

## **A fully reduced $\{V^{IV}_{18}O_{42}\}$ host and $VO_4^{3-}$ , $Cl^-$ as guest anions: synthesis, characterization and proton conductivity**

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## Section S1. Powder X-ray diffraction analysis of compounds 1 and 2

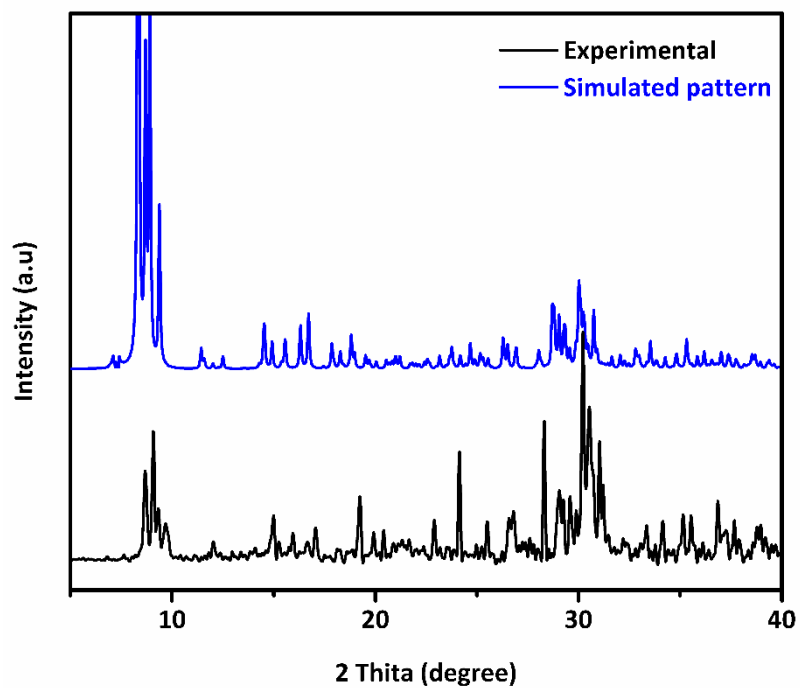


Fig. S1 Powder X-ray diffraction analysis of compound 1.

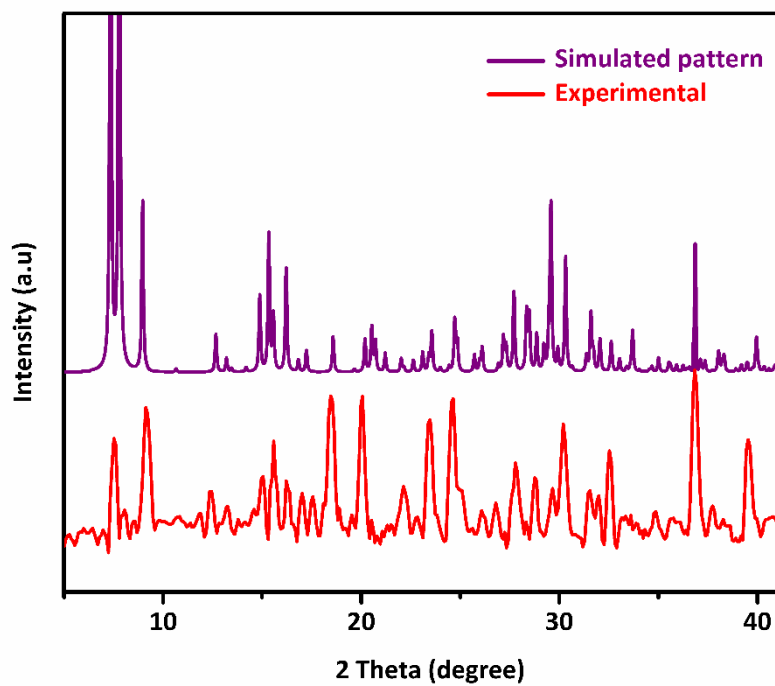
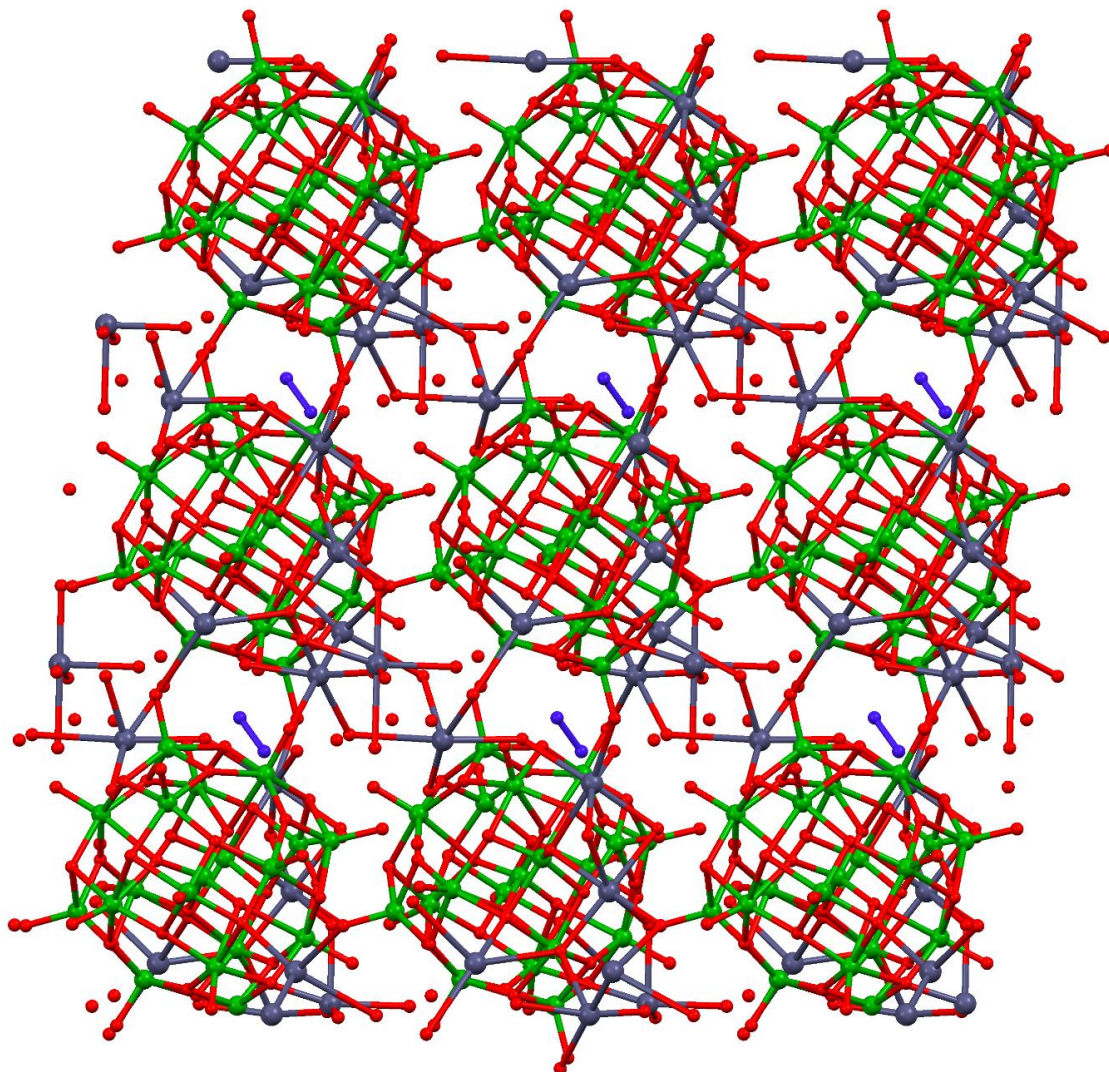
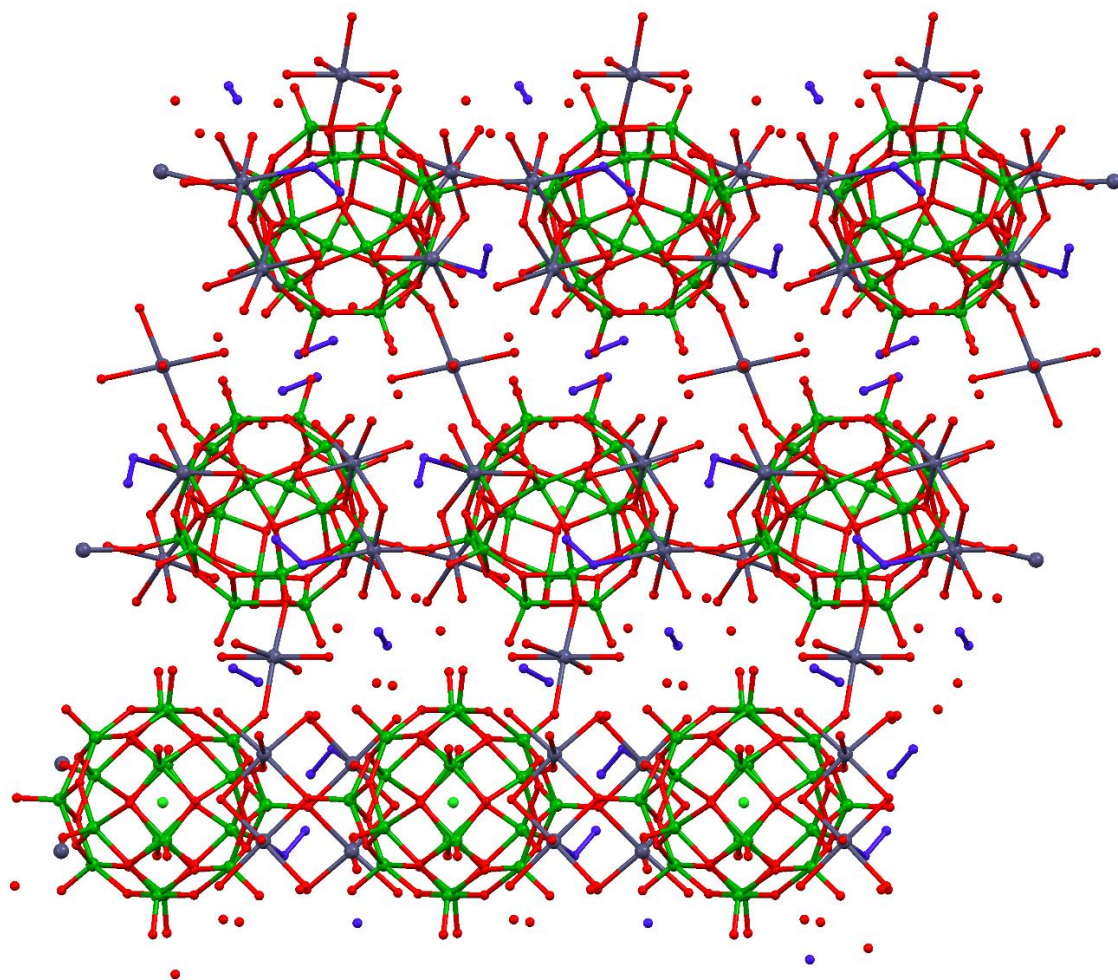


Fig. S2 Powder X-ray diffraction analysis of compound 2.

