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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 173 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.004 Å R factor = 0.029 wR factor = 0.052 Data-to-parameter ratio = 21.1

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# *catena*-Poly[benzyltriethylammonium [tri- $\mu$ -thiocyanato- $\kappa^4 N$ :S; $\kappa^2$ S:N-cadmate(II)]]

The title compound,  $\{[(C_6H_5CH_2)N(C_2H_5)_3][Cd(SCN)_3]\}_n$ , contains benzyltriethylammonium cations lying between one-dimensional chains of stoichiometry  $\{[Cd(SCN)_3]^-\}_n$ . Each  $Cd^{2+}$  ion is 3N,3S-hexacoordinated by thiocyanate ligands in an octahedral arrangement. The asymmetric unit contains one cation and one anion.

#### Comment

Coordination polymers of one, two and three-dimensional infinite frameworks involving cadmium(II) have been of great interest in recent years owing to their potential applications in various fields such as non-linear optical (NLO) materials (Zhang *et al.*, 1999; Chen *et al.*, 2002; Liu *et al.*, 2004). As the  $d^{10}$  configuration and softness of cadmium(II) permit a wide variety of geometries and coordination numbers, especially with the ambidentade thiocyanate (SCN<sup>-</sup>) ligand, various structural types have been observed. Which structural type occurs depends on the size, shape and symmetry of the counter-cations and also on the ratio of Cd<sup>2+</sup> to SCN<sup>-</sup> ions.



In a continuation of our interest in the supramolecular chemistry of salts of simple metal complexes (Sharma et al., 2005, 2006), the synthesis and characterization of the title compound, (I), were undertaken. The asymmetric unit contains one benzyltriethylammonium cation, three thiocyanate anions and a cadmium cation. Each  $Cd^{2+}$  ion is 3N,3Shexacoordinated by thiocyanate ligands in an octahedral arrangement. Thus, each S atom is trans to an N atom (Fig. 1 and Table 1). Three examples of Cd<sup>2+</sup>-thiocyanate chains with the same stoichiometry and morphology (Kuniyasu et al., 1987; Chen et al., 1994, 2002) were found in the Cambridge Structural Database (CSD, Version 5.27; Allen, 2002). Both Cd–S and Cd-N bonds lengths are in agreement with those found in analogous structures: the average observed Cd-S bond length [2.752 (9) Å] is significantly shorter than the sum of the Shannon ionic radius (Shannon, 1976) of Cd<sup>2+</sup> and the Pauling ionic radius (Pauling, 1960) of S<sup>-</sup> (3.28 Å), indicating a significant covalent contribution. The Cd-N bond lengths [2.340 (2) Å] are also shorter than the sum of Shannon's ionic

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#### Figure 1

Fragment of (I), showing 50% probability displacement ellipsoids (arbitrary spheres for the H atoms). [Symmetry codes: (a)  $\frac{3}{2} - x$ ,  $-\frac{1}{2} + y$ ,  $\frac{3}{2} - z$ ; (b)  $\frac{3}{2} - x$ ,  $\frac{1}{2} + y$ ,  $\frac{3}{2} - z$ .]



#### Figure 2

The polymeric  $[Cd(SCN)_3]_n$  chains extending along the *b* axis. Colour key: Cd green, C black, N blue and S yellow.

radii (2.41 Å; Shannon, 1976). The structure contains onedimensional linear anionic chains. The chains are packed in a parallel fashion, running along the crystallographic b axis and surrounded by counter-cations (Fig. 2).

#### **Experimental**

Analytical grade reagents were used without any further purification. Benzyltriethylammonium chloride (1.0 g, 0.005 mol) was dissolved in 10 ml water.  $CdCl_2$  (0.80 g, 0.004 mol) and ammonium thiocyanate

(1.00 g, 0.013 mol) were dissolved in 20 ml water by mechanical stirring. The solutions were mixed and a curd-like white solid precipitated immediately. This was filtered off and dried in air. Crystals of (I) were obtained after redissolving the white solid in an acetone-water mixture (4:1) at room temperture (m.p. 363 K). Elemental analysis calculated for  $C_{16}H_{22}CdN_4S_3$ : C 35.70, H 3.66, N 12.81, Cd 25.63%; found: C 35.66, H 3.56, N 12.72, Cd 25.34%.

Z = 4

 $D_x = 1.551 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ 

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation

Block, colourless

 $0.60 \times 0.40 \times 0.20 \ \mathrm{mm}$ 

18486 measured reflections

4579 independent reflections

3895 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

 $\mu = 1.38 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ 

T = 173 (2) K

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.031$ 

 $\theta_{\rm max} = 27.4^{\circ}$ 

#### Crystal data

 $\begin{array}{l} ({\rm C}_{13}{\rm H}_{22}{\rm N})[{\rm Cd}({\rm NCS})_3]\\ M_r = 478.96\\ {\rm Monoclinic}, P2_1/n\\ a = 12.164 \ (2) \ {\rm \AA}\\ b = 10.927 \ (2) \ {\rm \AA}\\ c = 15.952 \ (3) \ {\rm \AA}\\ \beta = 104.61 \ (3)^\circ\\ V = 2051.8 \ (7) \ {\rm \AA}^3 \end{array}$ 

#### Data collection

Nonius KappaCCD diffractometer  $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Sheldrick 2003)  $T_{\min} = 0.493, T_{\max} = 0.771$ 

### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	H-atom parameters constrained
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.029$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + 1.5462P]$
$wR(F^2) = 0.052$	where $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
S = 1.25	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001$
4579 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.51 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
217 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.39 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

 Table 1

 Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Cd1-S1	2.7543 (8)	Cd1-N2	2.359 (2)
Cd1-N1	2.291 (2)	Cd1-S3	2.7278 (8)
Cd1-S2	2.7738 (10)	Cd1-N3	2.371 (2)
S1-Cd1-N1	176.11 (5)	N1-Cd1-N3	91.50 (8)
\$1-Cd1-\$2	84.32 (2)	S2-Cd1-N2	172.82 (5)
S1-Cd1-N2	91.28 (6)	S2-Cd1-S3	91.83 (3)
S1-Cd1-S3	85.91 (3)	S2-Cd1-N3	93.37 (6)
S1-Cd1-N3	90.36 (6)	N2-Cd1-S3	93.51 (6)
N1-Cd1-S2	92.17 (6)	N2-Cd1-N3	80.96 (8)
N1-Cd1-N2	92.39 (8)	S3-Cd1-N3	173.27 (5)
N1-Cd1-S3	92.56 (6)		

H atoms were positioned gemetrically and refined using a riding model, with C-H = 0.95 Å and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$  for aromatic, C-H = 0.99 Å and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$  for CH<sub>2</sub>, and C-H = 0.98 Å and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$  for CH<sub>3</sub> H atoms.

Data collection: *COLLECT* (Hooft, 1998); cell refinement: *EVALCCD* (Duisenberg *et al.*, 2003); data reduction: *EVALCCD*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEPIII* (Burnett & Johnson, 1996); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 2001), *MERCURY* (Version 1.4.1; Bruno *et al.*, 2002) and *CIFTAB* (Sheldrick, 1993).

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