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# catena-Poly[N-methylmorpholinium [nickelate(II)-tri-*µ*-chlorido]]

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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; T = 160 K; mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.006 Å; R factor = 0.050; wR factor = 0.106; data-to-parameter ratio = 23.1.

The structure of the title complex,  $\{(C_5H_{12}NO)[NiCl_3]\}_n$ shows pseudo-octahedral geometry about the Ni<sup>II</sup> ions with discrete N-methylmorpholinium cations. The cation has mirror symmetry; Ni and one Cl atom also lie on a mirror plane. The Ni atoms are linked via bridging Cl ions into a linear chain parallel to the *a* axis. The bridging Cl ions create a pseudo-octahedral geometry about each Ni atom with a Jahn-Teller compression. Bifurcated N-H···Cl hydrogen bonding occurs between the cations and anions.

### **Related literature**

For related literature see: Harlow & Simonsen (1977); Stucky (1968); Willett (1966).



#### **Experimental**

Crystal data (C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>12</sub>NO)[NiCl<sub>3</sub>]  $M_r = 267.22$ Orthorhombic, Pnma a = 6.119(3) Å b = 10.220 (6) Å

c = 14.401 (8) Å

 $V = 900.6 (9) \text{ Å}^3$ Z = 4Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  $\mu = 2.99 \text{ mm}^-$ T = 160 (2) K  $0.40 \times 0.10 \times 0.10 \ \mathrm{mm}$ 

#### Data collection

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Siemens P4 diffractometer
Absorption correction: \psi scan
  (SHELXTL; Siemens, 1990)
  T_{\min} = 0.654, \ T_{\max} = 0.742
2281 measured reflections
1384 independent reflections
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# Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.050$	H atoms treated by a mixture of
$wR(F^2) = 0.106$	independent and constrained
S = 1.02	refinement
1384 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.61 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
60 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.98 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$

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

3 standard reflections

every 97 reflections

intensity decay: 3.7%

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.050$ 

# Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots A$
$N1 - H1 \cdots Cl2^i$	0.85 (6)	2.67 (5)	3.393 (4)	143.5 (9)
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Symmetry code: (i) x - 1, y, z.

Data collection: XSCANS (Siemens, 1992); cell refinement: XSCANS; data reduction: SHELXTL (Siemens, 1990); program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: SHELXTL; software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL.

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# Comment

The Ni(II) ions in (I), Fig. 1, exhibit a Jahn-Teller compression with two pairs of longer (2.448 (2) Å and 2.437 (2) Å) and one pair of shorter Ni—Cl bonds (2.346 (2) Å) in their octahedral Cl<sub>6</sub> environments. The Cl ions bridge Ni(II) ions to form tri-bridged chains parallel to the *a*-axis (Fig. 2). This type of trichloride-bridged chain has been previously reported for the tetramethylammonium (Stucky, 1968) and methylphenylethylammonium (Harlow and Simonsen, 1977) salts, although neither complex exhibits the Jahn-Teller distortion seen here. The methylammonium salt is also a tri-bridged chain, but which shows a typical Jahn-Teller elongation (Willett, 1966).

The *N*-methylmorpholinium ions pack in stacks parallel to the *c*-axis surrounding the chains and isolating them from each other. Bifurcated hydrogen bonds between the morpholinium N—H proton and Cl2 help stabilize the crystal structure (Fig. 2).

#### **Experimental**

The complex was prepared from a solution of one equivalent of NiCl<sub>2</sub> and two equivalents of *N*-methylmorpholine in 1 M HCl(aq). The solution was allowed to evaporate in air until a viscous syrup resulted whereupon it was transferred to a desiccator. After one week, green crystals of (*N*-methylmorpholinium)<sub>3</sub>ClNiCl<sub>4</sub> grew along with yellow crystals of (I). The crystals are highly hygroscopic. Crystals were transferred in a drop of the mother liquor and then moved directly into an adjacent drop of fluorocarbon oil without exposure to the air. No attempt was made to maximize the yield.

#### Refinement

N—H atom was freely refined (N—H = 0.85 (6) Å. The C-bound H atoms were included in the riding model approximation with C—H = 0.96 Å, and with  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2 U_{eq}(C)$ .

## **Figures**



Fig. 1. Molecular structure of the *N*-methylmorpholinium cation (the cation has mirror symmetry) and the coordination sphere for the Ni cation (the Ni and Cl1 atoms lie on a mirror plane). Symmetry operations A: x - 1/2, y, 0.5 - z; B: x, 0.5 - y, z and C: x - 1/2, 0.5 - y, 0.5 - z; D: x - 1/2, y - 1/2,



Fig. 2. Packing diagram of (I) viewed down the *b*-axis. Dotted lines represent hydrogen bonds.

