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# Hexakis(2-amino-4-methylpyridine- $\kappa N^1$ )dioxidohexa- $\mu_4$ -sulfido-hexacopper(I)divanadium(V)

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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; T = 293 K; mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.010 Å; R factor = 0.051; wR factor = 0.128; data-to-parameter ratio = 18.9.

The title compound,  $[Cu_6V_2O_2S_6(C_6H_8N_2)_6]$ , is constructed from six CuS<sub>3</sub>N and two VOS<sub>3</sub> distorted tetrahedra, forming an octanuclear V/S/Cu cluster with  $C_i$  symmetry. The geometry around the V atoms is slightly distorted tetrahedral, while there are large distortions from ideal tetrahedral geometry for the Cu atoms. Adjacent metal–metal distances range from 2.693 (1) to 2.772 (10) Å, indicating weak metal– metal interactions in the cluster.

#### **Related literature**

The most relevant known analog of the title compound is hexakis( $\mu_4$ -sulfido)-dioxohexakis(triphenylphosphine) -hexacopper(I)divanadium(V) (Zheng *et al.*, 2001), For related literature, see: Du *et al.* (1992); Holm (1992); Hou *et al.* (1996); Liu *et al.* (1995); Naruta *et al.* (1994); Zhang *et al.* (1996, 2001).



Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation

 $0.3 \times 0.2 \times 0.15 \text{ mm}$ 

 $\mu = 3.28 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ 

T = 293 (2) K

Z = 3

#### **Experimental**

#### Crystal data

 $\begin{bmatrix} Cu_6V_2O_2S_6(C_6H_8N_2)_6 \end{bmatrix} \\ M_r = 1356.34 \\ Hexagonal, R\overline{3} \\ a = 14.139 (2) \text{ Å} \\ c = 20.830 (4) \text{ Å} \\ V = 3606.2 (10) \text{ Å}^3 \end{bmatrix}$ 

#### Data collection

Bruker APEXII CCD<br/>diffractometer6168 measured reflections<br/>1837 independent reflections<br/>1092 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ <br/> $R_{int} = 0.054$  $K_{min} = 0.465, T_{max} = 0.611$ 

#### Refinement

$$\begin{split} R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] &= 0.050 & 97 \text{ parameters} \\ wR(F^2) &= 0.128 & H\text{-atom parameters constrained} \\ S &= 1.02 & \Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.58 \text{ e } \text{ Å}^{-3} \\ 1837 \text{ reflections} & \Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.69 \text{ e } \text{ Å}^{-3} \end{split}$$

Data collection: *APEX2* (Bruker, 2004); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2004); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: *ORTEP-3 for Windows* (Farrugia, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97* and *PLATON* (Spek, 2003).

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## S1. Comment

In the past two decades, considerable attention has been directed to the study of tetrathiometalate anions  $[MXS_3]^{n-}$  (X=O, S; *M*=V, Mo, W, Re) cluster compounds, since these complexes play a special role in catalysis reactions (Du *et al.*, 1992), biological processes (Holm *et al.*, 1992) and advanced materials (Naruta *et al.*, 1994). These moieties can react as multidentate ligands with a wide variety of metal ions, such as Cu, Ag, Au, Zn, Cd, Hg, Fe, Co, Ni, Pd, Pt, Sn, and Ru to form a wide range of novel structures (Hou *et al.*, 1996). More than 300 heterothiometallic cluster compounds containing these moieties have been synthesized and extensively studied (Zhang *et al.*, 2001). However, crystal structures of these clusters containing 2-amino-4-methylpyridine ligands have not been reported until now.

