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Investigations on Iodomercurates: Crystal Structures of Bis-tetramethylammonium tetraiodomercurate(II), Tetramethylammonium pentaiododimercurate(II) and Bis[di(12-crown-4)lithium] decaiodotetramercurate(II)

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Crystals of [Me₄N]₂[HgI₄] (1) and [Me₄N][Hg₂I₅] (2), were obtained from solutions of stoichiometric amounts of HgI₂ and Me₄NI in EtOH or acetone, resp., while crystals of [Li(12-crown-4)₂]₂[Hg₄I₁₀] (3) formed upon interdiffusion of methanolic solutions of HgI₂, LiI and of the auxiliary ligand. The crystal structures of the compounds were determined. The [Hg₂I₅]⁻ ion in (2) has a polymeric sheet structure, built up from [Hg₂I₆] units bridged by [HgI₄] groups sharing common apices. The [Hg₄I₁₀]²⁻ ion in 3 consists of four [HgI₄] tetrahedra sharing common edges. A short survey on the iodomercurate(II) anions known up to now is given and a classification is proposed.

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