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One-dimensional zinc phosphates with linear chain structure

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Abstract

Three one-dimensional zinc phosphates, $[C_5N_2H_{14}][Zn(HPO_4)]$, I , $[C_{10}N_4H_{26}][Zn(HPO_4)]$, and $[C_4N_2H_6]_2[Zn(HPO_4)]$, III, have been prepared employing hydro/solvothermal methods in the presence of organic amines. While I and II consist of linear chains of corner-shared four-membered rings, III is a polymeric wire where the amine molecule is directly bonded to the metal center. The wire, as well as the chain in these structures, are held together by hydrogen bond interactions involving the amine and the framework oxygens. The polymeric zinc phosphate with wire-like architecture, III, is only the second example of such architecture. Crystal data: I, monoclinic, P2₁/c (no. 14), $a = 8.603(2)$, $b = 13.529(2)$, $c = 10.880(1)$ Å, $\beta = 94.9(1)^\circ$, $V = 1261.6(1) \text{ Å}^3$, $Z = 4$, $\rho_{\text{calc}} = 1.893 \text{ gcm} - 3$, $\mu(\text{MoK}\alpha) = 2.234 \text{ mm}^{-1}$, $R_1 = 0.032$, $wR_2 = 0.086$, [1532 observed reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$, **II**, orthorhombic, Pbca (no. 61), $a = 8.393(1)$, $b = 15.286(1)$, $c = 22.659(1)$ Å, $V = 2906.9(2)$ Å³, $Z = 8$, $\rho_{\text{calc.}} = 1.794 \text{ gcm}^{-3}$, $\mu(\text{MoK}\alpha) = 1.957 \text{ mm}^{-1}$, $R_1 = 0.055$, $wR_2 = 0.11$, [1565 observed reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ and III, monoclinic, P2₁/c (no. 14), $a = 8.241(1)$, $b = 13.750(2)$, $c = 10.572(1)$ Å, $\beta = 90.9(1)$ °, $V = 1197.7(2)$ Å³, $Z = 4$, $\rho_{\text{calc}} = 1.805$ gcm⁻³, $(MoK\alpha) = 2.197$ mm⁻¹, $R_1 = 0.036$, $wR_2 = 0.10$, [1423 observed reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$]. © 2001 Elsevier Science Ltd. All rights reserved.

1. Introduction

Open-framework metal phosphates of different dimensionalities have been isolated and characterized [1]. Among these materials the three-dimensional architectures occur most commonly, while the low-dimensional ones, in particular, the one-dimensional chains and ladders are rare. Thus, in the large family of zinc phosphates with open architectures [2– 18], very few one-dimensional structures are known, although a large variety of three-dimensional structures have been reported. In this paper we report the synthesis and structures of two types of chain structure of zinc phosphates, prepared hydrothermally. These include, two linear chain structures formed by corner-shared four-membered rings, $[C_5N_2H_{14}]$ $[Zn(HPO₄)₂]$, **I**, $[C₁₀N₄H₂₆][Zn(HPO₄)₂].2H₂O$ **II**, and a polymeric wire $[C_4N_2H_6]_2[Zn(HPO_4)]$, III, wherein the amine coordinates to the metal center. The linear polymeric wire structure described here is indeed unusual amongst the phosphates.

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2. Experimental

The zinc phosphates, **I-III**, were synthesized employing hydro/solvothermal methods in the presence of organic amines. Thus, for the synthesis of I, 0.439 g of Zn acetate was dispersed in 3.6 ml of water followed by the addition of 0.68 ml of $C_4O_2H_8$ (1,4-dioxane). To this mixture was added 0.26 ml of H_3PO_4 (88 wt%) and 0.2 g of 2-methylpiperazine (MPIP) under continuous stirring. The resulting gel with the composition, $Zn(OAc)_2.2H_2O:2H_3PO_4:MPIP:4$ dioxan:100H₂O, was homogenized, sealed in a PTFE-lined stainless steel autoclave (Parr, Moline, USA) and heated at 180° C for 48 h under autogeneous pressure. For the synthesis of II, 0.439 g of $Zn(OAc)$ ₂ was dispersed in 6.6 ml of deionized water and 0.22 ml of hydrochloric acid (35% v/ v). To this mixture, 0.49 ml of phosphoric acid (88 wt%) and 0.25 ml of 1,4-bis(3-aminopropyl)piperazine (APPIP) were added slowly under continuous stirring. The resulting gel with the composition 3ZnO:2HCl:6.3H3PO4:APPI-P:280H2O, was sealed in a 23 ml PTFE-lined stainless steel autoclave and heated at 110° C for 48 h under autogeneous pressure. For the synthesis of III, 0.081 g of ZnO was dispersed in a mixture of butan-2-ol and water

