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Anion-Directed Supramolecular Chemistry Modulating the Magnetic Properties of Nanoscopic Mn Coordination Clusters: From Polynuclear High-Spin Complexes to SMMs

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Experimental Section

Materials and Instrumentation. Commercially available reagents were bought from Sigma-Aldrich or ABCR and used as received without further purification. Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR) data were collected on a Perkin-Elmer Spectrum 100 FT-IR Spectrometer. Elemental analyses (C, H, and N) were obtained from Microanalysis Lab, School of Chemistry & Chemical Biology, University College Dublin. The magnetic susceptibility measurements were obtained with the use of MPMS-XL Quantum Design SQUID magnetometer and PPMS-9 susceptometer. These magnetometer and susceptometer work between 1.8 and 400 K for dc applied fields ranging from -7 to 7 T (MPMS-XL). Measurements were performed on using polycrystalline samples (*ca.* 8-15 mg). Instantly prior to the measurements, the coordination compounds were separated from the mother liquor, dried for a few minutes at room temperature and sealed in polyethylene bags (3 cm \times 0.5 cm \times 0.02 cm; typically 15 to 30 mg) and covered by mineral oil (typical 3 to 8 mg) to avoid torquing effects. ac susceptibility measurements were measured with an oscillating ac field of 1 to 6 Oe with frequency between 10 to 10000 Hz (PPMS). The magnetic data were corrected for the sample holder, mineral oil and the diamagnetic contribution.

Preparation of reaction mixture that led to the co-crystallization of I, II, and III: A mixture of $MnCl_2 \cdot 4H_2O$ (0.295 g, 1.5 mmol), $KMnO_4$ (0.031 g, 0.2 mmol), *tert*-butylphosphonic acid (0.137 g, 1.0 mmol), pyridine (0.12 ml) and CH_3CN (25 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours and then filtered. The filtrate was kept at room temperature and large amount of red crystals were obtained after several weeks, from which complexes of **I**, **II**, and **III** were characterized.

Synthesis of III: Pure red crystals of III can be obtained by similar reaction as described above, but increasing the amount of $MnCl_2 \cdot 4H_2O$ to 0.396 g (2.0 mmol). Yield: 60 % (based on Mn). CHN analysis on dried sample, expected for $Mn_{21}P_{18}O_{66}N_8C_{112}H_{209}Cl_7$ (corresponding to the crystal formula and a loss of 1 CH₃CN): calcd. (found) C 28.72 (27.56), H 4.50 (4.33), N 2.39 (2.16)%.

Synthesis of IV: A mixture of MnCl₂·4H₂O (0.201 g, 1.0 mmol), KMnO₄ (0.016 g, 0.1 mmol), *tert*-butylphosphonic acid (0.136 g, 1.0 mmol), 2-amino-pyridine (0.189 g, 2.0 mmol) and CH₃OH

(20 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 5 hours and then filtered. The filtrate was kept at room temperature, and red crystals of **IV** were obtained within one week. Yield: 65 % (based on Mn). CHN analysis on dried sample, expected for $Mn_{15}P_{12}Cl_2O_{58}C_{64}N_4H_{160}$ (corresponding to the crystal formula and a loss of 3 CH₃OH): calcd. (found) C 24.17 (24.42), H 5.07 (4.24), N 1.76 (1.61)%.

X-ray Crystallography. Single crystal X-ray structure determination of the five compounds, $[Mn^{III}_{6}(tert-butyl-PO_3)_{8}(pyridine)_{6}(Cl)]_{2}[Mn^{II}_{3}Mn^{III}_{9}(\mu_{4}-O)_{6}(\mu_{3}-OH)_{2}(\mu_{4}-Cl)_{4}(tert-butyl-PO_{3}H)_{3} (tert-butyl-PO_3)_7$]·2.5H₂O·6CH₃CN (I, include Mn₁₂P₁₀CCl₄), [Mn^{III}₆(tert-butyl-PO₃)₈- $(\text{pyridine})_6(\text{Cl}) [\text{Mn}_2^{\text{II}} \text{Mn}_{11}^{\text{III}} (\mu_4 - \text{O})_6 (\mu_3 - \text{O}) (\mu_3 - \text{OH}) (\mu_4 - \text{Cl})_4 (tert-butyl-PO_3H) (tert-butyl-PO_3)_9 - (tert-butyl-PO_3H) (tert-butyl-PO_3H) (tert-butyl-PO_3)_9 - (tert-butyl-PO_3H) (tert-butyl-PO_3H) (tert-butyl-PO_3)_9 - (tert-butyl-PO_3H) (tert-butyl-PO_3H$ (H_2O)]·2H₂O·9CH₃CN (II, include Mn₁₃P₁₀CCl₄), [Cl \subset Mn^{III}₆ (*tert*-butyl-PO₃)₈(pyridine)₆]- $[Mn^{II}_{3}Mn^{III}_{12}(\mu_4-O)_6(\mu_3-O)_2(\mu_3-OH)(\mu_4-CI)_4(CI)_2(tert-butyI-PO_3)_{10}(H_2O)(pyridine)_2] \cdot 2H_2O-$ ·CH₃CN (III, include $Mn_{15}P_{10} \subset Cl_4$), and (2-amino-Hpyridine)₂[Mn^{II}₃Mn^{III}₁₂(μ_4 -O)₈(μ_4 -Cl)₂- $(\mu$ -CH₃O)₄(CH₃OH)₂(*tert*-butyl-PO₃H)₂(*tert*-butyl-PO₃)₁₀]·8H₂O·3CH₃OH (**IV**) was performed at 150(K) on the Bruker SMART Apex diffractometer using graphite-monochromated Mo-K α radiation. Absorption corrections were applied using SADABS.¹ Structures were solved by direct method and refined by full-matrix least-squares on F^2 using SHELXTL.² Contributions to scattering due to disordered solvent molecules were removed using the SOUEEZE routine of PLATON;³ structures were then refined again using the data generated. Crystal data and details of data collection and refinement of I-IV were summarized in Table S1. Crystallographic data, CCDC 1062487-1062490, can be obtained free of charge from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre viawww.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data request/cif.

