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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 291$  K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.005$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.034  
 $wR$  factor = 0.075  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 15.9For details of how these key indicators were automatically derived from the article, see <http://journals.iucr.org/e>. $\mu$ -Ethylenediamine- $\kappa^2\text{N}:N'$ -bis[(quinoline-2-carboxylato- $\kappa^2\text{N},\text{O}$ )]silver(I) tetrahydrate

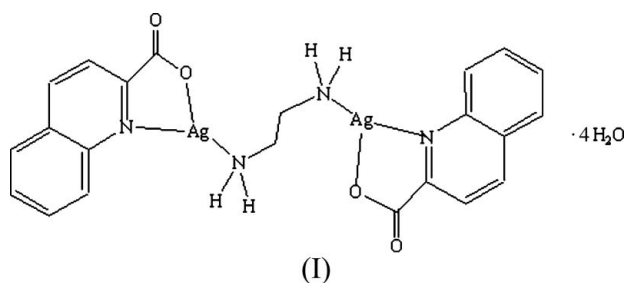
In the title compound,  $[\text{Ag}_2(\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_6\text{NO}_2)_2(\text{C}_2\text{H}_8\text{N}_2)] \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , each  $\text{Ag}^{\text{I}}$  atom is three-coordinated by one N atom and one O atom from one quinoline-2-carboxylate anion, and by one N atom from one ethylenediamine ligand. The dinuclear molecule is centrosymmetric. A three-dimensional supramolecular structure is formed through hydrogen-bonding and  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interactions.

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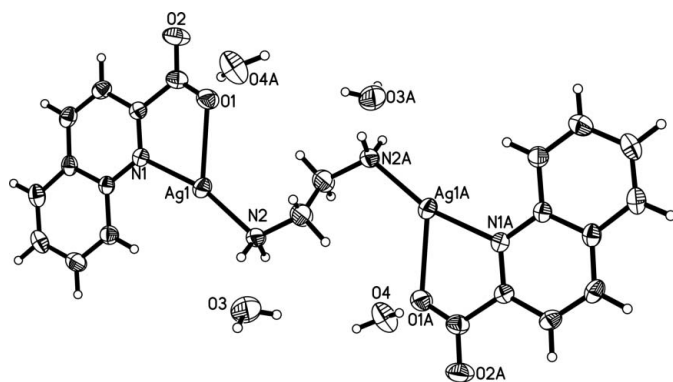
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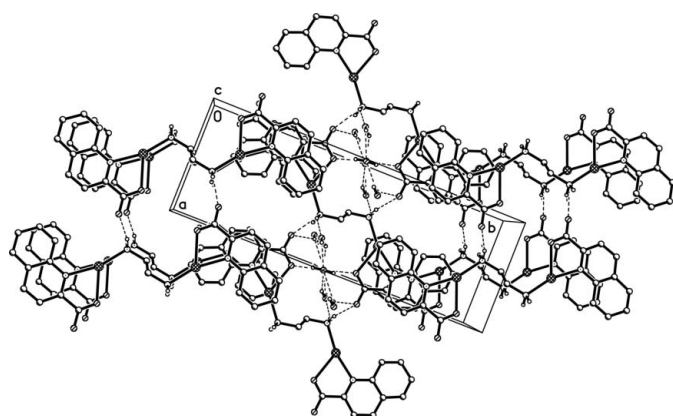
The construction of metal-organic supramolecular architectures based on hydrogen-bonding and/or  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interactions is attractive due to their intriguing structural topologies and their special properties for potential practical application as functional materials (Meyer *et al.*, 2003; Hagrman *et al.*, 1999; Hartshorn & Steel, 1998). Many ligands containing N- or O-donors, such as 2,2'-bipyridyl-4,4'-dicarboxylic acid, 1,10-phenanthroline and 4,4-bipyridine, have been widely applied in the construction of supramolecular metal-organic compounds (Noro *et al.*, 2002; Liu *et al.*, 2002; Wan *et al.*, 2003). In these compounds, hydrogen-bonding interactions and aromatic  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interactions are frequently present and these are very important in forming multi-dimensional structures from low-dimensional ones. Quinoline-2-carboxylic acid, which consists of an N-containing aromatic ring and a carboxylate group, is also a good ligand to form hydrogen-bonding and  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interactions (Dobrzyńska & Jerzykiewicz, 2004; Dobrzyńska *et al.*, 2005; Okabe & Muranishi, 2003). Here, we describe the supramolecular structure of the title silver(I) complex with this ligand, (I).



The structural unit of (I) contains a discrete centrosymmetric  $[\text{Ag}_2(\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_6\text{N}_1\text{O}_2)_2(\text{C}_2\text{H}_8\text{N}_2)]$  unit and four uncoordinated water molecules (Fig. 1). In this unit, there are two crystallographically equivalent  $\text{Ag}^{\text{I}}$  atoms. Each  $\text{Ag}^{\text{I}}$  atom is three-coordinated with an  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  donor set, in which one N atom (N1) and one O atom (O1) are from one quinoline-2-carboxylate anion, and the remaining N atom (N2) is from the ethylenediamine ligand. Two quinoline-2-carboxylate anions



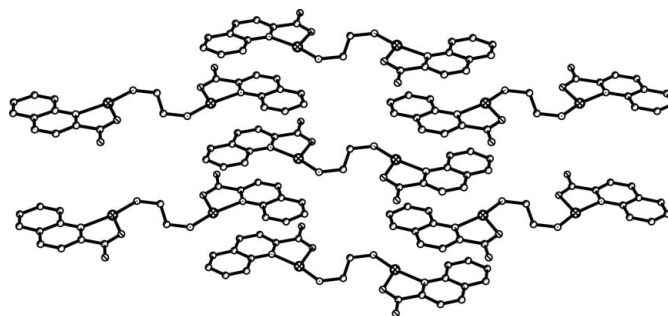
**Figure 1**  
The structure of compound (I). Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% level. [Symmetry code: (A)  $-x + 1, -y + 1, -z + 1$ .]



