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# Mixed-Metal Oxo Clusters Structurally Derived from $\mathrm{Ti}_{\mathbf{6}} \mathbf{O}_{\mathbf{4}}(\mathrm{OR})_{\mathbf{8}}\left(\mathrm{OOCR}^{\prime}\right)_{\mathbf{8}}$ 

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The mixed-metal oxo clusters $\mathrm{FeTi}_{5} \mathrm{O}_{4}(\mathrm{OiPr})_{4}(\mathrm{OMc})_{10}(\mathrm{OMc}$ $=$ methacrylate $), \mathrm{Zn}_{2} \mathrm{Ti}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{4}(\mathrm{OiPr})_{2}(\mathrm{OMc})_{10}, \mathrm{Cd}_{4} \mathrm{Ti}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}{ }^{-}$ $(\mathrm{OMc})_{10}(\mathrm{HOiPr})_{2},\left[\mathrm{Ca}_{2} \mathrm{Ti}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{4}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}(\mathrm{OMc})_{10}\right]_{n}$ and $\left[\mathrm{Sr}_{2} \mathrm{Ti}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{4}-\right.$ $\left.(\mathrm{OMc})_{12}(\mathrm{HOMc})_{2}\right]_{n}$ were obtained from the reaction of tita-
nium alkoxides with the corresponding metal acetates and methacrylic acid. Their structures are derived from Ti clusters with the composition $\mathrm{Ti}_{6} \mathrm{O}_{4}(\mathrm{OR})_{8}\left(\mathrm{OOCR}^{\prime}\right)_{8}$. The Ca and Sr derivatives consist of chains of condensed clusters.

## Introduction

Oxo clusters of the general composition $\mathrm{Ti}_{a} \mathrm{O}_{b}(\mathrm{OR})_{c}{ }^{-}$ $\left(\mathrm{OOCR}^{\prime}\right)_{d}$ are obtained when titanium alkoxides, $\mathrm{Ti}(\mathrm{OR})_{4}$, are treated with more than one molar equivalent of a carboxylic acid. ${ }^{[1]}$ The carboxylic acid not only provides carboxylate ligands but also acts as an in situ water source through esterification with the eliminated alcohol. The outcome of the reaction depends, among others, on the groups R and $\mathrm{R}^{\prime}$ as well as the $\mathrm{Ti}(\mathrm{OR})_{4} / \mathrm{R}^{\prime} \mathrm{COOH}$ ratio. Many oxo clusters have been isolated with different degrees of condensation ( $a: b$ ratio), different degrees of substitution ( $a: d$ ratio), different proportions of residual OR groups (a:c ratio), and, as a consequence, different structures. One of the more prominent structure types is $\mathrm{Ti}_{6} \mathrm{O}_{4}(\mathrm{OR})_{8}\left(\mathrm{OOCR}^{\prime}\right)_{8}$, which was obtained for several $\mathrm{R} / \mathrm{R}^{\prime}$ combinations. ${ }^{[2,3]}$ An example, with $\mathrm{R}=i \mathrm{Pr}$ and $\mathrm{OOCR}=\mathrm{OMc}$ (Ti6) (HOMc = methacrylic acid), is shown in Figure 1.

In this article, we describe the structures of mixed-metal oxo clusters that are derived from that of $\mathrm{Ti}_{6} \mathrm{O}_{4}(\mathrm{OR})_{8}{ }^{-}$ $\left(\mathrm{OOCR}^{\prime}\right)_{8}$. The variability of this structural motif shows that this is a robust structure that not only tolerates variations of R and $\mathrm{R}^{\prime}$, but also that of the metal polyhedra of which it is composed.

Mixed-metal clusters have been prepared by addition of carboxylic acids to metal alkoxide mixtures. ${ }^{[4]}$ We have previously shown that use of metal acetates as one of the components is a good alternative, because they are readily avail-

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Figure 1. Molecular structure of $\mathrm{Ti}_{6}\left(\mu_{3}-\mathrm{O}\right)_{2}\left(\mu_{2}-\mathrm{O}\right)_{2}\left(\mu_{2}-\mathrm{OiPr}\right)_{2}-$ $\left(\mu_{2}-\mathrm{OMc}\right)_{8}(\mathrm{OiPr})_{6}$ (Ti6): (top) ball-and-stick model; (bottom) polyhedral representation. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths and angles: Ti1-Ti2 3.3783(3), Ti1-Ti3 3.1062(3), Ti2-Ti3 3.5862(4), Til-O1 1.9047(9), Ti1-O2 1.7497(9), Ti1-O3 2.0874(9), Ti1-O4 2.0024(10), Ti1-O6 2.0465(10), Ti1-O8 2.0051(10), Ti2-O2 1.8893(9), Ti2-O1 1.9061(9), Ti2-O5 $2.1019(10)$, Ti2-O7 2.0892(10), Ti2-O10 2.0300(10), Ti2-O12 1.7598(11), Ti3-O1 2.0722(9), Ti3-O3 1.9572(10), Ti3-O9 2.1627(11), Ti3-O11 2.0482(11), Ti3-O13 1.7995(10), Ti3-O14 1.7903(11) Å; Ti1-O1-Ti2 128.00(5), Ti1-O1-Ti3 102.63(4), Ti2-O1-Ti3 $128.65(5)^{\circ}$.
able and easy to handle. ${ }^{[5]}$ The mixed-metal clusters described in this article were therefore prepared from $\mathrm{Ti}(\mathrm{O} i \mathrm{Pr})_{4}$ and metal acetates as precursors [Equation (1)]. We chose a selection of divalent metals (M) with different ionic radii and different preferred coordination numbers to find out how these parameters influence the structures of the clusters, keeping in mind that the charges of the metal as well as the total number of coordination sites must be balanced by the ligands to get a stable cluster. ${ }^{[6]}$
$\mathrm{Ti}(\mathrm{O} i \operatorname{Pr})_{4}+\mathrm{M}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}+\mathrm{McOH} \rightarrow \mathrm{Ti}_{6-x} \mathrm{M}_{x} \mathrm{O}_{a}(\mathrm{O} i \operatorname{Pr})_{b}(\mathrm{OMc})_{c}(\mathrm{OAc})_{d}$ $+\mathrm{RCOO} i \mathrm{Pr}+\ldots$

In previous work on carboxylate-substituted metal oxo clusters, we were initially using methacrylic acid to get clusters that can be polymerized subsequently to obtain hybrid materials. ${ }^{[7]}$ It turned out that methacrylic acid is particularly well suited to the production of crystalline clusters. This may be owing to steric reasons and/or a suitable balance of substitution versus esterification reaction rates. We therefore used methacrylic acid in this work as well, although in this case no subsequent polymerizations were intended.

