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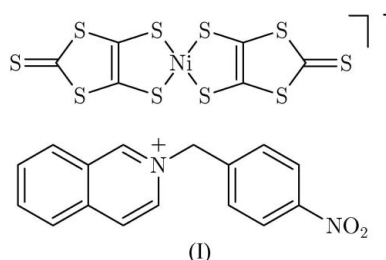
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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 293$  K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.004$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.035  
 $wR$  factor = 0.075  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.1For details of how these key indicators were automatically derived from the article, see <http://journals.iucr.org/e>.***N*-(4-Nitrobenzyl)isoquinolinium bis(2-thioxo-1,3-dithiole-4,5-dithiolato)nickelate(III)**In the title compound,  $(\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2)[\text{Ni}(\text{C}_3\text{S}_5)_2]$ , the  $\text{Ni}^{\text{III}}$  ion exhibits a square-planar coordination geometry with four S atoms of the two 2-thioxo-1,3-dithiole-4,5-dithiolate (dmit) ligands. Intermolecular  $\text{S}\cdots\text{S}$  and  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  interactions are observed.

## Comment

Extensive research has been focused on the synthesis and characterization of bis-dithiolate–metal complexes and their analogues, due to their properties and potential applications as conducting/magnetic and non-linear optical (NLO) materials (Cassoux, 1999). Amongst these, metal complexes with 2-thioxo-1,3-dithiole-4,5-dithiolate (dmit) are well known as molecular conductors.



The title compound (I) comprises  $[\text{Ni}^{\text{III}}(\text{dmit})_2]^-$  anions and *N*-(4-nitrobenzyl)isoquinolinium cations (Fig. 1), segregated into layers approximately in the (202) planes (Fig. 2). The  $\text{Ni}^{\text{III}}$  ion adopts a square-planar coordination geometry with four S atoms of the two dmit ligands, with Ni–S bond lengths ranging from 2.1466 (8) to 2.1567 (9) Å. The  $[\text{Ni}^{\text{III}}(\text{dmit})_2]^-$  anions form pairs across centres of inversion, with their least-squares planes parallel and  $\text{Ni}1\cdots\text{S}5^i$  contacts of 3.795 (1) Å [symmetry code: (i)  $2 - x, 2 - y, -z$ ]. Neighbouring pairs are twisted with respect to each other so that the dihedral angle between the planes of adjacent  $[\text{Ni}^{\text{III}}(\text{dmit})_2]^-$  anions is  $71.2(1)^\circ$ . Intermolecular  $\text{S}\cdots\text{S}$  interactions in this region include  $\text{S}2\cdots\text{S}10^{\text{ii}} = 3.592(1)$ ,  $\text{S}8\cdots\text{S}9^{\text{iii}} = 3.389(1)$  and  $\text{S}8\cdots\text{S}10^{\text{iii}} = 3.560(1)$  Å [symmetry codes: (ii)  $\frac{1}{2} + x, 1.5 - y, -\frac{1}{2} + z$ ; (iii)  $1.5 - x, -\frac{1}{2} + y, \frac{1}{2} - z$ ]. Within the layers of  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^+$  cations, the isoquinoline groups adopt offset face-to-face arrangements, and the 4-nitrobenzyl groups adopt edge-to-face arrangements (the interplanar distance of the isoquinoline rings is 3.44 Å), forming  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds (Table 2).

## Experimental

4,5-Bis(thiobenzoyl)-1,3-dithiol-2-thione (0.812 g, 2.0 mmol) (Wang *et al.* 1998) was suspended in dry methanol (20 ml). Under nitrogen,

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sodium (0.092 g, 4.0 mmol) was added at room temperature to give a bright red solution. To this solution,  $\text{NiCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.177 g, 1.0 mmol) was added. After 20 min, a solution of  $\text{I}_2$  (0.127 g, 0.5 mmol) in methanol (10 ml) was added, followed after a further 20 min by a solution of *N*-(4-nitrobenzyl)isoquinolinium bromide (0.690 g, 2.0 mmol) in methanol (10 ml). The solution was stirred for a further 30 min and the resultant solid was collected by filtration. Evaporation of a dilute acetone solution of this powder at room temperature gave single crystals of (I) after 1–2 weeks.

