

**<Supporting Information>**

**Crystal structure and electrochemistry properties of one two-dimensional heteropolyoxoniobate based on four- and five-vanadium-capped Keggin anions**

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## **1. Experimental Section.**

### **1.1 Materials and methods**

All the chemicals were obtained from commercial sources, and were used without further purification. Elemental analyses (C, H, N) were measured on a Perkin-Elmer 240C elemental analyzer. IR spectrum was performed in the range 4000-400 cm<sup>-1</sup> using KBr pellets on a VERTEX 70 spectrophotometer. Powder X-ray diffraction measurement was recorded at room temperature on a Bruker D8 Advance with Cu sealed tube ( $\lambda = 1.54178 \text{ \AA}$ ). Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) of the samples was performed using a Perkin-Elmer-7 thermal analyzer heated from room temperature to 1050 °C under nitrogen at the heating rate of 5 °C·min<sup>-1</sup>. The electrochemical measurement was carried out on an electrochemical workstation (Chenhua CHI660, Shanghai, China) at ambient temperature using a conventional three-electrode system with a modified carbon paste electrode (CPE-1) as the working electrode, a Pt wire as the counter electrode and Ag/AgCl electrode as a reference electrode, respectively.

### **1.2 Synthesis**

In a clean and dry Teflon-lined stainless steel autoclave (23 mL),  $\text{KHNb}_6\text{O}_{19} \cdot 13\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.045 g, 0.04 mmol) and  $\text{NaVO}_3$  (0.049 g, 0.40 mmol) and  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  (0.15 mmol) were dissolved in 4 mL distilled water, and a 2 mL solution of  $\text{Cu}(\text{OAc})_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.040 g, 0.2 mmol) was added into the former yellow solution under stirring. 1 mol·L<sup>-1</sup> NaOH was employed to set the pH to 9.5 carefully. Subsequently, 1, 2-diaminopropane was added into the reaction system dropwise until the pH reached 10.5. After stirring for about five minutes, the magnet was removed, the Teflon-lined stainless steel autoclave was heated at 160 °C for 72 h, and black crystals of **1** were collected by manual. Yield: *ca.* 56% for **1** (based on Nb). The general chemical formula sum is  $\text{V}_{21}\text{Nb}_{48}\text{O}_{233}\text{Cu}_{16}\text{K}_2\text{C}_{96}\text{N}_{64}\text{H}_{414}$ . Anal. Calcd (%): C, 9.00; H, 3.34; N, 6.99, V, 8.34; Cu, 7.92; Nb, 34.76. Found: C, 8.25; H, 3.09; N, 6.51 (detected by element analysis, Vario EL cube); V, 8.42; Cu, 7.89; Nb, 34.2 (detected by ICP-AES, Optima 2100DV). IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>, KBr pellet): 3120(s), 2960(s), 2878(s), 1637(m), 1584(s), 1458(m), 1384(m), 1339(w), 1302(w), 1198(w), 1057(s), 1020(s), 982(s), 938(s), 879(s), 819(vs), 752(s), 685(vs), 618(s), 566(m), 492(m).

### **1.3 X-ray crystal structure determination**

The crystallographic data of **1** were performed on a Bruker Apex-II CCD diffractometer with graphite-monochromated Mo-K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ ). Suitable crystal of **1** were affixed to the end of a glass fiber using vaseline and transferred to the goniostat. The diffraction intensity is corrected by Lp factor and empirical absorption. The structure was solved by direct methods of SHELXS-97 [1] and refined by full-matrix least-squares method using the SHELXL-97 program package [2]. All of the non-hydrogen atoms were modified by least square anisotropic correction and secondary extinction correction. The crystal data and structure refinements of compound **1** are summarized in **Table 1**.

### **References**

- [1] Sheldrick GM, SHELXS-97, Programs for X-ray Crystal Structure Solution; University of Göttingen: Göttingen, Germany, 1997.
- [2] Sheldrick GM, SHELXL-97, Programs for X-ray Crystal Structure Refinement; University of Göttingen: Göttingen, Germany, 1997.