## Results and Discussion

Although several clusters of the composition $\mathrm{Ti}_{6} \mathrm{O}_{4}(\mathrm{OR})_{8^{-}}$ $\left(\mathrm{OOCR}^{\prime}\right)_{8}$ are known with various $\mathrm{R} / \mathrm{R}^{\prime}$ combinations, we prepared the derivative with $\mathrm{R}=i \mathrm{Pr}$ and $\mathrm{OOCR}=\mathrm{OMc}$ (Ti6) (Figure 1) for better comparison of the structural parameters with that of the mixed-metal clusters reported in this article. The centrosymmetric $\mathrm{Ti}_{6} \mathrm{O}_{4}$ core is formed by two $\mathrm{Ti}_{3}\left(\mu_{3}-\mathrm{O}\right)$ units, which are connected through two $\mu_{2}-$ oxygen atoms. An alternative description of the structure is that of a $\mathrm{Ti}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{4}$ ring of four corner-sharing octahedra to which two Ti octahedra (called "outer $\mathrm{Ti} "$ in the following) are condensed through shared edges. Balancing of charges and coordination numbers is achieved by two bridging $\mathrm{O} i \mathrm{Pr}$ ligands (connecting the two edge-sharing octahedra), eight bridging carboxylate ligands and six terminal $\mathrm{O} i \operatorname{Pr}$ ligands.

Treatment of $\mathrm{Fe}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}$ and $\mathrm{Ti}(\mathrm{OiPr})_{4}$ (2 equiv.) with methacrylic acid ( 17 equiv.) resulted in reddish-brown crystals of $\mathrm{FeTi}_{5} \mathrm{O}_{4}(\mathrm{OiPr})_{4}(\mathrm{OMc})_{10}$ (FeTi5) (Figure 2). The cluster core of $\mathrm{FeTi5}$ is isostructural to that of Ti6. Although attachment of the "outer" Ti octahedra is the same as in Ti6, the four Ti atoms of the $\mathrm{Ti}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{4}$ ring are partly replaced by Fe atoms owing to the nearly identical ionic radii of $\mathrm{Ti}^{4+}$ ( $0.605 \AA^{[8]}$ ) and low-spin $\mathrm{Fe}^{2+}$ in an octahedral coordination $(0.61 \AA)$. Distinction between these two elements in the crystal structure is not straightforward. The Ti/Fel site (corresponding to Ti2 in Ti6) was refined with an occupancy for Fe of $34 \%$ and that of $\mathrm{Ti} / \mathrm{Fe} 2$ (corresponding to Til in Ti6) with $16 \%$. To prove incorporation of both metals, the crystals were washed with dry $n$-heptane and their metal content was checked with energy-dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDX), through which both Fe and Ti were found in the crystals.


Figure 2. Molecular structure of $\mathrm{FeTi}_{5}\left(\mu_{3}-\mathrm{O}\right)_{2}\left(\mu_{2}-\mathrm{O}\right)_{2}\left(\mu_{2}-\mathrm{OiPr}\right)_{2}{ }^{-}$ $(\mathrm{Oi} \operatorname{Pr})_{2}\left(\mu_{2}-\mathrm{OMc}\right)_{10}(\mathrm{FeTi5})$. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths and angles: Fe/Ti1-Fe/Ti2 3.4215(10), Fe/Ti1-Ti3 3.4917(10), Fe/Ti2-Ti3 3.0466(11), Fe/Ti1-O1 1.918(3), Fe/Ti1-O2 1.875(3), Fe/Ti2-O1 1.904(3), Fe/Ti2-O2 1.776(3), Ti3O1 1.990(3), Fe/Ti1-O7 2.044(3), Fe/Ti1-O9 2.040(3), Fe/Ti2-O11 2.030(3), Ti3-O8 2.025(4), Ti3-O10 1.974(4), Ti3-O12 2.031(4), Fe/ Ti1-O3 2.015(3), Fe/Ti1-O5 2.061(3), Fe/Ti2-O4 2.012(3), Fe/Ti2O6 2.047(3), Fe/Ti2-O13 2.137(3), Ti3-O13 1.902(3), Ti3-O14 $1.773(3) \AA$ Å; $\mathrm{Fe} / \mathrm{Ti1}-\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{Fe} / \mathrm{Ti} 2 \quad 127.09(15), \quad \mathrm{Fe} / \mathrm{Til}-\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{Ti} 3$ 126.61(14), Fe/Ti2-O1-Ti3 102.95(12) ${ }^{\circ}$.

FeTi5 needs two negative ligands less than Ti6 because of the lower charge of $\mathrm{Fe}^{2+}$, but the total number of coordination sites to be occupied by the ligands is the same because all metal atoms in both Ti6 and FeTi5 are octahedrally coordinated. Thus, the two terminal OiPr groups O12 (on Ti2) and O 14 (on Ti3) in Ti6, which are nearly parallel to each other are replaced by one bridging OMc ligand in FeTi5 (O9 and O10) (compare Figures 1 and 2). As a consequence of this substitution, the coordination octahedra in FeTi5 are slightly tilted relative to Ti6. This results, among other things, in slightly different distances between the metal centers $(3.4215,3.4917$, and $3.0466 \AA$ in FeTi5 compared with $3.3783,3.5862$, and $3.1062 \AA$ in Ti6 for analogous distances).

Reaction of $\mathrm{Zn}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}$ with $\mathrm{Ti}(\mathrm{OiPr})_{4}$ and methacrylic acid in different molar ratios afforded the centrosymmetric cluster $\mathrm{Zn}_{2} \mathrm{Ti}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{4}(\mathrm{O} i \operatorname{Pr})_{2}(\mathrm{OMc})_{10}(\mathrm{Zn} 2 \mathrm{Ti} 4$, Figure 3). The structure of this cluster is again structurally related to that of Ti6, with the two outer Ti octahedra being replaced by Zn tetrahedra. Contrary to Ti 6 and Fe Ti 5 , in which the outer Ti octahedra share an edge with one of the octahedra of the $\mathrm{Ti}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{4}$ unit, the Zn tetrahedra share a corner with two Ti octahedra. The $\mu_{3}$-oxygen (O1) is slightly shifted towards the titanium atoms [ $\mathrm{Zn}-\mathrm{O} 11.975(1) \AA$ A $\mathrm{Ti}-\mathrm{O} 1$ $1.871(1)$ and $1.923(1) \AA$ ], which results in a widening of the Ti1-O1-Ti2 angle to $136.01(7)^{\circ}$ compared to $128.00(5)^{\circ}$ in Ti6 and 127.1(1) ${ }^{\circ}$ in FeTi5.

