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## 2,6-Xylidinium nitrate

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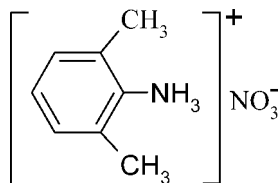
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study;  $T = 293$  K; mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003$  Å;  $R$  factor = 0.037;  $wR$  factor = 0.112; data-to-parameter ratio = 12.9.

The structure of the title organic–inorganic hybrid material,  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{12}\text{N}^+\cdot\text{NO}_3^-$ , results mainly from electrostatic interactions and bifurcated  $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  and  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds. Organic 2,6-xylidinium cations and inorganic nitrate anions interact to form a three-dimensional hydrogen-bond network.

## Related literature

For general background, see: Xiao *et al.* (2005); Yuan *et al.* (2006); Wang & Zhang (2006). For related structures, see: Hemissi *et al.* (2001); Perpétuo & Janczak (2004). For related literature, see: Spek (2003).



## Experimental

## Crystal data

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 $c = 13.628$  (2) Å  
 $\beta = 91.47$  (2)°

$V = 895.2$  (4) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 4$   
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 $\mu = 0.11$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 293$  (2) K  
 $0.20 \times 0.19 \times 0.17$  mm

## Data collection

Enraf–Nonius TurboCAD-4 diffractometer  
 Absorption correction: none  
 3131 measured reflections  
 1568 independent reflections

1181 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.018$   
 2 standard reflections  
 frequency: 120 min  
 intensity decay: 5%

## Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.037$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.112$   
 $S = 1.06$   
 1568 reflections

122 parameters  
 H-atom parameters constrained  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.17$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.16$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

| $D-\text{H}\cdots A$                              | $D-\text{H}$ | $\text{H}\cdots A$ | $D\cdots A$ | $D-\text{H}\cdots A$ |
|---|--------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| $\text{N2}-\text{H2A}\cdots\text{O1}^{\text{i}}$  | 0.89         | 2.28               | 3.064 (2)   | 147                  |
| $\text{N2}-\text{H2A}\cdots\text{O2}^{\text{j}}$  | 0.89         | 2.40               | 3.007 (2)   | 126                  |
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Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x, y + \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{1}{2}$ ; (ii)  $x, -y + \frac{1}{2}, z + \frac{1}{2}$ ; (iii)  $-x + 1, y - \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{1}{2}$ .

Data collection: *CAD-4 EXPRESS* (Enraf–Nonius, 1994); cell refinement: *CAD-4 EXPRESS*; data reduction: *XCAD4* (Harms & Wocadlo, 1995); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEP-3 for Windows* (Farrugia, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *WinGX* (Farrugia, 1999).

Supplementary data and figures for this paper are available from the IUCr electronic archives (Reference: DN2181).

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### Comment

Hybrid compounds are widely investigated due to their special relevance in fundamental sciences and in several applied fields such as biomolecular sciences, catalysis and nonlinear optics (Xiao *et al.*, 2005, Yuan *et al.*, 2006). These materials are generally rich in hydrogen bonds which are considered as the most effective tool for constructing sophisticated assemblies from discrete ionic or molecular building blocks due to its strength and directionality (Wang & Zhang, 2006). In this paper, we report the synthesis and structure of a new organic nitrate. Single-crystal X-ray diffraction study of the title compounds shows that the asymmetric unit corresponds to the formula unit (I) which is made of one  $\text{NO}_3^-$  anion and one 2,6-xylidinium cation (Fig. 1). As well as electrostatic and van der Waals forces, two types of hydrogen bonds (Table 1) participate to define the crystal packing. The first one,  $\text{N-H}\cdots\text{O}$  bonds links ammonium groups and nitrate anions into infinite layers propagating in the (b, c) plane (Fig. 2, Table 1). The second H-bonds type,  $\text{C-H}\cdots\text{O}$  bonds, identified by *PLATON* (Spek, 2003), connects the successive layers to form a three-dimensional network (Fig. 3, Table 1). It is noteworthy that two hydrogen atoms of the  $\text{NH}_3$  groups form bifurcated hydrogen bonds with the nitrate oxygen atoms. Bond lengths and angles observed in this structure agree well with those reported for nitrate or xylidinium compounds (Hemissi *et al.*, 2001, Perpétuo & Janczak, 2004).

### Experimental

An ethanolic 2,6-xylidinium solution (5 mmol, in 5 ml) was added to an aqueous  $\text{HNO}_3$  solution (0.5 M, 10 ml). The obtained solution is evaporated during several days in ambient condition until the formation of single crystals of the title compound (I).

