

# Solid state coordination chemistry of the oxo-fluorovanadium–diphosphonate system in the presence of Cu(II)–tetrapyrrolypyrazine complex cations The crystal structures of $[\{\text{Cu}_2(\text{tpyprz})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\}\text{V}_4\text{FO}_8(\text{HO}_3\text{PCH}_2\text{PO}_3)_2]$ , $[\{\text{Cu}_2(\text{tpyprz})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\}\text{V}_4\text{F}_6\text{O}_6(\text{O}_3\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PO}_3)]$ , and $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{tpyprz})\{\text{HO}_3\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{PO}_3\text{H}\}][\text{V}_2\text{F}_2\text{O}_5]$ (tpyprz = tetra-4-pyrrolypyrazine)

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## Abstract

The hydrothermal reactions of  $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5$ ,  $\text{Cu}(\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2)_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ , tetrapyrrolypyrazine (tpyprz), HF and the appropriate diphosphonic acid yielded a series of compounds of the  $\{\text{Cu}^2(\text{tpyprz})\}^{4+}/\text{V}_x\text{O}_y\text{F}_z^{n-}/\{\text{O}_3\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{PO}_3\}^{4-}$  family of materials. The structure of  $[\{\text{Cu}_2(\text{tpyprz})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\}\text{V}_4\text{F}_6\text{O}_6(\text{HO}_3\text{PCH}_2\text{PO}_3)_2]$  (**1**) is one-dimensional, constructed from mixed valence  $\{\text{V}_3^{\text{V}}\text{V}^{\text{IV}}\text{FO}_8(\text{HO}_3\text{PCH}_2\text{PO}_3)_2\}^{4-}$  clusters linked through  $\{\text{Cu}_2(\text{tpyprz})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\}^{4+}$  rods. The two-dimensional  $[\{\text{Cu}_2(\text{tpyprz})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\}\text{V}_4\text{F}_6\text{O}_6(\text{O}_3\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PO}_3)]$  (**2**) is constructed from  $\{\text{V}_4\text{F}_6\text{O}_6(\text{O}_3\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PO}_3)\}_n^{4n-}$  chains crosslinked by  $\{\text{Cu}_2(\text{tpyprz})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\}^{4+}$  rods; mixed valence  $\{\text{V}_2^{\text{V}}\text{V}_2^{\text{IV}}\text{F}_6\text{O}_6(\text{O}_3\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PO}_3)\}^{4-}$  clusters are embedded in the network. Compound **3**,  $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{tpyprz})\{\text{HO}_3\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{PO}_3\text{H}\}][\text{V}_2\text{F}_2\text{O}_5]$ , consists of  $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{tpyprz})\{\text{HO}_3\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{PO}_3\text{H}\}]_n^{2n+}$  chains and isolated  $\{\text{V}_2\text{F}_2\text{O}_5\}^{2-}$  anions. Structures **1**–**3** are compared to the structures of the analogous series  $\{\text{Cu}_2(\text{bisterpy})\}^{4+}/\text{V}_x\text{O}_y\text{F}_z^{n-}/\{\text{O}_3\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{PO}_3\}^{4-}$ , where bisterpy is 2,2':4':2'':2'''-quaterpyridine, 6',6''-di-2-pyridinyl. The temperature-dependent magnetic susceptibilities of **2** and **3** are also discussed.

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## 1. Introduction

Complex structures [1–6], based on a molecular scale composite of inorganic and organic components, provide the potential for the design of novel functional materials for technological applications [7]. An inorganic material may provide useful magnetic, dielectric or optical proper-

ties, mechanical hardness, and thermal stability, while organic compounds offer processability, structural diversity, a range of polarizabilities and luminescent properties [8]. Consequently, the combination of the characteristics of the organic and inorganic components offers an opportunity to conflate useful properties within a single composite, providing access to a vast area of complex, multifunctional materials [9–16].

Inorganic–organic hybrid materials [17–20] are extended arrays of metal atoms or clusters bridged by polyfunctional

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organic molecules. An important subclass of this family of materials is the hybrid metal oxides, which contain metal–oxygen–metal ( $M-O-M$ ) arrays as part of their structures. In such materials, the inorganic oxide contributes to the increased complexity, and hence functionality, through incorporation as one component in a multilevel structural material where there is a synergistic interaction between organic and inorganic components.

Metal organophosphonates are prototypical composite materials, which can exhibit a range of structures, including molecular clusters, chains, layers and three-dimensional frameworks [21–23]. An important subclass of these materials are the oxovanadium organophosphonates [24,25], whose structures are often characterized by a two-dimensional network of V–P–O layers separated by hydrophobic organic domains. However, the detailed structural chemistry may be exceedingly complex, reflecting a variety of structural determinants [26–48]. In developing the structural systematics of these materials, we have investigated the oxovanadium organodiphosphonate system, focusing on a number of variables, specifically: (i) the length and identity of the organic tether of the diphosphonates [47], (ii) the introduction of organic or metal complex cations [26,47], and (iii) the incorporation of fluoride anions into the V–P–O substructure [48,49].

Comparison of the structures of the three component oxyfluorovanadates of the  $\{Cu_2(\text{bisterpy})\}^{4+}/V_xO_yF_z^{n-}/\{O_3P(CH_2)_nPO_3\}^{4-}$  family (bisterpy = 2,2':4',4'':2'':2'''-quaterpyridyl-6,6''-di-2-pyridine) [48] to those of the non-fluorinated materials of the type  $\{Cu_2(\text{bisterpy})\}^{4+}/V_xO_y^{n-}/\{O_3P(CH_2)_nPO_3\}^{4-}$  reveals the profound structural consequences of fluoride incorporation. While both families exhibit anionic  $\{V_xO_yF_z^{n-}\}_n$  or  $\{V_xO_y^{n-}\}_n$  substructures and charge compensating complex coordination cations, the fluorinated phases manifest a considerably expanded range of V/P/O/F building blocks, including embedded clusters, chains and networks and three-dimensional frameworks. The fluorinated species also exhibited structures with V–O–V bonds in encapsulated binuclear and/or tetranuclear oxovanadium clusters, subunits which were absent in the structural chemistry of the  $\{Cu_2(\text{bisterpy})\}^{4+}/V_xO_y^{n-}/\text{diphosphonate}$  family of materials.

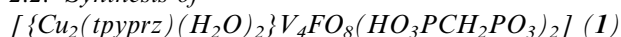
Encouraged by these observations, we have studied the introduction of fluoride into oxovanadate–diphosphonate phases with coordination complex cation subunits other than  $\{Cu_2(\text{bisterpy})\}^{4+}$ , such as the closely related, but more compact,  $\{Cu_2(\text{tpyprz})\}^{4+}$  (tpyprz = tetra-4-pyridylpyrazine). Three members of the  $\{Cu_2(\text{tpyprz})\}^{4+}/V_xO_yF_z^{n-}/\{O_3P(CH_2)_nPO_3\}^{4-}$  family, whose structures are unrelated to those observed for the  $\{Cu_2(\text{bisterpy})\}^{4+}/V_xO_yF_z^{n-}/\{O_3P(CH_2)_nPO_3\}^{4-}$  materials, were isolated:  $[\{Cu_2(\text{tpyprz})(H_2O)_2\}V_4FO_8(HO_3PCH_2PO_3)_2]$  (**1**),  $[\{Cu_2(\text{tpyprz})(H_2O)_2\}V_4F_6O_6(O_3PCH_2CH_2PO_3)]$  (**2**), and  $[Cu_2(\text{tpyprz})\{HO_3P(CH_2)_3PO_3\}][V_2F_2O_5]$  (**3**).

