# The assembly of $\left[\mathrm{Mo}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{2}\right]^{2+}$ based on polydentate phosphonate templates and their proton conductivity 

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## 1. Materials and methods

All obtained reagents, including amino trimethylene phosphonic acid (ATMP), ethylene diamine tetra (methylene phosphonic acid) (EDTMPA), potassium carbonate and ammonium molybdate were all commercially available and were purified without further purification. Oxothio dimer $\left[\mathrm{Mo}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{6}\right]^{2+}$ was synthesized according to the literature ${ }^{1}$. Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) measurement was recorded ranging from 5 to $50^{\circ}$ at room temperature on a Siemens D5005 diffractometer with $\mathrm{Mo}-\mathrm{K} \alpha(\lambda=0.71073 \AA)$. The crystallographic diffraction data were collected at 293 K on Bruker Apex II with Mo $\mathrm{K} \alpha(\lambda=0.71073 \AA$ ). IR spectrum was performed using a Nicolet Magna 560 IR spectrometer with a wavelength range of $4000-400 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$, with KBr pellets. Differential Thermogravimetric Analysis (TGA) is performed in a nitrogen atmosphere on TA Instruments Simultaneous DSC-TGA Q SeriesTM, the temperature range is $25-800^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ with a heating rate of $10^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{min}^{-1}$. ICP-OES elemental analyses were performed on ICP-OES Leeman Prodigy. C, H, S and N elemental analyses were performed by using a Eurovec-tor EA3000 elemental analyzer. ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker 500 MHz instrument. Water vapor adsorption were performed by using a 3H-2000PW Multi-station Gravimetric Vapor Sorption Apparatus.

## 2. Synthesis and Characterization

## Synthesis of $\left.\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{16}\left(\mathrm{Mo}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{2}\right)_{10}(\mathrm{OH})_{14}\left[\mathrm{~N}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{PO}_{3}\right)_{3}\right]_{4}\right\} \cdot \mathbf{6 0 H}_{\mathbf{2}} \mathrm{O}$

$\left[\mathrm{Mo}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}\right]^{2+}$ was synthesized following the procedure outlined in a previous reference [24]. Amino trimethylene phosphonic acid $(0.105 \mathrm{~g}, 0.35 \mathrm{mmol})$ was dissolved in 10 mL of deionized water, and the pH was adjusted to 7.0 using $1 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}$. The mixture was stirred for 10 minutes. Subsequently, 7.4 mL of $\left[\mathrm{Mo}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}\right]^{2+}$ solution was dissolved in 10 mL of deionized water and slowly added to the aforementioned solution. The pH was then adjusted to 4.5 using $1 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}$, resulting in an orange-red clear solution. After stirring at room temperature for 1 hour, the solution was filtered. The obtained filtrate was subjected to conventional evaporation for two weeks, yielding red rod-like crystals. Element analyses (\%) calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{144} \mathrm{~K}_{2} \mathrm{Mo}_{20} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{130} \mathrm{P}_{12} \mathrm{~S}_{20} ; \mathrm{H}, 3.20$, Mo, 35.10, S, 11.73, P, 6.80, K, 1.43; Found: H, 2.95, Mo, 35.74, S, 11.83, P, 6.27, K, 1.75.

## Synthesis of $\mathrm{K}_{12}\left\{\left(\mathrm{Mo}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{2}\right)_{8}(\mathbf{O H})_{12}\left[\mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{4}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{PO}_{3}\right)_{4}\right]_{2}\right\} \cdot \mathbf{4 0 H _ { 2 }} \mathbf{O}$

Ethylenediamine tetramethylene phosphonic acid ( $0.245 \mathrm{~g}, 0.56 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was dissolved in 10 mL of deionized water, and the pH was adjusted to 7.0 using $1 \mathrm{M} \mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}$, resulting in a colorless and clear solution. Subsequently, 7.4 mL of $\left[\mathrm{Mo}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}\right]^{2+}$ solution was dissolved in 10 ml of deionized water and slowly added to the aforementioned solution. The pH was then adjusted to 4.5 using $1 \mathrm{M}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}$, resulting in an orange-red clear solution. After stirring at room temperature for 1 hour, the solution was filtered. The filtrate was allowed to evaporate at room temperature for one week, leading to the collection of red block-shaped crystals. Element analyses (\%) calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{116} \mathrm{O}_{92} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{P}_{8} \mathrm{Mo}_{16} \mathrm{~S}_{16} \mathrm{~K}_{12}: \mathrm{H}$, 2.57, N, 1.23, C, 3.16, Mo, 33.7, S, 11.26, P, 5.44, K, 10.30; Found: H, 2.75, N, 1.61, C, 3.22, Mo, 33.27, S, 11.72, P, 5.18, K, 10.48.

