

The structure is a three-dimensional framework with channels parallel to [001] at  $x \approx 0.0$  and  $y \approx 0.0$  etc. The Na atoms are located within these channels. The structure of  $\text{NaCu}_4(\text{AsO}_4)_3$  shown in Fig. 1 is drawn as a projection onto (001).

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## Structure of Diammonium Tetrabromodioxouranate(VI) Dihydrate

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**Abstract.**  $[\text{NH}_4]_2[\text{UO}_2\text{Br}_4].2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $M_r = 661.7$ , triclinic,  $P\bar{1}$ ,  $a = 6.8850(9)$ ,  $b = 6.887(1)$ ,  $c = 7.7370(7)$  Å,  $\alpha = 94.44(1)$ ,  $\beta = 98.78(1)$ ,  $\gamma = 116.79(1)^\circ$ ,  $V = 319(1)$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $Z = 1$ ,  $D_x = 3.44$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>,  $\lambda(\text{Mo } K\bar{\alpha}) = 0.71073$  Å,  $\mu = 24.44$  mm<sup>-1</sup>,  $F(000) = 290$ ,  $T = 295(1)$  K,  $R = 0.030$  for 1027 observed reflections. The structure is composed of  $[\text{UO}_2\text{Br}_4]^{2-}$  and  $[\text{NH}_4]^+$  ions. U is octahedrally coordinated and the symmetry of  $[\text{UO}_2\text{Br}_4]^{2-}$  is approximately  $D_{4h}$  with  $\text{U}-\text{O} = 1.766(6)$  Å and average  $\text{U}-\text{Br} = 2.813(1)$  Å.

**Introduction.** A large number of uranyl tetrahalide complexes of the type  $M_2\text{UO}_2X_4$  ( $M$  = univalent cation,  $X = \text{Cl}$ , Br) are known; among them the structures of  $\text{Cs}_2\text{UO}_2\text{Cl}_4$  (Hall, Rae & Waters, 1966),  $\text{Cs}_2\text{UO}_2\text{Br}_4$  (Mikhailov & Kuznetsov, 1971),  $[\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_4]_2[\text{UO}_2\text{Cl}_4]$  and  $[\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_4]_2[\text{UO}_2\text{Br}_4]$  (Di Sipio, Tondello, Pelizzi,

Ingleto & Montenero, 1974a; Jensen & Dickerson, 1974),  $[\text{NH}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_3]_2[\text{UO}_2\text{Cl}_4]$  (Bois, Nguyen Quy Dao & Rodier, 1976),  $[\text{N}(\text{C}_3\text{H}_7)_4][\text{UO}_2\text{Cl}_4]$  (Di Sipio *et al.*, 1974d),  $[\text{N}(\text{C}_3\text{H}_7)_4][\text{UO}_2\text{Br}_4]$  (Di Sipio *et al.*, 1974b),  $[\text{N}(\text{C}_4\text{H}_9)_4][\text{UO}_2\text{Cl}_4]$  (Di Sipio *et al.*, 1974c),  $[\text{N}(\text{C}_4\text{H}_9)_4][\text{UO}_2\text{Br}_4]$  (Di Sipio *et al.*, 1977) have been determined.

**Experimental.** Crystals of the title compound obtained by slow cooling of a boiling solution of  $\text{UBr}_4$  in methyl nitrite. Single crystal (0.2 × 0.3 × 0.2 mm) suitable for X-ray analysis sealed in a thin-walled glass capillary under an inert atmosphere. Enraf CAD-4 X-ray diffractometer, graphite-monochromated  $\text{Mo } K\bar{\alpha}$  radiation. Cell parameters refined by least squares from angle data of 25 reflections. Space group  $P\bar{1}$  or  $P\bar{1}$  with  $P\bar{1}$  consistent with statistics. 2247 reflections collected ( $\theta-2\theta$  scan mode) in range  $4 \leq 2\theta \leq 50^\circ$ , 2142 considered observed [ $I \geq \sigma(I)$ ,  $\pm h$ ,  $\pm k$ ,  $\pm l$ ; index range  $h-8/8$ ,  $k-8/8$ ,  $l-9/9$ ], averaged to 1118 unique reflections ( $R_{\text{int}} = 0.008$ ).

