## Supporting information

## Proton transfer in polyamine-P<sub>2</sub>Mo<sub>5</sub> model adducts: exploring the effect of polyamine cations on their proton conductivity

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Compound	P <sub>2</sub> Mo <sub>5</sub> -TETA	P <sub>2</sub> Mo <sub>5</sub> -DETA			
Empirical formula	$C_{6}H_{26}Mo_{5}N_{4}O_{24}P_{2}$	$C_8H_{40}Mo_5N_6O_{27}P_2$			
Formula weight	1079.95	1194.10			
Temperature (K)	238.0	113.0			
Crystal system	Triclinic	Triclinic			
Space group	P-1	P-1			
<i>a</i> (Å)	9.9361(8)	10.3242(14)			
<i>b</i> (Å)	10.0331(7)	10.9734(15)			
<i>c</i> (Å)	14.4174(12)	15.718(2)			
α (°)	84.088(4)	95.654(6)			
eta (°)	77.796(4)	95.813(5)			
γ (°)	65.153(3)	111.470(4)			
Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )	1274.59(18)	1630.9(4)			
Ζ	2	2			
$D_{\rm calc}/{ m gcm}^{-3}$	2.814	2.432			
$\mu/mm^{-1}$	2.630	2.076			
F(000)	1044	1172			
Reflections collected	35964	41817			
Independent reflections	8751 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0559]	6454 [Rint = 0.0384]			
GOOF	1.023	1.091			
Final <i>R</i> indexes $[I \ge 2\sigma(I)]^{al}$	<sup>b</sup> $R_1 = 0.0394, wR_2 = 0.0664$	$R_1 = 0.0255, wR_2 = 0.0622$			
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 Table S1 X-ray crystallographic data for P2M05-TETA and P2M05-DETA.

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D–H···A	D-H / A	H···A / A	D····A / A	D–H···A/°
O1(W)–H1B…O1	0.86	2.737	2.745	141.60
O1(W)–H1A…O6	0.86	2.361	2.922	123.20
O1(W)–H1A…O14	0.86	2.376	2.946	140.56
O8−H8····O12	0.83	2.059	2.816	151.56
$N3-H3C\cdotsO1(W)$	0.90	1.778	2.590	148.78
N1–H1A····O5	0.90	1.991	2.857	160.81
N1-H1C…O2	0.90	2.313	2.977	130.30
N1–H1C…O19	0.90	2.234	3.028	146.80
N1–H1B…O15	0.90	2.076	2.874	147.21
N2–H2A····O7	0.90	1.999	2.842	155.50
N2–H2B····O18	0.90	2.531	2.933	107.74
N2-H2B····O13	0.90	1.957	2.841	166.65
N3-H3D…011	0.90	2.022	2.777	140.63
N3–H3E····O20	0.90	1.950	2.771	150.80
N3-H3C…O1(W)	0.90	1.778	2.590	148.78
N4–H4B…O20	0.90	2.409	2.968	120.45
N4–H4B…O1	0.90	19.84	2.813	152.46
N4–H1A…O23	0.90	2.042	2.963	164.31

Table S2 Hydrogen bond distances (Å) and angles (°) for P2M05-TETA.

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D–H···A	D–H / Å	H…A∕Å	D…A/Å	D–H····A / °
N1–H1B····O21	1.003	2.092	3.008	150.97
$N1-H1C\cdots O2(W)$	0.703	2.028	2.739	161.60
N1–H1A····O22	0.934	1.879	2.807	172.26
N2-H2A····O10	0.910	2.068	2.782	134.37
N2–H2A····O22	0.910	2.021	2.893	159.97
N2–H2B····O22	0.910	2.543	2.927	105.89
N3–H3B····O22	0.909	1.808	2.705	168.64
N3-H3A····O12	0.910	2.245	2.859	124.26
N3-H3C…O13	0.911	2.173	2.931	140.20
N4–H4A····O23	0.910	1.850	2.724	160.39
N4–H4B…O16	0.910	2.327	2.984	128.95
N4–H4C…O18	0.910	2.536	2.963	109.22
N5–H5C···O23	0.823	1.871	2.677	166.08
N5−H5D···O6	0.868	1.942	2.808	176.39
N6–H6C…O7	0.909	2.016	2.849	151.61
N6–H6C…O4(W)	0.909	2.586	2.970	106.11
N6–H6D…014	0.910	2.245	2.848	123.34
N6–H6C…O17	0.911	1.874	2.784	178.14
N6–H6D…O1(W)	0.910	2.234	2.908	130.46
O1W–H1WB…O14	0.869	2.068	2.996	165.77
01W-H1WA…013	0.870	2.083	2.877	151.35

O1W–H1WA…O18	0.870	2.485	2.966	115.60
O2(W)-H2WA···O3(W)	0.870	1.847	2.674	158.23
O3W-H3WA…O11	0.870	2.151	2.878	140.78
O3W-H3WB····O20	0.872	2.478	2.880	108.84
O4W–H4WA…O8	0.830	1.939	2.765	173.79

