

# Crystal structure of 4-oxo-3,5-dinitropyridine-*N*-hydroxide monohydrate, $C_5NH_2(NO_2)_2O(OH) \cdot H_2O$

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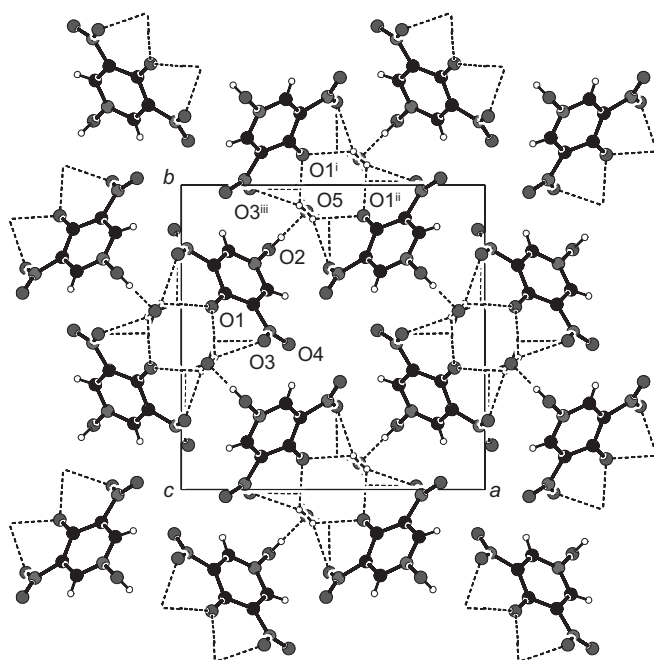
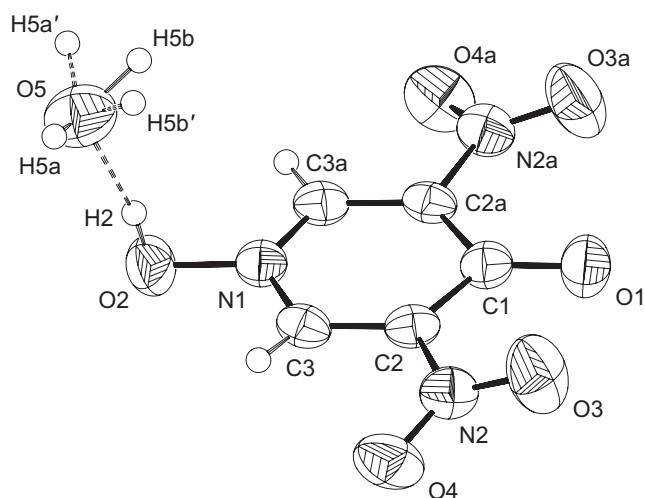
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## Abstract

$C_5H_5N_3O_7$ , tetragonal,  $P\bar{4}2_1m$  (no. 113),  $a = 13.113(5)$  Å,  $c = 4.941(3)$  Å,  $V = 849.6$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $Z = 4$ ,  $R_{gt}(F) = 0.048$ ,  $wR_{ref}(F^2) = 0.137$ ,  $T = 298$  K.

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## Source of material

Under stirring 4-hydroxypyridine *N*-oxide (1.0 g, 0.009 mol) was dissolved in 10 ml glacial acetic acid, followed by slow addition of 5 ml concentrated nitric acid. The temperature of the solution was raised to 50 °C, then gradually heated to 80 °C with the reaction process and kept at this temperature for one hour. After lowering to RT, the solution was poured on 20 g ice, whereupon a pale yellow solid formed. The solid was filtered, the mother liquor was extracted two times with  $CHCl_3$ , and one part of the pale yellow solid was cropped. All of the solid was collected and recrystallized from ethanol and 1.25 g (75 %) pale yellow solid was obtained. Single crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction analysis were grown from a water solution after several weeks.

## Experimental details

The H atoms were located from Fourier difference maps and refined. The water molecule was found to be disordered via symmetry and refined using restraints for bond lengths and angle.

## Discussion

Nitropyridine and its derivatives have been paid much attention due to their practical applications. Indeed, there are several patent claims and publications related with 4-hydroxy-3,5-dinitropyridine-*N*-oxide compounds. A variety of substituted nitropyridine-*N*-oxide compounds are used as herbicidal chemicals to control the growth of undesired plants [1]. Moreover, 4-hydroxy-3,5-dinitropyridine-*N*-oxide and its metal complexes have a higher explosion temperature and lower sensitivity, and therefore are used as energetic catalysts for solid propellants in order to adjust and improve their trajectory properties [2].

