



On structural phase transitions in the $(C_5H_{12}N)_2SbCl_5$ crystals.

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The results of the X-ray (at 295 and 355 K), dilatometric, differential scanning calorimetry and dielectric studies on a new piperidinium crystal, $(C_5H_{12}N)_2SbCl_5$, are presented. The anionic sublattice of the crystal is built up of infinite $(SbCl_5^{2-})_n$ chains composed of $SbCl_6^{3-}$ distorted octahedra connected with each other by corners. In voids of anionic sublattice two crystallographically independent piperidinium cations are located. At 295 K they are both in chair conformation. The compound undergoes three first-order phase transitions at 378.5 K (I→II), 339.5 K (II→III) and 205 K (III→IV). The mechanism of the (II→III) transition ($Pna2_1 \rightarrow P2_12_12_1$) was proposed based on the X-ray data. It is associated with changes in the conformation of the N(1) cation. In phase (III) its conformation changes to twist boat. The physical properties of this crystal are compared to those found for the other piperidinium crystals of the $(C_5H_{12}N)_2MX_5$ (M=Sb, Bi; X=Cl, Br) type.

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