

## 低热固相反应合成 Mo(W)-Cu(Ag)-S 簇合物

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本文对现有中, 高温固相化学反应方法合成含硫原子簇化合物作了探讨, 介绍了我们实验室用低热固相反应合成原子簇化合物的新方法, 总结了几年来我们用此法合成的 S-Mo(W)-Cu(Ag)原子簇化合物, 并测定结构二十余个, 其中包括了含有二十个金属原子的大核原子簇化合物  $[(n\text{-Bu})_4\text{N}]_4[\text{Mo}_8\text{Cu}_{12}\text{S}_{32}]$ .

关键词: 固相反应 晶体结构 簇合物

## SYNTHESIS OF Mo(W)-Cu(Ag)-S CLUSTER COMPOUNDS BY SOLID STATE REACTIONS AT LOW HEATING TEMPERATURES

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In this paper, we introduce a new method of synthesis of cluster compounds by solid state reactions at low heating temperature, and summarize Mo(W)-Cu(Ag)-S cluster compounds, we have recently obtained using this method and structurally characterize about twenty of new cluster compounds by X-ray single crystal analysis, including the bigger mixed-metal cluster compound  $[(n\text{-Bu})_4\text{N}]_4[\text{Mo}_8\text{Cu}_{12}\text{S}_{32}]$ .

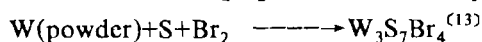
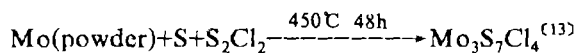
### Introduction

Research into synthesis of new cluster compounds has grown dramatically in the past de-

cade. Motivation for this research includes the search for new materials with interesting new properties. Metal sulfur containing systems have been an interesting topic because of the discovery of their conducting properties, their applications as battery materials and lubricant, their utility as hydroprocessing catalysis, and their biological relevance of polynuclear transition metal sulfur coordination compounds with different biometals (like Fe, Cu, Mo). With respect to the active sites of nitrogenase and the interrelation between Mo and Cu in numerous biological processes (the so-called Mo-Cu antagonism), many research groups in the world have devoted great efforts to those containing Fe, S and Mo systems<sup>(1-5)</sup> and to those containing Cu, S and Mo systems<sup>(6-7)</sup>. The flow of surprising discoveries in metal sulfur containing systems makes it clear that synthesis of new metal sulfur containing cluster compounds has been, and continues to be, of great importance in both inorganic chemistry and biochemistry.

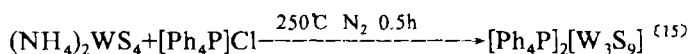
So far, more than one thousand homo- and hetero-nuclear metal sulfur containing cluster compounds have been reported in the literature. Among them, several hundreds of Mo(W)-sulfur containing cluster compounds have been synthesized and structurally determined<sup>(8-12)</sup>. But as we know well, almost all of Mo(W)-S containing cluster compounds were synthesized in solution. Only a few of them were prepared by solid state reactions. There are five examples for preparation of cluster compounds at high or moderate temperatures.

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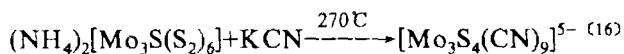


$\text{Mo}_2(\text{S}_2)_2\text{Cl}_6$  and  $[\text{Mo}_3\text{S}(\text{S}_2)_3\text{Cl}_4]^{(14)}$  were synthesized by similar methods in the temperature range 270–750°C.

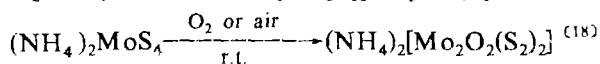
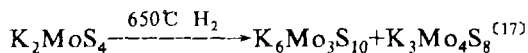
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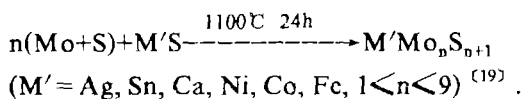
3. Preparation from cluster compounds,



4. Preparation from the thermodecomposition of single compounds,



5. Preparation from solid state reactions of elements and inorganic salts at high or moderate temperatures,



Here we can see that the Mo(W)-sulfur containing cluster compounds were prepared by solid state reactions usually at high or moderate temperatures. However, many organic or



## Synthesis of New Cluster Compounds by Solid State Reaction at Low Heating Temperature

Recently, we have synthesized a great deal of cluster compounds (see Table 1,2,4,5). Based on their structures, they can be divided into four types: huge clusters (Table 1), neutral cubane-like clusters (Table 2), anionic cubane-like clusters (Table 4) and miscellaneous clusters (Table 5).

