

Polyoxometalates

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Assembly of Molecular "Layered" Heteropolyoxometalate Architectures**

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Heteropolyoxometalates (HPOMs) and lacunary HPOMs are the most explored subset of polyoxometalates (POMs) which contain heteroanion templates.[1-4] Lacunary HPOMs are particularly important since they can be used as building blocks to construct much larger structures of nanoscale dimensions. Most of the previous reports on lacunary HPOMs are based upon "conventional" heteroanion templates (e.g. SiO₄⁴⁻, PO₄³⁻, SO₄²⁻, AsO₄³⁻) which are redoxinactive. However HPOMs with anion templates that have the possibility of themselves being redox active have been far less explored.[3] During the past few years we have been targeting HPOMs with redox active heteroanions (e.g. SO₃²⁻, TeO₃²⁻, SeO₃²⁻) in an effort to engineer clusters with intrinsically more diverse structures and redox active properties.^[5-8] However a general building block strategy based upon lacunary HPOMs with non-conventional anions has not been developed.

Herein we report a strategy of constructing a "layered" molecular assembly in constructing a new family of Te^{IV}-containing HPOM building blocks which consist of a $\{W_3\}$ top unit and one, two, and three layers of $\{TeW_6\}$ base units in $[TeW_9O_{33}]^{8-}$, $[Te_2W_{15}O_{54}]^{10-}$, and $[Te_3W_{21}O_{75}]^{12-}$, respectively, Further, the principal axis of the TeO_3^{2-} , on which the lone-pair of electrons is located, are all orientated in the same direction towards the open end of the lacunary HPOM cluster (Figure 1).

In this work, the self-assembly of the three lacunary HPOM building blocks mentioned above yielded three polyanion types: $[Pd_3(TeW_9O_{33})_2]^{10^-}$ (1a) in the form of $Na_2K_8[Pd_3(TeW_9O_{33})_2]\cdot 51\,H_2O$ (1); $[(WO_2)_4(Te_2W_{15}O_{54})_4]^{32^-}$ in the two isomeric forms 2a and 2a' which can be formulated as $(C_2H_8N)_{19}Na_{13}[(WO_2)_4(Te_2W_{15}O_{54})_4]\cdot 57\,H_2O$ (2) and $(C_2H_8N)_{19}Cs_2Na_{11}[(WO_2)_4(Te_2W_{15}O_{54})_4]\cdot 77\,H_2O$ (2'); $[Te_3W_{21}O_{75}]^{12^-}$ (3a) in the form of $(C_2H_8N)_8Na_4[Te_3W_{21}O_{75}]\cdot 25\,H_2O$ (3). In addition to the structural studies, these clusters have also been explored using electrospray ionization mass spectrometry and cyclic voltammetry confirming stability and revealing interesting electronic properties.

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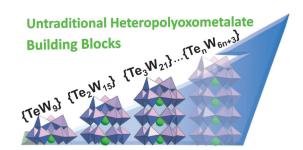


Figure 1. New members of the one-, two-, and three-layered Te^{IV} -containing HPOM "pagoda" reported here; note the faded four-layered structure is hypothetical. Purple octahedron: $\{WO_6\}$; green spheres: Te

Compound 1 was synthesized by a simple one-pot reaction of Na₂WO₄, TeO₂, Pd(NO₃)₂·H₂O in a weakly acidic aqueous solution at 95°C. The X-ray crystal structure analysis of 1a reveals three square-coordinated PdII ions are sandwiched between two B-β-{TeW₉O₃₃} subunits (Figure 2). The average Pd^{II}—O bond lengths are 1.999(19) Å which is in agreement with the literature. [9] Compound 1 together with those previously reported examples^[10–12] confirmed the one-layered building block $[\text{TeW}_9\text{O}_{33}]^{8-}$ could be easily obtained in the presence of transition metal ions. To find new "pure" Tecontaining HPOM building blocks, we then conducted similar one-pot reaction of only Na₂WO₄·2H₂O, Na₂TeO₃, and H₂O with a pH value of 4.6 in the presence of dimethylammonium (DMA) at room temperature, from which the high nuclearity {Te₈W₆₄O₂₂₄} compound 2 was isolated. X-ray crystal structure analysis of **2** reveals a topologically D_{2d} -symmetric $[(WO_2)_4(Te_2W_{15}O_{54})_4]^{32-}$ cluster anion **2a** (Figure 3 left). From Figure 3 (left) it can be seen that the cluster anion 2a,

