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# SYNTHESIS, STRUCTURE AND PROPERTIES OF A ONE-DIMENSIONAL COORDINATION POLYMER CONTAINING BOTH DICYANAMIDE AND ETHYLENEDIAMINE 

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#### Abstract

The nickel(II) complex $\left[\mathrm{Ni}(\mathrm{en})_{2}\left\{\mathrm{~N}(\mathrm{CN})_{2}\right\}\right] \mathrm{ClO}_{4} \mathbf{1}$ (en $=$ ethylenediamine) has been synthesized and its structure determined. The complex forms a one-dimensional chain structure via the bidentate bridging ligand dicyanamide. A two-dimensional network is formed via interchain hydrogen-bond interactions. The magnetic properties of the compound ( $5-300 \mathrm{~K}$ ) show the existence of weak antiferromagnetic exchange interactions between paramagnetic centers along chains.


Keywords: Crystal structure; Dicyanamide; Hydrogen bonding; Nickel complex

## INTRODUCTION

Pronounced interest has recently been focused on crystal engineering of supramolecular architectures assembled by means of coordinated covalent bonding or supramolecular contacts (such as hydrogen bonds, $\pi-\pi$ interactions, etc.) [1-4].

The ligand $\left[\mathrm{N}(\mathrm{CN})_{2}\right]^{-}$is a remarkably versatile building block for supramolecular architectures since it may act as a uni-, bi- or terdentate ligand. Additional ligands, such as coordinating amines (Lewis bases), in combination with dicyanamide have been shown to produce novel structural types [5-7]. Examples of unidentate $\left[\mathrm{N}(\mathrm{CN})_{2}\right]^{-}$, where coordination occurs via a terminal N , have been reported for $\left[\mathrm{Cu}(\text { phen })_{2}\left\{\mathrm{~N}(\mathrm{CN})_{2}\right\}\right]\left[\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{CN})_{3}\right] \quad[8], \quad\left[\mathrm{Cu}(\text { phen })_{2}\left\{\mathrm{~N}(\mathrm{CN})_{2}\right\}_{2}\right] \quad$ (phen $=$ phenanthroline) [9], $\left[\mathrm{Ni}\left\{\mathrm{N}(\mathrm{CN})_{2}\right\}_{2}(4-\mathrm{miez})_{4}\right] \quad\left(4-\mathrm{miez}=4\right.$-methylimidazole) [10] and $\mathrm{M}\left\{\mathrm{N}(\mathrm{CN})_{2}\right\}_{2}$ (bpym) $\cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(\mathrm{M}=\mathrm{Fe}, \mathrm{Mn}, \mathrm{Co})\left(\right.$ bpym $=2,2^{\prime}$-bipyrimidine) [11]. Many examples of bidentate $\left[\mathrm{N}(\mathrm{CN})_{2}\right]^{-}$have been reported, $\left[\mathrm{Cu}\left\{\mathrm{N}(\mathrm{CN})_{2}\right\}_{2}(\right.$ phen $\left.)\right][12],\left[\mathrm{M}\left\{\mathrm{N}(\mathrm{CN})_{2}\right\}_{2}\right.$ $\left.(\text { pyr })_{2}\right](\mathrm{M}=\mathrm{Mn}, \mathrm{Co})(\mathrm{pyr}=2$-pyrrolidone $)[13],\left[\mathrm{Cu}\left\{\mathrm{N}(\mathrm{CN})_{2}\right\}_{2}(\mathrm{ampym})_{2}\right]($ ampym $=$ 2-aminopyrimidine) [14], [ $\left.\mathrm{Ni}(\mathrm{tn})_{2}\left\{\mathrm{~N}(\mathrm{CN})_{2}\right\}\right] \mathrm{ClO}_{4} \quad(\mathrm{tn}=$ trimethylenediamine) [15],

