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## **INTRODUCTION**

Polyoxometalate (POM) is a polyatomic ion, usually an anion which consists of three or more transition metal oxyanions linked together by shared oxygen atoms to form closed 3-dimensional frameworks or it is an anionic aggregates of early transition metals ( $\text{Mo}^{\text{VI}}$ ,  $\text{W}^{\text{VI}}$ ,  $\text{V}^{\text{V}}$  etc.) and oxygen.

Polyoxometalates because of their potential applications in fields as diverse as catalysis<sup>1</sup>, biochemical analysis<sup>2,3</sup>, medicinal chemistry<sup>4</sup>, and material science<sup>5</sup> have become a subject of general interest. The polyoxoanion – supported transition metal complexes is the important advance in polyoxometalate chemistry. Such metal oxide – based inorganic complexes provide new and exciting functional materials with an interesting optical, electronic, and magnetic properties and also serve as structural models for understanding the functions of oxide – supported catalysts. Mostly Keggin – type anions have been used to support inorganic complexes because the charge density of the Keggin – surface oxygen atoms can be increased either by reducing some of their metal centres (e.g.,  $\text{Mo}^{\text{VI}}$  to  $\text{Mo}^{\text{V}}$ ) or replacing higher – valent metal centers (e.g., replace  $\text{Mo}^{\text{VI}}$  with  $\text{V}^{\text{IV}}$ ).<sup>6</sup>

In Polyoxometalate (henceforth called as POM) chemistry, a recent trend is the functionalization of the POM cluster anions, to explore more selective applications. Functionalization of a cluster anion in a broad sense can be discussed by three general categories:

- i. Multidimensional inorganic organic hybrid materials that include porous structures.
- ii. Replacement of  $\text{MO}_6$  octahedra of the pertinent cluster anion with transition metal ions (known as substitution) resulting in a transition metal ion substituted lacunary POM cluster anion with higher negative charges (where M = addenda atoms, such as Mo, W, and V, etc.).
- iii. Attachment of a transition metal complex (TMC) on the surface of a POM anion using coordinate covalent bonds (known as addition).<sup>7</sup>

In recent times, Category iii. has received considerable attention as far as new POM – based materials, having aesthetic supramolecular structures, are concerned.<sup>7</sup>

The introduction of the coordination complexes into the framework by covalently grafting the complex through the terminal or bridging oxygen atom(s) of the polyoxometalates is a recent modification to the polyoxometalates, taking

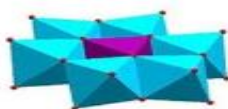
into consideration the charge compensation or the structure direction, which are called polyoxometalate supported transition metal complexes (PSTMC's). This modification to the polyoxometalate enhances the potential applications of these hybrid PSTMC's in many diverse fields.<sup>8</sup>

Polyoxometalates are stable with respect to thermal and oxidative degradation. They can function as homogeneous as well as heterogeneous catalysts. A challenging goal of oxidation catalysis is the design of active, selective, and recyclable heterogeneous catalysts. Polyoxometalates or transition – metal oxoanion nanosized clusters have received increasing attention as oxidation catalysts because of their numerous advantageous properties, such as inorganic nature, thermodynamic stability to oxidation, hydrostability, tunability of redox and acid properties, and so on.<sup>9</sup>

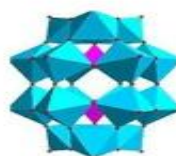
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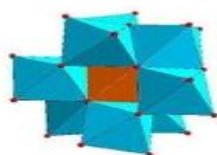
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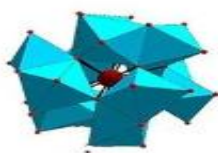
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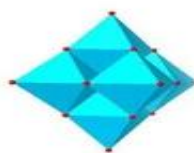
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**Dexter**



**Lindqvist**

The various development in POM studies took place which include discovery of giant wheel, Kepelarate, porous capsule type cluster. The mystery of molybdenum blue was solved.



