Polyoxometalate Photocatalysis



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What are polyoxometalates (POMs)?



- $\blacksquare \ge 3$ transition metal oxyanions linked by shared oxygen atoms
- closed, 3-dimensional frameworks
- typically group 6 (Mo, W) and group 5 (V, Nb, Ta)
- type I & III POMs shown to be reversibly reduced to "heteropoly blues"

Outline





POM synthesis



- can include heteroatoms "X" to form hetero-POMs
- frequently involve equilibria between several POMs
- controlled by pH, counterion identity, temperature, cosolvent, M/X ratio

Type I POMs have rich redox chemistry



 $MOL_5 MO$ diagram (C_{4v} , no xy π -bonding)

TM atoms in highest (d^0) oxidation state \Rightarrow POMs act as oxidants

- Type I POMs have formally nonbonding LUMO (b₂)
- In type II POMs, former d_{xy} orbital is π^*

POM photoredox reactivity



- Potentials are very approximate^c
- V, Mo POMs strong oxidants, but difficult to re-oxidize to a^0
- V, Mo POMs can be sufficiently oxidizing in ground state to react with oxidizable intermediates
- POMs typically show long (100s of nm), tailing absorbance

^apotential vs. NHE I ^birreversible reduction I ^cvarious reference electrodes and experimental conditions; literature not in agreement De Waele, V., Poizat, O., Fagnoni, M., Bagno, A., Ravelli, D. *ACS Catal.*, **2016**, *6*, 7174 Hou, D., Hagen, K. S., Hill, C. L., *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, **1992**, *114*, 5864 *Polyoxometalate Molecular Science*; Almenar-Borras, J. J., Coronado, E., Muller, A., Pope, M., Eds.; Springer: Dordrecht, 2003

A closer look at decatungstate photochemistry



■ after excitation, fast ($\tau \sim 10 \text{ ps}$) ISC yields the reactive ${}^{3}\text{T}_{1}$ state

³T₁ HOMO-1 has highest (accessible) density on apical oxo ligands

Singly-reduced $[HW_{10}O_{32}]^{4-}$ can disproportionate to $[W_{10}O_{32}]^{4-}$ and $[H_2W_{10}O_{32}]^{4-}$

^apotential vs. SCE De Waele, V., Poizat, O., Fagnoni, M., Bagno, A., Ravelli, D. *ACS Catal.* **2016**, *6*, 7174 Yamase, T., Takabayashi, N., Kaji, M. *J. Chem. Soc. Dalton Trans.* **1984**, 793 Decatungstate redox potentials vary widely



strongly dependent on solvent

strongly dependent on protonation state

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POM photoredox catalysis



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Early work in decatungstate-catalyzed C–H oxygenation



Further studies on decatungstate-catalyzed C–H oxygenation



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Oxyfunctionalization of remote C–H bonds of aliphatic amines





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^aAY = assay yield before derivitization; IY = isolated yield after derivitization Schultz, D. M., Davies, I. W., *et al. Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2017**, *56*, 15274

TBADT-catalyzed fluorination of unactivated C–H bonds



synergistic H atom transfer/F atom transfer

■ fluorinates C–H bonds potentially prone to oxidative metabolism

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TBADT-catalyzed fluorination of leucine on large scale



Iarge scale for the synthesis of odanacatib (development now discontinued)

previously processes required 2-6 steps (F introduced by alkene or epoxide hydrofluorination)





Early work in TBADT-catalyzed C–C bond-forming reactions



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TBADT-catalyzed acetylation



rare example of a carbanion intermediate in POM photoredox

product deactivated toward further functionalization

TBADT-catalyzed alkylation of electrophilic alkenes



- nucleophilic alkyl radicals trapped efficiently by electrophilic alkenes
- complete conversion
- Φ ranges from 0.06–0.58 depending on alkyl radical nucleophilicity

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electrophilic radical turns over [HW₁₀O₃₂]⁴⁻ by SET

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Further studies on TBADT-catalyzed alkylation of electrophilic alkenes



Scope has been extended to many classes of C–H nucelophile

Site selectivity is governed by a combination of steric and polar effects

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TBADT-catalyzed cross-dehydrogenative coupling



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A final comment on visible light-excitable POMs



Visible light photocatalysis with polyoxovanadates



- in situ thermal conversion of $\{V_4\}$ to $\{V_5\}$ allows visible light photoredox catalysis
- I turnover by O_2 is quite slow (weeks), but turnover by H_2O_2 is fast (seconds)

Visible light photoredox catalysis with heteropolyoxovanadates



UV/vis spectra



explored for oxidation of pollutants



indigo (model pollutant)

• $\Phi \sim 2\%$ for photooxidation of indigo at $\lambda_{ex} = 450$ nm

POM-photosensitizer co-catalyzed water oxidation



- POM catalysis can be coupled to external photoredox processes
- [Ru(bpy)₃]²⁺ acts as electron shuttle between Co-POM and stoichiometric oxidant