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# A new layered zinc phosphate templated by protonated isonicotinate, $[Zn_2(C_6H_5NO_2)_2(HPO_4)_2]$

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An organic–inorganic hybrid compound, poly[bis[(pyridine-4-carboxylato)zinc(II)]-di- $\mu_3$ -phosphato], [Zn<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-(HPO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>], has been hydrothermally synthesized and structurally characterized. The crystal structure consists of two types of two-dimensional layers of zinc hydrogenphosphate templated by protonated isonicotinate (ina) (or 4-pyridinecarboxylic acid), which contain two crystallographically independent centrosymmetric [Zn<sub>2</sub>(ina)<sub>2</sub>(HPO4)<sub>2</sub>] dimers as basic building units. The layers are interconnected *via* hydrogen-bonding and heterocyclic ring interactions.

### Comment

Because of their potential applications in catalysis, medicine and host–guest chemistry, inorganic metal oxides and salts structurally directed by polydentate organic ligands have attracted much attention (Leininger *et al.*, 2000; Hagrman *et al.*, 1999; Zhang *et al.*, 2002; Yuan *et al.*, 2002). In recent years, organically templated zinc phosphates have become a focus of much interest as a result of their rich structural and compositional diversity. A number of zinc phosphates with zero-, one-, two- and three-dimensional architectures have been constructed by employing solvothermal methods (Wang *et al.*, 2003; Xing *et al.*, 2004). In this paper, we report the hydrothermal synthesis and structural characterization of  $[Zn_2-(C_6H_5NO_2)_2(HPO_4)_2]$ ,  $(C_6H_5NO_2)$  is isonicotinate, ina), a novel organic–inorganic hybrid compound, (I).

The asymmetric unit contains two crystallographically non-equivalent, but chemically identical,  $[Zn(ina)(HPO_4)]$ groups. Each of these groups is bonded to another *via* a centrosymmetric junction, forming two different dimers that can be regarded as the secondary building units of the structure (Fig. 1). These secondary building units are bonded to like units to form two distinct inorganic two-dimensional networks,



viz. a Zn1 layer and a Zn2 layer (Fig. 2). The centrosymmetric junctions are eight-membered rings comprising four tetrahedral centres (two Zn and two P) and four corner-shared bridging O atoms (Fig. 1). The Zn2O<sub>4</sub> unit is considerably distorted from a regular tetrahedral geometry (Table 1). Each dimer is connected to four others in the same layer via a bridging O atom of a PO<sub>4</sub> group (O5 for the Zn1 layer and O9 for the Zn2 layer; Fig. 1), forming two-dimensional inorganic networks composed of the eight-membered rings and larger 16-membered rings (four Zn, four P and eight O atoms; Fig. 2). The ina ligands are coordinated to Zn via one carboxylate O atom and extend on both sides of the networks (Figs. 2 and 3). There are strong intradimer hydrogen bonds between the HPO<sub>4</sub> units and the free carboxyl O atoms of the ina groups (Table 2). These bonds help control the steric relationship between the pyridine rings and the eight-membered inorganic rings.



## Figure 1

The two centrosymmetric dimers that comprise the secondary building units of the (a) Zn1 and (b) Zn2 layers. Non-labeled atoms are related to the labeled ones by a centre of symmetry within the eight-membered rings. Displacement ellipsoids are shown at the 50% probability level.

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The main difference between the two layers is that, in the Zn1 layer, all pyridine rings are parallel to one another (face-to-face arrangement), while in the Zn2 layer, they have two orientations that are perpendicular to one another (face-to-edge arrangement). The Zn1 and Zn2 layers stack alternately in an  $\dots ABAB\dots$  fashion along the *a* axis, giving rise to a three-dimensional structure (Fig. 3). Adjacent layers are interdigitated through ina rings, resulting in a tight packing. The layers are also connected *via* interlayer hydrogen bonding (Table 2).

The title compound contains N-protonated isonicotinate,  $[(H)NC_5H_4CO_2]$ , which was not a starting reactant. It has been demonstrated that 4-cyanopyridine can be hydrolyzed slowly to yield isonicotinic acid under hydrothermal conditions (Evens *et al.*, 1999). It is therefore very likely that the





#### Figure 2

View of the (a) Zn1 and (b) Zn2 layers in the title compound. The pyridine rings are all parallel in (a) but have two perpendicular arrangements in (b).





A view of the alternate stacking of the two distinct layers (Zn1 and Zn2). The layers are interdigitated by isonicotinate groups and interconnected by hydrogen bonds (not shown).

formation and crystal growth of the title compound was controlled by the hydrolyzation of 4-cyanopyridine.

