

## Supporting Information

### Interplay between hydrogen bonding and metal coordination in alkali metal tartrates and hydrogen tartrates

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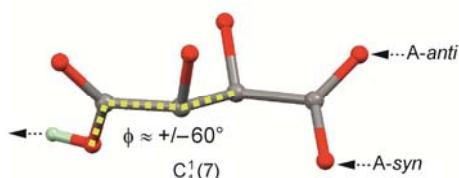
# 1. Analysis of structure similarity relationships

## 1.1. General

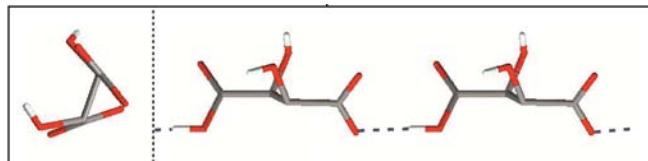
Crystal packing comparisons were carried out using version 2.0 of the program *XPac*<sup>1</sup> and quantitative dissimilarity parameters were generated in the previously described manner.<sup>2</sup> All comparisons were based on geometrical parameters generated from all C and O atoms of the anion, whereas metal centres and water molecules were not included in these calculations.

## 1.2. Supramolecular constructs

### 1.2.1. Connectivity motif I: chain type A-*syn*



**Figure S1.** Definition of the geometries A-*syn* and A-*anti* chains of (carbonyl)O-H...O=C(carboxylate) bonded HTart<sup>-</sup> ions.



**Figure S2.** Chain type A-*syn*.

**Table S1.** Lattice vectors (*t*) associated with the chain type A-*syn*.

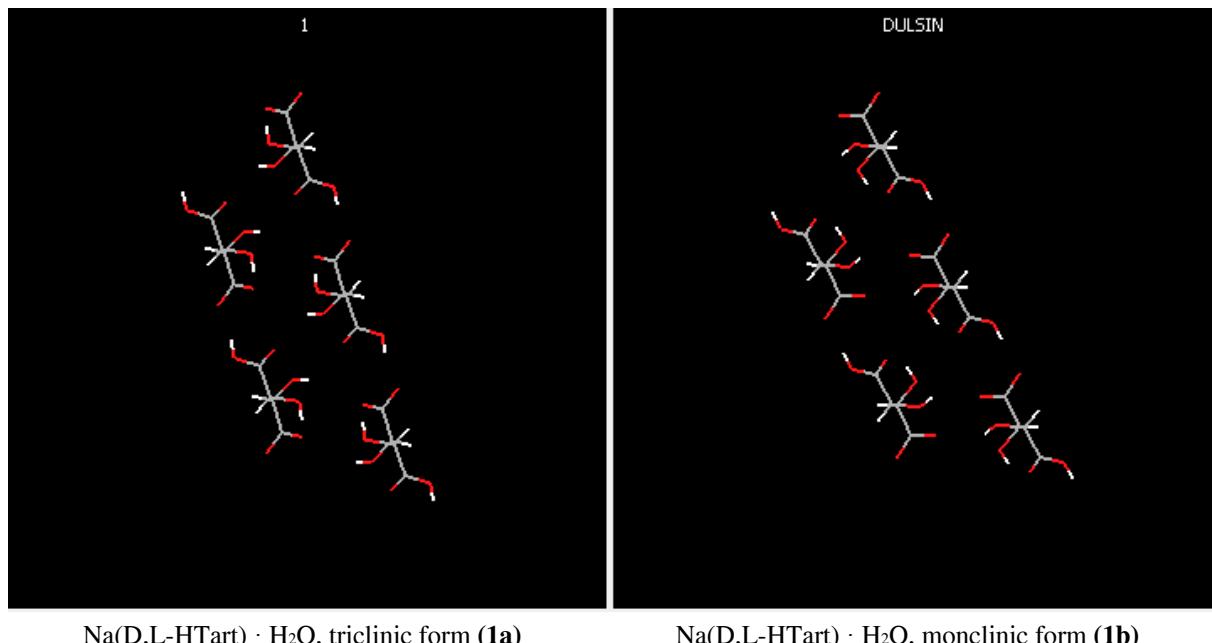
Structure	CSD	Ref.	<i>t</i>	Length (Å)
<b>1a</b>	.	.	010	7.065
<b>1b</b>	DULSIN	3	0̄10	7.146
<b>15</b>	ZZZSSS01	4	100	7.242

