

## Bis(diethylenetriamine- $\kappa^3N,N',N''$ )-nickel(II) bis(1,2-dicyanoethene-1,2-dithiolato- $\kappa^2S,S'$ )nickel(II)

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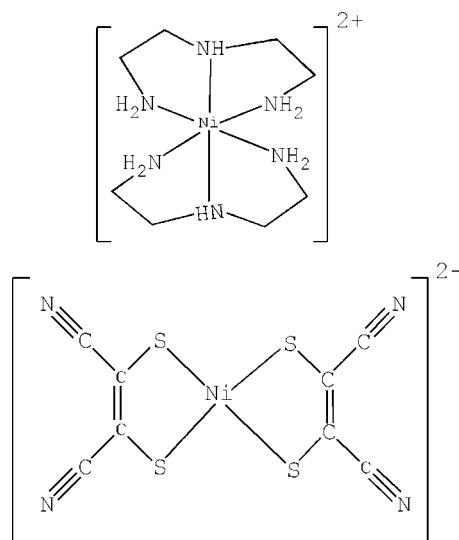
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study;  $T = 273$  K; mean  $\sigma(C-C) = 0.006$  Å;  $R$  factor = 0.041;  $wR$  factor = 0.109; data-to-parameter ratio = 15.4.

The title compound,  $[Ni(C_4H_{13}N_3)_2][Ni(C_4N_2S_2)_2]$ , has been synthesized by the reaction of  $Ni(ClO_4)_2 \cdot 6H_2O$ , diethylenetriamine (deta) and  $Na_2[Ni(mnt)_2]$  [mnt = maleonitrile-dithiolate(2-)] in methanol. The structure is composed of a  $[Ni(\text{deta})_2]^{2+}$  cation and a  $[Ni(\text{mnt})_2]^{2-}$  anion. The coordination geometry of the  $Ni^{II}$  ion in the cation is slightly distorted octahedral, defined by six N atoms from two deta ligands, while the  $Ni^{II}$  ion in the anion is four-coordinated by four S atoms from two mnt ligands in a slightly distorted square-planar geometry. The cations and anions are connected by N—H···N hydrogen bonds.

### Related literature

For related literature, see: Bois *et al.* (1998); Keum *et al.* (1992); Miller *et al.* (1989); Ren *et al.* (2001); Robertson & Cronin (2002); Simmons *et al.* (1962).



### Experimental

#### Crystal data

|   |                                   |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| $[Ni(C_4H_{13}N_3)_2][Ni(C_4N_2S_2)_2]$ | $V = 2595.8 (13)$ Å <sup>3</sup>  |
| $M_r = 604.13$                          | $Z = 4$                           |
| Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$                    | Mo $K\alpha$ radiation            |
| $a = 9.589 (3)$ Å                       | $\mu = 1.80$ mm <sup>-1</sup>     |
| $b = 16.910 (5)$ Å                      | $T = 273 (2)$ K                   |
| $c = 16.146 (4)$ Å                      | $0.19 \times 0.17 \times 0.15$ mm |
| $\beta = 97.491 (4)$ °                  |                                   |

#### Data collection

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| Bruker SMART APEXII CCD area-detector diffractometer                 | 13610 measured reflections             |
| Absorption correction: multi-scan ( <i>SADABS</i> ; Sheldrick, 1996) | 5065 independent reflections           |
| $T_{\min} = 0.717$ , $T_{\max} = 0.766$                              | 3393 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ |
|  | $R_{\text{int}} = 0.037$               |

#### Refinement

|                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.041$ | H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement |
| $wR(F^2) = 0.109$               | $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.86$ e Å <sup>-3</sup>                     |
| $S = 0.99$                      | $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.26$ e Å <sup>-3</sup>                    |
| 5065 reflections                |  |
| 329 parameters                  |  |
| 10 restraints                   |  |

