

Recent Advances in the Chemistry of Rhenium

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I. Introduction

Rhenium, first detected by Noddack, Tacke, and Berg in 1925 in the X-ray spectra of certain mineral concentrates,¹ was the last of the stable elements to be discovered. It is among the least abundant, both in the crust of the earth and in the solar system.² There are no sufficiently elevated concentrations anywhere in nature to permit economic extraction as the primary commodity, and the only commercial source is as a by-product of the molybdenum industry.³ When molybdenite is roasted in air to molybdenum trioxide, volatile dirhenium heptoxide passes into the effluent gases and flue dusts and may be recovered by wet scrubbing or leaching with water. Rhenium is then isolated from the aqueous extracts either by selective adsorption as ReO_4^- on an anion exchanger or by solvent extraction, and it is finally precipitated as NH_4ReO_4 or Re_2S_7 .³ The free world reserves of

rhenium have been estimated as ca. 1000 tons of which 70% are in the U.S.A. and 20–25% in Chile.⁴ Substantial deposits also exist in the U.S.S.R.⁵ Production in the U.S.A. rose from 600 kg in 1963⁴ to 1800 kg in 1970,⁶ and the total world production in 1970 was 3.75 tons.⁶ The price of the metal fluctuated between \$500 and \$1500 per pound in 1970–1972⁷ and is sensitive to demand since supplies are strictly limited. Unless most of the rhenium is recovered from molybdenite roasting, the small exploitable reserves will be irretrievably lost in the flue gases.

Although rhenium is the heaviest congener of manganese, the chemistry of the two elements is very different, except in the oxidation states of I and below (essentially the organometallic compounds) and in certain formal stoichiometries. Technetium^{8–10} is the only element which rhenium resembles closely, and even then not to the extent that tungsten resembles molybdenum.¹¹ There are distant similarities with isoelectronic complexes of molybdenum,¹¹ tungsten,¹² and osmium.¹³ For this reason rhenium has been studied separately from other elements, and it is perhaps legitimate to discuss its chemistry in isolation. Several monographs on the subject exist, of which three^{8,9,14} are complementary and supersede the earlier texts. Review articles cover the coordination compounds through 1966,¹⁵ the analytical chemistry,^{16–17} the catalytic properties,^{18–20} the metallurgy of rhenium alloys,^{4,21} the halides of rhenium,^{21a} and the thermodynamic functions and phase diagrams of certain systems.²² Sections on rhenium appear in "Comprehensive Inorganic Chemistry"²³ and in the serial publications,^{24,25} and the organometallic compounds have been reviewed through 1971.²⁶

The present article attempts to present, in conjunction with ref 15 and 26, a fairly complete account of the chemistry of rhenium by discussing most of the developments that have occurred between January 1965 and December 1972, together with some earlier and later work. Organometallic compounds in the oxidation states I, 0, and -I are omitted since they have been recently reviewed elsewhere,²⁶ and the chemistry of nitrosyls and enedithiolates is best discussed with the organometallic chemistry. Nuclear properties, the physical chemistry of the metal and its alloys, heterogeneous catalysis, and the analytical chemistry are not covered. Bond distances, force constants, and thermodynamic data have been converted to SI units.

It is becoming fashionable to classify metal compounds according to the ligands. This is useful when complexes of similar ligands and a range of metal ions are to be compared. For other purposes classification according to oxidation state has decided advantages. Although it has been pointed out correctly and repeatedly

that oxidation states are purely formal and may bear little resemblance to real charges,²⁷ it is a fact that for one reason or another every oxidation state has its own characteristic tendencies. These may include magnetic behavior, stereochemical preferences, scarcity, affinity for particular ligands, or reaction patterns. Any scheme which attempts to classify a large number of compounds inevitably creates exceptions which remain unclassified. Fewer such exceptions emerge because the oxidation state is undefined (e.g., certain nitrosyls and vicinal endithiolates) than because the ligands are mixed, and these exceptions may always be considered separately. It is hoped that the present account will illustrate how oxidation state, in spite of its limitations, provides the most logical basis for classifying the chemistry of an element, and it should therefore be retained. It is then possible to further classify the reactions of a given oxidation state as those which alter (redox reactions) or conserve it (conformational changes, association, substitution, reactions of coordinated ligands), and the chemistry of rhenium will be presented in relation to this framework.

II. General Properties of the Element

Rhenium, of atomic number 75 and atomic weight 186.2,²⁸ belongs to group VIIa of the periodic table. It occurs naturally as a mixture of two isotopes, ¹⁸⁵Re (37.40%) and ¹⁸⁷Re (62.60%).²⁹ The heavier isotope is a weak β -emitter, and the daughter ¹⁸⁷Os is present in all rhenium-bearing rocks.³⁰ The end-point energy of the emitted β -particles (2.62 ± 0.09 keV) is the lowest recorded for β -decay and is even lower than the difference in the atomic binding energies of Re and Os (ca. 13.8 keV).^{31,32} The very soft β -rays are absorbed by solid rhenium compounds, but an accurate determination of the β -spectrum was achieved using gaseous π -Cp₂ReH.³² The measured half-life for decay to continuum states, $(6.6 \pm 1.3) \times 10^{10}$ yr,³¹ is longer than the total half-life, $(4.3 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{10}$ yr, estimated from ¹⁸⁷Re/¹⁸⁷Os ratios in geologically dated molybdenites,³³ because $50 \pm 30\%$ of disintegrations are to bound atomic states. The half-life is expected to be shorter at high temperatures (estimated as $<3 \times 10^9$ yr at 10^6 K) since bound-state decay to inner-shell vacancies of the ionized atom would occur more readily than to outer-shell vacancies of the neutral atom.³⁴ Thus rhenium in the sun should be depleted in ¹⁸⁷Re, and a detectably anomalous isotopic ratio might exist captured from the solar wind on the lunar surface.³⁵ A recent analysis of lunar material has, however, shown a slight enrichment in ¹⁸⁷Re, possibly due to neutron capture by ¹⁸⁶W.³⁶ The shortened half-life of ¹⁸⁷Re thus remains unconfirmed and cosmological conclusions based on ¹⁸⁷Re/¹⁸⁷Os ratios ought to be made with caution. The ¹⁸⁷Re/¹⁸⁷Os ratio has been used to determine the age of molybdenum deposits,³⁰ but it must be borne in mind in this connection that little is known of the detailed geochemical behavior of either element.³⁷

The nuclear properties of rhenium isotopes are such as to permit accurate determination of nanogram quantities by neutron activation analysis.^{35,38} The neutron capture cross sections have been measured for both natural isotopes as a function of neutron energy from 0.01 eV to 2.6 MeV.³⁹ Both ¹⁸⁵Re and ¹⁸⁷Re have isotopic spin $\frac{1}{2}$ and large quadrupole moments [$Q(^{185}\text{Re}) = (2.36 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-24}$; $Q(^{187}\text{Re}) = (2.24 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-24}$ cm²].^{40,41} The corresponding nmr signals have been detected in solid ReO₃ at 1–4 K⁴² and in aqueous NaReO₄ at ambient temperatures.⁴³ The signals in aqueous perrhenate are

extremely broad due to quadrupole relaxation of short-lived collision complexes of ReO₄⁻ and solvent molecules [$T_2^{-1}(^{185}\text{Re}) = 4.5 \times 10^4$; $T_2^{-1}(^{187}\text{Re}) = 4.25 \times 10^4$ sec⁻¹].⁴³ A number of nqr spectra have been recorded,⁴⁴ and a detailed study of the atomic spectrum of rhenium has yielded the hyperfine structure coupling constants for the ground state $5d^56s^2 \ ^6S_{5/2}$ and for 14 excited states of the neutral atom.⁴⁵

III. Occurrence of Rhenium

On all counts, rhenium is an exceptionally rare element. A careful search in the Fraunhofer spectrum of the sun was negative, putting an upper limit of not more than 0.5 atom per 10^{12} H.⁴⁶ Claims of rhenium lines in certain stellar spectra have not been confirmed.⁴⁶ Concentrations in iron meteorites (0.0023–4.4 ppm based on the analysis of 70 specimens)⁴⁷ are an order of magnitude less than those of osmium and iridium,⁴⁸ and the mean osmium to rhenium ratio in chondritic meteorites is 11.4 ± 1.3 .⁴⁹ A sample of 32 chondrites representing all classes was found to contain 0.0311–0.0804 ppm corresponding to 0.025–0.076 atom of Re per 10^6 silicon.⁴⁹ The atomic abundance in the Orgueil meteorite, a Type I carbonaceous chondrite generally considered most nearly representative of the composition of primitive solar dust, is 0.052 (Si = 10^6), almost equal to the mean in all chondrites (0.053).^{38,49} This confirms that no fractionation has occurred relative to Orgueil.³⁸ The abundance of rhenium in the solar system is usually taken as 0.055 and, together with that of Tb, Tm, Lu, and Ta, is the lowest among the stable elements.⁵⁰ The rhenium content of lunar volcanics (0.0016–1.6 ppb)⁵¹ is much lower than this but is comparable to that of achondrites (0.25–0.9 ppb)³⁵ and of terrestrial basic rocks (ca. 0.5 ppb).

Rhenium is decidedly siderophilic, and concentrations in the iron phase of chondrites exceed by a factor of 30 to 300 the concentrations in the nonmagnetic phases.³⁸ The earth's crust is therefore depleted in rhenium. On the basis of analyses on 14 igneous and metamorphic rocks, the crustal abundance has been estimated at 0.5 ± 0.3 ppb, with the lowest values occurring in ultrabasics.⁵² The element is highly dispersed within the crust, and elevated concentrations normally occur only in molybdenites.⁵³ A strong geochemical association with molybdenum persists through all stages of magmatic crystallization, and rhenium is finally incorporated as an isomorphous solid solution of ReS₂ in MoS₂.⁵⁴ A large number of molybdenites have now been analyzed,^{53–59} and the rhenium content has been found to vary over very wide limits from <0.1 ppm to >2000 ppm (0.2%). An exceptionally high concentration (1.88%) has been reported in a sample from Armenia.⁵⁵ Of the many factors that influence the ratio of Re to Mo, two seem to be well established: molybdenites with the highest content of rhenium (ca. 0.1%) tend to be associated with copper in multi-mineral accretions.^{54,55,57–60} The converse is not necessarily true and molybdenites low in rhenium (ca. 1 ppm) have also been found in cupriferous areas.⁶⁰ The copper minerals themselves never carry more than traces of the element.^{57,61} In molybdenites of pneumatolytic–hydrothermal origin, the concentration of rhenium increases as the temperature of the ore-forming process decreases.^{54,58} Very high values (0.2–0.4%) have also been recorded in some volcanic sublimates.⁵⁴

Weathering of molybdenites results in the oxidation of both elements to their soluble highest states, but their close association ends here. Whereas molybdates are reabsorbed and in a certain locality were found to practi-

TABLE I. Characteristic Properties of the Nine Oxidation States of Rhenium

Oxidation state	Magnetic moments ^a	Characteristic features
VII (d ⁰)	Dia or weak TIP	Dominated by very stable ReO ₄ ⁻ ion to which other species hydrolyze. All coordination numbers from 4 to 9 known. Very few complexes. Weakly oxidizing.
VI (d ¹)	1.2–1.7 BM	Rare and unstable with respect to disproportionation to Re ^{VII} and Re ^{IV} . Several mixed oxides but few complexes. Typically distorted octahedral with a single, short Re=O bond. Main types ReOX ₄ L and ReOX ₅ ⁻ .
V (d ²)	Dia or weak TIP	Large number of stable octahedral complexes in which Re forms multiple bonds to oxygen or nitrogen. Main types ReOX ₅ ²⁻ , ReOX ₃ L ₂ , ReO ₂ L ₄ ⁺ , Re(NR) ₃ X ₃ L ₂ , ReNX ₃ L ₂ , etc. Rarely five-, seven-, or eight-coordinate.
IV (d ³)	3.1–3.8 BM	Very stable in association with classical ligands. Main types MX ₆ ²⁻ , MX ₅ L ⁻ , and MX ₄ L ₂ . Some compounds with Re–Re bonds. Stable ReO ₂ , ReS ₂ .
III (d ⁴)	TIP equivalent to 1.5–2.1 BM	(a) Mononuclear octahedral complexes of type ReX ₂ L ₄ ⁺ , ReX ₃ L ₃ , and ReX ₄ L ₂ ⁻ . Rarely five- or seven-coordinate. (b) Dinuclear clusters with strong Re–Re bond, mainly of type Re ₂ X ₈ ²⁻ and Re ₂ X ₆ L ₂ . (c) Trinuclear clusters based on a stable triangle of Re atoms, mainly of types Re ₃ X ₁₂ ³⁻ , Re ₃ X ₁₁ ²⁻ , Re ₃ X ₁₀ ⁻ , and Re ₃ X ₉ L ₃ .
II (d ⁵)		Very rare. Mononuclear ReX ₂ L ₄ and ReXL ₅ ⁺ and unstable di- and trinuclear species.
I (d ⁶)	Dia	Large number of stable octahedral carbonyl derivatives, σ -alkyls and aryls, and π -arenes. Main types Re(CO) ₆ ⁺ , ReL(CO) ₅ ⁺ , ReL ₂ (CO) ₄ ⁺ , Re(ArH)(CO) ₅ ⁺ , Re(ArH) ₂ ⁺ , ReX(CO) ₅ , ReR(CO) ₅ , ReXL(CO) ₄ , ReXL ₂ (CO) ₃ , ReXL ₃ (CO) ₂ , [ReX(CO) ₄] ₂ , ReX ₃ (CO) ₃ ²⁻ , etc. Also derivatives of polynuclear carbonyls.
0 (d ⁷)		Mono- and binuclear derivatives of Re ₂ (CO) ₁₀ . Main types Re ₂ (CO) ₈ L ₂ , Re ₂ (CO) ₇ L ₃ , Re(CO) ₈ L ₂ , etc. Some derivatives of polynuclear carbonyls.
-I (d ⁸)	Dia	Confined to Re(CO) ₅ ⁻ and some polynuclear carbonyl anions.

^a Effective magnetic moments of majority of mononuclear complexes at room temperature.

cally disappear from ground water at a distance of 200 m from the source, rhenium could still be detected 1 km away.⁶² The greater mobility of rhenium (undoubtedly as perrhenate) is reflected in its accumulation in the sea where it attains fairly high concentrations compared to other trace elements (8.4 ng l.⁻¹ in surface Pacific⁶³ and 4.0 ng l.⁻¹ in intermediate Atlantic waters;⁶⁴ cf. Mo, 10 μ g l.⁻¹, and Au, 11 ng l.⁻¹). It is removed from the sea by adsorption on clays but not on carbonates or ferromanganese minerals, and argillaceous deep sea sediments contain 1.4–19.4 ppb of Re,⁶⁴ an order of magnitude higher than the crustal abundance. This may explain the high rhenium content of certain sedimentary deposits containing fish bone detritus and its lack of correlation with the molybdenum content.⁶⁵ It would be interesting to determine rhenium in clays associated with evaporite deposits. Some rhenium has also been detected in coal-bearing sediments^{5,65} and, as perrhenate, in uranium ores from Arizona.⁵³

Only one rhenium mineral, dzhezkazganite, has been identified to date. It occurs in the Cu–Mo deposits of Central Kazakhstan SSR as microscopic prisms (ca. 100 nm long) closely associated with grains of bornite.^{61,66} The mineral was once thought to be CuReS₄, but copper has now been shown to be a contaminant and the composition has been established as [Re.Mo]S₂.^{61,67} Traces of ReS₂ are said to occur in the Mansfeld copper shales and of an unidentified mineral in the Prince Leopold Mines, Katanga. Both might actually be [Re.Mo]S₂. It does not appear to have been agreed at what point in the MoS₂–ReS₂ series the name dzhezkazganite ought to be adopted.

IV. Chemistry of Rhenium Compounds

An important feature of the chemistry of rhenium, shared to some extent with molybdenum, tungsten, technetium, and osmium, is the existence of a large number of easily accessible oxidation states which interconvert under mild redox conditions. For this reason, reactions often yield mixtures of products, and experimental conditions must be carefully controlled to obtain reproducible

results. Although as many oxidation states are known for manganese, the majority are represented by a small number of species of low stability and are readily converted to Mn^{II} and MnO₂. The most accessible oxidation state is the seventh. It is obtained by mild oxidation of the metal and most of its compounds in the presence of water. Both Re^{VI} and Re^V disproportionate to Re^{VII} and Re^{IV} but, whereas Re^V is readily stabilized by a variety of ligands, Re^{VI} is apparently not, and very few complex species have been isolated. The tendency to form multiple bonds to oxygen and nitrogen remains strong but changes character from Re^{VII} to Re^V, then virtually disappears with Re^{IV}. Metal–metal bonding is first encountered in the ternary oxide Nd₄ReV₂O₁₁ and in several solid compounds of Re^{IV}, and assumes particular significance in the chemistry of Re^{III}. In sharp contrast to manganese, the second oxidation state is the least well known. The lower oxidation states (I, 0, and -I) are represented by a large number of carbonyl derivatives and organometallic compounds similar to those of manganese, as well as by some surprisingly stable complexes such as ReCl(N₂)(dppe)₂. Rhenium(-I) is confined to carbonyl anions. The salient properties of the nine known oxidation states of rhenium are summarized in Table I.

A. Rhenium(VII)

The chemistry of rhenium(VII) is dominated by the great stability of the perrhenate ion to which nearly all species eventually hydrolyze. Even in the absence of water the chemistry is rather limited by the slight tendency to form complexes with ligands other than oxide. Nevertheless, all coordination numbers from four to nine have been encountered within this relatively narrow range of compounds and, under conditions which preclude formation of ReO₄⁻, tetrahedral coordination does not seem to be especially favored. Technetium(VII) appears to have a more pronounced tendency to be tetrahedral. There are some striking structural similarities to analogous compounds of iodine(VII) which provide the only comparison between rhenium and the halogens. The relationship to osmium(VIII) and tungsten(VI) is rather dis-

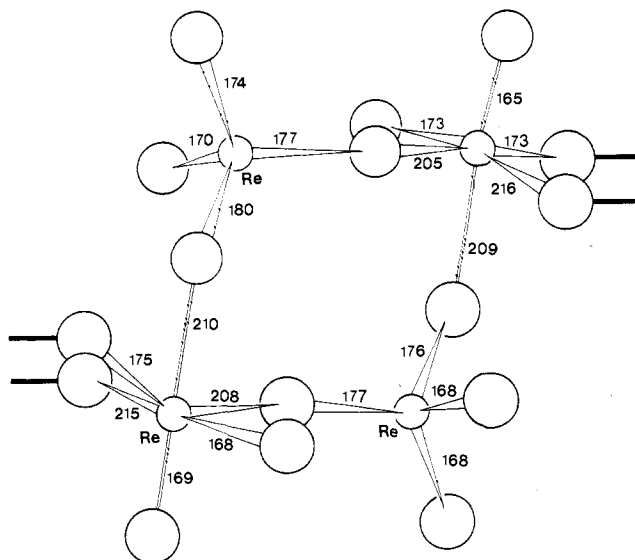


Figure 1. Ring of four polyhedra in the structure of crystalline Re_2O_7 . Bond distances in pm.

tant, and no isopolyanions have been reported for rhenium. The highest oxidation states of the lighter actinides show many similarities to those of the corresponding metals in the d block. Very little is yet known about the newly discovered seventh oxidation state of neptunium to draw reliable comparisons with rhenium(VIII), and it remains to be seen whether significant similarities persist this far along the actinide series. The oxidizing properties of rhenium(VII) are feeble as exemplified by the existence of thio and hydrido anions, and an oxobromide.

