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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 293$  K  
 Mean  $\sigma(\text{N}-\text{C}) = 0.007$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.032  
 $wR$  factor = 0.090  
 Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.7

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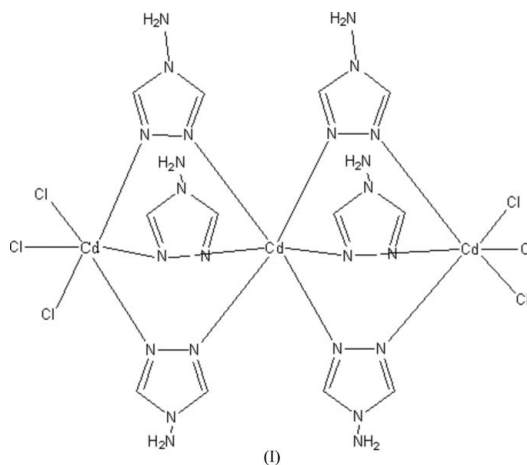
Hexakis( $\mu_2$ -4-amino-4*H*-1,2,4-triazole)hexachlorotricadmium(II)

The molecule of the title trinuclear cadmium(II) complex,  $[\text{Cd}_3\text{Cl}_6(\text{atrz})_6]$  (atrz = 4-amino-1,2,4-triazole,  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{N}_4$ ), has a threefold axis of symmetry with three Cd atoms located on the threefold axis. The atrz ligands bridge neighbouring Cd atoms to form the trinuclear complex.

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## Comment

A large number of metal complexes with 1,2,4-triazole derivatives have been prepared and characterized, as a result of their interesting magnetic properties and novel topologies. We present here the structure of the title trinuclear  $\text{Cd}^{\text{II}}$  complex incorporating the triazole ligand,  $[\text{Cd}_3(\text{atrz})_6\text{Cl}_6]$  (atrz = 4-amino-1,2,4-triazole), (I).

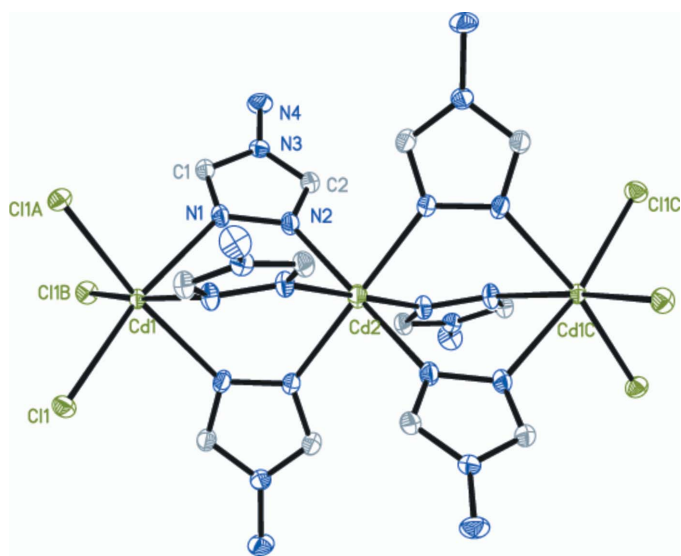


The molecular structure of (I) is shown in Fig. 1. The trinuclear molecule has a threefold axis of symmetry with three Cd atoms located on the threefold axis. The central Cd2 atom is also located on an inversion centre and coordinated by six N atoms from six atrz ligands, while the terminal Cd1 atom is coordinated by three Cl atoms and three N atoms from three atrz ligands. Each Cd atom has a distorted octahedral coordination geometry (Table 1). The atrz ligands bridge neighbouring Cd atoms to form the trinuclear complex.

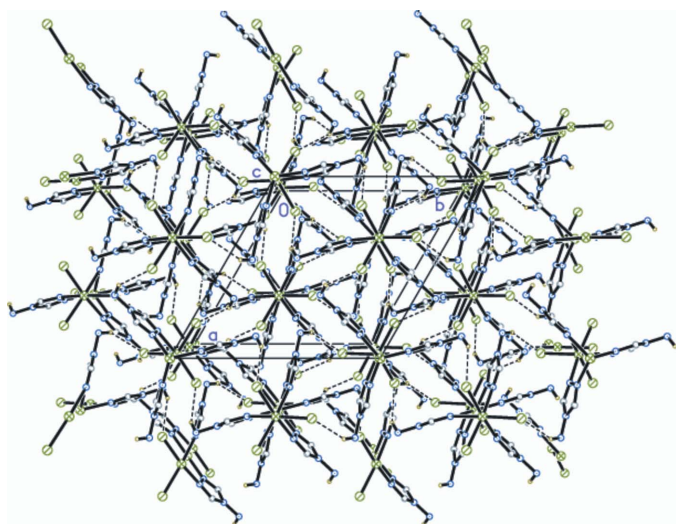
Neighbouring trinuclear complexes are linked by  $\text{N}\cdots\text{H}\cdots\text{Cl}$  hydrogen bonds (Fig. 2 and Table 2).

