is to reveal the crystallinity of those metal complex layers which has not been studied yet. We made structural analysis on a metal complex ultra-thin film grown on a substrate using synchrotron x-ray reflectivity and grazing angle x-ray diffraction (GAXD). An iron oxalate layer and a copper rubeanate layer grown on an ultra-smooth sapphire (0001) substrate by wet method were measured. The ultrasmooth sapphire substrate was used to make an interface as smooth as possible [2]. The wavelength of incident x-rays used was 0.1nm. The measurements were performed at BL13XU, SPring-8. The fitted result to x-ray reflectivity data from an iron oxalate layer on sapphire using a single layer model showed that the layer thickness is 0.41 nm. Two peaks were observed in the out-of-plane GAXD measurement profiles. The peaks correspond to periodic planes with the periods of 0.340 nm and 0.142 nm, respectively. No peaks were observed in the in-plane GAXD profiles. The structure of the layer in-plane direction would be random [3]. The results from a copper rubeanate layer showed that the layer formed a large crystal since the reflectivity profile showed peaks correspond to periodic planes with the periods of 0.69nm and 0.344nm. In-plane GAXD profiles had many peaks. We obtained the conclusion that both complex layers formed crystals, but the crystallinity of two layers were in different level.

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Crystal structures of two homotetranuclear oxovanadium complexes

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The self-assembly reactions between VO(acac)₂ and hydrazone(SFH) with similar condition give two cyclic homotetranuclear complexes 1 and 2. There are two common structural features in the two oxovanadium complexes. First, the two complexes are with same chemical formula $[(VO_2)(VO)(CH_3O)(C_{12}H_7N_2O_4)(C_5H_5N)]_2$. Second, the two title complexes are centrosymmetrically cyclic tetranuclear oxovanadium complexes and each complex molecule in the two complexes has a (V-N-N-V-O)2 core. Third, the coordination geometry around the V(1) atom is a distorted octahedron, while the coordination polyhedron of V(2) atom is between the square-pyramid and the trigonal bi pyramid. The two title complexes crystallize as two different polymorphs with different dihedral angle between benzene ring and furfuran ring in the same hydrazone ligand.

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Cleavage of Ti₃E₃ (E= O, N) rings by aluminum derivatives

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During the last years our group has studied the chemistry of the organometallic complexes $[{TiCp^*(\mu_3-O)}_3(\mu_3-CR)]$ [R = H (1), Me (2)] and $[{TiCp^*(\mu-NH)}_3(\mu_3-N)]$ (3) [Cp* = η^5 -C₅Me₅]. These complexes are able to act as neutral ligands towards different alkyl and halide group 13 and 14 derivatives, to give the corresponding adducts via oxo or imido coordination.¹ Although sometimes the reactions evolve to give very interesting organometallic compounds as [{MeA1} {(\mu-OH)(\mu_3-O)}_2 {(\mu-O)_2(TiCp^*)_3(\mu_3-CH)}_2], obtained by addition of AlMe₃ to a solution of complex 1.² We will show how the addition of different aluminum derivatives to complexes 2 and 3 lets to open the Ti₃E₃ rings removing one oxygen or nitrogen atoms and leads to the formation of several singular

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Formation of alkylated di-cation by weak hydrogen bonds in the crystal of Ni(dmit)₂ salts

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The Crystals of $[Ni(dmit)_2]^-$ (dmit = 1,3-dithiole-2-thione-4,5dithiolate) salts with two kinds of counter di-cations (1,1-Cndipyridinium (dPyr) or 1,1-Cn-di-3-acetylpyridinium (dAce); Cn alkylene chain length; n = 4, 6, 8, 10), were prepared and characterized by single crystal X-ray analysis. The effects of both weak hydrogen bond that connects the cations and alkylene chain that adjust the length of cation have been investigated by X-ray crystallographic analysis. dPyr cations in their complex salts were linked by C-H π interactions to form one-dimensional structure. On the other hand, dAce cations formed one-dimensional structure linked by C-H⁻⁻O hydrogen bonds. Furthermore, the type of linkage depended on the length of the alkylene chain. Cations with short (n = 4) and long (n = 10) alkylene chain were linked by C-H^{\cdot}O hydrogen bond with A type of linkage. For those with medium (n = 6, 8), however, the cations adopted B type of linkage. These results indicate that the crystal packing as a whole is controlled by the Coulomb interaction, but the C-H-O hydrogen bonds were found to function superior to the C-H π interactions on the formation of cation domain.