## LITERATURE REVIEW

### Synthesis and structural features of polyoxometalates:

Table:

| Sr. No. | Compound   | Space group | Synthesis details/ conditions                  | POM cluster anion/ source/ acid (pH)  | Applications | Reference |
|---------|--|-------------|--|---|--------------|-----------|
| 1.      | [2-ampH] <sub>4</sub> [{Zn(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>5</sub> }Mo <sub>7</sub> O <sub>24</sub> ].9H <sub>2</sub> O<br>where amp = aminopyridine  | <i>Pnma</i> | Conventional wet synthesis at room temperature | [Mo <sub>7</sub> O <sub>24</sub> ] <sup>6-</sup> / Sodium molybdate solution / HCl (pH 3-6)                             | -            | 7         |
| 2.      | [3-ampH] <sub>4</sub> [{Zn(3-ampy)(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub> }Mo <sub>7</sub> O <sub>24</sub> ].4 H <sub>2</sub> O  | <i>Cc</i>   | Conventional wet synthesis at room temperature | [Mo <sub>7</sub> O <sub>24</sub> ] <sup>6-</sup> / Sodium molybdate solution / HCl (pH 3-6)                             | -            | 7         |
| 3.      | [3-ampH] <sub>4</sub> [{Co(3-ampy)(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub> }Mo <sub>7</sub> O <sub>24</sub> ].4 H <sub>2</sub> O  | <i>Cc</i>   | Conventional wet synthesis at room temperature | [Mo <sub>7</sub> O <sub>24</sub> ] <sup>6-</sup> / Sodium molybdate solution / HCl (pH 3-6)                             | -            | 7         |
| 4.      | [2,3-diampH] <sub>4</sub> [Co(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ][Mo <sub>7</sub> O <sub>24</sub> ].6H <sub>2</sub> O   | <i>C2/c</i> | Conventional wet synthesis at room temperature | [Mo <sub>7</sub> O <sub>24</sub> ] <sup>6-</sup> / Sodium molybdate solution / HCl (pH 3-6)                             | -            | 7         |
| 5.      | [2,3-diampH] <sub>2</sub> [{Zn(2,3-diampH) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> }Mo <sub>8</sub> O <sub>27</sub> ].2H <sub>2</sub> O   | <i>C2/c</i> | Conventional wet synthesis at room temperature | [Mo <sub>8</sub> O <sub>27</sub> ] <sup>6-</sup> / Sodium molybdate solution / HCl (pH 3-6)                             | -            | 7         |
| 6.      | [Al(OH) <sub>6</sub> Mo <sub>6</sub> O <sub>18</sub> {Cu(phen)}(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> [Al(OH) <sub>6</sub> Mo <sub>6</sub> O <sub>18</sub> {Cu(phen)(H <sub>2</sub> O)Cl} <sub>2</sub> ].5H <sub>2</sub> O | <i>P1</i>   | Wet synthesis/ aqueous organic – medium        | [Mo <sub>6</sub> O <sub>18</sub> ] <sup>3-</sup> / AlCl <sub>3</sub> in aqueous molybdate solution / conc. HCl (pH 2.6) | -            | 6         |

