

# Self-Assembly of Organodiphosphonate, Polyoxomolybdate and Diphenanthrolinecobalt(II) into Two Clusters and One Linear Polymer

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$[\{\text{Co}(1,10\text{-phen})_2\}_2\{\text{Mo}_4\text{O}_{12}(\text{O}_3\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PO}_3)\}\cdot(\text{H}_2\text{O})]$  (**1**),  $[\{\text{Co}(1,10\text{-phen})_2\}_2\{\text{Mo}_4\text{O}_{12}(\text{O}_3\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PO}_3)\}\cdot(1.5\text{H}_2\text{O})]$  (**2**) and  $[\{\text{Co}(1,10\text{-phen})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\}\{\text{Co}(1,10\text{-phen})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})\}\cdot\{\text{Mo}_5\text{O}_{15}(\text{O}_3\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PO}_3)\}\cdot(6\text{H}_2\text{O})]$  (**3**) were synthesized by self-assembly of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_3\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{PO}_3\text{H}_2$  ( $n = 2\text{--}4$ ), polyoxomolybdate and  $[\text{Co}(1,10\text{-phen})_2]^{2+}$  (1,10-phen = 1,10-

phenanthroline) under hydrothermal conditions. Compounds **1** and **2** are novel heterometallic hexanuclear clusters, while compound **3** is a new linear polymer.

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## Introduction

Metal-organic units have been successfully introduced into organic-inorganic hybrid systems as charge-compensating motifs, structure-directing components and building blocks to synthesize many new compounds such as micropores.<sup>[1–13]</sup> In the molybdenum organodiphosphonate system three one-dimensional and two two-dimensional polymers have been produced by incorporating copper-phenanthroline, copper-2,2'-bipyridine and copper-tetra(2-pyridyl)pyrazine as metal-organic subunits.<sup>[14–15]</sup> In previous work we have successfully used  $[\text{Co}(1,10\text{-phen})_2]^{2+}$  as a metal-organic subunit to synthesize two one-dimensional polymers in the oxovanadium-organodiphosphonate systems.<sup>[16]</sup> But what the structures will be after self-assembling of different lengths of organodiphosphonate ligands, polyoxomolybdate and  $[\text{Co}(1,10\text{-phen})_2]^{2+}$  as metal-organic subunit together is still unknown. In this paper we report the synthesis and crystal structures of two novel clusters,  $[\{\text{Co}(1,10\text{-phen})_2\}_2\{\text{Mo}_4\text{O}_{12}(\text{O}_3\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PO}_3)\}\cdot(\text{H}_2\text{O})]$  (**1**) and  $[\{\text{Co}(1,10\text{-phen})_2\}_2\{\text{Mo}_4\text{O}_{12}(\text{O}_3\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PO}_3)\}\cdot(1.5\text{H}_2\text{O})]$  (**2**), and one linear polymer,  $[\{\text{Co}(1,10\text{-phen})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\}\{\text{Co}(1,10\text{-phen})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})\}\cdot\{\text{Mo}_5\text{O}_{15}(\text{O}_3\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PO}_3)\}\cdot(6\text{H}_2\text{O})]$  (**3**).