Zn2Ti4 needs four negative ligands less than Ti6 (and two less than FeTi5) to compensate the metal charges because two $\mathrm{Ti}^{4+}$ are replaced by two $\mathrm{Zn}^{2+}$. The total number of coordination sites to be occupied by the ligands is reduced by four relative to Ti6 and FeTi5 (replacement of two octahedra by two tetrahedra). Compared to Ti6, four terminal $\mathrm{O} i \mathrm{Pr}$ ligands are missing (the ones at Ti3 and Ti3*


Figure 3. Molecular structure of $\mathrm{Zn}_{2} \mathrm{Ti}_{4}\left(\mu_{3}-\mathrm{O}\right)_{2}\left(\mu_{2}-\mathrm{O}\right)_{2}(\mathrm{Oi} \operatorname{Pr})_{2}-$ $\left(\mu_{2}-\mathrm{OMc}\right)_{10}$ (Zn2Ti4). Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths and angles: Zn1-Ti1 3.1470(4), Zn1-Ti2 3.2701(4), Ti1-Ti2 3.3652(5), Zn1-O1 1.9747(13), Ti1-O1 1.8712(13), Ti1-O2 1.7550(13), Ti2-O1 1.9231(14), Ti2-O2 1.8784(13), Ti2-O(13) 1.7821(14), $\mathrm{Zn} 1-\mathrm{O} 3$ 1.946(2), $\mathrm{Zn} 1-\mathrm{O} 5$ $1.959(2), \mathrm{Zn} 1-\mathrm{O} 7$ 1.940(2), Ti1-O4 2.106(2), Ti1-O6 2.0123(14), Ti2-O8 2.0435(14), Ti1-O9 2.0752(14), Ti1-O11 1.9994(14), Ti2O10 2.0383(15), Ti2-O12 2.0936(14) Å; Zn1-O1-Til 109.80(7), $\mathrm{Zn} 1-\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{Ti} 2114.05(6)$, Ti1-O1-Ti2 136.01(7) ${ }^{\circ}$.
in Ti6), and the $\mathrm{O} i \operatorname{Pr}$ ligands bridging Til and Ti 3 in Ti6 are replaced by a bridging OMc ligand in Zn 2 Ti 4 .

In addition to the $\mu_{3}$-oxygen atom ( O 1 ), the Zn atom is connected to both neighboring Ti atoms through bridging OMc ligands, two to Til and one to Ti2. The oxygen atoms of these three OMc ligands, together with the $\mu_{3}$-oxygen atom, form a tetrahedron around Zn . The $\mathrm{Zn}-\mathrm{O}$ distances of the OMc ligands vary only slightly between 1.940(2) and 1.957(2) $\AA$ and are not much shorter than the $\mathrm{Zn}-\mathrm{O} 1$ distance of $1.975(1) \AA$. The $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{Zn}-\mathrm{O}$ angles vary between 103.24(6) and 116.79(6) ${ }^{\circ}$.

Reaction of $\mathrm{Cd}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}$ and an equimolar proportion of $\mathrm{Ti}(\mathrm{O} i \mathrm{Pr})_{4}$ with a tenfold excess amount of methacrylic acid resulted in centrosymmetric $\mathrm{Cd}_{4} \mathrm{Ti}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}(\mathrm{OMc})_{10^{-}}$ $(\mathrm{HO} i \operatorname{Pr})_{2}(\mathrm{Cd} 4 \mathrm{Ti} 2$, Figure 4). The structure of this cluster can again be related to that of Ti6, but there are more profound changes. (i) In contrast to the structures discussed before, the four Ti atoms in the center are replaced by Cd atoms, (ii) acetate groups [originating from the $\mathrm{Cd}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}$ precursor] were incorporated in the structure, (iii) two Cd atoms are bridged across the $\mathrm{Cd}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{4}$ ring, and (iv) the structure contains no $\mu_{2}$-oxygen atoms, only the $\mu_{3}-\mathrm{O}$ units are retained.

The titanium atoms are symmetrically connected to the central $\mathrm{Cd}_{4}$ unit through four bridging OMc ligands each (two to each neighboring Cd atom) as well as a $\mu_{3}-\mathrm{O}$ atom connecting Cd1, Cd2, and Ti1. Til is approximately equidistant to both $\mathrm{Cd}[\mathrm{Ti} 1-\mathrm{Cd} 1$ 3.4499(9) Å, Ti1-Cd2 $3.4521(9) \AA$ Á. The octahedral coordination of Til is completed by a coordinated isopropyl alcohol. The alcoholic proton was identified in the electron density map, and the long Til-O14 distance [2.2186(3) Å] proves additionally that this is a coordinated alcohol rather than a $\mathrm{O} i \mathrm{Pr}$ group.


Figure 4. Molecular structure of $\mathrm{Cd}_{4} \mathrm{Ti}_{2}\left(\mu_{3}-\mathrm{O}\right)_{2}\left(\mu_{3}-\mathrm{OAc}\right)_{2}\left(\mu_{3}-\mathrm{OMc}\right)_{2}-$ $\left(\mu_{2}-\mathrm{OMc}\right)_{8}(\mathrm{HOiPr})_{2}(\mathrm{Cd} 4 \mathrm{Ti} 2)$. Only hydrogen of the OH groups are shown. Selected bond lengths and angles: Ti1-Cd1 3.4499(9), Ti1Cd2 3.4521(9), Cd1-Cd2 3.8904(8), Ti1-O1 1.698(2), Cd1-O1 2.262(2), Cd2-O1 2.267(2), Cd1-O2 2.260(2), Cd1'-O2 2.355(2), Cd1-O4 2.232(2), Cd2-O3 2.267(3), Cd2-O4 2.336(2), Cd2-O5 2.368(2), Ti1-O7 2.012(2), Ti1-O9 1.997(2), Ti1-O11 1.977(2), Ti1-O13 1.986(2), Ti1-O14 2.227(2), Cd1-O6 2.256(2), Cd1-O8 2.260(2), Cd2-O10 2.279(3), Cd2-O12 2.228(3) Å; Cd1-O1-Cd2 118.40(9), Cd1-O1-Ti1 120.55(11), Cd2-O1-Til 120.36(11) ${ }^{\circ}$.

The very short Ti-O1 bond length of $1.698(2) \AA$ is due to the coordinated ROH in the trans position.

All the metal atoms in both Ti6 and Cd4Ti2 are octahedrally coordinated. The total positive charge of the metals, however, is +24 in Ti6 but only +16 in Cd4Ti2. This means that a smaller number of (monoanionic) ligands must satisfy the coordination requirements of the metals. In addition to the ligands discussed before, coordination of the $\mathrm{Cd}_{4}$ core must be completed by two OMc and two OAc ligands. This can only be achieved if each of the carboxylate ligands is tridentate. Thus, one oxygen atom (O2) of the remaining OMc ligands bridges Cd 1 and $\mathrm{Cd}^{\prime}$, and the second (O3) is coordinated to Cd 2 . The acetate ligands are bridging-chelating [ O 4 bridges Cd 1 and Cd 2 ; O 4 and O 5 chelate Cd 2 ]. The coordination octahedron of Cd 2 is much more distorted than that of Cd 1 due to the chelating carboxylate. Whereas the cis $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{Cd} 1-\mathrm{O}$ angles of Cd 1 are between $75.0(1)$ and $97.9(1)^{\circ}$, those of Cd 2 are between $55.50(8)$ and $109.49(9)^{\circ}$.