1. Dirhenium Heptoxide, Perrhenic Acid, and Perrhenates

Dirhenium heptoxide (Re_2O_7) is obtained in yellow crystals when the metal or a lower oxide is heated in oxygen⁶⁸ ($\Delta H_f^\circ = -1263 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$).⁶⁹ It melts at 301.5° to a colorless, mobile liquid of high vapor pressure ($\eta = 1.161 \text{ cP}$ at 346.0° ; bp 358.5° , $\Delta H_{\text{vap}} = 67 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$).⁷⁰ The molecular weight and vibrational spectrum of the vapor indicate that it contains discrete $\text{O}_3\text{Re}-\text{O}-\text{ReO}_3$ molecules of symmetry C_{2v} in which the oxo bridge is probably bent and the local symmetry of each rhenium atom is C_{3v} (i.e., isostructural with gaseous Cl_2O_7 and Tc_2O_7 ,⁷¹ and aqueous $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$).^{72,73} The principal species in the mass spectrum is the molecular ion.^{74,75} A vibrational analysis has yielded the force constants for the terminal and bridging metal-oxygen bonds as 800 and 250 N m^{-1} , respectively, and the strongest bands in the Raman spectrum have been assigned to $\nu(\text{ReO}_3)$ 1009 vs. 972 m ; $\delta(\text{ReO}_3)$ 341 m ; $\rho_r(\text{ReO}_3)$ 185 ms ; and $\delta(\text{ReORe})$ 50 m cm^{-1} . Liquid dirhenium heptoxide also contains discrete dinuclear molecules since the Raman spectrum is almost identical with that of the vapor.⁷² The solid, however, is polymeric and has a very different spectrum.^{72,74,76} The crystal structure is unique. An equal number of nearly regular ReO_4 tetrahedra and of highly distorted ReO_6 octahedra share corners through oxygen bridges to form sheets parallel to the ac plane, with only oxygen-oxygen van der Waals contacts between the sheets. Each sheet is formed from rings of four polyhedra (Figure 1) perpendicular to the ac plane which are themselves linked through corners of octahedra (Figure 2).⁷⁷ The structure is thus reminiscent of, but not the same as, the isoelectronic $\text{Mo}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$ ion in $\text{Na}_2\text{Mo}_2\text{O}_7$. It is completely different from solid ditechne-

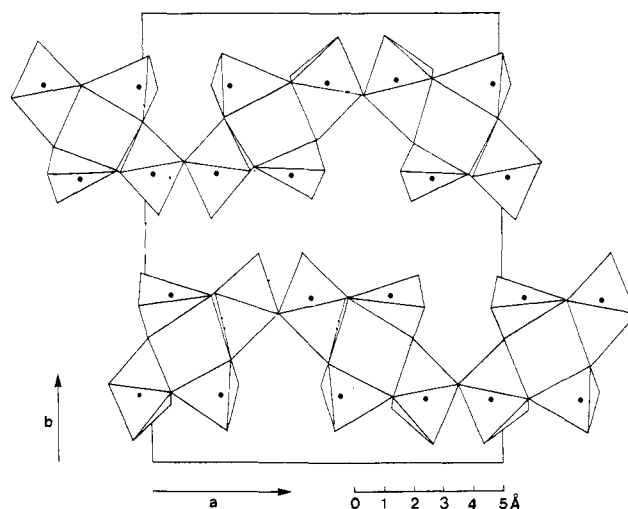


Figure 2. Projection of the structure of Re_2O_7 along the c axis showing the linking of rings to form sheets perpendicular to the plane of the paper.

which contains isolated Tc_2O_7 molecules with a linear oxo bridge.⁷⁸ Bridging $\text{Re}-\text{O}$ bonds (172.5–216.0 pm) are longer than terminal (165.0–174.2 pm), but still short enough to indicate a bond order higher than unity.⁷⁷

Fusion of dirhenium heptoxide to the molecular liquid merely involves cleavage of two of the long $\text{Re}-\text{O}$ bonds in each octahedron.⁷⁷ These must be formed again when the liquid freezes, in keeping with its tendency to remain supercooled.⁷⁰ The white amorphous oxide erroneously described as Re_2O_8 in the old literature may be the result of rapid quenching of molecular Re_2O_7 .^{77,188} A small proportion of the heptoxide is said to melt incongruently to $\text{ReO}_3(\text{s})$ and oxygen.⁷⁵ Contrary to earlier reports, the pure heptoxide is either insoluble in anhydrous organic solvents or it undergoes reduction.^{74,79} Moist solvents convert it to perrhenic acid, which may then dissolve. Thus Re_2O_7 dissolves in dioxane only in the presence of water. Colorless rhombic crystals of stoichiometry $\text{Re}_2\text{O}_7 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \cdot 2\text{C}_4\text{H}_8\text{O}_2$ and unknown structure may be isolated from the solution,⁷⁴ and on heating they decompose quantitatively to pure ReO_3 .⁸⁰ Olefins are oxidized by Re_2O_7 to epoxides.⁸¹

Dirhenium heptoxide dissolves freely in water to form a colorless, strongly acidic solution of perrhenic acid (formally HReO_4) from which stable metal perrhenates may be prepared. The acid is completely dissociated to the ReO_4^- ion in solutions less concentrated than 70 wt % HReO_4 (ca. 7 M).^{82,83} Such solutions have metal-oxygen stretching frequencies identical with those of aqueous sodium perrhenate (970 and 919 cm^{-1})^{82,84} and may be concentrated without loss of rhenium in the vapor.⁸⁵ Solutions more concentrated than 80 wt % HReO_4 are yellow and have additional metal-oxygen stretches due to undissociated perrhenic acid.^{82,84} They boil with loss of acid (e.g., 92.1 wt % HReO_4 , bp 193.5° is in equilibrium with vapor containing 7.0 wt % HReO_4 at the boiling point)⁸⁵ and are extremely viscous owing to hydrogen bonding.⁸⁶ The ^1H nmr spectrum consists of a single sharp peak at all concentrations due to rapid proton exchange.^{82,83} Pale yellow, hygroscopic needles of anhydrous perrhenic acid are obtained by cooling a concentrated solution to -70° ⁸⁷ or by allowing the heptoxide to absorb water vapor.⁸⁸ The anhydrous acid may be recrystallized from nitromethane, but it begins to dissociate *in vacuo* above 65° to Re_2O_7 .^{87,88} The crystal structure consists of isolated $\text{O}_3\text{Re}-\text{O}-\text{ReO}_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$ molecules in which the oxo bridge is linear and the aquo ligands are

mutually cis (Figure 3).⁸⁶ Since concentrated solutions have the same vibrational spectrum as the anhydrous acid, they are also believed to contain $\text{Re}_2\text{O}_7(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$ molecules,^{84,86} but the presence of some $\text{ReO}_3(\text{OH})$ has not been excluded. There is some evidence that $\text{ReO}_3(\text{OH})$ molecules may be present in the vapor above undissociated perrhenic acid.⁸⁷ Nevertheless, no rhenium compounds analogous to $\text{ClO}_3(\text{OH})$ or $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+\text{ClO}_4^-$ have been isolated. The crystal structures of permanganic⁸⁸ and pertechnetic acids¹⁰ have not yet been determined. Trimethylsilyl perrhenate, the only known ester of perrhenic acid, is stable in the absence of water but is rapidly hydrolyzed to ReO_4^- and Me_3SiOH .⁸⁹ The crystalline compound contains essentially tetrahedral $\text{ReO}_3(\text{OSiMe}_3)$ molecules in which the large $\text{Re}-\text{O}-\text{Si}$ angle (164°) indicates some multiple bonding to the bridging oxygen.⁹⁰

Perrhenic acid may be distilled from sulfuric acid solutions⁹¹ though the actual volatile species have not been identified. Some reduction to a pink Re^{VI} species has been reported,^{92,93} and a crystalline substance of uncertain structure has been isolated from concentrated sulfuric acid.⁹⁴ Perrhenic acid may be extracted from aqueous solutions into nonpolar organic solvents by tributyl phosphate (TBP), essentially as the perrhenate of a TBP- H_3O^+ complex.⁹⁵

Nearly all metal cations form perrhenates of exceptional stability. Those formed by metals of groups Ia, IIa, IIb, Ag^I, Tl^I, Pb^{II}, Fe^{III}, and most divalent cations of the first transition series were known before 1965.^{8,14} The colorless perrhenates $\text{M}^{\text{I}}\text{ReO}_4$ either have a tetragonal scheelite structure ($\text{M} = \text{Na}, \text{K}, \text{Rb}, \text{NH}_4,$ and Ag) or an orthorhombic pseudoscheelite structure ($\text{M} = \text{Cs}$ and Tl), but high-temperature tetragonal polymorphs of both CsReO_4 ⁹⁶ and MReO_4 ^{96,97} are known. The alkali perrhenates ($\text{M} = \text{Na}, \text{K}, \text{Rb},$ and Cs) melt and boil without decomposition (bp 1370° for $\text{M} = \text{K}$).^{8,9,14} and the infrared spectra of the vapors are consistent with the presence of ReO_4^- ions.⁷³ A mass spectrometric study has shown that NaReO_4 and KReO_4 vaporize as monomers (ion pairs) and dimers (ion clusters) in comparable amounts⁹⁸ and is thus at variance with earlier electron diffraction data which indicated that the vapor consisted of $\text{ReO}_3(\text{OK})$ molecules.⁹⁹ Ammonium perrhenate¹⁰⁰ begins to decompose to amorphous oxides, water, and N_2 (but not NH_3) at $230\text{--}250^\circ$ ($3\text{--}5\%$ hr^{-1}) and decomposition is rapid at 325° (70% hr^{-1}). Crystalline ReO_2 is formed above 400° .^{101,102} Pyrolysis of a mixture of NH_4ReO_4 and MnCO_3 yields $\text{Mn}(\text{ReO}_4)_2$,¹⁰³ and reduction of NH_4ReO_4 in hydrogen gives NH_3 and pure rhenium metal.¹⁰⁴ Aliphatic amines extract perrhenate into organic solvents as alkylammonium perrhenates¹⁰⁵ in which anion and cation are linked by hydrogen bonds.¹⁰⁶

The thermal stability of perrhenates decreases with increasing cationic charge. Thus $\text{Zn}(\text{ReO}_4)_2$,¹⁰⁷ $\text{Ni}(\text{ReO}_4)_2$,¹⁰⁸ and $\text{UO}_2(\text{ReO}_4)_2$ ¹⁰⁹ begin to decompose at a red heat to Re_2O_7 and ZnO , NiO , and $\text{U}_3\text{O}_8 + \text{O}_2$, respectively. Anhydrous $\text{M}^{\text{III}}(\text{ReO}_4)_3$ ($\text{M} = \text{Al}, \text{Ga},$ and In) are obtained by heating Re_2O_7 with M_2O_3 in a sealed tube, and they dissociate to the same oxides in air above ca. 300° .¹¹⁰ All the known hydrates of $\text{M}^{\text{III}}(\text{ReO}_4)_3$ ($\text{M} = \text{Al}, \text{Ga}, \text{In}$,^{110,111} Bi ,¹¹² Sc ,¹¹³ Y , and the lanthanides^{114,115}) are readily soluble in water, ethanol, and acetone and may be dehydrated without hydrolysis. Yttrium and the lanthanide perrhenates crystallize from water as tetrahydrates which are either monoclinic (La to Nd) or orthorhombic (Pr to Dy). The Pr and Nd salts exist in both forms.¹¹⁴ Anhydrous $\text{La}(\text{ReO}_4)_3$ loses Re_2O_7 above 700° to form a new phase, La_3ReO_8 , which is itself stable up to at least 1100° and which is decomposed by water

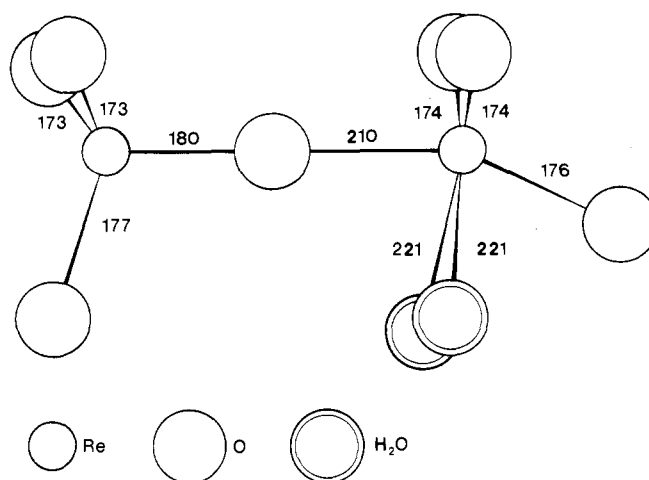


Figure 3. An isolated molecule of crystalline perrhenic acid. Bond distances in pm.

to $\text{La}(\text{ReO}_4)_3 + \text{La}_2\text{O}_3$.¹¹⁵ Claims that the lanthanide perrhenates decompose at ca. 700° to $\text{Ln}_2\text{O}_3 + \text{Re}_2\text{O}_7$ ¹¹⁴ thus appear to be in error. In solid $\text{M}^{\text{III}}(\text{ReO}_4)_3 \cdot n\text{H}_2\text{O}$ the ReO_4^- ion is likely to be weakly coordinated to M^{III} , and a crystal structure determination on at least one of these salts would be worthwhile. The compounds $\text{M}^{\text{IV}}(\text{ReO}_4)_4 \cdot n\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ($\text{M} = \text{Th}$ and Np , $n = 0$ and 4 ;¹¹⁶ $\text{M} = \text{Zr}$ and Hf , $n = 6$ ¹¹⁷) and $\text{M}_2\text{O}(\text{ReO}_4)_6 \cdot n\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ($\text{M} = \text{Zr}$ and Hf , $n = 0$ and 9)¹¹⁷ have been reported and almost certainly contain $\text{M}^{\text{IV}}\text{--O--Re}^{\text{VI}}$ bridges.

The perrhenate ion is strictly tetrahedral in solution^{43,118} but may have a lower symmetry in crystalline salts.¹¹⁹ A species of symmetry T_d ought to show four Raman-active fundamentals [e.g., $\text{CrO}_4^{2-}(\text{aq})$]. Only three have been observed for $\text{ReO}_4^-(\text{aq})$ [971 , $\nu_1(\text{A}_1)$; 916 , $\nu_3(\text{F}_2)$; and 332 cm^{-1} , $\nu_4(\text{F}_2)$] as well as for the isoelectronic $\text{MO}_4^{2-}(\text{aq})$ ($\text{M} = \text{Mo}$ ¹²⁰ and W) and $\text{OsO}_4(\text{l})$.¹¹⁸ This has been attributed to accidental coincidence of $\nu_2(\text{E})$ and $\nu_4(\text{F}_2)$,¹¹⁸ but a more plausible explanation is that $\nu_2(\text{E})$ is too weak and broad to be seen.¹²⁰ The $\nu_3(\text{F}_2)$ fundamental is shifted closer to $\nu_1(\text{A}_1)$ than expected from T_d symmetry, apparently as a result of a close association of the anion with water molecules, and in $\text{TcO}_4^-(\text{aq})$ it becomes coincident with ν_1 at 912 cm^{-1} .¹²⁰ The stretching force constant in ReO_4^- (755 N m^{-1}) is greater than in MnO_4^- and TcO_4^- , and the bending force constant (43 N m^{-1}) is comparable.¹²¹ In crystalline perrhenates of the scheelite type the site symmetry of ReO_4^- is S_4 , and the vibrational spectra,^{120,122} including the lattice vibrations,¹²³ may be interpreted on this basis. Since the anion is distorted in solid KReO_4 , it is possible to observe a pure nqr spectrum.⁴⁴

It is generally accepted that the chemically significant energy levels in the oxo anions MO_4^- ($\text{M} = \text{Mn}, \text{Tc},$ and Re) occur in the order $3t_2 < t_1 < 2e < 4t_2$ and that the groundstate configuration is $(3t_2)^6(t_1)^6$.^{124,125} On the other hand, there has been wide disagreement as to the separation of these levels and molecular orbital calculations have been of little help.¹²⁵ By symmetry t_1 is a nonbonding ligand orbital, and it is believed that the slightly bonding $3t_2$ has nearly pure ligand character and that the antibonding $2e$ assumes increasing d character from Mn to Re .¹²⁶ The first two band systems in the electronic spectra have a complicated vibrational structure both in aqueous solution¹²⁵ and in a KClO_4 host at 2.5 K ¹²⁶ and they have been assigned to the $t_1 \rightarrow 2e$ and $3t_2 \rightarrow 2e$ transitions, respectively (both ${}^1\text{A}_1 \rightarrow {}^1\text{T}_2$). These assignments have recently been rationalized by an SCCC-MO calculation.¹²⁷ The first band occurs in the visible only for

MnO_4^- ($18,300 \text{ cm}^{-1}$) and is shifted into the uv for TcO_4^- ($32,200 \text{ cm}^{-1}$) and ReO_4^- ($44,000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$).¹²⁴ The ReO_4^- ion exhibits slight temperature-independent paramagnetism comparable to that of MnO_4^- .¹²⁸

Whereas OsO_4 associates with OH^- in basic solution to give $\text{OsO}_4(\text{OH})_2^{2-}$,¹³ the perrhenate ion persists as ReO_4^- even in saturated aqueous NaOH .¹²⁹ Like several other oxoanions (e.g., SO_4^{2-} , NO_3^- , and MnO_4^-), it exchanges oxygen with water under acid catalysis. The rate law

$$\text{rate of exchange} = k_0[\text{H}_2\text{O}][\text{ReO}_4^-] + k_1[\text{H}_2\text{O}][\text{ReO}_4^-][\text{H}^+]^2 + k_2[\text{H}_2\text{O}][\text{ReO}_4^-][\text{OH}^-] \quad (1)$$

was proposed by Murmann, with $k_0 = 1.4 \pm 0.1 \times 10^{-8} \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ sec}^{-1}$, $k_1 = 3.36 \pm 0.15 \times 10 \text{ M}^{-3} \text{ sec}^{-1}$, and $k_2 = 1.555 \pm 0.023 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}^2 \text{ sec}^{-1}$ in 0.1 M LiCl at 25° .¹³⁰ At $\text{pH} < 4$ this reduces to the term $k_1[\text{H}_2\text{O}][\text{ReO}_4^-][\text{H}^+]^2$ found by other workers ($k_1 = 4.91 \times 10 \text{ M}^{-3} \text{ sec}^{-1}$ at 30°),¹³¹ and in this region the exchange is faster than for MnO_4^- ($k_1 = 3.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}^{-3} \text{ sec}^{-1}$)¹³⁰ and TcO_4^- ($k_1 = 2.0 \text{ M}^{-3} \text{ sec}^{-1}$).¹³¹ The dependence of each term on $[\text{H}_2\text{O}]$ had been assumed, and a kinetic study with small amounts of water in anhydrous methanol showed that the rate was in fact independent of $[\text{H}_2\text{O}]$ in the region of acid catalysis and only slightly dependent in the uncatalyzed region. There was no exchange with methanol. A mechanism consistent with these observations proceeds through a fast equilibrium between ReO_4^- and $\text{ReO}_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})^+$, followed by slow dissociative exchange between $\text{ReO}_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})^+$ and H_2O , assisted by general hydrogen bonding to the solvent.¹³²

The ReO_4^- ion is a weak ligand but not as weak as ClO_4^- . Thus pyrolysis of $[\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_5(\text{H}_2\text{O})][\text{ReO}_4]_3$ yields the perrhenato complex $[\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_5(\text{OReO}_3)][\text{ReO}_4]_2$, which is hydrolyzed by water back to the aquo complex according to first-order kinetics. Hydrolysis occurs through fission of the Re-O bond and is subject to both acid and base catalysis (first order in each).¹³³ The complex $\text{UO}_2(n\text{-Bu}_3\text{PO})_2(\text{ReO}_4)_2$ of unknown structure is nonconducting in benzene but dissociates in methanol.¹³⁴ The complexes $\text{M}(\text{py})_4(\text{ReO}_4)_2$ ($\text{M} = \text{Mn, Co, Ni, Cu, and Zn}$) contain coordinated perrhenate in the solid state¹³⁵ but, like the analogous perchlorato complexes,¹³⁶ give ionic species in all solvents in which they dissolve. Certain bands in the electronic spectra of the lanthanide ions shift by ca. 1 nm in fairly concentrated aqueous perrhenic acid ($> 3 \text{ M}$), and this has been interpreted as implying the formation of 1:1 and 1:2 complexes of ReO_4^- .¹³⁷ However, the shift does not occur in NaReO_4 and it might have been caused by H^+ rather than ReO_4^- . The above compounds, certain solid adducts of the lanthanides,¹³⁸ and the dinuclear Re^{III} complexes $[\text{Re}_2(\text{RCO}_2)_4](\text{ReO}_4)_2$ ¹³⁹ and $[\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_2(\text{RCO}_2)_3]\text{ReO}_4$ ¹⁴⁰ are the only ReO_4^- complexes so far reported. In the last complex ReO_4^- moieties bridge dinuclear Re^{III}_2 units to form chains, but no examples of chelating perrhenate have yet been established.

