

# Hydrothermal Syntheses and Crystal Structures of Two New Iron Phosphates $[\text{C}_2\text{N}_2\text{H}_{10}]^{2+}[\text{Fe}(\text{HPO}_4)_2(\text{OH})]^{2-} \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ and $\text{KFe}_3(\text{OH})_2(\text{PO}_4)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$

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Two new iron phosphates have been prepared hydrothermally and characterized by single crystal X-ray diffraction.  $[\text{C}_2\text{N}_2\text{H}_{10}]^{2+}[\text{Fe}(\text{HPO}_4)_2(\text{OH})]^{2-} \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  (I) crystallizes in triclinic space group  $P\bar{1}$ ,  $a = 8.526(2)$  Å,  $b = 9.796(2)$  Å,  $c = 7.232(2)$  Å,  $\alpha = 90.25(2)^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 92.72(2)^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 65.20(1)^\circ$ ,  $Z = 2$ ,  $R_w = 0.040, 0.044$ . The structure is composed of isolated anionic chains of the tancoite type,  $[\text{Fe}(\text{HPO}_4)_2\text{OH}]_n$ , consisting of vertex-sharing Fe–O octahedra. The chains are isotypic with those in the iron fluorophosphate ULM-14, but in that case the vertex-sharing is via an  $\text{F}^-$  link rather than an  $\text{OH}^-$  link.  $\text{KFe}_3(\text{OH})_2(\text{PO}_4)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (II) adopts the orthorhombic space group  $Pmc2_1$ ,  $a = 6.410(2)$  Å,  $b = 7.429(3)$  Å,  $c = 9.868(4)$  Å,  $Z = 2$ ,  $R, R_w = 0.053, 0.090$ . In this case the structure was solved from microcrystal diffraction data at a synchrotron source (crystal size  $60 \times 15 \times 5$  μm). The structure is isotypic with the mineral olmsteadite,  $\text{KFe}_3\text{NbO}_2(\text{PO}_4)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , with  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  on the  $\text{Nb}^{5+}$  site and charge-balancing  $\text{OH}^-$  groups replacing  $\text{O}^{2-}$ . This compound has a three-dimensional framework structure with small channels running parallel to  $a$  and  $c$  in which the  $\text{K}^+$  ions sit. © 1999 Academic Press

## INTRODUCTION

Despite the existence of many naturally occurring iron phosphate minerals exhibiting a rich and varied structural chemistry (1), the synthetic hydrothermal chemistry of iron phosphates has only recently gained popularity, driven largely by the quest for preparing new open-framework materials with potentially interesting sorptive, catalytic, or magnetic properties. Examples of materials which have been

prepared in this way include one-dimensional (2), two-dimensional (3–5), and three-dimensional (6–9) structures. The variable oxidation state and coordination preferences of iron mean that the structural chemistry of these materials is complex, and the field promises a wider range of materials than occurs, for example, in aluminosilicate or aluminophosphate chemistry. Recently, we have begun an exploratory study of hydrothermal systems involving mixed organic–inorganic anion components, where the inorganic anion is  $\text{PO}_4^{3-}$  and the organic anion is a multidentate carboxylic acid, for example oxalate. Our first success in preparing a mixed framework structure of this type has recently been reported, viz.  $\text{Fe}_4(\text{PO}_4)_2(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4) \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (10). This paper describes the results of two further reactions in Fe– $\text{PO}_4$ – $\text{C}_2\text{O}_4$  systems, which have produced two new iron phosphates, both of which are related to known mineral structure types.

## EXPERIMENTAL

$[\text{C}_2\text{N}_2\text{H}_{10}]^{2+}[\text{Fe}(\text{HPO}_4)_2(\text{OH})]^{2-} \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  (compound I) was prepared by hydrothermal reaction of  $\text{Fe}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4) \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$  (85%), and  $\text{NH}_2(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{NH}_2$  in water in a molar ratio of 1:1:1:200. The reactants were heated in a Teflon-lined steel autoclave for 39 h at  $160^\circ\text{C}$ . The product was filtered, washed with distilled water, and dried in air. The product consisted of a predominant phase of yellow powder, identified by X-ray powder diffraction as  $\text{Fe}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4) \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , together with a small amount of brown crystalline material (subsequently characterized as I). Crystal structure analysis was carried out on a Rigaku AFC7S automated four-circle diffractometer, equipped with  $\text{MoK}\alpha$  radiation. Details of the data collection and analysis are