The $\mu_{3}$-OMc and the chelating/bridging acetate cause a shorter distance between the symmetry-related Cd 1 atoms than the corresponding Ti atoms in Ti 4 or $\mathrm{Zn} 2 \mathrm{Ti4}$. The distance between Cd 1 and $\mathrm{Cd} 1^{\prime}[3.6618(8) \AA$ ] is comparable to that of $\mathrm{Cd} 1-\mathrm{Cd} 2 \quad\left[3.8904(8) \AA\right.$ and $\mathrm{Cd} 1-\mathrm{Cd} 2^{\prime}$ [3.9525(8) $\AA$ ]. However, the symmetry-related Cd2 atoms are moved further apart [Cd2-Cd2' 6.9358(14) Å].

Another carboxylate-substituted $\mathrm{Cd} / \mathrm{Ti}$ oxo cluster reported in the literature, $\mathrm{Cd}_{4} \mathrm{Ti}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{6}\left(\mathrm{OCHCH}_{2} \mathrm{NMe}_{2}\right)_{4}{ }^{-}$ $\left(\mathrm{OCCF}_{3}\right)_{4}(\mathrm{OAc})_{4},{ }^{[9]}$ is also based on four interconnected Cd polyhedra. In this case, however, the $\mathrm{Cd}_{4}$ unit is capped by two condensed Ti octahedra on both sides.

Reaction of an equimolar mixture of $\mathrm{Ca}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}$ and $\mathrm{Ti}(\mathrm{OiPr})_{4}$ or $\mathrm{Ti}(\mathrm{OBu})_{4}$ with methacrylic acid (4.5 equiv.) resulted in crystals of $\left[\mathrm{Ca}_{2} \mathrm{Ti}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{4}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}(\mathrm{OMc})_{10}\right]_{n}(\mathrm{Ca} 2 \mathrm{Ti} 4)$ besides much of a colorless precipitate of unknown composition. In Ca2Ti4 the outer two Ti octahedra of the Ti 6 structure are replaced by Ca distorted pentagonal bipyramids, but the structure of the $\mathrm{Ti}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{4}$ core is retained, similar
to that in Zn 2 Ti 4 . Owing to the lower charge of $\mathrm{Ca}^{2+}$ and its higher coordination number, the clusters are condensed to endless parallel chains of $\mathrm{Ca}_{2} \mathrm{Ti}_{4}$ units (Figure 5), contrary to the molecular clusters discussed before. The $\mathrm{Ca}_{2} \mathrm{Ti}_{4}$ repeating units are connected through a chelating-bridging acetate ligand. The acetate ligand is chelating Ca1, while one of its oxygen atoms (O3) is bridging Ca 1 and Ti1, and the other (O4) Ca1 and $\mathrm{Ca1}^{\prime}$. The Ca1-O4 bond length $[2.660(2) \AA]$ is much longer than that of $\mathrm{Ca}^{\prime}-\mathrm{O} 4$ [2.292(2) Å].


Figure 5. Structure of $\left[\mathrm{Ca}_{2} \mathrm{Ti}_{4}\left(\mu_{3}-\mathrm{O}\right)_{2}\left(\mu_{2}-\mathrm{O}\right)_{2}\left(\mu_{3}-\mathrm{OAc}\right)_{2}\left(\mu_{2}-\mathrm{OMc}\right)_{10}\right]_{n}$ (Ca2Ti4). Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths and angles: $\mathrm{Ca} 1-\mathrm{Ca} 1^{\prime} 4.0045(9)$, $\mathrm{Ca} 1-\mathrm{Til} 3.5083(6)$, $\mathrm{Ca} 1-$ Ti2' 3.6524(6), Ca1-O1 2.4549(16), Ti1-O1 1.965(2), Ti1-O2 1.730(2), Ti2-O1 1.760(2), Ti2-O2 1.912(2), Ca1-O3 2.428(2), Ca1-O4 2.659(2), Ca1'-O4 2.292(2), Ca1-O5 2.361(2), Ca1-O7 2.317(2), Ca1-O9 2.342(2), Ti1-O3 2.1116(18), Ti1-O6 1.9633(18), Ti2-O8 1.950(2), Ti2-O10 1.958(2), Ti1-O11 2.021(2), Ti1-O13 2.004(2), Ti2-O12 2.026(2), Ti2-O14 2.159(2) Å; Ca1-O1-Til 104.55(7), Ca1-O1-Ti2 119.20(8), Ti1-O1-Ti2 135.64(9) ${ }^{\circ}$.

In addition to the chelating-bridging acetate ligand and the $\mu_{3}$-oxygen, Ca 1 is also connected to Til through a bridging OMc ligand. Two OMc ligands bridge Ca 1 and Ti2. The $\mathrm{Ca}-\mathrm{O}$ bond lengths of the OMc ligands differ only slightly [2.317(2) and 2.361(2) $\AA$ ], as well as the Ti-O bond lengths of these ligands $[1.950(2)-1.963(2) \AA]$.

When the molar ratio of $\mathrm{Ti}(\mathrm{Oi} \mathrm{Pr})_{4} / \mathrm{Ca}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}$ in the precursor mixture was increased from $1: 1$ to $2: 1$, while keeping the proportion of methacrylic acid per metal constant, a variation of the structure of Ca2Ti4 was observed. The ligand sphere and the linkage of the cluster units in $\left[\mathrm{Ca}_{2} \mathrm{Ti}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{4}(\mathrm{OAc})(\mathrm{OMc})_{11}(\mathrm{HOMc}) \cdot \mathrm{BuOH}\right]_{n} \quad(\mathrm{Ca} 2 \mathrm{Ti} 4 \mathrm{a}) \quad$ is slightly different to that of $\mathrm{Ca} 2 \mathrm{Ti4}$, and the repeating cluster unit is doubled. Reasons for this doubling are differences in the occupancy of the ligands. The acetate ligand linking the cluster units is partly substituted by an OMc ligand. The occupancy of the acetate on one site is $25 \%$, and $75 \%$ on the second (Figure 6, indicated by grey dashed lines).