Perrhenate is a weaker oxidant than pertechnetate. Reduction of aqueous solutions in the absence of complexing agents results in ill-defined hydrated oxides.^{8,9,14,141} A large number of species, mostly transient and poorly characterized, are generated by chemical or electrolytic reduction in weakly complexing media under various conditions.^{8,9,14,93,142-145} The first polarographic wave in 4 M sulfuric acid probably corresponds to reduction to a purple Re^{VI} species which may then disproportionate slowly to Re^{IV} and Re^{VII} , thus resulting

in a three electron change.¹⁴² In neutral 1 M KCl on a dropping mercury electrode, perrhenate is reduced irreversibly to rhenium metal and not to Re^{-1} as was once believed.¹⁴³ Various species have been implicated in polarographic reduction in HCl ¹⁴⁴ and fused chloride media,¹⁴⁵ but the picture remains confused. Under strongly complexing conditions reduction leads to stable, isolable complexes which will be discussed under their oxidation states. Whereas pertechnetate inhibits steel corrosion in concentrations less than $5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$, perrhenate is totally inactive in this respect.¹⁴⁶ The chemical reactions of rhenium produced by irradiating crystalline perrhenates with 660-MeV protons have been studied in several laboratories.¹⁴⁷

2. Other Oxo Anions, Mixed Oxides, Thio Anions, and Chalcogenides

Noddack and Noddack had recognized in 1933 that oxo species in addition to (meta)perrhenate (ReO_4^-) could exist in strongly basic media, but only one compound, $\text{Ba}_3(\text{ReO}_5)_2$, was isolated during the next 30 years. Recent work¹⁴⁸ leaves no doubt that meso- and orthoperrhenates of the alkalis and alkaline earths exist as stable, crystalline compounds in the solid state and are generally isomorphous with the corresponding compounds of osmium(VII) and iodine(VII). They are hygroscopic and are all immediately hydrolyzed to metaperrhenate and alkali. Lesser known technetium analogs have been prepared,¹⁴⁹ but there is no counterpart in the chemistry of manganese.¹⁵⁰

The bright yellow mesoperrhenates $\text{M}^{\text{I}}_3\text{ReO}_5$ and $\text{M}^{\text{II}}_3(\text{ReO}_5)_2$ are obtained by heating stoichiometric quantities of the metaperrhenates with $\text{M}^{\text{I}}_2\text{O}_2$ ($\text{M}^{\text{I}} = \text{Na}$), $\text{M}^{\text{I}}\text{OH}$ ($\text{M}^{\text{I}} = \text{K}$), $\text{M}^{\text{II}}\text{CO}_3$ ($\text{M}^{\text{II}} = \text{Sr}$), or $\text{M}^{\text{II}}(\text{OH})_2$ ($\text{M}^{\text{II}} = \text{Ba}$) in dry oxygen.¹⁴⁸ Pure $\text{M}^{\text{I}}_3\text{ReO}_5$ ($\text{M}^{\text{I}} = \text{K, Rb, and Cs}$) may be prepared by heating rhenium dioxide and alkali superoxide to 400° for 3 hr, but if peroxide is used in place of superoxide the only product is $\text{M}^{\text{I}}\text{ReO}_4$.^{150,151} These compounds undergo a reversible phase transition at 374° ($\text{M}^{\text{I}} = \text{K}$), 320° ($\text{M}^{\text{I}} = \text{Rb}$), and 304° ($\text{M}^{\text{I}} = \text{Cs}$), but may otherwise be heated to 900° without change.¹⁵¹ On the other hand, the lithium and calcium compounds seem to be so unstable that attempts to prepare them have resulted in mixtures of ortho- and metaperrhenates. Strontium mesoperrhenate disproportionates to such a mixture above 750°



whereas the barium compound is stable up to at least 1200° .¹⁴⁸ The complex infrared spectra indicate low symmetry but are otherwise uninterpretable.¹⁵² Since barium mesoperrhenate is sparingly soluble, crystals may be grown from strongly alkaline aqueous solutions¹⁵³ and then have the composition $\text{Ba}_3(\text{ReO}_5)_2 \cdot \frac{1}{3}\text{Ba}(\text{OH})_2$.¹⁸⁸ The X-ray crystal structure reveals discrete hydroxyl and ReO_5^{3-} ions of slightly distorted square-pyramidal geometry in which the apical Re-O bond (169 pm) is appreciably shorter than the basal bonds (180 and 185 pm).¹⁸⁸ Likewise, K_3ReO_5 in fused KReO_4 has the cryoscopic behavior of a 3:1 electrolyte, suggesting the presence of ReO_5^{3-} ions in the melt.¹⁵⁰ Thus mesoperrhenates appear to be simple salts of ReO_5^{3-} . It has been reported that $\text{Ba}_3(\text{ReO}_5)_2$ gives a yellow solution in concentrated alkali, and on the basis of the intensity of the shoulder on the low-energy side of the metaperrhenate absorption band it has been claimed that in 15 M NaOH about 30% of the rhenium is in the form of mesoperrhenate.¹⁵³ This conclusion seems too simple since perrhenate is the only

species present in the absence of barium, even in very concentrated alkali.^{129,153} Furthermore, the barium salts are unique among both meso- and orthoperrhenates in that they dissolve in absolute methanol without solvolysis.¹⁴⁸ It is possible that the oxo species gains stability by coordination to barium or dissolves as a heteropolyanion.

Deep orange or green orthoperrhenates $M^I_5\text{ReO}_6$ ($M^I = \text{Li}$ and Na)¹⁴⁸ and $M^{II}_5(\text{ReO}_6)_2$ ($M^{II} = \text{Ca}$, Sr , and Ba)^{148,154} are the only phases produced when the metaperrhenates are heated with the correct amount of base. No other phases appear when excess of base is used. The compounds of the heavier alkalis are unknown, mesoperrhenates being produced instead.^{148,154} Lithium orthoperrhenate is obtained in hexagonal, yellow leaflets (red-brown when hot) as the only new phase in the Li_2O - LiReO_4 system, and the structure consists of almost cubic close-packed oxygen atoms with layers of octahedral holes filled entirely by lithium or entirely by lithium and rhenium atoms in the ratio 2:1. This results in isolated ReO_6 octahedra in which the length of the Re-O bond is 205 pm so that the compound could be regarded as the lithium salt of ReO_6^{5-} .¹⁵⁵ The sodium salt is isostructural. The infrared spectra of the lithium ($\nu(\text{Re-O})$ 650 cm^{-1})¹⁵⁶ and barium compounds ($\nu(\text{Re-O})$ 622 cm^{-1} , $\delta(\text{Re-O})$ 340 cm^{-1}) are consistent with their formulation as ionic hexaoxoperrhenates(VII),¹⁵² though they could equally be regarded as ternary oxides related to perovskite.¹⁵⁴ The mixed oxides $\text{Ba}_2M^I\text{ReO}_6$ ($M^I = \text{Li}$ and Na) are ordered perovskites,¹⁵⁷ and the oxides $A_4M\text{Re}_2\text{O}_{12}$ have related structures with a stacking sequence of 12 layers ($A = \text{Ba}$, $M = \text{Mg}$, Ca , Co , Zn , Cd , and In ; $A = \text{Sr}$, $M = \text{Mg}$, Co , Ni , and Zn) or 24 layers ($A = M = \text{Ca}$; $A = M = \text{Ba}$; and $A = \text{Sr}$, $M = \text{Ca}$ and Sr) depending on the M/A radius ratio.¹⁵⁴ The oxides in which $A = M$ are probably identical with one of the polymorphs of Scholder's alkaline earth orthoperrhenates.

Mixed oxides with covalent Re-O-M bonds ($M = \text{V}^V$, Nb^V , Mo^{VI} , etc.) promise to have an extensive and interesting structural chemistry. Thus red VReO_6 (perhaps VO_2ReO_4) loses oxygen on heating to form green, hygroscopic prisms of $\text{V}_2\text{Re}_2\text{O}_{11}$. Magnetic measurements are consistent with equal numbers of V^V , V^{IV} , Re^{VII} , and Re^{VI} atoms.¹⁵⁸ X-Ray diffraction reveals a network of distorted VO_4 and ReO_4 tetrahedra sharing corners with an equal number of VO_5 trigonal bipyramids and distorted ReO_5 square pyramids.¹⁵⁹ Crystalline phases of unknown structure and stoichiometry $\text{Ti}_2\text{Re}_2\text{O}_{11}$, $\text{Nb}_4\text{Re}_2\text{O}_{17}$, NbReO_6 ,¹⁶⁰ La_3ReO_8 ,¹¹⁵ and $\text{La}_8\text{Re}_6\text{O}_{33}$ ¹⁶¹ have also been described.

All four thioperrhenates $\text{ReO}_{4-n}\text{S}_n^-$ ($n = 1-4$) have been reported as products of the reaction of H_2S with aqueous perrhenate under various conditions of pH. Of these, only ReO_3S^- and ReS_4^- have been rigorously characterized in crystalline salts. An additional species, probably ReOS_3^- , has been detected in solution at pH 11.0,¹⁶² and it has been speculated, but without evidence, that ReO_2S_2^- might also exist in solution. Investigation of this system is rendered difficult by the tendency of thioperrhenates to decompose to ReO_4^- and Re_2S_7 at a rate comparable to their formation.¹⁶² Since many perrhenates are highly soluble in organic solvents, it would be possible to study the system under nonaqueous conditions. The isoelectronic thioanions $\text{MO}_{4-n}\text{S}_n^{2-}$ ($M = \text{Mo}$ and W) are well known, but neither Mn^{VII} nor Os^{VIII} form analogous complexes.

Perrhenate reacts slowly with H_2S in neutral solution to form yellow ReO_3S^- ¹⁶³ and in strongly alkaline solution (25% NH_3) purple ReS_4^- .¹⁶⁴ Cesium and thallium thiox-

othioperrhenates crystallize in the BaSO_4 structure (cf. KMnO_4) while the potassium and rubidium salts belong to a new structure type related to scheelite.^{163,165} A single-crystal X-ray study has shown that the ReO_3S^- ion in RbReO_3S departs slightly from C_{3v} symmetry and that the length of the Re-S bond is 214 pm. The mean length of the Re-O bonds (175 pm) is practically the same as in KReO_4 (177 pm).¹⁶⁵ A normal coordinate analysis of CsReO_3S ($\nu(\text{Re-S})$ 517 cm^{-1}) has yielded the stretching force constants for the Re-S and Re-O bonds as 425 and 750 N m^{-1} , respectively,¹⁶⁶ though much lower values (285 and 625 N m^{-1}) have been calculated for TiReO_3S ($\nu(\text{Re-S})$ 504 cm^{-1}).¹⁶⁷ The crystalline, purple-black tetrathioperrhenates AREs_4 ($A = \text{AsPh}_4$, PPh_4 , and NMe_4) dissolve in organic solvents, but the solutions decompose within a few hours. Intense charge-transfer bands, for which assignments have been proposed, occur at 19,800 (ϵ 9.6 $\times 10^4$), 32,050 (ϵ 1.8 $\times 10^4$), and 44,000 cm^{-1} (ϵ 3 $\times 10^4$). Infrared assignments include $\nu_s(\text{Re-S})$ [501, $\nu_1(\text{A}_1)$], $\nu_a(\text{Re-S})$ [486, $\nu_3(\text{F}_2)$], and $\delta_a(\text{ReS}_2)$ [200 cm^{-1} , $\nu_4(\text{F}_2)$]. As in ReO_4^- , $\nu_2(\text{E})$ is either very weak or coincident with $\nu_4(\text{F}_2)$. The stretching force constant varies from 326 to 394 N m^{-1} according to the force field model assumed in the calculation.¹⁶⁴

Acid solutions of perrhenate react with H_2S to give a brownish black amorphous precipitate of dirhenium heptasulfide (Re_2S_7), through a number of unidentified intermediates. It usually contains excess sulfur which is very difficult to remove. Some samples,¹⁶⁸ but not others,^{169,170} have become microcrystalline after heating *in vacuo* for several weeks, and their magnetic properties depend on their history. This is, nevertheless, the only practical preparation since ReS_2 does not react with sulfur and Re_2O_7 is reduced by both sulfur and H_2S to impure ReO_3 . The structure of Re_2S_7 is unknown. It dissociates directly to ReS_2 and sulfur when heated under argon¹⁶⁹ but is reduced by hydrogen at ambient temperatures to an amorphous pyrophoric substance of stoichiometry ReS_3 , possibly the trisulfide.^{168,169} Reduction at higher temperatures proceeds to ReS_2 and then to the metal. The intermediacy of Re_2S_5 has been proposed,¹⁶⁸ but not substantiated.¹⁶⁹ The heptaselenide has not been reinvestigated since its early preparation.⁹

3. Rhenium Heptafluoride and the Oxohalides

Fluorine reacts with rhenium metal to give a mixture of ReF_6 and ReF_7 , but ReF_6 reacts further under 3 atm of F_2 at 400° to form pure ReF_7 .¹⁷¹ The heptafluoride is also obtained by treating rhenium powder with F_2 in a fluidized bed¹⁷² and by exploding a rhenium wire in SF_6 under certain conditions.¹⁷³ Technetium does not form a heptafluoride so that IF_7 and the very unstable OsF_7 are the only other known heptafluorides of the elements. Both rhenium and iodine heptafluorides have body-centered cubic unit cells at room temperature in which the molecules are disordered.^{171,174} A transition to lower symmetry (orthorhombic for IF_7) occurs at ca. -120° .¹⁷⁴ A set of X-ray diffraction data for single crystals of orthorhombic IF_7 could not be refined unambiguously to a definite molecular geometry,¹⁷⁵ and the exercise has not been attempted yet for ReF_7 .

It has been suspected for some time that both molecules might be nonrigid, with ReF_7 the less rigid of the two. Thus the ^{19}F nmr spectrum of a solution of ReF_7 in WF_6 consists of a sharp singlet at ambient temperatures, indicating fast intramolecular exchange of fluorine nuclei within the nmr timescale.¹⁷⁶ The vibrational spectra in the liquid and vapor phases are consistent with D_{5h} sym-

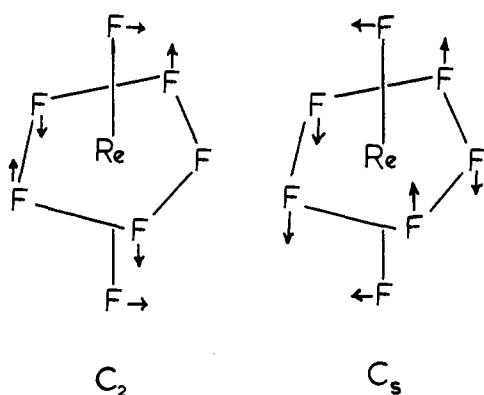


Figure 4. Stages in the pseudorotational cycle in ReF_7 . Arrows indicate displacements of fluorine atoms by ca. 8° from the pentagonal bipyramid.

metry (excluding D_{7h} on other grounds) but the greater width of the infrared deformations of ReF_7 suggest much larger intramolecular motions in this molecule than in IF_7 .¹⁷⁷ Experiments on the deflection of molecular beams in inhomogeneous electric fields indicate that ReF_7 has polar components which increase as the temperature is lowered. Such behavior is incompatible with a rigid structure, D_{5h} or otherwise. Similar polar components appear for IF_7 only at considerably lower temperatures.¹⁷⁸ An elegant electron diffraction study of ReF_7 has shown that a small but significant departure from D_{5h} symmetry occurs in the gas phase.¹⁷⁹ The diffraction data are consistent with puckering of the equatorial ring of five fluorines by no more than ca. 9° and concomitant bending of the axial fluorines by ca. 8° from the C_5 axis, away from the nearest equatorial fluorines (C_2 or C_s ; Figure 4). Taken in conjunction with the other properties of ReF_7 , these deformations are almost certainly not static but are stages in a pseudorotational cycle ($C_2 \rightarrow C_s \rightarrow C_2$) in which the equatorial pucker (E_2'' vibration) and axial bend (E_1' vibration) progress in a fixed phase relationship around the C_5 axis of the reference pentagonal bipyramid. The pucker probably originates in steric crowding of equatorial fluorines and in turn induces the axial deformation, thus leading to strong coupling of E_2'' and E_1' . The coupling and the large vibrational amplitudes render the model of independent normal vibrations inapplicable.¹⁷⁹ A similar situation pertains to IF_7 and XeF_6 . Two independent attempts at force constant calculations on the basis of D_{5h} symmetry have yielded disparate results.¹⁸⁰

Rhenium heptafluoride is stable in dry oxygen up to 500° ¹⁷¹ and is thus less oxidizing than PtF_6 and much more stable to dissociation than OsF_7 . Surprisingly, it is only slightly more oxidizing than ReF_6 in that both fluorides are inert toward AsF_3 but oxidize PF_3 to PF_5 . Generally, the reactions of ReF_7 toward halides are similar to, though more vigorous than, those of ReF_6 .¹⁸¹ The heptafluoride dissolves unchanged in anhydrous HF to an essentially nonconducting solution,¹⁸² but the ReF_8^- ion is obtained as the nitronium or nitrosonium salt by heating ReF_7 with NO_2F or NOF , respectively. It is suspected to have a square antiprismatic structure.¹⁸³

The three perrhenyl halides ReO_3X ($\text{X} = \text{F}, \text{Cl}, \text{and Br}$) and the oxofluorides ReO_2F_3 and ReOF_5 have been known for a long time. The latter is isostructural with OsOF_5 and IOF_5 (C_{4v})¹⁸⁴ and reacts with nitril and nitrosyl fluorides to form salts of ReOF_6^- .¹⁸³ A mixed oxohalide of stoichiometry $\text{Re}_2\text{O}_4\text{Cl}_5$ is said to be formed by interaction of ReO_3Cl and ReOCl_4 .¹⁸⁵ The only other recent work on oxohalides appears to consist of attempts at vibrational analyses.¹⁸⁶ A number of thiohalides such as

ReS_3Cl , ReSCl_4 , ReSCl_2 , and $\text{Re}_2\text{S}_3\text{Cl}_4$ have been reported as products of the reactions of sulfides with chlorine or of chlorides with S_2Cl_2 .¹⁸⁷ Although thiohalides are undoubtedly formed in such reactions, none of the above compounds have been adequately characterized.

4. Complexes

The complex species that have not been discussed above will be considered arbitrarily in this section. Four halo or oxohalo anions are known, *viz.* ReF_8^- , ReOF_6^- ,¹⁸³ ReO_2F_4^- ,⁹ and $\text{ReO}_3\text{Cl}_2^-$,¹⁸⁹ and are all completely hydrolyzed by water to perrhenate. The last is obtained as the cesium salt by adding CsCl to perrhenic acid in concentrated HCl and has a vibrational spectrum consistent with the *fac* configuration. This is in keeping with the tendency of oxo ligands in octahedral d^0 complexes to occur mutually *cis*.¹⁰⁰ Although both $\text{WO}_3\text{F}_3^{3-}$ and $\text{OsO}_3\text{F}_3^{3-}$ are known, the isoelectronic $\text{ReO}_3\text{F}_3^{2-}$ ion cannot be isolated from solutions of perrhenic acid in even anhydrous HF.¹⁸⁹ The salt $\text{K}_2\text{ReO}_3\text{N}$ is formed in the reaction of potassium amide with Re_2O_7 in liquid ammonia¹⁹¹ and is considered to have a Re-N triple bond ($\nu(\text{Re-N})$ 1022 cm^{-1} ; $\nu(\text{Re-O})$ $878, 830\text{ cm}^{-1}$).¹⁹² It is intermediate between $\text{MoO}_3\text{N}^{3-}$ and OsO_3N^- in the ease of hydrolysis to ammonia.

