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The protiated (H_2O) and deuteriated (D_2O) crystallohydrates of quinoline N-oxide, 2-methylquinoline N-oxide and 4-methylquinoline N-oxide demonstrate different behavior at ambient conditions, namely, the deuteriated dihydrates undergo solid state transformation into crystalline anhydrous or hemihydrate forms, while protiated dihydrates loss 3D periodicity. In attempts to explain this phenomenon, the crystal structures of the six compounds – namely, quinoline N-oxide and quinoline N-oxide dihydrate, 2-methylquinoline N-oxide hemideuteriohydrate and 4-methylquinoline N-oxide dihydrate, 4-methylquinoline N-oxide and 4-methylquinoline N-oxide dihydrate – were analyzed.

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Introduction

The field of isotope effects has expanded exponentially in the last years.¹ A quick glance in recent publications shows that researchers examine isotope effects on hydrogen bond structure,^{2,3} conformational changes,⁴ the end product of organic reaction,^{5,6} volumetric properties of dilute solutions⁷ among many others phenomena. Moreover, the effect of the replacement of hydrogen (H) with deuterium (D) in biological systems is well documented,^{8,9} and the possible role of naturally occurring D in the living organism has been investigated. As brief examples of the latter, Somlyai with colleagues¹⁰ have shown that naturally occurring deuterium is essential for the normal growth rate of cells, and Olgun¹¹ concluded that deuteronation may interfere with the conformations and functions of many macromolecules and contribute to some pathologies like heavy water toxicity and aging. The aforementioned examples demonstrate the need for more detailed studies on the nature of these effects with the use of quantum chemical calculations.

The reliability of the results obtained by these computational methods in the case of bulky threedimensional object has to be supported by the preliminary calculations of model crystalline samples, for example, such as hydrated and deuteriated quinoline N-oxide and its derivatives.

Recently, we have published the results of spectral and thermochemical investigation of physicochemical properties of quinoline N-oxide crystallohydrates with H₂O and D₂O.¹ We established that at boiling quinoline N-oxide in D₂O proceeds chemical reaction affording isoindoline-1,3-dione (phthalimide), that was not a case at boiling guinoline Noxide in H₂O. Also we have found, that guinoline N-oxide form a stable dihydrate with two independent and energetically different H_2O molecules, and complete dehydration of quinoline N-oxide occurs when temperature reaches 150 °C. Later we have discovered that deuteriated quinoline N-oxide, which is isostructural with the dihydrated protiated form, transforms into anhydrous crystalline form at ambient conditions within an hour. The same difference in the dehydration processes has been observed for protiated (H₂O) and deuteriated (D₂O) crystallohydrates of 2-methylquinoline N-oxide and 4methylquinoline N-oxide. Trying to find the possible reasons of this difference in conditions of dehydration between the protiated and deuteriated crystallohydrates of quinoline N-oxides, the crystal structures of the six compounds - namely, quinoline N-oxide (1) and quinoline N-oxide dihydrate ($\mathbf{1d}$, \mathbf{d} – dihydrate),¹³ 2-methylquinoline hemideuteriohydrate $(0.5D_2O)$ N-oxide (2h, h hemideuteriohydrate) and 2-methylquinoline N-oxide dihydrate (2d), 4-methylquinoline N-oxide (3) and its dihydrate (3d) - were analyzed. Compounds 1, 2h and 3 were obtained as microcrystalline powders from the corresponding dideuteriohydrates (.2D₂O) after one hour exposure at ambient conditions (T = 25 °C).

Experimental

All reagents were of commercial quality and were used as received. Solvents were dried and purified using standard techniques.

