

# A Manganese(II) Coordination Polymer Constructed from Phosphonate Ligand: Synthesis, Crystal Structure and Magnetic Properties<sup>①</sup>

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**ABSTRACT** A coordination polymer formulated as  $[\text{Mn}(\text{5-pncH}_2)_2\text{H}_2\text{O}]$  (**1**, 5-pncH<sub>3</sub> = 5-phosphono-1-naphthalenecarboxylic acid), was hydrothermally synthesized and magnetically characterized. Compound **1** features a three-dimensional structure in which the inorganic chains of  $[\text{Mn}(\text{O-P-O})]_n$  are cross-linked by the organic groups of phosphonate ligands. Magnetic measurements of **1** indicate that dominant antiferromagnetic interactions are mediated between the  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$  centers.

**Keywords:** manganese, phosphonate ligand, crystal structure, magnetic properties;

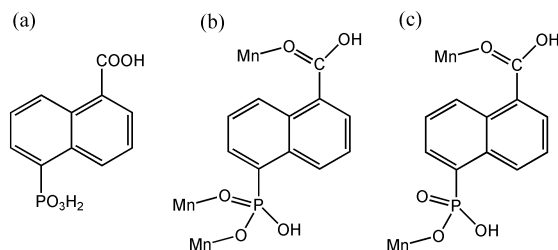
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## 1 INTRODUCTION

The design and assembly of metal-organic complexes have been a current focus of interest because of their intriguing variety of architectures, fascinating topologies and promising applications in numerous areas, such as photochemistry, porosity, chemical sensing, magnetism, catalysis, and so forth<sup>[1-10]</sup>. Phosphonate ( $\text{RPO}_3^{2-}$ ) or phosphinate ( $\text{RHPO}_2^-$ ) ligands can offer two or three oxygen donors to link the metal ions, as an important class of three-atom bridges, and have been used to construct a rich variety of complexes with unique network topologies<sup>[11-15]</sup>. Metal phosphonates showing long range magnetic ordering have been reported, despite the fact that the exchange couplings mediated through the flexible O–P–O bridges can be weakly antiferromagnetic or even ferromagnetic<sup>[16, 17]</sup>, depending on the structural parameters such as the metal···metal distances and metal–O···O–metal torsion angles over the O–P–O

bridges. On the other hand, manganese-organic coordination polymers are well recognized from the magnetic point of view as the high-spin manganese(II) contains up to five unpaired electrons. Therefore, a considerable number of manganese(II)-carboxylate coordination polymers using a variety of carboxylates have been reported during the last decade<sup>[18, 19]</sup>. However, compared to manganese(II)-carboxylate coordination polymers, few manganese(II)-phosphonate coordination polymers have been documented<sup>[20]</sup>.

In this paper, we report a novel manganese(II)-phosphonate coordination polymer using an 5-phosphono-1-naphthalenecarboxylic (5-pncH<sub>3</sub>), namely,  $[\text{Mn}(\text{5-pncH}_2)_2\text{H}_2\text{O}]$  (**1**). It shows a three-dimensional structure in which the inorganic chains of  $[\text{Mn}(\text{O-P-O})]_n$  are cross-linked by the organic groups of phosphonate ligands. The magnetic measurements of **1** reveal that dominant antiferromagnetic interactions are mediated between the  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$  centers.



**Scheme 1.** Molecular structure (a) and coordination mode (b,c) of 5-pncH<sub>3</sub>

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## 2 EXPERIMENTAL

### 2.1 Materials and physical measurements

All reagents and solvents were purchased from commercial sources and used without further purification. Elemental analyses (C, H and N) were performed on a Perkin-Elmer 240C elemental analyzer. IR spectra were recorded on a Bruker VERTEX70 spectrometer in the range of 400~4000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  using KBr pellets. Thermal analyses were performed using a PerkinElmer STA6000 TGA/DSC thermoanalyzer in a temperature range of 40~500  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  in  $\text{N}_2$  flow (20 mL/min) at a heating rate of 10  $^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{min}$ . Powder X-ray diffraction (XRD) data were collected on a Bruker D8 ADVANCE X-ray powder diffractometer with  $\text{CuK}\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 1.54056 \text{ \AA}$ ) in a range of 5.00~50.00 $^{\circ}$  at room temperature.

