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# A new polymorph of Lu(PO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>

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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; T = 100 K; mean  $\sigma$ (Lu–O) = 0.005 Å; R factor = 0.033; wR factor = 0.061; data-to-parameter ratio = 26.2.

A new polymorph of lutetium polyphosphate, Lu(PO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, was found to be isotypic with the trigonal form of Yb(PO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>. Two of the three Lu atoms occupy special positions (Wyckoff positions 3a and 3b, site symmetry  $\overline{3}$ ). The atomic arrangement consists of infinite helical polyphosphate chains running along the *c* axis, with a repeat period of 12 PO<sub>4</sub> tetrahedra, joined with LuO<sub>6</sub> octahedra.

#### **Related literature**

For syntheses and optical properties, see: Briche *et al.* (2006); Jouini, Férid, Gacon, Grosvalet *et al.* (2003); Jouini, Férid, Gacon & Trabelsi-Ayadi (2003); Ternane *et al.* (2005); Graia *et al.* (2003); Anisimova *et al.* (1992). For the monoclinic polymorph of Lu(PO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>, see: Höppe & Sedlmaier (2007); Yuan *et al.* (2008).

#### **Experimental**

Crystal data Lu(PO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>  $M_r = 411.88$ Trigonal,  $R\overline{3}$  a = 20.9106 (6) Å c = 12.0859 (7) Å V = 4576.6 (3) Å<sup>3</sup>

$$\begin{split} & Z = 24 \\ & \text{Mo } K\alpha \text{ radiation} \\ & \mu = 13.59 \text{ mm}^{-1} \\ & T = 100 \text{ (2) K} \\ & 0.18 \times 0.18 \times 0.17 \text{ mm} \end{split}$$

#### Data collection

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Bruker APEXII CCD area-detector25diffractometer41Absorption correction: multi-scan36(SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)R_{i}T_{min} = 0.102, T_{max} = 0.1047
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Refinement

 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.032$   $wR(F^2) = 0.060$  S = 1.054170 reflections 25139 measured reflections 4170 independent reflections 3609 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  $R_{int} = 0.054$ 

159 parameters  $\Delta \rho_{\text{max}} = 2.34 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$  $\Delta \rho_{\text{min}} = -2.07 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ 

Data collection: *APEX2* (Bruker, 2005); cell refinement: *APEX2*; data reduction: *APEX2*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: *DIAMOND* (Brandenburg, 2001); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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# A new polymorph of Lu(PO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>

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#### Comment

There is considerable scientific and technological interest in the synthesis, structure, and properties of yttrium and rare earth polyphosphates of the formula  $Ln(PO_3)_3$ , because these compounds offer thermal stability and richness of formulations and structures (Briche *et al.*, 2006, Jouini, Férid, Gacon, Grosvalet *et al.*, 2003, Jouini, Férid, Gacon & Trabelsi-Ayadi, 2003, Ternane *et al.*, 2005, Graia *et al.*, 2003). In this paper, we report the preparation and crystal structure refinement of the polyphosphate  $Lu(PO_3)_3$ , crystallizing in space group *R*-3. The existence of the trigonal polymorph was originally reported by Anisimova for the Yb(PO\_3)<sub>3</sub> polyphosphate (Anisimova *et al.*, 1992). The monoclinic polymorph of  $Lu(PO_3)_3$  was recently reported by Höppe and Yuan (Höppe & SedImaier, 2007, Yuan *et al.*, 2008). The atomic arrangement of these structures is characterized by a three-dimensional framework built of  $(PO_3)_n$  chains that are formed by corner-sharing of PO<sub>4</sub> tetrahedra. These two polymorphs differ by the polyphosphate chains configuration. The chains that were observed in monoclinic  $Lu(PO_3)_3$  form infinite zigzag chains  $(PO_3)_n$  that extend along *c* with a period of six tetrahedra. In trigonal  $Lu(PO_3)_3$ , the  $(PO_3)_n$  chains are helical with a period of 12 tetrahedra (Fig.1) and are arranged about the 3<sub>1</sub> helical axis. The chains are joined to each other by  $LuO_6$  octahedra (Fig 2.), no oxygen atom is shared between adjacent  $LuO_6$  octahedra. Figure 3 shows the projection of  $Lu(PO_3)_3$  with anisotropic displacement parameters drawn at the 50% probability level.