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**TABLE 1**  
**Crystal Data and Details of Structure Solution and Refinement**

|  | I   | II  |
|--|---|---|
| Formula  | $[\text{C}_2\text{N}_2\text{H}_{10}]^{2+}[\text{Fe}(\text{HPO}_4)_2(\text{OH})]^{2-} \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  | $\text{KFe}_3(\text{OH})_2(\text{PO}_4)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$    |
| Crystal system   | Triclinic   | Orthorhombic  |
| Space group  | <i>P</i> -1   | <i>Pmc</i> 2 <sub>1</sub>   |
| Cell parameters  | <i>a</i> = 8.526(2) Å<br><i>b</i> = 9.796(2) Å<br><i>c</i> = 7.232(2) Å<br>$\alpha$ = 90.25(2)<br>$\beta$ = 92.72(2) <sup>°</sup><br>$\gamma$ = 65.20(1) <sup>°</sup> | <i>a</i> = 6.410(2) Å<br><i>b</i> = 7.429(3) Å<br><i>c</i> = 9.868(4) Å |
| Crystal colour   | Brown   | Brown   |
| Crystal dimensions (mm)                                    | 0.50, 0.30, 0.02  | 0.060, 0.015, 0.005   |
| <i>Z</i>   | 2   | 2   |
| $\rho_{\text{calc}}$ (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )                 | 2.09  | 3.26  |
| $2\theta$ (max) <sup>°</sup>                               | 50.0  | 50.3  |
| Total unique reflections                                   | 1522  | 2034  |
| Observed reflections ( <i>I</i> > 3 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )) | 1268  | 3431  |
| No. of variables   | 202   | 96  |
| <i>R</i> , <i>R</i> <sub>w</sub>                           | 0.040, 0.044  | 0.053, 0.090  |

given in Table 1. The structure was solved using heavy atom methods (11) and expanded using Fourier techniques. All subsequent refinement was carried out using the teXsan package (12). All nonhydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Bond valence sum analysis (13) was used to deduce the oxidation states of the two crystallographically independent iron atoms (3.08 and 3.02 v.u. for Fe(1) and Fe(2) respectively, hence unambiguously assigning both as Fe<sup>3+</sup>), and also to infer the locations of hydrogen atoms (1.10, 1.06, and 1.14 v.u. for O(1), O(6), and O(9), respectively, hence assigning these as OH<sup>-</sup> groups). Charge balance suggests that the ethylenediamine is doubly protonated. All hydrogen atoms, including those on the water molecule O(10), were subsequently found from difference Fourier data and refined isotropically.

$\text{KFe}_3(\text{OH})_2(\text{PO}_4)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (**II**) was prepared by hydrothermal reaction of  $\text{Fe}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4) \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{K}_3\text{PO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  in water in a molar ratio of 1:1:200, at 160°C for 18 h. The product consisted of a predominant phase of brown crystals, together with a dark green polycrystalline material. The major phase was subsequently characterized as compound **II**; the minor phase could not be identified. The crystals were too small to analyze on the AFC7S, so structure determination was carried out at the ID-11 beam-line at the ESRF, Grenoble. The microcrystal was glued to the end of a fine glass fibre and data collected on a three-circle (fixed kappa) Siemens diffractometer fitted with a Siemens SMART CCD detector, at room temperature. The wavelength was calibrated prior to the experiment as 0.4425 Å. Data were collected in  $\omega$  intervals of 0.1° over 140°, with the detector covering a fixed  $2\theta$  range. The resolution limit was

0.502 Å. Data reduction was carried out using the Siemens SAINT software adapted for synchrotron use and further data analysis carried out using the DIRDIF (11) and teXsan (12) suites. Systematic absences were consistent with space groups *Pmcm*, *P2cm*, or *Pmc*2<sub>1</sub>. As no solution could be obtained in the former cases, the latter was assumed. This is

**TABLE 2**  
**Final Atomic Coordinates and Equivalent Isotropic Temperature Factors for I, Space Group *P*-1, *a* = 8.526(2) Å, *b* = 9.796(2) Å, *c* = 7.232(2) Å,  $\alpha$  = 90.25(2)<sup>°</sup>,  $\beta$  = 92.72(2)<sup>°</sup>,  $\gamma$  = 65.20(1)<sup>°</sup>**

