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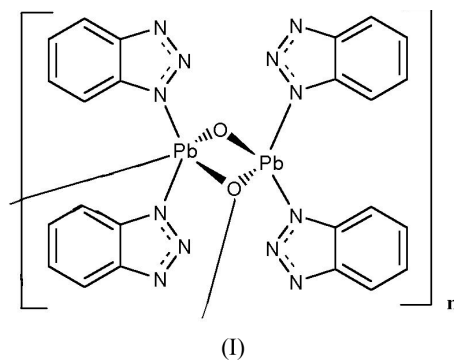
Poly[bis(benzotriazolato)di- μ -oxo-dilead(II)]

The title compound, $[Pb_2O_2(C_6H_4N_3)_2]_n$, exhibits anti-corrosion properties. The coordination around each Pb atom is different, with coordination numbers of four and five. The compound forms a polymeric chain with pairs of oxo bridges between metal centers.

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Comment

Benzotriazole (BTAH), possessing three vicinal N atoms, is used as an antifouling and antiwear reagent (Sha *et al.*, 1996). Several studies on the interaction of BTA with copper and the characterization of copper compounds of BTA have been reported (Brostoff, 1997). Transition metal complexes having benzotriazole as a ligand have also been synthesized and characterized by single-crystal diffraction studies (Sotofte & Nielsen, 1984*a,b*; Li *et al.*, 2002). Sharma *et al.* (2003) found that a neutral solution of BTA is an excellent corrosion inhibitor for lead and have used it to prevent preferential corrosion of lead in ancient leaded bronze sculptures. The chemistry involved in the interactions between lead and the BTA ligand and the nature of lead–BTA complexes are not well characterized. In this paper, we present the crystal structure of the title polymeric complex, (I).



This structure is unique, with no hydration associated with the compound, such hydration being a common feature in

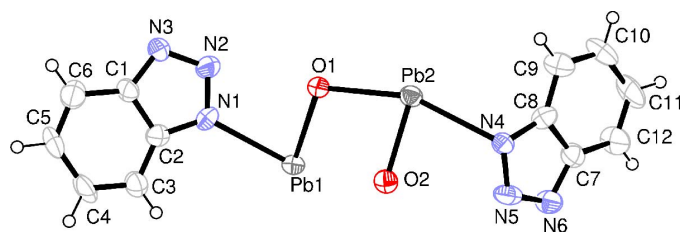


Figure 1
 The asymmetric unit of (I). Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.

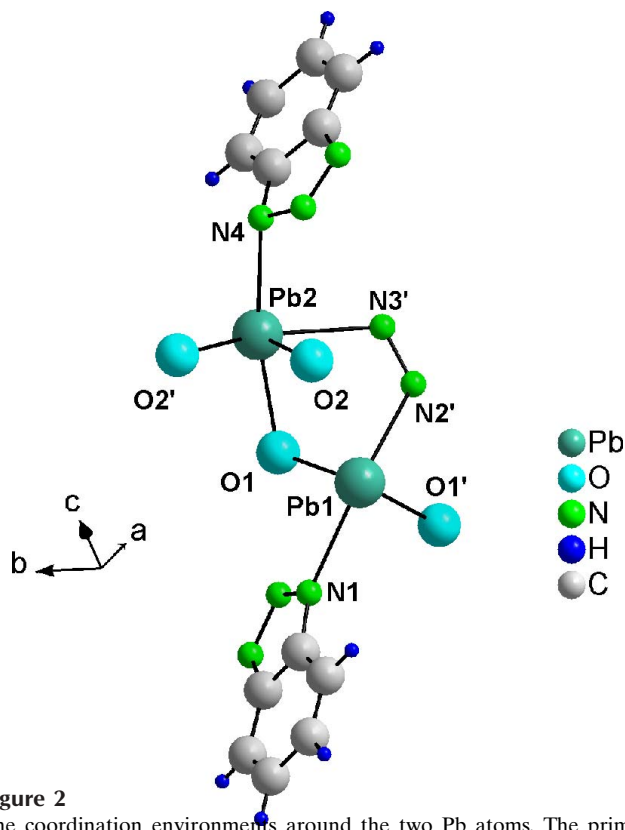


Figure 2
The coordination environments around the two Pb atoms. The primes indicate symmetry-equivalent atoms; for details, see Table 1.