### Brief Description of Structures of the Cluster Compounds

#### Huge clusters

More than 100 Mo(W)-Cu(Ag)-S cluster compounds have been reported in the literature so far. However, the metal atoms in these clusters generally are fewer than six. Only a few bigger cluster compounds such as  $[(H_2O)_9Mo_3S_4Cu-CuS_4Mo_3(H_2O)_9](CH_3C_6H_4SO_3)_8 \cdot 12H_2O$  <sup>(29)</sup> and  $(NET)_2[Cu_6S_6(S_2)_6Mo_6O_6] \cdot DMF$  <sup>(30)</sup> have been reported.

Table 1 Summary of Crystal Data for Two Huge Clusters

formula	crystal system	space group, Z	a	b	c	$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\gamma$	V	R, Rw
$[(n-Bu)_4N]_4$ 1. $[Mo_8Cu_{12}S_{32}]$	monoclinic	C2/m, 4	22.627(3)	21.628(5)	26.259(6)	90.00	101.66(1)	90.00	12585.1	0.083, 0.090
$[(n-Bu)_4N]_4$ 2. $[W_8Cu_{12}S_{32}]$	triclinic	—	22.700(4)	28.961(4)	21.676(5)	112.47(2)	92.01(2)	79.93(1)	13050.0	—

We have synthesized the cluster compound  $[Cu_{12}Mo_8S_{32}]^{8-}$  (see Fig.1) which has a pseudo-cubane type  $[Mo_8Cu_{12}]$  core (1 in Table 1) <sup>(22)</sup>. Each Mo atom occupies the vertex of the corner and the twelve Cu atoms take the positions in the edges. Neighbouring metal atoms are connected through bridge sulfur atoms and the local coordination sphere around each metal atom (Mo or Cu) approaches a tetrahedron structure. The Mo-Cu distances (2.688 to

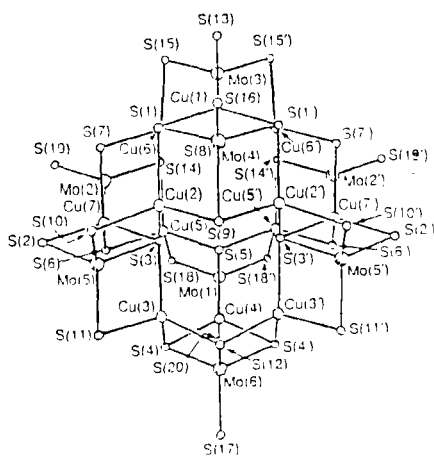


Fig.1 Structure of cluster anion  $[Mo_8Cu_{12}S_{32}]^{4-}$

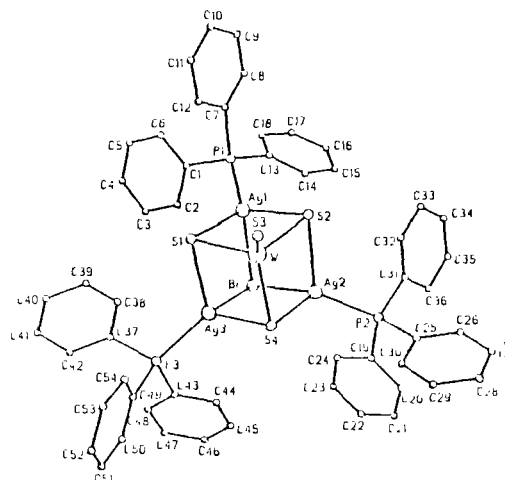


Fig.2 Molecular structure of  $[Ag_3WS_3Br][PPh_3]_3S$

2.757 Å) permit the significant interaction of heteronuclear metallic atoms, and the Mo-S bond

distances vary between 2.065 and 2.301 Å. There are four types of sulfur atoms involved in this compound:  $S_1$ ,  $\mu_2-S$ ,  $\mu_3-S$  and  $\mu_4-S$ . And two types of molybdenum atoms and one type of copper atom are observed. All Cu atoms are coordinated by a  $\mu_4-S$ , a  $\mu_2-S$  and two  $\mu_3-S$  atoms with a distorted tetrahedral geometry. One kind of Mo atom is coordinated by a  $S_1$  and three  $\mu_3-S$  atoms, the other one is coordinated by three  $\mu_2-S$  and a  $\mu_4-S$ . We have also synthesized the similar compound  $[Cu_{12}W_8S_{32}]^{4-}$  and determined its unit cell parameters (see Table 1).

