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# Syntheses and structures of ammonium transition-metal dialuminium tris(phosphate) dihydrates $(\text{NH}_4)\text{MAl}_2(\text{PO}_4)_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ( $\text{M} = \text{Mn}$ and $\text{Ni}$ )

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The structures of ammonium manganese(II) dialuminium tris(phosphate) dihydrate,  $(\text{NH}_4)\text{MnAl}_2(\text{PO}_4)_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , and ammonium nickel(II) dialuminium tris(phosphate) dihydrate,  $(\text{NH}_4)\text{NiAl}_2(\text{PO}_4)_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , were determined using single-crystal diffraction data. The structures of title compounds are isotypic to cobalt aluminophosphate,  $(\text{NH}_4)\text{CoAl}_2(\text{PO}_4)_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (LMU-3) [Panz *et al.* (1998). *Inorg. Chim. Acta*, **269**, 73–82], in which a three-dimensional network of vertex-sharing  $\text{AlO}_5$  and  $\text{PO}_4$  moieties delineate twelve-membered channels in which ammonium,  $\text{NH}_4^+$ , and transition-metal cations ( $\text{M} = \text{Mn}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$ ) reside as charge compensators for the anionic  $[\text{Al}_2(\text{PO}_4)_3]^{3-}$  aluminophosphate framework. In both structures, the N atom of the ammonium cation, the transition-metal ion and one of the P atoms lie on crystallographic twofold axes.

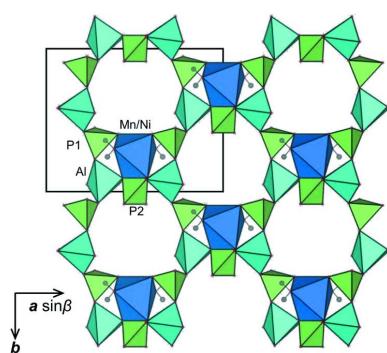
## 1. Chemical context

The mixed-metal phosphate composed of tetrahedral, bipyramidal and octahedral building units with chemical formula  $\text{KNiAl}_2(\text{PO}_4)_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  was firstly reported by Meyer & Haushalter (1994). Isotypic structures were found in the alumino-, ferri- and gallophosphates;  $(\text{NH}_4)\text{CoAl}_2(\text{PO}_4)_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (Panz *et al.* 1998),  $\text{KMnAl}_2(\text{PO}_4)_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (Kiriukhina *et al.* 2020),  $\text{CsFe}_3(\text{PO}_4)_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (Lii & Huang 1995),  $(\text{NH}_4)\text{CoGa}_2(\text{PO}_4)_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (Chippindale *et al.* 1996),  $(\text{NH}_4)\text{MnGa}_2(\text{PO}_4)_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (Chippindale *et al.* 1998),  $(\text{NH}_4)\text{NiGa}_2(\text{PO}_4)_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (Bieniok *et al.* 2008) and  $\text{KNiGa}_2(\text{PO}_4)_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (Chippindale *et al.* 2009).

Herein, we report the syntheses and structures of  $(\text{NH}_4)\text{MAl}_2(\text{PO}_4)_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  [ $\text{M} = \text{Mn}$  in (I) and  $\text{Ni}$  in (II)] using a hydrothermal technique and structural analysis by single-crystal X-ray diffraction. These compounds are isotypic to  $(\text{NH}_4)\text{CoAl}_2(\text{PO}_4)_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (LMU-3), crystallizing from a hydrothermal synthesis (Panz *et al.*, 1998).

## 2. Structural commentary

The aluminophosphate framework of the title compounds with the chemical formula  $(\text{NH}_4)\text{MAl}_2(\text{PO}_4)_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  ( $\text{M} = \text{Mn}$  and  $\text{Ni}$ ) is composed of  $[\text{PO}_4]$  tetrahedra and  $[\text{AlO}_5]$  trigonal-bipyramids. Fig. 1(a) shows the  $[\text{Al}_2(\text{PO}_4)_3]_\infty$  layers, which are built up from four- and eight-membered rings connected via  $\text{Al}—\text{O}—\text{P}$  bonds. These layers stack along the  $a$ -axis direction, with the  $[\text{P}_2\text{O}_7]$  tetrahedra (atom P2 lies on a crystallographic twofold axis) bridging between them, leading to the formation of a three-dimensional network encapsulating twelve-membered channels propagating in the [001] direction. The



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**Table 1**

Selected bond lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ ) in  $(\text{NH}_4)M\text{Al}_2(\text{PO}_4)_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  [ $M = \text{Mn}$  (I) and  $\text{Ni}$  (II)].

	(I)	(II)
<i>PO<sub>4</sub></i> tetrahedra		
P1–O6 <sup>iv</sup>	1.5152 (19)	1.5180 (14)
P1–O2	1.5342 (19)	1.5361 (14)
P1–O3	1.5350 (18)	1.5371 (13)
P1–O1	1.5493 (18)	1.5502 (13)
P2–O5	1.5294 (18)	1.5253 (13)
P2–O4	1.5420 (18)	1.5444 (13)
<i>AlO<sub>5</sub></i> trigonal bipyramidal		
Al–O2 <sup>ii</sup>	1.7847 (19)	1.7731 (14)
Al–O1	1.8013 (19)	1.7908 (14)
Al–O5 <sup>iv</sup>	1.8080 (18)	1.7979 (14)
Al–O3 <sup>iv</sup>	1.8886 (19)	1.8818 (14)
Al–O4	1.9320 (18)	1.9271 (14)
<i>MnO<sub>6</sub></i> octahedra		
M–O6	2.0799 (19)	2.0052 (13)
M–O7	2.1990 (20)	2.0799 (15)
M–O4	2.2805 (18)	2.1512 (13)
O4···O4 <sup>i</sup>	2.407 (5)	2.387 (4)
O6···O7	2.950 (3)	2.785 (2)
O6···O7 <sup>i</sup>	2.962 (4)	2.844 (3)
O4···O6	3.192 (3)	3.065 (2)
O4···O7	3.254 (3)	3.089 (2)
O4···O7 <sup>i</sup>	3.291 (3)	3.094 (3)
O6···O6 <sup>i</sup>	3.372 (5)	3.132 (4)

