

## Supporting Information

Iso- and hetero- polyoxovanadium glycolates  $[V^{IV}_6O_6(\text{glyc})_6M^{III}(\text{OH})_6]^{3-}$  ( $M = \text{V}, \text{Cr}, \text{Fe}, \text{Al}$ ) encapsulating metal hydroxides

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### Figures and Table Options

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Table S6. The bond valence analyses of vanadyl glycolate **1** to **4**.

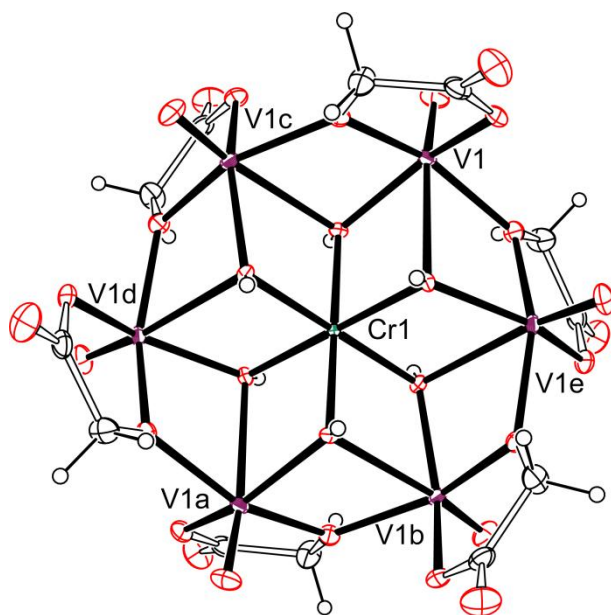


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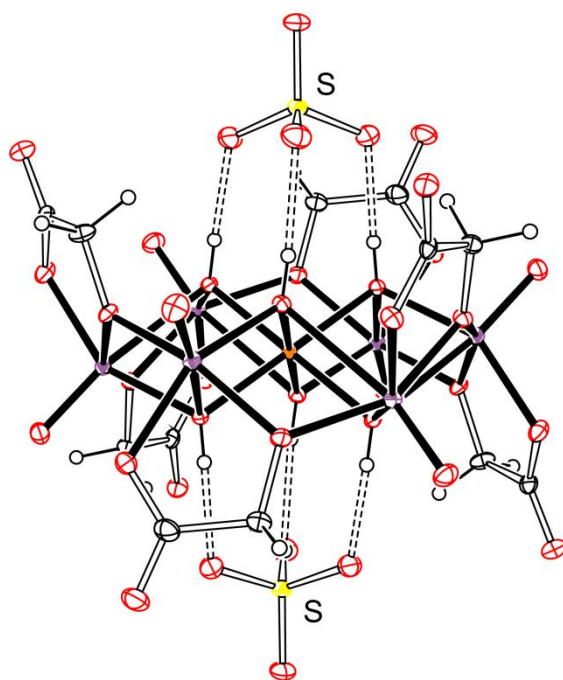


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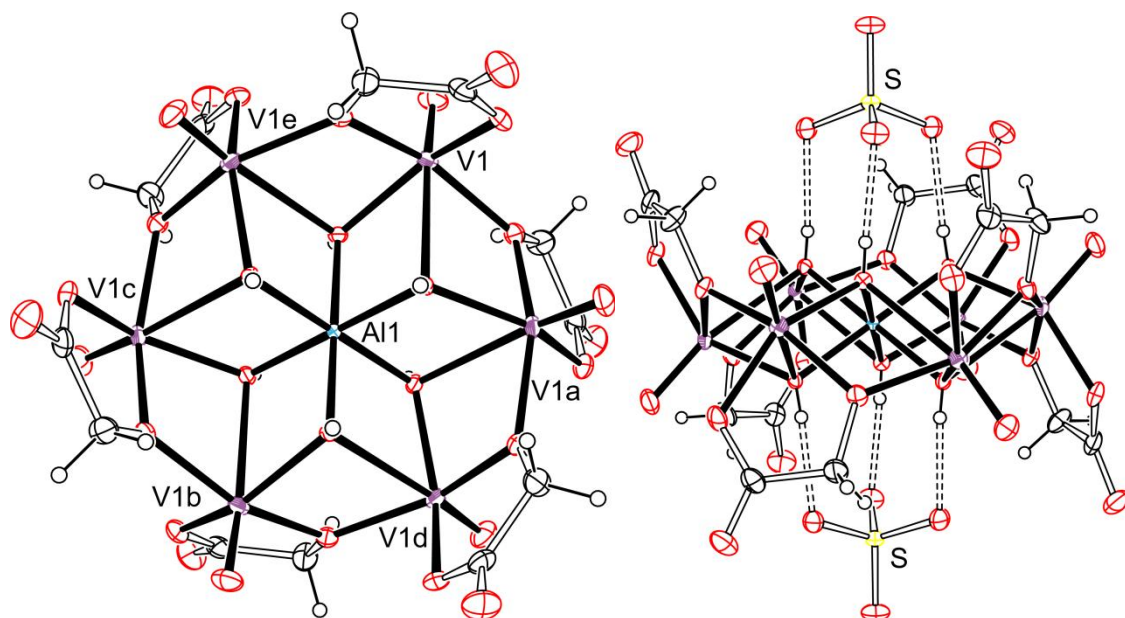


