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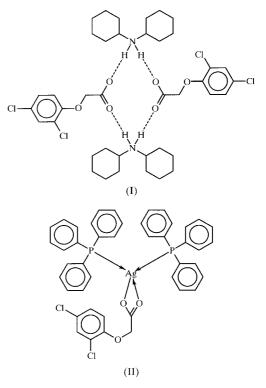
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The monoclinic cell of dicyclohexylammonium 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetate contains four  $C_{12}H_{24}N^+ \cdot C_5H_8Cl_2O_3^-$  ion pairs. The ammonium N atom is hydrogen bonded to the oxygen ends of two carboxyl groups to form a 12-membered  $O-C-O\cdots$ HNH $\cdots O-C-O\cdots$ HNH ring. In (2,4-dichlorophenoxylacetato)bis(triphenylphosphine)silver(I), [Ag(C\_8H\_5Cl\_2O\_3)(C\_{18}H\_{15}P)\_2], the carboxyl CO\_2 unit chelates to the Ag atom in an anisobidentate manner [Ag-O = 2.436 (2) and 2.517 (2) Å]; the Ag atom shows distorted tetrahedral geometry.

## Comment

Dimeric 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid  $[O \cdots O = 2.632 \ (6) \text{ Å};$ Smith *et al.*, 1976] is a potent herbicide (Que Hee & Sutherland, 1981). The acid cocrystallizes with 4-aminobenzoic acid (Lynch *et al.*, 1992) and with 2-aminopyrimidine (Lynch *et al.*, 1994), and its anion has been characterized as the zinc (Kennard *et al.*, 1982), potassium (Kennard *et al.*, 1983), silver (Mak *et al.*, 1988) and copper (Dendrinou-Samara *et al.*, 1986) salts. The only ammonium salt of the acid that has been examined appears to be the 3-hydroxypyridinium derivative, which adopts a chain structure in which the anions are linked by hydrogen bonds (N···O = 2.60 and O···O = 2.55 Å; Byriel *et al.*, 1992). The study on the present dicyclohexylammonium salt, (I), continues studies of dicyclohexylammonium salts of monocarboxylic acids. Dicyclohexylammonium trifluoroacetate crystallizes as linear hydrogen-bonded chains [N···O = 2.785 (2) and 2.794 (2) Å; Ng *et al.*, 1999], but this architecture is not common as several other dicyclohexylammonium monocarboxylates pack as dimeric ion pairs across a centre of



symmetry. Such an architecture is observed for the O-(N,Ndimethylmonothiocarbamoyl)acetate  $[N \cdot \cdot \cdot O = 2.706 (4)]$  and 2.750 (3) Å], N-phthaloylglycinate  $[N \cdots O = 2.733 (5)]$  and 2.783 (5) Å; Ng, 1995], bis(N,N-dimethyldithiocarbamoyl)acetate  $[N \cdots O = 2.701 (3) \text{ and } 2.796 (3) \text{ Å}; 2.698 (3) \text{ and }$ 2.837 (3) Å; Ng, 1996], N,N-dicyclohexyldithiocarbamoylacetate  $[N \cdots O = 2.706 (2) \text{ and } 2.757 (2) \text{ Å}; \text{ Ng}, 1997]$  and 3oxapentamethylenedithiocarbamoylacetate  $[N \cdot \cdot \cdot O]$ 2.732 (4) and 2.738 (4) Å; Ng & Hook, 1999]. As the substituted acetate group carries bulky substituents, steric effects probably contribute to this type of dimer formation. This arrangment is also found in the 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetate  $[N \cdot \cdot \cdot O = 2.751 (3) \text{ and } 2.784 (3) \text{ Å}]$ . The carbon-oxygen distances in the carboxyl  $-CO_2$  end [C-O = 1.224 (2)] and 1.238 (2) Å] indicate delocalization of the negative charge. At the ether linkage, the  $C_{alkyl}$ -O distance [C-O = 1.421 (4) Å] exceeds the  $C_{aryl}$ -O distance [C-O = 1.356 (4) Å]. Bond dimensions in the anion are not much different from those found in the parent acid  $[C-O_{carboxyl} = 1.217 (6)$  and 1.304 (5) Å;  $C_{alkyl}$ -O = 1.423 (5),  $C_{aryl}$ -O = 1.365 (5) Å; Smith et al., 1976]. In the parent acid as well as in the dicyclohexylammonium salt, the angle at the ether linkage is nearly 120°. The bond dimensions of the ether linkage in the acid and in the salt are in agreement with the results (Calkyl-O = 1.407,  $C_{arvl}$  – O = 1.371 Å and C–O–C = 119.4°) of molecular mechanics calculations on the monomeric acid computed with the MM3+ basis set (Hypercube Inc., 1995). The computations suggest a planar structure as the most stable conformation; on the other hand, the carboxyl unit is twisted