| Atom  | <i>x</i>  | <i>y</i>   | <i>z</i>   | <i>B</i> (eq) |
|-------|-----------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Fe(1) | 1.0000    | 0.0000     | 0.5000     | 0.84(3)       |
| Fe(2) | 1.0000    | 0.0000     | 0.0000     | 0.84(3)       |
| P(1)  | 1.0182(2) | 0.2724(2)  | 0.2654(2)  | 1.14(4)       |
| P(2)  | 0.6444(2) | 0.1746(2)  | 0.2284(2)  | 1.02(4)       |
| O(1)  | 1.0633(5) | -0.0889(5) | 0.2515(5)  | 0.91(9)       |
| O(2)  | 1.0711(5) | 0.1666(4)  | 0.4341(5)  | 1.16(10)      |
| O(3)  | 0.7560(5) | 0.1212(5)  | 0.4063(5)  | 1.42(9)       |
| O(4)  | 1.0234(5) | 0.1865(5)  | 0.0873(5)  | 1.28(9)       |
| O(5)  | 0.8503(5) | 0.4068(5)  | 0.2882(6)  | 1.8(1)        |
| O(6)  | 1.1526(6) | 0.3449(5)  | 0.2540(7)  | 1.6(1)        |
| O(7)  | 0.7448(5) | 0.0956(5)  | 0.0599(5)  | 1.22(9)       |
| O(8)  | 0.4794(5) | 0.1529(5)  | 0.2388(6)  | 1.6(1)        |
| O(9)  | 0.5853(6) | 0.3482(5)  | 0.2055(6)  | 1.9(1)        |
| O(10) | 0.7177(8) | 0.3873(6)  | 0.6766(9)  | 4.2(2)        |
| N(1)  | 0.5719(7) | 0.1032(7)  | 0.7172(8)  | 1.7(1)        |
| N(2)  | 0.1007(7) | 0.3227(7)  | 0.7658(8)  | 1.7(1)        |
| C(1)  | 0.2847(9) | 0.2430(9)  | 0.8307(9)  | 1.9(2)        |
| C(2)  | 0.4009(9) | 0.2264(9)  | 0.6749(10) | 2.0(2)        |

Note. Hydrogen atoms not included.

TABLE 3  
Selected Bond Distances and Angles for I

|                  |             |              |                 |             |          |
|------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|----------|
| Fe(1)            | O(1)        | 1.988(4) × 2 | P(1)            | O(2)        | 1.530(4) |
| Fe(1)            | O(2)        | 2.029(4) × 2 | P(1)            | O(4)        | 1.527(4) |
| Fe(1)            | O(3)        | 2.005(4) × 2 | P(1)            | O(5)        | 1.499(4) |
| Fe(2)            | O(1)        | 1.975(4) × 2 | P(1)            | O(6)        | 1.586(5) |
| Fe(2)            | O(4)        | 2.016(4) × 2 | P(2)            | O(3)        | 1.525(4) |
| Fe(2)            | O(7)        | 2.040(4) × 2 | P(2)            | O(7)        | 1.528(4) |
|                  |             |              | P(2)            | O(8)        | 1.513(4) |
|                  |             |              | P(2)            | O(9)        | 1.565(5) |
| C(1)             | C(2)        | 1.49(1)      |                 |             |          |
| N(1)             | C(2)        | 1.472(9)     |                 |             |          |
| N(2)             | C(1)        | 1.487(9)     |                 |             |          |
| O(1) Fe(1) O(1)  | 180.00      |              | O(1) Fe(2) O(1) | 180.00      |          |
| O(1) Fe(1) O(2)  | 90.4(2) × 2 |              | O(1) Fe(2) O(4) | 90.5(2) × 2 |          |
| O(1) Fe(1) O(2)  | 89.6(2) × 2 |              | O(1) Fe(2) O(4) | 89.5(2) × 2 |          |
| O(1) Fe(1) O(3)  | 90.5(2) × 2 |              | O(1) Fe(2) O(7) | 90.8(2) × 2 |          |
| O(1) Fe(1) O(3)  | 89.5(2) × 2 |              | O(1) Fe(2) O(7) | 89.2(2) × 2 |          |
| O(2) Fe(1) O(2)  | 180.00      |              | O(4) Fe(2) O(7) | 90.1(2) × 2 |          |
| O(2) Fe(1) O(3)  | 92.0(2) × 2 |              | O(4) Fe(2) O(7) | 89.9(2) × 2 |          |
| O(2) Fe(1) O(3)  | 88.0(2) × 2 |              | O(4) Fe(2) O(4) | 180.00      |          |
| O(3) Fe(1) O(3)  | 180.00      |              | O(7) Fe(2) O(7) | 180.00      |          |
| O(2) P(1) O(4)   | 111.0(2)    |              | O(3) P(2) O(7)  | 111.2(2)    |          |
| O(2) P(1) O(5)   | 112.5(2)    |              | O(3) P(2) O(8)  | 111.2(2)    |          |
| O(2) P(1) O(6)   | 107.8(3)    |              | O(3) P(2) O(9)  | 108.9(3)    |          |
| O(4) P(1) O(5)   | 113.7(2)    |              | O(7) P(2) O(8)  | 110.9(2)    |          |
| O(4) P(1) O(6)   | 108.5(2)    |              | O(7) P(2) O(9)  | 109.1(3)    |          |
| O(5) P(1) O(6)   | 102.8(2)    |              | O(8) P(2) O(9)  | 105.5(3)    |          |
| Fe(1) O(1) Fe(2) | 131.8(2)    |              | N(2) C(1) C(2)  | 110.3(6)    |          |
| Fe(1) O(2) P(1)  | 129.8(2)    |              | N(1) C(2) C(1)  | 109.7(6)    |          |
| Fe(1) O(3) P(2)  | 142.3(2)    |              |                 |             |          |
| Fe(2) O(4) P(1)  | 139.9(3)    |              |                 |             |          |
| Fe(2) O(7) P(2)  | 134.6(2)    |              |                 |             |          |