Compounds 1, 2 and 3 were initially obtained as amorphous viscous mass from the corresponding quinolines by oxidation with the hydrogen peroxide in accordance with the known procedure.¹⁴ N-oxides dihydrates were obtained by recrystallization from H₂O. Deuterohydrates were obtained by dehydration of hydrates in the presence of P₂O₅ to the constant mass and dissolution of the obtained Noxides in the minimal amount of D₂O at room temperature. The solutions thus obtained were stored in the presence of P₂O₅ until formation of heterogenic mixture of the crystals and liquid phase. Selected crystals were quickly grinded into powder and measured on powder diffractometer within 5 min to be sure the samples are isostructural to corresponding dihydrates 1d, 2d and 3d. Powder samples of the compounds 1, 2h and 3 were obtained from the corresponding deuterohydrates 1d, 2d and 3d after they were kept for 1 h in an open air at ambient conditions.

X-Ray Crystallography

The solid state crystal structures of compounds 2d and 3d (Table 1) were obtained from X-ray single-crystal diffraction data, collected using a CAD4 (CuK_{α} radiation) diffractometer. Crystal structures of compounds 1, 2h and 3 (Table 2) were determined by powder diffraction methods.¹⁵ with the use of powder patterns measured with a G670 Guinier camera diffractometer (CuK_{α 1} radiation) at ambient conditions (*T* = 295(2) K).

Table 1. Crysta	l data for 2d	and 3d	(single-crystal	samples).
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	2d	3d
CCSD number	978214	978216
Empirical formula	C ₁₀ H ₉ NO.2H ₂ O	C ₁₀ H ₉ NO.2H ₂ O
FW	195.21	195.21
Crystal size, mm ³	0.50x0.15x0.10	0.20x0.20x0.10
Crystal form, colour	prism, colourless	prism, colourless
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Triclinic
Space group	$P2_{l}/c$	P-1
Unit cell dimensions		
<i>a</i> / Å	6.772(5)	6.815(4)
b/ Å	15.829(5)	8.940(4)
<i>c</i> / Å	9.608(2)	9.100(4)
α / °	90	107.83(3)
β/ °	106.39(4)	110.45(4)
γ/ °	90	92.03(4)
$V/Å^3$	988.0(8)	488.2(5)
Ζ	4	2
Radiation	CuK _α	CuK _α
μ/ mm ⁻¹	0.807	0.816
No. reflns	2474/1870	2014/1846
collected/independent	[R(int) = 0.117]	[R(int) = 0.036]
No. params/restraints	140/6	141/6
Final R indices	R(F) = 0.062	R(F) = 0.068
	(876 reflns with	(1059 reflns with
	$I > 2\sigma(I)$	$I \geq \sigma(I)$
	$wR(F^2) = 0.212$	$wR(F^2) = 0.259$
GOF	1.021	1.038

The crystal structures of **2d** and **3d** were solved with *SHELXS97* using direct methods, completed by subsequent Fourier syntheses, and refined with *SHELXL97*¹⁶ by full-matrix least-squares procedures on F^2 . All non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic displacement

parameters. C-bound H atoms were placed in idealized positions and refined using a riding model. The crystalline water H atoms were located on a difference map and refined with O–H bond lengths restrained to 0.85(4) Å.

The monoclinic (1 and 2h) and triclinic (3) unit-cell dimensions were determined from powder patterns using three indexing programs: TREOR90,¹⁷ ITO¹⁸ and AUTOX.¹⁹ Based on systematic extinctions the space groups for 1 and 2h were determined to be Pn and C2/c, respectively. For 3, centrosymmetric space group P-1 was assigned. The unit-cell parameters and space groups were further tested using a Pawley fit²⁰ and confirmed by crystal structure solution. The crystal structures have been solved with the use of simulated annealing technique.²¹ The molecular model for quinoline N-oxide has been taken from the Cambridge Structural Database (CSD, Version 5.33),²² and molecular models for 2- and 4-methylquinoline Noxides were taken from the refined structures 2d and 3d, respectively. In the subsequent direct space search for each compound, the rigid molecular model without H atoms was used with the six varied degrees of freedom. In 2h, the water O atom situated on a twofold rotational axis has been located on a difference Fourier map. The solution found was fitted with the program MRIA²³ in the bond-restrained Rietveld refinement using a split-type pseudo-Voigt peak profile function²⁴ and March-Dollase²⁵ formalism of preferred orientation correction.

