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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 301 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.005 Å R factor = 0.080 wR factor = 0.051 Data-to-parameter ratio = 13.1

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# *cyclo*-Bis[2-methylsulfanyl-6-([1,3,4]thiadiazol-2-ylsulfanylmethyl)pyridinium] diperchlorate

In the title compound,  $C_{18}H_{16}N_6S_6^{2+}\cdot 2ClO_4^-$ , the macrocyclic cation shows a twisted conformation and possesses crystallographic twofold symmetry. This conformation is stabilized by intramolecular  $N-H\cdots N$  and  $C-H\cdots N$  hydrogen bonds. In the crystal, the cations and anions are connected through  $C-H\cdots O$  hydrogen bonds. Received 3 October 2002 Accepted 16 October 2002 Online 25 October 2002

#### Comment

Lanthanide(III) complexes, especially those of  $Gd^{3+}$ ,  $Eu^{3+}$  and Tb<sup>3+</sup>, have a variety of applications as luminescent biomedical diagnostic and therapeutic agents, such as magnetic resonance imaging contrast agents, RNA hydrolysis catalysts and fluorescence imaging agents (Lai et al., 2002; Lam et al., 2001; Li & Wong, 2002). The macrocyclic ligand cyclo-bis(2-methylsulfanyl-6-([1,3,4]thiadiazol-2-ylsulfanylmethyl)pyridine) has more than one organic chromophore, which may have effective energy transfer and luminescent enhancement. Moreover, its preorganized structure, with six donor N atoms, may prompt in forming thermodynamically and kinetically stable Ln complexes. These are important features for further molecular exploration and for the development of new pharmaceutical compounds. Herein we report the structure of this macrocyclic ligand in a diprotonated form, as its perchloric salt, (I).



The asymmetric unit of (I) contains one-half of the  $C_{18}H_{16}N_6S_6^{2+}$  cation, with the other half related by a crystallographic twofold axis (S1 and S4 lie on the twofold axis), and a  $ClO_4^-$  anion (Fig. 1). The macrocyclic cation exhibits a twisted conformation. This conformation is stabilized by intramolecular N-H···N and C-H···N hydrogen bonds, with N···N and C···N distances in the ranges 2.999 (4)– 3.097 (4) and 2.870 (4)–2.958 (4) Å, respectively (Table 2). The two thiadiazole rings form dihedral angles of 45.1 (2) and 66.7 (2)° with each pyridine ring. The dihedral angle between the two symmetry-related pyridine rings is 91.1 (2)°, while the two thiadiazole rings have a dihedral angle of 47.6 (2)°. In the crystal, the cations and anions are linked, through C-H···O hydrogen bonds (Table 2), to form a three-dimensional network structure. The structure is further stabilized by faceto-face  $\pi$ - $\pi$ -stacking interactions of pyridine rings, with a  $Cg \cdots Cg^i$  distance of 3.822 (2) Å [Cg and  $Cg^i$  denote the centroids of the pyridine rings at (x, y, z) and  $(\frac{1}{2} - x, \frac{1}{2} - y, 1 - z)$ , respectively].

# **Experimental**

Compound (I) was prepared according to the procedures reported by Yang & Wong (2001). Crystals suitable for X-ray data collection were obtained by slow evaporation of a  $CH_2Cl_2/MeOH$  (3:1; *v*:*v*) solution of the compound at room temperature.

 $D_x = 1.729 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ 

Cell parameters from 25

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation

reflections

 $\begin{array}{l} \theta = 2.5\text{--}14^\circ \\ \mu = 0.76 \ \mathrm{mm}^{-1} \end{array}$ 

T = 301.2 K

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.037$ 

 $h = 0 \rightarrow 14$ 

 $k = 0 \rightarrow 17$ 

 $l = -18 \rightarrow 17$ 

3 standard reflections

every 250 reflections

intensity decay: 0.1%

 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o) + (0.008F_o)^2]$ 

Extinction correction: Zachariasen

type 2 Gaussian isotropic

Extinction coefficient: 5.8529 (2)

 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$  $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.51 \text{ e Å}^{-3}$ 

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.32 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ 

 $\theta_{\rm max} = 25^\circ$ 

Block, yellow 0.45  $\times$  0.36  $\times$  0.15 mm

#### Crystal data

 $C_{18}H_{16}N_6S_6^{2+}.2CIO_4^{-1}$   $M_r = 707.69$ Monoclinic, C2/c a = 12.311 (3) Å b = 14.700 (2) Å c = 15.205 (3) Å  $\beta = 98.79$  (2)° V = 2719.2 (9) Å<sup>3</sup> Z = 4

