

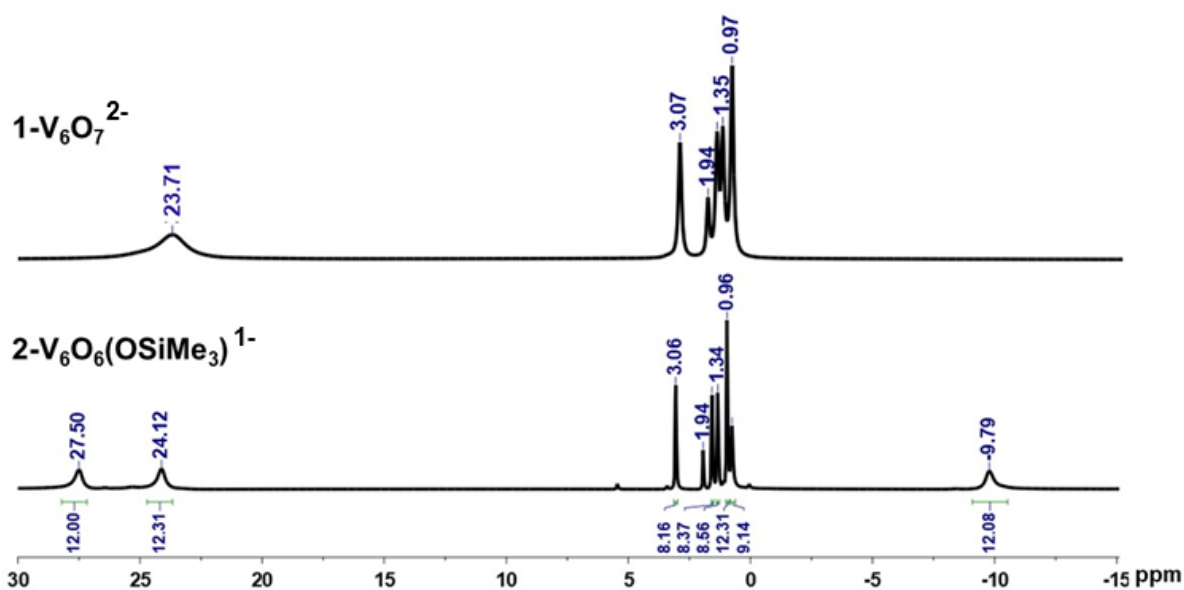
## Modelling Local Structural and Electronic Consequences of Proton- and Hydrogen-Atom uptake in VO<sub>2</sub> with Polyoxovanadate Clusters

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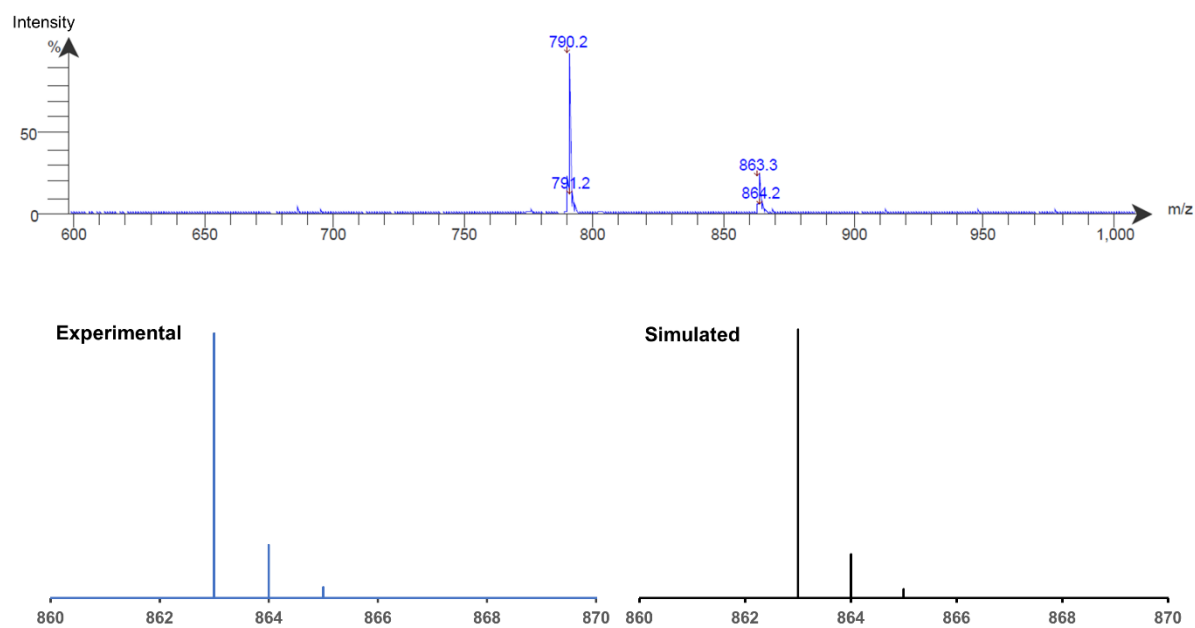
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**Fig. S1**  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectra of  $1\text{-V}_6\text{O}_7^{2-}$  and  $2\text{-V}_6\text{O}_6(\text{OSiMe}_3)^{1-}$  in  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ ,  $21^\circ\text{C}$ .



