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{P₂V₃W₁₅}-Polyoxometalates Functionalized with Phthalocyaninato Y and Yb Moieties

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substantial differences between M = Yb (monomeric, single-ion paramagnetism) and M = Y (containing dimers, radical character). The results of electronic paramagnetic resonance spectroscopy, SQUID magnetometry, and magnetochemical calculations indicate the presence of intramolecular charge transfer from the MPc moiety to the polyoxometalate and of *inter*molecular charge transfer from the MPc moiety of one molecule to the polyoxometalate unit of another molecule.



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These compounds with identified V^{IV} ions represent unique examples of transition-metal/lanthanide complex-POM hybrid compounds with nonphotoinduced charge transfer between electron donor and acceptor centers.

1. INTRODUCTION

Polyoxometalate (POM)-based organic-inorganic hybrid compounds constitute a large part of stimuli-responsive materials with promising applications in photo/electrocatalysis, molecular magnetism, and energy storage.¹⁻¹³ In particular, their development is pursued due to high interest for photoinduced charge transfer between transition-metal/ lanthanide complex units and POM. The effective attachment of the former to the polyoxoanion unit can be effectively realized via organic functional groups and linkages, which are structurally exposed at the molecular periphery of POM through well-established functionalization and postfunctionalization mechanisms.^{2,3,14–16} For instance, the formation of the molecular heterometal metal-to-POM charge transfer (MPCT) chromophore with a short-lived charge-separated state has been observed in the compound $K_{15}NaP_4W_{35}O_{124}{Re(CO)_3}_2$. 37H₂O and its organic-solvent-soluble analog $(nBu_4N)_{15}[HP_4W_{35}O_{124}]{Re(CO)_3}_2 \cdot 0.3CH_2Cl_2$, which consist of a $[\text{Re}(\text{CO})_3]^+$ unit bound directly to the lacunary Wells–Dawson-type POM $[\alpha_2$ -P₂W₁₇O₆₁]^{10–17} Photoinduced long-lived charge-separated states were reported for the photosensitizer-POM hybrids separated by a π -conjugated spacer; examples include Ru(II)-bis(terpyridine)- or Ru(II)-(tpy)₂[PW₁₁O₃₉Ge]⁴⁻ (Keggin-type),^{18,19'} related cyclometalated Ir(III) complexes-POMs (Keggin- or Wells-Dawsontype),²⁰ and noble metal-free bodipy fluorophores linked to Sior Sn-functionalized Keggin-type POMs.²¹ A through-space

mechanism of electron charge transfer was described for tris(alkoxo)-Csp³-derivatized POMs (a Wells–Dawson-type $[P_2V_3W_{15}O_{62}]^{9-}$ or an Anderson-type POM) linked by a bipyridine group to Re(I)-,^{21,22} Rh(III)-, and Ir(III)-complexes^{23,24} or by an amido functionality to the Zn(II) tetraphenylporphyrin complex.²⁵ Advances in the area of charge-transfer materials based on photosensitizer-POMs hybrid assemblies are comprehensively discussed in the reviews by Santoni²⁶ and Keyes.²⁷

The above-mentioned findings came to our attention, triggering the exploration of charge-transfer states in electron donor-acceptor transition-metal/lanthanide complex-POM hybrid compounds for their application and controlled modification on electrode surfaces.²⁸ Recent studies in the field of molecular electronics have shown that POM-based organic-inorganic hybrids can adsorb, for example, on gold substrates as intact single molecules or in the form of selfassembled monolayers (SAMs), and their electronic states can be changed multiple times by electrical means.²⁹⁻³¹ It is therefore worth investigating POMs^{9,32-34} with their appealing

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electron transport characteristics as individual molecules and in conjunction with transition-metal/lanthanide complexes for molecule-based "More than Moore" information technology.³⁵

