

## Bis[4,4'-bipyridinium(2+)] hexacosaoxoctamolybdate

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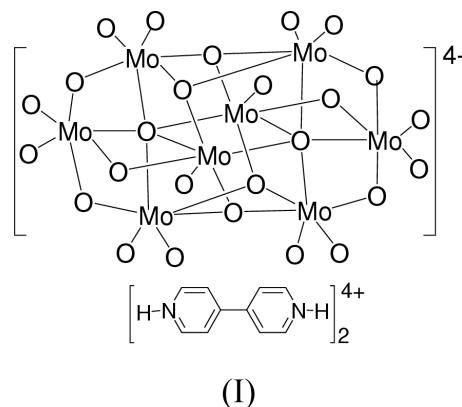
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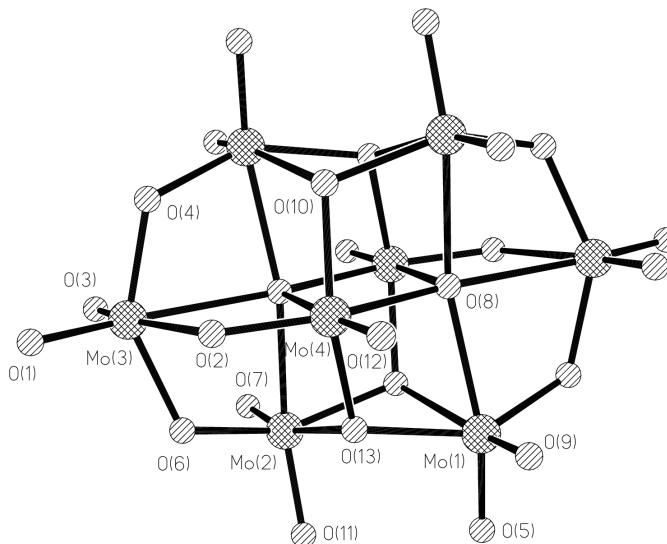
The title compound,  $(C_{10}H_{10}N_2)_2[Mo_8O_{26}]$ , was produced by hydrothermal reaction of an acidified aqueous solution of  $H_2MoO_4$ , 4,4'-bipyridine and  $NiCl_2 \cdot 6H_2O$ . The structure of the title compound consists of the  $\beta$ -octamolybdate anion having a center of symmetry and protonated 4,4'-bipyridine cations. The distances between Mo and O atoms shared by two or more neighboring  $\{MoO_6\}$  octahedra are in the range 1.750 (2)–2.450 (2) Å and those between Mo and terminal O atoms in the range 1.696 (3)–1.720 (3) Å. The N–H···O hydrogen-bond lengths are in the range 2.722 (4)–2.755 (4) Å.

**Comment**

One of the interesting aspects of octamolybdates,  $[Mo_8O_{26}]^{4-}$ , is that they exhibit various structural patterns (Xi *et al.*, 1994). Up until now, a series of octamolybdates have been reported in the literature; the structures of the  $\alpha$ -,  $\beta$ -,  $\gamma$ ,  $\alpha-\gamma$ -,  $\beta-\gamma$ -,  $\varepsilon$ - and  $\xi-[Mo_8O_{26}]^{4-}$  isomers have been studied in great detail (Day *et al.*, 1977; Hagrman *et al.*, 1999; Lindqvist, 1950; Pope, 1983; Xi *et al.*, 1994; Xu *et al.*, 1999). In the course of our research on the synthesis of 4,4'-bipyridine-bridged heterometallic polymers, the title compound, (I), was obtained as a single crystal.