Section S2. Single crystal X-ray crystallography of compounds 1 and 2



**Fig. S3** Molecular packing, found in the crystal structure of compound **1**, viewed down to the crystallographic *b*-axis.



**Fig. S4** Molecular packing, found in the crystal structure of compound **2**, viewed down to the crystallographic *b*-axis.

**Table S1. Bond distances (Å) and angles (°) for compound 1**

V(1)-O(2)	1.689(8)	V(11)-O(41)	1.632(8)
V(1)-O(4)	1.698(7)	V(11)-O(16)	1.932(8)
V(1)-O(1)	1.711(7)	V(11)-O(39)	1.974(7)
V(1)-O(3)	1.731(7)	V(11)-O(43)	1.989(7)
V(15)-O(46)	1.625(7)	V(11)-O(38)	2.044(8)
V(15)-O(8)	1.936(7)	V(11)-O(2)	2.403(8)
V(15)-O(34)	1.958(7)	V(8)-O(27)	1.612(8)
V(15)-O(9)	2.021(7)	V(8)-O(29)	1.944(8)
V(15)-O(32)	2.059(7)	V(8)-O(28)	1.985(8)
V(15)-O(4)	2.368(7)	V(8)-O(25)	1.985(8)
V(9)-O(30)	1.625(7)	V(8)-O(23)	2.078(7)
V(9)-O(25)	1.940(7)	V(8)-O(3)	2.431(7)
V(9)-O(31)	1.975(7)	V(17)-O(36)	1.620(8)
V(9)-O(21)	1.987(8)	V(17)-O(31)	1.926(7)
V(9)-O(32)	2.057(7)	V(17)-O(29)	1.966(8)
V(9)-O(4)	2.439(7)	V(17)-O(35)	1.978(7)
V(16)-O(45)	1.620(7)	V(17)-O(38)	2.082(8)
V(16)-O(44)	1.930(7)	V(17)-O(2)	2.355(7)
V(16)-O(35)	1.970(7)	V(4)-O(13)	1.634(8)
V(16)-O(34)	1.977(7)	V(4)-O(14)	1.926(7)
V(16)-O(43)	1.977(8)	V(4)-O(16)	1.945(7)
V(10)-O(33)	1.659(8)	V(4)-O(11)	1.963(8)
V(10)-O(34)	1.892(7)	V(4)-O(15)	2.050(7)
V(10)-O(31)	1.894(7)	V(3)-O(10)	1.630(8)
V(10)-O(35)	1.950(8)	V(3)-O(12)	1.952(8)
V(10)-O(32)	2.103(8)	V(3)-O(7)	1.962(7)
V(6)-O(19)	1.622(8)	V(3)-O(11)	2.000(7)
V(6)-O(20)	1.953(7)	V(3)-O(6)	2.029(7)
V(6)-O(21)	1.964(7)	V(3)-O(1)	2.413(8)
V(6)-O(7)	1.970(7)	V(19)-O(26)	1.651(8)
V(6)-O(9)	2.026(7)	V(19)-O(12)	1.903(8)
V(18)-O(47)	1.622(8)	V(19)-O(20)	1.936(8)
V(18)-O(8)	1.949(8)	V(19)-O(23)	2.058(7)
V(18)-O(44)	1.955(7)	V(19)-O(18)	2.073(8)
V(18)-O(6)	2.000(8)	V(19)-O(3)	2.198(8)
V(18)-O(15)	2.059(7)	V(14)-O(42)	1.670(9)
V(18)-O(1)	2.357(7)	V(14)-O(16)	1.866(7)

V(14)-O(44)	1.903(8)	O(46)-V(15)-O(9)	97.1(4)
V(14)-O(43)	1.936(8)	O(8)-V(15)-O(9)	81.7(3)
V(14)-O(15)	2.111(8)	O(34)-V(15)-O(9)	159.2(3)
V(7)-O(22)	1.641(8)	O(46)-V(15)-O(32)	97.4(4)
V(7)-O(25)	1.873(7)	O(8)-V(15)-O(32)	159.2(3)
V(7)-O(20)	1.886(7)	O(34)-V(15)-O(32)	81.4(3)
V(7)-O(21)	1.960(8)	O(9)-V(15)-O(32)	98.0(3)
V(7)-O(23)	2.129(8)	O(46)-V(15)-O(4)	164.0(3)
V(13)-O(40)	1.625(8)	O(8)-V(15)-O(4)	88.5(3)
V(13)-O(39)	1.928(8)	O(34)-V(15)-O(4)	86.5(3)
V(13)-O(28)	1.953(8)	O(9)-V(15)-O(4)	73.7(3)
V(13)-O(14)	1.970(8)	O(32)-V(15)-O(4)	71.7(3)
V(13)-O(18)	2.071(8)	O(30)-V(9)-O(25)	104.3(4)
V(2)-O(5)	1.632(9)	O(30)-V(9)-O(31)	102.8(4)
V(2)-O(7)	1.870(7)	O(25)-V(9)-O(31)	90.9(3)
V(2)-O(8)	1.902(7)	O(30)-V(9)-O(21)	101.1(4)
V(2)-O(9)	2.024(8)	O(25)-V(9)-O(21)	84.0(3)
V(2)-O(6)	2.026(8)	O(31)-V(9)-O(21)	156.1(3)
V(12)-O(37)	1.647(9)	O(30)-V(9)-O(32)	98.0(4)
V(12)-O(39)	1.873(8)	O(25)-V(9)-O(32)	157.3(3)
V(12)-O(29)	1.884(8)	O(31)-V(9)-O(32)	79.9(3)
V(12)-O(28)	1.970(8)	O(21)-V(9)-O(32)	96.1(3)
V(12)-O(38)	2.106(8)	O(30)-V(9)-O(4)	165.0(4)
V(5)-O(17)	1.634(9)	O(25)-V(9)-O(4)	88.4(3)
V(5)-O(14)	1.856(8)	O(31)-V(9)-O(4)	84.6(3)
V(5)-O(12)	1.895(8)	O(21)-V(9)-O(4)	72.0(3)
V(5)-O(11)	1.960(7)	O(32)-V(9)-O(4)	70.2(3)
V(5)-O(18)	2.129(8)	O(45)-V(16)-O(44)	105.3(4)
		O(45)-V(16)-O(35)	102.2(4)
O(2)-V(1)-O(4)	109.0(4)	O(44)-V(16)-O(35)	152.4(3)
O(2)-V(1)-O(1)	109.4(4)	O(45)-V(16)-O(34)	103.5(4)
O(4)-V(1)-O(1)	108.8(4)	O(44)-V(16)-O(34)	91.1(3)
O(2)-V(1)-O(3)	108.9(4)	O(35)-V(16)-O(34)	80.7(3)
O(4)-V(1)-O(3)	110.5(4)	O(45)-V(16)-O(43)	101.9(4)
O(1)-V(1)-O(3)	110.2(4)	O(44)-V(16)-O(43)	80.2(3)
O(46)-V(15)-O(8)	103.4(4)	O(35)-V(16)-O(43)	96.0(3)
O(46)-V(15)-O(34)	103.6(3)	O(34)-V(16)-O(43)	154.5(3)
O(8)-V(15)-O(34)	91.5(3)	O(33)-V(10)-O(34)	118.3(4)

O(33)-V(10)-O(31)	118.9(4)	O(16)-V(11)-O(43)	84.5(3)
O(34)-V(10)-O(31)	122.7(3)	O(39)-V(11)-O(43)	156.0(3)
O(33)-V(10)-O(35)	105.7(4)	O(41)-V(11)-O(38)	98.0(4)
O(34)-V(10)-O(35)	83.4(3)	O(16)-V(11)-O(38)	156.0(3)
O(31)-V(10)-O(35)	85.3(3)	O(39)-V(11)-O(38)	79.3(3)
O(33)-V(10)-O(32)	104.7(4)	O(43)-V(11)-O(38)	96.9(3)
O(34)-V(10)-O(32)	81.8(3)	O(41)-V(11)-O(2)	166.2(4)
O(31)-V(10)-O(32)	80.5(3)	O(16)-V(11)-O(2)	87.9(3)
O(35)-V(10)-O(32)	149.6(3)	O(39)-V(11)-O(2)	83.3(3)
O(19)-V(6)-O(20)	103.9(4)	O(43)-V(11)-O(2)	73.2(3)
O(19)-V(6)-O(21)	100.9(4)	O(38)-V(11)-O(2)	69.8(3)
O(20)-V(6)-O(21)	83.3(3)	O(27)-V(8)-O(29)	104.4(4)
O(19)-V(6)-O(7)	104.0(4)	O(27)-V(8)-O(28)	100.5(4)
O(20)-V(6)-O(7)	88.5(3)	O(29)-V(8)-O(28)	83.1(3)
O(21)-V(6)-O(7)	155.0(3)	O(27)-V(8)-O(25)	102.5(4)
O(19)-V(6)-O(9)	99.9(4)	O(29)-V(8)-O(25)	91.6(3)
O(20)-V(6)-O(9)	155.8(3)	O(28)-V(8)-O(25)	157.1(3)
O(21)-V(6)-O(9)	96.5(3)	O(27)-V(8)-O(23)	96.5(4)
O(7)-V(6)-O(9)	81.5(3)	O(29)-V(8)-O(23)	158.5(3)
O(47)-V(18)-O(8)	102.3(4)	O(28)-V(8)-O(23)	98.2(3)
O(47)-V(18)-O(44)	102.3(4)	O(25)-V(8)-O(23)	78.8(3)
O(8)-V(18)-O(44)	92.8(3)	O(27)-V(8)-O(3)	162.4(4)
O(47)-V(18)-O(6)	98.8(4)	O(29)-V(8)-O(3)	90.9(3)
O(8)-V(18)-O(6)	81.9(3)	O(28)-V(8)-O(3)	72.6(3)
O(44)-V(18)-O(6)	159.0(3)	O(25)-V(8)-O(3)	85.3(3)
O(47)-V(18)-O(15)	97.8(4)	O(23)-V(8)-O(3)	69.3(3)
O(8)-V(18)-O(15)	159.8(3)	O(36)-V(17)-O(31)	103.0(4)
O(44)-V(18)-O(15)	81.2(3)	O(36)-V(17)-O(29)	101.7(4)
O(6)-V(18)-O(15)	96.9(3)	O(31)-V(17)-O(29)	91.9(3)
O(47)-V(18)-O(1)	164.5(4)	O(36)-V(17)-O(35)	100.5(4)
O(8)-V(18)-O(1)	89.4(3)	O(31)-V(17)-O(35)	83.7(3)
O(44)-V(18)-O(1)	87.1(3)	O(29)-V(17)-O(35)	157.8(3)
O(6)-V(18)-O(1)	72.5(3)	O(36)-V(17)-O(38)	96.9(4)
O(15)-V(18)-O(1)	71.2(3)	O(31)-V(17)-O(38)	159.6(3)
O(41)-V(11)-O(16)	105.1(4)	O(29)-V(17)-O(38)	79.5(3)
O(41)-V(11)-O(39)	101.2(4)	O(35)-V(17)-O(38)	97.2(3)
O(16)-V(11)-O(39)	89.7(3)	O(36)-V(17)-O(2)	164.8(4)
O(41)-V(11)-O(43)	102.8(4)	O(31)-V(17)-O(2)	90.6(3)