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

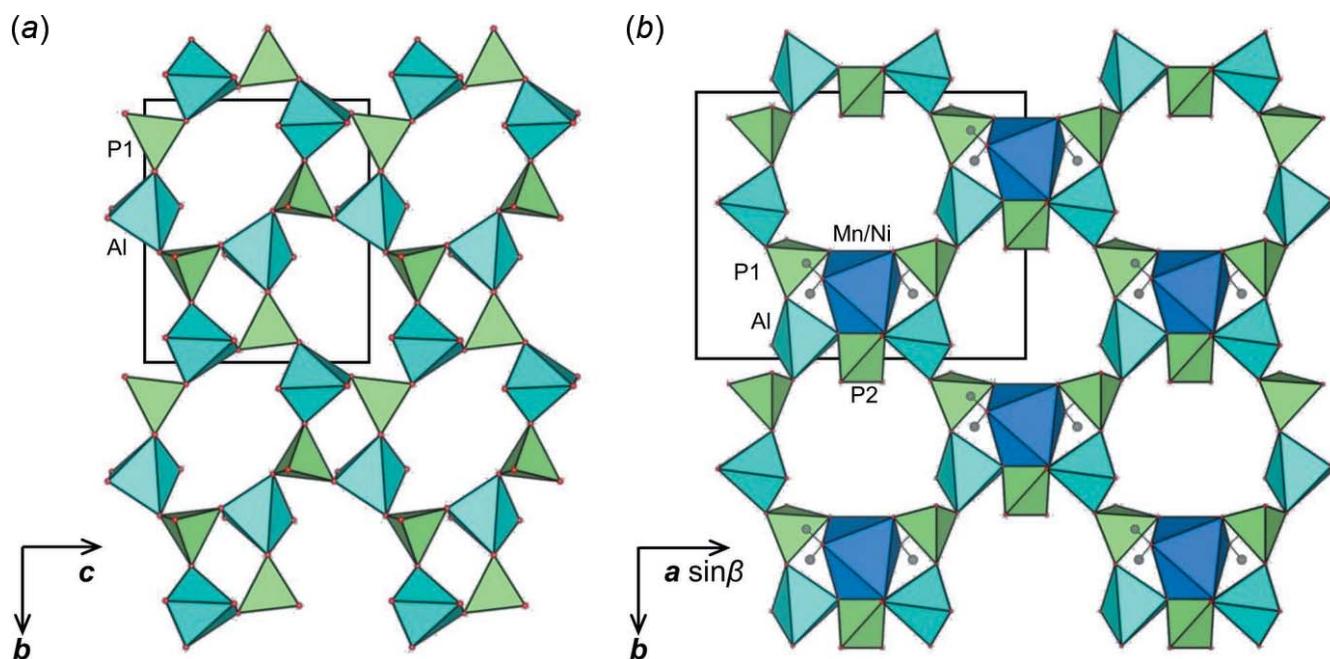
ammonium and transition-metal cations are respectively located in and on these channels, compensating the negative charge of the aluminophosphate framework [Fig. 1(b)].

There are two axial and three equatorial Al–O bonds within the  $[\text{AlO}_5]$  trigonal bipyramids (Table 1). The axial

Al–O bond distances for  $M = \text{Mn}$  are 1.8886 (19) and 1.9320 (18)  $\text{\AA}$  and those for  $\text{Ni}$  are 1.8818 (14) and 1.9271 (14)  $\text{\AA}$ , and the equatorial ones are in the ranges 1.7847 (19)–1.8080 (18)  $\text{\AA}$  ( $\text{Mn}$ ) and 1.7731 (14)–1.7979 (14)  $\text{\AA}$  ( $\text{Ni}$ ), thus the average axial Al–O bond distances are larger than the equatorial ones. Previous studies on  $[\text{AlO}_5]$  trigonal bipyramids in LMU-3,  $\text{KNiAl}_2(\text{PO}_4)_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{KMnAl}_2(\text{PO}_4)_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $(\text{NH}_4)_3\text{Al}_2(\text{PO}_4)_3$  (Panz *et al.*, 1998; Meyer & Haushalter 1994; Kiriukhina *et al.*, 2020; Medina *et al.* 2004) showed similar geometrical features with longer axial Al–O bond distances.

The transition-metal cations, which lie on crystallographic twofold axes, are octahedrally coordinated by two oxygen atoms of water molecules and four oxygen atoms of the framework (Fig. 2). The mean  $M$ –O bond distances for the Mn and Ni compounds are 2.186  $\text{\AA}$  and 2.079  $\text{\AA}$ , respectively, which are consistent with the ionic radii of  ${}^{\text{VI}}\text{Mn}^{2+}$  (0.83  $\text{\AA}$ ) and  ${}^{\text{VI}}\text{Ni}^{2+}$  (0.69  $\text{\AA}$ ; Shannon 1976). The  $MO_6$  octahedron shares an edge O4···O4 with the adjacent  $[\text{P}_2\text{O}_7]$  tetrahedron. The length of the shared-edge O4···O4 is the shortest among the twelve edges of octahedrally coordinated transition-metal cations in accordance with the  $\text{P}^{5+}$ – $M^{2+}$  cation repulsion (Pauling, 1929, 1960).

