

Absorption correction: none  $h = -10 \rightarrow 7$   
 9439 measured reflections  $k = -21 \rightarrow 16$   
 4535 independent reflections  $l = -20 \rightarrow 20$   
 2319 reflections with  
 $I > 2\sigma(I)$

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = -0.001$   
 $R(F) = 0.034$   $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.139 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.050$   $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.111 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
 $S = 0.950$  Extinction correction: none  
 4535 reflections Scattering factors from  
 366 parameters *International Tables for*  
*Crystallography* (Vol. C)  
 H atoms constrained  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0141P)^2]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

Data were collected applying an imaging-plate system with the following measurement parameters yielding data completeness of typically 0.9: detector distance 75–80 mm; irradiation/exposure 12–25 min;  $0 < \varphi < 94^\circ$ . Methyl H atoms were placed in idealized positions based on difference electron synthesis and torsion angles were refined with fixed isotropic displacement parameters of  $1.5U_{\text{eq}}$ (parent C). All other H atoms were placed in idealized positions and refined with fixed isotropic displacement parameters of  $1.2U_{\text{eq}}$ (parent C). Atom C44 of compound (VII) is disordered and was refined using a split model.

For all compounds, program(s) used to solve structure: *SIR92* (Altomare *et al.*, 1993); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL93* (Sheldrick, 1993); molecular graphics: *PLATON* (Spek, 1990); software used to prepare material for publication: *PLATON*.

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## Pyridine *N*-Oxide and 4-Nitrophenol (1:1 Complex)

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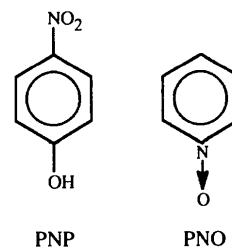
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#### Abstract

In the title hydrogen-bonded complex,  $\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{NO} \cdot \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NO}_3$ , the two components are linked by an  $\text{O}—\text{H} \cdots \text{O}$  hydrogen bond between the phenol hydroxyl group and the *N*-oxide O atom [ $\text{O} \cdots \text{O}$  2.553(2) Å]. The interplanar angle between the aromatic rings in the two components is  $41.29(6)^\circ$ .

#### Comment

The present work is part of a structural study of molecular complexes of *N*-oxide systems with hydrogen-bond donors and we report here on the structure of the 1:1 complex between pyridine *N*-oxide (PNO) and 4-nitrophenol (PNP). A similar series of molecular complexes formed from 4-nitropyridine *N*-oxide and diverse hydrogen-bond donors, which observes the possibility of application in non-linear optics, has been reported previously (Moreno-Fuquen *et al.*, 1996, and references therein).



The crystallographic data of the free PNO molecule (Ülkü *et al.*, 1971) can be used as a comparison for the parameters obtained for the title complex. A *ZORTEP* (Zsolnai, 1995) view of the hydrogen-bonded PNO.PNP complex and its numbering scheme are shown in Fig. 1. The molecular complex owes its formation to a hydrogen bond between the O4 atom of the *N*-oxide group of PNO and the O1 atom of the  $\text{O}—\text{H}$  group of PNP; the dimensions are  $\text{O1} \cdots \text{O4}$  2.553(2),  $\text{O1}—$

H1 0.95 (2) HO1...O4 1.61 (2) Å and O1—HO1...O4 174 (2)°. From the O...O value, the strength of the hydrogen bond is classified as strong (Emsley, 1984). The interplanar angle between the aromatic rings in PNO and PNP in the present complex is 41.29 (6)°. Bond lengths and angles (Table 1) are similar to those reported for the free PNO molecule (Ülkü *et al.*, 1971) and the free PNP molecule (Coppens & Schmidt, 1965*a,b*).

