

The New Energetic Compounds 1,5-Diaminotetrazolium and 5-Amino-1-methyltetrazolium Dinitramide – Synthesis, Characterization and Testing

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The new energetic compounds 1,5-diamino-1*H*-tetrazol-4-ium dinitramide (**1**) and 5-amino-1-methyl-1*H*-tetrazol-4-ium dinitramide (**2**) were synthesized by the reaction of potassium dinitramide with 1,5-diamino-1*H*-tetrazolium perchlorate and 5-amino-1-methyl-1*H*-tetrazolium perchlorate, respectively. Both compounds were fully characterized by single-crystal X-ray diffraction, IR and Raman spectroscopy, multinuclear (¹H, ¹³C, ¹⁴N, ¹⁵N) NMR spectroscopy, differential scanning calorimetry, and mass spectrometry. In addition,

their sensitivities towards impact, friction, and electrical discharge were investigated. The heats of formation were calculated (CBS-4M) in an extensive computational study. The detonation parameters of **1** and **2** were calculated by using the EXPLO5 software. The calculations yielded auspicious values for potential application as highly explosive compounds.

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Introduction

The development of tetrazole compounds and other high-nitrogen derivatives as new energetic materials^[1] for civil and military applications is of great interest in many research programs worldwide. Tetrazoles have the outstanding property of often combining a high nitrogen content with good thermal and kinetic stabilities, which is due to their aromatic ring system. “High-nitrogen” compounds form a unique class of energetic materials whose energy is derived from their very high heats of formation rather than from the overall heat of combustion. The high heat of formation is directly attributable to the large number of energetic N–N, N–C, and N–O bonds.^[2] Especially energetic ionic salts of tetrazoles have been utilized in energetic roles because of their higher heats of formation, density, and oxygen balance relative to those of their carbocyclic analogues. Tetrazolium cations paired with nitrate, perchlorate, dinitramide, or picrate anions form highly energetic salts. With the exception of the perchlorate salts, the tetrazolium salts and their decomposition products are often environmentally benign. Probably most suitable as highly explosive compounds, gas generators, or components in propellants or propellant charges^[3–6] are tetrazolium salts containing the dinitramide anion, N(NO₂)₂[–] (DN).^[7] They often show excellent oxygen balances by combining both the fuel (tetrazole heterocycle) and the oxidizer (dinitramide). Many N-rich dinitramides like guanidinium dinitramide,^[8] aminoguanidinium dinitramide,^[9] biguanidinium dinitramide,^[10]

and triaminoguanidinium dinitramide^[4,5] were synthesized and characterized as energetic materials. In addition, tetrazolium salts, e.g. 5-aminotetrazolium dinitramide,^[11] 5-amino-1,4-dimethyltetrazolium dinitramide,^[12] 1,5-diamino-4-methyltetrazolium dinitramide,^[13] are described as energetic materials in the literature.^[14] However, there are many gaps in the literature of dinitramide chemistry. There is still misbelief in the strength of dinitramine as an acid, which indeed is a very strong acid ($pK_s = -5.6$).^[15]

The following work describes the syntheses and characterization of two new highly explosive compounds: 1,4-diamino-1*H*-tetrazolium dinitramide (HDAT_DN, **1**) and 5-amino-1-methyl-1*H*-tetrazolium dinitramide (1Me-HAT_DN, **2**). Both compounds show a suitable oxygen balance,^[16] which is desirable for HEDM (high energetic density materials). 1,5-Diaminotetrazole (DAT)^[17] and its ionic derivatives^[18] are frequently described in the literature because of their high nitrogen contents, and there have been many attempts to produce 1,5-diaminotetrazole on a larger scale. 5-amino-1-methyltetrazole (1MeAT)^[19,20] as the starting material for **2** can already be synthesized on a larger scale by methylation of commercially available 5-amino-tetrazole (5-AT).^[21,22]

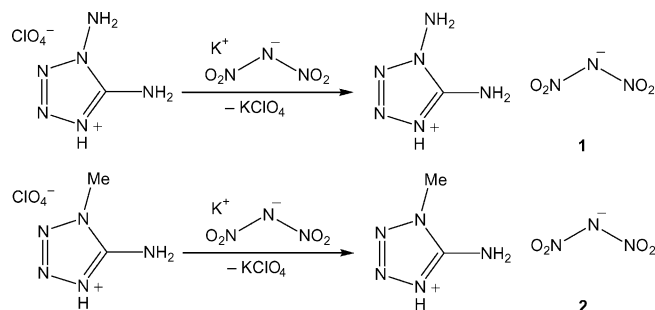
Results and Discussion

Synthesis

1,5-Diamino-1*H*-tetrazol-4-ium dinitramide (**1**) as well as 5-amino-1-methyl-1*H*-tetrazol-4-ium dinitramide (**2**) were prepared according to the syntheses presented in Scheme 1. The impetus of the reaction of 1,5-diamino-1*H*-tetrazolium perchlorate (HDAT_Clo₄) and 5-amino-1-methyl-1*H*-

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tetrazolium perchlorate (1MeHAT-ClO₄) with potassium dinitramide (KDN) is the precipitation of the less soluble KClO₄, which can be separated by filtration. HDAT-ClO₄ and 1MeHAT-ClO₄ were prepared according to a recently developed synthesis method.^[18a,23]



Scheme 1. Synthesis of 1,5-diamino-1*H*-tetrazol-4-ium dinitramide (**1**) and 5-amino-1-methyl-1*H*-tetrazol-4-ium dinitramide (**2**).

