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catena-Poly[bis(4-methylbenzylammonium) [[dibromidocadmate(II)]-di-μ-bromido]]

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The asymmetric unit of the centrosymmetric organic–inorganic hybrid salt, $\{(C_8H_{12}N)_2[CdBr_4]\}_n$, comprises of one 4-methylbenzylammonium cation and one half of a disordered $[CdBr_4]^{2-}$ anion that is completed by application of mirror symmetry. The resulting CdBr₆ octahedra share edges to form $^2_{\infty}[CdBr_{4/2}Br_{2/2}]^{2-}$ layers parallel to the *ac* plane. Cations and anions are connected by $N-H\cdots$ Br and $C-H\cdots$ Br hydrogen bonds. No π - π stacking interactions are observed between the benzene rings, but $C-H\cdots\pi$ interactions towards them are found.



Structure description

Non-linear optical materials are suitable candidates for photonics and optoelectronic industries. Applications such as frequency conversion, optical switching *etc.*, can be well provided using these materials (Marcy *et al.*, 1992). Organic non-linear optical crystals with conjugated π electrons usually show a higher non-linear optical response in comparison with inorganic crystals. However, due to weak intermolecular interactions, organic crystals frequently have a lower mechanical and thermal stability, which does not allow them to be used in high-power laser applications. On the other hand, inorganic crystals have better mechanical and thermal stability, but they are not efficient in producing large non-linear optical effects due to the presence of ionic or covalent bonds (Jiang & Fang, 1999). To overcome the disadvantage of organic and inorganic crystals in this respect, organic–inorganic hybrid crystals may be used by combining their beneficial properties. Moreover, these organic–inorganic hybrid crystals often possess greater third order non-linear optical properties. Herein we report the synthesis and crystal structure





Figure 1

A view of the asymmetric unit showing the atom numbering and displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 30% probability level. Only the major part of the disordered anion is displayed. Dashed lines indicate hydrogen-bonding interaction.

of a new organic–inorganic hybrid compound, bis(4-methylbenzylammonium) tetrabromidocadmate.

The asymmetric unit of the the title compound consists of one half of a tetrabromidocadmate anion, $[CdBr_4]^{2-}$, and one 4-methylbenzylammonium cation, $(C_8H_{12}N)^+$, as shown in Fig. 1. The cadmium cation is located on a mirror plane (Wyckoff position 4*c*) and its resulting coordination environ-

Table 1 Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

Cg1 is the centroid of the C1-C6 benzene ring.

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
$C8 - H8B \cdot \cdot \cdot Br1^{i}$	0.97	3.03	3,707 (8)	128
$N1 - H1B \cdots Br3^{i}$	0.85(2)	2.79 (4)	3.521 (7)	145 (5)
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$N1-H1C\cdots Br2^{i}$	0.86(2)	2.84 (3)	3.604 (6)	149 (4)
$N1-H1C\cdots Br3^{iii}$	0.86(2)	3.05 (4)	3.647 (7)	129 (4)
$N1-H1C\cdots Br2'^{i}$	0.86(2)	2.63 (3)	3.371 (12)	145 (4)
$N1-H1C\cdots Br3'^{iii}$	0.86(2)	2.82 (4)	3.43 (2)	130 (4)
$N1-H1C\cdots Br3'^{iv}$	0.86 (2)	2.97 (5)	3.59 (3)	132 (4)
$N1-H1A\cdots Br1^{iii}$	0.85 (2)	3.06 (3)	3.825 (8)	150 (4)
$N1 - H1A \cdots Br2$	0.85 (2)	2.96 (5)	3.579 (7)	131 (5)
$N1 - H1A \cdots Br2'$	0.85 (2)	2.57 (5)	3.239 (13)	136 (5)
$C7-H7C\cdots Cg1^{v}$	0.96	2.95	3.824 (5)	152

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

ment is distorted octahedral. The three unique bromine ligands are disordered around the mirror plane. Individual CdBr₆ octahedra share four corners to form polymeric ${}^{2}_{\infty}$ [CdBr_{4/2}Br_{2/2}]²⁻ layers extending parallel to the *ac* plane (Fig. 2).