[^0]$\left[\mathrm{Mn}\left\{\mathrm{N}(\mathrm{CN})_{2}\right\}_{2}(\text { py })_{2}\right]($ py $=$ pyridine $),\left[\mathrm{Mn}\left\{\mathrm{N}(\mathrm{CN})_{2}\right\}_{2}\left(2,2^{\prime}\right.\right.$-bipy $\left.)\right]\left(2,2^{\prime}\right.$-bipy $=2,2^{\prime}$-bipyridine) and $\left[\mathrm{Mn}\left\{\mathrm{N}(\mathrm{CN})_{2}\right\}_{2}\left(4,4^{\prime}\right.\right.$-bipy $\left.) \cdot(3 / 2 \mathrm{H})_{2} \mathrm{O}\right]\left(4,4^{\prime}\right.$-bipy $=4,4^{\prime}$-bipyridine) $[16]$, which form one-dimensional chains or two-dimensional sheets, as in $\left[\mathrm{Co}_{2}\left\{\mathrm{~N}(\mathrm{CN})_{2}\right\}_{4}\right.$ (bpym)] $\cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ [11]. In an attempt to prepare supramolecular architectures by using the dicyanamide ligand and ethylenediamine (en), we obtained a one-dimensional chain nickel complex, which forms a two-dimensional network by hydrogen-bonding interactions. Here we report the structure and properties of the dicyanamide complex $\left[\mathrm{Ni}(\mathrm{en})_{2}\left\{\mathrm{~N}(\mathrm{CN})_{2}\right\}\right] \mathrm{ClO}_{4}$.

## EXPERIMENTAL

## Materials, Reagents and Physical Measurements

All reagents were of AR grade and were used without further purification. $\mathrm{NaN}(\mathrm{CN})_{2}$ was purchased from Aldrich Company. Elemental analyses for $\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{H}$ and N were performed on a Perkin-Elmer 240C instrument. IR spectra were obtained on a Nicolet 170SX FT-IR spectrophotometer in the $4000-400 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ region using KBr pellets. Variable-temperature ( $5-300 \mathrm{~K}$ ) magnetic susceptibilities were determined on a CF-1 ESM magnetic balance.

Caution! Perchlorate compounds are potential explosives. Safety precautions should be taken in handling and using these materials.

## Preparation

An aqueous ( $20 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ ) solution of ethylenediamine (en) $(0.060 \mathrm{~g}, 1.0 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added to a stirred aqueous solution $\left(15 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}\right)$ of $\mathrm{Ni}\left(\mathrm{ClO}_{4}\right)_{2} \cdot 6 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(0.183 \mathrm{~g}, 0.5 \mathrm{mmol})$. The resulting solution was continuously stirred for 30 min and then a solution of $\mathrm{NaN}(\mathrm{CN})_{2}$ $(0.045 \mathrm{~g}, 0.5 \mathrm{mmol})$ in water $\left(10 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}\right)$ was added. Well-shaped pink crystals of $\left[\mathrm{Ni}(\mathrm{en})_{2}\left\{\mathrm{~N}(\mathrm{CN})_{2}\right\}\right] \mathrm{ClO}_{4}$ were obtained from the mother liquor by slow evaporation at room temperature for two weeks. They were collected by filtration, washed with a small amount of water and dried in air. Yield: $81 \%$. Elemental analysis confirmed the organic content (Found\%: C, 20.78; H, 4.51; N, 28.25. Calcd. For $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{ClN}_{7} \mathrm{NiO}_{4}$ : C, 20.92; H, 4.68; N, 28.47).