The separated KClO₄ byproduct can be converted back into the free acid and reused in the synthetic cycle to make more HDAT-ClO₄ and 1MeHAT-ClO₄ starting material. Thus, the new syntheses not only afford the desired products **1** and **2** in high yields but also fulfil the sustainability criterion of the preparation cycle.

Molecular Structures

To determine the molecular structures of **1** and **2** in the crystalline state, an Oxford Xcalibur3 diffractometer with a Spellman generator (voltage 50 kV, current 40 mA) and a KappaCCD detector were used. Both structures were solved by using SIR-92,^[24] the refinement was performed with SHELXL-97^[25] implemented in the WinGX software package,^[26] and the structures were finally checked with the PLATON software.^[27] In both crystal structures the hydrogen atoms were located and refined. Selected data and parameters of the X-ray determinations are given in Table 10.

1,5-Diamino-1*H*-tetrazol-4-ium dinitramide (**1**) crystallizes in the monoclinic space group *P*2₁/*c* with eight molecules in the unit cell and has a calculated density of 1.771 g cm⁻³. The geometry of the 1,5-diaminotetrazolium moiety (Figure 1) is consistent with that found for diaminotetrazolium nitrate in the literature.^[13b] The bond lengths between the tetrazolate ring atoms N1, N2, N3, and N4 vary from 1.26 to 1.37 Å and fit in the range between N–N single bonds (1.45 Å) and N=N double bonds (1.25 Å).^[28] Also the distances between C1–N1 [1.327(2) Å] and C1–N4 [1.327(2) Å] are equal and lie within the values for C–N single and C=N double bonds. However, the bond N1–N6 [1.381(2) Å] to the external amino group is significantly shorter than a N–N single bond. The geometry in the dinitramide anion is comparable to that of 1,5-diamino-4-methyltetrazolium dinitramide,^[13a] in which also two different N–N bond lengths [N7–N8 1.355(2), N8–N9 1.377(2) Å] are found.

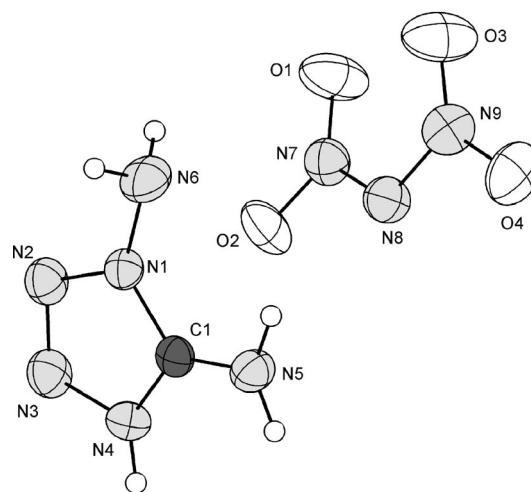


Figure 1. Molecular unit of **1**. Thermal ellipsoids represent the 50% probability level. Selected distances [Å]: N1–C1 1.327(2), N1–N2 1.365(2), N1–N6 1.381(2), N2–N3 1.264(2), N3–N4 1.358(2), N4–C1 1.327(2), N5–C1 1.311(3), N7–N8 1.355(2), N8–N9 1.377(2), O1–N7 1.214(2), O2–N7 1.245(2), O3–N9 1.213(3), O4–N9 1.239(2); selected angles [°]: N2–N1–C1 110.6(2), N2–N1–N6 124.9(2), N6–N1–C1 124.4(2), N1–N2–N3 107.1(2), N2–N3–N4 108.1(2), N3–N4–C1 110.5(2), N4–C1–N5 130.4(2), N1–C1–N5 126.0(2), N1–C1–N4 103.7(2), O2–N7–N8 112.0(2), O1–N7–O2 122.0(2), O1–N7–N8 125.9(2), N7–N8–N9 116.0(2), O3–N9–N8 125.8(2), O3–N9–O4 123.04(2), O4–N9–N8 111.1(2); selected torsion angles [°]: C1–N1–N2–N3 –0.7(2), N2–N1–C1–N4 1.3(2), N6–N1–N2–N3 –179.2(2), N6–N1–C1–N5 –0.6(3), O1–N7–N8–N9 11.2(3), O2–N7–N8–N9 –172.9(2), N7–N8–N9–O3 16.0(3), N7–N8–N9–O4 –167.6(2).

The packing of the structure is dominated by an 2D network in which single plains are connected by several strong hydrogen bonds. A view on the hydrogen bonds of one plane and the unit cell along the *b* axis is shown in Figure 2.

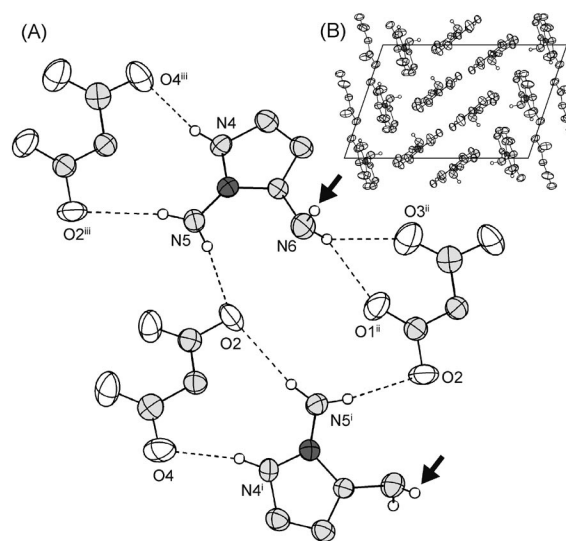


Figure 2. (A) View on the planes in the structure of **1**, connected by hydrogen bonds. The arrows mark anchors for the formation of hydrogen bonds upright to these planes. (B) View on the unit cell of **1** along the *b* axis.