In order to explore the chemistry of Mo(W)/S/Cu(Ag) clusters extensively, we have synthesized such a cluster by reaction in solution at normal temperatures. The solid-state molecular structure of the octanuclear neutral cluster 1 is shown in Fig. 1. It contains a cluster core [V<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>6</sub>S<sub>6</sub>O<sub>2</sub>], of which the V<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>6</sub> atoms form a distorted cube, shown in Fig. 2. Each  $\mu_4$ -S atom is bonded to three Cu atoms and one V atom constructing each face of the dodecahedron. The geometry around the V atoms is slightly distorted tetrahedral with S–V–S 109.97 (5)° and S–V–O 108.97 (5)°, and the V–S bonds, 2.2382 (15) Å, are somewhat longer than those of the free [VS<sub>4</sub>]<sup>3-</sup> anion as expected [2.17 Å in the ammonium salt]. The coordination geometry of every Cu atom, bonded to three  $\mu_4$ -S atoms and one terminal ligand 2-amino-4-methylpyridine, is strongly distorted from an ideal tetrahedron with S—Cu—N angles varying from 104.52 (13)° to 121.11 (14)°. This phenomenon may arise from the steric effect of the bulky 2-amino-4-methylpyridine ligands. The Cu—N distance of 2.033 (4) Å is somewhat longer than the Cu—N distance found in [V<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub>(CuPPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>(CuMeCN)<sub>2</sub>] complexes (Zhang *et al.*, 1996). The Cu—S distances between 2.2886 (15) Å and 2.4701 (16) Å are comparable to those reported in (Et<sub>4</sub>N)<sub>3</sub>[(VS<sub>4</sub>Cu<sub>4</sub>(Et<sub>2</sub>dtc)(PhS)<sub>3</sub>] (Et<sub>2</sub>dtc=diethyldithiocarbamate) complexes (mean Cu—S = 2.236 (5) Å)(Liu *et al.*, 1995).

In the preparation of the title compound, one S atom of the  $[VS_4]^{3-}$  unit is replaced by an O atom and  $[VS_4]^{3-}$  becomes  $[VS_3O]^{3-}$ . The V—O distance 1.618 (6) Å is a typical double bond distance. The adjacent metal-metal distances range from 2.6932 (11) Å to 2.7725 (10) Å, and are slightly shorter than normal V—Cu and Cu—Cu distances, indicating that there are weak metal-metal interactions. The terminal 2-amino-4-methylpyridine ligand is present in the usual monodentate mode. The C1—N1, C5—N1 and C1—N2 distances of 1.344 (6) Å, 1.344 (7) Å and 1.350 (7) Å, respectively, are typical  $Csp^2$ —Nsp<sup>2</sup> values.

### **S2. Experimental**

To a solution of 2-amino-4-methylpyridine (0.0230 g, 0.1 mmol) in dimethylformamide (DMF) (10 ml) were added a solution of CuI (0.0741 g, 0.2 mmol) and  $(NH_4)_3VS_4$  suspended in DMF (5 ml). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for about 8 h. The deep brown solution was filtered and slow diffution of *i*-PrOH/MeCN to the solution,

resulted in black prismatic crystals suitable for X-ray analysis.

#### **S3. Refinement**

The amino hydrogen atoms were found from Fourier difference maps and fixed with N—H bond lengths of 0.90 Å. The H atoms of the aromatic group were geometrically idealized. All the H atoms were refined isotropically with isotropic vibration parameters related to the atoms to which they are bonded with Uiso~ = 1.2 U~eq~ (Uiso~ = 1.5U~eq~ for methyl H atoms).



#### Figure 1

The molecular structure of (I), with atom labels and 30% probability displacement ellipsoids. All H atoms have been omitted.



## Figure 2

Cubic arrangement of metal atoms.

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Crystal data

 $[Cu_6V_2O_2S_6(C_6H_8N_2)_6]$  $M_r = 1356.34$ Hexagonal,  $R\overline{3}$ Hall symbol: -R 3 *a* = 14.139 (2) Å c = 20.830 (4) Å  $V = 3606.2 (10) \text{ Å}^3$ Z = 3F(000) = 2040

#### Data collection

6168 measured reflections
1837 independent reflections
1092 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
$R_{\rm int} = 0.054$
$\theta_{\rm max} = 27.5^{\circ}, \ \theta_{\rm min} = 1.9^{\circ}$
$h = -17 \rightarrow 18$
$k = -12 \rightarrow 18$
$l = -26 \rightarrow 27$