#### Experimental

 $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans

Absorption correction: empirical

(SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)

 $T_{\min} = 0.564, \ T_{\max} = 0.646$ 

17 073 measured reflections

All chemicals and solvents were of reagent grade and were used without further purification. The title compound was synthesized from a hydrothermal reaction of ZnO (0.600 g), 4-cyanopyridine (0.770 g),  $H_3PO_4$  (85 wt%, 1.00 ml) and  $H_2O$  (12.0 ml) in a 25 ml Teflon-lined stainless steel Parr bomb at 413 K for 3 d. Colorless block-like crystals were isolated and washed, in turn, with water, ethanol and anhydrous ether. IR (KBr disc, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3253.40 (*w*), 3104.20 (*s*), 2425.06 (*w*), 1609.01 (*s*), 1498.67 (*w*), 1403.81 (*s*), 1247.75 (*m*), 1200.04 (*w*), 1141.98 (*s*), 1072.69 (*s*), 1018.50 (*s*), 911.04 (*m*), 856.05 (*w*), 821.15 (*w*), 752.01 (*m*), 684.01 (*m*), 595.50 (*s*), 573.82 (*m*), 543.86 (*w*), 431.24 (*m*).

Crystal data	
$[Zn_2(C_6H_5NO_2)_2(HPO_4)_2]$	$D_x = 2.096 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
$M_r = 568.92$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$	Cell parameters from 4415
a = 20.560 (4)  Å	reflections
b = 8.5138 (17)  Å	$\theta = 2.6 - 31.9^{\circ}$
c = 10.387 (2)  Å	$\mu = 2.91 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$\beta = 97.46 \ (3)^{\circ}$	T = 292 (2) K
V = 1802.8 (6) Å <sup>3</sup>	Block, colorless
Z = 4	$0.20 \times 0.20 \times 0.15 \text{ mm}$
Data collection	
Bruker SMART CCD area-detector	6748 independent reflections
diffractometer	5343 reflections with $L > 2\sigma(L)$

5343 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
$R_{\rm int} = 0.033$
$\theta_{\rm max} = 33.5^{\circ}$
$h = -31 \rightarrow 27$
$k = -13 \rightarrow 10$
$l = -14 \rightarrow 15$

#### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	H-atom parameters constrained
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.040$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0485P)^2]$
$wR(F^2) = 0.097$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
S = 1.02	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001$
6748 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.84 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$
271 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.41 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$

#### Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Zn1-O6	1.9222 (16)	Zn2-O8	1.9210 (16)
Zn1-O5 <sup>i</sup>	1.9226 (17)	Zn2-O9 <sup>iii</sup>	1.9255 (15)
Zn1-O7 <sup>ii</sup>	1.9303 (16)	$Zn2-O10^{iv}$	1.9442 (16)
Zn1-O3	1.9671 (17)	Zn2-O1	1.9656 (16)
O6-Zn1-O5 <sup>i</sup>	102.90 (7)	O8-Zn2-O9 <sup>iii</sup>	114.15 (7)
$O6-Zn1-O7^{ii}$	119.02 (7)	$O8-Zn2-O10^{iv}$	111.27 (7)
O5 <sup>i</sup> -Zn1-O7 <sup>ii</sup>	111.97 (7)	$O9^{iii}$ -Zn2-O10 <sup>iv</sup>	104.20 (7)
O6-Zn1-O3	105.05 (8)	O8-Zn2-O1	105.59(7)
O5 <sup>i</sup> -Zn1-O3	104.05 (8)	$O9^{iii}$ -Zn2-O1	110.38 (7)
O7 <sup>i</sup> -Zn1-O3	112.40 (8)	$O10^{iv}$ -Zn2-O1	111.40 (8)

Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x, y - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} - z$ ; (ii) -x, 1 - y, 1 - z; (iii)  $1 - x, \frac{1}{2} + y, \frac{1}{2} - z$ ; (iv) 1 - x, 1 - y, -z.

#### Table 2

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D-{\rm H}$	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - H \cdots A$
$\begin{array}{c} O11 - H1O \cdots O4^{ii} \\ O12 - H2O \cdots O2^{iv} \\ N2 - H2N \cdots O8 \end{array}$	0.85	1.77	2.610 (2)	167
	0.85	1.81	2.655 (3)	170
	0.86	2.64	3.153 (3)	119

Symmetry codes: (ii) -x, 1 - y, 1 - z; (iv) 1 - x, 1 - y, -z.

H atoms attached to N and O atoms were located from difference Fourier maps, and other H atoms were positioned geometrically. H atoms attached to N and C atoms were refined using a riding model, and those attached to O atoms were refined in fixed positions. Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2000); cell refinement: *SMART*; data reduction: *SAINT* (Siemens, 1995); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *XP* (Siemens, 1990); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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