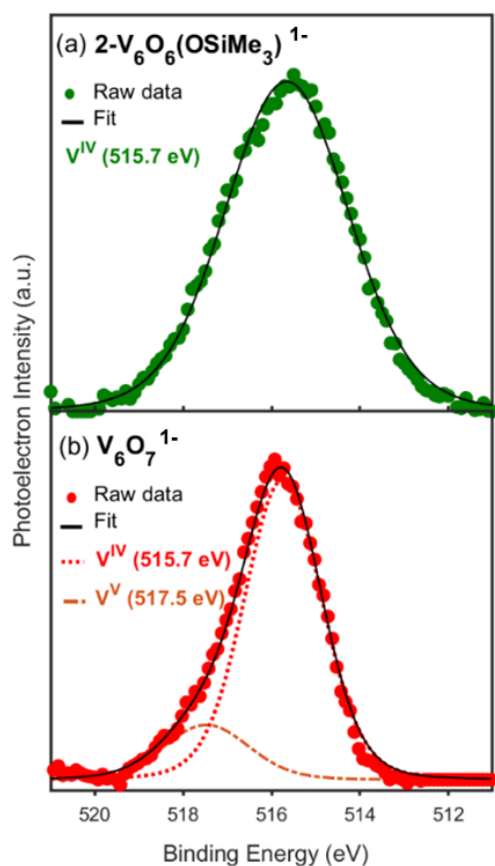
**Fig. S2** ESI-MS (-) ve spectrum of  $2\text{-V}_6\text{O}_6(\text{OSiMe}_3)^{1-}$  in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  ( $m/z = 863$  amu). The  $m/z = 790$  amu corresponds to  $[\text{V}_6\text{O}_7(\text{OMe})_{12}]^{1-}$ .

**Table S1:** Crystallographic parameters of  $2\text{-V}_6\text{O}_6(\text{OSiMe}_3)^{1-}$  and  $3\text{-V}_6\text{O}_6(\text{OSiMe}_3)^{2-}$ .