**Table 1**  
Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

|           |             |            |             |
|-----------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| Ni1—S1    | 2.1739 (12) | Ni2—N6     | 2.065 (3)   |
| Ni1—S2    | 2.1617 (12) | Ni2—N7     | 2.150 (4)   |
| Ni1—S3    | 2.1732 (12) | Ni2—N8     | 2.145 (3)   |
| Ni1—S4    | 2.1658 (12) | Ni2—N9     | 2.071 (4)   |
| Ni2—N5    | 2.164 (3)   | Ni2—N10    | 2.151 (3)   |
| S2—Ni1—S4 | 87.98 (5)   | N8—Ni2—N7  | 95.96 (15)  |
| S2—Ni1—S3 | 168.77 (5)  | N6—Ni2—N10 | 98.69 (14)  |
| S4—Ni1—S3 | 92.72 (4)   | N9—Ni2—N10 | 81.72 (14)  |
| S2—Ni1—S1 | 92.58 (4)   | N8—Ni2—N10 | 163.04 (16) |
| S4—Ni1—S1 | 170.10 (4)  | N7—Ni2—N10 | 89.25 (16)  |
| S3—Ni1—S1 | 88.65 (4)   | N6—Ni2—N5  | 81.47 (14)  |
| N6—Ni2—N9 | 177.56 (15) | N9—Ni2—N5  | 100.96 (15) |
| N6—Ni2—N8 | 98.00 (14)  | N8—Ni2—N5  | 91.32 (13)  |
| N9—Ni2—N8 | 81.73 (14)  | N7—Ni2—N5  | 162.93 (16) |
| N6—Ni2—N7 | 82.24 (16)  | N10—Ni2—N5 | 88.20 (14)  |
| N9—Ni2—N7 | 95.37 (17)  |            |             |

**Table 2**  
Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

| $D—H···A$                   | $D—H$    | $H···A$  | $D···A$   | $D—H···A$ |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| N5—H5A···N4 <sup>i</sup>    | 0.86 (3) | 2.30 (4) | 3.098 (6) | 154 (3)   |
| N5—H5B···N2 <sup>ii</sup>   | 0.86 (3) | 2.48 (3) | 3.186 (5) | 140 (4)   |
| N7—H7A···N3 <sup>iii</sup>  | 0.86 (4) | 2.56 (3) | 3.207 (7) | 134 (3)   |
| N8—H8B···N3 <sup>iii</sup>  | 0.86 (3) | 2.48 (4) | 3.164 (6) | 138 (3)   |
| N9—H9A···N1 <sup>iv</sup>   | 0.86 (2) | 2.58 (3) | 3.387 (6) | 156 (5)   |
| N10—H10C···N2 <sup>ii</sup> | 0.87 (3) | 2.34 (3) | 3.198 (5) | 173 (5)   |

Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x + 1, -y + 1, -z$ ; (ii)  $x - \frac{1}{2}, -y + \frac{1}{2}, z + \frac{1}{2}$ ; (iii)  $x + 1, y, z$ ; (iv)  $-x + \frac{5}{2}, y + \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{1}{2}$ .

Data collection: *APEX2* (Bruker, 2007); cell refinement: *SAINT-Plus* (Bruker, 2007); data reduction: *SAINT-Plus*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 2008); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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### Comment

Bidentate dithiolate ligands form well square-planar complexes with nickel ions in different oxidation states. Due to their unique properties and potential applications in such areas as conducting and magnetic materials, nearinfrared dyes, nonlinear optical materials (Robertson & Cronin, 2002), the ion-pair complexes formed from  $[M(mnt)_2]^{n-}$  ( $M = Ni, Pd, Pt$  or  $Cu$ ) and transition metal complex cations have been intensively studied (Bois *et al.*, 1998; Miller *et al.*, 1989; Ren *et al.*, 2001). We report here a new ion-pair complex.

The title compound is composed of a  $[Ni(\text{deta})_2]^{2+}$  cation and a  $[Ni(mnt)_2]^{2-}$  anion [ $\text{deta} = \text{diethylenetriamine}$ ;  $mnt = \text{maleonitriledithiolate}(2-)$ ] (Fig. 1). In the cation, the  $Ni^{II}$  ion has a slightly distorted octahedral geometry, formed by six N atoms from two deta ligands, with the  $Ni-N$  distances in a range from 2.065 (3) to 2.164 (3) Å (Table 1), which are consistent with the corresponding values in  $[Ni(\text{en})_3][Ni(mnt)_2]$  ( $\text{en} = \text{ethylenediamine}$ ) (Keum *et al.*, 1992). The  $Ni^{II}$  ion in the anion is four-coordinated by four S atoms and these five atoms form a square plane with a mean deviation of 0.161 (6) Å. The  $Ni-S$  bond lengths [2.1617 (12)–2.1739 (12) Å] are also in agreement with those found in the above complex. The cations and anions are connected by N—H···N hydrogen bonds (Table 2).