## Results and Discussion

The crystal structure of **1** consists of a heterometallic hexanuclear  $\text{Mo}_4\text{Co}_2$  cluster built up from an  $\{\text{Mo}_4\text{O}_{16}\}$  motif,  $\{\text{PCO}_3\}$  tetrahedrons and  $\{\text{CoN}_4\text{O}_2\}$  octahedrons (Figure 1a). Interestingly, the Mo atoms arrange themselves into a twisted zigzag line in the  $\{\text{Mo}_4\text{O}_{16}\}$  motif (Figure 1b), which is composed of four  $\{\text{MoO}_6\}$  octahedrons.  $\{\text{Mo1O}_6\}$  shares a face with  $\{\text{Mo2O}_6\}$  through the O8, O4 and O10 atoms.  $\{\text{Mo2O}_6\}$  and  $\{\text{Mo3O}_6\}$  are edge-shared through the O4 and O5 atoms.  $\{\text{Mo3O}_6\}$  shares a face with  $\{\text{Mo4O}_6\}$  through the O1, O5 and O6 atoms. Meanwhile  $\{\text{Mo1O}_6\}$  shares a corner with  $\{\text{Mo3O}_6\}$  through O4 atoms and  $\{\text{Mo2O}_6\}$  shares a corner with  $\{\text{Mo4O}_6\}$  through O5 atoms. As a result, the Mo1–Mo2, Mo2–Mo3 and Mo3–Mo4 distances are 3.0729(10), 3.2033(10) and 3.0755(11) Å, respectively. The  $[\text{Mo}_4\text{O}_{12}(\text{O}_3\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PO}_3)]^{4-}$  anion is formed by the 1,2-ethylenediphosphonate ligand firmly chelating the Mo1 and Mo4 atoms [Mo1–O14 = 1.981(6), Mo1–O8 = 2.262(5), Mo4–O11 = 2.000(6) and Mo4–O6 = 2.321(5) Å] and linking to the middle two  $\{\text{MoO}_6\}$  octahedrons [Mo2–O8 = 2.260(6) and Mo3–O6 = 2.277(6) Å] (Figure 1c). Both  $\text{Co}^{\text{II}}$  atoms are in slightly distorted octahedral coordination geometries with four nitrogen atoms from two 1,10-phenanthroline ligands and two oxygen atoms. The  $\{\text{Co1N}_4\text{O}_2\}$  octahedron connects to the  $[\text{Mo}_4\text{O}_{12}(\text{O}_3\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PO}_3)]^{4-}$  anion by sharing one oxygen atom with an  $\{\text{Mo2O}_6\}$  octahedron [Co1–O7 = 2.107(6) Å] and another oxygen atom with the  $\{\text{P1CO}_3\}$  tetrahedron [Co1–O18 = 2.048(6) Å] (Figure 1c). The  $\{\text{Co2N}_4\text{O}_2\}$  octahedron is attached to the  $[\text{Mo}_4\text{O}_{12}(\text{O}_3\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PO}_3)]^{4-}$  anion through one oxygen atom of the  $\{\text{Mo3O}_6\}$  octahedron [Co2–O3 = 2.083(6) Å] and another oxygen atom of the  $\{\text{P2CO}_3\}$  tetrahedron [Co2–O17 = 2.067(6) Å] (Figure 1c). Consequently, each

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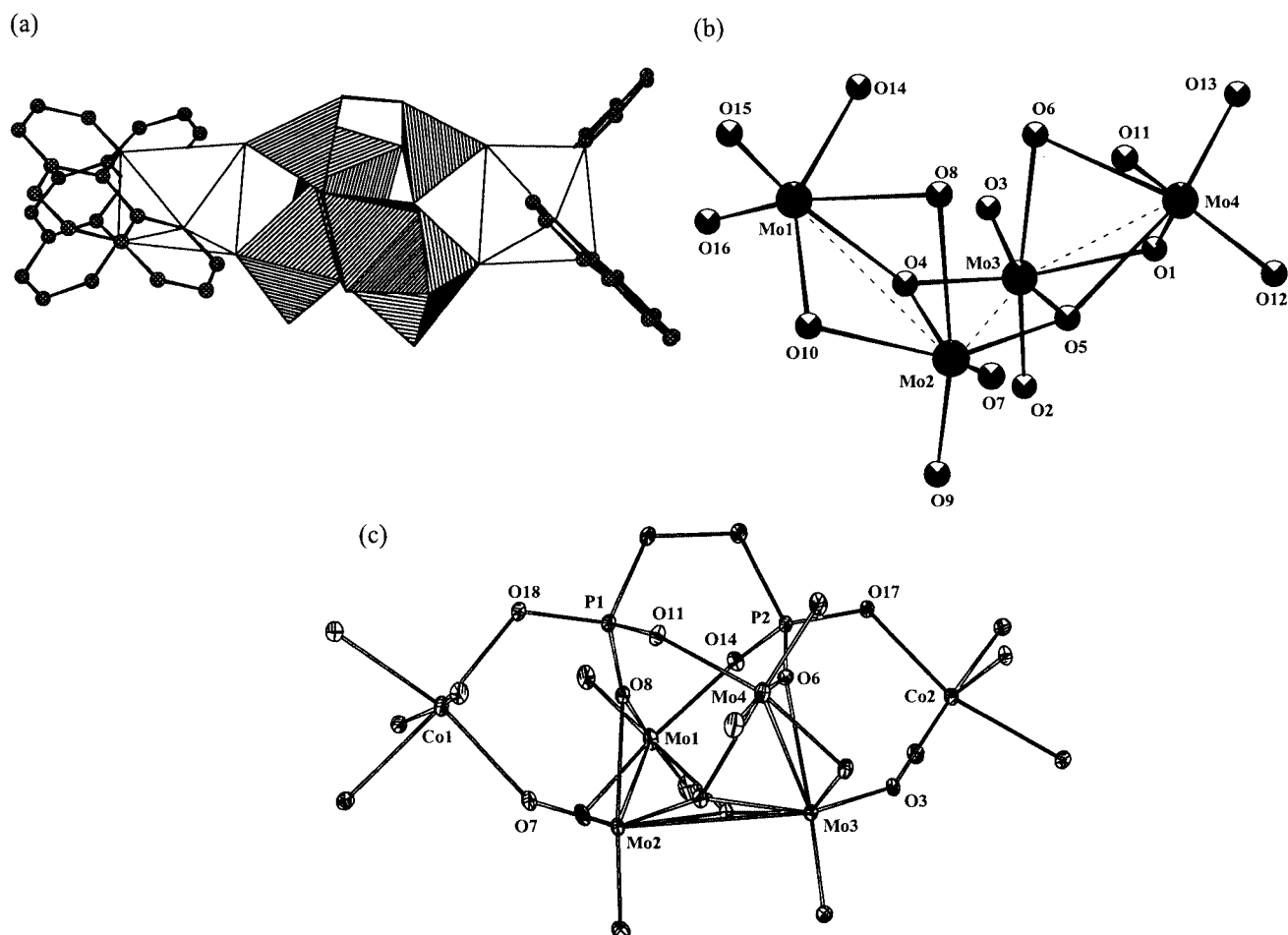