## Hydrogen bonds

| A     | H     | B     | A–H     | H...B   | A...B    | A–H...B |
|-------|-------|-------|---------|---------|----------|---------|
| O(1)  | H(13) | O(10) | 0.73(6) | 2.04(6) | 2.768(7) | 177(7)  |
| O(6)  | H(15) | O(8)  | 0.70(7) | 1.95(7) | 2.634(6) | 166(8)  |
| O(9)  | H(14) | O(5)  | 0.82(7) | 1.79(7) | 2.600(7) | 169(7)  |
| O(10) | H(11) | O(9)  | 1.18(6) | 2.85(6) | 2.942(7) | 159(4)  |
| N(1)  | H(5)  | O(8)  | 1.05(7) | 1.69(7) | 2.743(8) | 175(5)  |
| N(1)  | H(6)  | O(7)  | 0.88(7) | 1.96(7) | 2.818(7) | 164(6)  |
| N(1)  | H(7)  | O(3)  | 0.95(7) | 1.91(7) | 2.840(7) | 165(6)  |
| N(2)  | H(8)  | O(2)  | 0.91(6) | 1.99(7) | 2.898(7) | 179(6)  |
| N(2)  | H(9)  | O(5)  | 0.88(7) | 2.06(7) | 2.881(7) | 154(6)  |
| N(2)  | H(10) | O(4)  | 1.09(6) | 1.97(6) | 2.916(7) | 143(5)  |

the standard setting of the space group  $Pb2_1m$  reported for olmsteadite (14),  $KFe_2(Nb,Ta)O_2(PO_4)_2 \cdot 2H_2O$ , to which the unit cell data suggested that phase II would be closely related. All nonhydrogen atoms were successfully located and refined anisotropically. Bond valence sum analysis suggested an ordered distribution of  $Fe^{2+}$  ( $Fe(1)$ –2.34 v.u.) and  $Fe^{3+}$  ( $Fe(2)$ –3.13 v.u.) and the assignment of O(1) as a water molecule (0.48 v.u.) and O(5) and O(6) as  $OH^-$  groups, bridging  $Fe(1)$ –O(H)– $Fe(2)$  (0.80 and 1.18 v.u. for O(5) and

TABLE 4  
Final Atomic Coordinates and Equivalent Isotropic Temperature Factors for II, Space Group  $Pmc2_1$ ,  $a = 6.410(2)$  Å,  $b = 7.429(3)$  Å,  $c = 9.868(4)$  Å

| Atom  | x         | y           | z          | B (eq)   |
|-------|-----------|-------------|------------|----------|
| Fe(1) | 0.2356(1) | 0.0305(1)   | 0.0046     | 0.63(1)  |
| Fe(2) | 0.0000    | –0.2876(2)  | –0.2385(2) | 0.27(2)  |
| K(1)  | 0.5000    | 0.4679(4)   | 0.5341(3)  | 1.97(5)  |
| P(1)  | 0.5000    | –0.1860(2)  | –0.2362(3) | 0.26(3)  |
| P(2)  | 0.0000    | –0.3236(3)  | 0.0860(2)  | 0.45(3)  |
| O(1)  | 0.2684(8) | 0.2731(7)   | –0.1114(6) | 1.39(9)  |
| O(2)  | 0.5000    | 0.0870(10)  | 0.1267(8)  | 1.3(1)   |
| O(3)  | 0.5000    | –0.0506(10) | –0.1190(7) | 1.1(1)   |
| O(4)  | 0.1984(6) | –0.2052(6)  | 0.1025(5)  | 0.83(7)  |
| O(5)  | 0.0000    | –0.0475(9)  | –0.1304(7) | 0.9(1)   |
| O(6)  | 0.0000    | 0.1526(9)   | 0.0976(7)  | 1.1(1)   |
| O(7)  | 0.3097(6) | –0.3069(6)  | –0.2277(6) | 1.05(8)  |
| O(8)  | 0.0000    | –0.4215(8)  | –0.0523(6) | 0.65(10) |
| O(9)  | 0.0000    | –0.4602(9)  | 0.1984(6)  | 1.0(1)   |

Note. Hydrogen atoms not included.

