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4-Methylanilinium 2-carboxyacetate

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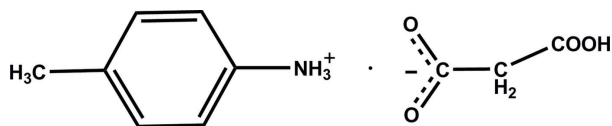
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; $T = 123$ K; mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.002$ Å; R factor = 0.042; wR factor = 0.111; data-to-parameter ratio = 16.1.

During the formation of the title salt, $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{10}\text{N}^+\cdot\text{C}_3\text{H}_3\text{O}_4^-$, an H atom of a carboxyl group was transferred to the amino group. All non-H atoms of the cation are essentially coplanar [r.m.s. deviation = 0.007 (4) Å]. The mean planes of the carboxylate and carboxyl groups of the anion form a dihedral of 69.67 (1)°. In the crystal, $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ and $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ hydrogen bonds connect the anions and cations, forming a two-dimensional network parallel to the bc plane.

Related literature

For the structures and properties of related compounds, see: Chen *et al.* (2001); Wang *et al.* (2002); Xue *et al.* (2002); Huang *et al.* (1999); Zhang *et al.* (2001); Ye *et al.* (2008).



Experimental

Crystal data

$\text{C}_7\text{H}_{10}\text{N}^+\cdot\text{C}_3\text{H}_3\text{O}_4^-$
 $M_r = 211.21$
 Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$
 $a = 12.7937$ (19) Å
 $b = 9.2742$ (16) Å
 $c = 8.5194$ (17) Å
 $\beta = 104.853$ (2)°

$V = 977.1$ (3) Å³
 $Z = 4$
 Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 $\mu = 0.11$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 123$ K
 $0.10 \times 0.05 \times 0.05$ mm

Data collection

Rigaku Mercury2 diffractometer
 Absorption correction: multi-scan
 (*CrystalClear*; Rigaku, 2005)
 $T_{\min} = 0.910$, $T_{\max} = 1.000$

7787 measured reflections
 2228 independent reflections
 1943 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.031$

Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.042$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.111$
 $S = 1.08$
 2228 reflections
 138 parameters

4 restraints
 H-atom parameters constrained
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.28$ e Å⁻³
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.24$ e Å⁻³

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-\text{H}\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}$	$\text{H}\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}\cdots A$
$\text{O1}-\text{H1}\cdots\text{O4}^{\text{i}}$	0.82	1.72	2.5353 (15)	175
$\text{N1}-\text{H1A}\cdots\text{O2}^{\text{ii}}$	0.91	1.94	2.8377 (17)	167
$\text{N1}-\text{H1B}\cdots\text{O3}^{\text{iii}}$	0.91	1.86	2.7642 (17)	171
$\text{N1}-\text{H1C}\cdots\text{O1}^{\text{iv}}$	0.91	2.21	2.8600 (17)	128
$\text{N1}-\text{H1C}\cdots\text{O3}^{\text{v}}$	0.91	2.32	2.9872 (17)	130
$\text{N1}-\text{H1C}\cdots\text{O4}^{\text{iv}}$	0.91	2.41	2.9655 (17)	120

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

Data collection: *CrystalClear* (Rigaku, 2005); cell refinement: *CrystalClear*; data reduction: *CrystalClear*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 2008) and *DIAMOND* (Brandenburg, 1999); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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4-Methylanilinium 2-carboxyacetate

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S1. Comment

Simple organic salts containing strong intramolecular H-bonds have attracted attention as materials which display ferroelectric-paraelectric phase transitions (Chen *et al.*, 2001; Huang, *et al.* 1999; Zhang, *et al.* 2001). With the purpose of obtaining phase transition crystals of organic salts, various organic molecules have been studied and a series of new crystal materials have been elaborated (Wang, *et al.* 2002; Xue, *et al.* 2002; Ye, *et al.* 2008). Herein, we present the synthesis and crystal structure of the title compound.