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Crystal data	
(C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>12</sub> NO)[NiCl <sub>3</sub> ]	$F_{000} = 544$
$M_r = 267.22$	$D_{\rm x} = 1.971 \ {\rm Mg \ m}^{-3}$
Orthorhombic, Pnma	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation $\lambda = 0.71073$ Å
Hall symbol: -P 2ac 2n	Cell parameters from 21 reflections
a = 6.119 (3) Å	$\theta = 2.5 - 13.7^{\circ}$
b = 10.220 (6) Å	$\mu = 2.99 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
c = 14.401 (8)  Å	T = 160 (2)  K
$V = 900.6 (9) \text{ Å}^3$	Rod, yellow
Z = 4	$0.40 \times 0.10 \times 0.10 \text{ mm}$

# Data collection

Siemens P4 diffractometer	$R_{\rm int} = 0.050$
Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 30.0^{\circ}$
Monochromator: graphite	$\theta_{\min} = 2.4^{\circ}$
T = 160(2)  K	$h = -8 \rightarrow 3$
ω scans	$k = -1 \rightarrow 14$
Absorption correction: ψ scan (SHELXTL; Siemens, 1990)	$l = -1 \rightarrow 20$
$T_{\min} = 0.654, T_{\max} = 0.742$	3 standard reflections
2281 measured reflections	every 97 reflections
1384 independent reflections	intensity decay: 3.7%
888 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$	

# Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map
Least-squares matrix: full	Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.050$	H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement
$wR(F^2) = 0.106$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_0^2) + (0.0431P)^2]$

	where $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
<i>S</i> = 1.02	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} < 0.001$
1384 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\text{max}} = 0.61 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$
60 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.98 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

Primary atom site location: structure-invariant direct Extinction correction: none

## Special details

C3

0.019(2)

0.0194 (19)

**Geometry**. All e.s.d.'s (except the e.s.d. in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell e.s.d.'s are taken into account individually in the estimation of e.s.d.'s in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between e.s.d.'s in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell e.s.d.'s is used for estimating e.s.d.'s involving l.s. planes.

**Refinement**. Refinement of  $F^2$  against ALL reflections. The weighted *R*-factor *wR* and goodness of fit *S* are based on  $F^2$ , conventional *R*-factors *R* are based on *F*, with *F* set to zero for negative  $F^2$ . The threshold expression of  $F^2 > \sigma(F^2)$  is used only for calculating *R*-factors(gt) *etc.* and is not relevant to the choice of reflections for refinement. *R*-factors based on  $F^2$  are statistically about twice as large as those based on *F*, and *R*- factors based on ALL data will be even larger.

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters  $(A^2)$ 

	x	у	Z		$U_{\rm iso}$ */ $U_{\rm eq}$	Occ. (<1)
Ni	0.11686 (14)	0.2500	0.250	34 (5)	0.01101 (17)	
Cl1	-0.1351 (2)	0.2500	0.375	71 (8)	0.0147 (3)	
Cl2	0.36888 (16)	0.09476 (9)	) 0.323	13 (6)	0.0131 (2)	
N1	-0.6499 (9)	0.2500	0.531	3 (3)	0.0153 (10)	
H1	-0.641 (10)	0.2500	0.473	(4)	0.018*	
C2	-0.7788 (7)	0.1295 (4)	0.553	9 (3)	0.0161 (8)	
H2A	-0.6865	0.0529	0.547	3	0.019*	
H2B	-0.8998	0.1211	0.510	8	0.019*	
C3	-0.8655 (7)	0.1365 (4)	0.651	9 (3)	0.0189 (8)	
H3A	-0.9530	0.0594	0.664	5	0.023*	
H3B	-0.7438	0.1370	0.695	1	0.023*	
O4	-0.9946 (7)	0.2500	0.666	1 (3)	0.0222 (10)	
C7	-0.4300 (10)	0.2500	0.576	4 (4)	0.0199 (13)	
H7A	-0.4472	0.2500	0.642	6	0.024*	
H7B	-0.3507	0.3267	0.557	8	0.024*	0.50
H7C	-0.3507	0.1733	0.557	8	0.024*	0.50
Atomic displ	acement parameters	$(\AA^2)$				
	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
Ni	0.0094 (3)	0.0142 (3)	0.0095 (3)	0.000	0.0004 (3)	0.000
Cl1	0.0113 (6)	0.0233 (7)	0.0096 (5)	0.000	-0.0013 (6)	0.000
Cl2	0.0127 (4)	0.0135 (4)	0.0132 (4)	0.0000 (4)	0.0001 (4)	0.0009 (3)
N1	0.015 (2)	0.023 (2)	0.0074 (19)	0.000	0.002 (2)	0.000
C2	0.0182 (19)	0.0114 (19)	0.0186 (19)	-0.0012 (17)	-0.0048 (17)	0.0011 (17)

