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Novel Octatungstate-Supported Tricarbonyl Metal Derivatives: ${[H_2W_8O_{30}][M(CO)_3]_2}^{8-}$ (M = Mn^I and Re^I)

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1. Experimental section:

Preparation of 1. Mn(CO)₅Br (0.137 g, 0.498 mmol) in 7.0 mL CH₃OH was refluxed in the dark for 1 h and then cooled to room temperature (A). Na₂WO₄·2H₂O (4.950 g, 15.00 mmol) was dissolved in 10 mL distilled water and 0.75 mL acetic acid was added. The resulting suspension was boiled for 30 min and then cooled to room temperature (B). Then A was added dropwise into B at 25 °C, and the mixed solution was stirred in the dark for half an hour, cooled and filtered. The filtrate was allowed to stand at room temperature in the dark place for slow evaporation. Orange block crystals of 1 were isolated after some days. (Yield: *ca* 35% based on Mn(CO)₅Br). Elemental analysis (%) calcd for 1: C, 2.67; H, 2.02; found: C, 2.72; H, 2.13. IR (KBr pellet): 2022(s), 1932(s), 1636(s), 920(m), 881(sh), 824(s), 759(s), 668(w), 597(m), 552(m) cm⁻¹ (Fig. S16†).

Preparation of 2. The synthetic process was used with $\text{Re}(\text{CO})_5\text{Br}$ (0.203 g, 0.499 mmol) replacing $\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_5\text{Br}$ (0.137 g, 0.498 mmol). Yellowish green block carstals of **2** were obtained. (Yield: *ca* 20% based on $\text{Re}(\text{CO})_5\text{Br}$). Elemental analysis

³⁰ (%) calcd for **2**: C, 2.38; H, 1.60; found: C, 2.46; H, 1.68. IR (KBr pellet): 2007(s), 1885(s), 1635(s), 927(m), 890(sh), 822(s), 768(s), 671(w), 586(m), 566(m) cm⁻¹ (Fig. S16†).

Preparation of 3. $Mn(CO)_5Br$ (0.137 g, 0.498 mmol) in 7.0 mL CH_3CN was refluxed in the dark for 1 h and then cooled to room temperature. (A). $Na_2WO_4 \cdot 2H_2O$ (4.950 g, 15.00 mmol) was dissolved in 10 mL distilled water and 0.75 mL acetic acid was added. Then the colorless solution was boiled for 10 min. Then a solution of $Mn(Ac)_2 \cdot 4H_2O$ (0.613 g,

³⁵ 2.500 mmol) and 0.02 mL acetic acid in 3 mL water was added dropwise. The resulting suspension was boiled for 20 min, cooled and filtered (**B**). Then **A** was added dropwise into **B** at 25 °C with gentle stirring and the mixed solution was stirred in the dark for half an hour, cooled and filtered. Yellow needle-like crystals of **3** were found after 1-2 weeks. (Yield: *ca*

38% based on Mn(CO)₅Br). Elemental analysis (%) calcd for 3: C, 2.52; H, 1.76; found: C, 2.36; H, 1.89. IR (KBr pellet): 2026(s), 1927(s), 1636(s), 924(m), 850(s), 821(sh), 735(s), 594(m), 552(m) cm⁻¹ (Fig. S16⁺).

Synthetic discussion. It is difficult to prepare POM-based carbonyl metal derivatives owing to the chemical inertness and instability of carbonyl metal compounds. Based on previous literatures, most of known POM-supported tricarbonyl metal ⁵ compounds are discrete structure and mainly focus on the polyoxomolybdate-supported manganese carbonyl. To our knowledge, isopolyoxotungstate(IPOTs)-based carbonyl metal compounds have never been synthesized. These ignited our intensive interest in obtaining novel carbonyl metal derivatives of IPOTs with multidimensional structures. Instead of using the IPOT precursors, we directly employed Na₂WO₄ to react with Mn(CO)₅Br / Re(CO)₅Br. The structures of **1** and **2** are discrete, in order to obtain extended structures containing $\{[H_2W_8O_{30}][Mn(CO)_3]_2\}^{8-}$ unit, by introducing Mn(Ac)₂·4H₂O to the reaction system, finally, the 1D chain **3** was prepared.

