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The title coordination polymer with the 4-methyl-*N*-(pyridin-2-ylmethylidene) aniline Schiff base ligand (*L*,  $C_{13}H_{12}N_2$ ),  $[Cd_2Cl_4(C_{13}H_{12}N_2)]_n$  (1), exhibits a columnar structure extending parallel to [100]. The columns are aligned in parallel and are decorated with chelating *L* ligands on both sides. They are elongated into a supramolecular sheet extending parallel to  $(01\overline{1})$  through  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interactions involving *L* ligands of neighbouring columns. Adjacent sheets are packed into the tri-periodic supramolecular network through weak C-H···Cl hydrogen-bonding interactions that involve the phenyl CH groups and chlorido ligands. The thermal stability and photoluminescent properties of (1) have also been examined.

# 1. Chemical context

The design and construction of coordination polymers (CPs) have received continuous attention over the past three decades due to their intriguing functionalities (Batten et al., 2008). These materials are assembled through the coordination bonds between metal ions and organic linkers, whereby their topologies and dimensionalities are highly dependent on synthetic parameters as well as the chemical nature of starting materials (Jiajaroen et al., 2022; Li et al., 2022). Among many others, CPs of group 12 metal ions have attracted great interest for their potential applications in photoluminescence and optoelectronics (Ren et al., 2014; Shang et al., 2020). In this context, organic linkers containing carboxylates and/or nitrogen heterocycles on their backbone have been widely used due to their abundant coordination sites when reacting with  $d^{10}$  metal ions (Zhang *et al.*, 2020). On the other hand, inorganic halogenidometallates have also shown great potential as building blocks in various functional materials (Chen & Beatty, 2007; Zhai et al., 2011; Freudenmann & Feldmann, 2014; Chen et al., 2015). Specifically, chloridocadmate(II) anions are known to exist in various forms such as [CdCl<sub>3</sub>], [CdCl<sub>4</sub>], and [CdCl<sub>6</sub>] within different structural motifs (Gridley et al., 2013; Mobin et al., 2014; Wang et al., 2017; Hu et al., 2021). Notably, some of the corresponding materials exhibit high luminescence brightness (Zhai et al., 2011).

In this work, a coordination polymer,  $[Cd_2Cl_4(L)]_n$  (1), has formed through self-assembly from  $CdCl_2$  and the 4-methyl-N-(pyridin-2-ylmethylidene)aniline (L) Schiff base ligand. Next to the structural set-up, the thermal stability and solidstate photoluminescence properties of (1) were investigated and are discussed in detail.



#### 2. Structural commentary

The asymmetric unit of (1) contains two Cd<sup>II</sup> atoms, one Schiff base ligand *L*, and four chlorido ligands. Both Cd1 and Cd2 have a distorted octahedral coordination environment. As depicted in Fig. 1, Cd1 displays a  $[Cl_4N_2]$  coordination set defined by two  $\mu_3$ -Cl atoms in the equatorial plane, two  $\mu_2$ -Cl atoms in the axial positions and two *N* atoms from the chelating ligand *L* in the remaining equatorial sites, whereas Cd2 is in a  $[Cl_6]$  coordination set by two  $\mu_2$ - and four  $\mu_3$ -Cl atoms. The corresponding bond angles around the central Cd1 and Cd2 atoms vary from 72.51 (12) to 176.14 (3)° and 81.21 (3) to 176.84 (3)°, respectively. The Cd–Cl bond lengths are in the range 2.5729 (10) – 2.7555 (10) Å, expectedly longer than those of the Cd–N bonds (2.311 (3) and 2.378 (3) Å). These values are in the normal range reported for related Cd<sup>II</sup> compounds (Zhai *et al.*, 2011).

The  $\mu_{2^{-}}$  and  $\mu_{3^{-}}$ -bridging character of the chlorido ligands leads to a columnar motif with composition  $[Cd_2Cl_4(L)]_n$ running parallel to [100], as shown in Fig. 2. The columns contain a cubane-like  $[Cd_2Cl_4]$  unit with a missing vertex with diagonal  $Cd \cdots Cd$  separations in the range from 3.853 (3) to





The columnar structure of (1) extending parallel to [100]. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

3.973 (3) Å. The chelating ligands L are arranged on both sides of the column motif.

