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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 293 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.016 Å R factor = 0.069 wR factor = 0.124 Data-to-parameter ratio = 24.7

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# (4-Ethyl-4,4'-bipyridinium- $\kappa N^{4'}$ )triiodocadmium(II)

In the title compound,  $[CdI_3(C_{12}H_{13}N_2)]$ , the  $Cd^{2+}$  ion is coordinated by three I<sup>-</sup> ions and by one N atom from an *N*ethyl-4,4'-bipyridinium (EP) ligand in a distorted tetrahedral arrangement, with Cd–I bond lengths in the range 2.708 (1)– 2.742 (1) Å. In the EP ligand, the dihedral angle between the two pyridyl planes is 38.9 (4)°.

#### Comment

In the last few years, the design and synthesis of inorganicorganic hybrid materials have been increasingly developed (Zhang et al., 2006). In this field, the halogens are a common terminal or bridging ligand for preparing a large range of complexes with rich coordination environments (Lobana & Hundal, 2002). Many halogen-coordinated complexes containing Cu, Zn, Co and Mn have been reported (Li et al., 2004; Schneider et al., 2000; Espallargas et al., 2006; Eichhofer et al., 1997). As a heavy metal ion with a  $d^{10}$  configuration, Cd also exhibits a rich coordination chemistry. In Cd-I-N systems, although the [CdI<sub>2</sub>N<sub>4</sub>] (Hu et al., 2003), [CdI<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>] (Wang et al., 2005) and [CdI<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>] (Amoedo-Portela et al., 2003) polyhedra have been extensively studied, the [CdI<sub>3</sub>N] tetrahedron is unreported, except for the compound (DMAPM)[Cd- $(DMAP)I_3$  [DMAPM = 4-(N,N-dimethylamino)-1-methylpyridinium and DMAP = 4 - (N, N - dimethylamino)pyridine; Ren et al., 2003]. We report here the structure of the title Cdcoordinated complex, (I), with the Cd atom linked to three I atoms and one bipyridyl N atom.



The asymmetric unit of (I) consits of a mononuclear Cd<sup>II</sup> complex, in which the Cd site is tetracoordinated by three I<sup>-</sup> ions and by one N atom from an *N*-ethyl-4,4'-bipyridinium (EP) ligand (Fig. 1). The Cd–I bond lengths [2.708 (1)–2.742 (1) Å] are normal and comparable with those in [Ni(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>6</sub>][CdI<sub>4</sub>] (Sohail *et al.*, 2006), whereas the Cd–N bond distance [2.338 (9) Å] is slightly longer than that in [Cd(DMAP)I<sub>3</sub>]<sup>-</sup> [2.288 (15) Å; Ren *et al.*, 2003] (Table 1). In the EP ligand, the dihedral angle between the two pyridyl planes is 38.9 (4)°.

#### **Experimental**

© 2006 International Union of Crystallography All rights reserved A mixture of  $H_3PO_4.12MoO_3.30H_2O$  (2.3657 g, 1 mmol),  $CdI_2$  (0.4028 g, 1.1 mmol), 4,4'-bipyridine (0.1874 g, 1.2 mmol), ethanol

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(10 ml) and H<sub>2</sub>O (10 ml) was heated at 423 K for 5 d. The autoclave was then cooled at a rate of 5 K h<sup>-1</sup> to room temperature. Prismatic black crystals were isolated manually (yield 18.3% based on Cd), washed with water and ethanol, and dried at room temperature. The ligand EP in (I) is formed by 4,4'-bipyridyl and ethanol in an acid medium through ethylation; we believe this to be the first example of such a reaction. Analysis, calculated for  $C_{12}H_{13}CdI_3N_2$ : C 21.22, H 1.92, N 4.13%; found: C 21.29, H 2.01, N 4.16%.

Z = 4

 $D_x = 2.451 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ 

 $0.25 \times 0.15 \times 0.10 \ \mathrm{mm}$ 

8924 measured reflections

4026 independent reflections

2801 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation

 $\mu = 6.21 \text{ mm}^-$ T = 293 (2) K Prism, black

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.033$ 

 $\theta_{\rm max} = 27.1^{\circ}$ 

#### Crystal data

$[CdI_3(C_{12}H_{13}N_2)]$
$M_r = 6/8.35$
Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$
a = 7.5768 (3)  Å
<i>b</i> = 12.9594 (3) Å
c = 18.9013 (4)  Å
$\beta = 97.960 \ (4)^{\circ}$
$V = 1838.05 (9) \text{ Å}^3$

#### Data collection

Siemens SMART CCD areadetector diffractometer  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Bruker, 1999)  $T_{min} = 0.316, T_{max} = 0.893$ (expected range = 0.190–0.537)

#### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_0^2) + (0.0252P)^2]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.069$	+ 20.1922 <i>P</i> ]
$wR(F^2) = 0.124$	where $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
S = 1.06	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$
4026 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 1.93 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
163 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -1.30 \text{ e} \text{ \AA}^{-3}$
H-atom parameters constrained	

#### Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Cd1-N1	2.338 (9)	Cd1-I3	2.7165 (12)
Cd1-I1	2.7077 (12)	Cd1-I2	2.7415 (12)
N1-Cd1-I1	101.3 (2)	N1-Cd1-I2	98.6 (2)
N1-Cd1-I3	108.4 (2)	I1-Cd1-I2	120.77 (4)
I1-Cd1-I3	115.86 (4)	I3-Cd1-I2	109.27 (4)

Carbon-bound H atoms were positioned geometrically, with C–H = 0.93, 0.97 and 0.96 Å for aromatic, methylene and methyl H atoms, respectively, and included in the refinement in the riding-model approximation, with  $U_{\rm iso}({\rm H}) = 1.2U_{\rm eq}({\rm C})$  or  $1.5U_{\rm eq}({\rm C})$  for aromatic/ methine and methylene H atoms, respectively. In the final difference Fourier synthesis, seven residual peaks in the range 0.85–1.93 e Å<sup>-3</sup>



#### Figure 1

The molecular structure of (I), showing the atom-labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 35% probability level.

were observed within 0.98 Å of atom I3. The deepest hole was located 0.91 Å from this atom.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 1999); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 1999); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXL97*; software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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