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# catena-Poly[bis(ethane-1,2-diammonium) [manganese(II)-di- $\mu$ -phosphato- $\kappa^4 O:O'$ ]]: a one-dimensional manganese phosphate

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The title compound,  $\{(C_2H_{10}N_2)_2[Mn(PO_4)_2]\}_n$ , contains anionic square-twisted chains of formula  $[Mn(PO_4)_2]^{4-}$ constructed from corner-sharing four-membered rings of alternating  $MnO_4$  and  $PO_4$  units. The Mn and P atoms have distorted tetrahedral coordination and the Mn atom lies on a twofold axis. The linear manganese–phosphate chains are held together by hydrogen-bonding interactions involving the framework O atoms and the H atoms of the ethane-1,2diammonium cations, which lie in the interchain spaces.

## Comment

Crystallization under solvothermal conditions has proved very successful for the synthesis of a wide range of metal-phosphate frameworks (Cheetham et al., 1999; Maspoch et al., 2007). Much of this work has focused on aluminium and gallium phosphates and their hetero-metal-substituted analogues, and many new materials with zeolite-like properties have been produced. The solvothermal method has also been used for the preparation of a range of transition-metal phosphates, including manganese(II) and manganese(III) compounds. Examples include  $Mn_7(HPO_4)_4(PO_4)_2$  (Riou et al., 1987; Rojo et al., 2002), Mn<sub>6</sub>(PO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>4</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O (Stock, 2002) and MnPO<sub>4</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O (Lightfoot et al., 1987), and synthetic minerals, such as hureaulite, Mn<sub>5</sub>(HPO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(PO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·4H<sub>2</sub>O (Gerault et al., 1987; DeAmorim et al., 1996), and gatehouseite, Mn<sub>5</sub> (PO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(OH)<sub>4</sub> (Ruszala et al., 1977), as well as open-framework materials in which inorganic or organic cations are accommodated in pores or interlayer spaces in the metal-phosphate frameworks. Of these materials, which are rather few in number compared with the phosphates of other transition metals, such as iron, cobalt or zinc, only one example, NH<sub>4</sub>Mn<sub>4</sub>(PO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (Neeraj et al., 2002), has a three-dimensional manganese-phosphate framework. The remainder, viz. NH<sub>4</sub>Mn<sub>2</sub>O(PO<sub>4</sub>)(HPO<sub>4</sub>)·H<sub>2</sub>O (Lightfoot & Cheetham, 1989), Na<sub>2</sub>Mn<sub>2</sub>O(PO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O (Tong *et al.*, 2002), Ba(MnPO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O (Escobal *et al.*, 1999), (pipH<sub>2</sub>)[Mn<sub>6</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>(HPO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>4</sub>(PO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]·-H<sub>2</sub>O (pip is piperazine; Kongshaug *et al.*, 2001), [NH<sub>3</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-NH<sub>3</sub>][Mn<sub>2</sub>(PO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]·2H<sub>2</sub>O (Song *et al.*, 2003), [NH<sub>3</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-NH<sub>3</sub>][Mn<sub>2</sub>(PO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]·xH<sub>2</sub>O [x = 1 (Escobal *et al.*, 2000) and  $x = \frac{1}{5}$  (Chippindale *et al.*, 2001)], [NH<sub>3</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>3</sub>]<sub>3/2</sub>[Mn<sub>2</sub>(PO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]·-H<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (Chippindale *et al.*, 2001) and (trenH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>[Mn<sub>3</sub>-(PO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>4</sub>]·6H<sub>2</sub>O [tren is tris(2-aminoethyl)amine; Thoma *et al.*, 2004], all have two-dimensional manganese–phosphate frameworks. We describe here the synthesis and characterization of [NH<sub>3</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>3</sub>]<sub>2</sub>[Mn(PO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>], (I), the first example of an organically templated manganese phosphate with a onedimensional chain-like structure.



The structure of (I) consists of inorganic chains of formula  $[Mn(PO_4)_2]^{4-}$  separated by ethane-1,2-diammonium cations. Atom Mn1 occupies a special position (4*c*) and is tetrahedrally coordinated to two O2 and two O3 atoms with an average Mn1–O distance of 2.024 Å (Table 1). The bond-valence sum around atom Mn1 is 2.14 (Brese & O'Keeffe, 1991), confirming that manganese is present in the compound in the +2 oxidation state. The Mn–O bond lengths are in close agreement with those found in other compounds in which Mn<sup>2+</sup> is in a tetrahedral MnO<sub>4</sub> unit, for example, in (trenH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-[Mn<sub>3</sub>(PO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>4</sub>]·6H<sub>2</sub>O (Thoma *et al.*, 2004). Atom Mn1 is con-



## Figure 1

The local coordination of atoms in  $[NH_3(CH_2)_2NH_3]_2[Mn(PO_4)_2]$  (50% probability displacement ellipsoids). [Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x + \frac{1}{2}$ , y,  $z + \frac{1}{2}$ ; (ii) x,  $-y + \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $z + \frac{1}{2}$ ; (iii)  $-x + \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $-y + \frac{1}{2}$ , z; (iv)  $-x + \frac{1}{2}$ , y,  $z - \frac{1}{2}$ ; (viii) x, y,  $z - \frac{1}{2}$ ; (ix) x,  $-y + \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $z - \frac{1}{2}$ .]