An anhydrous nitrate, ReO_3NO_3 , is obtained by the action of N_2O_5 on ReO_3Cl and appears to be polymeric. The infrared spectrum is consistent with the presence of bridging nitrate groups, and the mass spectrum contains dinuclear species. It decomposes above 70° without melting to Re_2O_7 and NO_2 .¹⁹³

Labile, hygroscopic adducts $\text{ReO}_3\text{Cl}(\text{dmf})_2$ and $\text{ReO}_3\text{Cl}(\text{dmsO})_2$ in which the ligands are bound through oxygen may be prepared from stoichiometric quantities of ReO_3Cl and the appropriate ligand in dry CCl_4 .¹⁹⁴ Even less stable adducts ReO_3ClL_2 [$\text{L} = \text{py}, \frac{1}{2}\text{dipy}, \text{MeCONMe}_2, (\text{Me}_2\text{N})_2\text{CO}, \text{and PO}(\text{NMe}_2)_3$] are formed only with an excess of L and decompose when washed with CCl_4 .¹⁹⁵

Perhaps the most interesting complex of rhenium(VII) is the enneahydridorhenate ion, ReH_9^{2-} , formed in the reduction of perrhenate with an alkali metal. The highest yields have been attained using NaReO_4 and sodium in ethanol (35% Na_2ReH_9).¹⁹⁶ Various erroneous formulations had been advanced until the anion was eventually characterized by Ginsberg and his coworkers by X-ray and neutron diffraction. Each rhenium atom in K_2ReH_9 is at the center of a trigonal prism of hydrogen atoms with three other hydrogens beyond the centers of the rectangular faces of the prism. The nine Re-H bonds are nearly equal with a mean length of $168 \pm 1\text{ pm}$ and a mean H-Re-H angle between hydrogens in the same vertical mirror plane of $93.6 \pm 0.6^\circ$.¹⁹⁷ K_2TcH_9 is isostructural.¹⁹⁸ Although two distinct proton environments are expected, only one nmr signal is observed in aqueous solution at τ 19.1 which suggests, but does not prove, that the ion is fluxional. Certain deformations (e.g., E') would interchange prism and equatorial hydrogens at large amplitudes though it has not been proved that this is necessarily the pseudorotation mechanism.¹⁹⁷ Librations about the C_3 and C_2' axes of ReH_9^{2-} have been detected in solid K_2ReH_9 at 90 K by inelastic neutron scattering spectroscopy (time scale ca. 10^{-11} sec), and the barriers to hindered rotation have been estimated for each of the two crystallographically distinct sites of ReH_9^{2-} .¹⁹⁹ Nmr relaxation studies with a much longer observation time scale (ca. 10^{-5} sec) reveal, by contrast, only isotropic rotations.^{199,200} It is possible that the apparent isotropy

is the result of pseudorotational interchange of C_3 and C_2' even in the solid state at a rate between 10^5 and 10^{11} sec^{-1} , but there are alternative interpretations.¹⁹⁹ Infrared Re-H stretches in solid K_2ReH_9 occur at 1931 sh , 1846 s , and 1814 sh cm^{-1} and a single deformation frequency at 735 s cm^{-1} .¹⁹⁶ Neutron scattering, for which no selection rules apply, reveals further overlapping deformations at 640, 760, and 810 cm^{-1} .¹⁹⁹

The ReH_9^{2-} ion is fairly stable in water at high pH but loses H_2 near neutrality. It is reduced by CO in ethanol to tri- μ -hydrido-bis[tricarbonylrhenate(I)],²⁰¹ a rare example of a complex with three hydride bridges. It is possible to formally replace one²⁰² or two²⁰³ hydride ligands in ReH_9^{2-} by tertiary phosphines or arsines. Thus the anions ReH_8L^- ($\text{L} = \text{PPh}_3, \text{PET}_3, \text{P-}n\text{-Bu}_3, \text{ and AsPh}_3$) are obtained, accompanied by some ReH_5L_3 ($\text{L} = \text{PPh}_3$ and AsPh_3), by heating ReH_9^{2-} with L in 2-propanol.²⁰² The white, neutral complexes ReH_7L_2 are found among the products of the reaction of ReOCl_3L_2 , $\text{ReO(OR)Cl}_2\text{L}_2$, and especially ReCl_4L_2 with LiAlH_4 in tetrahydrofuran ($\text{L} = \text{PPh}_3, \text{PEtPh}_2, \text{PET}_2\text{Ph}, \text{AsEt}_2\text{Ph}, \text{ and } \frac{1}{2}\text{dppe}$). They lose H_2 when heated alone to form $(\text{ReH}_x\text{L}_2)_n$ ($n = 2?$) and with excess L to form ReH_5L_3 .²⁰³ It is interesting that when $\text{ReH}_8(\text{PPh}_3)^-$ is treated with HCl it gives the dinuclear rhenium(III) species $[\text{PPh}_3]_2\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_8$ ²⁰² whereas $\text{ReH}_7(\text{PET}_2\text{Ph})_2$ gives $\text{ReCl}_4(\text{PET}_2\text{Ph})_2$.²⁰³ As in ReH_9^{2-} itself, the protons in ReH_8L^- and ReH_7L_2 are magnetically equivalent in solution. Acid-catalyzed H-D exchange occurs between ReD_7L_2 and EtOH by an unknown mechanism, but this is slow relative to the nmr time scale. Exchange also occurs with benzene at 100° and with dihydrogen.²⁰³

B. Rhenium(VI)

The sixth is undoubtedly one of the least stable oxidation states of rhenium and thus parallels the behavior of osmium(VII)¹³ but contrasts sharply with molybdenum(V)¹¹ and tungsten(V).^{12,190} Rhenium(VI) occurs in a number of solid oxides in which it nearly always occupies octahedral sites, but the well-established molecular compounds are confined to ReF_6 , ReF_5Cl , ReOX_4 ($\text{X} = \text{F}, \text{Cl}, \text{ and Br}$), the adducts ReOCl_4L , and a few simple anionic complexes. Transient-colored species formed in the reduction of ReO_4^- have also been attributed to rhenium(VI).^{92,93,142} All coordination numbers from four to eight are known, but octahedral coordination is definitely preferred. The five-coordinate oxotetrahalides tend to assume sixfold coordination either by association in the solid state or by forming adducts with monodentate ligands.

1. Rhenium Trioxide, Mixed Oxides, and Oxo Anions

Samples of rhenium trioxide obtained by reducing Re_2O_7 with CO or by heating the complex of HReO_4 and dioxane⁸⁰ are cubic, slightly nonstoichiometric,²⁰⁴ and inert. The oxide disproportionates without melting above 400° to ReO_2 and Re_2O_7 , but pure single crystals of stoichiometric ReO_3 may be prepared from the nonstoichiometric samples by vapor transport in the presence of an excess of iodine at ca. 370°. ²⁰⁴ The structure of ReO_3 is a well-known prototype,¹⁹⁰ formally derived from perovskite by deletion of the large cation from the center of each cubic unit cell. It is closely related to the tungsten bronzes Na_xWO_3 ($0.3 < x < 0.95$)²⁰⁵ which are defect perovskites in which WO_3 assumes an ReO_3 lattice with the centers of x of the unit cells occupied randomly by sodium.^{205,206}

Rhenium trioxide is a metal. The resistivity increases linearly with temperature²⁰⁴ and at room temperature (18 $\mu\Omega$ cm) is only ten times greater than that of copper (1.72 $\mu\Omega$ cm).²⁰⁶ The surface has a red metallic luster, and the dielectric constant derived from the optical reflectance spectrum is characteristic of free electron behavior for photon energies between 0.2 eV and the sharp plasma edge at 2.1 eV. Several interband transitions occur beyond the plasma edge, and the minimum in reflectivity in the green region at 2.30 eV (1.5% reflectivity as compared to 93% at 0.2 eV) is responsible for the red color.²⁰⁶ Nmr Knight shifts and spin-lattice relaxation rates for ¹⁸⁵Re and ¹⁸⁷Re at 1–4 K indicate that the conduction bands in ReO_3 and Na_xWO_3 are essentially identical near the Fermi level and suggest that they possess strong d character.⁴² Similar conclusions follow from the optical reflectance spectra.²⁰⁶ These observations have an important bearing on the conduction mechanism in the cubic tungsten bronzes themselves, which thus appears to involve donation of the sodium valence electrons into empty, essentially tungsten 5d conduction bands of the insulator WO_3 . Several detailed calculations of the band structure and Fermi surface of ReO_3 have given results in good agreement with experiment.²⁰⁷

The redox potential of a stoichiometric ReO_3 electrode in aqueous perrhenate varies linearly with pH from pH 1 to pH 3, but is independent of perrhenate concentration. The nature of the couple is unknown but may involve a lower oxide.²⁰⁸ In alkaline solution the electrode becomes passive, apparently owing to disproportionation to ReO_4^- and an insoluble, nonconducting Re^{IV} species.²⁰⁹

Cubic rhenium bronzes, M_xReO_3 ($\text{M} = \text{Na}$ and K , $x < 1$), are obtained by heating ReO_3 with alkali azide²¹⁰ or MReO_4 with rhenium metal,²¹¹ and the solid solutions $\text{W}_{1-x}\text{Re}_x\text{O}_3$ ($0 < x < 1$) are cubic for $x > 0.25$.²¹¹ A hexagonal bronze, K_xReO_3 , is also known.²¹² The hexagonal, nonstoichiometric oxide $\text{Re}_{1+x}\text{O}_3$ ($0.14 < x < 0.21$) is formed when a mixture of ReO_3 and ReO_2 is heated to 700–1400° under a pressure of 65 kbars. The structure of a single crystal ($x = 0.16$) was elucidated by X-ray diffraction and found to contain hexagonal close-packed oxygen with one-third of the octahedral holes completely occupied by rhenium atoms and another third (of a different type) only partially occupied. Complete filling of the latter third would have given the unknown oxide Re_2O_3 , but no new phases were obtained when ReO_2 and Re were heated together under pressure. In both cubic ReO_3 and hexagonal $\text{Re}_{1.16}\text{O}_3$ rhenium is present in an octahedral oxygen environment, but the volume per formula unit is considerably smaller for the high-pressure hexagonal phase.²¹³ All the above substances, with the exception of the $\text{WO}_3\text{-ReO}_3$ solid solutions rich in tungsten, have metallic conductivity.²¹¹⁻²¹³ Unlike ReO_3 itself and the cubic rhenium bronzes, hexagonal K_xReO_3 is superconducting below 3.6 K.²¹² An attempt to prepare bronzes Cu_xReO_3 by heating ReO_3 with copper led to the stoichiometric phase $\text{CuRe}_4\text{O}_{12}$.²¹⁴

A large number of ordered perovskites $\text{A}_2\text{M}^{\text{II}}\text{Re}^{\text{VI}}\text{O}_6$ ($\text{A} = \text{Ca}, \text{Sr}, \text{ or Ba}$; $\text{M} = \text{Ca}, \text{Sr}, \text{Ba}, \text{Mg}, \text{Mn}, \text{Fe}, \text{Co}, \text{Ni}, \text{Zn}, \text{ or Cd}$) have been synthesized by heating mixtures of binary oxides^{9,215} and in other ways.¹⁴⁸ The M^{II} and Re^{VI} cations occupy octahedral sites. The perovskites are cubic when $\text{M} = \text{Ba}$, and black, single crystals of octahedral habit may be grown by the hydrothermal technique. They are semiconductors, with the exception of $\text{Ba}_2\text{FeReO}_6$ which has metallic conductivity (resistivity = 1.6 $\text{m}\Omega$ cm at 370 K). The oxides Ba_2MReO_6 ($\text{M} = \text{Mn}, \text{Fe}, \text{ and Ni}$) are ferrimagnetic and $\text{Ba}_2\text{CoReO}_6$ is antiferromagnetic with a Néel temperature of 40 K.²¹⁵ The only

oxides in which rhenium is known to occupy tetrahedral sites are of the type $Ba_3M_2^{II}Re^V O_9$ ($M = Cr$ and Fe) and have the hexagonal $BaTiO_3$ structure.⁹ There is no evidence for the existence of either solid rhenates or of the ReO_4^{2-} ion in solution.

A number of other oxide phases such as La_2ReO_6 ,¹⁶¹ Li_4MgReO_6 ,²¹⁶ $Ca_5Re_2O_{11}$, Sr_2ReO_5 ,^{148,217} etc., have been claimed, but the reports lack sufficient evidence and are somewhat confusing. The mixed oxide Li_6ReO_6 has been obtained in two modifications by several routes.²¹⁸ The blue-black rhombic α form obtained above 620° is isomorphous with α - Li_6TcO_6 ¹⁴⁹ and Li_6MO_6 ($M = W$ and Te), while the β form obtained at lower temperatures is isomorphous with β - Li_6TcO_6 and Li_6MO_6 ($M = Os, Np, Pu,$ and Am). The X-ray powder pattern of β - Li_6ReO_6 is practically the same as of Li_5ReO_6 ,¹⁵⁵ and the structure has therefore been assumed to consist of nearly cubic close-packed oxygen with all the rhenium atoms and most of the lithium in octahedral holes. Since the available octahedral holes are too few to accommodate all the lithium, some lithium atoms would of necessity occupy tetrahedral holes but may scatter too weakly to alter the powder pattern.²¹⁸ While this theory seems entirely reasonable, it would be difficult to distinguish β - Li_6ReO_6 from Li_5ReO_6 doped with Re^{VI} . The vibrational²¹⁹ and electronic spectra of Li_6ReO_6 have been discussed.²²⁰ Although the compound could be regarded as a salt of the ReO_6^{6-} ion, neither this nor any other oxo anion of rhenium(VI) persists in solution.

A ternary nitride $Sr_{27}Re_5N_{28}$ is obtained, together with $Sr_9Re_3N_{10}$, by heating rhenium metal with strontium nitride under nitrogen.²²¹

2. Rhenium(VI) Halides and Oxohalides

Rhenium hexafluoride is formed from the elements ($\Delta H_f^\circ = -1350 \pm 10$ kJ mol⁻¹),²²² along with the heptafluoride. The latter is reduced to ReF_6 by rhenium metal.¹⁷¹ The hexafluoride is of theoretical interest in that it is one of the few octahedral molecules subject to dynamic Jahn-Teller effects which can be studied in the gas phase.²²³ Calculations based on the model that Jahn-Teller forces originate in the electrostatic interaction between the nonbonding rhenium t_{2g} electron and the fluorine atoms predict a static tetragonal distortion of only ca. 0.5 pm, but a profound effect on the vibrational spectrum.²²⁴ In keeping with these predictions, experiments with molecular beams have shown that ReF_6 is nonpolar,²²⁵ and electron diffraction in the gas phase has established O_h symmetry within the limits of experimental error (± 0.4 pm). The mean Re-F separation (183.2 ± 0.4 pm) is nearly the same as in OsF_6 (183.2 pm), which should also be subject to Jahn-Teller distortions, and in WF_6 (183.4 pm) and IrF_6 (183.2 pm), which should not.²²⁶ As might be expected from the bond lengths, solid ReF_6 is isomorphous with MF_6 ($M = W, Os, Ir$; and also $Mo, Tc, Ru, Rh,$ and Pt) both in the body-centered cubic polymorph and in the modification of lower symmetry which is stable below room temperature.¹⁷⁴ A molecule with O_h symmetry is expected to have three fundamentals active in the Raman [$\nu_1(A_{1g}), \nu_2(E_g),$ and $\nu_5(F_{2g})$] and two in the infrared [$\nu_3(F_{1u})$ and $\nu_4(F_{1u})$]. The gas-phase vibrational spectra of WF_6 , ReF_6 , and IrF_6 are consistent with this,^{223,227} but the ν_2 and ν_5 bands in ReF_6 have broad non-Gaussian envelopes and are displaced from the frequencies deduced by interpolation. This is the result of vibronic coupling caused by dynamic Jahn-Teller effects^{223,227} and has been analyzed in detail.^{223,227,228} Further manifestations of the Jahn-Teller

effect are apparent in the vibronic structure of electronic bands^{229,230} which indicate that the distortion is trigonal,²³⁰ and in slow electron capture experiments.²³¹

Rhenium hexafluoride is a stronger oxidant than WF_6 but is weaker than OsF_6 . Thus WF_6 does not react with nitric oxide whereas both ReF_6 and OsF_6 are reduced to $(NO)MF_6$. ReF_6 reacts with nitrosyl fluoride by fluoride transfer only to give $(NO)_2ReF_8$ whereas OsF_6 gives a mixture of $(NO)OsF_7$ and $(NO)OsF_6$.²³² The reactions of TcF_6 are similar to ReF_6 .²³³ The hexafluoride is reduced smoothly by PF_3 (but not AsF_3) to ReF_5 ,¹⁸¹ by BCl_3 to $ReCl_5$,²²² and by BBr_3 and PBr_3 to $ReBr_5$.¹⁸¹ Like WF_6 and OsF_6 it gives nonconducting solutions in liquid hydrogen fluoride,²³⁴ though the anions ReF_7^- and ReF_8^{2-} may be obtained in other ways.^{9,232,233} The mixed halide ReF_5Cl is formed together with ReF_6 when $ReCl_5$ is treated with fluorine, and it decomposes even at room temperature to a mixture of ReF_6 and lower chlorides. The effective magnetic moment at 300 K (1.11 BM) is considerably higher than that of ReF_6 (0.25 BM).²³⁵

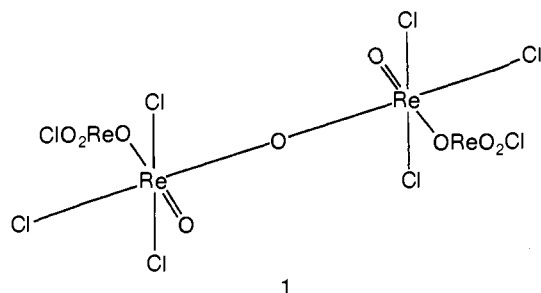
Although several preparations of $ReCl_6$ have been claimed,^{8,236} there is serious doubt that such a compound actually exists. The action of chlorine on rhenium metal dispersed on porous brick does not yield $ReCl_6$ as was once believed, but impure $ReOCl_4$. The oxygen is derived from the ceramic material which is apparently attacked by the hot metal.²³⁷ It is almost certain that the highest chloride formed by direct chlorination is the pentachloride, and $ReCl_5$ itself does not react with either gaseous or liquid chlorine, even under uv irradiation.²³⁷ In view of this it would have been surprising if technetium formed a hexachloride, and a recent reinvestigation has actually shown that $TcCl_4$ is the highest chloride that can be obtained from chlorine and technetium.²³⁸ Halogen exchange between ReF_6 and BCl_3 or PCl_3 is said to yield an extremely volatile material which readily loses chlorine and which analyzes correctly for $ReCl_6$.^{181,236} However, authentic $ReCl_6$ would be expected to be much less volatile than ReF_6 (bp 33.7°) and slightly less volatile than WCl_6 (bp 346°). The reaction of ReF_6 with BCl_3 has recently been found to give only $ReCl_5$ and fluoride chlorides of boron.²²² The synthesis of $ReCl_6$ in a low-temperature matrix does not seem to have been attempted.

Three oxohalides are known. Dark blue $ReOF_4$ is formed when ReF_6 is treated with ReO_3 , $W(CO)_6$, or a small amount of water. The crystal structure consists of distorted $ReOF_5$ octahedra sharing cis fluorine atoms to form infinite chains. The bridging F-Re bond trans to oxygen (230 pm) is substantially longer than the bridging F-Re bond trans to fluorine (199 pm). Oxygen is always terminal, and the short Re-O separation (165 pm) indicates a high bond order. The structure of $ReOF_4$ is thus similar to that of $TcOF_4$ and $MoOF_4$ but quite different from tetrameric WOF_4 .²³⁹ The dark brown oxotetrachloride (mp 30.0°) is the most accessible molecular compound of rhenium(VI) and is best prepared by heating $ReCl_5$ with oxygen in a Carius tube²³⁷ or rhenium metal with sulfuryl chloride.²⁴⁰ It is also formed when rhenium is heated with a mixture of chlorine and oxygen, Re_2O_7 with thionyl chloride,⁸ ReO_3 with $ReCl_5$, $MoCl_5$, $MoOCl_4$, or $WOCl_4$,²⁴¹ and $ReCl_5$ with MoO_3 or MO_2Cl_2 ($M = Mo, W,$ or U).²⁴² Various physical properties have been measured.²⁴³ The crystalline solid consists of square-pyramidal $ReOCl_4$ molecules with apical oxygen (Re-O, 163 pm) and is thus entirely different from $WOCl_4$. The units are very weakly associated through distant cis $Re \cdots Cl$ interactions (355 and 365 pm).²⁴⁴ The infrared spectrum in the gas phase ($\nu(Re-O)$ 1040, $\nu(Re-Cl)$ 392 cm⁻¹) is practically the same as in inert solvents (CCl_4 , cyclohex-

ane) indicating that the same species is involved.²⁴⁵ It has not been possible to show whether this species is square pyramidal or trigonal bipyramidal. Two metal-chlorine stretches are expected for C_{4v} symmetry and three for D_{3h} , but only one has been observed.²⁴⁵⁻²⁴⁷ In the mass spectrometer, ReOCl_4 fragments principally to ReOCl_4^+ , ReOCl_3^+ , and ReOCl_2^+ .²⁴⁸ ReOBr_4 has not been investigated recently.