#### 3. Supramolecular features

In the crystal, ligands *L* interact with those from neighbouring columns through  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interactions, where parallel planes of phenyl/pyridyl rings are slightly offset (slippage 1.518 and 1.810 Å) with a centroid-to-centroid distance of 3.700 (3) Å and a dihedral angle of 5.61 (3)°. This arrangement leads to the formation of supramolecular sheets extending parallel to (011) (Fig. 3). There is also a weak C-H···Cl hydrogen bond between the phenyl CH group and a chlorido ligand in adjacent columns [C9–H9···Cl4<sup>(i)</sup> = 3.552 (2) Å, C9–H9···Cl4<sup>(i)</sup> = 146°, symmetry code: (i) 2 – x, 1 – y, 1 – z). The sheets are connected by additional C-H···Cl hydrogen bonds (C2–H2···Cl4<sup>(ii)</sup> = 3.697 (3) Å, C2–H2···Cl4<sup>(ii)</sup> = 159°, symmetry code: (ii) 1 – x, 1 – y, -z), resulting in a tri-periodic supramolecular structure. It is



#### Figure 1

The expanded asymmetric unit of (1) showing the full coordination spheres of the two Cd<sup>II</sup> atoms. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level. [Symmetry codes: (i) -x, -y, -z; (ii) x - 1, y, z.]



#### Figure 3

A view of the supramolecular sheet structure in (1) with  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interactions shown as dashed lines. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.



Figure 4

Comparison of experimental and simulated PXRD patterns of (1) at room temperature.

noteworthy that no significant  $Cl \cdots Cl$  halogen-bonding interactions occur. This likely is a result of the bidentate L ligands establishing steric hindrance within the coordination sphere of the Cd1 atom.

## 4. Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) and thermogravimetry (TG)

The phase purity of (1) was revealed by room-temperature PXRD measurements with a good match between experimental and simulated peak positions (Fig. 4). It should be noted that the differences in the intensity may be due to preferred orientation of the crystallites in the sample.

The thermal stability of (1) was studied by TG measurements. As can be seen in Fig. 5, the TG curve of (1) shows three consecutive steps of mass loss in the range of 530–920 K.



Figure 5 TG curve of (1).



Figure 6 The solid-state photoluminescence spectra of ligand L and (1) at room temperature.

However, these steps cannot be assigned clearly. There is no mass loss from room temperature to 520 K, indicating that solvent molecules are not incorporated.

# 5. Solid-state photoluminescence properties

The solid-state photoluminescence spectra of the Schiff base ligand L and coordination polymer (1) were recorded at room temperature (Fig. 6). Upon excitation at 325 nm, the free ligand L displays a broad blue fluorescent emission at 456 nm, while (1) exhibits photoluminescence with a maximum at 457 nm upon excitation at 340 nm. Because metal ions with  $d^{10}$ configuration usually are stable, the luminescence of complex (1) can solely be attributed to the intra-ligand  $\pi \to \pi^*$  emission state (*i.e.* ligand-based emission), which is also found in the free ligand L itself (Zhao *et al.*, 2017).

### 6. Database survey

A search of the Cambridge Structural Database (CSD, version 5.44, last update in April 2023; Groom *et al.*, 2016) using the ConQuest software (Bruno *et al.*, 2002) yielded 17 hits for a fragment of a chlorido-bridged tetranuclear cadmium(II) compound with a defect cubane-like core. There are two mono-periodic coordination polymers that include organic ligands organised on both sides of the chain motif, similar to the arrangement in (1), *viz.* IQATAY (Hu *et al.*, 2021) and SOGREN (Biet & Avarvari, 2014). In addition, 50 complexes of the title Schiff base ligand 4-methyl-*N*-(pyridin-2-yl-methylidene)aniline appear in the CSD. All these complexes are mononuclear with the Schiff base ligands acting in a bidentate chelating fashion. In the crystal packing of these compounds,  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking and weak C-H··· $\pi$  interactions are frequently observed.