The latest developments in the areas of POM-based chargetransfer and POM-on-a-surface materials have prompted us to elaborate (post)functionalization approaches^{16,36} toward the formation of hybrid assembly where POM is connected directly or via an organic linker to a metal ion ligated by the redox-active phthalocyanine (Pc) ligand.³⁷ Several of these studies are ongoing to assess, on the one hand, the ability of the target hybrid compounds to exhibit electron donor– acceptor structures with ground-state charge transfer and to unveil, on the other hand, their adsorption site preferences on surfaces. In this regard, we could already showcase the direct coordination of phthalocyaninato Yb^{III} moieties onto the fully oxidized, lacunary { $V_{12}O_{32}$ }-type polyoxovanadate cage and the generation of conductive SAMs made of these hybrid complexes on gold surfaces.³⁰

In the present study we focus on the connection of phthalocyaninato Y^{III}/Yb^{III} (= M) moieties to POM via an organic linker (Figure 1). We have succeeded in the formation



Figure 1. Synthesis of the $(nBu_4N)_4[HWD-Py(MPc)]$ compounds with M = Y and Yb from the $(nBu_4N)_6[WD-Py]$ and MPc(OAc) precursors in MeCN. The H⁺ proton of the POM is not shown. r.t. = room temperature. Color code: M = cyan, W = light blue, V = orange, O = red, N = dark blue, P = purple, C = gray, H = white. See the SI for details of synthesis, analytical characterization, and crystallographic data.

of two hybrid assemblies (nBu₄N)₄[HP₂V₃W₁₅O₅₉(OCH₂)₃- $CC_5H_4N(C_{32}H_{16}N_8M)$ (hereafter referred to as $(nBu_4N)_4$ [HWD-Py(MPc)]) that feature different magnetic characteristics depending on the type of a phthalocyaninato metal moiety (MPc^+) attached at the periphery of the organically modified Wells-Dawson-type polyoxoanion $[HP_2V_3W_{15}O_{59}(OCH_2)_3CC_5H_4N]^{5-} (= \{HWD-Py\}^{5-})$. The synthesized compounds were characterized by various methods, including electrospray ionization mass spectrometry (ESI-MS), electron paramagnetic resonance (EPR) spectroscopy, and magnetic susceptibility measurements combined with magnetochemical calculations. This thus continues the series of our works about the synthesis and properties of POMs functionalized with phthalocyaninato lanthanide moieties and about the behavior and performance of tris(alkoxo)-ligated Wells-Dawson-type POM surfactants, such as $\{[HP_2V_3^VW_{15}^{VI}O_{59}((OCH_2)_3CCH_2OCH_2C_6H_4I)]\}^{5-}$, in discrete solutions and on surfaces.

2. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

2.1. Synthesis and Structure Characterization. The pyridine-containing triol-ligand $(HOCH_2)_3CC_5H_4N$ was obtained by the reaction of 4-methylpyridine and an aqueous formaldehyde solution at 100 °C in an autoclave, according to the literature procedure.³⁹ The reaction of $(HOCH_2)_3CC_5H_4N$ with the POM $(nBu_4N)_5[H_4P_2V_3W_{15}O_{62}]^{40}$ in a 1:1 ratio at 85 °C in MeCN yielded a trisalkoxo-derivatized $(nBu_4N)_6[WD-Py]$ compound with the pyridine (Py) group at the molecular periphery. The composition (including the number of nBu_4N^+ $(= (C_4H_9)_4N^+)$ countercations) and the structural integrity of $(nBu_4N)_6$ [**WD-Py**] were determined by CHN elemental analysis (see Table S1), ¹H-, ³¹P-, and ⁵¹V-NMR and IR spectroscopy (see Figure S1). The NMR spectra show one ⁵¹V signal at -544 ppm and two ³¹P signals at -7.54 and -13.67ppm, thus corroborating the absence of isomeric Wells-Dawson-type species. Also, the ¹H NMR spectra show characteristic signals from the Py protons at $\delta = 8.61$ and 7.51 ppm and from the six $-CH_2$ protons of the trisalkoxo ligand as a singlet at 5.61 ppm.