## Crystal Structure Determination

A single crystal of Compound $\mathbf{1}$ with dimensions $0.44 \times 0.29 \times 0.16 \mathrm{~mm}$ was selected for data collection at 193.2 K, using a Rigaku Mercury CCD with graphite-monochromated Mo $\mathrm{K} \alpha$ radiation ( $\lambda=0.71073 \AA$ ). The structure was solved by direct methods and refined by full-matrix least-squares analysis (SHELXTL-97) [17]. The positions of all remaining non-H atoms were obtained from successive Fourier syntheses. The positions of hydrogen atoms were calculated using idealized geometry. The final $R_{1}$ value is 0.0624 for 371 parameters and 5369 independent reflections [ $I_{\text {obs }}>2 \sigma(I)$ ] and $w R_{2}$ is 0.1312 . Anisotropic thermal factors were assigned to all the non-hydrogen atoms. A summary of the crystal data, experimental details and refinement results are listed in Table I. Atomic coordinates of non-hydrogen atoms are given in Table II.

TABLE I Crystal data and structure refinement for complex $\mathbf{1}$

| Empirical formula | $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{ClN}_{7} \mathrm{NiO}_{4}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| Temperature (K) | 193.2 |
| Formula weight | 344.42 |
| Crystal system | Monoclinic |
| Space group | C2/c |
| $a(\mathrm{~A})$ | 26.439(5) |
| $b$ ( ${ }_{\text {A }}$ ) | 15.7969(3) |
| $c(\AA)$ | 13.794(3) |
| $\beta$ ( ${ }^{\circ}$ ) | 102.37(3) |
| $V\left(\AA^{3}\right)$ | 5627(2) |
| Z | 16 |
| $D_{\text {calcd. }}\left(\mathrm{g} / \mathrm{cm}^{3}\right)$ | 1.626 |
| Absorption coefficient ( $\mathrm{mm}^{-1}$ ) | 1.591 |
| $F(000)$ | 2848 |
| $\theta$ range for data collection ( ${ }^{\circ}$ ) | 3.02-27.48 |
| Index ranges | $-34 \leq h \leq 34,-19 \leq k \leq 20,-14 \leq l \leq 17$ |
| Reflections collections | 20745 |
| Independent reflections | 6158 |
| Data/restraints/parameters | 6158/0/371 |
| Goodness-of-fit on $F^{2}$ | 1.069 |
| Final $R_{1}$ and $w R_{2}[I>2 \sigma(I)]$ indices | $R_{1}=0.0624, w R_{2}=0.1312$ |
| $R_{1}$ and $w R_{2}$ indices (all data) | $R_{1}=0.0767, w R_{2}=0.1389$ |
| Largest diff. peak and hole (e $\AA^{-3}$ ) | 0.605 and -0.468 |

$w=1 /\left[\sigma^{2}\left(F_{o}^{2}\right)+(0.0621 P)^{2}+19.2130 P\right]$.

Complete tables of atomic coordinates and thermal parameters excluding structure factors are available from the authors upon request.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