5-Amino-1-methyl-1*H*-tetrazol-4-ium dinitramide (**2**) crystallizes in the monoclinic space group $P2_1/m$ with two molecules in the unit cell and has a density of 1.646 g cm^{-3} . The geometry of the 5-amino-1-methyltetrazolium moiety is similar to these found for other 5-amino-1-methyltetrazolium salts, e.g. the nitrate salt in literature.^[13] The molecular moiety is shown in Figure 3. Because the mirror plane

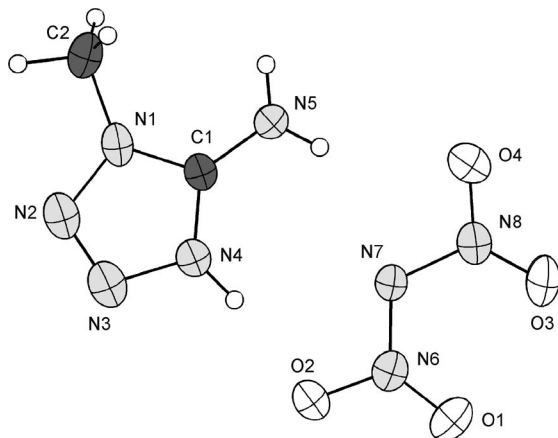


Figure 3. Molecular unit of **2**. Thermal ellipsoids represent the 50% probability level. Selected distances [Å]: N1–N2 1.372(4), N1–C1 1.344(4), N2–N3 1.273(4), N3–N4 1.367(4), N4–C1 1.323(4), N1–C2 1.464(5), N5–C1 1.315(4), N6–N7 1.353(3), N7–N8 1.393(3), O1–N6 1.202(3), O2–N6 1.277(3), O3–N8 1.204(3), O4–N8 1.233(4); selected angles [°]: N2–N1–C1 109.1(3), N2–N1–C2 122.0(2), C1–N1–C2 128.9(3), N1–N2–N3 108.4(2), N2–N3–N4 107.3(3), N3–N4–C1 110.7(2), N1–C1–N5 125.9(3), N4–C1–N5 129.5(3), N1–C1–N4 104.7(2), O2–N6–N7 110.1(2), O1–N6–O2 121.7(2), O1–N6–N7 128.2(2), N6–N7–N8 115.4(2), O3–N8–N7 125.7(3), O4–N8–N7 111.0(2), O3–N8–O4 123.4(2); selected torsion angles [°]: C1–N1–N2–N3 0.00(1), O1–N6–N7–N8 0.00(1).

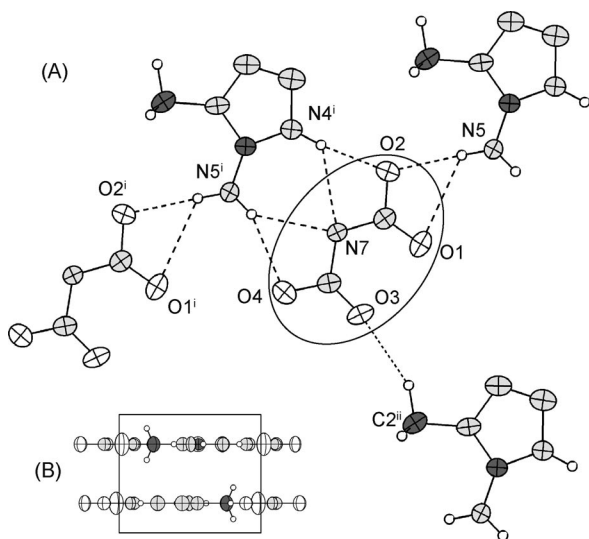


Figure 4. (A) Coordination of one dinitramide anion. Selected hydrogen bonds: N4ⁱ–H4[⋯]O2 0.91(3) Å, 1.95(3) Å, 2.855(3) Å, 173(3)°; N4ⁱ–H4[⋯]N7 0.91(3) Å, 2.40(4) Å, 3.052(3) Å, 128(3)°; N5–H5A[⋯]O2 0.88(3) Å, 2.05(3) Å, 2.934(4) Å, 178(3)°; N5–H5A[⋯]O1 0.88(3) Å, 2.65(3) Å, 3.24(4) Å, 125.4(2)°; C2ⁱⁱ–H2B[⋯]O3 1.03(4) Å, 2.33(4) Å, 3.294(4) Å, 155(3)°; N5ⁱ–H5B[⋯]N7 0.85(3) Å, 2.37(4) Å, 3.109(4) Å, 147(3)°; N5ⁱ–H5B[⋯]O4 0.85(3) Å, 2.30(3) Å, 3.101(4) Å, 158(3)°; i: $-1 + x, y, z$; ii: $x, y, -1 + z$. (B) View on the unit cell of **2** along the *c* axis.

appears in $P2_1/m$, the dinitramide anions are completely planar. However, again there are two different N–N bond lengths found in the anions [N6–N7 1.353(3), N7–N8 1.393(3) Å] forming the N6–N7–N8 angle of 115.4(2)°. The occurrence of a planar dinitramide is very rare. To the best of our knowledge, there is no other crystal structure containing planar dinitramide anions.