#### Neutral cubane-like clusters

Seven neutral cubane-like cluster compounds (Table 2) have been synthesized in our lab. in recent years. Fig.2 shows molecular configuration of  $[Ag_3WS_3Br][PPh_3]_3S^{(25)}$ , including the phenyl ring atoms. The central unit of this cluster can be described as a strongly distorted cube in which four corners are occupied by one Br atom and three Ag atoms (with a  $PPh_3$  ligand being bonded to each Ag). The cube is completed by a terdentate  $WS_4^{2-}$  ligand, coordinating to Ag atoms via sulfur. It can be described as a substitution product of  $[PPh_3AgBr]_4^{(31)}$ , where

Table 2 Summary of Crystal Data for Neutral Cubane-Like Clusters

	$[Cu_3WS_3Cl]$	$[Cu_3MoS_4]$	$[Cu_3MoS_3I]$	$[Cu_3WS_3Br]$	$[Ag_3MoS_3I]$	$[Ag_3WS_3Br]$	$[Cu_3MwS_3Cl]^*$
formula	$[PPh_3]_3S$	$[PPh_3]_3S$	$[PPh_3]_3S$	$[PPh_3]_3S$	$[PPh_3]_3S$	$[PPh_3]_3S$	$[PPh_3]_3S$
spacegroup, Z	<i>P</i> 1,2	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 4	<i>P</i> 1,2	<i>P</i> 1,2	<i>P</i> 1,2	<i>P</i> 1,2	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 4
<i>a</i> (Å)	13.049(3)	12.963(3)	11.395(2)	11.876(1)	12.114(2)	12.129(5)	17.764(3)
<i>b</i> (Å)	20.351(4)	17.793(3)	13.107(1)	13.065(2)	13.420(2)	13.340(0)	22.633(3)
<i>c</i> (Å)	11.876(2)	22.681(5)	20.473(5)	20.325(2)	20.346(2)	20.228(6)	12.948(2)
$\alpha(^{\circ})$	94.75(2)	90.00	74.95(5)	74.95(1)	74.53(1)	74.48(3)	90.00
$\beta(^{\circ})$	115.97(1)	90.00	84.87(2)	85.39(1)	86.73(1)	87.17(8)	90.00
$\gamma(^{\circ})$	74.90(2)	90.00	64.27(1)	64.09(1)	63.74(1)	63.53(3)	90.00
<i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )	2736	5231.5	2776.1	2737.3	2851.7	2814.0	5205.7
<i>R</i> , <i>R<sub>w</sub></i>	0.073, 0.073	0.045, 0.045	0.049, 0.061	0.039, 0.055	0.048, 0.043	0.056, 0.056	0.046, 0.048
ref.	23	11	11	24	24	25	24

\* : Mw = W : Mo = 0.556 : 0.444

Table 3 Summary of Selected Structural Data for Neutral Cubane-Like Clusters

compounds	M-S <sub>i</sub> (Å)	M-S <sub>br</sub> (Å) <sup>a</sup>	M-M(Å) <sup>b</sup>	M1-X(Å)	M2-X(Å)	M3-X(Å)
$[Cu_3WS_3Cl][PPh_3]_3S$	2.096	2.243	2.720	2.702	2.781	2.694
$[Cu_3MoS_4][PPh_3]_3S$	2.105	2.252	2.700	2.757	2.723	2.478
$[Cu_3MoS_3I][PPh_3]_3S$	2.097	2.253	2.713	2.912	2.943	2.967
$[Cu_3WS_3Br][PPh_3]_3S$	2.102	2.242	2.723	2.729	2.751	2.800
$[Ag_3MoS_3I][PPh_3]_3S$	2.106	2.253	2.979	3.103	3.019	3.070
$[Ag_3WS_3Br][PPh_3]_3S$	2.127	2.246	2.986	2.945	2.923	2.903
$[Cu_3MwS_3Cl][PPh_3]_3S$	2.100	2.256	2.714	2.481	2.738	2.706

a, b: average values

$WS_4^{2-}$  ligand replaces one  $PPh_3AgBr_3$  moiety. Table 3 shows a summary of the seven neutral cubane-like compounds together with some selected structural data.