O(29)-V(17)-O(2)	84.3(3)	O(26)-V(19)-O(3)	163.8(4)
O(35)-V(17)-O(2)	74.1(3)	O(12)-V(19)-O(3)	89.6(3)
O(38)-V(17)-O(2)	70.3(3)	O(20)-V(19)-O(3)	89.0(3)
O(13)-V(4)-O(14)	105.9(4)	O(23)-V(19)-O(3)	74.5(3)
O(13)-V(4)-O(16)	102.0(4)	O(18)-V(19)-O(3)	75.4(3)
O(14)-V(4)-O(16)	90.2(3)	O(42)-V(14)-O(16)	117.3(4)
O(13)-V(4)-O(11)	102.9(4)	O(42)-V(14)-O(44)	120.9(4)
O(14)-V(4)-O(11)	84.1(3)	O(16)-V(14)-O(44)	121.0(3)
O(16)-V(4)-O(11)	155.1(3)	O(42)-V(14)-O(43)	109.7(4)
O(13)-V(4)-O(15)	97.8(4)	O(16)-V(14)-O(43)	87.8(3)
O(14)-V(4)-O(15)	155.6(3)	O(44)-V(14)-O(43)	81.9(3)
O(16)-V(4)-O(15)	79.4(3)	O(42)-V(14)-O(15)	100.7(4)
O(11)-V(4)-O(15)	96.0(3)	O(16)-V(14)-O(15)	79.7(3)
O(10)-V(3)-O(12)	101.6(4)	O(44)-V(14)-O(15)	81.0(3)
O(10)-V(3)-O(7)	102.0(4)	O(43)-V(14)-O(15)	149.6(3)
O(12)-V(3)-O(7)	92.0(3)	O(22)-V(7)-O(25)	120.2(4)
O(10)-V(3)-O(11)	99.3(4)	O(22)-V(7)-O(20)	117.9(4)
O(12)-V(3)-O(11)	80.6(3)	O(25)-V(7)-O(20)	121.2(3)
O(7)-V(3)-O(11)	158.5(3)	O(22)-V(7)-O(21)	106.3(4)
O(10)-V(3)-O(6)	100.4(4)	O(25)-V(7)-O(21)	86.5(3)
O(12)-V(3)-O(6)	157.9(3)	O(20)-V(7)-O(21)	85.2(3)
O(7)-V(3)-O(6)	81.1(3)	O(22)-V(7)-O(23)	101.9(4)
O(11)-V(3)-O(6)	98.1(3)	O(25)-V(7)-O(23)	80.0(3)
O(10)-V(3)-O(1)	166.4(4)	O(20)-V(7)-O(23)	80.9(3)
O(12)-V(3)-O(1)	87.9(3)	O(21)-V(7)-O(23)	151.8(3)
O(7)-V(3)-O(1)	87.2(3)	O(40)-V(13)-O(39)	103.3(4)
O(11)-V(3)-O(1)	72.4(3)	O(40)-V(13)-O(28)	102.4(4)
O(6)-V(3)-O(1)	70.8(3)	O(39)-V(13)-O(28)	84.1(3)
O(26)-V(19)-O(12)	101.3(4)	O(40)-V(13)-O(14)	102.3(4)
O(26)-V(19)-O(20)	102.0(4)	O(39)-V(13)-O(14)	91.1(3)
O(12)-V(19)-O(20)	94.1(3)	O(28)-V(13)-O(14)	155.3(3)
O(26)-V(19)-O(23)	95.1(4)	O(40)-V(13)-O(18)	99.4(4)
O(12)-V(19)-O(23)	163.6(3)	O(39)-V(13)-O(18)	156.7(3)
O(20)-V(19)-O(23)	81.6(3)	O(28)-V(13)-O(18)	96.1(3)
O(26)-V(19)-O(18)	94.3(4)	O(14)-V(13)-O(18)	79.0(3)
O(12)-V(19)-O(18)	81.2(3)	O(5)-V(2)-O(7)	119.1(4)
O(20)-V(19)-O(18)	163.7(3)	O(5)-V(2)-O(8)	118.7(4)
O(23)-V(19)-O(18)	98.6(3)	O(7)-V(2)-O(8)	122.2(3)



O(5)-V(2)-O(9)	104.5(4)	O(39)-V(12)-O(38)	80.0(3)
O(7)-V(2)-O(9)	84.0(3)	O(29)-V(12)-O(38)	80.8(3)
O(8)-V(2)-O(9)	82.5(3)	O(28)-V(12)-O(38)	149.8(3)
O(5)-V(2)-O(6)	104.4(4)	O(17)-V(5)-O(14)	120.0(6)
O(7)-V(2)-O(6)	83.5(3)	O(17)-V(5)-O(12)	120.6(6)
O(8)-V(2)-O(6)	82.4(3)	O(14)-V(5)-O(12)	118.8(3)
O(9)-V(2)-O(6)	151.1(3)	O(17)-V(5)-O(11)	108.2(5)
O(37)-V(12)-O(39)	118.5(5)	O(14)-V(5)-O(11)	86.0(3)
O(37)-V(12)-O(29)	119.1(5)	O(12)-V(5)-O(11)	83.0(3)
O(39)-V(12)-O(29)	121.7(3)	O(17)-V(5)-O(18)	102.6(5)
O(37)-V(12)-O(28)	108.8(5)	O(14)-V(5)-O(18)	80.0(3)
O(39)-V(12)-O(28)	85.1(3)	O(12)-V(5)-O(18)	79.9(3)
O(29)-V(12)-O(28)	85.0(3)	O(11)-V(5)-O(18)	149.2(3)
O(37)-V(12)-O(38)	101.4(4)		

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1  $x, -y+2, z+1/2$  #2  $x, -y+2, z-1/2$  #3  $x+1/2, y+1/2, z$  #4  $x+1/2, -y+3/2, z-1/2$  #5  $x, -y+1, z-1/2$  #6  $x-1/2, -y+3/2, z-1/2$  #7  $x, -y+1, z+1/2$  #8  $x-1/2, y+1/2, z$  #9  $x-1/2, -y+3/2, z+1/2$  #10  $x-1/2, y-1/2, z$  #11  $x+1/2, -y+3/2, z+1/2$  #12  $x+1/2, y-1/2, z$

**Table S2.** Bond distances (Å) and angles (°) for compound **2**

V(1)-O(1)	1.626(4)	V(9)-O(15)	1.945(4)
V(1)-O(2)	1.933(4)	V(9)-O(14)	1.946(4)
V(1)-O(4)	1.940(4)	V(9)-O(10)#1	1.955(4)
V(1)-O(5)	1.943(4)	V(5)-O(21)	1.633(4)
V(1)-O(3)	1.960(4)	V(5)-O(8)	1.920(4)
V(3)-O(7)	1.614(4)	V(5)-O(5)	1.924(4)
V(3)-O(8)	1.953(4)	V(5)-O(13)	1.954(4)
V(3)-O(4)	1.956(4)	V(5)-O(19)	1.960(4)
V(3)-O(17)#1	1.957(4)	V(6)-O(20)	1.613(4)
V(3)-O(9)	1.958(4)	V(6)-O(3)#1	1.883(4)
V(7)-O(18)	1.624(4)	V(6)-O(19)	1.893(4)
V(7)-O(15)	1.940(4)	V(6)-O(5)	1.931(4)
V(7)-O(2)#1	1.951(4)	V(6)-O(3)	1.952(4)
V(7)-O(13)	1.951(4)	V(2)-O(6)	1.636(4)
V(7)-O(19)	1.957(4)	V(2)-O(2)	1.917(4)
V(9)-O(16)	1.624(4)	V(2)-O(15)#1	1.935(4)
V(9)-O(17)	1.939(4)	V(2)-O(17)#1	1.940(4)

V(2)-O(4)	1.948(4)	O(18)-V(7)-O(19)	104.84(19)
V(4)-O(12)	1.626(4)	O(15)-V(7)-O(19)	149.89(16)
V(4)-O(14)	1.918(4)	O(2)#1-V(7)-O(19)	90.35(15)
V(4)-O(13)	1.941(4)	O(13)-V(7)-O(19)	79.41(15)
V(4)-O(9)	1.946(4)	O(16)-V(9)-O(17)	104.09(19)
V(4)-O(8)	1.948(4)	O(16)-V(9)-O(15)	107.23(19)
V(8)-O(11)	1.606(4)	O(17)-V(9)-O(15)	80.97(15)
V(8)-O(9)	1.875(4)	O(16)-V(9)-O(14)	108.80(19)
V(8)-O(10)	1.881(4)	O(17)-V(9)-O(14)	147.09(16)
V(8)-O(14)	1.912(4)	O(15)-V(9)-O(14)	90.25(16)
V(8)-O(10)#1	1.952(4)	O(16)-V(9)-O(10)#1	105.61(19)
		O(17)-V(9)-O(10)#1	91.74(15)
O(1)-V(1)-O(2)	104.98(18)	O(15)-V(9)-O(10)#1	147.16(16)
O(1)-V(1)-O(4)	105.52(19)	O(14)-V(9)-O(10)#1	78.61(16)
O(2)-V(1)-O(4)	83.39(15)	O(21)-V(5)-O(8)	106.29(19)
O(1)-V(1)-O(5)	107.60(18)	O(21)-V(5)-O(5)	107.8(2)
O(2)-V(1)-O(5)	147.25(16)	O(8)-V(5)-O(5)	94.54(16)
O(4)-V(1)-O(5)	91.03(16)	O(21)-V(5)-O(13)	110.20(19)
O(1)-V(1)-O(3)	105.56(19)	O(8)-V(5)-O(13)	82.17(16)
O(2)-V(1)-O(3)	88.70(15)	O(5)-V(5)-O(13)	141.24(16)
O(4)-V(1)-O(3)	148.92(16)	O(21)-V(5)-O(19)	110.31(19)
O(5)-V(1)-O(3)	79.59(15)	O(8)-V(5)-O(19)	142.79(16)
O(7)-V(3)-O(8)	106.75(18)	O(5)-V(5)-O(19)	80.70(15)
O(7)-V(3)-O(4)	104.63(19)	O(13)-V(5)-O(19)	79.28(15)
O(8)-V(3)-O(4)	92.30(16)	O(20)-V(6)-O(3)#1	105.9(2)
O(7)-V(3)-O(17)#1	103.55(18)	O(20)-V(6)-O(19)	106.0(2)
O(8)-V(3)-O(17)#1	149.69(16)	O(3)#1-V(6)-O(19)	96.41(16)
O(4)-V(3)-O(17)#1	80.49(15)	O(20)-V(6)-O(5)	108.6(2)
O(7)-V(3)-O(9)	106.77(19)	O(3)#1-V(6)-O(5)	144.44(16)
O(8)-V(3)-O(9)	79.65(16)	O(19)-V(6)-O(5)	82.25(16)
O(4)-V(3)-O(9)	148.59(16)	O(20)-V(6)-O(3)	107.3(2)
O(17)#1-V(3)-O(9)	91.26(15)	O(3)#1-V(6)-O(3)	81.76(17)
O(18)-V(7)-O(15)	105.25(19)	O(19)-V(6)-O(3)	145.75(16)
O(18)-V(7)-O(2)#1	105.73(18)	O(5)-V(6)-O(3)	80.08(15)
O(15)-V(7)-O(2)#1	82.51(15)	O(6)-V(2)-O(2)	111.8(2)
O(18)-V(7)-O(13)	104.29(18)	O(6)-V(2)-O(15)#1	110.44(18)
O(15)-V(7)-O(13)	92.23(16)	O(2)-V(2)-O(15)#1	83.53(15)
O(2)#1-V(7)-O(13)	149.86(15)	O(6)-V(2)-O(17)#1	111.8(2)