## 2. Experimental section

### 2.1. General considerations

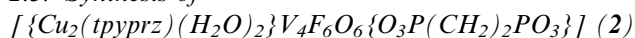
All chemicals were used as obtained without further purification: copper(II) acetate monohydrate, vanadium(V) oxide, tetra-2-pyridinylpyrazine, and hydrofluoric acid (48–51%) were purchased from Aldrich; methylenediphosphonic acid was purchased from Alfa Aesar. The diphosphonate ligands 1,2-ethylenediphosphonic acid and 1,3-propylenediphosphonic acid were prepared as previously reported [50,51]. All syntheses were carried out in 23 ml poly(tetrafluoroethylene)-lined stainless steel containers under autogenous pressure. The reactants were stirred briefly, and the initial pH measured before heating. Water was distilled above 3.0 MΩ in-house using a Barnstead Model 525 Biopure Distilled Water Center. The initial and final pH of the reactions were measured using Hydrion pH sticks.

### 2.2. Synthesis of



A mixture of  $V_2O_5$  (0.162 g, 0.891 mmol),  $Cu(CH_3CO_2)_2 \cdot H_2O$  (0.091 g, 0.456 mmol), tpytrz (0.087 g, 0.224 mmol), methylenediphosphonic acid (0.090 g, 0.511 mmol),  $H_2O$  (10.07 g, 559.4 mmol), and HF (0.314 g, 7.85 mmol) in the mole ratio 3.98:2.04:1.00:2.28:2497:35.04 was stirred briefly before heating to 150 °C for 168 h. Initial and final pH values of 1.5 and 1.5, respectively, were recorded. Black crystals of **1** suitable for X-ray diffraction were isolated in 15% yield. IR (KBr pellet,  $cm^{-1}$ ): 3096(w), 2950(w), 1607(m), 1562(m), 1478(m), 1405(m), 1248(w), 1192(m), 1125(m), 1080(m), 996(s), 789(m), and 744(m).

### 2.3. Synthesis of



A solution of  $V_2O_5$  (0.082 g, 0.451 mmol),  $Cu(CH_3CO_2)_2 \cdot H_2O$  (0.089 g, 0.446 mmol), tpytrz (0.086 g, 0.221 mmol), 1,2-ethylenediphosphonic acid (0.064 g, 0.337 mmol)  $H_2O$  (10.01 g, 556.1 mmol), and HF (0.555 g, 13.88 mmol) in the mole ratio 2.04:2.02:1.00:1.52:2516:62.81 was stirred briefly before heating to 150 °C for 72 h (initial and final pH values were 1.0 and 1.0, respectively). Black crystals of **2** suitable for X-ray diffraction were isolated in 90% yield. IR (KBr pellet,  $cm^{-1}$ ): 3068(w), 1597(m), 1476(m), 1411(m), 1296(w), 1261(w), 1191(m), 1111(s), 1045(m), 965(s), 785(m), and 760(m).

### 2.4. Synthesis of



A solution of  $V_2O_5$  (0.082 g, 0.451 mmol),  $Cu(CH_3CO_2)_2 \cdot H_2O$  (0.090 g, 0.451 mmol), tpytrz (0.086 g, 0.221 mmol), 1,3-propylenediphosphonic acid (0.093 g, 0.456 mmol),  $H_2O$  (10.02 g, 556.7 mmol) and HF (0.150 g, 3.75 mmol)

in the mole ratio 2.04:2.04:1.00:2.06:2519:16.97 was heated at 140 °C for 72 h (initial and final pH: 2.5 and 2.0, respectively). Green crystals of **3** suitable for X-ray diffraction were isolated in 50% yield. IR (KBr pellet,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3068(w), 1472(w), 1422(m), 1198(s), 1058(m), 968(m), 884(m), 805(m), 789(m), and 632(m).

## 2.5. X-ray crystallography

Crystallographic data for all compounds were collected with a Brücker P4 diffractometer equipped with a SMART CCD system [52] and using  $\text{MoK}\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ ). The data were collected at 90 K and corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects. Absorption corrections were made using SADABS [53]. The structure solutions and refinements were carried out using the SHELXTL [54] crystallographic software package. The structures were solved using direct methods, and all of the non-hydrogen atoms were located from the initial solution. After locating all of the non-hydrogen atoms in each structure, the models were refined against  $F^2$ , initially using isotropic then anisotropic thermal displacement parameters, until the final value of  $\Delta/\sigma_{\text{max}}$  was less than 0.001. Hydrogen atoms with the exception of those associated with water molecules of crystallization, which were not included either at observed or calculated positions, were located at calculated positions and included in the final cycles of refinement using a riding model. The fluorine positions were unambiguously identified from observations of the behavior of the temperature factors and refinements of the occupancy factors of the oxygen and fluorine sites. With a sound, low-temperature data set and a well-behaved structure, fluorine and oxygen sites are readily distinguished. As an example of the power of X-ray crystallography to provide chemical analysis by atomic displacement parameters, see Ref. [55], which demonstrates the principle for the more difficult case of Al vs. Si occupancies. Crystallographic data for the structure solutions and refinements of compounds **1–3** are summarized in Table 1. Selected bond lengths and angles for compounds **1–3** are provided in Tables 2–4, respectively.

## 2.6. Magnetism

Magnetic data were recorded on 17–25 mg samples of compound in the 2–300 K temperature range using a Quantum Design MPMS-5S SQUID spectrometer. Calibrating and operating procedures have been reported previously [56]. The temperature-dependent data were obtained at a magnetic field of  $H = 1000 \text{ Oe}$ .

# 3. Results and discussion

## 3.1. Synthesis and infrared spectroscopy

Conventional hydrothermal methods [57–60] have been demonstrated to provide suitable conditions for the

preparation and crystallization of organic–inorganic hybrid materials [60]. For compounds **1–3**, heating a mixture of  $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5$ ,  $\text{Cu}(\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2)_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ , tetrapyridylpyrazine, HF and the appropriate diphosphonate in water at 140–150 °C for 72 h provided black or green crystals in variable yields. It is noteworthy that crystalline products were obtained only with  $\text{Cu}(\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2)_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  as the copper source. Attempts to prepare materials of the  $\{\text{Cu}(\text{tpyprz})\}^{4+}/\text{V}_x\text{O}_y\text{F}_z^{n-}/\{\text{O}_3\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{PO}_3\}^{4-}$  for  $n > 3$  were unsuccessful.

