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A hybrid inorganic-organic assembly, $\text{NaH}_3(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NO}_2)_4[\text{GeW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}] \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (**1**), has been synthesized and characterized by IR, UV, ¹H NMR and single crystal X-ray diffraction. Crystal data: orthorhombic, $P2_12_12_1$, $a = 12.819(2) \text{ \AA}$, $b = 19.326(3) \text{ \AA}$, $c = 24.164(4) \text{ \AA}$, $V = 5986.4(18) \text{ \AA}^3$, $Z = 4$, $R_1 = 0.0541$ ($I > 2\sigma$). The structure of **1** is based on a 1D zigzag infinite chain assembled by alternating $[\text{GeW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}]^{4-}$ and sodium-pyridine-2-carboxylic complex $[\text{Na}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NO}_2)_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]^+$ via W–O_d–Na–O_d–W.

Keywords: Polyoxometalates; Sodium-organic complexes; Pyridine-2-carboxylic; Structure

1. Introduction

Extended inorganic or hybrid inorganic-organic compounds have attracted interest for combining different characteristics of the components to get unusual structures, properties or applications [1]. Using transition metal complex subunits as bridges, 1D (one-dimension), 2D (two-dimension) and 3D (three-dimension) structures can be obtained, such as 1D chains $(\text{NH}_4)[\text{Cu}(\text{en})_2][\text{Na}(\text{en})\text{Cu}(\text{en})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})(\text{Mo}_7\text{O}_{24})] \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (en = ethylenediamine) [2], $\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}(2,2'\text{-bipy})(4,4'\text{-bipy})_{0.5}[\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}(2,2'\text{-bipy})(4,4'\text{-Hbipy})]$, $[\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}(4,4'\text{-bipy})]_2[\text{P}_2\text{W}_{18}\text{O}_{62}] \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$, $[\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}(4,4'\text{-bipy})]_3[\text{PMo}_{12}\text{O}_{40}] \cdot \text{en} \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (2,2'-bipy = 2,2'-bipyridine, 4,4'-bipy = 4,4'-bipyridine) [3], $\{[\text{Cu}(2,2'\text{-bpy})]_6(\text{Mo}_6\text{O}_{22})\}[\text{GeMo}_{12}\text{O}_{40}] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ [4], and one-dimensional zigzag chains built of $[\alpha\text{-GeW}_{11}\text{O}_{39}]^{8-}$ anions connected by $\text{Nd}^{3+}/\text{Sm}^{3+}$ cations $\{[(\text{CH}_3)_4\text{N}]_2\text{H}_{1.50}[\text{Nd}_{1.50}(\text{GeW}_{11}\text{O}_{39})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6] \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and $\{[(\text{CH}_3)_4\text{N}]_2\text{H}_{2.25}[\text{Sm}_{1.25}(\text{GeW}_{11}\text{O}_{39})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4] \cdot 3.75\text{H}_2\text{O}$ [5], 2D layers $(\text{NH}_4)_3(4,4'\text{-H}_2\text{bipy})[\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}(4,4'\text{-bipy})]_7[\text{P}_2\text{W}_{18}\text{O}_{62}] \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$ [6], and $\{[\text{Cu}(4\text{-phpyr})]_4(\text{Mo}_8\text{O}_{26}) \cdot 4\text{-phpyr}\}$ [7], 3D supramolecular networks $(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NO}_2)_2\text{Na}_2[(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NO}_2)_2\text{NaCrMo}_6\text{H}_6\text{O}_{24}]$ [8], and copper phosphate $[\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}(2,2'\text{-bipy})$

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(4,4'-bipy)_{0.5}]₂[Cu^I(4,4'-bipy)]₂[PW₁₂O₄₀]·0.25H₂O [3]. The complex (bbi)_{1.5}[Cu(bbi)]_{4.5}[PW₁₂O₄₀]_{1.5} contains two sorts of polyoxometalates (POMs) chains, the poly-chain of [Cu(bbi)]_{4.5}[PW₁₂O₄₀] and the single-chain of (bbi)[PW₁₂O₄₀]_{0.5} [9].

In comparison to the large number of polyoxoanion-based solid materials structurally modified by transition or lanthanide metals [10], alkali metal linkers have received less attention in self-assembly of POMs. Sodium coordination complexes are important choices in designing POM-based supramolecular compounds [11] because sodium ion and its compounds have applications in bioinorganic chemistry, various electronic, magnetic, and photosensitive materials [12].