O(2)-V(2)-O(17)#1	136.45(16)	O(13)-V(4)-O(8)	81.78(15)
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O(6)-V(2)-O(4)	111.57(18)	O(11)-V(8)-O(9)	107.8(2)
O(2)-V(2)-O(4)	83.60(15)	O(11)-V(8)-O(10)	106.7(2)
O(15)#1-V(2)-O(4)	137.90(16)	O(9)-V(8)-O(10)	93.30(17)
O(17)#1-V(2)-O(4)	81.12(15)	O(11)-V(8)-O(14)	109.2(2)
O(12)-V(4)-O(14)	106.7(2)	O(9)-V(8)-O(14)	83.47(17)
O(12)-V(4)-O(13)	105.84(19)	O(10)-V(8)-O(14)	143.20(17)
O(14)-V(4)-O(13)	94.13(16)	O(11)-V(8)-O(10)#1	107.8(2)
O(12)-V(4)-O(9)	110.7(2)	O(9)-V(8)-O(10)#1	143.92(17)
O(14)-V(4)-O(9)	81.46(17)	O(10)-V(8)-O(10)#1	82.13(17)
O(13)-V(4)-O(9)	142.94(16)	O(14)-V(8)-O(10)#1	79.48(16)
O(12)-V(4)-O(8)	110.2(2)	O(30)-Na(3)-O(22)#1	89.5(2)
O(14)-V(4)-O(8)	142.58(16)	O(28)-Na(3)-O(6)#1	89.80(18)

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Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1  $y, x, -z+1$  #2  $x-1, y, z$  #3  $x-y, -y, -z+2/3$  #4  $x+1, y, z$

Section S3. Thermogravimetric analyses (TGA) of compounds 1 and 2

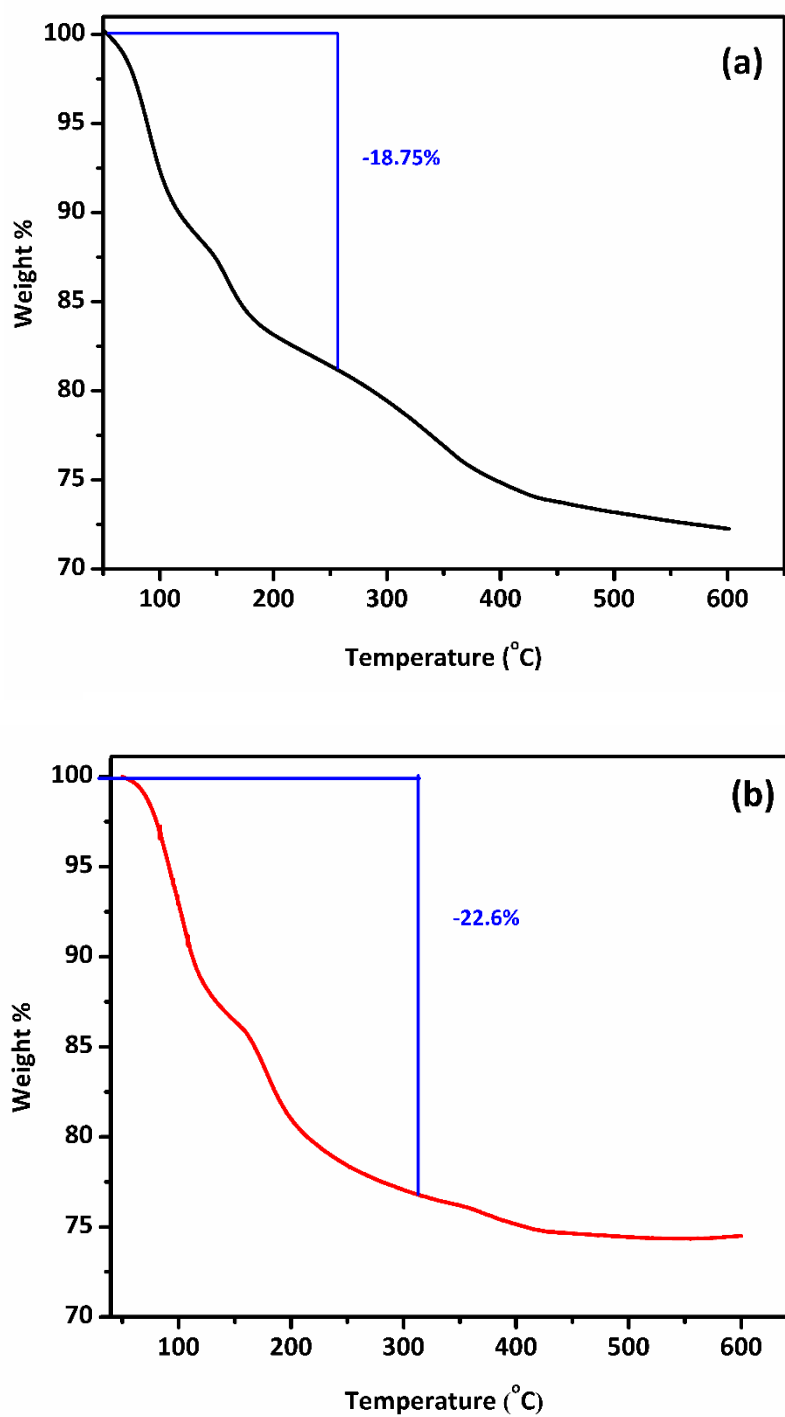


Fig. S5 Thermogravimetric profiles of compound 1 (Fig. a) and compound 2 (Fig. b).

## Section S4. Bond valence sum calculations on the crystal structures of compounds 1 and 2

### Compound 1

Bond valence calculation. Numbers in brackets after atom symbols are at.no., r and c - see O'Keeffe and Brese, *J.A.C.S.* 1991, 113, 3226.

.....V106

V (23, 1.21, 1.45)		Rij	Dij	Vij
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.63	1.47	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	2.00	.54	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.96	.61	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.97	.59	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	2.02	.51	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	2.40	.18	

Bond valence sum for V 3.90

.....V206

V (23, 1.21, 1.45)		Rij	Dij	Vij
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.61	1.54	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.98	.57	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	2.06	.46	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.94	.64	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.94	.64	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	2.39	.19	

Bond valence sum for V 4.04

.....V306

V (23, 1.21, 1.45)		Rij	Dij	Vij
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.62	1.51	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.99	.55	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	2.06	.46	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.94	.64	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.93	.66	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	2.46	.16	

Bond valence sum for V 3.98

.....V405

V (23, 1.21, 1.45)		Rij	Dij	Vij
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.64	1.43	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	2.08	.43	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.86	.79	

-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.95	.62
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.90	.70

Bond valence sum for V 3.98

.....V506

V	(23, 1.21, 1.45)		Rij	Dij	Vij
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.63	1.48	
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.93	.65	
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	2.00	.55	
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	2.05	.48	
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.96	.61	
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	2.45	.16	

Bond valence sum for V 3.92

.....V606

V	(23, 1.21, 1.45)		Rij	Dij	Vij
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.63	1.46	
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	2.06	.46	
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.96	.60	
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.93	.65	
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.99	.56	
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	2.33	.22	

Bond valence sum for V 3.96

.....V705

V	(23, 1.21, 1.45)		Rij	Dij	Vij
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.62	1.51	
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	2.00	.55	
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.94	.64	
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.99	.56	
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.98	.57	

Bond valence sum for V 3.84

.....V805

V	(23, 1.21, 1.45)		Rij	Dij	Vij
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.63	1.46	
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.88	.75	
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	2.00	.55	
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.89	.72	
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	2.08	.44	

Bond valence sum for V 3.92

.....V906

V (23, 1.21, 1.45)		Rij	Dij	Vij
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.63	1.49	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.96	.60	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	2.07	.45	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.94	.64	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.98	.57	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	2.45	.16	

Bond valence sum for V 3.91

.....V1006

V (23, 1.21, 1.45)		Rij	Dij	Vij
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.62	1.50	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.95	.62	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.95	.62	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	2.06	.47	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	2.05	.47	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	2.33	.22	

Bond valence sum for V 3.90

.....V1105

V (23, 1.21, 1.45)		Rij	Dij	Vij
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.61	1.54	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.96	.61	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	2.05	.48	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.96	.60	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.95	.62	

Bond valence sum for V 3.85

.....V1206

V (23, 1.21, 1.45)		Rij	Dij	Vij
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.62	1.52	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.93	.65	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.99	.56	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	2.09	.43	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.98	.57	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	2.42	.17	

Bond valence sum for V 3.91

.....V1305

V (23, 1.21, 1.45)		Rij	Dij	Vij
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.65	1.40	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	2.14	.37	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.89	.74	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.96	.61	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.89	.73	

Bond valence sum for V 3.85

.....V1406

V (23, 1.21, 1.45)		Rij	Dij	Vij
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.67	1.33	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.91	.70	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.93	.65	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	2.05	.48	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	2.08	.43	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	2.19	.32	