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nected via Mn-O-P linkages through atoms O2 and O3 to an independent P atom, P1, which lies on a general position. In addition to the P1-O2 and P1-O3 bonds involved in bridging to atom Mn1, two terminal P1-O bonds, to atoms O1 and O4, complete the tetrahedral coordination around atom P1 (Fig. 1). The O-P-O angles lie in the range 107.5 (1)– 110.2 (1)°. The P1=O1 and P1=O4 distances, at 1.536 (1) and 1.534 (1) Å, are somewhat longer than expected for terminal P=O bonds. Their elongation arises as a result of strong hydrogen-bonding interactions with the ethane-1,2-diammonium cations (see below).

The Mn1O<sub>4</sub> and P1O<sub>4</sub> tetrahedra are linked in strict alternation through their vertices to generate infinite squaretwisted chains of formula  $[Mn(PO_4)_2]^{4-}$  containing fourmembered Mn<sub>2</sub>P<sub>2</sub> rings of alternating Mn- and P-based units [described as single 4-rings (*S*4*R*) in zeolite notation]. The Mn<sup>2+</sup> cations are well separated from each other within the chains  $[Mn1 \cdots Mn1^{viii} = 4.434 (1) \text{ Å}]$ . The chains run parallel to the *c* axis (Fig. 2) and lie in layers in the *bc* plane. These layers are then stacked in an *ABAB* fashion along the *a* axis (Fig. 3), with the chains in layer *A* lying antiparallel to those in layer *B*.

In order to balance the negative charge of the manganesephosphate chains, the ethane-1,2-diammonium cations located in the interlayer space must be diprotonated, and this is confirmed by the location of all H atoms in a difference Fourier map. A network of hydrogen bonds between the two NH<sub>3</sub> groups of the ethane-1,2-diammonium cations and the O atoms of the phosphate groups serves to link the chains together to generate a three-dimensional assembly (Table 2). Hydrogen bonds involving atom N1 link the manganesephosphate chains into layers in the *bc* plane. Atom N1 is within *ca* 3.1 Å of four O atoms, three of which are within the same chain [N1 $\cdots$ O2<sup>i</sup> = 2.816 (2) Å, N1 $\cdots$ O3 = 3.064 (2) Å and N1 $\cdots$ O4 = 2.811 (2) Å; all symmetry codes are as in



#### Figure 2

A view of the title compound along the *b* axis, showing corner sharing of alternating  $MnO_4$  tetrahedra (white) and  $PO_4$  tetrahedra (grey), generating  $[Mn(PO_4)_2]^{4-}$  chains. Ethane-1,2-diammonium cations lie between the manganese–phosphate chains (key: C light-grey spheres; N dark-grey spheres; H atoms omitted).

Table 2], with the fourth in a neighbouring chain  $[N1\cdots O4^{v} = 2.737 (2) \text{ Å}]$ . Adjacent layers are then linked together by hydrogen bonds *via* atom N2, which is within *ca* 3.1 Å of five O atoms. Three of these O atoms are within the same chain  $[N2\cdots O1^{ii} = 2.877 (2) \text{ Å}, N2\cdots O1^{vi} = 2.729 (2) \text{ Å} and N2\cdots O3^{ii} = 2.951 (2) \text{ Å}]$  and the remaining two are in a chain in an adjacent layer  $[N2\cdots O1^{vii} = 2.924 (2) \text{ Å} and N2\cdots O4^{vii} = 3.116 (3) \text{ Å}].$ 

