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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
T = 298 K
Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.002 \text{ \AA}$
R factor = 0.040
wR factor = 0.057
Data-to-parameter ratio = 10.4

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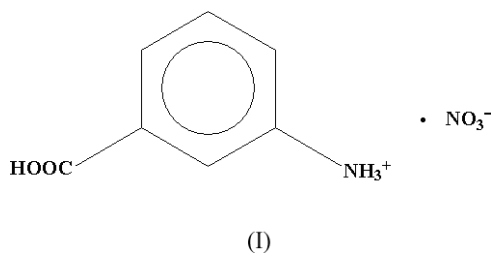
m-Carboxyphenylammonium nitrate

The crystal structure of the title compound, $\text{C}_7\text{H}_8\text{NO}_2^+ \cdot \text{NO}_3^-$, consists of anionic and cationic layers linked by a complex three-dimensional hydrogen-bond network. Each cationic layer contains organic groups $(\text{NH}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{COOH})^+$, and each anionic layer contains inorganic $(\text{NO}_3)^-$. The structure is stabilized by two types of hydrogen-bonding interaction: anion–cation and cation–cation contacts.

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Comment

Organic–inorganic hybrid materials have received increasing attention during the past few decades (Mazeaud *et al.*, 2000; Soghomonian *et al.*, 1995; Mayer *et al.*, 1999). They are of intense interest (Sigel *et al.*, 1998; Baker *et al.*, 1992) in the field of new materials chemistry as they can exhibit synergic properties, such as electrical, magnetic and optical properties (Kagan *et al.*, 1999; Hill, 1998).



Systematic investigation of organic–inorganic hybrid materials, including amino acids and various inorganic acids, led us to investigate crystals of *m*-carboxyphenylammonium nitrate, (I), which is described in this paper. The structure of (I) is composed of cationic $(\text{NH}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{COOH})^+$ and anionic $[(\text{NO}_3)^-]$ layers alternating along the *a* axis.

Each nitrate ion is an acceptor of three hydrogen bonds from three neighbouring ammonium groups. The keto O atom of the carboxylic acid group is also an acceptor of one H atom, donated by the neighbouring carboxylic acid group.

Two types of hydrogen bonding, $\text{N1}-\text{H}\cdots\text{N2}$ and $\text{O1}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O2}$, ensure the cohesion of the structure (Table 1). Nitrate anions link ammonium groups in a three-dimensional array, and cation–cation interactions between carboxylic acid groups link them in a one-dimensional quasi-linear array.

Experimental

Brown single crystals of the title salt were obtained by slow evaporation at room temperature of an equimolar solution of m -aminobenzoic and nitric acids.

Crystal data

$C_7H_8NO_2^+ \cdot NO_3^-$
 $M_r = 200.15$
 Monoclinic, $C2/c$
 $a = 31.838$ (2) Å
 $b = 5.208$ (1) Å
 $c = 11.117$ (3) Å
 $\beta = 108.06$ (4)°
 $V = 1752.4$ (7) Å³
 $Z = 8$

$D_x = 1.517$ Mg m⁻³
 Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 Cell parameters from 25 reflections
 $\theta = 10$ – 14°
 $\mu = 0.13$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 298$ K
 Prism, brown
 $0.60 \times 0.40 \times 0.30$ mm

Data collection

Enraf–Nonius MACH3 diffractometer
 $\theta/2\theta$ scans
 2923 measured reflections
 2551 independent reflections
 1654 reflections with $I > 3\sigma(I)$
 $R_{int} = 0.018$

$\theta_{max} = 30.0^\circ$
 $h = 0 \rightarrow 44$
 $k = 0 \rightarrow 7$
 $l = -15 \rightarrow 14$
 2 standard reflections every 60 reflections
 intensity decay: 4.2%

Refinement

Refinement on F
 $R = 0.040$
 $wR = 0.057$
 $S = 1.13$
 1654 reflections
 159 parameters

All H-atom parameters refined
 $w = 4F_o^2/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + 0.0016F_o^4]$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} = 0.006$
 $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.14$ e Å⁻³
 $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.07$ e Å⁻³

Table 1

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

$D-H \cdots A$	$D-H$	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D-H \cdots A$
$O1-H \cdots O2^i$	0.90 (2)	1.78 (2)	2.676 (1)	177 (2)
$N1-H1n \cdots O4^{ii}$	0.90 (2)	2.03 (2)	2.883 (2)	159 (2)
$N1-H3n \cdots O3$	0.91 (2)	1.98 (2)	2.842 (2)	158 (2)
$N1-H2n \cdots O3^{iii}$	0.92 (2)	1.97 (2)	2.849 (2)	161 (2)

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

Data collection: *CAD-4 Operations Manual* (Enraf–Nonius, 1989); cell refinement: *CAD-4 Operations Manual*; data reduction: *BEGIN SDP* (Frenz, 1985); program(s) used to solve structure: *MULTAN* (Main *et al.*, 1980); program(s) used to refine structure: *LSFM* in *SDP*; molecular graphics: *ORTEPII* (Johnson, 1976); software used to prepare material for publication: *CIF VAX* in *MolEN* (Fair, 1990).

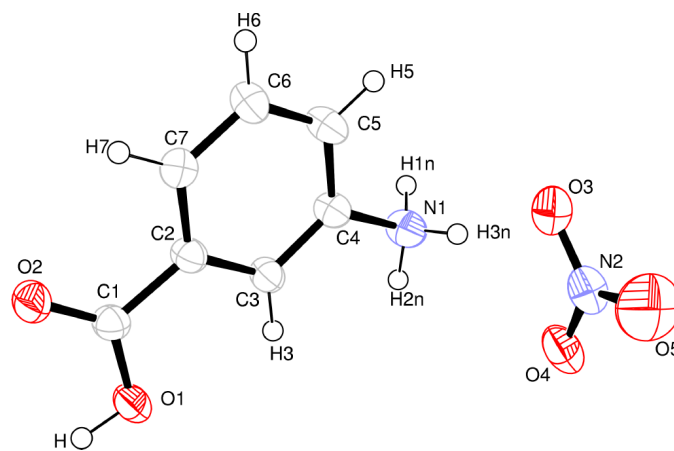


Figure 1

An *ORTEPII* (Johnson, 1976) view of the title compound with the atomic labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.

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