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# Crystal structures of the two salts 2-methyl-1H-imidazol-3-ium nitrate-2-methyl-1H-imidazole (1/1) and 2-methyl-1H-imidazol-3-ium nitrate 

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The title salts, $\mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{H}_{7} \mathrm{~N}_{2}{ }^{+} \cdot \mathrm{NO}_{3}{ }^{-} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{~N}_{2}$, (I), and $\mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{H}_{7} \mathrm{~N}_{2}{ }^{+} \cdot \mathrm{NO}_{3}{ }^{-}$, (II), were obtained from solutions containing 2-methylimidazole and nitric acid in different concentrations. In the crystal structure of salt (I), one of the -NH H atoms of the imidazole ring shows half-occupancy, hence only every second molecule is in its cationic form. The nitrate anion in this structure lies on a twofold rotation axis. The neutral 2-methylimidazole molecule and the 2-methyl-1 H -imidazol-3-ium cation interact through $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{N}$ hydrogen bonds to form $\left[\left(\mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{~N}_{2}\right) \cdots\left(\mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{H}_{7} \mathrm{~N}_{2}\right)^{+}\right]$pairs. These pairs are linked with two nitrate anions on both sides through bifurcated $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H} \cdots(\mathrm{O}, \mathrm{O})$ hydrogen bonds into chains running parallel to [001]. In the crystal structure of salt (II), the $\mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{H}_{7} \mathrm{~N}_{2}{ }^{+}$ cation and the $\mathrm{NO}_{3}{ }^{-}$anion are both located on a mirror plane, leading to a statistical disorder of the methyl H atoms. The cations and anions again interact through bifurcated $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H} \cdots(\mathrm{O}, \mathrm{O})$ hydrogen bonds, giving rise to the formation of chains consisting of alternating anions and cations parallel to [100].

## 1. Chemical context

While targeting the synthesis of new $\mathrm{Sn}^{\mathrm{IV}}$ complexes, crystals of the salt $\mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{H}_{7} \mathrm{~N}_{2}{ }^{+} \cdot \mathrm{NO}_{3}{ }^{-}$, (II), were obtained serendipitously by mixing trimethyltin acetate with 2-methylimidazole in the presence of nitric acid. In the dynamic of seeking new ammonium salts soluble in organic solvents that can be used for further metallorganic syntheses, we have initiated the targeted preparation of this salt. However, by variation of the ratio between nitric acid and 2 -methylimidazole we also obtained crystals of compound (I), $\mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{H}_{7} \mathrm{~N}_{2}{ }^{+} \cdot \mathrm{NO}_{3}{ }^{-}$, and report the two structures in this communication.


## 2. Structural commentary

The asymmetric unit of salt (I) consists of a 2-methylimidazole moiety in a general position and part of a nitrate anion. The


Figure 2
The molecular components of salt (II), showing the atom labelling and displacement ellipsoids drawn at the $50 \%$ probability level. H atoms are drawn as spheres of arbitrary radius and hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines.
anion is completed by application of twofold rotation symmetry. The hydrogen atom H 1 attached to N 1 of the imidazole ring has a statistical occupancy of 0.5 , thus leading to a 1:1 mixture of a 2-methyl- 1 H -imidazol-3-ium cation and a neutral 2-methylimidazole molecule in the crystal applying symmetry operation (i) $1-x, y, \frac{1}{2}-z$ (Fig. 1). In the nitrate anion, the $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{O}$ bond lengths $[1.2433$ (11)-1.2774 (19) $\AA$ ] , are in a typical range (see, for example, Diop et al., 2013) and indicate some $\pi$ delocalization over the two oxygen atoms O1 and $\mathrm{O} 1{ }^{\mathrm{i}}$. The longer $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{O}$ distance is observed for atom O 2 involved in the stronger of the two observed $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ hydrogen bonds (Table 1). The imidazole ring is planar with a maximum deviation of 0.005 (1) $\AA$. The asymmetric unit of salt (II) consists of an ordered 2-methyl-1 H -imidazol-3-ium cation and a nitrate anion (Fig. 2), both lying on a mirror plane.


Figure 1
The molecular components of salt (I), showing the atom labelling and displacement ellipsoids drawn at the $50 \%$ probability level. H atoms are drawn as spheres of arbitrary radius and hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines. [Symmetry codes: (i) $1-x, y, \frac{1}{2}-z$, (ii): $1-x, y, \frac{3}{2}-z$.]