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| | | I | П | ш | IV | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Crystal. | det. | $Mn_{24}P_{26}O_{90}N_{20}C_{180}$ | $Mn_{19}P_{18}O_{65}N_{18}C_{126}$ | $Mn_{42}P_{36}O_{134}N_{36}C_{264}$ | $Mn_{15}P_{12}O_{62}N_4C_{76}$ | |
| formula | | H ₃₃₀ Cl ₆ | H ₂₃₂ Cl ₅ | $H_{476}Cl_{14}$ | $H_{190}Cl_2 \\$ | |
| Mr | | 6551.10 | 4817.85 | 10213.70 | 3417.44 | |
| crystal system | | orthorhombic | monoclinic | triclinic | monoclinic | |
| space group | | Pnma | $P2_{1}/c$ | <i>P</i> -1 | $P2_{1}/c$ | |
| a [Å] | | 42.075(8) | 25.261(5) | 15.503(3) | 17.320(3) | |
| b [Å] | | 46.492(9) | 29.077(6) | 23.446(5) | 15.550(3) | |
| c [Å] | | 14.649(3) | 30.460(6) | 33.878(7) | 30.118(6) | |
| α[°] | | 90.00 | 90.00 | 92.11(3) | 90.00 | |
| β [°] | | 90.00 | 111.77(3) | 95.61(3) | 105.40(3) | |
| γ [°] | | 90.00 | 90.00 | 108.02(3) | 90.00 | |
| V [Å ³] | | 28656(10) | 20778(7) | 11625(4) | 7820(3) | |
| Z | | 4 | 4 | 1 | 2 | |
| T [K] | | 150 | 150 | 150 | 150 | |
| $ ho_{ m c} [{ m g \ cm^{-3}}]$ | | 1.518 | 1.540 | 1.459 | 1.451 | |
| μ [mm ⁻¹] | | 1.295 | 1.390 | 1.372 | 1.398 | |
| reflns coll. | coll. 164628 | | 120476 | 129226 | 84934 | |
| unique refln | s | 25616 | 36656 | 42527 | 14423 | |
| GOF | 1.037 | | 1.114 | 1.052 | 1.032 | |
| R1 [I>2 <i>o</i> (I)] | [a] | 0.0768 | 0.0984 | 0.0558 | 0.0616 | |
| wR2[I>2 <i>o</i> (I) |)] ^[b] | 0.1667 | 0.2015 | 0.1531 | 0.1459 | |

Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinements for I-IV.

[a] $R1 = \Sigma ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \Sigma |F_o|$. [b] $wR2 = \{\Sigma [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / \Sigma [w(F_o^2)^2] \}^{1/2}$.

Table S2. Bond valance sum calculations for the polynuclear Mn-based complexes inI-IV.