Curiously, to date, the title compound has only been synthesized by heating a mixture of pre-formed  $[NH_3(CH_2)_2NH_3]_{3/2}[Mn_2(HPO_4)_3] \cdot H_2PO_4$  and ethane-1,2diamine in an autoclave at 433 K. Attempts to prepare it directly from a manganese(II) salt, phosphoric acid and ethane-1,2-diamine in a conventional solvothermal reaction have not so far been successful. In [NH<sub>3</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>3</sub>]<sub>3/2</sub>-[Mn<sub>2</sub>(HPO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]·H<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, Mn<sup>II</sup> is present in MnO<sub>6</sub> units with octahedral geometry and in MnO<sub>5</sub> units with a geometry intermediate between square pyramidal and trigonal bipyramidal. These units are linked through HPO<sub>4</sub> tetrahedra to generate a layered structure, with ethane-1,2-diammonium cations and hydrogen phosphate anions residing within the interlayer space. By contrast, the title compound contains  $Mn^{2+}$  in tetrahedral  $MnO_4$  units. The change in the coordination geometry of manganese on heating [NH<sub>3</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>- $NH_3]_{3/2}[Mn_2(HPO_4)_3] \cdot H_2PO_4$  in ethane-1,2-diamine probably proceeds via a dissolution process, although the mechanism is not yet known. Tetrahedral MnO<sub>4</sub> coordination geometry is still rather rare in manganese(II) phosphates and is most commonly found in mixed-metal phosphates, such as MnAlPOs and MnGaPOs, which have zeolite-like frameworks. With the exception of  $(trenH_3)_2[Mn_3(PO_4)_4]\cdot 6H_2O$ (Thoma et al., 2004), all the compounds listed in the intro-





A view along the c axis, showing the stacking of the manganese-phosphate chains. The key is as for Fig. 2.

duction contain manganese coordinated to five, six or seven O atoms.

A number of amine-templated metal phosphates with chain structures based on MO<sub>4</sub> and PO<sub>4</sub> units have been reported. Two chain structure types have been identified. The first, more common type, contains edge-sharing  $M_2P_2$  four-membered rings forming ladder-like structures with additional pendant phosphate groups; examples include [NH<sub>3</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>3</sub>]- $[Al(PO_4)(HPO_4)]$  (Wang et al., 2003) and  $[NH_3(CH_2)_2NH_3]$ - $[M(\text{HPO}_4)_2]$  [M = Co (Cowley & Chippindale, 1999) and M =Zn (Chidambaram et al., 1999)]. The second chain type contains corner-sharing  $M_2P_2$  rings of the sort described here, for example (NH<sub>4</sub>)[NH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH(NH<sub>3</sub>)CH<sub>3</sub>][Al(PO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>] (Avi et al., 2001), [NH<sub>3</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub>NH<sub>3</sub>][Ga(PO<sub>4</sub>)(HPO<sub>4</sub>)] (Chippindale et al., 1998),  $(dmpH_2)[Co(HPO_4)_2]$  (dmp is N,N'-dimethylpiperazine; Choudhury et al., 2000) and (pipH<sub>2</sub>)[Zn(HPO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>] (Natarajan, 2002).

In all cases, the packing together of the chains is driven by hydrogen-bonding interactions. Where the chains contain hydrogenphosphate groups, e.g. PO(OH) and PO(OH)<sub>2</sub> groups, the possibility exists for interchain hydrogen-bonding interactions in addition to chain-amine interactions, as is observed, for example, in  $[NH_3(CH_2)_2NH_3][Co(HPO_4)_2]$ (Cowley & Chippindale, 1999). In the title compound {and (NH<sub>4</sub>)[NH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH(NH<sub>3</sub>)CH<sub>3</sub>][Al(PO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]; Avi et al., 2001}, no interchain interactions are possible and the metal-phosphate chains are well separated. Hydrogen-bonding networks in these cases therefore involve only chain-amine interactions.

# **Experimental**

Single crystals of (I) were prepared under solvothermal conditions. [NH<sub>3</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>3</sub>]<sub>3/2</sub>[Mn<sub>2</sub>(HPO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]·H<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (0.15 g; Chippindale et al., 2001) was stirred with ethane-1,2-diamine (6.00 ml) at room temperature until homogeneous, sealed in a Teflon-lined autoclave and heated at 433 K for 3 d. The solid product was collected by filtration, washed with methanol and dried in air at room temperature. It consisted of a cream-white powder containing colourless rectangular plates of the title compound suitable for single-crystal X-ray analysis. The powder X-ray diffraction pattern of the bulk product could be indexed on the basis of the orthorhombic unit cell determined from the single-crystal determination with refined lattice parameters a = 8.5667 (13) Å, b = 8.8633 (16) Å and c = 17.207 (3) Å,confirming that the sample is monophasic. An IR spectrum of the product showed features consistent with the presence of ethane-1,2diammonium cations. A series of strong broad bands occurred in the region 3500-2400 cm<sup>-1</sup>, corresponding to -NH and -CH<sub>2</sub>- stretching modes. The two medium-intensity sharp bands observed at 1645 and  $1540\ \text{cm}^{-1}$  are due to  $\text{NH}_3^+$  bending modes (antisymmetric and symmetric, respectively). A number of strong sharp bands appearing below 1400 cm<sup>-1</sup> correspond to -CH<sub>2</sub>- group bending modes with P-O and Mn-O stretching and bending modes. Unambiguous individual assignments of these bands are not possible. Thermogravimetric analysis under flowing N<sub>2</sub> showed a weight loss of ca 15.8% over the range 443-521 K and ca 17% over the range 521-823 K. These correspond to the loss of two moles of ethane-1,2-diamine from (I) (the calculated value for the loss of one mole of ethane-1,2-diamine is 16.27%). Collapse of the framework occurred above 823 K to give an amorphous residue.