O(6), respectively). It was not possible to locate the H atoms directly in this structure.

Final refined atomic parameters for I and II are given in Tables 2 and 4 and selected bond lengths and angles in Tables 3 and 5, respectively.

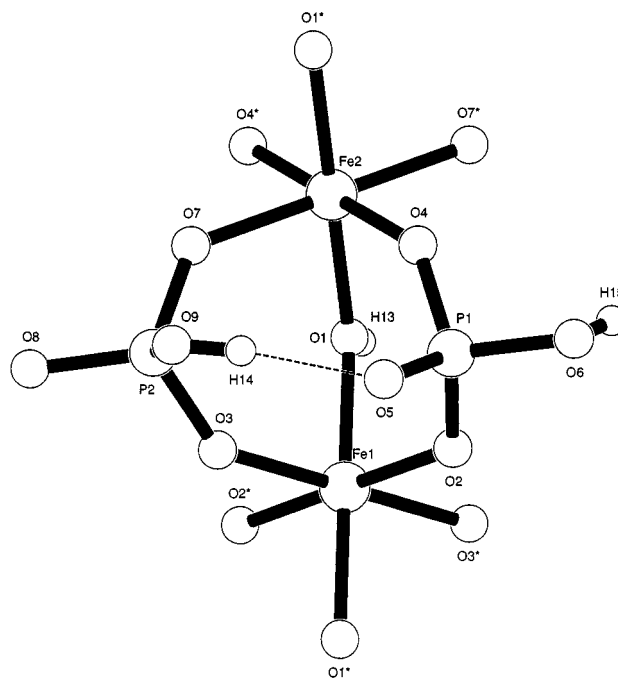
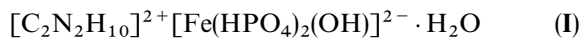


FIG. 1. Atom labeling scheme for I, showing the two  $FeO_6$  octahedra and two  $PO_4$  tetrahedra.