As shown in Fig. 1, the octamolybdate anion is built up of eight edge-shared  $\{MoO_6\}$  octahedra. It can also be described as two centrosymmetrically related cyclic  $\{Mo_4O_{13}\}$  units are crosslinked by bridging O atoms. The coordination environment of each Mo atom is a distorted octahedron, with Mo–O distances ranging from 1.696 (3) to 2.450 (2) Å and angles involving the neighboring O atoms ranging from 69.7 (1) to 104.8 (1)°. According to the coordinating mode, the O atoms in the anion can be divided into four different groups, which are terminal O atoms [Mo–O = 1.696 (3)–1.720 (2) Å],  $\mu_2$ –O atoms [Mo–O = 1.750 (2)–2.299 (3) Å],  $\mu_3$ –O atoms [Mo–O =



**Figure 1**

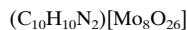
The structure of the  $\beta$ -[Mo<sub>8</sub>O<sub>26</sub>]<sup>4-</sup> anion.

1.954 (2)-2.388 (2) Å] and  $\mu_5$ -O atoms [Mo-O = 2.155 (2)-2.450 (2) Å]. N-H···O hydrogen bonding exists in the packing of the title compound (Table 2 and Fig. 2).

## Experimental

The title compound, (I), was prepared by hydrothermal synthesis from a mixture of H<sub>2</sub>MoO<sub>4</sub> (0.10 g, 0.62 mmol), NiCl<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O (0.10 g, 0.42 mmol), 4,4'-bipyridine·2H<sub>2</sub>O (0.05 g, 0.26 mmol) and 65%wt HNO<sub>3</sub> (0.1 ml, 1.5 mmol) in H<sub>2</sub>O (18 ml) heated at 443 K for 6 d under autogeneous pressure. After the reaction mixture had been slowly cooled to room temperature, colorless crystals of (I) appeared.

### Crystal data



$M_r$  = 1499.92

Monoclinic,  $P2_1/n$

$a$  = 10.7493 (2) Å

$b$  = 15.2255 (1) Å

$c$  = 10.7828 (2) Å

$\beta$  = 93.840 (1) $^\circ$

$V$  = 1760.79 (5) Å<sup>3</sup>

$Z$  = 2

$D_x$  = 2.829 Mg m<sup>-3</sup>

### Data collection

SMART CCD diffractometer

$\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans

Absorption correction: empirical (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)

$T_{\min}$  = 0.329,  $T_{\max}$  = 0.449

6344 measured reflections

3065 independent reflections

Mo K $\alpha$  radiation  
Cell parameters from 5475  
reflections  
 $\theta$  = 2.3–25.0 $^\circ$   
 $\mu$  = 2.86 mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T$  = 293 (2) K  
Prism, colorless  
0.39 × 0.32 × 0.28 mm

2781 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$

$R_{\text{int}}$  = 0.017

$\theta_{\max}$  = 25.0 $^\circ$

$h$  = -12 → 12

$k$  = -18 → 14

$l$  = -10 → 12

### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)]$  = 0.022

$wR(F^2)$  = 0.054

$S$  = 1.09

3065 reflections

303 parameters

All H-atom parameters refined

$$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0222P)^2 + 2.4922P]$$

where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$

$\Delta\rho_{\max}$  = 0.46 e Å<sup>-3</sup>

$\Delta\rho_{\min}$  = -0.67 e Å<sup>-3</sup>

Extinction correction: SHELXL97

Extinction coefficient: 0.00224 (12)