### Experimental

The synthesis procedure of the title compound was as following:  $Ni(ClO_4)_2 \cdot 6H_2O$  (0.037 g, 0.10 mmol) was dissolved in methanol (10 ml) at room temperature with stirring and then deta (0.021 g, 0.20 mmol) was added. A solution of  $Na_2[Ni(mnt)_2]$  (0.033 g, 0.10 mmol) (Simmons *et al.*, 1962) in methanol (10 ml) was slowly added to the above solution and the mixture was stirred for another 30 min. After filtering, the filtrate was undisturbed for about two weeks at room temperature in air to produce blue crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction (yield 61.75%, 0.037 g). Analysis, calculated for  $C_{16}H_{26}N_{10}Ni_2S_4$ : C 31.81, H 4.34, N 23.19%; found: C 31.76, H 4.31, N 23.24%.

### Refinement

H atoms bound to N atoms were found in difference Fourier maps and refined isotropically, with a restraint of  $N-H = 0.86$  (1) Å. H atoms bound to C atoms were positioned geometrically and refined as riding atoms, with  $C-H = 0.97$  Å and  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ .

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## Figures

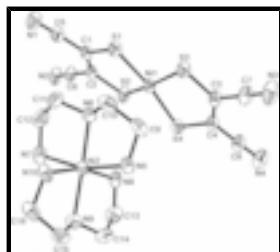


Fig. 1. Structure of the title compound. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level. H atoms have been omitted for clarity.

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#### Crystal data

|   |   |
|---|---|
| [Ni(C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>13</sub> N <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ][Ni(C <sub>4</sub> N <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ] | $F_{000} = 1248$                          |
| $M_r = 604.13$  | $D_x = 1.546 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$           |
| Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$  | Mo $K\alpha$ radiation                    |
| Hall symbol: -P 2yn   | $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$           |
| $a = 9.589 (3) \text{ \AA}$   | Cell parameters from 3163 reflections     |
| $b = 16.910 (5) \text{ \AA}$  | $\theta = 2.4\text{--}23.8^\circ$         |
| $c = 16.146 (4) \text{ \AA}$  | $\mu = 1.80 \text{ mm}^{-1}$              |
| $\beta = 97.491 (4)^\circ$  | $T = 273 (2) \text{ K}$                   |
| $V = 2595.8 (13) \text{ \AA}^3$   | Block, blue                               |
| $Z = 4$   | $0.19 \times 0.17 \times 0.15 \text{ mm}$ |

#### Data collection

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Bruker SMART APEXII CCD area-detector diffractometer        | 5065 independent reflections           |
| Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube                    | 3393 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ |
| Monochromator: graphite                                     | $R_{\text{int}} = 0.037$               |
| $T = 273(2) \text{ K}$                                      | $\theta_{\max} = 26.0^\circ$           |
| $\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans                                | $\theta_{\min} = 2.3^\circ$            |
| Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996) | $h = -11 \rightarrow 11$               |
| $T_{\min} = 0.717$ , $T_{\max} = 0.766$                     | $k = -20 \rightarrow 19$               |
| 13610 measured reflections                                  | $l = -17 \rightarrow 19$               |

#### Refinement

|                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Refinement on $F^2$             | Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map                   |
| Least-squares matrix: full      | Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites               |
| $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.041$ | H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement |
| $wR(F^2) = 0.109$               | $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.058P)^2]$                                 |

where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $S = 0.99$   $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$   
5065 reflections  $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.86 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$   
329 parameters  $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.26 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$   
10 restraints Extinction correction: none  
Primary atom site location: structure-invariant direct methods

*Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )*

|      | <i>x</i>     | <i>y</i>    | <i>z</i>     | $U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$ |
|------|--------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| Ni1  | 0.72467 (5)  | 0.23459 (3) | 0.01993 (3)  | 0.04722 (16)                     |
| Ni2  | 0.97276 (5)  | 0.40148 (3) | 0.25321 (3)  | 0.04194 (15)                     |
| S1   | 0.78132 (10) | 0.13475 (6) | 0.10229 (6)  | 0.0555 (3)                       |
| S2   | 0.90403 (11) | 0.21706 (7) | -0.04639 (7) | 0.0638 (3)                       |
| S3   | 0.52234 (11) | 0.23887 (7) | 0.06673 (7)  | 0.0598 (3)                       |
| S4   | 0.68871 (10) | 0.34610 (6) | -0.04535 (7) | 0.0576 (3)                       |
| N1   | 1.0808 (4)   | 0.0021 (3)  | 0.1686 (3)   | 0.0828 (12)                      |
| N2   | 1.2281 (4)   | 0.0992 (2)  | -0.0397 (2)  | 0.0727 (11)                      |
| N3   | 0.1991 (4)   | 0.3603 (3)  | 0.0519 (3)   | 0.0980 (15)                      |
| N4   | 0.3914 (5)   | 0.4842 (3)  | -0.1113 (3)  | 0.0902 (13)                      |
| N5   | 0.7588 (4)   | 0.4323 (2)  | 0.2690 (2)   | 0.0532 (8)                       |
| N6   | 0.8844 (4)   | 0.2901 (2)  | 0.2388 (2)   | 0.0573 (9)                       |
| N7   | 1.1630 (4)   | 0.3364 (3)  | 0.2450 (3)   | 0.0670 (10)                      |
| N8   | 0.9396 (4)   | 0.4370 (2)  | 0.1246 (2)   | 0.0551 (9)                       |
| N9   | 1.0692 (4)   | 0.5111 (2)  | 0.2663 (2)   | 0.0576 (9)                       |
| N10  | 1.0222 (4)   | 0.4021 (3)  | 0.3870 (2)   | 0.0552 (9)                       |
| C1   | 0.9425 (4)   | 0.1059 (2)  | 0.0742 (2)   | 0.0487 (9)                       |
| C2   | 0.9942 (4)   | 0.1410 (2)  | 0.0098 (2)   | 0.0498 (9)                       |
| C3   | 0.4468 (4)   | 0.3230 (2)  | 0.0193 (2)   | 0.0546 (10)                      |
| C4   | 0.5168 (4)   | 0.3686 (2)  | -0.0311 (2)  | 0.0532 (10)                      |
| C5   | 1.0189 (4)   | 0.0466 (3)  | 0.1249 (3)   | 0.0587 (11)                      |
| C6   | 1.1252 (4)   | 0.1169 (3)  | -0.0162 (2)  | 0.0564 (11)                      |
| C7   | 0.3083 (5)   | 0.3441 (3)  | 0.0363 (3)   | 0.0676 (12)                      |
| C8   | 0.4494 (5)   | 0.4331 (3)  | -0.0751 (3)  | 0.0656 (12)                      |
| C9   | 0.6713 (4)   | 0.3606 (3)  | 0.2543 (3)   | 0.0690 (12)                      |
| H9C  | 0.6357       | 0.3564      | 0.1954       | 0.083*                           |
| H9B  | 0.5916       | 0.3639      | 0.2854       | 0.083*                           |
| C10  | 0.7577 (5)   | 0.2887 (3)  | 0.2815 (3)   | 0.0711 (13)                      |
| H10A | 0.7841       | 0.2894      | 0.3416       | 0.085*                           |
| H10B | 0.7039       | 0.2410      | 0.2668       | 0.085*                           |
| C11  | 0.9946 (5)   | 0.2337 (3)  | 0.2698 (3)   | 0.0759 (14)                      |
| H11A | 0.9634       | 0.1802      | 0.2563       | 0.091*                           |
| H11B | 1.0161       | 0.2381      | 0.3301       | 0.091*                           |
| C12  | 1.1225 (6)   | 0.2523 (3)  | 0.2293 (3)   | 0.0850 (16)                      |
| H12A | 1.1994       | 0.2181      | 0.2518       | 0.102*                           |
| H12B | 1.1030       | 0.2429      | 0.1696       | 0.102*                           |
| C13  | 1.0004 (5)   | 0.5157 (3)  | 0.1168 (3)   | 0.0748 (13)                      |