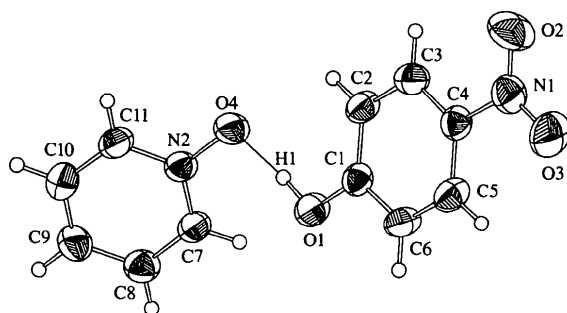


Fig. 1. Representation of the hydrogen-bonded title complex showing the atomic numbering. Displacement ellipsoids are plotted at the 50% probability level.

## Experimental

Crystals of the title complex were prepared by slow evaporation from an equimolecular solution of PNO and PNP in acetonitrile. Regular pale-yellow crystals were obtained with an m.p. of 387 (2) K.

### Crystal data

C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>NO.C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>

*M<sub>r</sub>* = 234.21

Monoclinic

*P*2<sub>1</sub>/*c*

*a* = 7.983 (4) Å

*b* = 6.054 (3) Å

*c* = 22.595 (1) Å

β = 95.74 (1)°

*V* = 1086.5 (8) Å<sup>3</sup>

*Z* = 4

*D<sub>x</sub>* = 1.432 Mg m<sup>-3</sup>

*D<sub>m</sub>* not measured

Mo Kα radiation

λ = 0.71073 Å

Cell parameters from 25 reflections

θ = 10.6–18.2°

μ = 0.111 mm<sup>-1</sup>

*T* = 253 K

Transparent prism

0.23 × 0.12 × 0.05 mm

Yellow

### Data collection

Enraf–Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer

ω/2θ scans

Absorption correction: none

4400 measured reflections

2203 independent reflections

1521 reflections with

*I* > 2σ(*I*)

*R*<sub>int</sub> = 0.036

θ<sub>max</sub> = 26.31°

*h* = -9 → 9

*k* = 0 → 7

*l* = -28 → 28

3 standard reflections

frequency: 120 min

intensity decay: 0.53%

### Refinement

Refinement on *F*<sup>2</sup>

*R*(*F*) = 0.038

w*R*(*F*<sup>2</sup>) = 0.100

*S* = 0.947

2202 reflections

158 parameters

H atoms: see below

w = 1/[σ<sup>2</sup>(*F<sub>o</sub>*<sup>2</sup>) + (0.0596*P*)<sup>2</sup> + 0.3324*P*],

*P* = (*F<sub>o</sub>*<sup>2</sup> + 2*F<sub>c</sub>*<sup>2</sup>)/3

(Δ/σ)<sub>max</sub> < 0.001

Δρ<sub>max</sub> = 0.193 e Å<sup>-3</sup>

Δρ<sub>min</sub> = -0.242 e Å<sup>-3</sup>

Extinction correction:

*SHELXL93*

Extinction coefficient:

0.012 (2)

Scattering factors from *International Tables for X-ray Crystallography* (Vol. IV)

Table 1. Selected geometric parameters (Å, °)

|          |           |           |             |
|----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| O1—C1    | 1.336 (2) | N1—C4     | 1.446 (2)   |
| O1—H1    | 0.95 (3)  | O4—N2     | 1.325 (2)   |
| O2—N1    | 1.226 (2) | N2—C11    | 1.346 (2)   |
| O3—N1    | 1.232 (2) | N2—C7     | 1.348 (2)   |
| O2—N1—O3 | 122.5 (2) | C5—C4—N1  | 118.9 (2)   |
| O2—N1—C4 | 119.2 (2) | C3—C4—N1  | 119.8 (2)   |
| O3—N1—C4 | 118.3 (2) | O4—N2—C11 | 119.10 (14) |
| O1—C1—C6 | 117.7 (2) | O4—N2—C7  | 120.09 (15) |
| O1—C1—C2 | 122.8 (2) |           |             |

The ring H atoms were added at calculated positions and were refined using a riding model with *SHELXL93* (Sheldrick, 1993) defaults (C—H 0.93–0.96 Å); they were given isotropic displacement parameters equal to 1.2 times the equivalent isotropic displacement parameters of their attached atom. The hydroxyl H atom, H1, was located from a Fourier difference map and its coordinates were refined.