Table 1
Hydrogen-bond geometry ( $\left(\AA^{\circ}{ }^{\circ}\right.$ ) for (I).

| $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H}$ | $\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{~N} 2-\mathrm{H} 2 \cdots \mathrm{O}^{\mathrm{i}}$ | $0.845(19)$ | $2.594(19)$ | $3.1837(14)$ | $127.9(15)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{H} 2 \cdots \mathrm{O} 2$ | $0.845(19)$ | $2.06(2)$ | $2.9031(10)$ | $172.5(18)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{H} 1 \cdots \mathrm{~N}^{\mathrm{ii}}$ | $0.83(3)$ | $1.86(3)$ | $2.678(2)$ | $173(4)$ |

Symmetry codes: (i) $-x+1, y,-z+\frac{3}{2}$; (ii) $-x+1, y,-z+\frac{1}{2}$.

Table 2
Hydrogen-bond geometry ( $\AA{ }^{\circ}{ }^{\circ}$ ) for (II).

| $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H}$ | $\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| N1-H1 $^{2} \mathrm{OO}^{\mathrm{i}}$ | $0.82(4)$ | $2.12(4)$ | $2.894(2)$ | $157(4)$ |
| N1-H1 ${ }^{\mathrm{i}}$ | $\mathrm{O}^{\mathrm{i}}$ | $0.82(4)$ | $2.41(4)$ | $3.125(3)$ |
| N2-H2 O1 | $0.94(3)$ | $1.83(3)$ | $2.760(2)$ | $167(3)$ |
| N2-H2 $\cdots$ O2 | $0.94(3)$ | $2.50(3)$ | $3.231(2)$ | $135(2)$ |

Symmetry code: (i) $x+\frac{1}{2}, y,-z+\frac{3}{2}$.

In the two structures, the $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{O}$ angles have normal values close to $120^{\circ}$ and their sum $\left(360^{\circ}\right)$ reflect a perfect trigonal-planar geometry for each of the nitrate anions. For the 2-methyl- 1 H -imidazol-3-ium cations and for the neutral 2-methylimidazole molecule, the $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{C}$ distances involving C 2 , the C atom that carries the methyl group, are equal within $0.01 \AA$, and their values are consistent with double-bond character, as previously observed (Diop et al., 2015).

## 3. Supramolecular features

In the crystal structure of salt (I), the neutral 2-methylimidazole molecule is connected to the 2-methyl- 1 H -imidazol-3-ium cation through $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{N}$ hydrogen bonds, forming a $\left[\left(\mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{~N}_{2}\right) \cdots\left(\mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{H}_{7} \mathrm{~N}_{2}\right)^{+}\right]$pair (Fig. 1). Such pairs are then linked to two nitrate anions through bifurcated $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H} \cdots(\mathrm{O}, \mathrm{O})$ hydrogen bonds (Table 1), leading to chains extending along [001] (Fig. 3).

In the crystal structure of (II), the 2-methyl- 1 H -imidazol-3ium cations and the nitrate anions are alternately linked by bifurcated $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H} \cdots(\mathrm{O}, \mathrm{O})$ hydrogen bonds (Table 2), leading to the formation of hydrogen-bonded chains parallel to [100] (Fig. 4).


Figure 3
Partial view of the packing in the crystal structure of (I), showing a chain of hydrogen-bonded molecules. Only one of the statistically disordered H -atom positions between the imidazole rings is shown.

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Table 3
Experimental details.