Different to Ca2Ti4, the structure of Ca2Ti4a contains a neutral HOMc ligand, of which one of the oxygen atoms (O15) is unsymmetrically bridging Ca 1 and Ca 2 [Ca2-O15


Figure 6. Structure of $\left[\mathrm{Ca}_{2} \mathrm{Ti}_{4}\left(\mu_{3}-\mathrm{O}\right)_{2}\left(\mu_{2}-\mathrm{O}\right)_{2}\left(\mu_{3}-\mathrm{OAc}\right)\left(\mu_{3}-\mathrm{OMc}\right)-\right.$ $\left.\left(\mu_{2}-\mathrm{OMc}\right)_{10}\left(\mu_{2}-\mathrm{HOMc}\right) \cdot \mathrm{BuOH}\right]_{n}$ (Ca2Ti4a). Only hydrogen atoms coordinated to oxygen atoms are displayed. Hydrogen bonds are drawn with blue dashed lines. Grey dashed lines indicate disordered parts. Selected bond lengths and angles: $\mathrm{Ca} 1-\mathrm{Ca} 23.7089(8)$, $\mathrm{Ca} 1-$ Ti1 3.5606(7), Ca1-Ti2' 3.6737(7), Ca1-O1 2.500(2), Ti1-O1 1.931(2), Ti1-O2 1.745(2), Ti2-O1 1.774(2), Ti2-O2 1.875(2), Ca1O3 2.560(2), Ca1-O4 2.510(2), Ca1'-O4 2.360(2), Ti1-O3 2.101(2), Ca1-O5 2.362(2), Ca1-O7 2.417(2), Ca1-O9 2.358(2), Til-O6 1.935(2), Ti2-O8 1.967(2), Ti2-O10 1.957(2), Ca1-O15 2.489(2), Ca2-O15 2.812(2), Ti1-O11 2.025(2), Ti1-O13 2.034(2), Ti2-O12 2.045(2), Ti2-O14 2.127(2) Å; Ca1-O1-Ti1 106.22(8), Ca1-O1-Ti2 117.52(9), Ti1-O1-Ti2 136.12(10) ${ }^{\circ}$.
$2.812(2) \AA, \mathrm{Ca} 1-\mathrm{O} 15$ 2.489(2) $\AA]$. This increases the coordination number of Ca from seven in Ca 2 Ti 4 to eight in $\mathrm{Ca} 2-$ Ti4a. The proton of the methacrylic acid is hydrogen bonded to a non-coordinated butanol, and the proton of the butanol in turn to an oxygen atom (O7) of one of the bridging OMc ligands. The bridging HOMc moves the Ca atoms closer to each other [Ca1-Ca2 3.7089(8) compared with $4.0045(9) \AA$ in Ca2Ti4] and also affects the linking carboxylate group. The $\mathrm{Ca}-\mathrm{O}$ bond lengths of the chelating ligands at Ca 1 are now equal [Ca1-O3 2.560(2), Ca1-O4 $2.510(2) \AA$ ] , and the Ca2-O4 distance is slightly lengthened [2.3604(19) Å]. The $\mathrm{Ca}-\mathrm{O}$ bonds of the chelating carboxylate group at Ca 2 differ in lengths, but are still shorter than in Ca2Ti4 [Ca2-O19 2.432(2), Ca2-O20 2.546(2) Å]. All other bond lengths are comparable to those in Ca 2 Ti 4 .

We have previously prepared $\mathrm{Sr}_{2} \mathrm{Ti}_{8} \mathrm{O}_{8}(\mathrm{O} i \mathrm{Pr})_{1.73^{-}}$ $(\mathrm{OAc})_{2.27}(\mathrm{OMc})_{16}$, with a crown ether like structure, from $\mathrm{Sr}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}, \mathrm{Ti}(\mathrm{OiPr})_{4}$, and methacrylic acid. ${ }^{[5]} \mathrm{A}$ compound with a different structure was obtained when $\mathrm{Sr}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}$ was treated with $\mathrm{Ti}(\mathrm{OBu})_{4}$. The arrangement of the metal polyhedra of polymeric $\left[\mathrm{Sr}_{2} \mathrm{Ti}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{4}(\mathrm{OMc})_{12}(\mathrm{HOMc})_{2}\right]_{n}(\mathrm{Sr} 2 \mathrm{Ti} 4$, Figure 7) is the same as that of Ca2Ti4 and Ca2Ti4a, but there are differences in the ligand sphere, especially in the coordination of Sr . In addition to $\mu_{3}$-oxygen atoms, Sr 1 is connected to Ti2 and Sr 2 to Ti 4 through two bridging OMc ligands each, similar to Ca1 and Til in Ca2Ti4. The connection of Sr 1 and Sr 2 to Ti 3 and Til by two OMc ligands each is slightly different. In one pair of OMc ligands, one oxygen atom of the COO group bridges Sr 1 and Til, whereas the other oxygen atom coordinates to Sr 2 (correspondingly, one oxygen atom bridges Sr 2 and Ti 3 , and the other coordinates to Sr 1 ). In the second pair of OMc li-
gands, one oxygen atom of the COO group bridges the two Sr atoms and the other oxygen atom binds to Til (or Ti3, respectively).


Figure 7. Structure of $\left[\mathrm{Sr}_{2} \mathrm{Ti}_{4}\left(\mu_{3}-\mathrm{O}\right)_{2}\left(\mu_{2}-\mathrm{O}\right)_{2}\left(\mu_{3}-\mathrm{OMc}\right)_{6}\left(\mu_{2}-\mathrm{OMc}\right)_{6}{ }^{-}\right.$ $\left.\left(\mu_{2}-\mathrm{HOMc}\right)_{2}\right]_{n}(\mathrm{Sr2Ti4})$. Only hydrogen atoms coordinated to oxygen atoms are displayed. The blue dashed lines indicate hydrogen bridges. Selected bond lengths and angles: Sr1-Til 3.6312(4), Sr1Ti2' 3.7280(4), Ti1-Ti2 3.3691(5), Sr1-O1 2.581(2), Ti1-O1 1.803(2), Ti1-O2 1.836(2), Ti2-O1 1.884(2), Ti2-O2 1.777(2), Sr1O3 2.877(2), $\mathrm{Sr} 2-\mathrm{O} 4$ 2.598(4), $\mathrm{Sr} 2-\mathrm{O} 4 \mathrm{~A}$ 2.438(13), $\mathrm{Sr} 1-\mathrm{O} 5$ 2.595(2), Sr2-O5 2.705(2), Sr1-O7 2.632(2), Sr1-O13 2.946(2), Sr1-O14 2.558(2), Sr1-O15 2.558(2), Ti1-O3 2.017(2), Til-O6 1.962(2), Ti1-O9 2.048(2), Ti1-O11 2.087(2), Ti2-O8 1.953(2), Ti2-O13 2.026(2), Ti2-O10 2.013(2), Ti2-O12 2.071(2) A; Sr1-O1Til 110.59(7), Sr1-O1-Ti2 112.29(7), Ti1-O1-Ti2 137.04(9) ${ }^{\circ}$.

