Synthesis, Crystal Structure and Properties of the Penta-copper(II)-substituted Sandwich-type Tungstoantimonite [Cu₅Na(H₂O)₄(α-SbW₉O₃₃)₂]^{7-①}

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ABSTRACT An organic-inorganic hybrid copper-substituted $[Cu(EnMe)_2]_{1.5} \{[Cu(EnMe)_2]_2 - [Cu_5Na(OH)_4(\alpha-SbW_9O_{33})_2] \cdot 5.5H_2O$ (**I**, EnMe = 1,2-diaminopropane) has been hydrothermally synthesized and structurally characterized by elemental analysis, IR spectroscopy and single-crystal X-ray diffraction. Crystal data for **I**: $C_{21}H_{75}Cu_{8.50}N_{14}NaO_{75.50}Sb_2W_{18}$, $M_r = 5847.83$, triclinic, space group P_1^- , a = 13.029(3), b = 14.613(3), c = 16.887(4) Å, $\alpha = 72.875(3)$, $\beta = 73.893(3)$, $\gamma = 74.761(3)^\circ$, V = 2894.0(10) Å³, Z = 1, S = 1.028, R = 0.0548 and wR = 0.1339. Polyanion **I** consists of two α -SbW₉O₃₃ units joined by a cyclic {Cu₅Na} cluster. The {Cu₅Na} cluster is stabilized by the inorganic O-donor ligand from both { α -SbW₉O₃₃} and H₂O ligand, in which the two disordered Cu/Na ions pairwisely part the four copper ions to form a centrosymmetric quadrangle. In the cluster, two of the copper ions have no terminal water molecules, resulting in a tetragon configuration, while other four have terminal water molecules, leading to the square-pyramidal coordination geometry. **Keywords: tungstoantimonite, hydrothermal, crystal structure**

1 INTRODUCTION

Polyoxometalates (POMs) are a unique class of metal oxygen clusters, which exhibit a fascinating variety of structures and properties including catalysis, materials science and medicine^[1-2]. These properties can be tuned thanks to the high versatility of these polyanionic structures, and the design and synthesis of new 3d transition-metal-substituted polyoxotungstates (TMSPs) remain actively explored. New POM systems are still mainly issued from the reaction of Keggin or Dawson Wells lacunary-POMs, which act as polydentate inorganic ligands toward 3d transition metal ions. The lacunary-POMs derivatives can be easily prepared in one- or two-step processes in high yields, which provide us

abundant initial materials to search and exploit the majority of aforementioned sandwich-type (TMSPs)^[3-8].

The class of Cu-containing, sandwich-type POMs is well-known, and to date numerous complexes have been reported. Most of these polyanions are dimeric and contain three or four Cu centers, e.g., $[Cu_4K_2(H_2O)_8(\alpha-AsW_9O_{33})_2]^{8-[4]}$, $[M_4(H_2O)_2-(GeW_9O_{34})_2]^{12-}$ (M = Mn, Cu, Zn, Cd)^[9], $[{Na(H_2O)_2}_3 {Cu_3(Im)_2(H_2O)}(XW_9O_{33})_2]^{9-}$ (X = Bi or Sb)^[10] and $[Cu^{II}_4(H_2O)_2(B-\alpha-PW_9O_{34})_2]^{10-[11]}$. In 2008, we reported on the synthesis and magnetic properties of the tetra-copper(II) substituted tungs-toantimony(III) [Na₂Cu₄Cl(B-\alpha-SbW₉O₃₃)₂]^{9-[12]}.

It has been proved that hydrothermal technique is a useful method in making inorganic-organic hybrid

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materials in POM field. Recently, a hybrid organicinorganic penta-Cu sandwiched polyoxotungstate (POTs), I, has been successfully made.

2 EXPERIMENTAL

2.1 Materials and methods

The raw material of $(NH_4)_{18}[NaSb_9W_{21}O_{86}]\cdot 24H_2O$ was prepared according to the literature^[13] and identified by IR spectrum. Elemental analyses (C, H, and N) were performed on a PerkinElmer 240C elemental analyzer. IR spectrum was recorded from a sample powder pelletized with KBr on a Bruker VERTEX 70 spectrometer over a range of 4000–400 cm⁻¹. The UV spectrum was recorded with a U-4100 spectrometer (H₂O as solvent) from 400 to 190 nm.