#### Experimental

Single crystals of  $Lu(PO_3)_3$  were grown by a flux method. Lutetium oxide was dissolved in an excess of phosphoric acid using the molar ratio Lu:P = 1:20. The resulting solution was heated in a vitreous graphite crucible at 573 K for 5 days. The obtained colourless crystals were then isolated from the acid solution using hot water.

#### Refinement

The highest peak and the deepest hole are located 0.75Å and 0.57Å, respectively from O10 and Lu3.

#### **Figures**



Fig. 1. A projection of the helical  $(PO_3)_n$  chains along b.



Fig. 2. A projection of  $Lu(PO_3)_3$  along *c*, showing the arrangement of the  $LuO_6$  octahedra and PO<sub>4</sub> tetrahedra.



Fig. 3. Projection of the Lu(PO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> polyphosphate, showing the lutetium coordination with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 50% probability level. [Symmetry codes : (i) -y, x-y, z; (ii) -x+y, -x, z; (iii)-x+1/3, -y+2/3, -z+2/3; (iv) y+1/3, -x+y+2/3, -z+2/3; (v) x-y+1/3, x+2/3, -z+2/3; (vi) -x, -y, -z; (vii) -x+y+1/3, -x+2/3, z+2/3.]

# lutetium polyphosphate

Crystal data	
Lu(PO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	Z = 24
$M_r = 411.88$	$F_{000} = 4512$
Trigonal, <i>R</i> 3	$D_{\rm x} = 3.587 {\rm Mg m}^{-3}$
Hall symbol: -R 3	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation $\lambda = 0.71073$ Å
a = 20.9106 (6) Å	Cell parameters from 25 reflections
b = 20.9106 (6) Å	$\theta = 2.8 - 34.1^{\circ}$
c = 12.0859 (7)  Å	$\mu = 13.59 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$\alpha = 90^{\circ}$	T = 100 (2)  K
$\beta = 90^{\circ}$	Cube, colourless
$\gamma = 120^{\circ}$	$0.18\times0.18\times0.17~mm$
$V = 4576.6 (3) \text{ Å}^3$	

#### Data collection

Bruker APEXII CCD area-detector diffractometer	3609 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
Monochromator: graphite	$R_{\rm int} = 0.054$
T = 100(2)  K	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 34.2^{\circ}$
ω scans	$\theta_{\min} = 2.0^{\circ}$
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)	$h = -32 \rightarrow 32$
$T_{\min} = 0.102, \ T_{\max} = 0.104$	$k = -32 \rightarrow 32$
25139 measured reflections	$l = -18 \rightarrow 18$
4170 independent reflections	

### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map
Least-squares matrix: full	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0212P)^2]$ where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.032$	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001$

Special details Geometry. All e.s.d.'s (except the e.s.d. in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell e.s.d.'s are taken into account individually in the estimation of e.s.d.'s in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between e.s.d.'s in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell e.s.d.'s is used for estimating e.s.d.'s involving l.s. planes.

 $\Delta \rho_{max} = 2.34 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$ 

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -2.07 \ e \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$ 

Extinction correction: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 2008),

 $Fc^* = kFc[1+0.001xFc^2\lambda^3/sin(2\theta)]^{-1/4}$ 

Extinction coefficient: 0.000061 (8)

**Refinement**. Refinement of  $F^2$  against ALL reflections. The weighted *R*-factor w*R* and goodness of fit *S* are based on  $F^2$ , conventional *R*-factors *R* are based on *F*, with *F* set to zero for negative  $F^2$ . The threshold expression of  $F^2 > \sigma(F^2)$  is used only for calculating *R*factors(gt) etc. and is not relevant to the choice of reflections for refinement. R-factors based on  $F^2$  are statistically about twice as large as those based on F, and R- factors based on ALL data will be even larger.