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| 7.  | $[\text{Cr}(\text{OH})_6\text{Mo}_6\text{O}_{18}\{\text{Cu}(\text{phen})\}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]_2[\text{Cr}(\text{OH})_6\text{Mo}_6\text{O}_{18}\{\text{Cu}(\text{phen})(\text{H}_2\text{O})\text{Cl}\}_2] \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$  | $P\bar{1}$ | Wet synthesis/<br>aqueous organic<br>– medium   | $[\text{Mo}_6\text{O}_{18}]^{3-} / \text{CrCl}_3$ in aqueous sodium molybdate solution ( $\text{Na}_2\text{MoO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) / conc. HCl (pH 2.6)   | -  | 6  |
| 8.  | $[\text{Mo}_8\text{O}_{26}\{\text{Cu}_2(2,2'\text{-bipy})_2(\text{CH}_3\text{COO})_2\text{H}_2\text{O}\}_2] \cdot \text{H}_4\text{Mo}_8\text{O}_{26} \cdot 16\text{H}_2\text{O}$   | -          | Conventional wet synthesis at 70°C  | $[\text{Mo}_8\text{O}_{26}]^{4-} /$ sodium molybdate, 2,2'-bipyridine, $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and $\text{CH}_3\text{COONa}$ in aqueous acidic medium  | Versatile heterogeneous electro – catalyst for water oxidation, proton reduction and hydrogen peroxide reduction | 8  |
| 9.  | $[\text{PMo}^{\text{VI}}_6\text{Mo}^{\text{V}}_2\text{V}^{\text{IV}}_8\text{O}_{44}\{\text{Co}(2,2'\text{-bipy})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})\}_4][\text{PMo}^{\text{VI}}_4\text{Mo}^{\text{V}}_4\text{V}^{\text{IV}}_8\text{O}_{44}\{\text{Co}(2,2'\text{-bipy})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})\}_2] \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ | $P\bar{1}$ | Synthesized in Teflon - lined autoclaves under autogenous pressure / Hydrothermal reactions | $[\text{PMo}^{\text{VI}}_4\text{Mo}^{\text{V}}_4\text{V}^{\text{IV}}_8\text{O}_{44}\{\text{Co}(2,2'\text{-bipy})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})\}_2]^{3-} /$ mixture of $\text{NH}_4\text{VO}_3$ , $\text{Na}_2\text{Mo}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , $\text{CoCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 2,2'-bipy / $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_3$ (pH = 4.2) | -  | 10 |
| 10. | $[\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}(\text{phen})_2]_4[\text{PMo}^{\text{VI}}_8\text{V}^{\text{IV}}_6\text{O}_{42}\{\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}(\text{phen})\}_2] \cdot \text{H}_5\text{O}_2$   | -          | Synthesized in Teflon - lined autoclaves under autogenous pressure / Hydrothermal reactions | $[\text{PMo}^{\text{VI}}_8\text{V}^{\text{IV}}_6\text{O}_{42}\{\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}(\text{phen})\}_2]^{5-} /$ mixture of $\text{NH}_4\text{VO}_3$ , $\text{Na}_2\text{Mo}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , $\text{CuCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 1,10-phen. $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ / $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_3$ (pH = 4.4)                 | -  | 10 |
| 11. | $[\text{Ni}(\text{phen})_3][\text{PMo}^{\text{VI}}_9\text{Mo}^{\text{V}}_3\text{O}_{40}\{\text{Ni}(\text{phen})\}_2]$  | -          | Synthesized in Teflon - lined autoclaves under autogenous pressure / Hydrothermal reactions | $[\text{PMo}^{\text{VI}}_9\text{Mo}^{\text{V}}_3\text{O}_{40}\{\text{Ni}(\text{phen})\}_2]^{2-} /$ mixture of $(\text{NH}_4)_6\text{Mo}_7\text{O}_{24} \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , $\text{NiCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 1,10-phen. $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ / $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_3$ (pH = 3.8)                                      | -  | 10 |
| 12. | $[\text{Cu}(\text{dmbpy})]_2[\text{SiW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}] \cdot 8\text{H}_2\text{O}$  | -          | Used Teflon-lined stainless steel reactor   | Mixture of $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 4,4'-dimethyl-2,2'-bipyridyl and $\text{H}_4\text{SiW}_{12}\text{O}_{40} \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$   | Anti-larvicidal activity, anticancer activity  | 11 |