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|      |             |             |             |             |
|------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| H13A | 0.9436      | 0.5450      | 0.0730      | 0.090*      |
| H13B | 1.0944      | 0.5106      | 0.1013      | 0.090*      |
| C14  | 1.0069 (5)  | 0.5602 (3)  | 0.1974 (3)  | 0.0748 (13) |
| H14A | 1.0627      | 0.6078      | 0.1945      | 0.090*      |
| H14B | 0.9129      | 0.5758      | 0.2066      | 0.090*      |
| C15  | 1.0661 (5)  | 0.5377 (3)  | 0.3519 (3)  | 0.0694 (12) |
| H15A | 0.9721      | 0.5556      | 0.3585      | 0.083*      |
| H15B | 1.1303      | 0.5818      | 0.3639      | 0.083*      |
| C16  | 1.1076 (5)  | 0.4719 (3)  | 0.4112 (2)  | 0.0704 (13) |
| H16A | 1.2063      | 0.4595      | 0.4109      | 0.084*      |
| H16B | 1.0943      | 0.4879      | 0.4674      | 0.084*      |
| H8A  | 0.8544 (16) | 0.441 (2)   | 0.101 (2)   | 0.051 (11)* |
| H8B  | 0.971 (4)   | 0.4005 (18) | 0.095 (2)   | 0.073 (15)* |
| H7A  | 1.219 (4)   | 0.352 (3)   | 0.211 (2)   | 0.090 (17)* |
| H10C | 0.944 (3)   | 0.406 (3)   | 0.408 (3)   | 0.091 (17)* |
| H5A  | 0.727 (5)   | 0.4692 (19) | 0.235 (2)   | 0.093 (18)* |
| H6A  | 0.860 (4)   | 0.281 (2)   | 0.1865 (8)  | 0.055 (12)* |
| H7B  | 1.217 (4)   | 0.341 (3)   | 0.2916 (17) | 0.12 (2)*   |
| H10D | 1.066 (6)   | 0.362 (3)   | 0.409 (4)   | 0.16 (3)*   |
| H9A  | 1.1581 (18) | 0.503 (4)   | 0.267 (4)   | 0.16 (3)*   |
| H5B  | 0.769 (5)   | 0.448 (3)   | 0.3200 (12) | 0.101 (18)* |

### *Atomic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )*

|     | $U^{11}$   | $U^{22}$   | $U^{33}$    | $U^{12}$     | $U^{13}$     | $U^{23}$     |
|-----|------------|------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Ni1 | 0.0377 (3) | 0.0536 (3) | 0.0497 (3)  | 0.0057 (2)   | 0.0033 (2)   | -0.0112 (2)  |
| Ni2 | 0.0429 (3) | 0.0502 (3) | 0.0324 (2)  | -0.0003 (2)  | 0.00373 (19) | -0.0015 (2)  |
| S1  | 0.0412 (5) | 0.0638 (7) | 0.0642 (6)  | 0.0081 (5)   | 0.0164 (5)   | -0.0001 (5)  |
| S2  | 0.0514 (6) | 0.0822 (8) | 0.0599 (6)  | 0.0189 (6)   | 0.0160 (5)   | 0.0104 (6)   |
| S3  | 0.0503 (6) | 0.0652 (7) | 0.0663 (7)  | 0.0126 (5)   | 0.0161 (5)   | -0.0012 (5)  |
| S4  | 0.0451 (6) | 0.0601 (7) | 0.0667 (7)  | 0.0028 (5)   | 0.0040 (5)   | -0.0026 (5)  |
| N1  | 0.062 (2)  | 0.098 (3)  | 0.093 (3)   | 0.027 (2)    | 0.024 (2)    | 0.027 (2)    |
| N2  | 0.055 (2)  | 0.110 (3)  | 0.055 (2)   | 0.029 (2)    | 0.0172 (18)  | 0.016 (2)    |
| N3  | 0.078 (3)  | 0.134 (4)  | 0.089 (3)   | 0.048 (3)    | 0.038 (2)    | 0.009 (3)    |
| N4  | 0.097 (3)  | 0.094 (3)  | 0.077 (3)   | 0.032 (3)    | 0.000 (2)    | 0.008 (2)    |
| N5  | 0.048 (2)  | 0.067 (2)  | 0.044 (2)   | 0.0015 (18)  | 0.0033 (16)  | -0.0034 (19) |
| N6  | 0.067 (2)  | 0.056 (2)  | 0.047 (2)   | -0.0026 (18) | -0.0011 (18) | -0.0019 (17) |
| N7  | 0.055 (2)  | 0.087 (3)  | 0.059 (2)   | 0.014 (2)    | 0.008 (2)    | -0.003 (2)   |
| N8  | 0.048 (2)  | 0.077 (3)  | 0.0393 (19) | 0.014 (2)    | 0.0049 (16)  | 0.0003 (18)  |
| N9  | 0.065 (2)  | 0.059 (2)  | 0.051 (2)   | -0.0045 (19) | 0.0138 (17)  | -0.0004 (17) |
| N10 | 0.042 (2)  | 0.087 (3)  | 0.0367 (17) | -0.009 (2)   | 0.0043 (15)  | -0.0018 (18) |
| C1  | 0.037 (2)  | 0.058 (3)  | 0.051 (2)   | 0.0068 (18)  | 0.0077 (17)  | -0.0086 (19) |
| C2  | 0.037 (2)  | 0.064 (3)  | 0.049 (2)   | 0.0069 (19)  | 0.0053 (17)  | -0.0067 (19) |
| C3  | 0.048 (2)  | 0.068 (3)  | 0.047 (2)   | 0.017 (2)    | 0.0024 (18)  | -0.016 (2)   |
| C4  | 0.050 (2)  | 0.058 (3)  | 0.049 (2)   | 0.013 (2)    | -0.0017 (18) | -0.013 (2)   |
| C5  | 0.043 (2)  | 0.073 (3)  | 0.063 (3)   | 0.007 (2)    | 0.020 (2)    | 0.002 (2)    |
| C6  | 0.051 (2)  | 0.076 (3)  | 0.043 (2)   | 0.016 (2)    | 0.0078 (18)  | 0.006 (2)    |
| C7  | 0.064 (3)  | 0.087 (3)  | 0.053 (3)   | 0.025 (3)    | 0.014 (2)    | -0.003 (2)   |