Figure 1. (a) Polyhedron perspective of cluster of **1**; white octahedra:  $\{\text{CoN}_4\text{O}_2\}$ ; black octahedra:  $\{\text{MoO}_6\}$ ; black tetrahedra:  $\{\text{PCO}_3\}$ ; hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity; (b) perspective view of  $\{\text{Mo}_4\text{O}_{16}\}$  motif of **1**; the dotted single lines represent the Mo-Mo bonds; (c) ORTEP view of **1** showing the coordination environments of cobalt, molybdenum and phosphorus (ellipsoids at 10% probability); free water molecules, hydrogen atoms and the carbon atoms of 1,10-phen ligands are omitted for clarity

$\{\text{PO}_3\}$  terminus of the 1,2-ethylenediphosphonate group links to one  $\{\text{CoN}_4\text{O}_2\}$  and three different  $\{\text{MoO}_6\}$  octahedra. The adjacent clusters interact each other through a strong  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking of neighboring parallel 1,10-phen groups at a distance of 3.4–3.5 Å.<sup>[6,17,18]</sup>

The crystal structure of **2** is almost the same as that of **1** except for the 1,3-propylenediphosphonate ligand (Figure 2).

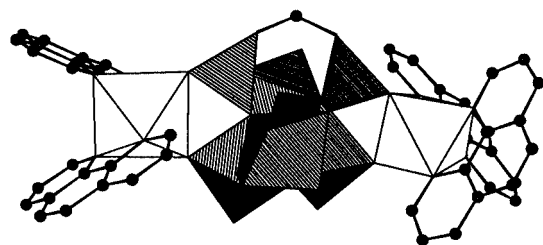


Figure 2. Polyhedron perspective of cluster of **2**; white octahedra:  $\{\text{CoN}_4\text{O}_2\}$ ; black octahedra:  $\{\text{MoO}_6\}$ ; black tetrahedra:  $\{\text{PCO}_3\}$ ; hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity