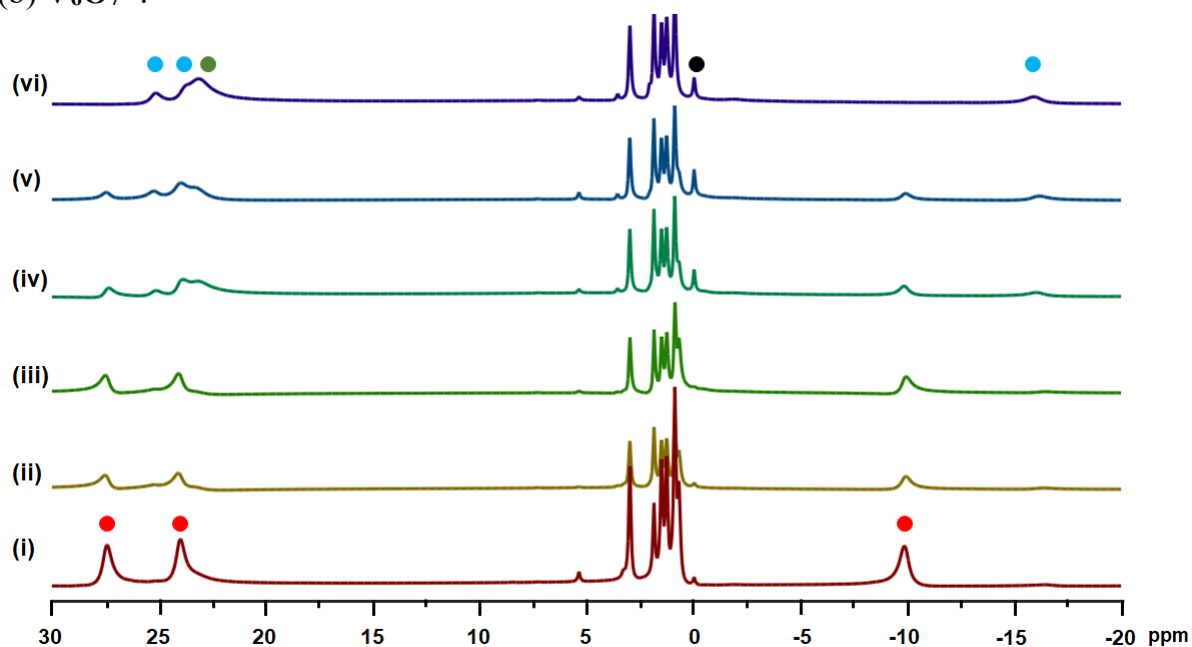
| Name                              | $2\text{-V}_6\text{O}_6(\text{OSiMe}_3)^{1-}$  | $3\text{-V}_6\text{O}_6(\text{OSiMe}_3)^{2-}$  |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| Empirical formula                 | $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{81}\text{NO}_{19}\text{SiV}_6$   | $\text{C}_{47}\text{H}_{117}\text{N}_2\text{O}_{19}\text{SiV}_6$   |
| Formula weight                    | 1105.69  | 1348.15  |
| Temperature                       | 100.00(10) K   | 100.00(10) K   |
| Wavelength                        | 1.54184 Å  | 1.54184 Å  |
| Crystal system                    | orthorhombic   | monoclinic   |
| Space group                       | $P_{bca}$  | $P2_1/n$   |
| Unit cell dimensions              | $a = 18.6012(3)$ Å, $\alpha = 90^\circ$<br>$b = 18.2780(3)$ Å, $\beta = 90^\circ$<br>$c = 29.0427(6)$ Å, $\gamma = 90^\circ$ | $a = 11.77236(17)$ Å, $\alpha = 90^\circ$<br>$b = 34.8563(7)$ Å,<br>$\beta = 96.0925(16)^\circ$<br>$c = 16.6545(3)$ Å, $\gamma = 90^\circ$ |
| Volume                            | 9874.3(3) Å <sup>3</sup>   | 6795.4(2) Å <sup>3</sup>   |
| Z                                 | 8  | 4  |
| Reflections collected             | 65851  | 67275  |
| Independent reflections           | 10356  | 14212  |
| Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup> | 1.094  | 1.060  |
| Final R indices<br>[I > 2σ(I)]    | $R1 = 0.0619$ , $wR2 = 0.1762$   | $R1 = 0.0840$ , $wR2 = 0.2377$   |
| CCDC numbers                      | 2058289  | 2058288  |

**Table S2:** Bond valence sum calculations for the crystallographically independent vanadium ions in  $2\text{-V}_6\text{O}_6(\text{OSiMe}_3)^{1-}$  based on X-ray crystallographic data collected at 100 K. Table reflects the results of BVS calculations using V-O bond valence parameters ( $r_0$ ) for different oxidation states of vanadium.

| $2\text{-V}_6\text{O}_6(\text{OSiMe}_3)^{1-}$ | V1           | V2           | V3           | V4           | V5           | V6           |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| V(III)  | 3.788        | 3.940        | 4.005        | 3.944        | 3.957        | 3.927        |
| V(IV)   | <b>3.878</b> | <b>4.034</b> | <b>4.100</b> | <b>4.038</b> | <b>4.051</b> | <b>4.021</b> |
| V(V)  | 4.151        | 4.300        | 4.369        | 4.305        | 4.319        | 4.285        |