2.2 Synthesis of compound I

A mixture of $(NH_4)_{18}[NaSb_9W_{21}O_{86}]\cdot 24H_2O$ (0.70 g, 0.1 mmol), Cu(Ac)₂·H₂O (0.42 g, 2.5 mmol), enMe (0.05 mL) and H₂O (15 mL) was adjusted to around pH 5.8 with 2 mol/L K₂CO₃ solution, then transferred and sealed in a 25 mL Teflon-lined stainless-steel container. The container was heated to 130 °C and held at this temperature for 6 day, then

cooled to room temperature at a rate of 5 °C/h. The dark-green block crystals of **I** were collected. C, H and N elemental analysis: calcd. (%) for $C_{21}H_{75}Cu_{8.50}N_{14}NaO_{75.50}Sb_2W_{18}$: C, 4.31; H, 1.29; N, 3.35. Found (%): C, 4.28; H, 1.35; N, 3.23.

2.3 X-ray sructure determination

Intensity data were collected on a Bruker APEX-II diffractometer at 296 K using a graphite-monochromatic MoKa radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å). The structure was solved by direct methods with SHELXS-97 program^[14]. Refinements were done by full-matrix least-squares on F^2 with SHELXL-97^[15]. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Crystal data for I: crystal sizes 0.24mm $\times 0.16$ mm \times 0.11mm, F(000) = 2595, T = 296(2) K, 1.87<0<25.00°, measured reflections: 14316, independent reflections: 10056 with $R_{int} = 0.0379$, the final R = 0.0548, wR = 0.1339 ($w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) +$ $(0.0728P)^2 + 86.4703P$, where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ for 6847 observed reflections $(I > 2\sigma(I))$, S = 1.028, $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001$, $(\Delta\rho)_{\rm max} = 4.779$ and $(\Delta\rho)_{\rm min} =$ -3.119 e/Å³. The selected bond lengths and bond angles are given in Table 1.

Bond	Dist.	Bond	Dist.
$W-O_t$	1.698(17)-1.742(15)	Cu(1)–O	1.943(15)-2.023(14)
W-O _{b/c}	1.830(15)-1.991(14)	Cu(2)–O	1.973(18)-2.262(29)
W–O _a	2.265(13)-2.333(14)	Cu(3)–O	2.019(15) -2.087(15)
Sb-O	1.972(14)-2.002(13)	Cu–N	1.953(36)-2.064(19)
Angle	(°)	Angle	(°)
O-W(1)-O	72.5(5)-168.4(7)	O–Sb–O	91.0(5)-92.1(6)
O–W(2)–O	73.1(5)-168.0(6)	O-Cu(1)-O	83.8(6)-175.4(6)
O-W(3)-O	73.4(5)-170.6(7)	O-Cu(2)-O	83.5(6)-160.1(6)
O-W(4)-O	72.7(5)-166.6(6)	O-Cu(3)-O	79.7(6)–149.4(7)
O-W(5)-O	73.7(5)–167.9(6)	N-Cu(4)-N	84.8(8)–176.7(9)
O-W(6)-O	73.6(5)-170.1(6)	N-Cu(5)-N	77.3(12)-171.4(13)
O-W(7)-O	73.7(5)–171.4(6)	N-Cu(4)-O(3W	6.5(8)-91.9(9)
O-W(8)-O	73.0(6)–171.2(7)	N-Cu(5)-O(4W	90.9(12)-96.8(9)
O-W(9)-O	72.5(5)-166.8(6)		