### 2.2 Synthesis of $[\text{Mn}(\text{5-pncH}_2)_2\text{H}_2\text{O}]$ (**1**)

A mixture of  $\text{Mn}(\text{CH}_3\text{COO})_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.0491 g, 0.2 mmol) and 5-pncH<sub>3</sub> (0.0256g, 0.1 mmol) in 6 mL of water, adding 0.5 M NaOH solution 17 drops, was kept in a 10 mL Teflon-lined stainless container and heated at 140  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 48 h. The container was then cooled to room temperature. Brown rod-like crystals of compound **1** were obtained with 38.4% yield based on 5-pncH<sub>3</sub>. Elemental analysis calcd. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{18}\text{MnO}_{11}\text{P}_2$ : C, 45.93; H, 3.15%. Found (%): C, 46.23; H, 3.17 IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3321(m), 3099(w), 2906(w), 1688(s), 1612(w), 1512(m), 1428(w), 1284(m), 1210(w), 1164(w), 1072(s), 1056(s), 994(s), 972(s), 794(m), 610(m),

539(w), 505(w)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

### 2.3 Structure determination

Single-crystal X-ray diffraction data were collected on a Bruker APEX-II CCD diffractometer using graphite-monochromated  $\text{MoK}\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ ) at 298 K. A hemisphere of data were collected in the  $\theta$  range of 2.0~30.08 $^{\circ}$ . The data were integrated using the Siemens SAINT program<sup>[21]</sup>, with the intensities corrected for Lorentz factor, polarization, air absorption, and absorption due to variation in the path length through the detector faceplate. Empirical absorption and extinction corrections were applied. The structures were solved by direct methods and refined on  $F^2$  by full-matrix least-squares using SHELXTL<sup>[22]</sup>. All the non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. All the hydrogen atoms except those attached to water molecules were put in calculated positions and refined isotropically with the isotropic vibration parameters related to the non-hydrogen atoms to which they are bonded. The hydrogen atoms attached to water molecules were found from Fourier maps and were refined isotropically.

Crystallographic data for **1**:  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{18}\text{MnO}_{11}\text{P}_2$ ,  $M_r = 575.24$ , monoclinic,  $Cc$ ,  $a = 10.0939(3)$ ,  $b = 39.3493(12)$ ,  $c = 6.9183(2) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\beta = 125.790(3)^{\circ}$ ,  $V = 2228.97(13) \text{ \AA}^3$ ,  $Z = 4$ ,  $D_c = 1.714 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$ ,  $\mu = 0.801 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ ,  $F(000) = 1172$ ,  $GOF = 1.017$ ,  $(\Delta\rho)_{\text{max}} = 0.69$ ,  $(\Delta\rho)_{\text{min}} = -0.23 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$ ; final  $R$  indices ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ) ( $R$ ,  $wR$ ): 0.0270, 0.0691, flack  $x = -0.010(13)$ . Selected bond lengths and bond angles are given in Table 1.

Table 1. Selected Bond Lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ ) and Bond Angles ( $^{\circ}$ )

Bond	Dist.	Bond	Dist.	Bond	Dist.
Mn(1)–O(1)	2.169(3)	Mn(1)–O(4)	2.232(3)	Mn(1)–O(8)	2.188(3)
Mn(1)–O(3)	2.196(3)	Mn(1)–O(6)	2.188(3)	Mn(1)–O(1W)	2.168(3)
Angle	( $^{\circ}$ )	Angle	( $^{\circ}$ )	Angle	( $^{\circ}$ )
O(1)–Mn(1)–O(3A)	91.41(11)	O(6)–Mn(1)–O(3A)	93.29(11)	O(1W)–Mn(1)–O(1)	91.60(13)
O(1)–Mn(1)–O(4B)	88.63(11)	O(6)–Mn(1)–O(4B)	86.42(10)	O(1W)–Mn(1)–O(3A)	94.24(12)
O(1)–Mn(1)–O(6)	174.04(12)	O(8C)–Mn(1)–O(3A)	90.16(11)	O(1W)–Mn(1)–O(4B)	89.70(12)
O(1)–Mn(1)–O(8C)	88.90(11)	O(8C)–Mn(1)–O(4B)	85.90(11)	O(1W)–Mn(1)–O(6)	91.69(13)
O(3A)–Mn(1)–O(4B)	176.05(13)	O(8C)–Mn(1)–O(6)	87.43(12)	O(1W)–Mn(1)–O(8C)	175.56(12)

Symmetry transformation: A:  $x, y + 1, z$ ; B:  $-x, y, -z + 1/2$ ; C:  $-x, -y + 1, -z$

## 3 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### 3.1 Infrared spectroscopy and powder

#### X-ray diffraction

The FTIR spectra of compound **1** are shown in Fig. 1a. The band at ca. 3321, 3099  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  can be assigned to the stretching vibration of  $\text{OH}^-$ . The bands appearing at 1688, 1612  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  correspond to the stretching vibration of  $\text{COOH}$ .

