

Synthesis and Characterisation of $[\text{XeF}_5]_3[\text{Ti}_4\text{F}_{19}]$ Containing a Discrete $[\text{Ti}_4\text{F}_{19}]^{3-}$ Anion

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The complex $[\text{XeF}_5]_3[\text{Ti}_4\text{F}_{19}]$ was prepared by reaction of XeF_2 , TiF_4 and UV-irradiated elemental fluorine in anhydrous hydrogen fluoride as the solvent. The crystal structure of $[\text{XeF}_5]_3[\text{Ti}_4\text{F}_{19}]$ consists of $[\text{XeF}_5]^+$ cations and discrete $[\text{Ti}_4\text{F}_{19}]^{3-}$ anions. The $[\text{XeF}_5]$ units have usual slightly distorted pseudo-octahedral symmetry. Contrary to the previously reported $[\text{Ti}_4\text{F}_{18}]^{2-}$ anion, where each TiF_6 octahedron shares three apexes with three other octahedra, in $[\text{Ti}_4\text{F}_{19}]^{3-}$,

only two μ_3 - $[\text{TiF}_6]$ octahedra share three apexes with three other $[\text{TiF}_6]$ units. Each of the remaining two μ_2 - $[\text{TiF}_6]$ octahedra shares only two vertices with two of the above-mentioned μ_3 - $[\text{TiF}_6]$ moieties. The Raman spectrum of $[\text{XeF}_5]_3[\text{Ti}_4\text{F}_{19}]$ is in agreement with the presence of $[\text{XeF}_5]^+$ cations and $[\text{Ti}_4\text{F}_{19}]^{3-}$ anions.

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Introduction

The reaction between TiF_4 and an excess amount of XeF_6 at ambient temperature yields $(\text{XeF}_6)_4 \cdot \text{TiF}_4$.^[1] The latter releases XeF_6 under dynamic vacuum at 40 °C to give $\text{XeF}_6 \cdot \text{TiF}_4$, which decomposes further at 65 °C into XeF_6 and $\text{XeF}_6 \cdot 2\text{TiF}_4$.^[1] The compositions of the obtained phases were determined by elemental chemical analysis.^[1] Their infrared spectra and magnetic susceptibilities were also reported.^[1] Because no structural data on these compounds is known, a systematic study was undertaken to achieve a better understanding of the possible phases in the $\text{XeF}_6/\text{TiF}_4$ system and to investigate the nature of the isolated products {i.e., $[\text{XeF}_5]^+$, $[\text{Xe}_2\text{F}_{11}]^+$ or mixed $[\text{XeF}_5]^+$ - $[\text{Xe}_2\text{F}_{11}]^+$ salts and the composition of the anionic part: $[\text{Ti}_n\text{F}_{4n+x}]^{x-}$ ($n, x \geq 1$)}.

Results and Discussion

Instead of XeF_6 , we used XeF_2 as a starting material and as precursor for the in situ preparation of XeF_6 . The $\text{XeF}_2/\text{TiF}_4$ mixtures could be prepared in the requested molar ratios and loaded into reaction vessels in a dry box; meanwhile, XeF_6 could be added onto TiF_4 only by condensation in a vacuum system.^[2] XeF_2 was converted into XeF_6 by photochemical reaction with UV-irradiated elemental fluorine in anhydrous hydrogen fluoride (aHF) as a solvent. This method is very convenient for the preparation of some binary and ternary fluorides in which the transition metal is

in the highest oxidation state.^[3–8] Reactions between different starting mol ratios of XeF_2 and TiF_4 were investigated [$n(\text{XeF}_2)/n(\text{TiF}_4) = 4:1, 3:1, 2:1, 1:1, 1:2, 1:3$]. To obtain a definitive answer as to whether the isolated products are single phases or mixtures of different ones, the isolated solids were dissolved in aHF and recrystallised. Although different kinds of crystals were observed, all attempts resulted so far only in the determination of the crystal structure of $3\text{XeF}_6 \cdot 4\text{TiF}_4$. The synthesis of $3\text{XeF}_6 \cdot 4\text{TiF}_4$ was later achieved by the photochemical fluorination of a $\text{XeF}_2/\text{TiF}_4$ mixture with a mol ratio of $\text{XeF}_2/\text{TiF}_4 = 3:4$ in aHF.

