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# A Three-Dimensional Framework Aluminophosphate $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)^{+}\left[\mathrm{Al}_{3} \mathrm{P}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{13} \mathrm{H}\right]^{-}$ 

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#### Abstract

The title compound, previously designated as JDF-2 [Gai-Boyes, Thomas, Wright, Jones, Natarajan, Chen \& Xu (1992). J. Phys. Chem. 96, 8206-8209], is an aluminium phosphate (AIPO) with a threedimensional framework structure consisting of three types of $\mathrm{PO}_{4}$ tetrahedral unit linked to three crystallographically distinct Al atoms. One of the Al atoms is tetrahedrally coordinated (as $\mathrm{AlO}_{4}$ ) while the remaining two have distorted trigonal bipyramidal coordination and are linked through a common $\mathbf{O}$ atom to form $\mathrm{O}_{4} \mathrm{Al}-\mathrm{OH}-\mathrm{AlO}_{4}$ units. These units are relatively rare features in AlPO frameworks as the AI- and P-containing polyhedra are usually linked in a strictly alternating manner.


## Comment

Since the synthesis of the first microporous aluminium phosphates (Wilson, Lok, Messing, Cannan \& Flanigen, 1982), a number of other threedimensional framework compounds have been characterized. The impetus for this research arises from the zeolitic nature of such materials, their possible sorption properties and use of their hetero-atom-substituted derivatives in catalysis. Although in the majority of cases the Al and P atoms occupy sites with tetrahedral coordination, a few phases containing aluminium with a coordination number greater than four have been characterized; for example, AIPO-EN3 (Parise, 1985) and AIPO-21 (Bennett, Cohen, Artioli, Pluth \& Smith, 1985), which have related structures, contain trigonal bipyramidal aluminium, and AlPO-15 (Pluth, Smith, Bennett \& Cohen, 1984) contains octahedrally coordinated aluminium. All these compounds were prepared under aqueous conditions. Our work, however, has concentrated on the synthesis of AlPO's under non-aqueous conditions and this has led to the discovery of a number of new structures, both chain and layered as well as three-dimensional (Jones et al., 1991; Chippindale et al., 1992). Here we report the structure of a phase of JDF-2 closely related to that of AIPO-EN3, which was synthesized in ethylene glycol in the presence of methylamine. A high-resolution electron microscopy study of this compound has been reported previously (Gai-Boyes et al., 1992).

The structure of JDF-2 (Fig. 1) is a centrosymmetric variant of that of AIPO-EN3 [ $a=10.292$ (2), $b=$ 13.636 (2), $c=17.344$ (3) $\AA$; space group $P 2_{1} 2_{1} 2_{1}$ ] possessing the same framework topology and containing three-, four-, five- and eight-membered rings. In both cases, the template amine cation resides in the eight-membered-ring channels. The basic structural units, all of which have shared vertices, are Pand Al-centred tetrahedra and Al-centred trigonal bipyramids. The three types of $\mathrm{PO}_{4}$ group and the $\mathrm{Al}(3) \mathrm{O}_{4}$ group have close to ideal tetrahedral geometry with $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{O}$ and $\mathrm{Al}-\mathrm{O}$ distances in the ranges 1.506 (4)-1. 543 (4) and 1.723 (4)-1.745 (4) $\AA$, respectively, and $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{O}$ and $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{Al}-\mathrm{O}$ angles in the ranges 106.1 (2)-112.8 (2) and $107.3(2)-112.0(2)^{\circ}$, respectively. These distances are close to those found in other tetrahedrally linked aluminium phosphates; e.g. in berlinite, the average $\mathrm{P}-\mathrm{O}$ and $\mathrm{Al}-\mathrm{O}$ distances are 1.516 and $1.739 \AA$, respectively (Schwarzenbach, 1966). The two remaining Al atoms, $\mathrm{Al}(1)$ and $\mathrm{Al}(2)$, have distorted trigonal bipyramidal coordination $\left(\mathrm{O}_{\text {eq }}-\mathrm{Al}-\mathrm{O}_{\text {eq }} 106.3\right.$ (2)$135.5(2), \mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{eq}}-\mathrm{Al}-\mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{ax}} 86.8(2)-93.7(2)^{\circ}$; average
$\mathrm{Al}-\mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{eq}} 1.790$, average $\mathrm{Al}-\mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{ax}} 1.891 \AA$ ) and are linked through a shared O atom, $\mathrm{O}(3)$. This is situated in an axial position of the $\mathrm{Al}(2) \mathrm{O}_{5}$ trigonal bipyramid and in an equatorial position in $\mathrm{Al}(1) \mathrm{O}_{5}$ (Fig. 2), with $\mathrm{Al}(2)-\mathrm{O}(3)$ and $\mathrm{Al}(1)-\mathrm{O}(3)$ bond lengths of 1.902 (3) and 1.813 (3) A, respectively. Bond-valence calculations (Brown \& Altermatt, 1985) suggested that $O(3)$ had unsatisfied valence; an H atom was subsequently located in a difference Fourier map at $\sim 1 \AA$ from $\mathrm{O}(3)$. Such $\mathrm{Al}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{9}(\mathrm{OH})$ units with similar $\mathrm{Al}-\mathrm{OH}$ bond lengths have been identified previously in AIPO-21 and AIPO-EN3. The $\mathrm{O}(3) \mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}(6)$ distance across the five-membered ring is sufficiently short $(2.82 \AA)$ for hydrogen bonding to take place. Hydrogen-bond interactions