The use of HF as a mineralizer to improve solubility and crystal growth in oxovanadium-based organic–inorganic hybrid materials is common. While in most cases fluoride is not incorporated into the product, oxyfluorinated products have been reported upon adjustment of the HF/V ratio [61,62]. In this case, at low HF/V ratios (5:1 or less), no fluorine incorporation into the copper vanadate products was observed. However, at increased HF/V ratios of 8:1 or greater, the oxyfluoride materials of this study were isolated.

Although the V(V) starting material  $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5$  was used in the synthesis of **1–3**, the products **1** and **2** were mixed valence V(IV)/V(V) materials, as suggested by their dark green/black color. The reduction of V(V) to V(IV), and even to V(III), is quite common in the presence of nitrogenous ligands [63].

The infrared spectra of **1–3** are characterized by a group of three or four bands of medium to strong intensity in the 1000–1500  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  range associated with the diphosphonate ligand. In addition, a strong band in the 960–1000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  region is attributed to  $\nu(\text{V}=\text{O})$ .

## 3.2. X-ray crystal structures

As shown in Fig. 1, the structure of **1** is constructed from  $\{\text{V}_4\text{FO}_8(\text{HO}_3\text{PCH}_2\text{PO}_3)_2\}^{4-}$  clusters linked through  $\{\text{Cu}_2(\text{tpyprz})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\}^{4+}$  clusters into a one-dimensional zig-zag chain. Each vanadium site is six coordinate, bonding to a terminal oxo-group, two  $\mu^2$ -oxo-groups, the central  $\mu^4$  fluoride of the cluster, and an oxygen donor from each of two  $\{\text{HO}_3\text{PCH}_2\text{PO}_3\}^{3-}$  ligands. Each diphosphonate ligand bridges four vanadium sites and links to a copper(II) site of the  $\{\text{Cu}_2(\text{tpyprz})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\}^{4+}$  cluster. One oxygen site of each diphosphonate ligand is pendant and protonated. The structure may alternatively be described as a  $\{\text{V}_4\text{O}_4\}$  ring with a central fluoride group and four terminal oxo-groups, that is, a  $\{\text{V}_4\text{FO}_8\}^{2+}$  cluster capped by two diphosphonate ligands.

The copper sites exhibit square pyramidal geometry, with the basal plane defined by three nitrogen donors of the binucleating tpyprz ligand and the Cu–O–V bridging oxo-group and the apical position occupied by an aqua ligand. Charge balance considerations imply that the cluster is a mixed valence  $\text{V}_3^{\text{V}}\text{V}^{\text{IV}}$  species. Valence sum calculations [64] on the vanadium sites of the cluster provide an average valence of 4.68, compared to a theoretical average valence of 4.75 for a  $\text{V}_3^{\text{V}}\text{V}^{\text{IV}}$  species. The valence sum calculation

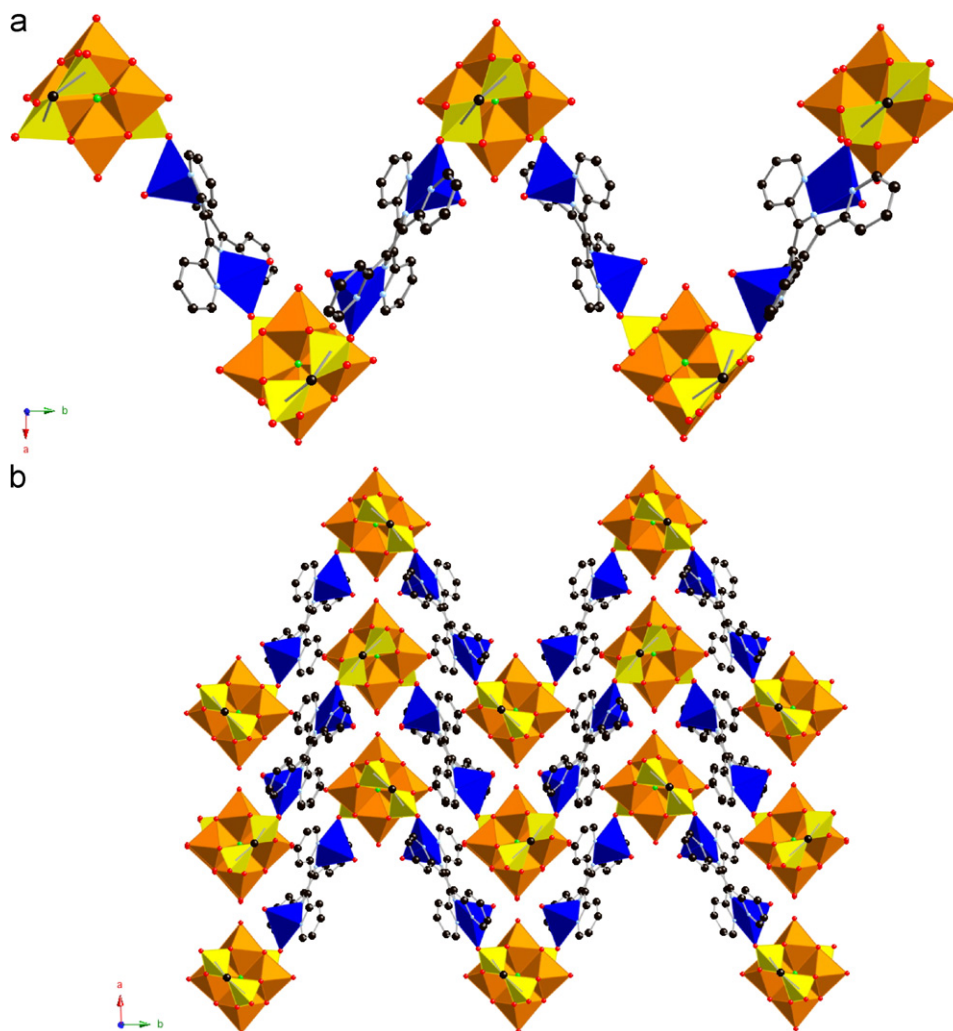


Fig. 1. (a) Polyhedral representation of the one-dimensional structure of  $[\{\text{Cu}_2(\text{tpyprz})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\}\text{V}_4\text{FO}_8(\text{HO}_3\text{PCH}_2\text{PO}_3)_2]$  (**1**) and (b) the packing of chains in the  $ab$  plane.

implies that the electron of the  $d^1$  V(IV) site is delocalized about the ring.

The structure of **2**, illustrated in Fig. 2, is two-dimensional, consisting of chains of  $\{\text{V}_4\text{F}_6\text{O}_6(\text{O}_3\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PO}_3)\}^{4-}$  clusters linked through the diphosphonate ligands which are in turn crosslinked through the  $\{\text{Cu}_2(\text{tpyprz})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\}^{4+}$  units. The oxofluorovanadium clusters consist of four edge-sharing  $\{\text{VF}_3\text{O}_3\}$  octahedra. Two of the octahedra are defined by a doubly bridging fluoride, a triply bridging fluoride, a terminal fluoride, a doubly bridging oxo-group, a terminal oxo-group and an oxygen donor from the diphosphonate ligand. The two remaining vanadium octahedra exhibit two triply bridging fluorides, a doubly bridging fluoride, a doubly bridging oxo-group, a terminal oxo-group and an oxygen donor from the diphosphonate ligand. The fluoride donors adopt a *facial* configuration about the vanadium centers of either type.