The packing of **2** is characterized by the formation of a layer structure containing the anions and cations. All oxygen atoms of the dinitramide (marked in Figure 4) anion participate in several strong hydrogen bonds. Also a strong nonclassical hydrogen bond [C2ⁱⁱ–H2B[⋯]O3 1.03(4), 2.33(4), 3.294(4) Å, 155(3)°] is found in the structure.

Spectroscopy

Vibrational spectroscopy such as IR and Raman spectroscopy was useful in the qualitative analysis of **1** and **2**, especially in evaluating the formation of the hydrogen-bond network. In both spectra, the bands of $\text{N}(\text{NO}_2)_2^-$ were obvious, and as these bands usually have characteristic fingerprints in both the infrared and Raman spectra, they could be identified easily. The dinitramide anion, $\text{N}(\text{NO}_2)_2^-$, shows strong stretching vibrations in the infrared spectrum at around 1530, 1445, 1345, 1183, and 1025 cm^{-1} and strong bands in the Raman spectrum at 1335 and 830 cm^{-1} .^[7] The IR and Raman spectra of compounds **1** and **2** contain a set of characteristic absorption bands for the cations: 3400–3100 cm^{-1} [$\nu(\text{N–H})$], 3000–2850 [$\nu(\text{C–H})$], 2], ca. 1715 [$\nu(\text{C1–N5})$], 1680–1550 [$\delta(\text{N–H}_2)$], 1550–1350 [$\nu(\text{tetrazole})$], $\delta_{\text{as}}(\text{CH}_3)$, $\delta(\text{N–H})$], ca. 1380 [$\delta(\text{CH}_3)$, 2], 1350–700 [$\nu(\text{N1–C1–N4})$, $\nu(\text{N–N})$, $\delta(\text{N–NH}_2)$ 1, $\gamma(\text{CN})$, $\delta(\text{tetrazole})$ ring], <700 [$\delta_{\text{oop}}(\text{N–H})$, $\delta(\text{N–H}_2)$]. Because of the formation of intermolecular hydrogen bonds in the crystalline network, a red shift of the stretching modes establishes that the heteromolecular hydrogen-bond interaction between the N–H (donor) groups of the tetrazole moieties and the anion (acceptor) are strong.

Compounds **1** and **2** were also investigated by using ^1H , ^{13}C , ^{14}N , and ^{15}N NMR (proton coupled) spectroscopy, and the chemical shifts are given with respect to TMS (^1H , ^{13}C) as well as MeNO_2 (^{14}N , ^{15}N) as external standards. In both cases $[\text{D}_4]\text{MeOH}$ was used as the solvent. In the ^1H NMR spectra, for the resonance of the N–H-bound protons, only one signal was observed for **1** and **2**. Relative to the starting materials DAT and 1-MeAT, this signal is shifted upfield due to fast proton exchange. In the ^{13}C spectra for both compounds, the tetrazole carbon can be assigned to one signal at $\delta = 150.5$ (**1**) and 149.6 (**2**) ppm. The methyl group in **2** is found at $\delta = 32.7$ ppm. Since only the NO_2 group is detectable in the ^{14}N spectra of **1** and **2**, the proton-coupled ^{15}N spectra were recorded and are shown in Figure 5. The assignments of the signals are based on the analysis of the observed ^{15}N – ^1H coupling constants and comparison with the literature.^[12,18,29] The ^{15}N peaks of the amino substituents are well separated (315–330 ppm) from those of the tetrazole ring. The $^1J_{\text{NH}}$ coupling cannot

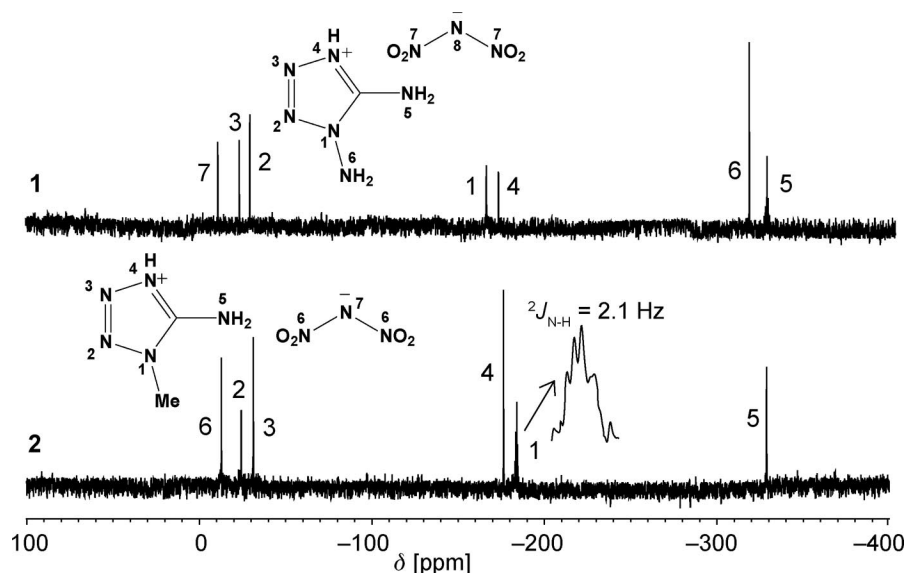


Figure 5. ^{15}N NMR spectra of HDAT_DN (**1**) and 1MeHAT_DN (**2**) in $[\text{D}_4]\text{MeOH}$. **1**: $\delta = -12.8$ $[\text{N}(\text{NO}_2)_2]$, -21.5 (N3), -34.7 (N2), -165.8 (N1), -172.5 (N4), -318.6 (N6) -330.7 (N5) ppm; **2**: $\delta = -12.8$ $[\text{N}(\text{NO}_2)_2]$, -24.3 (N2, q, $^3J_{\text{NH}} = 1.9$ Hz), -31.3 (N3), -176.3 (N4), -183.4 (N1, q, $^2J_{\text{NH}} = 2.1$ Hz), -328.7 (N5) ppm.

be detected in $[\text{D}_4]\text{MeOH}$ as the solvent. Also not visible in the ^{15}N spectra is the resonance of the centered dinitramide nitrogen atom.