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| 13. | $[\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}(2,2'\text{-bpy})_3][\{\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}(2,2'\text{-bpy})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})\}\{\text{HCo}^{\text{VI}}\text{W}_{12}\text{O}_{40}\}]_2 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$<br>where 2,2'-bpy = 2,2'-bipyridine | C2/c | Solvothermal method at 160°C  | $[\text{H}(\text{Co}^{\text{II}}\text{W}_{12}\text{O}_{40})]^{5-} / \text{K}_6[\text{CoW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}] \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{CoW}_{12})$ with $\text{Ni}(\text{OAc})_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and 2,2'-bpy in an acidic aqueous medium | electrocatalysts for efficient water oxidation; $\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}$ from the $\{\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}(2,2'\text{-bpy})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})\}$ unit, acts as a catalytic active center | 12 |
| 14. | $[\text{XM}^{\text{III}}(\text{H}_2\text{O})\text{W}_{11}\text{O}_{39}]^{n-}$ (X = P, M = Fe or Mn; X = Si or B, M = Fe)   | -    | Iron and Manganese substituted polyoxotungstates were immobilized on triethylpropylammonium – functionalized silica | $[\text{XW}_{11}\text{O}_{39}]^{n-}$   | Heterogeneous catalysts in the oxidation of cis-cyclooctene and cyclooctane at 80°C; can be reused several times without appreciable loss of catalytic activity                             | 13 |
| 15. | $[\text{PW}_{11}\text{O}_{39}\text{M}(\text{H}_2\text{O})]^{5-}$<br>where M = $\text{Ni}^{2+}$ , $\text{Co}^{2+}$ , $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ or $\text{Zn}^{2+}$   | -    | Incipient wetness method  | $[\text{PW}_{11}\text{O}_{39}]^{7-}$ / involves alkalization of an aqueous solution of $\text{H}_3\text{PW}_{12}\text{O}_{40} \cdot 23\text{H}_2\text{O}$ with aqueous $\text{NaHCO}_3$ solution upto pH 5.0 - 5.5   | Efficient and recyclable catalysts for 2-(methylthio)-benzothiazole sulfoxidation to obtain a more biodegradable product  | 14 |
| 16. | $\text{Na}_{21}[\text{NaFe}_{15}(\text{OH})_{12}(\text{PO}_4)_4(\text{A}-\alpha\text{-SiW}_9\text{O}_{34})_4] \cdot 85\text{H}_2\text{O}$<br>( $\text{Na}_{21}\text{-Fe}_{15}\text{P}_4(\text{SiW}_9)_4$ )                         | Pmmn | Synthesized using a facile one - pot, solution - based synthetic approach   | $\text{FeCl}_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , $\text{Na}_{10}[\text{A}-\alpha\text{-SiW}_9\text{O}_{34}] \cdot 18\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , $\text{Na}_3\text{PO}_4 \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ / aqueous HCl (pH 8.0 - 9.0)         | Catalyst for Visible - Light - Driven Generation of Hydrogen  | 15 |
| 17. | $[2\text{-ampH}]_4[\{\text{Co}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5\}\text{Mo}_7\text{O}_{24}] \cdot 9\text{H}_2\text{O}$   | -    | Synthesized according to literature procedure   | Sodium molybdate and 2-aminopyridine   | Helps in oxidation of styrene to benzaldehyde or benzoic acid   | 16 |
| 18. | $\{[\text{Cu}_{12}(\text{pbtz})_2(\text{Hpbtz})_2(\text{OH})_4(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{16}][\text{Na}(\text{H}_2\text{O})\text{P}_5\text{W}_{30}\text{O}_{110}]\} \cdot 16\text{H}_2\text{O}$   | C2/c | Synthesized hydrothermally  | $\text{K}_{12} \cdot 5\text{Na}_{1.5}[\text{NaP}_5\text{W}_{30}\text{O}_{110}] \cdot 15\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and $\text{CuCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$   | Show catalytic activity in cyanosilylation of aldehydes   | 17 |

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| 19. | $[\text{Na}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5](\text{NH}_4)_7[\text{P}_2\text{W}_{15}\text{O}_{56}\text{Co}_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3(\text{OH})_3\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_3] \cdot 19\text{H}_2\text{O}$ | <i>I2/a</i> | Conventional aqueous solution method | $[\text{P}_2\text{W}_{15}\text{O}_{56}\text{Co}_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3(\text{OH})_3\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_3]^{8-}$ / reaction of $[\alpha\text{-P}_2\text{W}_{15}\text{O}_{56}]^{12-}$ with $\text{Co}(\text{OAc})_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and $\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_5\text{Br}$ in acidic (pH6.0) solution | efficient catalyst in the cycloaddition of $\text{CO}_2$ with epoxides | 18 |
| 20. | $[\text{Cu}(2,2'\text{-bipy})][\text{Cu}(2,2'\text{-bipy})_2]_2[\text{PMo}_8\text{V}_6\text{O}_{42}] \cdot 1.5\text{H}_2\text{O}$   | -           | Hydrothermally synthesized           | A mixture of $\text{Na}_2\text{MoO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , $\text{NH}_4\text{VO}_3$ , $\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ / $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$ (pH=4)  | Used in synthesis of dihydropyrimidinones                              | 19 |

