

catena-Poly[mercury(II)-di- μ -chloro- μ -pyridazine- $\kappa^2N:N'$]**Peter Nockemann and Gerd Meyer***

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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study

 $T = 293\text{ K}$ Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.009\text{ \AA}$ R factor = 0.022 wR factor = 0.030

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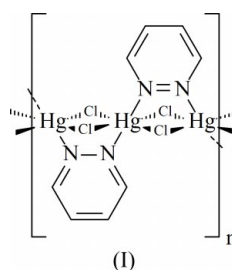
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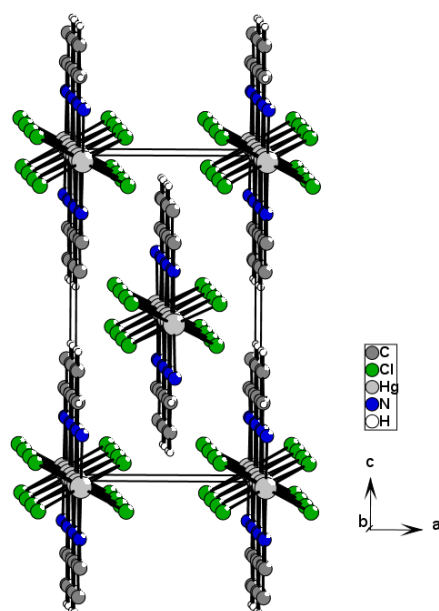
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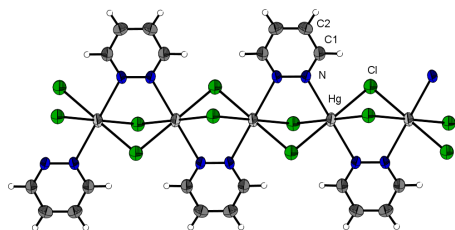
N -Donor ligands generate a wide variety of coordination compounds with mercury (*e.g.* Grdenić, 1965; Breiting & Brodersen, 1970). We have carried out a systematic study of the affinity of mercury towards N -donor ligands (Nockemann, 2002; Meyer & Nockemann, 2003).



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**Figure 1**

Packing diagram of $[\text{HgCl}_2(\text{Pyo})]_n$, viewed approximately down the b axis.


Figure 2

View of a part of the $[\text{HgCl}_2(\text{Pyo})]_n$ coordination polymer, showing 50% probability displacement ellipsoids and the atom-numbering scheme.

centers symmetrically bridged by chloride, with four equal Hg—Cl distances of 2.6819 (16) Å. Neighboring mercuric centers are connected by the two adjacent N atoms of pyridazine molecules, with two Hg—N distances of 2.411 (5) Å. This is the shortest Hg—N bond observed in diazine adducts of mercuric chloride and results from the high basicity of pyridazine (Meyer & Nockemann, 2003). The Cl—Hg—Cl angle within the Hg_2Cl_2 rings in the strands in the [010] direction is 82.80 (8)°.

The Hg atom has $2/m$ site symmetry and all other atoms lie on mirror planes.

Experimental

Crystals of $[\text{HgCl}_2(\text{Pyo})]_n$ were obtained by adding a solution of 1 g (12.5 mmol) pyridazine in 20 ml methanol dropwise and slowly to 10 ml of a 0.1 N aqueous solution of mercury(II) chloride without stirring. This solution was allowed to stand for 7 d, during which colorless prismatic crystals appeared.

Crystal data

$[\text{HgCl}_2(\text{C}_4\text{H}_4\text{N}_2)]$

$M_r = 351.58$

Orthorhombic, $Imma$

$a = 7.458$ (2) Å

$b = 7.1667$ (16) Å

$c = 13.136$ (4) Å

$V = 702.1$ (3) Å³

$Z = 4$

$D_x = 3.326$ Mg m⁻³

Mo $K\alpha$ radiation

Cell parameters from 2760

reflections

$\theta = 3.1$ – 27.0°

$\mu = 22.59$ mm⁻¹

$T = 293$ (2) K

Prism, colorless

$0.3 \times 0.2 \times 0.1$ mm

Data collection

Stoe IPDS-I diffractometer

φ scans

Absorption correction: numerical
(*X-SHAPE*; Stoe & Cie, 1998)

$T_{\min} = 0.249$, $T_{\max} = 0.617$

2760 measured reflections

448 independent reflections

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

$R_{\text{int}} = 0.046$

$\theta_{\max} = 27.0^\circ$

$h = -9 \rightarrow 9$

$k = -9 \rightarrow 8$

$l = -16 \rightarrow 16$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2

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

$wR(F^2) = 0.030$

$S = 0.97$

448 reflections

29 parameters

H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0107P)^2]$

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

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

$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.37$ e Å⁻³

$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.60$ e Å⁻³

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Hg—N	2.411 (5)	N—N ⁱ	1.334 (9)
Hg—Cl	2.6819 (16)	C1—C2	1.391 (9)
N—Cl	1.316 (8)	C2—C2 ⁱ	1.359 (14)
N—Hg—N ⁱⁱ	180	C1—N—N ⁱ	119.5 (3)
N—Hg—Cl	89.43 (9)	C1—N—Hg	122.7 (4)
Cl ⁱⁱ —Hg—Cl	180	N ⁱ —N—Hg	117.81 (11)
N—Hg—Cl ⁱⁱⁱ	90.57 (9)	N—Cl—C2	123.4 (6)
Cl—Hg—Cl ⁱ	82.80 (8)		

Symmetry codes: (i) $-x, \frac{3}{2} - y, z$; (ii) $-x, 1 - y, -z$; (iii) $x, y - \frac{1}{2}, -z$.

The highest peak and deepest hole were located 1.85 Å from H2 and 1.80 Å from Cl1, respectively. H atoms were visible in a difference map and were treated as riding atoms, with a C—H distance of 0.93 Å and $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$.

Data collection: *X-AREA* (Stoe & Cie, 2001); cell refinement: *X-STEP32* (Stoe & Cie, 2000); data reduction: *X-RED32* (Stoe & Cie, 2001); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *DIAMOND* (Brandenburg, 1999); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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