The 4-methylbenzylammonium cations are sandwiched between the tetrabromidocadmate layers (Fig. 2). They are linked among themselves by weak (methyl)C $-H \cdots \pi$ interactions (Fig. 3, Table 1). The crystal packing is assured by a



Figure 2

Packing diagram of the title compound viewed down the c axis, showing the alternate stacking of organic and inorganic layers. Dashed lines indicate the hydrogen-bonding network.



Figure 3 Partial packing showing the C7-H7C··· π interaction involving the C1-C6 benzene ring.

Table 2Experimental details.

Crystal data Chemical formula $(C_8H_{12}N)_2[CdBr_4]$ 676.41 М., Crystal system, space group Orthorhombic, Pnma Temperature (K) 296 11.2127 (5), 32.8269 (15), *a*, *b*, *c* (Å) 5.6279 (3) $V(Å^3)$ 2071.51 (17) Z 4 Radiation type Μο Κα μ (mm⁻¹) 877 Crystal size (mm) $0.15 \times 0.10 \times 0.10$ Data collection Diffractometer Bruker Kappa APEXII CCD Absorption correction Multi-scan (SADABS; Bruker, 2004) 0.389. 0.746 T_{\min}, T_{\max} No. of measured, independent and 37568, 2984, 1970 observed $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$ reflections 0.069 R_{int} $(\sin \theta / \lambda)_{max} (\text{\AA}^{-1})$ 0.697 Refinement $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)], wR(F^2), S$ 0.037, 0.088, 1.05 2984 No. of reflections No. of parameters 142 No. of restraints 24 H-atom treatment H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement $\Delta \rho_{\text{max}}, \Delta \rho_{\text{min}} \text{ (e Å}^{-3})$ 0.81. -1.00

Computer programs: APEX2 and SAINT (Bruker, 2004), SHELXT2018 (Sheldrick, 2015a), SHELXL2018 (Sheldrick, 2015b), ORTEP-3 for Windows (Farrugia, 2012), PLATON (Spek, 2009), Mercury (Macrae et al., 2008) and publCIF (Westrip, 2010).

complex hydrogen-bonding system, involving the positively charged ammonium groups and to a minor extent the methylene group as donor groups, and the bromide ligands of the anionic layers as acceptor groups (Table 1). Bond lengths and angles within the cation have their usual values as reported for the isotypic compound bis(4-methylbenzylammonium) tetrachloridocadmate (Kefi *et al.*, 2011). However, the anion in the latter shows no disorder.

Synthesis and crystallization

Bis(4-methylbenzylammonium) tetrabromidocadmate(II) single crystals were grown by the solution growth solvent

evaporation method. A mixture of 4-methylbenzylamine (2 mmol, 1.27 ml) and cadmium bromide (CdBr₂) (1 mmol, 1.36 g) was dissolved in diluted hydrobromic acid (HBr) (10 ml, 1 M). The resultant solution was stirred using a magnetic stirrer for 3 h and kept in a constant temperature bath at 311 K. After 15 d colourless single crystals of the title compound were harvested.

Refinement

Crystal data, data collection and structure refinement details are summarized in Table 2. The anionic structure shows disorder of all bromine atoms relative to the mirror plane, with occupancies of 0.720 (11) for the major part and 0.280 (11) for the minor part (denoted by primed characters). Similarity restraints (SIMU) were used to model the disorder.

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Data collection

Bruker Kappa APEXII CCD diffractometer Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube Graphite monochromator ω and φ scan Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Bruker, 2004) $T_{\min} = 0.389, T_{\max} = 0.746$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2 Least-squares matrix: full $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.037$ $wR(F^2) = 0.088$ S = 1.052984 reflections 142 parameters 24 restraints Hydrogen site location: mixed $D_x = 2.169 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo K α radiation, $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ Å}$ Cell parameters from 6170 reflections $\theta = 2.5-27.5^{\circ}$ $\mu = 8.77 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 296 KBlock, colourless $0.15 \times 0.10 \times 0.10 \text{ mm}$

37568 measured reflections 2984 independent reflections 1970 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ $R_{int} = 0.069$ $\theta_{max} = 29.7^{\circ}, \theta_{min} = 2.5^{\circ}$ $h = -14 \rightarrow 15$ $k = -45 \rightarrow 45$ $l = -7 \rightarrow 7$

