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Key indicators

Single-crystal and powder X-ray study $T = 293 K$ Mean $\sigma(C-C) = 0.004 \text{ Å}$ Disorder in solvent or counterion R factor = 0.043 wR factor = 0.100 Data-to-parameter ratio = 15.2

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Diisopropylammonium chloride hemihydrate, a combined single-crystal and powder diffraction study

By the reaction of diisopropylamine (dip) with hydrochloric acid and crystallization at room temperature, dipHCl, known from the literature, and the corresponding hemihydrate, $C_6H_{16}N^+$ Cl⁻ 0.5H₂O or dipHCl 0.5H₂O, have been obtained. By using a new humidity chamber for the powder diffraction study it has been proven that dipHCl reacts via a solid-solid phase transition to give dipHCl \cdot 0.5H₂O on increasing the relative humidity of the sample atmosphere. The cations and anions are connected by hydrogen bonds to form chains along the crystallographic [100] direction. The extended polymeric zigzag chains form layers in the ac plane, separated by water molecules. The cations and water molecules lie on crystallographic twofold rotation axes.

Comment

The crystal structures of all known diisopropylammonium halides (dipHHal; Hal = Cl, Br, I; Reiß, 2000) and that of $dipH[HF₂]$ (Reiß, 2001, and references therein) have been found to be isostructural. All these structures are composed of hydrogen-bonded zigzag chains. Each dipH cation donates two hydrogen bonds to two neighbouring halide (pseudohalide for the $[HF_2]$ case) anions, while each anion acts as an acceptor for two hydrogen bonds. This motif may be classified, according to Etter's nomenclature (Etter et al., 1990), as $C(4)$. It is also known from the literature that diisopropylamine reacts with hydrochloric acid to form two modifications of dipHCl. A monoclinic (Adams et al., 1997) and an orthorhombic structure (Prince et al., 1990) have been reported and characterized by single-crystal methods. As dipH halides form both the monoclinic and the orthorhombic phase, it seemed to us worth investigating whether the inclusion of water into the structure was possible. Also, if the answer is yes, the second question should be: do the water molecules form hydrogen bonds with the chloride anion and the dip cations, or does additional water only fill the gaps in a different packing scheme?

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Crystallization of dipHCl from dilute hydrochloric acid yielded, besides the known orthorhombic modification, crysReceived 9 October 2002 Accepted 21 October 2002 Online 31 October 2002

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Figure 1

The diisopropylammonium cation and the neighbouring chloride anions, connected via hydrogen bonds to form chains along [100]. The displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.

Figure 2

View of the hydrogen-bonded zigzag chains, separated by water molecules.

tals of the corresponding hemihydrate dipHCl \cdot 0.5H₂O. The dipH cation (Fig. 1) and the water molecules lie on twofold axes in the centrosymetric orthorhombic space group Ccca (No. 68). All $C-C$ and $N-C$ bond lengths in the dipH cation are in the expected range (Table 1). This structure is analogous to the anhydrous compounds, composed of hydrogen-bonded polymeric zigzag chains, with the dipH cations interconnected by chloride anions. The zigzag chains in the title compound are extended [N $-Cl-N'$ 144.4 (1) $^{\circ}$ and Cl $-N-Cl'$ 118.7 (1) $^{\circ}$], while the chains in the anhydrous compounds show a more kinked arrangement. The corresponding values derived for the monoclinic phase are $N-Cl-N$ 97.0 (1) and $Cl-N-Cl'$ 113.3°; for the orthorhombic modification they are $N - \text{Cl} - N'$ 99.9 (1) and Cl $-N$ –Cl' 109.4 (1)^o. These chains are packed in the ac plane, with the stacks separated by water molecules (Fig. 2).

The question of whether a direct solid-solid phase transition occurs from the anhydrous phase to the corresponding hemihydrate and vice versa has been checked by using a humidity chamber for the powder diffraction study. A powder

Figure 3

Powder diagrams showing the transition from dipHCl to dipHCl $-0.5H₂O$, taken at different humidity values of the sample atmosphere (40% black, 50% green, 60% red, 70% yellow and 75% blue).

sample containing only the orthorhombic modification of dipHCl was prepared from concentrated hydrochloric acid solution. Powder diffraction patterns at various relative humidities of the sample atmosphere, at room temperature, showed that the dipHCl transforms to dipHCl \cdot 0.5H₂O (Fig. 3). A further increase of the relative humidity of the sample leads to a liquefaction of the sample.

The water molecules are found in cavities between the dipHCl stacks. According to difference Fourier syntheses and the results of refinement, only one of each pair of crystallographically equivalent sites for the water molecule within a cavity is occupied. The O \cdots O distance of 2.791 (16) Å for this hypothetical centrosymmetric water dimer makes it plausible that the fully occupied phase (monohydrate) also exists. On the other hand, an ordered refinement of these half-occupied water sites should cause a reduction of the space-group symmetry, with the disadvantage of serious correlations during the refinement process (e.g. Reiß $&$ Engel, 2002). However, in this case we decided, according to the guidelines of spacegroup selection of structures that are potentially described in an unnecessarily low symmetry (Marsh et al., 2002, and references therein), to choose the centrosymmetric space group Ccca.

Experimental

Diisopropylamine reacts readily with concentrated hydrochloric acid to give a colourless solution. From this solution were obtained brickshaped crystals of dipHCl, together with some small thin platelets of the dipHCl.0.5H₂O phase. The powder investigation was performed on a Philps PW1050 diffractometer (Cu $K\alpha$ radiation) equipped with a temperature humidity chamber (THC, Anton Paar, Graz). The sample was kept under a constant known relative humidity until equilibrium was reached, before a new measurement was initiated.

> Mo $K\alpha$ radiation Cell parameters from 5000

reflections

 $\mu = 0.34$ mm⁻¹

 $T = 293(2)$ K

Platelet, colourless $0.35\,\times\,0.10\,\times\,0.01$ mm

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 $\theta = 2.6 - 25.7^{\circ}$

Crystal data

Data collection

Refinement

Table 1

Symmetry code: (i) $\frac{1}{2} - x$, $-y$, z.

Table 2

Methyl H atoms were refined riding on their corresponding C atom, allowed to rotate about the C-C bond, with a common U_{iso} value for each group. The atomic coordinates and an individual U_{iso} value for the H atom attached to the N atom were refined freely.

Data collection: IPDS Software (Stoe & Cie, 1998); cell refinement: IPDS Software; data reduction: IPDS Software; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1990); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: DIAMOND (Brandenburg, 2001).

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