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Tetraethylammonium dihydrogenarsenate bis(arsenic acid) and 1,4-diazoniabicyclo[2.2.2]octane bis(dihydrogenarsenate) arsenic acid: hydrogen-bonded networks containing dihydrogenarsenate anions and neutral arsenic acid molecules

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The title compounds, $(C_8H_{20}N)[H_2AsO_4][H_3AsO_4]_2$, (I), and $(C_6H_{14}N_2)[H_2AsO_4]_2[H_3AsO_4]$, (II), are unusual salts containing organic cations, dihydrogenarsenate anions and neutral arsenic acid molecules. In (I), the dihydrogenarsenate anion lies across a twofold rotation axis in the space group C2/c, while the cation is disordered across a centre of inversion. The $[H_2AsO_4]^-$ and H_3AsO_4 species interact by way of $O-H\cdots O$ hydrogen bonds, leading to sheets and a three-dimensional network for (I) and (II), respectively.

Comment

Only a handful of crystal structures containing the neutral arsenic acid (H₃AsO₄) molecule have been determined, including N,N,N-trimethylglycine (beatine) arsenic acid (Schildkamp *et al.*, 1984), tetraphenylphosphonium chloride arsenic acid (Ruhlandt-Senge *et al.*, 1992), L-histidinium dihydrogenarsenate arsenic acid (Ratajczak *et al.*, 2000) and DL-threonine–arsenic acid (1/1) (Wilkinson & Harrison, 2005). We present here the syntheses and structures of the title compounds, (C₈H₂₀N)[H₂AsO₄][H₃AsO₄]₂, (I), and (C₆H₁₄N₂)-[H₂AsO₄]₂[H₃AsO₄], (II), which both contain organic cations, dihydrogenarsenate anions and neutral arsenic acid molecules.



The structure of (I) (Fig. 1) is built up from tetraethylammonium cations ($C_8H_{20}N^+$, TEA), dihydrogenarsenate anions ($[H_2AsO_4]^-$) and neutral arsenic acid molecules (H_3AsO_4) in a 1:1:2 ratio. The N atom of the cation occupies a special position with site symmetry $\overline{1}$; thus, the ethyl arms of the TEA species are disordered, as is often seen for this cation (Majumdar *et al.*, 2006). The dihydrogenarsenate anion, containing As1, lies across a twofold rotation axis. The short and long As1–O bonds (Table 1) correspond to unprotonated As–O vertices with partial double-bond character and to protonated AsOH groups, respectively. The neutral arsenic acid molecule in (I), containing As2, with a mean As–O distance of 1.678 (2) Å, contains one short formal double bond (As2=O4) and three longer As–OH vertices, as seen in related structures (Wilkinson & Harrison, 2005).

As well as Coulombic and van der Waals forces, the component species in (I) interact by means of a network of $O-H\cdots O$ hydrogen bonds. All these bonds are short and nearly linear (Table 2). Pairs of arsenic acid molecules form inversion dimers *via* $O6-H4\cdots O4^{iii} + O6^{iii}-H4^{iii}\cdots O4$ links (see Table 2 for symmetry codes). Similar dimers built up from $[H_2AsO_4]^-$ units have been seen in propane-1,2-diaminium hydrogenarsenate (Todd & Harrison, 2005). The As1-centred anion then serves to link the As2 dimers, by donating two O-





The molecular structure of (I) (50% probability displacement ellipsoids and H atoms drawn as spheres of arbitrary radii). The hydrogen bond is indicated by a double dashed line. Only one disorder component of the cation is shown. [Symmetry codes: (i) -x, y, $\frac{1}{2} - z$; (ii) $\frac{1}{2} - x$, $\frac{1}{2} - y$, -z.]



Figure 2

Part of a hydrogen-bonded sheet of tetrahedra in (I), shown in polyhedral representation, with the inter-tetrahedral hydrogen bonds shown as thin lines.

H···O hydrogen bonds and accepting two O-H···O bonds, into a sheet of tetrahedra propagating in (001) (Fig. 2). A number of unusual graph-set (Bernstein *et al.*, 1995) loops occur within these arsenate sheets, including $R_3^2(10)$, $R_4^2(12)$ and $R_4^4(16)$ circuits, as well as the more familiar $R_2^2(8)$ inversion dimer arising from the As2 units.