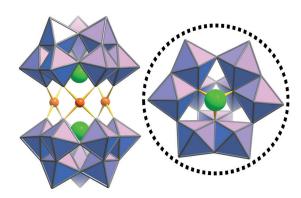


Figure 2. Structure representation of the anion $[Pd_3(TeW_9O_{33})_2]^{10^-}$ (1 a). Left: front-view; right: $\{TeW_9O_{33}\}$ subunit; light purple octahedron: $\{WO_6\}$; green spheres: Te; orange spheres: Pd.



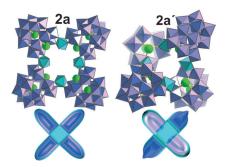


Figure 3. Structural representation of the anions $\{Te_8W_{64}O_{224}\}^{32-} = [(WO_2)_4(Te_2W_{15}O_{54})_4]^{32-}$ found as isomeric **2a** (left) and **2a'** (right). A schematic representation of the $\{TeW_{15}\}$ subunits is below and shows the structural differences between the isomers. Light purple octahedron: $\{WO_6\}$; cyan octahedron: $\{WO_6\}$ linker; green spheres: Te.

 $[Te_8W_{64}O_{224}]^{32-},$ is tetrameric and consists of four $\{Te_2W_{15}O_{54}\}$ subunits linked by four {WO₆} ({W₁}) groups, giving the anion a cyclic structure. Each {W₁} linker joins two {Te₂W₁₅O₅₄} subunits by sharing two cis-oxygen atoms while each {Te₂W₁₅O₅₄} subunit consists of a {W₃} top and two layers of $\{\text{TeW}_6\text{O}_{21}\}\ \text{pieces that are composed of a }\{\text{W}_6\}\ \text{planar ring}$ templated by a pyramidal {TeO₃} group. The two {TeW₆O₂₁} layers in each {Te₂W₁₅O₅₄} subunit of compound 2 are connected together by corner-sharing oxygen ligands. It is very interesting to note that the {TeO₃} template in the first layer has the same orientation to that in the second layer and the oxo ligands in both templates are eclipsed, which distinguishes these {Te₂W₁₅O₅₄} subunits from all other traditional lacunary HPOM building blocks, for example, {P₂W₁₅} etc. derived from the Dawson parents. Further, since it is well known that nature of the charge balancing cations can have a profound effect on the self-assembly of POMs-based architectures, we explored the use of larger Cs⁺ cations in the assembly of compound 2. To our surprise, another compound 2' with anion 2a' which is a topological isomer to 2a was isolated (Figure 3, right). For both 2a and 2a', it is possible to define a plane containing the four {W₁} linkers, then it can be seen that the four hanging {W₂O₉} moieties in the second layer of each {Te₂W₁₅O₅₄} subunit in 2a are distributed alternatively above and below the plane; however, the distribution has changed in 2a' with all four hanging {W₂O₉} units lying at the same side of the plane, giving 2a' approximately $C_{4\nu}$ symmetric (although the cluster is geometrically $C_{2\nu}$ symmetric; see Supporting Information, Figure S1). Also it should be noted that in both 2a and 2a', each of the four {W₁} linkers have two terminal W=O bonds whose lengths vary in the same range from about 1.70(2) Å to 1.81(2) Å. Viewed from the front, it can be seen that 2a is flatter than 2a' since the maximum dimensions are ca. 2.9 nm long and 1.1 nm thick whereas these are 2.7 and 1.9 nm for 2a' (see Figure S1).