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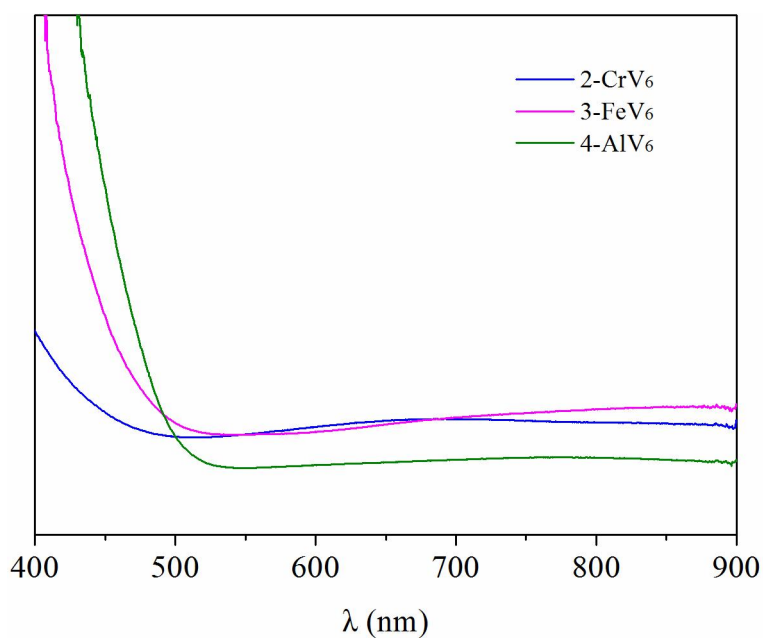


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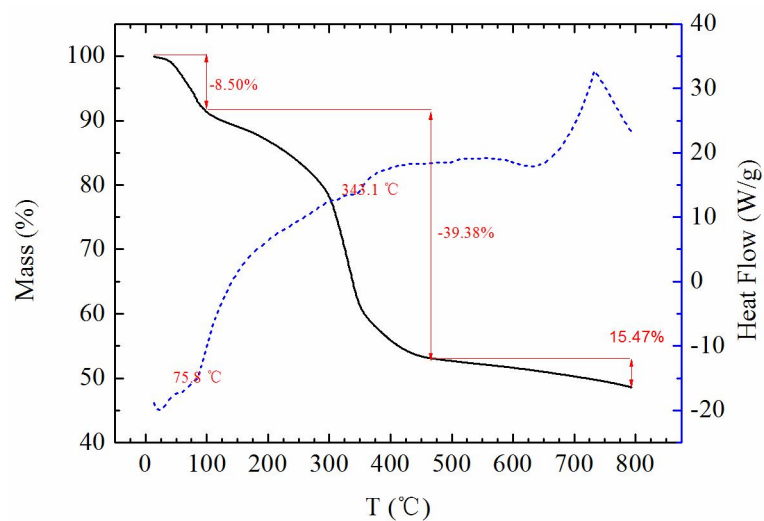


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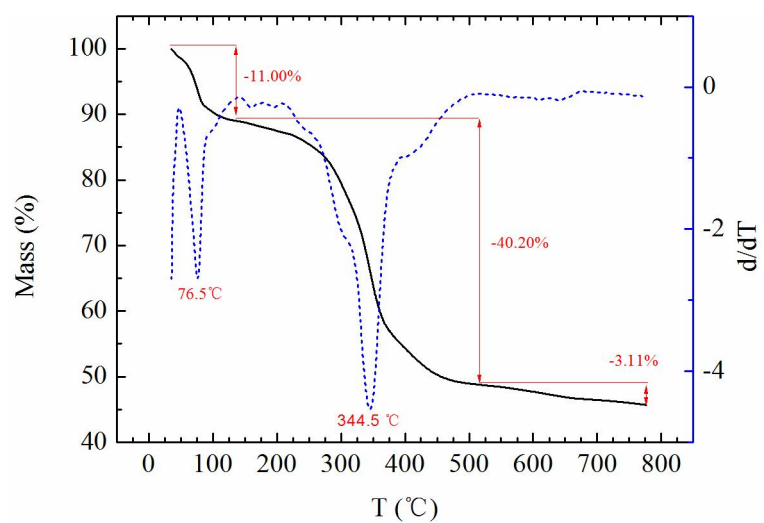


