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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 289 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.004 Å H-atom completeness 89% Disorder in solvent or counterion R factor = 0.039 wR factor = 0.105 Data-to-parameter ratio = 18.0

For details of how these key indicators were automatically derived from the article, see http://journals.iucr.org/e. In the title complex,  $[Ni(NCS)_2(C_{10}H_8N_2S)_2]\cdot H_2O$ , the Ni<sup>II</sup> ion is coordinated by four pyridine N and two thiocyanate N atoms in a distorted octahedral geometry. The Ni-N(pyridine) bond lengths are significantly longer than the Ni-

nickel(II) monohydrate

Bis(thiocyanato- $\kappa N$ )bis(2,2'-thiodipyridine- $\kappa^2 N, N'$ )-

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## Comment

N(NCS) bond lengths.

Recently, several metal complexes incorporating thiodipyridine (tbp) have been reported (Jung *et al.*, 2001, 2003). We present here the crystal structure of the title complex, (I), incorporating the 2,2'-tbp ligand.



The molecular structure of (I) is shown in Fig. 1. While two tbp ligands chelate to the Ni<sup>II</sup> ion through the pyridine N atoms, two thiocyanate N atoms *cis*-coordinate to the Ni<sup>II</sup> ion to complete the distorted octahedral coordination geometry (Table 1). The Ni-N(pyridine) bond lengths are significantly longer than the Ni-N(NCS) bond lengths. Within each tbp ligand, the two pyridine rings are tilted with respect to one another, with dihedral angles of 44.26 (8) and 53.15 (11)° for S1-tbp and S2-tbp, respectively.

# **Experimental**

An acetone solution (5 ml) of thiodipyridine (0.4 mmol, 75.3 mg) was mixed with an ethanol solution (10 ml) of Ni(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O (0.2 mmol, 58.2 mg). The mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temperature. An ethanol solution (5 ml) of KSCN (0.4 mmol, 38.9 mg) was then added dropwise to the mixture and it was stirred for a further 1.5 h. Blue single crystals of (I) were obtained by slow evaporation of the solution at room temperature (yield 40.3%).

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 $D_x = 1.517 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ 

Cell parameters from 4506

 $0.38 \times 0.26 \times 0.14 \text{ mm}$ 

5708 independent reflections

4345 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation

reflections

 $\theta = 2.4-25.4^{\circ}$  $\mu = 1.14 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ 

T = 289 (2) K

Block, blue

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.023$ 

 $\theta_{\rm max} = 27.5^{\circ}$ 

 $h = -10 \rightarrow 10$ 

 $k = -38 \rightarrow 36$ 

 $l = -13 \rightarrow 9$ 

### Crystal data

[Ni(NCS)2(C10H8N2S)2]·H2O  $M_r = 569.38$ Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$ a = 8.3379(5) Å b = 29.3927 (19) Å c = 10.2119 (7) Å  $\beta = 95.147 (1)^{\circ}$ V = 2492.6 (3) Å<sup>3</sup> Z = 4

#### Data collection

Bruker APEXII CCD area-detector diffractometer  $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Bruker, 1998)  $T_{\min} = 0.705, T_{\max} = 0.850$ 16243 measured reflections

#### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0512P)^2]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.039$	+ 1.153 <i>P</i> ]
$wR(F^2) = 0.105$	where $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
S = 1.04	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.002$
5708 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.50 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$
317 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.60 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$
H-atom parameters constrained	

#### Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Ni1-N1	2.129 (2)	Ni1-N4	2.126 (2)
Ni1-N2	2.129 (2)	Ni1-N5	2.050 (2)
Ni1-N3	2.103 (2)	Ni1-N6	2.065 (2)
N5-Ni1-N6	91.57 (10)	N4-Ni1-N1	178.10 (8)
N5-Ni1-N3	176.72 (9)	N5-Ni1-N2	88.62 (9)
N6-Ni1-N3	87.04 (8)	N6-Ni1-N2	177.23 (9)
N5-Ni1-N4	90.24 (9)	N3-Ni1-N2	92.91 (8)
N6-Ni1-N4	89.89 (8)	N4-Ni1-N2	92.87 (8)
N3-Ni1-N4	86.79 (8)	N1-Ni1-N2	85.29 (8)
N5-Ni1-N1	89.29 (9)	C6-S1-C5	103.31 (12)
N6-Ni1-N1	91.95 (8)	C16-S2-C15	105.62 (11)
N3-Ni1-N1	93.73 (8)		

The water molecule is disordered over two sites; the occupancies were refined and converged to 0.54 (2) and 0.46 (2). The H atoms attached to the disordered O atoms were not located. Aromatic H atoms were placed in calculated positions, with C-H = 0.93 Å, and refined in riding mode, with  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$ .

C10 C1 C2 NC N' C3 C4 N4 C20 C18 54

#### Figure 1

The molecular structure of (I), with 30% probability displacement ellipsoids. H atoms and the water molecule have been omitted for clarity.

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 1998); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 1998); data reduction: SAINT; 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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