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# 4-Methylpyridinium Hydrogen Sulfide 

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#### Abstract

4-Methylpyridinium hydrogen sulfide, $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{7} \mathrm{NH}^{+} . \mathrm{HS}^{-}$, was obtained as a by-product of the reaction between $\mathrm{GaCl}_{3}$ and thioglycolic acid in a 4-methylpyridine solution. The compound consists of heterocyclic $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{7} \mathrm{NH}^{+}$ cationic rings and $\mathrm{HS}^{-}$anions. Both the $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{7} \mathrm{NH}^{+}$ cation and the $\mathrm{HS}^{-}$anion lie on crystallographic mirror planes with the $\mathrm{N}, \mathrm{S}$, two C and two H atoms positioned in the planes. The H atom of the $\mathrm{HS}^{-}$anion was not


 located.
## Comment

As part of our program to study the reactions of indium and gallium compounds in nitrogen-donor solvents, we have isolated, crystallized and structurally characterized a number of by-products derived from reactions of the solvents, including piperidinium hydrogen sulfide (Andras, Hepp, Fanwick, Duraj \& Gordon, 1994), 4methylpyridinium bromide (Andras, Hepp, Fanwick, Martuch \& Duraj, 1993) and 4-methylpyridinium hydrogen sulfide, (I), the structure of which is reported here.

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[^0]4-Methylpyridinium hydrogen sulfide, also known as $\gamma$-picolinium hydrogen sulfide, retains the basic structure of the 4 -methylpyridine ring (Ohms et al., 1985), but its structure varies from that of 4-methylpyridine in several small ways. These variations include an increase in the $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{C}$ bond angle as the lone pair on the N atom of 4-methylpyridine is replaced with the $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H}$ bond of the 4 -methylpyridinium ring and a slight shortening ( $0.03 \AA$ ) of the $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ bond length between the neutral and protonated rings.


Fig. 1. ORTEP (Johnson, 1965) drawing of the title molecule (without the undetected H atom of $\mathrm{HS}^{-}$) showing the atomic labeling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the $50 \%$ probability level, while isotropic H -atom displacement parameters are represented by spheres of arbitrary size.


Fig. 2. Packing diagram of the title compound.

## Experimental

4-Methylpyridinium hydrogen sulfide was obtained as a byproduct of the reaction between $\mathrm{GaCl}_{3}$ and thioglycolic acid $\left(\mathrm{HSCH}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{H}\right)$ in a 4-methylpyridine solution. The reaction was carried out under an argon atmosphere. 2.0 ml ( 18.7 mmol ) of $\mathrm{HSCH}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{H}$ was slowly added to a solution of 0.87 g of $\mathrm{GaCl}_{3}$ in 30 ml of 4-methylpyridine. After reacting for 24 h , the precipitate which formed was removed by filtration. The filtrate solution was layered with 30 ml of freshly distilled hexanes. This produced colorless crystals of 4-methylpyridinium hydrogen sulfide which were allowed to grow for 80 d . The crystals were then collected, washed with three 10 ml aliquots of hexanes and dried in vacuo.

Crystal data
$\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{~N}^{+} . \mathrm{HS}^{-}$
$M_{r}=127.21$

Mo $K \alpha$ radiation
$\lambda=0.71073 \AA$

Monoclinic
Cm
$a=8.679(2) \AA$
$b=7.964$ (1) $\AA$
$c=4.860(2) \AA$
$\beta=101.10(2)^{\circ}$
$V=329.6(3) \AA^{3}$
$Z=2$
$D_{x}=1.28 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$
$D_{m}$ not measured
Data collection
Enraf-Nonius CAD-4
diffractometer
$\omega / 2 \theta$ scans
Absorption correction:
empirical, $\Delta F$ (Walker
\& Stuart, 1983)
$T_{\text {min }}=0.421, T_{\text {max }}=$ 1.000

413 measured reflections
413 independent reflections

Cell parameters from 25 reflections
$\theta=18-23^{\circ}$
$\mu=0.364 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$
$T=293 \mathrm{~K}$
Chunk
$0.47 \times 0.32 \times 0.22 \mathrm{~mm}$ Colorless

## Refinement

Refinement on $F$
$w=1 / \sigma^{2}(F)$
$R=0.039$
$w R=0.048$
$S=1.617$
385 reflections
59 parameters
All H -atom parameters
refined; anion H atom not located

