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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 293 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.008 Å R factor = 0.024 wR factor = 0.052 Data-to-parameter ratio = 12.5

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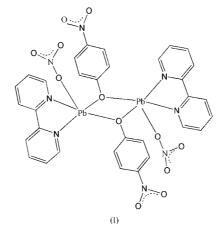
# Bis( $\mu$ -4-nitrophenolato- $\kappa^2 O:O'$ )bis[(2,2'-bipyridine- $\kappa^2 N,N'$ )nitratolead(II)]

In the title compound,  $[Pb_2(C_6H_4NO_3)_2(C_{10}H_8N_2)_2(NO_3)_2]$ , each Pb<sup>II</sup> ion is surrounded by two N atoms from a 2,2'bipyridine ligand, two O atoms from two bridging *p*-nitrophenolate anions and one O atom from a nitrate anion, so forming a centrosymmetric dimeric complex. Received 10 May 2004 Accepted 11 May 2004

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#### Comment

Among the many metal–*p*-nitrophenolate complexes that exist, the *p*-nitrophenolate anion usually coordinates in a monodenate fashion or exists as a free *p*-nitrophenolate anion to balance charges (Brahadeeswaran *et al.*, 2002; Camus *et al.*, 2003; Davies *et al.*, 2000; Facchinetti *et al.*, 2001). The title complex,  $[Pb_2(bipy)_2(pnp)_2(NO_3)_2]$ , (I) (where bipy is 2,2'bipyridine and pnp is *p*-nitrophenolate), was obtained by hydrothermal synthesis, and the coordination mode of the *p*-nitrophenolate anion is very different from that observed in the above reported complexes.



In (I), each Pb<sup>II</sup> cation has a five-coordinate environment, completed by two N atoms from a 2,2'-bipyridine ligand, two O atoms from two bridging *p*-nitrophenolate anions and one O atom from a nitrate anion (Fig. 1). Selected bond distances and angles are given in Table 1. The Pb1–O4 bond is longer than the bridging Pb1–O1 and Pb1–O1<sup>i</sup> [symmetry code: (i) 2 - x, 2 - y, -z] bonds. The *p*-nitrophenolate anion acts as a bridge between two Pb atoms and forms a dimeric complex. The Pb1···Pb1<sup>i</sup> distance is 4.097 (3) Å and the complex possesses a centre of symmetry midway between the two Pb atoms.

In the crystal structure, a two-dimensional network is formed by  $\pi-\pi$  interactions between the 2,2'-bipyridine heterocycles, with a separation of *ca* 3.62 Å, and between the benzene rings of *p*-nitrophenolates belonging to adjacent dimeric units, with a separation of *ca* 3.55 Å.

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### Experimental

The title complex was synthesized by the hydrothermal method from *p*-nitrophenol (0.5 mmol),  $Pb(NO_3)_2$  (0.5 mmol), 2,2'-bipyridine (1 mmol) and water (10.0 ml), in a 30.0 ml Telfon-lined stainless steel reactor. The solution was heated at 403 K for 3 d. The reaction system was then cooled slowly to room temperature, and yellow crystals were collected.

Z = 1

 $D_x = 2.208 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation Cell parameters from 4967

reflections

 $\mu = 10.00 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ 

 $0.31 \times 0.27 \times 0.16 \text{ mm}$ 

3047 independent reflections

2909 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

T = 293 (2) KBlock, yellow

 $\begin{aligned} R_{\rm int} &= 0.021 \\ \theta_{\rm max} &= 25.2^\circ \end{aligned}$ 

 $h = -10 \rightarrow 10$ 

 $k = -12 \rightarrow 12$ 

 $l = -12 \rightarrow 12$ 

 $\theta = 2.7 - 25.2^{\circ}$ 

#### Crystal data

$[Pb_2(C_6H_4NO_3)_2(C_{10}H_8N_2)_2(NO_3)_2]$
$M_r = 1126.97$
Triclinic, $P\overline{1}$
a = 8.646 (5)  Å
b = 10.5079 (6) Å
c = 10.7934 (6) Å
$\alpha = 91.477(1)^{\circ}$
$\beta = 111.107 (1)^{\circ}$
$\gamma = 109.929 (1)^{\circ}$
V = 847.6 (5) Å <sup>3</sup>

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX areadetector diffractometer  $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: by integration (*SHELXTL*; Bruker, 2000)  $T_{\rm min} = 0.061, T_{\rm max} = 0.210$ 6259 measured reflections

#### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0213P)^2]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.024$	+ 0.5091P]
$wR(F^2) = 0.052$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
S = 1.11	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$
3047 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.78 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
244 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.96 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$
H-atom parameters constrained	

#### Table 1

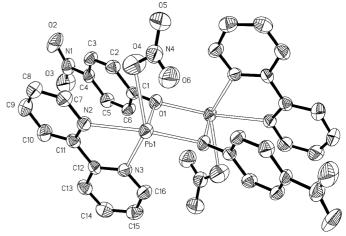
Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Pb1-O1	2.333 (3)	$Pb1-O1^{i}$	2.590 (3)
Pb1-N3	2.526 (4)	Pb1-O4	2.692 (4)
Pb1-N2	2.554 (4)		
O1-Pb1-N3	78.42 (12)	$N2-Pb1-O1^{i}$	142.17 (11)
O1-Pb1-N2	84.12 (11)	O1-Pb1-O4	77.28 (13)
N3-Pb1-N2	64.26 (12)	N3-Pb1-O4	137.30 (12)
$O1 - Pb1 - O1^i$	67.41 (12)	N2-Pb1-O4	78.73 (12)
$N3-Pb1-O1^{i}$	85.27 (11)	O1 <sup>i</sup> -Pb1-O4	116.19 (12)

Symmetry code: (i) 2 - x, 2 - y, -z.

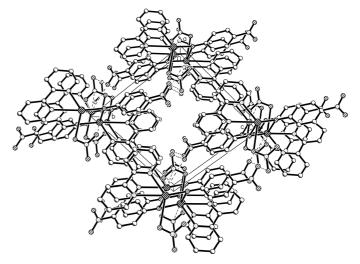
All H atoms were included in the refinement in calculated positions in the riding model approximation  $[C-H = 0.93 \text{ Å} \text{ and } U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)].$ 

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2000); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2000); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS*97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL*97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *XP* in *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 2000); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL*97.



#### Figure 1

The molecular structure of (I), with the atom-numbering scheme, showing displacement ellipsoids at the 50% probability level. H atoms have been omitted for clarity.



#### Figure 2

A view down the *a* axis of the two-dimensional network structure of (I) formed by  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interactions.

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