The coordination spheres of the Sr atoms are completed by an $\eta^{1}$-HOMc. The coordination number for Sr is nine with two very long $\mathrm{Sr}-\mathrm{O}$ bonds $(>2.8 \AA$ ). The methacrylic acid bonded to Sr 1 shows hydrogen bonds to the OMc ligand bridging Sr 1 and $\mathrm{Ti} 2[\mathrm{Sr} 1-\mathrm{O} 15$ 2.558(2) $\AA$, O16 $\cdots \mathrm{O} 7$ $2.728(2) \AA$ ] and that bonded to Sr 2 hydrogen bonds to O 4 of a $\mu_{3}-\mathrm{OMc}$ ligand $[\mathrm{Sr} 2-\mathrm{O} 31 \quad 2.556(2), \quad \mathrm{O} 32 \cdots \mathrm{O} 4$ $2.804(5) \AA ̊]$. The acid as well as O 4 are disordered with $75: 25 \%$ occupancy of both positions. The minority position shows no hydrogen bonding [O32A $\cdots \mathrm{O}(4 \mathrm{~A}) 3.66(2) \AA$.

## Conclusion

The structure of all the clusters described in this article can be derived from that of Ti6. The general structure is retained when part of the Ti atoms is replaced by twovalent atoms $\left(\mathrm{Fe}^{2+}, \mathrm{Zn}^{2+}, \mathrm{Cd}^{2+}, \mathrm{Ca}^{2+}, \mathrm{Sr}^{2+}\right)$, but the lower charge of the second metal renders modification of the ligand sphere necessary. Depending on the preferred coordination number of the two-valent atoms, this adaptation occurs differently. In addition to different coordination of the negatively charged ligands, completion of the coordination sphere is also possible by coordination of neutral ligands $(\mathrm{ROH}, \mathrm{McOH})$, as observed in Cd4Ti2, Ca2Ti4a, or Sr2Ti4.
$\mathrm{Fe}^{2+}$ and $\mathrm{Ti}^{4+}$ have similar bonding characteristics with oxygen and the ionic radii are almost equal ( 0.61 and $0.605 \AA$ ), hence the four inner $\mathrm{Ti}^{4+}$ sites are partly replaced by $\mathrm{Fe}^{2+}$ atoms (FeTi5). In contrast, the ionic radius of $\mathrm{Cd}^{2+}$ is much bigger $(0.95 \AA)$. This results in a different arrangement of the coordination octahedra in Cd4Ti2, namely, re-
placement of the inner Ti atoms by Cd . The lower charge is compensated by a different coordination behavior of the smaller number of ligands.

Although the size of $\mathrm{Zn}^{2+}$ is the same as that of $\mathrm{Fe}^{2+}$ and $\mathrm{Ti}^{4+}(0.61 \AA)$, it usually exhibits tetrahedral coordination. Hence a partial substitution of the Ti atoms is not possible. In $\mathrm{Zn} 2 \mathrm{Ti4}$, the two outer Ti octahedra are replaced by Zn tetrahedra, with corresponding adjustment of the connecting ligands.
$\mathrm{Ca}^{2+}$ and $\mathrm{Sr}^{2+}$ ions are much bigger, have higher coordination numbers (seven-coordinated $\mathrm{Ca}^{2+} 2.00 \AA$, eight-coordinate $\mathrm{Ca}^{2+} 2.17 \AA$, ten-coordinated $\mathrm{Sr}^{2+} 2.33 \AA$ ), and the bonds are less directed. In the Ca and Sr compounds, the outer Ti octahedra are substituted with Ca or Sr polyhedra. Different to FeTi5, Zn2Ti4, and Cd4Ti2 where molecular clusters were obtained, $\mathrm{Ca} 2 \mathrm{Ti4}$, Ca 2 Ti 4 a , and $\mathrm{Sr} 2 \mathrm{Ti4}$ form chains of condensed clusters in the crystal lattice. This is enabled by the higher coordination of $\mathrm{Ca}^{2+}$ and $\mathrm{Sr}^{2+}$.

The structures reported in this article impressively demonstrate the subtle balancing of charges and coordination behavior of both the metals and the ligands to reach a stable cluster. ${ }^{[6]}$ In light of the reported results, it is to some extent surprising that such closely related structures were obtained with a given set of ligands, despite the considerably different ionic radii and coordination numbers of the metals.

## Experimental Section

General: All experiments were carried out under an argon atmosphere using standard Schlenk techniques. $\mathrm{Ti}(\mathrm{OBu})_{4}, \mathrm{Fe}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}$, and $\mathrm{Sr}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}$ were obtained from Aldrich, $\mathrm{Ti}(\mathrm{OiPr})_{4}$ from $\mathrm{ABCR}, \mathrm{Ca}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ and $\mathrm{Zn}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ from Fluka, and $\mathrm{Cd}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ from Merck. Water-free metal acetates were obtained by drying under vacuum at $130^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ overnight (verified by IR spectroscopy). All solvents used for NMR spectroscopy (Eurisotop) were degassed prior to use and stored over molecular sieves. Ti6 was prepared analogously to the $\mathrm{O} n \mathrm{Pr}$ derivative. ${ }^{[2]}$
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ solution-state NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance $250\left(250.13 \mathrm{MHz}\left[{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right], 62.86 \mathrm{MHz}\left[{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\right]\right)$ equipped with a 5 mm inverse-broadband probe head and a $z$-gradient unit.
General Preparative Procedure: $\mathrm{Ti}(\mathrm{O} i \mathrm{Pr})_{4}$, the corresponding waterfree metal acetate and an excess amount of methacrylic acid were mixed. No solvent was added unless otherwise stated. The mixture was left standing in a closed vessel until crystals were formed.
$\mathrm{FeTi}_{5} \mathrm{O}_{\mathbf{4}}(\mathbf{O i P r})_{\mathbf{4}}(\mathbf{O M c})_{\mathbf{1 0}} \quad(\mathrm{FeTi6}):$ The red-brown solution of $\mathrm{Fe}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}(1 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.174 \mathrm{~g}), \mathrm{Ti}(\mathrm{OiPr})_{4}(2 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.568 \mathrm{~g})$, and methacrylic acid ( $17 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.44 \mathrm{~g}$ ) was stirred for one week and then filtered. Reddish-brown crystals were obtained after two weeks, yield $0.120 \mathrm{~g}(41 \%$ rel. Ti).
$\mathbf{Z n}_{\mathbf{2}} \mathbf{T i}_{\mathbf{4}} \mathbf{O}_{\mathbf{4}}(\mathbf{O i P r})_{\mathbf{2}} \mathbf{( \mathbf { O M c } ) _ { \mathbf { 1 0 } } ( \mathbf { Z n 2 T i 4 } ) : ~} \mathrm{Ti}(\mathrm{OiPr})_{4}(1 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.284 \mathrm{~g})$, dry $\mathrm{Zn}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}(1 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.183 \mathrm{~g})$, and methacrylic acid ( 10 mmol , 0.861 g ) were mixed at room temperature. After addition of methacrylic acid the mixture immediately turned orange. Dry $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ $(1.5 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added to the mixture. After 1 week orange crystals were isolated from the mother liquid, yield (after washing with dry $n$-heptane): $0.256 \mathrm{~g}\left(77 \%\right.$ rel. to Ti). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 250 \mathrm{MHz}\right)$ : $\delta=1.22(\mathrm{~m}, 12 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CHMe}), 1.81-2.11(\mathrm{~m}, 30 \mathrm{H},=\mathrm{CMe}), 4.52(\mathrm{sep}$, $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C} H \mathrm{Me}), 5.35-5.68\left(\mathrm{~m}, 10 \mathrm{H},=\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 5.98-6.43(\mathrm{~m}, 10 \mathrm{H}$,
$\left.=\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)$ ppm. IR: $\tilde{\mathrm{v}}=611(\mathrm{~s}), 686(\mathrm{w}), 790(\mathrm{~m}), 825(\mathrm{~m}), 859(\mathrm{w})$, 942 (m), 988 (w), 1005 (w), 1113 (w), 1162 (w), 1241 (m), 1372 (m), 1411 (s), 1552 (s), 1644 (w), 2975 (w) cm ${ }^{-1}$.
$\left.\mathbf{C d}_{4} \mathrm{Ti}_{\mathbf{2}} \mathrm{O}_{\mathbf{2}}(\mathrm{OAc})_{\mathbf{2}}(\mathbf{O M c})_{10}(\mathbf{i P r O H})_{2} \mathbf{( C d 4 T i 2}\right): \mathrm{Cd}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}(1 \mathrm{mmol}$, $0.231 \mathrm{~g})$ was mixed with $\mathrm{Ti}(\mathrm{O} i \mathrm{Pr})_{4}(1 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.284 \mathrm{~g})$ and methacrylic acid ( $10 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.861 \mathrm{~g}$ ) in dry $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}(2 \mathrm{~mL})$. The sample was stirred for 3 h and then filtered through a syringe filter. After 2 weeks, colorless crystals could be isolated from the mother liquid, yield (after washing with dry $n$-heptane): $0.198 \mathrm{~g}(48 \%$ rel. Cd$) .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$