Bond valence sum for V 3.92

.....V1505

V (23, 1.21, 1.45)		Rij	Dij	Vij
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.62	1.54	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.96	.61	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.93	.66	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.96	.61	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	2.06	.46	

Bond valence sum for V 3.88

.....V1605

V (23, 1.21, 1.45)		Rij	Dij	Vij
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.64	1.43	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.89	.73	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	2.02	.51	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.88	.74	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	2.12	.40	

Bond valence sum for V 3.81

.....V1705



V	(23, 1.21, 1.45)		Rij	Dij	Vij
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)		1.77	1.65	1.39
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)		1.77	2.10	.41
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)		1.77	1.88	.75
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)		1.77	1.88	.75
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)		1.77	1.95	.61

Bond valence sum for V 3.91

.....V1805

V	(23, 1.21, 1.45)		Rij	Dij	Vij
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)		1.77	1.64	1.43
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)		1.77	1.99	.56
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)		1.77	1.88	.76
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)		1.77	1.90	.71
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)		1.77	2.11	.40

Bond valence sum for V 3.87

.....V1904

V	(23, 1.21, 1.45)		Rij	Dij	Vij
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)		1.77	1.70	1.21
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)		1.77	1.70	1.22
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)		1.77	1.73	1.13
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)		1.77	1.72	1.16

Bond valence sum for V 4.72

## Compound 2

Bond valence calculation. Numbers in brackets after atom symbols are at.no., r and c - see O'Keefe and Brese, J.A.C.S. 1991, 113, 3226

.....V1

V	(23, 1.21, 1.45)		Rij	Dij	Vij
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)		1.77	1.96	.61
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)		1.77	1.97	.59
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)		1.77	1.95	.62
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)		1.77	1.94	.63
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)		1.77	1.63	1.49

Bond valence sum for V 3.93

.....V2

V (23, 1.21, 1.45)		Rij	Dij	Vij
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.96	.61	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.97	.60	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.96	.61	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.96	.61	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.62	1.52	

Bond valence sum for V 3.94

.....V3

V (23, 1.21, 1.45)		Rij	Dij	Vij
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.94	.63	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.95	.61	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.95	.61	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.92	.67	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.63	1.48	

Bond valence sum for V 4.01

.....V4

V (23, 1.21, 1.45)		Rij	Dij	Vij
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.96	.61	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.90	.71	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.88	.75	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.94	.64	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.61	1.55	

Bond valence sum for V 4.26

.....V5

V (23, 1.21, 1.45)		Rij	Dij	Vij
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.96	.60	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.89	.72	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.92	.68	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.89	.73	
-O ( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.60	1.58	

Bond valence sum for V 4.32

.....V6

V (23, 1.21, 1.45)		Rij	Dij	Vij
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-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.94	.64
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.96	.61
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.95	.62
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.95	.62
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.62	1.51

Bond valence sum for V 3.99

.....V7

V (23, 1.21, 1.45)		Rij	Dij	Vij
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.93	.65
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.95	.62
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.95	.63
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.98	.58
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.62	1.51

Bond valence sum for V 3.98

.....V8

V (23, 1.21, 1.45)		Rij	Dij	Vij
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.92	.67
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.97	.59
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.96	.60
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.92	.67
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.64	1.43

Bond valence sum for V 3.96

.....V9

V (23, 1.21, 1.45)		Rij	Dij	Vij
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.95	.63
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.92	.67
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.93	.65
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.94	.63
-O	( 8, .63, 3.15)	1.77	1.64	1.45

Bond valence sum for V 4.03

## Section S5. X-ray photoelectron spectra for compounds 1 and 2

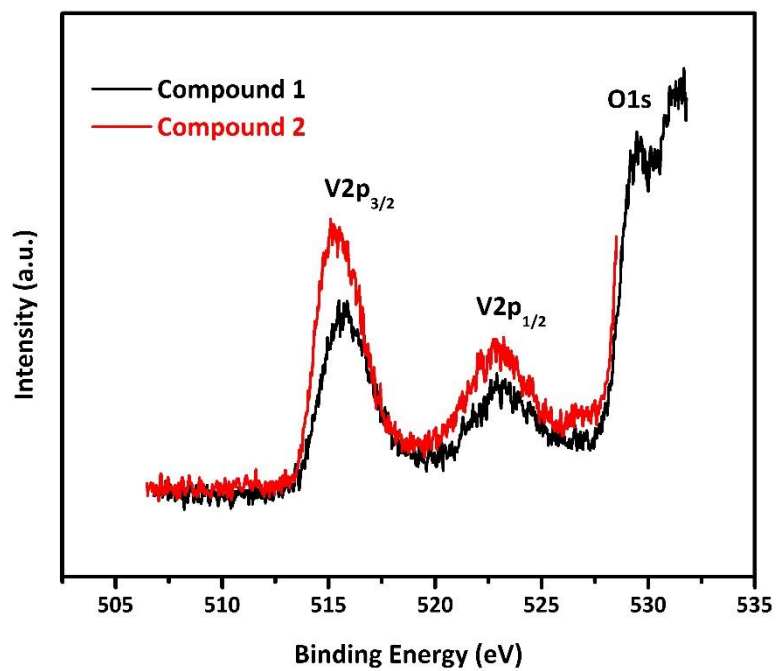


Fig. S6 Vanadium core level XPS spectra of compounds 1 and 2.

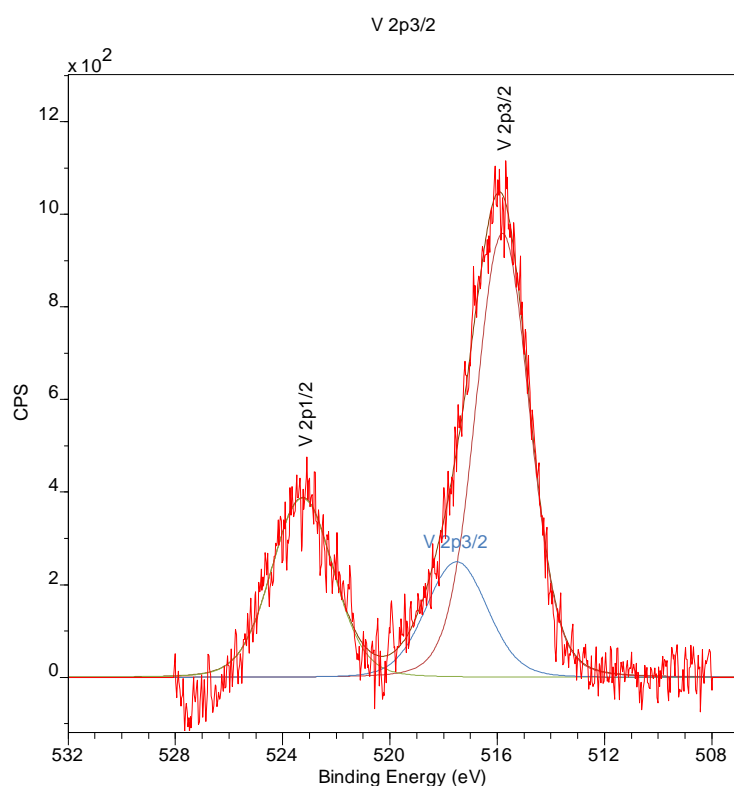
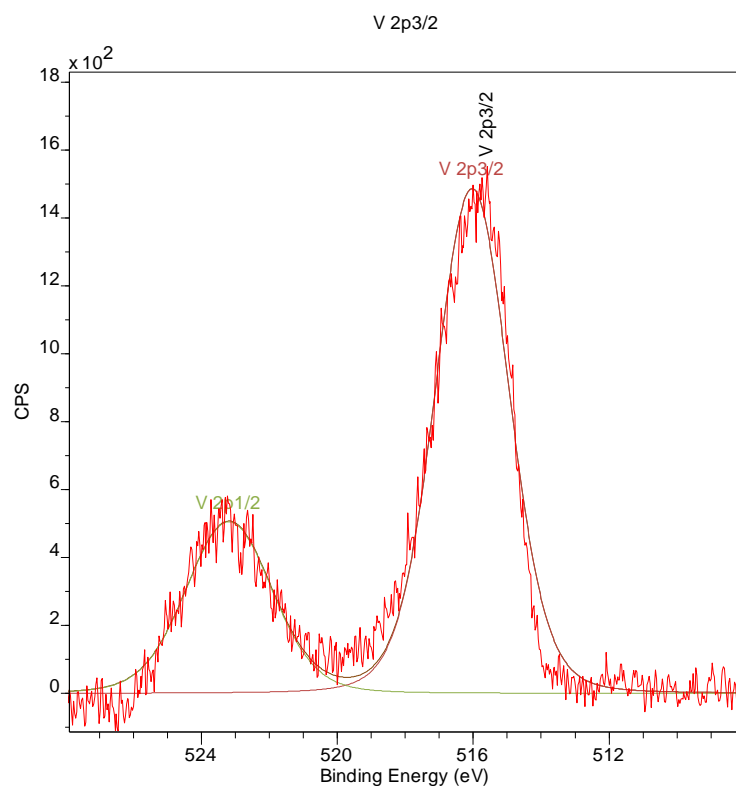
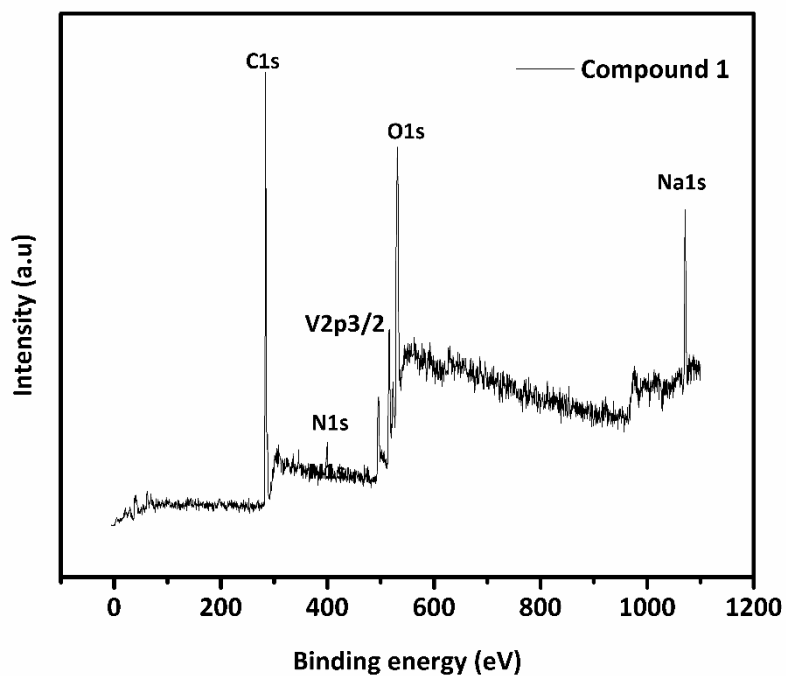


Fig. S7 Deconvoluted XPS spectrum of compound 1.