The positions of the hydrogen atoms in the water molecule, H71 and H72, could be determined by analysing the residual peaks in the difference-Fourier maps. The oxygen atom O7 of the water molecule is coordinated to the transition-metal ions, and hydrogen atoms of H71 and H72 form O–H···O hydrogen bonds with the oxygen atoms O1 and O3 of the  $[\text{Al}_2(\text{PO}_4)_3]_\infty$  layer, respectively (Tables 2 and 3). Thus, the H71···O1 and H72···O3 hydrogen bonds contribute to the accumulation of the layers.

**Figure 1**

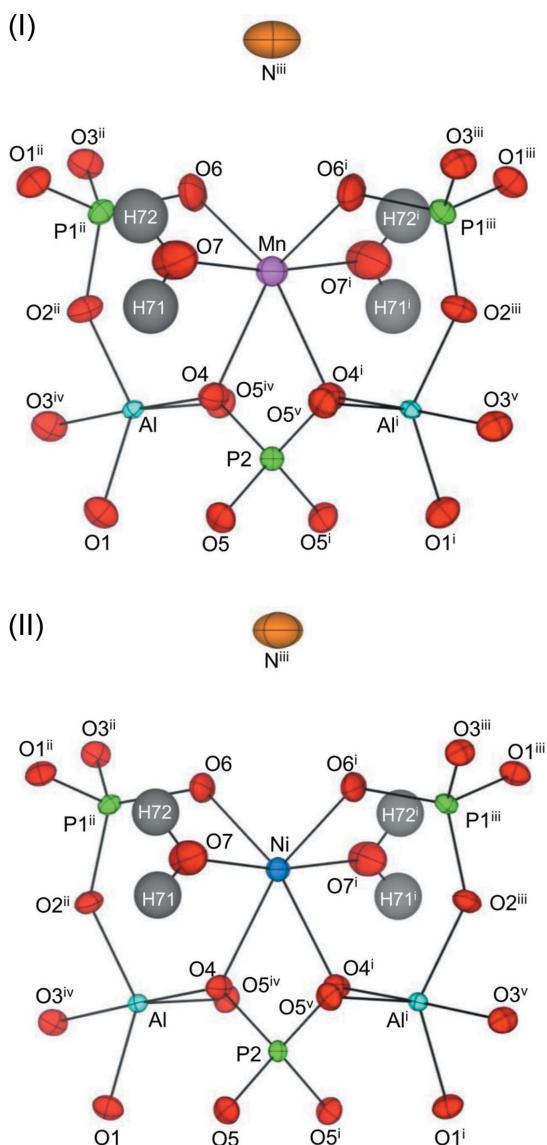
(a) Two-dimensional layer formed by four- and eight-membered rings in the  $bc$  plane and (b) the three-dimensional channels formed by twelve-membered rings in the aluminophosphate framework of  $\text{Al}_2\text{M}(\text{NH}_4)(\text{PO}_4)_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  ( $M = \text{Mn}$  and  $\text{Ni}$ ) illustrated using VESTA (Momma & Izumi, 2011).

**Table 2**  
Hydrogen-bond geometry ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ) for (I).

$D-\text{H}\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}$	$\text{H}\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}\cdots A$
O7—H71···O1 <sup>i</sup>	0.89	1.95	2.831 (3)	178
O7—H72···O3 <sup>ii</sup>	0.87	2.04	2.897 (3)	166

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

As for the hydrogen-bonding interactions of the ammonium cation (N atom site symmetry 2) within the title compounds, not all the H atoms could be definitively located from difference maps but some structural information could be obtained from the observed distances  $\text{N}1\cdots\text{O}5 = 3.085 (5)$  and  $3.103 (4)$   $\text{\AA}$  and  $\text{N}1\cdots\text{O}6 = 2.906 (4)$  and  $2.862 (3)$   $\text{\AA}$  for



**Figure 2**

Positions of the  $\text{MO}_6$  [ $M = \text{Mn}$  (I) and  $\text{Ni}$  (II)] octahedra in the twelve-membered-ring channel of the aluminophosphate framework. Displacement ellipsoids are presented at the 80% probability level. [Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x, y, -z + \frac{1}{2}$ ; (ii)  $-x + \frac{1}{2}, y - \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{1}{2}$ ; (iii)  $x - \frac{1}{2}, y - \frac{1}{2}, z$ ; (iv)  $x, -y + 1, z - \frac{1}{2}$ ; (v)  $-x, -y + 1, -z + 1$ .]