Table 1	
Experimental	details.

Crystal data	
Chemical formula	$[Cd_2Cl_4(C_{13}H_{12}N_2)]$
M <sub>r</sub>	562.85
Crystal system, space group	Triclinic, $P\overline{1}$
Temperature (K)	296
<i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)	6.8597 (2), 10.8855 (4), 12.8106 (5)
$\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ (°)	107.566 (1), 100.523 (1), 106.799 (1)
$V(Å^3)$	834.02 (5)
Z	2
Radiation type	Μο Κα
$\mu (\text{mm}^{-1})$	3.18
Crystal size (mm)	$0.18 \times 0.14 \times 0.14$
Data collection	
Diffractometer	Bruker D8 QUEST CMOS PHOTON II
Absorption correction	Multi-scan (SADABS; Krause et al., 2015)
$T_{\min}, T_{\max}$	0.696, 0.745
No. of measured, independent and observed $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$ reflections	20153, 3418, 2553
R <sub>int</sub>	0.050
$(\sin \theta / \lambda)_{\max} ( \text{\AA}^{-1} )$	0.625
Refinement	
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)], wR(F^2), S$	0.030, 0.066, 1.03
No. of reflections	3418
No. of parameters	191
H-atom treatment	H-atom parameters constrained
$\Delta \rho_{\rm max},  \Delta \rho_{\rm min} \ ({\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3})$	0.73, -0.41

Computer programs: APEX4 and SAINT (Bruker, 2019), SHELXT2014/4 (Sheldrick, 2015a), SHELXL2018/3 (Sheldrick, 2015b) and OLEX2 (Dolomanov et al., 2009).

### 7. Synthesis and crystallization

A solution of 4-methyl-*N*-(2-pyridylmethylene)aniline (61.6 mg, 0.2 mmol) in dry dichloromethane (2 ml) was placed in a test tube. A mixture of acetonitrile and dichloromethane solution (6 ml, 1:1,  $\nu/\nu$ ) was carefully added on the top. A solution of CdCl<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O (19.8 mg, 0.2 mmol) in dry acetonitrile (2 ml) was then carefully layered on the top of the acetonitrile/dichloromethane mixed solution. After slow diffusion at room temperature for a week, light-yellow block-shaped crystals of (1) were obtained. Yield: 57% based on Cd. Analysis calculated for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>12</sub>Cd<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub>: C, 27.74; H, 2.15; N, 4.98%; found: C, 27.69; H, 2.18; N, 4.72%. IR (ATR mode, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3027 (*w*), 2943 (*w*), 1899 (*w*), 1590 (*m*), 1504 (*m*), 1441 (*m*), 1268 (*m*), 1158 (*m*), 1015 (*m*), 908 (*m*), 817 (*s*), 781 (*s*), 638 (*m*), 539 (*s*), 412 (*m*).

#### **Experimental details**

All commercially available chemicals and solvents were of reagent grade and were used as received without further purification. Elemental (C, H, N) analysis was performed on a LECO CHNS 932 elemental analyser. IR spectra were recorded on a Bruker model INVENIO R spectrometer using ATR mode, in the range of 650–4000 cm<sup>-1</sup>. PXRD measurements were performed on a Bruker D2 Phaser X-ray diffractometer equipped with graphite monochromatized Cu  $K\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 1.54056$  Å) at 30 kV and 10 mA. Simulated PXRD pattern were calculated from single-crystal X-ray diffraction data and processed with Mercury (Macrae *et al.*,

2020). The TG measurements were performed in an  $N_2$  atmosphere on a TGA 55 TA Instrument from ambient temperature up to 1223 K with a heating rate of 10 K min<sup>-1</sup>. The solid-state photoluminescence spectra were measured at room temperature using a Horiba Scientific model Fluor-oMax-4 spectrofluorometer.

