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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
$T=100 \mathrm{~K}$
Mean $\sigma(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C})=0.005 \AA$
$R$ factor $=0.026$
$w R$ factor $=0.059$
Data-to-parameter ratio $=20.0$
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## Bis[4,4'-dimethyl-2,2'-bipyridinium(+)] tetraoxorhenate(VII) triiodide

The asymmetric unit of the title compound, $\left(\mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{~N}_{2}\right)_{2^{-}}$ [ $\left.\mathrm{ReO}_{4}\right]_{3}$, contains two 4,4'-dimethyl-2, $2^{\prime}$-bipyridinium cations, one $\mathrm{ReO}_{4}^{-}$anion and two half-triiodide anions, each anion lying on a centre of symmetry. The crystal packing is stabilized by $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}, \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ and $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{I}$ interactions.

## Comment

The title compound, (I) (Fig. 1), contains a network of $2,2^{\prime}$ bipyridinium cations, $\left[\mathrm{Re}^{\mathrm{VII}} \mathrm{O}_{4}\right]^{-}$perrhenate anions and $\mathrm{I}_{3}{ }^{-}$ triiodide anions.


The $\mathrm{Re}-\mathrm{O}$ bond lengths in the perrhenate anion (Table 1) are similar to those found for the same species in other molecular compounds (Herrmann et al., 1990). There are two halftriiodide ions in the asymmetric unit of (I). In each case, the complete ion is generated by inversion symmetry, which constrains it to be symmetric and linear. The I-I distances in (I) (Table 1) are similar to those found in related compounds (Schmidt-Brucken \& Abram, 2001)
$\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ hydrogen bonds and $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ and $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{I}$ interactions are present in (I) (Table 2), and help to stabilize the crystal packing. The ions are arranged in alternating layers (Fig. 2). The first consists of $4,4^{\prime}$-dimethyl-2,2'-bipyridinium cations and $\left[\mathrm{ReO}_{4}\right]^{-}$anions, while the other consists of $\mathrm{I}_{3}{ }^{-}$ ions. There are also $\pi-\pi$ interactions between the pyridine rings [centroid-to-centroid distances range from 3.75 (2) to 3.52 (2) Å].

## Experimental

A mixture of $\left(\mathrm{NH}_{4}\right)_{2} \mathrm{ReI}_{6}(0.019 \mathrm{~g})$ and $4,4^{\prime}$-dimethyl-2,2'-bipyridine $(0.040 \mathrm{~g})$ was dissolved in water $(50 \mathrm{ml})$ containing $46 \% \mathrm{HI}$ solution $(2 \mathrm{ml})$. The mixture was heated at 320 K for 5 h . The solution changed color from black to violet. After the reaction, the solution was left at room temperature and the water slowly evaporated. After 3 d , the solution became colorless and red crystals of (I) were deposited in $57 \%$ yield. Compound (I) is stable in air and dissolves easily in $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$, acetone and pyridine. IR ( $\mathrm{KBr}, v \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ ) 3442, 2922, $1628,1597,1515,1446,1380,1348,1302,1250,1225,1215,1106,1021$, $993,920,889,825,720,510,444,417,519,510,470,444,346,326,306$, 286, 249, 135, 118, 71. Elemental analysis calculated for

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$\mathrm{C}_{24} \mathrm{H}_{26} \mathrm{I}_{3} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{4} \mathrm{Re}$ : C 28.78 , H $2.61, \mathrm{~N} 5.59 \%$, found: C $27.50, \mathrm{H} 2.32$, N 4.95\%.

## Crystal data

$\left(\mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{~N}_{2}\right)_{2}\left[\mathrm{ReO}_{4}\right] \mathrm{I}_{3}$
$M_{r}=1001.40$
Triclinic, $P \overline{1}$
$a=9.667$ (2) $\AA$
$b=12.096$ (2) $\AA$
$c=14.185$ (3) $\AA$
$\alpha=66.41$ (3) ${ }^{\circ}$
$\beta=85.10(3)^{\circ}$
$\gamma=74.07$ (3) ${ }^{\circ}$
$V=1461.1(5) \AA^{3}$

## Data collection

KM-4/CCD diffractometer $\omega$ scans
Absorption correction: numerical
(CrysAlis RED; Oxford
Diffraction, 2004
$T_{\text {min }}=0.378, T_{\text {max }}=0.595$
19623 measured reflections
$Z=2$
$D_{x}=2.276 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$
Mo $K \alpha$ radiation
Cell parameters from 5240