**Table S2.** *XPac* dissimilarity parameters *x* for pairwise structure comparisons involving a cluster of three anions which represents the A-*syn* chain.

Structure 1	Structure 2	<i>x</i>	Notes
<b>1a</b>	<b>1b</b>	2.2	<i>a</i>
<b>1a</b>	<b>15</b>	5.2	.
<b>1b</b>	<b>15</b>	5.8	<i>b</i>

*a* = The structures **1a** and **2b** have a double-stranded chain of H-bonded HTart<sup>-</sup> ions in common, whose two strands are A-*syn* chains (see Figure S3 and Figure 2c).

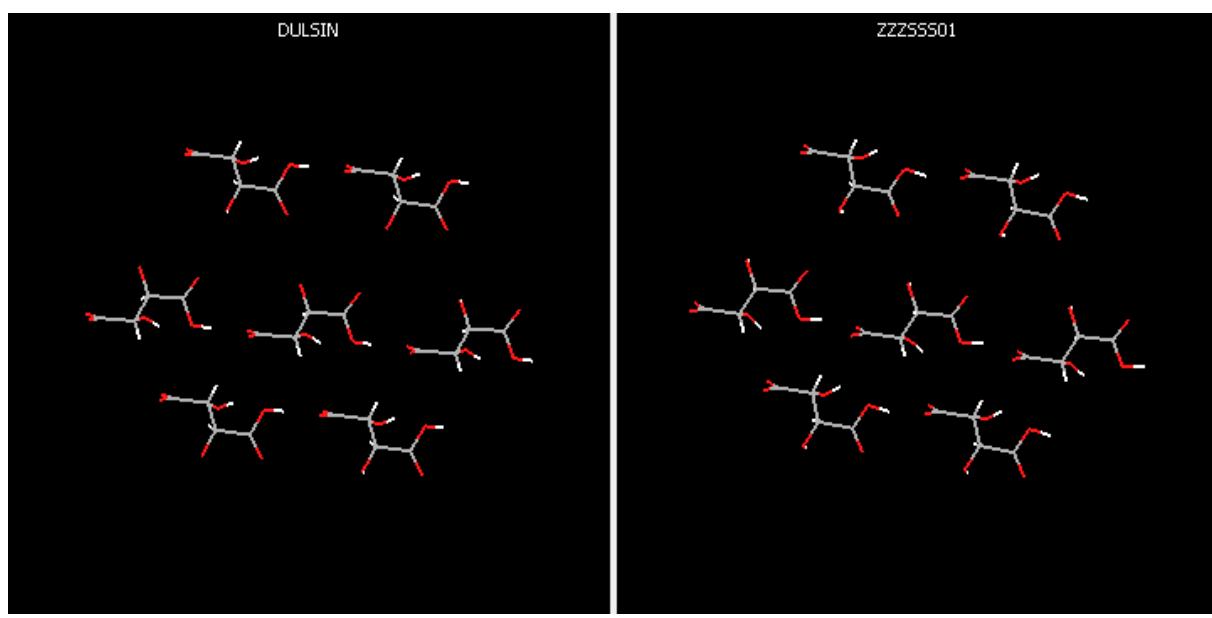
*b* = The structures **1b** and **15** have a layer in common which is composed of A-*syn* chains related by 2<sub>1</sub> symmetry (see Figure S4).