## **DISCUSSION**

Polyoxometalate supported transition metal complex  $[\text{2-ampH}]_4[\{\text{Zn}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5\}\text{Mo}_7\text{O}_{24}] \cdot 9\text{H}_2\text{O}$  where amp = aminopyridine with space group *Pnma* was synthesized in simple one-pot wet synthesis (not under hydrothermal condition). The conventional wet synthesis was carried out at room temperature with  $[\text{Mo}_7\text{O}_{24}]^{6-}$  as a POM cluster anion and sodium molybdate solution and HCl was used. The compound was isolated in an aqueous acidic medium (pH 3-6). When sodium molybdate was dissolved in an aqueous solution in the presence of 2-aminopyridine, the aminopyridine molecule formed weak complexes with transition metals and was readily labile in the presence of hydroxyl ligand during hydrolysis and condensation reactions took place to produce an -Mo-O-Mo-O-Mo- network leading to hepta- or octa-molybdate cluster anion. The compound was isolated at an ambient temperature and characterized by single crystal X-ray crystallography and additionally characterized by elemental analyses, infrared, thermogravimetric analysis/mass spectral studies.

The compounds 2-5 as listed in the table,  $[\text{3-ampH}]_4[\{\text{Zn}(\text{3-ampy})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4\}\text{Mo}_7\text{O}_{24}] \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}(2)$ ;  $[\text{3-ampH}]_4[\{\text{Co}(\text{3-ampy})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4\}\text{Mo}_7\text{O}_{24}] \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}(3)$ ;  $[\text{2,3-diampH}]_4[\text{Co}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6][\text{Mo}_7\text{O}_{24}] \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}(4)$ ;  $[\text{2,3-diampH}]_2[\{\text{Zn}(\text{2,3-diampH})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\}\text{Mo}_8\text{O}_{27}] \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}(5)$ , were synthesized in a similar way as compound 1 with conventional wet synthesis at room temperature using  $[\text{Mo}_7\text{O}_{24}]^{6-}$  as a POM cluster anion for synthesizing compounds 2-4 and  $[\text{Mo}_8\text{O}_{27}]^{6-}$  for compound 5. Compounds 2 and 3 crystallizes in a monoclinic system with space group Cc and both compounds 2 and

3 are isomorphous, and accordingly the unit cell volume, cell data, space group, number of lattice water molecules etc. of 2 and 3 are identical. They differ in their metal contents, that is, compound 3.  $[3\text{-ampH}]_4[\{\text{Co}(3\text{-ampy})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4\}\text{Mo}_7\text{O}_{24}]\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  is cobalt analogue of zinc-containing compound 2.  $[3\text{-ampH}]_4[\{\text{Zn}(3\text{-ampy})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4\}\text{Mo}_7\text{O}_{24}]\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . Compound 4 and compound 5 have similar space group i.e.  $C_2/c$  but the compound 5 uses  $[\text{Mo}_8\text{O}_{27}]^{6-}$  POM cluster anion.<sup>7</sup>

