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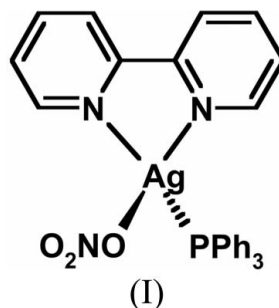
## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 173$  K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.032  
 $wR$  factor = 0.095  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 22.7For details of how these key indicators were automatically derived from the article, see <http://journals.iucr.org/e>.(2,2'-Bipyridyl- $\kappa^2N,N'$ )nitrato(triphenylphosphine- $\kappa P$ )silver(I)

The title complex,  $[\text{Ag}(\text{NO}_3)(\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_8\text{N}_2)(\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{P})]$ , contains a bidentate bipyridyl ligand, a monodentate triphenylphosphine molecule and a nitrate anion coordinated to silver. The geometry of the resulting  $\text{AgN}_2\text{PO}$  coordination could be described as grossly distorted tetrahedral or as irregular.

## Comment

Depending on the ligands involved, silver(I) complexes can show a wide variety of structures (Sampanthar *et al.*, 2000; Brandys & Puddephatt, 2001; Khlobystov *et al.*, 2001; Che *et al.*, 1991; Constable *et al.*, 1992; You *et al.*, 2005; Alyea *et al.*, 2002; Näther *et al.*, 2004; Liu *et al.*, 2005). In this context, we decided to examine the nature of the silver complex formed with a conjugated ligand (bipyridyl). Therefore, the title compound,  $[\text{Ag}(\text{NO}_3)(\text{bpy})(\text{PPh}_3)]$ , (I), has been synthesized and structurally investigated.



Compound (I) is a monomeric complex (Fig. 1) in which the bipyridyl group is  $N,N$ -bidentate and the nitrate anion is monodentate, although a long  $\text{Ag}-\text{O}_2$  bond of 2.805 (3) Å is also present. Selected geometric parameters are listed in Table 1. The  $\text{Ag}-\text{N}$ ,  $\text{Ag}-\text{P}$  and  $\text{Ag}-\text{O}$  bond lengths in (I) are in good agreement with the corresponding distances in related complexes (Sampanthar *et al.*, 2000). The coordination geometry around silver in (I) could be described as grossly distorted tetrahedral (average bond angle = 106.5°) or possibly as irregular. Similar distorted silver coordination environments have been observed in related complexes (Ng & Othman, 1997; Zhang *et al.*, 2003). The crystal packing of (I) is shown in Fig. 2.

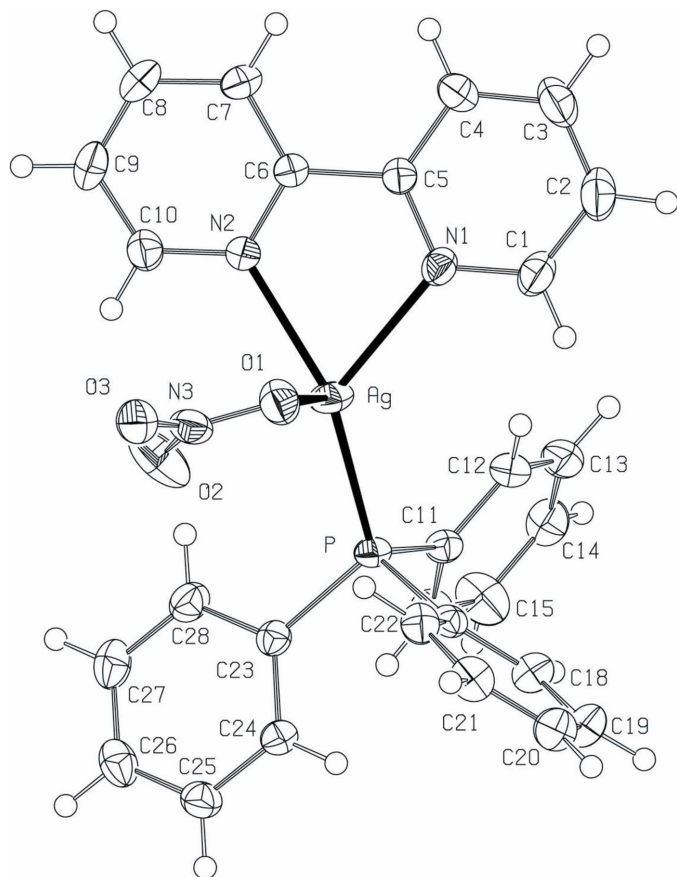
## Experimental

Compound (I) was prepared by the reaction of  $\text{AgNO}_3$  with  $\text{PPh}_3$  and bipyridyl (molar ratio 1:1:1) in acetonitrile solution at 298 K. The precipitate was filtered off and dried under vacuum. Colourless crystals of (I) were obtained by the diffusion of  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  vapour into an acetonitrile–methanol (1:1,  $v/v$ ) solution of the complex at 273 K.