3. Complexes

Rhenium oxotetrahalides usually react to give compounds in oxidation states other than six. Thus ReOCl_4 is reduced by concentrated hydrochloric acid with evolution of chlorine to ReOCl_5^{2-} ,²⁴⁷ by pyridine to $\text{ReOCl}_3(\text{py})_2$,²³⁷ and by thionyl chloride to ReCl_6^{2-} ; and it disproportionates in water to ReO_2 and ReO_4^- .^{8,9} Inert ligands may, however, coordinate to the vacant position in ReOX_4 trans to oxygen to form adducts ReOX_4L of C_{4v} symmetry in which the Re-L bond is long and weak. In solid ReOX_4 the ligand is the halide atom of a neighboring ReOX_4 molecule.^{239,244} Equimolar quantities of ReOCl_4 and water yield the bright red, crystalline complex $\text{ReOCl}_4(\text{H}_2\text{O})$ which has been shown by X-ray diffraction to have a short Re-O bond (163 pm, the same as in ReOCl_4 itself) and a long Re-OH₂ bond (227 pm) trans to it. The four chlorine atoms are equidistant from the rhenium at 229 pm and are bent away from the terminal oxygen toward the water molecule.²⁴⁹ The adducts $\text{ReOCl}_4(\text{MeCN})$ ²⁵⁰ and $\text{ReOCl}_4(\text{POCl}_3)$ ²³⁷ are obtained from ReOCl_4 and the free ligands and dissociate again on heating under vacuum. $\text{ReOCl}_4(\text{POCl}_3)$ is partly dissociated even in CCl_4 solution but not in TiCl_4 .²³⁷ There is some spectroscopic evidence that similar adducts are formed when donors such as acetone and ether are added to solutions of ReOCl_4 in inert solvents.²⁴⁵ The complex oxohalide $(\text{Re}_2\text{O}_3\text{Cl}_6)(\text{ReO}_3\text{Cl})_2$ formed by uv irradiation of a mixture of ReOCl_4 , $\text{ReOCl}_4(\text{H}_2\text{O})$, and ReO_3Cl has a related structure (1) in which perrhenyl



chloride donates weakly trans to each of the two terminal oxygens in the hypothetical μ -oxo-bis[oxotrichlororhenium(VI)]. Once again there is a short terminal Re-O bond (169 pm) and a long bond in the trans position (241 pm), in this case to an oxygen of ReO_3Cl . The bridging O-Re separation (184.7 pm) is intermediate.²⁵¹ It is possible that the compound $\text{Re}_2\text{O}_4\text{Cl}_5$ may consist of one-half of this molecule, *i.e.*, $\text{ReOCl}_4(\text{OREO}_2\text{Cl})$.¹⁸⁵

Salts of the anions ReOX_5^- ($X = \text{Cl}$ and Br) separate when AX ($A = \text{AsPh}_4$, NEt_4 , and acridinium, $X = \text{Cl}$; ²⁴⁷ $A = \text{PPh}_4$, $X = \text{Br}$ ²⁵⁰) is added to a solution of ReOX_4 in anhydrous chloroform or dichloromethane. The diethyloxonium salt of ReOCl_5^- is also obtained from ReOCl_4 and HCl in dry ether,²⁵² and ReOF_5^- by the partial hydrolysis of ReF_6^{2-} .⁹ Partial hydrolysis of ReOCl_4^- gives the mauve, almost diamagnetic anion $[\text{Cl}_4\text{ORE-O-ReOCl}_4]^{2-}$,²⁴⁷ and ammonolysis of ReOCl_4 gives a polymeric material of stoichiometry $\text{ReO}(\text{NH}_2)_4$, said to con-

tain Re^{VI} .²⁵⁰ It was once believed that ReOCl_5^{2-} in aqueous hydrochloric acid is oxidized by air to ReOCl_6^{2-} ,²⁵³ but subsequent work has not confirmed this.^{247,254}

The tendency of rhenium(V) to form a single multiple bond to oxygen and a weak bond in the trans position is reminiscent of other d^1 ions such as V^{IV} , Cr^{V} , Mo^{V} , and W^{V} .¹⁹⁰ The Re-O stretching frequency occurs at 950–1040 cm^{-1} and the magnetic moments of all mononuclear Re^{VI} compounds except ReF_6 and ReF_7^- fall within 1.2–1.7 BM, rather lower than the spin-only values. Only three complex species are known not to have terminal Re-O bonds, *viz.* ReF_7^- , ReF_8^{2-} ,^{9,232,233} and $\text{Re}(\text{CN})_8^{2-}$.¹⁵

C. Rhenium(V)

The most characteristic feature of Re^{V} is the existence of a large number of stable, diamagnetic complexes in which the metal forms multiple bonds to oxygen or nitrogen. They are mostly octahedral and of the types ReOX_5^{2-} , ReOX_4L^- , ReOX_3L_2 , $\text{ReO}_2\text{X}_4^{3-}$, ReO_2L_4^+ , $(\text{ReOX}_2\text{L}_2)_2\text{O}$, ReNX_2L_3 , and $\text{Re}(\text{NR})\text{X}_3\text{L}_2$. It thus resembles Mo^{V} ,¹¹ Os^{V} , and Os^{VI} ,¹³ more closely than the isoelectronic Mo^{IV} and W^{IV} which form few stable oxo species. Although the tendency to form multiple bonds to nitrogen is shared with adjacent elements in their higher oxidation states (Mo^{VI} , Os^{V} , Os^{VI} , and Os^{VII}), it appears to be more pronounced for Re^{V} than for any other transition metal. The few complexes of Re^{V} which lack such multiple bonds are generally eight-coordinate and diamagnetic. Paramagnetic species thus ought to be viewed with suspicion unless they have been thoroughly characterized. The reduction of Re^{V} to Re^{IV} and/or Re^{III} occurs with such ease that it is often encountered under conditions which might have been expected to lead to substitution.

1. Rhenium(V) Oxides and Oxo Anions

The elusive oxide Re_2O_5 has been obtained crystalline, but not pure, by the electrolytic reduction of perrhenate in 12 M sulfuric acid. The blue-black precipitate formed in this way retains sulfuric acid which cannot be removed by washing with water, since this results in disproportionation. The acid is lost under vacuum only at temperatures which cause partial oxidation to ReO_3 and disproportionation to ReO_2 and Re_2O_7 , but some tetragonal Re_2O_5 survives these conditions.²⁵⁵ A very impure form of the same oxide is apparently produced in the chemical reduction of perrhenate.^{93,255} Rhenium(V) is found in the octahedral sites of the ordered perovskites $\text{A}_2\text{M}^{\text{III}}\text{Re}^{\text{V}}\text{O}_6$ ($A = \text{Sr}$, $M = \text{Cr}$;⁹ $A = \text{Ba}$, $M = \text{Sc}$, Y , and In ;²¹⁵ $A = \text{Sr}$ and Ba , $M =$ a lanthanide²⁵⁶), formed by heating mixtures of binary oxides. When M is a lanthanide, the perovskites obey the Curie-Weiss law down to at least 77 K,²⁵⁶ and in $\text{Ba}_2\text{GdReO}_6$ and $\text{Ba}_2\text{ErReO}_6$ no magnetic ordering occurs even at 4.2 K.²¹⁵ Purple crystals of $\text{Cd}_2\text{Re}_2\text{O}_7$ with the pyrochlore structure and with rhenium in octahedral coordination (Re-O, 190 pm) are formed by the interaction of Re_2O_7 vapor and cadmium.²⁵⁷

When a lanthanide oxide is heated with an excess of ReO_2 , a compound of stoichiometry $\text{Ln}_4\text{Re}^{\text{V}}_2\text{O}_{11}$ is obtained.^{258,259} An X-ray diffraction study of a single crystal ($\text{Ln} = \text{Nd}$) has shown that the structure contains pairs of ReO_6 octahedra sharing an edge, and that NdO_4 and NdO_8 polyhedra link the Re_2O_{10} units into a three-dimensional network. The Re-Re separation (242 pm) is short, indicating strong metal-metal bonding (*cf.* 275 pm in rhenium metal and 374 pm in $\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_{10}$).²⁵⁹ Similar Re_2O_{10}

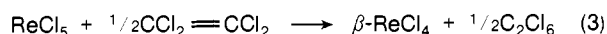
units (Re-Re, 242 pm) occur in the ternary oxide $\text{La}_4\text{Re}_6\text{O}_{19}$ in which rhenium has a formal oxidation state of $4\frac{1}{3}$, but in this case the Re_2O_{10} units are linked together directly by sharing corners. Lanthanum is ten-coordinate.²⁶⁰

Other oxides said to contain Re^{V} include $\text{Ca}_2\text{Re}_2\text{O}_7$,²¹⁷ Li_3ReO_4 , and $\text{Li}_6\text{MgRe}_2\text{O}_9$,^{216,217} but they have not been described in detail. The vibrational spectrum of Li_3ReO_4 is consistent with the presence of ReO_4^{3-} ions.²⁶¹

2. Rhenium(V) and Halides and Oxohalides

Rhenium pentafluoride is best prepared by reducing the hexafluoride with PF_3 .¹⁸¹ Rhenium pentachloride (mp 261° ; $\Delta H_f^\circ = -360 \pm 3 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ ²²²) is the only product of chlorination of the metal under normal conditions and may also be obtained by heating Re_2O_7 with CCl_4 .²⁶² The dark brown crystalline solid contains dimeric $\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_{10}$ molecules isostructural with M_2Cl_{10} ($\text{M} = \text{Nb}, \text{Ta}, \text{Mo}, \text{and U}$), but is not isomorphous with the other pentahalides since the molecules are packed differently. Each $\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_{10}$ unit consists of two octahedra sharing an edge in which the rhenium atoms are displaced by 20 pm from the centers of the octahedra away from each other, and the long $\text{Re} \cdots \text{Re}$ separation ($373.9 \pm 0.2 \text{ pm}$) precludes the existence of a metal-metal bond. The average terminal and bridging Re-Cl distances are 224.4 ± 1.2 and $246.5 \pm 1.3 \text{ pm}$, respectively.²⁶³ The far-infrared spectrum can be assigned to $\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_{10}$ in both the solid state^{264,265} and in cyclohexane solution,²⁶⁴ and 12 out of the 13 active fundamentals expected for D_{2h} symmetry have been observed. ReCl_5 vapor is presumably monomeric since the heaviest fragment detected in a mass spectrometer at 100° is ReCl_5^+ . The major fragment is ReCl_4^+ .²⁶⁵ A number of other physical properties have been recorded, including the electronic spectrum²⁶⁵ and the phase diagrams for various metal chloride systems.²⁶⁶

The reactions of ReCl_5 are numerous and complex. It may be distilled unchanged in an atmosphere of chlorine, but it dissociates to ReCl_3 and Cl_2 when heated in a stream of inert gas.²⁶⁷ In a static system, ReCl_5 and ReCl_3 interact to form $\beta\text{-ReCl}_4$.^{268,269} ReCl_5 is reduced quantitatively to $\beta\text{-ReCl}_4$ by SbCl_3 ²⁶⁹ and to ReCl_3 by SnCl_2 .²⁶⁵ It is also reduced by tetrachloroethylene in accordance with the equation²⁷⁰



When ReCl_5 is heated with metal oxides or oxohalides, it gives mixtures of products which always contain ReOCl_4 ,^{242,251,265,271} and apparently never ReOCl_3 .^{251,265} Thus As_2O_3 or SO_2 gives a mixture of ReOCl_4 and ReCl_3 ,²⁶⁵ while ReO_3 gives ReO_3Cl , ReOCl_4 , $\text{Re}_2\text{O}_3\text{Cl}_5$ (ReO_3Cl)₂, ReO_2 , ReCl_3 , and rhenium metal.^{251,271}

Rhenium pentachloride acts as a mild but efficient Friedel-Crafts catalyst and promotes the alkylation and acylation of aromatic rings.²⁷² It also catalyzes the oligomerization of olefins and acetylenes,²⁷² the condensation of acetone to mesityl oxide,²⁷³ and the polymerization of styrene to a product of high molecular weight. The kinetics of the last reaction have been interpreted on the basis of cationic intermediates.²⁷⁴ Olefin polymerization is inhibited by tetrabutyltin and a mixture of ReCl_5 and SnBu_4 catalyzes the disproportionation of pent-2-ene to but-2-ene and hex-2-ene at room temperature.²⁷⁵

The pentachloride may react with potential ligands in several ways that often depend on the solvent and on the

presence of traces of moisture. "Aged ReCl_5 " is said to react differently from freshly prepared ReCl_5 , but since the latter is very hygroscopic and otherwise stable at ambient temperatures, "aged" samples are almost certainly partly hydrolyzed. The following reactions have been observed.

(a) Simple Substitution or Ligand Transfer. This occurs rarely and is only expected with inert ligands in the absence of water. Phosphorus pentachloride at 300°C gives the salt $[\text{PCl}_4]\text{ReCl}_6$ ²⁷⁶ and ReCl_5 is said to react with fused KSCN to give $\text{Re}(\text{SCN})_6^-$ ²⁷⁷ and with KCNO in dimethyl sulfone to give $\text{Re}(\text{OCN})_6^-$.²⁷⁸ In view of the general behavior of Re^{V} , the last two reactions are rather surprising. A polymeric acetate $\text{ReCl}_3(\text{OAc})_2$ is formed in glacial acetic acid.²⁷⁹

(b) Reduction to Rhenium(IV) by the Ligand. Under anhydrous conditions, ReCl_5 is reduced to complexes of the type ReCl_4L_2 or ReCl_5L^- by a number of ligands which are not normally considered reducing. The pentahalides of molybdenum and tungsten behave in a similar way,^{280,281} but ReCl_5 is the strongest oxidant. Anhydrous nitriles thus cause reduction to $\text{ReCl}_4(\text{RCN})_2$ ($\text{R} = \text{Me}, n\text{-Pr}, \text{and Ph}$),²⁸² fused α, α' -dipyridyl to $\text{ReCl}_4(\text{dipy})$,²⁶⁵ dioxane, thioxane, and tetrahydrofuran to ReCl_4L_2 ($\text{L} = \text{C}_4\text{H}_8\text{O}_2, \text{C}_4\text{H}_8\text{OS}, \text{and thf}$),²⁸³ and $[\text{NET}_4]\text{Cl}$ in CH_2Cl_2 to the salt $[\text{NET}_4]\text{ReCl}_5$.²⁸⁴ It is noteworthy that the known ReCl_6^- ion²⁷⁶ is not formed in the last reaction, although under similar conditions MoCl_5 and WCl_5 yield $[\text{NET}_4]\text{MCl}_6$. The reaction of ReCl_5 with PPh_3 is complicated and in anhydrous acetone yields both $\text{ReCl}_4(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ and $[\text{MeCOCH}_2\text{CMe}_2\text{PPh}_3][\text{ReCl}_5(\text{PPh}_3)]$, together with traces of $\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_8^{2-}$ and $\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_9^{2-}$.²⁷³ The cation is presumably formed by Michael addition of PPh_3 to mesityl oxide, itself a product of the condensation of acetone catalyzed by ReCl_5 .^{273,285} The oxidation product from the above reactions has been investigated only in the case of acetonitrile. At least a third of the chlorine atom lost by ReCl_5 is evolved as HCl , and at least another third appears in a highly chlorinated organic oil (58% Cl) which can be extracted into light petroleum.²⁸² An oil obtained in the reduction of VCl_4 by acetonitrile contains 2-methyl-4,6-bis(trichloromethyl)-1,3,5-triazine.²⁸⁶

(c) Hydrolysis to Rhenium(V) Oxo Species. In the presence of small amounts of water, ReCl_5 usually yields complexes of Re^{V} with terminal oxygen. Large cations thus precipitate ReOCl_5^{2-} from solutions of ReCl_5 in concentrated HCl ^{253,254} and ReOBr_5^{2-} from 48% HBr .²⁶⁵ Triphenylphosphine in wet acetone gives *trans*- $\text{ReOCl}_3(\text{PPh}_3)_2$,^{254,265} pyridine gives $[\text{ReOCl}_2(\text{py})_2]_2\text{O}$,²⁸⁷ and α, α' -dipyridyl gives $(\text{ReOCl}_2\text{dipy})_2\text{O}$.²⁸⁷ Aquo and hydroxo complexes are undoubtedly formed as intermediates since the $\text{Re}=\text{O}$ moiety can be reversibly protonated to $\text{Re}-\text{OH}$ and $\text{Re}-\text{OH}_2$, with equilibrium constants lying strongly to the left.^{254,287} Unlike MoCl_5 ,^{11,190} there is no evidence that ReCl_5 can abstract oxygen from organic solvents or ligands. Thus MoCl_5 gives $\text{MoOCl}_3(\text{POPh}_3)_2$ with POPh_3 in acetone, whereas ReCl_5 disproportionates.²⁸⁸

(d) Disproportionation. ReCl_5 disproportionates in water above pH 7 to ReO_2 and ReO_4^- .²⁵⁴ At lower pH, hydrolysis to Re^{V} oxo species competes with disproportionation. In wet acetone the anions ReO_4^- and $\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_9^{2-}$ are formed through unidentified transient intermediates,²⁸⁹ and the salt $[(\text{POPh}_3)_2\text{H}]_2\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_9$ separates in the presence of POPh_3 .²⁸⁸ This is perhaps the origin of $\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_8^{2-}$ and $\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_9^{2-}$ formed in the complex reaction of ReCl_5 with PPh_3 in acetone.²⁷³

Rhenium pentabromide is said to be formed by direct union of the elements, but very little, if any, could be pre-

pared by this method by later workers.²⁹⁰ The compound may be obtained by treating ReF_6 with BBr_3 or PBr_3 ,^{181,236} and ReBr_3 with Br_2 .²⁹¹ It has not been properly characterized. No oxohalides of rhenium(V) have been established beyond doubt. Claims for the preparation of ReOF_3 exist in the early literature,^{8,9} but all attempts to obtain ReOCl_3 have met with failure.²⁶⁵ A report that α - and β - ReOCl_3 had been prepared²⁷¹ was effectively withdrawn.²⁵¹

3. Oxo Complexes

The very stable oxo and dioxo complexes of rhenium(V) have been discussed in some detail by Ferguson.¹⁵ They are usually prepared by reduction of perrhenate in the presence of a ligand in strongly acid solution,^{283,292-299} and by ligand substitution in $\text{ReOCl}_3 \cdot (\text{PPh}_3)_2$ or $\text{ReO}(\text{OEt})\text{X}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$.^{254,283,287,293,300-304} They have also been synthesized by solvolysis of ReCl_5 ,^{254,265,287} aerial oxidation of Re^{III} ,^{305,306} and Re^{IV} ,³⁰⁷⁻³¹⁰ and in other ways. The complexes fall into three categories, namely, mononuclear with one terminal oxide, mononuclear with two terminal oxides, or dinuclear with one terminal oxide on each Re^{V} and an oxo bridge. The metal is nearly always found in pseudo-octahedral coordination but is five-coordinate in $\text{ReO}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$, $[\text{ReOX}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2]^+$,³⁰² and ReOX_4^- ($\text{X} = \text{Cl}, \text{Br}, \text{and I}$),²⁹⁴ and may be seven-coordinate in complexes of tridentate ligands such as $\text{ReOCl}_3(\text{tas})$ ¹⁵ and $\text{ReOCl}_3(\text{tdpme})$.²⁹² The five-coordinate complexes are unsaturated and readily increase their coordination number to six,^{294,302} whereas $\text{ReOCl}_3(\text{tdpme})$ dissociates to a six-coordinate isomer in which tdpme is bidentate.²⁹² Most well-established oxo complexes are described in Table II, but protonated species are omitted.