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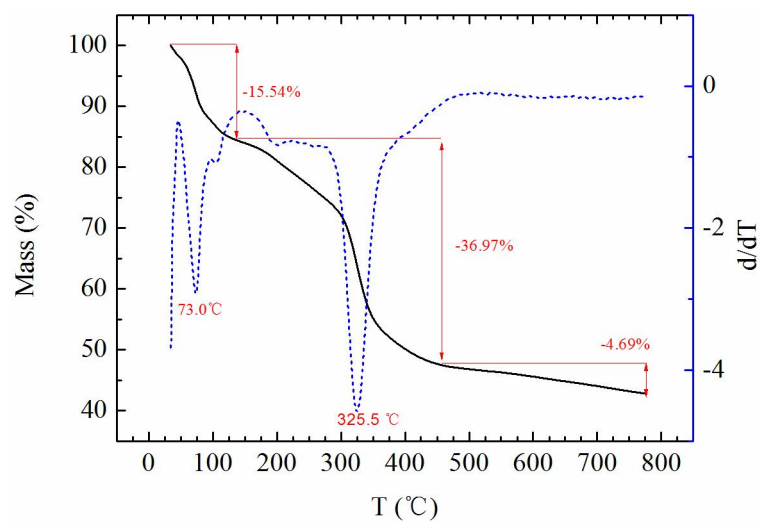


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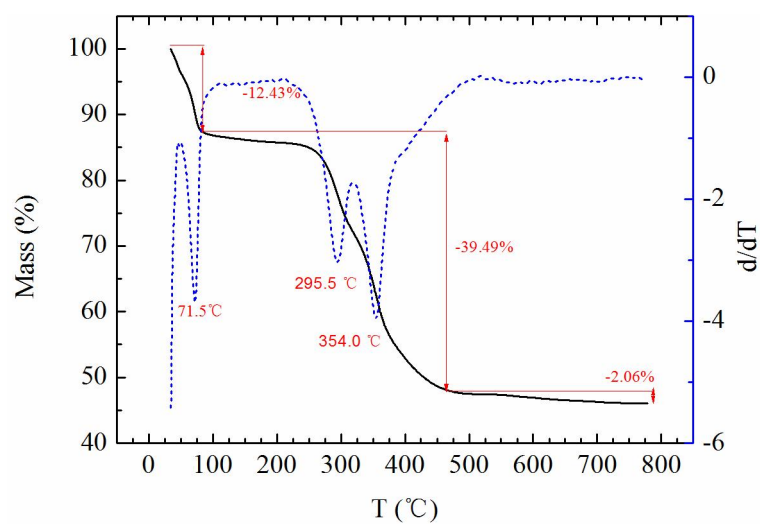


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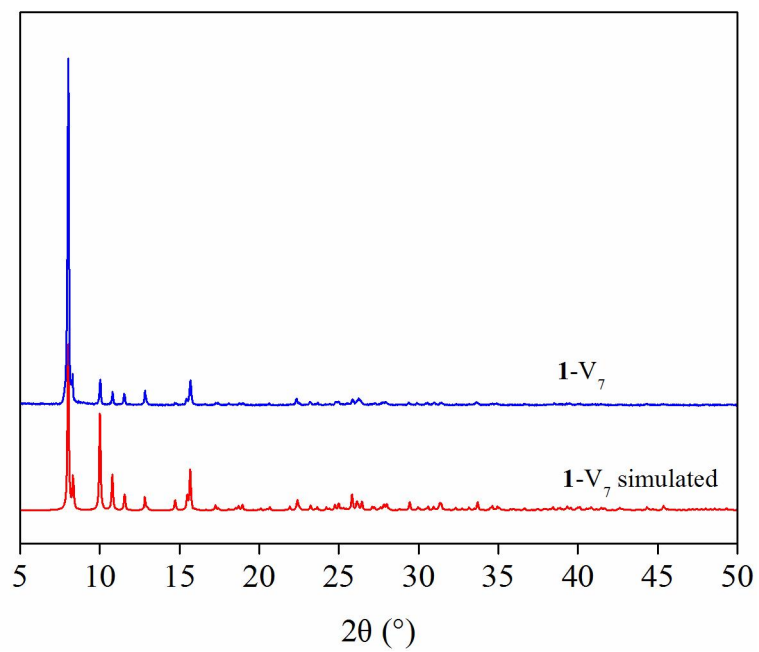