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D–H···A	D–H / Å	H…A∕Å	D…A/Å	$D-H-A/^{o}$
N1-H1A…012	0.89	1.956	2.085	159.07
N1–H1B····O2	0.89	1.954	2.829	167.58
N1–H1C····O7	0.89	2.495	2.952	112.42
N1-H1C…O11	0.89	2.149	3.017	164.92
N2-H2A····O4	0.89	2.207	2.937	139.12
N2–H2A····O9	0.89	2.169	2.957	147.41
N2–H2B…O11	0.89	2.168	2.912	140.70
N2-H2C····O6	0.89	2.017	2.904	174.18
01–H1···O4	0.82	1.868	2.26	153.03

Table S5 The short O $\cdots$ O distances between adjacent P<sub>2</sub>Mo<sub>5</sub> anions in P<sub>2</sub>Mo<sub>5</sub>-EN.

Atoms involved	Length (Å)	Atoms involved	Length (Å)
0104	2.626	011011	2.915
O7…O10	2.943		

Table S6 Compare proton conductivity of P<sub>2</sub>Mo<sub>5</sub>-EN with that of other conductors under similar conditions.

POM-based conductors	σ (S cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Tested conditions	Ref.
P <sub>2</sub> Mo <sub>5</sub> -EN	$1.13 \times 10^{-2}$	65 °C and 95% RH	This work
$[H_3O][(VO_2)_3(SeO_3)_2]$	$2.95 \times 10^{-2}$ [100] direction	60 °C and 98% RH	1
$[H_3O][(VO_2)_3(SeO_3)_2]$	$4.07 \times 10^{-2}$ [001] direction	60 °C and 98% RH	1
$[Cu(en)_2(H_2O)]_2\{[Cu(en)]_4[Cu-$	$1.35 \times 10^{-3}$	85 °C and 98% RH	2
$(en)_{2}_{5}[Cu(en)_{2}KNb_{24}O_{72}H_{10}]_{2}$			
6en·70H2O			
[Cd(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> DABT] <sub>4</sub> [Cd(H <sub>7</sub> P <sub>4</sub> Mo <sub>6</sub> -	$1.35 \times 10^{-3}$	60 °C and 98% RH	3
O <sub>31</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]·19H <sub>2</sub> O			
$(C_{2}H_{5}OH)(C_{3}H_{5}N_{2})_{6}[Co_{3}(H_{6}P_{4}Mo_{6}-$	$3.78 \times 10^{-3}$	60 °C and 98% RH	3
$O_{31}_2] \cdot H_2O$			
$[Cu_2(H_2O)_2(L1)_3][PMo^{VI}_{11}Mo^VO_{40}]$	2.8×10 <sup>-4</sup>	65°C, 95% RH	4
$(H_2L_2)_{0.5}[(Cu^IL_2)_2(PM_{012}O_{40})] \cdot H_2O$	1.9×10 <sup>-4</sup>	65°C, 95% RH	4
[Sr(DMPhH <sub>2</sub> IDC) <sub>2</sub> ]n	0.92 × 10-3 S⋅cm-1	100 °C and 98% RH	5
$H_3[(CH_3)_4N]_{14}[NaSm(PW_{11}O_{39})_3] \cdot 18$	$4.7 \times 10^{-3}$	85°C, 98% RH	6
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$(TMA)_{14}H_2[Ce^{III}(H_2O)_6]{[Ce^{IV}_7Ce^{III}_3]$	2		
$O_6(OH)_6(CO_3)(H_2O)_{11}][(P_2W_{16}-$	2.65×10 <sup>-3</sup>	100°C, 98% RH	7

O59)]3}·41H2O			
$[{Cu(pip)_2}_2{La_{29}Ge_{10}W_{106}O_{406}-(OH)_4(H_2O)_{28}}]^{49-}$	5.3×10 <sup>-3</sup>	85°C, 98% RH	8
$[Co(4,4'-bipy)(H_2O)_4][Co(4,4'-bipy H)_2(H_2O)_4] \cdot 2(H_3bmt) \cdot 6H_2O$	9.87×10 <sup>-3</sup>	85°C, 98% RH	9
$[Nd_3(H_2O)_{22}][P_2W_{15}Ta_3O_{62}] \cdot nH_2O$	9.88×10 <sup>-3</sup>	95°C, 98% RH	10
JUK13-SO <sub>3</sub> H	3.80×10 <sup>-5</sup>	65°C, 90% RH	11
[Zn(Hssa)(1,4-bib)·H <sub>2</sub> O]n	3.45×10 <sup>-5</sup>	60°C, 95% RH	12
$(C_5H_{10}NO_2)Ga_4(PO_4)4F \cdot 3H_2O$	8.89×10 <sup>-4</sup>	85°C, 95% RH	13

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Atoms	Length (Å)	Atoms involved	Length (Å)
involved			
O1…O20	2.882	O19··O2	2.936
O18····O19	3.025		