The arsenate sheets sandwich the disordered organic cations in (I) (Fig. 3), resulting in alternating inorganic and organic layers with respect to the c direction.

Compound (II) contains 1,4-diazoniabicyclo[2.2.2]octane dications ($C_2H_{14}N_2^{2+}$) accompanied by dihydrogenarsenate anions and arsenic acid molecules (Fig. 4), with all atoms occupying general crystallographic positions. Because the organic cation is divalent, a 1:2:1 ratio of $C_2H_{14}N_2^{2+}:H_2AsO_4^{-}$: H_3AsO_4 arises in (II). As in (I), the individual arsenate As-O bond lengths correlate with their protonation state (Table 3). The mean As-O distances for the As1, As2 and As3 (arsenic acid) tetrahedra are 1.679 (2), 1.681 (2) and 1.674 (2) Å, respectively



Figure 3

The packing in (I), viewed down [010], with the H atoms of the organic species omitted for clarity and hydrogen bonds indicated by thin bonds. Only one disorder component of each cation is shown.



Figure 4

The molecular structure of (II) (50% probability displacement ellipsoids and H atoms drawn as spheres of arbitrary radii). Hydrogen bonds are indicated by dashed lines. Note the distinctive 'three-ring' of tetrahedra, leading to an $R_3^3(12)$ loop. In (II), the As2-centred dihydrogenarsenate groups form inversion dimers via $O-H\cdots O$ hydrogen bonds, which contrasts with (I), where the arsenic acid molecules formed similar dimers. The dimers are fused by further $O-H\cdots O$ hydrogen bonds (Table 4) to form chains of alternating As1and As3-centred units, resulting in slabs of tetrahedra propagating in [100] (Fig. 5). The graph-set loops found within the





Part of a hydrogen-bonded [100] slab of tetrahedra in (II), shown in polyhedral representation, with the inter-tetrahedral $O-H\cdots O$ hydrogen bonds shown as thin bonds.



Figure 6

The packing in (I), viewed down [100], with the H atoms of the organic species omitted for clarity.

arsenate slabs in (II) include $R_2^2(8)$ inversion dimers, and $R_3^2(12), R_3^3(12)$ and large $R_6^6(24)$ circuits.

The [100] slabs are crosslinked by the key $O10-H10\cdots O4^{iii}$ bond (Table 4), resulting in a three-dimensional hydrogenbonded network encompassing [100] channels occupied by the organic cations (Fig. 6). These very large channels can accommodate two organic cations side-by-side and are characterized by an $R_{12}^8(40)$ graph-set motif. In turn, the cations interact with the tetrahedral framework by way of N-H···O hydrogen bonds (Table 4). A related supramolecular hydrogen-bonded tetrahedral framework encapsulating organic cations was seen in 2-aminopyridinium dihydrogenphosphate (Czapla et al., 2003).

Experimental

For (I), 10 ml each of 0.5 mol dm⁻³ aqueous solutions of tetraethylammonium hydroxide (TEAOH) and arsenic acid were mixed in a Petri dish, resulting in a clear solution. Colourless rods and bars of (I) grew over a period of a few days as the water evaporated. For (II), a 0.5 mol dm⁻³ aqueous 1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane solution (10 ml) replaced the TEAOH solution, and colourless blocks of (II) were formed using the same experimental procedure as for (I).

V = 2010.7 (2) Å³

Mo $K\alpha$ radiation $\mu = 5.01 \text{ mm}^{-1}$

 $0.25 \times 0.08 \times 0.06 \ \mathrm{mm}$

9940 measured reflections 3610 independent reflections 2301 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$

T = 293 (2) K

 $R_{\rm int}=0.032$

Z = 4

Compound (I)

Crystal data

(C₈H₂₀N)[H₂AsO₄][H₃AsO₄]₂ $M_r = 555.08$ Monoclinic, C2/ca = 20.0518 (13) Åb = 7.3138 (4) Å c = 15.251 (1) Å $\beta = 115.969 (1)^{\circ}$

Data collection

Bruker SMART 1000 CCD
diffractometer
Absorption correction: multi-scan
(SADABS; Bruker, 1999)
$T_{\min} = 0.360, T_{\max} = 0.739$

Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.031$	130 parameters
$wR(F^2) = 0.066$	H-atom parameters constrained
S = 0.86	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.65 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm A}^{-3}$
3610 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.43 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$

Table 1

Selected bond lengths (Å) for (I).