Na(D,L-HTart) · H<sub>2</sub>O, triclinic form (**1a**)

Na(D,L-HTart) · H<sub>2</sub>O, monoclinic form (**1b**)

**Figure S3.** Common 1D SC (supramolecular construct)<sup>1</sup> of structures **1a** and **1b**: double-stranded chain of H-bonded HTart<sup>-</sup> ions, whose two strands are A-syn chains ( $x = 2.2$  for the cluster of five HTart<sup>-</sup> ions representing this SC).

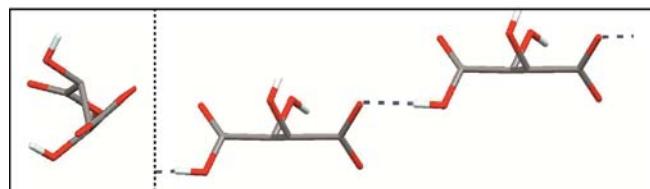


Na(D,L-HTart) · H<sub>2</sub>O, monoclinic form (**1b**)

Na(L-HTart) · H<sub>2</sub>O (**15**)

**Figure S4.** Common 2D SC of structures **1b** and **15**: layer of H-bonded HTart<sup>-</sup> ions composed of A-syn chains ( $x = 8.1$  for the cluster of seven HTart<sup>-</sup> ions representing this SC). Corresponding lattice parameters: **1b**: 010 / 7.146 Å, 101 / 10.887 Å, 90°; **2b**:  $\bar{1}00$  / 7.242 Å, 001 / 10.592, 90°.

### 1.2.2. Connectivity motif I: chain type A-*anti*



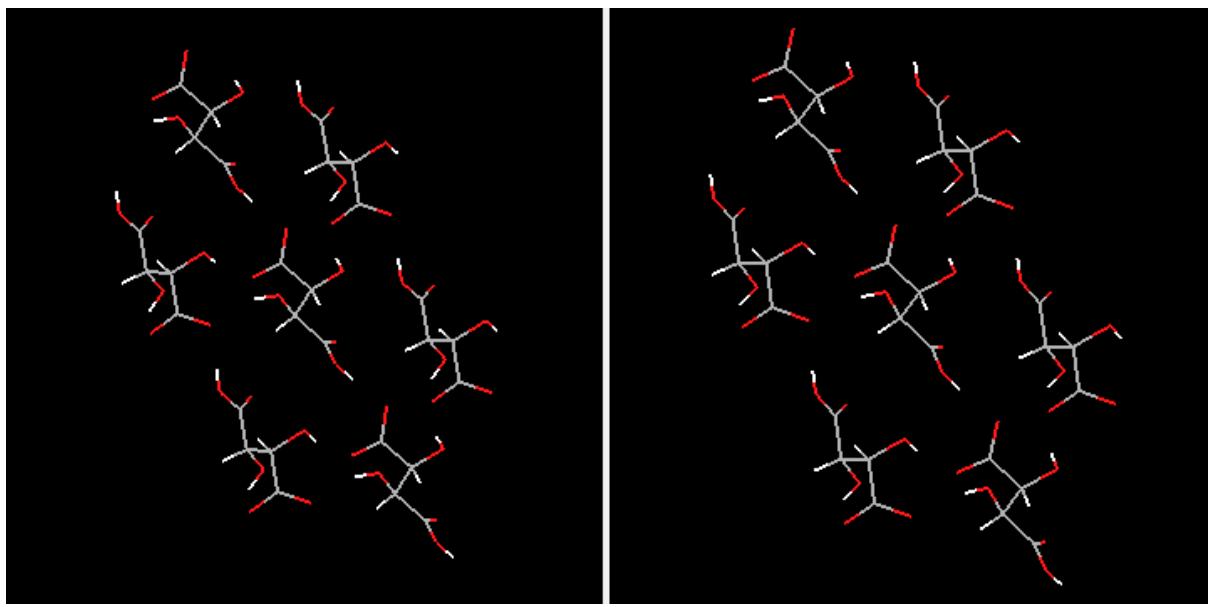
**Figure S5.** Chain type A-*anti*.