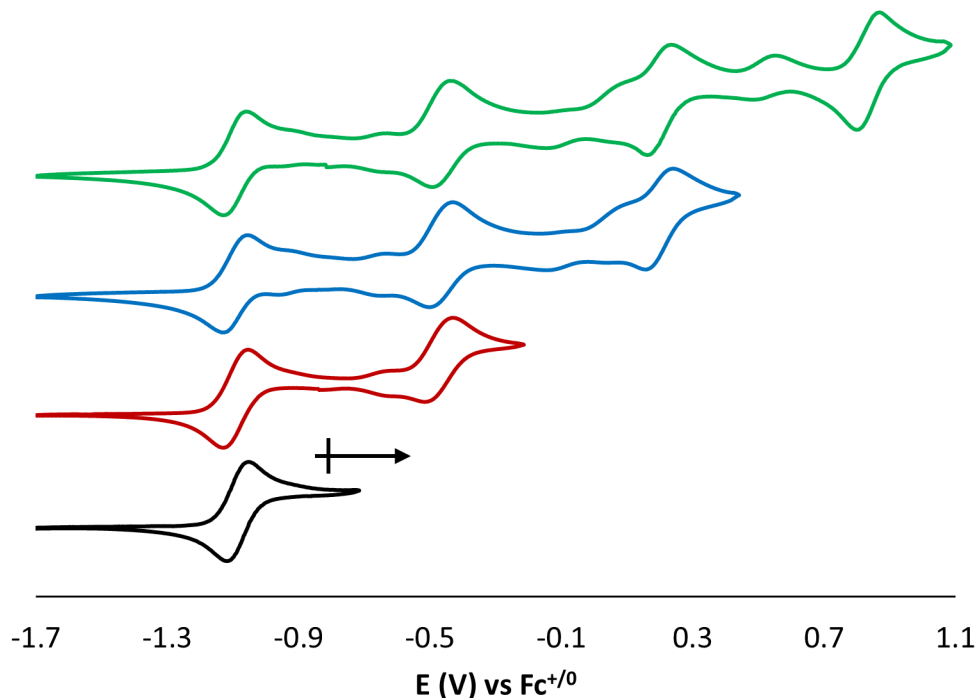


**Fig. S3** X-ray photoelectron spectra of the V  $2p_{3/2}$  region of (a)  $2\text{-V}_6\text{O}_6(\text{OSiMe}_3)^{1-}$ , and (b)  $\text{V}_6\text{O}_7^{1-}$ .

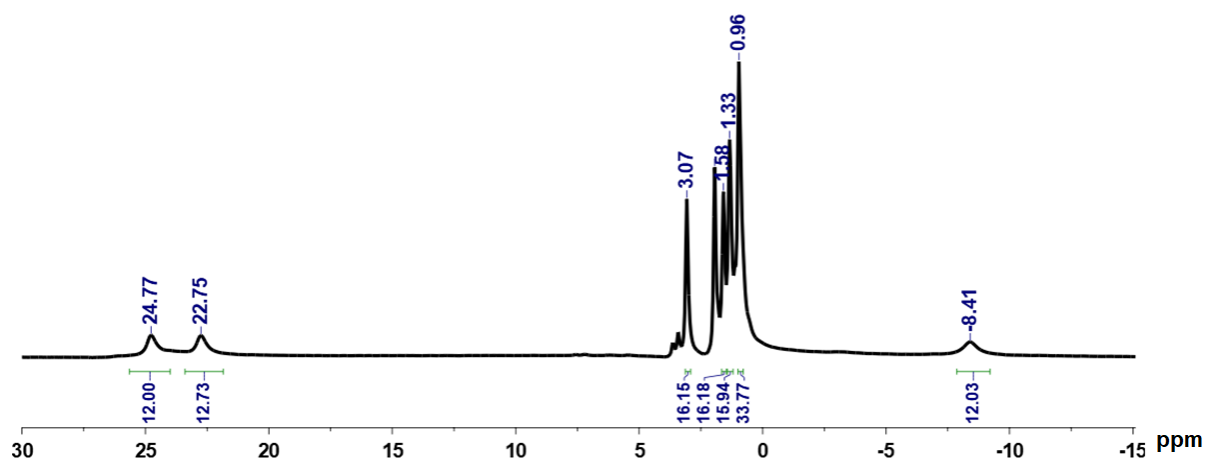


**Fig. S4**  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectra of dichloromethane solution of  $2\text{-V}_6\text{O}_6(\text{OSiMe}_3)^{1-}$ . Each spectrum relates to an aliquot of dichloromethane solution of  $2\text{-V}_6\text{O}_6(\text{OSiMe}_3)^{1-}$  removed from the mother liquor after certain time intervals, dried *in vacuo*, and spectrum recorded (in  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ ,  $21^\circ\text{C}$ ) (i) 1hr; (ii) 2hr; (iii) 3hr; (iv) 5 hr; (v) 6hr; (vi) 24 hrs. Red circles correspond to  $2\text{-V}_6\text{O}_6(\text{OSiMe}_3)^{1-}$  ( $\delta = 27.50, 24.12$  and  $-9.79$  ppm),