 $D_{\rm x} = 1.874 {\rm Mg} {\rm m}^{-3}$ Mo *K* $\alpha$  radiation,  $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å Cell parameters from 6634 reflections  $\theta = 1.9 - 27.5^{\circ}$  $\mu = 3.28 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 293 KBlock, black  $0.3 \times 0.2 \times 0.15 \text{ mm}$ 

Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$ Least-squares matrix: full $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.050$ $wR(F^2) = 0.128$	Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites
S = 1.02	H-atom parameters constrained
1837 reflections	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0525P)^2]$
97 parameters	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
0 restraints	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001$
Primary atom site location: structure-invariant	$\Delta  ho_{ m max} = 0.58 \ { m e} \ { m \AA}^{-3}$
direct methods	$\Delta  ho_{\min} = -0.69 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$

#### Special details

**Geometry**. All e.s.d.'s (except the e.s.d. in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell e.s.d.'s are taken into account individually in the estimation of e.s.d.'s in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between e.s.d.'s in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell e.s.d.'s is used for estimating e.s.d.'s involving l.s. planes.

**Refinement**. Refinement of  $F^2$  against ALL reflections. The weighted *R*-factor *wR* and goodness of fit *S* are based on  $F^2$ , conventional *R*-factors *R* are based on *F*, with *F* set to zero for negative  $F^2$ . The threshold expression of  $F^2 > \sigma(F^2)$  is used only for calculating *R*-factors(gt) *etc.* and is not relevant to the choice of reflections for refinement. *R*-factors based on  $F^2$  are statistically about twice as large as those based on *F*, and *R*- factors based on ALL data will be even larger.

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters  $(\mathring{A}^2)$ 

	<i>x</i>	У	<i>Z</i>	$U_{\rm iso}$ */ $U_{\rm eq}$
Cul	0.15031 (5)	0.98780 (5)	0.96002 (3)	0.0233 (3)
V1	0.0000	1.0000	0.88657 (7)	0.0207 (4)
S1	0.14481 (11)	0.99064 (11)	1.07850 (6)	0.0200 (4)
N1	0.2966 (4)	1.0004 (4)	0.9392 (2)	0.0247 (12)
N2	0.2279 (4)	0.8233 (4)	0.9034 (2)	0.0412 (14)
H2A	0.1631	0.8107	0.9120	0.049*
H2B	0.2373	0.7723	0.8878	0.049*
C2	0.4198 (5)	0.9427 (5)	0.9031 (3)	0.0269 (14)
H2C	0.4295	0.8870	0.8865	0.032*
O1	0.0000	1.0000	0.8089 (3)	0.0252 (16)
C1	0.3149 (5)	0.9230 (5)	0.9147 (2)	0.0227 (13)
C4	0.4909 (5)	1.1207 (5)	0.9417 (3)	0.0309 (15)
H4A	0.5492	1.1893	0.9518	0.037*
C5	0.3854 (5)	1.0969 (5)	0.9528 (3)	0.0296 (15)
H5A	0.3749	1.1511	0.9710	0.036*
C3	0.5092 (5)	1.0422 (5)	0.9155 (3)	0.0255 (14)
C6	0.6221 (5)	1.0633 (6)	0.9020 (3)	0.0424 (18)
H6A	0.6744	1.1371	0.9134	0.064*
H6B	0.6289	1.0522	0.8571	0.064*
H6C	0.6356	1.0139	0.9267	0.064*

#### Atomic displacement parameters $(Å^2)$

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	U <sup>33</sup>	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	U <sup>23</sup>
Cu1	0.0191 (4)	0.0213 (4)	0.0307 (4)	0.0111 (4)	0.0002 (3)	0.0007 (3)