#### Anionic cubane-like clusters

We have also synthesized five new anionic cubane-like clusters (Table 4). Fig.3 shows the structure of the cluster anion  $[MoAg_3BrS_4I_3]^{3-}$  (26). The cluster core  $[Ag_3MoS_3Br]$  can be viewed as a cube in which the four metal atoms and the four non-metal atoms are statistically distributed by two kinds of atoms, respectively. Because it is situated in the specific equivalent positions in the unit cell with  $T_d$  symmetry, the three tetrahedrons  $MoAg_3$ ,  $BrS_3$  and  $SI_3$  are co-centred, respectively. Mo and Ag, Br and S<sub>br</sub>, S<sub>i</sub> and I atoms are of probability statistics, respectively. Mo-Ag (or Ag-Ag), Mo-S<sub>br</sub> (or Ag-S<sub>br</sub>, Ag-Br), and Mo-S<sub>i</sub> (or Ag-I) distances are 3.303(2), 2.701(1), and 2.741(3) Å, respectively.

Table 4 Summary of Crystal Data for Anionic Cubane-Like Clusters

formula	$[Ag_3MoS_4I_3Br]$	$[WS_4Cu_3Br_4]$	$[MoOS_3Ag_3I_3Br]$	$[MoS_3Ag_3Br_4]$	$[WA_3S_4Br_4]$
	$[(n-Bu)_4N]_3$	$[(n-Bu)_4N]_3$	$[(n-Bu)_4N]_3$	$[(n-Bu)_4N]_3$	$[(n-Bu)_4N]_3$
space group, Z	$F43c, 8$	—	—	$F43c, 8$	$F43c, 8$
crystal system	cubic	trigonal	tetragonal	cubic	cubic
$a$ (Å)	24.577(6)	17.410(7)	12.224(5)	24.231(4)	24.221(4)
$b$ (Å)	24.577(4)	17.410(7)	12.224(5)	24.231(4)	24.221(4)
$c$ (Å)	24.577(4)	39.102(5)	12.175(9)	24.231(4)	24.221(4)
$\alpha$ (°)	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00
$\beta$ (°)	90.00	120.00	90.00	90.00	90.00
$\gamma$ (°)	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00
$V$ (Å <sup>3</sup> )	14845.2	10265.2	1819.55	14227.0	14208.7
$R, R_w$	0.088, 0.061	—	—	0.078, 0.087	0.071, 0.068
ref.	26	24	24	24	24

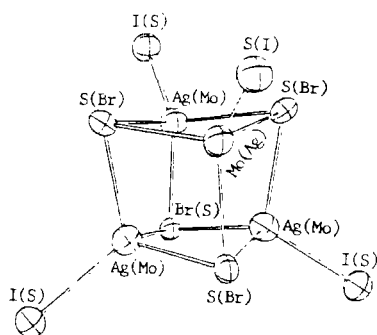


Fig.3 Structure of cluster anion  $[MoAg_3BrS_4I_3]^{3-}$

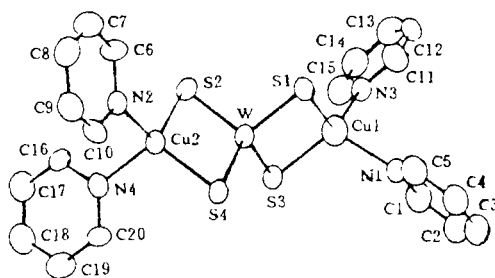


Fig.4 Molecular structure of  $[WS_4Cu_2][py]_4$

#### Miscellaneous clusters

Several types of cluster compounds with interesting structure have been synthesized through solid state reactions in our lab. and structurally determined (Table 5). Here

we simply describe their structural characteristics.

$[\text{WS}_4\text{Cu}_2][\text{py}]_4$  is of a chain-like structure (see fig.4). Its main structural parameters are: W-S, 2.2141(8)–2.2160(8); W-Cu, 2.6564(7)–2.6856(7); Cu-S, 2.2609(9)–2.2781(1); Cu-N, 2.077(3)–2.100(3) Å.