## 3. Single-crystal X-ray diffraction analyses

The crystals were mounted on a Hampton cryoloop with Vaseline. Diffraction data was collected using a Bruker Apex II diffractometer with $\mathrm{Mo}-\mathrm{K} \alpha$ radiation $(\lambda=0.71073 \AA$ ). The measurement temperature was 293 K . The crystal structures were solved via the SHELXT package ${ }^{2}$ and refined using full-matrix methods against $F^{\wedge} 2$ from Olex $2^{3}$ software. Anisotropic refinement was performed for all non-hydrogen atoms. Crystallographic data were delivered to the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (CCDC) and assigned No. 2290143 and No. 2290144.

## 4. Proton conductivity test

The crystalline particles of the three clusters were grounded into powder separately. The resulting powder samples were put into a mold with an inner diameter of 10 mm , and pressed into tablets under a pressure of 20 MPa for 30 seconds. The tablets were sandwiched between two gold-plated electrodes with the thickness of approximately 1.0 mm . Sanwood constant temperature and humidity chambers (SC-80-CC-3) was used to control temperature and relative humidity. The proton conductivity was measured using the alternating current (AC) impedance method of a Solartron SI 1260 Impedance/Gain Phase Analyzer, with a test frequency range of 1 Hz to 1 MHz and an applied voltage of 100 mV . For variable temperature and variable humidity electrochemical impedance (EIS) testing, the test is performed after equilibrating each test point for 30 minutes and 12 hours, respectively. Zview software was used to fit the impedance data. Extrapolation of the arc of the impedance spectrum to the X -axis gives resistance, the proton conductivity $(\sigma)$ was calculated from the resistance value (R) and the value was calculated as follows:

$$
\sigma=\frac{d}{R A}
$$

where $d$ is the pellet thickness $(\mathrm{cm}), R$ is the resistance $(\Omega), A$ is the cross-sectional area $\left(\mathrm{cm}^{2}\right)$, respectively.

The activation energy $(E a)$ of $\mathrm{Mo}_{20}(\text { ATMP })_{4}$ and $\mathrm{Mo}_{16}(\text { EDTMP })_{2}$ at $80 \%$ RH was calculated from the linear Arrhenius curve, and the equation was as follows:

$$
\sigma T=\sigma_{0} \exp \left(\frac{-E a}{k_{B} T}\right)
$$

where $\sigma_{0}$ is the pre-exponential factor, $T$ is the absolute temperature and $k_{B}$ is the Boltzmann constant.
(a)

(b)


Fig. S1 The structural transformation of (a) $\mathrm{Mo}_{20}(\text { (ATMP) })_{4}$ (b) $\mathrm{Mo}_{16}(E D T M P)_{2}$ compared to their carboxyl analog (nta= tris(carboxymethyl)amine, edta=ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid).


Fig. S2 PXRD patterns of (a) $\mathrm{Mo}_{20}(\text { ATMP })_{4}$ and (b) $\mathrm{Mo}_{16}(\text { EDTMP })_{2}$. The experimental spectrum closely aligns with the simulated spectrum, affirming the crystal's crystalline nature and purity, devoid of any impurities.


Fig. S3 FT-IR spectra of (a) $\mathrm{Mo}_{20}(\text { ATMP })_{4}$ and (b) $\mathrm{Mo}_{16}(\text { EDTMP })_{2}$. The FT-IR spectrum of $\mathrm{Mo}_{20}(\text { ATMP })_{4}$ exhibits characteristic bands at $472 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}, 588 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$, and $921 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$, which should be attributed to $v$ (Mo-S-Mo), $v(\mathrm{Mo}-\mathrm{OH}-\mathrm{Mo})$, and $v(\mathrm{Mo}=\mathrm{O})$, respectively. ${ }^{4}$ The peaks at $1425 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}, 1318 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}, 1136 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$, and $1040 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ are assigned to the characteristic peaks of ATMP. ${ }^{5}$ The peaks at $1608 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ and $3446 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ are attributed to the vibration and stretching of hydroxyl bending. The FT-IR spectrum of $\mathrm{Mo}_{16}(\text { EDTMP })_{2}$ exhibits characteristic bands at $515 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}, 576 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$, and $926 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$, which should be attributed to $v(\mathrm{Mo}-\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{Mo}), v(\mathrm{Mo}-\mathrm{OH}-\mathrm{Mo})$, and $v(\mathrm{Mo}=\mathrm{O})$, respectively. The peaks at $1418 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}, 1210$ $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}, 1104 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$, and $1049 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ are assigned to the characteristic peaks of EDTMP. The peaks at 1620 $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ and $3433 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ are attributed to the vibration and stretching of hydroxyl bending.