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| C8  | 0.063 (3) | 0.077 (3) | 0.054 (3) | 0.018 (2)  | -0.003 (2) | -0.005 (2) |
| C9  | 0.048 (2) | 0.092 (4) | 0.067 (3) | -0.018 (3) | 0.006 (2)  | -0.014 (3) |
| C10 | 0.073 (3) | 0.070 (3) | 0.071 (3) | -0.026 (3) | 0.014 (2)  | -0.002 (2) |
| C11 | 0.093 (4) | 0.057 (3) | 0.073 (3) | 0.009 (3)  | -0.009 (3) | 0.008 (2)  |
| C12 | 0.096 (4) | 0.072 (4) | 0.082 (3) | 0.032 (3)  | -0.005 (3) | -0.009 (3) |
| C13 | 0.090 (3) | 0.081 (4) | 0.056 (3) | 0.004 (3)  | 0.021 (2)  | 0.023 (2)  |
| C14 | 0.087 (4) | 0.052 (3) | 0.085 (3) | -0.001 (2) | 0.012 (3)  | 0.008 (2)  |
| C15 | 0.070 (3) | 0.067 (3) | 0.071 (3) | -0.005 (2) | 0.010 (2)  | -0.028 (2) |
| C16 | 0.066 (3) | 0.100 (4) | 0.045 (2) | -0.025 (3) | 0.006 (2)  | -0.013 (2) |

*Geometric parameters ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ )*

|           |             |          |           |
|-----------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| Ni1—S1    | 2.1739 (12) | N9—C15   | 1.456 (5) |
| Ni1—S2    | 2.1617 (12) | N9—H9A   | 0.86 (3)  |
| Ni1—S3    | 2.1732 (12) | N10—C16  | 1.461 (5) |
| Ni1—S4    | 2.1658 (12) | N10—H10C | 0.87 (3)  |
| Ni2—N5    | 2.164 (3)   | N10—H10D | 0.85 (6)  |
| Ni2—N6    | 2.065 (3)   | C1—C2    | 1.347 (5) |
| Ni2—N7    | 2.150 (4)   | C1—C5    | 1.434 (6) |
| Ni2—N8    | 2.145 (3)   | C2—C6    | 1.434 (5) |
| Ni2—N9    | 2.071 (4)   | C3—C4    | 1.359 (6) |
| Ni2—N10   | 2.151 (3)   | C3—C7    | 1.436 (5) |
| S1—C1     | 1.737 (4)   | C4—C8    | 1.412 (6) |
| S2—C2     | 1.738 (4)   | C9—C10   | 1.505 (6) |
| S3—C3     | 1.730 (4)   | C9—H9C   | 0.9700    |
| S4—C4     | 1.737 (4)   | C9—H9B   | 0.9700    |
| N1—C5     | 1.144 (5)   | C10—H10A | 0.9700    |
| N2—C6     | 1.143 (5)   | C10—H10B | 0.9700    |
| N3—C7     | 1.141 (5)   | C11—C12  | 1.497 (7) |
| N4—C8     | 1.146 (5)   | C11—H11A | 0.9700    |
| N5—C9     | 1.477 (5)   | C11—H11B | 0.9700    |
| N5—H5A    | 0.86 (3)    | C12—H12A | 0.9700    |
| N5—H5B    | 0.86 (3)    | C12—H12B | 0.9700    |
| N6—C11    | 1.463 (5)   | C13—C14  | 1.497 (6) |
| N6—C10    | 1.473 (5)   | C13—H13A | 0.9700    |
| N6—H6A    | 0.86 (2)    | C13—H13B | 0.9700    |
| N7—C12    | 1.486 (6)   | C14—H14A | 0.9700    |
| N7—H7A    | 0.86 (4)    | C14—H14B | 0.9700    |
| N7—H7B    | 0.86 (4)    | C15—C16  | 1.488 (6) |
| N8—C13    | 1.466 (6)   | C15—H15A | 0.9700    |
| N8—H8A    | 0.86 (3)    | C15—H15B | 0.9700    |
| N8—H8B    | 0.86 (3)    | C16—H16A | 0.9700    |
| N9—C14    | 1.453 (5)   | C16—H16B | 0.9700    |
| S2—Ni1—S4 | 87.98 (5)   | C5—C1—S1 | 117.0 (3) |
| S2—Ni1—S3 | 168.77 (5)  | C1—C2—C6 | 121.7 (4) |
| S4—Ni1—S3 | 92.72 (4)   | C1—C2—S2 | 121.4 (3) |
| S2—Ni1—S1 | 92.58 (4)   | C6—C2—S2 | 116.9 (3) |
| S4—Ni1—S1 | 170.10 (4)  | C4—C3—C7 | 121.0 (4) |
| S3—Ni1—S1 | 88.65 (4)   | C4—C3—S3 | 121.4 (3) |