## 2. Supplementary Structural Tables.

**Table S1** Selected bond distances ( $\text{\AA}$ ) for compound 1

Bond	length	Bond	length
Nb(1)-O(1)	1.733(11)	Cu(1)-N(1)	1.97(3)
Nb(1)-O(7)	2.007(8)	Cu(1)-N(1')	2.22(3)
Nb(1)-O(8)	1.997(8)	Cu(1)-N(2)	1.82(3)
Nb(1)-O(14)	2.440(8)	Cu(1)-N(2')	2.11(3)
Nb(2)-O(2)	1.757(8)	Cu(1)-O(5W) <sub>w</sub>	2.53(7)
Nb(2)-O(8)	2.026(7)	Cu(2)-N(3)	2.031(11)
Nb(2)-O(9)	1.933(8)	Cu(2)-N(4)	2.009(11)
Nb(2)-O(12)	1.966(5)	Cu(2)-O(3) <sub>v</sub>	2.484(8)
Nb(2)-O(15)	2.450(6)	Cu(2)-N(3) <sub>y</sub>	2.031(11)
Nb(2)-O(11) <sub>y</sub>	2.050(8)	Cu(2)-N(4) <sub>y</sub>	2.009(11)
Nb(3)-O(3)	1.747(8)	V(1)-O(14)	1.686(7)
Nb(3)-O(11)	1.985(7)	V(1)-O(15)	1.698(8)
Nb(3)-O(13)	2.002(7)	V(1)-O(14) <sub>y</sub>	1.686(7)
Nb(3)-O(15)	2.468(8)	V(2)-O(5)	1.596(11)
Nb(3)-O(11) <sub>y</sub>	1.985(7)	V(2)-O(7)	2.109(8)
Nb(3)-O(13) <sub>y</sub>	2.002(7)	V(2)-O(8)	1.930(6)
Nb(4)-O(4)	1.747(8)	V(2)-O(11) <sub>y</sub>	2.078(7)
Nb(4)-O(6)	1.967(8)	V(2)-O(13) <sub>y</sub>	1.963(6)
Nb(4)-O(7)	2.006(8)	V(3)-O(6)	2.306(14)
Nb(4)-O(10)	1.954(3)	V(3)-O(10)	1.939(17)
Nb(4)-O(14)	2.464(6)	V(3)-O(16)	1.66(4)
Nb(4)-O(13) <sub>y</sub>	2.047(8)	V(3)-O(6) <sub>y</sub>	2.306(14)
Cu(1)-O(1)	2.532(10)	K(1)-N(4)	3.399(10)

Symmetry codes are  $y = x, y, -z+1$ ;  $w = 1-x, 1-y, z$ ;  $v = 1-y, x, z$ .

**Table S2** Selected bond angles ( $^{\circ}$ ) for compound **1**

Bond	Angle	Bond	Angle
O(1)-Nb(1)-O(8)	102.0(3)	O(13)-Nb(3)-O(15)	86.3(2)
O(1)-Nb(1)-O(14)	168.3(3)	O(13)-Nb(3)-O(13)_y	85.7(3)
O(7)-Nb(1)-O(8)	83.5(3)	O(11)_y-Nb(3)-O(13)	156.0(3)
O(7)-Nb(1)-O(14)	71.5(3)	O(11)_y-Nb(3)-O(15)	71.5(3)
O(8)-Nb(1)-O(14)	86.4(2)	O(11)_y-Nb(3)-O(13)_y	84.2(3)
O(2)-Nb(2)-O(8)	99.5(3)	O(13)_y-Nb(3)-O(15)	86.3(2)
O(2)-Nb(2)-O(9)	103.0(4)	O(4)-Nb(4)-O(6)	100.6(4)
O(2)-Nb(2)-O(12)	100.9(4)	O(4)-Nb(4)-O(7)	101.8(4)
O(2)-Nb(2)-O(15)	171.7(3)	O(4)-Nb(4)-O(10)	103.4(5)
O(2)-Nb(2)-O(11)_y	102.4(3)	O(4)-Nb(4)-O(14)	170.0(4)
O(8)-Nb(2)-O(9)	87.0(3)	O(4)-Nb(4)-O(13)_y	100.3(3)
O(8)-Nb(2)-O(12)	158.7(3)	O(6)-Nb(4)-O(7)	92.1(4)
O(8)-Nb(2)-O(15)	84.3(2)	O(6)-Nb(4)-O(10)	90.7(5)
O(8)-Nb(2)-O(11)_y	80.7(3)	O(6)-Nb(4)-O(14)	73.3(3)
O(9)-Nb(2)-O(12)	94.5(4)	O(6)-Nb(4)-O(13)_y	159.0(3)
O(9)-Nb(2)-O(15)	84.5(3)	O(7)-Nb(4)-O(10)	153.7(4)
O(9)-Nb(2)-O(11)_y	153.3(3)	O(7)-Nb(4)-O(14)	71.0(3)
O(11)_y-Nb(2)-O(12)	88.8(4)	O(7)-Nb(4)-O(13)_y	81.5(3)
O(11)_y-Nb(2)-O(15)	70.9(3)	O(10)-Nb(4)-O(14)	84.8(4)
O(12)-Nb(2)-O(15)	74.7(3)	O(10)-Nb(4)-O(13)_y	86.6(3)
O(3)-Nb(3)-O(11)	101.6(3)	O(14)-V(1)-O(15)	109.7(2)
O(3)-Nb(3)-O(13)	101.7(3)	O(14)-V(1)-O(14)_y	108.7(3)
O(3)-Nb(3)-O(15)	169.0(3)	O(14)_y-V(1)-O(15)	109.7(2)
O(3)-Nb(3)-O(11)_y	101.6(3)	O(5)-V(2)-O(11)_y	104.6(5)
O(3)-Nb(3)-O(13)_y	101.7(3)	O(5)-V(2)-O(13)_y	119.7(4)
O(11)-Nb(3)-O(13)	84.2(3)	O(7)-V(2)-O(8)	82.5(3)
O(11)-Nb(3)-O(15)	71.5(3)	O(7)-V(2)-O(11)_y	148.3(3)