Fig. I. Two views (CAMERON; Pearce, Prout \& Watkin, 1993) of the JDF-2 framework (a) along [100] and (b) along [010] with the methylamine template omitted for clarity.
between the methylamine cations and the aluminium phosphate framework appear to be weak ( $\mathrm{N} \cdots \mathrm{O} \geq$ $3.04 \AA$ ). However, attempts to detemplate the material (at $\sim 623 \mathrm{~K}$ ) led to the breakdown of the structure and the formation of an amorphous product.


Fig. 2. Local view (CAMERON; Pearce, Prout \& Watkin, 1993) of the coordination polyhedra showing the linkage of the $\mathrm{Al}(1)$ and $\mathrm{Al}(2)$ trigonal bipyramids. $\mathrm{H}(111)$ is omitted for clarity.

## Experimental

The compound was synthesized via a gel precursor by adding phosphoric acid to a stirred suspension of aluminium isopropoxide in ethylene glycol (EG) and then adding methylamine to give a gel of composition $\mathrm{Al}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}: \mathrm{P}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{5}: \mathrm{MeNH}_{2}: \mathrm{EG}$ $1: 2.4: 10: 60$. The gel was heated under autogeneous conditions in a sealed Teflon container at 453 K for 10 d . The resulting crystals were filtered and dried in air. X-ray microanalysis using a Jeol 2000 FX electron microscope fitted with a Tracor Northern analysis system confirmed that the product was monophasic with a P:Al ratio of approximately $1: 1$. CHN analysis gave the following results: N $3.41, \mathrm{C} 2.95, \mathrm{H} 1.60 \%$.
Crystal data
$\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)\left[\mathrm{Al}_{3} \mathrm{P}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{13} \mathrm{H}\right]$
$M_{r}=414.93$
Orthorhombic
Pcab
$a=10.281$ (2) $\AA$
$b=13.844$ (3) $\AA$
$c=17.064$ (5) $\AA$
$V=2428.72 \AA^{3}$
$Z=8$
$D_{x}=2.270 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$

## Data collection

Enraf-Nonius CAD-4
diffractometer

Mo $K \alpha$ radiation
$\lambda=0.71073 \AA$
Cell parameters from 20 reflections
$\theta=15.1-16.5^{\circ}$
$\mu=0.76 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$
$T=293 \mathrm{~K}$
Plate
$0.23 \times 0.09 \times 0.05 \mathrm{~mm}$
Transparent

$$
\begin{aligned}
& R_{\text {int }}=0.0279 \\
& \theta_{\text {max }}=23^{\circ}
\end{aligned}
$$



## Refinement

Refinement on $F$
$R=0.0476$
$w R=0.0456$
$S=1.38$
1343 reflections
190 parameters
Weighting scheme:
Chebyshev, three-term
polynomial

$$
\begin{aligned}
& h=-1 \rightarrow 11 \\
& k=-1 \rightarrow 15 \\
& l=-1 \rightarrow 18
\end{aligned}
$$

3 standard reflections frequency: 60 min intensity variation: none

Table 1. Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters $\left(\AA^{2}\right)$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& (\Delta / \sigma)_{\max }=0.004 \\
& \Delta \rho_{\max }=0.55 \mathrm{e} \AA^{-3} \\
& \Delta \rho_{\min }=-0.48 \mathrm{e} \AA^{-3}
\end{aligned}
$$