## (a)


(b)


Fig. S4 ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR spectra of (a) $\mathrm{Mo}_{20}(\text { ATMP })_{4}$ (b) $\mathrm{Mo}_{16}(\text { EDTMP })_{2}$ tested in $\mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}$. The spectrum of $\mathrm{Mo}_{20}(\text { ATMP })_{4}$ reveals two resonances situated at 40.05 and 23.38 ppm . These findings are in excellent accordance with the solid-state structure of the compound, which encompasses two distinct types of P atoms within a subunit. The spectrum of $\mathrm{Mo}_{16}(\text { EDTMP })_{2}$ reveals three resonances situated at 31.88 , 29.43 and 9.12 ppm, which encompasses three distinct types of P atoms within a subunit.


Fig. S5 Thermogravimetry analysis curves of (a) $\mathrm{Mo}_{20}(\text { ATMP })_{4}$ and (b) $\mathrm{Mo}_{16}(\text { EDTMP })_{2}$.


Fig. S6 The resistance value of (a) $\mathrm{Mo}_{20}(\text { ATMP })_{4}$ (b) $\mathrm{Mo}_{16}(\text { EDTMP })_{2}$ could be obtained by fitting the curves using ZsimpWin. The equivalent circuit $R(C(Q(R W)))$ ) was used to fit the impedance spectra. $Z$. Msd is the test plot (black) and Z.Calc is the fitting plot (red). C is capacitive processes, $R$ is the resistance of the sample, Q is the constant phase element and $\mathrm{W}_{\mathrm{o}}$ is the Warburg diffusion term associated with the electrode reactions.


Fig. S7 Time-current relationship in the Hebb-Wagner polarization method of (a) $\mathrm{Mo}_{20}(\text { ATMP })_{4}$ (b)
$\mathrm{Mo}_{16}(\text { EDTMP })_{2}$ demonstrates that both materials exhibit proton conduction rather than electron conduction. The applied voltage is 3 V and the DC current stabilized at $0.31 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ and $0.24 \mu \mathrm{~A}$. Electronic conductivity is $1.03 \times 10^{-7} \mathrm{~S} \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ and $8 \times 10^{-8} \mathrm{~S} \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$.


Fig. S8 Schematic diagrams of proton transport pathway in (a) $\mathrm{Mo}_{20}(\text { ATMP })_{4}$ and (b) $\mathrm{Mo}_{16}(\text { EDTMP })_{2}$.


Fig. S9 Heating and cooling cycles at $30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and $85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 80 \% \mathrm{RH}$.


Fig. S10 FT-IR spectra of (a) $\mathrm{Mo}_{20}\left(\right.$ (ATMP) (b) $\mathrm{Mo}_{16}(E D T M P)_{2}$ before and after proton conduction
testing.


Fig. S11 XRD spectra and SEM images of (a) $\mathrm{Mo}_{20}$ (ATMP) (b) $\mathrm{Mo}_{16}$ (EDTMP) ${ }_{2}$ before and after proton conduction testing.


Fig. S12 The structural drawing showing the ADPs of each structure left: $\mathbf{M o}_{\mathbf{2 0}}(\mathbf{A T M P})_{\mathbf{4}}$; right: $\mathbf{M o}_{16}(E D T M P)_{2}$. Color code: Mo, light green; O, red; S, yellow; C, gray; N, lavender; P, orange, K, purple.

Table S1. Crystallographic data for $\left.\mathbf{M o}_{20}(\mathbf{A T M P})_{4}\right)$ and $\left.\mathbf{M o}_{16}(\mathbf{E D T M P})_{2}\right)$

| Identification code | Mo $_{20}(\mathbf{A T M P})_{4}$ | Mo $_{16}(\mathbf{E D T M P})_{\mathbf{2}}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Empirical formula | $\mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{174} \mathrm{~K}_{2} \mathrm{Mo}_{20} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{130} \mathrm{P}_{12} \mathrm{~S}_{20}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{116} \mathrm{~K}_{12} \mathrm{Mo}_{16} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{92} \mathrm{P}_{8} \mathrm{~S}_{16}$ |
| Formula weight | 5465.4407 | 4554.0709 |
| Temperature $/ \mathrm{K}$ | 280.31 | 173.01 |
| Crystal system | Orthorhombic | monoclinic |
| Space group | Immm | $\mathrm{C} 2 / \mathrm{c}$ |