## Crystal Structure

Selected bond lengths and angles are listed in Table III. The crystal structure of Complex 1 contains $\left[\mathrm{Ni}(\mathrm{en})_{2}\left\{\mathrm{~N}(\mathrm{CN})_{2}\right\}\right]_{n}^{n+}$ cations and disordered $\mathrm{ClO}_{4}^{-}$anions (Fig. 1). There are two kinds of $\mathrm{Ni}(\mathrm{II})$ coordination environment. Both $\mathrm{Ni}(\mathrm{II})$ atoms are coordinated by four nitrogen atoms from en ligands $[\mathrm{Ni}(1)-\mathrm{N}(1), 2.109(3) \AA$; $\mathrm{Ni}(1)-\mathrm{N}(2), 2.100(3) \AA ; \mathrm{Ni}(1)-\mathrm{N}(3), 2.110(4) \AA ; \mathrm{Ni}(1)-\mathrm{N}(4), 2.106(3) \AA$ for $\mathrm{Ni}(1)$; $\mathrm{Ni}(2)-\mathrm{N}(8), 2.101(4) \AA ; \mathrm{Ni}(2)-\mathrm{N}(9), 2.096(3) \AA ; \mathrm{Ni}(2)-\mathrm{N}(10), 2.114(3) \AA ; \mathrm{Ni}(2)-\mathrm{N}(11)$, $2.123(4) \AA$ for $\mathrm{Ni}(2)$ ], which occupy the equatorial positions, and two nitrile nitrogen atoms from two $\left[\mathrm{N}(\mathrm{CN})_{2}\right]^{-}$ligands $[\mathrm{Ni}(1)-\mathrm{N}(5), 2.098(3) \AA ; \mathrm{Ni}(1)-\mathrm{N}(12), 2.081(3) \AA$; $\mathrm{Ni}(2)-\mathrm{N}(14), 2.082(4) \AA ; \mathrm{Ni}(2)-\mathrm{N}(7) \mathrm{a}(\mathrm{a}: x-1, y+1 / 2, z), 2.082(3) \AA]$, which occupy the axial positions. The $\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{N}$ bond lengths lie in the range $2.081-2.110 \AA$ for $\mathrm{Ni}(1)$ and $2.082-2.123 \AA$ for $\mathrm{Ni}(2)$, respectively. These $\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{N}$ bond lengths are similar to the $\mathrm{Ni}-\mathrm{N}$ distances $(2.095-2.124 \AA)$ in $\left[\mathrm{Ni}(\operatorname{tn})_{2}\left\{\mathrm{~N}(\mathrm{CN})_{2}\right\}\right] \mathrm{ClO}_{4}$ [15]. Thus, the two kinds of $\mathrm{Ni}(\mathrm{II})$ atoms in the $\mathrm{NiN}_{6}$ chromophore are present in similar slightly distorted octahedral coordination environments.

The $\mathrm{Ni}(\mathrm{II})$ atoms are bridged through two kinds of $\left[\mathrm{N}(\mathrm{CN})_{2}\right]^{-}$ligands. The complex forms a one-dimensional chain structure through $\mu_{1,5}\left[\mathrm{~N}(\mathrm{CN})_{2}\right]^{-}$. This structure is similar to the one-dimensional chain in $\left[\mathrm{Ni}(\operatorname{tn})_{2}\left\{\mathrm{~N}(\mathrm{CN})_{2}\right\}\right] \mathrm{ClO}_{4}$ [15], with the obvious difference that two kinds of $\mathrm{Ni}(\mathrm{II})$ atoms $[\mathrm{Ni}(1)$ and $\mathrm{Ni}(2)]$ bridged by $\left[\mathrm{N}(\mathrm{CN})_{2}\right]^{-}$

TABLE II Atomic coordinates $\left(\times 10^{4}\right)$ and equivalent isotropic displacement $\left(\AA \times 10^{3}\right)$ for Complex $\mathbf{1}$