**Table 1**  
Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Mo1—O9	1.700 (3)	Mo3—O3	1.699 (3)
Mo1—O5	1.705 (3)	Mo3—O1	1.718 (3)
Mo1—O4 <sup>i</sup>	1.898 (2)	Mo3—O4	1.912 (2)
Mo1—O13	2.009 (2)	Mo3—O6	1.927 (2)
Mo1—O8	2.341 (2)	Mo3—O2	2.299 (3)
Mo1—O10 <sup>i</sup>	2.388 (2)	Mo3—O8 <sup>i</sup>	2.450 (2)
Mo2—O11	1.707 (2)	Mo4—O12	1.696 (3)
Mo2—O7	1.720 (3)	Mo4—O2	1.750 (2)
Mo2—O6	1.898 (2)	Mo4—O13	1.954 (2)
Mo2—O10 <sup>i</sup>	1.987 (2)	Mo4—O10	1.957 (2)
Mo2—O13	2.297 (2)	Mo4—O8	2.155 (2)
Mo2—O5 <sup>i</sup>	2.338 (2)	Mo4—O8 <sup>i</sup>	2.396 (2)
O9—Mo1—O5	104.8 (1)	O4—Mo3—O8 <sup>i</sup>	73.8 (1)
O9—Mo1—O4 <sup>i</sup>	103.0 (1)	O6—Mo3—O8 <sup>i</sup>	73.8 (1)
O5—Mo1—O4 <sup>i</sup>	101.7 (1)	O2—Mo3—O8 <sup>i</sup>	69.7 (1)
O9—Mo1—O13	96.6 (1)	O12—Mo4—O2	104.4 (1)
O5—Mo1—O13	100.4 (1)	O12—Mo4—O13	101.3 (1)
O9—Mo1—O8	95.9 (1)	O2—Mo4—O13	97.1 (1)
O4 <sup>i</sup> —Mo1—O8	76.7 (1)	O12—Mo4—O10	101.8 (1)
O13—Mo1—O8	73.1 (1)	O2—Mo4—O10	96.0 (1)
O5—Mo1—O10 <sup>i</sup>	87.6 (1)	O12—Mo4—O8	98.9 (1)
O4 <sup>i</sup> —Mo1—O10 <sup>i</sup>	84.4 (1)	O13—Mo4—O8	78.5 (1)
O13—Mo1—O10 <sup>i</sup>	70.4 (1)	O10—Mo4—O8	78.7 (1)
O8—Mo1—O10 <sup>i</sup>	71.4 (1)	O2—Mo4—O8 <sup>i</sup>	80.2 (1)
O11—Mo2—O7	104.8 (1)	O13—Mo4—O8 <sup>i</sup>	77.5 (1)
O11—Mo2—O6	100.4 (1)	O10—Mo4—O8 <sup>i</sup>	78.0 (1)
O7—Mo2—O6	100.6 (1)	O8—Mo4—O8 <sup>i</sup>	76.5 (1)
O11—Mo2—O10 <sup>i</sup>	102.2 (1)	Mo4—O2—Mo3	118.1 (1)
O7—Mo2—O10 <sup>i</sup>	96.6 (1)	Mo1 <sup>i</sup> —O4—Mo3	118.6 (1)
O11—Mo2—O13	88.4 (1)	Mo2—O6—Mo3	117.8 (1)
O6—Mo2—O13	84.1 (1)	Mo4—O8—Mo2 <sup>i</sup>	91.9 (1)
O10 <sup>i</sup> —Mo2—O13	72.8 (1)	Mo4—O8—Mo1	91.7 (1)
O7—Mo2—O8 <sup>i</sup>	94.3 (1)	Mo4—O8—Mo4 <sup>i</sup>	103.5 (1)
O6—Mo2—O8 <sup>i</sup>	77.0 (1)	Mo2 <sup>i</sup> —O8—Mo4 <sup>i</sup>	96.0 (1)
O10 <sup>i</sup> —Mo2—O8 <sup>i</sup>	73.8 (1)	Mo1—O8—Mo4 <sup>i</sup>	97.8 (1)
O13—Mo2—O8 <sup>i</sup>	72.5 (1)	Mo2 <sup>i</sup> —O8—Mo3 <sup>i</sup>	86.3 (1)
O3—Mo3—O1	104.6 (1)	Mo1—O8—Mo3 <sup>i</sup>	86.3 (1)
O3—Mo3—O4	100.2 (1)	Mo4 <sup>i</sup> —O8—Mo3 <sup>i</sup>	91.9 (1)
O1—Mo3—O4	100.8 (1)	Mo4—O10—Mo2 <sup>i</sup>	110.0 (1)
O3—Mo3—O6	97.4 (1)	Mo4—O10—Mo1 <sup>i</sup>	110.1 (1)
O1—Mo3—O6	104.2 (1)	Mo2 <sup>i</sup> —O10—Mo1 <sup>i</sup>	102.4 (1)
O1—Mo3—O2	89.0 (1)	Mo4—O13—Mo1	109.1 (1)
O4—Mo3—O2	78.4 (1)	Mo4—O13—Mo2	111.5 (1)
O6—Mo3—O2	77.3 (1)	Mo1—O13—Mo2	105.0 (1)
O3—Mo3—O8 <sup>i</sup>	96.8 (1)		