### 8. Refinement

Crystal data, data collection, and structure refinement details are summarized in Table 1. The carbon-bound H atoms were placed in geometrically calculated positions and refined as riding with C-H = 0.93 Å and  $U_{\rm iso}({\rm H}) = 1.2 U_{\rm eq}({\rm C})$ .

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Synthesis, crystal structure and properties of poly[di- $\mu_3$ -chlorido-di- $\mu_2$ -chlorido-bis[4-methyl-N-(pyridin-2-ylmethylidene)aniline]dicadmium(II)]

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**Computing details** 

 $Poly[di-\mu_3-chlorido-di-\mu_2-chlorido-[4-methyl-N-(pyridin-2-ylmethylidene) aniline] dicadmium (II)] = 0.015 \pm 0.015$ 

Crystal data

 $\begin{bmatrix} Cd_2Cl_4(C_{13}H_{12}N_2) \end{bmatrix} \\ M_r = 562.85 \\ \text{Triclinic, } PI \\ a = 6.8597 (2) \text{ Å} \\ b = 10.8855 (4) \text{ Å} \\ c = 12.8106 (5) \text{ Å} \\ a = 107.566 (1)^{\circ} \\ \beta = 100.523 (1)^{\circ} \\ \gamma = 106.799 (1)^{\circ} \\ V = 834.02 (5) \text{ Å}^3 \end{bmatrix}$ 

# Data collection

Bruker D8 QUEST CMOS PHOTON II diffractometer Radiation source: sealed x-ray tube, Mo Graphite monochromator Detector resolution: 7.39 pixels mm<sup>-1</sup>  $\omega$  and  $\varphi$  scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Krause *et al.*, 2015)  $T_{\min} = 0.696, T_{\max} = 0.745$ 

# Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$ Least-squares matrix: full  $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.030$  $wR(F^2) = 0.066$ S = 1.033418 reflections 191 parameters 0 restraints Primary atom site location: dual Z = 2 F(000) = 536  $D_x = 2.241 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo K $\alpha$  radiation,  $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ Å}$ Cell parameters from 1412 reflections  $\theta = 3.2-25.2^{\circ}$   $\mu = 3.18 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 296 K Block, yellow  $0.18 \times 0.14 \times 0.14 \text{ mm}$ 

20153 measured reflections 3418 independent reflections 2553 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  $R_{int} = 0.050$  $\theta_{max} = 26.4^\circ, \theta_{min} = 3.2^\circ$  $h = -8 \rightarrow 8$  $k = -13 \rightarrow 13$  $l = -15 \rightarrow 15$ 

Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites H-atom parameters constrained  $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0267P)^2 + 0.7296P]$ where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} < 0.001$  $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.73$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.41$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

# 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	$U_{ m iso}$ */ $U_{ m eq}$
Cd1	0.43896 (5)	0.25775 (3)	0.19523 (2)	0.03039 (10)
Cd2	-0.17441 (5)	0.09278 (3)	0.07673 (2)	0.03114 (10)
C11	0.11124 (16)	0.18034 (11)	0.27038 (9)	0.0364 (3)
C13	0.46812 (15)	0.00951 (10)	0.13602 (8)	0.0274 (2)
Cl4	0.76831 (17)	0.31838 (11)	0.11374 (9)	0.0369 (3)
Cl2	0.15327 (15)	0.15624 (10)	-0.01197 (8)	0.0294 (2)
N1	0.4732 (6)	0.4839 (3)	0.2237 (3)	0.0345 (8)
N2	0.6415 (5)	0.3967 (3)	0.3893 (3)	0.0298 (8)
C1	0.4082 (8)	0.5310 (5)	0.1449 (4)	0.0456 (12)
H1	0.322184	0.467069	0.072599	0.055*
C2	0.4618 (8)	0.6699 (5)	0.1650 (4)	0.0522 (13)
H2	0.415590	0.698893	0.107078	0.063*
C3	0.5849 (8)	0.7646 (5)	0.2725 (5)	0.0525 (13)
H3	0.622400	0.859025	0.288606	0.063*
C4	0.6520 (7)	0.7183 (5)	0.3561 (4)	0.0424 (11)
H4	0.733459	0.780776	0.429718	0.051*
C5	0.5963 (6)	0.5771 (4)	0.3286 (3)	0.0322 (10)
C6	0.6732 (6)	0.5254 (4)	0.4146 (4)	0.0334 (10)
H6	0.746876	0.587535	0.489373	0.040*
C7	0.7158 (6)	0.3456 (4)	0.4728 (3)	0.0303 (9)
C8	0.8273 (7)	0.4274 (5)	0.5868 (4)	0.0365 (10)
H8	0.863455	0.522899	0.613147	0.044*
C9	0.8839 (7)	0.3655 (5)	0.6609 (4)	0.0416 (11)
H9	0.959473	0.421358	0.736998	0.050*
C10	0.8331 (7)	0.2238 (5)	0.6266 (4)	0.0427 (11)
C11	0.7295 (9)	0.1463 (5)	0.5128 (4)	0.0563 (14)
H11	0.700061	0.051484	0.485576	0.068*
C12	0.6677 (8)	0.2051 (5)	0.4378 (4)	0.0512 (14)
H12	0.591889	0.148618	0.361789	0.061*
C13	0.8854 (9)	0.1584 (6)	0.7100 (5)	0.0617 (15)
H13A	0.989813	0.228147	0.779111	0.093*
H13B	0.941330	0.089598	0.676953	0.093*
H13C	0.758629	0.115638	0.727315	0.093*