2447 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

50 standard frames at start and end

intensity decay: none

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.059$ 

 $h = -15 \rightarrow 15$ 

 $k = -21 \rightarrow 11$ 

 $l = -10 \rightarrow 10$ 

 $\theta_{\rm max} = 25^{\circ}$ 

by  $85.2^{\circ}$  with respect to the aromatic ring in the acid and by  $80.8(3)^{\circ}$  in the salt. The synclinal conformation of 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid appears to be a feature that is not usually found in other phenoxyacetic acids or in metal phenoxyacetates (Mak et al., 1988) such as zinc 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetate (Kennard et al., 1982) and potassium 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetate (Kennard et al., 1983).

The silver 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetate dimer, for which only partial structural details are reported, displays a zigzag motif that is derived through carboxylate bridging of the two independent molecules, and both Ag atoms are two-coordinate. The compound is isomorphous and isostructural with silver 2-methyl-4-chlorophenoxyacetate [Ag-O = 2.185 (3)-2.217 (3) Å], whose full structural details are reported. As the dihedral angles between the carboxyl and the aromatic planes in the latter compound are 15 and 18°, both invidual monomers are almost planar (Mak et al., 1988). (2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetato)bis(triphenylphosphine)silver, (II), shows a twist [dihedral angle =  $65.1 (1)^{\circ}$ ] that is comparable with that found in the dicyclohexylammonium salt. The chain motif of the silver salt is disrupted upon coordination by the two phosphine-donor ligands, and two weaker silver-oxygen bonds are formed instead [Ag-O = 2.435(2)] and 2.516 (2) Å]. The distorted tetrahedral geometry of silver in this adduct is similar to those found in a number of 1:2 adducts of silver carboxylates with triphenylphosphine such as the acetate (Ng & Othman, 1997), trifluoroacetate (Ng, 1998) and lactate (Hanna & Ng, 2000).

Of the two triphenylphosphine ligands, one is disordered in two of phenyl rings. The C1-C6/C1'-C7' pair of rings are twisted by 42 (1)°, and the C7–C12/C7'–C12' pair by 33 (1)°. The disorder is corroborated by the CP/MAS spectral values: the  ${}^{1}J(Ag-P)$  coupling constants of the ordered and disordered phosphorus sites are significantly different. The linewidths of the NMR signals constitute the basis for assigning the ordered/disordered sites; the ordered phosphorus signal yields  ${}^{1}J({}^{107}Ag{}^{-31}P)$  and  ${}^{1}J({}^{109}Ag{}^{-31}P)$  couplings that are clearly resolved, whereas the disordered phosphorus signal is Lorentzian broaden so that these couplings cannot be resolved. The silver-phosphorus<sub>disordered</sub> distance [2.4073 (8) Å] is statistically shorter than the silver-phosphorus<sub>ordered</sub> distance [2.4753 (8) Å].

## **Experimental**

Dicyclohexylamine, dissolved in a small volume of ethanol, was added to an ethanol solution of 2,4-dichlorphenoxylacetic acid (1:1 molar ratio of reactants). Ethanol was added to dissolve the ammonium carboxylate that precipitated from solution, and the mixture was heated until most had dissolved completely; the filtered solution afforded long colourless crystals when it was cooled. Solid-state crosspolarization/magic angle-spinning (CP/MAS) <sup>13</sup>C NMR:  $\delta = 172.3$ (-CO<sub>2</sub>); 154.3, 129.8, 114.1 (-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>); 68.0 (-CH<sub>2</sub>-O-); 54.6, 51.4, 31.4, 29.8, 28.1, 26.2 p.p.m. (cyclo- $C_6H_{11}$ ). Equimolar quantities of aqueous sodium 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetate and silver nitrate were mixed to afford an immediate white precipitate of silver 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetate, which was collected, washed with water, and

then air dried. The silver salt and triphenylphosphine (1:2 molar ratio) were heated in a small volume of ethanol until the reactants dissolved completely; slow cooling of the filtered solution yielded faint tan-colored crystals of the 1:2 complex. <sup>13</sup>C NMR:  $\delta = 173.9$  (- $CO_2$ ); 155.6, 135.4–130.1, 116.4 (– $C_6H_3Cl_2$  overlapped with – $C_6H_5$ ); 70.3 p.p.m. (-CH2-O). CP/MAS <sup>31</sup>P NMR for the ordered triphenylphosphine ligand:  $\delta = 20.8 \pm 0.1$  p.p.m.,  ${}^{1}J(Ag-P) = 508 \pm 4$  Hz,  $^{2}J(P-P) = 140\pm4$  Hz. CP/MAS  $^{31}P$  NMR for the disordered triphenylphosphine ligand:  $\delta = 15.9 \pm 0.1$  p.p.m.,  ${}^{1}J(Ag-P) = 383 \pm 4$  Hz,  $^{2}J(P-P) = 140 \pm 4$  Hz.

