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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
 $T = 180$ K
Mean $\sigma(C-C) = 0.004$ Å
 R factor = 0.049
 wR factor = 0.153
Data-to-parameter ratio = 13.7For details of how these key indicators were
automatically derived from the article, see
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.Bis(2,2':6',2''-terpyridyl- κ^3N)manganese(II)
dinitrate dihydrateIn the crystal structure of the title compound, $[Mn(C_{15}H_{11}N_3)_2](NO_3)_2 \cdot 2H_2O$, at 180 K, the complex cation lies on a twofold axis.

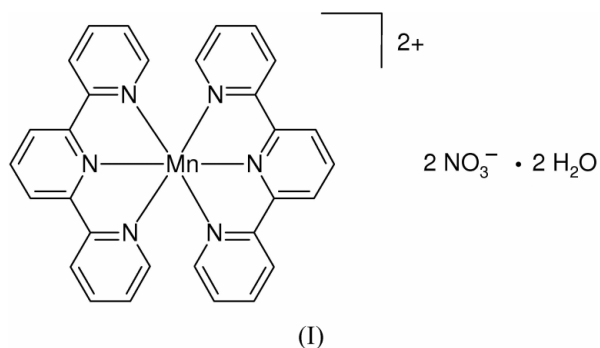
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Comment

The comproportionation reaction between $KMnO_4$ and manganese(II) nitrate in the presence of bis(2,2':6',2''-terpyridine) (terpy) gives the oxo-bridged $Mn^{III}-Mn^{IV}$ complex $[Mn_2O_2(terpy)_2(H_2O)_2](NO_3)_3 \cdot 6H_2O$ (Collomb *et al.*, 1999; Limburg *et al.*, 1999). Preparation of this compound from a reaction mixture in acetonitrile/water also yields a significant proportion of the title complex, bis(2,2':6',2''-terpyridyl)manganese(II) dinitrate dihydrate, (I). The two crystalline components are readily distinguished by their colours: the oxo-bridged complex is dark green, while the title complex is orange.



In its crystal structure at 180 K, the cation of the title complex is sited on a twofold axis at $(0, \frac{1}{4}, z)$, which passes through atoms Mn1, N2, N4, C8 and C16. The nitrate counteranions and water molecules form hydrogen-bonded ribbons that run in perpendicular directions parallel to $[100]$ and $[010]$ [$H2W \cdots O52^{ii} = 2.157(13)$ Å and $O1W-H2W \cdots O52^{ii} = 171(4)^\circ$; $H1W \cdots O53^{iii} = 2.212(14)$ Å and $O1W-H1W \cdots O53^{iii} = 169(4)^\circ$, symmetry codes: (ii) $\frac{1}{4} + y, \frac{3}{4} - x, \frac{3}{4} - z$; (iii) $\frac{1}{2} + y, \frac{1}{4} - x, \frac{1}{4} + z$].

Experimental

$Mn(NO_3)_2 \cdot 4H_2O$ (273 mg, 1.08 mmol) dissolved in water (2 ml) was mixed with 2,2':6',2''-terpyridine (358 mg, 1.54 mmol) dissolved in acetonitrile (2 ml) to give a yellow solution. $KMnO_4$ (74 mg, 0.47 mmol) in water (2 ml) was then added, causing the solution to turn green and then brown-red. After 48 h, the title complex crystallized as orange plates, together with green needles of $[Mn_2O_2(terpy)_2(H_2O)_2](NO_3)_3 \cdot 6H_2O$ in an approximate 2:1 ratio.

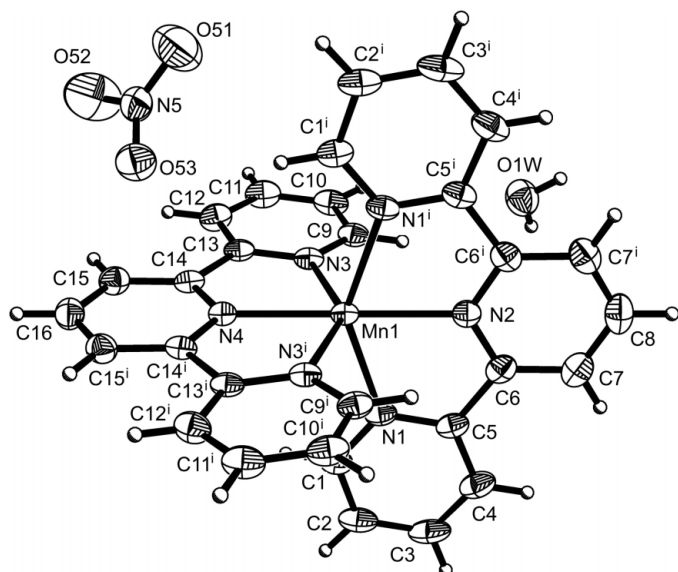


Figure 1
The components of (I), showing displacement ellipsoids at the 50% probability level for non-H atoms. H atoms are shown as spheres of arbitrary radius. [Symmetry code: (i) $-x, \frac{1}{2} - y, z$.]

Crystal data

[Mn(C₁₅H₁₁N₃)₂](NO₃)₂·2H₂O
M_r = 681.53
 Tetragonal, *I*4₁/a
a = 12.3571 (1) Å
c = 38.6211 (6) Å
V = 5897.36 (11) Å³
Z = 8
D_x = 1.535 Mg m⁻³

Mo *K*α radiation
 Cell parameters from 9582 reflections
 θ = 2.6–26.0°
 μ = 0.52 mm⁻¹
T = 180 (2) K
 Block, orange
 0.20 × 0.20 × 0.12 mm

Data collection

Bruker–Nonius X8APEX2 CCD diffractometer
 Thin-slice ω and φ scans
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 2003)
T_{min} = 0.837, *T_{max}* = 0.941
 51440 measured reflections

3027 independent reflections
 2265 reflections with *I* > 2σ(*I*)
R_{int} = 0.046
 θ_{max} = 26.4°
h = −15 → 15
k = −15 → 15
l = −48 → 48

Refinement

Refinement on *F*²
R[*F*² > 2σ(*F*²)] = 0.050
wR(*F*²) = 0.153
S = 1.03
 3027 reflections
 221 parameters
 H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

$$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0805P)^2 + 14.4081P]$$

where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 1.14 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.44 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

H atoms bound to carbon were placed geometrically and allowed to ride during subsequent refinement, with C–H = 0.95 Å and *U_{iso}*(H) = 1.2*U_{eq}*(C). H atoms of the water molecule were located in difference Fourier maps, and refined with O–H distances restrained to 0.85 (1) Å, the H···H distance restrained to 1.36 (2) Å, and *U_{iso}*(H) = 1.5*U_{eq}*(O). The largest residual peak lies in the vicinity of the nitrate anion.

Data collection: APEX2 (Bruker–Nonius, 2004); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 2003); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXTL (Sheldrick, 2000); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXTL; molecular graphics: SHELXTL; software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL.

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