The follow-up room temperature (r.t.) reaction of $(nBu_4N)_6[WD-Py]$ with heteroleptic MPc(OAc)·2MeOH (PcOAc = $C_{34}H_{19}N_8O_2$) in a 1:1 ratio in MeCN and the workup with Et₂O resulted in the trimetallic compounds $(nBu_4N)_4[HWD-Py(MPc)]\cdot2Et_2O$, where the peripheral Py group of the inorganic—organic $(nBu_4N)_6[WD-Py]$ hybrid is axially connected to the MPc moiety (Figure 1). Their elemental composition analysis (Table S1) indicates the presence of four nBu_4N^+ counterions, one proton at the POM unit, and two Et₂O units as co-crystallized solvent molecules. Thermogravimetric data (Table S2) are in line with elemental analysis. The compounds show thermal stability up to ca. 220 °C in air and ca. 260 °C under nitrogen. The loss of the diethyl ether solvent molecules was observed for each analyzed compound.

The IR spectra of $(nBu_4N)_5[WD]$, $(nBu_4N)_6[WD-Py]$, $(nBu_4N)_4[HWD-Py(YPc)]$, and $(nBu_4N)_4[HWD-Py(YbPc)]$ are characterized by O—P—O, V=O, W=O, and O—W—O vibrations in the 1100–700 cm⁻¹ region, which are typical for these Wells–Dawson-type POMs.^{40,41} No significant difference between the IR spectra of the pyridinecontaining POMs $[WD-Py]^{6-}$ and $[HWD-Py(MPc)]^{4-}$ was observed for the C—N—C vibration of the pyridine moiety, which appears each as a weak absorption band at around 1595 cm⁻¹. In addition, the $[HWD-Py(MPc)]^{4-}$ hybrids show characteristic CH deformation vibrations at 1400–1100 cm⁻¹ assigned to the Pc group.⁴² A more detailed comparison of the IR spectra of the respective compounds can be found in Figure S1.

¹H, ³¹P, and ⁵¹V NMR spectroscopy measurements (see spectra in the SI) were performed only for $(nBu_4N)_4$ [HWD-**Py**(**YPc**)] with the diamagnetic character of yttrium. Compared to the ¹H NMR spectrum of $(nBu_4N)_6$ [WD-Py], no shift in peak position of $-CH_2$ protons of the trisalkoxo ligand in the title compound is observed. The protons of the Py ring, however, are slightly shifted upfield, which points out the changes in the coordination environment of Py with the protons in the meta position being most affected ($\Delta \delta$ = ca. 0.1 ppm). The ³¹P (δ = -7.59 and -13.73 ppm) and ⁵¹V NMR (δ = -543 ppm) spectra are characterized by a minor

shift of the respective nuclei compared to those of $(nBu_4N)_6$ [WD-Py].

The presence of the phthalocyanine ligand in the title compounds $(nBu_4N)_4[HWD-Py(MPc)]$ with M = Y or Yb is evident from their UV/vis spectra (see Figure S2), illustrating characteristic absorption bands,^{42,43} i.e., a broad one at ca. 333 nm (*B* band) and an intense one at ca. 680 nm (*Q* band). These bands are shifted by ca. 10 nm with respect to those of the MPc(OAc)·2MeOH precursors. The absorption bands in the wavelength range of 200–300 nm displayed by both $(nBu_4N)_4[HWD-Py(MPc)]$ compounds reflect, in particular, ligand-to-metal charge transfer within the POM core (O to W/V) and metal-to-ligand charge transfer between the Y/Yb and Pc units.