As expected, the structure of **3** is a linear polymer constructed from an  $[\text{Mo}_5\text{O}_{15}(\text{O}_3\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PO}_3)]_n^{4n-}$  anionic chain (Figure 3a) and  $[\text{Co}(\text{1,10-phen})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]^{2+}$  and  $[\text{Co}(\text{1,10-phen})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})]^{2+}$  fragments (Figure 3b). In the anionic chain, the 1,4-butylenediphosphonate groups bridge the adjacent common  $\{\text{Mo}_5\text{O}_{21}\}$  cyclic clusters.<sup>[14,15,19–24]</sup> Each  $\{\text{PO}_3\}$  terminus only coordinates to five  $\text{Mo}^{\text{VI}}$  centers. This is obviously different from  $[\{\text{Cu}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2(\text{1,10-phen})_2\}\{\text{Cu}(\text{1,10-phen})_2(\text{Mo}_5\text{O}_{15})-(\text{O}_3\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PO}_3)] \cdot 2.5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,<sup>[14]</sup>  $[\{\text{Cu}(\text{2,2'}\text{-bipyridine})_2\}\{\text{Cu}(\text{2,2'}\text{-bipyridine})(\text{H}_2\text{O})\}(\text{Mo}_5\text{O}_{15})(\text{O}_3\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PO}_3)] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $[\{\text{Cu}_2(\text{tetra}(2\text{-pyridyl})\text{pyrazine})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\}(\text{Mo}_5\text{O}_{15})(\text{O}_3\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PO}_3)] \cdot 5.5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .<sup>[15]</sup> Similar to compounds **1** and **2**, the  $\text{Co}^{\text{II}}$  atoms are also in slightly distorted octahedral coordination geometries with four nitrogen donors from two 1,10-phenanthroline ligands and two oxygen atoms. The  $\{\text{Co1N}_4\text{O}_2\}$  moiety is linked to the anionic chain through an oxo group bridging to the  $\{\text{Mo1O}_6\}$  octahedron [ $\text{Co1}-\text{O7} = 2.063(5)$  Å]. While the  $\{\text{Co2N}_4\text{O}_2\}$  octahedron interacts with the anionic chain through hydrogen bonds ( $\text{O}_{24} \cdots \text{O}_{20} = 2.703$ ,  $\text{O}_{23} \cdots \text{O}_{18} =$

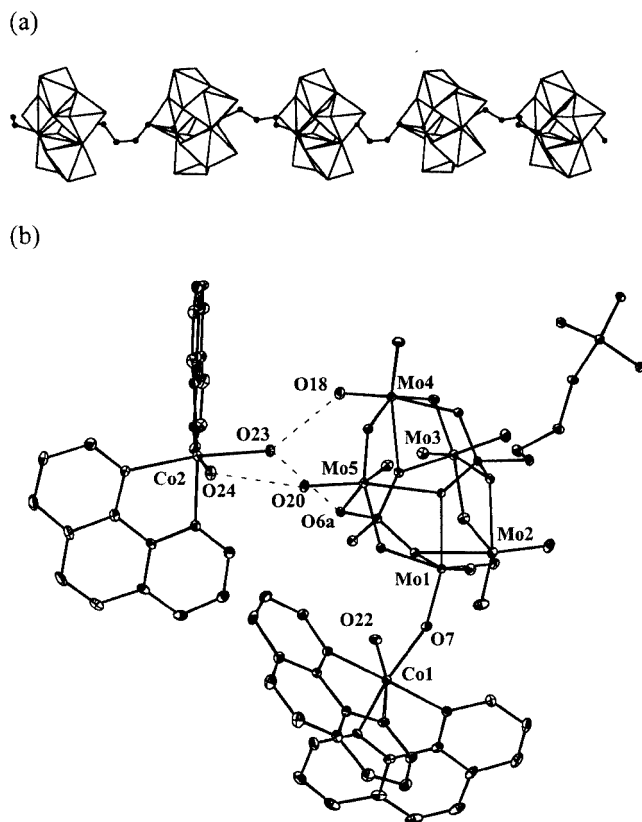


Figure 3. (a) Perspective view of  $[\text{Mo}_5\text{O}_{15}(\text{O}_3\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PO}_3)]_n^{4n-}$  anionic chain of **3**; octahedra:  $\{\text{MoO}_6\}$ ; black dots: P and C atoms; hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity; (b) ORTEP view of **3** showing the coordination geometries of the cobalt, molybdenum and phosphorus atoms (ellipsoids at 10% probability); the dashed lines represent hydrogen bonds; free water molecules and hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity; symmetry code  $a: 1/2 - x, -1/2 + y, z$ .

2.829 and  $\text{O}_{23} \cdots \text{O}_{6a} = 2.727 \text{ \AA}$ ). The adjacent chains interact thorough strong  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking of neighboring parallel 1,10-phen groups at a distance of 3.2–3.6  $\text{\AA}$ .<sup>[6,17,18]</sup>

Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) studies were performed on polycrystalline samples under  $\text{N}_2$  from room temperature to 1000  $^\circ\text{C}$  to study the stability of these compounds. The TGA data show an obvious weight loss starting at about 435  $^\circ\text{C}$  for these compounds.

In conclusion, two novel clusters and one linear polymer have been successfully self-assembled under almost identical hydrothermal conditions using  $[\text{Co}(1,10\text{-phen})_2]^{2+}$  as the metal-organic subunit and organodiphosphonate ligands of different lengths. The structure of **3** differs from **1** and **2**, which may be mainly due to the increased length of the 1,4-butylenediphosphonate ligand.