Given the different cations used to assemble compounds 2 and 2', it is interesting to examine the cavities in the middle of 2a and 2a'. The former is occupied by a number of Na⁺ ions and solvent water molecules while the latter is filled by disordered Cs⁺ and Na⁺ cations (Figure S2). Therefore it can be suggested that the planar middle cavity of 2a is deformed

to reduce the steric hindrance which results in its structural rearrangement, giving transformation from planar 2a to a saddle-shaped 2a' (Figure 3). Building on the cation-controlled structures of 2 and 2', we also attempted to utilize smaller Li⁺ cations in this reaction system which resulted in the formation of compound 3 containing the anion $[Te_3W_{21}O_{75}]^{12-}$ (3a; Figure 4). However, it should be pointed

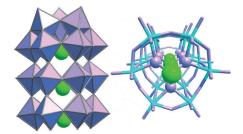


Figure 4. Side view (left) and bottom view (right) of $[Te_3W_{21}O_{75}]^{12-}$. Light purple octahedron: $\{WO_6\}$, green spheres: Te; light purple spheres: O.

out during our experimental exploration we found that Li^+ is not essential to form compound 3 and we were able to devise a synthetic route that did not require Li^+ . Compared with the two-layered {Te₂W₁₅O₅₄} subunit contained in clusters $\bf 2a$ and $\bf 2a'$, anion $\bf 3a$ has a three-layered structure with one more layer {TeW₆O₂₁} added to {Te₂W₁₅O₅₄} (Figure 4). The {TeO₃} templates in each layer of $\bf 3a$ oriented toward the same direction and all oxo ligands are eclipsed, the same as that in anion $\bf 2a$ and $\bf 2a'$.

ESI-MS was utilized to explore the solution behavior of these compounds. The mass spectra of compound 1 in a mixture of deionized water and acetonitrile (5%: 95%) shows that the whole cluster $\{Pd_3(TeW_9O_{33})_2\}$ is present and all the main peaks can be assigned to its different charge/cation states (Figure S3 and Table S1). Further, the mass spectra of compounds 2 and 2' are very similar: for each peak with the same charge, the m/z value of compound 2 is 58-70 mass units bigger than that of 2' (Figure 5). Considering that both clusters 2 and 2' have the same gross structure, the key difference lies with different species and numbers of cations, and crystalized water molecules. Both 2 and 2' are observed as

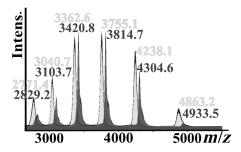


Figure 5. Negative-ion mode ESI of compound **2** (dark gray) and **2**′ (light gray) in mixed $H_2O/MeCN$ solvent (5%:95%). All the peaks shown in each spectrum relate to different states of the same basic parent cluster $[Te_8W_{64}O_{224}]^{32-}$, which are observed as either a monomer or a dimer in the gas phase.

an assembly of related clusters with differing numbers of cations and water molecules existing either as a {Te₈W₆₄O₂₂₄} monomer or as a $\{Te_8W_{64}O_{224}\}_2$ dimer; for example, be assigned the monomer of 2 a can $[H_{18+x}(C_2H_8N)_{4+y}Na_{4+z}(H_2O)_{17+n}(Te_8W_{64}O_{224})]^{(6-x-y-z)-2}$ dimer as $[H_{33+x}(C_2H_8N)_{12+y}Na_{7+z}(H_2O)_{54+n}]$ $(\text{Te}_8 \text{W}_{64} \text{O}_{224})_2 |^{(12-x-y-z)-}$. Similarly, the monomer of **2a'** can be assigned as $[H_{23+x}(C_2H_8N)_{0+y}Na_{0+z}(CsNa_2)(H_2O)_{3+n}-(Te_8W_{64}O_{224})_2]^{(6-x-y-z)-}$ and the dimer as $[H_{37+x}(C_2H_8N)_{3+y}-(Te_8W_{64}O_{224})_2]^{(6-x-y-z)-}$ $Na_{6+z}(Cs_{2}Na_{4})(H_{2}O)_{19+n}\left(Te_{8}W_{64}O_{224})_{2}\right]^{(12-x-y-z)} (\text{see Tables S2}$ and S3).