| Atom | $x / a$ | $y / b$ | $z / c$ | $U(e q)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{Ni}(1)$ | 1181(1) | 1314(1) | 9658(1) | 25(1) |
| $\mathrm{Ni}(2)$ | -1352(1) | 3723(1) | 9583(1) | 29(1) |
| $\mathrm{N}(1)$ | 1096(1) | 1190(2) | 8109(2) | 36(1) |
| $\mathrm{N}(2)$ | 1272(1) | -6(2) | 9631(3) | $35(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(3)$ | 1275(1) | 1437(2) | 11 209(3) | 38(1) |
| N(4) | 1094(1) | 2638(2) | 9701(3) | 33(1) |
| N(5) | 1983(1) | 1468(2) | 9822(3) | 34(1) |
| N(6) | 2919(1) | 1246(2) | $10015(3)$ | 40(1) |
| N(7) | 3327(1) | -91(2) | 9723(3) | 41(1) |
| $\mathrm{N}(8)$ | -1525(2) | 3846(3) | 8030(3) | 49(1) |
| N(9) | -2092(1) | 3177(2) | 9329(3) | $35(1)$ |
| N(10) | -1181(1) | 3589(2) | 11143 (3) | 37(1) |
| N(11) | -607(1) | 4289(3) | 9874(4) | 51(1) |
| N(12) | 385(1) | 1168(2) | 9492(3) | 40(1) |
| N(13) | -556(1) | 1219(2) | 9375(3) | 37(1) |
| $\mathrm{N}(14)$ | -1025(1) | 2542(2) | 9449(3) | 41(1) |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(1)$ | 2432(1) | 752(1) | 6821(1) | 34(1) |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(2)$ | 0 | 1766(1) | 2500 | 42(1) |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(3)$ | 5000 | 1558(1) | 2500 | 43(1) |
| C(1) | 983(2) | 292(3) | 7862(4) | 48(1) |
| C(2) | 1337(2) | -245(3) | 8623(4) | 43(1) |
| C(3) | 1381(2) | 2336(3) | 11 463(4) | 46(1) |
| C(4) | 1022(2) | 2866(3) | 10700 (4) | 43(1) |
| C(5) | 2416(1) | 1335(2) | 9891(3) | 27(1) |
| C(6) | 3110(1) | 515(2) | 9846(3) | 32(1) |
| C(7) | -1971(2) | 3298(4) | 7644(4) | 59(1) |
| C(8) | -2356(2) | 3373(4) | 8306(4) | 52(1) |
| C(9) | -746(2) | 4159(4) | 11 545(4) | 57(1) |
| C(10) | -351(2) | 4082(4) | $10905(4)$ | 58(1) |
| C(11) | -55(1) | 1218(2) | 9446(3) | 29(1) |
| C(12) | -785(1) | 1938(2) | 9424(3) | 29(1) |
| $\mathrm{O}(1)$ | 2178(2) | -42(3) | 6731(4) | 96(2) |
| $\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 2978(1) | 636(3) | 7123(3) | 76(1) |
| $\mathrm{O}(3)$ | 2297(2) | 1179(3) | 5884(3) | 68(1) |
| $\mathrm{O}(4)$ | 2211(8) | 1153(19) | 7520(19) | 88(8) |
| $\mathrm{O}(5)$ | 2314(11) | 1260(20) | 7580(20) | 105(8) |
| $\mathrm{O}(6)$ | 89(3) | 1242(5) | 1740(4) | 132(3) |
| $\mathrm{O}(7)$ | 435(3) | 2223(7) | 2798(8) | 213(5) |
| $\mathrm{O}(8)$ | 4635(7) | 2158(8) | 2550(11) | 133(7) |
| $\mathrm{O}(8 \mathrm{~A})$ | 4537(4) | 1880(16) | 2495(12) | 179(11) |
| $\mathrm{O}(9)$ | 4849(3) | 1238(9) | 1408(8) | 68(3) |
| $\mathrm{O}(9 \mathrm{~A})$ | 4956(10) | 959(12) | 1847(14) | 177(11) |

$U(e q)$ is defined as one-third of the trace of the orthogonalized $U_{i j}$ tensor.
ligands are located alternately in the one-dimensional chain of the title complex, but only one kind of $\mathrm{Ni}(\mathrm{II})$ atom is located in the tn complex. Each $\left[\mathrm{N}(\mathrm{CN})_{2}\right]^{-}$is coordinated to two metal atoms via the two nitrile nitrogen atoms. The dicyanamide ligand possesses pseudo- $C_{2 \mathrm{v}}$ symmetry with CN bond distances ranging from 1.145 to $1.148 \AA$ for one kind of $\left[\mathrm{N}(\mathrm{CN})_{2}\right]^{-}$and from 1.150 to $1.153 \AA$ for the other. Bond angles related to the dicyanamide ligands, which occupy the axial positions of the octahedron, are $162.8(3)$ and $169.2(3)^{\circ}$ for $\mathrm{Ni}(1)-\mathrm{N}(5)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ and $\mathrm{Ni}(1)-\mathrm{N}(12)-\mathrm{C}(11)$, respectively and $171.4(3)$ and $172.2(3)^{\circ}$ for $\mathrm{Ni}(2)-\mathrm{N}(14)-\mathrm{C}(12)$ and $\mathrm{Ni}(2)-\mathrm{N}(7) \mathrm{b}-\mathrm{C}(6) \mathrm{b}$ (b: $x+1 / 2, y-1 / 2, z$ ), respectively. The two nickel atoms are bridged by $\left[\mathrm{N}(\mathrm{CN})_{2}\right]^{-}$ separated by 7.686 and $7.718 \AA$ for $\mathrm{Ni}(1)-\mathrm{Ni}(2)$ and $\mathrm{Ni}(1)-\mathrm{Ni}(2 \mathrm{~A})$, respectively.