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters  $(\dot{A}^2)$ 

	x	у	Z	Uiso*/Ueq
Lu1	0.6667	0.3333	0.3333	0.00741 (8)
Lu2	0.6667	0.3333	-0.1667	0.01207 (9)
Lu3	0.440661 (9)	0.365196 (10)	0.096806 (14)	0.00780 (5)
P1	0.63820 (6)	0.45920 (6)	0.16119 (9)	0.00821 (19)
P2	0.50313 (6)	0.54494 (6)	0.16810 (9)	0.0096 (2)
P3	0.39267 (6)	0.30556 (6)	0.37383 (10)	0.0111 (2)
P4	0.50120 (6)	0.25039 (6)	-0.01904 (10)	0.0107 (2)
01	0.44368 (17)	0.46669 (17)	0.1552 (3)	0.0132 (6)
O2	0.34108 (18)	0.22020 (17)	0.3991 (3)	0.0132 (6)
O3	0.54706 (18)	0.58558 (18)	0.0709 (3)	0.0141 (6)
O4	0.45503 (18)	0.27392 (18)	0.0416 (3)	0.0168 (7)
05	0.55847 (17)	0.42399 (18)	0.1374 (3)	0.0175 (7)
O6	0.45659 (17)	0.19780 (19)	-0.1185 (3)	0.0155 (7)
07	0.66627 (18)	0.41823 (18)	0.2253 (3)	0.0190 (7)
08	0.57293 (19)	0.3097 (2)	-0.0609 (3)	0.0247 (8)
09	0.6655 (2)	0.5377 (2)	0.2137 (4)	0.0351 (11)
O10	0.5156 (2)	0.1948 (2)	0.0471 (3)	0.0315 (10)
011	0.3569 (2)	0.3473 (2)	0.4088 (4)	0.0298 (9)
012	0.4182 (3)	0.3127 (2)	0.2586 (3)	0.0364 (11)

Atomic displacement parameters  $(Å^2)$ 

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	U <sup>33</sup>	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
Lu1	0.00684 (11)	0.00684 (11)	0.00854 (19)	0.00342 (6)	0.000	0.000
Lu2	0.01014 (13)	0.01014 (13)	0.0159 (2)	0.00507 (6)	0.000	0.000

 $wR(F^2) = 0.061$ *S* = 1.05

4170 reflections

159 parameters

methods

Primary atom site location: structure-invariant direct

# supplementary materials

Lu3	0.00810 (8)	0.00796 (8)	0.00662 (8)	0.00347 (7)	0.00035 (6)	0.00000 (6)
P1	0.0086 (5)	0.0070 (5)	0.0084 (5)	0.0034 (4)	-0.0005 (4)	-0.0006 (4)
P2	0.0133 (5)	0.0095 (5)	0.0072 (5)	0.0065 (4)	-0.0008 (4)	-0.0007 (4)
P3	0.0150 (5)	0.0121 (5)	0.0095 (5)	0.0093 (4)	0.0006 (4)	0.0032 (4)
P4	0.0115 (5)	0.0132 (5)	0.0106 (5)	0.0084 (4)	-0.0009 (4)	0.0000 (4)
01	0.0157 (15)	0.0117 (14)	0.0132 (15)	0.0076 (13)	0.0006 (12)	-0.0027 (12)
O2	0.0192 (16)	0.0124 (15)	0.0079 (14)	0.0077 (13)	0.0020 (12)	0.0008 (11)
O3	0.0216 (17)	0.0164 (16)	0.0055 (14)	0.0104 (14)	0.0015 (12)	-0.0001 (12)
O4	0.0141 (16)	0.0152 (16)	0.0215 (18)	0.0076 (13)	0.0028 (13)	-0.0036 (13)
O5	0.0089 (14)	0.0147 (16)	0.0269 (19)	0.0044 (13)	-0.0040 (13)	-0.0065 (14)
O6	0.0120 (15)	0.0265 (18)	0.0117 (15)	0.0125 (14)	-0.0042 (12)	-0.0051 (13)
O7	0.0154 (16)	0.0188 (17)	0.0264 (19)	0.0110 (14)	0.0048 (14)	0.0145 (14)
O8	0.0126 (16)	0.027 (2)	0.028 (2)	0.0050 (15)	0.0040 (14)	-0.0063 (16)
O9	0.023 (2)	0.030 (2)	0.060 (3)	0.0199 (18)	-0.019 (2)	-0.030 (2)
O10	0.063 (3)	0.025 (2)	0.021 (2)	0.033 (2)	-0.0207 (19)	-0.0072 (16)
O11	0.0202 (19)	0.0148 (17)	0.058 (3)	0.0114 (15)	0.0067 (18)	-0.0006 (18)
012	0.063 (3)	0.022 (2)	0.0141 (19)	0.014 (2)	0.0127 (19)	0.0068 (15)