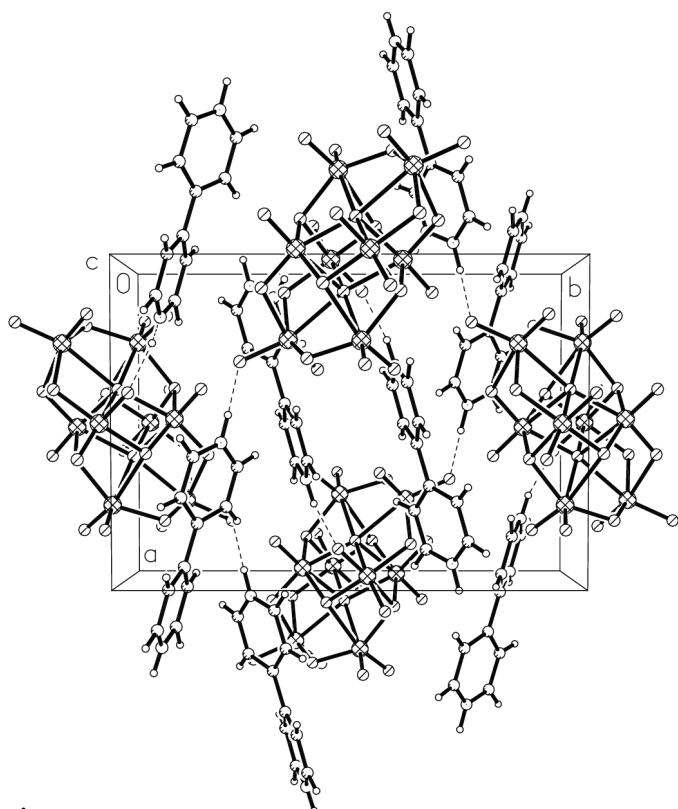
Symmetry codes: (i)  $1-x, -y, 1-z$ .

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

D—H···A	D—H	H···A	D···A	D—H···A
N1—H1A···O1	0.93 (4)	1.79 (5)	2.722 (4)	174 (4)
N2—H2A···O7 <sup>i</sup>	0.88 (5)	1.91 (5)	2.755 (4)	161 (5)

Symmetry code: (i)  $\frac{5}{2}-x, \frac{1}{2}+y, \frac{1}{2}-z$ .

H atoms were clearly visible in the difference maps. All of the H atoms were refined isotropically. The C—H and N—H bond-length ranges are 0.86 (4)–1.02 (6) and 0.88 (5)–0.93 (4) Å, respectively. The highest residual peak (0.46 e Å<sup>-3</sup>) is located at (0.2010, 0.8171, 0.6423), 0.81 Å from O1; the deepest hole (-0.67 e Å<sup>-3</sup>) is located at (0.2088, 0.3951, 0.8263), 0.78 Å from Mo3.

**Figure 2**

Packing diagram viewed down the *c* axis. Hydrogen bonding is indicated by dashed lines.

Data collection: *SMART* (Siemens, 1996); cell refinement: *SMART* and *SAINT* (Siemens, 1994); data reduction: *SMART* and *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXL97*; software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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