**Fig. S8** Deconvoluted XPS spectrum of compound 2.



**Fig. S9** Survey scan XPS spectrum of compound 1.

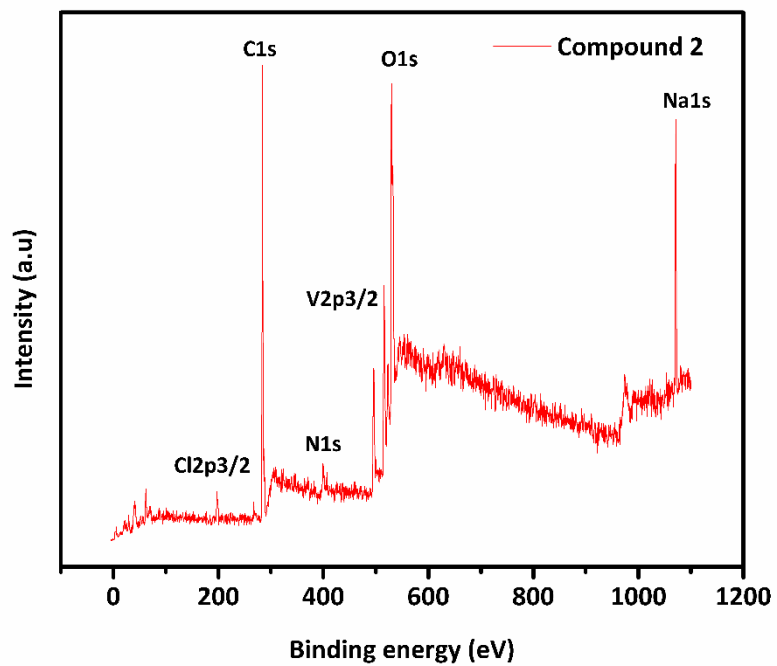
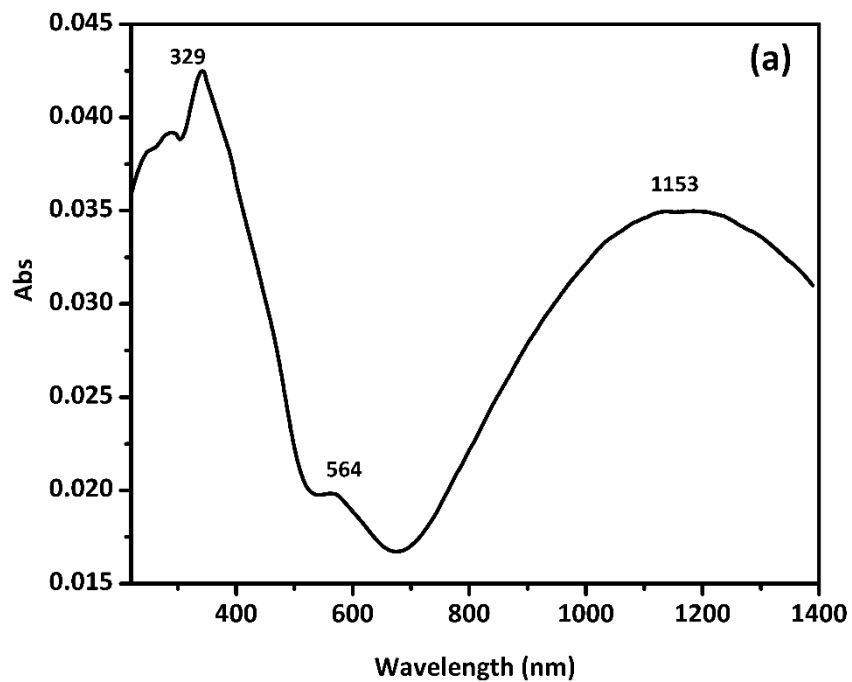


Fig. S10 Survey scan XPS spectrum of compound 2.

#### Section S6. UV-Vis absorption spectra for compounds 1 and 2



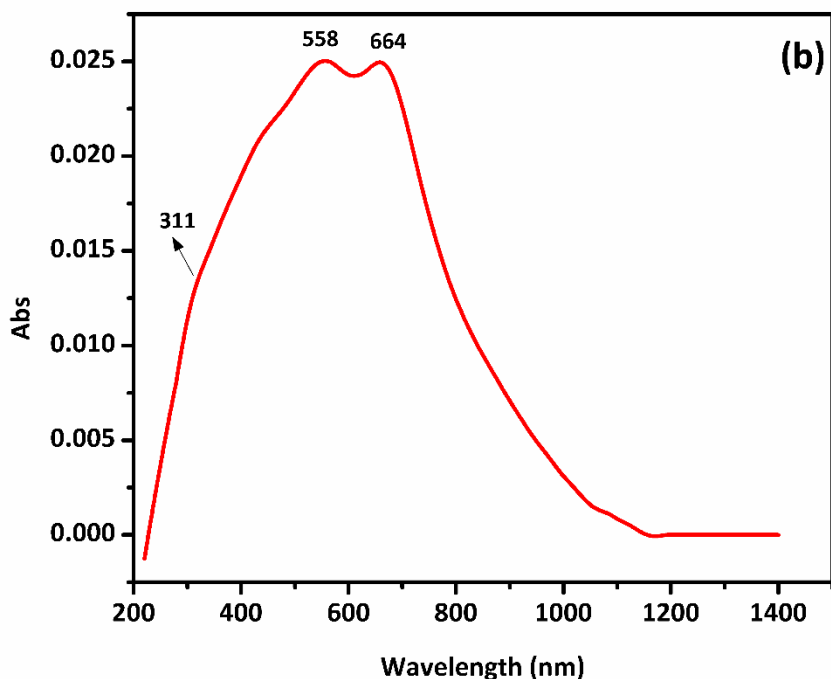


Fig. S11 UV-visible spectra of compound 1(Fig. a) and compound 2(Fig. b).

**Section S7. ICP-OES and CHN analysis reports of compounds 1 and 2**

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Kind Attn.:Mr.Sateesh.M, 9908652965		Ref.Date : 31/05/2018			
Sample Particulars : NaV19O46					
Qty. Received : 1No Vial					
Test Parameters : Vanadium as V,Sodium as Na					
Date of Receipt of Sample : 31/05/2018			Date of Starting of Analysis : 07/06/2018		
Date of completion of analysis : 08/06/2018			SAMPLE TESTED AS RECEIVED		
TEST RESULTS					
S.No.	Parameters	UOM	Results		
1	Vanadium as V	% by mass	42.33		
2	Sodium as Na	% by mass	7.20		
Instrument Used: ICP-OES Varian 720-ES					
NOTE : This report and results relate only to the sample / items tested.					

Fig. S12 ICP-OES analysis of compound 1.

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Ref.Date : 31/05/2018

Sample Particular: **NaV18O42(Cl)**

Qty. Received : 1No Vial

Test Parameters : Vanadium as V, Sodium as Na, Chloride as Cl

Date of Receipt of Sample : 31/05/2018

Date of Starting of Analysis : 07/06/2018

Date of completion of analysis : 08/06/2018

*SAMPLE TESTED AS RECEIVED*

**TEST RESULTS**

S.No.	Parameters	UOM	Results
1	Vanadium as V	% by mass	42.52
2	Sodium as Na	% by mass	5.44
3	Chloride as Cl	% by mass	1.63

Instrument Used: ICP-OES Varian 720-ES & IS 3025 Part 32

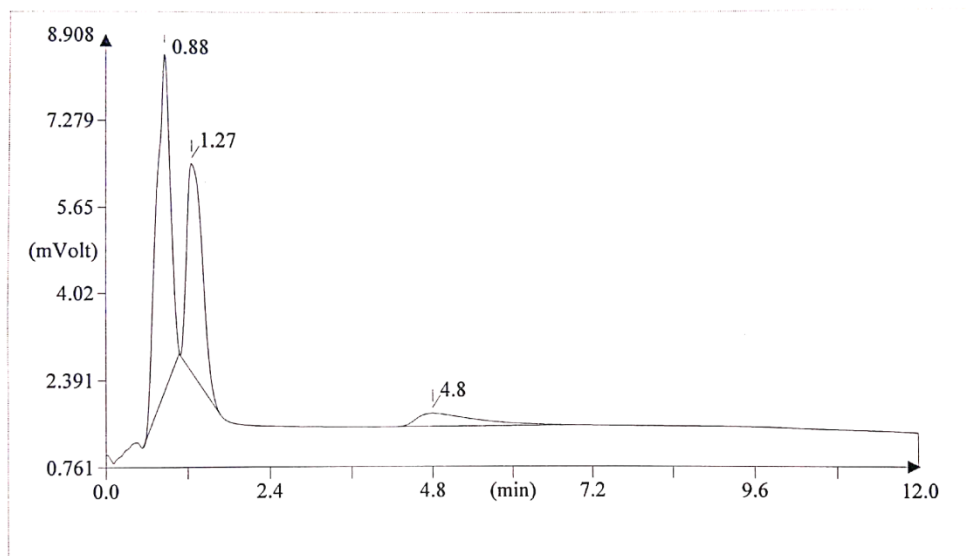
**NOTE:** This report and results relate only to the sample / items tested.

**Fig. S13** ICP-OES analysis of compound 2.



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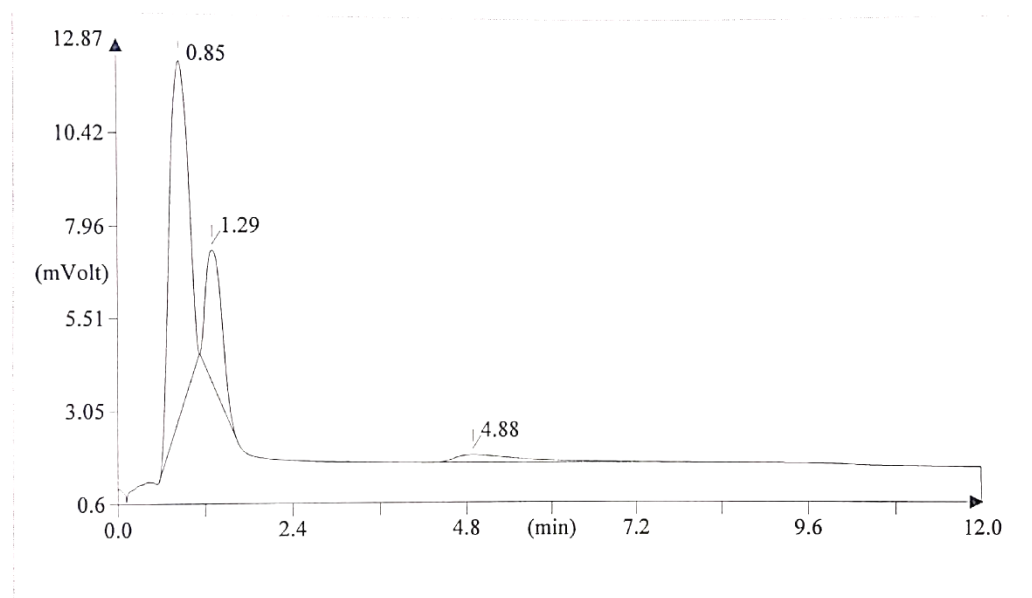


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Nitrogen	1.28	0.88
Carbon	0.09	1.27
Hydrogen	2.42	4.80

Fig. S14 CHN analysis report of compound 1.

