

Synthesis and Characterization of a Novel Linear
Tetranuclear Manganese Complex with Three Different
Oxidation States (II,III,IV,II)

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A novel linear tetranuclear manganese(II,III,IV,II) complex, was prepared, $[\text{Mn}_4(\text{tpdp})_2(\text{O})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4](\text{ClO}_4)_5 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$, where Htpdp is 1,3-bis[bis(2-pyridylmethyl)amino]-2-propanol, and its crystal structure was determined by X-ray structure analysis. The complex cation consists of di(μ -oxo)dimanganese(III,IV) mixed valent unit to which two manganese(II) ions are linked by the alkoxo bridges of tpdp, forming a linear tetranuclear structure Mn(II,-III,IV,II).

The oxygen-evolving center (OEC) in photosystem II in green plants and algae has been shown to contain four manganese ions (Mn_4 aggregate) which catalytically oxidize two water molecules to molecular oxygen. In the Kok's S state scheme,¹⁾ manganese ions have various oxidation states, II, III, and IV.²⁾ Although the nature of the manganese center and the reaction mechanism of water oxidation remain ambiguous, the presence of di(μ -oxo)dimanganese unit has been suggested in the S_1 and S_2 states by ESR, EXAFS, and XANES studies.³⁾ A variety of mixed valence tetranuclear complexes in various oxidation states have been devised as the models for S_n states in PS II.⁴⁾ In this study, we report the synthesis of a novel linear tetranuclear manganese(II,III,IV,II) complex with di(μ -oxo)dimanganese(III,IV) unit, $[\text{Mn}_4(\text{tpdp})_2(\text{O})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4](\text{ClO}_4)_5 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1)⁵⁾ and its structural characterization, where Htpdp is 1,3-bis[bis(2-pyridylmethyl)amino]-2-propanol. Previously we and Chan et al. have independently reported that tpdp forms another type of a linear tetranuclear manganese(II,III,-

III,II) complex, $[\text{Mn}_4(\text{tpdp})_2(\text{CH}_3\text{COO})_2(\text{O})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]^{4+}$ (2).^{4f,4g})

The complex was prepared as follows: To a solution of Htpdp (1 mmol) in 20 cm³ of ethanol was added $\text{Mn}(\text{ClO}_4)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (2 mmol) in 20 cm³ of H₂O. Triethylamine (1 mmol) in 5 cm³ of ethanol was added with stirring. The resulting solution gradually reacted with O₂ to change in color from original pale yellow to brown. The brown solution was allowed to stand overnight to give brown crystals. Recrystallization was achieved from hot water. Found: C, 35.98; H, 4.03; N, 9.41%. Calcd for $\text{Mn}_4\text{C}_{54}\text{H}_{66}\text{N}_{12}\text{O}_8(\text{ClO}_4)_5 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$: C, 36.03; H, 4.14; N, 9.34%. The complex was also prepared by recrystallizing the perchlorate salt of 2 from hot water under O₂.

The average oxidation state of the four manganese ions determined by the method of Blecher and West⁶⁾ was 2.75, indicating that a possible combination of the oxidation states of four manganese ions is either (Mn²⁺, 3Mn³⁺) or (2Mn²⁺, Mn³⁺, Mn⁴⁺). The replacement of Mn²⁺ ion with Zn²⁺ ion was attempted in order to clarify the oxidation states of four manganese ions. The reaction of 1 with Zn²⁺ ion in water resulted in the replacement of Mn²⁺ ion by Zn²⁺ ion to give a dark brown heterometal complex, $[\text{Zn}_2\text{Mn}_2(\text{tpdp})_2(\text{O})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4](\text{ClO}_4)_5 \cdot 1.5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (3).⁷⁾ The comparisons of ESR and cyclic voltamograms of 1 and 3 strongly suggested the presence of Mn₂(III,IV) unit (vide infra).

A dark brown prismatic crystal with dimensions of 0.1 x 0.2 x 0.2 mm³ was used for X-ray structure analysis. Crystal data: $[\text{Mn}_4(\text{tpdp})_2(\text{O})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4](\text{ClO}_4)_5 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$: F.W=1800.26, monoclinic, C₂/C,⁸⁾ a=23.664(9), b=21.748(10), c=16.319(8) Å, β=118.96(3)°, V=7348.8(59) Å³, Z=4, D_m=1.63, D_c=1.63 g cm³, μ(Mo-Kα)=9.89 cm⁻¹. Intensity data were collected by a Rigaku AFC-5R automated four-circle diffractometer with graphite-monochromated Mo-Kα radiation. A total of 8074 reflections with 2θ < 55° were obtained, of which independent 2424 reflections with |F_o| > 3σ|F_o| were used for the structure determination. The structure was solved by the direct method and refined by the block-diagonal least squares method. The current R factor is 0.064.

The crystal structure consists

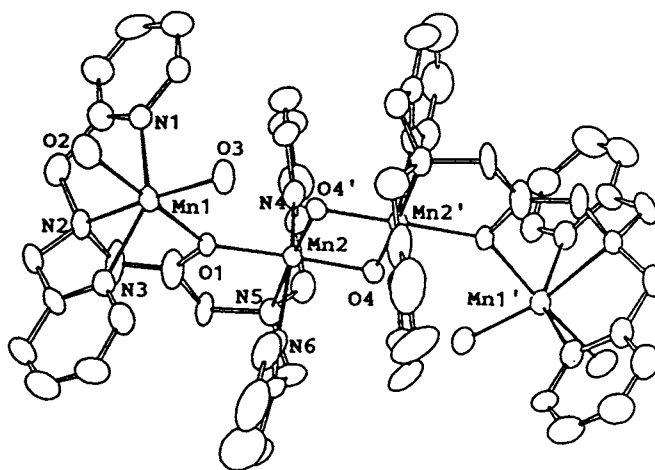


Fig. 1. Selected bond distances (1/Å) and angles (φ/°): Mn1-Mn2 3.814(3), Mn2-Mn2' 2.727(2), Mn1-O1 2.189(6), Mn1-O2 2.239(8), Mn1-O3 2.091(4), Mn1-N1 2.214(9), Mn1-N2 2.308(4), Mn1-N3 2.232(8), Mn2-O1 1.945(7), Mn2-O4 1.838(7), Mn2-O4' 1.789(2), Mn2-N4 2.124(9), Mn2-N5 2.090(3), Mn2-N6 2.182(9); Mn1-O1-Mn2 134.6(7), Mn2-O4(O4')-Mn2' 97.5(3).

