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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 293 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.003 Å R factor = 0.042 wR factor = 0.131 Data-to-parameter ratio = 24.7

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# Piperizinium hydrogen phosphite monohydrate

The title compound,  $C_6H_{12}N_2^{2+} \cdot HPO_3^{2-} \cdot H_2O$ , contains doubly protonated piperizinium cations, hydrogen phosphite anions and water molecules. The component species have normal geometrical parameters and interact by way of  $N-H\cdots O$  and  $O-H\cdots O$  hydrogen bonds, resulting in [010] chains of alternating  $[HPO_3]^{2-}$  and  $H_2O$  species, crosslinked by the organic moieties. A possible  $C-H\cdots O$ interaction is also present.

# Comment

The crystal structures of (protonated) amine hydrogen phosphites containing  $[HPO_3]^{2-}$  or  $[H_2PO_3]^{-}$  oxo-anions are of crystallochemical interest in terms of the interplay between the hydrogen bonds linking the cations, anions, and, if applicable, water molecules together (Averbuch-Pouchot, 1993*a*,*b*; Harrison, 2003*a*,*b*).

 $H_2N \xrightarrow{} H_2^* (IPO_3)^{2*} + H_2O$ 

The asymmetric unit of the title compound, (I), consists of two half-molecule { $C_2H_6N$ } fragments of  $(C_4H_{12}N_2)^{2+}$  piperizinium cations, an  $[HPO_3]^{2-}$  hydrogen phosphite group and a water molecule. Inversion symmetry (Fig. 1) generates the two complete piperizinium cations, and the water O atom is disordered over two adjacent sites (see *Experimental*). The



#### Figure 1

View of (I) (50% displacement ellipsoids; H atoms are drawn as small spheres of arbitrary radius). The disordered O4b species is omitted. Symmetry codes: (i) -x, 1 - y, -z; (ii) 1 - x, 1 - y, -z.

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Detail of a [010] hydrogen phosphite-water chain with the H...O components of the hydrogen bonds indicated by dashed lines (atom O4b not shown). Symmetry codes: (i) x, y + 1, z; (ii) x, y - 1, z.



#### Figure 3

Unit-cell packing in (I) projected onto (010). The H. . . O components of the hydrogen bonds are indicated by dashed lines. O4b and all C-H H atoms are omitted for clarity.

hydrogen phosphite group shows its usual (Harrison, 2003a) pseudo-pyramidal geometry [mean d(P-O) = 1.521(2) Å; mean  $\theta(O-P-O) = 112.48 (9)^{\circ}$  and the organic species adopt typical chair conformations.

As well as electrostatic forces, the component species in (I) interact by means of  $O-H\cdots O$  and  $N-H\cdots O$  hydrogen bonds (Table 2), and possibly a  $C-H \cdots O$  interaction (see below). Infinite chains of alternating  $\left[HPO_3\right]^{2-}$  and  $H_2O$ moieties are formed (Fig. 2) along [010] as a result of the water-to-phosphite O-H···O hydrogen bonds, with the repeating units generated by translation symmetry. The resulting  $P1 \cdots P1^{ii}$  (Fig. 2; see Table 2 for symmetry code) separation of 6.5706 (7) Å is naturally much larger than the typical  $P \cdots P$  separations (4.7–4.9 Å) seen when  $[H_2PO_3]^$ dihydrogen phosphite units link together by way of P-O- $H \cdots O - P$  interactions without an intervening water molecule (Averbuch-Pouchot, 1993a, Harrison, 2003a).

The piperizinium cations crosslink the [010]  $[HPO_3]^{2-}-H_2O$ chains by way of the  $N-H \cdots O$  hydrogen bonds (Table 2), with all four bonds close to linear [mean  $\theta$ (N-H···O) = 168°]. A short C1-H5···O4 $a^{iv}$  (Table 2) interaction was identified in a PLATON (Spek, 2003) analysis of (I). If it is not merely a packing artefact, it may provide some additional coherence between the piperizinium cations and the water component of the  $[HPO_3]^{2-}$ -H<sub>2</sub>O [010] chains, although its role, if any, in the disordering of the water molecule O4 atom is not obvious.

### **Experimental**

H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>3</sub> (0.82 g; 1 mmol) and piperizine hexahydrate (1.92 g; 0.01 mmol) were dissolved in 10 ml deionized water, resulting in a clear solution. Block-shaped crystals of (I) grew as the water evaporated over several days.