**Table 3**  
Hydrogen-bond geometry ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ) for (II).

$D-\text{H}\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}$	$\text{H}\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}\cdots A$
O7—H71···O1 <sup>i</sup>	0.81	1.99	2.790 (2)	167
O7—H72···O3 <sup>ii</sup>	0.86	2.11	2.961 (2)	170

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

$(\text{NH}_4)\text{MAl}_2(\text{PO}_4)_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  ( $M = \text{Mn}$  and  $\text{Ni}$ ), respectively. The longer  $\text{N}1\cdots\text{O}5$  distance and the large isotropic atomic displacement parameters,  $U_{\text{iso}}$ , of the N1 atom clearly indicate the relatively weaker hydrogen bonding for the presumed  $\text{N}1-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}5$  cases. This structural feature did not allow us to definitively locate the positions of hydrogen atoms within the  $\text{N}1-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}5$  cases. Nevertheless, some of the hydrogen-atom positions around the ammonium cations could be located in the difference-Fourier maps and coordinates are (0.5382, 0.3998, 0.2391) and (0.5357, 0.4204, 0.2296) for  $(\text{NH}_4)\text{MAl}_2(\text{PO}_4)_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  ( $M = \text{Mn}$  and  $\text{Ni}$ ), respectively. These possible hydrogen-atom positions correspond to those for the  $\text{N}1-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}6$  cases. Weak hydrogen bonds between  $\text{NH}_4^+$  and the framework suggests that  $\text{NH}_4^+$  and a monovalent cation (*e.g.*, alkali cation or  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$ ) are exchangeable akin to zeolitic cations in this unique framework structure (Meyer & Haushalter 1994; Kiriukhina *et al.*, 2020). The chemical formula for the group of compounds reported in this study can be denoted by  $A^+\text{M}^{2+}\text{Al}_2(\text{PO}_4)_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  ( $A$  = monovalent cation,  $M$  = divalent transition-metal cation).

### 3. Synthesis and crystallization

Single crystals of  $(\text{NH}_4)\text{MAl}_2(\text{PO}_4)_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  ( $M = \text{Mn}$  and  $\text{Ni}$ ) were obtained as by-products of the laumontite-type zeolite imidazole-templated hydrothermal technique. The precursor solution was prepared by dissolving the chemical agents of imidazole, aluminium-isopropoxide and  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$  (85% solution): the transition-metal component ( $\text{Ni}$  or  $\text{Mn}$ ) was added to the solution. For the insertion of nickel in the system,  $(\text{CH}_3\text{COO})_2\text{Ni} \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  was used and for corresponding manganese analogue  $(\text{CH}_3\text{COO})_2\text{Mn} \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  was added to the as-prepared precursor solution. In each case, the resultant gel mixture was then sealed in a Teflon-lined tube and heated at 453 K for three days.

A few colorless, transparent crystals of  $(\text{NH}_4)\text{MnAl}_2(\text{PO}_4)_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  with a plate-like form were separated from the microcrystalline material together with the laumontite-type aluminophosphate, Mn-hureaulite  $\text{Mn}_5[\text{PO}_3(\text{OH})]_2(\text{PO}_4)_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . In the case of  $\text{Ni}$ , the product comprises  $\text{NH}_4\text{NiAl}_2(\text{PO}_4)_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , which forms colorless, transparent plate-like crystals and organic compounds.

The chemical analyses of the synthesized products were performed using energy-dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDS). The EDS profile clearly showed the presence of nitrogen. This supports the idea that  $\text{NH}_4^+$ , a decomposition product of imidazole, was incorporated within the framework as a charge-compensating cation.

**Table 4**  
Experimental details.

	(NH <sub>4</sub> )MnAl <sub>2</sub> (PO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ·2H <sub>2</sub> O	(NH <sub>4</sub> )NiAl <sub>2</sub> (PO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ·2H <sub>2</sub> O
Crystal data		
<i>M</i> <sub>r</sub>	447.88	451.65
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, <i>C2/c</i>	Monoclinic, <i>C2/c</i>
Temperature (K)	298	298
<i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)	13.3577 (7), 10.2279 (5), 8.7922 (5)	13.0711 (3), 10.1772 (2), 8.74476 (19)
$\beta$ (°)	108.885 (6)	108.527 (3)
<i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )	1136.53 (11)	1103.00 (4)
<i>Z</i>	4	4
Radiation type	Mo <i>K</i> α	Mo <i>K</i> α
$\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	1.85	2.44
Crystal size (mm)	0.05 × 0.04 × 0.02	0.11 × 0.04 × 0.03
Data collection		
Diffractometer	XtaLAB Synergy, Single source at offset/far, HyPix	XtaLAB Synergy, Single source at offset/far, HyPix
Absorption correction	Numerical ( <i>CrysAlis PRO</i> ; Rigaku OD, 2021)	Numerical ( <i>CrysAlis PRO</i> ; Rigaku OD, 2021)
<i>T</i> <sub>min</sub> , <i>T</i> <sub>max</sub>	0.938, 0.968	0.853, 0.962
No. of measured, independent and observed [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ] reflections	5256, 1316, 1178	9320, 1328, 1281
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>	0.027	0.021
(sin $\theta/\lambda$ ) <sub>max</sub> (Å <sup>-1</sup> )	0.653	0.660
Refinement		
<i>R</i> [ $F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)$ ], <i>wR</i> ( $F^2$ ), <i>S</i>	0.027, 0.077, 1.11	0.018, 0.056, 1.14
No. of reflections	1316	1328
No. of parameters	97	97
H-atom treatment	H-atom parameters constrained	H-atom parameters constrained
$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}}$ , $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}}$ (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )	0.90, -0.51	0.42, -0.36

Computer programs: *CrysAlis PRO* 1.171.40.43a (Rigaku OD, 2021), *SHELXT2014/5* (Sheldrick, 2015a), *SHELXL2016/6* (Sheldrick, 2015b) and *VESTA* (Momma & Izumi, 2011).