It should be noted from the assignment of the mass spectrum of anion 2a' that the number of the inorganic cations (one Cs⁺ and two Na⁺) occupying the middle cavity of 2a' are double in all the dimer peaks compared to that in all the monomer peaks (Table S3), indicating that these inorganic cations are mainly responsible for the structural difference between polyanion 2a and 2a'. The assignments of polyanion 2a and 2a' were made possible due to their high charge, with assignments made via charge deconvolution. The ESI study of compound 3 in H₂O/MeCN solvent (5 %:95 %) shows that the expected {Te₃W₂₁O₇₅} cluster anion is present and all the main peaks can be assigned to different charge/ cation states associated with the molecular species. The negative mode mass spectrum of compound 3 shows that there are four main peaks. Also all the peaks can be assigned as a three-layered dimer $\{Te_3W_{21}O_{75}\}_2$ (Table S4). This is a good indication that compound 3 can retain its structural integrity in solution, and shows the possibility that it might be an excellent precursor for functionalization.

It is well known that many HPOMs are highly redoxactive, [2,3] thus cyclic voltammetry experiments were performed to examine the redox properties of compounds 2, 2', and 3 in 0.1 M NaH₂PO₄/Na₂HPO₄ buffer solution, and these compounds display a range of different behaviors (Figures 6, S5 and S6). Between +0.257 to -0.700 V (vs. Ag/AgCl) all the compounds show waves associated with the reduction of tungstate centres. For compound 1, only one quasi-reversible

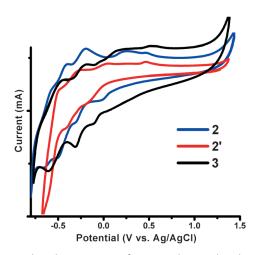


Figure 6. Cyclic voltammograms of compounds 1, 2, 2', and 3 in 0.1 M NaH₂PO₄/Na₂HPO₄ buffer solution. The scan rate was 100 mVs⁻¹, the working electrode was glassy carbon (3 mm), and the reference electrode was Ag/AgCl.

couple is observed with $E_{1/2}$ value located at -0.178 V because of the redox process of PdII ions (Figure S5). The oxidation peak at +0.810 V and the reduction peak at +0.200 V are related, which can be assigned to the redox process between Pd^{II} and Pd^{IV} couple.^[13] Surprisingly, all the other spectra of the multi-layered clusters contain an oxidation peak at $+0.500 \,\mathrm{V}$ which can be assigned as the oxidation of $\mathrm{Te^{IV}}$, and it does not shift by varying scan rates. However, the redox processes of tungstate showed many differences between compound 2 and 3 (Figures S7 and S11). Although in both cases, four quasi-reversible couples can be observed, the first wave is significantly positively shifted in compound 2 ($E_{1/2} = +$ 0.137 V in 2 vs. +0.104 V in 3), while the other three peaks shifted towards the opposite direction (Figure 6). Furthermore, the topological isomers 2 and 2' showed different redox behaviors with only two quasi-reversible waves appeared under the similar condition for compound 2', in which the first wave negatively moved around 220 mV ($E_{\frac{1}{2}} = -0.085 \text{ V}$).

In summary, we have discovered a new family of "layered" tungstatotellurite compounds showing unique layered structures built from a series of untraditional Te^{IV}containing POM building blocks, i.e., [TeW₉O₃₃]⁸⁻, $[Te_2W_{15}O_{54}]^{10-}$, and $[Te_3W_{21}O_{75}]^{12-}$. The possibility to access "layered" clusters opens the door to more extended systems (e.g. for layers beyond 3 as depicted in Figure 1) and also the linking of the units allows the generation of nanostructured clusters whose gross conformation is cation controlled as demonstrated by compounds 2 and 2' {Te₈W₆₄O₂₂₄}. In future work we will investigate the dynamic cation-mediated conformational switching of the nanoscale {Te₈W₆₄O₂₂₄} cluster, as well as exploring the development of photo- and electrochemical properties of these and related clusters that exploit the incorporation of the Te heteroatom.