The crystal structure of $3\text{XeF}_6 \cdot 4\text{TiF}_4$ consists of $[\text{XeF}_5]^+$ cations and previously unknown discrete $[\text{Ti}_4\text{F}_{19}]^{3-}$ anions. The compound $3\text{XeF}_6 \cdot 4\text{TiF}_4$ is therefore formulated as $[\text{XeF}_5]_3[\text{Ti}_4\text{F}_{19}]$. There are three crystallographically non-equivalent $[\text{XeF}_5]^+$ cations in the crystal structure of $[\text{XeF}_5]_3[\text{Ti}_4\text{F}_{19}]$. All three $[\text{XeF}_5]$ units have well-known, slightly distorted pseudo-octahedral symmetry,^[9] where the axial $\text{Xe}-\text{F}_{\text{ax}}$ distances [$\text{Xe1}-\text{F13}$ 1.820(5) Å, $\text{Xe2}-\text{F23}$ 1.811(5) Å, $\text{Xe3}-\text{F33}$ 1.822(5) Å] are slightly shorter than the equatorial [$\text{Xe1}-\text{F}_{\text{eq}}$ 1.834(5)–1.847(5) Å, $\text{Xe2}-\text{F}_{\text{eq}}$ 1.826(5)–1.852(5) Å, $\text{Xe3}-\text{F}_{\text{eq}}$ 1.838(5)–1.849(5) Å] distances. Each of the $[\text{XeF}_5]$ units makes further contacts with the fluorine atoms of three $[\text{Ti}_4\text{F}_{19}]^{3-}$ anions, where $\text{Xe1} \cdots \text{F}$ 2.568, 2.664, 2.694 and 2.812 Å; $\text{Xe3} \cdots \text{F}$ 2.559, 2.594 and 2.610 Å and $\text{Xe2} \cdots \text{F}$ 2.470, 2.707 and 2.712 Å, with the next closest $\text{F}(\text{Xe2})$ being at 3.146 Å. The sum of the $\text{Xe} \cdots \text{F}$ van der Waals radii is 3.63 Å.^[10] Although the number and strength of these contacts is not the same for all three $[\text{XeF}_5]$ units, they all show the same feature. The anionic fluorine atoms involved in these contacts are arranged symmetrically around the pseudo-fourfold axis of the $[\text{XeF}_5]$ unit (i.e., around the sterically active nonbonding valence-electron pair of Xe).

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The most interesting feature of the determined crystal structure of $[\text{XeF}_5]_3[\text{Ti}_4\text{F}_{19}]$ is the presence of $[\text{Ti}_4\text{F}_{19}]^{3-}$ anions. The compounds containing isolated $[\text{TiF}_6]^{2-}$,^[11] $[\text{Ti}_2\text{F}_{11}]^{3-}$,^[12] $[\text{Ti}_2\text{F}_{10}]^{2-}$,^[13,14] and $[\text{Ti}_4\text{F}_{18}]^{2-}$,^[15,16] or polymeric $([\text{Ti}_7\text{F}_{30}]^{2-})_n$,^[17] $([\text{Ti}_8\text{F}_{33}]^{2-})_n$,^[18] $([\text{TiF}_5]^-)_n$,^[19] and $([\text{Ti}_2\text{F}_9]^-)_n$,^[16] anions are known. Contrary to a literature statement,^[15] the discrete $[\text{TiF}_7]^{3-}$ anion is not known. Fluorides of the type A_3TiF_7 ($\text{A} = \text{Rb}^+$, Cs^+ , $[\text{NH}_4]^+$)^[20] contain $[\text{TiF}_6]^{2-}$ anions and “free” fluoride ions^[21] and are better formulated as $\text{A}_3\text{F}(\text{TiF}_6)$.^[22]

The previously known $[\text{Ti}_4\text{F}_{18}]^{2-}$ anion^[15,16] consists of four $[\text{TiF}_6]$ octahedra that are associated by corners in order to build a tetrahedron of octahedra. In this way, Ti atoms are situated at the vertices of a tetrahedron (with nonbonding $\text{Ti}\cdots\text{Ti}$ distances in the 3.829–3.875 Å range and $\text{Ti}\cdots\text{Ti}\cdots\text{Ti}$ angles around 60°),^[15,16] connected by six bridging fluorine atoms and capped by three terminal fluorine atoms each (Figure 1a).