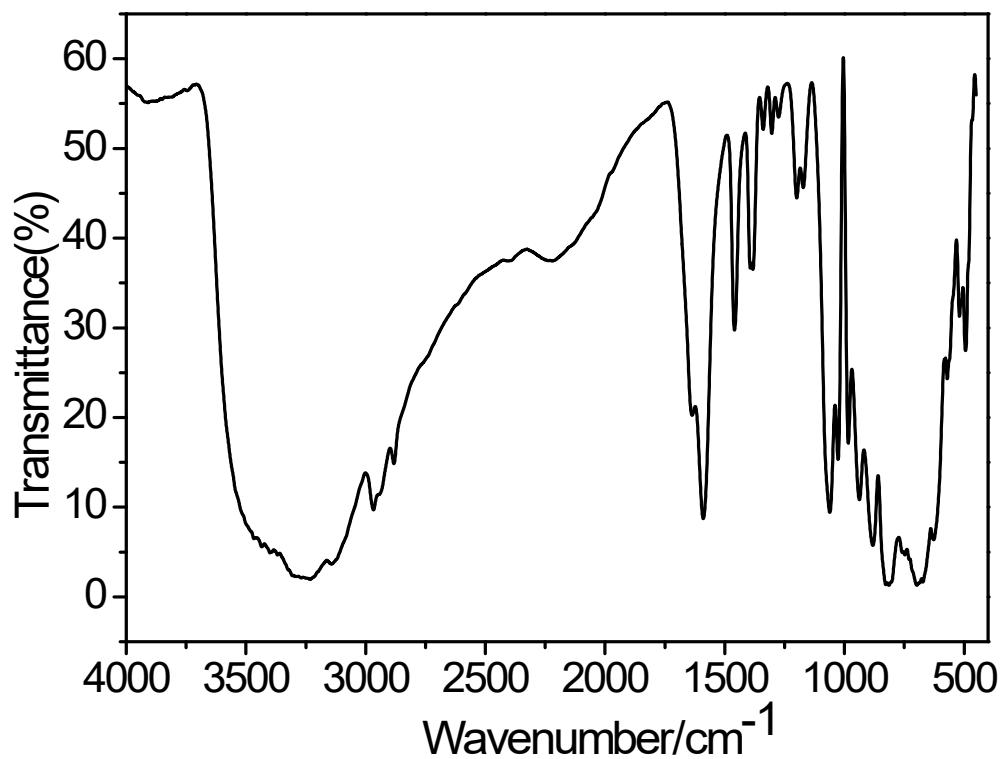
O(11)-Nb(3)-O(13)_y	156.0(3)	O(5)-V(2)-O(7)	107.1(5)
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O(8)-V(2)-O(11)_y	82.3(3)	O(5W)_w-Cu(1)-N(1)	83.7(17)
O(8)-V(2)-O(13)_y	119.8(3)	O(5W)_w-Cu(1)-N(2)	92.6(16)
O(11)_y-V(2)- O(13)_y	82.8(3)	N(3)-Cu(2)-N(4)	83.2(4)
O(6)-V(3)-O(6_y)	148.7(7)	N(3)-Cu(2)-N(3)_y	98.8(4)
O(6)-V(3)-O(10)	81.6(4)	N(3)-Cu(2)-N(4)_y	175.1(4)
O(6)-V(3)-O(16)	105.7(4)	N(3)_y-Cu(2)-N(4)	175.1(4)
O(6)_y-V(3)-O(16)	105.7(4)	O(3)_v-Cu(2)-N(3)	90.0(3)
O(10)-V(3)-O(16)	122.6(15)	O(3)_v-Cu(2)-N(4)	94.5(3)