|  | (I) | (II) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Crystal data |  |  |
| Chemical formula | $\mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{~N}_{2}{ }^{+} \cdot \mathrm{NO}_{3}{ }^{-} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{H}_{7} \mathrm{~N}_{2}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{H}_{7} \mathrm{~N}^{2+} \cdot \mathrm{NO}_{3}{ }^{-}$ |
| $M_{\text {r }}$ | 227.23 | 145.13 |
| Crystal system, space group | Monoclinic, C2/c | Orthorhombic, Pnma |
| Temperature (K) | 100 | 110 |
| $a, b, c(\mathrm{~A})$ | 10.1879 (4), 10.0912 (4), 11.9055 (5) | 14.1402 (11), 6.2297 (5), 7.4571 (6) |
| $\alpha, \beta, \gamma\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ | 90, 115.188 (2), 90 | 90, 90, 90 |
| $V\left(\AA^{3}\right)$ | 1107.60 (8) | 656.89 (9) |
| Z | 4 | 4 |
| Radiation type | $\mathrm{Ga} K \alpha, \lambda=1.34139$ A | Ga $K \alpha, \lambda=1.34139$ A |
| $\mu\left(\mathrm{mm}^{-1}\right)$ | 0.58 | 0.70 |
| Crystal size (mm) | $0.25 \times 0.19 \times 0.19$ | $0.09 \times 0.04 \times 0.03$ |
| Data collection |  |  |
| Diffractometer | Bruker Venture Metaljet | Bruker Venture Metaljet |
| Absorption correction | Multi-scan (SADABS; Krause et al., 2015) | Multi-scan (SADABS; Krause et al., 2015) |
| $T_{\text {min }}, T_{\text {max }}$ | 0.682, 0.752 | $0.471,0.752$ |
| No. of measured, independent and observed [ $I>2 \sigma(I)$ ] reflections | 8771, 1286, 1210 | 13253, 817, 761 |
| $R_{\text {int }}$ | 0.033 | 0.060 |
| $(\sin \theta / \lambda)_{\text {max }}\left(\AA^{-1}\right)$ | 0.650 | 0.651 |
| Refinement |  |  |
| $R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right], w R\left(F^{2}\right), S$ | 0.034, 0.100, 1.04 | 0.049, 0.146, 1.04 |
| No. of reflections | 1286 | 817 |
| No. of parameters | 102 | 68 |
| H -atom treatment | All H -atom parameters refined | H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement |
| $\Delta \rho_{\text {max }}, \Delta \rho_{\text {min }}\left(\mathrm{e} \AA^{-3}\right)$ | $0.25,-0.20$ | $0.22,-0.28$ |

Computer programs: APEX2 and, SAINT (Bruker, 2014), SHELXT (Sheldrick, 2015a), SHELXL2014 (Sheldrick, 2015b), OLEX2 (Dolomanov et al., 2009), Mercury (Macrae et al., 2008), and publCIF (Westrip, 2010).

In the two structures, the stability between the chains is dominated by electrostatic interactions.

## 4. Database survey

A search of the Cambridge Structural Database (Version 5.37 with one update, Groom \& Allen, 2014) for structures containing imidazole or imidazolium rings with nitrate anions returned 21 hits. Molecular chains with bifurcated hydrogen bonds between imidazol-3-ium cations and nitrate anions as found in (II) have been reported for 2-(1-naphthyldiazenyl)1 H -imidazol-3-ium nitrate (Pramanik et al., 2010), 2-azidoimidazolium nitrate (Tang et al., 2012) and 2-phenylimidazolium nitrate hemihydrate (Zhang et al., 2007). Molecular chains similar to those observed in (I) with pairs of


Figure 4
Partial view of the packing in the crystal structure of (II), showing a chain made up of hydrogen-bonded nitrate anions and 2-methyl-1H-imidazol-3ium cations.
imidazole and imidazolium rings linked through bifurcated hydrogen bonds to nitrate anions are also found in the structure of 2-(1H-imidazol-2-yl)-1H-imidazol-3-ium nitrate (Jin et al., 2011).

## 5. Synthesis and crystallization

All chemicals were purchased from Aldrich (Germany) and were used as received. Single crystals suitable for X-ray studies of (II) were first obtained by serendipity when a mixture of 2-methylimidazole and concentrated nitric acid was added to trimethyltin acetate in methanol. Colourless single crystals of (I) were obtained after slow evaporation at room temperature of an aqueous solution consisting of 2-methylimidazole and concentrated nitric acid in a $2: 1$ ratio. Compound (II) can also be prepared in a similar way by changing the ratio between 2-methylimidazole and nitric acid to $1: 1$.