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

Atomic displacement parameters  $(Å^2)$ 

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	U <sup>23</sup>
Cd1	0.03240 (18)	0.02790 (18)	0.02645 (17)	0.01212 (14)	0.00518 (13)	0.00540 (13)
Cd2	0.02639 (17)	0.03096 (18)	0.03128 (19)	0.01317 (14)	0.00606 (14)	0.00424 (14)

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Cl1	0.0329 (6)	0.0427 (6)	0.0300 (5)	0.0128 (5)	0.0076 (4)	0.0107 (5)
C13	0.0302 (5)	0.0259 (5)	0.0252 (5)	0.0115 (4)	0.0081 (4)	0.0075 (4)
Cl4	0.0367 (6)	0.0292 (6)	0.0432 (6)	0.0126 (5)	0.0138 (5)	0.0096 (5)
Cl2	0.0305 (5)	0.0300 (5)	0.0262 (5)	0.0126 (4)	0.0056 (4)	0.0087 (4)
N1	0.039 (2)	0.031 (2)	0.036 (2)	0.0180 (17)	0.0102 (17)	0.0116 (17)
N2	0.0279 (18)	0.031 (2)	0.0265 (18)	0.0080 (16)	0.0069 (15)	0.0093 (15)
C1	0.060 (3)	0.046 (3)	0.039 (3)	0.030 (3)	0.013 (2)	0.018 (2)
C2	0.067 (4)	0.057 (3)	0.053 (3)	0.034 (3)	0.022 (3)	0.036 (3)
C3	0.060 (3)	0.038 (3)	0.069 (4)	0.021 (3)	0.023 (3)	0.027 (3)
C4	0.044 (3)	0.033 (3)	0.049 (3)	0.015 (2)	0.014 (2)	0.014 (2)
C5	0.032 (2)	0.032 (2)	0.032 (2)	0.0137 (19)	0.0112 (19)	0.0095 (19)
C6	0.031 (2)	0.033 (3)	0.030(2)	0.009(2)	0.0087 (18)	0.0076 (19)
C7	0.030 (2)	0.032 (2)	0.028 (2)	0.0112 (19)	0.0059 (18)	0.0099 (18)
C8	0.034 (2)	0.034 (2)	0.033 (2)	0.006 (2)	0.0050 (19)	0.011 (2)
C9	0.035 (2)	0.050(3)	0.030(2)	0.007 (2)	0.003 (2)	0.014 (2)
C10	0.037 (3)	0.052 (3)	0.040 (3)	0.017 (2)	0.011 (2)	0.018 (2)
C11	0.087 (4)	0.038 (3)	0.044 (3)	0.029 (3)	0.010 (3)	0.015 (2)
C12	0.079 (4)	0.034 (3)	0.029 (2)	0.021 (3)	0.002 (2)	0.004 (2)
C13	0.059 (3)	0.075 (4)	0.065 (4)	0.022 (3)	0.016 (3)	0.047 (3)

