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Bis{4-[N,N-bis(2-cyanoethyl)amino] pyridine- κN^1 }silver(I) perchlorate, with the perchlorate anion located in the cation cavity

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The title complex, bis[3,3'-(pyridine-4-imino- κN^1)dipropanenitrile]silver(I) perchlorate, $[Ag(CEAP)_2]ClO_4$ {CEAP is 4-[N,N-bis(2-cyanoethyl)amino]pyridine, $C_{11}H_{12}N_4$, has been prepared and characterized. The unit cell consists of two crystallographically non-equivalent molecules. Cation cavities are constructed by $[Ag(CEAP)_2]^+$ cations through hydrogen bonds, and the ClO_4^- anions are incorporated into the cavities in μ_4 - and μ_2 -ClO₄⁻ bridging modes through C-H \cdots O hydrogen bonds.

Comment

Recently, a series of compounds with zeolite-like moleculesized channels, pores and cavities have been attracting considerable attention (Bowes & Ozin, 1996; Kitazawa et al., 1992; Martin & Leafblad, 1998). These compounds can bind many molecules into their cavities, which gives them unique propeties [viz. as catalysts, as ion-exchangers, for molecular separation sorption, etc. (Behrens et al., 1997; Fujita et al., 1994; Hoelderich et al., 1988)]. The cavities are created by organic components and coordination polymers. Clearly, molecular recognition and self-organization are important factors in the sorbing of the guest (Ducharme & Wuest, 1988; Endo et al., 1995; Geib et al., 1991), and hydrogen-bonding interactions are very important for molecular recognition in a wide variety of crystal-packing configurations (Bishop et al., 1993; Hunter, 1994; Smith, 1998; Zaworotko, 1994). Silver is an important element, with abundant catalytic properties. Absorbed oxygen on a silver surface is well known in the catalysis of epoxide formation and oxidative coupling of methane (Epling et al., 1997; Minahan & Hoflund, 1996; Serafin et al., 1998). Silver complexes have also been well documented as catalysts in reactions such as enantioselective alkylation of imine ester (Ferraris et al., 2002) and hetero-Diels-Alder reactions (Hague *et al.*, 2001). In this paper, we report the synthesis of the title compound, (I), which shows a two-dimensional layer structure.

The unit cell of (I) consists of two types of basic units (a) containing Ag1 and b containing Ag2) that have the same chemical composition but crystallographically non-equivalent conformations (Fig. 1). Each unit contains an $[Ag(CEAP)_2]^+$ cation ${CEAP$ is $4-[N,N-bis(2-cyanoethyl)aminolpyridine]$ and a $ClO₄⁻$ anion, which form a vaulted structure. In the cation, each Ag atom is coordinated by two pyridine N atoms, with $Ag-N$ distances in the range 2.138 (3)-2.142 (3) Å and an N $-Ag-N$ angle of 179.10 (13)^o in unit a and 177.12 (13) \degree in unit b (Table 1). The bond distances and angles are all within the ranges typically observed in Ag complexes (Furuta et al., 1999; Ozutsumi et al., 1997; Smith et $al.$, 1999). The Cl $-$ O distances in the two units are in the range 1.396 (3)–1.460 (3) \AA , which is also within the range of typical values (Riera et al., 1998). The main difference between units a and b is the dihedral angle of the ligands. In unit a , which consists of the Ag1 complex and the Cl1 perchlorate ion, the angle between the planes of the two pyridine rings of the ligand is $45.8 \,(2)^{\circ}$. However, in unit b, which consists of the Ag2 complex and the Cl2 perchlorate ion, the pyridine rings are nearly coplanar and the angle between their planes is $16.7 \, (2)^\circ$. The complex packing consists of parallel layers. In one layer, all arc-centers of the vaulted cations have the same positions and stack above or below the plane. The two adjacent layers form a zip-like structure, and they are connected by $C-H\cdots N$ hydrogen bonds $(C4-H4\cdots N4^i, C40-H40A\cdots N4$ and $C35-\cdots N4$ $H35...N16$ ^v; see Table 2 for geometric details and symmetry codes). Neighboring layers slide laterally with respect to each other, and the sliding of the layers and the vaulted structure of the $[Ag(CEAP)_2]^+$ cations make hydrogen-bond formation easy. Each layer contains many chains composed of alternate basic units, and the unit-unit distance $(l_{u-u}$ in Fig. 2) in a chain is 8.893 (3) \dot{A} . All chains in the layer are parallel, with a chainchain distance $(l_{c-c}$ in Fig. 2) of 19.020 (2) A. Neighboring chains also slide over each other, and they are connected by C–H···N hydrogen bonds, with a C10···N11(1 – x, 1 – y, $(2 - z)$ distance of 3.362 (6) A. In a chain, the supramolecular cavities of the host are constructed by adjacent units connected by C $-H \cdots N$ hydrogen bonds. The length $(l_c \text{ in }$ Fig. 2) and width $(l_{u-u}$ in Fig. 2) of the cavity are 11.274 (2) and $8.893(3)$ Å, respectively. All $ClO₄⁻$ anions are located as guests in the cavities and are connected with the $[Ag(CEAP)_2]^+$ cations by C-H \cdots O interactions. In unit a,