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| N6—Ni2—N9  | 177.56 (15) | C7—C3—S3      | 117.7 (3) |
| N6—Ni2—N8  | 98.00 (14)  | C3—C4—C8      | 120.7 (4) |
| N9—Ni2—N8  | 81.73 (14)  | C3—C4—S4      | 120.5 (3) |
| N6—Ni2—N7  | 82.24 (16)  | C8—C4—S4      | 118.8 (3) |
| N9—Ni2—N7  | 95.37 (17)  | N1—C5—C1      | 176.5 (5) |
| N8—Ni2—N7  | 95.96 (15)  | N2—C6—C2      | 177.4 (4) |
| N6—Ni2—N10 | 98.69 (14)  | N3—C7—C3      | 178.2 (5) |
| N9—Ni2—N10 | 81.72 (14)  | N4—C8—C4      | 178.1 (5) |
| N8—Ni2—N10 | 163.04 (16) | N5—C9—C10     | 109.7 (3) |
| N7—Ni2—N10 | 89.25 (16)  | N5—C9—H9C     | 109.7     |
| N6—Ni2—N5  | 81.47 (14)  | C10—C9—H9C    | 109.7     |
| N9—Ni2—N5  | 100.96 (15) | N5—C9—H9B     | 109.7     |
| N8—Ni2—N5  | 91.32 (13)  | C10—C9—H9B    | 109.7     |
| N7—Ni2—N5  | 162.93 (16) | H9C—C9—H9B    | 108.2     |
| N10—Ni2—N5 | 88.20 (14)  | N6—C10—C9     | 107.8 (3) |
| C1—S1—Ni1  | 102.61 (14) | N6—C10—H10A   | 110.1     |
| C2—S2—Ni1  | 102.53 (13) | C9—C10—H10A   | 110.1     |
| C3—S3—Ni1  | 102.40 (15) | N6—C10—H10B   | 110.1     |
| C4—S4—Ni1  | 102.68 (15) | C9—C10—H10B   | 110.1     |
| C9—N5—Ni2  | 108.1 (3)   | H10A—C10—H10B | 108.5     |
| C9—N5—H5A  | 110 (3)     | N6—C11—C12    | 108.0 (4) |
| Ni2—N5—H5A | 111 (3)     | N6—C11—H11A   | 110.1     |
| C9—N5—H5B  | 114 (3)     | C12—C11—H11A  | 110.1     |
| Ni2—N5—H5B | 101 (3)     | N6—C11—H11B   | 110.1     |
| H5A—N5—H5B | 112 (5)     | C12—C11—H11B  | 110.1     |
| C11—N6—C10 | 115.5 (4)   | H11A—C11—H11B | 108.4     |
| C11—N6—Ni2 | 106.8 (3)   | N7—C12—C11    | 109.7 (4) |
| C10—N6—Ni2 | 108.3 (3)   | N7—C12—H12A   | 109.7     |
| C11—N6—H6A | 108 (3)     | C11—C12—H12A  | 109.7     |
| C10—N6—H6A | 109 (3)     | N7—C12—H12B   | 109.7     |
| Ni2—N6—H6A | 109 (3)     | C11—C12—H12B  | 109.7     |
| C12—N7—Ni2 | 107.2 (3)   | H12A—C12—H12B | 108.2     |
| C12—N7—H7A | 110 (3)     | N8—C13—C14    | 110.7 (3) |
| Ni2—N7—H7A | 120 (3)     | N8—C13—H13A   | 109.5     |
| C12—N7—H7B | 110 (4)     | C14—C13—H13A  | 109.5     |
| Ni2—N7—H7B | 109 (4)     | N8—C13—H13B   | 109.5     |
| H7A—N7—H7B | 100 (5)     | C14—C13—H13B  | 109.5     |
| C13—N8—Ni2 | 109.1 (3)   | H13A—C13—H13B | 108.1     |
| C13—N8—H8A | 105 (3)     | N9—C14—C13    | 110.2 (4) |
| Ni2—N8—H8A | 118 (2)     | N9—C14—H14A   | 109.6     |
| C13—N8—H8B | 116 (3)     | C13—C14—H14A  | 109.6     |
| Ni2—N8—H8B | 108 (3)     | N9—C14—H14B   | 109.6     |
| H8A—N8—H8B | 101 (4)     | C13—C14—H14B  | 109.6     |
| C14—N9—C15 | 119.5 (4)   | H14A—C14—H14B | 108.1     |
| C14—N9—Ni2 | 107.4 (3)   | N9—C15—C16    | 110.1 (4) |
| C15—N9—Ni2 | 108.0 (3)   | N9—C15—H15A   | 109.6     |
| C14—N9—H9A | 114 (4)     | C16—C15—H15A  | 109.6     |
| C15—N9—H9A | 100 (4)     | N9—C15—H15B   | 109.6     |
| Ni2—N9—H9A | 107 (5)     | C16—C15—H15B  | 109.6     |