The compound (6),  $[\text{Al}(\text{OH})_6\text{Mo}_6\text{O}_{18}\{\text{Cu}(\text{phen})\}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]_2[\text{Al}(\text{OH})_6\text{Mo}_6\text{O}_{18}\{\text{Cu}(\text{phen})(\text{H}_2\text{O})\text{Cl}\}_2]\cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and (7)  $[\text{Cr}(\text{OH})_6\text{Mo}_6\text{O}_{18}\{\text{Cu}(\text{phen})\}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]_2[\text{Cr}(\text{OH})_6\text{Mo}_6\text{O}_{18}\{\text{Cu}(\text{phen})(\text{H}_2\text{O})\text{Cl}\}_2]\cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$  was synthesized using simple wet synthesis. The synthesis was performed in a mixed aqueous-organic medium. For the synthesis of Anderson-type POM compounds,  $\text{MCl}_3$  ( $\text{M} = \text{Al}^{3+}$  and  $\text{Cr}^{3+}$ ) in aqueous sodium molybdate solution was used to generate in situ Anderson-type heteropolyanion  $[\text{M}(\text{OH})_6\text{Mo}_6\text{O}_{18}]^{3-}$ .  $\text{AlCl}_3\cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  in aqueous molybdate solution was used for synthesis of compound 6 and  $\text{CrCl}_3\cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  in aqueous solution of sodium molybdate ( $\text{Na}_2\text{MoO}_4\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) was used for compound 7 along with other reactants such as, copper nitrate, phenanthroline, and hydrochloric acid. POM cluster anion used was  $[\text{Mo}_6\text{O}_{18}]^{3-}$  for both the compounds. Concentrated  $\text{HCl}$  solution was used to adjust the pH to 2.6. The two compounds were characterised by elemental analysis, EDAX, IR, diffuse reflectance, EPR, TGA, and single crystal X-ray diffraction.<sup>6</sup>

A polyoxometalate (POM) supported copper dimeric complex,  $[\text{Mo}_8\text{O}_{26}\{\text{Cu}_2(2,2'\text{-bpy})_2(\text{CH}_3\text{COO})_2\text{H}_2\text{O}\}_2]\cdot \text{H}_4\text{Mo}_8\text{O}_{26}\cdot 16\text{H}_2\text{O}$  was synthesized by the authors N. Tanmaya Kumar, Umashis Bhoi, Pragya Naulakha, and Samar K. Das using conventional wet synthesis at  $70^\circ\text{C}$  which include reactants such as sodium molybdate, 2,2'-bipyridine,  $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2\cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{CH}_3\text{COONa}$  in aqueous acidic medium using  $[\text{Mo}_8\text{O}_{26}]^{4-}$  as a POM cluster anion. The compound was characterized using routine spectral techniques. One of the copper ions in each dimer is bonded to the POM anion from one side, whereas the other copper ion is bonded to a water molecule, hence acquiring a penta-coordinated square pyramidal structure around each copper center. This compound is found to function as a versatile heterogeneous electro-catalyst for water oxidation, proton reduction and hydrogen peroxide reduction.<sup>8</sup>

As shown in the above table, the synthesis of compound  $[\text{PMo}^{\text{VI}}_6\text{Mo}^{\text{V}}_2\text{V}^{\text{IV}}_8\text{O}_{44}\{\text{Co}(2,2'\text{-bipy})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})\}_4][\text{PMo}^{\text{VI}}_4\text{Mo}^{\text{V}}_4\text{V}^{\text{IV}}_8\text{O}_{44}\{\text{Co}(2,2'\text{-bipy})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})\}_2]\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  was carried out hydrothermally in Teflon-lined autoclaves under autogenous pressure. The POM cluster anion was  $[\text{PMo}^{\text{VI}}_4\text{Mo}^{\text{V}}_4\text{V}^{\text{IV}}_8\text{O}_{44}\{\text{Co}(2,2'\text{-bipy})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})\}_2]^{3-}$ . The

reaction was carried out using mixture of  $\text{NH}_4\text{VO}_3$ ,  $\text{Na}_2\text{Mo}_4\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{CoCl}_2\cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 2,2'-bipy and  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_3$  was used to adjust the pH = 4.2.<sup>10</sup>

The compound (10),  $[\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}(\text{phen})_2]_4[\text{PMo}^{\text{VI}}_8\text{V}^{\text{IV}}_6\text{O}_{42}\{\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}(\text{phen})\}_2]\cdot \text{H}_5\text{O}_2$  was synthesized in a hydrothermally under autogenous pressure in Teflon-lined autoclaves. It consist of  $[\text{PMo}^{\text{VI}}_8\text{V}^{\text{IV}}_6\text{O}_{42}\{\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}(\text{phen})\}_2]^{5-}$  as a POM cluster anion. Reactants used in synthesis are mixture of  $\text{NH}_4\text{VO}_3$ ,  $\text{Na}_2\text{Mo}_4\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{CuCl}_2\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 1,10-phen. $\cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_3$  to adjust pH to 4.4.<sup>10</sup>