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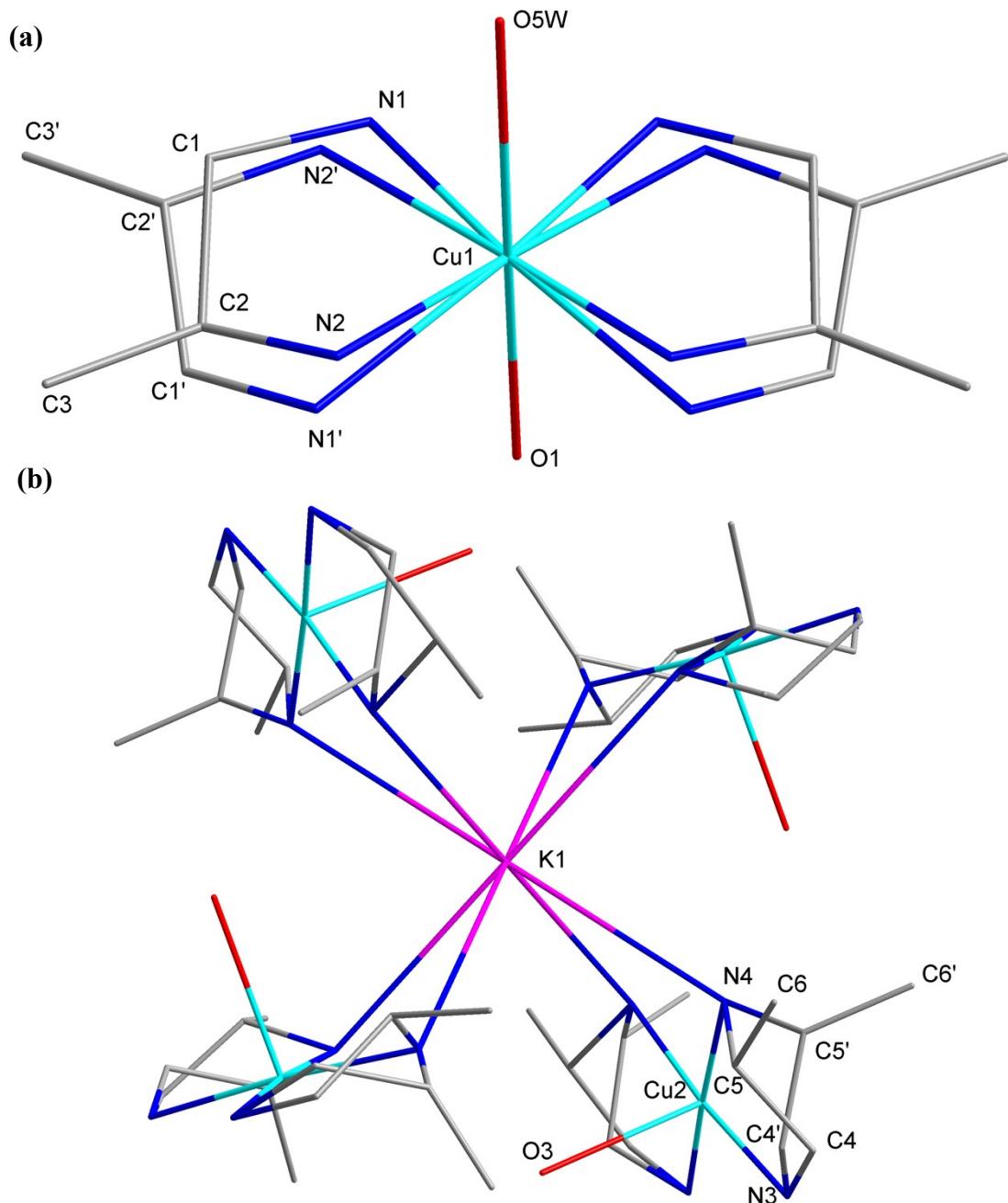
**Table S3** The bond valance sum calculation for compound **1**