## 6. Refinement

Crystal data, data collection and structure refinement details are summarized in Table 3. For (I), all H atoms were clearly discernible from difference Fourier maps and were freely refined. Half-occupancy of H1 is required for structural reasons and was indicated by the values of the residual density peaks found in the difference Fourier map ( 0.83 vs 0.47 e $\AA^{-3}$
for an occupancy factor of 1 and 0.5 , respectively). For (II), the H atoms bound to C were placed in calculated positions and then refined using a riding model with $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}=0.95 \AA$ (aromatic) and $0.98 \AA$ (methyl) and $U_{\text {iso }}(\mathrm{H})=1.2$ and $1.5 U_{\mathrm{eq}}(\mathrm{C})$, respectively. As a result of the mirror symmetry of the 2-methyl-1 H -imidazol-3-ium cation, the methyl H atoms are statistically disordered over two positions. H atoms bound to N atoms were located from a difference Fourier map and were freely refined.

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## Computing details

For both compounds, data collection: APEX2 (Bruker, 2014); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 2014); data reduction: SAINT (Bruker, 2014); program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXT (Sheldrick, 2015a); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL2014 (Sheldrick, 2015b); molecular graphics: OLEX2 (Dolomanov et al., 2009) and Mercury (Macrae et al., 2008); software used to prepare material for publication: OLEX2 (Dolomanov et al., 2009) and publCIF (Westrip, 2010).
(I) 2-Methyl-1H-imidazol-3-ium nitrate-2-methyl-1H-imidazole (1/1)

## Crystal data

$\mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{~N}_{2}{ }^{+} \cdot \mathrm{NO}_{3} \cdot{ }^{-} \mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{H}_{7} \mathrm{~N}_{2}$
$M_{r}=227.23$
Monoclinic, $C 2 / c$
$a=10.1879$ (4) $\AA$
$b=10.0912$ (4) $\AA$
$c=11.9055(5) \AA$
$\beta=115.188(2)^{\circ}$
$V=1107.60(8) \AA^{3}$
$Z=4$

## Data collection

Bruker Venture Metaljet diffractometer
Radiation source: Metal Jet, Gallium Liquid
Metal Jet Source
Helios MX Mirror Optics monochromator
Detector resolution: 10.24 pixels $\mathrm{mm}^{-1}$
$\omega$ and $\varphi$ scans
Absorption correction: multi-scan
(SADABS; Krause et al., 2015)

## Refinement

Refinement on $F^{2}$
Least-squares matrix: full
$R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.034$
$w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.100$
$S=1.04$
1286 reflections
102 parameters

$$
\begin{aligned}
& F(000)=480 \\
& D_{\mathrm{x}}=1.363 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{~m}^{-3} \\
& \text { Ga Ka radiation, } \lambda=1.34139 \AA \\
& \text { Cell parameters from } 6125 \text { reflections } \\
& \theta=5.7-60.7^{\circ} \\
& \mu=0.58 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1} \\
& T=100 \mathrm{~K} \\
& \text { Block, clear light colourless } \\
& 0.25 \times 0.19 \times 0.19 \mathrm{~mm}
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
T_{\min }=0.682, T_{\max }=0.752
$$

8771 measured reflections
1286 independent reflections
1210 reflections with $I>2 \sigma(I)$
$R_{\text {int }}=0.033$
$\theta_{\text {max }}=60.7^{\circ}, \theta_{\text {min }}=5.7^{\circ}$
$h=-12 \rightarrow 13$
$k=-13 \rightarrow 13$
$l=-15 \rightarrow 13$

## 0 restraints

Primary atom site location: structure-invariant direct methods
Hydrogen site location: difference Fourier map
All H-atom parameters refined
$w=1 /\left[\sigma^{2}\left(F_{0}{ }^{2}\right)+(0.053 P)^{2}+0.953 P\right]$
where $P=\left(F_{o}^{2}+2 F_{\mathrm{c}}^{2}\right) / 3$

# supporting information 

$(\Delta / \sigma)_{\max }<0.001$
$\Delta \rho_{\max }=0.25 \mathrm{e}^{-3}$
$\Delta \rho_{\text {min }}=-0.20 \mathrm{e}^{-3}$

## Special details

Experimental. X-ray crystallographic data for I were collected from a single crystal sample, which was mounted on a loop fiber. Data were collected using a Bruker Venture diffractometer equipped with a Photon 100 CMOS Detector, a Helios MX optics and a Kappa goniometer. The crystal-to-detector distance was 4.0 cm , and the data collection was carried out in $1024 \times 1024$ pixel mode.
Geometry. All esds (except the esd in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell esds are taken into account individually in the estimation of esds in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between esds in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell esds is used for estimating esds involving l.s. planes.