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**Figure 1**

A view of (I), showing 50% probability displacement ellipsoids (arbitrary spheres for the H atoms). Atoms C16 (bonded to C11 and C15) and C17 (bonded to P, C18 and C22) are unlabelled for clarity.

**Crystal data**

[Ag(NO<sub>3</sub>)(C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>)(C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>P)]  
 $M_r = 588.33$   
 Triclinic,  $P\bar{1}$   
 $a = 8.070$  (5) Å  
 $b = 9.644$  (5) Å  
 $c = 18.125$  (5) Å  
 $\alpha = 100.28$  (5)°  
 $\beta = 96.20$  (5)°  
 $\gamma = 112.12$  (5)°  
 $V = 1261.9$  (11) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 2$   
 $D_x = 1.548$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 Cell parameters from 9415 reflections  
 $\theta = 1.0$ – $30.0$ °  
 $\mu = 0.90$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 173$  (2) K  
 Prism, colourless  
 $0.10 \times 0.08 \times 0.06$  mm

**Data collection**

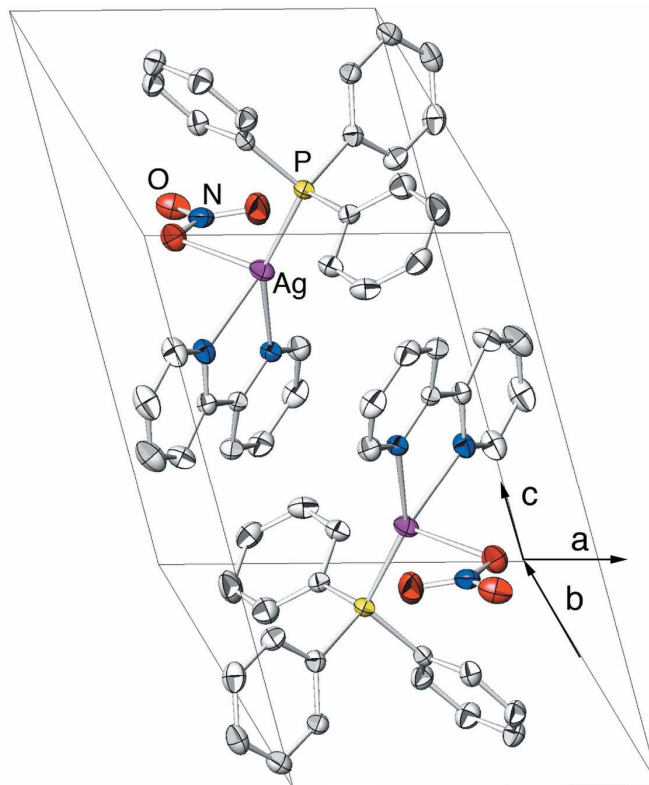
Nonius KappaCCD diffractometer  
 $\varphi$  scans  
 19212 measured reflections  
 7388 independent reflections  
 6228 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.037$   
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 30.1$ °  
 $h = -11 \rightarrow 11$   
 $k = -13 \rightarrow 13$   
 $l = -25 \rightarrow 25$

**Refinement**

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.032$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.095$   
 $S = 1.06$   
 7388 reflections  
 325 parameters  
 H-atom parameters constrained

$$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0472P)^2 + 0.1974P]$$

where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.41$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.99$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

**Figure 2**

The unit-cell contents of (I), viewed along the  $b$  axis. H atoms have been omitted.

**Table 1**

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Ag–N1	2.353 (3)	Ag–P	2.3475 (15)
Ag–N2	2.3036 (17)	Ag–O1	2.573 (2)
N2–Ag–N1	71.67 (8)	N1–Ag–O1	91.20 (8)
N1–Ag–P	126.47 (7)	N2–Ag–O1	84.89 (7)
N2–Ag–P	151.77 (5)	P–Ag–O1	113.22 (6)

H atoms were placed in idealized locations ( $C-H = 0.95$  Å) and refined as riding with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{carrier})$ .

Data collection: *COLLECT* (Nonius, 1998); cell refinement: *DENZO* (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997); data reduction: *DENZO* and *SCALEPACK* (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *PLATON* (Spek, 2003); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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