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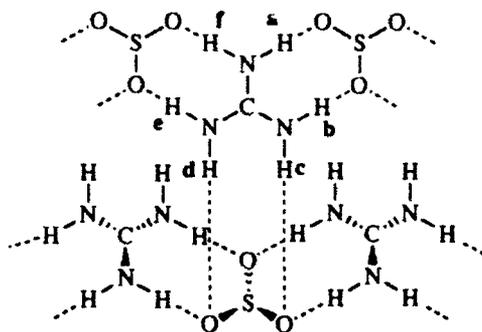
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In guanidinium *p*-hydroxybenzenesulfonate hydrogen-bonded ribbons of four guanidinium-sulfonate hydrogen bonds occur as in guanidinium *p*-nitrobenzenesulfonate. The ribbons are not linked to one another through hydrogen bonding, however. Although the hydroxyl proton was not found in the X-ray analysis, it seems to be located in a position to maximize a number of weak interactions. A bifurcated weak interaction takes place between the phenolic oxygen atom and the remaining two guanidinium protons of length $N...O_{\text{hydroxy}} = 3.188(4) \text{ \AA}$ and angle 139.71° . No hydrogen bonding occurs between the remaining sulfonate oxygens and the hydroxy proton as evidenced by no $O...O$ distances less than 3.6 \AA . An arrangement similar to the single layer structure found in the *p*-nitrobenzenesulfonate salt can be seen in the *c*-direction. The difference in guanidinium-sulfonate hydrogen bonding in this structure compared to the fully hydrogen-bonded pattern found in previous structures results from competitive hydrogen bonding with the hydroxyl group. The hydroxyl proton is a better hydrogen bond donor than guanidinium proton and so would be expected to hydrogen bond to the best acceptor (sulfonate oxygen) as per our general hydrogen bond rule of best donor hydrogen bonding to best acceptor.

Both structures are noncentrosymmetric with all nitro or hydroxyl groups oriented in one direction. Both exhibit second harmonic generation, guanidinium *p*-nitrobenzenesulfonate about $0.75 \times$ urea and guanidinium *p*-hydroxybenzenesulfonate about $0.5 \times$ urea. We have successfully engineered the structures of these two salts into noncentrosymmetric arrangements using hydrogen bonding interactions. Our findings will be applied to the design of other novel noncentrosymmetric molecular materials.

Table I. Hydrogen Bond Geometries in Guanidinium *p*-Nitro- and *p*-Hydroxybenzenesulfonate.



| hydrogen bond | guanidinium <i>p</i> -nitrobenzenesulfonate | | guanidinium <i>p</i> -hydroxybenzenesulfonate | |
|---------------|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| | N...O distance (Å) | N-H...O angle (°) | N...O distance (Å) | N-H...O angle (°) |
| a | 2.900 (4) | 177.48 | 2.938 (4) | 174.49 |
| b | 3.005 (5) | 174.26 | 2.955 (3) | 168.81 |
| c | 3.018 (4) | 169.21 | > 3.6 | |
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| e | = b | = b | = b | = b |
| f | = a | = a | | |

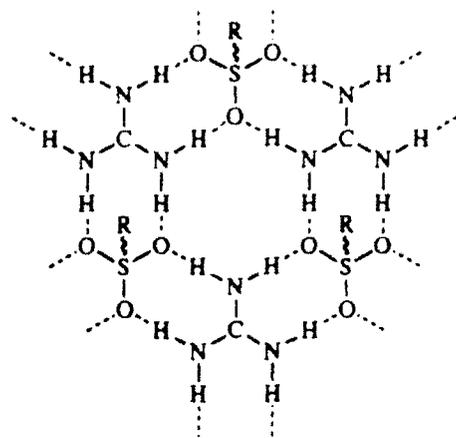


Figure 1. Common hydrogen-bond pattern in guanidinium sulfonates.

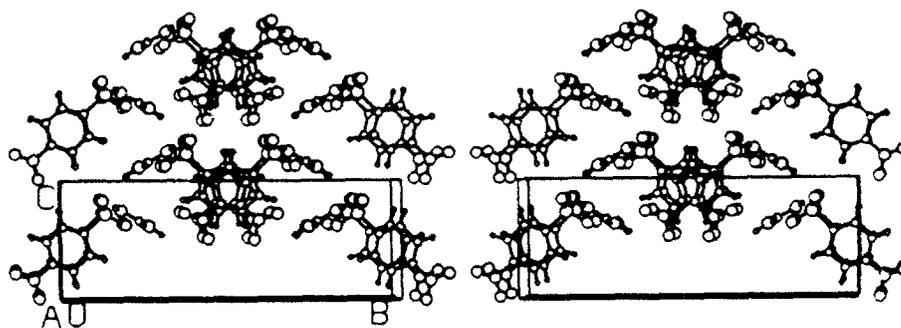


Figure 2. Stereoview along the *x*-axis in guanidinium *p*-nitrobenzenesulfonate.

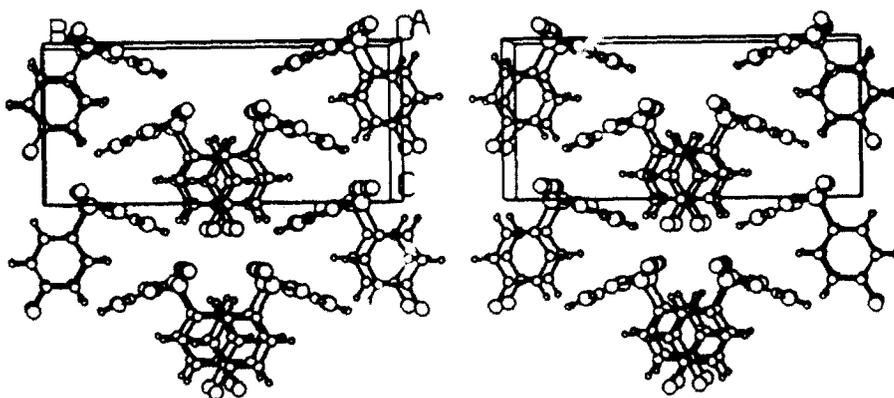


Figure 3. Stereoview along the *x*-axis in guanidinium *p*-hydroxybenzenesulfonate.

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