The formation of the title coordination compounds is also strongly supported by the signals with broad isotopic patterns found in high-resolution ESI mass spectra (Figure 2, see also Figures S3 and S4). Although we could observe signals indicating a dissociation of the hybrid assembly in solution, the most intense signals can be clearly attributed to the title compounds. The small signals clearly visible between the signals of POM-based ions $\{(nBu_4N)[WD-Py(YPc)]\}^{4-}$ (Figure 2a) point out the presence of a dimeric species (with double mass and double charge). Thus, strong intermolecular forces are necessary to hinder dimers of high charge states from fragmentation in the gas phase. Corresponding signals are, however, absent in the case of the ${(nBu_4N)_2[WD-Py(YbPc)]}^{3-}$ ions (Figure 2b) or any other detected combination of [WD-Py(YbPc)]⁵⁻ with counterions. Therefore, no dimers were found when M is Yb.

2.2. EPR Spectral Characteristics. The room temperature EPR measurements of the title $(nBu_4N)_4[HWD-Py(MPc)]$ compounds in MeCN revealed no signal for the species with M = Yb and a signal for M = Y (Figure 3). The latter was found to match to a free delocalized organic radical⁴⁴ with a *g* value of 2.0014 and a line width $\Delta B_{PP} = 0.7$ mT.

The monitoring of the room temperature EPR spectra of the $(nBu_4N)_4[HWD-Py(YPc)]$ compound at three different concentrations (c = 5.0, 1.0, and 0.1 mM) in MeCN solution revealed an intense signal at the highest concentration and a very weak to no signal in low-concentrated solutions. At the 0.1 mM concentration in the measured 20 μ L of solution the number of spins is calculated to be 10^{15} , which is still within a detectable range of spin concentration according to the literature 10^{14} spins.⁴⁵ This might indicate that the detected EPR signal enhancement takes place when the $(nBu_4N)_4[HWD-Py(YPc)]$ species get in closer proximity to each other due to a higher concentrated solution. Thus, it models to some extent a situation in the solid state where the electron transfer is likely to occur between the neighboring $\{HWD-Py(YPc)\}$ units.

The solid-state EPR spectra of $(nBu_4N)_4[HWD-Py(MPc)]$ measured at 77 K showed in both cases (Figure 4), beside a radical character of the compound with M = Y, an additional hyperfine structure typical for isolated VO²⁺ ions with the following values of g and A tensors: $g_{\perp} = 1.9675$, $g_{\parallel} = 1.9125$, $A_{\perp} = 61.5$ G, and $A_{\parallel} = 188.0$ G. This hyperfine structure points to the reduction of one of the V^V ions in the POM to the magnetically active V^{IV}. The corresponding EPR measurements of $(nBu_4N)_4[HWD-Py(MPc)]$ at r.t. gave the same results with lower intensity of V^{IV} signals, though. The precursor NaVO₃, the only vanadium source in the synthesis of $(nBu_4N)_5[WD]$, is EPR silent.



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Figure 2. Measured and simulated isotopic patterns of fragments $[P_2V_3W_{15}O_{59}(OCH_2)_3CC_5H_4NC_{32}H_{16}N_8Y((C_4H_9)_4N)]^{4-}$ (a) and $[P_2V_3W_{15}O_{59}(OCH_2)_3CC_5H_4NC_{32}H_{16}N_8Yb((C_4H_9)_4N)_2]^{3-}$ (b) in the negative ion-mode obtained from ESI-MS experiments with the $(nBu_4N)_4[HWD-Py(MPc)]$ compounds (M = Y and Yb) in MeCN. See the SI for more details.

The room temperature solid-state EPR spectra of the MPc(OAc) complexes exhibit a radical signal for M = Y and no signal for M = Yb. This is quite interesting since a similar compound $[YPc_2]^-$ containing YPc^+ moiety has no radical character,⁴⁶ contrary to the neutral compound YPc_2^{47} containing YPc^{2+} moiety. The radical character of metal monophthalocyanine complexes was first described by Sugimoto et al. for MPc(dpm)₂ complexes (dpm = tris-(2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-3,5-heptanedionato; M = Lu, Y).⁴⁸ The authors observed characteristic EPR signals at r.t. in both the solid state and solution, with a g value of 2.001. The EPR spectra had similar shapes and g values for stable metal-free



Figure 3. Solution EPR spectra of $(nBu_4N)_4[HWD-Py(MPc)]$ (*c* = 1.2 mM, MeCN) measured at r.t. at a frequency of 9.86 GHz, modulation amplitude of 0.1 mT, and microwave power of 0.2 mW. Color code: M = Yb, blue; M = Y, black; a simulated spectrum, red.