Energetic Properties

DSC (Differential Scanning Calorimetry)

In order to determine the decomposition temperatures, a Linseis DSC PT 10^[30] instrument with a heating rate (β) of 5 K min^{-1} and a nitrogen flow of 5 L h^{-1} was used. The measurements with ca. 1.5 mg of **1** and **2** were performed in a pressed aluminum container, containing a hole (0.1 mm) for gas release. The DSC plots in Figure 6 show the thermal behavior of **1** and **2** in the 50 – 360°C temperature range. Temperatures are given as “onset temperatures”. Compound **1** decomposes violently above 135°C , while **2** melts at 75°C and decomposes above 145°C .

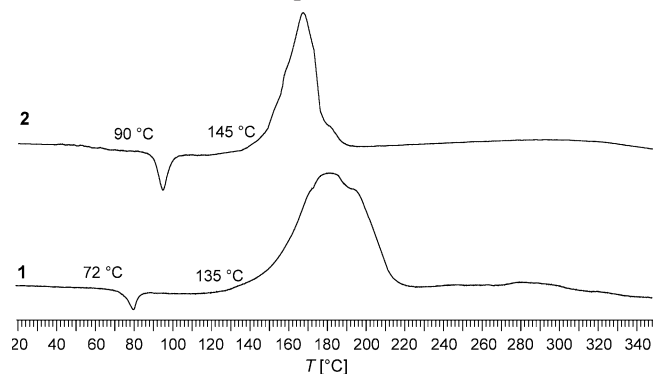


Figure 6. Thermograms (DSC plots, 5 deg min^{-1}) of HDAT_DN (**1**) and 1MeHAT_DN (**2**).

Computational Study

Due to the highly energetic character of **1** and **2**, bomb calorimetric measurements could only performed with

small amounts, consequently doubtful combustion energies were obtained. Therefore, an extensive computational study was accomplished which is presented in the following discussion. All calculations were carried out by using the Gaussian G03W (revision B.03) program package.^[31] The enthalpies (H) and free energies (G) were calculated by using the complete basis set (CBS) method of Petersson and co-workers in order to obtain very accurate energies. The CBS models use the known asymptotic convergence of pair natural orbital expressions to extrapolate from calculations using a finite basis set to the estimated complete basis set limit. CBS-4 begins with a HF/3-21G(d) geometry optimization; the zero point energy is computed at the same level. It then uses a large basis set SCF calculation as a base energy, and a MP2/6-31+G calculation with a CBS extrapolation for a second-order correction in the energy. A MP4(SDQ)/6-31+(d,p) calculation is used to approximate higher-order contributions. In this study we applied the modified CBS-4M method (M referring to the use of minimal population localization), which is a re-parametrized version of the original CBS-4 method and also includes some additional empirical corrections.^[32,33] The enthalpies of the gas-phase species **M** were computed according to the atomization energy method (Table 1, Table 2, and Table 3).^[34,35]

Table 1. CBS-4M results.

	Point group	$-H_{298}$ [a.u.]	$-G_{298}$ [a.u.]	NIMAG
HDAT ⁺	C_1	368.793548	368.829752	0
DN [−]	C_2	464.499549	464.536783	0
1-MeHAT ⁺	C_1	352.779155	352.816869	0
H		0.500991	0.514005	0
C		37.786156	37.803062	0
N		54.522462	54.539858	0
O		74.991202	75.008515	0

Table 2. Literature values for atomic $\Delta H_f^{\circ, 298}/\text{kcal mol}^{-1}$.

	Ref. ^[36]	NIST ^[37]
H	52.6	52.1
C	170.2	171.3
N	113.5	113.0
O	60.0	59.6

Table 3. Enthalpies of the gas-phase species M.

M	M	$\Delta_f H^{\circ}(\text{g}, \text{M})$ [kcal mol ⁻¹]
HDAT ⁺	CH ₅ N ₆ ⁺	+252.2
DN ⁻	N(NO ₂) ₂ ⁻ , N ₃ O ₄ ⁻	-29.6
1MeHAT ⁺	C ₂ H ₆ N ₅ ⁺	+224.0

$$\Delta_f H^{\circ}(\text{g}, \text{M}, 298) = H_{(\text{Molecule}, 298)} - \sum H^{\circ}_{(\text{Atoms}, 298)} + \sum \Delta_f H^{\circ}_{(\text{Atoms}, 298)}$$

The lattice energies (U_L) and lattice enthalpies (ΔH_L) were calculated from the corresponding molecular volumes (Table 4) according to the equations provided by Jenkins et al.^[38] and are summarized in Table 5.

Table 4. Molecular volumes.

