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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
T = 294 K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003 \text{ \AA}$   
R factor = 0.039  
wR factor = 0.058  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 10.4

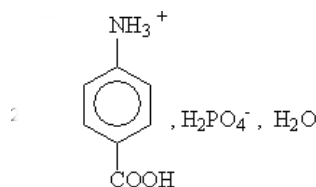
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## *p*-Carboxyphenylammonium dihydrogenmono-phosphate monohydrate

The title compound,  $\text{C}_7\text{H}_8\text{NO}_2^+ \cdot \text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^- \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ , is an ionic compound consisting of dihydrogenmonophosphate anions, water molecules and *p*-carboxyphenylammonium cations. The asymmetric unit contains two independent entities, *i.e.*  $2(\text{HOOC}-\text{C}_6\text{H}_4-\text{NH}_3^+ \cdot \text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^- \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O})$ . Anions and cations are linked to each other through strong hydrogen bonds, formed by all H atoms covalently bonded to anions, nitrogen, carboxylic groups and water molecules. A three-dimensional complex network of hydrogen bonds ensures the cohesion of the ionic structure.

#### Comment

The ionic crystal structure of the title compound consists of dihydrogenmonophosphate anions, water molecules and *p*-carboxyphenylammonium cations linked to each other through hydrogen bonds. In the  $\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-$  anions, there are two types of P—O bonds, similar to those observed in other ionic compounds (Fabry *et al.*, 1997; Trojette *et al.*, 1998). The shortest mean bond length of 1.505 Å corresponds to the terminal bonds and the P—O bond with the largest mean distance of 1.565 Å corresponds to the P—OH bonds. The independent  $[\text{PO}_4]$  tetrahedra have three types of O—P—O angles: (i) the smallest bond angles (106.84°) are observed for non-terminal O atoms; (ii) the intermediate mean value (108.62°) corresponds to the angles between terminal and non-terminal O atoms; (iii) bond angles involving only terminal O atoms are the largest (115.1°).



The average C—C distance of 1.382 Å and the average C—C—C bond angle of 119.96° in the organic  $(\text{HOOC}-\text{C}_6\text{H}_4-\text{NH}_3^+)$  cations are normal. The phenyl rings are planar, with mean deviations from planarity of less than 0.0027. The ammonium H atoms are involved in hydrogen bonds with water molecules and dihydrogenmonophosphate anions. The water molecules ensure the cohesion between the anions and cations. The tetrahedral  $\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-$  anions are linked through hydrogen bonds, giving rise to infinite chains. In turn, phos-

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phate groups are linked to the organic cation, first, *via* the carboxylic acid group and, secondly, *via* the ammonium group.

The exceptional shortness [ $O \cdots O$  2.704 (2), 2.563 (2) and 2.577 (2) Å] of the anion–anion (Philippot & Lindqvist, 1971; Calleri & Speakman, 1964) and anion–cation (Blessing & McGandy, 1972) hydrogen bonds is probably due to strong interactions between neighbouring anions and cations. Intra- and intermolecular water–anion and water–cation hydrogen bonds consolidate the ionic packing of this structure.

## Experimental

The title compound is formed in the reaction of  $H_3PO_4$  with  $HOOC(C_6H_4)NH_2$ . Orange plate-like single crystals were obtained after one week by slow evaporation of the solution.

### Crystal data

$C_7H_8NO_2^+ \cdot H_2PO_4^- \cdot H_2O$   
 $M_r = 253.15$   
 Triclinic,  $P\bar{1}$   
 $a = 8.517$  (2) Å  
 $b = 8.902$  (4) Å  
 $c = 14.513$  (4) Å  
 $\alpha = 106.49$  (4)°  
 $\beta = 90.17$  (5)°  
 $\gamma = 92.76$  (4)°  
 $V = 1053.6$  (5) Å<sup>3</sup>

$Z = 4$   
 $D_x = 1.596$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 Cell parameters from 25 reflections  
 $\theta = 1.4$ – $30.0$ °  
 $\mu = 0.28$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 294$  K  
 Plate, orange  
 $0.6 \times 0.3 \times 0.2$  mm

### Data collection

Enraf–Nonius MACH3 diffractometer  
 $\theta/2\theta$  scans  
 6146 measured reflections  
 6146 independent reflections  
 3740 reflections with  $I > 3\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{int} = 0.015$

$\theta_{max} = 30.0$ °  
 $h = -11 \rightarrow 11$   
 $k = -12 \rightarrow 12$   
 $l = -20 \rightarrow 0$   
 3 standard reflections every 200 reflections  
 intensity decay: 1.2%

### Refinement

Refinement on  $F$   
 $R = 0.039$   
 $wR = 0.058$   
 $S = 1.14$   
 3740 reflections  
 361 parameters