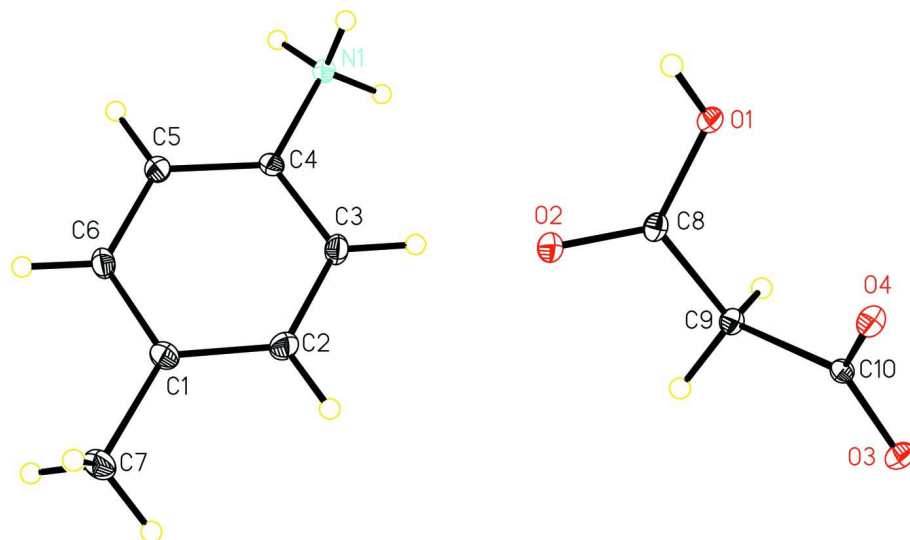
The molecular structure of the title salt is shown in Fig. 1. The asymmetric unit is composed of one 4-methylanilinium cation and one 2-carboxyacetate anion. All non-H atoms of the cation are essentially coplanar [r.m.s. deviation = 0.007 (4) Å]. The mean planes of the carboxylate and carboxyl groups of the anion form a dihedral of 69.67 (1)°. In the crystal, N—H...O and O—H...O hydrogen bonds connect anions and cations to form a two-dimensional network parallel to the *bc*-plane (Fig. 2 and Table 1).

S2. Experimental

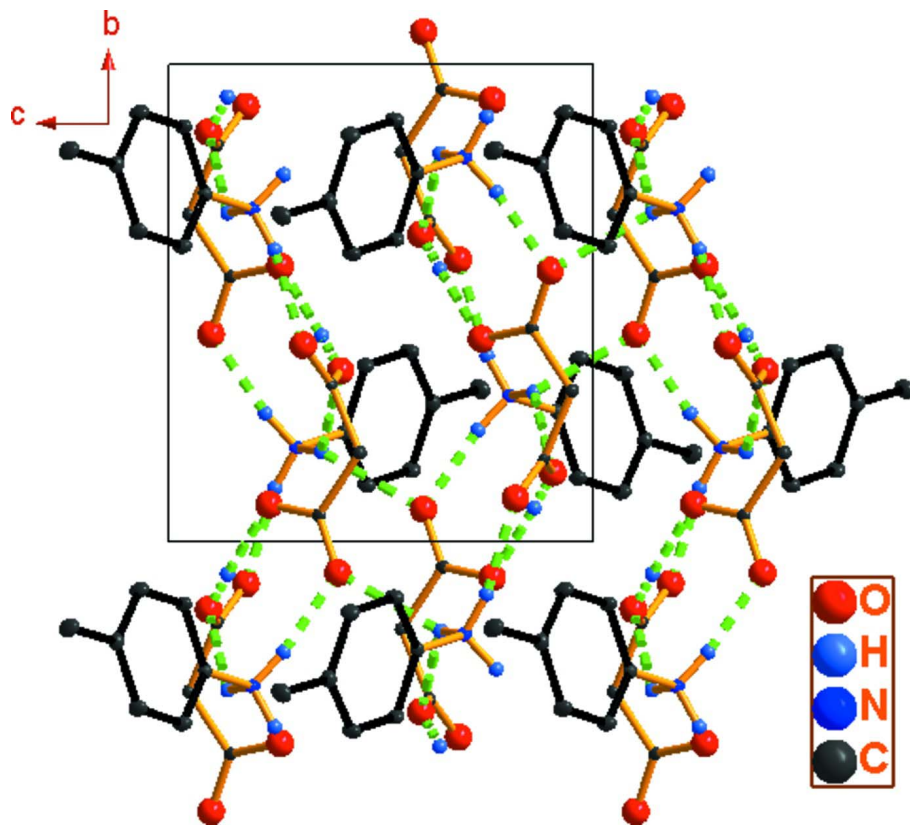
Malonic acid (10 mmol), 4-toluidine (10 mmol) and ethanol (50 mL) were added to a 100mL flask. The mixture was stirred at 333K for 2 h, and then the precipitate was filtrated off. Colourless crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained by slow evaporation of the solution.

S3. Refinement

H atoms attached to C atoms were placed in idealized positions and treated as riding with C—H = 0.95 Å (aromatic), C—H = 0.98 Å (methyl) and C—H = 0.99 Å (methylene) with $U_{iso}(H)=1.2U_{eq}(C)$ except methyl, $U_{iso}(H)=1.5U_{eq}(C)$ methyl). The positional parameters of the H atoms (N and O) were refined freely. And in the last stages of the refinement, they were restrained with H—N = 0.91 (2) Å and H—O = 0.82 (2) Å with $U_{iso}(H)=1.5U_{eq}(N)$ and O).

