

## Supporting Information

# Functionalized polyoxometalate-based metal-organic cuboctahedra for selective adsorption toward cationic dyes in aqueous solution

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### Materials and Physical Measurements

All chemical reagents were purchased from commercial sources and used without further purification. PXRD patterns were recorded ranging from 5° to 50° at room temperature on a Siemens D5005 diffractometer with Cu K $\alpha$  ( $\lambda = 1.5418 \text{ \AA}$ ). Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) of the samples was performed using a PerkinElmer TG-7 analyzer heated from 25 °C to 800 °C at the heating rate of 10 °C·min<sup>-1</sup> under a dry nitrogen flow. Elemental analyses (CHN) were conducted on a PerkinElmer 2400 CHN Elemental analyzer. The FT-IR spectra were measured on an Alpha Centaur FT/IR spectrophotometer in the range 4000–400 cm<sup>-1</sup> using KBr pellets. The UV-Vis spectra of the dye solutions were measured at room temperature using a VU-2550 UV-Vis spectrophotometer.

**Table S1.** Crystallographic data for **VMOP-18**.

Empirical formula	C <sub>164</sub> H <sub>284</sub> N <sub>16</sub> O <sub>124</sub> V <sub>28</sub>
Formula weight	5890.37

Crystal system	Cubic
Space group	<i>I-43m</i>
Temperature	173 K
Wavelength	1.54178 Å
Unit-cell dimensions	$a = b = c = 27.2524(3)$ Å $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$
Volume	20240.2(7) Å <sup>3</sup>
Z	2
Density (calculated)	0.967 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Absorption coefficient	5.666 mm <sup>-1</sup>
F(000)	6032
Limiting indices	-17≤h≤30, -23≤k≤22, -11≤l≤30
Theta range for data collection	5.132-63.676°
Reflections collected	13432
Independent reflections	2894 [R(int) = 0.1630]
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Data / restraints / parameters	3467 / 263 / 132
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	0.992
Final R indices [I > 2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.1478, wR2 = 0.4155
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.2000, wR2 = 0.4837
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.48 and -0.65 eÅ <sup>-3</sup>

**Table S2.** Crystallographic data for VMOP-19.

Empirical formula	C <sub>156</sub> H <sub>252</sub> N <sub>20</sub> O <sub>108</sub> S <sub>4</sub> V <sub>24</sub>
Formula weight	5486.56
Crystal system	Cubic
Space group	<i>I-43m</i>
Temperature	173.02 K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Unit-cell dimensions	$a = b = c = 27.216(2)$ Å $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$
Volume	20160(4) Å <sup>3</sup>
Z	2
Density (calculated)	0.904 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Absorption coefficient	0.603 mm <sup>-1</sup>
F(000)	5616
Limiting indices	-32≤h≤25, -23≤k≤32, -21≤l≤29
Theta range for data collection	2.59-25.03°
Reflections collected	20589
Independent reflections	3265 [R(int) = 0.1932]
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Data / restraints / parameters	3270 / 360 / 128
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	0.943

Final R indices [I > 2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.1039, wR2 = 0.2400
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.2107, wR2 = 0.2917
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.48 and -0.53 eA <sup>-3</sup>

**Table S3.** Bond Lengths for VMOP-18.

Atom	Atom	Length/Å	Atom	Atom	Length/Å
V1	V1 <sup>1</sup>	3.066(10)	O4	V1 <sup>1</sup>	1.969(14)
V1	O1	1.964(11)	O4	C9	1.30(4)
V1	O2	1.929(14)	O5	C1	1.255(11)
V1	O3	1.549(17)	O6	V1 <sup>4</sup>	2.302(15)
V1	O4	1.969(14)	N1	C6	1.305(13)
V1	O5	2.047(12)	N1	C6 <sup>5</sup>	1.305(13)
V1	O6	2.302(15)	C1	O5 <sup>4</sup>	1.255(11)
V2	O6	1.46(2)	C1	C2	1.488(13)
V2	O6 <sup>2</sup>	1.46(2)	C2	C3	1.248(18)
V2	O6 <sup>3</sup>	1.46(2)	C2	C3 <sup>4</sup>	1.248(18)
V2	O7	1.46(3)	C3	C4	1.41(2)
O1	V1 <sup>4</sup>	1.2987(5)	C4	C5	1.335(19)
O1	C7	1.55(5)	C5	C4 <sup>4</sup>	1.335(19)
O2	V1 <sup>1</sup>	1.929(14)	C5	C6	1.43(3)
O2	C8	1.39(4)	C6	N1 <sup>6</sup>	1.305(13)