Each diphosphonate ligand contributes two oxygen donors from one  $\{\text{O}_3\text{P}\}$  terminus to one vanadium cluster and two oxygen donors from the second  $\{\text{O}_3\text{P}\}$  terminus to

an adjacent vanadium cluster; the remaining oxygen donor at each phosphorus site is used to connect to a  $\{\text{Cu}_2(\text{tpyprz})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\}^{4+}$  unit.

The square pyramidal geometry at the Cu(II) sites is again defined by three tpyprz nitrogen donors and the Cu–O–V bridging oxo-group in the basal plane and an apical aqua ligand. Charge balance stipulates that the cluster of **2** is a mixed valence  $\text{V}_2^{\text{V}}\text{V}_2^{\text{IV}}$  species. In contrast to the electronic delocalization observed for **1**, the valence sums for the vanadium sites of **2** establish the V(1) site as the V(V) site and the V(2) site as V(IV).

The contrasting dimensionalities of **1** and **2** are consistent with bonding patterns previously established for diphosphonate ligands [49,65]. Thus, the methylenediphosphonate ligand does not possess the spatial extension to span adjacent clusters so as to generate chain motifs of the type  $\{-\text{cluster}-\text{O}_3\text{PCH}_2\text{PO}_3-\}_n$ , but rather adopts chelating modes with a single metal site or bridging geometries to metal sites of a single cluster. Consequently, spatial expansion in one-dimension is accomplished in **1** through the  $\{\text{Cu}_2(\text{tpyprz})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\}^{4+}$  rods. In contrast, the



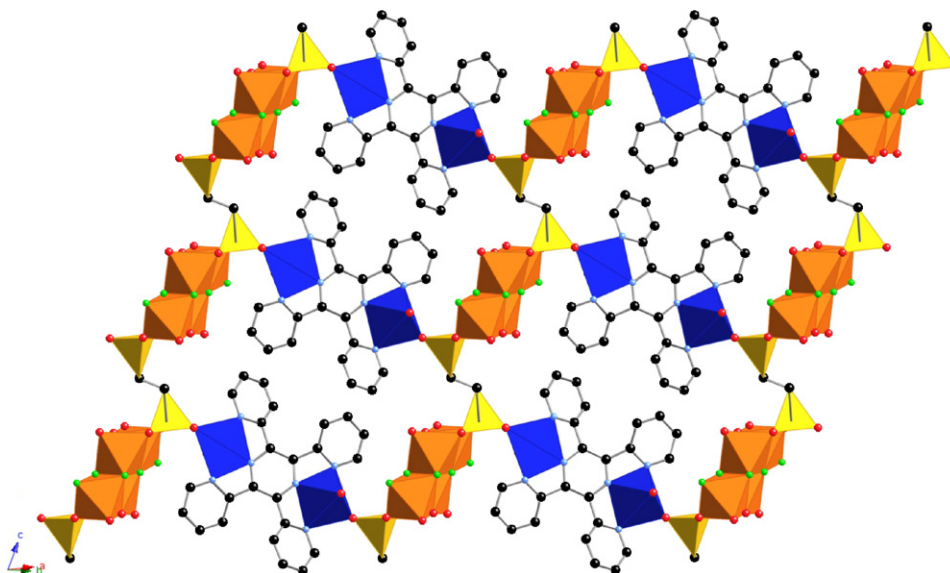


Fig. 2. Polyhedral representation of the two-dimensional structure of  $[\{\text{Cu}_2(\text{tpyprz})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\}\text{V}_4\text{F}_6\text{O}_6(\text{O}_3\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PO}_3)]$  (**2**).

Table 1

Summary of crystallographic data for the structures of  $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{tpyprz})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\text{V}_4\text{FO}_8(\text{O}_3\text{PCH}_2\text{PO}_3)_2]$  (**1**),  $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{tpyprz})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\text{V}_4\text{F}_6\text{O}_6(\text{O}_3\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{PO}_3)]$  (**2**), and  $[\{\text{Cu}_2(\text{tpyprz})\}\{\text{HO}_3\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{PO}_3\text{H}\}][\text{V}_2\text{F}_2\text{O}_5]$  (**3**)

	1	2	3
Empirical formula	$\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{13}\text{CuF}_{0.50}\text{N}_3\text{O}_{11}\text{P}_2\text{V}_2$	$\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{CuF}_3\text{N}_3\text{O}_7\text{PV}_2$	$\text{C}_{13.50}\text{H}_{12}\text{CuFN}_3\text{O}_{5.50}\text{PV}$
fw	624.12	575.65	468.71
Cryst syst	Orthorhombic	Triclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	<i>Pnna</i>	<i>P</i> -1	<i>C2/c</i>
<i>a</i> (Å)	18.7085(11)	9.8529(10)	14.1395(7)
<i>b</i> (Å)	19.5216(11)	10.1438(10)	12.3301(6)
<i>c</i> (Å)	10.3967(6)	10.4442(10)	17.5892(8)
$\alpha$ (deg)	90	78.814(2)	90
$\beta$ (deg)	90	66.044(2)	98.4780(10)
$\gamma$ (deg)	90	64.306(2)	90
<i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )	3797.1(4)	859.41(15)	3033.0(3)
<i>Z</i>	8	2	8
<i>D</i> <sub>calcd</sub> (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )	2.184	2.225	2.053
$\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	2.317	2.464	2.174
<i>T</i> (K)	90	90	90
$\lambda$ (Å)	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> <sup>a</sup>	0.0624	0.0373	0.0272
<i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> <sup>b</sup>	0.1232	0.0820	0.0705

$$^a R_1 = \Sigma |F_o - |F_c|| / \Sigma |F_o|.$$

$$^b wR_2 = \{\Sigma [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / \Sigma [w(F_o^2)^2]\}^{1/2}; w = 1 / [\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (a \times P)^2 + b \times P]; P = [\text{Max}(F_o^2, 0) + 2F_c^2] / 3.$$

ethylenediphosphonate ligand readily bridges cluster sites to provide a one-dimensional {cluster–O<sub>3</sub>PCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>3</sub>} substructure. In this case, the  $\{\text{Cu}_2(\text{tpyprz})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\}^{4+}$  subunit may be exploited to link adjacent chains to produce a two-dimensional architecture.