Crystal data

| $C_6H_{12}N_2^{2+}$ ·HPO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup> ·H <sub>2</sub> O | $D_x = 1.443 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$           |
|---|---|
| $M_r = 186.15$  | Mo $K\alpha$ radiation                    |
| Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$  | Cell parameters from 2470                 |
| a = 12.2476 (8) Å   | reflections                               |
| b = 6.5706 (4) Å  | $\theta = 3.3 - 29.8^{\circ}$             |
| c = 10.6592 (8) Å   | $\mu = 0.30 \text{ mm}^{-1}$              |
| $\beta = 92.744(1)^{\circ}$   | T = 293 (2) K                             |
| $V = 856.8 (1) Å^3$   | Block, colourless                         |
| Z = 4   | $0.27 \times 0.23 \times 0.19 \text{ mm}$ |
| Data collection   |   |
| Bruker SMART1000 CCD  | 2468 independent reflections              |
| diffractometer  | 1930 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$    |
| $\omega$ scans  | $R_{\rm int} = 0.022$                     |
| Absorption correction: multi-scan                                     | $\theta_{\rm max} = 30.0^{\circ}$         |
| (SADABS; Bruker, 1999)  | $h = -17 \rightarrow 16$                  |
| $T_{\min} = 0.925, T_{\max} = 0.949$                                  | $k = -8 \rightarrow 9$                    |
| 6211 measured reflections   | $l = -14 \rightarrow 12$                  |
| Refinement  |   |
| Refinement on $F^2$   | H-atom parameters constrained             |

| Refinement on $F^2$             | H-atom parameters constrained                              |
|---------------------------------|--|
| $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.042$ | $w = 1/[\sigma^2 (F_o^2) + (0.0845P)^2]$                   |
| $wR(F^2) = 0.131$               | where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$                             |
| S = 1.02                        | $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$                        |
| 2468 reflections                | $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.78 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$  |
| 100 parameters                  | $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.44 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$ |
|                                 |  |

# Table 1

Selected bond lengths (Å) for (I).

| P1-O3 | 1.5151 (13) | P1-O1 | 1.5234 (14) |
|-------|-------------|-------|-------------|
| P1-O2 | 1.5230 (12) |       |             |

Table 2 Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °) for (I).

| $D - H \cdots A$  | D-H                                   | $H \cdots A$    | $D \cdots A$                       | $D - \mathbf{H} \cdots A$   |
|---|---------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| $N1 - H2 \cdots O2^{i}$                                       | 0.90                                  | 1.84            | 2.7147 (19)                        | 164                         |
| $N1 - H3 \cdots O2^{ii}$                                      | 0.90                                  | 1.81            | 2.7043 (19)                        | 172                         |
| N2-H8···O3 <sup>ii</sup>                                      | 0.90                                  | 1.77            | 2.642 (2)                          | 163                         |
| $N2 - H9 \cdots O1^{iii}$                                     | 0.90                                  | 1.78            | 2.676 (2)                          | 171                         |
| $O4a - H14 \cdots O1$   | 0.95                                  | 1.90            | 2.840 (4)                          | 167                         |
| $O4a - H15 \cdots O3^{ii}$                                    | 0.93                                  | 1.90            | 2.811 (4)                          | 168                         |
| $O4b - H14 \cdots O1$   | 0.93                                  | 1.90            | 2.752 (4)                          | 151                         |
| $O4b - H15 \cdots O3^{ii}$                                    | 0.96                                  | 1.90            | 2.765 (4)                          | 149                         |
| $C1 - H5 \cdots O4a^{iv}$                                     | 0.97                                  | 2.38            | 3.300 (5)                          | 159                         |
| Symmetry codes: (<br>$-x, \frac{1}{2} + y, \frac{1}{2} - z$ . | i) $-x, \frac{1}{2} + y, \frac{1}{2}$ | -z; (ii) $x, 1$ | $1 + y, z;$ (iii) $x, \frac{1}{2}$ | $-y, z - \frac{1}{2};$ (iv) |

The water O atom was modelled as being disordered over two adjacent sites with isotropic displacement factors  $[d(O4a \cdots O4b) =$ 0.638(5) Å; fractional site occupancies = 0.563(14) and 0.437(14) for O4a and O4b, respectively, with their sum constrained to unity]. The present data did not reveal H-atom sites that could be unambiguously associated with either O4a or O4b; instead, two distinct features in the difference map provided H-atom sites that were reasonable for both O4*a* and O4*b* (see Table 2). These O–H H atoms were refined by riding on O4*a* in their as-found positions. The N–H H atoms were found in difference maps and refined by riding in their idealized positions [d(N-H) = 0.90 Å]. The H atoms bonded to C and P were placed in calculated positions [d(C-H) = 0.97 Å; d(P-H) = 1.32 Å]and refined by riding. For all H atoms, the constraint  $U_{iso}(H) =$  $1.2U_{eq}(carrier atom)$  was applied.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 1999); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 1999); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS*97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL*97; molecular graphics: *ORTEP*-3 (Farrugia,

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