H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0277P)^2 + 5.1831P]$ where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} = 0.001$ $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.81$ e Å⁻³ $\Delta\rho_{min} = -1.00$ e Å⁻³ Extinction correction: SHELXL2018 (Sheldrick, 2015b), Fc*=kFc[1+0.001xFc^2\lambda^3/sin(2\theta)]^{-1/4} Extinction coefficient: 0.0082 (2)

Special details

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

	x	у	Ζ	$U_{ m iso}$ */ $U_{ m eq}$	Occ. (<1)
C1	0.4324 (4)	0.44964 (12)	0.3872 (7)	0.0372 (9)	
C2	0.5437 (4)	0.43565 (14)	0.3195 (8)	0.0456 (10)	
H2	0.579347	0.446011	0.183098	0.055*	
C3	0.6027 (4)	0.40631 (14)	0.4526 (9)	0.0472 (11)	
H3	0.677009	0.396989	0.403256	0.057*	
C4	0.5526 (4)	0.39089 (12)	0.6566 (8)	0.0412 (10)	
C5	0.4428 (5)	0.40513 (14)	0.7255 (8)	0.0472 (11)	
H5	0.407920	0.395140	0.863571	0.057*	
C6	0.3835 (4)	0.43407 (14)	0.5926 (8)	0.0459 (11)	
H6	0.309133	0.443235	0.642622	0.055*	
C7	0.3682 (5)	0.48134 (15)	0.2413 (8)	0.0520 (11)	
H7A	0.290710	0.486181	0.307885	0.078*	
H7B	0.359938	0.471808	0.080859	0.078*	
H7C	0.413262	0.506217	0.242179	0.078*	
C8	0.6147 (5)	0.35857 (15)	0.8012 (9)	0.0597 (14)	
H8A	0.700247	0.361869	0.783922	0.072*	
H8B	0.595227	0.362480	0.967529	0.072*	
Cd1	0.34125 (3)	0.250000	0.23592 (6)	0.02551 (12)	
Br1	0.3312 (5)	0.32949 (4)	0.2275 (4)	0.0651 (6)	0.720 (11)
Br2	0.5909 (3)	0.250000	0.2364 (9)	0.0747 (17)	0.720 (11)
Br3	0.3399 (6)	0.250000	-0.2602 (13)	0.0559 (8)	0.720 (11)
Br1′	0.3826 (6)	0.32979 (8)	0.2391 (5)	0.0347 (11)	0.280 (11)
Br2'	0.5958 (6)	0.2653 (3)	0.247 (2)	0.0274 (13)	0.140 (6)
Br3′	0.3238 (17)	0.2539 (8)	-0.275 (4)	0.0559 (8)	0.140 (6)
N1	0.5829 (5)	0.31794 (13)	0.7335 (10)	0.0681 (13)	
H1B	0.5098 (18)	0.3121 (17)	0.719 (8)	0.082*	
H1C	0.614 (4)	0.3004 (15)	0.828 (7)	0.082*	
H1A	0.617 (4)	0.3150 (18)	0.599 (5)	0.082*	

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

Atomic displacement parameters $(Å^2)$

	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{12}	U^{13}	U^{23}
C1	0.044 (2)	0.030 (2)	0.038 (2)	0.0022 (17)	-0.0081 (18)	0.0000 (17)
C2	0.048 (3)	0.041 (2)	0.048 (2)	-0.002 (2)	0.002 (2)	0.0096 (19)
C3	0.039 (2)	0.043 (3)	0.059 (3)	0.001 (2)	-0.001 (2)	0.004 (2)
C4	0.051 (2)	0.027 (2)	0.045 (2)	-0.0041 (19)	-0.017 (2)	0.0010 (17)
C5	0.064 (3)	0.042 (2)	0.035 (2)	0.002 (2)	0.002 (2)	0.0024 (19)
C6	0.051 (3)	0.040 (3)	0.047 (3)	0.008 (2)	0.003 (2)	-0.002 (2)
C7	0.057 (3)	0.045 (2)	0.053 (3)	0.010(2)	-0.009(2)	0.006 (2)