of a tetranuclear complex cation, five perchlorate anions, and four water molecules. One of the five perchlorate anions is disordered at two positions with occupancy factor 0.5 around two hold axis. Figure 1 shows the molecular structure of the complex cation. Since the complex cation possesses C_2 symmetry, Mn1 and Mn1' are crystallographically equivalent, and Mn2 and Mn2' also equivalent. All the manganese ions are in distorted octahedron. The complex cation consists of di(μ -oxo)dimanganese unit to which additional two manganese atoms are linked by the alkoxo bridges of tpdp, forming a linear tetranuclear structure. The average bond distances of Mn1-N and Mn1-O are 2.25 and 2.17 Å, respectively, which are consistent with those of Mn^{2+} moiety in **2**. The Mn2-N bond distances range from 2.09 to 2.18 Å, which are slightly shorter than those of Mn^{3+} moiety of **2**, and are comparable to the mean value of Mn(III)-N and Mn(IV)-N bond distances in the dinuclear manganese(III,IV) complex with N_3O donor set, $[Mn_2(N_3O-py)_2(O)_2]^+$ (**4**) (HN_3O-py =bis(2-pyridylmethyl)(carboxymethyl)amine).⁹ The average Mn-O(oxo) bond distance (1.81 Å) is also comparable to the mean value of the Mn(III)-O(oxo) and Mn(IV)-O(oxo) distances in **4**. For the equivalence of Mn2 and Mn2', there are two possible cases: (1) The Mn2 and Mn2' moieties are chemically equivalent, corresponding to $Mn^{2+}-Mn^{3.5+}-Mn^{3.5+}-Mn^{2+}$ arrangement, i.e., the seventh Mn d electron is delocalized completely between Mn2 and Mn2' moieties. (2) The Mn2 and Mn2' moieties are not chemically equivalent and the observed structure is a superposition of $Mn^{2+}-Mn^{3+}-Mn^{4+}-Mn^{2+}$ and $Mn^{2+}-Mn^{4+}-Mn^{3+}-Mn^{2+}$ arrangements (disordered structure). The latter structure ($Mn^{2+}-Mn^{3+}-Mn^{4+}-Mn^{2+}$ arrangement) is strongly suggested by the following ESR spectrum of **3**.

The ESR spectrum of **1** shows broad signal. The replacement of Mn^{2+} ions by diamagnetic Zn^{2+} ions causes a dramatic change in the ESR spectrum: the spectrum of **3** exhibits a sixteen ^{55}Mn hyperfine pattern at $g \approx 2$ extended over 1200 G (Fig. 2). This is characteristic of those of the antiferromagnetically coupled dinuclear $Mn_2(III,-IV)$ complexes,¹⁰ indicating the presence of di(μ -oxo)dimanganese(III,IV) unit and the valences of manganese ions are firmly trapped.

The cyclic voltamograms of **1** and **3** show two quasi-reversible redox couples at 0.39 and 0.93 V vs. SCE, and 0.50 and 0.96 V vs. SCE, respectively, in acetonitrile containing 0.1 mol dm^3 (n-butyl) $_4NClO_4$. The similarity of the

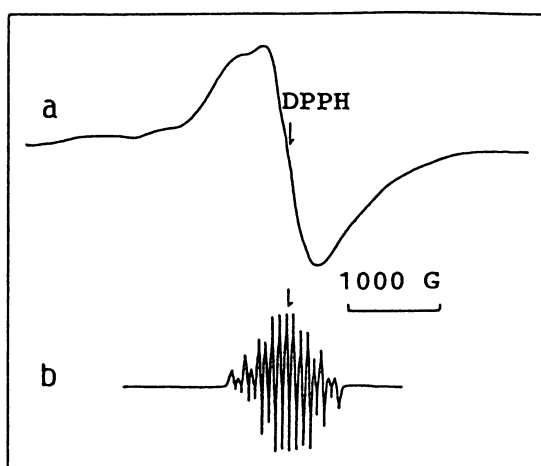


Fig. 2. ESR spectra of **1** (a) and **3** (b) in acetonitrile-toluene-ethanol (2 : 1 : 1) at 77 K.

cyclic voltamograms of **1** and **3** indicates that these two redox couples are due to $Mn_2(III,IV)$ moiety, but not $Mn(II)$ moiety. The reduction at 0.0 V and oxidation at 1.0 V vs. SCE of **1** reveal that the redox couples at 0.39 and 0.93 V vs. SCE correspond to one electron transfer assignable to $Mn_2(III,IV)/Mn_2(III,III)$ and $Mn_2(IV,IV)/Mn_2(III,IV)$ couples, respectively.

The effective magnetic moment of **1** is almost constant from 8.2 B.M./ Mn_4 at 300 K to 8.1 B.M./ Mn_4 at 80 K which are smaller than the spin-only value (10.44 B.M.) of $Mn_4(II,III,IV,II)$, indicating the presence of antiferromagnetic interaction between four manganese ions. Detailed magnetic study of these complexes will be reported elsewhere.

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