Table 1. Selected Bond Lengths (Å) and Bond Angles (°) for I

3 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

3.1 Crystal structure of the complex

Single-crystal X-ray structural analysis indicates

that the structural unit of I contains one di-supporting polyoxoanion fragment $\{[Cu(EnMe)_2]_2 [Cu_5Na(H_2O)_4(\alpha-SbW_9O_{33})_2]\}^{3-}$, one point five discrete $[Cu(EnMe)_2]^{2+}$ cations, and five point five lattice water molecules (Fig. 1). Notice that the most striking structural feature of the polyoxoanion $\{[Cu(EnMe)_2]_2[Cu_5Na(H_2O)_4(\alpha-SbW_9O_{33})_2]\}^{3-}$ in **I** is that a sandwich-type moiety $[Cu_5Na(H_2O)_4-(\alpha-SbW_9O_{33})_2]^{7-}$ is decorated by two $[Cu(EnMe)_2]^{2+}$ complex cations. The sandwich-type polyoxoanion consists of two $[\alpha-SbW_9O_{33}]^{9-}$ moieties linked by a $\{Cu_5Na\}$ cluster. In the skeleton of sandwich-type polyoxoanion, each $\{SbW_9O_{33}\}^{9-}$ unit provides six oxygen donors that are capable of coordinating to the central $\{Cu_5Na\}$ cluster, six Cu or Cu/Na ions lie in the center belt between two $\{B-a-SbW_9O_{33}\}^{9-}$ anions, forming a centrosymmetric six-membered ring with an interior angle sum of 720° as a plane hexagon.



Fig. 1. a) Polyhedral/ball-and-stick representation of the molecular structural unit of I; b)
Wire-and-stick representation of the [Cu₅Na] arrangement. The isolated water molecules and H atoms attached to EnMe ligands are omitted for clarity

A novel hexacopper-substituted sandwiched POM $\{[Cu(EnMe)]_3[Cu(H_2O)]_3(B-a-SbW_9O_{33})_2\}^{6-[16]}$ recently reported by Yao S. et al. is similar to species I, and the difference lies in the coordination atoms and modes of the copper ions in the centre belt between two $\{B-a-SbW_9O_{33}\}^{9-}$ anions. The copper ions are coordinated by oxygen and nitrogen atoms in the former, but only coordinated by oxygen atoms in I. In the hexagonal {Cu₆} cluster-containing tungstoantimonite {[Cu(EnMe)]₃[Cu(H₂O)]₃(B-a- $SbW_9O_{33}_2$ ⁶⁻, three of the Cu atoms are all coordinated by four oxygen atoms from two {B-a- SbW_9O_{33} ⁹⁻ units and a terminal water ligand, resulting in a square-pyramidal coordination, whereas another three Cu ions all exhibit trigonal bipyramidal coordination, completed by three O atoms coming from two trivacant $\{B-a-SbW_9O_{33}\}^{9-}$ groups and two N atoms of an enMe molecule. In the {Cu₅Na} cluster of I, the Cu ions can be divided into two groups according to their different coordination modes. The first group includes the Cu(2) and Cu(3)/Na(1) ions, which are all coordinated by four oxygen atoms (the average Cu-O distance is 2.024

Å) belonging to two $\{SbW_9O_{33}\}^{9-}$ ligands and an exterior H₂O molecule (the average Cu-O(H₂O) distance of 2.155 Å) in a square pyramidal geometry (Fig. 1b)^[17]. The other group is composed of the two Cu(1) ions, which are both in the tetra-coordinated environment, completed by four O atoms from two trivacant ${SbW_9O_{33}}^{9-}$ ligands. Additionally, there are two hexa-coordinated Cu(4) ions which graft on the belt of the sandwich-type polyoxoanion. The hexa-coordinated environments are completed by four N atoms from two EnMe molecules, and two O atoms deriving from the sandwich-type polyoxoanion and a H₂O molecule, respectively. It is a pity that the hexa-coordinated Cu ions are non-coordinated with the adjacent dimeric polyoxoanions. However, the polyoxoanions in I are packed together through an AAAA mode to form a layer-like structure along the c-axis (Fig. 2).

The bond valence sum (**BVS**) calculations^[18] indicate that the Sb site is in the +3 oxidation state, Cu site in the +2 oxidation state, and all W sites in the +6 oxidation state.