| a/Å | 11.155(7) | 29.5373(16) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| b/Å | 28.056(19) | 17.6293(10) |
| c/Å | 28.151(15) | 25.0402(13) |
| $\alpha /^{\circ}$ | 90 | 90 |
| $\beta /{ }^{\circ}$ | 90 | 96.514(2) |
| $\gamma{ }^{\circ}$ | 90 | 90 |
| Volume/A ${ }^{3}$ | 8810(9) | 12954.8(12) |
| Z | 2 | 4 |
| $\rho c a l c g / \mathrm{cm}^{3}$ | 1.859 | 2.302 |
| $\mu / \mathrm{mm}^{-1}$ | 1.844 | 2.335 |
| $\mathrm{F}(000)$ | 4764.0 | 8656.0 |
| Crystal size/mm ${ }^{3}$ | $0.24 \times 0.22 \times 0.2$ | $0.24 \times 0.22 \times 0.2$ |
| Radiation | Mo $\mathrm{K} \alpha(\lambda=0.71073)$ | Mo K $\alpha(\lambda=0.71073$ ) |
| $2 \theta$ range for data collection ${ }^{\circ}$ | 4.578 to 50.21 | 4.902 to 50.22 |
| Index ranges | $\begin{gathered} -13 \leq \mathrm{h} \leq 13,-33 \leq \mathrm{k} \leq 31,- \\ 30 \leq 1 \leq 33 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} -35 \leq \mathrm{h} \leq 35,-21 \leq \mathrm{k} \leq 21,- \\ 29 \leq 1 \leq 28 \end{gathered}$ |
| Reflections collected | 25350 | 76837 |
| Independent reflections | $\begin{gathered} 4258[\text { Rint }=0.1037, \\ \text { Rsigma }=0.0611] \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 11510[\text { Rint }=0.0572, \\ \text { Rsigma }=0.0330] \end{gathered}$ |
| Data/restraints/parameters | 4258/121/221 | 11510/69/824 |
| Goodness-of-fit on F2 | 1.083 | 1.060 |
| Final R indexes [ $\mathrm{I}>=2 \sigma$ (I)] | $\mathrm{R} 1=0.0490, \mathrm{wR} 2=0.1173$ | $\mathrm{R} 1=0.0463, \mathrm{wR} 2=0.1124$ |
| Final R indexes [all data] | $\mathrm{R} 1=0.0683, \mathrm{wR} 2=0.1244$ | $\mathrm{R} 1=0.0614, \mathrm{wR} 2=0.1236$ |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e $\AA^{-3}$ | 1.49/-1.00 | 2.25/-1.29 |

Table S2. Partial bond lengths for $\mathbf{M o}_{20}(\mathbf{A T M P})_{4}$.

| Atom-Atom | Length/Å | Atom-Atom | Length/Å |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mo1-Mo1 ${ }^{1}$ | 2.852(2) | Mo5-S1 | 2.316(2) |
| Mo1-S2 ${ }^{1}$ | 2.331(4) | Mo5-O1 | $1.680(7)$ |
| Mo1-S2 ${ }^{2}$ | 2.331(4) | Mo5-O10 ${ }^{4}$ | $2.129(5)$ |
| Mo1-S2 ${ }^{3}$ | 2.331(4) | Mo5-O10 | $2.130(5)$ |
| Mo2-Mo3 | 2.8248(19) | K1-O18 ${ }^{4}$ | 2.889(7) |
| Mo2-S4 ${ }^{4}$ | $2.309(2)$ | K1-O18 ${ }^{3}$ | 2.889(7) |
| Mo2-S4 | $2.309(2)$ | K1-O24 | 3.217(14) |
| Mo2-O10 | $2.115(5)$ | K1-O24 ${ }^{5}$ | 3.217(14) |
| Mo3-S4 ${ }^{4}$ | 2.292(2) | P1-O18 | 1.483(5) |
| Mo3-S4 | 2.292(2) | P1-C2 | 1.667(12) |
| Mo3-O4 | 1.676(7) | P1-C3 | 1.875(12) |
| Mo3-O8 ${ }^{4}$ | 2.079(4) | P1-07 | 1.551(10) |
| Mo3-O8 | 2.079(4) | P1-O27 | 1.507(9) |
| Mo4-Mo5 | 2.856(2) | P2-O16 | 1.603(7) |
| Mo4-S1 | 2.308(2) | P2-O26 | 1.472(10) |
| Mo4-S1 ${ }^{4}$ | 2.308(2) | P2-C1 | 1.737(9) |
| Mo4-O6 | 1.669(8) | N1-C1 | 1.431(12) |
| Mo4-O12 | $2.109(5)$ | N1-C2 | 1.657(13) |
| Mo4-O12 ${ }^{4}$ | $2.109(5)$ | N1-C3 ${ }^{4}$ | 1.444 (14) |
| Mo5-S14 | 2.316(2) | N1-C3 | 1.444(14) |