#### Crystal data

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| $(\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2)[\text{Ni}(\text{C}_3\text{S}_5)_2]$ | $Z = 4$                                |
| $M_r = 716.65$  | $D_x = 1.776 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$        |
| Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$  | Mo $K\alpha$ radiation                 |
| $a = 14.746 (3) \text{ \AA}$  | $\mu = 1.53 \text{ mm}^{-1}$           |
| $b = 9.365 (2) \text{ \AA}$   | $T = 293 (2) \text{ K}$                |
| $c = 19.898 (4) \text{ \AA}$  | Block, black                           |
| $\beta = 102.692 (4)^\circ$   | $0.3 \times 0.2 \times 0.1 \text{ mm}$ |
| $V = 2680.6 (10) \text{ \AA}^3$   |  |

#### Data collection

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| Bruker SMART APEX CCD diffractometer                           | 12871 measured reflections             |
| $\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans                                   | 4702 independent reflections           |
| Absorption correction: multi-scan <i>SADABS</i> (Bruker, 2000) | 3776 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ |
| $T_{\min} = 0.70$ , $T_{\max} = 0.85$                          | $R_{\text{int}} = 0.041$               |
|  | $\theta_{\text{max}} = 25.0^\circ$     |

#### Refinement

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|---------------------------------|--|
| Refinement on $F^2$             | H-atom parameters constrained                        |
| $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.035$ | $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0331P)^2]$              |
| $wR(F^2) = 0.075$               | where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$                       |
| $S = 0.98$                      | $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.009$               |
| 4702 reflections                | $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.37 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$  |
| 334 parameters                  | $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.21 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$ |

**Table 1**

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

|           |            |           |            |
|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|
| Ni1—S4    | 2.1529 (9) | Ni1—S6    | 2.1466 (8) |
| Ni1—S5    | 2.1509 (9) | Ni1—S7    | 2.1567 (9) |
| S4—Ni1—S5 | 93.31 (3)  | S5—Ni1—S6 | 178.66 (3) |
| S4—Ni1—S6 | 85.44 (3)  | S5—Ni1—S7 | 87.86 (3)  |
| S4—Ni1—S7 | 178.78 (3) | S6—Ni1—S7 | 93.40 (3)  |

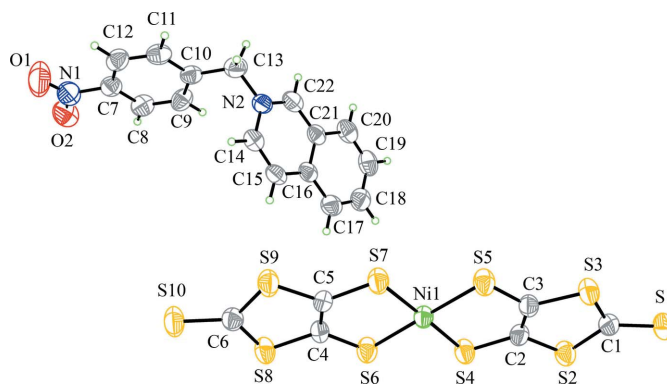
**Table 2**

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

| $D-H \cdots A$                   | $D-H$ | $H \cdots A$ | $D \cdots A$ | $D-H \cdots A$ |
|----------------------------------|-------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| C14—H14 $\cdots$ O2 <sup>i</sup> | 0.93  | 2.67         | 3.456 (4)    | 143            |

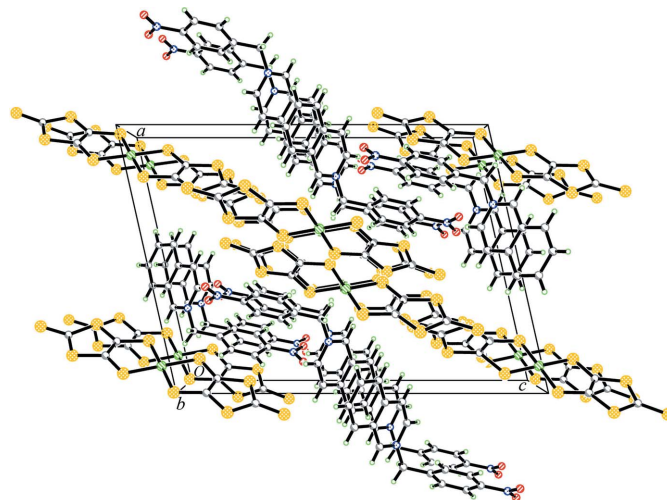
Symmetry code: (i)  $-x + \frac{1}{2}, y + \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{1}{2}$ .

H atoms were positioned geometrically and refined using a riding model, with  $C-H = 0.93 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$  for aromatic H, and  $C-H = 0.97 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$  for  $\text{CH}_2$ .



**Figure 1**

The cation and anion in (I), showing the atom-labelling scheme, with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 50% probability level. H atoms are represented by circles of arbitrary size.



**Figure 2**

View of (I) along the  $b$  axis, showing  $[\text{Ni}^{\text{III}}(\text{dmit})_2]^-$  anions and  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2^+$  cations segregated into layers approximately in the (02) planes.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2000); cell refinement: *SMART*; data reduction: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2000); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 2000); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXTL*; molecular graphics: *SHELXTL*; software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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