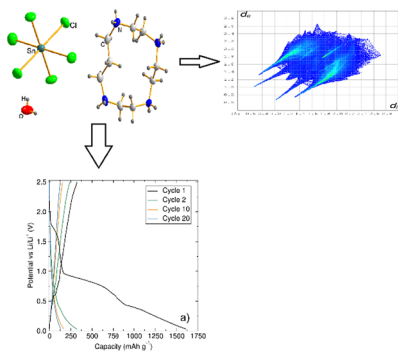


Short communication

Crystal structure, physical study and Hirshfeld surface analysis of $(C_9H_{26}N_4)[SnCl_6]Cl_2 \cdot 2H_2O$ Brahim El Bali^{a,*}, Mohammed Lachkar^b, Amani Direm^c, Michal Dusek^d, Marco Amores^e^a Independent Scientist, Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Sciences, University Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah, B.P.1796 (Atlas), 30000 Fès, Morocco^b Laboratory of Ingenierie of Organometallic and Molecular Materials (LIMOM), Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Sciences, University Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah, B. P.1796 (Atlas), 30000 Fès, Morocco^c Laboratory of Structure, Properties and Intermolecular Interactions LASPI2A, Department of Matter Sciences Abbes Laghrour University, Khenchela 40.000, Algeria^d Institute of Physics of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Na Slovance 2, 182 21 Praha 8, Czech Republic^e Department of Chemistry, Graduate School of Science, The University of Tokyo, 7-3-1, Hongo, Bunkyo-Ku, Tokyo 113-0033, Japan

GRAPHICAL ABSTRACT

Hirshfeld surface illustrating the presence of the shortest reciprocal C–HC... HC–C/C–HC... HC–C interactions. Galvanostatic cycling of the $(C_9H_{26}N_4)[SnCl_6]Cl_2 \cdot 2H_2O$ at a constant current of 100 mA g^{-1} with potential limitation between 0.30 and 2.5 V.



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ABSTRACT

$(C_9H_{26}N_4)[SnCl_6]Cl_2 \cdot 2H_2O$ has been synthesized in solution and its structure confirmed by single-crystal X-ray diffraction. It crystallizes in the monoclinic system, with space group $P2_1/n$ (14), $Z = 4$, with refined cell parameters (\AA , $^\circ$) $a = 10.7550(3)$, $b = 15.3981(7)$, $c = 13.8750(5)$, $\beta = 103.095(3)$, $V = 2238.04(15) \text{\AA}^3$. The 3D framework of the title compound is made of free molecules 1,4,7,10-tetraazacyclotridecane, $[SnCl_6]$, Cl atoms and water molecules, interacting through an intricate network of hydrogen-bonds and H...Cl interactions. The 1,4,7,10-tetraazacyclotridecane moiety is also confirmed by Raman spectroscopy. The Hirshfeld surface analysis of $(C_9H_{26}N_4)[SnCl_6]Cl_2 \cdot 2H_2O$ is elucidated. Preliminary investigations of the electrochemical performance of the title compound as an active material in a Li-ion battery have also been carried out.

1. Introduction

Macrocycles are synthetic or natural polydentate ligands, with their

donor atoms incorporated in a cyclic backbone or/and in substituents attached to it. They contain a cyclic framework of at least twelve atoms. Naturally occurring macrocycles can however reach even more than 50

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