Fig. 3. IR spectrum of I

Fig. 2. Packing diagram of polyoxoanions viewed down the *c*-axis. The isolated water molecules and copper complexes are omitted

In addition, supramolecular interactions are present in the title compound regarding of hydrogenbonding interactions between nitrogen atoms of organoamine ligands and surface oxygen atoms of polyoxoanions. Specifically, N atoms from organoamine ligands act as the proton donors, O atoms from the surface oxygen of sandwiched $[Cu_5Na(H_2O)_4(\alpha-SbW_9O_{33})_2]^{7-}$ units serve as the proton acceptors, and then donors and acceptors are hydrogen-bonded together, generating the infinite three-dimensional supramolecular framework. Within the matrix, abundant intra- and intermolecular N–H···O hydrogen bonds exist between organoamines and the surface oxygen atoms of polyoxoanions with the N···O distances in the range of 3.03–3.40 Å (Table 2). Moreover, the formation of these supramolecular interactions may be favorable for the chemical stability of the title compound.

D–H…A	d(D–H)	d(H···A)	d(D…A)	∠DHA
N(1)-H(1C)-0(8) ^a	0.86	2.39	3.13(2)	144.7
N(1)-H(1C)····O(31) ^a	0.86	2.47	3.14(2)	134.8
N(2)-H(2B)···O(14)	0.86	2.43	3.13(3)	139.1
N(2)-H(2B)····O(3) ^b	0.86	2.62	3.10(2)	116.9
N(3)-H(3D)O(11) ^b	0.86	2.49	3.05(3)	122.6
$N(3)-H(3D)\cdots O(14)^{b}$	0.86	2.55	3.40(3)	167.2
$N(4)-H(4C)\cdots O(8)^{a}$	0.86	2.47	3.20(3)	143.5
N(4)-H(4C)-0(5) ^a	0.86	2.50	3.24(3)	143.7
N(5)-H(5B)O(25) ^c	0.86	2.49	3.11(3)	130.1
$N(6)-H(6D)\cdots O(6)^{d}$	0.86	2.46	3.03(3)	124.9
N(7)–H(7C)···O(6) ^e	0.86	2.60	3.03(3)	111.7
N(8)-H(8B)O(22) ^c	0.86	2.29	3.03(4)	144.0

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Symmetry codes: (a) *x*-1, *y*, *z*; (b) -*x*, -*y*+1, -*z*+1; (c) *x*+1, *y*-1, *z*; (d) *x*, *y*-1, *z*; (e) -*x*+1, -*y*+1, -*z*

3.2 IR spectra

IR spectrum of **I** (Fig. 3) shows characteristic vibration patterns resulting from the sandwiched tungstoantimony framework in the range of 1000–600 cm⁻¹. Four characteristic bands are attributed to the stretching vibration of $v(W-O_t)$, $v(W-O_b)$, $v(W-O_c)$, and v(Sb-O), appearing at 937, 886, 750 and 697 cm⁻¹ correspondingly. The v(N-H) stre-

tching band is observed at about 3243 cm⁻¹, and the v(C-N) at 1383 cm⁻¹. The characteristic peaks centered at 1581 and 1457 cm⁻¹ are attributed to the bending vibration of v(N-H) and v(C-H), respectively. The appearance of these characteristic signals confirms the presence of enMe ligands in **I**, in good agreement with the single-crystal structural analysis results. In addition, the occurrence of the vibration

bands at 3453 cm⁻¹ assigned to the stretching vibration v(O-H) of water molecules suggests the presence of lattice water molecules in **I**.

3.3 UV spectra

The UV spectra of the title compound I in aqueous solution reveal two unconspicuous bands for the ligand to metal charge transfer. More intense

bands corresponding to the $p_{\pi}(O_d) \rightarrow d_{\pi^*}(W)$ transitions^[19] appeared at 193.2 nm for **I**. The shoulder band around 237.8 nm is assigned to a $p_{\pi}(O_{b,c}) \rightarrow$ $d_{\pi^*}(W)$ charge transfer transition in the tricentric bonds of POMs, which is consistent with the literature values^[3] (193.6 and 250.7 nm).

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