## Experimental Section

1,2-Ethylene-, 1,3-propylene- and 1,4-butylenediphosphonic acids were prepared according to the reported method.<sup>[25,26]</sup> Other chemicals were of reagent grade quality and obtained from commercial sources without further purification. Compounds **1**, **2** and **3** were synthesized in 25-mL, Teflon-lined, stainless steel vessels

under autogenous pressure with a filling capacity of about 40%. The reactants were stirred to homogeneity before heating. CHN analyses were performed with a Vario EL III element analyzer and UV-1100 spectrophotometer. Infrared spectra were obtained on a Nicolet Magna 750 FT-IR spectrometer.

## Synthesis

Compound **1**, **2** and **3** were synthesized as red blocks in about 20% (0.1 g), 86.4% (0.357 g) and 40% (0.2 g) yields based on cobalt, respectively, at 180  $^\circ\text{C}$  for 48, 144 and 72 h, respectively. Hydrothermal reactions were performed as follows

For **1**:  $\text{Co}(\text{CH}_3\text{COO})_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.1256 g, 0.5043 mmol),  $\text{Na}_2\text{MoO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.2408 g, 0.9952 mmol),  $\text{MoO}_3$  (0.1446 g, 1.005 mmol), 1,10-phenanthroline  $\cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.1999 g, 1.008 mmol),  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_3\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PO}_3\text{H}_2$  (0.1955 g, 1.029 mmol) and distilled water (10.0 mL, 555 mmol).

For **2**:  $\text{Co}(\text{CH}_3\text{COO})_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.1254 g, 0.5035 mmol),  $\text{Na}_2\text{MoO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.2408 g, 0.9952 mmol),  $\text{MoO}_3$  (0.1447 g, 1.005 mmol), 1,10-phenanthroline  $\cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.1996 g, 1.007 mmol),  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_3\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PO}_3\text{H}_2$  (0.2010 g, 0.9850 mmol) and distilled water (10.0 mL, 555 mmol).

For **3**:  $\text{Co}(\text{CH}_3\text{COO})_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.1253 g, 0.5031 mmol),  $\text{Na}_2\text{MoO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.2419 g, 0.9998 mmol),  $\text{MoO}_3$  (0.1435 g, 0.9969 mmol), 1,10-phenanthroline  $\cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.1990 g, 1.004 mmol),  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_3\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PO}_3\text{H}_2$  (0.2182 g, 1.001 mmol) and distilled water (10.0 mL, 555 mmol).

**1**:  $\text{C}_{50}\text{H}_{38}\text{Co}_2\text{Mo}_4\text{N}_8\text{O}_{19}\text{P}_2$  (1618.5): calcd. C 37.11, H 2.37, N 6.92; found C 37.03, H 1.74, N 6.43. IR (KBr pellet):  $\tilde{\nu} = 3500\text{vs cm}^{-1}$ , 3062m, 2904w, 1637w, 1624w, 1581m, 1514s, 1495m, 1423s, 1342w, 1300w, 1225w, 1117s, 1047vs, 982m, 924vs, 901s, 850s, 773m, 729s, 700s, 634s, 584s, 542w.

**2**:  $\text{C}_{51}\text{H}_{41}\text{Co}_2\text{Mo}_4\text{N}_8\text{O}_{19.5}\text{P}_2$  (1641.5): calcd. C 37.32, H 2.52, N 6.83; found C 37.40, H 2.09, N 6.82. IR (KBr pellet):  $\tilde{\nu} = 3500\text{vs cm}^{-1}$ , 3062m, 2893w, 1635w, 1624w, 1579m, 1512s, 1495m, 1452w, 1423s, 1342w, 1225w, 1188w, 1111s, 1049vs, 1028s, 987m, 922vs, 899vs, 860w, 847w, 771m, 727vs, 702vs, 629s, 586s, 567w, 523w.

**3**:  $\text{C}_{52}\text{H}_{58}\text{Co}_2\text{Mo}_5\text{N}_8\text{O}_{30}\text{P}_2$  (1934.6): calcd. C 32.38, H 3.02, N 5.79; found C 32.21, H 1.68, N 5.74. IR (KBr pellet):  $\tilde{\nu} = 3500\text{vs cm}^{-1}$ , 3064m, 2943w, 2899w, 2864w, 1624m, 1579m, 1518s, 1495m, 1427vs, 1344m, 1225w, 1188w, 1146m, 1111s, 1034s, 995m, 943vs, 908vs, 870vs, 762s, 727s, 661m, 590m, 563m, 503m.