**Table S3.** Lattice vectors ( $t$ ) associated with the chain type A-*anti*.

Structure	CSD	Ref.	$t$	Length (Å)
<b>2b</b>	XAHZIQ	5	100	7.683
<b>5</b>	XAHZAI	5	100	7.579
<b>6</b>	XAHZEM	5	100	7.626
<b>13</b>	YEKYIW	6	$\bar{1}00$	7.615
<b>14</b>	YELNIM	7	$00\bar{1}$	7.594
<b>16</b>	ZZZRZW01	8	$001$	7.604
<b>17</b>	KAMBIJ	9	$001$	7.653
<b>18</b>	CSHTAR10	10	$001$	7.692

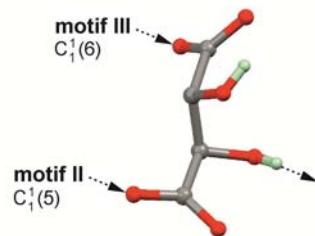
**Table S4.** *XPac* dissimilarity parameters  $x$  for pairwise structure comparisons involving a cluster of three anions which represents the A-*syn* chain. The dissimilarity parameters  $x'$  refer to larger structure fragments, either the complete substructure of HTart<sup>-</sup> ions (a) or to a layer of H-bonded HTart<sup>-</sup> ions (b) represented by six anions (see Figure S6).

Structure 1	Structure 2	$x$	$x'$
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	9.8	.
<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	3.3	.
<b>13</b>	<b>17</b>	3.5	.
<b>13</b>	<b>18</b>	4.2	.
<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	3.4	.
<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>	3.6	.
<b>13</b>	<b>2b</b>	4.3	.
<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>	9.4	.
<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>	9.8	.
<b>14</b>	<b>18</b>	10.9	.
<b>14</b>	<b>5</b>	9.9	.
<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>	10.5	.
<b>14</b>	<b>2b</b>	11.0	.
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	1.2	1.6 <sup>(a)</sup>
<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>	2.7	3.7 <sup>(a)</sup>
<b>16</b>	<b>5</b>	2.4	2.1 <sup>(b)</sup>
<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>	1.8	2.1 <sup>(b)</sup>
<b>16</b>	<b>2b</b>	2.5	3.6 <sup>(b)</sup>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	1.6	2.2 <sup>(a)</sup>
<b>17</b>	<b>5</b>	3.0	1.7 <sup>(b)</sup>
<b>17</b>	<b>6</b>	1.8	1.7 <sup>(b)</sup>
<b>17</b>	<b>2b</b>	1.7	2.5 <sup>(b)</sup>
<b>18</b>	<b>5</b>	4.1	4.1 <sup>(b)</sup>
<b>18</b>	<b>6</b>	2.5	2.6 <sup>(b)</sup>
<b>18</b>	<b>2b</b>	1.4	1.4 <sup>(b)</sup>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	1.7	1.8 <sup>(a)</sup>
<b>5</b>	<b>2b</b>	3.5	3.9 <sup>(a)</sup>
<b>6</b>	<b>2b</b>	1.8	2.3 <sup>(a)</sup>



**Figure S6.** Common 2D SC present in the structures **2b**, **5**, **6** and **16 – 18**: layer of H-bonded  $\text{HTart}^-$  ions containing A-syn chains.