	V_M [Å ³]	V_M [nm ³]
DN ⁻	89 ^[a]	0.089
[HDAT] ⁺	93 ^[b]	0.093
[1MeHAT] ⁺	99 ^[c]	0.099
[HDAT][DN]	182 ^[d]	0.182
[1MeHAT][DN]	208 ^[e]	0.208

[a] This work, back-calculated from V(ADN) by using the molecular volume for NH₄⁺ from the literature. [b] The molecular volume of [HDAT]⁺ was calculated from the molecular volumes of [HDAT][NO₃] and [HDAT][ClO₄]. [c] From single-crystal X-ray data. [d] The molecular volume of [HDAT][DN] was taken to be equal to V([HDAT]⁺) + V([DN]⁻). [e] From X-ray data, $V = 416 \text{ Å}^3$, $Z = 2$.

Table 5. Lattice energies and lattice enthalpies.

	V_M [nm ³]	U_L [kJ mol ⁻¹]	ΔH_L [kJ mol ⁻¹]	ΔH_L [kcal mol ⁻¹]
1	0.182	517.8	522.8	124.9
2	0.208	499.7	504.7	120.6

With the calculated lattice enthalpies (Table 5) the gas-phase enthalpies of formation (Table 3) were converted into the solid-state (standard conditions) enthalpies of formation (Table 6). These molar standard enthalpies of formation (ΔH_m) were used to calculate the molar solid-state energies of formation (ΔU_m) (Table 7) according to the equation $\Delta U_m = \Delta H_m - \Delta n RT$ (Δn being the change in mol of gaseous components).

Table 6. Enthalpies of formation of the solid species M.

	$\Delta_f H^{\circ}(\text{s}, \text{M})$ [kcal mol ⁻¹]
1	+97.7
2	+73.8

Table 7. Solid-state energies of formation ($\Delta_f U^{\circ}$).

	$\Delta_f H^{\circ}(\text{s})$ [kcal mol ⁻¹]	Δn	$\Delta_f U^{\circ}(\text{s})$ [kcal mol ⁻¹]	M	$\Delta_f U^{\circ}(\text{s})$ [kJ kg ⁻¹]
1	+97.7	-9	103.0	207.1	+2080.8
2	+73.8	-9	+79.1	206.1	+1605.8

Detonation Parameters

The calculation of the detonation parameters was performed with the program package EXPLO5 (version 5.02).^[39] The program is based on the chemical equilibrium, steady-state model of detonation. It uses Becker–Kistiakowsky–Wilson's equation of state (BKW EOS) for gaseous detonation products and Cowan–Fickett's equation of state for solid carbon.^[40,41] The calculation of the equilibrium composition of the detonation products is done by applying the modified White, Johnson, and Dantzig's free energy minimization technique. The program is designed to enable the calculation of detonation parameters at the Chapman–Jouguet (CJ) point. The BKW equation in the following form was used with the BKWN set of parameters (α , β , κ , θ) as stated in the equations below, where x_i is the mol fraction of the i th gaseous product and k_i is the molar covolume of the i th gaseous product.^[39,40]

$$pV/RT = 1 + \kappa e^{\beta x} x = (\kappa \sum X_i k_i) / [V(T + \theta)]^{\alpha}$$

$$\alpha = 0.5, \beta = 0.176, \kappa = 14.71, \theta = 6620.$$

Especially the detonation parameters for compound **1** consist of very promising values exceeding these of TNT and RDX, and in part even these of HMX. The most important criteria of highly explosive compounds are the detonation velocity $v_{\text{Det.}}$ (**1**: 9306, TNT: 7000, RDX: 8796, HMX: 9100 m s⁻¹), detonation pressure ($p_{\text{Det.}}$ = **1**: 360, RDX: 299 kbar), and the energy of explosion ($\Delta E U_m^{\circ}$ = **1**: -6192, RDX: -5902 kJ kg⁻¹), Table 8.

Table 8. Detonation parameters.

		1	2	RDX
Density [g cm ⁻³]	ρ	1.77	1.646	1.82
Oxygen balance [%]	Ω	-3.9	-23.3	-21.6
Energy of formation [kJ kg ⁻¹]	$\Delta_f U$	2081	1606	67
Heat of detonation [kJ kg ⁻¹]	Q_V	-6192	-5842	-5902
Detonation temperature [K]	T	4632	4280	3986
Detonation pressure [kbar]	p	360	287	299
Detonation velocity [m s ⁻¹]	v	9306	8481	8796
Volume of det. gases [L kg ⁻¹]	V_0	865	844	932

Sensitivities

For initial safety testing, the impact and friction sensitivities as well as the electrostatic sensitivity were determined.^[42] The impact sensitivity tests were carried out according to STANAG 4489,^[43] which was modified with the instructions^[44] for using a BAM (Bundesanstalt für Materialforschung)^[45] drop hammer.^[46] The friction sensitivity tests were carried out according to STANAG 4487,^[47] which was modified with the instructions^[48] for using the BAM friction tester. Compound **1** is very sensitive towards impact (2 J) and extremely friction-sensitive (< 5 N). **2** is also sensitive towards impact (4 J) but has a lower sensitivity towards friction (112 N). According to the “UN Recommendations on the transport of dangerous goods”,^[49] **1** is classified as “very sensitive” in both categories. However, **2** is “only” classified as “sensitive”.

The electrostatic sensitivity tests were carried out by using an electric spark tester ESD 2010EN (OZM Research) operating with the “Winspark 1.15 software package”.^[50] The electrical spark sensitivities on crystalline material were determined to be 670 mJ (**1**) and 980 mJ (**2**).