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Crystal data and structure refinement parameters for $[C_5N_2H_{14}][Zn(HPO_4)_2]$, $I, [C_{10}N_4H_{22}][Zn(HPO_4)_2]$. $2H_2O$, II and $[C_8N_4H_{12}][Zn(HPO_4)]$, III

^a $W = 1/[\sigma^2(F_0)^2 + (aP)^2 + bP]$ where $P = [F_0^2 + 2F_C^2]/3$; $a = 0.0483$ and $b = 0.24322$ for **I**, $a = 0.0241$ and $b = 17.5501$ for **II**, and $a = 0.0561$ and $b = 0.0$ for III.

 $(4.6 + 0.4$ ml). To this mixture, 0.18 ml of hydrochloric acid (35% v/v), 0.13 ml of phosphoric acid (88 wt%) were added along with 1.05 g of 4-methylimidazole (MI) under continuous stirring. The resulting gel with the composition of ZnO:2HCl:2H₃PO₄:13MI:50 Butan-2-ol:50H₂O, was sealed in a 23 ml PTFE-lined stainless steel autoclave at 165°C for 10 h under autogeneous pressure. The products contained colorless crystals in all of the three preparations (rod-like for I and II, needle-like for III). The crystals were filtered under vacuum, washed with deionized water and dried at ambient conditions. Initial characterizations were carried out using powder X-ray diffraction and EDAX.

Suitable single crystals of **I-III** were carefully selected under a polarizing microscope and glued to a thin glass fiber with cyanoacrylate (super glue) adhesive. Single crystal structure determination by X-ray diffraction was performed on a Siemens Smart-CCD diffractometer equipped with a normal focus, 2.4 kW sealed tube X-ray source (MoK α radiation, $\lambda = 0.71073$ Å) operating at 50 kV and 40 mA. A hemisphere of intensity data was collected at room temperature in 1321 frames with ω scans (width of 0.30° and exposure time of 20 s per frame) in the 2 θ range 3–46.5°. Pertinent experimental details for the structure determinations are presented in Table 1. The structure was solved by direct methods using SHELXS-86 [19] and difference Fourier syntheses. An empirical absorption correction based on symmetry equivalent reflections was applied for all the compounds using SADABS [20] program. All the hydrogen positions were initially located in the difference Fourier maps, and for the final refinement, the hydrogen atoms were placed geometrically and held in the riding mode. The last cycles of refinement included atomic positions for all the atoms, anisotropic thermal parameters for all non-hydrogen atoms and isotropic thermal parameters for all the hydrogen atoms. Full-matrixleast-squares structure refinement against $|F|$ was carried out using the SHELXTL-PLUS [21] package of programs. Details of the final refinements are given in Table 1. The final atomic co-ordinates, bond distances and angles are given in Tables 2 and 3 for I, in Tables 4 and 5 for II, and in Tables 6 and 7 for III.

Table 2 Atomic co-ordinates $[\times 10^4]$ and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters $[\text{Å}^2 \times 10^3]$ for $[C_5N_2H_{14}][Zn(HPO_4)_2]$, I

Atoms	X	Y	Z.	$U(\text{eq})^{\text{a}}$
$\text{Zn}(1)$	2363(1)	5288(1)	9669(1)	22(1)
P(1)	421(1)	5801(1)	11885(1)	23(1)
P(2)	5471(1)	5883(1)	8570(1)	22(1)
O(1)	3871(3)	6133(2)	8982(3)	30(1)
O(2)	3227(3)	4059(2)	10369(3)	29(1)
O(3)	1197(3)	6118(2)	10737(2)	28(1)
O(4)	683(3)	5081(2)	8348(3)	31(1)
O(5)	$-434(3)$	6660(2)	12422(3)	37(1)
O(6)	1752(3)	5465(2)	12887(3)	37(1)
O(7)	5541(3)	4883(2)	7932(3)	31(1)
O(8)	5890(3)	6691(2)	7611(3)	36(1)
C(1)	11824(8)	9184(5)	9582(5)	73(2)
C(2)	11351(5)	8226(4)	8942(4)	39(1)
C(3)	11007(6)	7429(4)	6881(5)	47(1)
C(4)	9341(6)	7164(4)	7116(6)	64(2)
C(5)	9699(6)	7929(4)	9175(5)	51(1)
N(1)	11477(4)	8331(2)	7596(3)	32(1)
N(2)	9227(5)	7034(3)	8446(5)	68(2)

 α U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U_{ii} tensor.