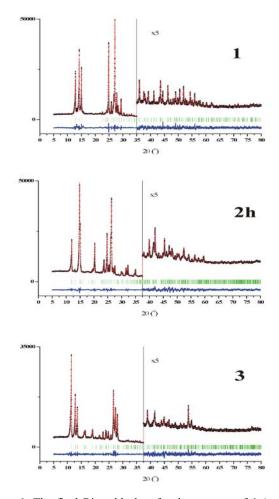


Figure 1. The final Rietveld plots for the patterns of 1 (top), 2h (middle) and 3 (bottom) showing the experimental (black dots), calculated (red) and difference (blue) curves. The vertical bars denote calculated positions of the diffraction peaks.

	1d ¹³	1	2h	3
CCSD number	193774	978212	978213	978215
Empirical formula	C ₉ H ₇ NO.2H ₂ O	C ₉ H ₇ NO	C ₁₀ H ₉ NO.0.5D ₂ O	C ₁₀ H ₉ NO
FW		145.16	169.19	159.18
Particle morphology, colour	prism, colourless	platelets, colourless	prism, colourless	prism, colourless
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Triclinic
Space group	$P2_{l}/n$	Pn	C2/c	P-1
Unit cell dimensions				
<i>a</i> , Å	9.484(3)	12.6462(14)	12.7754(15)	7.7500(8)
b, Å	16.235(5)	3.7354(7)	9.7518(8)	8.6446(12)
<i>c</i> , Å	6.907(2)	7.4642(9)	14.6743(17)	6.8282(8)
α, °	90	90	90	103.93(2)
β, ^o	118.25(2)	100.297(17)	112.81(2)	105.26(2)
γ, °	90	90	90	65.31(2)
$V/Å^3$	936.8(8)	346.92(9)	1685.2(3)	396.50(8)
Ζ	4	2	8	2
Radiation	$CuK_{\alpha 1}$	$CuK_{\alpha 1}$	$CuK_{\alpha 1}$	$CuK_{\alpha 1}$
μ , mm ⁻¹		0.744	0.728	0.697
$2\theta_{\min} - 2\theta_{\max}$, increment		5.00 - 80.00, 0.01	5.00 - 80.00, 0.01	5.00 - 80.00, 0.01
No. params/restraints		73/45	79/53	77/51
$R_{\rm p}/R_{\rm wp}/R_{\rm exp}^{**}$		0.038/0.051/0.018	0.022/0.028/0.015	0.030/0.040/0.019
GOF		2.658	1.734	1.937

Table 2. Crystal data for 1d, ¹	1, 2h and 3 (powder	samples).
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 R_p , R_{wp} and R_{exp} are defined according to Ref.

Restraints were applied to the intramolecular bond lengths and contacts (<2.8 Å), the strength of the restraints was a function of interatomic separation and, for intramolecular bond lengths, corresponded to r.m.s. deviation 0.02 Å. Additional restraints were applied to the planarity of the molecular skeleton, with the maximal allowed deviation from the mean plane 0.03 Å. All non-H atoms were refined isotropically. In all structures, H and D atoms were positioned geometrically (C-H 0.93-0.96 Å; O-D 0.88 Å) and not refined. The diffraction profiles for all compounds after the final bond-restrained Rietveld refinements are shown

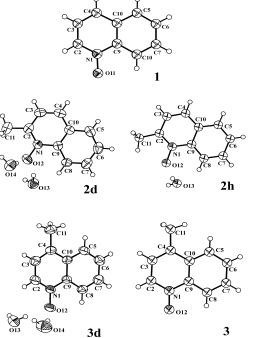


Figure 2. The content of asymmetric unit in the investigated compounds showing the atomic numbering and 50 % probability displacement ellipsoids for 2d and 3d, and spheres for 1, 2h and 3.

