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## Melaminium sulfate

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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; T = 293 K; mean  $\sigma$ (N–C) = 0.003 Å; R factor = 0.031; wR factor = 0.089; data-to-parameter ratio = 13.2.

In the title compound,  $C_3H_8N_6^{2+}\cdot SO_4^{2-}$ , the melaminium cations and sulfate anions are interconnected by N-H···N and N-H···O hydrogen bonds, forming a layer in the (101) plane. The layers are connected through multiple hydrogen bonds and  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interactions (centroid-centroid distance of about 3.4 Å).

#### **Related literature**

For related literature, see: Janczak & Perpétuo (2001*a*,*b*); Martin & Pinkerton (1995); Dewar *et al.* (1985).



#### **Experimental**

Crystal data

 $C_{3}H_{8}N_{6}^{2+}SO_{4}^{2-}$   $M_{r} = 224.21$ Monoclinic, C2/c a = 18.5787 (3) Å b = 8.6272 (2) Å c = 12.7945 (4) Å  $\beta = 129.739$  (1)°

Data collection

Bruker APEXII CCD diffractometer Absorption correction: multi-scan (APEX2; Bruker, 2005) T<sub>min</sub> = 0.878, T<sub>max</sub> = 0.900  $V = 1576.94 (7) \text{ Å}^{3}$  Z = 8Mo K\alpha radiation  $\mu = 0.42 \text{ mm}^{-1}$  T = 293 (2) K $0.32 \times 0.27 \times 0.26 \text{ mm}$ 

3793 measured reflections 1794 independent reflections 1672 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  $R_{int} = 0.013$ 

#### Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.031$ wR(F^2) = 0.088	H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained
S = 1.00	refinement
1794 reflections 136 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\text{max}} = 0.48 \text{ e A}^{-5}$ $\Delta \rho_{\text{min}} = -0.45 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

Table 1	
Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).	

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots A$
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Data collection: *APEX2* (Bruker, 2005); cell refinement: *APEX2*; data reduction: *APEX2*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SIR97* (Altomare *et al.*, 1999); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *WinGX* (Farrugia, 1999).

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#### Comment

Salts of melamine and its derivatives can develop supramolecular structures *via* hydrogen bonding by self assembly. Monoprotonated melaminium sulfate hydrate,  $(C_3H_7N_6)_2$  SO<sub>4</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O, has been structurally investigated (Janczak & Perpétuo, 2001*b*). We present here the solid state structure of anhydrous diprotonated melaminium salt.

The internal C—N—C angle at the protonated N atoms [C2—N6—C3 120.35 (15)  $^{\circ}$  and C2—N5—C1 120.25 (15)  $^{\circ}$ ] is significantly larger than the C—N—C angle at the non-protonated N atom [C1—N4—C3 116.79 (15)  $^{\circ}$ ]. These differences are due to the steric effect of the lone-pair electrons and are fully consistent with the valence-shell electron-pair repulsion theory (Janczak & Perpétuo, 2001*a*). The two shortest bonds [N4—C3 1.333 (2) Å and N4—C1 1.338 (2) Å] are those furthest from the protonated ring N atoms. The two longest bonds [N6—C3 1.367 (2) Å and N5—C1 1.373 (2) Å] are those connected to the shortest bonds. This has the effect of opening up the ring bond angles at atoms C1 and C3, thus creating the largest bond angles in the ring [N4—C3—N6 122.4 (1)  $^{\circ}$  and N4—C1—N5 122.1 (1)  $^{\circ}$ ]. A semi-empirical calculation, with the AM1 parameter set (Dewar *et al.*, 1985) on the melaminium residue diprotonated at two ring N atoms, results in almost the same geometrical features as being found in the title compound. The distortion of the aromatic ring is quite similar to that reported for the melaminium diperchlorate monohydrate salt (Martin & Pinkerton, 1995), as well as for melaminium bis(4-hydroxybenzene-sulfonate) dihydrate (Janczak & Perpétuo, 2001*a*).

The melaminium residue is involved in eleven hydrogen bonds, two N—H···N bonds with the neighbouring melaminium residue and nine N—H···O bonds with six neighbouring  $SO_4^{2-}$  anions. Two of the  $SO_4^{2-}$  anions are acceptors of two and three hydrogen bonds, respectively, while the other four are acceptors of one hydrogen bond each (Fig. 2). The H atoms at the protonated N atoms of the melaminium residue are involved in almost linear N—H···O hydrogen bonds.

Each  $SO_4^{2-}$  ion is involved as an acceptor in nine hydrogen bonds connecting to six melaminium residues. The O1 and O2 atoms are the most interesting ones as they all accept three hydrogen atoms each. O3 forms two hydrogen bonds with melaminium residues *via* the H atoms of the amino groups, and O4 forms only one hydrogen bond *via* H5 atom at the protonated N atom of the melaminium residue.