Conclusions

From this combined experimental and theoretical study the following conclusions can be drawn:

(i) 1,4-Diamino-1*H*-tetrazolium dinitramide (HDAT_DN, **1**) and 5-amino-1-methyl-1*H*-tetrazolium dinitramide (1MeHAT_DN, **2**) were prepared in high yields from the reaction of potassium dinitramide with 1,4-diamino-1*H*-tetrazolium perchlorate and 5-amino-1-methyl-1*H*-tetrazolium perchlorate, respectively.

(ii) The solid-state structure of **1** and **2** were determined by single-crystal X-ray diffraction.

The explosion and detonation parameters of **1** and **2** were obtained from a combined experimental and computational study, and they are summarized in Table 9. By com-

parison with the literature values reported for RDX, it can be concluded that both compounds may also be valuable ingredients in highly explosive compositions.

Experimental Section

CAUTION! **1**, **2**, and their perchlorate derivatives are energetic compounds with increased sensitivities towards heat, impact, and friction. Although we had no problems in synthesis, proper protective measures (safety glasses, face shield, leather coat, grounded equipment and shoes, Kevlar[®] gloves, and ear plugs) should be used during work on **1–2**, especially when preparing them in larger amounts.

All reagents and solvents were used as received (Sigma–Aldrich, Fluka, Acros Organics) unless stated otherwise. Melting points were measured with a Linseis PT10 DSC by using heating rates of 5 °C min^{−1} and were checked by a Büchi Melting Point B-450 apparatus. The m.p. values are not corrected. All NMR spectra were recorded with a Jeol Eclipse 270, Jeol EX 400, or a Jeol Eclipse 400 instrument. The chemical shifts are quoted in ppm relative to TMS (¹H, ¹³C) and MeNO₂ (¹⁴N, ¹⁵N). Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded with a Perkin–Elmer Spektrum One FT-IR instrument. Raman spectra were measured with a Perkin–Elmer Spektrum 2000R NIR FT-Raman instrument equipped with a Nd:YAG laser (1064 nm). Elemental analyses were performed with a Netsch STA 429 Simultaneous Thermal Analyzer. Bomb calorimetry was undertaken by using a Parr 1356 Bomb calorimeter with a Parr 1108CL oxygen bomb. The sensitivity data were determined by using a BAM drop hammer, a BAM friction tester, and an OZM electrical discharge testing device.

1,5-Diamino-1*H*-tetrazol-4-ium Dinitramide (1**):** A solution of 1,5-diamino-1*H*-tetrazolium perchlorate (4.00 g, 20 mmol) in water (10 mL) was combined with a solution of potassium dinitramide (2.90 g, 20 mmol) in water (10 mL). EtOH (10 mL) was added, and the mixture was stirred for 30 min. The potassium perchlorate precipitate was filtered off, and the solution was concentrated to dryness by using high vacuum. The residue was dissolved in EtOH (15 mL), and the remaining KClO₄ was again removed by filtration. After evaporation of EtOH, the product was obtained as a colorless crystalline residue. (3.94 g, 85%). Single crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained by recrystallization from ethanol. M.p. 72 °C, 135 °C (dec.). IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3318 (s), 3251 (s), 3153 (s), 3093 (s), 1781 (vs), 1616 (w), 1535 (s), 1429 (m), 1343 (m), 1290 (m), 1202 (s), 1177 (s), 1143 (m), 1119 (m), 1022 (s), 951 (w), 827 (w), 813 (w), 761 (m), 749 (w), 731 (m), 703 (w), 689 (w), 653 (w), 626 (m), 567 (m) cm^{−1}. Raman (1064 nm): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3367 (12), 3305 (22), 3251 (11), 1717 (10), 1624 (9), 1581 (13), 1512 (19), 1447 (26), 1350 (26), 1313 (100), 1186 (11), 1130 (11), 1002 (26), 962 (25), 932 (15), 821 (63), 783 (80), 691 (26), 487 (45), 315 (46), 302 (47), 239 (24) cm^{−1}. ¹H NMR ([D₄]MeOH): δ = 5.14 (s, NH, NH₂) ppm. ¹³C NMR ([D₄]MeOH): δ = 150.5 (CN₄) ppm. ¹⁴N NMR ([D₄]MeOH): δ = −11 [N(NO₂)] ppm. ¹⁵N NMR ([D₄]MeOH): δ = −12.8 [N(NO₂)₂], −21.5 (N3), −34.7 (N2), −165.8 (N1), −172.5 (N4), −318.6 (N6)–330.7 (N5) ppm. MS (FAB⁺): m/z = 101; MS (FAB[−]): m/z = 106. CH₅N₉O₄ (207.11): calcd. C 5.80, H 2.43, N 60.87; found (not determinable). BAM drop hammer: 2 J, BAM friction test: < 5 N. ESD: 670 mJ.

5-Amino-1-methyl-1*H*-tetrazol-4-ium Dinitramide (2**):** A solution of 5-amino-1-methyl-1*H*-tetrazolium perchlorate (1.99 g, 10 mmol) in water (10 mL) was combined with a solution of potassium dinitramide (1.45 g, 10 mmol) in water (10 mL). EtOH (10 mL) was added, and the mixture was stirred for 20 min. The potassium per-

Table 9. Explosion and detonation parameters for 1,4-diamino-1*H*-tetrazolium dinitramide (HDAT_DN, **1**), 5-amino-1-methyl-1*H*-tetrazolium dinitramide (TAG-DN, **2**), and RDX.