### 1.2.3. Connectivity motif II



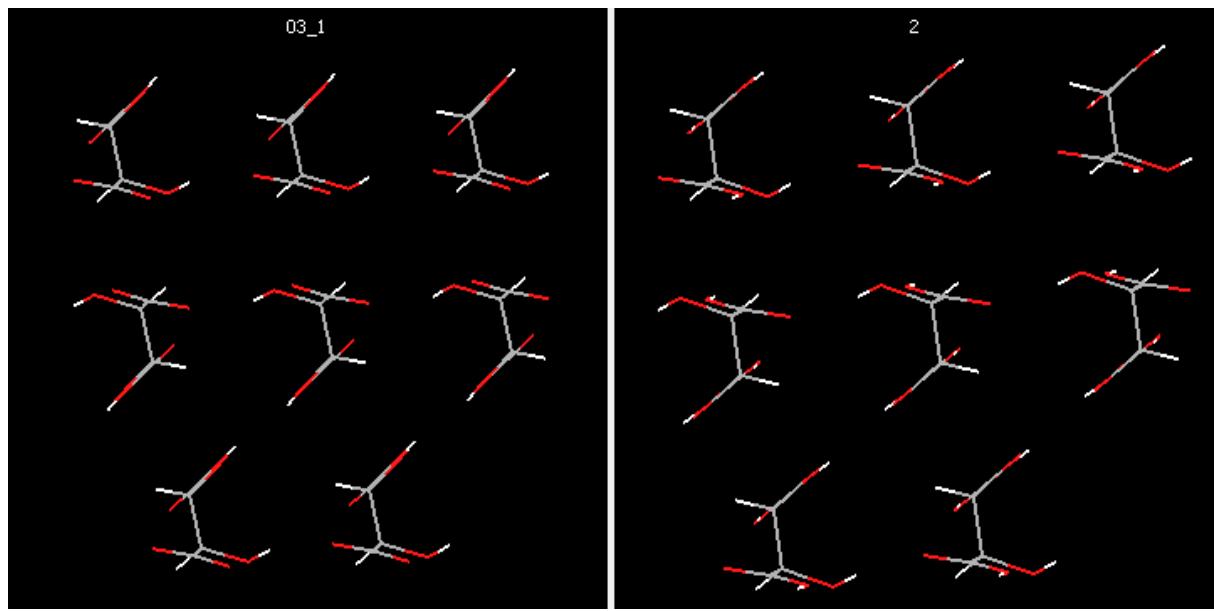
**Figure S7.** Definition of the connectivity motifs **II** and **III**.

**Table S5.** Lattice vectors ( $t$ ) associated with the translation of the chain motif **II** and the geometry subsets **IIa** and **IIb**.

Structure	CSD	Ref.	$t$	Length (Å)	Geometry
<b>2a</b>	.	.	100	5.065	<b>IIa</b>
<b>3</b>	.	.	100	5.073	<b>IIa</b>
<b>12</b>	UNIROZ	11	100	5.064	<b>IIb</b>
<b>14</b>	YELNIM	7	100	5.251	<b>IIb</b>
<b>19a</b>	UNIRUF	11	100	5.044	<b>IIb</b>
<b>19c</b>	.	12	010	5.014	.
<b>20a</b>	UNISIU	11	010	5.019	<b>IIb</b>
<b>20b</b>	.	12	0̄10	4.970	<b>IIb</b>
<b>23</b>	NADTRT	13	001	4.959	<b>IIa</b>
<b>28</b>	ZZZLZE01	14	0̄10	5.014	.

**Table S6.** *XPac* dissimilarity parameters  $x$  for pairwise structure comparisons involving a cluster of three anions. This cluster represents the geometry of the H-bonded chain which is based on motif **II**. The dissimilarity parameters  $x'$  refer to the larger 2D structure fragments shown in Figure S8 and Figure 5 (a) or in Figure S9 (b).