Table 1. Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters $\left(\AA^{2}\right)$

| $B_{\text {eq }}=(1 / 3) \sum_{i} \sum_{j} B_{i j} a_{i}^{*} a_{j}^{*} \mathbf{a}_{i} \cdot \mathbf{a}_{j}$. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | $B_{\text {eq }}$ |
| S | 0.16570 | 1 | 0.95320 | 3.86 (2) |
| N | 0.4327 (5) | 1 | 0.6516 (9) | 3.61 (8) |
| C(2) | 0.4863 (5) | 0.8540 (5) | 0.5731 (9) | 3.93 (7) |
| $\mathrm{C}(3)$ | 0.5969 (5) | 0.8508 (5) | 0.4101 (8) | 3.72 (6) |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)$ | 0.6555 (6) | 1 | 0.323 (1) | 3.23 (8) |
| C(7) | 0.7805 (7) | 1 | 0.152 (1) | 4.8 (1) |
| H (1) | 0.349 (9) | 1 | 0.77 (2) | 6 (2) |
| H(21) | 0.459 (7) | 0.756 (9) | 0.68 (1) | 8 (2) |
| H(31) | 0.632 (8) | 0.754 (9) | 0.35 (1) | 9 (2) |
| H(71) | 0.872 (9) | I | 0.30 (2) | 6 (2) |
| H (72) | 0.77 (1) | 0.89 (1) | 0.01 (2) | 12 (2) |

Table 2. Selected geometric parameters $\left(\AA,^{\circ}\right)$

| $\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{H}(1)$ | $1.98(9)$ | $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | $1.390(5)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{C}(2)$ | $1.335(5)$ | $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{H}(31)$ | $0.90(8)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H}(1)$ | $1.00(9)$ | $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ | $1.488(8)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | $1.357(7)$ | $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{H}(71)$ | $1.0(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{H}(21)$ | $0.98(8)$ | $\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{H}(72)$ | $1.1(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{C}\left(2^{i}\right)$ | $121.1(6)$ | $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}\left(3^{\prime}\right)$ | $117.5(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H}(1)$ | $119.4(3)$ | $\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(7)$ | $121.2(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)$ | $120.5(4)$ | $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{H}(71)$ | $99(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{H}(21)$ | $114(4)$ | $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{H}(72)$ | $113(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(3-\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{H}(21)$ | $124(4)$ | $\mathrm{H}(71)-\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{H}(72)$ | $115(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(2-\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{C}(4)$ | $120.2(4)$ | $\mathrm{H}(72)-\mathrm{C}(7)-\mathrm{H}\left(72^{\prime}\right)$ | $103(11)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(2)-\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{H}(31)$ | $121(5)$ | $\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{H}(1)-\mathrm{N}$ | $173(8)$ |
| $\mathrm{C}(4)-\mathrm{C}(3)-\mathrm{H}(31)$ | $118(5)$ |  |  |

The crystal for analysis was sealed in a glass capillary. Intensity data were collected with a variable scan rate of 2$16^{\circ} \mathrm{min}^{-1}$ and an $\omega$-scan width of $(0.74+0.350 \tan \theta)^{\circ}$. Intensities were corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects. Atoms were located in succeeding difference Fourier syntheses. With the exception of the H atom of the $\mathrm{HS}^{-}$ion, H atoms were located and their positions and isotropic displacement parameters refined. The structure was refined by fullmatrix least-squares methods. The function minimized was $\Sigma w_{c}\left(\left|F_{o}\right|-\left|F_{c}\right|\right)^{2}$ and the weight, $w$, was defined by the Killean \& Lawrence (1969) method with terms of 0.020 and 0.1 . Anomalous dispersion effects were included in $F_{c}$ (Ibers \& Hamilton, 1964) and the values of $f^{\prime}$ and $f^{\prime \prime}$ were those of Cromer (1974). Plots of $\Sigma w\left(\left|F_{o}\right|-\left|F_{c}\right|\right)^{2}$ versus $\left|F_{o}\right|$, reflection order in data collection, $\sin \theta$ and various classes of indices showed no unusual trends. All calculations were performed on a VAX computer.

Program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS86 (Sheldrick, 1985). Program(s) used to refine structure: MolEN (Fair, 1990). Molecular graphics: ORTEP (Johnson, 1965). Software used to prepare material for publication: WordPerfect for Windon's (Version 5.2).

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