${ }^{1}+\mathrm{X},+\mathrm{Y}, 1-\mathrm{Z} ;{ }^{2}+\mathrm{X}, 1-\mathrm{Y}, 1-\mathrm{Z} ;{ }^{3}+\mathrm{X}, 1-\mathrm{Y},+\mathrm{Z} ;{ }^{4}-\mathrm{X},+\mathrm{Y},+\mathrm{Z} ;{ }^{5}-\mathrm{X}, 1-\mathrm{Y},+\mathrm{Z}$

Table S3. Partial bond angles for $\mathbf{M o}_{20}(\text { ATMP })_{4}$.

| Atom-Atom-Atom | Angle/ ${ }^{\circ}$ | Atom-Atom-Atom | Angle/ ${ }^{\circ}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| S2-Mo1-Mo1 ${ }^{1}$ | 52.27(8) | O10 ${ }^{4}-\mathrm{Mo5-S1}{ }^{4}$ | 90.52(15) |
| S2 ${ }^{2}$-Mo1-Mo1 ${ }^{1}$ | 52.27(8) | O10-Mo5-S1 ${ }^{4}$ | 154.33(15) |
| S2 ${ }^{3}-\mathrm{Mo1-Mo1}{ }^{1}$ | 52.27(8) | O10 ${ }^{4}-\mathrm{Mo5-O} 10$ | 70.4(3) |
| S2 ${ }^{1}$-Mo1-Mo1 ${ }^{1}$ | 52.27(8) | O10-Mo5-O14 | 71.39(18) |
| S4-Mo2-Mo3 | 51.86(6) | O184-K1-O24 ${ }^{5}$ | 48.3(3) |
| S44-Mo2-Mo3 | 51.86(6) | O182-K1-O24 | 48.3(3) |
| S4-Mo2-S4 ${ }^{4}$ | 103.17(12) | O182-K1-O24 ${ }^{5}$ | 59.4(3) |
| S44-Mo2-O14 | 86.14(13) | O185-K1-O24 ${ }^{5}$ | 48.3(3) |
| S44 ${ }^{4}$-Mo3-Mo2 | 52.40(6) | O12-P1-K1 ${ }^{4}$ | 60.9(2) |
| S4-Mo3-Mo2 | 52.40(6) | O12-P1-C2 | 105.4(5) |
| S4 $4^{4}-\mathrm{Mo3-S} 4$ | 104.25(12) | O12-P1-C3 | 102.5(5) |
| S4-Mo3-O16 | 81.33(10) | O12-P1-O7 | 117.4(5) |
| S14-Mo4-Mo5 | 51.98(5) | Mo3-O8-Mo3 ${ }^{1}$ | 107.1(3) |
| S1-Mo4-Mo5 | 51.98(5) | Mo2-O10-Mo5 | 99.2(2) |
| S1 ${ }^{4}$-Mo4-S1 | 101.97(11) | Mo4-O12-K1 ${ }^{4}$ | 112.5(2) |
| O6-Mo4-Mo5 | 98.3(2) | Mo4-O12-K1 | 112.5(2) |
| S1-Mo5-Mo4 | 51.72(5) | P1-O18-Mo1 | 147.0(4) |
| S14-Mo5-Mo4 | 51.72(5) | P1-O18-K1 | 108.0(3) |
| S1-Mo5-S1 ${ }^{4}$ | 101.49(11) | P1-O18-K1 ${ }^{4}$ | 108.0(3) |
| O1-Mo5-Mo4 | 97.6(2) | Mol-O24-K1 ${ }^{4}$ | 100.3(6) |

Table S4. Partial bond lengths for $\mathbf{M o}_{16}(\text { EDTMP })_{2}$.