Results and Discussion

The crystal structures 1, 2h, 2d, 3 and $3d^{26}$ (Figure 2, drawn with PLATON²⁷) are new, and, therefore, they will be briefly discussed here.

In 1, the short axis b = 3.7354(7) Å reveals an existence of $\pi...\pi$ interactions between the quinoline N-oxide molecules, which form stacks in [010]. Weak intermolecular C - H ...O interactions (Table 3) link further these stacks into layers parallel to (101) (Figure 3; Figures 3 - 7 drawn with $Mercury^{28}$).

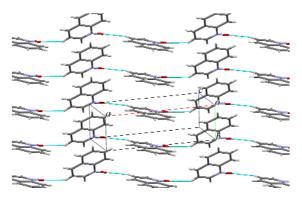


Figure 3. A portion of the crystal packing in 1, showing the stacks of the molecules and weak C - H...O interactions as green thin lines.

In **2h**, the lattice water molecule (D_2O) situated on twofold rotational axis is hydrogen-bonded (Table 3) with two 2-methylquinoline N-oxide (M) molecules thus forming the 2M.D₂O structural unit. Further, these 2M.D₂O units interact through $\pi \dots \pi$ interactions proved by short distance of 3.643(8) Å between the centroids of aromatic rings, so 2M.D₂O units are arranged into chains extended in [10-1] (Figure 4). Finally, weak intermolecular C-H ... O hydrogen bonds (Table 3) consolidate the crystal packing.

	D-HA	D-H	HA	DA	D -HА
1	C3-H3O11 ⁱ	0.93	2.58	3.236(14)	128
2h	O13-D13O12	0.88	2.00	2.866(12)	167
	C3-H3O13 ⁱⁱ	0.93	2.45	3.320(10)	155
_	C5-H5O13 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.93	2.57	3.325(11)	139
2d	O13-H131O14 ^{iv}	0.85(3)	1.97(4)	2.817(5)	174(4)
	O13-H132O12	0.85(4)	1.98(3)	2.815(5)	165(4)
	O14-H141O12	0.85(4)	1.99(3)	2.836(5)	173(4)
_	O14-H142O13 ^v	0.85(2)	2.02(2)	2.861(5)	171(3)
3d	O13-H131O12	0.85(5)	1.94(5)	2.778(5)	167(5)
	O13-H132O14 ^{iv}	0.84(6)	2.09(6)	2.819(7)	145(6)
	O14-H141O12	0.85(6)	1.96(7)	2.797(6)	169(7)
	O14-H142O13 ^{vi}	0.85(5)	1.94(5)	2.784(6)	170(8)

Table 3. Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °) in 1, 2h, 2d and 3d.

Symmetry codes: (i) x+1/2, -y, 1/2+z; (ii) -1/2+x, 1/2+y, z; (iii) -1/x, -1/2+y, z; (iv) -1+x, y, z; (v) 1+x, 1/2-y, /2+z; (vi) -x, -y, -z.

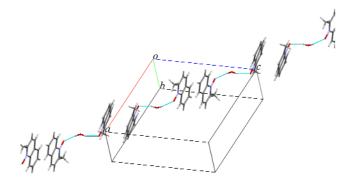


Figure 4. A portion of the crystal packing in **2h**, showing the $2M.D_2O$ structural units (M = 2-methylquinoline N-oxide) linked through $\pi...\pi$ interactions into chains in [10-1]. Thin green lines denote O – H...O hydrogen bonds.

In 2d, the 2-methylquinoline N-oxide molecules form stacks in [100] with the short distances of 3.614(8) and 3.755(9) Å between the centroids of aromatic rings within the stack. The lattice water molecules filling the space between the stacks are involved in O – H...O hydrogen bonding (Table 3) thus consolidating the crystal packing (Figure 5).