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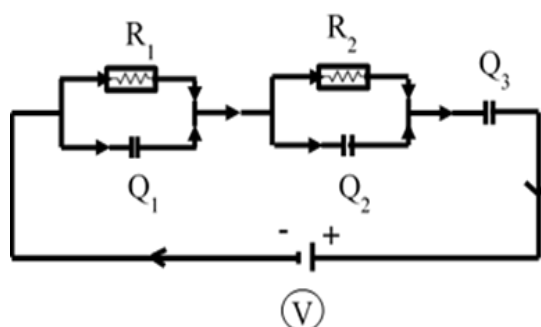


Element Name	Element %	Ret. Time
Nitrogen	4.86	0.85
Carbon	0.12	1.29
Hydrogen	3.23	4.88

**Fig. S15** CHN analysis report of compound 2.

**Section S8. Electrochemical Impedance spectra analysis of compounds 1 and 2 and controlled experiments**

- a) Calculation of proton conductivity from Impedance spectra by fitting with equivalent circuit as described below:



Impedance data of compounds **1** and **2** were fitted with the equivalent circuit  $\{(R_1/Q_1)+(R_2/Q_2)+Q_3\}$  that consists of three main components, connected in a series. The first component ( $Z_1$ ) contains  $(R_1/Q_1)$  contributing to electrolyte impedance/resistance. The second component ( $Z_2$ ) represents  $(R_2/Q_2)$  contributing to resistance of electrolyte-electrode interface. The third one ( $Q_3$ ) is a constant phase element contributing to lower region frequency of the Nyquist plot. However, the electrolyte resistance  $R_1$  is considered to calculate the conductivity of electrolyte. Here, the tables, given below, provide the  $R_1$  values obtained by fitting of experimental impedance data for compounds **1** and **2**.

**Table S3.** Fitting parameters used to calculate proton conductivity for compound **1** at various temperatures and 70% relative humidity (RH).

Temp. (°C)	$R_1(\Omega)$	Conductivity ( $\text{Scm}^{-1}$ )
50	82.71	$3.01 \times 10^{-3}$
40	226.3	$1.10 \times 10^{-3}$
30	433.2	$5.74 \times 10^{-4}$
20	587.2	$4.24 \times 10^{-4}$

**Table S4.** Fitting parameters used to calculate proton conductivity for compound **2** at various temperatures and 70% relative humidity (RH).

Temp. (°C)	$R_1(\Omega)$	Conductivity ( $\text{Scm}^{-1}$ )
50	1228	$1.97 \times 10^{-4}$
40	1818	$1.33 \times 10^{-4}$
30	3137	$7.73 \times 10^{-5}$
20	4319	$5.61 \times 10^{-5}$

**Calculation of proton conductivity for compound 1 from  $R_1$  value at 50 °C using the formula, described below:**

$$R = \rho \times \frac{l}{a} \dots\dots\dots Eqn (1)$$

Here we know that,

$R$  = resistance of the electrolyte (R1)

$\rho$  = specific resistance of the electrolyte

$l$  = thickness of the pellet (cm)

$a$  = cross section area of pellet (cm<sup>2</sup>)

Therefore,  $x = \frac{l}{a}$

Then the *Eqn (1)* can be written as,

$$\rho = \frac{R}{x} \dots\dots\dots Eqn (2)$$

$R_1 = 82.71$  ( $\Omega$ )

$l = 0.286$  cm

$a = 1.1455$  cm<sup>2</sup>

Therefore,  $x = 0.249$  cm<sup>-1</sup> (~ 0.25)

Specific resistance of the electrolyte ( $\rho$ ) = 332.16  $\Omega$  cm

We calculated specific resistance from *Eqn (2)*,

Then we know that, the conductance is inversely proportion to the resistance.

$$\sigma = \frac{1}{\rho} \dots\dots\dots Eqn (3)$$

By putting the specific resistance value in *Eqn (3)*, we get the specific conductivity of compound **1** at 50 °C.

Thus, the proton conductivity of compound **1**, ( $\sigma$ )<sub>50 °C</sub> = **3.01×10<sup>-3</sup> Scm<sup>-1</sup>**.

\* *Note:* Similar data fitting and calculation procedures were used to calculate proton conductivity values for **1** and **2** at various experimental conditions.

**Calculation of activation energy ( $E_a$ ) for compounds 1 and 2:**

Activation energy of compounds **1** and **2** for their proton conductivity was calculated from their variable temperature conductivity values. The derived plot was constructed as **ln( $\sigma T$ ) vs 1000/T** (refer to main text). The slope value of the plot was used in Arrhenius equation to calculate the activation energies for compounds **1** and **2**.

From Arrhenius equation,

$$\sigma T = A. e^{\left(\frac{-E_a}{RT}\right)} \dots\dots\dots Eqn (4)$$

Here,  $\sigma$  = conductivity of electrolyte, *i.e.*, proton conductivity;

$-E_a$  = activation energy for proton conduction;

$R$  = Ideal gas constant;  $T$  = temperature in Kelvins (K) scale.

Eqn (4) can be written as,

$$\ln(\sigma T) = \ln A - \left(\frac{Ea}{RT}\right) \dots \dots \dots \text{Eqn (5)}$$

Eqn (5) can be rewritten as,

$$\ln(\sigma T) = \ln A - \left(\frac{Ea}{R \times 1000}\right) \times \left(\frac{1000}{T}\right) \dots \dots \dots \text{Eqn (6)}$$

Eqn (6) represent the straight line between  $\ln(\sigma T)$  and  $1000/T$ .

Thus, value of slope (**m**) =  $-\left(\frac{Ea}{R \times 1000}\right)$

For compound **1** slope (**m**) =  $-2.813 \text{ S cm}^{-1} \text{ K}^2$ .  
 And compound **2** slope (**m**) =  $-2.194 \text{ S cm}^{-1} \text{ K}^2$ .

Therefore, the activation energy for compound **1**, **Ea = 0.24 eV (23.3 kJ/mol)**,  
 Whereas for compound **2**, **Ea = 0.19 eV (18.4 kJ/mol)**

**b) Detailed calculations of standard deviation of proton conductivity values for compounds 1 and 2:**

The following equation (1) was used to calculate the standard deviation of compounds **1** and **2**. For this calculation, four proton conductivity measurements were recorded in 24 hours with 6 hours regular time intervals at a particular temperature and relative humidity (i.e., 50 °C and 70% RH). The obtained four proton conductivity values were used to calculate the standard deviation for compounds **1** and **2**.

$$S^2 = \frac{\sum(xi-xa)^2}{n-1} \dots \dots \dots \text{equation (1)}$$

Hence here,

$xi$  = Proton conductivity value,

$xa$  = Mean value of total number of proton conductivity values, here is four data points,

$n$  = Number of data points,

$S$  = Standard deviation.

For compound **1**:

Cycle number	$xi$	$xa$	$(xi - xa)$	$(xi - xa)^2$
1 <sup>st</sup>	$3.01 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.62 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.1 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.72 \times 10^{-7}$
2 <sup>nd</sup>	$2.99 \times 10^{-3}$		$6.3 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.96 \times 10^{-7}$
3 <sup>rd</sup>	$3.68 \times 10^{-3}$		$6.0 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.6 \times 10^{-9}$
4 <sup>th</sup>	$4.83 \times 10^{-3}$		$1.2 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.46 \times 10^{-6}$

Note: the sign is taken as positive in the calculation of  $(xi - xa)$  and  $(xi - xa)$ .

$$x_a = \frac{\text{sum of all } x_i \text{ values}}{\text{number of data points}} \dots \text{equation (2)}$$

$$x_a = \frac{\{(3.01 \times 10^{-3}) + (2.99 \times 10^{-3}) + (3.68 \times 10^{-3}) + (4.83 \times 10^{-3})\}}{4}$$

$$x_a = 3.627/1000$$

The total sum value of  $(x_i - x_a)^2 = 2.231 \times 10^{-6}$

Equation 1 written as,  $S = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (x_i - x_a)^2}{n-1}}$

$$S = \sqrt{\frac{\sum 2.231 \times 10^{-6}}{4 - 1}}$$

$$S = \sqrt{7.438 \times 10^{-7}}$$

Standard deviation for compound 1 (S) =  $8.62 \times 10^{-4} \text{ Scm}^{-1}$

For compound 2:

The same calculation procedure of compound 1 followed to calculate the standard deviation of compound 2.

Cycle number	$x_i$	$x_a$	$(x_i - x_a)$	$(x_i - x_a)^2$
1 <sup>st</sup>	$1.97 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.16 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.9 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.61 \times 10^{-10}$
2 <sup>nd</sup>	$1.86 \times 10^{-4}$		$3.0 \times 10^{-5}$	$9.0 \times 10^{-10}$
3 <sup>rd</sup>	$1.96 \times 10^{-4}$		$2.0 \times 10^{-5}$	$4.0 \times 10^{-10}$
4 <sup>th</sup>	$2.85 \times 10^{-4}$		$6.9 \times 10^{-5}$	$4.76 \times 10^{-9}$

The total sum value of  $(x_i - x_a)^2 = 6.421 \times 10^{-9}$

Standard deviation for compound 2 (S) =  $4.621 \times 10^{-5} \text{ Scm}^{-1}$

c) Controlled experiments on residual electrolyte of compounds 1 and 2 after EIS measurements

(1) FTIR spectra:

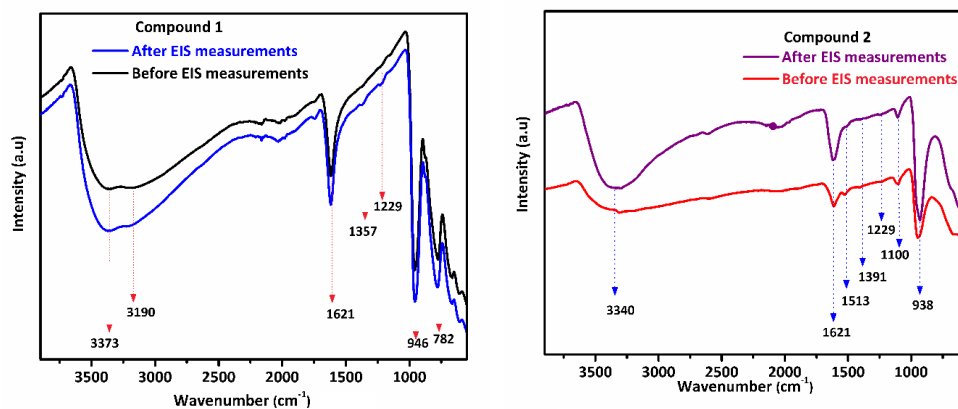


Fig. S16 FTIR spectra of compound 1 (left) and compound 2 (right) before and after EIS measurements.

