

Cover Picture

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The cover picture shows a polyhedral representation of a polyoxovanadate core $\{V_6O_{13}(OMe)_6\}^{2-}$, which is linked to two vanadyl moieties. These are coordinated through the N_2O_2 donor set of organic ligands, which additionally stabilize the hexavanadate through two hydrogen bonds. This compound can be considered as “bridging the gap” between polyoxometalates and classic coordination compounds. Fittingly, in the background, is Müngsten railway bridge near Wuppertal, Germany, which links the towns of Remscheid and Solingen. The bridge, which was built in 1897, at a height of 107 m, an arch width of 170 m, and a total length of 500 m was considered an engineering masterpiece of its time in Europe. More about the successful linkage of two important classes of compounds is reported in the communication by M. Piepenbrink, M. U. Triller, N. H. J. Gorman, and B. Krebs on pp. 2523 ff.