2. Comments on previous reported typical organometallic derivatives of POMs:

Though carbonyl metal derivatives of POMs have attracted increasing interest in the recent years, the reports on new types of POM-based carbonyl metal derivatives are very rare, which is related to three main reasons: Firstly, most polyoxoanions have not enough charge density to combine with carbonyl metal groups. Moreover, carbonyl metal ¹⁵ compounds are easy to decompose on heating or irradiation. Secondly, the solubility of polyoxoanions differs greatly from that of carbonyl compounds in the same kind of solvent. Thirdly, carbonyl metal compounds are very expensive.

At the present time, the reported POM-supported carbonyl metal derivatives are mainly concentrated on Lindqvist-type polyoxoanions and Dawson-type $[P_2W_{15}Nb_3O_{62}]^{9-}$ polyoxoanions. The first POM-supported carbonyl metal compounds $[(OC)_3M(Nb_2W_4O_{19})]^{3-}$ (M = Mn, Re) were obtained by Klemperer' group in 1980.¹ Although they did not have crystal ²⁰ structure characterization, they forecasted their structures by the ¹⁷O NMR study, and their structures was proved in 1985.² The $[M(CO)_3]^+$ (M = Mn, Re) group is bonded to three adjacent bridging oxygens of the $[Nb_2W_4O_{19}]^{4-}$ polyoxoanion. At the same time, Day and Klemperer reported a series of Lindqvist-polyoxoanion-supported carbonyl metal compounds.³ A typical example is $[(\eta^5-C_5H_5)Ti(Mo_5O_{18})Mn(CO)_3]^{2-,3b}$ in which a $[Mn(CO)_3]^+$ unit is bonded to three bridging oxygen atoms of the $[(\eta^5-C_5H_5)Ti(Mo_5O_{18})Mn(CO)_3]^{2-,3b}$ in which a $[Mn(CO)_3]^+$ unit is bonded to three bridging oxygen atoms of the $[(\eta^5-C_5H_5)Ti(Mo_5O_{18})Mn(CO)_3]^{2-,3b}$ in which a $[Mn(CO)_3]^+$ unit is bonded to three bridging oxygen atoms of the $[(\eta^5-C_5H_5)Ti(Mo_5O_{18})Mn(CO)_3]^{2-,3b}$ in which a $[Mn(CO)_3]^+$ unit is bonded to three bridging oxygen atoms of the $[(\eta^5-C_5H_5)Ti(Mo_5O_{18})Mn(CO)_3]^{2-,3b}$ in which a $[Mn(CO)_3]^+$ unit is bonded to three bridging oxygen atoms of the $[(\eta^5-C_5H_5)Ti(Mo_5O_{18})Mn(CO)_3]^{2-,3b}$ in which a $[Mn(CO)_3]^+$ unit is bonded to three bridging oxygen atoms of the $[(\eta^5-C_5H_5)Ti(Mo_5O_{18})Mn(CO)_3]^{2-,3b}$ and $[m(CO)_3]^+$ two organic groups. In 1997, Finke *et al.* prepared a few $[P_2W_{15}Nb_3O_{62}]^{9-}$ -supported cabonyl metal compounds: $[(n-C_4H_9)_4N]_8[Re(CO)_3P_2W_{15}Nb_3O_{62}] \cdot (n-C_4H_9)_4NBF_4$, $[(n-C_4H_9)_4N]_8[Ir(CO)_2P_2W_{15}Nb_3O_{62}]$ and $[(n-C_4H_9)_4N]_8[Rh(CO)_2P_2W_{15}Nb_3O_{62}]$.⁴ In 2001, Pope *et al.* found this type of compounds based on isoniobate or isotantalate: K₇[M₆O₁₉M³(CO)₃] (M = Nb, Ta; M² = Mn, Re) and $\{M_6O_{19}$

³⁰ Take $(nBu_4N)_2[Re(CO)_3 (H_2O)]$ and $(nBu_4N)_3\{Na[Mo_5O_{13}(OMe)_4(NO)]_2[Mn(CO)_3]_2\}$ for instance, in the former, The $[Re(CO)_3]^+$ fragment is bonded to two adjacent axial oxygen atoms of the $[Mo_5O_{13}(OMe)_4(NO)]$ unit and a water molecule whereas the latter consists of two crystallographically independent $\{[Mo_5O_{13}(OMe)_4(NO)][Mn(CO)_3]\}^{2-}$ units linked by а sodium cation. In 2008, our group synthesized а new compound (n- $Bu_4N_2 \{Mo_6O_{16}(OCH_3)_2[HOCH_2C(CH_2O)_3]_2[Mn(CO)_3]_2\}$ (Fig. S6)⁷. In summary, the bonding of the $[M(CO)_3]^+$ (M =

