reflections	$l = -10 \rightarrow 16$
4913 independent reflections	

Refinement

Refinement on F^2	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.037P)^2]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.040$	+ 1.000P]
$wR(F^2) = 0.094$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
S = 1.06	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.022$
4913 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 1.14 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$
351 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -1.02 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
H-atom parameters constrained	

H atoms were refined as riding, with N–H = 0.86 Å, C_{CH_3} –H = 0.96 Å and C_{CH} –H = 0.93 Å. The maximum and minimum residual electron-density peaks on the final difference Fourier map were located at distances of 0.86 and 0.96 Å from Ag2, respectively.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2001); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 1999); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS*97 (Sheldrick, 1990); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL*97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Siemens, 1996); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL*97.

Table 2Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdots A$	$D-\mathrm{H}$	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots A$
$N1 - H1D \cdots O2$	0.86	2.20	2.945 (5)	145
$N1 - H1D \cdots O3$	0.86	2.23	3.029 (5)	155
$N1 - H1D \cdot \cdot \cdot N9$	0.86	2.56	3.417 (5)	171
$N4-H4A\cdots O6^{i}$	0.86	2.14	2.956 (5)	159
$N4-H4A\cdots O4^{i}$	0.86	2.34	3.083 (5)	144
$N4-H4A\cdots N10^{i}$	0.86	2.59	3.446 (5)	171
$N5-H5D\cdots O3$	0.86	2.08	2.930 (5)	170
$N5-H5D\cdots O1$	0.86	2.41	3.069 (5)	134
$N5-H5D\cdots N9$	0.86	2.60	3.430 (5)	162
$N8 - H8B \cdot \cdot \cdot O5$	0.86	2.15	2.937 (5)	153
$N8 - H8B \cdot \cdot \cdot O6$	0.86	2.35	3.133 (5)	151
$N8 - H8B \cdot \cdot \cdot N10$	0.86	2.62	3.477 (5)	177

Symmetry code: (i) 1 + x, 1 + y, 1 + z.

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