Extinction correction: none Atomic scattering factors from International Tables for X-ray Crystallography (1974, Vol. IV)

| $U_{\text {eq }}=(1 / 3) \Sigma_{i} \Sigma_{j} U_{i j} a_{i}^{*} a_{j}^{*} \mathbf{a}_{i} \cdot \mathbf{a}_{j}$. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | $U_{\text {eq }}$ |
| $\mathrm{P}(1)$ | 0.3676 (1) | 0.25328 (9) | 0.20387 (7) | 0.0108 |
| $\mathrm{P}(2)$ | 0.1263 (1) | 0.46013 (9) | 0.33711 (7) | 0.0109 |
| $\mathrm{P}(3)$ | 0.6293 (1) | 0.43332 (8) | 0.41973 (7) | 0.0093 |
| $\mathrm{Al}(1)$ | 0.3298 (1) | 0.4789 (1) | 0.19812 (8) | 0.0108 |
| $\mathrm{Al}(2)$ | 0.3749 (1) | 0.5617 (1) | 0.39344 (8) | 0.0102 |
| $\mathrm{Al}(3)$ | 0.1219 (1) | 0.2414 (1) | 0.30632 (8) | 0.0126 |
| $\mathrm{O}(1)$ | 0.3270 (3) | 0.3531 (2) | 0.1774 (2) | 0.0179 |
| $\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 0.1182 (4) | 0.3512 (2) | 0.3555 (2) | 0.0261 |
| O(3) | 0.4036 (3) | 0.5182 (2) | 0.2892 (2) | 0.0144 |
| $\mathrm{O}(4)$ | 0.3587 (3) | 0.6857 (2) | 0.3650 (2) | 0.0174 |
| O(5) | 0.2204 (3) | 0.5024 (3) | 0.3959 (2) | 0.0160 |
| $\mathrm{O}(6)$ | 0.1685 (3) | 0.4763 (2) | 0.2530 (2) | 0.0137 |
| $\mathrm{O}(7)$ | 0.5333 (3) | 0.5167 (2) | 0.4155 (2) | 0.0147 |
| $\mathrm{O}(8)$ | 0.0771 (3) | 0.1529 (2) | 0.3726 (2) | 0.0169 |
| $\mathrm{O}(9)$ | 0.3502 (3) | 0.5991 (2) | 0.4967 (2) | 0.0141 |
| $\mathrm{O}(10)$ | 0.2606 (3) | 0.5375 (2) | 0.1149 (2) | 0.0142 |
| $\mathrm{O}(11)$ | 0.2779 (3) | 0.2193 (3) | 0.2703 (2) | 0.0218 |
| $\mathrm{O}(12)$ | -0.0054 (3) | 0.5047 (3) | 0.3513 (2) | 0.0167 |
| $\mathrm{O}(13)$ | 0.0076 (3) | 0.2450 (3) | 0.2325 (2) | 0.0194 |
| $\mathrm{N}(1)$ | 0.4452 (7) | 0.6379 (6) | -0.0060 (4) | 0.0641 |
| C(1) | 0.396 (1) | 0.7386 (7) | -0.0152 (6) | 0.0725 |