The melaminium residues are interconnected by two almost linear N—H···N hydrogen bonds and five N—H···O hydrogen bonds. The distance between the centroids of the aromatic rings in adjacent layers (symmetry operator 2 - x, +y, 1.5 - z) is about 3.4 Å, which is much shorter than the maximum distance for the  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interaction (3.8 Å for centroid-centroid distance), indicating strong  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interactions. The two-dimensional layers are extensively interconnected by multiple hydrogen bonds with sulfate anions and  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interactions (Fig. 3).

#### Experimental

0.126 g (0.001 mol) of melamine was dissolved in 50 ml hot water. To this solution 4 ml 98% sulfate acid was slowly added. After several days, colorless crystals of (I) appeared.

#### Refinement

The H atoms bonded to the ring N atoms were located in difference Fourier map and their positions and displacement parameters were refined freely. The amino H atoms were added geometrically and treated as riding, with N—H = 0.86 Å and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(N)$ .

#### **Figures**



Fig. 1. View of the asymmetric unit of (I) showing the atom-labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. H atoms are represented by circles of arbitrary size.



Fig. 2. Diagram showing the hydrogen bonds of the melaminium cation. symmetry codes: (i) x, y + 1, z; (ii) -x + 1, -y, -z + 1; (iii) -x + 1, -y + 1, -z + 1; (iv) -x + 1, y, -z + 1/2; (v) -x + 1, y + 1, -z + 1/2; (vi) -x + 3/2, y + 1/2, -z + 1/2; (vii) x, -y, z + 1/2; (viii) x, -y + 1, z + 1/2; (ix) x - 1/2, -y + 1/2, z + 1/2.



Fig. 3. The molecular packing of (I) in the unit cell showing the hydrogen-bonding interaction (dashed lines).

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c = 12.7945 (4) Å	$\mu = 0.42 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$\beta = 129.7390 \ (10)^{\circ}$	T = 293 (2) K
V = 1576.94 (7) Å <sup>3</sup>	Prism, colorless
Z = 8	$0.32\times0.27\times0.26~mm$

#### Data collection

Bruker APEX2 CCD diffractometer	1794 independent reflections
Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube	1672 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
Monochromator: graphite	$R_{\rm int} = 0.013$
T = 293(2)  K	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.5^{\circ}$

$\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans	$\theta_{\min} = 2.8^{\circ}$
Absorption correction: multi-scan (APEX2; Bruker, 2005)	$h = -24 \rightarrow 19$
$T_{\min} = 0.879, \ T_{\max} = 0.900$	$k = -6 \rightarrow 11$
3793 measured reflections	$l = -16 \rightarrow 16$

#### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites
Least-squares matrix: full	H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.031$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.041P)^2 + 3.6165P]$ where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$wR(F^2) = 0.089$	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} < 0.001$
<i>S</i> = 1.00	$\Delta \rho_{max} = 0.48 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$
1794 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{min} = -0.45 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
136 parameters	Extinction correction: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997), $Fc^*=kFc[1+0.001xFc^2\lambda^3/sin(2\theta)]^{-1/4}$
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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  $F^2 > 2 \operatorname{sigma}(F^2)$  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.

	x	у	Ζ	$U_{\rm iso}*/U_{\rm eq}$
S1	0.65733 (3)	0.06360 (5)	0.27385 (4)	0.02105 (15)
O2	0.63929 (12)	0.11467 (16)	0.36667 (16)	0.0369 (4)
O4	0.70593 (10)	-0.08710 (15)	0.32413 (17)	0.0348 (4)
C2	0.84604 (12)	0.9717 (2)	0.65207 (17)	0.0210 (3)
N5	0.86032 (10)	0.82418 (17)	0.63479 (15)	0.0215 (3)
N3	0.95352 (12)	1.16685 (18)	0.54108 (18)	0.0312 (4)
НЗА	0.9834	1.1488	0.5118	0.037*
H3B	0.9448	1.2607	0.5534	0.037*
03	0.71951 (10)	0.17704 (15)	0.28119 (15)	0.0309 (3)
N2	0.80592 (11)	1.00382 (18)	0.70342 (17)	0.0277 (3)

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters  $(A^2)$ 

# supplementary materials

H2A	0.7879	0.9301	0.7272	0.033*
H2B	0.7974	1.0988	0.7136	0.033*
C3	0.92125 (12)	1.0513 (2)	0.56700 (18)	0.0222 (3)
N4	0.93490 (11)	0.90603 (17)	0.54780 (16)	0.0236 (3)
N1	0.91024 (13)	0.64908 (18)	0.55885 (18)	0.0317 (4)
H1A	0.9372	0.6259	0.5259	0.038*
H1B	0.8889	0.5768	0.5787	0.038*
O1	0.56934 (11)	0.0514 (2)	0.13681 (16)	0.0440 (4)
N6	0.87638 (11)	1.08607 (18)	0.61675 (16)	0.0232 (3)
C1	0.90174 (12)	0.7934 (2)	0.57868 (17)	0.0219 (3)
H6	0.8684 (18)	1.183 (3)	0.626 (2)	0.042 (7)*
Н5	0.8388 (18)	0.749 (3)	0.651 (3)	0.044 (7)*

