

Supplementary Information

$\{[V^{IV}_{14}V^V_4O_{42}(H_2O)][Ni(C_4N_3H_{13})(C_4N_3H_{14})]_4(H_2O)_6\}^{4+}$: A novel nanosized calix-type polyoxovanadate cation

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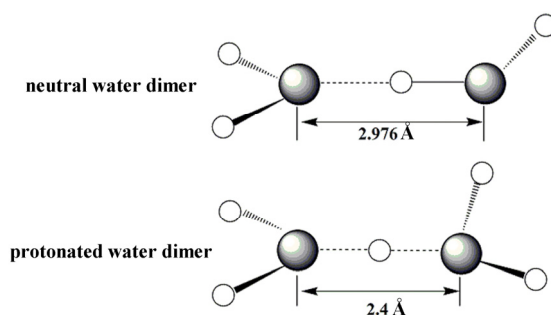


Fig. S1 Depiction of a theoretically predicted neutral and protonated water dimer.

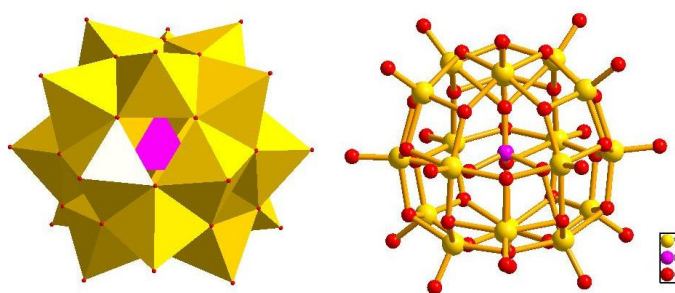
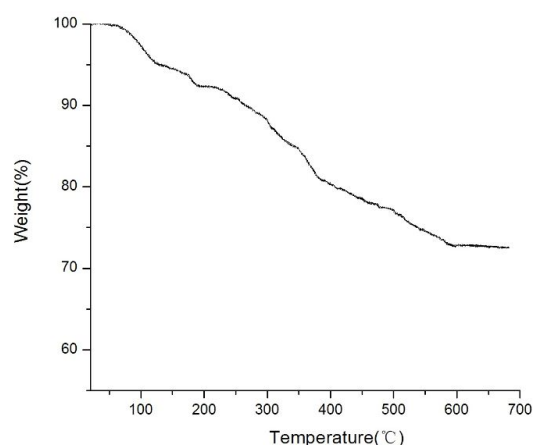
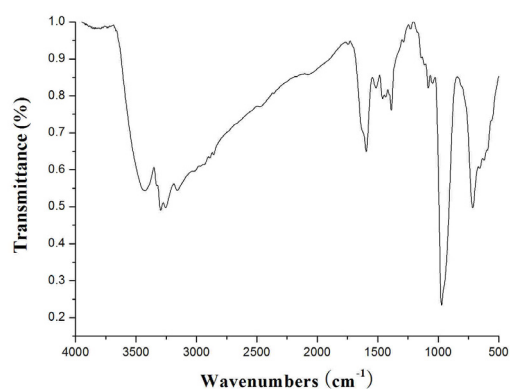


Fig. S2 Representative view of hexa-capped Keggin structural anion (Section B of **1**). (Colour code: V, gold; O, red; P, pink).



TG analysis: The weight loss of 2.55 % from 40 to 100°C are assigned to the removal of the six crystal water molecules (calculation value: 2.50 %). The weight loss of 25.09% from 100 to 610°C are attributable to the decomposition of the DETA molecule and one water molecule in the cluster (calculation value: 25.89 %) The total weight loss (27.64%) is in good agreement with the calculated value (28.39%).

Fig. S3 The TG curve of compound **1**.



IR spectrum: 3425 cm^{-1} , $\nu(\text{O-H})$; 3296 cm^{-1} , 3254 cm^{-1} , 3158 cm^{-1} , $\nu(\text{N-H})$; 1595 cm^{-1} , 1388 cm^{-1} , $\nu(\text{C-C})$, $\nu(\text{C-N})$; 1082 cm^{-1} , $\nu(\text{P-O})$; 972 cm^{-1} , $\nu(\text{V=O})$; 714 cm^{-1} , $\nu(\text{V-O-V})$.

Fig. S4 IR spectra of compound **1**.

Table S1 Bond valence sum for compound **1**.

V1 (×4)	3.83	V7 (×4)	4.38
V2 (×1)	4.42	V8 (×2)	4.46
V3 (×1)	4.73	V9 (×4)	4.30
V4 (×4)	4.17	V10 (×4)	4.31
V5 (×4)	4.76	V11 (×4)	4.25
V6 (×4)	4.17		

Table S2 Selected hydrogen bond lengths (Å) and angles (°).

N1—H1C...O9	0.91	2.52	3.263(5)	140
N1—H1C...O1 ^a	0.91	2.32	3.095(5)	142
N2—H2C...O3 ^b	0.90	2.08	2.978(5)	173
N2—H2D...O7	0.90	2.11	2.991(5)	166
N6A—H6AA...O24 ^c	0.89	2.03	2.884(11)	161
N3—H3C...O14 ^d	0.91	2.53	3.259(6)	137
N4—H4C...O23 ^d	0.90	2.15	2.976(5)	151
N4—H4D...O4W ^a	0.90	2.43	3.224(7)	147
N6A—H6AC...O19 ^d	0.89	1.91	2.794(11)	174
N5—H5D...O14 ^d	0.90	2.48	3.265(5)	146
N6—H6C...24 ^c	0.89	1.97	2.832(13)	163
N6—H6D...O13 ^d	0.89	2.22	2.789(12)	122
N6—H6D...O19 ^d	0.89	2.19	2.924(14)	140
N8—H8C...O17 ^e	0.90	2.12	3.009(8)	167
N8—H8D...O18 ^e	0.90	2.34	2.742(7)	107
O2W—H2WB...O12	0.81	2.55(1)	3.092(9)	126
N9—H9D...O11	0.89	2.41	2.799(11)	107
N9—H9E...O13 ^f	0.89	2.57	3.259(12)	135
O3W—H3WB...O13 ^g	0.80	2.57(1)	2.940(6)	111
O3W—H3WB...O21 ^g	0.80	2.10(1)	2.621(5)	123

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms for **1**: ^a $y, 1/2-x, z$; ^b $1-y, -1/2+x, 1-z$; ^c $x, -1+y, z$; ^d $1-x, 1-y, -z$; ^e $x, y, 1+z$; ^f $-1/2+y, 1-x, 1-z$; ^g $-1/2+y, 1-x, -z$.