The compound (11),  $[\text{Ni}(\text{phen})_3][\text{PMo}^{\text{VI}}_9\text{Mo}^{\text{V}}_3\text{O}_{40}\{\text{Ni}(\text{phen})\}_2]$  was synthesized in a similar way to compound 9 and 10 with  $[\text{PMo}^{\text{VI}}_9\text{Mo}^{\text{V}}_3\text{O}_{40}\{\text{Ni}(\text{phen})\}_2]^{2-}$  POM cluster anion and mixture of  $(\text{NH}_4)_6\text{Mo}_7\text{O}_{24}\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{NiCl}_2\cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 1,10-phen. $\cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  and pH was adjusted to 3.8 with  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_3$ .<sup>10</sup>

During the synthesis of the compound 12,  $[\text{Cu}(\text{dmbpy})]_2[\text{SiW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}]\cdot 8\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , the reactions were carried out in Teflon – lined stainless steel reactor. It was synthesized with a good yield in a one-pot reaction. Reactants used were mixture of  $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2\cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 4,4'-dimethyl-2,2'-bipyridyl and  $\text{H}_4\text{SiW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}\cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . The compound was investigated for its biological applications such as Anti-larvicidal activity, and anticancer activity.<sup>11</sup>

Solvothermal method at 160°C was used for synthesizing the compound  $[\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}(2,2'\text{-bpy})_3]_3\{[\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}(2,2'\text{-bpy})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})]\{\text{HCo}^{\text{II}}\text{W}_{12}\text{O}_{40}\}\}_2\cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$  where 2,2'-bpy = 2,2'-bipyridine with a space group of  $C_2/c$ . The reaction was carried out along with a POM cluster anion  $[\text{H}(\text{Co}^{\text{II}}\text{W}_{12}\text{O}_{40})]^{5-}$  and reactants  $\text{K}_6[\text{CoW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}]\cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  ( $\text{CoW}_{12}$ ) with  $\text{Ni}(\text{OAc})_2\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and 2,2'-bpy in an acidic aqueous medium.  $\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}$  from the  $\{\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}(2,2'\text{-bpy})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})\}$  unit, attached to POM cluster acts as a catalytic active center and the Compound have the potential to act as electrocatalysts for efficient water oxidation.<sup>12</sup>

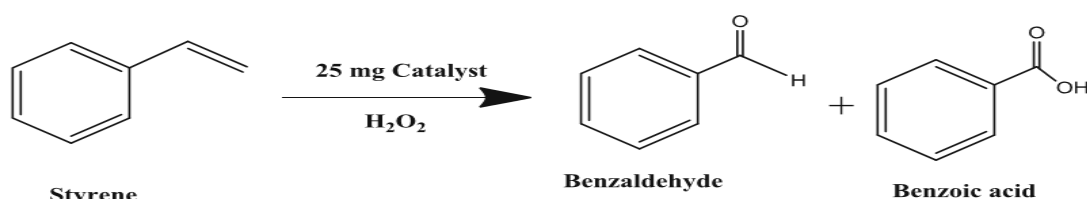
In the synthesis of compound,  $[\text{XM}^{\text{III}}(\text{H}_2\text{O})\text{W}_{11}\text{O}_{39}]^{n-}$  ( $\text{X} = \text{P}$ ,  $\text{M} = \text{Fe}$  or  $\text{Mn}$ ;  $\text{X} = \text{Si}$  or  $\text{B}$ ,  $\text{M} = \text{Fe}$ ), iron and manganese substituted polyoxotungstates were immobilized on triethylpropylammonium – functionalized silica. POM cluster anion is  $[\text{XW}_{11}\text{O}_{39}]^{n-}$ . It is used as a heterogeneous catalysts in the oxidation of cis-cyclooctene and cyclooctane at 80°C and can be reused several times without appreciable loss of catalytic activity.<sup>13</sup>