Here we report a one-dimensional zigzag hybrid inorganic-organic compound, NaH₃(C₆H₅NO₂)₄[GeW₁₂O₄₀]·7H₂O (**1**), assembled by alternating [GeW₁₂O₄₀]⁴⁻ and [Na(C₆H₅NO₂)₃(H₂O)₂]⁺ via alternating Na-μ-Ot-W interactions.

2. Experimental

2.1. Materials and methods

All chemicals were purchased commercially and used without further purification. The precursor α-Na₄GeW₁₂O₃₄·14H₂O was prepared as previously reported [13] and characterized by IR spectra. Elemental analyses (C, H, N) were determined by a PE 240Q elemental analyzer; IR spectra (4000–400 cm⁻¹) were recorded in transmission through KBr pellets with a EQUINOX55 spectrometer. UV-Vis spectra were recorded with a Shimadzu UV2550 UV-Vis spectrophotometer. ¹H NMR spectra were obtained on an INOVA-400 NMR spectrometer with D₂O as solvent and Me₄Si as an internal standard.

2.2. Synthesis of NaH₃(C₆H₅NO₂)₄[GeW₁₂O₄₀]·7H₂O (**1**)

A 1.00 g (0.34 mmol) sample of α-Na₄GeW₁₂O₃₄·14H₂O and 0.18 g (1.02 mmol) pyridine-2-carboxylic acid were dissolved in 20 mL of water at 80°C. The pH of the solution was adjusted to 3.0 by 1M HCl and a solution of 2 mL 1 M NaCl was added, and the mixture was kept at 80°C for 1.5 h. The solution was cooled to room temperature and filtered. The colorless filtrate was kept at room temperature for several months to form 0.40 g of colorless crystals in about 66.7% yield (based on W). Anal Calcd (%) for C₂₄H₃₇GeN₄NaO₅₅W₁₂: H, 1.04; C, 8.09; N, 1.57; Na, 0.64; Ge, 2.04; W, 61.92. Found: H, 1.06; C, 8.12; N, 1.53; Na, 0.67; Ge, 2.08; W, 61.87. IR (KBr pellets, major absorbances, cm⁻¹): 1739 (s), 1617 (s), 1310 (m), 968 (vs), 885 (vs), 830 (s), 779 (vs), 669 (s). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, TMS): δ ppm 8.22 (m, *J*=0.8 Hz, H), 8.96 (m, *J*=0.8 Hz, H), 9.06 (m, *J*=0.8 Hz, H), 9.27 (t, *J*=0.8 Hz, H).

2.3. X-ray crystallography

A colorless single crystal of **1** with dimensions 0.20 × 0.15 × 0.10 mm³ was fixed to the end of a glass capillary which was put on a BRUKER SMART APEX II CCD diffractometer equipped with graphite monochromatic radiation used for

Table 1. Crystal data and structure refinement for $\text{NaH}_3(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NO}_2)_4[\text{GeW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}] \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (**1**).

| | |
|--|--|
| Empirical formula | $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{37}\text{GeN}_4\text{NaO}_{55}\text{W}_{12}$ |
| Formula weight | 3563.25 |
| Temperature (K) | 293(2) |
| Wavelength (\AA) | 0.71073 |
| Crystal system | Orthorhombic |
| Space group | $P2_12_12_1$ |
| a (\AA) | 12.819(2) |
| b (\AA) | 19.326(3) |
| c (\AA) | 24.164(4) |
| V (\AA^3) | 5986.4(18) |
| Z | 4 |
| D_{calc} (g cm^{-3}) | 3.953 |
| Crystal size (mm^3) | $0.20 \times 0.15 \times 0.10$ |
| θ range for data collection ($^\circ$) | 1.69–25.10 |
| Index ranges | $-13 \leq h \leq 14$ $-22 \leq k \leq 23$ $-16 \leq l \leq 28$ |
| Reflections collected | 25765 |
| Reflections unique | 10057 [$R(\text{int}) = 0.0801$] |
| Refinement method | Full-matrix least-squares on F^2 |
| Data/restraints/parameters | 10057/0/424 |
| Goodness-of-fit on F^2 | 0.948 |
| Final R indices [$I > 2\sigma(I)$] | $R_1 = 0.0541$, $wR_2 = 0.1299$ |
| R indices (all data) | $R_1 = 0.0628$, $wR_2 = 0.1380$ |
| Extinction coefficient | 0.000104(12) |
| Largest diff. peak and hole ($\text{e}\cdot\text{\AA}^{-3}$) | 2.593 and -2.318 |