The absorption peaks 1072, 1056, 994 and 972  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  correspond to the vibration of organic phosphonic acid group ( $\text{CPO}_3^{2-}$ ). Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) pattern was studied at room temperature. The peak positions simulated by Mercury 3.3 and experimental PXRD patterns are in good agreement with each other, indicating the phase purity of compound **1** (Fig. 1b).

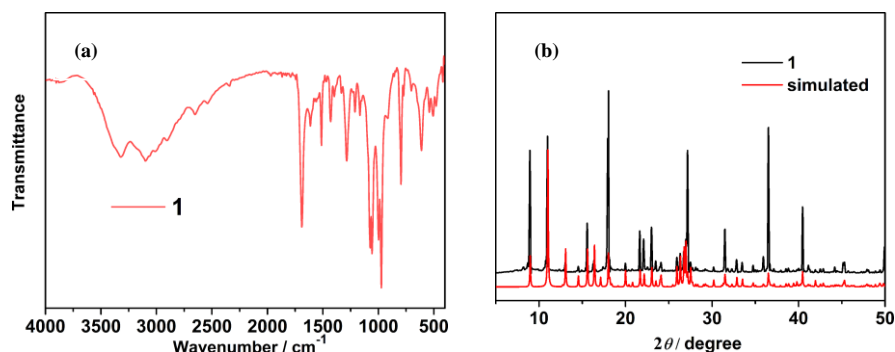


Fig. 1. IR spectra (a) and PXRD patterns (b) for compound **1**

### 3.2 Structural description

Single-crystal structural analysis reveals that **1** crystallizes in a polar space group *Cc*. The asymmetric unit consists of one Mn<sup>II</sup>, two 5-pncH<sub>2</sub><sup>−</sup>, and one coordinated water molecule. The Mn(1) atom has a distorted octahedral coordination environment surrounded by three phosphonate oxygen atoms (O(3A), O(4B), O(8C)) (symmetry codes: A: *x*, *y* + 1, *z*; B:

−*x*, *y*, −*z* + 1/2; C: −*x*, −*y* + 1, −*z*), two carboxylate oxygen atoms (O(1), O(6)), and one water molecule (O(1W)) (Mn–O 2.168(3)~2.196(3) Å, the O–Mn–O bond angles lie in the range of 86.42(10)~176.05(13)°(Table 1)), as shown in Fig. 2a. The equivalent Mn atoms are bridged by O–P–O units forming a zigzag chain of [Mn(O–P–O)]<sub>n</sub> running along the *c* axis (Fig. 2b).

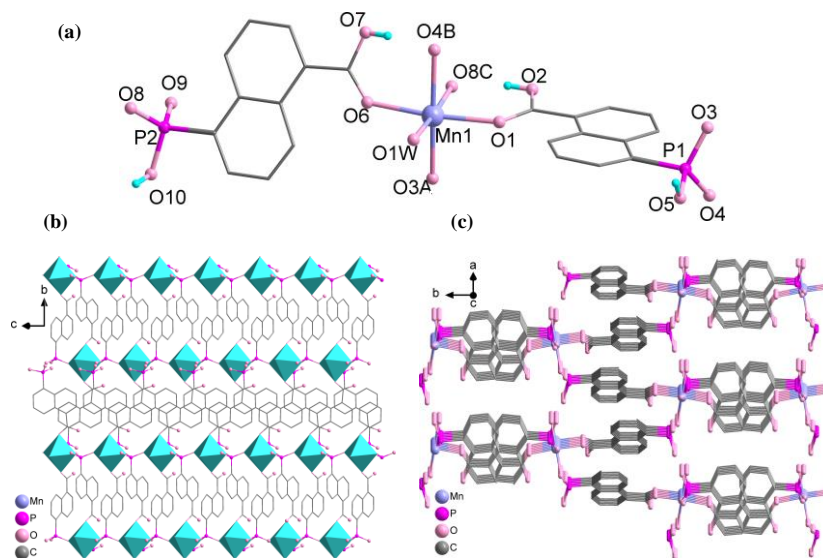


Fig. 2. (a) Building unit of **1** with atomic numbering scheme. Adjacent inorganic chains of [Mn(O–P–O)]<sub>n</sub> connected through phosphonate ligands in **1**. (c) Packing diagram of structure **1**

