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### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 293 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.006 Å R factor = 0.025 wR factor = 0.065 Data-to-parameter ratio = 13.6

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In the title compound,  $[CdCl_2(C_{10}H_8N_2)]_n$ , the Cd<sup>II</sup> ion is sixcoordinate and has a distorted octahedral geometry. The basal plane is formed by the two N atoms of the 2,2'-bipyridine ligand [Cd-N 2.352 (3) Å] and two Cl atoms [Cd-Cl 2.5519 (8) Å]. The apical sites are occupied by Cl atoms from neighbouring monomeric units [Cd-Cl 2.7517 (9) Å]. All the Cl atoms act as bridging ligands. The adjacent Cd coordination polyhedra share Cl-Cl edges, thus giving rise to a polymeric chain along the *c* axis. The Cd<sup>II</sup> ion is positioned on a twofold axis. Received 28 July 2003 Accepted 21 August 2003 Online 30 August 2003

#### Comment

Polynuclear  $d^{10}$  metal complexes have been found to exhibit intriguing structural and photoluminescent properties. Chloride-bridged cadmium(II) polymeric complexes are of considerable interest, because they may act as photoactive materials. Structural studies of chloride-bridged Cd<sup>II</sup> polymeric complexes are common (Bell *et al.*, 1982; Griffith *et al.*, 1982; Bigoli *et al.*, 1983; Huang *et al.*, 1998). However, Cd<sup>II</sup> polymeric complexes with a CdCl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub> coordination polydedron have rarely been reported (Bonomo *et al.*, 1989). We have introduced 2,2'-bipyridine as a terminal ligand which favours crystal growth of the product. Through a hydrothermal reaction, we have successfully synthesized the title crystalline chloride-bridged Cd complex [CdCl<sub>2</sub>(bpy)]<sub>n</sub> (bpy is 2,2'-bipyridine), (I).



The structure of the title compound, (I) (Fig. 1), forms onedimensional chains extending in the **c** direction (Fig. 2). It is isostructural with an analogous bromide-bridged Cu<sup>II</sup> complex (Garland *et al.*, 1988). The Cd<sup>II</sup> ion is positioned on a twofold axis, so the primarily monomeric unit is generated by symmetry (Fig. 1, Table 1).

The Cd<sup>II</sup> ion in (I) is coordinated by two N atoms from one chelating bpy ligand and four Cl atoms, to furnish a distorted coordination octahedron, as depicted in Fig. 2. The basal plane is formed by the two *cis* N atoms from the bpy ligand [Cd-Ncis Cl atoms [Cd-Cl 2.5519 (8) Å]. The axial positions of the octahedron are occupied by Cl atoms from neighbouring

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### Figure 1

A view of the molecule of (I), showing the atom-labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level and H atoms are represented by circles of arbitrary size.



## Figure 2

A view of the one-dimensional chain of chloride-bridged  $Cd^{II}$  ions in (I), along the *a* axis.

monomeric units  $[Cd-Cl^i 2.7517 (9) Å]$  (symmetry code in Table 1). Adjacent Cd coordination octahedra share Cl-Cl edges, thus forming a one-dimensional chain along the c axis. All bpy ligands are coordinated in a chelating mode and they lie on alternate sides of the chain. The Cd···Cd distance between neighbouring Cd<sup>II</sup> ions in the chain is 3.931 (9) Å, which is shorter than that of the Cu<sup>II</sup> isomorph [3.974 (1) Å]. The closest distance between the pyridyl rings of two bpy ligands in neighbouring chains is 3.342 (3) Å, indicating the existence of  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interactions between the adjacent chains. Thus the chains are connected to each other via  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interactions to form two-dimensional layers parallel to the bc plane.

The packing of (I) (Fig. 3) is determined by van der Waals interactions and possible hydrogen bonds involving the C atoms of the bpy ligand and Cl atoms of the same  $[C4-H4A\cdots Cl^{iv} 3.534 (5) \text{ Å}]$  or adjacent  $[C2-H2A\cdots Cl^{v} 3.751 (5) \text{ Å}]$  chains [symmetry codes: (iv) 1 - x, 1 + y,  $\frac{3}{2} - z$ ; (v)  $x - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} + y, z - 1$ ].