As1-O1	1.6510 (15)	As2-O5	1.6797 (16)
As1-O2	1.6982 (17)	As2-O3	1.6895 (17)
As2-O4	1.6454 (15)	As2-O6	1.6985 (16)

Table 2

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

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D-\mathrm{H}$	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - H \cdots A$
O2-H1···O4 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.85	1.79	2.642 (2)	175
O3−H2···O1	0.90	1.65	2.547 (2)	176
O5-H3··· $O1$ ^{iv}	0.88	1.70	2.564 (2)	168
$O6-H4\cdots O4^{v}$	0.93	1.71	2.617 (2)	164

Symmetry codes: (iii) $x, -y + 1, z - \frac{1}{2}$; (iv) -x, -y, -z + 1; (v) -x, -y + 1, -z + 1.

Crystal data

$(C_6H_{14}N_2)[H_2AsO_4]_2[H_3AsO_4]$	$V = 1721.47 (12) \text{ Å}^3$
$M_r = 538.01$	Z = 4
Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
a = 8.1285 (3) Å	$\mu = 5.85 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
b = 22.2104 (9) Å	T = 293 (2) K
c = 10.0056 (4) Å	$0.24 \times 0.20 \times 0.14 \text{ mm}$
$\beta = 107.637 \ (1)^{\circ}$	

Data collection

Bruker SMART 1000 CCD diffractometer Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Bruker, 1999) $T_{\min} = 0.297, \ T_{\max} = 0.441$

Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.028$	209 parameters
$wR(F^2) = 0.056$	H-atom parameters constrained
S = 0.89	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.64 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$
6212 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.45 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

17889 measured reflections

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.032$

6212 independent reflections

4321 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$

Table 3

Selected bond lengths (Å) for (II).

As1-O2	1.6483 (15)	As2-O5	1.6896 (16)
As1-O4	1.6585 (16)	As2-O8	1.7163 (15)
As1-O3	1.7037 (17)	As3-011	1.6365 (14)
As1-O1	1.7045 (15)	As3-O12	1.6793 (17)
As2-O6	1.6571 (14)	As3-O9	1.6871 (16)
As2–O7	1.6608 (16)	As3-O10	1.6928 (15)

Table 4		
Hydrogen-bond geor	netry (Å	, °) for (II).

$D - H \cdots A$	$D-{\rm H}$	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots A$
$O1 - H1 \cdots O6^{i}$	0.89	1.70	2.557 (2)	163
O3-H3···O11 ⁱ	0.83	1.83	2.638 (2)	163
$O5-H5\cdots O2$	0.91	1.64	2.487 (2)	154
O8−H8···O7 ⁱⁱ	0.90	1.77	2.666 (2)	170
O9−H9···O7	0.92	1.62	2.526 (2)	167
O10−H10···O4 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.96	1.63	2.578 (3)	171
O12−H12···O4	0.89	1.64	2.523 (2)	171
N1-H13···O11	0.91	1.72	2.610 (2)	167
$N2-H14\cdots O6^{iv}$	0.91	1.81	2.655 (2)	154

Symmetry codes: (i) x - 1, y, z; (ii) -x + 1, -y, -z + 1; (iii) $x + \frac{1}{2}, -y + \frac{1}{2}, z + \frac{1}{2}$; (iv) $-x + \frac{3}{2}, y + \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{1}{2}.$

The methylene groups of the organic molecule in (I) are disordered over two conformations, which are required to have equal occupancies by symmetry. Their H atoms were placed geometrically (C-H = 0.97 Å) and refined as riding. The H atoms of the terminal methyl groups were placed in two orientations (C-H = 0.92-0.98 Å), in order to achieve reasonable C-C-H angles for both disorder components of the bridging methylene groups, and refined as riding. For (II), the C- and N-bound H atoms were positioned geometrically (C-H = 0.97 Å and N-H = 0.91 Å) and refined as riding. For both (I) and (II), the O-bound H atoms were located in difference maps and refined as riding in the positions found from the difference maps, giving a range of O-H distances of 0.83-0.96 Å. For both (I) and (II), $U_{iso}(H)$ values were set at $1.2U_{eq}(\text{carrier})$ or $1.5U_{eq}(\text{methyl C})$.

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