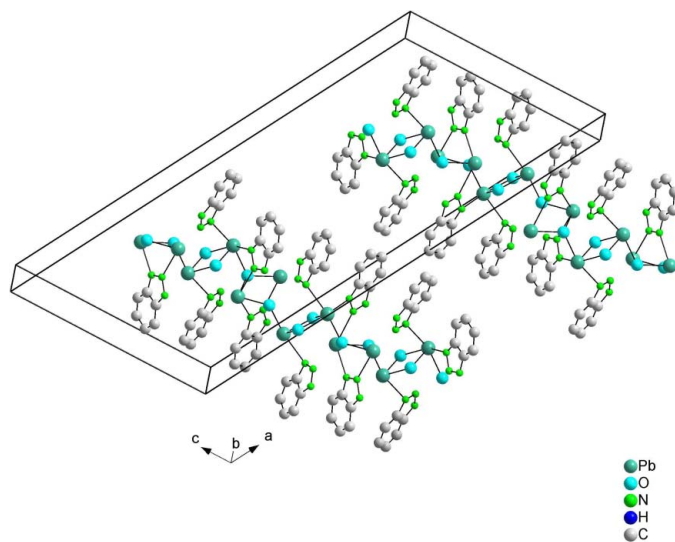


Figure 3
Packing diagram of (I), viewed approximately down the *b* axis.

most of the known metal-substituted corrosion inhibitors containing BTA. Fig. 1 shows the asymmetric unit of the title compound. The one-sided coordination of the Pb atoms is due to the presence of the 6s lone pair of electrons. The Pb atoms have different primary coordination environments: Pb1 is four-coordinate, while Pb2 is five-coordinate (Table 1 and Fig. 2). However, in addition, a secondary Pb1–O2 contact of 2.771 (8) Å is present, making Pb1 also five-coordinate if this is included

Van der Waals interactions stabilize the crystal structure with its polymeric assembly of aromatic surfaces, which are responsible for generating a hydrophobic environment. This might provide a protective coating on the surface of a substrate material, thus preventing corrosion (Fig. 3).

Experimental

Crystals of suitable size and quality for single-crystal diffraction were grown in neutral BTA solution (1.0%), which was prepared by adding 0.2 g of solid calcium carbonate to 200 ml of BTA solution with occasional stirring. The solution was filtered after 6 h when it attained a pH of 7.0. Two lead plates were immersed in this neutral solution and crystals were obtained after a period of 16 d (m.p. 629 K). ^1H NMR (DMSO, 300 MHz): δ 7.32 (4H), 7.87 (4H).

Crystal data

[Pb₂O₂(C₆H₄N₃)₂]
M_r = 682.64
Monoclinic, *C*2/*c*
a = 35.035 (6) Å
b = 5.8335 (10) Å
c = 16.049 (3) Å
 β = 116.837 (2)°
V = 2926.8 (9) Å³
Z = 8

D_x = 3.114 Mg m⁻³
Mo *K*α radiation
Cell parameters from 625 reflections
 θ = 1.4–25.2°
 μ = 23.11 mm⁻¹
T = 290 (2) K
Thick plate, colorless
0.18 × 0.12 × 0.06 mm

Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer
 φ and ω scans
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)
T_{min} = 0.033, *T_{max}* = 0.250
12665 measured reflections

2724 independent reflections
2523 reflections with *I* > 2σ(*I*)
R_{int} = 0.041
 θ_{max} = 25.5°
h = -42 → 42
k = -7 → 7
l = -19 → 19

Refinement

Refinement on *F*²
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.056$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.188$
S = 1.13
2724 reflections
199 parameters

H-atom parameters constrained
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.1502P)^2]$
where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
(Δ/σ)_{max} = 0.001
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 2.96 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -4.15 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Pb1–O1	2.338 (7)	Pb2–O2 ⁱⁱ	2.442 (8)
Pb1–O1 ⁱ	2.492 (8)	Pb2–O1	2.463 (8)
Pb1–N1	2.591 (9)	Pb2–N3 ⁱ	2.625 (11)
Pb1–N2 ⁱ	2.730 (12)	Pb2–N4	2.646 (10)
Pb2–O2	2.289 (9)		
O1–Pb1–O1 ⁱ	97.07 (18)	O2 ⁱⁱ –Pb2–O1	91.7 (3)
O1–Pb1–N1	75.9 (3)	O2–Pb2–N3 ⁱ	74.7 (3)
O1 ⁱ –Pb1–N1	76.4 (3)	O2 ⁱⁱ –Pb2–N3 ⁱ	146.0 (3)
O1–Pb1–N2 ⁱ	75.0 (3)	O1–Pb2–N3 ⁱ	82.4 (3)
O1 ⁱ –Pb1–N2 ⁱ	68.3 (3)	O2–Pb2–N4	80.6 (3)
N1–Pb1–N2 ⁱ	130.3 (4)	O2 ⁱⁱ –Pb2–N4	82.2 (3)
O2–Pb2–O2 ⁱⁱ	71.3 (3)	O1–Pb2–N4	158.5 (3)
O2–Pb2–O1	77.9 (3)	N3 ⁱ –Pb2–N4	91.1 (4)

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

All the H atoms were placed in idealized positions and constrained to ride on their parent atoms, with C–H = 0.93 Å and *U*_{iso}(H) = 1.2*U*_{eq}(C). The largest residual electron-density peak is 0.88 Å from atom Pb1 and the deepest hole is 1.23 Å from the same atom.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2000); cell refinement: *SMART*; data reduction: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2000); program(s) used to solve structure: *SIR92* (Altomare *et al.*, 1993); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEP-3 for Windows* (Farrugia, 1997) and *CAMERON* (Watkin *et al.*, 1993); software used to prepare material for publication: *PLATON* (Spek, 2003).

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