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

|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | $U_{\text {iso }}{ }^{*} / U_{\text {eq }}$ | Occ. $(<1)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| N1 | $0.56964(11)$ | $0.62468(10)$ | $0.37404(10)$ | $0.0219(3)$ |  |
| H1 | $0.533(4)$ | $0.626(3)$ | $0.297(3)$ | $0.034(9)^{*}$ | 0.5 |
| N2 | $0.59828(11)$ | $0.65353(10)$ | $0.56421(9)$ | $0.0198(2)$ |  |
| C1 | $0.37127(14)$ | $0.74799(14)$ | $0.39888(12)$ | $0.0265(3)$ |  |
| H1A | $0.386(2)$ | $0.837(2)$ | $0.3796(19)$ | $0.053(6)^{*}$ |  |
| H1B | $0.303(2)$ | $0.713(2)$ | $0.3230(19)$ | $0.049(5)^{*}$ |  |
| H1C | $0.333(2)$ | $0.741(2)$ | $0.454(2)$ | $0.058(6)^{*}$ |  |
| C2 | $0.51030(12)$ | $0.67449(11)$ | $0.44456(10)$ | $0.0189(3)$ |  |
| H2 | $0.578(2)$ | $0.6791(19)$ | $0.6223(17)$ | $0.036(4)^{*}$ |  |
| C3 | $0.70215(14)$ | $0.57154(12)$ | $0.45264(12)$ | $0.0251(3)$ |  |
| H3 | $0.766(2)$ | $0.5300(18)$ | $0.4208(15)$ | $0.037(4)^{*}$ |  |
| C4 | $0.72067(13)$ | $0.58907(12)$ | $0.57091(12)$ | $0.0238(3)$ |  |
| H4 | $0.802(2)$ | $0.5656(17)$ | $0.6485(16)$ | $0.034(4)^{*}$ |  |
| O1 | $0.45994(10)$ | $0.92001(9)$ | $0.82112(8)$ | $0.0274(2)$ |  |
| O2 | 0.5000 | $0.73329(12)$ | 0.7500 | $0.0229(3)$ |  |
| N3 | 0.5000 | $0.85988(14)$ | 0.7500 | $0.0194(3)$ |  |

Atomic displacement parameters $\left(\AA^{2}\right)$

|  | $U^{11}$ | $U^{22}$ | $U^{33}$ | $U^{12}$ | $U^{13}$ | $U^{23}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| N1 | $0.0253(5)$ | $0.0217(5)$ | $0.0215(5)$ | $0.0005(4)$ | $0.0127(4)$ | $0.0000(4)$ |
| N2 | $0.0216(5)$ | $0.0213(5)$ | $0.0177(5)$ | $0.0016(4)$ | $0.0094(4)$ | $0.0007(4)$ |
| C1 | $0.0218(6)$ | $0.0317(7)$ | $0.0260(6)$ | $0.0055(5)$ | $0.0100(5)$ | $0.0035(5)$ |
| C2 | $0.0198(5)$ | $0.0183(5)$ | $0.0196(5)$ | $-0.0012(4)$ | $0.0094(4)$ | $0.0005(4)$ |
| C3 | $0.0253(6)$ | $0.0228(6)$ | $0.0315(6)$ | $0.0045(5)$ | $0.0164(5)$ | $0.0010(5)$ |
| C4 | $0.0216(6)$ | $0.0215(6)$ | $0.0269(6)$ | $0.0036(4)$ | $0.0089(5)$ | $0.0029(4)$ |
| O1 | $0.0335(5)$ | $0.0278(5)$ | $0.0261(5)$ | $0.0028(4)$ | $0.0176(4)$ | $-0.0026(3)$ |
| O2 | $0.0258(6)$ | $0.0211(6)$ | $0.0238(6)$ | 0.000 | $0.0123(5)$ | 0.000 |
| N3 | $0.0164(6)$ | $0.0234(7)$ | $0.0170(6)$ | 0.000 | $0.0056(5)$ | 0.000 |