Table 2. Selected geometric parameters $\left(\AA,^{\circ}\right)$

| $\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{O}(1)$ | 1.513 (3) | $\mathrm{Al}(1)-\mathrm{O}(6)$ | 1.905 (3) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{O}(4)$ | 1.506 (4) | $\mathrm{Al}(1)-\mathrm{O}(10)$ | 1.783 (3) |
| $\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{O}(11)$ | 1.535 (4) | $\mathrm{Al}(1)-\mathrm{O}(12)$ | 1.906 (3) |
| $\mathbf{P}(1)-\mathrm{O}(13)$ | 1.521 (3) | $\mathrm{Al}(2)-\mathrm{O}(3)$ | 1.902 (3) |
| $\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 1.543 (4) | $\mathrm{Al}(2)-\mathrm{O}(4)$ | 1.791 (3) |
| $\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{O}(5)$ | 1.511 (4) | $\mathrm{Al}(2)-\mathrm{O}(5)$ | 1.789 (3) |
| $\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{O}(6)$ | 1.515 (4) | $\mathrm{Al}(2)-\mathrm{O}(7)$ | 1.784 (3) |
| $\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{O}(12)$ | 1.508 (3) | $\mathrm{Al}(2)-\mathrm{O}(9)$ | 1.853 (3) |
| $\mathrm{P}(3)-\mathrm{O}(7)$ | 1.520 (3) | $\mathrm{Al}(3)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 1.737 (4) |
| $\mathrm{P}(3)-\mathrm{O}(8)$ | 1.536 (4) | $\mathrm{Al}(3)-\mathrm{O}(8)$ | 1.730 (3) |
| $\mathrm{P}(3)-\mathrm{O}(9)$ | 1.510 (3) | $\mathrm{Al}(3)-\mathrm{O}(11)$ | 1.745 (4) |
| $\mathrm{P}(3)-\mathrm{O}(10)$ | 1.528 (3) | $\mathrm{Al}(3)-\mathrm{O}(13)$ | 1.723 (4) |
| $\mathrm{Al}(1)-\mathrm{O}(1)$ | 1.777 (3) | $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{C}(1)$ | 1.49 (1) |
| $\mathrm{Al}(1)-\mathrm{O}(3)$ | 1.813 (3) |  |  |
| $\mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{O}(4)$ | 108.6 (2) | $\mathrm{O}(3)-\mathrm{Al}(2)-\mathrm{O}(5)$ | 90.8 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{O}(11)$ | 109.5 (2) | $\mathrm{O}(4)-\mathrm{Al}(2)-\mathrm{O}(5)$ | 111.3 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O}(4)-\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{O}(11)$ | 110.5 (2) | $\mathrm{O}(3)-\mathrm{Al}(2)-\mathrm{O}(7)$ | 86.8 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{O}(13)$ | 110.1 (2) | $\mathrm{O}(4)-\mathrm{Al}(2)-\mathrm{O}(7)$ | 118.5 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O}(4)-\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{O}(13)$ | 108.5 (2) | $\mathrm{O}(5)-\mathrm{Al}(2)-\mathrm{O}(7)$ | 130.2 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O}(11)-\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{O}(13)$ | 109.6 (2) | $\mathrm{O}(3)-\mathrm{Al}(2)-\mathrm{O}(9)$ | 177.4 (2) |