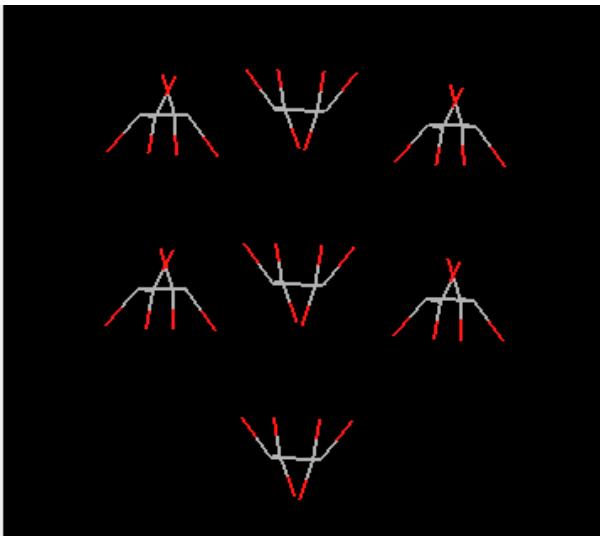
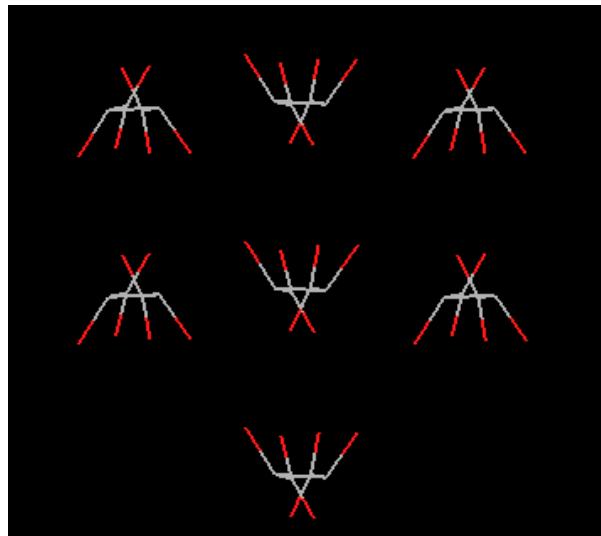
Structure 1	Structure 2	$x$	$x'$
Geometry subset <b>IIa</b>			
<b>2a</b>	<b>3</b>	4.4	3.4 <sup>(a)</sup>
<b>2a</b>	<b>23</b>	3.1	.
<b>3</b>	<b>23</b>	5.6	.
Geometry subset <b>IIb</b>			
<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	7.0	8.3 <sup>(b)</sup>
<b>12</b>	<b>19a</b>	{ 8.8 10.7	.
<b>12</b>	<b>20a</b>	10.8	.
<b>12</b>	<b>20b</b>	11.5	.
<b>14</b>	<b>19a</b>	{ 4.7 6.2	.
<b>14</b>	<b>20a</b>	6.1	.
<b>14</b>	<b>20b</b>	9.3	.
<b>19a</b>	<b>20a</b>	{ 1.9 5.1	.
<b>19a</b>	<b>20b</b>	{ 5.8 10.9	.
<b>20a</b>	<b>20b</b>	10.5	.



LiCs(D,L-Tart) · 2H<sub>2</sub>O (**3**)

Cs(D,L-HTart), triclinic form (**2a**)

**Figure S8.** Common 2D SC of structures **3** and **2a**: layer of H-bonded HTart<sup>-</sup> ions composed of chains of the **IIa** geometry type. Corresponding lattice parameters: **3**: 100 / 5.073 Å, 001̄ / 10.509 Å, 81.2°; **2a**: 100 / 5.064 Å, 001 / 9.957 Å, 85.5°.

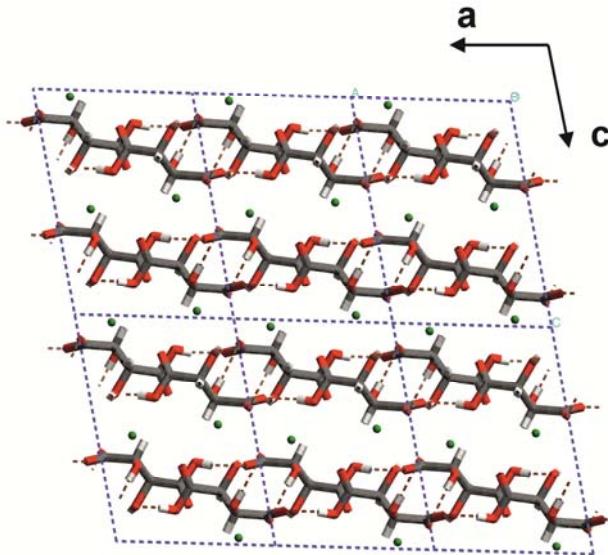


Li(L-HTart) (12)