#### Data collection

Rigaku AFC-7*R* diffractometer  $\omega/2\theta$  scans Absorption correction:  $\psi$  scan (North *et al.*, 1968)  $T_{\min} = 0.916, T_{\max} = 0.999$ 2629 measured reflections 2399 independent reflections 2399 reflections with I > 0

#### Refinement

Refinement on F R = 0.080 wR = 0.051 S = 1.402399 reflections 183 parameters H-atom parameters constrained

#### Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

\$1-C1	1.719 (4)	N2-C7	1.357 (4)
S2-C1	1.743 (4)	N3-N3 <sup>i</sup>	1.388 (6)
S2-C2	1.816 (4)	N3-C9	1.292 (4)
S3-C8	1.806 (4)	C2-C3	1.490 (4)
S3-C9	1.742 (4)	C3-C4	1.374 (5)
S4-C9	1.706 (4)	C4-C5	1.377 (5)
N1-N1 <sup>i</sup>	1.384 (6)	C5-C6	1.369 (5)
N1-C1	1.295 (4)	C6-C7	1.375 (4)
N2-C3	1.349 (4)	C7-C8	1.484 (5)
C1-S1-C1 <sup>i</sup>	86.3 (2)	N2-C3-C4	118.4 (3)
C1-S2-C2	99.6 (2)	C2-C3-C4	122.4 (3)
C8-S3-C9	99.1 (2)	C3-C4-C5	120.0 (3)
C9 <sup>i</sup> -S4-C9	87.1 (2)	C4-C5-C6	119.9 (3)
$N1^i - N1 - C1$	111.9 (2)	C5-C6-C7	120.3 (3)
C3-N2-C7	123.3 (3)	N2-C7-C6	118.0 (3)
N3 <sup>i</sup> -N3-C9	111.9 (2)	N2-C7-C8	119.4 (3)
S1-C1-S2	119.5 (2)	C6-C7-C8	122.5 (3)
S1-C1-N1	115.0 (3)	S3-C8-C7	111.5 (2)
S2-C1-N1	125.5 (3)	S3-C9-S4	120.1 (2)
S2-C2-C3	113.6 (2)	S3-C9-N3	125.3 (3)
N2-C3-C2	119.2 (3)	\$4-C9-N3	114.6 (3)

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

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### Figure 1

An *ORTEPII* (Johnson, 1976) drawing of (I), showing 50% probability displacement ellipsoids. Only the non-H atoms of the asymmetric unit are labelled.

## Table 2

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots A$
N2-H2N···N1	0.87	2.20	2.999 (4)	153
$N2 - H2N \cdot \cdot \cdot N3$	0.87	2.59	3.097 (4)	118
$C2-H2B\cdots N1$	0.95	2.57	2.958 (4)	105
$C8-H8B\cdots N3$	0.95	2.47	2.870 (4)	105
$C2-H2B\cdots O4^{ii}$	0.95	2.42	3.275 (5)	149
C8−H8A···O1 <sup>iii</sup>	0.95	2.53	3.463 (5)	165
$C8-H8B\cdots O1^{iv}$	0.95	2.58	3.307 (5)	133
$C8-H8B\cdots O3^{iv}$	0.95	2.50	3.339 (4)	148

Symmetry codes: (ii)  $\frac{1}{2} - x$ ,  $\frac{1}{2} + y$ ,  $\frac{1}{2} - z$ ; (iii) -x, -y, 1 - z; (iv)  $x - \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2} + y$ , z.

All H atoms were positioned geometrically and allowed to ride on their parent atoms, with N-H and C-H distances fixed at 0.87 and 0.95 Å, respectively. All unique reflections were included in the refinement on *F* and, as a result, the *R* value is high (0.080).

Data collection: *MSC/AFC Diffractometer Control Software* (Molecular Structure Corporation, 1992); cell refinement: *MSC/AFC Diffractometer Control Software*; data reduction: *TEXSAN* (Molecular Structure Corporation, 1992); program(s) used to solve structure: *SIR*92 (Altomare *et al.*, 1994); program(s) used to refine structure: *TEXSAN*; molecular graphics: *ORTEPII* (Johnson, 1976); software used to prepare material for publication: *TEXSAN*.

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