$$R_1 = [\sum |F_o| - |F_c|] / [\sum |F_c|]; wR_2 = [\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / [\sum w(F_o^2)^2]^{1/2}.$$

data collection. Data were collected at 293(2) K using Mo-K α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$) in the range $1.69 < \theta < 25.10$. A total of 10057 (10057 unique, $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0801$) reflections were measured ($-13 \leq h \leq 14$, $-22 \leq k \leq 23$, $-16 \leq l \leq 28$). The structure was solved by direct methods (SHELXTL-97) and refined by the full-matrix-block least-squares method on F^2 . Heavy atoms (W, Ge, Na) were refined with anisotropic displacement parameters. Light atoms (O, N, C) were refined isotropically. The positions of the hydrogen atoms attached to carbon were fixed at their ideal positions, and those attached to oxygen were not located. A summary of the crystallographic data and structural determination for **1** is provided in table 1. Selected bond lengths and angles of **1** are listed in table 2.

3. Results and discussion

3.1. Structure description

Single crystal X-ray diffraction analysis showed that the asymmetric unit contains a α -Keggin anion $[\text{GeW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}]^{4-}$, a $[\text{Na}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NO}_2)_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]^+$ cation, one pyridine-2-carboxylic acid and five lattice water molecules (figure 1). The classical α -Keggin-type heteropolyoxoanion $[\text{GeW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}]^{4-}$ retains the parent structure in which the central GeO_4 tetrahedron is surrounded by 12 $\{\text{WO}_6\}$ octahedra; 12 $\{\text{WO}_6\}$ octahedra are grouped into four tri-metal $\{\text{W}_3\text{O}_{13}\}$ species in edge-sharing mode, each of which is made up of three $\{\text{WO}_6\}$ octahedra in edge-sharing mode. The four tri-metallic

Table 2. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°).

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|----------------------------|-----------|
| Ge1–O4 | 1.682(15) | Ge1–O1–W11 | 121.5(8) |
| Ge1–O3 | 1.719(13) | Ge1–O2–W6 | 122.9(8) |
| Ge1–O1 | 1.726(18) | Ge1–O2–W10 | 121.4(8) |
| Ge1–O2 | 1.750(16) | Ge1–O2–W5 | 121.9(8) |
| O29–Na1 | 2.52(2) | Ge1–O3–W4 | 123.0(7) |
| O39–Na1 ⁱ | 2.44(2) | Ge1–O3–W7 | 122.7(7) |
| O42–Na1 | 2.83(3) | Ge1–O3–W8 | 122.3(7) |
| O43–Na1 | 2.43(2) | Ge1–O4–W1 | 124.0(8) |
| O44–C7 | 1.30(3) | Ge1–O4–W9 | 123.5(8) |
| O45–C19 | 1.24(3) | Ge1–O4–W12 | 122.8(8) |
| O45–Na1 | 2.82(3) | W10–O39–Na1 ⁱ | 139.5(11) |
| O49–Na1 | 2.50(4) | O50–Na1–O39 ⁱⁱ | 94.1(10) |
| O50–Na1 | 2.35(3) | O43–Na1–O39 ⁱⁱ | 80.2(8) |
| Na1–O39 ⁱⁱ | 2.44(2) | O39 ⁱⁱ –Na1–O49 | 91.8(9) |
| O4–Ge1–O3 | 109.7(7) | O50–Na1–O29 | 91.7(9) |
| O4–Ge1–O1 | 108.9(8) | O43–Na1–O29 | 85.3(8) |
| O3–Ge1–O1 | 108.5(7) | O39 ⁱⁱ –Na1–O45 | 72.2(8) |
| O4–Ge1–O2 | 110.6(7) | O49–Na1–O45 | 148.8(10) |
| O3–Ge1–O2 | 109.4(7) | 29–Na1–O45 | 73.0(7) |
| Ge1–O1–W2 | 123.6(10) | 50–Na1–O42 | 119.4(11) |
| Ge1–O1–W3 | 122.7(9) | 43–Na1–O42 | 72.4(8) |
| O1–Ge1–O2 | 109.8(8) | O39 ⁱⁱ –Na1–O42 | 133.9(9) |

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: (i) $0.5 - x, 2 - y, -0.5 + z$; (ii) $0.5 - x, 2 - y, 0.5 + z$.