3. Results and discussion

The asymmetric units of the one-dimensional phosphates, I, II and III contain 18, 20 and 18 non-hydrogen atoms as shown in Fig. $1(a)$ –(c), respectively. Of these three phosphates, I and II have identical structures consisting of onedimensional zinc hydrogen phosphate anions of the formula, $[Zn(HPO_4)_2]^2$ ⁻ while III possesses a neutral $Zn(HPO_4)$ unit. The charge compensation, in the case of I and II , is achieved by the presence of protonated methyl piperazine and bis- (aminopropyl)piperazine, respectively.

The zinc atoms in both I and II are tetrahedrally co-ordinated by four oxygen atoms. The Zn-O bond lengths (av. 1.949 Å for **I** and 1.941 Å for **II**) are similar to those observed in other zinc phosphates, such as in the one-dimensional ladder compound, $[NH_3(CH_2)_3NH_3][Zn(HPO_4)_2]$, $(Zn-O)_{av} = 1.944$ Å [2]. The Zn atoms are connected to two distinct P atoms via four Zn-O-P linkages with average angles of 126.3 and 135.7 \degree for I and II, respectively. The phosphorus atoms, on the other hand, make only two P-O-Zn linkages and possess two terminal P-O linkages. The P-O distances are in the range $1.506-1.578$ Å [av. P(1)- $Q = 1.539$, P(2)- $Q = 1.540 \text{ Å}$ for **I**, and P(1)- $Q = 1.530$, $P(2)-O = 1.531$ Å for II) and the O-P-O bond angles are in the range $105.5-114.1^{\circ}$ [av. O-P-O = 109.4° for both I and **II**). The P-O distances of $P(1)-O(6) = 1.578$, $P(2)$ - $O(8) = 1.574$ Å for **I** and $P(1)-O(6) = 1.576$, $P(2)$ - $O(8) = 1.574$ Å for **II** suggests that the oxygen atoms are protonated (Tables 3 and 5). The presence of hydroxyl

Symmetry operations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1 $-x$, $-y + 1$, $-z + 2$; #2 $-x + 1$, $-y + 1$, $-z + 2$.

groups was confirmed by the observation of peaks corresponding to hydrogen positions close to these oxygens, in the difference Fourier maps. The various P-O distances and O-P-O angles in I and II agree well with those reported for similar compounds in the literature $[2-18]$.

The strictly alternating ZnO_4 and HPO_4 tetrahedral units in I and II form four-membered rings, which are linked through their corners forming the one-dimensional chains (Fig. 2(a) and (b)). The individual chain units are held together by hydrogen bond interactions involving the amine. The arrangement of the amine molecules between the chains in I, is such that different orientations of the amine molecule alternate (Fig. 3). Hydrogen bond interactions involving the terminal P-OH linkages form a sheet-like architecture with apertures, wherein the amine molecules reside (Figs. 2(a) and 3). The one-dimensional chains in I interact with each other via hydrogen bonds and form cavities. The cavities formed by such interactions (Fig. 4)

closely resemble those in the organic channel structures formed through non-covalent interactions [22]. Interactions between the chains in II, on the other hand, form a columnlike arrangement. Since the amine molecule in II is rather unusual, it is possible to have interactions between the columns, which provide stability to the arrangement (Fig. 5(a) and (b)). The additional water molecule present in II also participates in inter-chain interactions. The various hydrogen bond interactions observed in I and II are listed in Table 8.