All Re^{V} oxo species are diamagnetic though weak, temperature-independent paramagnetism (TIP) equivalent to 0.3–0.8 BM usually remains when allowance is made for the diamagnetism of the ligands.^{128,295,310} The infrared spectra have been tabulated³¹¹ and discussed.³¹²⁻³¹⁴ The terminal $\text{Re}-\text{O}$ stretch in monooxo complexes and in the binuclear μ -oxo species lies within 912–995 cm^{-1} .³¹² Trans dioxo species have bands at 775–835 cm^{-1} ($\nu_{\text{as}}(\text{ReO}_2)$) and 220–270 cm^{-1} ($\delta(\text{ReO}_2)$), with $\nu_{\text{s}}(\text{ReO}_2)$ (ca. 800 cm^{-1}) active only in the Raman.^{312,314,315} The μ -oxo complexes have additional bands at 720–860 cm^{-1} and 200–205 cm^{-1} which have been assigned to $\nu_{\text{as}}(\text{Re}-\text{O}-\text{Re})$ and $\nu_{\text{s}}(\text{Re}-\text{O}-\text{Re})$, respectively,³¹² though an alternative assignment favors a band at 660–670 cm^{-1} to be associated with $\nu(\text{Re}-\text{O}-\text{Re})$.³⁰⁰ The order of the terminal $\text{Re}-\text{O}$ bond in monooxo complexes exceeds two since both the oxygen p_x and p_y orbitals overlap with the metal d_{xz} and d_{yz} . The two metal d electrons occupy the nonbonding d_{yz} orbital and thus account for the diamagnetism.

The anions ReOCl_5^{2-} and ReOBr_5^{2-} ²⁶⁵ are firmly established, but ReO_5^{2-} has been only briefly described.³¹⁶ Salts of ReOCl_5^{2-} may be obtained by reducing perrhenic acid with HI ,^{8,9,295} by boiling $[\text{ReO}_2(\text{en})_2]\text{Cl}$ with 5 *M* HCl ,²⁵⁴ or by dissolving ReOCl_4 ²⁴⁷ or ReCl_5 in concentrated HCl , and adding a large cation.^{253,254} The cesium salt is the most common, but many others have been described.^{254,317} They are usually contaminated with ReO_4^- and ReCl_6^{2-} owing to disproportionation, and magnetic moments ranging from 0.8 to 2.85 BM have been claimed.^{247,253,254} In fact, pure $\text{Cs}_2\text{ReOCl}_5$ prepared at -10° is diamagnetic, and a correction for ligand diamagnetism reveals TIP equivalent to 0.43 BM at room temperature.²⁹⁵ The salts of Cs_2ReOX_5 ($\text{X} = \text{Cl}$ and Br) are isomor-

phous with the corresponding Mo and W compounds,^{247,265,318} and the electronic^{128,247,254,318,319} and vibrational^{247,320} spectra have been recorded and analyzed.

The five-coordinate anion ReOBr_4^- is formed as one of the products of aerial oxidation of ReBr_3 in HBr .³⁰⁵ and all three anions ReOX_4^- ($\text{X} = \text{Cl}, \text{Br}, \text{and I}$) may be prepared in high yield by reducing perrhenate with zinc in methanolic sulfuric acid and adding HX .²⁹⁴ They form stable salts with large cations and may form weak solvates with water or acetonitrile. The crystal structures of both $[\text{NEt}_4]\text{ReOBr}_4(\text{H}_2\text{O})$ ³⁰⁵ and $[\text{AsPh}_4]\text{ReOBr}_4(\text{MeCN})$ ³²¹ have been solved. The anion in each case consists of a square pyramidal ReOBr_4 moiety in which the rhenium atom is respectively 32 and 34 pm above the Br_4 plane and the $\text{Re}-\text{O}$ separation is short (Table III). In conjunction with the high $\text{Re}-\text{O}$ stretching frequency ($1000 \pm 10 \text{ cm}^{-1}$), this indicates unusually strong π -bonding. The solvent molecule occupies the sixth coordination position trans to oxygen to form a long, weak bond ($\text{Re}-\text{OH}_2$, 232 pm; $\text{Re}-\text{NCMe}$, 231 pm).

Perhaps the most important compound of rhenium(V) is *trans*- $\text{ReOCl}_3(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ which separates almost quantitatively when perrhenic acid in concentrated HCl is added to a suspension of PPh_3 in glacial acetic acid.²⁹⁶ This and the related ethoxo complexes $\text{ReO}(\text{OEt})\text{X}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ ²⁹⁶ have been used as intermediates in the synthesis of complexes of Re^{III} ,^{300,306,322} Re^{IV} ,^{301,322} and Re^{VII} ,²⁰³ as well as Re^{V} .

The oxide ligands in all Re^{V} dioxo complexes whose configuration is known are mutually *trans*.^{254,312-315,323-326} This is also the case for other d^2 metals (Ru^{VI} and Os^{VI}) but is in contrast to dioxo complexes of d^0 metals (V^{V} , Mo^{VI} , W^{VI} ,^{313,314} and Re^{VII} ¹⁸⁹) in which they are *cis*. The *trans*-dioxo configuration has been confirmed by X-ray diffraction for $[\text{ReO}_2(\text{py})_4]\text{Cl} \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ³²⁴ and by both X-ray³²⁶ and neutron diffraction³²⁵ for $\text{K}_3\text{ReO}_2(\text{CN})_4$. In the d^0 *cis*-dioxo complexes the ligands O_x and O_y donate exclusively into d_{xz} and d_{yz} and share only d_{xy} , whereas in the d^2 *trans*-dioxo complexes, O_z and O_{-z} share both d_{xz} and d_{yz} but leave d_{xy} nonbonding to accommodate the two d electrons.³¹³ The $\text{Re}-\text{O}$ bond order is thus two,³¹⁵ and the $\text{Re}-\text{O}$ bond lengths in *trans*-dioxo complexes are significantly longer than in monooxo complexes (Table III). It has been suggested that the ligand field exerted on the metal in *trans*- $\text{ReO}_2(\text{py})_4^+$ is essentially the linear field of the oxide ligands, and the solvent effects on the electronic spectrum may then be interpreted as arising from the interaction of the solvent with the terminal oxides.³²⁷

The dinuclear μ -oxo complexes have a linear $\text{O}=\text{Re}-\text{O}-\text{Re}=\text{O}$ moiety which has been established by X-ray diffraction in $\text{Re}_2\text{O}_3(\text{Et}_2\text{dtc})_4$,^{303,328} $\text{Re}_2\text{O}_3\text{Cl}_4(\text{en})_2$,³²⁹ and $[\text{Pt}(\text{NH}_3)_4]_2\text{Re}_2\text{O}_3(\text{CN})_8$.³³⁰ The structure of $\text{Re}_2\text{O}_3(\text{Et}_2\text{dtc})_4$ (d^2) contrasts sharply with that of $\text{Mo}_2\text{O}_3(\text{Et}_2\text{dtc})_4$ (d^1) in which each terminal oxide is *cis* to the oxo bridge.³²⁸ In all three species the geometry of each rhenium atom is distorted octahedral, and in $\text{Re}_2\text{O}_3(\text{Et}_2\text{dtc})_4$ the two Et_2dtc ligands on one metal atom are staggered by ca. 40° relative to the other to avoid close $\text{S} \cdots \text{S}$ contacts. The terminal $\text{Re}-\text{O}$ bonds are shorter than in *trans*-dioxo species (Table III) and are presumed to have a bond order of three.^{325,328}

Rhenium(V) oxo complexes undergo the following reactions.

(a) Ligand Substitution. Terminal oxide in $\text{ReO}_2(\text{en})_2^+$ is inert and the complex may be dissolved in water and reprecipitated as the iodide with less than 1% exchange. The slow exchange of oxygen between $\text{ReO}_2(\text{en})_2^+$ and labeled water obeys the equation

TABLE II. Oxo Complexes of Rhenium(V)^a

Oxo species	Ligand (L)	Comments	Synthesis	Ref
ReOX ₄ ⁻		X = Cl, Br, and I	ReO ₄ ⁻ + Zn + HX in MeOH-H ₂ SO ₄ ^b	294
			ReBr ₃ + HBr + O ₂	305
ReOX ₃ ²⁻		X = Cl	See text	
		X = Br	ReCl ₃ + HBr (48%) ^b	265
ReOX ₄ L ⁻	H ₂ O and MeCN	X = Cl and Br	ReOBr ₄ ⁻ + L	294, 305
			ReO ₂ (en) ₂ ⁺ + HCl	294
	PPh ₃	X = Cl; green isomer (C ₃) Yellow isomer (C ₄)	ReOCl ₃ (PPh ₃) ₂ + HCl in benzene	254
			Pyrolysis of [PPh ₃] ₃ ReOCl ₃	254
ReOF(CN) ₃ L ⁻	H ₂ O	Cation = Na ⁺ , K ⁺ , NH ₄ ⁺ , etc.	ReO ₂ (CN) ₃ ³⁻ + hot 40% HF	342
ReOX ₃ L ₂	PPh ₃ and PEt ₂ Ph	X = Cl, Br, I and SCN ⁻ (all combinations)		
	PEt ₃ , P- <i>n</i> -Pr ₃ , P(CH ₂ Cl) ₃ , AsPh ₃ , AsMe ₂ Ph, AsEt ₂ Ph, SbPh ₃ , py, 1/2C ₂ H ₄ (PEt ₂) ₂ , 1/2diars, 1/2tas, 1/2dipy	X = Cl or Br	Several isomers synthesized before 1966	15
	PPh ₃ and AsPh ₃	X = Cl and Br; <i>trans</i>	ReCl ₃ + PPh ₃ in wet solvents	273
			ReO ₄ ⁻ + HX + PPh ₃ in AcOH ^b	296
			ReOX ₄ ⁻ + L in MeCN	294
	py	X = Cl	ReO ₂ (py) ₄ ⁺ + HCl under certain conditions	299
	Thioxane and dioxane	X = Cl and Br; <i>trans</i>	ReOCl ₃ (AsPh ₃) ₂ + L	283
	1/2dppe	X = Cl and Br	[ReO ₂ (dppe) ₂]X + HX in EtOH	293
		X = I	ReO ₂ (dppe)(PPh ₃) ₂ + HI	302
	1/2tdpme	X = Cl; 6- and 7-coord isomers	ReO ₄ ⁻ + HCl + tdpme + H ₃ PO ₂	292
	1/2dipy	X = Cl and Br	ReO ₄ ⁻ + HX + dipy + H ₃ PO ₂ in EtOH	297
			ReOCl ₃ (PPh ₃)(POPh ₃) + dipy	306
	1/2en	X = Cl	Re(OH) ₂ (en) ₂ ³⁺ in 10 M HCl on standing	254
ReOX ₃ (PPh ₃)L	dmso	X = Cl and Br	ReOX ₃ (PPh ₃) ₂ + dmso + HCl	254
			ReO(OEt)Cl ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂ + dmso + HCl	254
	POPh ₃	X = Cl; labile POPh ₃	ReCl ₃ (MeCN)(PPh ₃) ₂ + O ₂ in hot C ₆ H ₆	306
			<i>trans</i> -ReOCl ₃ (PPh ₃) ₂ + O ₃ in CH ₂ Cl ₂	290
ReOCl ₂ L ₂	PPh ₃		ReO ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂ ⁺ + HCl	302
ReOCl(NCS) ₂ L ₂	PPh ₃		ReO(OH)(NCS) ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂ + hot HCl	304
ReO(OR)X ₂ L ₂	PPh ₃	X = Cl, Br, and I; R = Me and Et		
	PPh ₃ , PEtPh ₂ , PEt ₂ Ph, P- <i>n</i> -Pr ₂ Ph, and P(CH ₂ Cl) ₃	X = Cl, Br, or I; R = Me, Et, <i>n</i> -Pr, Bz, or MeOC ₂ H ₄	Several isomers synthesized before 1966	15
ReO(OEt)X ₂ L ₂	PPh ₃	X = Cl and Br	ReO ₄ ⁻ + HX + PPh ₃ in boiling EtOH ^b	296
		X = NCS (2 isomers)	ReO(OH)(NCS) ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂ + HCl in EtOH	304
	py	X = Cl	<i>trans</i> -[ReO ₂ (py) ₄]Cl + boiling EtOH	287
		X = NCS	ReO(OEt)I ₂ (py) ₂ + NaSCN in EtOH	304
	1/2dppe	X = Cl, Br, and I	ReO(OEt)X ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂ + dppe in boiling C ₆ H ₆	293
	1/2tdpme	X = Cl	ReOCl(tdpme) + boiling EtOH	292
ReOX ₂ (acac)L	PPh ₃ and PEt ₂ Ph	X = Cl, Br, and I	ReO(OEt)X ₂ L ₂ + acacH in boiling C ₆ H ₆	301
			ReOCl ₃ (PPh ₃)(POPh ₃) + warm acacH	306
ReOX(R ₂ dtc) ₂	R = Me, Et, and 1/2(CH ₂) ₅	X = Cl and Br	ReOX ₃ (PPh ₃) ₂ + (R ₂ NCS) ₂	300
ReO(OH)(oxine)			ReO ₂ (aq) + fused oxineH in air	309
ReO(OH)(NCS) ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂		Bonded through N	ReO ₂ l(PPh ₃) ₂ or ReO(OEt)X ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂ + NaSCN in Me ₂ CO	304
			ReO ₂ (NCS) ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂ ⁻ + H ⁺	304
ReOX ₂ L ₂ ⁺	PPh ₃	X = Cl, Br, and I; anion = ReO ₄ ⁻	ReO ₂ l(PPh ₃) ₂ + O ₂	302
			ReO(OEt)X ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂ + HReO ₄ + Me ₂ CO	302
ReOXL ₄ ²⁻	tu	X = Cl and OH; anion = Cl ⁻ or ClO ₄ ⁻	ReO ₄ ⁻ + HCl + SnCl ₂ + tu	298
ReO ₂ (CN) ₄ ³⁻			See ref 15	15
ReO ₂ (NCS) ₂ L ₂ ⁻	PPh ₃	Cation = Na ⁺ , NH ₄ ⁺ , and AsPh ₄ ⁺	ReO(OH)(NCS) ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂ + OH ⁻ in excess SCN ⁻	304
ReO ₂ lL ₃	PEt ₂ Ph	<i>mer-trans</i>	ReO ₂ l(PPh ₃) ₂ + PEt ₂ Ph	302

TABLE II. (Continued)

Oxo-species	Ligand (L)	Comments	Synthesis	Ref
ReO ₂ (dppe)(PPh ₃)			ReO ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂ + 1 mol of dppe	302
ReO ₂ CN(H ₂ O)(py) ₂			[ReO ₂ (py) ₄]CN + water on standing	299
ReO ₂ (oxine)(H ₂ O) ₂			ReO ₂ ·aq + fused oxineH in air	309
ReO ₂ L ₂	PPh ₃	5-Coordinate and monomeric	ReO(OEt)I ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂ + H ₂ O in Me ₂ CO	302
			ReOI ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂ ⁺ + H ₂ O	302
	dmsO	Insol; M unknown	ReOCl ₃ (PPh ₃) ₂ + dmsO	254
ReO ₂ L ₄ ⁺	py	Anion = Cl ⁻ , etc.; see also ref 15	<i>trans</i> -ReOCl ₃ (PPh ₃) ₂ + py in hot EtOH	287
			Re ₂ O ₃ Cl ₄ (py) ₄ + py in wet EtOH	287
			ReO(OEt)Cl ₂ (py) ₂ + py	287
			ReOX ₄ ⁻ + py (X = Cl and Br)	294
			ReOCl ₃ (dmsO)PPh ₃ + py	254
	py, picolines	Anion = C ⁻ , Br ⁻ , and I ⁻	K ₂ ReCl ₆ + L + O ₂ in water	308
	tu	Anion = ClO ₄ ⁻	ReO ₄ ⁻ + HCl + SnCl ₂ + tu	298
	NH ₃	Anion = Cl ⁻	ReO(OEt)Cl ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂ (green isomer) + concd NH ₃	254
	RNH ₂ , 1/2diamines, 1/2dppe, tu		See ref 15	15
	1/2en	Anion = Cl ⁻ , etc.	ReOCl ₃ (dmsO)(PPh ₃) + en + H ₂ O	254
			K ₂ ReCl ₆ + en + H ₂ O + O ₂ ^b	307
	1/2dipy	Anion = ClO ₄ ⁻	ReOX ₃ (dipy) + excess dipy in hot EtOH	297
	1/2dppe	Anion = Cl ⁻ , Br ⁻ , I ⁻ , ReO ₄ ⁻ , etc.	ReO ₄ ⁻ + HX + dppe in EtOH	293
		Anion = I ⁻	ReO ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂ + 2 mol of dppe	302
ReO ₂ (py) ₃ PPh ₃ ⁺		Anion = I ⁻ and ClO ₄ ⁻	ReO ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂ + excess py at room temp	302
ReO ₂ (py) ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂ ⁺		Anion = I ⁻	[ReO ₂ (py) ₃ PPh ₃]I + PPh ₃	302
Re ₂ O ₃ (CN) ₅ ⁴⁻		See text	ReO ₂ (CN) ₄ ⁻ + 0.5 M HCl	330, 340
Re ₂ O ₃ X ₄ L ₄	py and 1/2dipy	X = Cl or Br	ReCl ₅ + L in wet Me ₂ CO	287
			ReOCl ₄ + L	237
			ReOX ₃ (PPh ₃) ₂ or ReO(OEt)Cl ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂ + py in C ₆ H ₆	287
	1/2en	X = Cl; see text	ReO(OH)(en) ₂ ²⁺ in HCl on standing	254
Re ₂ O ₃ (R ₂ dtc) ₄	R = Me, Et, and Ph	See text	ReOCl ₃ (PPh ₃) ₂ + NaR ₂ dtc in boiling Me ₂ CO	300
			Re ₂ O ₃ Cl ₄ (py) ₄ + NaEt ₂ dtc	300
			ReOX(R ₂ dtc) ₂ + H ₂ O + Na ₂ CO ₃ in Me ₂ CO (R = Me and Et)	300

^a Protonated dioxo species are excluded. ^b Best method of preparation.

$$\text{rate of exchange} = \{k_0 + k_1[\text{enH}_2^{2+}] + k_2[\text{en}] + k_3[\text{OH}^-]\} [\text{ReO}_2(\text{en})_2^+] \quad (4)$$

where at 50° $k_0 = 7.86 \times 10^{-5} \text{ sec}^{-1}$, $k_1 = 6.47 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ sec}^{-1}$, $k_2 = 1.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ sec}^{-1}$, and $k_3 = 3.26 \times 10^{-1} \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ sec}^{-1}$.³³² Other ligands range from labile to fairly inert but are decidedly more labile than on rhenium(IV). Thus Cs₂ReOCl₅ exchanges chloride rapidly with labeled HCl even in suspension,³³³ whereas ReCl₆²⁻ in 7 M HCl does not exchange significantly in weeks.³³⁴

TABLE III. Rhenium-Oxygen Bond Lengths in Rhenium(V) Oxo Species

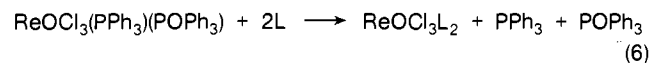
Compound	Terminal Re-O, pm	Bridging Re-O, pm	Ref
<i>trans</i> -ReOCl ₃ (PEt ₂ Ph) ₂	~160		331
[NEt ₄][ReOBr ₄ (H ₂ O)]	171 (4)		305
[AsPh ₄][ReOBr ₄ (MeCN)]	173 (6)		321
[ReO ₂ (py) ₄]Cl·2H ₂ O	176 (3)		324
K ₃ ReO ₂ (CN) ₄	177.3 (8)		325
	178.1 (3)		326
[Pt(NH ₃) ₄] ₂ Re ₂ O ₃ (CN) ₈	169.8(7)	191.49(4)	330
Re ₂ O ₃ (Et ₂ dtc) ₄	172.2	191.0	328
Re ₂ O ₃ Cl ₄ (en) ₂	167 (5)	191.2 (5)	329

Cyanide exchange with ReO₂(CN)₄³⁻ and chloride exchange with ReOCl₄(H₂O)⁻ is complete in less than a minute. Conversely, amine exchange with ReO₂L₄⁺ (L = 1/2en, MeNH₂, and py) is slow and obeys the rate equation

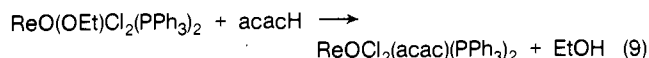
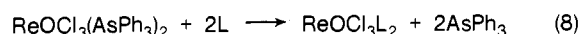
$$\text{rate of exchange} = \{k_0 + k_1[\text{OH}^-]\} [\text{ReO}_2\text{L}_4^+] \quad (5)$$

where at 25° $k_0 = 8.5 \times 10^{-7}$, 9.4×10^{-6} , and $4.17 \times 10^{-5} \text{ sec}^{-1}$ for L = 1/2en, MeNH₂, and py, respectively; and $k_1 = 6.9 \times 10^{-2}$ for L = 1/2en and $4.33 \times 10^2 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ sec}^{-1}$ for L = MeNH₂. The term in [OH⁻] is presumably associated with an SN₁-CB mechanism and is absent for L = py.³³⁵ Since oxide creates a high electron density on the metal, bonds to σ donors ought to be weakened and to π acceptors strengthened.³³⁵ This may explain the presence of π acceptors in the more inert mono-oxo complexes and the fact that most dioxo complexes of σ donors are cationic (Table II). In the presence of π acceptors, complexes are usually sufficiently inert to permit the isolation of geometrical isomers although these tend to equilibrate on heating in solution. The isomers of ReO(OEt)Cl₂(PPh₃)₂ equilibrate at room temperature in benzene within a few hours.³⁰¹ Specific ligand substitution is readily affected in the cold or on gentle warming in a suitable solvent. Thus reactions 6 (L = PPh₃, PEt₂Ph,

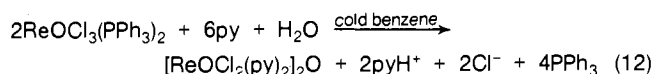
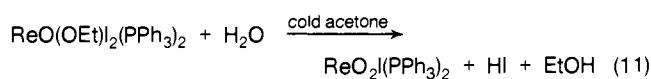
and $\frac{1}{2}$ dipy³⁰⁶ and 7 (L = PPh₃ and AsPh₃)²⁹⁴ are complete within a few minutes in the cold, and reactions 8 (L



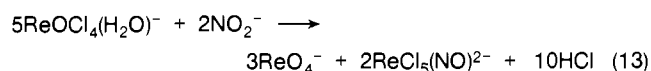
= thioxane and dithiane),²⁸³ 9,³⁰¹ and 10³⁰² occur readily in hot benzene. Further examples are given in Table II.