Data collection: *CAD-4 Software* (Enraf–Nonius, 1989). Cell refinement: *CAD-4 Software*. Data reduction: *VAXSDP* (Frenz, 1978). Program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS86* (Sheldrick, 1985). Program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL93*. Molecular graphics: *ZORTEP* (Zsolnai, 1995). Software used to prepare material for publication: *VAXSDP*.

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## 2:1 Complex of 3-Picoline *N*-Oxide and Hydroquinone

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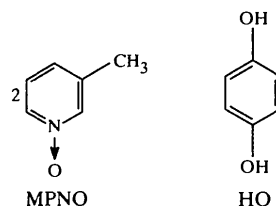
### Abstract

The title system,  $2C_6H_7NO \cdot C_6H_6O_2$ , belongs to a series of molecular complexes formed from 3-picoline *N*-oxide and diverse hydrogen-bond donors. The molecular complex owes its formation to a hydrogen bond between the O atom of the *N*-oxide group of each 3-picoline *N*-oxide molecule and the O atom of an OH group of the hydroquinone molecule. The complex has a dihedral angle of  $48.16(5)^\circ$  between the aromatic rings and exhibits overlap between the hydroquinone and 3-picoline *N*-oxide molecules in the [001] direction. The structural characteristics of the title complex are compared with those of similar systems.

### Comment

The present work complements a series of studies of non-centrosymmetric molecular complexes of 3-picoline *N*-oxide (MPNO) with diverse hydrogen-bond donors (HBD), which can be used as non-linear optical materials (Prasad & Williams, 1991). Though the present molecular system is centrosymmetric, information about its crystal structure is very important to the study of the general behaviour of MPNO with respect to its formation of hydrogen-bonded complexes. MPNO and molecular complexes such as MPNO–*p*-toluic acid (MPNO–PTOL) (Moreno-Fuquen *et al.*, 1997) may be taken as a reference frame for analysing the behaviour

of the present complex. The isomeric molecular complexes formed by 2-picoline *N*-oxide and hydroquinone (HQ) (OPNO–HQ), and by 4-picoline *N*-oxide and HQ (PPNO–HQ) are isostructural, with space group *Cc*, and display identical and atypical crystal packing (Moreno-Fuquen *et al.*, 1998). Indeed, the O atom of the *N*-oxide group is simultaneously linked to two hydroxides of two neighbouring HQ molecules, forming infinite chains in the [101] direction. This behaviour is not observed in the isomeric title complex, in which the HQ molecule is linked to two MPNO molecules *via* its OH groups.



A displacement ellipsoid plot of the hydrogen-bonded complex with the atom-numbering scheme is shown in Fig. 1. The complex is linked by a hydrogen bond between the O1 atom of the *N*-oxide group of each MPNO molecule and the O2 atom of a hydroxide group of the HQ molecule, with an  $O \cdots O$  distance of  $2.621(2) \text{ \AA}$  and an  $O2-HO2 \cdots O1$  angle of  $173(2)^\circ$ . This system may be described by two planes formed by the aromatic rings, which have a dihedral angle of  $48.16(5)^\circ$  between them. The bond lengths and angles of the MPNO molecule are similar to those observed in the MPNO–PTOL system (Moreno-Fuquen *et al.*, 1997). The bond lengths and angles of the HQ molecule in the complex are similar to those reported for the free molecule (Maartmann-Moe, 1966).

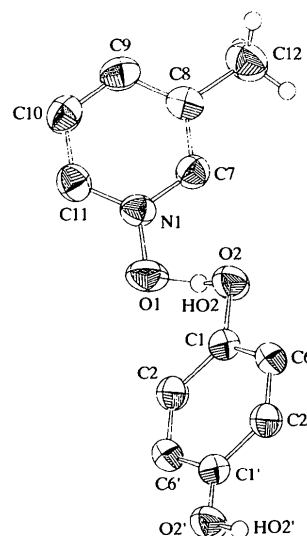


Fig. 1. A perspective view of the title complex with the atomic labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are plotted at the 50% probability level. The ring H atoms have been omitted for clarity.