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## Crystal structure, vibrational and optical properties of N-(3-ammoniumpropyl)-1,3 diammoniumpropane hexabromobismuthate monohydrate: [C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>3</sub>]BiBr<sub>6</sub> H<sub>2</sub>O

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#### HIGHLIGHTS

#### G R A P H I C A L A B S T R A C T

- Crystal structure of a new zero dimensional alkyl tetra-ammonium bismuth bromide.
- Optical absorption and photoluminescence properties of  $(C_6H_{20}N_3)BiBr_6\cdot H_2O.$
- Investigation of the structure by IR and Raman vibrational spectroscopy.



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#### ABSTRACT

The chemical preparation, the main structural, vibrational and optical features are given for a new zero dimensional alkyl tri-ammonium bismuth halogenide.  $(C_6H_{20}N_3)BiBr_6 \cdot H_2O$  crystallize in triclinic system, space group  $P\bar{1}$ . The crystal structure consists of discrete ionic pairs of N-(3-ammoniumpropyl)-1,3 diammoniumpropane cations, hexabromobismuthate anions and neutral water molecules linked via simple and bifurcated N-H···Br(OW) and O(W)-H···Br hydrogen bonds. Infrared and Raman spectra of  $(C_6H_{20}N_3)$  BiBr<sub>6</sub> H<sub>2</sub>O were recorded at 298 K and discussed. The assignment of the observed IR and Raman lines was performed by comparison with the homologous compounds. Optical properties are investigated by optical absorption UV-visible and photoluminescence (PL) techniques. The optical absorption spectra reveal the appearance of sharp optical gaps of 3.10 eV as well as two strong green-yellow photoluminescence emissions are observed at room temperature.

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#### Introduction

This work is a part of our study on the crystal structure of alkylpolyammoniumbismuthate(III) halogenides. This investigation was extended to aliphatic diamines of general formula  $NH_2(CH_2)_nNH_2$ [1–6] and triamines of general formula  $NH_2(CH_2)_nNH(CH_2)_nNH_2$ 

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http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.molstruc.2014.07.018 0022-2860/© 2014 Elsevier B.V. All rights reserved. [7,8] in order to examine the effects of the flexible cation and the halogen atoms (X = Cl, Br, I) on the bismuth(III) coordination geometry. In these compounds the Bi atom shows a tendency toward distorted octahedral coordination with some rather long Bi–X bonds, which is attributed to the aspherical distribution of the lone pair electrons at Bi(III). These organic–inorganic hybrid alkylpol-yammonium bismuthate(III) halogenides, typically characterized by covalent and ionic interactions, are new materials whose use is interesting for fundamental research and applied devices, due

to their unique organic–inorganic combined attributes and the enhanced quantum confinement [9]. These materials offer the potential for electrical mobility, a wide range of band gaps, optical properties and dielectric properties. In the present work, we report the crystal structure, the vibrational (infrared and Raman) and the optical (photoluminescence and absorption) properties of a new zero-dimensional bismuth-bromide based compound:  $(C_6H_{20}N_3)$ -BiBr<sub>6</sub> H<sub>2</sub>O.

#### Experimental

#### Preparation

Crystals of the title compound were obtained by dissolving in concentrated solution of HBr (48%) a stoichiometric mixture of bismuth(III) oxide and N-(3-aminopropyl)-1,3 diaminopropane (molar ratio 1:2). The resulting aqueous solution was then kept at room temperature. After several weeks of slow evaporation at room temperature, yellow prismatic shaped monocrystals of ( $C_6$ - $H_{20}N_3$ )BiBr<sub>6</sub>  $H_2O$  were obtained. They were washed with diethyl ether and dried for 4 h over anhydrous CaCl<sub>2</sub>.

#### X-ray structure determination

A suitable yellow crystal, selected under a polarizing microscope and mounted on a glass fiber, was chosen for the structure determination. Experimental conditions used for the single-crystal diffraction data collection and structure refinement are reported in Table 1. The positional parameters for the bismuth and the bromine atoms were obtained from the three-dimensional Patterson map, whereas the remaining atoms were found from successive difference Fourier maps. After introducing anisotropic thermal factors for the non hydrogen atoms and isotropic thermal factors for H atoms, the hydrogen atoms were localized and optimized to fixed

#### Table 1

Crystal data and summary of intensity data collection and structure refinement of  $(C_6H_{20}N_3)BiBr_6\ H_2O.$ 