| $\mathrm{O}(2)-\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{O}(5)$ | 106.1 (2) | $\mathrm{O}(4)-\mathrm{Al}(2)-\mathrm{O}(9)$ | 88.7 (2) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{O}(2)-\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{O}(6)$ | 110.6 (2) | $\mathrm{O}(5)-\mathrm{Al}(2)-\mathrm{O}(9)$ | 89.1 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O}(5)-\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{O}(6)$ | 112.8 (2) | $\mathrm{O}(7)-\mathrm{Al}(2)-\mathrm{O}(9)$ | 91.3 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O}(2)-\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{O}(12)$ | 108.6 (2) | $\mathrm{O}(2)-\mathrm{Al}(3)-\mathrm{O}(8)$ | 107.3 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O}(5)-\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{O}(12)$ | 108.1 (2) | $\mathrm{O}(2)-\mathrm{Al}(3)-\mathrm{O}(11)$ | 110.1 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O}(6)-\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{O}(12)$ | 110.4 (2) | $\mathrm{O}(8)-\mathrm{Al}(3)-\mathrm{O}(11)$ | 110.5 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O}(7)-\mathrm{P}(3)-\mathrm{O}(8)$ | 109.7 (2) | $\mathrm{O}(2)-\mathrm{Al}(3)-\mathrm{O}(13)$ | 108.3 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O}(7)-\mathrm{P}(3)-\mathrm{O}(9)$ | 111.2 (2) | $\mathrm{O}(8)-\mathrm{Al}(3)-\mathrm{O}(13)$ | 108.5 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O}(8)-\mathrm{P}(3)-\mathrm{O}(9)$ | 108.2 (2) | $\mathrm{O}(11)-\mathrm{Al}(3)-\mathrm{O}(13)$ | 112.0 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O}(7)-\mathrm{P}(3)-\mathrm{O}(10)$ | 110.8 (2) | $\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{Al}(1)$ | 146.3 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O}(8)-\mathrm{P}(3)-\mathrm{O}(10)$ | 108.1 (2) | $\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{O}(2)-\mathrm{Al}(3)$ | 139.1 (3) |
| $\mathrm{O}(9)-\mathrm{P}(3)-\mathrm{O}(10)$ | 108.7 (2) | $\mathrm{Al}(1)-\mathrm{O}(3)-\mathrm{Al}(2)$ | 146.3 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{Al}(1)-\mathrm{O}(3)$ | 118.1 (2) | $\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{O}(4)-\mathrm{Al}(2)$ | 143.2 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{Al}(1)-\mathrm{O}(6)$ | 93.7 (2) | $\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{O}(5)-\mathrm{Al}(2)$ | 136.9 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O}(3)-\mathrm{Al}(1)-\mathrm{O}(6)$ | 87.1 (2) | $\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{O}(6)-\mathrm{Al}(1)$ | 135.9 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{Al}(1)-\mathrm{O}(10)$ | 106.3 (2) | $\mathrm{P}(3)-\mathrm{O}(7)-\mathrm{Al}(2)$ | 150.3 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O}(3)-\mathrm{Al}(1)-\mathrm{O}(10)$ | 135.5 (2) | $\mathrm{P}(3)-\mathrm{O}(8)-\mathrm{Al}(3)$ | 143.1 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O}(6)-\mathrm{Al}(1)-\mathrm{O}(10)$ | 93.0 (2) | $\mathrm{P}(3)-\mathrm{O}(9)-\mathrm{Al}(2)$ | 142.8 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{Al}(1)-\mathrm{O}(12)$ | 92.5 (2) | $\mathrm{P}(3)-\mathrm{O}(10)-\mathrm{Al}(1)$ | 141.3 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O}(3)-\mathrm{Al}(1)-\mathrm{O}(12)$ | 88.3 (2) | $\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{O}(11)-\mathrm{Al}(3)$ | 139.4 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O}(6)-\mathrm{Al}(1)-\mathrm{O}(12)$ | 173.5 (2) | $\mathrm{P}(2)-\mathrm{O}(12)-\mathrm{Al}(1)$ | 140.9 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O}(10)-\mathrm{Al}(1)-\mathrm{O}(12)$ | 87.0 (2) | $\mathrm{P}(1)-\mathrm{O}(13)-\mathrm{Al}(3)$ | 151.7 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O}(3)-\mathrm{Al}(2)-\mathrm{O}(4)$ | 93.7 (2) |  |  |

A suitable crystal was mounted on a glass fibre using 'superglue' (cyanoacrylate). The structure was solved by direct methods using SHELXS86 (Sheldrick, 1985) and refined by full-matrix least squares using the CRYSTALS suite of programs (Watkin, Carruthers \& Betteridge, 1985). H atoms on the organic fragment were located initially in the difference Fourier maps, but subsequently placed geometrically and allowed to ride on the atoms to which they were attached with isotropic temperature factors fixed at $0.01 \AA^{2}$.

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> Lists of structure factors, anisotropic displacement parameters, H-atom coordinates and complete geometry have been deposited with the IUCr (Reference: DU1073). Copies may be obtained through The Managing Editor, International Union of Crystallography, 5 Abbey Square, Chester CH1 2HU, England.

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# Di- $\mu$-fluoro-bis[bis( $N, N$-dimethylformamide)trifluorozirconium(IV)] 

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#### Abstract

The title compound, $\left[\mathrm{ZrF}_{3}\left(\mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{H}_{7} \mathrm{NO}\right)_{2}(\mu \text {-F) }]_{2}\right.$, is a centrosymmetric fluorine-bridged dimer. The sevencoordinate Zr atoms are in a pentagonal bipyramidal environment with F atoms above and below the pentagonal plane. The average $\mathrm{Zr}-\mathrm{F}$ bridging distance of 2.147 (4) $\AA$ is significantly longer than the mean terminal distance of 1.962 (4) $\AA$.


## Comment

The structure of the title compound (I) has been determined as part of a continuing study of $\mathrm{ZrF}_{4}$ adducts (Alcock, Errington, Golby, Patterson \& Wallbridge, 1994). The compound obtained by refluxing $\mathrm{ZrF}_{4}$ with $\mathrm{N}, \mathrm{N}$ dimethylformamide (dmf) has been reported (Muetterties, 1960) as a $1: 1$ adduct, but the material investigated in this work is clearly the $1: 2$ adduct (I).