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

| $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{H} 1$ | $0.83(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{H} 1 \mathrm{C}$ | $0.90(2)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 2$ | $1.3247(15)$ | $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 2$ | $1.4821(16)$ |


| N1-C3 | 1.3822 (17) | C3-H3 | 0.974 (19) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| N2-C2 | 1.3381 (15) | C3-C4 | 1.3504 (18) |
| N2-H2 | 0.845 (19) | $\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{H} 4$ | 0.971 (18) |
| N2-C4 | 1.3783 (16) | $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{N} 3$ | 1.2433 (11) |
| C1-H1A | 0.95 (2) | $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{N} 3$ | 1.2774 (19) |
| C1-H1B | 0.94 (2) | N3-O1 ${ }^{\text {i }}$ | 1.2433 (11) |
| C2-N1-H1 | 125 (3) | N1-C2-N2 | 109.58 (10) |
| C2-N1-C3 | 107.21 (10) | N1-C2-C1 | 125.45 (11) |
| C3-N1-H1 | 128 (3) | N2-C2-C1 | 124.91 (11) |
| C2-N2-H2 | 122.4 (13) | N1-C3-H3 | 121.6 (10) |
| C2-N2-C4 | 108.41 (10) | C4-C3-N1 | 108.53 (11) |
| $\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{H} 2$ | 129.1 (13) | C4-C3-H3 | 129.9 (10) |
| $\mathrm{H} 1 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{H} 1 \mathrm{~B}$ | 104.5 (17) | N2-C4-H4 | 123.6 (10) |
| $\mathrm{H} 1 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{H} 1 \mathrm{C}$ | 114.3 (18) | C3-C4-N2 | 106.26 (11) |
| $\mathrm{H} 1 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{H} 1 \mathrm{C}$ | 107.4 (19) | $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{H} 4$ | 130.1 (10) |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{H} 1 \mathrm{~A}$ | 109.7 (13) | $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{Ol}^{\mathrm{i}}$ | 121.58 (14) |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{H} 1 \mathrm{~B}$ | 111.1 (12) | $\mathrm{O} 1{ }^{\mathrm{i}}-\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{O} 2$ | 119.21 (7) |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{H} 1 \mathrm{C}$ | 109.7 (14) | $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{O} 2$ | 119.21 (7) |
| N1-C3-C4-N2 | -0.02 (14) | $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 1$ | 176.33 (12) |
| C2-N1-C3-C4 | 0.57 (14) | $\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{N} 1$ | 0.92 (13) |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 3$ | -0.53 (14) | $\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 1$ | -176.35 (11) |
| $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{N} 2$ | -0.91 (13) |  |  |

Symmetry code: (i) $-x+1, y,-z+3 / 2$.

Hydrogen-bond geometry (A, ${ }^{\circ}$ )

| $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H}$ | $\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{~N} 2-\mathrm{H} 2 \cdots \mathrm{O}^{\mathrm{i}}$ | $0.845(19)$ | $2.594(19)$ | $3.1837(14)$ | $127.9(15)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 2 — \mathrm{H} 2 \cdots \mathrm{O} 2$ | $0.845(19)$ | $2.06(2)$ | $2.9031(10)$ | $172.5(18)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{H} 1 \cdots \mathrm{~N}^{i i}$ | $0.83(3)$ | $1.86(3)$ | $2.678(2)$ | $173(4)$ |

Symmetry codes: (i) $-x+1, y,-z+3 / 2$; (ii) $-x+1, y,-z+1 / 2$.
(II) 2-Methyl-1 H -imidazol-3-ium nitrate

## Crystal data

$\mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{H}_{7} \mathrm{~N}^{2+} \cdot \mathrm{NO}_{3}{ }^{-}$
$M_{r}=145.13$
Orthorhombic, Pnma
$a=14.1402$ (11) $\AA$
$b=6.2297$ (5) $\AA$
$c=7.4571$ ( 6 ) $\AA$
$V=656.89(9) \AA^{3}$
$Z=4$
$F(000)=304$
$D_{\mathrm{x}}=1.467 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$
Ga $K \alpha$ radiation, $\lambda=1.34139 \AA$
Cell parameters from 9976 reflections
$\theta=5.2-60.7^{\circ}$
$\mu=0.70 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$
$T=110 \mathrm{~K}$
Block, clear light colorless
$0.09 \times 0.04 \times 0.03 \mathrm{~mm}$