A packing diagram for (I), viewed down the c axis. Dashed lines indicate hydrogen bonds.

# Experimental

The hydrothermal reaction of cadmium chloride (0.06 g, 0.26 mmol), 2,2'-bipyridine (0.04 g, 0.25 mmol) and water (15.0 ml) was carried out at 433 K for 4 d. After cooling to room temperature at 5 K h<sup>-1</sup>, the crystalline complex, (I), was isolated in 63% yield (based on Cd). IR (KBr,  $\nu$ , cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3417, 1604, 1558, 1439, 1375, 1171, 1016, 771, 735. Elemental analysis, calculated for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>CdCl<sub>2</sub>: C 35.38, H 2.38, N 8.25%; found: C 35.16, H 2.17, N 8.23%.

## Crystal data

$CdCl_2(C_{10}H_8N_2)]$	$D_x = 2.058 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
$M_r = 339.49$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
Monoclinic, $C2/c$	Cell parameters from 35
i = 17.5517(6)Å	reflections
b = 9.3166 (6)  Å	$\theta = 2.5 - 25.0^{\circ}$
c = 7.1710 (4)  Å	$\mu = 2.44 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$\beta = 110.860 \ (2)^{\circ}$	T = 293 (2)  K
$V = 1095.8 (1) \text{ Å}^3$	Prism, colourless
Z = 4	$0.56 \times 0.22 \times 0.20 \text{ mm}$

### Data collection

Siemens SMART CCD area-	954 independent reflections
detector diffractometer	885 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
$\omega$ scans	$R_{\rm int} = 0.019$
Absorption correction: multi-scan	$\theta_{\rm max} = 25^{\circ}$
(SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)	$h = -20 \rightarrow 10$
$T_{\min} = 0.494, \ T_{\max} = 0.613$	$k = -11 \rightarrow 6$
1693 measured reflections	$l = -8 \rightarrow 8$

### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.025$   $wR(F^2) = 0.065$  S = 1.12954 reflections 70 parameters H-atom parameters constrained

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Table 1	
Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).	

Cd-N	2.352 (3)	C2-C3	1.368 (7)
Cd-Cl	2.5519 (8)	C3-C4	1.373 (6)
Cd-Cl <sup>i</sup>	2.7517 (9)	C4-C5	1.390 (5)
C1-N	1.342 (4)	C5-N	1.338 (4)
C1-C2	1.381 (6)	C5-C5 <sup>ii</sup>	1.502 (7)
N <sup>ii</sup> -Cd-N	69.93 (14)	Cl-Cd-Cl <sup>i</sup>	84.40 (3)
N <sup>ii</sup> -Cd-Cl <sup>ii</sup>	160.22 (7)	Cl <sup>i</sup> -Cd-Cl <sup>iii</sup>	178.73 (4)
N-Cd-Cl <sup>ii</sup>	94.29 (7)	Cd-Cl-Cd <sup>i</sup>	95.60 (3)
N-Cd-Cl	160.22 (7)	N-C1-C2	122.6 (4)
Cl <sup>ii</sup> -Cd-Cl	103.40 (4)	C3-C2-C1	118.6 (4)
N <sup>ii</sup> -Cd-Cl <sup>i</sup>	95.66 (7)	C2-C3-C4	119.7 (4)
N-Cd-Cl <sup>i</sup>	85.39 (7)	C3-C4-C5	118.9 (4)
Cl <sup>i</sup> -Cd-Cl <sup>ii</sup>	94.81 (3)	N - C5 - C4	121.7 (4)

Symmetry codes: (i) 1 - x, 1 - y, 2 - z; (ii) 1 - x, y,  $\frac{3}{2} - z$ ; (iii) x, 1 - y,  $z - \frac{1}{2}$ .

All H atoms were located in a difference Fourier map but were introduced in idealized positions (C–H = 0.93 Å) and treated as riding, with displacement parameters fixed at 120% of those of their parent atoms. The maximum residual electron-density peak is 0.84 Å from the Cd atom.

Data collection: *SMART* (Siemens, 1996); cell refinement: *SMART*; data reduction: *SAINT* (Siemens, 1994); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXTL* (Siemens, 1994); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXTL*; molecular graphics: *XPREP* (Bruker,

1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL*97 (Sheldrick, 1997).

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