NMR ( $\left[\mathrm{D}_{8}\right]$ toluene, 250 MHz ): $\delta=1.36\left(\mathrm{~m}, 12 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{HOCH} \mathrm{Me}_{2}\right)$, 1.68-1.78 (m, 30 H, =CMe), 1.92-2.01 (sep, $6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CMe}$ ), 4.94 (m, $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{HOCHMe}), 5.16-5.40\left(\mathrm{~m}, 10 \mathrm{H},=\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 6.03-6.45(\mathrm{~m}, 10 \mathrm{H}$, $=\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ ) ppm.
$\left[\mathrm{Ca}_{2} \mathrm{Ti}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{4}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}(\mathbf{O M c})_{10}{ }_{n}\right.$ ( $\left.\mathbf{C a} 2 \mathrm{Ti4}\right):$ Dry $\mathrm{Ca}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2} \quad(2 \mathrm{mmol}$, $0.363 \mathrm{~g})$ and $\mathrm{Ti}(\mathrm{OiPr})_{4}(2 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.568 \mathrm{~g})$ were treated with methacrylic acid ( $18 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.55 \mathrm{~g}$ ). A clear solution was obtained after 1 h of stirring. After two weeks colorless crystals formed, in addition to much of a white insoluble and amorphous precipitate.

Table 1. Crystal data, data collection parameters, and refinement details. ${ }^{[a]}$

|  | Ti6 | FeTi5 | Zn2Ti4 | Cd4Ti2 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Empirical formula | $\mathrm{C}_{56} \mathrm{H}_{96} \mathrm{O}_{28} \mathrm{Ti}_{6}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{26} \mathrm{H}_{39} \mathrm{Fe}_{0.5} \mathrm{O}_{14} \mathrm{Ti}_{2.5}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{46} \mathrm{H}_{64} \mathrm{O}_{26} \mathrm{Ti}_{4} \mathrm{Zn}_{2}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{50} \mathrm{H}_{70} \mathrm{Cd}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{28} \mathrm{Ti}_{2}$ |
| $M_{\text {r }}$ | 1504.73 | 723.25 | 1327.43 | 1664.46 |
| Crystal system | monoclinic | monoclinic | triclinic | monoclinic |
| Space group | $P 2_{1} / c$ | $P 2_{1} / n$ | $P \overline{1}$ | C2/c |
| $a[\AA]$ | 11.5503(4) | 12.0904(10) | 10.0269(3) | 22.290(4) |
| $b[\AA]$ | 18.9581(5) | 11.1928(9) | 12.7249(4) | 15.173(3) |
| $c[\AA]$ | 17.0246(5) | 24.9189(19) | 13.1321(5) | 21.026(4) |
| $a\left[{ }^{\circ}\right]$ | 90 | 90 | 106.170 (2) | 90 |
| $\beta{ }^{\left[{ }^{\circ}\right]}$ | 105.1810(10) | 97.830(3) | 96.950(2) | 110.224(5) |
| $\gamma\left[{ }^{\circ}\right]$ | 90 | 90 | 111.950(2) | 90 |
| $V\left[\AA^{3}\right]$ | 3597.81(19) | 3340.7(5) | 1444.16(8) | 6673(2) |
| Z | 2 | 4 | 1 | 4 |
| $D_{\text {calcd. }}\left[\mathrm{gcm}^{-3}\right]$ | 1.389 | 1.438 | 1.558 | 1.379 |
| $\mu\left[\mathrm{mm}^{-1}\right]$ | 0.710 | 0.859 | 1.425 | 0.661 |
| Crystal size [mm] | $0.40 \times 0.25 \times 0.20$ | $0.46 \times 0.39 \times 0.19$ | $0.19 \times 0.18 \times 0.15$ | $0.22 \times 0.20 \times 0.14$ |
| $T_{\text {min }}, T_{\text {max }}$ | $0.7643,0.8710$ | 0.6934, 0.8538 | $0.6213,0.7473$ | $0.7258,0.8115$ |
| Measd., indep., obsd. reflections $[I>2 \sigma(I)]$ | 103239, 14090, 10638 | 95122, 8702, 6080 | 18055, 18055, 13178 | 122456, 10180, 8084 |
| $R_{\text {int }}$ | 0.0523 | 0.0439 | 0.0817 | 0.031 |
| $\theta_{\text {max }}\left[{ }^{\circ}\right]$ | 33.50 | 28.85 | 37.02 | 30.52 |
| $R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma(F)\right], \omega R\left(F^{2}\right), S$ | $0.0361,0.889,1.032$ | 0.0721, 0.1880, 1.119 | 0.0476, 0.1160, 1.000 | 0.0367, 0.0839, 1.224 |
| Parameters | 418 | 399 | 359 | 391 |
| Weighting scheme ${ }^{[a]}$ | $x=0.0459, y=1.6781$ | $x=0.0580, y=11.3336$ | $x=0.0464, y=0.4048$ | $x=0.0111, y=45.3277$ |
| $\delta \rho_{\text {max }}, \delta \rho_{\text {min }}\left[\mathrm{e} \AA^{-3}\right]$ | 0.955, -0.592 | $1.065,-0.794$ | 0.918, -0.671 | $1.534,-0.786$ |