Unlike I and II, compound III consists of linkages between the uncommon ZnO_2N_2 tetrahedra and the PO₃OH units. There is one each of crystallographically independent Zn and P. The Zn and P atoms make two connections and have two terminal linkages. For Zn, the terminal linkages are the nitrogen atoms of the amine molecule and for P it is the oxygens. The Zn-O and Zn-N bond distances and O-Zn-O, O-Zn-N and N-Zn-N angles are in the expected range for this type of bonding (Table 7). Of the two terminal P-O linkages, the P-O distance of

Fig. 1. (a) ORTEP plot of (a) $[C_5N_2H_{14}][Zn(HPO_4)_2]$, I., (b) $[C_{10}N_4H_{26}][Zn(HPO_4)_2]$.2H₂O II and (c) $[C_4N_2H_6]_2[Zn(HPO_4)]$, III. Thermal ellipsoids are given at 50% probability.

Fig. 1. (continued)

Table 4

 U (eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U_{ii} tensor.

 $P(1)-O(4) = 1.553 \text{ Å}$ indicates that the oxygen atom is protonated, in agreement with the proton position found in the difference Fourier map. Compound III does not possess a four-membered ring and the amine molecules are directly bonded to the Zn center. The structure is that of a polymeric wire formed by the direct linkage of $ZnO₂N₂$ and PO₃OH units, such that the bonded amine molecules protrude into the interwire region, interacting with one another through hydrogen bonds (Fig. 6(a) and Table 8). Along the a axis, the structure is sinusoidal with the amine molecules of the neighboring wire interacting strongly with the oxygens of the wire (Fig. 6(b)). This type of structure is rather unusual and this is only the second time such architecture has been isolated and characterized.

The linear chains formed by corner-shared fourmembered rings in I and II are rare in the family of one-dimensional open-framework zinc phosphates. I and II possess the same framework formula as that reported by Chidambaram et al. [2], but the connectivity resulting from the four-membered rings is different. In the structure of Chidambaram et al. [2], edge-wise connectivity between the four-membered rings gives rise to a ladder-like structure with one $HPO₄$ units hanging from the Zn center, while in I and II the connectivity is through the corners with no hanging phosphates.

Fig. 2. (a) Structure of the zinc phosphate, I, [C₅N₂H₁₄][Zn(HPO₄)₂] showing the four-membered corner-shared chains and the amine. Note that the interaction between the two chains form layer-like arrangement with apertures and (b) Structure of the zinc phosphate, II, $[C_{10}N_4H_{26}][Zn(HPO_4)_2].2H_2O$, in the ac plane. Note that both the water and amine molecules occupy the inter-chain voids. Dotted lines represent the possible hydrogen bond interactions.

Compound III, on the other hand, is formed as a molecular infinite wire with terminal amine molecules with comparable examples in the literature.

phosphates synthesized and characterized to date. As can be seen, the corner-shared chains are indeed rare. The chain compounds I and II have architectures comparable to similar structures reported in the literature. In the

In Table 9, we list the various one-dimensional Zn

Fig. 3. Structure of the zinc phosphate, $[C_5N_2H_{14}][Zn(HPO_4)_2]$, I in the *ab* plane. Note that different orientations of the amine molecules occupy positions in between the chains.

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Symmetry operations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1 $x + \frac{1}{2}$, $y, -z + 1/2$ #2 $x - 1/2, y, -z + 1/2$ #3 $-x + 1, -y + 1, -z$.

Fig. 4. The structure of the zinc phosphate, $[C_5N_2H_{14}][Zn(HPO_4)_2]$, I, along the chain axis. Note four different chains form a channel like structure through hydrogen bonds. Dotted lines represent the various hydrogen bond interactions.

Table 6

Atomic co-ordinates $\left[\times 10^4 \right]$ and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters $[A^2 \times 10^3]$ for $[C_8N_4H_{12}][Zn(HPO_4)]$, III

Atom	Χ	y	Ζ	$U_{\rm eq}^{\rm a}$
Zn(1)	8323(1)	6889(1)	2184(1)	20(1)
P(1)	9662(1)	6548(1)	5066(1)	17(1)
O(1)	9619(4)	7741(2)	1152(3)	28(1)
O(2)	9403(4)	7084(2)	3813(3)	29(1)
N(2)	8492(4)	5534(3)	1531(3)	23(1)
N(4)	5965(4)	7252(3)	2168(4)	25(1)
O(3)	11318(3)	6031(2)	5092(3)	26(1)
O(4)	8304(3)	5780(2)	5251(3)	30(1)
N(1)	9166(5)	4003(3)	1329(4)	35(1)
C(1)	9341(6)	4794(3)	2021(5)	30(1)
C(2)	7751(6)	5166(3)	435(4)	27(1)
C(3)	8171(6)	4225(4)	325(5)	36(1)
C(4)	6722(7)	5796(4)	406(5)	45(2)
N(3)	3687(5)	7981(3)	1648(4)	35(1)
C(5)	5289(6)	8000(3)	1557(5)	33(1)
C(6)	4690(6)	6722(3)	2677(5)	28(1)
C(7)	3274(6)	7180(4)	2363(5)	34(1)
C(8)	4937(6)	5793(4)	3376(5)	38(1)