Empirical formula Molecular weight (g mol <sup>-1</sup> )	(C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>20</sub> N <sub>3</sub> )BiBr <sub>6</sub> H <sub>2</sub> O
Temperature	296 K
Crystal system	Triclinic
Space group	PĪ
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 8.0366 (17) \text{ Å} \alpha = 73.988 (11)^{\circ}$
	$b = 11.262 (2) \text{ Å } \beta = 70.867 (8)^{\circ}$
	$c = 12.252$ (3) Å $\gamma = 70.833$ (8)°
Volume	971.9 (4) Å <sup>3</sup>
Ζ	2
Dm, Dx (g $cm^{-3}$ )	2.870, 2.873
Diffractometer	Bruker APEXII CCD
Radiation, graphite	Mo Kα (=0.71073 Å)
monochromator	
Max. crystal dimension	0.1  imes 0.1  imes 0.1
(mm)	2.0
collection	$3.9 < \theta < 24.1^{\circ}$
Absorption coefficient	$21.40 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$(mm^{-1})$	
Reflections measured	6130
Range of h, k, l	<i>−</i> 9 < <i>h</i> < 9, <i>−</i> 12 < <i>k</i> < 12, <i>−</i> 13 < <i>l</i> < 14
Independent reflections	2879
Reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$	2456
Number of parameters	166
F(000)	760
Weights	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_0^2) + (0.0323P)2]$ where $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
Extinction coefficient	0.0083(12)
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)]$	0.088
KW	U.19 CUELVEO7 CUELVIO7 [10] WINCY [11] and
computer programs	STELASSI, SHELALSI [10], WINGA [11] and MERCURY [12]

positions. Their contribution were isotropically introduced into calculation but were not refined. Corrections were applied for Lorentz and polarization effects and absorption. The final refinement cycles with 2456 reflections corresponding to  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  yielded R = 0.089 and Rw = 0.19. All calculations were performed using SHELXS and SHELXL included in the WINGX package [10].

#### Spectroscopic measurements

Raman spectra of the sample was recorded at room temperature using 448 nm line laser as excitation wave length in the region 100–2000 cm<sup>-1</sup> on a DILOR XY set up. The incident power was kept less than 5 mW to avoid the degradation of the sample by heating. Infrared absorption spectrum was recorded at room temperature in the 400–4000 cm<sup>-1</sup> frequency range on a Perkin-Elmer spectrometer equipped with a Universal ATR Accessory (UATR).

#### **Results and discussion**

#### Structure description

The asymmetric unit of the title compound consists of two distinct bismuth sites which sit on an inversion center, the fully protonated template N-(3-aminopropyl)-1,3 diaminopropane and a water molecule. A perspective view of the arrangement of these constituent entities is shown in Fig. 1 together with the atom numbering scheme. The both of [BiBr<sub>6</sub>]<sup>3-</sup> anions located on an inversion center exhibit a distorted octahedral coordination environment with Bi-Br bond lengths ranging from 2.829(2) Å to 2.8643(19) Å. These values are much shorter than the sum of Vander Waal's radii of Bi and Br (4.7 Å) according to Pauling [13]. The bond-valence sum (BVS) calculation of the Bi(1) and Bi(2) cations, using the parameters given by Brown [14], gave respectively values of 2.94 and 3.03 valence units. These results confirm primary the presumed oxidation state of Bi(III) and secondary the stereochemical activity of Bi lone electron pair. The  $[BiBr_6]^{3-}$  anions are connected through  $O(W)-H\cdots$ Br hydrogen bonds, so that infinite one-dimensional chains parallel to the [111] direction with an anionic period [BiBr<sub>6</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)]<sup>3-</sup> is formed in the structure (Fig. 2(a). The total negative charge (-3) on the framework is balanced by the presence of one independent fully protonated [NH<sub>2</sub>((CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>3+</sup> molecule. These entities have a trans configuration with a non crystallographic inversion center. Table 2 reports the principal geometrical features of this organic group. The C-N and C–C bond lengths vary from 1.43(3) Å to 1.53(4) Å and 1.47(4) Å to 1.57(3) Å, respectively. They are similar to those reported in other N-(3-ammoniumpropyl)-1,3 diammoniumpropane salts such as  $(C_6H_{20}N_3)BiCl_6 \cdot H_2O[8]$  and  $(C_6H_{20}N_3)_2[V_4O_4F_{14}]\cdot 2H_2O[15]$ . The intermolecular hydrogen bonding contacts  $N-H\cdots Br$ ,  $N-H\cdots O(W)$ and O(W)–H···Br provide linkage between the  $[NH_3(CH_2)_3NH_2]$  $(CH_2)_3NH_3]^{3+}$  cations, the water molecules and the  $[BiBr_6(H_2O)]_n^{3n-1}$ 



**Fig. 1.** A view of the asymmetric unit of the title compound. Symmetry codes: (i) -x + 1, -y + 1, -z + 1; (ii) -x, -y, -z.

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