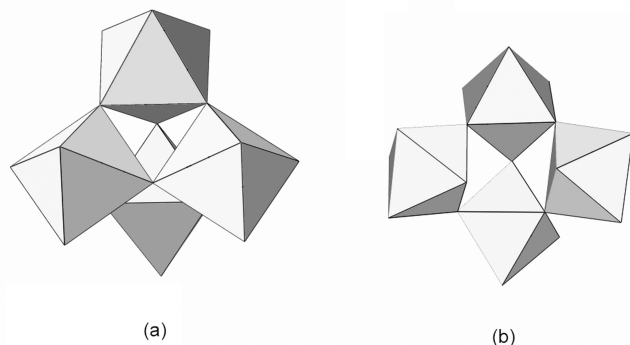


Figure 1. $[\text{Ti}_4\text{F}_{18}]^{2-}$ (a) and $[\text{Ti}_4\text{F}_{19}]^{3-}$ (b) anions, each comprising four $[\text{TiF}_6]$ octahedra.

The $[\text{Ti}_4\text{F}_{19}]^{3-}$ anion also consists of four $[\text{TiF}_6]$ octahedra that are associated in a manner different from that in $[\text{Ti}_4\text{F}_{18}]^{2-}$. Two μ_3 - $[\text{TiF}_6]$ octahedra sharing a joint apex (Figure 1b, octahedra in the middle) are additionally bridged by two μ_2 - $[\text{TiF}_6]$ units. The nonbonding $\text{Ti}\cdots\text{Ti}$ distances (3.791–3.865 Å) are in the same range as those in $[\text{Ti}_4\text{F}_{18}]^{2-}$. Only the $\text{Ti}\cdots\text{Ti}$ distance between the Ti atoms belonging to the two μ_2 - $[\text{TiF}_6]$ units is much longer (4.946 Å). The $[\text{Ti}_4\text{F}_{19}]^{3-}$ anion and three crystallographically independent $[\text{XeF}_5]^+$ cations and numbering scheme adopted are given in Figure 2. The packing diagram is depicted in Figure 3.

The $\text{Ti}-\text{F}_t$ [F_t : terminal fluorine atom; 1.747(5)–1.839(5) Å] and $\text{Ti}-\text{F}_b$ [F_b : bridging fluorine atom; 1.935(4)–2.044(4) Å] bond lengths in $[\text{XeF}_5]_3[\text{Ti}_4\text{F}_{19}]$ are comparable to those found for $[\text{Ti}_4\text{F}_{18}]^{2-}$ salts [$\text{Ti}-\text{F}_t$ 1.752(4)–1.783(4) Å; $\text{Ti}-\text{F}_b$ 1.959(4)–2.019(4) Å],^[15,16] and both sets of distances are in agreement with those previously observed in various Ti^{IV} fluoride complexes.^[23,24] Some of the $\text{Ti}-\text{F}_t$ distances (1.795–1.839 Å) are slightly elongated due to weak $\text{F}_t\cdots\text{Xe}$ interactions (2.470–2.721 Å).

