

Structure of an $\text{Ni}(\text{S}_3\text{C}_4\text{N}_2)_2(\text{NBu}_4)_2$ Salt

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Abstract. Tetrabutylammonium bis(5-cyano-3,4-dimercaptoisothiazole)nickelate, $[\text{N}(\text{C}_4\text{H}_9)_4]_2[\text{Ni}(\text{C}_4\text{N}_2\text{S}_3)_2]$, $M_r = 888.15$, triclinic, $P\bar{1}$, $a = 10.027$ (1), $b = 10.177$ (1), $c = 13.192$ (1) Å, $\alpha = 107.098$ (8), $\beta = 108.968$ (8), $\gamma = 75.715$ (8)°, $V = 1199.6$ (2) Å³, $Z = 1$, $D_m = 1.24$, $D_x = 1.229$ Mg m⁻³, $\text{Cu K}\alpha$, $\lambda = 1.54178$ Å, $\mu = 3.127$ mm⁻¹, $F(000) = 478$, $T = 295$ (2) K, final $R = 0.0374$ for 3672 observed reflections with $F_o > 4.5\sigma(F_o)$. The anions are stacked in the a direction but there is no metal–metal contact. There are no S...S or S...N intrastack or interstack contacts. All atoms show a significant thermal motion, which in NBu_4^+ progressively increases towards the end of the butyl chains.

Experimental. Crystals were provided by Dr Papavassiliou (Papavassiliou, Mousdis, Gionis, Zambounis & Yiannopoulos, 1987). Crystal dimensions $0.12 \times 0.45 \times 0.22$ mm. Density measured by flotation. SynTex $P2_1$ diffractometer. Lattice parameters from 15 reflections ($51 < 2\theta < 54^\circ$). Ni-filtered Cu radiation, $\theta/2\theta$ scan. Data in range $2\theta \leq 130^\circ$. Range of hkl : $-11 \rightarrow 11$, $0 \rightarrow 11$, $-15 \rightarrow 15$. Scan speed $2.0\text{--}15.0$ (2θ)° min⁻¹, scan width 1.8° (2θ) plus $\alpha_1\text{--}\alpha_2$ divergence. Three standard reflections monitored every 67 reflections showed a systematic decrease in their intensities of 0.11% per hour of exposure. A correction for this, as well as Lp and numerical absorption correction ($T_{\text{max}}/T_{\text{min}} = 0.7116/0.4464$), was applied (Sheldrick, 1976). Data collected/unique/ R_{int} , 4556/4082/0.0147. Positional coordinates for Ni were deduced from a Patterson synthesis. Subsequent difference Fourier synthesis revealed the positions of all the other non-hydrogen atoms. The structure was refined with *SHELX76* (Sheldrick, 1976) in $P\bar{1}$ by full-matrix least squares, in which $\sum w\Delta F^2$ was minimized. Attempts to refine the structure in $P1$ were unsuccessful, leading to negative U 's and very bad bond distances. All non-H atoms refined using anisotropic temperature factors. H atoms (calculated) isotropic riding at 0.98 Å. Unit weights. Final refinement

Table 1. Positional and equivalent isotropic thermal parameters ($\times 10^4$) of the non-H atoms with e.s.d.'s in parentheses

$$U_{\text{eq}} = (U_{11} + U_{22} + U_{33})/3.$$

	x	y	z	U_{eq} (Å ²)
Ni	0	0	0	549
S(1)	-293.0 (8)	1785.6 (6)	-703.2 (5)	652
S(2)	871.0 (8)	-1460.7 (6)	-1314.6 (5)	725
S(3)	1129.5 (8)	773.3 (7)	-3490.8 (6)	835
C(1)	390 (2)	1074 (2)	-1835 (2)	575
C(2)	894 (2)	-406 (2)	-2117 (2)	556
C(3)	1347 (3)	-724 (2)	-3051 (2)	646
C(4)	1986 (3)	-2036 (3)	-3592 (2)	737
N(1)	464 (2)	1804 (2)	-2482 (2)	746
N(2)	2525 (3)	-3070 (3)	-4031 (2)	962
N	3048 (2)	4139 (2)	2162 (2)	557
C(11)	2220 (2)	4419 (2)	1034 (2)	552
C(12)	3079 (3)	4625 (3)	354 (2)	680
C(13)	2122 (3)	4737 (3)	-783 (2)	678
C(14)	2904 (3)	4914 (3)	-1526 (2)	931
C(21)	1935 (2)	4018 (2)	2669 (2)	624
C(22)	2500 (3)	3666 (3)	3786 (2)	707
C(23)	1275 (3)	3591 (3)	4178 (2)	893
C(24)	1745 (3)	3245 (3)	5286 (2)	1037
C(31)	3889 (2)	5298 (2)	2878 (2)	611
C(32)	3013 (3)	6736 (2)	3102 (2)	679
C(33)	3958 (3)	7808 (3)	3818 (3)	904
C(34)	3106 (4)	9271 (3)	4018 (3)	1174
C(41)	4143 (2)	2809 (2)	2068 (2)	654
C(42)	3586 (3)	1476 (3)	1419 (3)	834
C(43)	4790 (3)	237 (3)	1613 (3)	1149
C(44)	4402 (4)	-1102 (4)	1084 (4)	1614

$wR = 0.0358$ for observed data. Eleven reflections showing poor agreement were given zero weight during final refinement cycles. R/wR : 0.0411/0.0477 for all data. $S = 0.50$. $|\Delta/\sigma|_{\text{max}} = 0.090$. Number of refined parameters 289. $(\Delta\rho)_{\text{max}}/(\Delta\rho)_{\text{min}}$: 0.530/-0.284 e Å⁻³. Atomic scattering factors from *International Tables for X-ray Crystallography* (1974). The final atomic parameters of the non-H atoms are given in Table 1.† An

† Lists of observed and calculated structure factors, anisotropic thermal parameters of the non-H atoms and the bond lengths and angles of the cation have been deposited with the British Library Document Supply Centre as Supplementary Publication No. SUP 51599 (20 pp.). Copies may be obtained through The Executive Secretary, International Union of Crystallography, 5 Abbey Square, Chester CH1 2HU, England.

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