	V1	V2	V3	
BVS	5.36	3.80	2.76	
	Nb1	Nb2	Nb3	Nb4
BVS	5.00	4.98	4.94	5.01

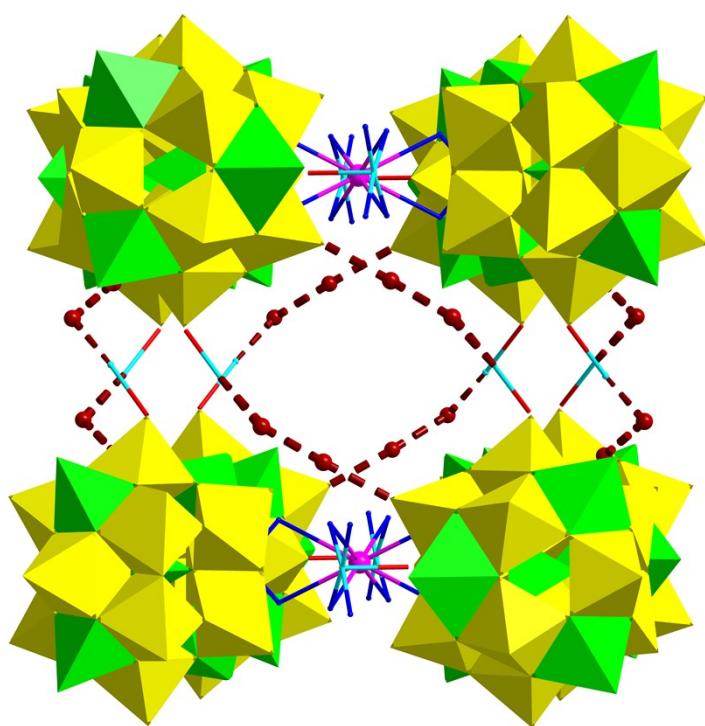
**3. Supplementary Structural Figures.**



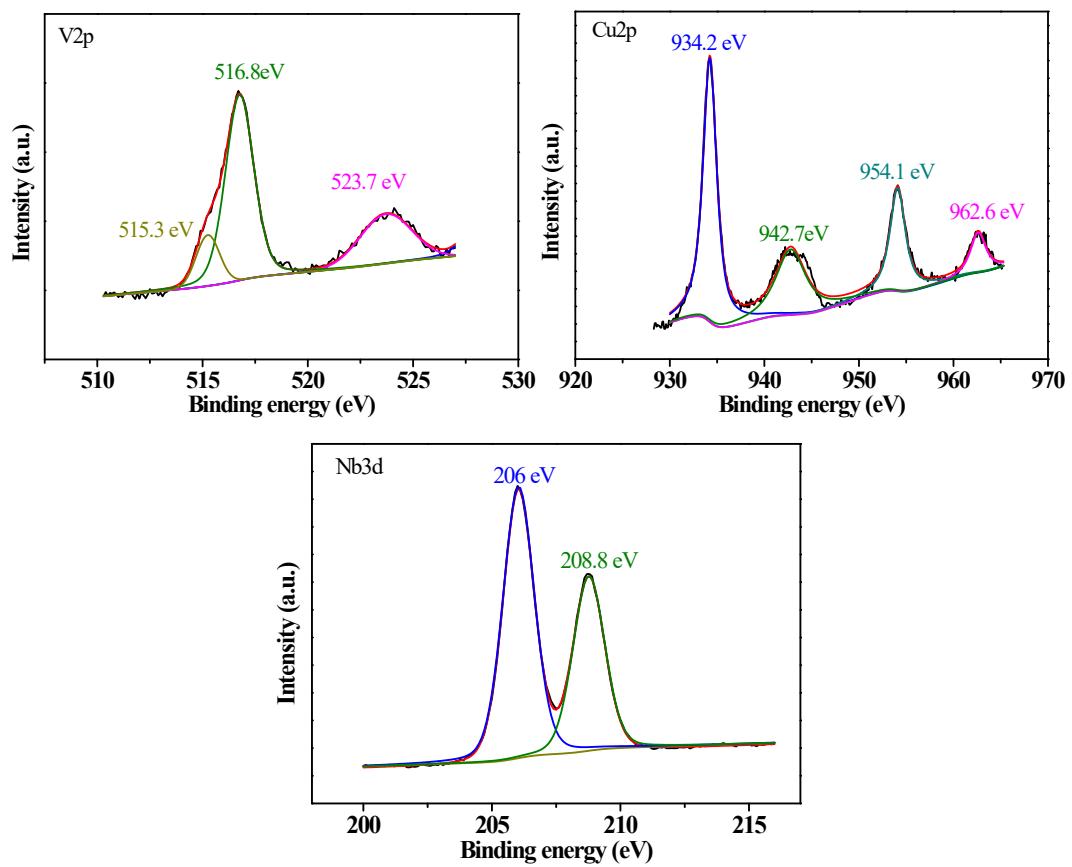
**Fig. S1** IR spectrum of compound 1.