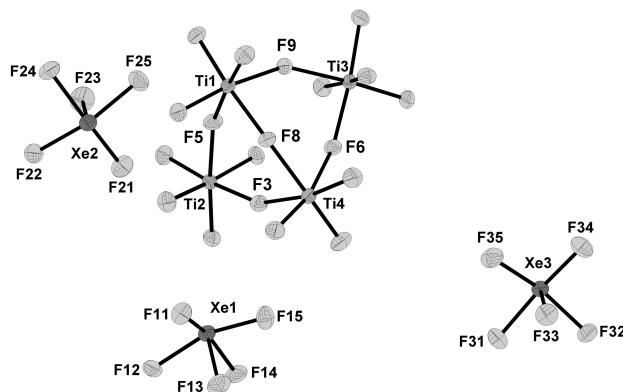


Figure 2. The $[\text{Ti}_4\text{F}_{19}]^{3-}$ anion and three crystallographically independent $[\text{XeF}_5]^+$ cations (ellipsoids are drawn at 40% probability). Selected distances [Å] and angles [°], cations: $\text{Xe}-\text{F}_{\text{ax}}$, $\text{Xe1}-\text{F13}$ 1.820(5), $\text{Xe2}-\text{F23}$ 1.811(5), $\text{Xe3}-\text{F33}$ 1.822(5); $\text{Xe}-\text{F}_{\text{eq}}$, $\text{Xe1}-\text{F14}$ 1.834(5), $\text{Xe1}-\text{F15}$ 1.841(5), $\text{Xe1}-\text{F12}$ 1.841(5), $\text{Xe1}-\text{F11}$ 1.847(5), $\text{Xe2}-\text{F21}$ 1.826(5), $\text{Xe2}-\text{F22}$ 1.839(5), $\text{Xe2}-\text{F25}$ 1.849(5), $\text{Xe2}-\text{F24}$ 1.852(5), $\text{Xe3}-\text{F34}$ 1.838(5), $\text{Xe3}-\text{F32}$ 1.843(5), $\text{Xe3}-\text{F35}$ 1.844(5), $\text{Xe3}-\text{F31}$ 1.849(5); anions: $\text{av Ti}-\text{F}_t$ 1.742 Å, $\text{av Ti}-\text{F}_b$ 1.975 Å; $\text{Ti2}-\text{F3}-\text{Ti4}$ 155.8(2), $\text{Ti1}-\text{F5}-\text{Ti2}$ 152.7(3), $\text{Ti3}-\text{F6}-\text{Ti4}$ 147.8(2), $\text{Ti1}-\text{F8}-\text{Ti4}$ 150.4(2), $\text{Ti1}-\text{F9}-\text{Ti3}$ 149.1(3).

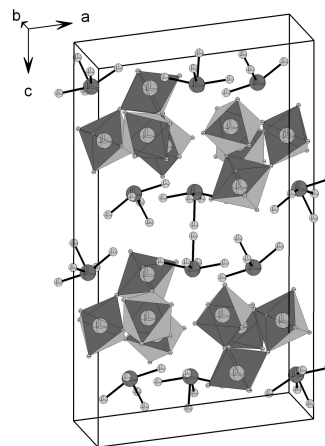
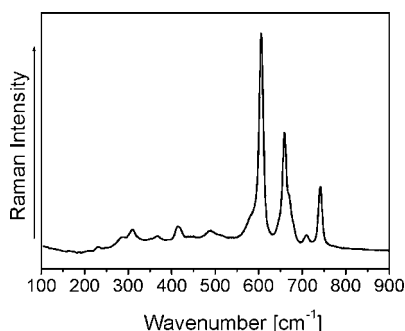


Figure 3. Packing diagram of $[\text{XeF}_5]_3[\text{Ti}_4\text{F}_{19}]$.

Vibrational Spectra

The Raman spectrum of $[\text{XeF}_5]_3[\text{Ti}_4\text{F}_{19}]$ is shown in Figure 4 with additional details given in Table 1.

The Raman spectra recorded for the powdered sample obtained by synthesis and the Raman spectra recorded for the single crystals of $[\text{XeF}_5]_3[\text{Ti}_4\text{F}_{19}]$ were essentially identical. The bands above 700 cm^{-1} could be readily assigned to the vibration of the anion. The band at 742 cm^{-1} belongs to the symmetric in-phase terminal $\text{Ti}-\text{F}$ stretching mode, where the frequency of the band increases with increasing content of TiF_4 and decreasing charge of the anion [i.e., $[\text{TiF}_6]^{2-} \approx 600$,^[27] $[\text{Ti}_2\text{F}_{10}]^{2-} \approx 703$,^[27] $([\text{TiF}_5]^-)_n \approx 724$,^[19] $[\text{Ti}_4\text{F}_{18}]^{2-} \approx 746$,^[15,16] $([\text{Ti}_2\text{F}_9]^-)_n \approx 753$,^[16] $([\text{Ti}_7\text{F}_{30}]^{2-})_n \approx 765$,^[17] $[\text{Ti}_3\text{F}_{13}]^- \approx 770$,^[27] $[\text{Ti}_6\text{F}_{25}]^- \approx 784$,^[27] and $([\text{TiF}_4])_n \approx 807 \text{ cm}^{-1}$].^[27] The assignments below 700 cm^{-1} were done by comparison with the literature data for the $[\text{XeF}_5]^+$ cat-