**Figure 1**

A view of the asymmetric unit with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 30% probability level.

**Figure 2**

The crystal packing of the title compound viewed along the a axis showing hydrogen bonds as dashed lines.

4-Methylanilinium 2-carboxylate

Crystal data

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Cell parameters from 2228 reflections

 $\theta = 2.8\text{--}27.5^\circ$ $\mu = 0.11\ \text{mm}^{-1}$ $T = 123\ \text{K}$

Block, colorless

 $0.10 \times 0.05 \times 0.05\ \text{mm}$

Data collection

Rigaku Mercury2

diffractometer

Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube

Graphite monochromator

Detector resolution: $13.6612\ \text{pixels mm}^{-1}$

CCD profile fitting scans

Absorption correction: multi-scan

(CrystalClear; Rigaku, 2005)

 $T_{\min} = 0.910$, $T_{\max} = 1.000$

7787 measured reflections

2228 independent reflections

1943 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ $R_{\text{int}} = 0.031$ $\theta_{\max} = 27.5^\circ$, $\theta_{\min} = 2.8^\circ$ $h = -14 \rightarrow 16$ $k = -11 \rightarrow 12$ $l = -11 \rightarrow 11$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2

Least-squares matrix: full

 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.042$ $wR(F^2) = 0.111$ $S = 1.08$

2228 reflections

138 parameters

4 restraints

Primary atom site location: structure-invariant

direct methods

Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map

Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites

H-atom parameters constrained

 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0567P)^2 + 0.2948P]$ where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$ $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.28\ \text{e \AA}^{-3}$ $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.24\ \text{e \AA}^{-3}$

Special details

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.

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 (\AA^2)

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
O1	1.00549 (8)	0.64322 (11)	0.40536 (12)	0.0154 (3)
H1	1.0186	0.5694	0.3608	0.023*
N1	0.83328 (10)	0.19556 (13)	0.69727 (15)	0.0149 (3)
H1A	0.8293	0.1110	0.7495	0.022*

H1B	0.8521	0.2678	0.7714	0.022*
H1C	0.8839	0.1878	0.6397	0.022*
C1	0.52657 (13)	0.28907 (18)	0.37780 (18)	0.0188 (3)
O2	0.82906 (9)	0.58930 (12)	0.31709 (13)	0.0184 (3)
C2	0.60240 (14)	0.39772 (18)	0.4318 (2)	0.0228 (4)
H2A	0.5849	0.4941	0.3972	0.027*
O3	0.87706 (9)	1.06665 (11)	0.39914 (12)	0.0164 (3)
C3	0.70340 (13)	0.36805 (17)	0.53566 (19)	0.0199 (3)
H3A	0.7546	0.4431	0.5709	0.024*
O4	0.94461 (9)	0.92360 (11)	0.23717 (12)	0.0157 (3)
C4	0.72805 (11)	0.22776 (16)	0.58657 (17)	0.0141 (3)
C5	0.65550 (13)	0.11751 (17)	0.5333 (2)	0.0198 (3)
H5A	0.6736	0.0212	0.5676	0.024*
C6	0.55545 (13)	0.14905 (18)	0.42871 (19)	0.0209 (4)
H6A	0.5056	0.0729	0.3911	0.025*
C7	0.41642 (14)	0.31810 (19)	0.2661 (2)	0.0259 (4)
H7A	0.3952	0.4177	0.2806	0.039*
H7B	0.3635	0.2518	0.2920	0.039*
H7C	0.4190	0.3036	0.1532	0.039*
C8	0.90197 (12)	0.67134 (15)	0.38432 (16)	0.0135 (3)
C9	0.88015 (12)	0.81514 (16)	0.45071 (17)	0.0139 (3)
H9A	0.9251	0.8234	0.5637	0.017*
H9B	0.8035	0.8181	0.4543	0.017*
C10	0.90250 (11)	0.94594 (15)	0.35453 (16)	0.0126 (3)

Atomic displacement parameters (Å²)