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|                                   | <b>1</b>                                                                      | <b>2</b>                                                                                       | <b>3</b>                                                                                       | <b>4</b>                                                                                       |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Empirical formula                 | C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>50</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>40</sub> V <sub>7</sub> | C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>58</sub> CrN <sub>7</sub> O <sub>44</sub> S <sub>2</sub> V <sub>6</sub> | C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>60</sub> FeN <sub>7</sub> O <sub>45</sub> S <sub>2</sub> V <sub>6</sub> | C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>58</sub> AlN <sub>7</sub> O <sub>44</sub> S <sub>2</sub> V <sub>6</sub> |
| Formula weight                    | 1233.13                                                                       | 1426.41                                                                                        | 1448.28                                                                                        | 1401.39                                                                                        |
| Temperature, K                    | 223.0                                                                         | 223                                                                                            | 195(2)                                                                                         | 174(1)                                                                                         |
| Wavelength                        | Cu Kα (λ = 1.54184)                                                           |                                                                                                | Mo Kα (λ = 0.71073)                                                                            |                                                                                                |
| Crystal system                    | orthorhombic                                                                  | trigonal                                                                                       | monoclinic                                                                                     | trigonal                                                                                       |
| Space group                       | <i>P bcn</i>                                                                  | <i>R</i> -3                                                                                    | <i>C</i> 2/ <i>c</i>                                                                           | <i>R</i> -3                                                                                    |
| Unit cell dimensions              |                                                                               |                                                                                                |                                                                                                |                                                                                                |
| a, Å                              | 21.2465(18)                                                                   | 11.4407(4)                                                                                     | 20.7200(5)                                                                                     | 11.3926(5)                                                                                     |
| b, Å                              | 9.7088(5)                                                                     | 11.4407(4)                                                                                     | 11.1750(3)                                                                                     | 11.3926(5)                                                                                     |
| c, Å                              | 22.076(1)                                                                     | 31.328(1)                                                                                      | 21.0112(4)                                                                                     | 31.486(2)                                                                                      |
| α, °                              | 90                                                                            | 90                                                                                             | 90                                                                                             | 90                                                                                             |
| β, °                              | 90                                                                            | 90                                                                                             | 93.255(2)                                                                                      | 90                                                                                             |
| γ, °                              | 90                                                                            | 120                                                                                            | 90                                                                                             | 120                                                                                            |
| V, Å <sup>3</sup>                 | 4553.8(5)                                                                     | 3551.2(3)                                                                                      | 4857.2(2)                                                                                      | 3539.2(4)                                                                                      |
| Z                                 | 4                                                                             | 3                                                                                              | 4                                                                                              | 3                                                                                              |
| D (calculated), g/cm <sup>3</sup> | 1.799                                                                         | 2.001                                                                                          | 1.980                                                                                          | 1.973                                                                                          |
| Abs.coeff., mm <sup>-1</sup>      | 12.586                                                                        | 13.343                                                                                         | 1.608                                                                                          | 1.376                                                                                          |
| F(000)                            | 2496.0                                                                        | 2175.0                                                                                         | 2948.0                                                                                         | 2142.0                                                                                         |

|                                                             |                  |                  |                 |                 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Crystal size, mm                                            | 0.30×0.10×0.02   | 0.20×0.20×0.20   | 0.10×0.35×0.35  | 0.20×0.20×0.10  |
| 2 $\theta$ range for data collection, °                     | 8.01 to 124.634  | 8.468 to 124.634 | 5.756 to 57.652 | 6.622 to 59.586 |
| Reflections collected                                       | 8421             | 3723             | 10712           | 6129            |
| Independent reflections                                     | 3581             | 1231             | 5496            | 2018            |
| $R_{\text{int}}$                                            | 0.0624           | 0.0358           | 0.0301          | 0.0385          |
| Data / restraints / parameters                              | 3581 / 33 / 2938 | 1231/9/119       | 5496/47/404     | 2018/6/119      |
| GOF on $F^2$                                                | 1.164            | 1.086            | 1.080           | 1.064           |
| Final $R$ indices $R_1[I > 2\sigma(I)]$                     | 0.0961           | 0.0428           | 0.0346          | 0.0582          |
| $R_2[I > 2\sigma(I)]$                                       | 0.2678           | 0.1218           | 0.0837          | 0.1529          |
| Largest diff. peak and hole, e <sup>+</sup> Å <sup>-3</sup> | 1.44 / -1.47     | 0.96/-0.70       | 0.76/-0.47      | 1.37/-0.65      |