To our surprise, the structure of **3** consists of one-dimensional  $\{\text{Cu}_2(\text{tpyprz})(\text{HO}_3\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PO}_3\text{H})\}_n^{2n+}$  chains and isolated  $\{\text{V}_2\text{F}_2\text{O}_5\}^{2-}$  anion clusters (Fig. 3). The copper–diphosphonate chain consists of  $\{\text{Cu}_2(\text{tpyprz})\}^{4+}$  rods linked through  $\{\text{HO}_3\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{PO}_3\text{H}\}^{2-}$  ligands. The copper sites exhibit square pyramidal  $\{\text{CuN}_3\text{O}_2\}$  geometry. Each binuclear copper(II) unit is linked to two adjacent copper substructures through three

diphosphonate ligands. In turn, each diphosphonate bridges three  $\{\text{Cu}_2(\text{tpyprz})\}^{4+}$  groups. Each  $\{\text{HO}_3\text{P}\}$  terminus of the diphosphonate ligand provides an oxygen donor to each of two  $\{\text{Cu}_2(\text{tpyprz})\}^{4+}$  rods, leaving a pendant, protonated oxygen site.

The  $\{\text{V}_2\text{F}_2\text{O}_5\}^{2-}$  cluster consist of two corner-sharing V(V) tetrahedra. Each tetrahedron is defined by two terminal oxo-groups, a bridging oxo-group and a terminal fluoride. The gross features of the cluster are similar to those of the well-documented  $\{\text{V}_2\text{O}_7\}^{4-}$  cluster which also exhibits corner-sharing tetrahedron [25,66].

The most unusual characteristic of structures **1–3** is the identification of a unique cluster embedded within each,

Table 2

Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (deg) for  $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{tpyprz})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\text{V}_4\text{FO}_8(\text{HO}_3\text{PCH}_2\text{PO}_3)_2]$  (1)

Cu(1)–O(1)	1.898(3)
Cu(1)–N(2)	1.956(3)
Cu(1)–N(3)	2.018(4)
Cu(1)–N(1)	2.020(3)
Cu(1)–O(90)	2.291(3)
V(1)–O(4)	1.612(4)
V(1)–O(5)#1	1.865(3)
V(1)–O(5)	1.865(3)
V(1)–O(2)	1.949(3)
V(1)–O(2)#1	1.949(3)
V(1)–F(1)	2.273(3)
$\Sigma_{\text{vs}}$	4.69
V(2)–O(6)	1.602(3)
V(2)–O(7)	1.855(3)
V(2)–O(5)	1.885(3)
V(2)–O(8)	1.959(3)
V(2)–O(3)	1.974(3)
V(2)–F(1)	2.2327(7)
$\Sigma_{\text{vs}}$	4.68
V(3)–O(10)	1.599(5)
V(3)–O(7)#1	1.863(3)
V(3)–O(7)	1.863(3)
V(3)–O(9)#1	1.974(3)
V(3)–O(9)	1.974(3)
V(3)–F(1)	2.296(3)
$\Sigma_{\text{vs}}$	4.66
O(1)–Cu(1)–N(2)	169.19(14)
N(3)–Cu(1)–N(1)	157.96(14)
O(1)–Cu(1)–O(90)	103.71(13)
O(5)#1–V(1)–O(5)	150.63(18)
O(2)–V(1)–O(2)#1	166.59(18)
O(4)–V(1)–F(1)	180.0
O(7)–V(2)–O(5)	152.37(13)
O(8)–V(2)–O(3)	168.05(12)
O(6)–V(2)–F(1)	179.19(15)
O(7)#1–V(3)–O(7)	149.41(18)
O(9)#1–V(3)–O(9)	167.49(17)
O(10)–V(3)–F(1)	180.0
V(2)–F(1)–V(2)#1	178.93(17)
V(2)–F(1)–V(1)	90.53(8)
V(2)#1–F(1)–V(1)	90.53(8)
V(2)–F(1)–V(3)	89.47(8)
V(2)#1–F(1)–V(3)	89.47(8)
V(1)–F(1)–V(3)	180.0
P(1)–O(1)–Cu(1)	134.87(18)
P(1)–O(2)–V(1)	133.75(18)
P(1)–O(3)–V(2)	133.08(18)
V(1)–O(5)–V(2)	117.24(14)
V(2)–O(7)–V(3)	118.03(15)
P(2)–O(8)–V(2)	134.30(18)
P(2)#1–O(9)–V(3)	132.65(18)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1  $x, -y + 1/2, -z + 1/2$ ; #2  $-x + 1/2, -y + 1, z$ .

either as an anionic building block or as an isolated anion. Furthermore, the structural chemistry of the  $\{\text{Cu}_2(\text{tpyprz})\}^{4+}/\text{V}_x\text{O}_y\text{F}_z^{n-}/\{\text{O}_3\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{PO}_3\}^{4-}$  series contrasts dramatically with that of the previously described  $\{\text{Cu}_2(\text{bisterpy})\}^{4+}/\text{V}_x\text{O}_y\text{F}_z^{n-}/\{\text{O}_3\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{PO}_3\}^{4-}$  family of materials. This latter series features six structures constructed from mononuclear  $\{\text{VO}_x\text{F}_y\}^{n-}$  units, three with

Table 3

Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (deg) for  $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{tpyprz})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\text{V}_4\text{F}_6\text{O}_6(\text{O}_3\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{PO}_3)]$  (2)

Cu(1)–O(1)	1.8999(16)
Cu(1)–N(2)	1.9653(19)
Cu(1)–N(3)	1.999(2)
Cu(1)–N(1)	2.005(2)
Cu(1)–O(90)	2.2276(18)
V(1)–O(5)	1.5909(17)
V(1)–O(4)	1.7277(17)
V(1)–O(2)#1	1.9259(16)
V(1)–F(1)	1.9520(14)
V(1)–F(3)	2.0332(16)
V(1)–F(1)#1	2.3010(14)
$\Sigma_{\text{vs}}$	4.83
V(2)–O(3)	1.5967(17)
V(2)–F(3)	1.8613(16)
V(2)–F(2)	1.8857(14)
V(2)–O(4)#1	1.9752(17)
V(2)–O(6)	2.0004(17)
V(2)–F(1)	2.2614(14)
$\Sigma_{\text{vs}}$	4.20
O(1)–Cu(1)–N(2)	169.24(8)
N(3)–Cu(1)–N(1)	159.12(8)
O(2)#1–V(1)–F(1)	154.21(7)
O(4)–V(1)–F(3)	157.84(7)
O(5)–V(1)–F(1)#1	174.78(7)
F(2)–V(2)–O(4)#1	157.28(7)
F(3)–V(2)–O(6)	153.01(7)
O(3)–V(2)–F(1)	174.33(8)
V(1)–F(1)–V(2)	98.62(6)
V(1)–F(1)–V(1)#1	106.59(6)
V(2)–F(1)–V(1)#1	87.65(5)
V(2)–F(3)–V(1)	110.48(8)
P(1)–O(1)–Cu(1)	138.39(11)
P(1)–O(2)–V(1)#1	127.23(10)
V(1)–O(4)–V(2)#1	116.97(9)
P(1)–O(6)–V(2)	137.37(10)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1  $-x + 1, -y + 1, -z + 1$ ; #2,  $-x, -y, -z + 1$ .

embedded binuclear  $\{\text{V}_2\text{O}_x\text{F}_y\}^{n-}$  constituents and a single structure  $[\{\text{Cu}_2(\text{bisterpy})\}_3\text{V}_8\text{F}_6\text{O}_{17}\{\text{HO}_3\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{PO}_3\}_4]$  with a tetranuclear building block. As shown in Fig. 4, the  $\{\text{V}_4\text{FO}_8(\text{HO}_3\text{PCH}_2\text{PO}_3)_2\}^{4-}$  unit of **1**, the  $\{\text{V}_4\text{F}_6\text{O}_6(\text{O}_3\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PO}_3)\}^{4-}$  substructure of **2**, and the  $[\text{V}_4\text{F}_4\text{O}_8\{\text{HO}_3\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{PO}_3\}_2]^{6-}$  cluster of  $[\{\text{Cu}_2(\text{bisterpy})\}_3\text{V}_8\text{F}_6\text{O}_{17}]$  are quite distinct in terms of polyhedral types and connectivities, as well as vanadium oxidation states.