	1	2	RDX
Molecular mass [g mol ^{−1}]	207.11	206.12	222.1 ^[51]
Impact sensitivity [J]	2	4	7 ^[51]
Friction sensitivity [N]	5	112	120 ^[51]
Electrical discharge [J]	0.67	0.98	0.15–0.2 ^[52]
Nitrogen content [%]	60.87	54.36	37.8 ^[51]
Oxygen balance [%]	−3.9	−23.3	−21.6 ^[51]
$T_{\text{dec.}}$ [°C]	135	145	213 ^[51]
Density [g cm ^{−3}]	1.771	1.646	1.82 ^[51]
$\Delta_f H_m^\circ$ [kJ mol ^{−1}]	431	331	66.5 ^[51]
$\Delta_f U^\circ$ [kJ kg ^{−1}]	2081	1606	1310
Values calculated by EXPLOS			
$\Delta_f U_m^\circ$ [kJ kg ^{−1}]	−6192	−5842	−5902
Explosion temp. (T_E) [K]	4632	4280	3986
Det. pressure (p) [kbar]	360	287	299
Det. velocity (v) [ms ^{−1}]	9306	8481	8796
Gas vol. [L kg ^{−1}]	865	844	932

chlorate precipitate was filtered off, and the solution was concentrated to dryness by using high vacuum (1.96 g, 95%). Single crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained by recrystallization from ethanol. M.p. 90 °C, 145 °C (dec.). IR (KBr): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3352 (s), 3258 (s), 3179 (s), 3105 (s), 2860 (m), 2739 (m), 2677 (m), 1692 (vs), 1542 (s), 1462 (m), 1417 (m), 1352 (m), 1200 (s), 1066 (w), 1030 (s), 972 (w), 953 (w), 804 (m), 777 (m), 745 (m), 714 (m), 665 (w), 627 (w), 485 (m), 448 (w) cm^{-1} . Raman (1064 nm): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3262 (5), 3052 (10), 3013 (8), 2962 (22), 1715 (8), 1610 (6), 1535 (18), 1511 (8), 1464 (27), 1452 (29), 1419 (13), 1356 (17), 1302 (62), 1272 (27), 1235 (8), 1150 (8), 1064 (8), 1043 (14), 1013 (20), 975 (14), 810 (36), 777 (100), 672 (19), 487 (31), 464 (21), 450 (15), 301 (57), 229 (21) cm^{-1} . ^1H NMR ($[\text{D}_6]\text{DMSO}$): δ = 8.48 (s, 2 H), 3.68 (3 H, CH_3) ppm. ^{13}C NMR (D_6 DMSO): δ = 153.7 (CN_4), 32.7 (CH_3) ppm. ^{14}N NMR ($[\text{D}_6]\text{DMSO}$): δ = -11 [$\text{N}(\text{NO}_2)$] ppm. ^{15}N NMR ($[\text{D}_4]\text{-MeOH}$): δ = -12.8 [$\text{N}(\text{NO}_2)_2$], -24.3 (q, $^3J_{\text{NH}}$ = 1.9 Hz, N2), -31.3 (N3), -176.3 (N4), -183.4 (q, $^2J_{\text{NH}}$ = 2.1 Hz, N1), -328.7 (N5) ppm. MS (FAB⁺): m/z = 100; MS (FAB⁻): m/z = 106. $\text{C}_2\text{H}_6\text{N}_8\text{O}_4$ (206.12): calcd. C 11.65, H 2.93, N 54.36; found C 12.00, H 3.04, N 54.06. BAM drop hammer: 4 J, BAM friction test: 112 N. ESD: 980 mJ.

X-ray Crystallography

Table 10 contains the parameters and data obtained from the single-crystal X-ray diffraction determinations.

Table 10. Crystallographic data.

	HDAT_DN (1)	1MeHAT_DN (2)
Formula	$\text{CH}_5\text{N}_6, \text{N}_3\text{O}_4$	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_6\text{N}_5, \text{N}_3\text{O}_4$
Form. weight [g mol^{-1}]	207.14	206.15
Crystal system	monoclinic	monoclinic
Space group	$P2_1/c$ (No. 14)	$P2_1/m$ (No. 11)
Color/habit	colorless blocks	colorless rods
Size [mm]	$0.07 \times 0.10 \times 0.12$	$0.06 \times 0.08 \times 0.09$
a [Å]	15.7942(8)	7.2601(7)
b [Å]	10.1115(4)	5.9178(5)
c [Å]	10.2757(5)	9.8713(7)
β [°]	108.817(6)	101.185(8)
V [Å ³]	1553.35(14)	416.05(6)
Z	8	2
$\rho_{\text{calcd.}}$ [g cm^{-3}]	1.771	1.646
μ [mm^{-1}]	0.165	0.151
$F(000)$	848	212
$\lambda(\text{Mo-}K_\alpha)$ [Å]	0.71073	0.71073
T [K]	200	200
Theta min, max [°]	4.0, 26.0	3.9, 27.5
Data set	-19:19; -11:12; -12: 12	-7:9; -7:7; -12:12
Reflections collected	9875	2315
Independent reflections	3048	1024
R_{int}	0.033	0.038
Observed reflections	1628	508
No. parameters	293	101
R_1 (obs)	0.0328	0.0371
wR_2 (all data)	0.0702	0.1016
S	0.84	0.91
Resd. Dens. [e Å^{-3}]	-0.23, 0.17	-0.25, 0.18
Device type	Oxford Xcalibur3	Oxford Xcalibur3
	CCD	CCD
Solution	SIR-92	SIR-92
Refinement	SHELXL-97	SHELXL-97
Absorption correction	multiscan	multiscan

CCDC-680292 (for 1) and CCDC-680291 (for 2) contain the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif.

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