[a] $\omega=1 /\left[\sigma^{2}\left(F_{\mathrm{o}}^{2}\right)+(x P)^{2}+y P\right]$, in which $P=\left(F_{\mathrm{o}}^{2}+2 F_{\mathrm{c}}^{2}\right) / 3$.
Table 2. Crystal data, data collection parameters, and refinement details. ${ }^{[a]}$

|  | Ca2Ti4 | Ca2Ti4a | Sr2Ti4 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Empirical formula | $\mathrm{C}_{22} \mathrm{H}_{28} \mathrm{CaO}_{14} \mathrm{Ti}_{2}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{54} \mathrm{H}_{74} \mathrm{Ca}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{31} \mathrm{Ti}_{4}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{56} \mathrm{H}_{72} \mathrm{O}_{32} \mathrm{Sr}_{2} \mathrm{Ti}_{4}$ |
| $M_{\text {r }}$ | 652.32 | 1490.89 | 1623.98 |
| Crystal system | orthorhombic | triclinic | triclinic |
| Space group | Pcon | $P \overline{1}$ | $P \overline{1}$ |
| $a[\AA]$ | 20.4104(7) | 13.9656(6) | 12.7300(4) |
| $b[\AA]$ | 23.1828(9) | 15.3582(7) | 13.4769(4) |
| $c[\AA]$ | 12.5984(4) | 16.7388(7) | 22.8051(5) |
| $a\left[{ }^{\circ}\right]$ | 90 | 81.340(2) | 83.9400(11) |
| $\beta{ }^{\left[{ }^{\circ}\right]}$ | 90 | 83.406(2) | 80.5600(11) |
| $\gamma\left[{ }^{\circ}\right]$ | 90 | 75.256(2) | 63.5300(11) |
| $V\left[\AA^{3}\right]$ | 5961.2(4) | 3421.4(3) | 3452.6(2) |
| $Z$ | 8 | 2 | 2 |
| $D_{\text {calcd. }}\left[\mathrm{g} \mathrm{cm}^{-3}\right]$ | 1.454 | 1.447 | 1.562 |
| $\mu\left[\mathrm{mm}^{-1}\right]$ | 0.77 | 0.684 | 2.06 |
| Crystal size [mm] | $0.45 \times 0.40 \times 0.22$ | $0.29 \times 0.23 \times 0.19$ | $0.20 \times 0.18 \times 0.15$ |
| $T_{\text {min }}, T_{\text {max }}$ | $0.6321,0.7472$ | 0.6636, 0.7455 | 0.5171, 0.7465 |
| Measd., indep., obsd. reflections $[I>2 \sigma(I)]$ | 257146, 14564, 9971 | 101946, 15413, 10380 | 117417, 21081, 14895 |
| $R_{\text {int }}$ | 0.0692 | 0.071 | 0.0598 |
| $\theta_{\text {max }}\left[{ }^{\circ}\right]$ | 36.74 | 27.44 | 30.58 |
| $R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma(F)\right], \omega R\left(F^{2}\right), S$ | $0.0645,0.1799,1.183$ | 0.0420, 0.1208, 1.062 | $0.0388,0.885,1.020$ |
| Parameters | 358 | 850 | 877 |
| Weighting scheme ${ }^{[a]}$ | $x=0.0517, y=13.5390$ | $x=0.0564, y=1.8169$ | $x=0.0344, y=2.5320$ |
| $\delta \rho_{\text {max }}, \delta \rho_{\text {min }}\left[\mathrm{e} \AA^{-3}\right]$ | 1.724, -0.632 | 0.829, -0.547 | 0.844, -0.694 |

[a] $\omega=1 /\left[\sigma^{2}\left(F_{\mathrm{o}}^{2}\right)+(x P)^{2}+y P\right]$, in which $P=\left(F_{\mathrm{o}}^{2}+2 F_{\mathrm{c}}^{2}\right) / 3$.

The same compound was obtained when dry $\mathrm{Ca}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}$ ( 2 mmol , $0.363 \mathrm{~g})$ and $\mathrm{Ti}(\mathrm{OBu})_{4}(2 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.702 \mathrm{~g})$ were treated with methacrylic acid ( $18 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.55 \mathrm{~g}$ ). Colorless crystals were obtained after filtration of the reaction solution.
$\left[\mathrm{Ca}_{2} \mathrm{Ti}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{4}(\mathrm{OAc})(\mathrm{OMc})_{11}(\mathrm{HOMc}) \cdot \mathrm{BuOH}_{n} \quad(\mathrm{Ca} 2 \mathrm{Ti4a}): \quad\right.$ Dry $\mathrm{Ca}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}(1 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.182 \mathrm{~g})$ and $\mathrm{Ti}(\mathrm{OiPr})_{4}(2 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.568 \mathrm{~g})$ were treated with methacrylic acid ( $13.5 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.162 \mathrm{~g}$ ). After two weeks colorless crystals formed, in addition to much of a white insoluble and amorphous precipitate.
$\left[\mathbf{S r}_{2} \mathbf{T i}_{4} \mathbf{O}_{\mathbf{4}}(\mathbf{O M c})_{12}(\mathbf{H O M c})_{2} \mathbf{l}_{n}(\mathbf{S r 2 T i 4}): \operatorname{Sr}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}(1 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.411 \mathrm{~g})\right.$ and $\mathrm{Ti}(\mathrm{OBu})_{4}(1 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.351 \mathrm{~g})$ were treated with methacrylic acid $(12 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.03 \mathrm{~g})$. Small amounts of precipitate were formed after three days in the originally clear solution. After 6 weeks a big colorless crystal was formed.

X-ray Structure Analyses: Crystallographic data were collected on a Bruker AXS SMART APEX II four-circle diffractometer with кgeometry at 100 K using $\mathrm{Mo}-K_{\alpha}(\lambda=0.71073 \AA)$ radiation. The data were corrected for polarization and Lorentz effects, and an empirical absorption correction (SADABS) was employed. The cell dimensions were refined with all-unique reflections. SAINT PLUS software (Bruker Analytical X-ray Instruments, 2007) was used to integrate the frames. Symmetry was then checked with the program PLATON. ${ }^{[10]}$

The structures were solved by charge flipping (JANA2006). Refinement was performed by the full-matrix least-squares method based on $F^{2}$ (SHELXL97) with anisotropic thermal parameters for all non-hydrogen atoms. Hydrogen atoms were inserted in calculated positions and refined riding with the corresponding atom. Crystal data, data collection parameters, and refinement details are listed in Tables 1 and 2.

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tained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif.

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