

*Hybrid polyoxometalates as multifunctional materials, photoresists, green catalyst and antioxidants*

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Polyoxometalates based organic-inorganic hybrids have attracted attention for a wide variety of applications. However, the design and development of hybrid polyoxometalates for specific applications is still a challenging task for synthetic chemists. The talk will focus on our attempts to develop new Class I and Class II type hybrid polyoxometalates for their applications in some less explored areas. The first part of the talk will be on the development of a new class of multifunctional aromatic sulfonium polyoxometalate hybrids. A series of aromatic sulfonium counter ions, triflate salts of which act as ionic liquids, have been developed based on a fundamental aromatic sulfonium counter ion motif that allows structural and electronic fine-tuning by introducing substituents at multiple locations. Using these counter ions, hybrid POMs of formulae (AS)<sub>4</sub>[Mo<sub>8</sub>O<sub>26</sub>], (AS)<sub>3</sub>[P<sub>Mo</sub>12O<sub>40</sub>] and (AS)<sub>4</sub>[Si<sub>Mo</sub>12O<sub>40</sub>], where AS = various aromatic sulfonium counter ions, have been developed and we showed that the photochromic properties of these POM hybrids can be fine-tuned by systematically varying the substitutions on the counter ion motif. These hybrids also exhibited catalytic properties, in some cases as self-separating catalysts, towards various organic transformations. Second part of the talk will be on the development of new class II type hybrids based on [P<sub>12</sub>V<sub>3</sub>W<sub>15</sub>O<sub>62</sub>]<sup>9-</sup>, Mn-Anderson and [H<sub>3</sub>V<sub>10</sub>O<sub>28</sub>]<sup>3-</sup> type clusters and their applications i) as photoresist materials for patterning sub-25 nm features under extreme ultraviolet lithography (EUVL) conditions ii) as synthetic antioxidants and iii) as light sensitive polymeric materials for fabricating photoresponsive devices. Finally, the development of a POM based hybrid supramolecular framework material as green catalyst for the selective oxidation of sulfides in water with hydrogen peroxide as reagent will be discussed.

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