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C8 Cd1 Br1	0.083 (4) 0.02616 (19) 0.074 (2)	0.037 (2) 0.02671 (18) 0.0250 (4)	0.059 (3) 0.02367 (19) 0.0961 (8)	0.007 (2) 0.000 0.0072 (5)	-0.030 (3) 0.00016 (16) 0.0031 (9)	0.005 (2) 0.000 0.0004 (4)
Br2	0.0194 (7)	0.158 (5)	0.0468 (9)	0.000	-0.0007 (7)	0.000
Br3	0.0405 (19)	0.110 (2)	0.0168 (10)	0.000	-0.0038 (11)	0.000
Br1′	0.0312 (19)	0.0227 (8)	0.0502 (14)	-0.0024 (8)	-0.0081 (11)	-0.0006 (8)
Br2'	0.0191 (19)	0.019 (2)	0.044 (3)	0.0048 (17)	-0.001 (2)	0.008 (3)
Br3′	0.0405 (19)	0.110 (2)	0.0168 (10)	0.000	-0.0038 (11)	0.000
N1	0.078 (3)	0.031 (2)	0.095 (4)	0.003 (2)	-0.018 (3)	0.011 (3)

Geometric parameters (Å, °)

C1—C6	1.378 (6)	Cd1—Br1	2.6124 (11)
C1—C2	1.383 (6)	Cd1—Br1 ⁱ	2.6125 (11)
C1—C7	1.508 (6)	Cd1—Br1′	2.660 (2)
C2—C3	1.388 (6)	Cd1—Br1′ ⁱ	2.660 (2)
С2—Н2	0.9300	Cd1—Br3′ ⁱⁱ	2.77 (2)
C3—C4	1.374 (6)	Cd1—Br3′ ⁱⁱⁱ	2.77 (2)
С3—Н3	0.9300	Cd1—Br3	2.792 (8)
C4—C5	1.373 (7)	Cd1—Br2	2.799 (3)
C4—C8	1.507 (6)	Cd1—Br2′ ^{iv}	2.800 (7)
C5—C6	1.380 (6)	Cd1—Br2′′	2.800 (7)
С5—Н5	0.9300	Cd1—Br2 ^v	2.812 (3)
С6—Н6	0.9300	Cd1—Br3 ⁱⁱ	2.836 (8)
С7—Н7А	0.9600	Br2′—Br2′ ⁱ	1.008 (19)
С7—Н7В	0.9600	Br3'—Br3'i	0.26 (6)
С7—Н7С	0.9600	N1—H1B	0.846 (18)
C8—N1	1.432 (6)	N1—H1C	0.857 (18)
C8—H8A	0.9700	N1—H1A	0.853 (18)
C8—H8B	0.9700		
C6—C1—C2	117.8 (4)	Br1 ⁱ —Cd1—Br3' ⁱⁱⁱ	88.2 (6)
C6—C1—C7	121.6 (4)	Br1—Cd1—Br3	88.95 (5)
C2—C1—C7	120.6 (4)	Br1 ⁱ —Cd1—Br3	88.95 (5)
C1—C2—C3	120.8 (4)	Br1—Cd1—Br2	92.47 (13)
C1—C2—H2	119.6	Br1 ⁱ —Cd1—Br2	92.47 (13)
С3—С2—Н2	119.6	Br3—Cd1—Br2	90.36 (17)
C4—C3—C2	120.8 (4)	Br1—Cd1—Br2'iv	97.9 (3)
С4—С3—Н3	119.6	Br1 ⁱ —Cd1—Br2' ^{iv}	77.20 (18)
С2—С3—Н3	119.6	Br3—Cd1—Br2'iv	91.6 (3)
C5—C4—C3	118.5 (4)	Br2—Cd1—Br2' ^{iv}	169.44 (19)
C5—C4—C8	120.1 (5)	Br1—Cd1—Br2′′	77.20 (18)
C3—C4—C8	121.4 (5)	$Br1^{i}$ —Cd1—Br2 ^{/v}	97.9 (3)
C4—C5—C6	120.9 (4)	Br3—Cd1—Br2′′	91.6 (3)
С4—С5—Н5	119.5	Br2—Cd1—Br2′′	169.44 (19)
С6—С5—Н5	119.5	Br1—Cd1—Br2 ^v	87.59 (12)
C1—C6—C5	121.2 (4)	$Br1^{i}$ —Cd1— $Br2^{v}$	87.59 (12)
С1—С6—Н6	119.4	Br3—Cd1—Br2 ^v	92.87 (17)