Figure 2

Supramolecular cavities in a molecular layer. H atoms have been omitted for clarity.

Figure 3

(a) A view of the μ_2 -ClO₄⁻ bridging mode in basic unit b, involving atoms Ag2 and Cl2. (b) A view of the μ_4 -ClO₄⁻ bridging mode in basic unit *a*, involving atoms Ag1 and Cl1.

the ClO_4^- anion bridges three $[Ag(CEAP)_2]^+$ cations in two layers to form a zip-like structure through $C38 - H38 \cdots O2$, C10–H10B \cdots O3 and C29–H29A \cdots O4(1 – x, 1 – y, 2 – z) hydrogen bonds. This anion is also connected to an adjacent zip structure through the $C32-H32B\cdots O4$ hydrogen bond. Therefore, the ClO_4 ⁻ anion in unit *a* bridges four $[Ag(CEAP)_2]^+$ cations in a μ_4 -ClO₄⁻ bridging mode. In unit b, the ClO_4 ⁻ anion bridges two $[Ag(CEAP)_2]^+$ cations in a μ_2 -ClO₄⁻ bridging mode (see Fig. 3) to form a zip structure through C17–H17A \cdots O7(1 + x, y, -1 + z) and C34– H34 \cdots O7(1 + x, y, z) hydrogen bonds. The O \cdots H (range 2.51–2.59 Å) and $C \cdot \cdot \cdot O$ distances [range 3.279 (5)– 3.446 (5) \AA] fall into the typical ranges for C-H \cdots O separations (Desiraju, 1991; Steiner & Desiraju, 1998).

Experimental

The synthesis of the title compound, (I), was performed in the dark. A solution of $AgNO₃$ (170 mg, 1 mmol) in CH₃OH (10 ml) was added to a stirred solution of $4-[N,N-bis(2-cyanoethyl)$ amino]pyridine (400 mg, 2 mmol) in CH3OH (20 ml) at room temperature; the reaction mixture was stired for 1 h and filtered. A solution of $NaClO₄$ $(122.5 \text{ mg}, 1 \text{ mmol})$ in CH₃OH (5 ml) was added to the clear filtrate and stirred for 15 min. The reaction mixture was filtered again, and colorless single crystals of (I) suitable for X-ray analysis were obtained after several days by slow evaporation of the filtrate. Analysis calculated for $C_{22}H_{24}AgCIN_8O_4$: C 43.47, H 3.98, N 18.44%; found: C 43.35, H 4.01, N 18.40%.

Crystal data

Data collection

Refinement

Refinement on F^2 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.044$ $wR(F^2) = 0.103$ $S = 1.05$ 8825 reflections 601 parameters H-atom parameters constrained $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0418P)^2]$ $+ 1.1404P$ where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$ $\Delta\rho_\text{max} = 0.83$ e $\rm \AA^{-3}$ $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.98$ e $\rm \AA^{-3}$

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (\mathring{A}, \degree) .

Table 2

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (\AA, \degree) .

Symmetry codes: (i) $1 - x$, $1 - y$, $1 - z$; (ii) $1 - x$, $1 - y$, $2 - z$; (iii) $1 + x$, y , $z - 1$; (iv) $2 - x$, $1 - y$, $2 - z$; (v) $2 - x$, $2 - y$, $1 - z$; (vi) $1 + x$, y, z.

The positions of all H atoms were fixed geometrically $(C-H =$ $0.93-0.97$ Å).

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