The dramatic structural differences between the  $\{\text{Cu}_2(\text{tpyprz})\}^{4+}/\text{V}_x\text{O}_y\text{F}_z^{n-}/\{\text{O}_3\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{PO}_3\}^{4-}$  and  $\{\text{Cu}_2(\text{bisterpy})\}^{4+}/\text{V}_x\text{O}_y\text{F}_z^{n-}/\{\text{O}_3\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{PO}_3\}^{4-}$  families is somewhat surprising since the only difference in the components is the ligand. However, bisterpy and tpyprz are similar tridentate heterocyclic ligand types, and  $\{\text{Cu}_2(\text{bisterpy})\}^{4+}$  and  $\{\text{Cu}_2(\text{tpyprz})\}^{4+}$  are analogous building blocks but for the  $\text{Cu} \cdots \text{Cu}$  distances, as illustrated in Fig. 5. The contrasting structures of the two series of materials illustrates once again the dramatic consequences of small variations in the component

building block on the overall architectures and even dimensionalities of the products.

We had also noted previously that while the cluster chemistry of oxofluorovanadates exhibits high V:F ratios of 4:1–6:1, the solid phases are clustered about lower V:F ratios of 1:1–2:1. However, compound **1** of this study exhibits an unusually high V:F ratio for a solid phase of 4:1, while compound **2** shows a similarly low V:F ratio of 1:1.5. Similarly, the O:F ratios for previously described solid phases fall in the range 1:1–4:1. While compounds **2** and **3** fall within this common range (1:1 and 1:2.5, respectively), compound **1** exhibits an O:F ratio of 8:1. The O:F ratios of the solid phases suggest that charge matching

considerations may set natural limits on the extent to which fluoride with a  $-1$  charge may substitute for oxide ( $-2$ ) in the construction of complex oxyfluorides of vanadium.

### 3.3. Magnetic susceptibility studies

Magnetic measurements were collected for compounds **2** and **3**. The temperature dependence of the magnetic susceptibility and the effective magnetic moment for **2** is shown in Fig. 6. The formulation of **2** implies that there are four magnetic ions with ( $S = \frac{1}{2}$ ), two Cu(II) and two V(IV) sites. The best fit to the data was obtained using a combination of the Heisenberg dimer model ( $S = \frac{1}{2}$ ) for the V(IV) ions and the Curie–Weiss law for the Cu(II) centers:

$$\chi = \frac{N_A g_V^2 \mu_B^2}{k_B T} \frac{2 \exp((2J)/k_B T)}{1 + 3 \exp((2J)/k_B T)} + \frac{N_A g_{Cu}^2 \mu_B^2}{2k_B(T - \theta)} + \chi_{TI}. \quad (1)$$

The best fit was  $g_V = 1.96$ ,  $g_{Cu} = 2.02$ ,  $J/k_B = -9.5$  K,  $\theta = 2.1$  K, and  $\chi_{TI} = -0.00055$  cm<sup>3</sup>/mol. The effective magnetic moment at 300 K is  $2.60 \mu_B$ . The analysis provided is a simplification of the magnetic exchange in this material. However, the general expression for the magnetic susceptibility of this complex system would require at least seven free fitting parameters, which cannot be extracted from the experimental data. In order to reduce the number of parameters, a simplified model, giving an approximation of the exchange phenomena, was adopted. Attempts to use more realistic models produced ambiguity in the parameters.

The results of magnetic measurements on **3** are shown in Fig. 7. The presence of a maximum in the magnetic susceptibility at ca. 45 K indicates the presence of antiferromagnetic coupling between the Cu(II) sites. Two magnetic pathways are possible: through the  $\pi$ -system of the tpyprz ligand or through the  $\{\text{Cu}_2(\text{O}_3\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PO}_3)\}$  bridges of the chain. Although strong antiferromagnetic

Table 4

Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (deg) for  $[\{\text{Cu}_2(\text{tpyprz})\}\{\text{HO}_3\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{PO}_3\text{H}\}][\text{V}_2\text{F}_2\text{O}_5]$  (**3**)

Cu(1)–O(1)	1.8982(11)
Cu(1)–N(2)	1.9710(13)
Cu(1)–N(3)	2.0359(13)
Cu(1)–N(1)	2.0577(13)
Cu(1)–O(2)	2.1353(11)
V(1)–O(6)	1.6193(13)
V(1)–O(4)	1.6466(13)
V(1)–F(3)	1.7850(11)
V(1)–O(5)	1.8024(5)
O(1)–Cu(1)–N(2)	170.91(5)
N(3)–Cu(1)–N(1)	149.91(5)
O(6)–V(1)–O(4)	108.66(7)
O(6)–V(1)–F(3)	108.78(7)
O(4)–V(1)–F(3)	109.76(7)
O(6)–V(1)–O(5)	111.60(7)
O(4)–V(1)–O(5)	110.70(6)
F(3)–V(1)–O(5)	107.30(4)
P(1)#1–O(1)–Cu(1)	131.51(7)
P(1)–O(2)–Cu(1)	133.62(7)
V(1)–O(5)–V(1)#2	149.57(11)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1,  $-x$ ,  $-y+1$ ,  $-z+1$ ; #2,  $-x$ ,  $y$ ,  $-z+1/2$ .