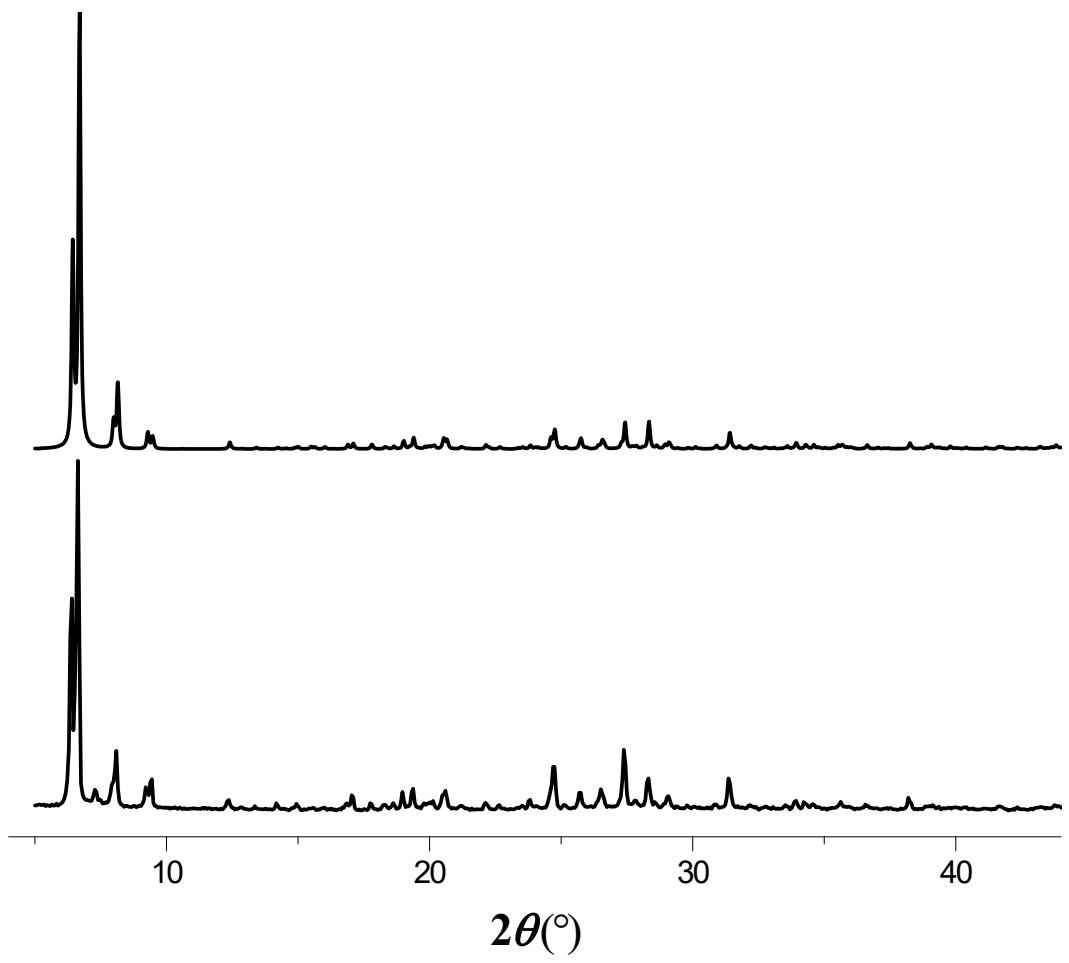
**Fig. S2** Schematic diagram of coordination of Cu1 (a) and Cu2 (b). Occupancy of C1, C2, C3, N1, N2 is 0.5; and occupancy of C1', C2', C3', N1', N2' is 0.5. Occupancy of C4, C5, C6 is 0.7; and occupancy of C4', C5', C6' is 0.3. Cu, K, C, and N atoms are shown in cyan, light yellow, gray, and blue, respectively. Hydrogen atoms are omitted.