Substitution by water or hydroxyl is often followed by deprotonation to give *trans*-dioxo (eq 11)³⁰² or μ -oxo species (eq 12).²⁸⁷

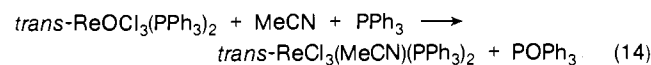


(b) Oxidation. Oxo species do not normally react with molecular oxygen. They are oxidized directly to perrhenate by fairly strong oxidants, and no intermediates have been detected. Labeled $\text{ReO}_2(\text{en})_2^+$ is oxidized by ClO^- to ReO_4^- in which half the oxygen (*i.e.*, 1.91 atoms) is derived from $\text{ReO}_2(\text{en})_2^+$ and half (*i.e.*, 2.16 atoms) from solvent water. Likewise, oxidation by MnO_4^- and by ozone gives ReO_4^- in which 1.71 and 1.95 oxygen atoms, respectively, are derived from $\text{ReO}_2(\text{en})_2^+$.³³² Surprisingly, $\text{ReOCl}_4(\text{H}_2\text{O})^-$ in 10 M HCl is oxidized rapidly by nitrate ion to ReO_4^- according to second-order kinetics ($k = 2.19 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ sec}^{-1}$ at 25°), and the resulting nitrite ion then slowly reacts with Re^{V} according to eq 13 ($k = 0.644 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ sec}^{-1}$ at 25°).³³⁶ ReOBr_4^- is oxidized



by dmsO to ReO_4^- ,³⁰⁵ and the five-coordinate complex $\text{ReO}_2\text{I}(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ by oxygen to $[\text{ReO}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2]\text{ReO}_4$.³⁰²

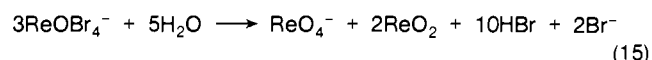
(c) Reduction to Re^{III} . Mild reduction of monooxo species proceeds directly to mononuclear Re^{III} with removal of terminal oxide, and no Re^{IV} intermediates accumulate in detectable concentrations. This provides the usual synthetic route to octahedral complexes of Re^{III} .³⁰⁶ Thus reaction 14 occurs almost quantitatively in boiling acetonitrile and POPh_3 is the only oxidation prod-



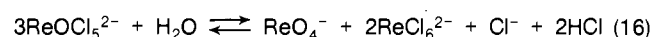
uct. The mechanism probably involves oxide transfer between $\text{ReOCl}_3(\text{MeCN})(\text{PPh}_3)$ and PPh_3 . Reduction to the same product occurs in lower yield even in the absence of free PPh_3 , but the reducing agent is still PPh_3 displaced from $\text{ReOCl}_3(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ by acetonitrile, and not acetonitrile itself.³⁰⁶ Similarly dppe reduces $\text{ReOCl}_3(\text{dppe})$ to $[\text{ReCl}_2(\text{dppe})_2]\text{Cl}$,²⁹³ dithionite reduces $\text{ReOCl}_3(\text{tdpme})$ to $\text{ReCl}_3(\text{tdpme})$,²⁹² PPh_3 reduces $\text{ReOCl}_2(\text{Et}_2\text{dtc})(\text{PPh}_3)$ to $\text{ReCl}_2(\text{Et}_2\text{dtc})(\text{PPh}_3)_2$,³⁰⁰ and PR_2Ph (R = Me, Et, *n*-Pr, and *n*-Bu) reduce *trans*- $\text{ReOCl}_3(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ to *mer*- $\text{ReCl}_3(\text{PR}_2\text{Ph})_3$.³³⁷ Further examples are given in Table

VIII. *trans*- $\text{ReOCl}_3(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ is not reduced by PPh_3 in this way.

(d) Disproportionation to Re^{IV} and Re^{VII} . The unknown cations $\text{ReO}\cdot\text{aq}^{3+}$ and $\text{ReO}_2\cdot\text{aq}^+$ are presumably very unstable, and all reactions that might generate them lead instead to disproportionation. Thus ReOBr_4^- disproportionates in hot water according to³⁰⁵

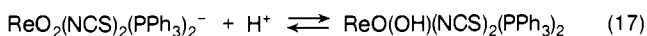


and the equilibrium 16 has been established in aqueous hydrochloric acid.²⁹⁵



Very mild reducing agents under otherwise drastic conditions (for example, prolonged heating in a high boiling solvent) sometimes yield complexes of Re^{IV} , but it is not clear whether by reduction or by disproportionation. Thus ReOBr_4^- gives ReBr_6^{2-} in hot hydrobromic acid,³⁰⁵ $\text{ReO}(\text{OEt})\text{Cl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ gives both $\text{ReCl}_2(\text{acac})_2$ and $\text{Re}^{\text{III}}\text{Cl}(\text{acac})_2\text{PPh}_3$ in boiling acetylacetone,^{301,338} and *trans*- $\text{ReOCl}_3(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ gives $\text{ReCl}_4(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ when heated in xylene or propionic acid under hydrogen chloride.³²² When *trans*- $\text{ReOX}_3(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ (X = Cl and Br) is heated with carboxylic acids in toluene, it gives a mixture of $\text{ReX}_4(\text{PPh}_3)_2$, $\text{Re}_2\text{X}_2(\text{RCO}_2)_4$, $\text{Re}_2\text{OX}_5(\text{RCO}_2)(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ (in air),³²² and $\text{Re}_2\text{OCl}_3(\text{RCO}_2)(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ (in the absence of air).^{322,339}

(e) Protonation of Terminal Oxide. Mono-oxo complexes can seldom be protonated,³¹⁵ but *trans*-dioxo complexes readily yield oxohydroxo species. Thus yellow $\text{ReO}_2(\text{en})_2^+$ gives a pink solution of $\text{ReO}(\text{OH})(\text{en})_2^{2+}$ in 2 M HCl^{254,310} and purple needles of $[\text{ReO}(\text{OH})(\text{en})_2]_2[\text{ClO}_4]_2$ separate from perchloric acid. The compound is weakly acidic with a dissociation constant of 5×10^{-4} .³⁰⁷ Crystalline salts of the cations $\text{ReO}(\text{OH})\text{L}_4^{2+}$ may similarly be obtained by adding acid to ReO_2L_4^+ (L = py^{254} and $\frac{1}{2}\text{dppe}^{293}$), and the equilibrium



has been established.³⁰⁴

Oxohydroxo species may condense to give dinuclear μ -oxo species. The anion $\text{ReO}_2(\text{CN})_4^{3-}$ is protonated rapidly in 0.5 M HCl to $\text{ReO}(\text{OH})(\text{CN})_4^{2-}$ ($\text{pK}_a = -4.2$)^{340,341} which then slowly eliminates water to give $\text{Re}_2\text{O}_3(\text{CN})_8^{4-}$,³⁴⁰ and the solution of $\text{ReO}(\text{OH})(\text{en})_2^{2+}$ in 2 M HCl slowly deposits green crystals of $\text{Re}_2\text{O}_3\text{Cl}_4(\text{en})_2$.²⁵⁴ $\text{ReOCl}(\text{R}_2\text{dtc})_2$ is converted quantitatively to $\text{Re}_2\text{O}_3(\text{R}_2\text{dtc})_4$ by aqueous sodium carbonate, presumably because the oxohydroxo species formed initially by displacement of chloride condenses immediately.³⁰⁰

At much lower pH oxohydroxo species may be protonated further to either oxo-aquo or dihydroxo species, but substitution usually ensues. Thus $\text{ReO}_2\text{I}(\text{dppe})(\text{PPh}_3)$ gives $\text{ReO}_3(\text{dppe})$ when heated with HI,³⁰² $[\text{ReO}(\text{OH})\text{py}_4]^{2+}$ gives ReOCl_5^{2-} with boiling 5 M HCl,²⁵⁴ and $\text{ReO}_2(\text{CN})_4^{3-}$ gives $\text{ReO}(\text{H}_2\text{O})(\text{CN})_3\text{F}^-$ with hot, 40% HF.³⁴² $\text{ReO}_2(\text{en})_2^+$, however, gives a blue solution of $\text{Re}(\text{OH})_2(\text{en})_2^{3+}$ in 10 M HCl,^{254,310} and the strongly acidic cation may be precipitated as the hexachloroplatinate.³⁰⁷ Substitution eventually occurs in hot concentrated HCl to ReOCl_5^{2-} ,²⁵⁴ or $\text{ReOCl}_4(\text{H}_2\text{O})^-$,²⁹⁴ and $\text{Re}(\text{OH})_2\text{Cl}_4^-$ is not formed.

(f) Other Reactions. Apart from protonation, very few reactions of ligands coordinated to rhenium(V) have been reported. Ethylenediamine in $\text{ReO}_2(\text{en})_2^+$ ex-

changes hydrogen rapidly with D_2O .³³⁵ and *trans*- $ReOCl_3(PPh_3)_2$ is oxidized by ozone to $ReOCl_3(PPh_3)(OPh_3)$.²⁹⁰ The $Re=O$ moiety is reminiscent of $>C=O$ in its reactions with arylamines³⁴³ and aroylhydrazines³⁴⁴ to form $Re=N-$ but is otherwise quite unlike ketonic carbonyl and will not, for example, undergo the Knoevenagel condensation.²⁸² Reactions which generate multiple bonds to nitrogen are discussed in the next section.

4. Nitrido and Organoimido Complexes

A large number of compounds are now known in which rhenium(V) forms a multiple bond to a single atom of nitrogen. Most of these were discovered in Chatt's laboratory and fall into two categories: the organoimido complexes $Re(NR)X_3L_2$ ($R = \text{alkyl, aryl, etc.}$) formally contain a rhenium-nitrogen double bond and are all octahedral; the nitrido complexes, which contain a formal rhenium-nitrogen triple bond, may be five- or six-coordinate, depending on the size of the other ligands. Thus in the series of complexes $ReNCl_2(PR_3)_n$, $n = 3$ when $PR_3 = PMe_2Ph$, $PMePh_2$, etc., but $n = 2$ when $PR_3 = PPh_3$. Both types are known for $PR_3 = PEtPh_2$ and *P-n*- $PrPh_2$ and the equilibrium

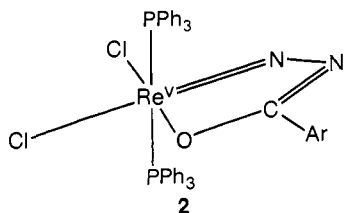


exists in solution.³⁴⁵ The other five-coordinate nitrido complexes comprise the square-pyramidal dithiocarbamate $ReN(Et_2dtc)_2$ ^{303,346} and the aryls $ReNAr_2(PPh_3)_2$.³⁴⁷ Both yellow $K_3ReN(CN)_5$ and pink $K_2ReN(CN)_4 \cdot H_2O$ contain six-coordinate rhenium since the latter apparently exists as the aquo ion $ReN(CN)_4(H_2O)^-$ in solution³⁴⁸ and as infinite chains in the crystal, in which $ReN(CN)_4$ units are stacked so that each apical nitride is bridging. The X-ray data proved difficult to refine, and only the $Re \cdots Re$ separation is yet known with any certainty.³⁴⁹ No complexes with either two multiply bound nitrogens or with one nitrogen and one terminal oxide are known, but the μ -oxo-bis(phenylimido) species $Re_2O(NPh)_2(Et_2dtc)_4$ has been prepared from $Re_2O_3(Et_2dtc)_4$ and aniline and from $Re(NPh)Cl_3(PPh_3)_2$ and $NaEt_2dtc$ in aqueous acetone.³⁰⁰ Organoimido complexes have been synthesized by the following methods.

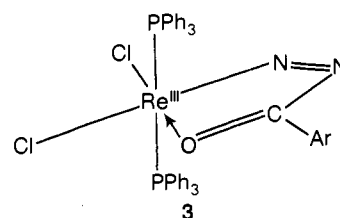
(a) Condensation of Rhenium(V) Monooxo Complexes with Primary Amines. Aromatic, but not aliphatic, amines in boiling benzene react according to the equation³⁴³



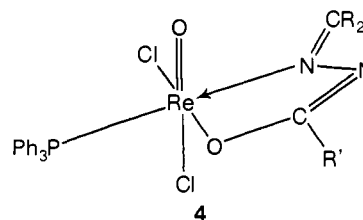
and aroylhydrazine hydrochlorides in boiling benzene-ethanol give the emerald green chelates (2).³⁴⁴ The che-



lates could also be considered as formally rhenium(III) derivatives (3),^{344,350} but their infrared spectra suggest that the canonical form (2) predominates. Dibenzoylhydrazine gives the same product as monobenzoylhydrazine since one benzoyl group is lost as ethyl benzoate, but acetyl, *p*-tosyl, and *N*-benzoyl-*N'*-methylhydrazine give a nitrido complex only. Under the same conditions, but in



the presence of a ketone (R_2CO), the hydrochlorides of both acyl and aroylhydrazines ($R'CONHNH_2$) give complexes of the corresponding ketone hydrazones (4), rath-



er than the imido complexes.³⁴⁴ The cation $[Re(NMe)(MeNH_2)_4Cl]^{2+}$ has been obtained from the complex reaction of K_2ReCl_6 , $MeNH_2$, water, and oxygen.³⁵¹

(b) Reaction of $ReOCl_3(PPh_3)_2$ with 1,2-Disubstituted Hydrazines. The akylimido complexes $Re(NR)Cl_3(PPh_3)_2$ ($R = \text{Me, Et, } n\text{-Pr, and } c\text{-C}_6\text{H}_{11}$) which are not available through reaction 19 may be prepared in high yield from $ReOCl_3(PPh_3)_2$, $[RNH_2NH_2R]Cl_2$, and PPh_3 in benzene-acetone. The other products are $[RNH_3]Cl$ and $POPh_3$. The choice of solvent is critical, and $ReNCl_2(PPh_3)_2$ is formed in benzene-ethanol by an obscure pathway. Under the same conditions diarylhydrazines undergo the benzidine rearrangement, but $RCONHNHPh$ ($R = \text{Me and Ph}$) give $Re(NPh)Cl_3(PPh_3)_2$.³⁵²

(c) Reaction of $ReOCl_3(PPh_3)_2$ with Phosphinimines ($Ph_3P=NR$). This method provides the only route to aroylimido complexes such as $Re(NR)Cl_3(PPh_3)_2$ ($R = \text{PhCO}$) which cannot be made from benzamide by reaction 19 nor from dibenzoylhydrazine by method b. It gives the phenylimido complex when $R = \text{Ph}$.³⁵³

(d) Reaction of $ReOCl_3(PR_3)_2$ with Phenyl Isocyanate. Phenylimido complexes $Re(NR)Cl_3(PR_3)_2$ ($PR_3 = PPh_3$ and PEt_2Ph) are formed in boiling xylene with evolution of CO_2 ,³⁵⁴ but the reaction is not general and the known complex $Re(NPh)Cl(Et_2dtc)_2$ cannot be obtained from $ReOCl(Et_2dtc)_2$ in this way.³⁰⁰

Nitrido complexes have been obtained in low yield by the action of sodium azide on $ReCl_3(PR_3)_3$,³⁴⁵ but the only practical synthesis of the $Re \equiv N$ bond involves the reaction of a rhenium(V) monooxo complex with hydrazine hydrochloride^{343,345} or with certain substituted hydrazines.^{344,352} The $Re^V=O$ moiety may be generated *in situ*, and the complexes $ReNX_2(PR_3)_n$ ($X = \text{Cl, Br, and I; } n = 2 \text{ or } 3$) are conveniently prepared by the slow addition of Re_2O_7 in ethanol to a boiling mixture of $[N_2H_6]X_2$ and PR_3 in the same solvent.³⁴³ $ReO(OEt)Cl_2(PR_3)_2$ appears to be an essential intermediate since $ReOCl_3(PPh_3)_2$ does not give a nitrido complex in either dry ethanol or in wet or dry tetrahydrofuran, but substitution to $ReO(OEt)Cl_2(PPh_3)_2$ takes place in wet ethanol, which then gives the nitrido complex. Low pH is also essential since N_2H_5Cl gives a lower yield of product than $N_2H_6Cl_2$ and N_2H_4 gives none at all. One nitrogen in hydrazine finally appears as NH_4Cl (and in $PhNHNH_3Cl$ as $PhNH_3Cl$) and terminal oxide in $Re^V=O$ as $POPh_3$.³⁴⁵

Once formed, the $Re \equiv N$ and $Re=NR$ moieties are extremely stable and may persist through fairly drastic substitution reactions. Thus $ReNBr_2(PPh_3)_2$ reacts with

excess potassium cyanide to form $\text{ReN}(\text{CN})_5^{3-}$,³⁴⁸ $\text{ReNCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ with aryllithium to form $\text{ReNAr}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$,³⁴⁷ and $\text{Re}(\text{NR})\text{Cl}_3(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ with tertiary phosphines and arsines to form $\text{Re}(\text{NR})\text{Cl}_3\text{L}_2$.³⁵² $\text{Re}(\text{N-Me})\text{Cl}_3(\text{PEtPh}_2)_2$ is resistant to HCl but is converted to $\text{ReCl}_4(\text{PEtPh}_2)_2$ by chlorine.³⁵² Terminal nitride is sufficiently basic to coordinate to Lewis acids, and the complexes $\text{ReNCl}_2(\text{PR}_3)_3$ split the bridges in $\text{Pt}_2\text{Cl}_4(\text{PEt}_3)_2$ to give $(\text{PR}_3)_3\text{Cl}_2\text{Re}\equiv\text{N}\rightarrow\text{PtCl}_2(\text{PEt}_3)$ and form adducts with boron trihalides. They may be displaced from these adducts by pyridine.³⁵⁵ The Re-N stretching frequency occurs within the range $1010\text{--}1062\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ³⁴⁵ and rises by up to 100 cm^{-1} on coordination. In this respect the $\text{Re}\equiv\text{N}$ moiety is reminiscent of $\text{C}\equiv\text{N}$ in organic nitriles.³⁵⁵