Figure 4. Raman spectrum of [XeF₅]₃[Ti₄F₁₉].Table 1. Raman data [cm^{−1}] of [XeF₅]₃[Ti₄F₁₉] together with literature data for [XeF₅]₃[AsF₆], [XeF₅]₂[PdF₆] and [XeF₅]₃[RuF₆].^[25,26]

[XeF ₅] ₃ [Ti ₄ F ₁₉]	[XeF ₅] ₃ [AsF ₆]	[XeF ₅] ₂ [PdF ₆]	[XeF ₅] ₃ [RuF ₆]	Assignments
742(30)				[Ti ₄ F ₁₉] ^{3−}
710(5)				[Ti ₄ F ₁₉] ^{3−}
680(sh.) ^[a]	664(5), sh.	676(3)	677(9)	[XeF ₅] ⁺ , ν ₇ (E)
670(25, sh.)	661(30)	660(5), sh.	664(1), sh.	[XeF ₅] ⁺ , ν ₇ (E)
659(58)	671(29)	653(100)	670(22)	[XeF ₅] ⁺ , ν ₁ (A ₁)
606(100)	629(100)	590(71)	606(68)	[XeF ₅] ⁺ , ν ₂ (A ₁)
	623(5), sh.	606(20)	600(10), sh.	[XeF ₅] ⁺ , ν ₄ (B ₁)
582(12, sh.)				[Ti ₄ F ₁₉] ^{3−}
516(2, sh.)				[Ti ₄ F ₁₉] ^{3−}
489(4)				[Ti ₄ F ₁₉] ^{3−}
418(5)	412(6)	425(3)	416(4)	[XeF ₅] ⁺ , ν ₈ (E)
412(6)	407(6)	396(3)	416(4)	[XeF ₅] ⁺ , ν ₈ (E)
368(3)				[Ti ₄ F ₁₉] ^{3−}
310(8)	296(15)	309(10)	312(2)	[XeF ₅] ⁺ , ν ₃ (A ₁)
284(5)				[Ti ₄ F ₁₉] ^{3−}
250(<1)	255(1)			[XeF ₅] ⁺ , ν ₆ (B ₂)
231(2)	240(0+)	230(4)	236(1)	[XeF ₅] ⁺ , ν ₅ (B ₁)
	214(4)	[230]	215(2)	[XeF ₅] ⁺ , ν ₉ (B)

[a] sh. = shoulder.

ion. The possibility that some of the cation vibrational bands overlap with the anionic ones could not be completely excluded.

Conclusions

In spite of a large number of existing compounds in the XeF₆/MF₄ (M = transition element) system,^[28] reports about the crystal structures of the corresponding [XeF₅]⁺ salts are limited to M = Pd, Ni and Cr. The crystal structure of [XeF₅]₂[MF₆] (M = Pd,^[29] Ni^[30]) consists of [XeF₅]⁺ and [MF₆]^{2−} entities. The main structural features of XeF₅CrF₅ are infinite [CrF₅][−] chains of [CrF₆] octahedra and [XeF₅]⁺ cations^[31] {the crystal structure of (XeF₅CrF₅)₄·XeF₄ was also reported^[32]}. The crystal structure of [XeF₅]₃[Ti₄F₁₉] differs from the previously described ones and represents a unique case containing discrete [M₄F₁₉]^{3−} anions.

Experimental Section

CAUTION: Anhydrous HF and some fluorides are highly toxic and must be handled in a well-ventilated hood and protective clothing must be worn at all times! XeF₆ and all of its products are

susceptible to moisture and react with water to form XeO₃, a compound that easily detonates.^[33] For treatment of HF injuries see reference.^[34]

Reagents: The compound TiF₄ was synthesised by the reaction of TiCl₃ (Aldrich, 99.999%) and elemental fluorine in aHF. The X-ray powder diffraction pattern and Raman spectrum of isolated TiF₄ were in agreement with the literature data.^[35,36] Xenon difluoride was prepared by the photochemical reaction between Xe and F₂ at ambient temperature.^[37]

Raman Spectroscopy: Raman spectra were recorded with a Renishaw Raman Imaging Microscope System 1000 by using a He–Ne laser with a wavelength of 632.8 nm.

X-ray Powder Diffraction Patterns: X-ray powder diffraction patterns were obtained by using the Debye–Scherrer technique with Ni-filtered Cu-K_α radiation. Samples were loaded into quartz capillaries (0.3 mm) in a dry box. Intensities were estimated visually.