Figure 4. Solid-state EPR spectra of $(nBu_4N)_4[HWD-Py(MPc)]$ measured at 77 K at a frequency of 9.44 GHz, modulation amplitude of 0.1 mT, microwave power of 0.2 mW, and T = 77 K. Color code: M = Yb, blue; M = Y, black; a simulated spectrum, red.

 $[H(Pc^{-})]$ and lithiated phthalocyanine $[Li(Pc^{-})]$ radicals,^{49,50} generated by a chemical or electrochemical oxidation. Recently, Reecht et al. showed that in HPc radical the dangling σ bond after N–H cleavage is filled by an electron from the delocalized HOMO via intramolecular charge transfer, providing for a delocalized radical state.⁵¹

2.3. Magnetic Susceptibility and Magnetochemical Characteristics. Next, magnetic properties of the title $(nBu_4N)_4[HWD-Py(MPc)]$ compounds were assessed by standard SQUID technique (0.1–5.0 T and 2.0–290 K) in combination with effective Hamiltonian calculations. For M = Yb the interpretation of the results is rather straightforward. The lack of strong EPR signal at room temperature and the expected +III oxidation state of Yb indicate that the magnetism of this compound should originate mostly from the Yb^{III} ion. The EPR signal of rare earth ions can be obtained only in low (liquid helium) temperatures.⁵² Like in the case of related $\{[V_{12}O_{32}(Cl)](LnPc)_n\}^{n-5}$ compounds with n = 1 or 2 and Ln = Yb^{III 30} we assume that only the ground multiplet with a total angular momentum J = 7/2 arising from spin–orbit coupling is

relevant for modeling the magnetism below room temperature. The best fit of the experimental data was obtained with the Hamiltonian:

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$$H = -\mu_{\rm B}g_{\perp}(J_{x}B_{x} + J_{y}B_{y}) - \mu_{\rm B}g_{\parallel}J_{z}B_{z} + DJ_{z}^{2}$$
(1)

where $J = (J_x, J_y, J_z)$ (J = 7/2) is a total angular momentum, *B* is the magnetic field, and the parameters assume the anisotropic *g*-factors of $g_{\perp} = 1.063$ and $g_{\parallel} = 1.907$ and the anisotropy $D/k_{\rm B} = 96.2$ K. In Figure 5 the molar susceptibility and magnetization of $(n{\rm Bu}_4{\rm N})_4[{\rm HWD-Py}({\rm YbPc})]$ are shown together with the theoretical curves. The details of the modeling can be found in the SI.



Figure 5. Molar susceptibility (B = 0.1 T) and magnetization (T = 2 K) for $(n\text{Bu}_4\text{N})_4[\text{HWD-Py}(\text{YbPc})]$ (circles) with theoretical fits (solid lines).

For the Y^{III}-containing POM-based hybrid assembly the situation is more complicated (Figure 6). The appearance of



Figure 6. Molar susceptibility (B = 0.1 T) and magnetization (T = 2 K) for $(nBu_4N)_4[HWD-Py(YPc)]$ (circles) with theoretical fits (solid lines).

the EPR signal with the increase of compound concentration may indicate that the proximity of the molecules leads to some change in the magnetism, caused for example by the electron transfer. This conjecture is additionally confirmed by ESI mass spectrometry showing the presence of dimers (see Figure 2).