TABLE 5  
Selected Bonds Distances and Angles for II

|                    |       |              |              |       |              |       |              |
|--------------------|-------|--------------|--------------|-------|--------------|-------|--------------|
| Fe(1)              | O(1)  | 2.146(5)     | Fe(2)        | O(8)  | 2.090(6)     |       |              |
| Fe(1)              | O(2)  | 2.121(4)     | Fe(2)        | O(9)  | 1.975(7)     |       |              |
| Fe(1)              | O(3)  | 2.173(4)     | P(1)         | O(2)  | 1.541(7)     |       |              |
| Fe(1)              | O(4)  | 2.014(5)     | P(1)         | O(3)  | 1.532(7)     |       |              |
| Fe(1)              | O(5)  | 2.096(5)     | P(1)         | O(7)  | 1.518(4) × 2 |       |              |
| Fe(1)              | O(6)  | 1.987(4)     | P(2)         | O(4)  | 1.555(4) × 2 |       |              |
| Fe(2)              | O(5)  | 2.078(6)     | P(2)         | O(8)  | 1.547(6)     |       |              |
| Fe(2)              | O(6)  | 1.902(7)     | P(2)         | O(9)  | 1.502(7)     |       |              |
| Fe(2)              | O(7)  | 1.993(4) × 2 |              |       |              |       |              |
| K(1)               | O(1)  | 2.822(6) × 2 |              |       |              |       |              |
| K(1)               | O(4)  | 2.829(5) × 2 |              |       |              |       |              |
| K(1)               | O(7)  | 3.097(6) × 2 |              |       |              |       |              |
| K(1)               | O(7)  | 3.132(6) × 2 |              |       |              |       |              |
| H-bonding contacts |       |              |              |       |              |       |              |
| O(1)               | O(4)  | 2.903(7)     |              |       |              |       |              |
| O(1)               | O(8)  | 2.906(8)     |              |       |              |       |              |
| O(6)               | O(7)  | 2.868(7)     |              |       |              |       |              |
| O(1)               | Fe(1) | O(2)         | 93.3(2)      | O(5)  | Fe(2)        | O(6)  | 89.1(3)      |
| O(1)               | Fe(1) | O(3)         | 81.8(3)      | O(5)  | Fe(2)        | O(7)  | 92.0(2) × 2  |
| O(1)               | Fe(1) | O(4)         | 176.3(2)     | O(5)  | Fe(2)        | O(8)  | 87.5(3)      |
| O(1)               | Fe(1) | O(5)         | 87.9(2)      | O(5)  | Fe(2)        | O(9)  | 167.5(3)     |
| O(1)               | Fe(1) | O(6)         | 86.4(3)      | O(6)  | Fe(2)        | O(7)  | 94.8(2) × 2  |
| O(2)               | Fe(1) | O(3)         | 75.6(2)      | O(6)  | Fe(2)        | O(8)  | 176.6(3)     |
| O(2)               | Fe(1) | O(4)         | 89.7(2)      | O(6)  | Fe(2)        | O(9)  | 103.4(3)     |
| O(2)               | Fe(1) | O(5)         | 172.5(2)     | O(7)  | Fe(2)        | O(7)  | 169.7(3)     |
| O(2)               | Fe(1) | O(6)         | 104.8(2)     | O(7)  | Fe(2)        | O(8)  | 85.3(2)      |
| O(3)               | Fe(1) | O(4)         | 96.9(2)      | O(7)  | Fe(2)        | O(9)  | 87.0(1) × 2  |
| O(3)               | Fe(1) | O(5)         | 97.4(2)      | O(7)  | Fe(2)        | O(8)  | 85.3(2)      |
| O(3)               | Fe(1) | O(6)         | 168.1(3)     | O(8)  | Fe(2)        | O(9)  | 79.9(2)      |
| O(4)               | Fe(1) | O(5)         | 88.8(2)      |       |              |       |              |
| O(4)               | Fe(1) | O(6)         | 94.9(2)      | Fe(1) | O(2)         | Fe(1) | 106.1(3)     |
| O(5)               | Fe(1) | O(6)         | 82.7(2)      | Fe(1) | O(2)         | P(1)  | 126.4(1) × 2 |
|                    |       |              |              | Fe(1) | O(3)         | Fe(1) | 102.5(3)     |
| O(2)               | P(1)  | O(3)         | 110.5(4)     | Fe(1) | O(3)         | P(1)  | 127.3(2) × 2 |
| O(2)               | P(1)  | O(7)         | 109.3(3) × 2 | Fe(1) | O(4)         | P(2)  | 122.6(2)     |
| O(3)               | P(1)  | O(7)         | 110.3(3) × 2 | Fe(1) | O(5)         | Fe(1) | 92.2(3)      |
| O(7)               | P(1)  | O(7)         | 107.0(3)     | Fe(1) | O(5)         | Fe(2) | 124.3(2) × 2 |
|                    |       |              |              | Fe(1) | O(6)         | Fe(1) | 99.0(3)      |
| O(4)               | P(2)  | O(4)         | 109.8(4)     | Fe(1) | O(6)         | Fe(2) | 129.3(2) × 2 |
| O(4)               | P(2)  | O(8)         | 111.0(2) × 2 | Fe(2) | O(7)         | P(1)  | 139.0(3)     |
| O(4)               | P(2)  | O(9)         | 107.8(2) × 2 | Fe(2) | O(8)         | P(2)  | 123.5(4)     |
| O(8)               | P(2)  | O(9)         | 109.5(3)     | Fe(2) | O(9)         | P(2)  | 150.8(4)     |

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION



The structure of **I** consists of anionic chains of stoichiometry  $[\text{Fe}(\text{HPO}_4)_2\text{OH}]_n$  parallel to the *c*-axis, with templating diammonium cations and water molecules between the chains and held in via H-bonding. The core of each chain is a trans-edge-shared arrangement of alternating  $\text{Fe}(1)\text{O}_6$  and  $\text{Fe}(2)\text{O}_6$  octahedra, with the shared apex being the  $\text{O}(1)\text{H}^-$

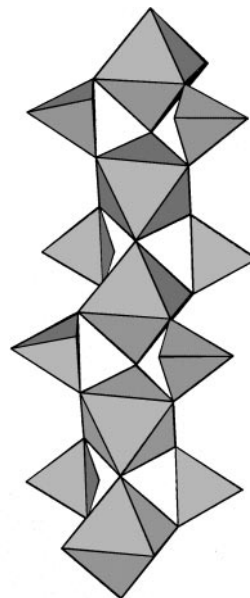


FIG. 2. Polyhedral representation of a section of the  $[\text{Fe}(\text{HPO}_4)_2\text{OH}]_n$  chain in **I**.

unit. The four remaining vertices of each octahedron are linked to four different  $\text{HPO}_4$  groups, with each  $\text{HPO}_4$  group in turn bridging adjacent  $\text{Fe}(1)\text{--Fe}(2)$  pairs. The basic building unit is shown in Fig. 1, and the polyhedral chain arrangement is shown in Fig. 2. The noncoordinating oxygen atoms of the  $\text{HPO}_4$  groups participate in intra- and interchain H-bonding (see Table 3). All the protons of the ethylenediammonium cation also act as H-bond donors. A projection of the structure down the chain axis, showing the layout of adjacent chains and template/water molecules, is given in Fig. 3.