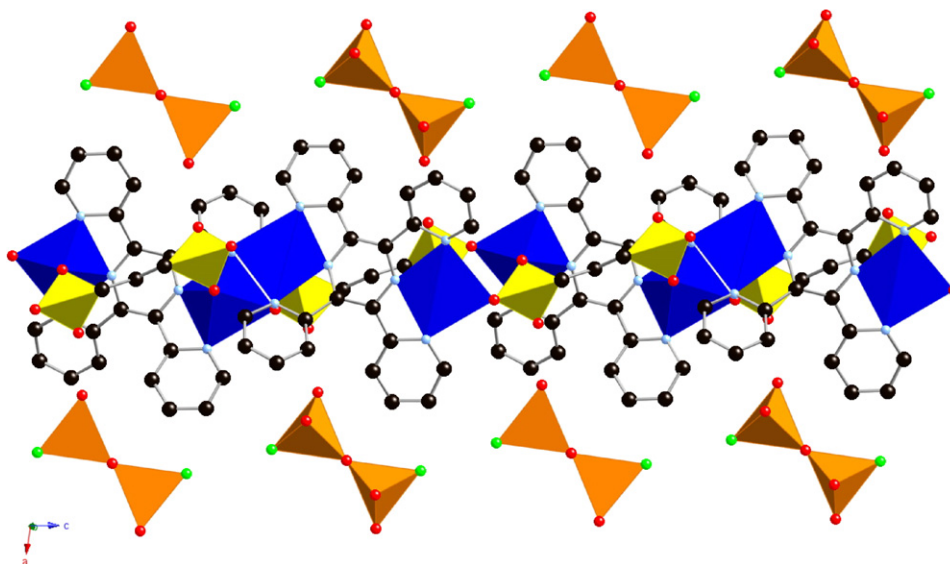


Fig. 3. Polyhedral view of the structure of  $[\{\text{Cu}_2(\text{tpyprz})\}\{\text{HO}_3\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{PO}_3\text{H}\}][\text{V}_2\text{F}_2\text{O}_5]$  (**3**).

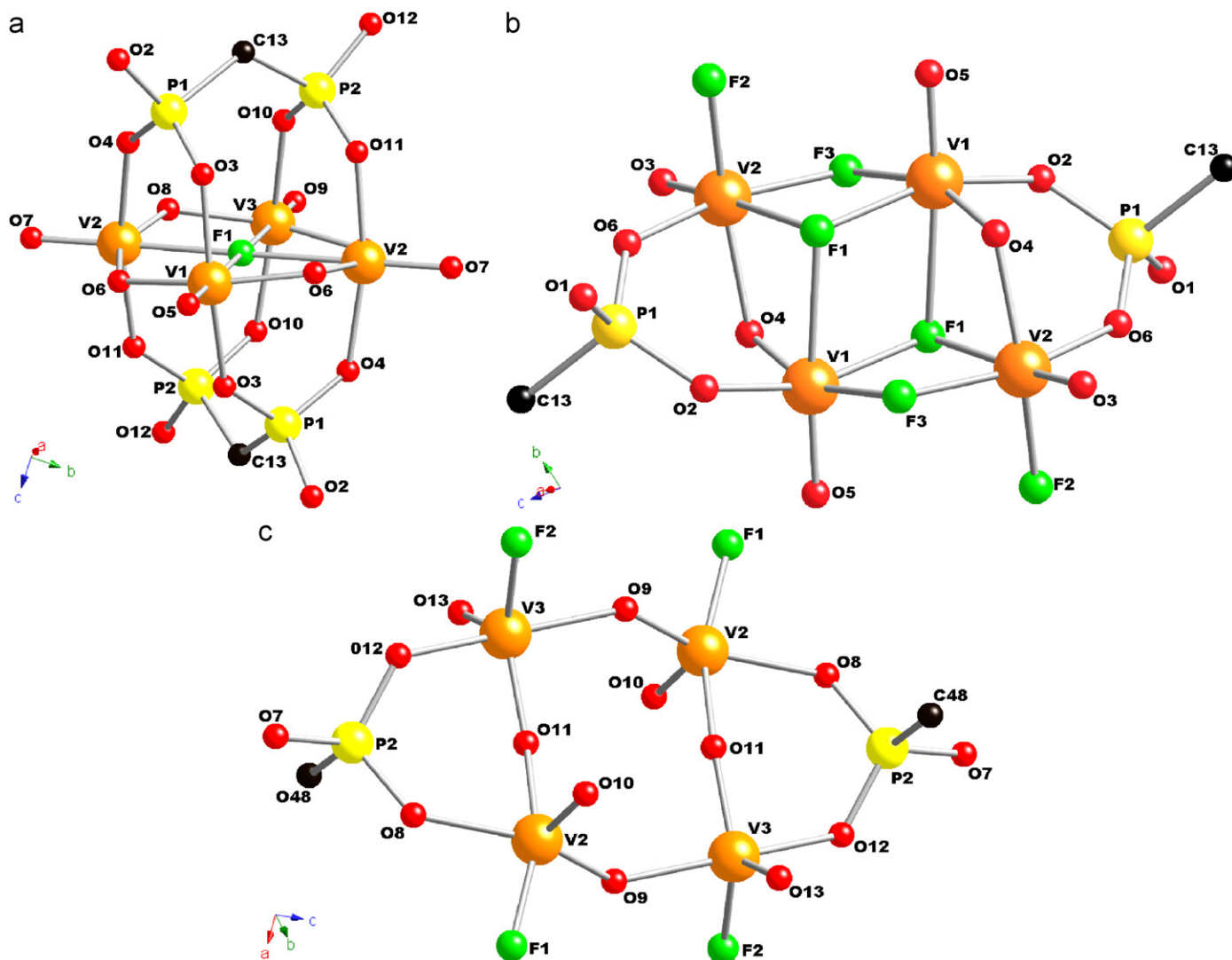


Fig. 4. Ball and stick models of the embedded tetranuclear clusters of (a) **1**, (b) **2**, and (c)  $[\{\text{Cu}_2(\text{bisterpy})\}_3\text{V}_8\text{F}_6\text{O}_{17}(\text{HO}_3\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{PO}_3)_4]$ , showing the atom-labeling schemes.

coupling is generally not observed for copper sites of  $\{\text{Cu}_2(\text{bisterpy})\}^{4+}$  and  $\{\text{Cu}_2(\text{tpyprz})\}^{4+}$  [48] units ( $\text{Cu} \cdots \text{Cu}$  distances of 10.85 and 6.55 Å, respectively), the phosphonate bridges produce a  $\text{Cu} \cdots \text{Cu}$  distance of 10.08 Å and seem unlikely pathways for magnetic exchange [67–69].

The best description of the experimental results for **3** were obtained using the Heisenberg dimer model ( $S = \frac{1}{2}$ ) taking into account the presence of monomeric paramagnetic impurities with concentration  $x$ :

$$\chi = (1-x) \frac{N_A g_V^2 \mu_B^2}{k_B T} \frac{2 \exp((2J)/k_B T)}{1 + 3 \exp((2J)/k_B T)} + x \frac{N_A g_{\text{Cu}}^2 \mu_B^2}{2k_B(T-\theta)} + \chi_{\text{TI}}. \quad (2)$$

The best fit was  $g = 2.19$ ,  $J/k_B = -36$  K,  $\chi_{\text{TI}} = -0.00124 \text{ cm}^3/\text{mol}$ , and  $x = 0.015$ . The effective magnetic moment at 300 K is  $2.60 \mu_B$ .