## Experimental

The atrz ligand was synthesized according to the literature method of Herbst & Garrison (1953). An aqueous solution (10 ml) of  $\text{CdCl}_2$  (0.2 mmol, 36.6 mg) and atrz (0.6 mmol, 50.4 mg) was stirred for 5 h at room temperature and filtered. Colourless crystals of (I) were obtained from the filtrate.



**Figure 1**  
The molecular structure of (I), with 30% probability displacement ellipsoids and the atom-numbering scheme. H atoms have been omitted. [Symmetry codes: (A)  $-y + 1, x - y + 2, z$ ; (B)  $-x + y - 1, -x + 1, z$ ; (C)  $-x, -y + 2, -z$ .]



**Figure 2**  
A unit-cell packing diagram for (I), showing the hydrogen bonding (dashed lines).

**Crystal data**

[Cd<sub>3</sub>Cl<sub>6</sub>(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N<sub>4</sub>)<sub>6</sub>]  
 $M_r = 1054.48$   
 Trigonal,  $R\bar{3}$   
 $a = 13.032(4) \text{ \AA}$   
 $c = 17.558(7) \text{ \AA}$   
 $V = 2582.4(15) \text{ \AA}^3$   
 $Z = 3$   
 $D_x = 2.034 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 Cell parameters from 908 reflections  
 $\theta = 2.2\text{--}25.0^\circ$   
 $\mu = 2.35 \text{ mm}^{-1}$   
 $T = 293(2) \text{ K}$   
 Block, colourless  
 $0.24 \times 0.20 \times 0.14 \text{ mm}$

**Data collection**

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer  
 $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.568, T_{\max} = 0.720$   
 4399 measured reflections

1015 independent reflections  
 886 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.048$   
 $\theta_{\max} = 25.0^\circ$   
 $h = -15 \rightarrow 13$   
 $k = -8 \rightarrow 15$   
 $l = -20 \rightarrow 20$

**Refinement**

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.032$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.090$   
 $S = 1.10$   
 1015 reflections  
 69 parameters

H-atom parameters constrained  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0302P)^2]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.68 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -2.08 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

**Table 1**

Selected geometric parameters ( $\text{\AA}, ^\circ$ ).

Cd1—N1 <sup>i</sup>	2.469 (4)	Cd2—N2 <sup>i</sup>	2.294 (4)
Cd1—Cl1	2.6148 (14)		
N1 <sup>i</sup> —Cd1—N1 <sup>ii</sup>	84.33 (15)	N1 <sup>ii</sup> —Cd1—Cl1 <sup>i</sup>	91.40 (11)
N1 <sup>i</sup> —Cd1—N1	84.32 (15)	Cl1—Cd1—Cl1 <sup>i</sup>	97.32 (4)
N1 <sup>i</sup> —Cd1—Cl1	91.40 (11)	N2 <sup>i</sup> —Cd2—N2	90.65 (15)
N1 <sup>ii</sup> —Cd1—Cl1	86.29 (11)	N2 <sup>i</sup> —Cd2—N2	89.35 (15)
N1—Cd1—Cl1	170.03 (11)	N2—Cd2—N2	179.999 (1)
Cl1—Cd1—Cl1 <sup>ii</sup>	97.32 (4)		

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

**Table 2**

Hydrogen-bond geometry ( $\text{\AA}, ^\circ$ ).

$D\text{--}H\cdots A$	$D\text{--}H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D\text{--}H\cdots A$
N4—H4A $\cdots$ Cl1 <sup>iii</sup>	0.89	2.76	3.546 (7)	147

Symmetry code: (iii)  $y - \frac{4}{3}, -x + y - \frac{2}{3}, -z + \frac{1}{3}$ .

H atoms on C atoms were placed in calculated positions and allowed to ride on their parent atoms, with  $C\text{--}H = 0.93 \text{ \AA}$  and  $U_{\text{iso}}(H) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(C)$ . Amino H atoms were located in a difference Fourier map and refined as riding in their as-found positions relative to the parent N atom, with  $N\text{--}H = 0.89 \text{ \AA}$  and  $U_{\text{iso}}(H) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(N)$ . The deepest hole in the electron-density map is  $0.53 \text{ \AA}$  away from atom Cl1.

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 1998); cell refinement: SMART; data reduction: SAINT (Bruker, 1998); program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: SHELXTL (Bruker, 1998); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL.

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