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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 294 K Mean  $\sigma$ (Cr–O) = 0.004 Å R factor = 0.022 wR factor = 0.059 Data-to-parameter ratio = 13.2

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# A new chain-like polyoxometallate based on B-Anderson-type building blocks and rare earth metal ion linkers

In the title polymer chain, *catena*-poly[[[hexa- $\mu_2$ -hydroxido-hexa- $\mu_3$ -oxido-decaoxido-chromium(III)hexamolybdenum(IV)]- $\mu_2$ -oxido-[heptaaquaneodymium(III)]- $\mu_2$ -oxido] tetra-hydrate], [NdCrMo<sub>6</sub>O<sub>18</sub>(OH)<sub>6</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>7</sub>]-4H<sub>2</sub>O, the Nd atom has a tricapped trigonal-prismatic environment, being coordinated by two terminal O atoms from different [Cr(OH)<sub>6</sub>-Mo<sub>6</sub>O<sub>18</sub>]<sup>3-</sup> units, and by seven water molecules. In the crystal structure, hydrogen bonds result in the formation of a three-dimensional network and may be effective in the stabilization of the structure.

## Comment

Polyoxometallate compounds have attracted considerable attention due to their variety of structures and their potential applications in catalysis, biochemical analysis, medicinal chemistry and magnetism (Pope & Müller, 1991; Shivaiah & Das. 2005: Shivaiah et al., 2003: Khan et al., 2003). Most of them have discrete cluster-like structures containing arrays of edge-, corner- and face-sharing octahedral  $\{MO_6\}$  coordinated  $\{MO_6\}$  units (where M is Mo, W, V etc.), and they play an important role in forming new classes of materials with potentially useful electronic and magnetic properties (Gimenez-Saiz et al., 1995; Lopez et al., 2002; Müller et al., 1998). Taking advantage of the ability of polyanions to act as ligands, it is possible to form cation-polyanion complexes which may exhibit low-dimensional, or even high-dimensional, structures. We report here a new example, the title extended polyoxometallate,  $[Nd(H_2O)_7Cr(OH)_6Mo_6O_{18}]_n \cdot 4nH_2O$ , (I), which contains an Anderson anion acting as a bidentate ligand and coordinating to two Nd ions.



© 2007 International Union of Crystallography All rights reserved The asymmetric unit of (I) is shown in Fig. 1. In the cluster, according to the manner of oxygen coordination, four kinds of

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#### Figure 1

The asymmetric unit of (I). All H atoms are omitted for clarity. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level.



#### Figure 2

The two-dimensional layer of (I). Hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines. AUTHOR: please provide a revised version of this Figure.

O atoms exist, namely terminal (Ot), terminal linked to  $Nd^{3+}$ (Ot'), double-bridging (Ob) and central (Oc). Thus, the Mo-O distances can be grouped into four sets, Mo-Ot [1.692 (6)-1.719 (5) Å], Mo-Ot' [1.722 (5) Å], Mo-Ob [1.889 (5)-1.973 (5) Å] and Mo-Oc [2.262 (5)-2.319 (5) Å]. Compound (I) is isostructural with  $[La(H_2O)_7Cr(OH)_6Mo_6O_{18}]_n \cdot 4nH_2O$ (Shivaiah et al., 2002).

In the title polymer chain, the coordination number of each Nd atom is 9 and they each exhibit a tricapped trigonalprismatic environment, coordinated by two terminal O atoms from different [Cr(OH)<sub>6</sub>Mo<sub>6</sub>O<sub>18</sub>]<sup>3-</sup> units and by seven water molecules. These coordination patterns result in slightly longer Mo-Ot' bonds than the unshared Mo-Ot bonds. There are multi-point hydrogen bonds between the water molecules coordinated to the Nd ion, the coordinated hydroxide ions of the central  $\{Cr(OH)_6\}$  unit and the water molecules (Table 1).

As can be seen from the packing diagram (Fig. 2), the hydrogen bonds (Table 1) result in the formation of a threedimensional network and may be effective in the stabilization of the crystal structure.

## **Experimental**

Na<sub>3</sub>[CrMo<sub>6</sub>O<sub>24</sub>H<sub>6</sub>]·8H<sub>2</sub>O was prepared according to the literature method of Perloff (1970). Na<sub>3</sub>[CrMo<sub>6</sub>O<sub>24</sub>H<sub>6</sub>]·8H<sub>2</sub>O (1.00 g, 0.8 mmol) was dissolved in water (10 ml). A dilute hydrochloric acid solution (6 M, 10 ml) of Nd<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (0.34 g, 1 mmol) was then added to the above aqueous solution. The initial pH value of this mixture was adjusted to 3.3 with NaOH solution (2 M, 1 ml). The filtrate was kept for 38 d under ambient conditions and then the solution afforded purple-red block-shaped crystals of (I) (yield 0.18 g, 53%).

#### Crystal data

20142 measured reflections

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.021$ 

5150 independent reflections

5000 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

## Data collection

Rigaku R-AXIS IV diffractometer Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 2003)  $T_{\min} = 0.521, \ T_{\max} = 0.581$ (expected range = 0.488 - 0.544)

### Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.022$	1249 Friedel pairs
$wR(F^2) = 0.059$	H-atom parameters constrained
S = 1.08	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 1.28 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$
5150 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.85 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
389 parameters	Absolute structure: Flack (1983)
1 restraint	Flack parameter: 0.531 (12)

#### Table 1 Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdots A$	$D-{\rm H}$	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
O1W-H2···O10	0.85	2.39	3.060 (7)	137
$O8W-H16\cdots O1W$	0.85	2.09	2.843 (4)	147
$O1W-H1\cdots O15^{i}$	0.85	2.05	2.617 (7)	123
O8W−H15····O14 <sup>ii</sup>	0.85	2.15	2.771 (3)	129
$O9W-H17\cdots O14^{ii}$	0.85	2.11	2.917 (4)	159
O2W−H4···O2 <sup>iii</sup>	0.85	2.11	2.855 (8)	146
$O9W-H18\cdots O24^{iv}$	0.85	1.97	2.647 (3)	136
$O4W-H8\cdots O11W$	0.85	1.90	2.697 (7)	155
$O6W-H11\cdots O3^{v}$	0.85	2.23	2.883 (3)	133
$O7W-H13\cdots O12^{vi}$	0.85	2.15	2.963 (9)	160
$O11W - H22 \cdots O4W$	0.85	2.17	2.697 (9)	120
$O10W - H19 \cdots O5W^{vii}$	0.85	2.14	2.751 (9)	129

Symmetry codes: (i)  $x - \frac{1}{2}, -y + 1, z$ ; (ii) x, y - 1, z; (iii)  $-x + 1, -y + 1, z - \frac{1}{2}$ ; (iv)  $x + \frac{1}{2}, -y + 1, z;$ (v) (vi)  $-x + \frac{3}{2}$ , v  $-1. z - \frac{1}{2}$  $-x+1, -y+1, z+\frac{1}{2}$ 

H atoms were located in difference syntheses and constrained to ride on their parent atoms, with O-H = 0.85 Å and  $U_{iso}(H) =$  $1.2U_{eq}(O)$ . The value of the Flack parameter indicates inversion twinning. The maximum electron-density peak is located 1.01 Å from atom Nd1.

Data collection: PROCESS-AUTO (Higashi, 1996); cell refinement: PROCESS-AUTO; data reduction: PROCESS-AUTO; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: TEXSAN (Molecular Structure Corporation, 1989); software used to prepare material for publication: TEXSAN.

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