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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 298 KMean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.008 Å R factor = 0.052 wR factor = 0.143 Data-to-parameter ratio = 12.9

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# Di- $\mu$ -acetato- $\kappa^4$ O:O'-bis[bis(2,2'-bipyridine- $\kappa^2 N, N'$ )manganese(II)] bis(perchlorate)

In the binuclear title manganese(II) complex,  $[Mn_2(C_2H_3O_2)_2(C_{10}H_8N_2)_4](ClO_4)_2$ , the Mn atoms are six-coordinate in a distorted octahedral coordination geometry. The two Mn atoms are bridged by two acetate groups to form a dimeric cation. The complex forms chains through  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interactions.

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# Comment

The photosystem II oxygen-evolving complex (PSII OEC) found in the chloroplast thylakoid membranes of higher plants and algae catalyzes the splitting of water. The process is generally believed to occur at aggregates containing two or four Mn atoms (Arulsamy et al., 1994). Owing to their relevance to the catalytic center of the photosystem, binuclear manganese complexes have become the subject of intensive research. Binuclear manganese complexes that have been synthesized include those with two O-atom bridges (Tan et al., 1996; Goodwin et al., 2004), O-atom and OAc<sup>-</sup> (CH<sub>3</sub>COO<sup>-</sup>) mixed bridges (Arulsamy et al., 1994; Oberhausen et al., 1993; Sheats et al., 1987; Wieghardt et al., 1985), and isophthalate bridges (Tan et al., 1997), but examples with two acetate groups bridging a binuclear manganese complex are limited to two, namely  $[Mn^{II}(tpa)(\mu-O_2CCH_3)]_2(TCNQ)_2 \cdot 2CH_3CN$  [tpa is tris(2-pyridylmethyl)amine and TCNQ is tetracyanoquinodimethane; Oshio et al., 1993] and [Mn(bipa)(µ- $OAc)_{2}(ClO_{4})_{2}$  [bipa is bis(picolyl)(N-methylimidazol-2yl)amine; Triller et al., 2002]. We now report the binuclear manganese(II) complex (I), containing 2,2'-bipyridine ligands  $[Mn_2(\mu-OAc^-)_2(bipy)_4](ClO_4)_22$  (OAc is CH<sub>3</sub>COOH and bipy is 2,2'-bipyridine).



The molecular structure of (I) is shown in Fig. 1. The manganese complex is a centrosymmetric binuclear cation with an  $Mn \cdots Mn$  separation of 4.5574 (15) Å. The two  $Mn^{II}$  atoms are bridged by two OAc<sup>-</sup> ligands. The coordination polyhedron around Mn is a distorted octahedron, whose

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## Figure 1

The title complex, with the atomic numbering scheme and displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 30% probability level. H atoms have been omitted for clarity. [Symmetry code: (A) 1 - x, 2 - y, 1 - z.]



## Figure 2

The  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking of the title complex. H atoms have been omitted for clarity.

equatorial plane is formed by one O atom (O1) and three N atoms (N1, N2 and N4); the axial positions are occupied by one N atom (N3) and one O atom  $(O2^{i})$ ; selected bond lengths and angles are shown in Table 1.

The complex cations are assembled into a one-dimensional chain by  $\pi - \pi$  stacking interactions, as shown in Fig. 2. Both pyridyl rings of the relevant bipy ligand take part in the  $\pi$ - $\pi$ stacking. The distance between the ring centroids is 4.110 Å, and the perpendicular distance of the two ring planes is 3.849 Å. The slip angle, between the ring normal and the line joining the centroids, is 20.6°. The centroid-centroid distance in the title complex is much shorter than that of the reported stacking of naphthalene groups, viz. 4.6 Å (Onoue et al., 1997) and 4.83 Å (Ortholand *et al.*, 1989), indicating a strong  $\pi - \pi$ stacking interaction.