(I)

The molecular structure is shown in Fig. 1. It consists of two pentagonal bipyramidal units linked via two F-atom bridges to give a centrosymmetric dimer. The equatorial ligand donor atoms are almost coplanar: F3 and 021 are 0.038 (5) and 0.056 (3) $\AA$, respectively, above the plane of $\mathrm{Zr}, \mathrm{F}, \mathrm{Zr}^{\mathrm{i}}$ and $\mathrm{F}^{\mathrm{i}}$, while O 11 is 0.073 (5) $\AA$ below the plane. The axial F atoms, F1 and F2, are displaced 1.952 (4) $\AA$ from this plane. The mean length of the terminal $\mathrm{Zr}-\mathrm{F}$ bonds is 1.962 (4) $\AA$, while, as expected, the bridging $\mathrm{Zr}-\mathrm{F}$ bonds are longer, averaging 2.147 (4) Å.


Fig. 1. View of the molecule showing the non-H-atom labelling.
Relatively few structures have been reported involving coordinated dmf, but in all cases it bonds through the $O$ atom (Goggin, 1987). In the title compound, the $\mathrm{Zrl}-\mathrm{O} 21$ and $\mathrm{Zrl}-\mathrm{O} 11$ distances [2.227 (3) and 2.239 (4) $\AA$, respectively] are similar to those reported for the $\mathrm{Zr}-\mathrm{O}$ bond lengths [2.253 (2) and 2.198 (2) $\AA$ ] in $\mathrm{CpZrCl}_{3}\left(\mathrm{dmf}_{2}\right.$ (Erker et al., 1990). Furthermore, the ligand bond lengths $\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{N} 11$ and $\mathrm{C} 21-\mathrm{N} 21$ of 1.298 (6) and 1.304 (5) $\AA$, respectively, are indicative of some double-bond character, and agree with earlier results (Holt, Alcock, Sumner \& Asplund, 1979; Erker et al., 1990). Two dmf ligands are located almost along the $\mathrm{Zr} 1 \cdots \mathrm{Zr} 1^{\mathrm{i}}$ axis $\left[\mathrm{Zr}^{\mathrm{i}} \cdots \mathrm{Zr}-\mathrm{O} 21=176.51(8)^{\circ}\right]$, with the other pair at an angle of $103.65(12)^{\circ}$ to this axis. The coordination sites for the dmf ligands contrast with those reported previously (Alcock, Errington, Golby, Patterson \& Wallbridge, 1994) for the analogous dimethyl sulfoxide complex $\left[\mathrm{ZrF}_{4}\left(\mathrm{Me}_{2} \mathrm{SO}\right)_{2}\right]_{2}$, where the $\mathrm{Zr} \cdots \mathrm{Zr}-\mathrm{O}$ angles are all about $103^{\circ}$.

## Experimental

The complex was prepared by refluxing $\mathrm{ZrF}_{4}$ in $N, N-$ dimethylformamide (Muetterties, 1960) and allowed to crystallize upon cooling. The complex decomposes slowly in air and was, therefore, covered in a layer of Nujol prior to fixing onto a quartz fibre. Decomposition was further reduced by collecting the data with the crystal at 230 K under a stream of dry air.

## Crystal data

$\left[\mathrm{ZrF}_{4}\left(\mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{H}_{7} \mathrm{NO}\right)_{2}\right]$
$M_{r}=313.41$
Triclinic
$P \overline{1}$
$a=8.369(8) \AA$
$b=8.899(7) \AA$
$c=9.501(12) \AA$
$\alpha=96.40(8){ }^{\circ}{ }^{\circ}$
$\beta=114.53(9)^{\circ}$
$\gamma=115.50(6)^{\circ}$
$V=543.5(10) \AA^{\circ}$
$Z=2$
$D_{x}=1.915 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$

Triclinic
$P \overline{1}$
$a=8.369$ (8) $\AA$
$b=8.899$ (7) $\AA$
$c=9.501(12) \AA$
$\alpha=96.40(8)^{\circ}$
$\beta=114.53(9)^{\circ}$
$\gamma=115.50(6)^{\circ}$
$V=543.5(10) \AA^{3}$
$Z=2$
$D_{x}=1.915 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$

Mo $K \alpha$ radiation
$\lambda=0.71073 \AA$
Cell parameters from 18 reflections
$\theta=8-9^{\circ}$
$\mu=1.052 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$
$T=230$ (2) K
Flat block
$0.36 \times 0.09 \times 0.06 \mathrm{~mm}$
Colourless