	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{12}	U^{13}	U^{23}
O1	0.0161 (5)	0.0117 (5)	0.0190 (5)	0.0001 (4)	0.0057 (4)	-0.0020 (4)
N1	0.0140 (6)	0.0135 (6)	0.0168 (6)	-0.0006 (5)	0.0033 (5)	0.0004 (5)
C1	0.0168 (8)	0.0219 (8)	0.0164 (7)	0.0007 (6)	0.0018 (6)	0.0005 (6)
O2	0.0168 (6)	0.0151 (6)	0.0217 (6)	-0.0021 (4)	0.0022 (4)	-0.0024 (4)
C2	0.0230 (8)	0.0161 (8)	0.0253 (8)	0.0018 (6)	-0.0012 (6)	0.0032 (6)
O3	0.0203 (6)	0.0123 (5)	0.0161 (5)	0.0022 (4)	0.0037 (4)	-0.0007 (4)
C3	0.0210 (8)	0.0156 (8)	0.0200 (7)	-0.0039 (6)	-0.0002 (6)	0.0000 (6)
O4	0.0206 (6)	0.0134 (5)	0.0143 (5)	-0.0004 (4)	0.0066 (4)	-0.0001 (4)
C4	0.0125 (7)	0.0166 (7)	0.0133 (6)	0.0011 (5)	0.0035 (5)	-0.0005 (5)
C5	0.0174 (8)	0.0156 (8)	0.0249 (8)	-0.0001 (6)	0.0024 (6)	0.0021 (6)
C6	0.0175 (8)	0.0181 (8)	0.0249 (8)	-0.0049 (6)	0.0014 (6)	0.0004 (6)
C7	0.0195 (8)	0.0264 (9)	0.0267 (8)	0.0004 (7)	-0.0036 (7)	0.0049 (7)
C8	0.0175 (7)	0.0126 (7)	0.0105 (6)	-0.0016 (5)	0.0039 (5)	0.0025 (5)
C9	0.0154 (7)	0.0134 (7)	0.0132 (6)	-0.0006 (5)	0.0044 (5)	0.0001 (5)
C10	0.0105 (6)	0.0126 (7)	0.0126 (6)	-0.0006 (5)	-0.0010 (5)	0.0000 (5)

Geometric parameters (Å, °)

O1—C8	1.3162 (18)	C3—H3A	0.9500
O1—H1	0.8202	O4—C10	1.2684 (18)

N1—C4	1.4629 (18)	C4—C5	1.377 (2)
N1—H1A	0.9100	C5—C6	1.390 (2)
N1—H1B	0.9100	C5—H5A	0.9500
N1—H1C	0.9100	C6—H6A	0.9500
C1—C6	1.389 (2)	C7—H7A	0.9800
C1—C2	1.393 (2)	C7—H7B	0.9800
C1—C7	1.509 (2)	C7—H7C	0.9800
O2—C8	1.2260 (18)	C8—C9	1.502 (2)
C2—C3	1.393 (2)	C9—C10	1.531 (2)
C2—H2A	0.9500	C9—H9A	0.9900
O3—C10	1.2518 (18)	C9—H9B	0.9900
C3—C4	1.382 (2)		
C8—O1—H1	114.8	C1—C6—C5	121.63 (15)
C4—N1—H1A	109.5	C1—C6—H6A	119.2
C4—N1—H1B	109.5	C5—C6—H6A	119.2
H1A—N1—H1B	109.5	C1—C7—H7A	109.5
C4—N1—H1C	109.5	C1—C7—H7B	109.5
H1A—N1—H1C	109.5	H7A—C7—H7B	109.5
H1B—N1—H1C	109.5	C1—C7—H7C	109.5
C6—C1—C2	117.79 (14)	H7A—C7—H7C	109.5
C6—C1—C7	119.64 (14)	H7B—C7—H7C	109.5
C2—C1—C7	122.57 (15)	O2—C8—O1	124.00 (14)
C1—C2—C3	121.40 (15)	O2—C8—C9	122.29 (14)
C1—C2—H2A	119.3	O1—C8—C9	113.71 (12)
C3—C2—H2A	119.3	C8—C9—C10	115.06 (12)
C4—C3—C2	119.01 (15)	C8—C9—H9A	108.5
C4—C3—H3A	120.5	C10—C9—H9A	108.5
C2—C3—H3A	120.5	C8—C9—H9B	108.5
C5—C4—C3	121.01 (14)	C10—C9—H9B	108.5
C5—C4—N1	119.47 (13)	H9A—C9—H9B	107.5
C3—C4—N1	119.52 (13)	O3—C10—O4	125.55 (13)
C4—C5—C6	119.14 (14)	O3—C10—C9	116.57 (13)
C4—C5—H5A	120.4	O4—C10—C9	117.88 (12)
C6—C5—H5A	120.4		
C6—C1—C2—C3	-1.0 (3)	C2—C1—C6—C5	1.5 (2)
C7—C1—C2—C3	179.67 (16)	C7—C1—C6—C5	-179.12 (16)
C1—C2—C3—C4	-0.5 (3)	C4—C5—C6—C1	-0.6 (3)
C2—C3—C4—C5	1.5 (2)	O2—C8—C9—C10	-108.21 (16)
C2—C3—C4—N1	-179.19 (14)	O1—C8—C9—C10	71.74 (16)
C3—C4—C5—C6	-1.0 (2)	C8—C9—C10—O3	174.53 (12)
N1—C4—C5—C6	179.70 (14)	C8—C9—C10—O4	-5.34 (18)

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