# **Experimental**

Mn(OAc)<sub>2</sub>·4H<sub>2</sub>O (0.815 mmol) was dissolved in a mixed solvent (3 ml pyridine, 12 ml acetic acid, 20 ml ethanol), and fresh N(CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub>MnO<sub>4</sub> (0.315 mmol) was added slowly with



### Figure 3

The one-dimensional chain of the title complex, viewed approximately along the *a* axis. H atoms, the bipy molecules that do not take part in the  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking, and the perchlorate anions have been omitted for clarity.

continuous stirring. NaClO<sub>4</sub> (0.565 mmol) was then added. After 1 h, solid bipy (2.0 mmol) was added, and the reaction solution was stirred for 12 h. The final mixture was filtered, and the filtrate was layered with diethyl ether. After two weeks, yellow crystals of (I) were obtained; m.p. >573 K. Analysis calculated for  $C_{44}Cl_2H_{38}Mn_2N_8O_{12}$ : C 50.26, H 3.64, N 10.66%; found: C 50.19, H 3.69, N 10.73%. Selected FT-IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): v 3438 (m), 3107 (m), 2999 (m), 1603 (s), 1414 (s), 1337 (m), 1172 (m), 1018 (m), 938 (w), 770 (m), 737 (m), 649 (m), 510 (w).

Z = 1

 $D_r = 1.529 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ 

Cell parameters from 1539

3968 independent reflections

2533 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation

reflections

 $\theta = 2.5 - 21.7^{\circ}$  $\mu = 0.74 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ 

T = 298 (2) K

Block, yellow  $0.39 \times 0.31 \times 0.25 \text{ mm}$ 

 $R_{\rm int}=0.026$ 

 $\theta_{\rm max} = 25.0^{\circ}$ 

 $h = -12 \rightarrow 10$  $k = -12 \rightarrow 12$ 

 $l = -13 \rightarrow 13$ 

# Crystal data

 $[Mn_2(C_2H_3O_2)_2(C_{10}H_8N_2)_4](ClO_4)_2$  $M_r = 1051.60$ Triclinic, P1 a = 10.436 (3) Å b = 10.542 (3) Å c = 11.756 (4) Å  $\alpha = 78.135 \ (4)^{\circ}$  $\beta = 73.553 \ (4)^{\circ}$  $\gamma = 67.874 \ (4)^{\circ}$ V = 1141.8 (6) Å<sup>3</sup>

# Data collection

Siemens SMART CCD areadetector diffractometer  $\omega$  and  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)  $T_{\rm min}=0.761,\ T_{\rm max}=0.836$ 6048 measured reflections

### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0676P)^2]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.052$	+ 0.3213P]
$wR(F^2) = 0.143$	where $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
S = 1.00	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$
3968 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.40 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
308 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.35 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
H-atom parameters constrained	

# Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Mn1-O1	2.097 (3)	Mn1-N1	2.268 (3)
Mn1-O2 <sup>i</sup>	2.100 (3)	Mn1-N3	2.275 (3)
Mn1-N4	2.244 (3)	Mn1-N2	2.377 (3)
$O1-Mn1-O2^{i}$	98.15 (11)	N4-Mn1-N3	72.14 (12)
O1-Mn1-N4	105.13 (12)	N1-Mn1-N3	92.79 (12)
O2 <sup>i</sup> -Mn1-N4	91.28 (12)	O2 <sup>i</sup> -Mn1-N2	88.49 (11)
O1-Mn1-N1	97.43 (12)	N4-Mn1-N2	85.77 (12)
O2 <sup>i</sup> -Mn1-N1	101.48 (12)	N1-Mn1-N2	70.20 (12)
O1-Mn1-N3	88.47 (11)	N3-Mn1-N2	88.21 (11)
O2 <sup>i</sup> -Mn1-N3	163.29 (12)		

Symmetry code: (i) -x + 1, -y + 2, -z + 1.

The H atoms were positioned geometrically and refined as riding  $[C-H = 0.93 \text{ Å} \text{ and } U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$  for aromatic H atoms, and C-H = 0.96 Å and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.5U_{eq}(C)$  for methyl H atoms].

Data collection: *SMART* (Siemens, 1996); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Siemens, 1996); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997*a*); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997*a*); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 1997*b*); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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