**Figure 2**  
A packing diagram for (I), viewed down the  $c$  axis, showing the hydrogen-bonding interactions as dashed lines. H atoms not involved in hydrogen bonding have been omitted.

bind to two Ag atoms in a chelating mode and one ethylenediamine ligand bridges the two Ag atoms, forming the  $[\text{Ag}_2(\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_6\text{N}_1\text{O}_2)_2(\text{C}_2\text{H}_8\text{N}_2)]$  unit. The ligand–Ag distances for the quinaldinate group are 2.439 (3) Å for Ag–O and 2.210 (2) Å for Ag–N. The Ag–N distance for the ethylenediamine ligand is 2.154 (3) Å, which is close to those reported for three-coordinate silver (Whitcomb & Rogers, 1997). The angles around the Ag atom are in the range 71.51 (9)–164.04 (10)°.

The molecules of compound (I) are interconnected by extensive hydrogen-bonding interactions (Fig. 2). Adjacent quinoline-2-carboxylate ligands are connected through hydrogen-bonding interactions with water molecules (Table 1), and neighbouring molecules of the complex interact with each other *via* the uncoordinated O atoms of the carboxyl group and the N atoms of the ethylenediamine ligand. There are also  $\pi$ – $\pi$  stacking interactions between the aromatic rings. The distances between neighbouring parallel quinolinyl rings are 3.3883 and 3.3792 Å, respectively, which indicate a strong edge-to-face offset  $\pi$ – $\pi$  stacking interaction (Janiak, 2000). These hydrogen-bonding and  $\pi$ – $\pi$  stacking interactions play important roles in the formation of a multi-dimensional



**Figure 3**  
A packing diagram for (I), showing  $\pi$ – $\pi$  stacking interactions. H atoms have been omitted.

framework, and in compound (I), it is the existence of hydrogen-bonding and  $\pi$ – $\pi$  stacking interactions that leads to the formation of a three-dimensional supramolecular architecture.

## Experimental

Quinoline-2-carboxylic acid was used as received from a commercial source (Aldrich) without further purification. Quinoline-2-carboxylic acid (0.173 g, 1 mmol) was added to water (10 ml) and the resulting solution was adjusted to pH 7.0 using aqueous ethylenediamine solution.  $\text{Ag}(\text{NO}_3)$  (0.170 g, 1 mmol) was then added to this solution and the mixture was stirred for 10 min and then filtered. After two days, colourless single crystals of (I) suitable for X-ray analysis were obtained. Analysis, calculated for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{28}\text{Ag}_2\text{N}_4\text{O}_8$ : C 38.14, H 4.04, N 8.09%; found: C 38.07, H 3.99, N 8.14%.

### Crystal data

$[\text{Ag}_2(\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_6\text{NO}_2)_2(\text{C}_2\text{H}_8\text{N}_2)] \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$	$Z = 2$
$M_r = 692.22$	$D_x = 1.852 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
$a = 7.9238$ (8) Å	$\mu = 1.63 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$b = 22.405$ (2) Å	$T = 291$ (2) K
$c = 6.9939$ (7) Å	Block, colourless
$\beta = 91.1690$ (10)°	$0.31 \times 0.13 \times 0.11 \text{ mm}$
$V = 1241.4$ (2) Å <sup>3</sup>	

### Data collection

Bruker APEX-2 CCD area-detector diffractometer	10824 measured reflections
$\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans	2847 independent reflections
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)	2295 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
$T_{\min} = 0.633, T_{\max} = 0.842$	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.023$
	$\theta_{\max} = 27.5^\circ$

### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0219P)^2 + 1.8051P]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.034$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$wR(F^2) = 0.076$	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.001$
$S = 1.04$	$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.98 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
2847 reflections	$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.71 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
179 parameters	
H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement	

**Table 1**  
Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
N2–H2A···O3	0.90	2.25	3.063 (5)	150
N2–H2B···O2 <sup>i</sup>	0.90	2.08	2.957 (4)	165
O3–H2W···O4 <sup>ii</sup>	0.853 (10)	2.02 (2)	2.811 (6)	154 (4)
O4–H3W···O1 <sup>i</sup>	0.854 (10)	1.969 (19)	2.808 (5)	167 (7)
O4–H3W···O2 <sup>i</sup>	0.854 (10)	2.72 (4)	3.416 (5)	139 (6)
O4–H4W···O1 <sup>iii</sup>	0.853 (10)	1.999 (19)	2.840 (5)	169 (6)
O3–H1W···O2 <sup>iv</sup>	0.851 (10)	2.51 (5)	3.141 (6)	132 (6)
O3–H1W···O4 <sup>v</sup>	0.851 (10)	2.40 (4)	3.043 (6)	133 (4)

Symmetry codes: (i)  $x+1, y, z$ ; (ii)  $-x+2, -y+1, -z+1$ ; (iii)  $-x+1, -y+1, -z+1$ ; (iv)  $x+1, y, z+1$ ; (v)  $x, y, z+1$ .

The H atoms of the water molecules were located in a difference Fourier map and refined freely. The other H atoms were included in calculated positions using the riding method, with N–H = 0.90 Å and C–H = 0.93–0.97 Å, and with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C}, \text{N})$ .

Data collection: *APEX2* (Bruker, 2004); cell refinement: *APEX2*; data reduction: *SAINTE* (Bruker, 2004); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 2004); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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