 a U (eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U_{ij} tensor.

Fig. 5. (a) The structure of \mathbf{II} , $[C_{10}N_4H_{26}][Zn(HPO_4)_2].2H_2O$ along the chain axis. The inter-chain interactions form a column-like arrangement and (b) Two columns joined interactions involving the amine and water molecules.

Table 7 Selected bond distances and angles for $[C_8N_4H_{12}][Zn(HPO_4)]$, III

Moiety	Distance (\dot{A})	Moiety	Angle $(°)$
$Zn(1)-O(1)$	1.934(3)	$O(2)$ -Zn(1)-N(4)	113.7(2)
$Zn(1)-O(2)$	1.944(3)	$N(2)$ -Zn(1)- $N(4)$	107.6(2)
$Zn(1)-N(2)$	1.993(4)	$O(1)^{#1} - P(1) - O(2)$	110.0(2)
$Zn(1)-N(4)$	2.006(4)	$O(1)^{#1} - P(1) - O(3)$	108.6(2)
$P(1)-O(1)^{#1}$	1.509(3)	$O(2) - P(1) - O(3)$	110.5(2)
$P(1)-O(2)$	1.528(3)	$O(1)^{#1} - P(1) - O(4)$	108.6(2)
$P(1)-O(3)$	1.539(3)	$O(2) - P(1) - O(4)$	110.3(2)
$P(1)-O(4)$	1.553(3)	$O(3) - P(1) - O(4)$	108.9(2)
		$P(1){#2}-O(1)-Zn(1)$	147.3(2)
		$P(1)-O(2)-Zn(1)$	139.2(2)
Moiety	Angle $(°)$		
$O(1)$ -Zn (1) -O (2)	99.60(13)	$C(1)$ -N(2)-Zn(1)	128.1(3)
$O(1)$ -Zn (1) -N (2)	109.18(14)	$C(2)$ -N(2)-Zn(1)	126.5(3)
$O(2)$ -Zn(1)-N(2)	113.74(14)	$C(5)$ -N(4)-Zn(1)	126.4(3)
$O(1)$ -Zn (1) -N (4)	112.85(14)	$C(6)-N(4)-Zn(1)$	127.1(3)
Organic Moiety			
Moiety	Distance (\AA)	Moiety	Angle (°)
$N(2)-C(1)$	1.335(6)	$C(1)-N(2)-C(2)$	105.4(4)
$N(2)-C(2)$	1.395(5)	$C(5)-N(4)-C(6)$	106.2(4)
$N(4)-C(5)$	1.332(6)	$C(1)-N(1)-C(3)$	107.8(4)
$N(4)-C(6)$	1.394(6)	$N(1)-C(1)-N(2)$	111.2(4)
$N(1)-C(1)$	1.318(6)	$C(3)-C(2)-N(2)$	108.1(4)
$N(1)-C(3)$	1.366(6)	$C(3)-C(2)-C(4)$	130.6(5)
$C(2)-C(3)$	1.345(6)	$N(2)-C(2)-C(4)$	121.3(4)
$C(2)-C(4)$	1.495(6)	$C(2)-C(3)-N(1)$	107.5(4)
$N(3)-C(5)$	1.326(6)	$C(5)-N(3)-C(7)$	108.1(4)
$N(3)-C(7)$	1.380(6)	$N(3)-C(5)-N(4)$	111.0(4)
$C(6)-C(7)$	1.363(6)	$C(7)$ - $C(6)$ - $N(4)$	108.2(4)
$C(6)-C(8)$	1.488(6)	$C(7)-C(6)-C(8)$	128.9(5)
		$N(4)-C(6)-C(8)$	122.9(4)
		$C(6)-C(7)-N(3)$	106.5(4)