### Compound (I)

#### Crystal data

$C_{12}H_{24}N^+ \cdot C_8H_5Cl_2O_3^-$	$D_{\rm r} = 1.260 {\rm Mg} {\rm m}^{-3}$
$M_r = 402.34$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$	Cell parameters from 6107
a = 13.3847 (1)  Å	reflections
b = 18.2966 (3) Å	$\theta = 2.73 - 28.37^{\circ}$
c = 8.9780 (1)  Å	$\mu = 0.325 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$\beta = 105.296 (1)^{\circ}$	T = 298 (2) K
$V = 2120.78 (4) \text{ Å}^3$	Parallelepiped, colourless
Z = 4	$0.48 \times 0.42 \times 0.28 \text{ mm}$

### Data collection

Siemens CCD area-detector diffractometer w scans Absorption correction: empirical (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)  $T_{\min} = 0.860, \ T_{\max} = 0.915$ 11 531 measured reflections 3737 independent reflections

### Refinement

 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0975P)^2]$ Refinement on  $F^2$  $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.063$ + 0.5146P] where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$  $wR(F^2) = 0.198$ S = 1.064 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001_{\circ}$  $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.37 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ 3737 reflections  $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.44$  e Å<sup>-3</sup> 244 parameters H atoms treated by a mixture of Extinction correction: SHELXL97 independent and constrained Extinction coefficient: 0.014 (2) refinement

#### Table 1

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °) for (I).

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
$\begin{array}{c} N1 - H1A \cdots O1 \\ N1 - H1B \cdots O2^{i} \end{array}$	0.95 (4)	1.85 (4)	2.784 (3)	169 (3)
	0.86 (4)	1.90 (4)	2.751 (3)	171 (3)

Symmetry code: (i) -x, 1 - y, -z.

## Compound (II)

Crystal data	
$[Ag(C_8H_5Cl_2O_3)(C_{18}H_{15}P)_2]$	$D_x = 1.402 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
$M_r = 852.43$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$	Cell parameters from 7909
a = 13.4500 (2)  Å	reflections
b = 25.8202 (4)  Å	$\theta = 2.82 - 28.38^{\circ}$
c = 11.7071 (2) Å	$\mu = 0.749 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$\beta = 96.790 \ (1)^{\circ}$	T = 298 (2)  K
$V = 4037.2 (1) \text{ Å}^3$	Parallelepiped, colourless
Z = 4	$0.42 \times 0.38 \times 0.28 \text{ mm}$

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Data collection

Siemens CCD area-detector diffractometer w scans Absorption correction: empirical ( <i>SADABS</i> ; Sheldrick, 1996) $T_{\min} = 0.744$ , $T_{\max} = 0.818$ 22 253 measured reflections 7085 independent reflections <i>Refinement</i>	5520 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ $R_{int} = 0.066$ $\theta_{max} = 25^{\circ}$ $h = -15 \rightarrow 15$ $k = -26 \rightarrow 30$ $l = -13 \rightarrow 13$ 50 frames from start to end intensity decay: none
Refinement on $F^2$	H-atom parameters constrained
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.042$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0580P)^2]$
$wR(F^2) = 0.110$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

 $wR(F^2) = 0.110$  S = 0.9727085 reflections 531 parameters

#### Table 2

Selected geometric parameters (Å,  $^{\circ}$ ) for (II).

Ag1-O1	2.435 (2)	Ag1-P1	2.4073 (8)
Ag1-O2	2.516 (2)	Ag1-P2	2.4753 (8)
O1-Ag1-O2	52.9 (1)	O2-Ag1-P1	118.2 (1)
O1-Ag1-O1	129.6 (1)	O2-Ag1-P2	102.7 (1)
O1-Ag1-P2	101.5 (1)	P1-Ag1-P2	127.0 (1)

 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001$ 

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.63 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$ 

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.63 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ 

In (II), two of the phenyl rings of one of the triphenylphosphine ligands are disordered, and each was refined as two regular hexagons; an ISOR 0.02 instruction was used on all the disordered atoms. The  $P-C_{ipso}$  distances were restrainted by a SADI 0.01 instruction, as were the four  $P-C_{ortho}$  distances.

For both compounds, data collection: *SMART* (Siemens, 1996); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Siemens, 1996); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS*97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL*97 (Sheldrick, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL*97.

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