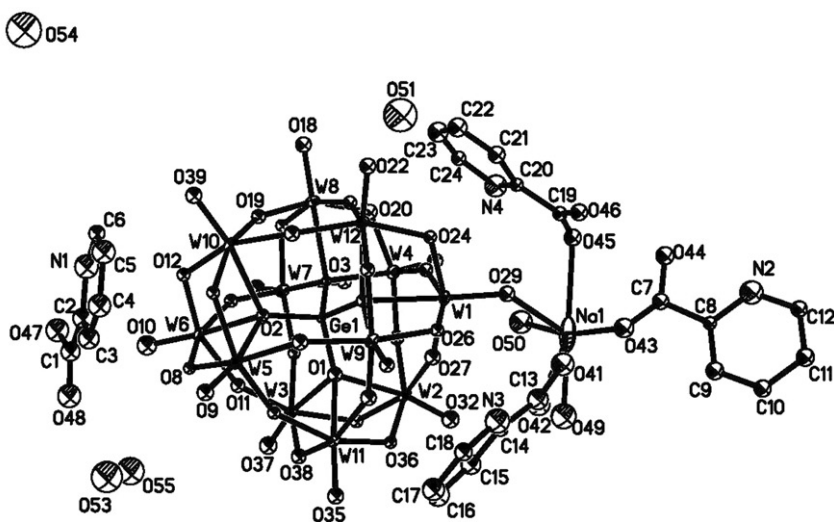


Figure 1. ORTEP drawing of the asymmetric unit in **1** with displacement ellipsoids shown at 30% probability level.

W₃O₁₃ groups were linked by sharing corners and linked to the central GeO₄ tetrahedron. W–O bands can be divided into three categories: W–O_d 1.669(17)–1.707(17) Å, W–O_b 1.872(19)–1.966(18) Å, and W–O_c 2.256(17)–2.297(19) Å. The O–W–O angle is between 71.2(8)–170.9(9)°. Ge–O distances and O–Ge–O angles range from 1.698(19) to 1.753(17) Å and 109.0(9) to 110.7(10)°, respectively, showing that GeO₄ has a slight aberrance as the anion is influenced by Na⁺ coordination.

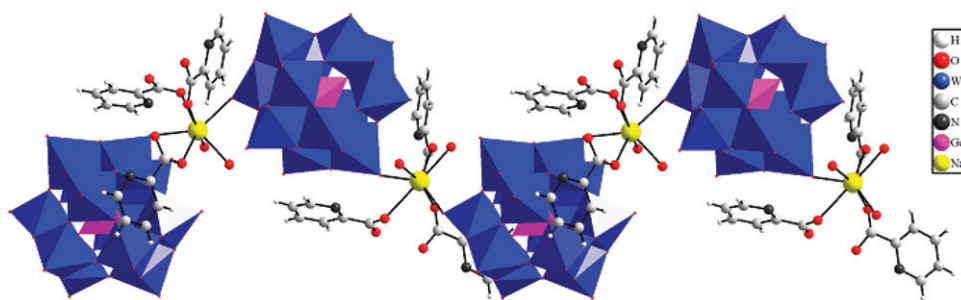


Figure 2. Polyhedral/ball-stick representation of the 1D zigzag chains in **1**.

The W(1)–O(29) and W(10)–O(39) distances which connect neighboring $[\text{Na}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NO}_2)_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]^+$ units are 1.725(2) and 1.714(2) Å, respectively, longer than the average W=O_d distance (1.69 Å). In $[\text{Na}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NO}_2)_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]^+$, each Na⁺ is seven-coordinate by three oxygen atoms from pyridine carboxylate molecules (O42, O43 and O45), two from adjacent POMS anions (O29 and O39) and two from water (O49 and O50), respectively, resulting in a mono-capped-triangle prism configuration. Na–O (O42, O43 and O45) average bond length is 2.69 Å, Na–O (O29 and O39) average bond length is 2.49 Å, and Na–O (O49 and O50) average bond length is 2.39 Å, meaning that the interactions between Na⁺ and all coordinated oxygen atoms are very strong.