#### 4. Refinement details

The crystal data, data collection methods, and structure refinement details are summarized in Table 4. The positions of the hydrogen atoms bonded to O7 were estimated using the residual peaks in the difference Fourier maps and refined using a riding model. The *U*<sub>iso</sub> parameters for hydrogen atoms were fixed at 1.5 × the *U*<sub>iso</sub> of O7.

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### Computing details

For both structures, data collection: *CrysAlis PRO* 1.171.40.43a (Rigaku OD, 2021); cell refinement: *CrysAlis PRO* 1.171.40.43a (Rigaku OD, 2021); data reduction: *CrysAlis PRO* 1.171.40.43a (Rigaku OD, 2021); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXT2014/5* (Sheldrick, 2015a); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL2016/6* (Sheldrick, 2015b).

### Ammonium manganese(II) dialuminium tris(phosphate) dihydrate (I)

#### Crystal data

$(\text{NH}_4)\text{MnAl}_2(\text{PO}_4)_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	$F(000) = 956.0$
$M_r = 447.88$	$D_x = 2.618 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
Monoclinic, $C2/c$	$\text{Mo } K\alpha$ radiation, $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$
$a = 13.3577 (7) \text{ \AA}$	Cell parameters from 3620 reflections
$b = 10.2279 (5) \text{ \AA}$	$\theta = 3.9\text{--}27.6^\circ$
$c = 8.7922 (5) \text{ \AA}$	$\mu = 1.85 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$\beta = 108.885 (6)^\circ$	$T = 298 \text{ K}$
$V = 1136.53 (11) \text{ \AA}^3$	Plate, colourless
$Z = 4$	$0.05 \times 0.04 \times 0.02 \text{ mm}$

#### Data collection

XtaLAB Synergy, Single source at offset/far, HyPix diffractometer	$T_{\min} = 0.938$ , $T_{\max} = 0.968$
Radiation source: micro-focus sealed X-ray tube, PhotonJet (Mo) X-ray Source	5256 measured reflections
Mirror monochromator	1316 independent reflections
Detector resolution: 10.0000 pixels $\text{mm}^{-1}$	1178 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
$\omega$ scans	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.027$
Absorption correction: numerical (CrysAlisPro; Rigaku OD, 2021)	$\theta_{\max} = 27.6^\circ$ , $\theta_{\min} = 3.2^\circ$
	$h = -17 \rightarrow 17$
	$k = -13 \rightarrow 11$
	$l = -11 \rightarrow 11$

#### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	Primary atom site location: dual
Least-squares matrix: full	Hydrogen site location: difference Fourier map
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.027$	H-atom parameters constrained
$wR(F^2) = 0.077$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0358P)^2 + 3.6714P]$
$S = 1.11$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
1316 reflections	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$
97 parameters	$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.90 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
0 restraints	$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.51 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

*Special details*

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

*Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )*

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
Mn	0.000000	0.21386 (5)	0.250000	0.01325 (16)
Al	0.16968 (5)	0.42298 (7)	0.07597 (8)	0.00506 (17)
P1	0.29135 (5)	0.62403 (6)	0.33188 (7)	0.00855 (16)
P2	0.000000	0.49748 (8)	0.250000	0.00678 (19)
N1	0.500000	0.3634 (4)	0.250000	0.0357 (10)
O1	0.20881 (14)	0.57892 (18)	0.1720 (2)	0.0129 (4)
O2	0.27155 (14)	0.77104 (18)	0.3420 (2)	0.0130 (4)
O3	0.27207 (14)	0.55150 (18)	0.4727 (2)	0.0132 (4)
O4	0.07105 (14)	0.40324 (18)	0.1938 (2)	0.0118 (4)
O5	0.06242 (14)	0.58669 (18)	0.3876 (2)	0.0116 (4)
O6	0.09702 (14)	0.09481 (19)	0.1661 (2)	0.0179 (4)
O7	0.11844 (17)	0.1969 (2)	0.4904 (3)	0.0262 (5)
H71	0.148203	0.266954	0.546232	0.039*
H72	0.160636	0.130057	0.499139	0.039*

*Atomic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )*

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
Mn	0.0131 (3)	0.0113 (3)	0.0168 (3)	0.000	0.0069 (2)	0.000
Al	0.0059 (3)	0.0047 (3)	0.0043 (3)	0.0007 (2)	0.0013 (3)	-0.0007 (2)
P1	0.0090 (3)	0.0086 (3)	0.0088 (3)	-0.0016 (2)	0.0039 (2)	-0.0006 (2)
P2	0.0071 (4)	0.0071 (4)	0.0063 (4)	0.000	0.0024 (3)	0.000
N1	0.041 (2)	0.0174 (19)	0.048 (3)	0.000	0.013 (2)	0.000
O1	0.0152 (9)	0.0132 (9)	0.0101 (8)	-0.0029 (7)	0.0039 (7)	-0.0037 (7)
O2	0.0168 (9)	0.0095 (9)	0.0137 (9)	-0.0030 (7)	0.0063 (7)	-0.0024 (7)
O3	0.0165 (9)	0.0124 (9)	0.0126 (9)	0.0010 (7)	0.0071 (7)	0.0029 (7)
O4	0.0125 (9)	0.0099 (8)	0.0153 (9)	0.0006 (7)	0.0078 (7)	0.0000 (7)
O5	0.0114 (8)	0.0123 (9)	0.0095 (8)	-0.0013 (7)	0.0010 (7)	-0.0036 (7)
O6	0.0107 (9)	0.0185 (10)	0.0265 (10)	-0.0019 (7)	0.0089 (8)	-0.0045 (8)
O7	0.0275 (12)	0.0201 (11)	0.0223 (10)	0.0016 (9)	-0.0040 (9)	-0.0044 (8)