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|---------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|
| C16—N10—Ni2   | 108.4 (3) | H15A—C15—H15B | 108.2     |
| C16—N10—H10C  | 108 (3)   | N10—C16—C15   | 109.8 (3) |
| Ni2—N10—H10C  | 108 (3)   | N10—C16—H16A  | 109.7     |
| C16—N10—H10D  | 108 (5)   | C15—C16—H16A  | 109.7     |
| Ni2—N10—H10D  | 117 (5)   | N10—C16—H16B  | 109.7     |
| H10C—N10—H10D | 107 (5)   | C15—C16—H16B  | 109.7     |
| C2—C1—C5      | 122.5 (3) | H16A—C16—H16B | 108.2     |
| C2—C1—S1      | 120.5 (3) |               |           |

*Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)*

| <i>D</i> —H··· <i>A</i>     | <i>D</i> —H | H··· <i>A</i> | <i>D</i> ··· <i>A</i> | <i>D</i> —H··· <i>A</i> |
|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| N5—H5A···N4 <sup>i</sup>    | 0.86 (3)    | 2.30 (4)      | 3.098 (6)             | 154 (3)                 |
| N5—H5B···N2 <sup>ii</sup>   | 0.86 (3)    | 2.48 (3)      | 3.186 (5)             | 140 (4)                 |
| N7—H7A···N3 <sup>iii</sup>  | 0.86 (4)    | 2.56 (3)      | 3.207 (7)             | 134 (3)                 |
| N8—H8B···N3 <sup>iii</sup>  | 0.86 (3)    | 2.48 (4)      | 3.164 (6)             | 138 (3)                 |
| N9—H9A···N1 <sup>iv</sup>   | 0.86 (2)    | 2.58 (3)      | 3.387 (6)             | 156 (5)                 |
| N10—H10C···N2 <sup>ii</sup> | 0.87 (3)    | 2.34 (3)      | 3.198 (5)             | 173 (5)                 |

Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x+1, -y+1, -z$ ; (ii)  $x-1/2, -y+1/2, z+1/2$ ; (iii)  $x+1, y, z$ ; (iv)  $-x+5/2, y+1/2, -z+1/2$ .

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Fig. 1