С5—С6—Н6	119.4	Br2—Cd1—Br2 ^v	176.769 (15)
С1—С7—Н7А	109.5	Br1—Cd1—Br3 ⁱⁱ	91.03 (5)
С1—С7—Н7В	109.5	Br1 ⁱ —Cd1—Br3 ⁱⁱ	91.03 (5)
H7A—C7—H7B	109.5	Br3—Cd1—Br3 ⁱⁱ	179.4 (3)
C1—C7—H7C	109.5	Br2—Cd1—Br3 ⁱⁱ	90.26 (17)
H7A—C7—H7C	109.5	Br2 ^v —Cd1—Br3 ⁱⁱ	86.51 (17)
H7B—C7—H7C	109.5	Cd1—Br2—Cd1 ^{vi}	176.9 (2)
N1	113.4 (4)	Cd1—Br3—Cd1 ^{vii}	179.4 (3)
N1	108.9	Br2′i—Br2′—Cd1	79.99 (18)
C4—C8—H8A	108.9	Cd1 ^{vi} —Br2′—Cd1	159.6 (4)
N1	108.9	Br3'i—Br3'—Cd1	87.5 (5)
C4—C8—H8B	108.9	Cd1 ^{vii} —Br3′—Cd1	170.5 (8)
H8AC8H8B	107.7	C8—N1—H1B	119 (4)
Br1-Cd1-Br1 ⁱ	174.6 (3)	C8—N1—H1C	111 (4)
Br1—Cd1—Br1' ⁱ	172.4 (3)	H1B—N1—H1C	108 (3)
Br1 ⁱ —Cd1—Br1' ⁱ	12.59 (4)	C8—N1—H1A	103 (4)
Br1—Cd1—Br3'ii	88.2 (6)	H1B—N1—H1A	109 (3)
Br1 ⁱ —Cd1—Br3' ⁱⁱ	93.5 (6)	H1C—N1—H1A	107 (3)
Br1—Cd1—Br3'iii	93.5 (6)		
C6—C1—C2—C3	1.2 (7)	C8—C4—C5—C6	-178.6(4)
C7 - C1 - C2 - C3	-1797(4)	C_{2} C_{1} C_{6} C_{5}	-0.7(7)
$C_1 - C_2 - C_3 - C_4$	-0.9(7)	C7-C1-C6-C5	-179.9(4)
$C_{2} - C_{3} - C_{4} - C_{5}$	0.1(7)	C4-C5-C6-C1	-0.1(7)
$C_2 - C_3 - C_4 - C_8$	179 1 (4)	$C_{5}-C_{4}-C_{8}-N_{1}$	87.8 (6)
C3-C4-C5-C6	0.4 (7)	C_{3} C_{4} C_{8} N_{1}	-91.2 (6)
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Symmetry codes: (i) x, -y+1/2, z; (ii) x, y, z+1; (iii) x, -y+1/2, z+1; (iv) x-1/2, -y+1/2; (v) x-1/2, y, -z+1/2; (vi) x+1/2, y, -z+1/2; (vii) x, y, z-1.

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N1—H1 <i>B</i> ···Br3′ ⁱⁱⁱ	0.85 (2)	3.01 (4)	3.74 (2)	147 (5)
N1—H1C···Br2 ⁱⁱ	0.86 (2)	2.84 (3)	3.604 (6)	149 (4)
N1—H1C···Br3 ^{vi}	0.86 (2)	3.05 (4)	3.647 (7)	129 (4)
N1—H1C···Br2′ ⁱⁱ	0.86 (2)	2.63 (3)	3.371 (12)	145 (4)
N1—H1C···Br3′ ^{vi}	0.86 (2)	2.82 (4)	3.43 (2)	130 (4)
N1—H1C···Br3 ^{/viii}	0.86 (2)	2.97 (5)	3.59 (3)	132 (4)
N1—H1A···Br1 ^{vi}	0.85 (2)	3.06 (3)	3.825 (8)	150 (4)
N1—H1A···Br2	0.85 (2)	2.96 (5)	3.579 (7)	131 (5)
N1—H1A···Br2′	0.85 (2)	2.57 (5)	3.239 (13)	136 (5)
C7—H7 C ··· $Cg1^{ix}$	0.96	2.95	3.824 (5)	152

Symmetry codes: (ii) x, y, z+1; (iii) x, -y+1/2, z+1; (vi) x+1/2, y, -z+1/2; (viii) x+1/2, -y+1/2, -z+1/2; (ix) -x+1, -y+1, -z+1.