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A Novel Layered Mixed-Valence Vanadium Phenanthroline Complex: Hydrothermal Synthesis and Crystal Structure of $[V^{IV}V^{V}_2O_7(\text{phen})]_n$

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Recent investigations of the coordination chemistry of poly-metalated compounds with organic ligands revealed an extensive class of polyoxovanadium complexes,¹⁻⁴ but to our knowledge, polyoxovanadium complexes containing bidentate organic amines ligands are rare,⁵ and no layered structures have been reported. This paper describes the hydrothermal synthesis and the layered structure of the mixed-valence vanadium complex $[V^{IV}V^{V}_2O_7(\text{phen})]_n$.

A 0.182 g (10 mmol) sample of V_2O_5 and 0.198 g (10 mmol) of phenanthroline were placed in a 30 mL glass-lined autoclave. The filling was adjusted to 60% with distilled water, and the mixture was heated at 180 °C and autogeneous pressure for 2 days. After the reaction vessel was cooled to room temperature over a 12-h period, the blue-black prism crystals (0.12 g, 40% based on vanadium) were filtered off, washed several times with distilled water, and dried in air. Anal. Calc for $C_{12}H_8N_2V_3O_7$: C, 32.4; H, 1.8; N, 6.3. Found: C, 32.1; H, 2.0; N, 6.3.

The atoms in the asymmetric unit and the numbering scheme are shown in Figure 1.⁶ There are three chemically and crystallographically unique vanadium centers. The V1 site

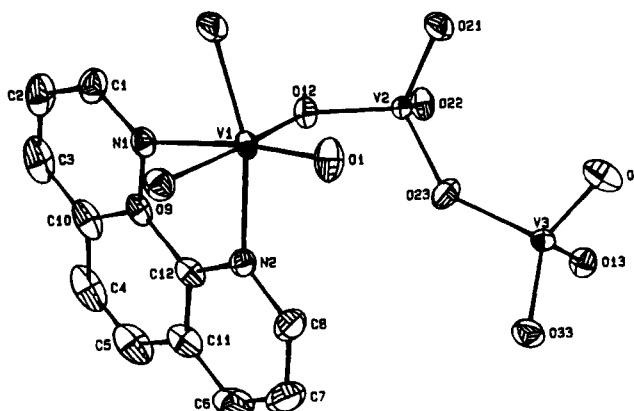


Figure 1. Molecular structure of $V^{IV}V^{V}_2O_7(\text{phen})$. Important bond lengths (nm): V1–O1, 1.589(2); V1–O13, 1.955(2); V1–O21, 1.982(2); V1–O12, 2.059(2); V1–N1, 2.277(2); V1–N2, 2.114(2); V2–O12, 1.660(2); V2–O21, 1.661(2); V2–O23, 1.735(2); V2–O22, 1.800(2); V3–O3, 1.597(2); V3–O13, 1.672(2); V3–O33, 1.7776(8); V3–O23, 1.815(2).

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- (6) Crystal data: $C_{12}H_8N_2V_3O_7$, $M_r = 445.03$, monoclinic, space group $P2_1/c$, $a = 0.9594(4)$ nm, $b = 1.0063(2)$ nm, $c = 1.5012(2)$ nm, $\beta = 98.83(3)^\circ$, $V = 1.4323(77)$ nm³, $Z = 4$, $D_c = 2.06$ g cm⁻³. An Enraf-Nonius CAD4 diffractometer with Mo K α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71069$ Å) and a graphite monochromator was used to collect 3491 diffraction maxima ($2 < 2\theta < 53.9^\circ$) from a blue-black prism crystal of dimensions $0.40 \times 0.45 \times 0.20$ mm³ at 296 K. Of these, 3301 were

consists of a distorted octahedral center coordinated by two N atoms of phenanthroline, a terminal oxo, and three corner-sharing oxygens connected to the vanadium polyhedron. The V2 site consists of a distorted tetrahedral center coordinated by four corner-sharing oxygens connected to the vanadium polyhedron. The V3 site consists of a distorted tetrahedral center coordinated by a terminal oxo and three corner-sharing oxygens connected to the vanadium polyhedron. Bond valence calcula-

unique and 2774 observed [$I > 3\sigma(I)$]. No absorption correction was applied to the data ($\mu = 18.96$ cm⁻¹). The structure was solved by direct methods and refined by full-matrix least-squares procedures with $R = 0.034$, $R_w = 0.044$ ($w = \sigma^{-2}(F)$).

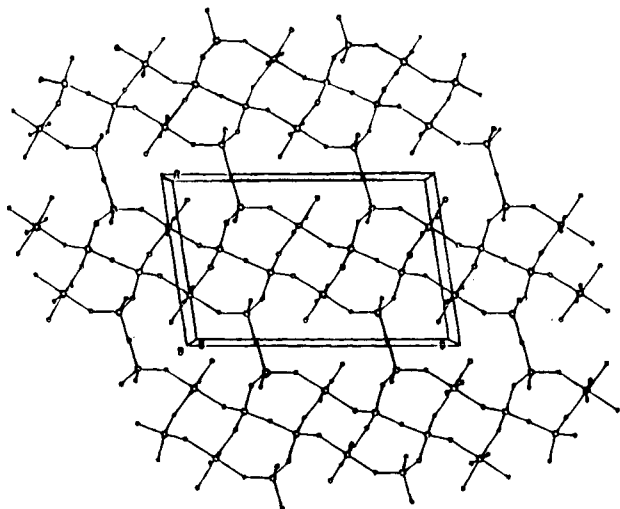


Figure 2. Unit cell contents viewed along the *b* axis: ○, vanadium atom; ◦, oxygen atom; •, nitrogen atom.

tion by the Pauling principle⁷ and the empirical formal derived by Brown and Altermatt^{8,9} confirm that the sum of the formal oxidation states for the three vanadium atoms in one structure unit is 14. The result indicates that there is only one isolated

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V^{IV} species in the formula unit. The magnetic susceptibility data support this assignment, with an average magnetic moment of 2.16 μ_B at room temperature. Variable-temperature solid magnetic susceptibility studies show that the data approach Curie–Weiss behavior at high temperature with a paramagnetic Curie temperature $\Theta = -78.5$ K, indicating a strong antiferromagnetic exchange.

As shown in Figure 2, which is an illustration of the unit cell contents viewed along the *b* axis, the structure consists of infinite chains of V₃O₇(phen) units. Two adjacent infinite chains are held together by the V1–O–V2 and V2–O–V2 bonds through the bridged oxygen atoms O12, O21, and O22, to form a double-chain infinite ribbon along the *c* axis. All the ribbons are parallel to each other along the *c* axis, adjacent ribbons being held together by the V3–O33–V3 bond through the two corner-sharing VO₄ tetrahedra to form a network, thus forming the layered structure.

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Supplementary Material Available: Tables of structure determination data, atomic coordinates, bond distances and angles, anisotropic thermal parameters, and atom deviations from the least-squares plane (7 pages). Ordering information is given on any current masthead page.

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