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# A new chain-like heteropolytungstate formed by Keggin cluster units: Synthesis and structure of [H<sub>2</sub>bpy]<sub>3</sub>[SiMnW<sub>11</sub>O<sub>39</sub>]·1.25H<sub>2</sub>O

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#### Abstract

A new heteropolytungstate,  $[H_2bpy]_3[SiMnW_{11}O_{39}]\cdot 1.25H_2O$  (1), has been prepared under mild hydrothermal conditions and structurally characterized by single crystal X-ray diffraction. It is the first characterized compound containing 1D zigzag chain of transition metal substituted Keggin heteropolytungstate, which is connected through a common oxygen atom. The elemental analysis and IR of it are also described.

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As a rich and diverse class of organic–inorganic hybrid materials, transition metal substituted polyoxotungstates based on Keggin framework have received considerable attention for their fascinating structural, electrochemical, catalytic, magnetic and photophysical properties [1–4]. Although these transition metal substituted Keggin derivatives are generally reported as discrete entities, several literatures have shown that they are capable of acting as inorganic building blocks to form one-dimensional chain like self-assembly compounds, such as compounds (ET)<sub>8</sub>[PMn-W<sub>11</sub>O<sub>39</sub>]·2H<sub>2</sub>O (ET = bis (ethylenedithio) tetrathiofulvalene) [5], [NEt<sub>3</sub>H][XCoW<sub>11</sub>O<sub>39</sub>]·3H<sub>2</sub>O (X = P, As) [6] and [Co(dpa)<sub>2</sub>(OH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>[Hdpa][PCoW<sub>11</sub>O<sub>39</sub>] (dpa = di-2-pyridylamine) [7] they all possess straight chain. In addition, Er<sup>III</sup> mono-substituted [ $\alpha$ -SiW<sub>11</sub>O<sub>39</sub>]<sup>8-</sup> polyoxotungstate containing one-dimensional zigzag chainlike structure, which was connected by two common oxygen atoms, has been synthesized by Niu et al. [8].

On the basis of our previous works [9], here we report the synthesis and structure of the first characterized compound containing 1D zigzag chains of transition metal substituted Keggin heteropolytungstate 1, which is connected through a common oxygen atom. It shows a new zigzag chain structure, which is different to the straight chain structure in the reported 1D transition metal substituted Keggin heteropolytungstate [5–7]. Furthermore, the zigzag chains of 1 form layers through short inter-species contact and these layers are stacked parallel and form a three-dimensional structure with dumbbell-like 1D channel.

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#### 1. Experimental

All organic solvents and materials used for synthesis were reagent grade and used without further purification.  $K_8[\beta_2\text{-SiW}_{11}O_{39}]\cdot 14H_2O$  was prepared according to the literature method [10]. The identity was confirmed by IR spectrum.

Synthesis of the title compound: a mixture of  $MnCl_2\cdot 4H_2O$  (0.25 g), 4,4'-bpy (0.032 g),  $K_8[\beta_2\text{-SiW}_{11}O_{39}]\cdot 14H_2O$  (0.15 g) and  $H_2O$  (4 mL) was adjusted to pH (5–6) by adding HCl (1 mol/L), then the mixture was stirred for 20 min in air. The mixture was then transferred to a teflon-lined autoclave (20 mL) and kept at 130 °C for 5 days. After slow cooling to room temperature, red crystals were filtered, washed with distilled water and dried in a desiccator at room temperature to give a yield of 39% based on W. The elemental analysis (%) found: C, 11.20; H, 1.10; N, 2.55, calcd: C, 11.17; H, 1.02; N, 2.60. The ICP analysis (%) showed that 1 contained W, 62.50; Mn, 1.82; Si, 0.88, calcd: W, 62.68; Mn, 1.70; Si, 0.87. IR spectra: 3430, 1592, 1521, 1492, 1476, 1414, 1393, 1360, 1249, 1232, 1206, 1101, 1064, 1007, 961 and 914 cm $^{-1}$ .

#### 2. X-ray crystallography

A red single crystal of 1 was carefully selected under a polarizing microscope and glued at the tip of a thin glass fiber with cyanoacrylate (super glue) adhesive. Single crystal structure determination by X-ray diffraction was performed on a *R*-axis RAPID IP diffractometer equipped with a normal focus, 18 kW sealed tube X-ray source (Mo K $\alpha$  radiation,  $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å) operating at 50 kV and 200 mA. A total of 40,638 reflections were collected with 9320

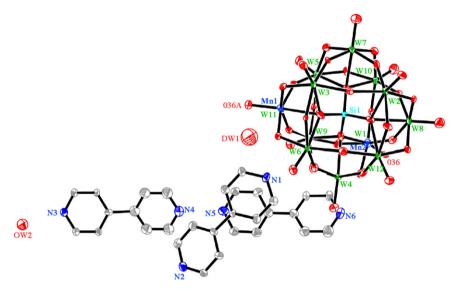


Fig. 1. ORTEP drawing of 1 showing the labeling of atoms with thermal ellipsoids at 50% probability. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

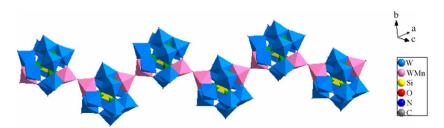


Fig. 2. A polyhedral view of the 1D chain in 1. The pink octahedra are CuO<sub>6</sub>, blue octahedra are WO<sub>6</sub> and yellow tetrahedra are SIO<sub>4</sub>. (For interpretation of the references to color in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of the article.)

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