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V1	0.0197 (6)	0.0197 (6)	0.0226 (9)	0.0098 (3)	0.000	0.000
<b>S</b> 1	0.0180 (8)	0.0194 (8)	0.0234 (7)	0.0099 (7)	-0.0012 (6)	0.0018 (6)
N1	0.027 (3)	0.030 (3)	0.020 (2)	0.016 (3)	-0.002 (2)	-0.003 (2)
N2	0.026 (3)	0.030 (3)	0.063 (4)	0.011 (3)	0.012 (3)	-0.007 (3)
C2	0.025 (4)	0.034 (4)	0.030 (3)	0.022 (3)	0.006 (3)	-0.002 (3)
01	0.030(2)	0.030(2)	0.016 (3)	0.0150 (12)	0.000	0.000
C1	0.024 (4)	0.023 (3)	0.021 (3)	0.012 (3)	-0.002 (3)	-0.003 (3)
C4	0.022 (4)	0.029 (4)	0.039 (4)	0.010 (3)	-0.003 (3)	-0.003 (3)
C5	0.031 (4)	0.021 (4)	0.037 (4)	0.013 (3)	0.004 (3)	-0.004 (3)
C3	0.024 (4)	0.037 (4)	0.022 (3)	0.020 (3)	-0.001 (3)	0.003 (3)
C6	0.029 (4)	0.066 (5)	0.040 (4)	0.030 (4)	0.006 (3)	0.006 (4)

Geometric parameters (Å, °)

Cu1—N1	2.033 (4)	N1—C5	1.344 (7)
Cu1—S1 <sup>i</sup>	2.2886 (15)	N1—C1	1.344 (6)
Cu1—S1 <sup>ii</sup>	2.3353 (15)	N2—C1	1.350 (7)
Cu1—S1	2.4701 (16)	N2—H2A	0.8600
Cu1—V1	2.6932 (11)	N2—H2B	0.8600
Cu1—Cu1 <sup>ii</sup>	2.7725 (10)	C2—C3	1.366 (8)
Cu1—Cu1 <sup>i</sup>	2.7725 (10)	C2—C1	1.387 (7)
V101	1.618 (6)	C2—H2C	0.9300
V1—S1 <sup>ii</sup>	2.2382 (15)	C4—C3	1.373 (8)
V1—S1 <sup>iii</sup>	2.2382 (15)	C4—C5	1.374 (7)
$V1 - S1^i$	2.2382 (15)	C4—H4A	0.9300
V1—Cu1 <sup>iv</sup>	2.6932 (11)	С5—Н5А	0.9300
V1—Cu1 <sup>v</sup>	2.6932 (11)	С3—С6	1.498 (7)
S1—V1 <sup>iii</sup>	2.2382 (15)	С6—Н6А	0.9600
S1—Cu1 <sup>ii</sup>	2.2886 (15)	C6—H6B	0.9600
S1—Cu1 <sup>i</sup>	2.3353 (15)	C6—H6C	0.9600
$N1$ — $Cu1$ — $S1^i$	121.11 (14)	S1 <sup>iii</sup> —V1—Cu1	126.41 (7)
N1—Cu1—S1 <sup>ii</sup>	107.71 (14)	S1 <sup>i</sup> —V1—Cu1	54.36 (4)
$S1^{i}$ —Cu1—S $1^{ii}$	104.91 (7)	Cu1 <sup>iv</sup> —V1—Cu1	90.91 (4)
N1—Cu1—S1	104.52 (13)	Cu1 <sup>v</sup> —V1—Cu1	90.91 (4)
S1 <sup>i</sup> —Cu1—S1	109.83 (6)	V1 <sup>iii</sup> —S1—Cu1 <sup>ii</sup>	73.01 (5)
S1 <sup>ii</sup> —Cu1—S1	108.29 (5)	V1 <sup>iii</sup> —S1—Cu1 <sup>i</sup>	72.12 (5)
N1—Cu1—V1	132.40 (12)	Cu1 <sup>ii</sup> —S1—Cu1 <sup>i</sup>	112.24 (6)
S1 <sup>i</sup> —Cu1—V1	52.63 (4)	V1 <sup>iii</sup> —S1—Cu1	111.28 (7)
S1 <sup>ii</sup> —Cu1—V1	52.27 (4)	Cu1 <sup>ii</sup> —S1—Cu1	71.15 (4)
S1—Cu1—V1	122.30 (5)	Cu1 <sup>i</sup> —S1—Cu1	70.41 (4)
N1—Cu1—Cu1 <sup>ii</sup>	114.62 (14)	C5—N1—C1	116.4 (5)
S1 <sup>i</sup> —Cu1—Cu1 <sup>ii</sup>	124.25 (4)	C5—N1—Cu1	115.9 (4)
S1 <sup>ii</sup> —Cu1—Cu1 <sup>ii</sup>	57.07 (4)	C1—N1—Cu1	127.6 (4)
S1—Cu1—Cu1 <sup>ii</sup>	51.37 (4)	C1—N2—H2A	120.0
V1—Cu1—Cu1 <sup>ii</sup>	90.71 (3)	C1—N2—H2B	120.0
N1—Cu1—Cu1 <sup>i</sup>	127.78 (13)	H2A—N2—H2B	120.0
S1 <sup>i</sup> —Cu1—Cu1 <sup>i</sup>	57.48 (4)	C3—C2—C1	121.3 (5)