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| <b>1</b>                |          |                                       |          |
|-------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|----------|
| V1–O15                  | 2.000(5) | V3–O14                                | 2.006(5) |
| V1–O13 <sup>a</sup>     | 2.419(5) | V3–O15 <sup>a</sup>                   | 2.466(5) |
| V1–O5                   | 2.009(6) | V3–O1 <sup>a</sup>                    | 2.014(5) |
| V1–O1                   | 1.942(5) | V3–O9                                 | 1.966(5) |
| V1–O2                   | 1.995(5) | V3–O10                                | 1.990(5) |
| V1–O4                   | 1.598(5) | V3–O12                                | 1.599(6) |
| V2–O14                  | 2.428(5) | V4–O14                                | 1.995(5) |
| V2–O13 <sup>a</sup>     | 2.002(5) | V4–O14 <sup>a</sup>                   | 1.995(5) |
| V2–O5                   | 1.953(5) | V4–O15 <sup>a</sup>                   | 1.999(5) |
| V2–O9                   | 1.993(5) | V4–O15                                | 1.998(5) |
| V2–O6                   | 1.989(5) | V4–O13                                | 2.011(5) |
| V2–O8                   | 1.598(6) | V4–O13 <sup>a</sup>                   | 2.011(5) |
| O15–V1–O13 <sup>a</sup> | 73.6(2)  | O9–V3–O10                             | 81.0(2)  |
| O15–V1–O5               | 96.2(2)  | O10–V3–O14                            | 150.4(2) |
| O5–V1–O13 <sup>a</sup>  | 69.2(2)  | O10–V3–O15 <sup>a</sup>               | 83.6(2)  |
| O1–V1–O15               | 80.8(2)  | O10–V3–O1 <sup>a</sup>                | 91.4(2)  |
| O1–V1–O13 <sup>a</sup>  | 85.3(2)  | O12–V3–O14                            | 102.4(3) |
| O1–V1–O5                | 154.0(2) | O12–V3–O15 <sup>a</sup>               | 165.3(3) |
| O1–V1–O2                | 80.7(2)  | O12–V3–O1 <sup>a</sup>                | 98.7(3)  |
| O2–V1–O15               | 152.7(2) | O12–V3–O9                             | 108.1(3) |
| O2–V1–O13 <sup>a</sup>  | 85.0(2)  | O12–V3–O10                            | 104.9(3) |
| O2–V1–O5                | 91.7(2)  | O14–V4–O14 <sup>a</sup>               | 180      |
| O4–V1–O15               | 101.5(2) | O14 <sup>a</sup> –V4–O15 <sup>a</sup> | 96.3(2)  |
| O4–V1–O13 <sup>a</sup>  | 165.9(2) | O14–V4–O15 <sup>a</sup>               | 83.7(2)  |
| O4–V1–O5                | 98.7(2)  | O14 <sup>a</sup> –V4–O15              | 83.7(2)  |
| O4–V1–O1                | 107.3(3) | O14–V4–O15                            | 96.3(2)  |

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| O4–V1–O2                             | 103.0(3) | O14 <sup>a</sup> –V4–O13 <sup>a</sup> | 97.1(2)  |
| O13 <sup>a</sup> –V2–O14             | 72.8(2)  | O14–V4–O13 <sup>a</sup>               | 82.9(2)  |
| O5–V2–O14                            | 85.1(2)  | O14 <sup>a</sup> –V4–O13              | 82.9(2)  |
| O5–V2–O13 <sup>a</sup>               | 79.8(2)  | O14–V4–O13                            | 97.1(2)  |
| O5–V2–O9                             | 154.3(2) | O15–V4–O15 <sup>a</sup>               | 180      |
| O5–V2–O6                             | 80.6(2)  | O15 <sup>a</sup> –V4–O13 <sup>a</sup> | 96.5(2)  |
| O9–V2–O14                            | 69.6(2)  | O15–V4–O13 <sup>a</sup>               | 83.5(2)  |
| O9–V2–O13 <sup>a</sup>               | 96.6(2)  | O15 <sup>a</sup> –V4–O13              | 83.5(2)  |
| O6–V2–O14                            | 82.9(2)  | O15–V4–O13                            | 96.5(2)  |
| O6–V2–O13 <sup>a</sup>               | 149.8(2) | O131–V4–O13                           | 180.0(1) |
| O6–V2–O9                             | 91.2(2)  | V4–O14–V2                             | 95.0(2)  |
| O8–V2–O14                            | 166.2(2) | V4–O14–V3                             | 110.0(2) |
| O8–V2–O13 <sup>a</sup>               | 102.7(3) | V3–O14–V2                             | 96.0(2)  |
| O8–V2–O5                             | 107.1(3) | V4–O15–V1                             | 108.9(2) |
| O8–V2–O9                             | 98.5(3)  | V4–O15–V3 <sup>a</sup>                | 93.9(2)  |
| O8–V2–O6                             | 104.9(3) | V1–O15–V3 <sup>a</sup>                | 95.4(2)  |
| O14–V3–O15 <sup>a</sup>              | 72.4(2)  | V4–O13–V1 <sup>a</sup>                | 94.0(2)  |
| O14–V3–O1 <sup>a</sup>               | 95.5(2)  | V2 <sup>a</sup> –O13–V4               | 109.3(2) |
| O1 <sup>a</sup> –V3–O15 <sup>a</sup> | 68.7(2)  | V2 <sup>a</sup> –O13–V1 <sup>a</sup>  | 96.6(2)  |
| O9–V3–O14                            | 79.9(2)  | V2–O5–V1                              | 113.4(2) |
| O9–V3–O15 <sup>a</sup>               | 84.8(2)  | V1–O1–V3 <sup>a</sup>                 | 113.9(2) |
| O9–V3–O1 <sup>a</sup>                | 153.1(2) | V3–O9–V2                              | 113.2(2) |

Symmetric transformation:<sup>a</sup>1 -x,1-y,1-z.