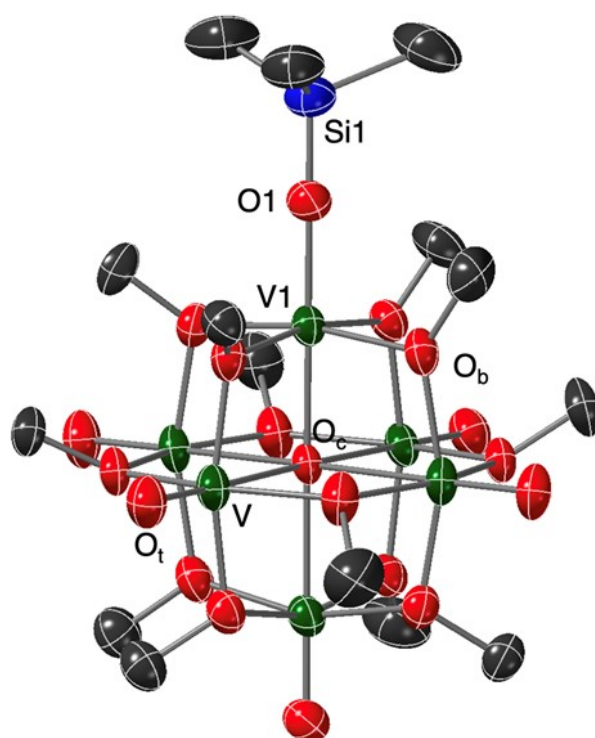
blue circles correspond to  $[\text{V}_6\text{O}_6(\text{OMe}_{12})]^{1-}$  ( $\delta = 25.3, 23.7$  and  $-15.8$  ppm),<sup>1</sup> green circle corresponds to  $[\text{V}_6\text{O}_7(\text{OMe}_{12})]^{1-}$  ( $\delta = 23.3$  ppm) and black circle corresponds to hexamethyldisiloxane ( $\delta = 0.03$  ppm).



**Fig. S5** CV of  $2\text{-V}_6\text{O}_6(\text{OSiMe}_3)^{1-}$  in DCM at 20 mV/s in various potential ranges: -1.7 to -0.72 V (black), -1.7 to -0.22 V (red), -1.7 to 0.4 V (blue), and -1.7 to 1.08 V (green). Oxidative instability is observed, with waves growing in at oxidizing potentials, corresponding with mixtures of  $2\text{-V}_6\text{O}_6(\text{OSiMe}_3)^{1-}$ ,  $[\text{V}_6\text{O}_6(\text{OMe}_{12})]^{1-}$ , and  $[\text{V}_6\text{O}_7(\text{OMe}_{12})]^{1-}$ .<sup>1, 2</sup>



**Fig. S6** Molecular structures of  $3\text{-V}_6\text{O}_6(\text{OSiMe}_3)_2^{2-}$  shown with 30% probability ellipsoids. Hydrogen atoms, counter ions, and solvent molecules have been removed for clarity. Details of the crystallographic parameters are mentioned in Table S1.



**Fig. S7**  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectrum of  $3\text{-V}_6\text{O}_6(\text{OSiMe}_3)_2^{2-}$  in  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ ,  $21^\circ\text{C}$ .

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| $3\text{-V}_6\text{O}_6(\text{OSiMe}_3)^{2-}$ | V1           | V2           | V3           | V4           | V5           | V6           |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| V(III)  | <b>3.127</b> | 3.933        | 3.969        | 3.947        | 3.913        | 3.886        |
| V(IV)   | 3.202        | <b>4.027</b> | <b>4.063</b> | <b>4.042</b> | <b>4.006</b> | <b>3.978</b> |
| V(V)  | 3.441        | 4.295        | 4.333        | 4.310        | 4.272        | 4.244        |

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