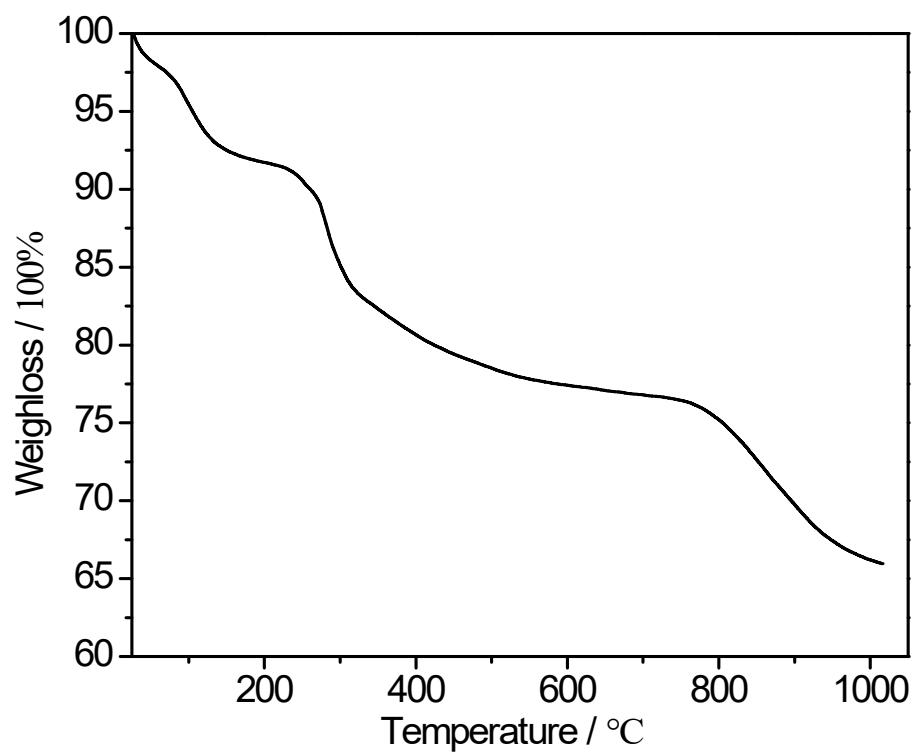
**Fig. S3** Observe the arrangement of compound **1** along **b** axis. Green polyhedron:  $\text{NbO}_6$ ; yellow polyhedron:  $\text{VO}_4$ . O, Cu, K, and N atoms are shown in red, cyan, fuchsia, and blue, respectively. The free water molecules in the structure are not shown. Hydrogen and carbon atoms are omitted.



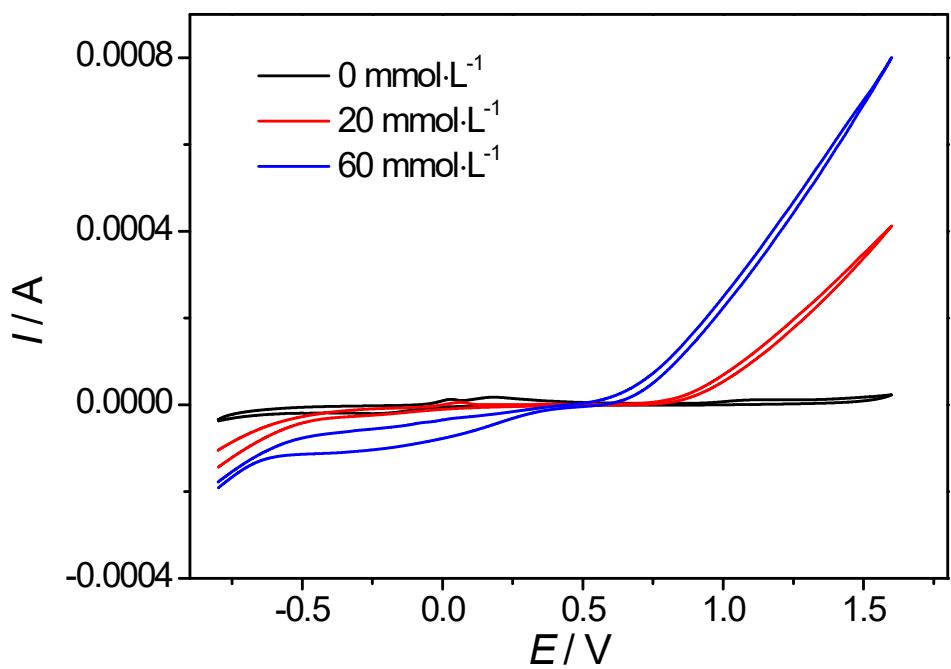
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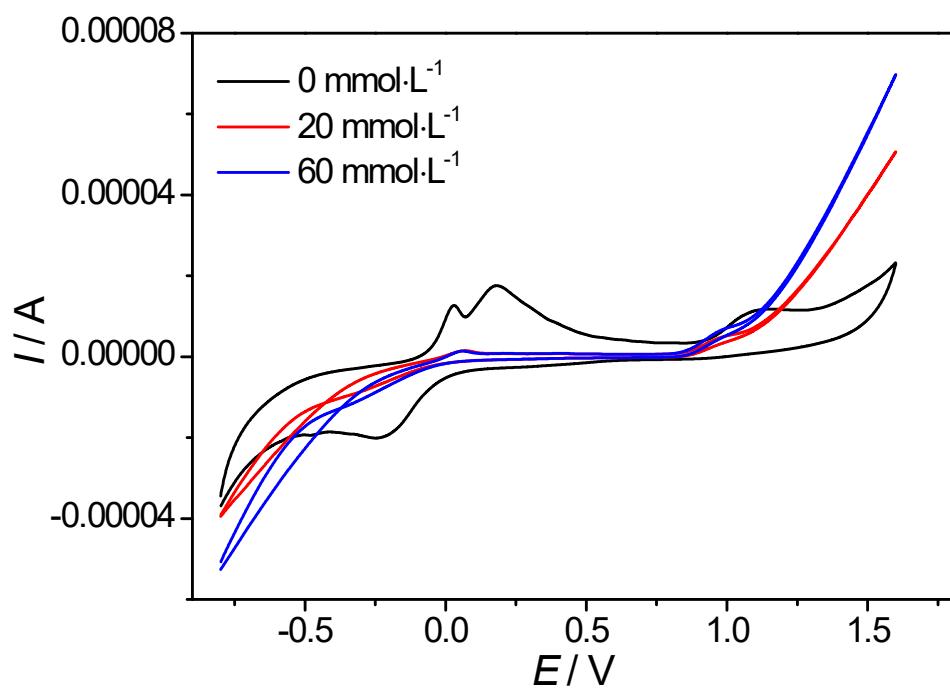
**Fig. S5** The powder X-ray diffraction pattern calculated from the single-crystal data (top) and that from the experiment (bottom) for compound **1**.