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(NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>[V<sub>6</sub>O<sub>6</sub>(glyc)<sub>6</sub>Cr(μ-OH)<sub>6</sub>][(NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O (**2**).

| <b>2</b>                             |          |                        |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|------------------------|----------|
| Cr1–O5 <sup>a</sup>                  | 1.969(3) | V1–O <sup>e</sup>      | 2.009(3) |
| Cr1–O5 <sup>b</sup>                  | 1.969(3) | V1–O5 <sup>b</sup>     | 2.458(3) |
| Cr1–O5                               | 1.969(3) | V1–O1                  | 1.952(3) |
| Cr1–O5 <sup>c</sup>                  | 1.969(3) | V1–O1 <sup>b</sup>     | 1.996(3) |
| Cr1–O5 <sup>d</sup>                  | 1.969(3) | V1–O2                  | 1.986(3) |
| Cr1–O5 <sup>e</sup>                  | 1.969(3) | V1–O4                  | 1.593(3) |
|                                      |          |                        |          |
| O5 <sup>a</sup> –Cr1–O5 <sup>b</sup> | 95.8(1)  | O1–V1–O5 <sup>e</sup>  | 85.7(1)  |
| O5 <sup>c</sup> –Cr1–O5 <sup>d</sup> | 95.8(1)  | O1–V1–O5               | 81.0(1)  |
| O5 <sup>d</sup> –Cr1–O5 <sup>e</sup> | 95.9(1)  | O1 <sup>e</sup> –V1–O5 | 95.1(1)  |
| O5–Cr1–O5 <sup>e</sup>               | 84.2(1)  | O1–V1–O1 <sup>e</sup>  | 154.9(1) |
| O5–Cr1–O5 <sup>e</sup>               | 84.2(1)  | O1–V1–O2               | 80.5(1)  |
| O5 <sup>c</sup> –Cr1–O5 <sup>e</sup> | 95.9(1)  | O2–V1–O5               | 146.7(1) |
| O5 <sup>a</sup> –Cr1–O5 <sup>e</sup> | 180      | O2–V1–O5 <sup>e</sup>  | 79.6(1)  |
| O5 <sup>a</sup> –Cr1–O5              | 95.8(1)  | O2–V1–O1 <sup>e</sup>  | 90.2(1)  |
| O5 <sup>b</sup> –Cr1–O5 <sup>c</sup> | 84.2(1)  | O4–V1–O5               | 103.3(1) |
| O5 <sup>b</sup> –Cr1–O5 <sup>e</sup> | 84.2(1)  | O4–V1–O5 <sup>e</sup>  | 165.4(1) |
| O5–Cr1–O5 <sup>c</sup>               | 180      | O4–V1–O1               | 107.3(2) |
| O5 <sup>b</sup> –Cr1–O5              | 95.8(1)  | O4–V1–O1 <sup>e</sup>  | 97.7(2)  |
| O5 <sup>a</sup> –Cr1–O5 <sup>d</sup> | 84.2(1)  | O4–V1–O2               | 108.5(2) |
| O5 <sup>b</sup> –Cr1–O5 <sup>d</sup> | 180      | Cr1–O5–V1 <sup>d</sup> | 94.2(1)  |
| O5 <sup>a</sup> –Cr1–O5 <sup>c</sup> | 84.2(1)  | Cr1–O5–V1              | 110.0(1) |
| O5–V1–O5 <sup>e</sup>                | 71.6(1)  | V1–O5–V1 <sup>d</sup>  | 94.7(1)  |
| O1 <sup>e</sup> –V1–O5 <sup>e</sup>  | 69.7(1)  | V1–O1–V1 <sup>d</sup>  | 113.4(1) |

Symmetric transformation:<sup>a</sup> 1 + y - x, 1 - x, +z; <sup>b</sup> 1 - y, +x - y, +z; <sup>c</sup> 4/3 - x, 2/3 - y, 2/3 - z; <sup>d</sup> 1/3 + y,

2/3 - x + y, 2/3 - z; <sup>e</sup> 1/3 - y + x, -1/3 + x, 2/3 - z

Table S4. Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°) for  
(NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>[V<sub>6</sub>O<sub>6</sub>(glyc)<sub>6</sub>Fe(μ-OH)<sub>6</sub>][(NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>·7H<sub>2</sub>O (**3**).