Geometric parameters (Å, °)

Cd1—Cl1	2.6221 (11)	С3—Н3	0.9300
Cd1—Cl3	2.6548 (10)	C3—C4	1.375 (7)
Cd1—Cl4	2.6543 (11)	C4—H4	0.9300
Cd1—Cl2	2.6805 (10)	C4—C5	1.385 (6)
Cd1—N1	2.311 (3)	C5—C6	1.463 (6)
Cd1—N2	2.378 (3)	С6—Н6	0.9300
Cd2—Cl1	2.5729 (10)	C7—C8	1.388 (6)
Cd2—Cl3 <sup>i</sup>	2.7555 (10)	C7—C12	1.375 (6)
Cd2—Cl3 <sup>ii</sup>	2.6874 (10)	C8—H8	0.9300
Cd2—Cl4 <sup>ii</sup>	2.5165 (11)	C8—C9	1.381 (6)
Cd2—Cl2	2.7074 (11)	С9—Н9	0.9300
Cd2—Cl2 <sup>i</sup>	2.6404 (10)	C9—C10	1.385 (6)
N1—C1	1.327 (5)	C10—C11	1.369 (6)
N1—C5	1.348 (5)	C10—C13	1.497 (6)
N2—C6	1.281 (5)	C11—H11	0.9300
N2—C7	1.426 (5)	C11—C12	1.376 (6)
С1—Н1	0.9300	C12—H12	0.9300
C1—C2	1.377 (6)	C13—H13A	0.9600
С2—Н2	0.9300	C13—H13B	0.9600
C2—C3	1.374 (7)	C13—H13C	0.9600
Cl1—Cd1—Cl3	93.00 (3)	C7—N2—Cd1	125.1 (2)
Cl1—Cd1—Cl4	176.14 (3)	N1—C1—H1	118.4
Cl1—Cd1—Cl2	86.03 (3)	N1—C1—C2	123.2 (4)
Cl3—Cd1—Cl2	85.58 (3)	C2—C1—H1	118.4
Cl4—Cd1—Cl3	83.17 (3)	C1—C2—H2	120.7