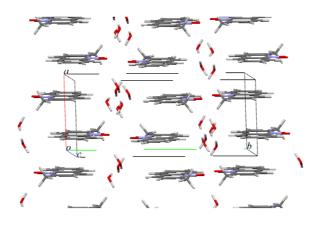


Figure 5. A portion of the crystal packing in 2d, showing the stacks of the molecules and lattice water molecules filling the space between them.

In **3**, the 4-methylquinoline N-oxide molecules form stacks in [001] with the shortest distances of 3.516(7) and 3.690(9) Å between the centroids of aromatic rings within the stack. The weak Van der Waals interactions consolidate further the crystal packing (Figure 6).

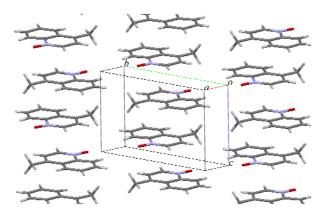


Figure 6. A portion of the crystal packing in 3, showing the stacks of the molecules.

The crystal packing of **3d** is similar to that in **2d**. The 4methylquinoline N-oxide molecules form stacks in [100] with the short distances of 3.669(7) and 3.696(7) Å between the centroids of aromatic rings within the stack. The lattice water molecules fill the space between the stacks and participate in O – H...O hydrogen bonding (Table 3) thus consolidating the crystal packing (Figure 7).

The crystal structures of the five compounds discussed in this paper (1, 1d, 2d, 3 and 3d) contain stacks of the molecules, which aggregate further either through O–H...O hydrogen bonds in the dihydrates 1d, 2d and 3d, or *via* weak non-classical C – H...O hydrogen bonds and Van der Waals interactions in the anhydrous forms 1 and 3. Comparing the crystal structures of 1d and 3d with their anhydrous forms 1 and 3, respectively, one can suggest a simple model of the dehydration process based on the destruction of O – H(D)...O hydrogen bonds, elimination of the $H(D)_2O$ molecules from the channels between the stacks and subsequent convergence, or collapse, of the stacks.

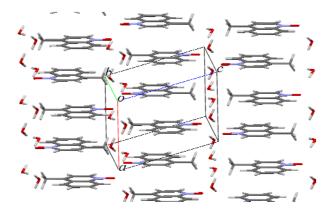


Figure 7. A portion of the crystal packing in 3d, showing the stacks of the molecules and lattice water molecules filling the space between them.

This model assumes that $\pi \dots \pi$ interactions are most important in our compounds, because they pack the molecules into stacks which serve as rigid building blocks in further solid state transformations. However, the transformation $2d \rightarrow 2h$ can not be described in the framework of the aforementioned model of dehydration. Indeed, stacks of the 2-methylquinoline N-oxide molecules observed in 2d are absent in 2h. It means that stacks of the quinoline N-oxide molecules can not be considered as rigid building blocks in the hydration/dehydration process. A proper model for such process should take into account a competition between various intermolecular interactions.

Our attempts to obtain at ambient conditions anhydrous forms 1, 2, 3 and a hemihydrate form 2h, starting from the corresponding dihydrates (.2H₂O) resulted in their transformation into liquid state caused by an absorption of atmospheric water molecules. Attempts to reproduce these solid state transformations at room temperature in vacuo failed too - all crystallites were destroyed and transformed into amorphous state. Therefore, we conclude that protiated (H₂O) and deuteriated (D₂O) dihydrates of (2- and 4-methyl) quinoline N-oxides demonstrate different behavior at ambient conditions, namely, the deuteriated dihydrates undergo solid state transformation into crystalline anhydrous or hemihydrate forms, while protiated dihydrates loss 3D periodicity. A comparison of the crystal structures of crystallohydrates 1d, 2h, 2d, 3d and anhydrous forms 1 and 3 does not allow us to explain properly this phenomenon further experimental studies are required.

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