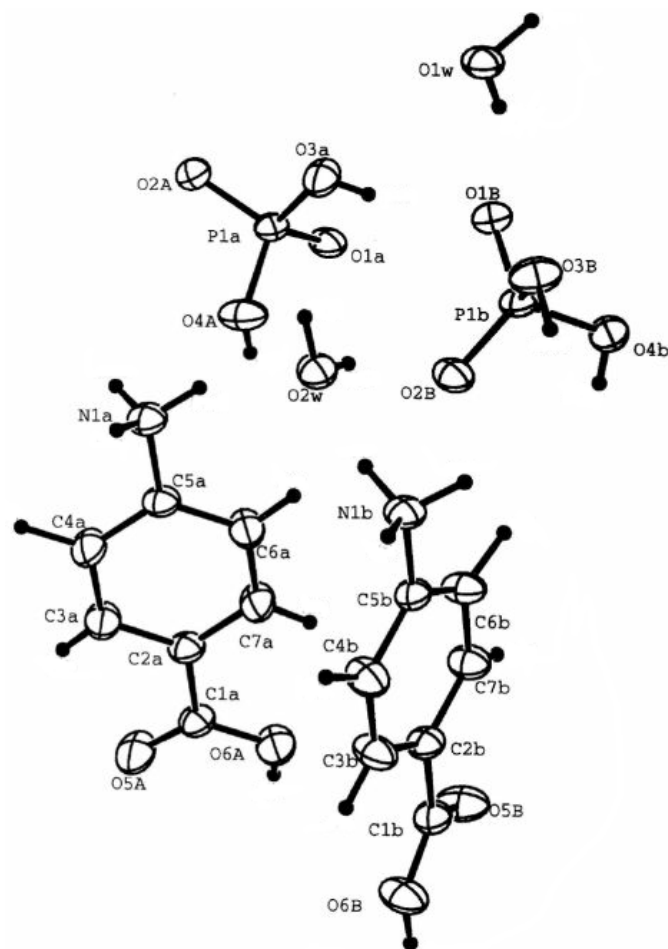
Only coordinates of H atoms refined  
 $w = 4F_o^2/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + 0.0016 F_o^4]$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} = 0.014$   
 $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.24$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.37$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

**Table 1**

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

$D-H \cdots A$	$D-H$	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D-H \cdots A$
$O3a-HO3a \cdots O1b$	0.77 (3)	1.96 (3)	2.720 (2)	171 (3)
$O3b-HO3b \cdots O2a^i$	1.02 (3)	1.69 (3)	2.704 (2)	171 (3)
$O1w-H2w1 \cdots O1b^{ii}$	0.79 (3)	1.97 (3)	2.723 (2)	159 (3)
$O2w-H2w2 \cdots O2b$	0.77 (3)	1.99 (3)	2.724 (2)	160 (3)
$O2w-H1w2 \cdots O2a^{iii}$	0.86 (3)	1.89 (3)	2.722 (2)	162 (3)
$O1w-H1w1 \cdots O1a$	0.96 (3)	1.86 (3)	2.797 (2)	165 (2)
$N1a-H3na \cdots O1b^{iv}$	0.87 (3)	1.96 (3)	2.819 (2)	169 (3)
$N1b-H1nb \cdots O2a$	0.96 (3)	1.85 (3)	2.803 (2)	173 (2)
$O6b-H1b \cdots O1a^v$	0.91 (3)	1.67 (3)	2.563 (2)	166 (3)
$O6a-H1a \cdots O2b^{vi}$	0.98 (3)	1.63 (3)	2.577 (2)	161 (3)
$O4b-H04b \cdots O5a^{vi}$	0.80 (3)	1.88 (3)	2.643 (2)	160 (3)
$O4a-H04a \cdots O5b^v$	0.75 (3)	1.89 (3)	2.641 (2)	177 (3)
$N1a-H2na \cdots O2w$	0.92 (3)	1.91 (3)	2.770 (2)	154 (2)
$N1a-H1na \cdots O1w^{iv}$	0.77 (3)	2.13 (3)	2.862 (3)	158 (3)
$N1b-H2nb \cdots O2w^{vii}$	0.93 (3)	1.90 (3)	2.802 (3)	163 (2)
$N1b-H3nb \cdots O1w^{iv}$	0.94 (3)	1.84 (3)	2.778 (2)	173 (2)

Symmetry codes: (i)  $x, y - 1, z$ ; (ii)  $2 - x, 1 - y, -z$ ; (iii)  $1 - x, 1 - y, -z$ ; (iv)  $x - 1, y, z$ ; (v)  $1 - x, 2 - y, 1 - z$ ; (vi)  $1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z$ ; (vii)  $x, 1 + y, z$ .



**Figure 1**

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

Data collection: *CAD-4 Operations Manual* (Enraf–Nonius, 1994); cell refinement: *CAD-4 Operations Manual*; data reduction: *OpenMoleN* (Nonius, 1997); program(s) used to solve structure: *SIR* (Burla *et al.*, 1989); program(s) used to refine structure: *OpenMoleN*; software used to prepare material for publication: *OpenMoleN*.

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