#### 4. Conclusions

Hydrothermal chemistry has effected the isolation of three members of the  $\{\text{Cu}_2(\text{tpyprz})\}^{4+}/\text{V}_x\text{O}_y\text{F}_z^{n-}/\{\text{O}_3\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{PO}_3\}^{4-}$  family of materials. Compound **1**  $[\{\text{Cu}_2(\text{tpyprz})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\}_4\text{V}_4\text{FO}_8(\text{HO}_2\text{PCH}_2\text{PO}_3)_2]$  is one-dimensional and contains the unusual mixed valence  $\{\text{V}_4\text{FO}_8(\text{H})_3\text{PCH}_2\text{PO}_3\}_2^{4-}$  cluster as a building block. In contrast, compound **2**  $[\{\text{Cu}_2(\text{tpyprz})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\}_4\text{V}_4\text{F}_6\text{O}_6(\text{O}_3\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PO}_3)]$  is two-dimensional and is constructed from a distinct mixed valence tetranuclear cluster  $\{\text{V}_4\text{F}_6\text{O}_6(\text{O}_3\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PO}_3)\}^{4-}$ . The structure of compound **3**,  $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{tpyprz})\{\text{HO}_3\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{PO}_3\text{H}\}][\text{V}_2\text{F}_2\text{O}_5]$ , consists of one-dimensional  $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{tpyprz})\{\text{HO}_3\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{PO}_3\text{H}\}]_n^{2n+}$  chains and isolated  $\{\text{V}_2\text{F}_2\text{O}_5\}^{2-}$  anionic clusters. The structures of **1–3** reveal three novel oxyfluorovanadium cluster building blocks.

It is noteworthy that the structures of the  $\{\text{Cu}_2(\text{tpyprz})\}^{4+}/\text{V}_x\text{O}_y\text{F}_z^{n-}/\{\text{O}_3\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{PO}_3\}^{4-}$  family exhibit



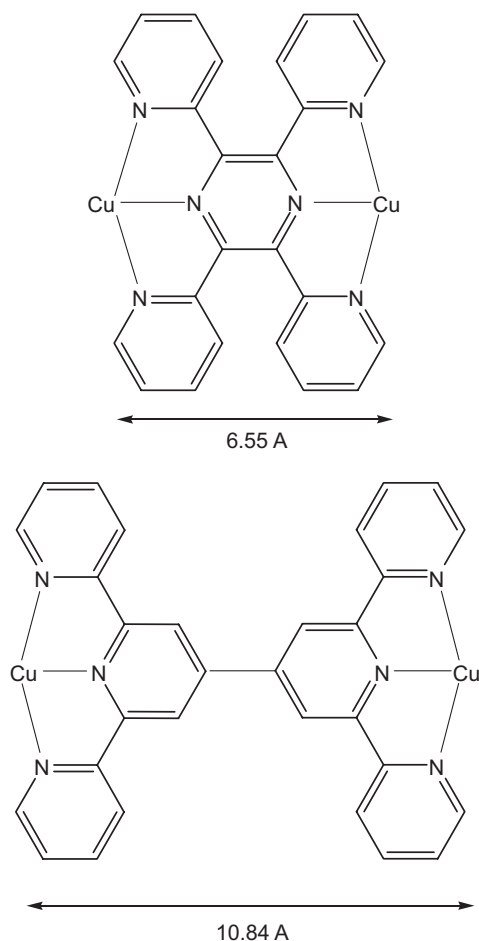


Fig. 5. Schematic representations of  $\{\text{Cu}_2(\text{tpyprz})\}^{4+}$  and  $\{\text{Cu}_2(\text{bisterpy})\}^{4+}$ , showing the  $\text{Cu} \cdots \text{Cu}$  distances.

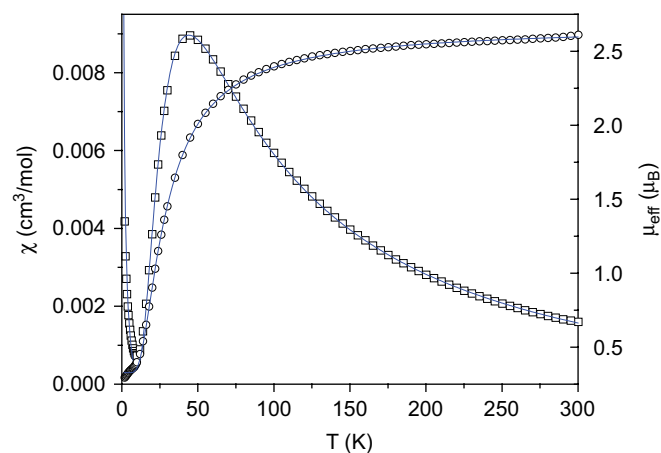


Fig. 7. Temperature dependence of the magnetic susceptibility  $\chi$  ( $\square$ ) and the effective magnetic moment  $\mu_{\text{eff}}$  ( $\circ$ ) of **3**. The lines drawn through the data points are the fits to the Heisenberg dimer model, Eq. (2).

constituent building blocks of these complex materials remain elusive. However, the complexity of hydrothermal parameter species in combination with variations in polyhedral types for the metals, polyhedral connectivities and aqua ligation, with the “softness” of the M–O–P angles, with variable protonation of phosphonate groups, with apparently promiscuous substitution of fluoride for oxide and with unpredictable reduction of vanadium sites results in an unusual structural diversity. We continue to explore the influence of systematic changes in pH, temperature, and stoichiometry, as well as geometric factors such as the length and rigidity of the organic components.

## 5. Supplementary materials

CCDC Nos. 631615–631617 contain the supplementary crystallographic data for compounds **1–3**. These data can be obtained free of charge via <http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/conts/retrieving.html>, or from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK; fax: +44 1223 336 033; or e-mail: [deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk](mailto:deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk)

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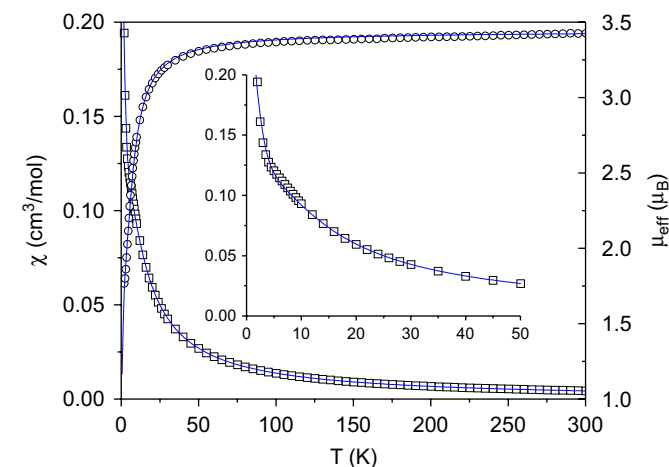


Fig. 6. Temperature dependence of the magnetic susceptibility  $\chi$  ( $\square$ ) and the effective magnetic moment  $\mu_{\text{eff}}$  ( $\circ$ ) of **2**. The lines drawn through the data points are the fits to Eq. (1).

different component building blocks and consequently overall architectures from those of the analogous  $\{\text{Cu}_2(\text{bisterpy})\}^{4+}/\text{V}_x\text{O}_y\text{F}_z^{n-}/\{\text{O}_3\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{PO}_3\}^{4-}$  family. The principles that govern the self-assembly of the

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