Experimental Section

Synthesis of 1: Na₂WO₄·2H₂O (1.00 g, 3.03 mmol) was dissolved in boiling water (40 mL), and a solution of TeO₂ (0.10 g, 0.63 mmol) in 2.5 M KOH solution (2 mL) was added dropwise to the tungstate solution. The pH of this mixture was adjusted to 7.0 by addition of 70% nitric acid, and the mixture was heated at 95°C for 25 min. Pd(NO₃)₂·H₂O (0.08 g, 0.43 mmol) was added to the solution, during which the pH was kept around 5.4 by using 2.5 M KOH. The solution was kept at 95 °C under stirring for more 30 min, cooled, filtered and left to evaporate slowly. Dark red-brown block crystals of 1 appeared after two weeks. Yield: 0.17 g (16 % based on W). IR (KBr disk): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3449, 1623, 954, 887, 793, 743 cm⁻¹. Elemental analysis calcd for $H_{102}K_{8}Na_{2}O_{117}Pd_{3}Te_{2}W_{18}\left(\%\right)\!:K\ 5.03,Pd\ 5.13,W\ 53.2;found:K\ 5.12,$ Pd 5.17, W 53.0.

Synthesis of 2: Na₂WO₄·2H₂O (1.70 g, 5.15 mmol), Na₂TeO₃ (0.13 g, 0.58 mmol) and dimethylamine hydrochloride (0.7 g, 8.58 mmol) were dissolved in water (30 mL). The pH was first adjusted to 6.0 by addition of 50% acetic acid and then further to 4.6 by 37% HCl. Then the solution was filtered and left to evaporate slowly. Colorless block crystals of 2 appeared after three weeks. Yield: 0.26 g (17% based on W). IR (KBr disk): $\tilde{v} = 3408, 3147, 2784, 2358,$ 1623, 1464, 1019, 966, 788, 713 cm⁻¹. Elemental analysis calcd for C₃₈H₂₆₆N₁₉Na₁₃O₂₈₁Te₈W₆₄ (%): C 2.46, H 1.44, N 1.43, Na 1.61, W 63.35; found: C 2.83, H 1.21, N 1.47, Na 1.68, W 63.3.

Synthesis of 2': The procedure is exactly the same as that for preparing 2 but before filtration for crystallization, CsCl (0.22 g, 1.31 mmol) was added in and then the solution was filtered and left to

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evaporate slowly. Colorless block crystals of **2'** appeared within one week. Yield: 0.32 g (21 %). IR (KBr disk): $\tilde{\nu}=3423,3147,2785,2358,1631,1464,1019,962,789,714 cm^{-1}$. Elemental analysis, calcd for $C_{38}H_{306}N_{19}Cs_2Na_{11}O_{301}Te_8W_{64}$ (%): C 2.38, H 1.61, N 1.39, Na 1.32, Cs 1.39, W 61.43; found: C 2.79, H 1.02, N 1.43, Na 1.31, Cs 2.45, W 61.4.

Synthesis of **3**: The procedure is exactly the same as that for preparing **2** but before filtration for crystallization, the solution was heated at around 85 °C for 30 min, cooled down to room temperature, filtered and left to evaporate slowly. Colorless block crystals of **3** appeared within two weeks. Yield: 0.34 g (22 % based on W). IR (KBr disk): $\tilde{\nu}=3419,\,3155,\,2441,\,2784,\,1627,\,1464,\,1019,\,939,\,797,\,741$ cm⁻¹. Elemental analysis, calcd for C₁₆H₁₁₄N₈Na₄O₁₀₀Te₃W₂₁ (%): C 3.02, H 1.81, N 1.76, Na 1.45, W 60.75; found: C 2.95, H 1.31, N 1.72, Na 1.39, W 60.8.