Cl4—Cd1—Cl2	93.13 (3)	C3—C2—C1	118.6 (5)
N1—Cd1—Cl1	100.54 (9)	C3—C2—H2	120.7
N1—Cd1—Cl3	166.29 (9)	С2—С3—Н3	120.4
N1—Cd1—Cl4	83.26 (9)	C2—C3—C4	119.3 (5)
N1—Cd1—Cl2	93.16 (9)	С4—С3—Н3	120.4
N1—Cd1—N2	72.51 (12)	C3—C4—H4	120.6
N2—Cd1—Cl1	87.37 (8)	C3—C4—C5	118.8 (4)
N2—Cd1—Cl3	110.60 (9)	C5—C4—H4	120.6
N2—Cd1—Cl4	94.46 (8)	N1—C5—C4	122.0 (4)
N2—Cd1—Cl2	162.83 (8)	N1—C5—C6	118.1 (4)
Cl1—Cd2—Cl3 <sup>ii</sup>	100.81 (3)	C4—C5—C6	119.9 (4)
Cl1—Cd2—Cl3 <sup>i</sup>	176.84 (3)	N2—C6—C5	121.6 (4)
$C11$ — $Cd2$ — $Cl2^i$	93.06 (3)	N2—C6—H6	119.2
Cl1—Cd2—Cl2	86.45 (3)	С5—С6—Н6	119.2
$Cl3^{ii}$ — $Cd2$ — $Cl3^{i}$	81.21 (3)	C8—C7—N2	124.5 (4)
$Cl3^{ii}$ — $Cd2$ — $Cl2$	172.42 (3)	C12—C7—N2	117.3 (4)
$C14^{ii}$ — $Cd2$ — $C11$	94,45 (4)	C12—C7—C8	118.2 (4)
$Cl4^{ii}$ — $Cd2$ — $Cl3^{ii}$	85.18 (3)	С7—С8—Н8	120.3
$Cl4^{ii}$ — $Cd2$ — $Cl3^{i}$	88.13 (3)	C9—C8—C7	119.3 (4)
$Cl4^{ii}$ — $Cd2$ — $Cl2^{i}$	172.49 (3)	С9—С8—Н8	120.3
$Cl4^{ii}$ — $Cd2$ — $Cl2$	96.53 (3)	C8—C9—H9	118.6
$Cl2^{i}$ — $Cd2$ — $Cl3^{i}$	84.37 (3)	C8—C9—C10	122.8 (4)
$Cl2^{i}$ — $Cd2$ — $Cl3^{ii}$	93.30 (3)	C10—C9—H9	118.6
$Cl2$ — $Cd2$ — $Cl3^i$	91.45 (3)	C9—C10—C13	121.8 (4)
$Cl2^{i}$ — $Cd2$ — $Cl2$	84.04 (3)	C11—C10—C9	116.5 (4)
Cd2— $Cl1$ — $Cd1$	95.92 (4)	C11—C10—C13	121.7 (5)
Cd1—Cl3—Cd2 <sup>iii</sup>	93.50 (3)	C10—C11—H11	119.1
$Cd1$ — $Cl3$ — $Cd2^i$	93.98 (3)	C10—C11—C12	121.7 (5)
$Cd2^{iii}$ — $Cl3$ — $Cd2^{i}$	98.79 (3)	C12—C11—H11	119.1
$Cd2^{iii}$ — $Cl4$ — $Cd1$	97.59 (4)	C7—C12—C11	121.3 (4)
Cd1—Cl2—Cd2	91.47 (3)	C7—C12—H12	119.3
$Cd2^{i}$ — $Cl2$ — $Cd1$	96.07 (3)	C11—C12—H12	119.3
Cd2 <sup>i</sup> —Cl2—Cd2	95.96 (3)	C10-C13-H13A	109.5
C1—N1—Cd1	126.8 (3)	C10—C13—H13B	109.5
C1—N1—C5	118.1 (4)	С10—С13—Н13С	109.5
C5—N1—Cd1	114.5 (3)	H13A—C13—H13B	109.5
C6—N2—Cd1	113.0 (3)	H13A—C13—H13C	109.5
C6—N2—C7	121.8 (3)	H13B—C13—H13C	109.5
Cd1—N1—C1—C2	-170.1(4)	C3—C4—C5—C6	177.4 (4)
Cd1—N1—C5—C4	173.0 (3)	C4—C5—C6—N2	-173.4(4)
Cd1—N1—C5—C6	-6.4 (5)	C5—N1—C1—C2	0.6 (7)
Cd1—N2—C6—C5	-2.2(5)	C6—N2—C7—C8	-0.1 (6)
Cd1—N2—C7—C8	-177.5 (3)	C6—N2—C7—C12	178.0 (4)
Cd1—N2—C7—C12	0.5 (5)	C7—N2—C6—C5	-179.9 (4)
N1—C1—C2—C3	-1.4 (8)	C7—C8—C9—C10	-0.4 (7)
N1-C5-C6-N2	6.0 (6)	C8-C7-C12-C11	-0.6 (8)
N2-C7-C8-C9	177.5 (4)	C8-C9-C10-C11	2.6 (7)
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N2-C7-C12-C11	-178.8 (5)	C8—C9—C10—C13	-176.4 (4)
C1—N1—C5—C4	1.2 (6)	C9—C10—C11—C12	-3.8 (8)
C1—N1—C5—C6	-178.3 (4)	C10-C11-C12-C7	2.9 (9)
C1—C2—C3—C4	0.5 (8)	C12—C7—C8—C9	-0.6 (7)
C2—C3—C4—C5	1.1 (7)	C13—C10—C11—C12	175.2 (5)
C3—C4—C5—N1	-2.0 (7)		

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