³⁵ Mn^I, Re^I) fragment, as a d⁶-fac-ML₃ unit to a triangle of connecting three oxygen atoms, is common in POM-supported organometallic compounds.^{1–8}

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3. UV-vis spectra:

The UV-vis spectra of **1** and **3** in the mixed solvent of CH₃CN / H₂O (1: 2, volume ratio) in the region of 190–500 nm ¹⁵ (Fig. S7), all display two similar absorption bands at 200 and 364 nm for **1**, 200 and 366 nm for **3**, respectively. The higher one can be corresponded to the charge transfer transitions of the O_t \rightarrow W bonds,¹ suggesting the presence of polyoxoanions; while the lower one can be assigned to $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ transitions which is not obvious resulting from the lower concentration,² indicating the existence of [Mn(CO)₃]⁺.

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4. The stability measurements of 1 and 3:

To investigate the influences of the pH on the stability of the compounds in the mixed solvent of CH_3CN / H_2O (1: 2, volume ratio), in situ UV-vis spectroscopic measurements of **1** and **3** were performed in this mixed solution (Fig. S12). The pH values in the acidic direction were adjusted using diluted HCl solution while the pH values in the alkaline direction were adjusted using diluted NaOH solution. The pH value of **1** that was dissolved in the mixed solution ($1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$) was 5.53, and the pH value of **3** that was dissolved in the mixed solution ($1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$) was 5.42.

As shown in Fig. S12a, the UV-vis spectra of **1** in the mixed solution display a cuspidal absorption band at about 200 nm ³⁰ at pH = 5.53. With the pH value increasing, the absorption band at *ca*. 200 nm is gradually blue-shifted whereas the absorbance become larger, indicating that **1** may be gradually decomposed to WO₄²⁻ ions, which are testified to the UV-vis spectral evolution of the diluted Na₂WO₄·2H₂O in the alkaline solution (Fig. S13a). A conclusion can be drawn that the skeleton of **1** has been destroyed at the pH higher than 7.5. In contrast, when the pH value decreasing (Fig. S12b), the absorption band at *ca*. 200 nm is gradually red-shifted and more and more weak, meanwhile, the new absorption band at *ca*.

260 nm appears assigned to the $O_{b, c} \rightarrow W$ charge transfer transitions, which is possibly credited to the polymerization of WO_4^{2-} ions upon addition of diluted HCl solution (Fig. S13b). In a word, when the pH values are lower than 5.0 or higher than 7.5, the UV-vis spectra change strikingly, suggesting that the polyoxoanion have been polymerized or decomposed. The above analyses show that the pH stable range of **1a** in the mixed solution is about 5.0–7.5. In addition, the evolution ⁵ processes of CV curves of **1** at different pH values can also give a complementary proof of the stability in the larger pH ranges. As depicted in Fig. S14a and S14b, when the pH values vary in the range of 5.0–7.5, the peak shapes and positions of the redox waves slightly change, suggesting that the [($H_2W_8O_{30}$){ $Mn(CO)_3$ }]⁸⁻ cluster is still retained, which is in

good agreement with the results of UV-vis spectra.

The influences of the pH value on the stability of **3** in the mixed solution are similar to **1**. As detailed shown in Fig. S12c ¹⁰ and S12d, we presume that the pH stable range of **1a** in **3** in the mixed solution is about 5.0-7.5, which is corresponded to the evolution of CV curves of **3** at different pH conditions (Fig. S14c and S14d,).

5. IR spectra:

IR spectra in the 400–4000 cm⁻¹ region of **1** and **3** are similar; indicating the structural type of the polyoxoanions is similar, which are in good agreement with the results of X-ray diffraction structural analyses (Fig. S15 and S16). In IR ¹⁵ spectra of **1** and **3**, two bands are observed at *ca*. 1900 and 2000 cm⁻¹, which correspond to the carbonyl stretching vibration of a C_{3v} metal tricarbonyl unit.¹ The 700–1000 cm⁻¹ region show the stretching vibration of W–O bonds from the $[H_2W_8O_{30}]^{10-}$ isopolyoxotungstate.

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Fig. S2. View of the 1D chain of 1. Green octahedra: WO₆ unit.



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Compound	$E_{\rm pc}[V]$	$E_{\rm pa}[V]$	$\Delta E p[mV]$
1	-0.401		
	-0.331	0.790	459
		1.184	
3	0.167	0.437	270
	0.940	1.180	240

Table S1 The reduction peak E_{pc} , oxidation peak E_{pa} and peak-to-peak separation ΔE_p of 1 and 3



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