|                                        |           |                         |           |
|----------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|
| <b>3</b>                               |           |                         |           |
| Fe1–O15                                | 1.999(2)  | V2–O5                   | 1.959(2)  |
| Fe1–O14 <sup>a</sup>                   | 2.015(2)  | V2–O9                   | 1.993(2)  |
| Fe1–O14                                | 2.015(2)  | V2–O6                   | 1.996(2)  |
| V1–O4                                  | 1.594(2)  | V2–O13                  | 2.009(2)  |
| V1–O1                                  | 1.9618(2) | V2–O15 <sup>a</sup>     | 2.447(2)  |
| V1–O5                                  | 2.006(2)  | V3–O12                  | 1.592(2)  |
| V1–O2                                  | 2.007(2)  | V3–O9                   | 1.954(2)  |
| V1–O14                                 | 2.007(2)  | V3–O10                  | 1.978(2)  |
| V1–O13                                 | 2.464(2)  | V3–O1 <sup>a</sup>      | 1.999(2)  |
| V2–O8                                  | 1.604(2)  | V3–O15 <sup>a</sup>     | 2.004(2)  |
|                                        |           |                         |           |
| O13–Fe1–O13 <sup>a</sup>               | 180       | O8–V2–O6                | 105.82(9) |
| O13–Fe1–O15 <sup>a</sup>               | 83.60(7)  | O5–V2–O6                | 81.29(7)  |
| O13 <sup>a</sup> –Fe1–O15 <sup>a</sup> | 96.40(7)  | O9–V2–O6                | 91.06(7)  |
| O13–Fe1–O15                            | 96.40(7)  | O8–V2–O13               | 103.19(9) |
| O13 <sup>a</sup> –Fe1–O15              | 83.60(7)  | O5–V2–O13               | 81.14(7)  |
| O15 <sup>a</sup> –Fe1–O15              | 180.00(9) | O9–V2–O13               | 94.23(7)  |
| O13–Fe1–O14 <sup>a</sup>               | 95.67(7)  | O6–V2–O13               | 149.35(8) |
| O13 <sup>a</sup> –Fe1–O14 <sup>a</sup> | 84.33(7)  | O8–V2–O15 <sup>a</sup>  | 166.79(8) |
| O15 <sup>a</sup> –Fe1–O14 <sup>a</sup> | 85.96(7)  | O5–V2–O15 <sup>a</sup>  | 85.32(6)  |
| O15–Fe1–O14 <sup>a</sup>               | 94.03(7)  | O9–V2–O15 <sup>a</sup>  | 69.65(6)  |
| O13–Fe1–O14                            | 84.33(7)  | O6–V2–O15 <sup>a</sup>  | 81.04(7)  |
| O13 <sup>a</sup> –Fe1–O14              | 95.67(7)  | O13–V2–O15 <sup>a</sup> | 72.66(6)  |
| O15 <sup>a</sup> –Fe1–O14              | 94.04(7)  | O12–V3–O9               | 109.48(9) |
| O15–Fe1–O14                            | 85.97(7)  | O12–V3–O10              | 105.88(9) |
| O14 <sup>a</sup> –Fe1–O14              | 180       | O9–V3–O10               | 81.37(7)  |
| O4–V1–O1                               | 106.67(9) | O12–V3–O1 <sup>a</sup>  | 99.15(9)  |

|            |           |                                      |           |
|------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| O4–V1–O5   | 99.53(9)  | O9–V3–O1 <sup>a</sup>                | 151.33(7) |
| O1–V1–O5   | 153.72(7) | O10–V3–O1 <sup>a</sup>               | 89.63(7)  |
| O4–V1–O2   | 104.68(9) | O12–V3–O15 <sup>a</sup>              | 104.91(9) |
| O1–V1–O2   | 80.57(7)  | O9–V3–O15 <sup>a</sup>               | 80.69(7)  |
| O5–V1–O2   | 91.03(8)  | O10–V3–O15 <sup>a</sup>              | 148.09(7) |
| O4–V1–O14  | 105.60(9) | O1 <sup>a</sup> –V3–O15 <sup>a</sup> | 93.63(7)  |
| O1–V1–O14  | 81.31(7)  | V1–O1–V3 <sup>a</sup>                | 115.81(9) |
| O5–V1–O14  | 93.75(7)  | V2–O5–V1                             | 113.11(8) |
| O2–V1–O14  | 148.07(7) | V3–O9–V2                             | 112.95(8) |
| O4–V1–O13  | 168.86(9) | Fe1–O13–V2                           | 109.53(8) |
| O1–V1–O13  | 84.24(7)  | Fe1–O13–V1                           | 93.64(6)  |
| O5–V1–O13  | 69.68(6)  | V2–O13–V1                            | 94.85(6)  |
| O2–V1–O13  | 78.93(7)  | V1–O14–Fe1                           | 108.71(8) |
| O14–V1–O13 | 73.27(6)  | Fe1–O15–V3 <sup>a</sup>              | 110.41(8) |
| O8–V2–O5   | 106.69(9) | Fe1–O15–V2 <sup>a</sup>              | 94.21(6)  |
| O8–V2–O9   | 98.58(9)  | V3 <sup>a</sup> –O15–V2 <sup>a</sup> | 94.82(7)  |
| O5–V2–O9   | 154.72(7) |                                      |           |

Symmetric transformation:<sup>a</sup>  $\frac{1}{2} - x, \frac{1}{2} - y, 1 - z$ .

Table S5. Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°) for  
(NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>[V<sub>6</sub>O<sub>6</sub>(glyc)<sub>6</sub>Al(μ-OH)<sub>6</sub>][(NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O (**4**).