| Atom-Atom | Length/A | Atom- Atom | Length/Å |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mo1-Mo4 | 2.8382(9) | K7-K16 ${ }^{8}$ | 4.137(5) |
| Mo1-K12 ${ }^{1}$ | 4.05(2) | K7-P8 ${ }^{11}$ | 3.505(4) |
| Mo2-Mo4 | 3.2192(9) | K7-O35 ${ }^{7}$ | $2.794(7)$ |
| Mo2-Mo7 | 2.8374(9) | K7-O48 ${ }^{11}$ | 3.250(7) |
| Mo3-Mo8 | 2.8103(10) | K10-O43 ${ }^{8}$ | 3.030(7) |
| Mo3-S3 | 2.343(2) | K10-O44 ${ }^{8}$ | 3.103(6) |
| Mo4-K12 ${ }^{1}$ | 4.00(3) | K11-O14 | 2.894(8) |
| Mo4-S4 | 2.334 (2) | K11-O19 | 2.798(12) |
| Mo5-Mo6 | 2.8060(10) | K12-S3 ${ }^{8}$ | 3.75(3) |
| Mo5-K7 ${ }^{1}$ | 3.793(3) | K12-S4 ${ }^{7}$ | 3.32(3) |
| Mo6-Mo8 | 3.2161(10) | K13-K14 | 4.742(11) |
| Mo6-K10 ${ }^{4}$ | 3.687(2) | K13-P8 ${ }^{12}$ | 3.533(8) |
| Mo7-K11 | 3.823(3) | K14-O5 | 2.87(2) |
| Mo7-S2 | $2.308(2)$ | K14-O9 | 2.79(2) |
| Mo8-K10 ${ }^{4}$ | $3.668(2)$ | $\mathrm{K} 15-\mathrm{S} 2^{2}$ | 3.643(14) |
| Mo8-K14 ${ }^{6}$ | 3.998(6) | K15-O6 ${ }^{13}$ | 3.312(19) |
| K2-K3 ${ }^{4}$ | 2.97(3) | K16-O7 | 3.039(8) |
| K3-K11 | 4.11(2) | P4-C4 | 1.801(8) |
| $\mathrm{K} 3-\mathrm{O} 13^{2}$ | 3.00(3) | P6-C1 | 1.822(7) |
| K5-K5 ${ }^{10}$ | 4.950(8) | N1-C1 | $1.498(9)$ |
| Mo1-Mo4 | 2.8382(9) | K7-K16 ${ }^{8}$ | 4.137(5) |
| Mo1-K12 ${ }^{1}$ | 4.05(2) | K7-P8 ${ }^{11}$ | 3.505(4) |
| Mo2-Mo4 | $3.2192(9)$ | K7-O35 ${ }^{7}$ | 2.794(7) |
| Mo2-Mo7 | 2.8374(9) | K7-O48 ${ }^{11}$ | $3.250(7)$ |
| Mo3-Mo8 | 2.8103(10) | K10-O43 ${ }^{8}$ | $3.030(7)$ |

${ }^{12}+\mathrm{X}, 1+\mathrm{Y},+\mathrm{Z} ;{ }^{13}+\mathrm{X}, 1-\mathrm{Y}, 1 / 2+\mathrm{Z}$

Table S5. Partial bond angles for $\mathbf{M o}_{16}$ (EDTMP) $\mathbf{2}_{2}$.