## Data collection

Bruker Venture Metaljet
diffractometer
Radiation source: Metal Jet, Gallium Liquid
Metal Jet Source
Helios MX Mirror Optics monochromator
Detector resolution: 10.24 pixels $\mathrm{mm}^{-1}$
$\omega$ and $\varphi$ scans
Absorption correction: multi-scan
(SADABS; Krause et al., 2015)

$$
\begin{aligned}
& T_{\min }=0.471, T_{\max }=0.752 \\
& 13253 \text { measured reflections } \\
& 817 \text { independent reflections } \\
& 761 \text { reflections with } I>2 \sigma(I) \\
& R_{\text {int }}=0.060 \\
& \theta_{\max }=60.8^{\circ}, \theta_{\min }=8.1^{\circ} \\
& h=-16 \rightarrow 18 \\
& k=-8 \rightarrow 8 \\
& l=-9 \rightarrow 9
\end{aligned}
$$

## Refinement

Refinement on $F^{2}$
Least-squares matrix: full
$R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.049$
$w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.146$
$S=1.04$
817 reflections
68 parameters
0 restraints

## Special details

Experimental. X-ray crystallographic data for I were collected from a single crystal sample, which was mounted on a loop fiber. Data were collected using a Bruker Venture diffractometer equipped with a Photon 100 CMOS Detector, a Helios MX optics and a Kappa goniometer. The crystal-to-detector distance was 4.0 cm , and the data collection was carried out in $1024 \times 1024$ pixel mode.
Geometry. All esds (except the esd in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell esds are taken into account individually in the estimation of esds in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between esds in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell esds is used for estimating esds involving l.s. planes.

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

|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | $U_{\text {iso }} * / U_{\mathrm{eq}}$ | Occ. $(<1)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| N1 | $0.75103(14)$ | 0.2500 | $0.7473(3)$ | $0.0489(5)$ |  |
| H1 | $0.791(3)$ | 0.2500 | $0.828(5)$ | $0.104(14)^{*}$ |  |
| N2 | $0.62239(12)$ | 0.2500 | $0.5968(2)$ | $0.0383(5)$ |  |
| H2 | $0.558(2)$ | 0.2500 | $0.566(4)$ | $0.065(9)^{*}$ |  |
| C1 | $0.6012(2)$ | 0.2500 | $0.9290(3)$ | $0.0581(7)$ | 0.5 |
| H1A | 0.6415 | 0.2943 | 1.0295 | $0.087^{*}$ | 0.5 |
| H1B | 0.5768 | 0.1053 | 0.9515 | $0.07^{*}$ | 0.5 |
| H1C | 0.5483 | 0.3504 | 0.9170 | $0.087^{*}$ |  |
| C2 | $0.65719(16)$ | 0.2500 | $0.7623(3)$ | $0.0493(5)$ |  |
| C3 | $0.77534(16)$ | 0.2500 | $0.5686(3)$ | $0.059^{*}$ |  |
| H3 | 0.8376 | 0.2500 | 0.5208 | $0.0448(6)$ |  |
| C4 | $0.69503(16)$ | 0.2500 | $0.4755(3)$ | $0.054^{*}$ |  |
| H4 | 0.6892 | 0.2500 | 0.3486 | $0.0498(5)$ |  |
| O1 | $0.42825(10)$ | 0.2500 | $0.55858(18)$ | $0.0482(5)$ |  |
| O2 | $0.46812(12)$ | 0.2500 | $0.2772(2)$ | $0.0384(5)$ |  |
| O3 | $0.32003(10)$ | 0.2500 | $0.3546(2)$ |  |  |
| N3 | $0.40563(11)$ | 0.2500 | $0.3932(2)$ |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