0.0179 (18)

-0.004(2)

0.0011 (19)

0.0057 (15)

# supplementary materials

O4 C7	0.016 (2) 0.017 (3)	0.029 (3) 0.025 (3)	0.022 (2) 0.017 (3)	0.000 0.000	0.0073 (19) 0.001 (2)	0.000 0.000
Geometric p	arameters (Å, °)					
Ni—Cl1 <sup>i</sup>		2.3664 (18)	C2-	–H2A	0.9	700
Ni—Cl1		2.3739 (19)	C2-	–H2B	0.9	700
Ni-Cl2 <sup>ii</sup>		2.4371 (14)	С3-	04	1.4	18 (5)
Ni—Cl2		2.4483 (14)	C3-	–H3A	0.9	700
N1—C7		1.494 (8)	С3-	—Н3В	0.9	700
N1—C2		1.499 (5)	C7-	-H7A	0.9	500
N1—H1		0.85 (6)	C7-	-H7B	0.9	500
C2—C3		1.510 (6)	C7-	—Н7С	0.9	500
Cl1 <sup>i</sup> —Ni—C	11	179.41 (7)	C3-	—С2—Н2А	109	.6
Cl1 <sup>i</sup> —Ni—C	12 <sup>iii</sup>	93.80 (5)	N1-	C2H2B	109	.6
Cl1—Ni—Cl	2 <sup>ii</sup>	85.75 (5)	С3-	—С2—Н2В	109	.6
Cl2 <sup>iii</sup> —Ni—O	Cl2 <sup>ii</sup>	81.24 (6)	H2A	А—С2—Н2В	108	.1
Cl1 <sup>i</sup> —Ni—C	12	85.66 (5)	O4-	C3C2	111	.7 (4)
Cl1—Ni—Cl	2	94.78 (5)	O4-	—С3—НЗА	109	.3
Cl2 <sup>iii</sup> —Ni—O	012	98.99 (5)	C2-	—С3—НЗА	109.3	
Cl2 <sup>ii</sup> —Ni—C	212	179.43 (5)	04-	—С3—Н3В	109	.3
Cl2 <sup>iv</sup> —Ni—O	212	80.79 (6)	C2-	—С3—Н3В	109	.3
Ni <sup>iii</sup> —Cl1—N	Ni	80.39 (6)	H3A	А—С3—Н3В	107	.9
Ni <sup>i</sup> —Cl2—N	i	77.55 (5)	C3 <sup>iv</sup>	′—04—C3	109	.8 (4)
C7—N1—C2	2	112.3 (3)	N1-	—С7—Н7А	109	.5
C2—N1—C2	jiv	110.5 (5)	N1-	—С7—Н7В	109	.5
C7—N1—H1	l	112 (5)	H7A	А—С7—Н7В	109	.5
C2—N1—H1	l	105 (2)	N1-	—С7—Н7С	109	.5
N1-C2-C3	3	110.4 (4)	H7A	А—С7—Н7С	109	.5
N1—C2—H2	2A	109.6	H7E	<b>3—</b> С7—Н7С	109	.5
Cl2 <sup>iii</sup> —Ni—O	Cl1—Ni <sup>iii</sup>	-40.75 (3)	Cl2 <sup>i</sup>	ii—Ni—Cl2—Ni <sup>i</sup>	132	.91 (5)
Cl2 <sup>ii</sup> —Ni—C	Cl1—Ni <sup>iii</sup>	40.75 (3)	Cl2 <sup>i</sup>	v—Ni—Cl2—Ni <sup>i</sup>	-46	5.57 (4)
Cl2 <sup>iv</sup> —Ni—O	Cl1—Ni <sup>iii</sup>	139.44 (3)	С7-	-N1-C2-C3	75.	1 (5)
Cl2—Ni—Cl	1—Ni <sup>iii</sup>	-139.44 (3)	C2 <sup>iv</sup>	/	-51	.2 (6)
Cl1 <sup>i</sup> —Ni—C	12—Ni <sup>i</sup>	39.73 (3)	N1-	C2C3O4	56.	8 (5)
Cl1—Ni—Cl	2—Ni <sup>i</sup>	-140.65 (4)	C?-		-61	.6 (5)
Symmetry co	des: (i) $r+1/2$ $v = -7$	+1/2 (ii) $r - 1/2 - v + 1/2$	-2 	1/2 = -1/2; (iv) a		- (-)

D—H···A	<i>D</i> —Н	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	D—H···A
N1—H1···Cl2 <sup>v</sup>	0.85 (6)	2.67 (5)	3.393 (4)	143.5 (9)
Symmetry codes: (v) $x-1$ , $y$ , $z$ .				

CI1A

🕲 CI2A

P CI2

Ni

🕭 CI2B





Fig. 2

