

Laboratory for Molecular Design: Inorganic Material Science of Coordination Compounds and Clusters

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## 1. Current Research and Principal Research Interests

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My research interest is in the area of synthetic chemistry of functional organometallic and coordination compounds. Research projects currently in progress involve the synthetic study of organometallic oxide clusters and photosensitive crystalline-state complexes and development of artificial sulfur cycle on M-M bonds.

*Organometallic oxide clusters* which have cubic, incomplete cubic and valley site frameworks are useful as homogeneous and heterogeneous catalysts in the oxidation and metathesis of unsaturated hydrocarbons. We have synthesized several organometallic oxide clusters with the latter frameworks, for example the triple cubic [(Cp\*Rh)<sub>4</sub>Mo<sub>4</sub>O<sub>16</sub>] (Cp\* =  $\eta^5$ -C<sub>5</sub>Me<sub>5</sub>), the incomplete double cubic [(Cp\*Rh)<sub>2</sub>Mo<sub>3</sub>O<sub>9</sub>(OMe)<sub>4</sub>], the double bookshelf [(Cp\*Rh)<sub>2</sub>Mo<sub>6</sub>O<sub>20</sub>(OMe)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>2-</sup> type oxide clusters and so on. These clusters are formed by the condensation of oxometalate anions on the Lewis acidic Cp\*Rh moiety, which is able to provide



Artificial sulfur cycle on M-M bonds. Oxidation is an important part of most sulfur cycles and sulfur chemistry in general. In the oceanic thermal vents, it was reported that H<sub>2</sub>S is released and then oxidized to  $SO_4^{2-}$ , which then settles back to the vent to be reduced back to H<sub>2</sub>S. Also, some bacteria perform a stepwise conversion of organic disulfides into RSO<sub>3</sub>H. Herein, we will report a strictly inorganic oxidation of an  $\mu$ -S<sub>2</sub> rhodium complex [{Cp\*Rh( $\mu$ -CH<sub>2</sub>)}<sub>2</sub>( $\mu$ -S<sub>2</sub>)] which is derived from several steps starting at the reaction of trans-[{Cp\*Rh( $\mu$ -CH<sub>2</sub>)}<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>] with H<sub>2</sub>S. From the oxidation reaction, the mono-[ $\mu$ -SS(O)], bis-[ $\mu$ -SS(O)<sub>2</sub> and  $\mu$ -S(O)S(O)] and tetra-[ $\mu$ -S(O)<sub>2</sub>S(O)<sub>2</sub>] oxygenated species have been isolated and characterized. Preliminary <sup>1</sup> H NMR data suggests that the oxidation process, like the oxidation of organic disulfides, may

happen in a stepwise fashion. Tetra- $[\mu$ -S(O)<sub>2</sub>S(O)<sub>2</sub>] oxygenated species is oxidized further with O<sub>2</sub> to give SO<sub>3</sub> and SO<sub>4</sub> complexes under irradiation of light. Mechanistic details of the oxidation reaction as well as attempts to reduce the oxide complexes are under progress.





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