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Three reflections monitored periodically showed no significant deviations from mean. Intensities corrected for Lorentz-polarization effects; empirical absorption corrections (transmission factors range from 43.63 to 99.70%). Structure solved by direct methods and Fourier techniques; full-matrix least-squares refinement [minimizing  $\sum(\Delta F)^2$ ] on 1027 independent reflections with  $F^2 \geq 3\sigma(F^2)$ . Anisotropic thermal parameters.  $R = 0.030$ ,  $wR = 0.036$ ,  $w = 1$ ,  $S = 1.76$ ,  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.01$ . Since hydrogen atoms could not be located on the final difference map, they were not included in the calculations. Maximum and minimum  $\Delta\rho$  in final difference Fourier map, 1.866 and  $-1.415 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ , are about 1 Å from U. Atomic scattering factors and anomalous-dispersion terms from *International Tables for X-ray Crystallography* (1974). Enraf-Nonius (1981) SDP programs, Fig. 1 drawn with ORTEP (Johnson, 1965).

**Discussion.** The crystal structure is illustrated by Fig. 1. Table 1\* contains final atomic positional parameters for non-H atoms. Selected interatomic distances and angles are listed in Table 2. The uranium atom has octahedral coordination in the  $[\text{UO}_2\text{Br}_4]^{2-}$  anion with four Br atoms at the corners of a rectangular plane [ $\text{Br}(1)-\text{Br}(2) = 4.018(1)$ ;  $\text{Br}(1)-\text{Br}(2^i) = 3.939(2)$  Å and  $\text{Br}(2)-\text{Br}(1)-\text{Br}(2^i) = 90.07(3)$ °] while the  $\text{UO}_2$  is linear by symmetry and almost perpendicular [88.7(5)°] to the rectangular plane.<sup>†</sup> The approximate symmetry of the ion is thus  $D_{4h}$ . The U–O distance 1.766(6) Å falls within the range of values reported in the literature for dioxouranium compounds with four-fold equatorial coordination, 1.52–2.05 Å (*Gmelin's Handbook of Inorganic Chemistry*, 1983). The bonding

\* Lists of structure amplitudes and anisotropic thermal parameters have been deposited with the British Library Document Supply Centre as Supplementary Publication No. SUP 43415 (7 pp.). Copies may be obtained through The Executive Secretary, International Union of Crystallography, 5 Abbey Square, Chester CH1 2HU, England.

† (i)  $-x, -y, -z$ ; (ii)  $-x, 1-y, -z$ ; (iii)  $-1+x, y, 1+z$ .

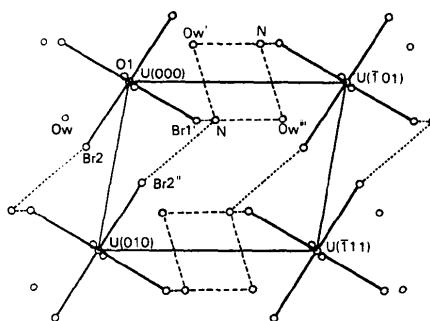


Fig. 1. Projection of the structure along [100]. Symmetry codes are defined in a footnote to the main text.

Table 1. *Atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic thermal parameters with e.s.d.'s in parentheses*

	$x$	$y$	$z$	$B_{\text{eq}}$
U	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.504 (9)
Br(1)	0.2284 (2)	0.2322 (2)	0.3438 (1)	2.89 (2)
Br(2)	0.1765 (2)	0.3923 (2)	-0.1435 (1)	2.66 (2)
O(1)	0.2344 (9)	-0.032 (1)	-0.0279 (9)	2.2 (1)
O(w)	0.566 (1)	0.221 (1)	-0.262 (1)	2.9 (2)
N	-0.245 (1)	0.230 (1)	0.430 (1)	2.3 (2)

Table 2. *Selected interatomic distances (Å) and angles (°) with e.s.d.'s in parentheses*

U–O(1)	1.766 (6)	O(1)–Br(1)	3.298 (7)
U–Br(1)	2.812 (1)	O(1)–Br(2)	3.294 (8)
U–Br(2)	2.815 (1)		
O(1)–U–Br(1)	89.2 (2)		
O(1)–U–Br(2)	88.9 (2)		
Br(1)–U–Br(2)	91.14 (3)		

between the  $[\text{NH}_4]^+$  and  $[\text{UO}_2\text{Br}_4]^{2-}$  ions involves two short N...Br contacts, N...Br(1) and N...Br(2<sup>i</sup>), which are 3.418 (7) and 3.465 (8) Å respectively. Through these short contacts with the  $[\text{NH}_4]^+$  cations, the anionic groups form chains parallel to **b** (Fig. 1). The distances N...O(w<sup>i</sup>) 2.92 (1) Å and N...O(w<sup>iii</sup>) 2.88 (1) Å and the angle O(w<sup>i</sup>)...N...O(w<sup>iii</sup>) 95.5 (3)° show that the  $[\text{NH}_4]^+$  ions and the water molecules are distributed at the corners of a planar, almost square rhomb which links the anionic chains in the (101) plane. The angle between this rhomb and the four-bromine plane of the anion is 40.8 (8)°.

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