The  $[\text{M}(\text{TO}_4)_2\text{L}]_n$  chain ( $M$  = an octahedral metal,  $T$  = a tetrahedral element,  $L$  = an anionic ligand, e.g.,  $\text{O}^{2-}$ ,  $\text{OH}^-$ , or  $\text{F}^-$ ) present in this structure is a common theme in

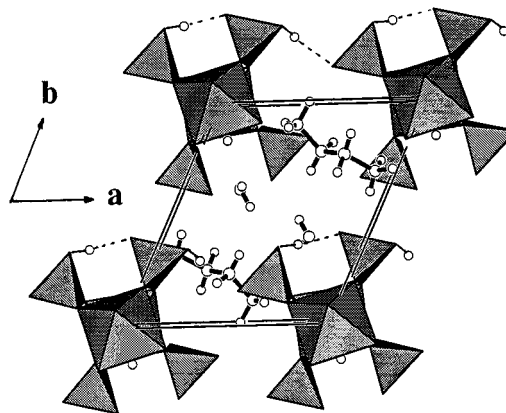


FIG. 3. Projection of the structure of **I** down the *c*-axis, showing water and ethylenediammonium moieties.

many mineralogical structures related to tancoite, as reviewed by Hawthorne (15) and also in several recently synthesized materials. In particular the direct analog of this chain with  $F^-$  replacing  $OH^-$  has been observed in the synthetic materials ULM-15 (8) and ULM-14 (2), and an aluminophosphate variant with an  $OH^-$  bridging unit has been prepared by Attfield *et al.* (16).



The structure of **II** may be described as a synthetic relative of the mineral Olmsteadite (14),  $KFe_2(Nb,Ta)O_2(PO_4)_2 \cdot 2H_2O$ . In the present structure the  $Nb^{5+}$  site is filled by  $Fe^{3+}$ , and charge-compensation is provided by replacing the oxide by hydroxide units. Hence, our material is a mixed valence iron phosphate with ordering of  $Fe^{2+}/Fe^{3+}$  on two distinct crystallographic sites. The structure has a three-dimensional array of linked  $FeO_6$  octahedra and  $PO_4$  tetrahedra enclosing cavities, within which the large  $K^+$  ions reside. However, it may be instructive to discuss the framework in terms of simpler building units. The basic unit is shown in Fig. 4, which consists of a vertex-linked core of  $FeO_6$  and  $PO_4$  polyhedra very similar to that in **I**. However, the nature of the linkage between these units leads to an entirely different structure to that of **I**. The dominant feature of the structure is the chain of edge-shared  $Fe(1)^{2+}O_6$  octahedra running parallel to the

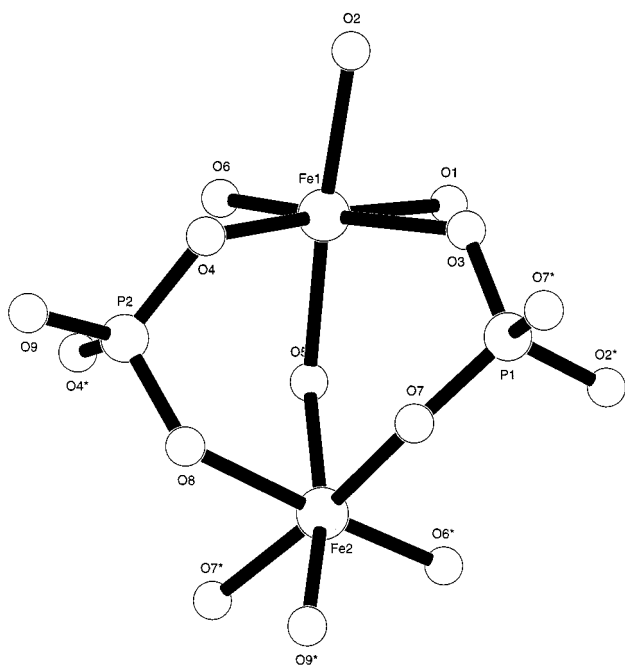


FIG. 4. Atom labeling scheme for **II**.