The X-ray diffraction study of the title crystal structure revealed that the H atom of hydroxy group is moved to the *N*-oxide group of 4-hydroxypyridine *N*-oxide (figure, top). The N1—O2 distance is 1.389(5) Å, and the C1—O1 distance is 1.242(5) Å. The C1—C2 distance of 1.450(5) Å is longer than the corresponding distance in 4-hydroxy-3,5-dinitropyridine (1.39(4) Å [3]), while the N1—C3 and C2—C3 distances of 1.345(4) Å and 1.363(4) Å, respectively, are shorter than the corresponding distances in the above-mentioned compound (1.37(5) Å and 1.39(4) Å, respectively). The mean N—O distance of the nitro group amounts to 1.222(3) Å. Intermolecular hydrogen bonds exist between water molecules, oxo and *N*-hydroxide groups as well as the nitro groups of neighboring molecules ( $d(O2-H2) = 0.87$  Å,  $d(O2 \cdots O5) = 2.527$  Å,  $\angle O2-H2 \cdots O5 = 170^\circ$ ;  $d(O5-H5A) = 1.02$  Å,  $d(O5 \cdots O1^i) = 2.861$  Å,  $\angle O5-H5A \cdots O1^i = 139^\circ$ ;  $d(O5-H5B) = 1.02$  Å,  $d(O5 \cdots O1^{ii}) = 2.861$  Å,  $\angle O5-H5B \cdots O1^{ii} = 116^\circ$ ;  $d(O5 \cdots O3^{iii}) = 2.999$  Å,  $\angle O5-H5B \cdots O3^{iii} = 124^\circ$ ; symmetry codes i:  $-y+1, x+1, -z+2$ ; ii:  $y, -x+1, -z+2$ ; iii:  $x+1/2, -y+1/2, -z+2$ ; figure, bottom).

**Table 1.** Data collection and handling.

Crystal:	yellow block, size 0.39 × 0.41 × 0.43 mm
Wavelength:	Mo K <sub>α</sub> radiation (0.71073 Å)
μ:	1.63 cm <sup>-1</sup>
Diffractometer, scan mode:	Siemens SMART CCD, φ/ω
2θ <sub>max</sub> :	54.92°
N(hkl) <sub>measured</sub> , N(hkl) <sub>unique</sub> :	5043, 1026
Criterion for I <sub>obs</sub> , N(hkl) <sub>gt</sub> :	I <sub>obs</sub> > 2 σ(I <sub>obs</sub> ), 620
N(param) <sub>refined</sub> :	92
Programs:	SHELXS-97 [4], SHELXL-97 [5]

**Table 2.** Atomic coordinates and displacement parameters (in Å<sup>2</sup>).

Atom	Site	Occ.	x	y	z	U <sub>iso</sub>
H(2)	4e	0.5	0.329(3)	0.829(3)	0.413(9)	0.04(1)
H(3)	8f		0.136(2)	0.842(2)	0.573(5)	0.019(7)
H(5A)	8f	0.5	0.390(5)	0.987(3)	0.551(8)	0.05(2)
H(5B)	8f	0.5	0.433(4)	0.889(3)	0.718(7)	0.05(2)

**Table 3.** Atomic coordinates and displacement parameters (in Å<sup>2</sup>).

Atom	Site	x	y	z	U <sub>11</sub>	U <sub>22</sub>	U <sub>33</sub>	U <sub>12</sub>	U <sub>13</sub>	U <sub>23</sub>
O(1)	4e	0.1003(2)	x + ½	1.1743(7)	0.054(1)	U <sub>11</sub>	0.058(2)	0.003(2)	0.012(1)	U <sub>13</sub>
O(2)	4e	0.2885(2)	x + ½	0.3251(7)	0.064(1)	U <sub>11</sub>	0.036(2)	-0.010(2)	0.003(1)	U <sub>13</sub>
O(3)	8f	-0.0109(2)	0.7734(2)	1.1837(5)	0.086(2)	0.089(2)	0.064(2)	0.033(2)	0.029(2)	0.013(2)
O(4)	8f	-0.0228(2)	0.8541(2)	0.8068(6)	0.057(2)	0.075(2)	0.065(2)	0.025(1)	-0.009(1)	0.001(2)
N(1)	4e	0.2423(2)	x + ½	0.5461(7)	0.040(1)	U <sub>11</sub>	0.037(2)	-0.005(2)	-0.005(1)	U <sub>13</sub>
N(2)	8f	0.0179(2)	0.7908(2)	0.9537(6)	0.046(2)	0.050(2)	0.049(2)	0.004(1)	-0.002(1)	-0.005(2)
C(1)	4e	0.1440(2)	x + ½	0.9837(9)	0.040(1)	U <sub>11</sub>	0.041(3)	-0.004(2)	-0.005(2)	U <sub>13</sub>
C(2)	8f	0.1083(2)	0.7370(2)	0.8563(7)	0.034(2)	0.039(2)	0.038(2)	0.001(1)	-0.006(1)	-0.012(1)
C(3)	8f	0.1556(3)	0.7831(3)	0.6433(6)	0.043(2)	0.037(2)	0.036(2)	0.001(2)	-0.011(2)	-0.006(2)
O(5)	4e	0.4134(2)	x + ½	0.530(1)	0.067(2)	U <sub>11</sub>	0.085(4)	-0.007(2)	-0.010(2)	U <sub>13</sub>

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