Crystal data

$(C_2H_{10}N_2)_2[Mn(PO_4)_2]$ $M_r = 369.12$ Orthorhombic, <i>Pccn</i> a = 17.2363 (5) Å b = 8.5726 (2) Å	V = 1310.47 (6) Å <sup>3</sup> Z = 4 Mo K $\alpha$ radiation $\mu = 1.29 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 293 (2) K
c = 8.8689 (2) Å	$0.19 \times 0.07 \times 0.03 \text{ mm}$
Data collection	
Enraf–Nonius KappaCCD diffractometer	1724 measured reflections 1477 independent reflections
Absorption correction: multi-scan (DENZO/SCALEPACK; Otwinowski & Minor, 1997) Twin = 0.90, Tway = 0.96	$R_{\rm int} = 0.051$
Refinement	
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.026$ wR(F <sup>2</sup> ) = 0.026	H atoms treated by a mixture independent and constrained

K[T > 20(T)] = 0.020	I atoms treated by a mixture of
$wR(F^2) = 0.026$	independent and constrained
S = 1.09	refinement
1167 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.33 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$
111 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.35 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

## Table 1

Selected geometric parameters  $(\dot{A}, \circ)$ .

Mn1-O2 <sup>i</sup>	2.0486 (13)	P1-O4	1.5339 (13)
Mn1-O3	1.9976 (13)	N1-C1	1.482 (3)
P1-O1	1.5363 (14)	N2-C2	1.474 (3)
P1-O2	1.5437 (13)	C1-C2	1.512 (3)
P1-O3	1.5275 (13)		
$O2^{i}-Mn1-O2^{ii}$	116.56 (8)	O1-P1-O4	109.66 (9)
$O2^{i}-Mn1-O3$	98.52 (5)	O2-P1-O4	108.71 (8)
O2 <sup>i</sup> -Mn1-O3 <sup>iii</sup>	114.89 (6)	O3-P1-O4	110.03 (8)
O3–Mn1–O3 <sup>iii</sup>	114.47 (8)	Mn1 <sup>iv</sup> -O2-P1	126.65 (8)
O1-P1-O2	110.22 (8)	Mn1-O3-P1	147.24 (9)
O1-P1-O3	107.53 (8)	N1-C1-C2	110.02 (16)
O2-P1-O3	110.69 (8)	N2-C2-C1	110.41 (16)

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

Table 2		
Hydrogen-bond geometry	(Å,	°).

$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots A$
$N1 - H11 \cdots O2^{i}$	0.92 (3)	1.91 (4)	2.816 (2)	173 (3)
$N1 - H12 \cdot \cdot \cdot O4$	0.84 (3)	1.99 (3)	2.811 (2)	168 (3)
$N1 - H13 \cdots O4^{v}$	0.89 (3)	1.88 (3)	2.737 (2)	163 (3)
$N2-H21\cdots O1^{ii}$	0.86 (3)	2.02 (3)	2.877 (2)	174 (3)
$N2-H22\cdots O1^{vi}$	0.93 (3)	1.81 (3)	2.729 (2)	170 (2)
$N2-H23\cdots O1^{vii}$	0.80(3)	2.21 (3)	2.924 (3)	147 (4)
$N2-H23\cdots O4^{vii}$	0.80 (3)	2.41 (3)	3.116 (3)	147 (4)

Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x + \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $y, z + \frac{1}{2}$ ; (ii)  $x, -y + \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $z + \frac{1}{2}$ ; (v)  $x, -y + \frac{3}{2}$ ,  $z + \frac{1}{2}$ ; (vi) x, y, z + 1; (vii) -x, -y + 1, -z + 1.

All H atoms were located in difference Fourier maps. The fractional coordinates and isotropic displacement parameters of H atoms bonded to N atoms were refined, whilst the remaining H atoms were placed geometrically and constrained to ride on their parent C atoms  $[C-H = 0.95 \text{ Å and } U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)].$ 

Data collection: COLLECT (Nonius, 2001); cell refinement: DENZO/SCALEPACK (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997); data reduction: DENZO/SCALEPACK; program(s) used to solve structure: SIR92 (Altomare et al., 1994); program(s) used to refine structure: CRYSTALS (Betteridge et al., 2003); molecular graphics: CAMERON (Watkin et al., 1996); software used to prepare material for publication: CRYSTALS.

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