and Crystal data structure refinements for $H_{102}K_8Na_2O_{117}Pd_3Te_2W_{18}$, $MW = 6217.08 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$; red block crystal: $0.07 \times 0.06 \times 0.02 \text{ mm}^3$. Tetragonal, space group $P\overline{4}2_1 m$, a =16.9647(7), c = 13.8221(10) Å, $V = 3978.0(4) \text{ Å}^3$, Z = 2, $\rho =$ 4.591 g cm $^{-3}$, $\lambda(Mo_{K\alpha}) = 0.71073$ mm 1 , 16060 reflections measured, 3766 unique ($R_{int} = 0.1375$) which were used in all calculations. Final R1 = 0.0450 and wR2 = 0.0792 (all data). Crystal data and structure $C_{38}H_{266}N_{19}Na_{13}O_{281}Te_{8}W_{64}\text{,}\\$ refinements for 2: $18571.91 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$; colorless needle-shaped crystal: $0.21 \times 0.04 \times$ 0.03 mm³. Monoclinic, space group C2/c, a = 82.6223(18), b =15.0229(2), c = 54.3205(16) Å, $\beta = 95.051(2)$, $V = 67162(3) \text{ Å}^3$, Z = 8, $\rho = 3.597 \text{ g cm}^{-3}, \lambda(\text{Cu}_{K\alpha}) = 1.54184 \text{ mm}^{1}, 69833 \text{ reflections measured},$ 37 874 unique ($R_{int} = 0.0573$) which were used in all calculations. Final R1 = 0.0647 and wR2 = 0.1780 (all data). Crystal data and structure for $\mathbf{2'}$: $C_{38}H_{306}N_{19}Cs_2Na_{11}O_{301}Te_8W_{64}$, $19152.04 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$; colorless block crystal: $0.31 \times 0.08 \times 0.05 \text{ mm}^3$. Monoclinic, space group C2, a = 35.1788(6), b = 38.8304(4), c =30.7129(6) Å, $\beta = 123.352(3)$, V = 35044.5(10) Å³, Z = 4, $\rho =$ $3.572~g\,cm^{-3},~\lambda(Mo_{K\alpha})\,{=}\,0.71073~mm^1,~226\,131~reflections$ measured, 60 631 unique ($R_{int} = 0.0759$) which were used in all calculations. Final R1 = 0.0515 and wR2 = 0.1345 (all data). Crystal data and structure refinements for 3: $C_{16}H_{114}N_8Na_4O_{100}Te_3W_{21}$, $MW = 6354.47 \text{ g mol}^{-1}$; colorless block crystal: $0.35 \times 0.27 \times 0.17 \text{ mm}^3$. Monoclinic, space group $P2_1/c$, a = 14.2566(3), b = 19.9994(5), c = 37.9253(10) Å, $\beta =$ 93.873(2), $V = 10788.7(5) \text{ Å}^3$, Z = 4, $\rho = 3.950 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$, $\lambda(\text{Mo}_{K\alpha}) =$ 0.71073 mm^1 , 88032 reflections measured, $21180 \text{ unique } (R_{\text{int}} =$ 0.0850) which were used in all calculations. Final R1 = 0.0634 and wR2 = 0.1499 (all data). Data collection and reduction were performed using the CrysAlisPro software package and structure solution, and refinement were carried out using SHELXS-97^[14] and SHELXL-97^[15] using WinGX.^[16] Corrections for incident and diffracted beam absorption effects were applied using analytical numeric absorption correction using a multifaceted crystal model.^[17] CSD-423852 (1), CCDC 854719 (2), 854720 (2') and 854721 (3) contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from the Fachinformationszentrum Karlsruhe, 76344 Eggenstein-Leopoldshafen, Germany (fax: (+49)7247-808-666; e-mail: crysdata@fiz-karlsruhe.de) for 1 and from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/ data_request/cif for 2, 2', and 3.

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