Na(L-HTart) (14)

**Figure S9.** Common 2D SC of structures **12** and **14**: layer of H-bonded HTart<sup>-</sup> ions composed of chains of the **IIb** geometry type. Corresponding lattice parameters: **12**: 100 / 5.064 Å, 010 / 8.330 Å, 90°; **14**: 100 / 5.064 Å, 010 / 7.782 Å, 90°. The top and bottom diagrams show the same layer of anions without and with H atoms. Note the differences in the H positions between the two structures.

## 2. Crystal packing arrangement in the series $M(D,L\text{-HTart})$



**Figure S10.** The packing of HTart<sup>-</sup> (rods) and M<sup>+</sup> (balls) ions in the crystal structure of the series  $M(D,L\text{-HTart})$  with  $M = \text{Cs}$  (**2b**), K (**5**) and Rb (**6**) (view along [010]).<sup>5</sup> The M<sup>+</sup> ions (green balls) are arranged between two layers which are composed exclusively of H-bonded D-HTart<sup>-</sup> or L-HTart<sup>-</sup> ions and which lie parallel to (110).

### 3. Crystallisation experiments

**Table S7.** Overview of crystalline phases obtained from mixtures of 0.2 molar aqueous solutions of alkali metal or ammonium hydroxides ( $M\text{OH}$ ) and D,L-tartaric acid (D,L-H<sub>2</sub>Tart) in the wells of a 96 well plate (crystallisation at room temperature). No. = number of crystallization experiment (multiple phases were identified for nos. 8, 9, 15, 16, 23, 27); Rat. = ratio  $M\text{OH}$  : D,L-H<sub>2</sub>Tart or ratio  $M\text{OH} : M'\text{OH}$  : D,L-H<sub>2</sub>Tart;  $d$  = number of days from the preparation of the mixture to the harvest of the crystal; SXRD / UC: phase identification on the basis of SXRD unit cell data; SXRD / FS = phase identification on the basis of a full structure determination; # = label of the phase in Table 5.