S1 <sup>ii</sup> —Cu1—Cu1 <sup>i</sup>	123.48 (4)	С3—С2—Н2С	119.4
S1—Cu1—Cu1 <sup>i</sup>	52.52 (4)	C1—C2—H2C	119.4
V1—Cu1—Cu1 <sup>i</sup>	90.71 (3)	N1—C1—N2	118.1 (5)
Cu1 <sup>ii</sup> —Cu1—Cu1 <sup>i</sup>	87.63 (4)	N1—C1—C2	121.6 (5)
O1—V1—S1 <sup>ii</sup>	108.97 (5)	N2—C1—C2	120.2 (5)
O1—V1—S1 <sup>iii</sup>	108.97 (5)	C3—C4—C5	119.3 (5)
S1 <sup>ii</sup> —V1—S1 <sup>iii</sup>	109.97 (5)	C3—C4—H4A	120.3
$O1$ — $V1$ — $S1^i$	108.97 (5)	С5—С4—Н4А	120.3
S1 <sup>ii</sup> —V1—S1 <sup>i</sup>	109.97 (5)	N1C5C4	124.1 (5)
$S1^{iii}$ — $V1$ — $S1^{i}$	109.97 (5)	N1—C5—H5A	117.9
O1—V1—Cu1 <sup>iv</sup>	124.62 (3)	С4—С5—Н5А	117.9
S1 <sup>ii</sup> —V1—Cu1 <sup>iv</sup>	54.36 (4)	C2—C3—C4	117.2 (5)
S1 <sup>iii</sup> —V1—Cu1 <sup>iv</sup>	55.61 (4)	C2—C3—C6	121.0 (5)
$S1^{i}$ V1 $-Cu1^{iv}$	126.41 (7)	C4—C3—C6	121.8 (6)
O1—V1—Cu1 <sup>v</sup>	124.62 (3)	С3—С6—Н6А	109.5
S1 <sup>ii</sup> —V1—Cu1 <sup>v</sup>	126.41 (7)	С3—С6—Н6В	109.5
S1 <sup>iii</sup> —V1—Cu1 <sup>v</sup>	54.36 (4)	H6A—C6—H6B	109.5
S1 <sup>i</sup> —V1—Cu1 <sup>v</sup>	55.61 (4)	С3—С6—Н6С	109.5
$Cu1^{iv}$ — $V1$ — $Cu1^{v}$	90.91 (4)	H6A—C6—H6C	109.5
O1—V1—Cu1	124.62 (3)	H6B—C6—H6C	109.5
S1 <sup>ii</sup> —V1—Cu1	55.61 (4)		

Symmetry codes: (i) y-1, -x+y, -z+2; (ii) x-y+1, x+1, -z+2; (iii) -x, -y+2, -z+2; (iv) -y+1, x-y+2, z; (v) -x+y-1, -x+1, z.