The symmetry codes: <sup>1</sup>+X,+Z,+Y; <sup>2</sup>+Y,+Z,+X; <sup>3</sup>+Z,+X,+Y; <sup>4</sup>+Z,+Y,+X; <sup>5</sup>+Z,1-X,1-Y; <sup>6</sup>1-Y,1-Z,+X

**Table S4.** Bond Lengths for VMOP-19.

Atom	Atom	Length/Å	Atom	Atom	Length/Å
V1	O1	2.002(11)	O2	C10	1.535(19)
V1	O2	1.978(7)	O4	C9	1.53(2)
V1	O3	1.517(13)	O6	C8	1.48(2)
V1	O4	1.917(9)	N1	C2 <sup>3</sup>	1.359(9)
V1	O5	2.320(12)	N1	C2	1.360(9)
V1	O6	1.961(10)	C2	C3	1.365(13)
S1	O5	1.480(15)	C3	C4 <sup>4</sup>	1.352(10)
S1	O5 <sup>1</sup>	1.480(15)	C3	C4	1.352(10)
S1	O5 <sup>2</sup>	1.480(15)	C4	C5	1.352(11)
S1	O7	1.352(18)	C5	C6	1.355(10)
O1	C7	1.288(13)	C6	C7	1.46(3)

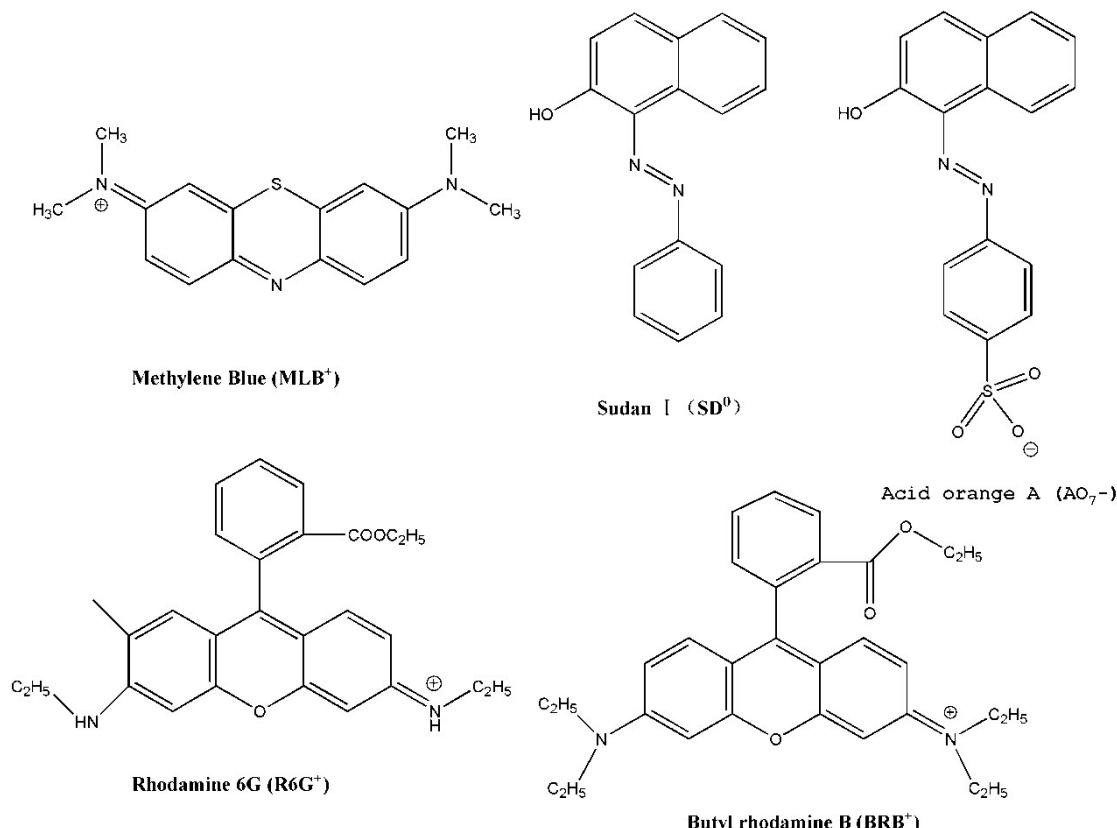
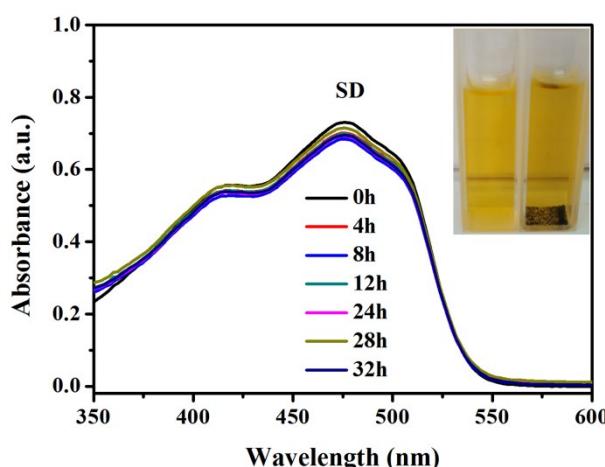
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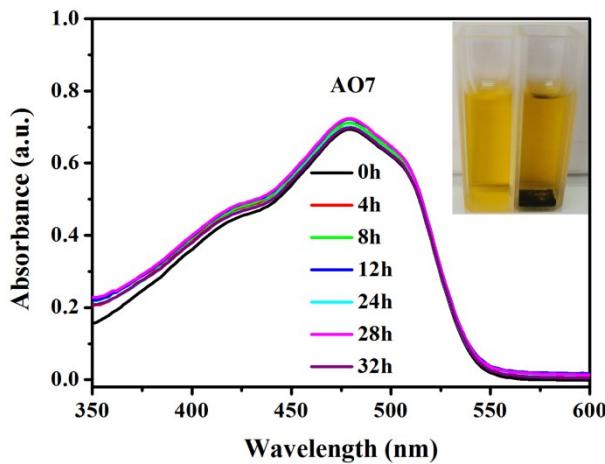
**Table S5.** BVS results for the vanadium ions in VMOP-18.