*Geometric parameters ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ )*

Mn—O6	2.0799 (19)	Al—O4	1.9320 (18)
Mn—O6 <sup>i</sup>	2.0799 (19)	P1—O6 <sup>iv</sup>	1.5152 (19)
Mn—O7	2.199 (2)	P1—O2	1.5342 (19)
Mn—O7 <sup>i</sup>	2.199 (2)	P1—O3	1.5350 (18)
Mn—O4	2.2805 (18)	P1—O1	1.5493 (18)
Mn—O4 <sup>i</sup>	2.2805 (18)	P2—O5	1.5294 (18)

Mn—P2	2.9008 (10)	P2—O5 <sup>i</sup>	1.5294 (18)
Al—O2 <sup>ii</sup>	1.7847 (19)	P2—O4	1.5420 (18)
Al—O1	1.8013 (19)	P2—O4 <sup>i</sup>	1.5420 (18)
Al—O5 <sup>iii</sup>	1.8080 (18)	O7—H71	0.8867
Al—O3 <sup>iii</sup>	1.8886 (19)	O7—H72	0.8736
O6—Mn—O6 <sup>i</sup>	108.33 (11)	O5 <sup>iii</sup> —Al—O4	90.54 (8)
O6—Mn—O7	87.58 (8)	O3 <sup>iii</sup> —Al—O4	176.17 (8)
O6 <sup>i</sup> —Mn—O7	87.13 (8)	O6 <sup>iv</sup> —P1—O2	112.34 (11)
O6—Mn—O7 <sup>i</sup>	87.13 (8)	O6 <sup>iv</sup> —P1—O3	108.44 (11)
O6 <sup>i</sup> —Mn—O7 <sup>i</sup>	87.58 (8)	O2—P1—O3	110.49 (10)
O7—Mn—O7 <sup>i</sup>	170.96 (12)	O6 <sup>iv</sup> —P1—O1	111.15 (11)
O6—Mn—O4	93.99 (7)	O2—P1—O1	105.01 (10)
O6 <sup>i</sup> —Mn—O4	157.67 (7)	O3—P1—O1	109.38 (10)
O7—Mn—O4	93.15 (7)	O5—P2—O5 <sup>i</sup>	106.74 (14)
O7 <sup>i</sup> —Mn—O4	94.53 (7)	O5—P2—O4	113.09 (9)
O6—Mn—O4 <sup>i</sup>	157.67 (7)	O5 <sup>i</sup> —P2—O4	110.71 (9)
O6 <sup>i</sup> —Mn—O4 <sup>i</sup>	93.99 (7)	O5—P2—O4 <sup>i</sup>	110.71 (9)
O7—Mn—O4 <sup>i</sup>	94.53 (7)	O5 <sup>i</sup> —P2—O4 <sup>i</sup>	113.09 (9)
O7 <sup>i</sup> —Mn—O4 <sup>i</sup>	93.15 (7)	O4—P2—O4 <sup>i</sup>	102.63 (14)
O4—Mn—O4 <sup>i</sup>	63.72 (9)	O5—P2—Mn	126.63 (7)
O6—Mn—P2	125.84 (6)	O5 <sup>i</sup> —P2—Mn	126.63 (7)
O6 <sup>i</sup> —Mn—P2	125.84 (6)	O4—P2—Mn	51.31 (7)
O7—Mn—P2	94.52 (6)	O4 <sup>i</sup> —P2—Mn	51.31 (7)
O7 <sup>i</sup> —Mn—P2	94.52 (6)	P1—O1—Al	134.62 (12)
O4—Mn—P2	31.86 (4)	P1—O2—Al <sup>iv</sup>	144.61 (13)
O4 <sup>i</sup> —Mn—P2	31.86 (4)	P1—O3—Al <sup>v</sup>	131.12 (11)
O2 <sup>ii</sup> —Al—O1	123.95 (9)	P2—O4—Al	134.74 (11)
O2 <sup>ii</sup> —Al—O5 <sup>iii</sup>	115.92 (9)	P2—O4—Mn	96.83 (9)
O1—Al—O5 <sup>iii</sup>	120.10 (9)	Al—O4—Mn	127.51 (9)
O2 <sup>ii</sup> —Al—O3 <sup>iii</sup>	91.29 (8)	P2—O5—Al <sup>v</sup>	139.42 (12)
O1—Al—O3 <sup>iii</sup>	87.58 (8)	P1 <sup>ii</sup> —O6—Mn	127.16 (12)
O5 <sup>iii</sup> —Al—O3 <sup>iii</sup>	92.86 (8)	Mn—O7—H71	121.5
O2 <sup>ii</sup> —Al—O4	88.81 (8)	Mn—O7—H72	112.9
O1—Al—O4	89.19 (8)	H71—O7—H72	115.0

Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x, y, -z+1/2$ ; (ii)  $-x+1/2, y-1/2, -z+1/2$ ; (iii)  $x, -y+1, z-1/2$ ; (iv)  $-x+1/2, y+1/2, -z+1/2$ ; (v)  $x, -y+1, z+1/2$ .

#### Hydrogen-bond geometry ( $\text{\AA}$ , $^\circ$ )

$D—\text{H}\cdots A$	$D—\text{H}$	$\text{H}\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D—\text{H}\cdots A$
O7—H71 <sup>vi</sup> —O1 <sup>v</sup>	0.89	1.95	2.831 (3)	178
O7—H72 <sup>vi</sup> —O3 <sup>vi</sup>	0.87	2.04	2.897 (3)	166

Symmetry codes: (vi)  $x, -y+1, z+1/2$ ; (vi)  $-x+1/2, -y+1/2, -z+1$ .

