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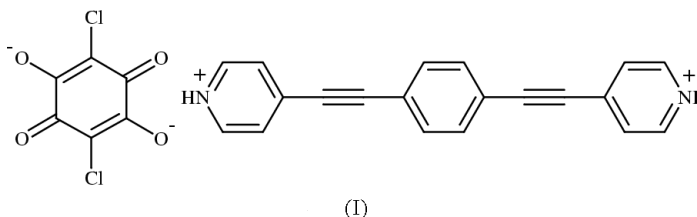
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One-dimensional hydrogen-bonded molecular tapes in 1,4-bis[(4-pyridinio)ethynyl]benzene chloranilate

The structure of the title compound, $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2^{2+} \cdot \text{C}_6\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_4^{2-}$, contains one-dimensional hydrogen-bonded molecular tapes along the [113] direction. The molecular tapes are connected via two $\text{N}-\text{H} \cdots \text{O}$ hydrogen bonds in $R_1^2(5)$ patterns.Received 8 March 2001
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Comment

We have recently shown that the simple combination of chloranilic acid and dipyridyl-type ligands can create a variety of supramolecular architectures involving infinite one-dimensional molecular tape structures (Zaman *et al.*, 1999, 2000). In the course of our crystal engineering studies on chloranilic acid, we have obtained the title compound, (I), a 1:1 co-crystal of chloranilic acid and 1,4-bis[(4-pyridyl)ethynyl]benzene. A long rigid and conjugated bridging ligand has received much current interest for the construction of self-assembling macrocyclic architectures (Lehn, 1995; Fujita, 1999) and the development of molecular wires (Tour, 1996). However, we have found only two examples (Lin *et al.*, 1995, 1998) of structures containing a 1,4-bis[(4-pyridyl)ethynyl]benzene unit in the Cambridge Structural Database (Allen & Kennard, 1993). We report here the structure of (I) with hydrogen-bonded molecular tapes.The molecular structure of (I) is shown in Fig. 1, and both molecules are located on inversion centers. A one-dimensional molecular tape is observed in the structure of (I), as shown in Fig. 2. The molecular tape is nearly flat. The angles between the molecular planes of the chloranilate and the pyridinium ring, and of the pyridinium ring and the benzene ring are $7.3(2)^\circ$ and $11.8(4)^\circ$, respectively. The molecular tapes are connected via $R_1^2(5)$ couplings with two intermolecular $\text{N}-\text{H} \cdots \text{O}$ hydrogen bonds (Table 1), where both H atoms of chloranilic acid have transferred to the pyridine rings. In previous work (Zaman *et al.* 2000), we have shown that the flat molecular tapes form segregated stacks of each molecule. However, overlaps between the chloranilate–pyridinium ring–benzene ring–pyridinium ring–chloranilate are observed in the stacks of the molecular tapes of (I). A short $\text{C}-\text{Cl} \cdots \pi$ interaction [$\text{Cl}1 \cdots (\text{C}7 \equiv \text{C}8)$ $3.440(7)$, $\text{Cl}1 \cdots \text{C}7$ $3.503(4)$, $\text{Cl}1 \cdots \text{C}8$ $3.480(4) \text{ \AA}$; $\text{Cl}1 \cdots \text{C}7 \equiv \text{C}8$ $79.1(3)$ and

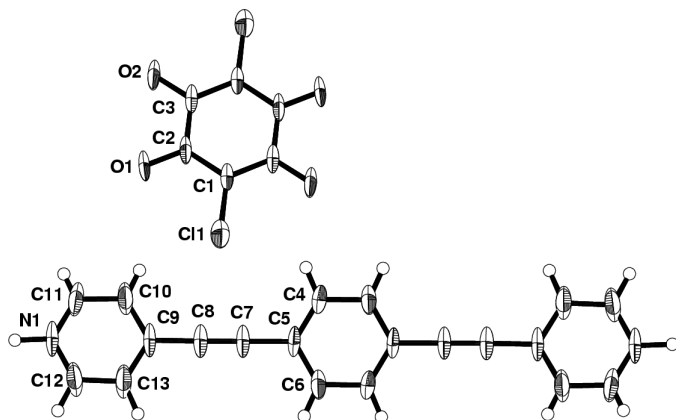


Figure 1
The molecular structure of (I) with the atomic numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.