### Refinement

All H atoms were positioned geometrically and treated as riding on their parent atoms, [ $\text{N-H} = 0.89$ ,  $\text{C-H} = 0.96$  Å ( $\text{CH}_3$ ) with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}$  and  $\text{C-H} = 0.96$  Å (Ar-H), with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}$ ]

### Figures

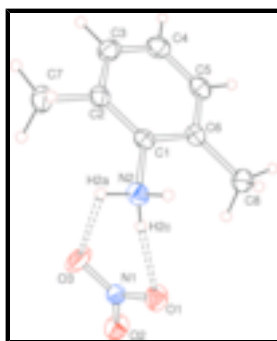


Fig. 1. *ORTEP-3* (Farrugia, 1997) view of (I) with atom numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids for non-H atoms are drawn at the 30% probability level. H atoms are represented as small spheres of arbitrary radii.  $\text{N-H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines

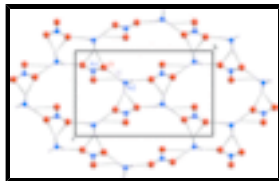


Fig. 2. Detail of a part of (011) hydrogen-bonded layer of  $\text{NO}_3^-$  anion and ammonium groups in (I), with H-bonds indicated by dashed lines.

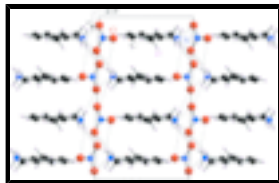
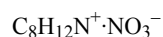


Fig. 3. Projection of (I) along  $b$  axis.

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$Z = 4$

$F_{000} = 392$

$D_x = 1.367$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation

$\lambda = 0.71073$  Å

Cell parameters from 25 reflections

$\theta = 8.3\text{--}9.7^\circ$

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$h = -9 \rightarrow 9$

$k = 0 \rightarrow 9$

$l = -16 \rightarrow 16$

2 standard reflections

every 120 min

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### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$

Least-squares matrix: full

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.037$

Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites

H-atom parameters constrained

$$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0537P)^2 + 0.2838P]$$

where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

|  |   |
|--|---|
| $wR(F^2) = 0.112$  | $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.005$  |
| $S = 1.06$   | $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.17 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   |
| 1568 reflections   | $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.16 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$  |
| 122 parameters   | Extinction correction: SHELXL97,<br>$F_c^* = kFc[1+0.001xFc^2\lambda^3/\sin(2\theta)]^{-1/4}$ |
| Primary atom site location: structure-invariant direct methods | Extinction coefficient: 0.014 (3)   |
| Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map           |   |

### Special details

**Geometry.** All e.s.d.'s (except the e.s.d. in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell e.s.d.'s are taken into account individually in the estimation of e.s.d.'s in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between e.s.d.'s in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell e.s.d.'s is used for estimating e.s.d.'s involving l.s. planes.

**Refinement.** Refinement of  $F^2$  against ALL reflections. The weighted  $R$ -factor  $wR$  and goodness of fit  $S$  are based on  $F^2$ , conventional  $R$ -factors  $R$  are based on  $F$ , with  $F$  set to zero for negative  $F^2$ . The threshold expression of  $F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)$  is used only for calculating  $R$ -factors(gt) *etc.* and is not relevant to the choice of reflections for refinement.  $R$ -factors based on  $F^2$  are statistically about twice as large as those based on  $F$ , and  $R$ -factors based on ALL data will be even larger.

### Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )

|     | $x$           | $y$          | $z$          | $U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$ |
|-----|---------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| N1  | 0.05197 (19)  | 0.23434 (19) | 0.13088 (12) | 0.0375 (4)                       |
| O1  | -0.01610 (19) | 0.19181 (19) | 0.20863 (10) | 0.0535 (4)                       |
| O2  | 0.0066 (2)    | 0.16522 (19) | 0.05302 (10) | 0.0548 (4)                       |
| O3  | 0.1585 (2)    | 0.3402 (2)   | 0.13256 (13) | 0.0701 (5)                       |
| N2  | 0.16555 (19)  | 0.37350 (19) | 0.36594 (11) | 0.0379 (4)                       |
| C1  | 0.3441 (2)    | 0.3220 (2)   | 0.37321 (12) | 0.0318 (4)                       |
| C2  | 0.4727 (2)    | 0.4356 (2)   | 0.37051 (12) | 0.0366 (5)                       |
| C3  | 0.6386 (3)    | 0.3782 (3)   | 0.37620 (14) | 0.0465 (5)                       |
| C4  | 0.6726 (3)    | 0.2168 (3)   | 0.38574 (15) | 0.0465 (5)                       |
| C5  | 0.5416 (2)    | 0.1077 (3)   | 0.38996 (13) | 0.0418 (5)                       |
| C6  | 0.3738 (2)    | 0.1575 (2)   | 0.38346 (12) | 0.0341 (4)                       |
| C7  | 0.4382 (3)    | 0.6136 (3)   | 0.36478 (15) | 0.0487 (5)                       |
| C8  | 0.2319 (3)    | 0.0377 (2)   | 0.38770 (16) | 0.0466 (5)                       |
| H2A | 0.1609        | 0.4793       | 0.3569       | 0.057*                           |
| H2B | 0.1138        | 0.3482       | 0.4211       | 0.057*                           |
| H2C | 0.1142        | 0.3241       | 0.3155       | 0.057*                           |
| H3  | 0.7282        | 0.4505       | 0.3735       | 0.056*                           |
| H4  | 0.7843        | 0.1812       | 0.3894       | 0.056*                           |
| H5  | 0.5660        | -0.0010      | 0.3973       | 0.050*                           |
| H7A | 0.3797        | 0.6471       | 0.4222       | 0.073*                           |
| H7B | 0.3693        | 0.6363       | 0.3074       | 0.073*                           |
| H7C | 0.5436        | 0.6706       | 0.3611       | 0.073*                           |
| H8A | 0.2780        | -0.0678      | 0.3983       | 0.070*                           |
| H8B | 0.1677        | 0.0395       | 0.3269       | 0.070*                           |

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H8C                    0.1592                    0.0647                    0.4407                    0.070\*

## Atomic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )

|    | $U^{11}$    | $U^{22}$    | $U^{33}$    | $U^{12}$     | $U^{13}$    | $U^{23}$    |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| N1 | 0.0347 (8)  | 0.0315 (9)  | 0.0462 (10) | 0.0017 (7)   | -0.0007 (7) | 0.0007 (7)  |
| O1 | 0.0636 (10) | 0.0570 (10) | 0.0401 (8)  | -0.0097 (8)  | 0.0044 (7)  | 0.0044 (7)  |
| O2 | 0.0665 (10) | 0.0575 (10) | 0.0406 (8)  | -0.0133 (8)  | 0.0043 (7)  | -0.0105 (7) |
| O3 | 0.0585 (10) | 0.0629 (11) | 0.0889 (13) | -0.0317 (9)  | 0.0005 (8)  | -0.0011 (9) |
| N2 | 0.0408 (9)  | 0.0321 (9)  | 0.0406 (8)  | 0.0074 (7)   | -0.0005 (7) | -0.0025 (7) |
| C1 | 0.0351 (9)  | 0.0334 (10) | 0.0268 (8)  | 0.0049 (8)   | 0.0003 (7)  | -0.0013 (7) |
| C2 | 0.0457 (12) | 0.0355 (11) | 0.0285 (9)  | -0.0019 (8)  | 0.0010 (7)  | 0.0000 (8)  |
| C3 | 0.0408 (11) | 0.0530 (13) | 0.0456 (11) | -0.0093 (10) | 0.0021 (9)  | 0.0011 (10) |
| C4 | 0.0355 (11) | 0.0572 (14) | 0.0470 (12) | 0.0085 (10)  | 0.0015 (8)  | 0.0018 (10) |
| C5 | 0.0473 (12) | 0.0388 (11) | 0.0393 (10) | 0.0132 (10)  | 0.0006 (8)  | 0.0007 (9)  |
| C6 | 0.0397 (10) | 0.0318 (10) | 0.0307 (9)  | 0.0043 (8)   | 0.0005 (7)  | -0.0014 (7) |
| C8 | 0.0510 (13) | 0.0319 (11) | 0.0565 (12) | -0.0003 (9)  | -0.0046 (9) | 0.0006 (9)  |
| C7 | 0.0655 (14) | 0.0348 (11) | 0.0457 (11) | -0.0052 (11) | 0.0014 (10) | 0.0026 (9)  |