To account for the results of EPR and ESI-MS it is assumed that some inter- and intramolecular electron transfer takes place. For instance, an electron from Pc^{2–} may jump to another molecule. In this way two ions $[HWD-Py(YPc)]^{3-}$ and [HWD-Py(YPc)]⁵⁻ are formed. Each of these ions has now one unpaired electron. The first one is likely located at Pc⁻; the other, for example, may reduce V^V to V^{IV}, as supported by the hyperfine structure in the solid-state EPR spectrum at low temperature, or it may be delocalized over a bigger part of the molecule. An intramolecular electron transfer apparently occurs from Pc²⁻ to POM, giving as a result a molecule with two unpaired electrons. However, these mechanisms, even if they coexist, are not able to explain the linear increase of χT with temperature. Such a behavior suggests either strong antiferromagnetic interaction (or anisotropy) or the presence of temperature independent paramagnetism (TIP). Notably, both mechanisms are observed in similar compounds with a linear dependence of γT on temperature. For instance, in a molecular compound [K(18-crown-6)(THF)₂][(Cp"₂La)₂- $(\mu - \eta^6: \eta^6 - C_6 H_6)$] THF containing La^{II} ions⁵³ any of these two mechanisms could be used to account for linear dependence of χT on temperature. In [K(2.2.2-cryptand)]- $[Cp'_{3}Y]$ containing a Y^{II} ion the linear dependence of χT on temperature was attributed to TIP.⁵⁴ Therefore, in the magnetic modeling we assumed that a fraction p_1 of the molecules contains one unpaired electron and a fraction p_2 contains two unpaired electrons possibly interacting with strength K. In addition, we assume the presence of TIP. The fitting of the susceptibility and magnetization leads to the conclusion that to account for the linear increase of χT with temperature the TIP contribution is indispensable. The introduction of interaction between the unpaired electrons located at one molecule can improve fitting of magnetization.

Figure 6 illustrates the results of two optimal fits. In fit (a), $p_1 = 0.29$ and $p_2 = 0.094$ and the interaction is antiferromagnetic ($K/k_{\rm B}$ = 11.8 K). Susceptibility induced by TIP is estimated to be equal to $\chi_{\text{TIP}} = 1.53 \times 10^{-8} \text{ m}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$. The remaining fraction $p_3 = 0.62$ of the molecules is not magnetically active. This result can also be interpreted in this way that the molecules with one unpaired electron are parts of dimers in which an electron transfer took place, whereas those with two unpaired electrons appear as a result of intramolecular electron transfer. In fit (b), $p_1 = 0.0006$ and $p_2 =$ 0.13 and the interaction is ferromagnetic $(K/k_{\rm B} = -217 \text{ K})$. Susceptibility induced by TIP is estimated to be equal to χ_{TIP} = $2.01 \times 10^{-8} \text{ m}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$. The remaining fraction $p_3 = 0.87$ of the molecules is not magnetically active. Both fits reproduce a general character of the susceptibility and magnetization curves depicted in Figure 6 but are far from ideal. It strongly suggests that an improved magnetochemical model⁵⁵⁻⁵⁷ needs to be further fine-tuned for such intricate electronic situations described herein, work that is currently in progress. The determination of the precise source of TIP is also needed. More details on modeling the magnetism of $(nBu_4N)_4$ [HWD-Py(YPc) can be found in the SI.

3. CONCLUSIONS

The Wells–Dawson $P_2V_3W_{15}$ -type POM with the structurally exposed tris(alkoxo)pyridine functionality provided a connection to phthalocyaninato Y and Yb moieties. The spectroscopic and magnetic measurements indicated that the interaction of MPc units with the fully oxidized POM-based organic–inorganic hybrid gives rise to a donor–acceptor

structure and a radical character for M = Y and a single-ion paramagnetic character for M = Yb. Femtosecond transient absorption spectroscopy and pulse radiolysis experiments accompanied by quantum mechanical calculations are currently in progress to gain deeper insights into the mechanism of the observed *intra*- and *inter*molecular electron charge transfer from MPc to the $\{V_3\}$ triad of POM ($V^V \rightarrow V^{IV}$) and into underlying changes in the electronic structure. The findings described herein are especially of high interest for studies of radical spin effects on electron transport characteristics of POM compounds, their molecular ordering, and electron communication on surfaces.

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