| Atom-Atom-Atom | Angle $/^{\circ}$ | Atom-Atom-Atom | Angle $/{ }^{\circ}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Atom-Atom-Atom | Angle/ ${ }^{\circ}$ | Atom-Atom-Atom | Angle/ ${ }^{\circ}$ |
| Mo4-Mo1-K12 ${ }^{1}$ | 68.5(5) | O36-K10-O49 ${ }^{8}$ | 72.9(3) |
| S4-Mo1-Mo4 | 52.56(5) | O37-K10-Mo6 ${ }^{8}$ | 87.88(13) |
| Mo4-Mo2-K11 | 136.80(5) | S2-K11-S7 ${ }^{8}$ | 149.74(12) |
| Mo7-Mo2-Mo4 | 144.38(3) | S78-K11-Mo6 ${ }^{8}$ | 37.57(5) |
| S3-Mo3-Mo8 | 52.36(5) | O37-K11-Mo7 | 61.87(12) |
| S6-Mo3-Mo8 | 52.46(6) | O37-K11-K15 | 122.6(3) |
| Mo1-Mo4-Mo2 | 129.91(3) | K13-K12-Mo4 ${ }^{7}$ | 142.7(9) |
| Mo1-Mo4-K3 ${ }^{2}$ | 150.3(4) | K14-K12-Mo1 ${ }^{7}$ | 147.1(8) |
| Mo6-Mo5-K7 ${ }^{1}$ | 142.18(10) | O36-K12-Mo4 ${ }^{7}$ | 84.4(7) |
| Mo6-Mo5-K16 ${ }^{3}$ | 82.75(4) | O36-K12-K13 | 126.2(9) |
| Mo5-Mo6-Mo8 | 144.74(3) | O21-K13-O39 ${ }^{6}$ | 64.7(3) |
| Mo5-Mo6-K10 ${ }^{4}$ | 150.47(5) | O21-K13-O48 ${ }^{12}$ | 103.7(4) |
| Mo2-Mo7-K11 | 69.58(5) | O5-K14-K5 ${ }^{5}$ | 44.1(5) |
| S2-Mo7-Mo2 | 52.29(5) | O5-K14-K10 | 86.0(4) |
| Mo3-Mo8-Mo6 | 133.80(3) | O39 ${ }^{6}-\mathrm{K} 14-\mathrm{K} 13$ | 41.70(18) |
| Mo3-Mo8-K10 ${ }^{4}$ | 161.24(5) | O39 ${ }^{6}-\mathrm{K} 14-\mathrm{K} 14{ }^{5}$ | 107.5(2) |
| K3 ${ }^{4}$-K2-S7 | 77.4(5) | O412-K15-K2 ${ }^{8}$ | 86.2(3) |
| O13 ${ }^{2}-\mathrm{K} 3-\mathrm{O} 17{ }^{9}$ | 77.5(6) | O8-P1-O22 | 108.9(3) |
| O15-K5-K5 ${ }^{10}$ | 119.6(3) | K16-O6-K15 ${ }^{16}$ | 136.3(4) |
| Mo5 ${ }^{7}$-K7-K16 ${ }^{8}$ | 57.94(6) | Mo1-O12-Mo5 | 109.1(2) |
| $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{X},-1 / 2+\mathrm{Y}, 3 / 2-\mathrm{Z} ;{ }^{23} / 2 \\ & \mathrm{Z} ; \quad{ }^{7} 3 / 2-\mathrm{X}, 1 / 2+\mathrm{Y}, 3 / 2 \\ & , 1+\mathrm{Y},+\mathrm{Z} ;{ }^{13}+\mathrm{X}, 1-\mathrm{Y}, 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{Y}, 2-\mathrm{Z} ;{ }^{3} 3 / 2 \\ & \mathrm{X}, 2-\mathrm{Y}, 1 / 2+2 \\ & 1-\mathrm{X},-1+\mathrm{Y}, 3 / \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -\mathrm{Y}, 1-\mathrm{Z} ;{ }^{4}+\mathrm{X}, 2-\mathrm{Y},-1 \\ & 2-\mathrm{X}, 5 / 2-\mathrm{Y}, 2-\mathrm{Z} ;{ }^{10} 1 \\ & +\mathrm{X},-1+\mathrm{Y},+\mathrm{Z} ;{ }^{16}+\mathrm{X}, 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{X},+\mathrm{Y}, 3 / 2-\mathrm{Z} \\ & \mathrm{Z} ; \quad{ }^{11} 1-\mathrm{X}, 1+ \end{aligned}$ |

Table S6. BVS results for the molybdenum atoms in $\mathbf{M o}_{20}(\mathbf{A T M P})_{4}($ left $) ; \mathbf{M o}_{16}(\text { EDTMP })_{2}$ (right).

| Atom | BVS calc. for Mo | Atom | BVS calc. for Mo |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mo1 | 4.739 | Mo1 | 4.828 |
| Mo2 | 4.878 | Mo2 | 5.036 |
| Mo3 | 4.904 | Mo3 | 4.925 |
| Mo4 | 5.001 | Mo4 | 4.888 |
| Mo5 | 5.204 | Mo5 | 5.117 |
|  |  | Mo6 | 4.866 |
|  |  | Mo7 | 4.877 |
|  |  | Mo8 | 5.220 |

Table S7 Proton conductivities of representative POM-based conducting crystalline materials.