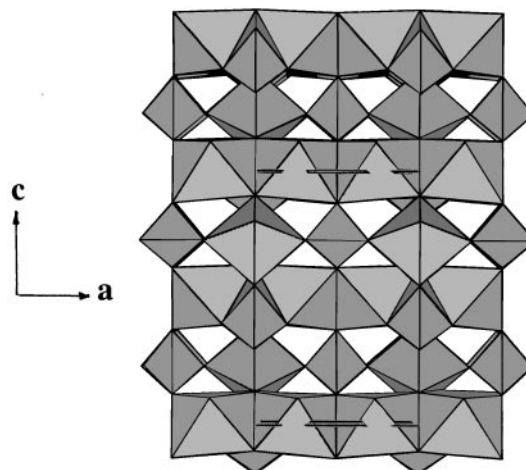


FIG. 5. A layer in the structure of **II** projected down the  $b$ -axis, showing edge-linked chains of  $Fe(1)O_6$  octahedra linked by vertex-linked chains of  $P(1)O_4$  and  $Fe(2)O_6$  polyhedra.

$a$ -axis (Fig. 5). The edge-sharing occurs via hydroxyl groups at O(5) and O(6). Of the remaining vertices of the  $Fe(1)O_6$  octahedron, three are shared with  $PO_4$  groups, while the last, O(1), is a water molecule. The edge-sharing chains are linked into sheets in the  $ac$  plane via a parallel chain of vertex-shared  $Fe(2)O_6$  and  $P(1)O_4$  polyhedra which link to the  $Fe(1)O_6$  octahedra via O(5)/O(6) and O(2)/O(3), respectively. Intrachain linkage in this chain occurs exclusively via O(7). The layers are joined together in the  $b$  direction by  $P(2)O_4$  tetrahedra, which "cap" neighboring Fe(1) within the chains, and link across the layers to Fe(2) via O(8) and O(9) (Fig. 6). This creates a small channel in the  $c$  direction for the  $K^+$  cation. Small "butterfly" shaped channels may also be seen in the  $a$  direction (Fig. 7), which also shows the

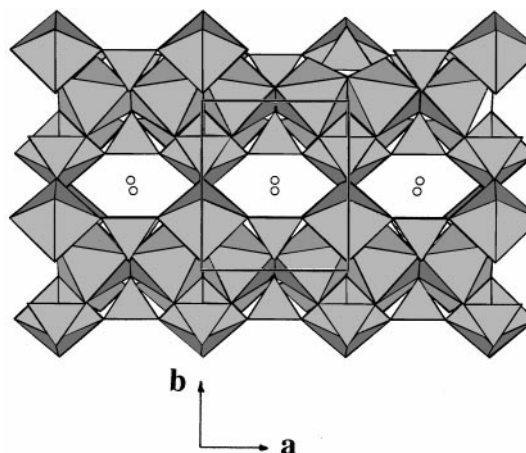


FIG. 6. Projection of the structure of **II** along the  $c$ -axis, showing linking of adjacent layers by  $P(2)$  and  $Fe(2)$ .  $K^+$  ions are shown as small spheres within the channels.

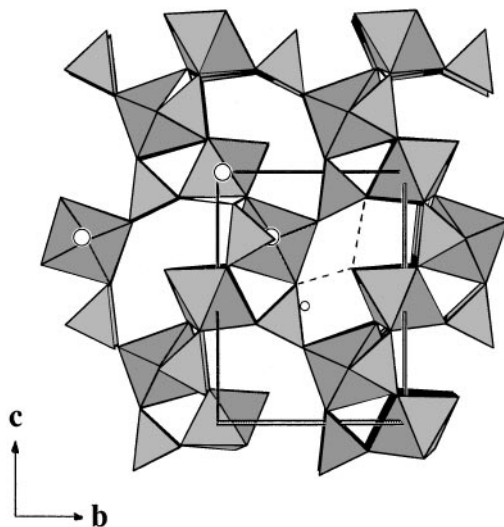


FIG. 7. Projection of the structure of II along the  $a$ -axis, showing cross-channel H-bonding.

nature of H-bonding from the water molecule O(1) (see also Table 5). Hawthorne (15) described olmsteadite as a sheet structure comprising units of  $[M(TO_4)_2L_2]$  stoichiometry. However, this description only refers to the  $M = Nb$  (or Fe(2), in this case) octahedron and misses the significance of the Fe(1)O<sub>6</sub> chain; the three-dimensionality of the structure is probably a more useful description.

### SUMMARY

We have prepared two new iron phosphates in hydrothermal systems involving addition of  $C_2O_4^{2-}$  as a secondary anion. Both structures are related to known mineral structures and display structural features common in these systems. Unlike our recent report of a mixed anion framework structure in  $Fe_4(PO_4)_2(C_2O_4) \cdot 2H_2O$  (10), the oxalate is not

incorporated into the phosphate structure in these reactions. Further work is ongoing to determine how widespread the cocrystallization of phosphate-organic anions in framework structures is likely to be, and results on new mixed anion frameworks will be reported in the near future.

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