The coordination mode of 5-pncH<sub>2</sub><sup>−</sup> in **1** is unique compared with those in the other metal carboxylate-phosphonates<sup>[23, 24]</sup>. The 5-pncH<sub>2</sub><sup>−</sup> acts as a tridentate ligand chelating and bridging three Mn atoms through two phosphonate oxygens, and one carboxylate oxygen (Scheme 1b and Fig. 2a). The remaining one phosphonate oxygen atom and one carboxylate oxygen are protonated. Another 5-pncH<sub>2</sub><sup>−</sup> acts as a didentate ligand bridging two Mn atoms through one phosphonate oxygen, and one carboxylate oxygen (Scheme 1c and Fig. 2a). The remaining one

phosphonate oxygen atom and carboxylate oxygen are also protonated. The neighboring inorganic chains of [Mn(O–P–O)]<sub>n</sub> are connected to each other through phosphonate ligands, finally constructing a layer in the *bc* plane. 2D network structure is linked by phosphonate ligands into a 3D supramolecular network structure.

### 3.3 TGA analysis

The thermal stability of compound **1** was investigated under nitrogen atmosphere by thermogravimetric analysis (TGA). The result shows continuous loss above 230 °C.

Compound **1** loses one coordination water molecule (total weight loss: obs. 3.95%, calcd. 3.13%) in the 230~246 °C range, followed by the decomposition starting at 246 °C, in

which the organic components decomposed and the structure collapsed.

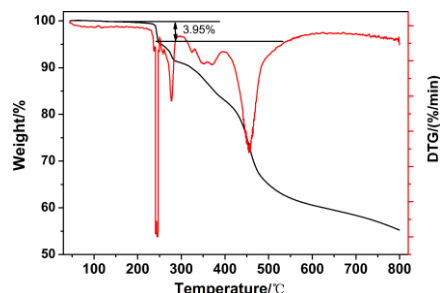


Fig. 3. TGA (black) and DTG (red) curves of compound **1**

### 3.4 Magnetic properties

The temperature dependent magnetic susceptibilities of **1** were measured in the temperature range of 2.0~300 K under an applied field of 1 kOe. Fig. 4 shows the  $\chi_M T$  vs.  $T$  plot. The  $\chi_M T$  value per Mn unit at 300 K is 4.12  $\text{cm}^3 \text{K mol}^{-1}$ . This value is lower than the expected value for the spin-only value of 4.38  $\text{cm}^3 \text{K mol}^{-1}$  for one spin-only  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$  ion ( $S = 5/2$ ,  $g = 2$ ). Upon cooling, the  $\chi_M T$  value

decreases continuously down to 2 K. The susceptibility data obey the Curie-Weiss law in the range of 2~300 K with a Curie constant of  $C = 4.14 \text{ cm}^3 \text{K mol}^{-1}$  and a Weiss constant of  $\theta = -7.92 \text{ K}$ . The negative value of  $\theta$  signifies antiferromagnetic interaction between the  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$  ions bridged by O–P–O moiety<sup>[25]</sup>. The magnetization  $M(H)$  of compound **1** was also measured at 2 K, where no coercivity is observed.

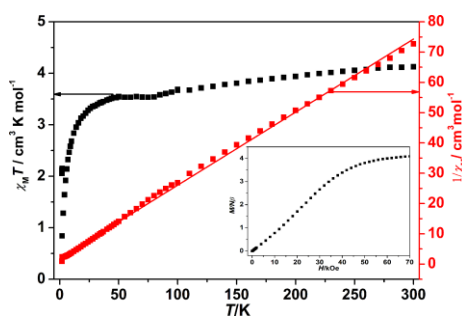


Fig. 4. Temperature dependence of  $\chi_M T$  (■) and  $1/\chi_M$  (■) for compound **1**. Inset: The magnetization curve measured at 2 K. Straight line shows the Curie-Weiss fitting

## 4 CONCLUSION

In summary, we report the novel manganese(II)-phosphonate compound based on a phosphonate ligand, namely,  $[\text{Mn}(5\text{-pncH}_2)_2\text{H}_2\text{O}]$  (**1**). It exhibits a 3D structure in which O–P–O bridged neighbouring manganese(II), leading to an

inorganic chain  $[\text{Mn}(\text{O-P-O})]_n$ , further constructing a layer in the  $bc$  plane. 2D network structure is linked by phosphonate ligands into a 3D supramolecular network structure. Magnetic measurements of **1** indicate that dominant antiferromagnetic interactions are mediated between the  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$  centers.

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