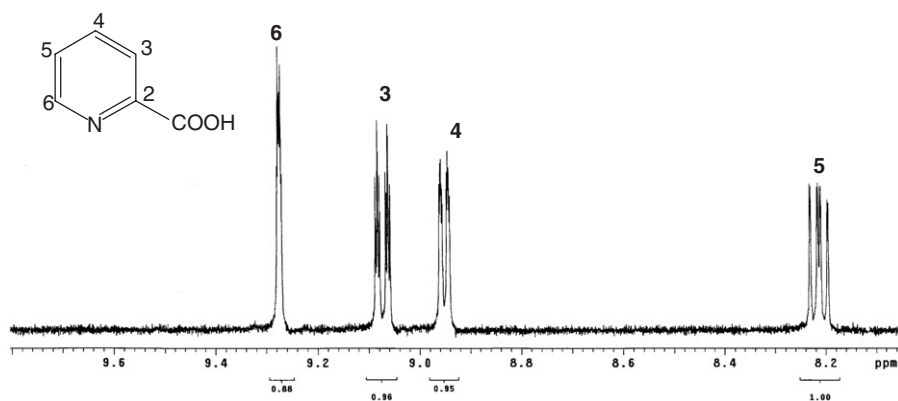
The interesting structural feature of **1** is that fused $[\text{Na}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NO}_2)_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]^+$ fragments through the terminal oxygen of $\alpha\text{-}[\text{GeW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}]^{4-}$ form a one-dimensional chain (figure 2). The O29–Na1–O39 bond angle 141.2 (13)° leads to formation of a hackle chain, which are further in close contact forming a three-dimensional supramolecular framework via extensive hydrogen bonding interactions among polyoxoanions, coordinated pyridine-2-carboxylic acid ligands, free pyridine-2-carboxylic acid and coordinated water molecules. Typical hydrogen bonds are as follows: O55...O48 = 3.031 Å, O9...O55 = 2.870 Å, O29...O46 = 2.992 Å, O41...O43 = 2.687 Å and O46...O44 = 2.629 Å.

3.2. ¹H NMR spectra

¹H NMR spectra show clearly resolved signals which can be unambiguously assigned. The integration matches well with the pyridine-2-carboxylic acid molecule (see figure 3 and table 3). Comparing with ¹H NMR spectra of free pyridine-2-carboxylic acid, all protons in **1** exhibit higher chemical shifts and coupling owing to the coordination of pyridine-2-carboxylic acid molecules to Na⁺ and the coexistence of coordinated and free pyridine-2-carboxylic acid molecules in the solution.

3.3. IR and UV

Two regions in the IR spectra of **1** are useful for identification. The 1620–1200 cm⁻¹ region has characteristic vibrations of pyridine-2-carboxylic acid groups and in 1100–600 cm⁻¹ there are four characteristic asymmetric vibrations from $[\text{GeW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}]^{4-}$, 968(vs) cm⁻¹ for ν_{as} (W=O_d), 885(vs) cm⁻¹ for ν_{as} (W–O_b), 779(vs) and 669(s) cm⁻¹ for ν_{as} (W–O_c), and 830(s) cm⁻¹ for ν_{as} (Ge–O_a). Thus the POM anions

Figure 3. ^1H NMR spectra of **1**.Table 3. ^1H NMR chemical shifts (ppm) of **1** and pyridine-2-carboxylate.

| | 3-H | 4-H | 5-H | 6-H | -COOH |
|------------------------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Pyridine-2-carboxylate | 8.35 | 8.14 | 7.86 | 9.01 | 11.00 |
| Compound 1 | 9.06 | 8.96 | 8.22 | 9.27 | |

maintain a basic Keggin structure. Comparison to IR spectra of $\alpha\text{-Na}_4\text{GeW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}\cdot 14\text{H}_2\text{O}$ shows $\nu_{\text{as}}(\text{W}=\text{O}_d)$ shifts to lower frequency by 12 cm^{-1} , due to the interaction between polyanions and $[\text{Na}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NO}_2)_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]^+$. These results are consistent with the structural analysis.

There are two intense absorption bands in the UV spectra of the title complexes. One is at 199.7 nm , attributed to $\text{O}_d \rightarrow \text{W}$ charge transfer; another is at 262.5 nm , characteristic for a heteropolytungstate with the Keggin structure, attributed to $\text{O}_b/\text{O}_c \rightarrow \text{W}$ charge transfer.

4. Conclusion

A compound based on saturated polyoxoanion cluster and sodium coordination polymer was isolated and unequivocally characterized. The synthesis of **1** shows the utility of Keggin tungstogermanate clusters and sodium-organic complexes as precursors for self-assembly of extended supramolecular frameworks. Given the variations in the polyoxometalate clusters and alkali-metal coordination complex linkers, the scope for the further synthesis of hybrid materials based on POM and alkali-metal complex is significant.

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