Atom	BVS calc. for V(IV)	BVS calc. for V(V)
V1	<b>4.24</b>	4.46
V2	<b>4.09</b>	4.41
V3	<b>4.31</b>	4.51
V4	<b>4.18</b>	4.30
V5	<b>4.14</b>	4.36
V6	<b>4.15</b>	4.38

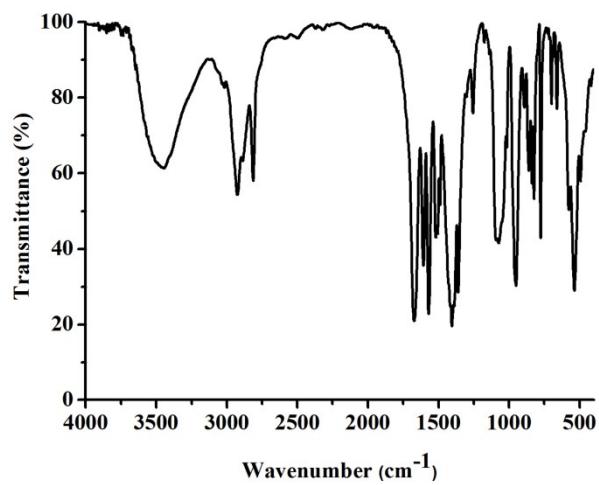
**Table S6.** BVS results for the vanadium ions in **VMOP-19**.

Atom	BVS calc. for V(IV)	BVS calc. for V(V)
V1	<b>4.006</b>	4.264
V2	<b>4.482</b>	4.769
V3	<b>4.006</b>	4.264
V4	<b>4.482</b>	4.769
V5	<b>4.006</b>	4.264
V6	<b>4.482</b>	4.769