## Ammonium nickel(II) dialuminium tris(phosphate) dihydrate (II)

## Crystal data

 $(\text{NH}_4)\text{NiAl}_2(\text{PO}_4)_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  $M_r = 451.65$ Monoclinic,  $C2/c$  $a = 13.0711 (3) \text{ \AA}$  $b = 10.1772 (2) \text{ \AA}$  $c = 8.74476 (19) \text{ \AA}$  $\beta = 108.527 (3)^\circ$  $V = 1103.00 (4) \text{ \AA}^3$  $Z = 4$  $F(000) = 904$  $D_x = 2.720 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation,  $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ 

Cell parameters from 14220 reflections

 $\theta = 2.6\text{--}44.8^\circ$  $\mu = 2.44 \text{ mm}^{-1}$  $T = 298 \text{ K}$ 

Plate, colourless

 $0.11 \times 0.04 \times 0.03 \text{ mm}$ 

## Data collection

XtaLAB Synergy, Single source at offset/far,  
HyPix  
diffractometerRadiation source: micro-focus sealed X-ray  
tube, PhotonJet (Mo) X-ray Source

Mirror monochromator

Detector resolution: 10.0000 pixels  $\text{mm}^{-1}$   
 $\omega$  scansAbsorption correction: numerical  
(CrysAlisPro; Rigaku OD, 2021) $T_{\min} = 0.853, T_{\max} = 0.962$ 

9320 measured reflections

1328 independent reflections

1281 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  $R_{\text{int}} = 0.021$  $\theta_{\max} = 28.0^\circ, \theta_{\min} = 2.6^\circ$  $h = -17 \rightarrow 17$  $k = -13 \rightarrow 13$  $l = -11 \rightarrow 11$ 

## Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$ 

Least-squares matrix: full

 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.018$  $wR(F^2) = 0.056$  $S = 1.14$ 

1328 reflections

97 parameters

0 restraints

Primary atom site location: dual

Hydrogen site location: difference Fourier map

H-atom parameters constrained

 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0245P)^2 + 3.4224P]$   
where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.001$  $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.42 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$  $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.36 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$ 

## Special details

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

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

	$x$	$y$	$z$	$U_{\text{iso}}^* / U_{\text{eq}}$
Ni	0.000000	0.22315 (3)	0.250000	0.00786 (10)
Al	0.17218 (4)	0.42251 (5)	0.07491 (6)	0.00453 (12)
P1	0.29302 (4)	0.62530 (5)	0.32906 (5)	0.00592 (11)
P2	0.000000	0.49528 (6)	0.250000	0.00488 (13)
N1	0.500000	0.3647 (3)	0.250000	0.0282 (7)
O1	0.20866 (11)	0.57928 (13)	0.16956 (15)	0.0093 (3)
O2	0.26781 (11)	0.77156 (13)	0.34168 (16)	0.0091 (3)
O3	0.27630 (11)	0.54936 (13)	0.47120 (15)	0.0092 (3)
O4	0.07228 (11)	0.39900 (13)	0.19411 (16)	0.0085 (3)

O5	0.06302 (11)	0.58454 (13)	0.38790 (15)	0.0088 (3)
O6	0.09292 (11)	0.10007 (14)	0.17281 (17)	0.0119 (3)
O7	0.11014 (13)	0.20652 (15)	0.48072 (18)	0.0185 (3)
H71	0.147718	0.262282	0.538535	0.028*
H72	0.150318	0.137982	0.497836	0.028*

*Atomic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )*

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
Ni	0.00760 (16)	0.00725 (17)	0.00974 (17)	0.000	0.00416 (12)	0.000
Al	0.0051 (2)	0.0041 (2)	0.0044 (2)	0.00028 (18)	0.00137 (19)	0.00000 (17)
P1	0.0066 (2)	0.0055 (2)	0.0065 (2)	-0.00124 (15)	0.00321 (16)	-0.00082 (15)
P2	0.0047 (3)	0.0056 (3)	0.0045 (3)	0.000	0.0017 (2)	0.000
N1	0.0316 (16)	0.0160 (13)	0.0391 (17)	0.000	0.0143 (14)	0.000
O1	0.0120 (6)	0.0080 (6)	0.0078 (6)	-0.0016 (5)	0.0028 (5)	-0.0024 (5)
O2	0.0106 (6)	0.0065 (6)	0.0110 (6)	-0.0018 (5)	0.0044 (5)	-0.0021 (5)
O3	0.0111 (6)	0.0091 (6)	0.0090 (6)	0.0006 (5)	0.0056 (5)	0.0019 (5)
O4	0.0093 (6)	0.0073 (6)	0.0114 (6)	0.0005 (5)	0.0069 (5)	-0.0001 (5)
O5	0.0087 (6)	0.0097 (6)	0.0064 (6)	-0.0007 (5)	0.0002 (5)	-0.0020 (5)
O6	0.0085 (6)	0.0111 (6)	0.0183 (7)	-0.0002 (5)	0.0075 (5)	-0.0026 (5)
O7	0.0192 (8)	0.0153 (7)	0.0149 (7)	0.0010 (6)	-0.0032 (6)	-0.0033 (6)

*Geometric parameters ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $\text{^\circ}$ )*