| <b>4</b>                             |          |                                      |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------|----------|
| V1–O5 <sup>a</sup>                   | 2.454(3) | Al1–O5 <sup>d</sup>                  | 1.899(2) |
| V1–O5                                | 2.019(2) | Al1–O5 <sup>b</sup>                  | 1.899(2) |
| V1–O1                                | 1.949(3) | Al1–O5 <sup>c</sup>                  | 1.899(2) |
| V1–O1 <sup>a</sup>                   | 1.993(3) | Al1–O5 <sup>a</sup>                  | 1.899(2) |
| V1–O2                                | 1.993(3) | Al1–O5 <sup>e</sup>                  | 1.899(2) |
| V1–O4                                | 1.597(3) | Al1–O5                               | 1.899(2) |
| O5–V1–O5 <sup>a</sup>                | 69.0(1)  | O5 <sup>e</sup> –Al1–O5              | 180.0(1) |
| O1–V1–O5                             | 81.9(1)  | O5 <sup>a</sup> –Al1–O5 <sup>c</sup> | 84.7(1)  |
| O1 <sup>a</sup> –V1–O5               | 94.7(1)  | O5 <sup>c</sup> –Al1–O5 <sup>b</sup> | 95.3(1)  |
| O1 <sup>a</sup> –V1–O5 <sup>a</sup>  | 70.7(1)  | O5 <sup>e</sup> –Al1–O5 <sup>d</sup> | 95.3(1)  |
| O1–V1–O5 <sup>a</sup>                | 85.7(1)  | O5 <sup>a</sup> –Al1–O5 <sup>b</sup> | 180      |
| O1–V1–O1 <sup>a</sup>                | 155.6(1) | O5 <sup>a</sup> –Al1–O5 <sup>d</sup> | 95.3(1)  |
| O1–V1–O2                             | 80.7(1)  | O5 <sup>b</sup> –Al1–O5              | 95.3(1)  |
| O2–V1–O5 <sup>a</sup>                | 80.6(1)  | O5 <sup>c</sup> –Al1–O5              | 95.3(1)  |
| O2–V1–O5                             | 145.9(1) | O5 <sup>d</sup> –Al1–O5              | 84.7(1)  |
| O2–V1–O1 <sup>a</sup>                | 89.3(1)  | O5 <sup>d</sup> –Al1–O5 <sup>c</sup> | 180      |
| O4–V1–O5                             | 103.7(1) | O5 <sup>e</sup> –Al1–O5 <sup>a</sup> | 95.3(1)  |
| O4–V1–O5 <sup>a</sup>                | 165.1(1) | O5 <sup>e</sup> –Al1–O5 <sup>b</sup> | 84.7(1)  |
| O4–V1–O1 <sup>a</sup>                | 97.7(1)  | O5 <sup>e</sup> –Al1–O5 <sup>c</sup> | 84.7(1)  |
| O4–V1–O1                             | 106.6(2) | V1–O5–V1 <sup>d</sup>                | 93.58(9) |
| O4–V1–O2                             | 109.3(2) | Al1–O5–V1 <sup>d</sup>               | 95.1(1)  |
| O5 <sup>a</sup> –Al1–O5              | 84.7(1)  | Al1–O5–V1                            | 111.2(1) |
| O5 <sup>d</sup> –Al1–O5 <sup>b</sup> | 84.7(1)  | V1–O1–V1 <sup>d</sup>                | 112.3(1) |

Symmetric transformations: <sup>a</sup>1/3 + y, 2/3 - x + y, 2/3 - z; <sup>b</sup>1 - y, +x - y, +z; <sup>c</sup>1 + y - x, 1 - x, +z; <sup>d</sup>1/3 -

y + x, -1/3 + x, 2/3 - z; <sup>e</sup>4/3 - x, 2/3 - y, 2/3 - z

Table S6. The valence analyses of vanadyl glycolate **1** ~ **4**.

| Sample                                                                                                                                                | atom  | $\Sigma S_{ij}$ | $\Delta$ |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------------|----------|
| $(\text{NH}_4)_3[\text{V}_6\text{O}_6(\text{glyc})_6\text{V}(\mu\text{-OH})_6] \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ( <b>1</b> )                               | V(1)  | 4.147           | +0.147   |
|                                                                                                                                                       | V(2)  | 4.159           | +0.159   |
|                                                                                                                                                       | V(3)  | 3.921           | -0.079   |
|                                                                                                                                                       | V(4)  | 2.985           | -0.015   |
| $(\text{NH}_4)_3[\text{V}_6\text{O}_6(\text{glyc})_6\text{Cr}(\mu\text{-OH})_6][(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4]_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ( <b>2</b> ) | V(1)  | 4.154           | +0.154   |
|                                                                                                                                                       | Cr(1) | 3.093           | +0.093   |
| $(\text{NH}_4)_3[\text{V}_6\text{O}_6(\text{glyc})_6\text{Fe}(\mu\text{-OH})_6][(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4]_2 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ( <b>3</b> ) | V(1)  | 3.934           | -0.066   |
|                                                                                                                                                       | V(2)  | 4.093           | +0.093   |
|                                                                                                                                                       | V(3)  | 4.013           | +0.013   |
|                                                                                                                                                       | Fe(1) | 3.098           | +0.098   |
| $(\text{NH}_4)_3[\text{V}_6\text{O}_6(\text{glyc})_6\text{Al}(\mu\text{-OH})_6][(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4]_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ( <b>4</b> ) | V(1)  | 4.133           | +0.133   |
|                                                                                                                                                       | Al(1) | 2.828           | -0.172   |