## Geometric parameters ( $\text{\AA}$ , $^\circ$ )

|            |             |            |             |
|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| O1—N1      | 1.251 (2)   | C6—C8      | 1.502 (3)   |
| O2—N1      | 1.251 (2)   | C1—C2      | 1.389 (3)   |
| N1—O3      | 1.218 (2)   | C2—C7      | 1.508 (3)   |
| N2—C1      | 1.473 (2)   | C8—H8A     | 0.9600      |
| N2—H2A     | 0.8900      | C8—H8B     | 0.9600      |
| N2—H2B     | 0.8900      | C8—H8C     | 0.9600      |
| N2—H2C     | 0.8900      | C4—C5      | 1.379 (3)   |
| C3—C4      | 1.376 (3)   | C4—H4      | 0.9300      |
| C3—C2      | 1.394 (3)   | C5—H5      | 0.9300      |
| C3—H3      | 0.9300      | C7—H7A     | 0.9600      |
| C6—C5      | 1.388 (3)   | C7—H7B     | 0.9600      |
| C6—C1      | 1.396 (3)   | C7—H7C     | 0.9600      |
| O3—N1—O1   | 120.00 (17) | C3—C2—C7   | 120.52 (19) |
| O3—N1—O2   | 122.10 (17) | C6—C8—H8A  | 109.5       |
| O1—N1—O2   | 117.90 (16) | C6—C8—H8B  | 109.5       |
| C1—N2—H2A  | 109.5       | H8A—C8—H8B | 109.5       |
| C1—N2—H2B  | 109.5       | C6—C8—H8C  | 109.5       |
| H2A—N2—H2B | 109.5       | H8A—C8—H8C | 109.5       |
| C1—N2—H2C  | 109.5       | H8B—C8—H8C | 109.5       |
| H2A—N2—H2C | 109.5       | C3—C4—C5   | 120.22 (19) |
| H2B—N2—H2C | 109.5       | C3—C4—H4   | 119.9       |
| C4—C3—C2   | 121.37 (19) | C5—C4—H4   | 119.9       |
| C4—C3—H3   | 119.3       | C4—C5—C6   | 121.0 (2)   |
| C2—C3—H3   | 119.3       | C4—C5—H5   | 119.5       |
| C5—C6—C1   | 117.22 (18) | C6—C5—H5   | 119.5       |
| C5—C6—C8   | 120.64 (18) | C2—C7—H7A  | 109.5       |
| C1—C6—C8   | 122.14 (17) | C2—C7—H7B  | 109.5       |

|          |             |            |       |
|----------|-------------|------------|-------|
| C2—C1—C6 | 123.39 (17) | H7A—C7—H7B | 109.5 |
| C2—C1—N2 | 119.84 (17) | C2—C7—H7C  | 109.5 |
| C6—C1—N2 | 116.77 (16) | H7A—C7—H7C | 109.5 |
| C1—C2—C3 | 116.78 (18) | H7B—C7—H7C | 109.5 |
| C1—C2—C7 | 122.68 (18) |            |       |