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

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
S1	0.0277 (2)	0.0160 (2)	0.0288 (2)	0.00029 (15)	0.0224 (2)	0.00143 (15)
02	0.0657 (10)	0.0212 (7)	0.0574 (9)	-0.0009 (7)	0.0549 (9)	-0.0015 (6)
O4	0.0425 (8)	0.0182 (6)	0.0605 (10)	0.0067 (6)	0.0408 (8)	0.0085 (6)
C2	0.0228 (8)	0.0197 (8)	0.0233 (8)	-0.0007 (6)	0.0160 (7)	-0.0004 (6)
N5	0.0284 (7)	0.0166 (7)	0.0289 (7)	-0.0010 (6)	0.0226 (7)	0.0004 (6)
N3	0.0438 (9)	0.0183 (7)	0.0528 (10)	-0.0030(7)	0.0407 (9)	-0.0011 (7)
03	0.0416 (8)	0.0189 (6)	0.0502 (8)	-0.0047 (5)	0.0377 (7)	-0.0022 (6)
N2	0.0395 (9)	0.0202 (7)	0.0418 (9)	-0.0002 (6)	0.0345 (8)	-0.0006 (6)
C3	0.0246 (8)	0.0201 (8)	0.0274 (8)	-0.0013 (6)	0.0191 (7)	-0.0010 (6)
N4	0.0296 (8)	0.0185 (7)	0.0345 (8)	-0.0010 (6)	0.0259 (7)	-0.0010 (6)
N1	0.0519 (10)	0.0172 (7)	0.0516 (10)	-0.0016 (7)	0.0449 (9)	-0.0018 (7)
01	0.0361 (8)	0.0554 (10)	0.0329 (8)	-0.0085 (7)	0.0185 (7)	0.0045 (7)
N6	0.0320 (8)	0.0156 (7)	0.0330 (8)	-0.0002 (6)	0.0259 (7)	-0.0012 (6)
C1	0.0254 (8)	0.0194 (8)	0.0262 (8)	-0.0003 (6)	0.0188 (7)	-0.0007 (6)

### Geometric parameters (Å, °)

S1—O1	1.447 (1)	N3—H3B	0.8600
S1—O3	1.471 (1)	N2—H2A	0.8600
S1—O4	1.475 (1)	N2—H2B	0.8600
S1—O2	1.492 (1)	C3—N4	1.333 (2)
C2—N2	1.300 (2)	C3—N6	1.367 (2)
C2—N5	1.347 (2)	N4—C1	1.338 (2)
C2—N6	1.350 (2)	N1—C1	1.300 (2)
N5—C1	1.373 (2)	N1—H1A	0.8600
N5—H5	0.85 (3)	N1—H1B	0.8600
N3—C3	1.310 (2)	N6—H6	0.87 (3)
N3—H3A	0.8600		
O1—S1—O3	111.02 (9)	C2—N2—H2B	120.0
O1—S1—O4	111.51 (10)	H2A—N2—H2B	120.0
O3—S1—O4	108.77 (8)	N3—C3—N4	119.80 (16)
O1—S1—O2	109.36 (10)	N3—C3—N6	117.71 (16)

O3—S1—O2	108.65 (8)	N4—C3—N6	122.46 (16)
O4—S1—O2	107.42 (9)	C3—N4—C1	116.79 (15)
N2-C2-N5	121.41 (16)	C1—N1—H1A	120.0
N2—C2—N6	120.69 (16)	C1—N1—H1B	120.0
N5-C2-N6	117.88 (15)	H1A—N1—H1B	120.0
C2—N5—C1	120.25 (15)	C2—N6—C3	120.35 (15)
C2—N5—H5	120.6 (18)	C2—N6—H6	120.8 (17)
C1—N5—H5	118.9 (19)	C3—N6—H6	118.8 (17)
C3—N3—H3A	120.0	N1—C1—N4	120.09 (16)
C3—N3—H3B	120.0	N1—C1—N5	117.76 (16)
H3A—N3—H3B	120.0	N4—C1—N5	122.13 (15)
C2—N2—H2A	120.0		
N2-C2-N5-C1	179.14 (16)	N3—C3—N6—C2	-176.50 (17)
N6-C2-N5-C1	-2.1 (2)	N4—C3—N6—C2	1.8 (3)
N3-C3-N4-C1	178.76 (17)	C3—N4—C1—N1	178.06 (18)
N6-C3-N4-C1	0.5 (3)	C3—N4—C1—N5	-3.6 (3)
N2—C2—N6—C3	177.84 (17)	C2-N5-C1-N1	-177.10 (17)
N5-C2-N6-C3	-0.9 (3)	C2-N5-C1-N4	4.6 (3)

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Fig. 1







Fig. 2