TABLE III Selected bond lengths $(\AA)$ and angles $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ for Complex 1

| $\mathrm{Ni}(1)-\mathrm{N}(1)$ | $2.109(3)$ | $\mathrm{Ni}(1)-\mathrm{N}(2)$ | $2.100(3)$ |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: |
| $\mathrm{Ni}(1)-\mathrm{N}(3)$ | $2.110(4)$ | $\mathrm{Ni}(1)-\mathrm{N}(4)$ | $2.106(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{Ni}(1)-\mathrm{N}(5)$ | $2.098(3)$ | $\mathrm{Ni}(1)-\mathrm{N}(12)$ | $2.081(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{Ni}(2)-\mathrm{N}(8)$ | $2.101(4)$ | $\mathrm{Ni}(2)-\mathrm{N}(9)$ | $2.096(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{Ni}(2)-\mathrm{N}(10)$ | $2.114(3)$ | $\mathrm{Ni}(2)-\mathrm{N}(11)$ | $2.123(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{Ni}(2)-\mathrm{N}(14)$ | $2.082(4)$ | $\mathrm{Ni}(2)-\mathrm{N}(7)^{\mathrm{a}}$ | $2.082(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(5)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | $1.145(5)$ | $\mathrm{N}(6)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | $1.313(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(6)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | $1.301(5)$ | $\mathrm{N}(7)-\mathrm{C}(6)$ | $1.148(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(12)-\mathrm{C}(11)$ | $1.153(5)$ | $\mathrm{N}(13)-\mathrm{C}(11)$ | $1.308(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(13)-\mathrm{C}(12)$ | $1.295(5)$ | $\mathrm{N}(14)-\mathrm{C}(12)$ | $1.150(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{Ni}(1)-\mathrm{N}(2)$ | $82.96(14)$ | $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{Ni}(1)-\mathrm{N}(3)$ | $179.43(13)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{Ni}(1)-\mathrm{N}(4)$ | $97.63(13)$ | $\mathrm{N}(2)-\mathrm{Ni}(1)-\mathrm{N}(3)$ | $96.90(14)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(2)-\mathrm{Ni}(1)-\mathrm{N}(4)$ | $19.37(15)$ | $\mathrm{N}(3)-\mathrm{Ni}(1)-\mathrm{N}(4)$ | $82.51(14)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{Ni}(1)-\mathrm{N}(5)$ | $90.37(14)$ | $\mathrm{N}(2)-\mathrm{Ni}(1)-\mathrm{N}(5)$ | $90.00(13)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(3)-\mathrm{Ni}(1)-\mathrm{N}(5)$ | $89.08(14)$ | $\mathrm{N}(4)-\mathrm{Ni}(1)-\mathrm{N}(5)$ | $89.77(13)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{Ni}(1)-\mathrm{N}(12)$ | $89.54(15)$ | $\mathrm{N}(2)-\mathrm{Ni}(1)-\mathrm{N}(12)$ | $90.27(13)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(3)-\mathrm{Ni}(1)-\mathrm{N}(12)$ | $91.01(15)$ | $\mathrm{N}(4)-\mathrm{Ni}(1)-\mathrm{N}(12)$ | $89.96(13)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(8)-\mathrm{Ni}(2)-\mathrm{N}(9)$ | $92.96(16)$ | $\mathrm{N}(8)-\mathrm{Ni}(2)-\mathrm{N}(10)$ | $179.53(16)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(8)-\mathrm{Ni}(2)-\mathrm{N}(11)$ | $\mathrm{N}(9)-\mathrm{Ni}(2)-\mathrm{N}(10)$ | $96.76(14)$ |  |
| $\mathrm{N}(9)-\mathrm{Ni}(2)-\mathrm{N}(11)$ | $\mathrm{N}(10)-\mathrm{Ni}(2)-\mathrm{N}(11)$ | $82.02(16)$ |  |
| $\mathrm{N}(8)-\mathrm{Ni}(2)-\mathrm{N}(14)$ | $\mathrm{N}(9)-\mathrm{Ni}(2)-\mathrm{N}(14)$ | $90.39(14)$ |  |
| $\mathrm{N}(10)-\mathrm{Ni}(2)-\mathrm{N}(14)$ | $\mathrm{N}(11)-\mathrm{Ni}(2)-\mathrm{N}(14)$ | $90.41(15)$ |  |
| $\mathrm{N}(8)-\mathrm{Ni}(2)-\mathrm{N}(7)^{\mathrm{a}}$ | $89.79(15)$ | $\mathrm{N}(9)-\mathrm{Ni}(2)-\mathrm{N}(7)^{\mathrm{a}}$ | $90.15(14)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(10)-\mathrm{Ni}(2)-\mathrm{N}(7)^{\mathrm{a}}$ | $89.84(14)$ | $\mathrm{N}(11)-\mathrm{Ni}(2)-\mathrm{N}(7)^{\mathrm{a}}$ | $89.04(15)$ |
| $\mathrm{Ni}(1)-\mathrm{N}(5)-\mathrm{C}(5)$ | $\mathrm{Ni}(1)-\mathrm{N}(12)-\mathrm{C}(11)$ | $169.2(3)$ |  |
| $\mathrm{Ni}(2)-\mathrm{N}(14)-\mathrm{C}(12)$ | $\mathrm{Ni}(2)-\mathrm{N}(7) \mathrm{B}-\mathrm{C}(6)^{\mathrm{b}}$ | $172.2(3)$ |  |