Incipient wetness method is used for the synthesis of the compound,  $[\text{PW}_{11}\text{O}_{39}\text{M}(\text{H}_2\text{O})]^{5-}$  where  $\text{M} = \text{Ni}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Co}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  or  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  which involves alkalization of an aqueous solution of  $\text{H}_3\text{PW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}\cdot 23\text{H}_2\text{O}$  with aqueous  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  solution upto pH

5.0 - 5.5 with polyoxometalate cluster anion  $[PW_{11}O_{39}]^{7-}$ . The compound was found to be efficient and recyclable catalysts for 2-(methylthio)-benzothiazole sulfoxidation in order to obtain a more biodegradable product than the corresponding substrate.<sup>14</sup>

$Na_{21}[NaFe_{15}(OH)_{12}(PO_4)_4(A-\alpha-SiW_9O_{34})_4].85H_2O$  ( $Na_{21}-Fe_{15}P_4(SiW_9O_{34})_4$ ) with space group *Pmmn* was synthesized using a facile one-pot, solution-based synthetic approach. The reactants used were  $FeCl_2 \cdot 4H_2O$ ,  $Na_{10}[A-\alpha-SiW_9O_{34}].18H_2O$ ,  $Na_3PO_4 \cdot 12H_2O$  and  $Na_2CO_3$  and aqueous HCl for pH 8.0 - 9.0 adjustment. This compound is used as a catalyst for Visible - Light - Driven Generation of Hydrogen.<sup>15</sup>

$[2-ampH]4\{[Co(H_2O)_5]Mo_7O_{24}\} \cdot 9H_2O$  was synthesized according to literature procedure using Sodium molybdate and 2-aminopyridine. It Helps in the oxidation of styrene to benzaldehyde or benzoic acid. This catalyst is efficient to be reused again for three times with similar percentage of conversion.<sup>16</sup>



**Scheme 1.** Oxidation of styrene leading to benzaldehyde and benzoic acid using heptamolybdate coordinated transition metal complex as a catalyst.

$\{[Cu_{12}(pbtz)_2(Hpbtz)_2(OH)_4(H_2O)_{16}][Na(H_2O)_5P_5W_{30}O_{110}]\} \cdot 16H_2O$  has been synthesized hydrothermally with  $K_{12}.5Na_{1.5}[NaP_5W_{30}O_{110}].15H_2O$  and  $CuCl_2 \cdot 2H_2O$ . It is used as an acid catalyst for the cyanosilylation of carbonyl compounds.<sup>17</sup>

The compound 19,  $[Na(H_2O)_5](NH_4)_7[P_2W_{15}O_{56}Co_3(H_2O)_3(OH)_3Mn(CO)_3] \cdot 19H_2O$  with space group *I2/a* has been successfully synthesized using  $[P_2W_{15}O_{56}Co_3(H_2O)_3(OH)_3Mn(CO)_3]^{8-}$  as cluster ion by conventional aqueous solution method. It was prepared by reaction of  $[\alpha-P_2W_{15}O_{56}]^{12-}$  with  $Co(OAc)_2 \cdot 4H_2O$  and  $Mn(CO)_5Br$  in a slightly acidic (pH6.0) solution.<sup>18</sup> Compound 20 has been used in synthesis of dihydropyrimidinones.<sup>19</sup>

POMs applications are centered primarily on their redox properties, photochemical response, ionic charge, conductivity, and ionic weights. POM's are used as electrolytic capacitors, primers, and for corrosion resistant coatings and so on.<sup>20</sup>

## **CONCLUSION**

Polyoxometalates are large anionic metal clusters formed mainly by transition metals and oxygen atoms. They can adopt a variety of spatial structures. In this literature review we can see that Polyoxometalate supported transition metal complexes were synthesized using different methods and approaches. They have various applications in catalysis as well as in other fields. Polyoxometalates or transition – metal oxoanion nanosized clusters have received increasing attention as oxidation catalysts because of their numerous advantageous properties. Polyoxometalates can function as homogeneous as well as heterogeneous catalysts.



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