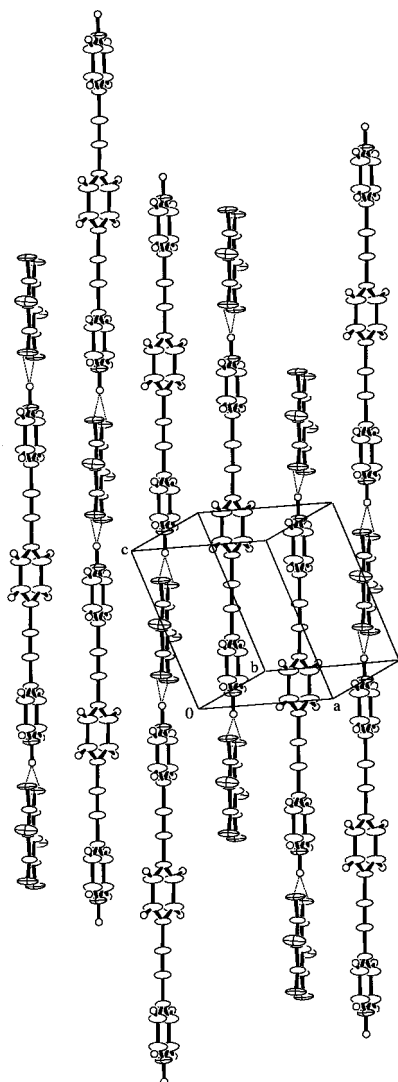


Figure 2
Packing diagram of (I). Dotted lines show the intermolecular N—H...O hydrogen bonds.

$\text{Cl1}\cdots\text{C8}\equiv\text{C7}$ 81.3 (3) $^\circ$] exists between the stacks of the molecular tapes (Reddy *et al.*, 1996; Prasanna & Row, 2000). It is 1.7% shorter than the sum of the van der Waals radii of Cl and Csp^2 (Pauling, 1960).

Experimental

1,4-Bis[(4-pyridyl)ethynyl]benzene was prepared according to the literature (Lin *et al.*, 1995). Chloranilic acid was commercially available and purified by the usual method. A diffusion method for a solution of 1,4-bis[(4-pyridyl)ethynyl]benzene (0.02 mmol) and chloranilic acid (0.02 mmol) in acetonitrile (5 ml) using an H-tube gave crystals of (I) suitable for X-ray analysis.

Crystal data

$\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2^{2+}\cdot\text{C}_6\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_4^{2-}$
 $M_r = 489.29$
 Triclinic, $P\bar{1}$
 $a = 7.6279$ (9) Å
 $b = 8.4019$ (10) Å
 $c = 8.6291$ (4) Å
 $\alpha = 97.171$ (6) $^\circ$
 $\beta = 99.673$ (6) $^\circ$
 $\gamma = 95.728$ (10) $^\circ$
 $V = 536.76$ (9) Å 3

$Z = 1$
 $D_x = 1.514$ Mg m $^{-3}$
 Cu $K\alpha$ radiation
 Cell parameters from 23 reflections
 $\theta = 5.9\text{--}43.0^\circ$
 $\mu = 3.05$ mm $^{-1}$
 $T = 296$ (2) K
 Needle, dark red
 $0.7 \times 0.1 \times 0.1$ mm

Data collection

Enraf–Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer
 ω - 2θ scans
 Absorption correction: ψ scan (North *et al.*, 1968)
 $T_{\min} = 0.224$, $T_{\max} = 0.750$
 2340 measured reflections
 2187 independent reflections
 1213 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$

$R_{\text{int}} = 0.041$
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 74.3^\circ$
 $h = -9 \rightarrow 9$
 $k = -10 \rightarrow 10$
 $l = 0 \rightarrow 10$
 3 standard reflections every 120 reflections
 intensity decay: 2.5%

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.053$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.161$
 $S = 0.99$
 2187 reflections

182 parameters
 All H-atom parameters refined
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.29$ e Å $^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.37$ e Å $^{-3}$

Table 1
Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, $^\circ$).

$D\text{--}H\cdots A$	$D\text{--}H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D\text{--}H\cdots A$
$\text{N1--H1}\cdots\text{O1}^i$	1.05 (7)	2.23 (6)	2.897 (4)	120 (5)
$\text{N1--H1}\cdots\text{O2}^i$	1.05 (7)	1.62 (7)	2.609 (3)	154 (5)

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

All H atoms were located in the Fourier map and were refined isotropically.

Data collection: *CAD-4 EXPRESS* (Enraf–Nonius, 1992); cell refinement: *CAD-4 EXPRESS*; data reduction: *HELENA* (Spek, 1997); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEPIII* (Burnett & Johnson, 1996); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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