Symmetry code: ${ }^{\mathrm{a}} x-1, y+1 / 2, z ;{ }^{\mathrm{b}} x+1 / 2, y-1 / 2, z$.


FIGURE 1 The local coordination of $\mathrm{Ni}(1)$ and $\mathrm{Ni}(2)$ in Complex $\mathbf{1}$ with $30 \%$ thermal ellipsoids.

Hydrogen bonding occurs between the uncoordinated amide nitrogen atom $\mathrm{N}(6)$ and $\mathrm{N}(13)$ from dicyanamide and amine hydrogen atoms from ethylenediamine (en): $\mathrm{N}(6) \cdots \mathrm{N}(4)(1 / 2-x, 1 / 2-y, 2-z), 3.103 \AA$ and $\mathrm{N}(6) \cdots \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{N}(4)(1 / 2-x, 1 / 2-y$, $2-z) 153.3^{\circ} ; \mathrm{N}(13) \cdots \mathrm{N}(2)(-x,-y, 2-z), 3.202 \AA$ and $\mathrm{N}(13) \cdots \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{N}(2)(-x,-y$, $2-z) 154.9^{\circ}$. A two-dimensional network is formed via hydrogen-bonding interactions (Fig. 2). The shorter $\mathrm{Ni} \cdots \mathrm{Ni}$ interchain distances are 7.725 and $7.793 \AA$ for $\mathrm{Ni}(1)-$ $\mathrm{Ni}(1 \mathrm{D})$ and $\mathrm{Ni}(1)-\mathrm{Ni}(1 \mathrm{~J})$, respectively. The perchlorate anions are located between the chains. Hydrogen bonding also occurs between amine hydrogen atoms from ethylenediamine (en) and oxygen atoms from disordered $\mathrm{ClO}_{4}^{-}$.