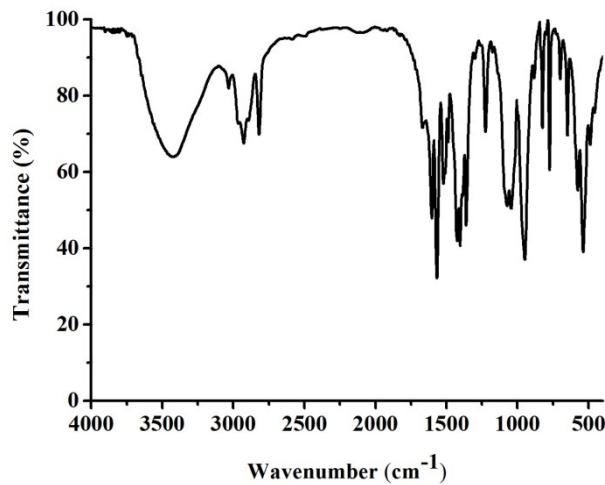
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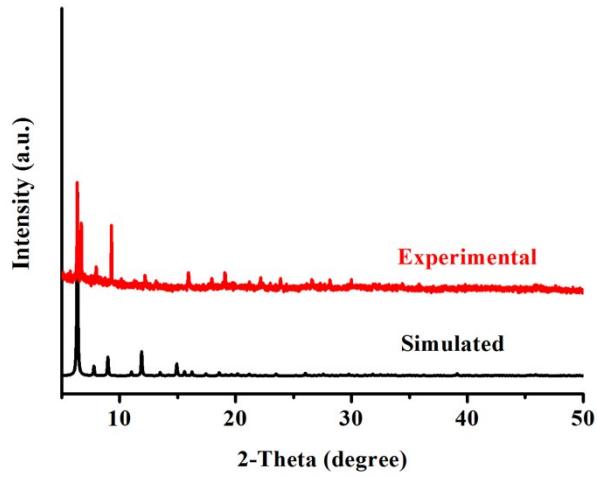
**Figure S3.** Temporal evolution of UV-vis absorption spectra for AO<sup>-</sup>.



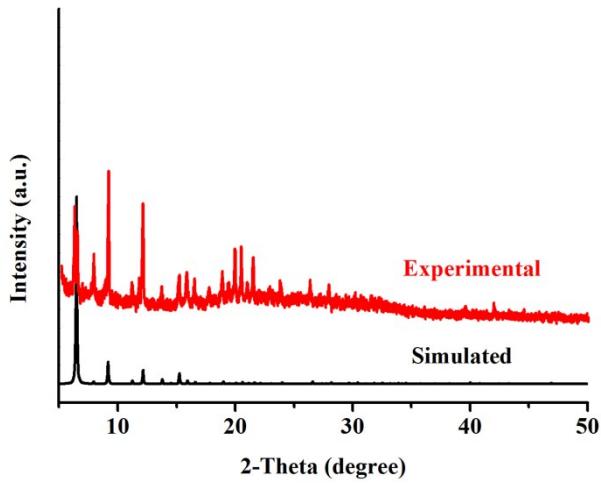
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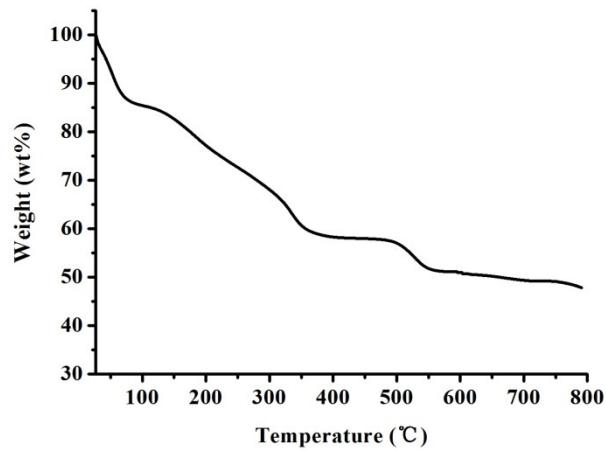
**Figure S5.** IR spectra of VMOP-19.



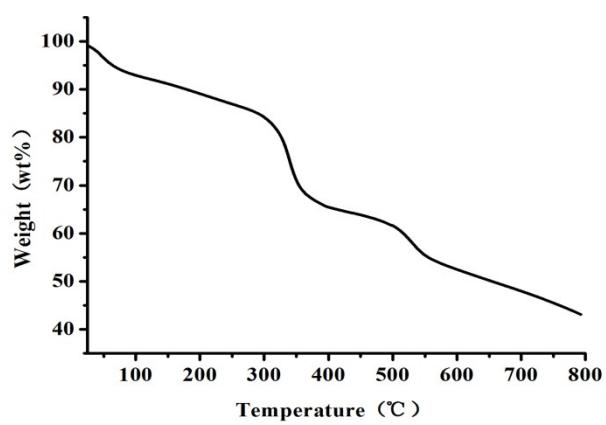
**Figure S6.** The experimental and simulated powder X-Ray diffraction patterns for **VMOP-18**.



**Figure S7.** The experimental and simulated powder X-Ray diffraction patterns for **VMOP-19**.



**Figure S8.** TGA curves of **MOP-18**.



**Figure S9.** TGA curves of MOP-19.