Geometric parameters (Å, °)

Lu1—O7 <sup>i</sup>	2.207 (3)	Lu3—O3 <sup>x</sup>	2.229 (3)
Lu1—O7 <sup>ii</sup>	2.207 (3)	P1—O5	1.475 (3)
Lu1—O7 <sup>iii</sup>	2.207 (3)	P1—O7	1.477 (3)
Lu1—O7 <sup>iv</sup>	2.207 (3)	P1—O10 <sup>iii</sup>	1.569 (4)
Lu1—O7	2.207 (3)	P1—O9	1.578 (4)
Lu1—O7 <sup>v</sup>	2.207 (3)	P2—O3	1.472 (3)
Lu2—O8 <sup>vi</sup>	2.180 (3)	P2—O1	1.488 (3)
Lu2—O8 <sup>iv</sup>	2.180 (3)	P2—O6 <sup>xi</sup>	1.585 (3)
Lu2—O8 <sup>iii</sup>	2.180 (3)	P2—O2 <sup>ii</sup>	1.593 (3)
Lu2—08	2.180 (3)	P3—O11	1.467 (4)
Lu2—O8 <sup>vii</sup>	2.180 (3)	P3—O12	1.472 (4)
Lu2—O8 <sup>viii</sup>	2.180 (3)	P3—O9 <sup>i</sup>	1.573 (4)
Lu3—O11 <sup>ix</sup>	2.134 (3)	P3—O2	1.587 (3)
Lu3—012	2.176 (4)	P4—O8	1.478 (4)
Lu3—O4	2.180 (3)	P4—O4	1.478 (3)
Lu3—O5	2.189 (3)	P4—O10	1.560 (4)
Lu3—O1	2.207 (3)	P4—O6	1.581 (3)
O7 <sup>i</sup> —Lu1—O7 <sup>ii</sup>	88.57 (14)	O4—Lu3—O5	87.21 (12)
O7 <sup>i</sup> —Lu1—O7 <sup>iii</sup>	180.0	O11 <sup>ix</sup> —Lu3—O1	91.99 (13)
O7 <sup>ii</sup> —Lu1—O7 <sup>iii</sup>	91.43 (14)	012—Lu3—01	95.32 (14)
O7 <sup>i</sup> —Lu1—O7 <sup>iv</sup>	91.43 (14)	O4—Lu3—O1	171.70 (12)
O7 <sup>ii</sup> —Lu1—O7 <sup>iv</sup>	180.0	O5—Lu3—O1	84.56 (12)
O7 <sup>iii</sup> —Lu1—O7 <sup>iv</sup>	88.57 (14)	O11 <sup>ix</sup> —Lu3—O3 <sup>x</sup>	88.69 (15)
O7 <sup>i</sup> —Lu1—O7	91.43 (14)	O12—Lu3—O3 <sup>x</sup>	174.96 (15)
O7 <sup>ii</sup> —Lu1—O7	91.43 (14)	O4—Lu3—O3 <sup>x</sup>	95.25 (12)