FIGURE 2 Two-dimensional network formed via hydrogen-bonding interactions in Complex 1.


FIGURE 3 Plot of $1 / \chi_{\mathrm{m}} v s . T$ for Complex 1.

## IR and Magnetic Measurements

The IR spectrum of $\mathbf{1}$ shows the following absorptions: 3599m, 3368s, 3302s, 3175w, $2943 \mathrm{~m}, 2886 \mathrm{~m}, 2303 \mathrm{vs}, 2261 \mathrm{~s}$, 2187vs, 1605s, 1458w, 1385w, 1346s, 1096vs, 999s, $949 \mathrm{~m}, 671 \mathrm{~s}, 621 \mathrm{~s}$ and $517 \mathrm{scm}^{-1}$. The absorption bands at 3599,3368 and $3302 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ are attributed to NH of the $\mathrm{NH}_{2}$ groups; the $2303 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ band is a $v_{\mathrm{s}}+v_{\text {as }}(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{N})$ vibration. 2261 and $2187 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ bands are due to $\mathrm{C} \equiv \mathrm{N}$ stretching vibrations; the $1096 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ band is attributed to $\mathrm{ClO}_{4}^{-}$.

The magnetic moment of $\mathbf{1}$ is $2.78-2.98 \mathrm{BM}$ for one $\mathrm{Ni}(\mathrm{II})$ in the temperature range $5-300 \mathrm{~K}$. The value corresponds to the spin-only value ( 2.83 BM ) for $S=1$. Variable temperature magnetic susceptibility studies in the temperature range $5-300 \mathrm{~K}$, showed that 1 obeys the Curie-Weiss law, $\chi_{\mathrm{m}}=C /(T-\theta)$, with $\theta=-1.67 \mathrm{~K}$ and $C=1.221 \mathrm{~cm}^{3} \mathrm{~K} \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}$ (Fig. 3). This value of $\theta$ for $\mathbf{1}$ is consistent with values of $\theta$ for other $\mu_{1,5^{-}}\left[\mathrm{N}(\mathrm{CN})_{2}\right]^{-}$bridging compounds, such as -5.15 K for $\left[\mathrm{Ni}(\mathrm{tn})_{2}\left\{\mathrm{~N}(\mathrm{CN})_{2}\right\}\right]$
$\mathrm{ClO}_{4}$ [15], -1.90 K for $\mathrm{Mn}\left[\mathrm{N}(\mathrm{CN})_{2}\right]_{2}(\mathrm{py})_{2},-3.5 \mathrm{~K}$ for $\mathrm{Mn}\left[\mathrm{N}(\mathrm{CN})_{2}\right]_{2}\left(2,2^{\prime}\right.$-bipy $)$, -4.7 K for $\mathrm{Mn}\left[\mathrm{N}(\mathrm{CN})_{2}\right]_{2}\left(4,4^{\prime}\right.$-bipy) [16], -0.76 K for $\mathrm{Mn}\left[\mathrm{N}(\mathrm{CN})_{2}\right]_{2}($ bpym $) \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$, -7.6 K for $\mathrm{Fe}\left[\mathrm{N}(\mathrm{CN})_{2}\right]_{2}(\mathrm{bpym}) \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ and -5.4 K for $\mathrm{Co}\left[\mathrm{N}(\mathrm{CN})_{2}\right]_{2}(\mathrm{bpym}) \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}[11]$, indicating very weak antiferromagnetic coupling. Weak antiferromagnetic coupling is typical for bridging dicyanamide compounds.

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