Atomic displacement parameters $\left(\AA^{2}\right)$

|  | $U^{11}$ | $U^{22}$ | $U^{\beta 3}$ | $U^{12}$ | $U^{13}$ | $U^{23}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| N1 | $0.0421(10)$ | $0.0503(11)$ | $0.0542(11)$ | 0.000 | $-0.0184(8)$ | 0.000 |
| N2 | $0.0319(8)$ | $0.0507(10)$ | $0.0324(8)$ | 0.000 | $-0.0023(6)$ | 0.000 |
| C1 | $0.0775(18)$ | $0.0625(15)$ | $0.0342(11)$ | 0.000 | $0.0076(10)$ | 0.000 |
| C2 | $0.0430(11)$ | $0.0460(11)$ | $0.0337(10)$ | 0.000 | $-0.0045(8)$ | 0.000 |
| C3 | $0.0357(11)$ | $0.0509(13)$ | $0.0612(14)$ | 0.000 | $0.0057(9)$ | 0.000 |
| C4 | $0.0448(12)$ | $0.0522(12)$ | $0.0374(10)$ | 0.000 | $0.0064(8)$ | 0.000 |
| O1 | $0.0360(8)$ | $0.0681(10)$ | $0.0308(7)$ | 0.000 | $-0.0011(5)$ | 0.000 |
| O2 | $0.0449(9)$ | $0.0686(11)$ | $0.0359(8)$ | 0.000 | $0.0092(6)$ | 0.000 |
| O3 | $0.0348(7)$ | $0.0592(10)$ | $0.0507(9)$ | 0.000 | $-0.0103(6)$ | 0.000 |
| N3 | $0.0344(8)$ | $0.0485(10)$ | $0.0323(8)$ | 0.000 | $-0.0005(6)$ | 0.000 |

Geometric parameters $\left(\AA,{ }^{\circ}\right)$

| N1-H1 | 0.82 (4) | C1-H1C | 0.9800 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| N1-C2 | 1.332 (3) | $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 2$ | 1.474 (3) |
| N1-C3 | 1.376 (3) | C3-H3 | 0.9500 |
| N2-H2 | 0.94 (3) | C3-C4 | 1.331 (3) |
| N2-C2 | 1.329 (2) | C4-H4 | 0.9500 |
| N2-C4 | 1.369 (3) | O1-N3 | 1.274 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{H} 1 \mathrm{~A}$ | 0.9800 | $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{N} 3$ | 1.237 (2) |
| C1-H1B | 0.9800 | O3-N3 | 1.244 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{H} 1$ | 128 (3) | N1-C2-C1 | 127.3 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 3$ | 109.29 (19) | $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{N} 1$ | 106.91 (18) |
| $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{H} 1$ | 122 (3) | N2-C2-C1 | 125.8 (2) |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{H} 2$ | 126.1 (18) | N1-C3-H3 | 126.5 |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 4$ | 109.63 (18) | C4-C3-N1 | 106.98 (19) |
| $\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{H} 2$ | 124.3 (18) | C4-C3-H3 | 126.5 |
| $\mathrm{H} 1 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{H} 1 \mathrm{~B}$ | 109.5 | N2-C4-H4 | 126.4 |
| $\mathrm{H} 1 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{H} 1 \mathrm{C}$ | 109.5 | $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{N} 2$ | 107.19 (19) |
| $\mathrm{H} 1 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{H} 1 \mathrm{C}$ | 109.5 | C3-C4-H4 | 126.4 |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{H} 1 \mathrm{~A}$ | 109.5 | $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{O} 1$ | 119.85 (17) |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{H} 1 \mathrm{~B}$ | 109.5 | $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{O} 3$ | 122.22 (18) |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{H} 1 \mathrm{C}$ | 109.5 | $\mathrm{O} 3-\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{O} 1$ | 117.93 (16) |
| N1-C3-C4-N2 | 0.000 (1) | $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 1$ | 180.000 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 4$ | 0.000 (1) | $\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{N} 1$ | 0.000 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 3$ | 0.000 (1) | $\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 1$ | 180.000 (1) |
| $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{N} 2$ | 0.000 (1) |  |  |

Hydrogen-bond geometry ( $A,{ }^{\circ}$ )

| $D — \mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H}$ | $\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{~N} 1 — \mathrm{H} 1 \cdots \mathrm{O} 1^{\mathrm{i}}$ | $0.82(4)$ | $2.12(4)$ | $2.894(2)$ | $157(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 1 — \mathrm{H} 1 \cdots 3^{\mathrm{i}}$ | $0.82(4)$ | $2.41(4)$ | $3.125(3)$ | $147(4)$ |

## supporting information

| $\mathrm{N} 2 — \mathrm{H} 2 \cdots \mathrm{O} 1$ | $0.94(3)$ | $1.83(3)$ | $2.760(2)$ | $167(3)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{N} 2 — \mathrm{H} 2 \cdots \mathrm{O} 2$ | $0.94(3)$ | $2.50(3)$ | $3.231(2)$ | $135(2)$ |

Symmetry code: (i) $x+1 / 2, y,-z+3 / 2$.