O7 <sup>iii</sup> —Lu1—O7	88.57 (14)	O5—Lu3—O3 <sup>x</sup>	96.14 (13)
O7 <sup>iv</sup> —Lu1—O7	88.57 (14)	O1—Lu3—O3 <sup>x</sup>	84.56 (12)
O7 <sup>i</sup> —Lu1—O7 <sup>v</sup>	88.57 (14)	O5—P1—O7	119.4 (2)
O7 <sup>ii</sup> —Lu1—O7 <sup>v</sup>	88.57 (14)	O5—P1—O10 <sup>iii</sup>	106.7 (2)
O7 <sup>iii</sup> —Lu1—O7 <sup>v</sup>	91.43 (14)	O7—P1—O10 <sup>iii</sup>	110.3 (2)
O7 <sup>iv</sup> —Lu1—O7 <sup>v</sup>	91.43 (14)	O5—P1—O9	109.15 (19)
$O7$ —Lu1— $O7^{v}$	180.0	O7—P1—O9	110.6 (2)
O8 <sup>vi</sup> —Lu2—O8 <sup>iv</sup>	180.0	O10 <sup>iii</sup> —P1—O9	98.7 (3)
O8 <sup>vi</sup> —Lu2—O8 <sup>iii</sup>	90.92 (15)	O3—P2—O1	119.23 (19)
O8 <sup>iv</sup> —Lu2—O8 <sup>iii</sup>	89.08 (15)	O3—P2—O6 <sup>xi</sup>	105.71 (18)
08 <sup>vi</sup> —Lu2—O8	90.92 (15)	O1—P2—O6 <sup>xi</sup>	109.44 (19)
08 <sup>iv</sup> —Lu2—O8	89.08 (15)	O3—P2—O2 <sup>ii</sup>	112.19 (18)
08 <sup>iii</sup> —Lu2—O8	89.08 (15)	O1—P2—O2 <sup>ii</sup>	106.01 (18)
O8 <sup>vi</sup> —Lu2—O8 <sup>vii</sup>	89.08 (15)	$O6^{xi}$ —P2— $O2^{ii}$	103.12 (18)
O8 <sup>iv</sup> —Lu2—O8 <sup>vii</sup>	90.92 (15)	O11—P3—O12	118.6 (3)
O8 <sup>iii</sup> —Lu2—O8 <sup>vii</sup>	180.0	O11—P3—O9 <sup>i</sup>	105.0 (2)
O8—Lu2—O8 <sup>vii</sup>	90.92 (15)	O12—P3—O9 <sup>i</sup>	108.6 (3)
O8 <sup>vi</sup> —Lu2—O8 <sup>viiii</sup>	89.08 (15)	O11—P3—O2	110.6 (2)
O8 <sup>iv</sup> —Lu2—O8 <sup>viii</sup>	90.92 (15)	O12—P3—O2	107.7 (2)
O8 <sup>iii</sup> —Lu2—O8 <sup>viii</sup>	90.92 (15)	O9 <sup>i</sup> —P3—O2	105.49 (19)
O8—Lu2—O8 <sup>viii</sup>	180.0	O8—P4—O4	116.6 (2)
O8 <sup>vii</sup> —Lu2—O8 <sup>viii</sup>	89.08 (15)	O8—P4—O10	107.9 (2)
O11 <sup>ix</sup> —Lu3—O12	86.28 (18)	O4—P4—O10	113.3 (2)
O11 <sup>ix</sup> —Lu3—O4	96.31 (13)	O8—P4—O6	108.8 (2)
012—Lu3—O4	85.59 (14)	O4—P4—O6	110.62 (18)
O11 <sup>ix</sup> —Lu3—O5	173.76 (15)	O10—P4—O6	97.91 (19)
O12—Lu3—O5	88.86 (16)		

Symmetry codes: (i) *x*-*y*+1/3, *x*-1/3, -*z*+2/3; (ii) *y*+1/3, -*x*+*y*+2/3, -*z*+2/3; (iii) -*x*+*y*+1, -*x*+1, *z*; (iv) -*y*+1, *x*-*y*, *z*; (v) -*x*+4/3, -*y*+2/3, -*z*+2/3; (vi) *y*+1/3, -*x*+*y*+2/3, -*z*-1/3; (vii) *x*-*y*+1/3, *x*-1/3, -*z*-1/3; (viii) -*x*+4/3, -*y*+2/3, -*z*-1/3; (ix) -*x*+*y*+1/3, -*x*+2/3, *z*-1/3; (x) -*x*+1, -*y*+1, -*z*; (xi) -*y*+2/3, *x*-*y*+1/3, *z*+1/3.









Fig. 2