**X-ray Crystallography:** X-ray data of single crystals were collected at a temperature of  $293 \pm 2 \text{ K}$  on a Siemens SMART-CCD diffractometer using graphite-monochromated  $\text{Mo-K}\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ ). Data were reduced and absorption-corrected with the SMART and SADABS software packages, respectively. The structures were solved by direct methods and refined by full-matrix least-squares techniques on  $F^2$  using SHELXTL-97.<sup>[27]</sup> All non-hydrogen atoms of the three compounds were treated anisotropically.  $\text{H}_1\text{--H}_{26}$  of **1**, all hydrogen atoms of **2** and  $\text{H}_1\text{--H}_{30}$  of **3** were treated geometrically.  $\text{H}_{1a}\text{--H}_{10a}$  of **1** and  $\text{H}_{1a}\text{--H}_{10a}$  of **3** were identified from the difference Fourier map and fixed with isotropic thermal parameters.

**Crystal Data for 1:**  $\text{C}_{50}\text{H}_{38}\text{Co}_2\text{Mo}_4\text{N}_8\text{O}_{19}\text{P}_2$ ,  $M = 1618.44$ , triclinic,  $P\bar{1}$ ,  $a = 12.2256(6)$ ,  $b = 12.9418(7)$ ,  $c = 18.9455(10) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\alpha = 108.7050(10)^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 104.4880(10)^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 96.2950(10)^\circ$ ,  $V = 2699.9(2) \text{ \AA}^3$ ,  $Z = 2$ ,  $D_{\text{calcd.}} = 1.991 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$ ,  $T = 293(2) \text{ K}$ ,  $\mu(\text{Mo-K}\alpha) = 1.645 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ . Data were collected on a single crystal with dimensions  $0.20 \times 0.18 \times 0.12 \text{ mm}$ . 14204 reflections were measured in the range of  $1.19 \leq \theta \leq 25.10^\circ$ , 9510 independent reflections

( $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0385$ ). Final  $R_1 = 0.0625$  for 7201 observed reflections [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ] and  $wR_2 = 0.1161$ .

**Crystal Data for 2:**  $\text{C}_{51}\text{H}_{41}\text{Co}_2\text{Mo}_4\text{N}_8\text{O}_{19.5}\text{P}_2$ ,  $M = 1641.48$ , triclinic,  $P\bar{1}$ ,  $a = 12.3372(3)$ ,  $b = 12.7558(3)$ ,  $c = 19.4102(5)$  Å,  $\alpha = 108.3930(10)^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 102.7940(10)^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 94.6870(10)^\circ$ ,  $V = 2788.41(12)$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $Z = 2$ ,  $D_{\text{calcd.}} = 1.955$  g cm<sup>-3</sup>,  $T = 293(2)$  K,  $\mu(\text{Mo-K}\alpha) = 1.595$  mm<sup>-1</sup>. Data were collected on a single crystal with dimensions  $0.54 \times 0.54 \times 0.50$  mm. 14616 reflections were measured in the range of  $1.15 \leq \theta \leq 25.06^\circ$ , 9773 independent reflections ( $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0173$ ). Final  $R_1 = 0.0301$  for 8837 observed reflections [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ] and  $wR_2 = 0.0786$ .

**Crystal Data for 3:**  $\text{C}_{52}\text{H}_{58}\text{Co}_2\text{Mo}_5\text{N}_8\text{O}_{30}\text{P}_2$ ,  $M = 1934.56$ , Orthorhombic,  $Pbca$ ,  $a = 24.7212(4)$ ,  $b = 19.86320(10)$ ,  $c = 27.2651(2)$  Å,  $V = 13388.3(2)$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $Z = 8$ ,  $D_{\text{calcd.}} = 1.920$  g cm<sup>-3</sup>,  $T = 293(2)$  K,  $\mu(\text{Mo-K}\alpha) = 1.530$  mm<sup>-1</sup>. Data were collected on a single crystal with dimensions  $0.48 \times 0.34 \times 0.26$  mm. 41605 reflections were measured in the range of  $1.49 \leq \theta \leq 25.06^\circ$ , 11783 independent reflections ( $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0513$ ). Final  $R_1 = 0.0482$  for 8884 observed reflections [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ] and  $wR_2 = 0.1117$ .

CCDC-198179 (1), -198180 (2) and -198181 (3) contain the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge at [www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/conts/retrieving.html](http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/conts/retrieving.html) [or from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre, 12, Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK; Fax: (internat.) +44-1223/336-033; E-mail: [deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk](mailto:deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk)].

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