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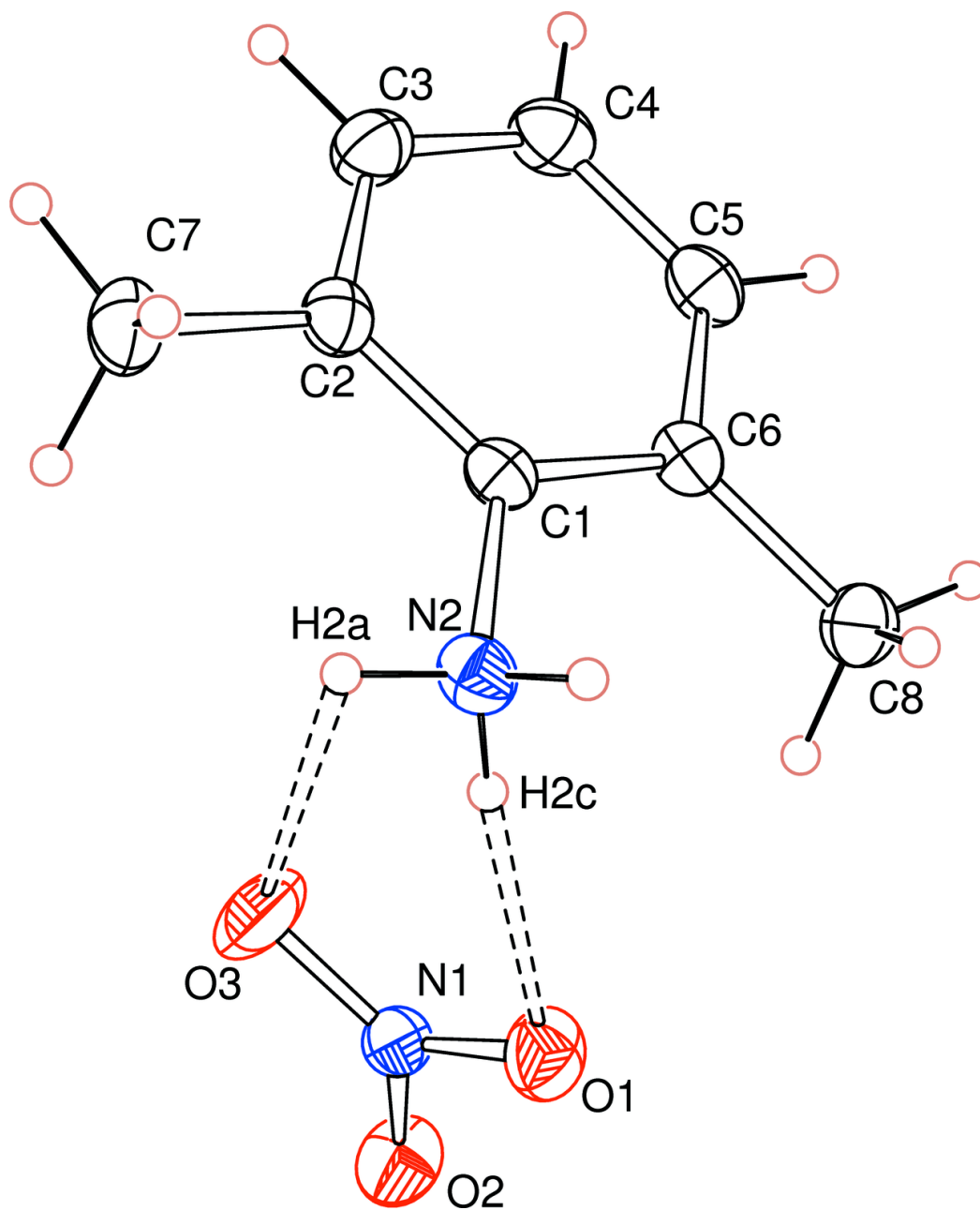




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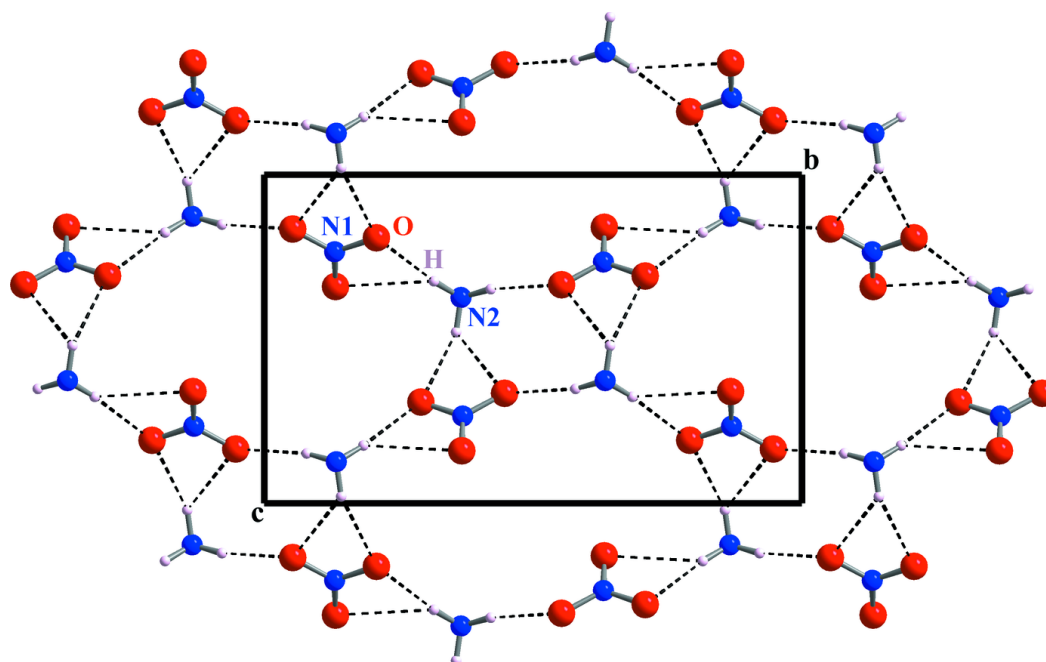


Fig. 3