Ni—O6	2.0052 (13)	Al—O4	1.9271 (14)
Ni—O6 <sup>i</sup>	2.0052 (13)	P1—O6 <sup>iv</sup>	1.5180 (14)
Ni—O7 <sup>i</sup>	2.0799 (15)	P1—O2	1.5361 (14)
Ni—O7	2.0799 (15)	P1—O3	1.5371 (13)
Ni—O4	2.1512 (13)	P1—O1	1.5502 (13)
Ni—O4 <sup>i</sup>	2.1513 (13)	P2—O5 <sup>i</sup>	1.5253 (13)
Ni—P2	2.7695 (7)	P2—O5	1.5253 (13)
Al—O2 <sup>ii</sup>	1.7731 (14)	P2—O4	1.5444 (13)
Al—O1	1.7908 (14)	P2—O4 <sup>i</sup>	1.5444 (13)
Al—O5 <sup>iii</sup>	1.7979 (14)	O7—H71	0.8131
Al—O3 <sup>iii</sup>	1.8818 (14)	O7—H72	0.8572
O6—Ni—O6 <sup>i</sup>	102.68 (8)	O5 <sup>iii</sup> —Al—O4	90.50 (6)
O6—Ni—O7 <sup>i</sup>	85.94 (6)	O3 <sup>iii</sup> —Al—O4	176.10 (6)
O6 <sup>i</sup> —Ni—O7 <sup>i</sup>	88.23 (6)	O6 <sup>iv</sup> —P1—O2	113.48 (8)
O6—Ni—O7	88.23 (6)	O6 <sup>iv</sup> —P1—O3	108.43 (8)
O6 <sup>i</sup> —Ni—O7	85.94 (6)	O2—P1—O3	109.89 (8)
O7 <sup>i</sup> —Ni—O7	170.66 (9)	O6 <sup>iv</sup> —P1—O1	111.07 (8)
O6—Ni—O4	94.96 (5)	O2—P1—O1	104.47 (8)
O6 <sup>i</sup> —Ni—O4	162.34 (5)	O3—P1—O1	109.41 (8)
O7 <sup>i</sup> —Ni—O4	93.78 (6)	O5 <sup>i</sup> —P2—O5	106.90 (11)
O7—Ni—O4	93.98 (6)	O5 <sup>i</sup> —P2—O4	111.02 (7)
O6—Ni—O4 <sup>i</sup>	162.34 (5)	O5—P2—O4	113.39 (7)
O6 <sup>i</sup> —Ni—O4 <sup>i</sup>	94.96 (5)	O5 <sup>i</sup> —P2—O4 <sup>i</sup>	113.39 (7)

O7 <sup>i</sup> —Ni—O4 <sup>i</sup>	93.98 (6)	O5—P2—O4 <sup>i</sup>	111.02 (7)
O7—Ni—O4 <sup>i</sup>	93.78 (6)	O4—P2—O4 <sup>i</sup>	101.24 (10)
O4—Ni—O4 <sup>i</sup>	67.41 (7)	O5 <sup>i</sup> —P2—Ni	126.55 (5)
O6—Ni—P2	128.66 (4)	O5—P2—Ni	126.55 (5)
O6 <sup>i</sup> —Ni—P2	128.66 (4)	O4—P2—Ni	50.62 (5)
O7 <sup>i</sup> —Ni—P2	94.67 (4)	O4 <sup>i</sup> —P2—Ni	50.62 (5)
O7—Ni—P2	94.67 (4)	P1—O1—Al	133.93 (9)
O4—Ni—P2	33.70 (3)	P1—O2—Al <sup>iv</sup>	142.39 (9)
O4 <sup>i</sup> —Ni—P2	33.71 (3)	P1—O3—Al <sup>v</sup>	128.58 (8)
O2 <sup>ii</sup> —Al—O1	124.32 (7)	P2—O4—Al	132.86 (8)
O2 <sup>ii</sup> —Al—O5 <sup>iii</sup>	117.33 (7)	P2—O4—Ni	95.68 (6)
O1—Al—O5 <sup>iii</sup>	118.28 (7)	Al—O4—Ni	130.40 (7)
O2 <sup>ii</sup> —Al—O3 <sup>iii</sup>	92.12 (6)	P2—O5—Al <sup>v</sup>	140.21 (9)
O1—Al—O3 <sup>iii</sup>	87.71 (6)	P1 <sup>ii</sup> —O6—Ni	126.87 (8)
O5 <sup>iii</sup> —Al—O3 <sup>iii</sup>	93.10 (6)	Ni—O7—H71	129.9
O2 <sup>ii</sup> —Al—O4	87.54 (6)	Ni—O7—H72	115.6
O1—Al—O4	89.27 (6)	H71—O7—H72	104.1

Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x, y, -z+1/2$ ; (ii)  $-x+1/2, y-1/2, -z+1/2$ ; (iii)  $x, -y+1, z-1/2$ ; (iv)  $-x+1/2, y+1/2, -z+1/2$ ; (v)  $x, -y+1, z+1/2$ .

#### Hydrogen-bond geometry ( $\text{\AA}$ , °)

$D\text{—H}\cdots A$	$D\text{—H}$	$\text{H}\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D\text{—H}\cdots A$
O7—H71···O1 <sup>v</sup>	0.81	1.99	2.790 (2)	167
O7—H72···O3 <sup>vi</sup>	0.86	2.11	2.961 (2)	170

Symmetry codes: (v)  $x, -y+1, z+1/2$ ; (vi)  $-x+1/2, -y+1/2, -z+1$ .