

systematic errors and how to correct the problems with the way least squares refinement is currently undertaken.

An initial model is used to partition the information in an observation $|\mathbf{Y}(\mathbf{h})|^2 = \sum_{m=1, M} |F(\mathbf{h})_m|^2$ where the background is $|F(\mathbf{h})_M|^2$. $\mathbf{Y}(\mathbf{h})$ can be regarded as a vector in an M dimensional space with components $F(\mathbf{h})_m$ \mathbf{i}_m . The assumption that there is a direction of interest in Y -space for the description of $\mathbf{Y}_{\text{obs}}(\mathbf{h}) - \mathbf{Y}_{\text{calc}}(\mathbf{h})$ is a constraint that creates a partial observation and a partial residual should the directions of $\mathbf{Y}_{\text{obs}}(\mathbf{h})$ and $\mathbf{Y}_{\text{calc}}(\mathbf{h})$ not coincide, eg the back-ground is not refined. This constraint creates residuals $\Delta_{hm} = |F_{\text{obs}}(\mathbf{h})_m - F_{\text{calc}}(\mathbf{h})_m|$ for a minor component of $\mathbf{Y}_{\text{obs}}(\mathbf{h})$ that are much smaller than the variance based estimates using an estimate of the variance-covariance matrix. This should be interpreted as the refinement of $\sum_w f_h w_h \Delta_h^2$ rather than $\sum_h w_h^2 \Delta_h^2$ with $\sum_w f_h$ the effective number of observations associated with the refined parameters and $\sum_h (1-f_h) w_h \Delta_h^2$ is the unrefined component of $\sum_h w_h \Delta_h^2$. Both f_h and w_h can change each refinement cycle.

The concept can be extended so that $f_h = \sum_j f_{hj} = \sum_m f_{hm}$ where f_{hj} is the fraction of the residual assigned to the j th variable and f_{hm} is the fraction assigned to the m th component. This allows the scaling of the variance-covariance matrix one variable at a time and the evaluation of the effective number of observations associated with a particular component of the structure factors, a particular variable, or a particular set of variables.

For pseudo symmetric structures one can create symmetrized components of the structure factors and one needs to isolate classes of reflections and differences between pseudo symmetric reflections in these classes to check on the reliability of the minor components that may have errors in their relative phases, imposed symmetry and choice of initial model as well as intrinsic problems involving stacking faults and twinning. Differences between pseudo equivalent reflections are unavailable from powder data as these reflections now coincide and this makes the relative phases of symmetrized components unconfirmable and uncorrectable.

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Polyiodide salts of thioamides

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Structural properties of (poly)iodide salts of 2-mercaptopyrimidine (PMT) and its non-aromatic analogue, 3,4,5,6-tetrahydropyrimidinethione (tHPMT) have been studied by means of middle- and high-resolution X-ray diffraction.

The reaction of PMT with hydroiodic acid in a molar ratio of 1:1 produced the mixture of PMT^+I^- (**1**) and $\text{PMT}^+(\text{I}_4^{2-})_{0.5}$ (**2**), while tHPMT reacts with diiodine in the presence of HI and (in 1:1:1 molar ratio) forms the ionic complex $[(\text{tHPMT})_2\text{I}(\text{I}_4^{2-})_{0.5}]$ (**3**). On the other hand this latter compound in the presence of HCl reacts with diiodine and, depending on the molar ratio, forms either $[\text{((tHPMT)}_2)^{2+}]_3(\text{Cl}^-)_{1.5}(\text{I}^-)_2(\text{I}_3^-)_{2.5}]$ (**4**) for a molar ratio 1:1:1 or $[\text{((tHPMT)}_2)^{2+}(\text{I}_3^-)(\text{I}_3^-)_{0.5}(\text{Cl}^-)_{0.5}]$ (**5**) for 1:1:2.

The crystal structures of all these compounds have been determined by standard X-ray diffraction method; for (**2**) also high resolution data are collected and preliminary results of the deformation electron density analysis are promising. Additionally, some of the compounds were also spectroscopically studied.

In the salts we have observed the rare forms of polyiodides i.e. tetra- and hexaiodides and the huge variety of different intermolecular

interactions including strong and weak hydrogen bonds, halogen bonds, sulfur...halogen and coulombic interactions. Some examples of the interactions found are shown below:

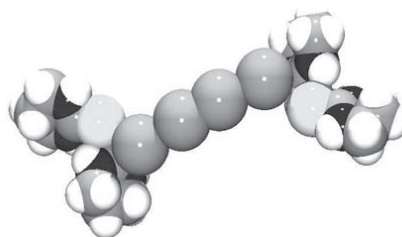


Figure 1. A view of the tetraiodide interacting with the disulfide bridge.

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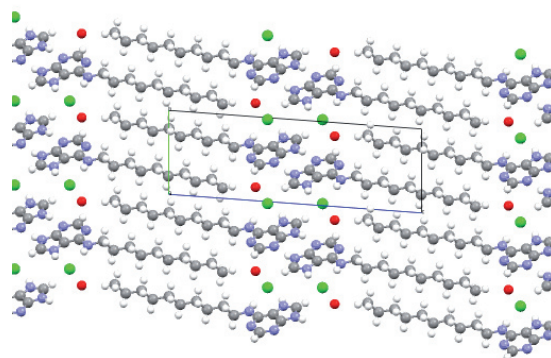
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Anion... π , lone pair... π , and F...F interactions in nucleobase derivatives

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Hydrophobic interactions in nucleobase derivatives substituted with long aliphatic chains favors the formation of layers of nucleobases and, in the case of salts, anions separated by the aliphatic chains, giving rise to crystal packings that reminds of lipid bilayers (Figure). Although the strongest intermolecular interaction inside the nucleobase layer is hydrogen bonding, other interactions such as π ... π stacking, anion... π , lone pair... π and fluorine...fluorine play a fundamental role in determining the conformation of the nucleobases inside the layers. The complex interplay between these interactions gives rise to features that have been analyzed by theoretical calculations, such as the formation of anion... π / π ... π / π ...anion assemblies [1], the stabilization of planar layers of fluorinated molecules by F...F interactions [2], or the favoring of lp... π over π ... π interactions when electron-withdrawing substituents are present [3]. Results stresses the importance of these interactions, that should be taken into account in crystal engineering and crystal structure prediction efforts with nucleobases and other N-substituted heterocycles.



Crystal structure of N⁶-decyldadenine·HCl hydrate