## 非イオン性混合原子価バナジウム(IV/V)酸化物クラスター錯体の合成とその性質

# Synthesis and Properties of Nonionic Mixed-Valent Vanadium(IV/V) Oxide Cluster Complexes

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#### 1. Introduction

Anionic vanadium oxide clusters (polyoxovanadates: POVs)<sup>1</sup> have been atracting much attention because of their rich structural and chemical diversities leading to wide applications such as catalysts, drugs, and magnetic materials. In particular, structural changes and reaction behaviors of oxidovanadium anions in aqueous and organic solutions have been well studied, and a variety of POVs have been synthesized and characterized. By contrast, examples of nonionic vanadium oxide clusters are still limited in number, although they have potential to exhibit new properties distinct from those of POVs.

Recently, the nonionic octanuclear vanadium(V) oxide  $[V_8O_{20}(4,4'-{}^tBubpy)_4]$  (1; 4,4'- ${}^tBubpy$  = 4,4'-di-*tert*-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine) was successfully synthesized by our research group.<sup>2</sup> Although cluster 1 maintains its structure in CHCl<sub>3</sub>, splitting of its core takes place in MeOH or EtOH under air to form the tetranuclear vanadium(V) oxide cluster  $[V_4O_8(OMe)_4(4,4'-Bubpy)_2]$ (2) or the heptanuclear vanadium(V) oxide cluster  $[V_7O_{17}(OEt)(4,4'-^tBubpy)_3]$  (3), respectively. In contrast, when an alcohol (MeOH, EtOH) solution of 1 was refluxed for 24 h under N<sub>2</sub>, the nonionic mixed-valent  $V^{IV}_{2}V^{V}_{2}$ tetranuclear oxide clusters  $[V_4O_6(OR)_6(4,4'-^tBubpy)_2]$  (4a, R = Me; 4b, R = Et) were formed. In this reaction, the alcohol was confirmed to act as a reductant. Furthermore, interconversion among clusters 1–4 was observed, which provides a rare example in the solution chemistry of nonionic vanadium oxide clusters (Scheme 1).

In this study, to broaden the scope of reductive conversion of nonionic vanadium(V) oxide clusters, the author examined the reaction of 1 with PPh<sub>3</sub> as a reducing agent.

#### 2. Experimental Section

All manipulations were carried out under an inert atmosphere by using standard Schlenk techniques. Products were characterized by NMR, IR, X-ray diffraction, SQUID, and elemental analyses.

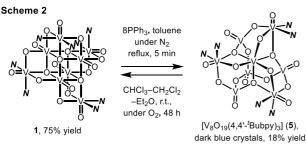
#### 3. Results and Discussion

#### Partial reduction of 1 by PPh3

When a toluene solution of **1** and PPh<sub>3</sub> (8 equiv) was heated at reflux for 5 min under  $N_2$  and cooled to room temperature, an octanuclear vanadium(IV/V) oxide cluster  $[V_8O_{19}(4,4'-'Bubpy)_3]$  (5) was obtained in 18% yield as

dark blue crystals (Scheme 2). Also, the formation of OPPh<sub>3</sub> and free 4,4'-'Bubpy was confirmed by  $^{1}H$  and  $^{31}P\{^{1}H\}$  NMR. These results suggest that PPh<sub>3</sub> reduces 1 to produce OPPh<sub>3</sub>, free 4,4'-'Bubpy, and 5. The molecular structure of 5 was confirmed by single-crystal X-ray analysis (Figure 1). The core of 5 has a  $C_3$  axis and contains four VO<sub>4</sub>, one VO<sub>6</sub>, and three VO<sub>4</sub>(4,4'-'Bubpy) units, and its formal oxidation state is  $V^{IV}_{2}V^{V}_{6}$ . Bond valence sum (BVS) calculations suggest that the oxidation state of V atom in VO<sub>6</sub> unit is +4, and V atoms in three VO<sub>4</sub>(4,4'-'Bubpy) units are mixed-valent ( $V^{IV}V^{V}_{2}$ ).

Magnetic measurement with SQUID showed that 5 exhibits ferro- and antiferromagnetic interaction at the temperature range of 50–150 and 150–300 K, respectively (Figure 2). Magnetic phase transition may occur at 150 K.



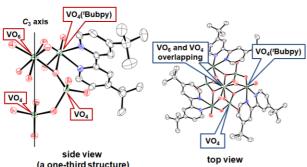
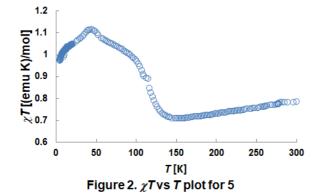
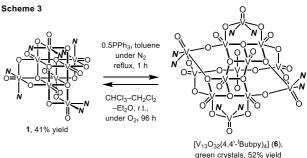


Figure 1. ORTEP drawing for 5



Interestingly, a similar reaction of **1** using a halfequivalent of PPh<sub>3</sub> afforded a tridecanuclear vanadium(IV/V) cluster [V<sub>13</sub>O<sub>32</sub>(4,4'-<sup>t</sup>Bubpy)<sub>4</sub>] (**6**) in 52% yield, whose structure was confirmed by preliminary single-crystal X-ray analysis (Scheme 3).



The core of **6** contains three VO<sub>4</sub>, six VO<sub>5</sub>, two VO<sub>3</sub>(4,4'-'Bubpy) and two VO<sub>4</sub>(4,4'-'Bubpy) units, and its formal oxidation state is  $V^{IV}V^{V}_{12}$ . BVS calculations suggest that the oxidation state of one of the V atoms in the VO<sub>3</sub>(4,4'-'Bubpy) units is +4.

SQUID measurement showed that **6** exhibits paramagnetism at the temperature range of 5–300 K. The low temperature part (5–100 K) of the inverse susceptibility ( $\chi^{-1}$ ) curve was fitted using the Curie–Weiss law to give a Curie constant C = 0.33 emu mol<sup>-1</sup> K.

Finally, re-oxidation of **5** and **6** was examined. As expected, **5** and **6** was converted back to **1** when dissolved in CHCl<sub>3</sub>–CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>–Et<sub>2</sub>O mixture under O<sub>2</sub>.

#### 4. Conclusion

Unprecedented nonionic mixed-valent vanadium(IV/V) oxide clusters 5 and 6 were synthesized, and its magnetic properties, together with interconversion among 1, 5, and 6, were investigated.

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