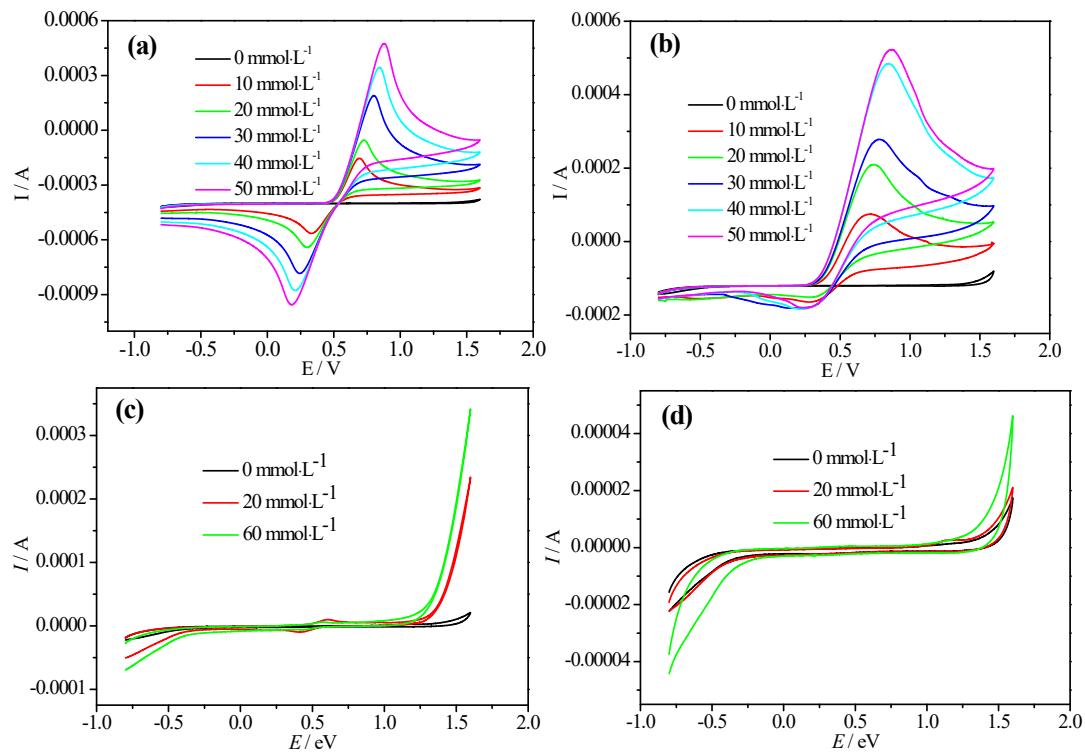
**Fig. S6** TG curve of compound 1.



**Fig. S7** Compound 1 catalyzed the electric decomposition of  $\text{NaNO}_2$  in  $0.1 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1} \text{ H}_2\text{SO}_4 + 0.5 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1} \text{ Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  (vs.  $\text{Ag}/\text{AgCl}$  reference electrode).



**Fig. S8** Compound 1 catalyzed the electric decomposition of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  in  $0.1 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1} \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 + 0.5 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1} \text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  (vs. Ag/AgCl reference electrode).



**Fig. S9** Bare electrode catalyzed the electric decomposition of DA (a), AA (b),  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  (c) and  $\text{NaNO}_2$  (d) in  $0.1 \text{ mol L}^{-1} \text{ H}_2\text{SO}_4 + 0.5 \text{ mol L}^{-1} \text{ Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  (vs. Ag/AgCl reference electrode).