Symmetry operations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1 x, $-y + 3/2$, $z + 1/2$ #2 x , $-y + 3/2$, $z - 1/2$.

one-dimensional, $[C_2NH_8]_8[Zn_8(HPO_4)_8(H_2PO_4)_8]$.4H₂O [27] and $RbZn(HPO₄)$ $(H₂PO₄)$. $H₂O$ [28], the four-membered rings, forming the corner-shared chains, are made from the linkages involving $ZnO₄$, HPO₄ and H₂PO₄ units. The presence of H_2PO_4 units indicates that the chains can undergo further condensation giving rise to products with higher dimensional architectures, by deprotonation of terminal -OH groups. This suggestion is validated by the synthesis of a two-dimensional layer Zn phosphate from the same reaction mixture employed for the preparation of the one-dimensional chain [28]. The structures of compounds I and II, on the other hand, are akin to that of $[C_6N_2H_{14}]$ $[Zn(HPO_4)_2]$ [25], where the corner-sharing four-membered rings are made only from ZnO4 and $PO₃(OH)$ tetrahedra. Isolation of zinc phosphates with

Fig. 6. (a) Structure of $[C_4N_2H_6]_2[Zn(HPO_4)]$, III, along the *ac* plane showing the polymeric wire-like arrangement. Note that the bonded amine molecule interacts with the neighboring wire through hydrogen bonds (dotted lines) and (b) Structure of III along the bc plane. Note that the architecture forms sinusoidal wave.

Table 8 Selected hydrogen bond interactions in compounds I-III

Moiety	Distance (\dot{A})	Moiety	Angle $(°)$
I			
$O(5)$ $H(5)$	1.818(4)	$O(5)$ $H(5)$ -N(1)	159.7(3)
O(7)H(6)	1.868(4)	$O(7) \dots H(6) - N(1)$	167.2(4)
$O(4)$ $H(11)$	2.133(5)	$O(4)$ $H(11)$ -N(2)	147.0(6)
$O(8)$ $H(12)$	2.207(5)	$O(8)$ $H(12)$ -N(2)	142.4(6)
$O(2)$ $H(12)$	2.184(5)	$O(2)$ $H(12)$ -N(2)	144.5(5)
$O(6)$ $H(13)$	2.593(6)	$O(6)$ $H(13)-C(5)$	163.7(5)
\mathbf{H}			
$O(4)$ $H(1)$	2.031(8)	$O(4) \dots H(1)$ -N(1)	151.7(6)
$O(7)$ $H(1)$	2.470(7)	$O(7)$ $H(1)$ -N(1)	142.2(6)
O(7)H(2)	1.921(8)	$O(7) \dots H(2)$ -N(1)	161.8(6)
$O(3)$ $H(3)$	1.957(7)	$O(3) \dots H(3) - N(1)$	151.8(7)
$O(7)$ $H(14)$	1.799(7)	$O(7)$ $H(14)-O(6)$	157.1(6)
O(100)H(8)	2.505(11)	$O(100)H(8)-C(3)$	156.1(7)
O(200)H(11)	2.589(15)	$O(200)H(11)-C(2)$	142.2(7)
Ш			
O(2)H(2)	2.069(5)	$O(2) \dots H(2)$ -N(1)	160.5(5)
O(3)H(8)	2.054(5)	$O(3)$ $H(8)$ -N(3)	159.3(5)
O(4)H(9)	2.452(6)	$O(4) \dots H(9) - C(5)$	155.0(5)

corner-shared chain architectures is important, because in one of the mechanisms proposed for the formation of open-framework phosphates considers the corner-shared chain structure to be the primary building unit [29,30]. A possible reason that such lower dimensional structures are seldom found under the conventional hydrothermal conditions may be because they undergo facile transformations to layer and three-dimensional structures.

The structure of III is closely related to that of $[C_6N_2H_{14}][Zn(HPO_4)(H_2PO_4)_2]$ [26], consisting of polymeric one-dimensional wires of $Zn(HPO₄)$ with two hanging terminal H_2PO_4 units from the Zn center. In III, the amine molecules are attached to the Zn center in the same way as the H_2PO_4 units. III is only the second example of such an architecture in open-framework phosphates. The three new one-dimensional compounds reported in this paper add to the interesting family of zinc phosphates with Zn/P ratio of non-unity.

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