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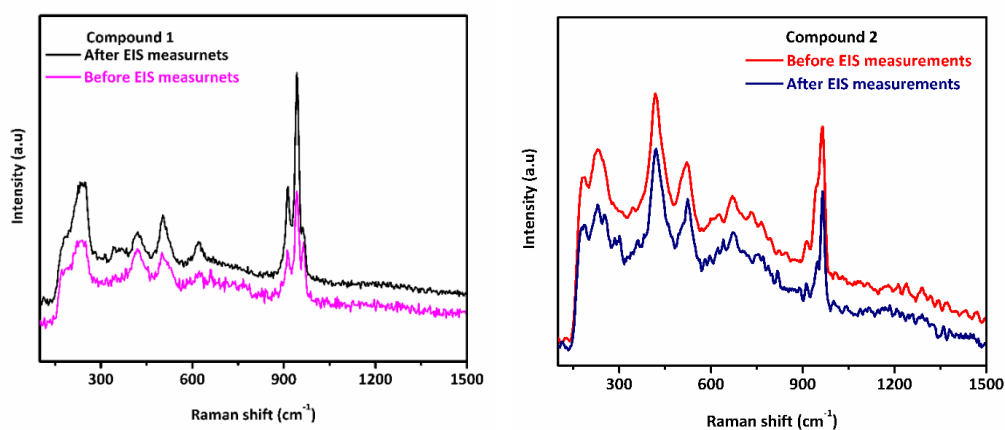


Fig. S17 Raman spectra of compound 1(left) and compound 2 (right) before and after EIS measurements.

(3) UV-Vis absorption spectra:

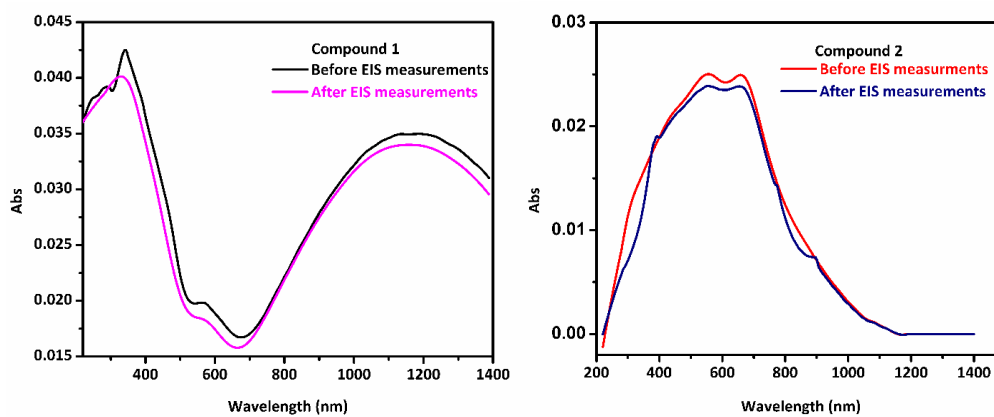


Fig. S18 UV-visible spectra of compound 1 (left) and compound 2 (right) before and after EIS measurements.

#### (4) PXRD profiles:

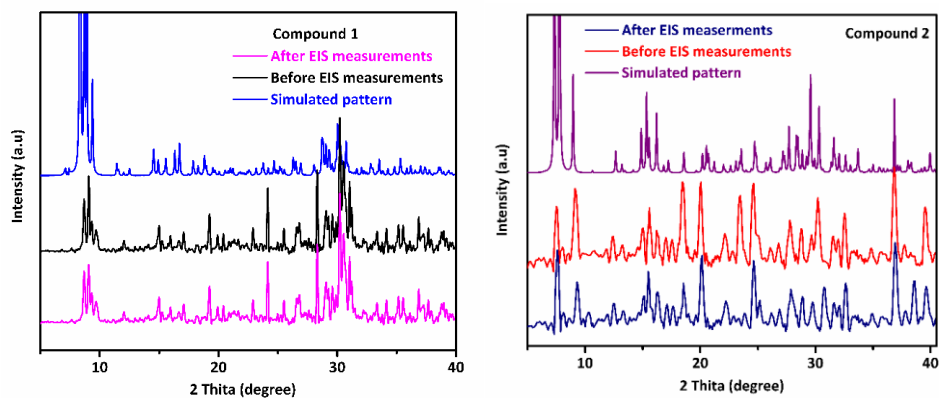


Fig. S19 Powder X-ray diffraction analysis of compound 1 (left) and compound 2 (right) before and after EIS measurements.

#### (5) XPS spectra:

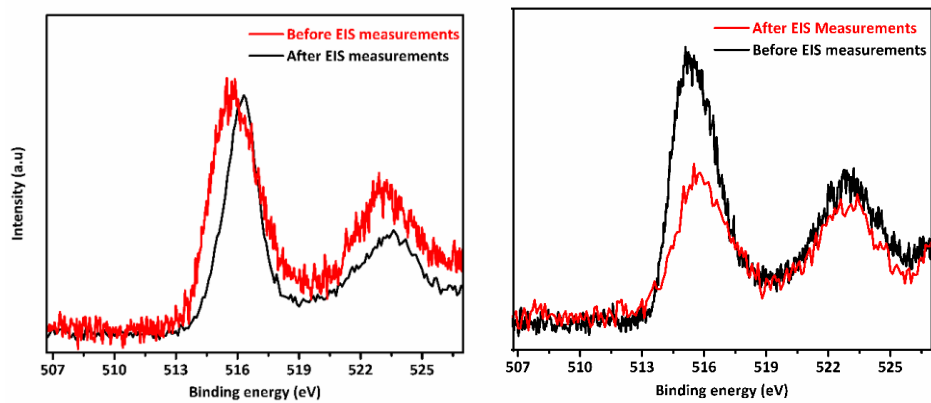


Fig. S20 XPS spectra of compound 1(left) and compound 2 (right) before and after EIS measurements.



**Table S5.** Comparison of proton conductivity values of compounds **1** and **2** with those of other reported POMs

S.No	Compound Name/formula	Conductivity (S cm <sup>-1</sup> )	$E_a$ (kJ mole <sup>-1</sup> )	Conditions	References	Type
1	H <sub>3</sub> [PMo <sub>12</sub> O <sub>40</sub> ].29H <sub>2</sub> O	1.8×10 <sup>-1</sup>	15.5	25°C, 85% RH	S1	POM
2	[I <sub>3</sub> -(Mo <sup>V</sup> <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>8</sub> (Se <sup>IV</sup> O <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>8</sub> (OH) <sub>8</sub> ] <sup>9-</sup>	1.2×10 <sup>-2</sup>	74.29	55 °C, 97% RH	S2	POM
3	[Zn(P <sub>3</sub> Mo <sub>6</sub> O <sub>29</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>12-</sup>	1.04×10 <sup>-2</sup>	21.22	80 °C, 75% RH	S3	POM
4	[H <sub>8</sub> P <sub>2</sub> W <sub>16</sub> V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>62</sub> ].20H <sub>2</sub> O	1.89×10 <sup>-2</sup>	31.91	18 °C, 80% RH	S4	POM
5	[H <sub>7</sub> SiW <sub>9</sub> V <sub>3</sub> O <sub>40</sub> ].9H <sub>2</sub> O	8.11×10 <sup>-3</sup>	26.69	58 °C, 50% RH	S5	POM
6	[H <sub>8</sub> V <sub>18</sub> O <sub>42</sub> (VO <sub>4</sub> )] <sup>7-</sup> ( <b>1</b> )	3.01×10 <sup>-3</sup>	23.34	50 °C, 70% RH	This work	POM
7	[H <sub>8</sub> V <sub>18</sub> O <sub>42</sub> (VO <sub>4</sub> )] <sup>5-</sup> ( <b>2</b> )	2.16×10 <sup>-4</sup>	18.40	50 °C, 70% RH	This work	POM
8	[MnV <sub>13</sub> O <sub>38</sub> ] <sup>7-</sup>	4.68 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	43.41	61 °C, 97% RH	S6	POM
9	[PMo <sup>V</sup> <sub>18</sub> Mo <sup>V</sup> <sub>4</sub> V <sup>IV</sup> <sub>4</sub> O <sub>42</sub> ] <sup>11-</sup>	1.5 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	31.83	75 °C, 98% RH	S7	POM-MOF
10	H <sub>6</sub> [SiW <sub>9</sub> MoV <sub>2</sub> O <sub>40</sub> ].15H <sub>2</sub> O	6.01 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	27.5	22 °C, 80% RH	S8	POM
11	NbO <sub>2</sub> (OH)-PW <sub>12</sub>	7.3 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	37.62	77 °C, 97% RH	S9	POM
12	[ε-H <sub>2</sub> PMo <sub>8</sub> <sup>V</sup> Mo <sub>4</sub> <sup>VI</sup> O <sub>40</sub> Zn <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>3-</sup>	1.5×10 <sup>-5</sup>	114.81	90 °C, 85% RH	S10	POM
13	[Mo <sub>6</sub> O <sub>16</sub> (OH)(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>4</sub> <sup>12-</sup>	2.19×10 <sup>-2</sup>	62.39	90 °C, 98% RH	S11	ATMP-POM
14	(HPW- <i>meso-silica</i> )	1.104×10 <sup>-1</sup>	~14	90 °C, 100% RH	S12	POM-PEM
15	TiO <sub>2</sub> -P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	1.6×10 <sup>-2</sup>	8.68	160 °C, 100% RH	S13	CGMN
16	EB-COF:PW <sub>12</sub>	3.32×10 <sup>-3</sup>	23.15	25 °C, 97% RH	S14	POM-COF
17	POM-SVP <sub>97</sub> K-5	2.21×10 <sup>-4</sup>	13.50	25 – 65 °C, 0% RH	S15	POM-PEM

**Abbreviations:**

- (**POM-OF**) a Polyoxometalate Based Open Framework.
- (**ATMP-POM**) Amino trimethylene phosphonic acid based polyoxometalate.
- (**POMOF**) polyoxometalates based metal organic frame work.
- (**POM-PEM**) polyoxometalates proton exchange membrane.
- (**POM-COF**) polyoxometalates based covalent organic frame work.
- (**CGMN**) Crystalline Glass, Mesoporous Nanocomposite.

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