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### 1. Periodic Building Unit:

The interrupted framework of **-CHI** can be built using the zigzag chain (bold in Figure 1) running parallel to *a* and 8 additional T atoms. The repeat distance along the zigzag chain is about 5.2 Å. The one-dimensional Periodic Building Unit (PerBU) is obtained when three zigzag chains (connected into distorted 4-rings) are linked to trimers and pentamers that form 5-rings and 9-rings as shown in Figure 1. Terminal oxygen atoms are bonded to two T atoms in each 5-ring and in each 9-ring. An alternative PerBU consists of 5-[1,1] units (bold in Fig.1 (right)). [See Alternative description]



Figure 1. PerBU in -CHI, built from zigzag chains, pentamers and trimers (left) or from 5-[1,1] units (right), viewed along a (top), and along c (bottom). Terminal oxygen atoms are indicated.

# 2. Connection mode:

Neighboring PerBUs, related by a pure translation along c and by a rotation of 180° about c and a shift of  $\frac{1}{2}c$ , are connected along c through additional zigzag chains and 4-rings and along b (and c) through 4-rings. A backbone of 4-rings having one T atom in common parallel to c is formed.



Figure 2. Connection mode in -CHI viewed along a (top), and parallel projection of the unit cell content along a (bottom left), and along c (bottom right).

# **3.** Projections of the unit cell content: See Figure 2.

## 4. Channels and/or cages:

The 9- ring channel, parallel to *a*, and a second cavity are depicted in Figure 3. The **pore descriptor** is added. Fusion of the cavities is illustrated in Figure 2.



{1 [6<sup>3</sup>12<sup>1</sup>9<sup>2/2</sup>] [100] (9-ring)}

Figure 3. 9-Ring channel in **-CHI** viewed along **b** (left), and along **a** (right). [Figure 3 is continued on next page]



### 5. Supplementary information:

#### Other framework types containing zigzag chains

In several framework types at least one of the unit cell dimensions is about n\*5.2 Å (where n = 1, 2, 3, etc.). In many cases this indicates the presence of zigzag chains.

In the **INTRO** pages links are given to detailed descriptions of these framework types (choose: **Zigzag chains**). There is also a link to a summary of the Periodic Building Units used in the building schemes of these framework types (choose: **Appendix**; **Figure 1**).

### Alternative description using (modified) 5-rings

Several framework types, like -CHI, can be constructed using (modified) 5-rings. In the INTRO pages links are given to detailed descriptions of these framework types (choose: **5-Rings**). There is also a link provided to a summary of the Periodic Building Units used in the building schemes of these framework types (choose: **Appendix**; **Figure 6**).