## reflections

$\theta=3.0-25.0^{\circ}$
$\mu=7.36 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$
$T=100$ (2) K
Block, red
$0.30 \times 0.15 \times 0.10 \mathrm{~mm}$

6808 independent reflections 5964 reflections with $I>2 \sigma(I)$
$R_{\text {int }}=0.049$
$\theta_{\text {max }}=28.5^{\circ}$
$h=-12 \rightarrow 12$
$k=-16 \rightarrow 13$
$l=-18 \rightarrow 18$

## Refinement

Refinement on $F^{2}$
$R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.026$
$w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.059$
$S=1.01$
6808 reflections
340 parameters

H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement
$w=1 /\left[\sigma^{2}\left(F_{\mathrm{o}}{ }^{2}\right)+(0.0325 P)^{2}\right]$
where $P=\left(F_{\mathrm{o}}{ }^{2}+2 F_{\mathrm{c}}{ }^{2}\right) / 3$
$(\Delta / \sigma)_{\text {max }}=0.001$
$\Delta \rho_{\text {max }}=1.61 \mathrm{e}^{-3}$
$\Delta \rho_{\min }=-1.09 \mathrm{e}^{\AA^{-3}}$

Table 1
Selected bond lengths ( $\AA$ ).

| $\mathrm{Re} 1-\mathrm{O} 4$ | $1.723(3)$ | $\mathrm{Re} 1-\mathrm{O} 3$ | $1.741(3)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{Re} 1-\mathrm{O} 1$ | $1.727(3)$ | $\mathrm{I} 1-\mathrm{I} 2$ | $2.9369(8)$ |
| $\mathrm{Re} 1-\mathrm{O} 2$ | $1.730(3)$ | $\mathrm{I} 3-\mathrm{I} 4$ | $2.9224(8)$ |

Table 2
Hydrogen-bond geometry ( $\left(\AA,{ }^{\circ}\right.$ ).

| $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H}$ | $\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{H} 1 A \cdots \mathrm{O} 1$ | 0.99 (5) | 1.79 (5) | 2.714 (4) | 154 (5) |
| $\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{H} 2 A \cdots \mathrm{O}^{\text {i }}$ | 0.80 (5) | 2.09 (5) | 2.748 (4) | 140 (5) |
| $\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{H} 4 \cdots \mathrm{O} 4^{\text {ii }}$ | 0.95 | 2.48 | 3.183 (5) | 130 |
| $\mathrm{C} 23-\mathrm{H} 23 \cdots \mathrm{O} 2^{\text {iiii }}$ | 0.95 | 2.46 | 3.199 (5) | 133 |
| $\mathrm{C} 26-\mathrm{H} 26 \cdots \mathrm{O} 2^{\text {iii }}$ | 0.95 | 2.58 | 3.429 (5) | 148 |
| $\mathrm{C} 30-\mathrm{H} 30 A \cdots \mathrm{O} 3^{\text {iii }}$ | 0.98 | 2.57 | 3.466 (6) | 151 |
| $\mathrm{C} 20-\mathrm{H} 20 \cdots \mathrm{I} 2^{\text {iv }}$ | 0.95 | 3.05 | 3.998 (4) | 169 |

Symmetry codes: (i) $x-1, y, z$; (ii) $-x+1,-y,-z+1$; (iii) $-x+1,-y+1,-z+1$; (iv) $x, y-1, z+1$.

The positions of the N -bound H atoms were refined freely along with their isotropic displacement parameters. All other H atoms were placed in geometrically idealized positions and constrained to ride on their parent atoms, with $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}$ distances in the range $0.95-0.98 \AA$ and with $U_{\text {iso }}(\mathrm{H})=1.2 U_{\text {eq }}(\mathrm{C})$. The highest peak and deepest hole are located $1.31 \AA$ from atom N 1 and $0.88 \AA$ from Re1, respectively.


Figure 1
View of the components of (I), showing $50 \%$ displacement ellipsoids (arbitrary spheres for the H atoms). [Symmetry codes: (i) $-x, 2-y,-z$; (ii) $1-x, 1-y,-z$.]


Figure 2
The unit-cell contents of (I).
Data collection: KM4CCD (Oxford Diffraction, 2004); cell refinement: $K M 4 C C D$; data reduction: $K M 4 C C D$; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: ORTEP-3 (Farrugia, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL97.

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