Table 5 Summary of Crystal Data for Miscellaneous Clusters

formula	$[\text{WS}_4\text{Cu}_2]$	$[\text{Cu}_4\text{Br}_8]$	$[\text{Mo}_4\text{S}_4\text{Cl}_4]$	$[\text{MoOS}_3\text{Cu}_3(\text{NCS})_3]$
	$[\text{py}]_4$	$[\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{N}(\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{33})]_4$	$[(n\text{-Bu})_4\text{N}]_3$	$[(n\text{-Bu})_4\text{N}]_3$
space group	$C2/c, 4$	$P\bar{1}, 1$	$F\bar{4}3c, 8$	$P2_1/n, 4$
$a(\text{\AA})$	14.109(1)	9.762(2)	24.212(4)	16.672(9)
$b(\text{\AA})$	12.704(1)	31.948(4)	24.212(4)	16.278(6)
$c(\text{\AA})$	14.071(1)	9.143(2)	24.212(4)	19.608(8)
$\alpha(^{\circ})$	90.00	94.71(1)	90.00	90.00
$\beta(^{\circ})$	96.97(1)	116.48(2)	90.00	110.05(2)
$\gamma(^{\circ})$	90.00	92.54(1)	90.00	90.00
$V(\text{\AA}^3)$	2504.1	2533.0	14193.7	4999.0
$R, R_w$	0.027, 0.027	0.083, 0.100	0.071, 0.071	0.068, 0.061
ref.	27	28	11	24

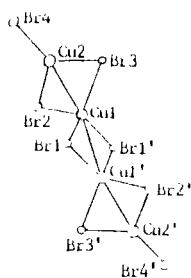


Fig.5 Structure of  $[\text{Cu}_4\text{Br}_8]^{4-}$

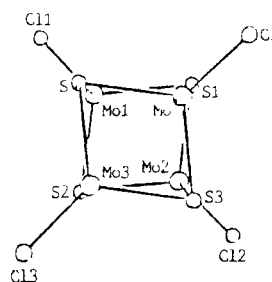


Fig.6 Structure of  $[\text{Mo}_4\text{S}_4\text{Cl}_4]^{3-}$

$[\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{N}(\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{33})]_4[\text{Cu}_4\text{Br}_8]$  is of a chain-like structure (see Fig.5). Its main structural parameters are: Cu-Br, 2.247(2); Cu-Cu, 2.956(3)–3.202(3) Å.

$[(n\text{-Bu})_4\text{N}]_3[\text{Mo}_4\text{S}_4\text{Cl}_4]$  is of a cubane-like structure (see Fig.6). Its main structural parameters are: Mo-S, 2.570(5); Mo-Mo, 3.154(8); Mo-Cl, 2.587(11) Å.

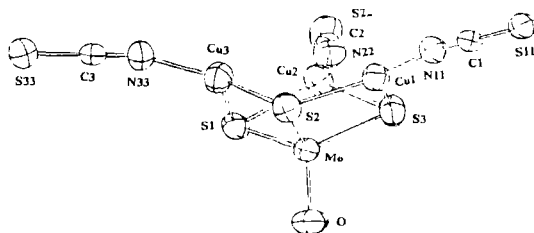


Fig.7 Structure of  $[\text{MoOS}_3\text{Cu}_3(\text{NCS})_3]^{3-}$

$[(n\text{-Bu})_4\text{N}]_2[\text{MoOS}_3\text{Cu}_3(\text{NCS})_3]$  is of a nido-like structure (see Fig.7). Its main structural parameters are: Mo-S<sub>br</sub>, 2.248(5)–2.272(5); Mo-O, 2.272(5); Cu1-S, 2.252(4)–2.244(5);

Cu<sub>2</sub>-S, 2.250(4)-2.263(4), Cu<sub>3</sub>-S, 2.263(4)-2.266(4); Cu-N, 1.887(8)-1.907(8); Mo-Cu, 2.638(2)-2.652(2) Å. S-Mo-S, 107.0(2)-108.3(1); S-Mo-O, 109.1(5)-112.3(6); S-Cu-S, 107.8(2)-108.6(2); S-Cu-N, 120.1(5)-125.7(5); Mo-S-Cu, 71.4(1)-72.0(1); Cu-S-Cu, 98.0(2)-108.7(1); Cu-N-C, 166.1(3)-170.1(4); N-C-S, 176.5(2)-177.9(4) °.

### Conclusion

1. A new method is proposed for synthesis of cluster and coordination compounds by solid state reactions at low heating temperatures.
2. Over forty cluster compounds have been synthesized by this method. Among them, nearly twenty new cluster compounds have been structurally determined.
3. This new method is an effective one and it can be applied to synthesize non-sulfur containing cluster compounds.

**Keywords:** solid state reaction      crystal structure      cluster compound

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