| Compounds | Proton conductivity (S/cm) | Tempe rature $\left({ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { RH } \\ & (\%) \end{aligned}$ | Ref |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{Mo}_{20}(\mathbf{A T M P})_{4}$ | $1.96 \times 10^{-2}$ | $85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 80\% | This work |
| $\mathbf{M o} \mathbf{1 6}^{(E D T M P)}{ }_{\mathbf{2}}$ | $4.17 \times 10^{-3}$ |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{NaH}_{15}\left\{\left[\mathrm{P}_{2} \mathrm{~W}_{15} \mathrm{Nb}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{62}\right]_{2}(4 \mathrm{PBA})_{2}\right. \\ & \left.\left((4 \mathrm{PBA})_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)\right\} \cdot 53 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O} \end{aligned}$ | $1.59 \times 10^{-1}$ | $90^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 98\% | 6 |
| $\begin{aligned} & {\left[( \mathrm { AsW } _ { 9 } \mathrm { O } _ { 3 3 } ) _ { 6 } \{ \mathrm { W } _ { 2 } \mathrm { O } _ { 5 } ( \mathrm { H } _ { 2 } \mathrm { O } ) ( \mathrm { Ala } ) \} _ { 2 } \left\{\mathrm{W}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{6}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)(\mathrm{A}\right.\right.} \\ & \text { la) } \left.\}_{2}\left\{\mathrm{~W}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{5}(\mathrm{Ala})\right\}\right] \end{aligned}$ | $2.83 \times 10^{-4}$ | $65^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 75\% | 7 |
| $\left[\mathrm{Ce}_{11} \mathrm{Mo}_{96} \mathrm{O}_{286}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{101}\left(\mathrm{SO}_{4}\right)_{8}\right]^{9-}$ | $9.01 \times 10^{-2}$ | $80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 98\% | 8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{H}_{38} \mathrm{Na}_{10} \mathrm{~K}_{14}(\mathrm{TMEDA})_{8}\left[\mathrm{Ln}_{30} \mathrm{Ge}_{12} \mathrm{~W}_{107} \mathrm{O}_{420}(\mathrm{OH})_{2}( \right. \\ & \left.\left.\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{14}\right] \end{aligned}$ | $2.05 \times 10^{-2}$ | $85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 98\% | 9 |
| $\mathrm{K}_{11} \mathrm{Eu}\left[\mathrm{P}_{5} \mathrm{~W}_{30} \mathrm{O}_{110} \mathrm{~K}\right] \cdot 30 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | $1.0 \times 10^{-2}$ | $95^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 90\% | 10 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{H}_{2}\left[\mathrm{Cu}_{2} \mathrm{OL}_{3}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{2}\right] \\ & {\left[\mathrm{Ce}(\mathrm{~L})\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{3}\left(\mathrm{PW}_{11} \mathrm{O}_{39}\right)\right] \cdot 17 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}} \end{aligned}$ | $3.175 \times 10^{-4}$ | $85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 98\% | 11 |
| $\mathrm{H}_{4}\left[\mathrm{CuL}_{3}\right]_{2}\left[\mathrm{Ln}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{3}\left(\mathrm{PW}_{11} \mathrm{O}_{39}\right)\right]_{2} \cdot 28 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | $1.750 \times 10^{-4}$ |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & (\mathrm{n}- \\ & \left.\mathrm{Bu}_{4} \mathrm{~N}\right)_{6} \mathrm{H}_{2}\left[\{ \mathrm { Mo } _ { 2 4 } \mathrm { O } _ { 4 8 } ( \mathrm { OMe } ) _ { 3 2 } \} \left\{\mathrm{Mo}_{24} \mathrm{O}_{52}(\mathrm{OMe})_{28}\right.\right. \\ & \}_{2}\right] \cdot 25 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O} \cdot 6 \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN} \end{aligned}$ | $6.73 \times 10^{-6}$ | $35^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 98\% | 12 |
|  | $1.79 \times 10^{-3}$ | $85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 98\% |  |
| $\mathrm{H}\left\{\mathrm{Ln}_{4}(\mathrm{~L})_{2}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{21}\left[\mathrm{Zr}_{3}(\mathrm{OH})_{3}\left(\mathrm{PW}_{9} \mathrm{O}_{34}\right)_{2}\right]\right\} \cdot 15 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ | $7.53 \times 10^{-3}$ | $85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 98\% | 13 |
| $\left[\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{en})_{2}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)\right]_{2}\left[\mathrm{Cu}(\mathrm{en})_{2}\right]_{10} \mathrm{H}_{97}\left[\mathrm{Dy}_{10} \mathrm{Nb}_{190}\right]^{7-}$ | $1.19 \times 10^{-4}$ | $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 98\% | 14 |
|  | $3.75 \times 10^{-3}$ | $85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 98\% |  |
| $\left[\mathrm{NH}_{2}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2}\right]_{10}\left[\mathrm{Na}_{4}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{8}\right] \mathrm{H}_{3}\left[\mathrm{As}_{4} \mathrm{~W}_{42} \mathrm{O}_{142}(\mathrm{OH})_{4}(\right.$ $\left.\left.\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{COO}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Rh}_{3}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{4}\right] \cdot 13 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{4}\left[\mathrm{NH}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2}\right]$ | $1.90 \times 10^{-4}$ | $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | 65\% | 15 |
| $\begin{aligned} & {\left[\mathrm{K}_{4} \mathrm{Na}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{6}\right] \mathrm{KH}_{10}\left[\mathrm{As}_{4} \mathrm{~W}_{40} \mathrm{O}_{140} \mathrm{Rh}_{4}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{4}\right] \cdot 34 \mathrm{H}} \\ & { }_{2} \mathrm{O} \end{aligned}$ | $3.60 \times 10^{-3}$ |  |  |  |

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