| I | Mn site | Mn1 | Mn2 | Mn3 | Mn4 | Mn5 | Mn6 | Mn7 | Mn8 | Mn9 | Mn10 | Mn11 | Mn12 | Mn13 |
|-----|------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | BVS | 3.491 | 3.455 | 3.414 | 3.524 | 3.392 | 3.415 | 2.435 | 3.008 | 2.980 | 3.052 | 3.250 | 1.735 | 3.215 |
| | assigned O.S. | +3 | +3 | +3 | +3 | +3 | +3 | +2 | +3 | +3 | +3 | +3 | +2 | +3 |
| п | Mn site | Mn1 | Mn2 | Mn3 | Mn4 | Mn5 | Mn6 | Mn7 | Mn8 | Mn9 | Mn10 | Mn11 | Mn12 | Mn13 |
| | BVS | 3.347 | 3.401 | 3.327 | 3.392 | 3.458 | 3.407 | 2.563 | 2.975 | 2.870 | 3.194 | 3.092 | 3.174 | 1.720 |
| | assigned O.S. | +3 | +3 | +3 | +3 | +3 | +3 | +2 | +3 | +3 | +3 | +3 | +3 | +2 |
| | Mn site | Mn14 | Mn15 | Mn16 | Mn17 | Mn18 | Mn19 | | | | | | | |
| | BVS | 3.065 | 3.168 | 3.163 | 3.093 | 2.940 | 2.951 | | | | | | | |
| | assigned O.S. | +3 | +3 | +3 | +3 | +3 | +3 | | | | | | | |
| 111 | Mn site | Mn1 | Mn2 | Mn3 | Mn4 | Mn5 | Mn6 | Mn7 | Mn8 | Mn9 | Mn10 | Mn11 | Mn12 | Mn13 |
| | BVS | 3.205 | 3.193 | 3.183 | 3.212 | 3.185 | 3.221 | 1.841 | 1.749 | 3.023 | 3.078 | 1.727 | 3.113 | 3.154 |
| | assigned O.S. | +3 | +3 | +3 | +3 | +3 | +3 | +2 | +2 | +3 | +3 | +2 | +3 | +3 |
| | Mn site | Mn14 | Mn15 | Mn16 | Mn17 | Mn18 | Mn19 | Mn20 | Mn21 | | | | | |
| | BVS | 3.106 | 3.037 | 3.198 | 2.979 | 3.107 | 2.923 | 3.085 | 3.181 | | | | | |
| | assigned O.S. | +3 | +3 | +3 | +3 | +3 | +3 | +3 | +3 | | | | | |
| IV | Mn site | Mn1 | Mn2 | Mn3 | Mn4 | Mn5 | Mn6 | Mn7 | Mn8 | | | | | |
| | BVS | 1.560 | 3.130 | 3.204 | 3.221 | 3.011 | 2.939 | 3.257 | 1.778 | | | | | |
| | assigned O.S. | +2 | +3 | +3 | +3 | +3 | +3 | +3 | +2 | | | | | |











Fig. S1 Ortep diagrams for the asymmetric unit of (a) **I**; (b) **II**; (c) **III**; (d) **IV**. Ellipsoids shown at 50% probability, hydrogen atoms omitted for clarity. Color code: Mn sky blue, P orange, O red, C black, Cl green, N blue.



Fig. S2 Packing arrangement of the anionic Mn coordination clusters (blue polyhedra) and cationic Mn complexes (orange polyhedra) in (a) I; (b) II; (c) III.



Fig. S3 Packing arrangement of the anionic Mn coordination clusters (blue polyhedra) in IV.



Fig. S4 Negative-mode MALDI-MS spectra to identify the co-crystallization of I, II, and III in the reaction mixture 24 hours after preparation.



Fig. S5 Comparison of experimental isotopic envelops (red spectra) with simulated patterns (green spectra) for signals in Figure S4 and Table 1, m/z: (a) 2192.45; (b) 2256.55; (c) 2292.52; (d) 2311.53; (e) 2330.49; (f) 2348.49; (g) 2364.46; (h) 2383.44; (i) 2399.25; (j) 2489.36; (k) 2508.35; (l) 2537.41.



Fig. S6 Positive-mode MALDI-MS spectra to identify the charge-balancing $[Cl \subset Mn_6(tert-butyl-PO_3)_8]$ cluster in **I**, **II** and **III**: (upper) reaction mixture 24 hours after preparation; (bottom) crystalline products dissolved in CH₃CN. Signals centered at m/z 1452.81 correspond to $[Cl \subset Mn_6(tert-butyl-PO_3)_8]^+$ (calcd. m/z 1452.83).



Fig. S7 Structure-type that forms as charge-balancing $[Cl \subset Mn_6(tert-butyl-PO_3)_8]^+$ coordination cluster in **I**, **II** and **III**; see also *Chem. Commun.* **2013**, 66.



Fig. S8 Frequency dependence of the real (χ' , left) and imaginary (χ'' , right) components of the ac susceptibility, between 0 and 3500 Oe and between 10 and 10000 Hz, for $Mn_{15}P_{12} \subset Cl_2$ at 1.85 K. Solid lines are visual guides.



Fig. S9 Pictographical representation that highlights a comparable supramolecular anion effect in a polyoxovanadate system. In contrast to the discussed Mn system, here halide templates reside in the cavities of hollow cluster cages; in this system chloride ions stabilize tetranuclear vanadate $\{V_4\}$ units (represented as green squares) and H₂O molecules stabilize dinuclear $\{V_2\}$ sub-units (represented as red lines); see also *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 2011, 133, 11240.