Synthesis of [XeF₅]₃[Ti₄F₁₉]: In a dry-box, a sample of XeF₂ (1.20 mmol) and TiF₄ (1.60 mmol) were loaded into a FEP (tetrafluoroethylene–hexafluoropropylene) reaction vessel. aHF (8 mL) was condensed onto the solid at 77 K, and the reaction mixture was brought to ambient temperature. Fluorine was slowly added at ambient temperature to a pressure of 6 bar in the reaction vessel. A 400 W medium pressure mercury lamp (Baird and Tatlock, London, Type 400 LQ) was used as the UV source. After 6 d, volatiles were pumped off at 77 K and a new portion of fluorine was added. The reaction mixture was left stirring for 22 d at ambient temperature. A clear yellowish solution was obtained above an insoluble material. Volatiles were slowly pumped off at ambient temperature for 2 h, leaving behind a colourless solid. The final mass of the isolated solid was 0.501 mg (calcd. for [XeF₅]₃[Ti₄F₁₉] 0.500 mg). The Raman spectrum was recorded, the X-ray powder diffraction diagram was taken and a chemical analysis was obtained {[XeF₅]₃[Ti₄F₁₉] (1231.35): calcd. for Ti 15.56; found Ti 15.0}.

Crystal Growth of [XeF₅]₃[Ti₄F₁₉]: Single crystals growth of [XeF₅]₃[Ti₄F₁₉] was carried out in a T-shaped apparatus consisting of two FEP tubes (19 mm. o.d., and 6 mm. o.d.). [XeF₅]₃[Ti₄F₁₉] (approximately 150 mg) was loaded into the wider arm of the crystallisation vessel in the dry box. aHF (≈3 mL) was then condensed onto the starting material at 77 K. The crystallisation mixture was brought up to ambient temperature, and the clear colourless solution was decanted into the narrower arm. Evaporation of the solvent from this solution was carried out by maintaining a temperature gradient corresponding to about 10 K between both tubes for 5 weeks. The result of this treatment was to slowly condense the aHF from the narrower tube into the wider tube, leaving behind the crystals. Selected single crystals of [XeF₅]₃[Ti₄F₁₉] were placed inside 0.3-mm quartz capillaries in a dry box and their Raman spectra recorded.

Crystal Structure Determination: Crystals were immersed in perfluorinated oil (Perfluorodecalin, ABCR, 98%) in the dry box, selected under a microscope and transferred into the cold nitrogen stream of the diffractometer. Crystal data for [XeF₅]₃[Ti₄F₁₉]: *M*_t = 1231.4 g mol^{−1}, space group *P*2₁/*c* (No. 14), crystal system monoclinic, *a* = 12.0866(5) Å, *b* = 9.5615(3) Å, *c* = 21.0377(8) Å, β = 96.301(2)°, *V* = 2416.6(2) Å³, *Z* = 4, ρ_{calcd.} = 3.385 g cm^{−3}, *T* = 200 K. Data collection: Rigaku AFC7S diffractometer equipped with a Mercury CCD area detector by using graphite monochromated Mo-K_α radiation (λ = 0.71069). Reflections collected: 19129, independent reflections: 5533 (*R*_{int} = 0.0463), observed reflections [*I* > 2σ(*I*): 4846, μ = 5.663 mm^{−1}. Structural analysis and refinement: The structure was solved by direct methods with the use of the SIR-92^[38] program (program package TeXsan^[39]) and refined

with SHELXL-97^[40] software, implemented in the program package WinGX.^[41] The figures were prepared using DIAMOND 3.1^[42] and Balls & Sticks.^[43] Refinement method: Full matrix least-squares on F^2 . Data-to-parameter ratio: 5533:371. Final R indices: $R_1 = 0.0543$ [$I > 2\sigma(I)$], $wR_2 = 0.1417$ [$I > 2\sigma(I)$], $R_1 = 0.0615$ (all data), $wR_2 = 0.1539$ (all data), GOF on $F^2 = 1.2$, largest difference peak/hole: 2.992/−1.984 eÅ^{−3}. Further details of the crystal-structure investigation may be obtained from the Fachinformationszentrum Karlsruhe, 76344 Eggenstein-Leopoldshafen, Germany, on quoting the depository number CSD-420743.

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