No.	$M$	$M'$	Rat.	$d$	SXRD / UC	Phase FS	#	CSD refcode	Ref.	
1	Li	-	1:1	15	+	+ <sup>c</sup>	13	YEKYIW01	5	
2	Na	-	1:1	7	+	+ <sup>d</sup>	1a	.	<i>this work</i>	
3	K	-	1:1	7	+	+ <sup>b</sup>	5	XAHZAI	5	
4	Rb	-	1:1	7	+	+ <sup>b</sup>	6	XAHZEM	5	
5	Cs	-	1:1	7	+	+ <sup>d</sup>	2a	.	<i>this work</i>	
6	NH <sub>4</sub>	-	1:1	7	+	+ <sup>b</sup>	NH <sub>4</sub> (D,L-HTart)	.	PUXKAU01	5
7	Li	-	2:1	20	+	+ <sup>c</sup>	7	CEGPEK	15	
8a	Na	-	2:1	30	+	Na <sub>2</sub> (D or L-Tart) · 2H <sub>2</sub> O	23	NADTRT	13	
8b	Na	-	2:1	365	+	+	Na <sub>2</sub> (D,L-Tart)	24	COZGED	16
9a	K	-	2:1	20	+	K(D,L-HTart)	5	XAHZAI	5	
9b	K	-	2:1	365	+	+	D,L-Tart · H <sub>2</sub> O	.	TARTDL01	17
10	Rb	-	2:1	30	+	Rb <sub>2</sub> (D or L-Tart)	29	ZZZVZO02	18	
11	Cs	-	2:1	15	+	+	Cs <sub>2</sub> (D or L-Tart)	30	SOFJOM	18
12	NH <sub>4</sub>	-	2:1	20	+	+	NH <sub>4</sub> (D,L-Tart)	.	ZZZJII01	19
13	Li	Na	1:1:1	365	+	+ <sup>c</sup>	LiNa(D,L-Tart) · 2H <sub>2</sub> O	8	CEGPIO	15
14	Li	K	1:1:1	20	+	+ <sup>c</sup>	LiK(D,L-T art) · H <sub>2</sub> O	9	JEFVIA	15
15a	Li	Rb	1:1:1	20	+	+ <sup>c</sup>	LiRb(D,L-Tart) · H <sub>2</sub> O	10	JEFVOG	15
15b	Li	Rb	1:1:1	300	+	+	Rb(D or L-HTart)	17	KAMBIJ	9
16a	Li	Cs	1:1:1	20	+	+ <sup>c</sup>	LiCs(D,L-Tart) · H <sub>2</sub> O	11	CEGPOU	15
16b	Li	Cs	1:1:1	20	+	+ <sup>d</sup>	LiCs(D,L-Tart) · 2H <sub>2</sub> O	3	.	<i>this work</i>
17	Li	NH <sub>4</sub>	1:1:1	20	+	+ <sup>c</sup>	LiNH <sub>4</sub> (D,L-Tart) · H <sub>2</sub> O	.	ZZZKDE01	15
18a	Na	K	1:1:1	20	+	K(D,L-HTart)	5	XAHZAI	5	
18b	Na	K	1:1:1	20	+	Na(D,L-HTart) · H <sub>2</sub> O	1a	.	<i>this work</i>	
19	Na	Rb	1:1:1	<sup>a</sup>	.	.	.	.	.	
20	Na	Cs	1:1:1	15	+	+	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> · H <sub>2</sub> O	.	.	20
21	Na	NH <sub>4</sub>	1:1:1	300	+	+	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> · NaHCO <sub>3</sub> · 2H <sub>2</sub> O	.	.	21
22	K	Rb	1:1:1	7	+	+ <sup>b</sup>	K <sub>0.5</sub> Rb <sub>0.5</sub> (D,L-HTart)	.	XAHZAI01	5
23b	K	Cs	1:1:1	20	+	K(D,L-HTart)	5	XAHZAI	5	
23a	K	Cs	1:1:1	20	+	+	CsHCO <sub>3</sub>	.	.	22
24	K	NH <sub>4</sub>	1:1:1	7	+	+ <sup>b</sup>	K <sub>0.56</sub> (NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>0.44</sub> (D,L-HTart)	.	XAHZAI02	5
25	Rb	Cs	1:1:1	20	+	+ <sup>b</sup>	(Cs <sub>0.5</sub> Rb <sub>0.5</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (D or L-Tart)	4	.	<i>this work</i>
26	Rb	NH <sub>4</sub>	1:1:1	20	+	+ <sup>b</sup>	Rb <sub>0.61</sub> (NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>0.39</sub> (D,L-HTart)	.	XAHZEM01	5
27a	Cs	NH <sub>4</sub>	1:1:1	20	+	+ <sup>b</sup>	Cs(D,L-HTart) <sup>f</sup>	2b	XAHZIQ	5
27b	Cs	NH <sub>4</sub>	1:1:1	20	+	+	NH <sub>4</sub> (D,L-HTart)	.	PUXKAU01	5

<sup>a</sup> No crystalline product was obtained.

<sup>b</sup> Crystal structure published in the first report.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>c</sup> Crystal structure published in the second report.<sup>15</sup>

<sup>d</sup> Crystal structure contained in this report.

<sup>e</sup> Triclinic polymorph.

<sup>f</sup> Monoclinic polymorph.

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