The complexes **2** are much more reactive than organoimido complexes, and the chelate ring is opened by a number of monodentate ligands (L) such as nitriles,^{344,356} pyridine, phosphine, etc., to give the benzoylazo complexes $\text{Re}(\text{N}=\text{NCOPh})\text{Cl}_2\text{L}(\text{PPh}_3)_2$, and by the more reactive tertiary phosphines to $\text{Re}(\text{N}=\text{NCOPh})\text{Cl}_2\text{L}_3$.³⁴⁴ These are formally derivatives of rhenium(III), but they do not possess the temperature-independent paramagnetism typical of other rhenium(III) complexes.³³⁷ The crystal structure of $\text{ReCl}_2(\text{N}=\text{NCOPh})(\text{PMe}_2\text{Ph})_3$ has revealed an essentially linear Re-N-N moiety,³⁵⁷ implying Re-N multiple bonding and consistent with the benzoylazo group acting as a three-electron donor.³⁴⁴ When the benzoylazo complexes are heated with certain tertiary phosphines in methanol, the benzoyl group is removed as PhCO_2Me to give stable dinitrogen complexes of rhenium(I) of the type $\text{ReCl}(\text{N}_2)\text{L}_4$ (L = PMe_2Ph , $\frac{1}{2}\text{dppe}$, etc.).³⁵⁸ Complex **2** (Ar = Ph) reacts with nitric oxide to give $\text{ReCl}_2(\text{NO})(\text{PPh}_3)_2$, and with chlorine to give first $\text{ReCl}_3(\text{N}=\text{NCOPh})(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ and then $\text{ReCl}_4(\text{PPh}_3)_2$, benzoyl chloride, and dinitrogen.³⁴⁴

Nitrido and organoimido complexes have been examined by X-ray diffraction in much greater detail than monooxo complexes. The more important bond lengths are given in Table IV with K_2OsNCl_5 included for comparison. The two five-coordinate nitrido complexes may be described as distorted square pyramidal with apical nitride. In $\text{ReN}(\text{Et}_2\text{dtc})_2$ the sulfur atoms lie at the corners of a rectangular base with all four Re-S separations approximately equal at 238.8 pm and 5 pm shorter than in $\text{Re}_2\text{O}_3(\text{Et}_2\text{dtc})_4$.³⁴⁶ In both $\text{ReN}(\text{Et}_2\text{dtc})_2$ and $\text{ReNCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ all bond distances are significantly shorter than the corresponding distances in six-coordinate complexes.³⁵⁹ The six-coordinate complexes deviate from octahedral geometry in two respects: first, the chlorine-metal distance trans to the nitrogen ligand is longer than the cis chlorine-metal distances though all distances are longer than in ReCl_6^{2-} (235 pm);³⁶⁰⁻³⁶² secondly, ligands cis to nitrogen are bent away from it,³⁶⁰⁻³⁶² and in K_2OsNCl_5 the trans Cl-Os-Cl angles are 166.0 and 169.1° .³⁶³ These distortions are steric in origin. The strong repulsions which would have operated between nitrogen and ligands in the cis position at 90° are relieved by an expansion of the cis angle. This forces the cis ligands toward the chlorine trans to nitrogen, setting up additional repulsive forces which push the trans ligand away from the metal. The strong trans influence of N^{3-} and RN^{2-} is thus predominantly steric. As the number and bulk of the phosphine ligands increases, steric crowding becomes more severe and M-L bonds lengthen further. In ReNCl_2L_3 crowding is so severe when L = PPh_3 that the sixth coordination position cannot be occupied.³⁶³ It was recognized a long time ago that PPh_3 is too bulky to occupy three coordination positions on a

number of metal ions including Re^{III} , Re^{V} , Rh^{III} , and Ir^{III} (except in association with hydride), and chemical reactions that would otherwise generate $\text{MX}_3(\text{PR}_3)_3$ take a different course when $\text{PR}_3 = \text{PPh}_3$.³⁶⁴

The Re-N-C moiety in $\text{Re}(\text{NMe})\text{Cl}_3(\text{PEtPh}_2)_2$, $\text{Re}(\text{N-C}_6\text{H}_4\text{OMe-}p)\text{Cl}_3(\text{PEt}_2\text{Ph})_2$, and $\text{Re}(\text{NC}_6\text{H}_4\text{Ac-}p)\text{Cl}_3(\text{PEt}_2\text{Ph})_2$ ³⁶¹ deviates by no more than 8° from linearity, indicating sp-hybridized nitrogen. The lengths of the formally double $\text{Re}=\text{NR}$ bonds are only slightly dependent on R and are ca. 10 pm shorter than the formally triple $\text{Re}\equiv\text{N}$ bond in $\text{ReNCl}_2(\text{PEt}_2\text{Ph})_3$.³⁶² These facts suggest that the order of the Re-N bond is essentially three in both the nitrido and the organoimido complexes,^{345,363} and Ibers attributes differences in Re-N bond distances predominantly to steric factors. The phosphines in $\text{ReNCl}_2(\text{PEt}_2\text{Ph})_3$ are so crowded that they force a substantial lengthening of the Re-N bond compared to both $\text{ReNCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ and $\text{Re}(\text{NR})\text{Cl}_3(\text{PR}_3)_2$. Electronic effects may, of course, operate in addition, and it has been suggested that the s contribution of nitrogen to the σ component of the Re-N bond is greater in imido than in nitrido complexes, leading to increased strengthening of the Re-N bond in the former.³⁴⁵ Organoimido complexes may also be formulated as nitrene complexes of rhenium(III),³⁵³ a canonical form useful in rationalizing certain reactions, e.g., with chlorine.

5. Other Complexes

Complexes of rhenium(V) lacking a terminal oxide, nitride, or imide ligand are rare and are generally rather unstable. Alkali salts of ReF_6^- are well known.^{8,9} $[\text{N}_2\text{H}_6]\text{ReF}_6$ ($\mu = 2.13\text{ BM}$) separates as yellow needles when ReF_6 is reduced with hydrazinium fluoride in liquid HF,³⁶⁵ and $[\text{NO}]\text{ReF}_6$ is obtained from ReF_6 and nitric oxide.²³² Only one salt of ReCl_6^- has been prepared, namely, $[\text{PCl}_4]\text{ReCl}_6$ ($\mu = 2.47\text{ BM}$), and attempted metathesis with alkali chlorides leads to reduction to ReCl_6^{2-} .²⁷⁶ Both $\text{CsRe}(\text{SCN})_6$ ($\mu = 1.38\text{ BM}$)²⁷⁷ and $[\text{AsPh}_4]\text{Re}(\text{OCN})_6$ ($\mu = 2.70\text{ BM}$)²⁷⁸ have been isolated from melts, and $[\text{AsPh}_4]\text{Re}(\text{CN})_6$ ($\mu = 1.50\text{ BM}$) has been claimed as a product of the reaction of KCN with K_2ReCl_6 in fused KSCN and subsequent work-up.³⁶⁶ The formation of $\text{Re}(\text{CN})_6^-$ under the above conditions does, however, require confirmation. The stable anion $\text{Re}(\text{CN})_8^{3-}$, analogous to $\text{Mo}(\text{CN})_8^{4-}$ and $\text{W}(\text{CN})_8^{4-}$, can be isolated from water and has been studied extensively.^{8,9,15} Halogens oxidize $\text{ReX}_2(\text{diars})_2^+$ to the eight-coordinate cations $\text{ReX}_4(\text{diars})_2^+$ (X = Cl and Br),¹⁵ and $\pi\text{-Cp}_2\text{ReH}$ to $\pi\text{-Cp}_2\text{ReX}_2^+$ (X = Cl, Br, and I).³⁶⁷ An eight-coordinate dithiocarbamate $\text{Re}(\text{Et}_2\text{dtc})_4^+$, isoelectronic with $\text{Mo}(\text{Et}_2\text{dtc})_4$, is formed as one of the products of the complex reactions of $\text{ReCl}(\text{CO})_5$ or $\text{ReCl}_4(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ with tetraethylthiuram disulfide.³⁶⁸ Neutral complexes are confined to the free pentahalides and the eight-coordinate hydrides. An adduct $\text{ReCl}_5\text{PCl}_3$ ($\mu = 2.37\text{ BM}$) said to be formed from rhenium metal and PCl_5 ³⁶⁹ could be $[\text{PCl}_4]_2\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_8$ ³⁷⁰ or $[\text{PCl}_4]_2\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_9$ and requires confirmation.

The hydrides are best prepared by treating $\text{ReCl}_3(\text{PR}_3)_3$ with LiAlH_4 in tetrahydrofuran or $\text{ReH}_7(\text{PR}_3)_2$ with excess PR_3 , and are also available from $\text{ReOCl}_3(\text{PR}_3)_2$. They include $\text{ReH}_5(\text{PR}_3)_3$ ($\text{PR}_3 = \text{PEt}_2\text{Ph}$, PEtPh_2 , and PPh_3), $\text{ReH}_5(\text{PPh}_3)(\text{dppe})$, and $\text{ReH}_5(\text{dppe})_2$ in which one of the two dppe ligands is monodentate. The complexes $\text{ReH}_5(\text{PPh}_3)_2\text{L}$ (L = PEt_2Ph , AsPh_3 , $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{11}\text{NH}_2$, py, and $\text{C}_5\text{H}_{10}\text{NH}$) are obtained by heating $\text{ReH}_7(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ with L in boiling tetrahydrofuran, and it is remarkable that PPh_3 is not displaced by PEt_2Ph . On the nmr time scale the five hydride protons are equivalent,

and the ^{31}P nuclei are likewise equivalent so that the proton resonance always appears as a quartet in $\text{ReH}_5(\text{PR}_3)_3$ and as a triplet in $\text{ReH}_5(\text{PR}_3)_2\text{L}$ ($\text{L} \neq \text{PR}_3$).²⁰³ The complexes $\text{ReH}_5(\text{PAR}_3)_3$ ($\text{Ar} = \text{Ph}$ and $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{Me-}p$) react quantitatively with halogens with evolution of hydrogen to form $\text{ReH}_4\text{X}(\text{PAR}_3)_3$ ($\text{X} = \text{Br}$ and I) and with SnCl_2 to form $\text{ReH}_4(\text{SnCl}_3)(\text{PAR}_3)_3$. $\text{ReH}_4\text{I}(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ reacts further with iodine in air to give $\text{ReO}_2\text{I}(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ and with carbon monoxide to give $\text{ReI}(\text{CO})_3(\text{PPh}_3)_2$.³⁷¹ The rhenium(III) hydrides $\text{ReH}_3(\text{dppe})_2$ and $\text{ReH}_3(\text{dppe})(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ may be protonated reversibly to the cations $\text{ReH}_4(\text{dppe})_2^+$ and $\text{ReH}_3(\text{dppe})(\text{PPh}_3)_2^+$, respectively, and may be oxidized with halogen to the same cations.³⁷² All known eight-coordinate complexes of rhenium(V) are diamagnetic.

D. Rhenium(IV)

The fourth oxidation state is particularly stable in association with classical ligands (*i.e.*, predominantly σ donors) and, like other d^3 ions, it normally adopts octahedral stereochemistry. Numerous very stable complexes of the types ReX_6^{2-} , ReX_5L^- , and ReX_4L_2 are known (Table V), but, in contrast to Tc^{IV} and Mo^{III} , hardly any cationic types have yet been prepared. No simple cationic species appear to exist under any conditions and, in the absence of suitable ligands, $\text{ReO}_2(\text{aq})$ seems to be in equilibrium with water at all pH's [contrast $\text{Mo}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6^{3+}$]. The tendency of Re^{IV} to form oxo species has been over-emphasized, and there are, in fact, no authenticated species with terminal oxide though several binuclear complexes contain an oxo bridge. Metal-metal bonding in Re^{IV} chemistry is more important than in Tc^{IV} but rather less than in W^{III} . Re-Re bonds thus occur in ReO_2 , ReS_2 , ReCl_4 , and a few dinuclear molecular species. Unlike Ru^{V} and Os^{V} , redox reactions of Re^{IV} occur with greater difficulty than of adjacent oxidation states, and Re^{IV} does not normally show any tendency to disproportionate.

1. Rhenium(IV) Oxides and Chalcogenides

Hydrated rhenium dioxide ($\text{ReO}_2 \cdot \text{aq}$) precipitates from water as a brown to black amorphous substance as the ultimate product of hydrolysis of ReCl_6^{2-} , disproportionation of the halides or oxohalides of rhenium(V) and rhenium(VI), and reduction of perrhenate in the absence of strong ligands, *e.g.*, by Cr^{II} in sulfuric acid or electrolytically.³⁷⁴ The product formed on a platinum, gold, or mercury cathode in 3 M sulfuric acid retains adsorbed hydrogen and is more easily oxidized than $\text{ReO}_2 \cdot \text{aq}$ of chemical origin.³⁷⁵ The anhydrous oxide may be prepared by heating $\text{ReO}_2 \cdot \text{aq}$ in nitrogen,^{374,376} by the pyrolysis of NH_4ReO_4 , and by reduction of ReO_3 with rhenium at ca. 500° ,^{374,377} but some care must be taken to obtain a stoichiometric phase. Two crystalline modifications are known. Monoclinic α - ReO_2 , known only as a microcrystalline powder, is formed below 300° and is isostructural with MoO_2 and WO_2 with short, pairwise Re-Re interactions at ca. 249 pm.^{378,379} Orthorhombic β - ReO_2 ($\Delta H_f^\circ = -447.2 \pm 8.4 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$, $\Delta S_f^\circ = 48.1 \pm 6.3 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ deg}^{-1}$)³⁸⁰ is formed irreversibly above 300° (460° according to a recent study³⁷⁶), and large single crystals may be grown by vapor transport in the presence of iodine.³⁷⁷ The structure is a prototype and consists of zig-zag chains of ReO_6 octahedra sharing edges, themselves connected by sharing corners. All Re-Re separations within the chains are equal at 261 pm but are still short enough to indicate metal-metal bonding.³⁷⁹ Whereas $\text{ReO}_2 \cdot \text{aq}$ is an insulator,³⁸¹ both α - ReO_2 and β - ReO_2 exhibit metallic conductivity in the form of sintered powders with the conductivity of α - ReO_2 about a third that of β -

ReO_2 .³⁸² Single crystals of β - ReO_2 have a resistivity of $100 \mu\Omega \text{ cm}$ at 300 K.³⁷⁸ Both modifications possess weak Pauli paramagnetism independent of temperature,³⁸² and band models that account for their physical properties have been proposed.^{378,382,383}

Rhenium dioxide dissolves in fused alkalis but the melts soon decompose and no oxo anions have been isolated. Ternary oxides Ln_2ReO_5 ($\text{Ln} = \text{a lanthanide}$) and $\text{Ln}_4\text{Re}_3\text{O}_{12}$ ($\text{Ln} = \text{La}$ and Nd) of unknown structure are formed by heating mixtures of ReO_2 and Ln_2O_3 ,^{161,258} and by reducing La_3ReO_8 with rhenium.¹⁶¹ Substances such as Na_2ReO_3 have also been claimed.²¹⁷ The ternary nitrides $\text{M}_9\text{Re}_3\text{N}_{10}$ ($\text{M} = \text{Sr}$ and Ba), obtained by heating rhenium with M_3N_2 under nitrogen, have metallic conductivity. Their structures are not known.²²¹ A number of phosphides such as Re_3P_4 have been described.³⁷³

The three chalcogenides ReS_2 ,¹⁶⁹ ReSe_2 ,³⁸⁴ and ReTe_2 ³⁸⁵ may be prepared by heating the elements together in sealed silica ampoules to ca. 1000° and single crystals have been grown by vapor transport.¹⁷⁰ The disulfide ($\Delta G_f^\circ = -243 + 0.146T \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ from $\text{Re}(\text{c})$ and $\text{S}_2(\text{g})$)³⁸⁶ is by far the most stable phase in the rhenium-sulfur system and is also obtained by heating KReO_4 ,³⁸⁷ ReO_2 , or ReO_3 with sulfur, by the pyrolysis of Re_2S_7 , and by the action of H_2S on aqueous ReCl_6^{2-} or ReCl_3 .^{168,169} It does not react when heated with excess sulfur or with excess rhenium, and it resists aqueous hydrochloric acid, alkalis, and alkali sulfides.¹⁶⁹ It is oxidized by hypochlorite,³⁸⁸ nitric acid, etc., to perrhenate. Dissociation to the elements begins above 700° *in vacuo*,¹⁶⁹ and there is some scant evidence for the existence of ill-defined intermediate phases.^{168,169,389} No lower sulfides have actually been isolated, but lower tellurides³⁹⁰ as well as Re_2Te_5 ³⁹¹ might exist. Only one modification of ReS_2 (and ReSe_2) exists between -180 and 1150° ,¹⁷⁰ and this had long been thought to have the monoclinic structure of MoS_2 .^{169,392} A single crystal X-ray study has, however, shown that ReS_2 is triclinic with the same layer structure as ReSe_2 and is thus isomorphous with neither MoS_2 nor TcS_2 .¹⁷⁰ The structure of ReSe_2 is a distorted version of the CdCl_2 layer lattice. The rhenium atoms within each layer are surrounded octahedrally by selenium and are displaced from the centers of the octahedra in such a way as to form Re_4 clusters, roughly at the corners of a rhombus. The shortest Re-Re separation, $265 \pm 5 \text{ pm}$, is across the diagonal and the rhombi are linked into chains by relatively long Re-Re bonds at $308 \pm 5 \text{ pm}$.³⁸⁴ ReTe_2 is orthorhombic and thus differs from both ReSe_2 and TcTe_2 .¹⁷⁰ When ReSe_2 is heated with bromine³⁹³ or ReX_3 , it forms a single, dark purple microcrystalline phase of composition $\text{Re}_3\text{Se}_2\text{X}_5$ ($\text{X} = \text{Cl}$ and Br) and Re_2Te_5 , and bromine yields $\text{Re}_3\text{Te}_2\text{Br}_5$.³⁹¹ The structures of these substances are unknown but they may be related to the trinuclear rhenium(III) clusters. All three chalcogenides of rhenium(IV) are diamagnetic^{169,170,384} and behave as semiconductors.¹⁷⁰

2. Rhenium(IV) Halides and Complexes with Metal-Metal Bonds

All four tetrahalides have been reported. Blue ReF_4 may be prepared by reducing ReF_6 with rhenium under carefully controlled conditions³⁹³ and in other ways.⁹ It dissolves in water or methanol to form transient blue solutions which persist for up to a few hours when a little H_2O_2 is added.³⁹⁴ The structure of ReF_4 and the nature of the blue species in solution are unknown.

A number of substances have been described as rhenium tetrachloride but only one, black β - ReCl_4 , has been

TABLE IV. Metal-Nitrogen and Metal-Chlorine Bond Lengths in Nitrido and Organoimido Complexes

Compound	Re-N, pm	Re-Cl (trans to N), pm	Re-Cl (cis to N), pm	Ref
K ₂ OsNCl ₅	161	261	236-237	363
<i>mer-trans</i> -Re(NMe)Cl ₃ (PEtPh ₂) ₂	168.5 (1.1)	241.1 (6)	240.8 (6) and 242.8 (6)	360
<i>mer-trans</i> -Re(NC ₆ H ₄ OMe- <i>p</i>)Cl ₃ (PEt ₂ Ph) ₂	170.9 (4)	243.2 (2)	242.1 (1)	361
<i>mer-trans</i> -Re(NC ₆ H ₄ Ac- <i>p</i>)Cl ₃ (PEt ₂ Ph) ₂	169.0 (5)	241.0	239.9 and 243.3	361
<i>mer-cis</i> -ReNCl ₂ (PEt ₂ Ph) ₃	178.8 (1.1)	256.3 (4)	245.4 (4)	362
ReNCl ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂	160.3 (9)		237.7 (2)	359
ReN(Et ₂ dte) ₂	165.6			346

TABLE V. Mononuclear Complexes of Rhenium(IV)

Complex	Ligand (X)	Ligand (L)	Comments ^a	Synthesis	Ref
ReX ₆ ²⁻	F, Cl, Br and I		See text	See text	8, 9, 14, 15
	Cl		Cation = NH ₄ ⁺	ReCl ₄ (MeCN) ₂ + concd HCl	282
	SCN		Cs ⁺ (μ 3.66), Tl ⁺ (μ 3.36)	K ₂ ReCl ₆ + molten KSCN	419
				ReCl ₅ + molten KSCN	277
				Re ₂ Cl ₈ ²⁻ + SCN ⁻ in Me ₂ CO	426
	OCN		AsPh ₄ ⁺ (μ 4.01); O-bonded	K ₂ ReCl ₆ + KCNO in molten Me ₂ SO ₂	278
Re(OH)X ₅ ²⁻	Cl			See ref 15	15
	Br		K ⁺ (μ 3.75; Δ ₀ 29,500 cm ⁻¹ ; B, 420 cm ⁻¹)	Electrolytic reduction of ReO ₄ ⁻ in HBr	411
Re(OMe)X ₅ ²⁻	I		NEt ₄ ⁺ (μ 3.57)	ReI ₆ ²⁻ + 20% H ₂ SO ₄	253
	Cl		Cs ⁺ (ν(MeO) 1057 cm ⁻¹)	ReCl ₄ (MeCN) ₂ + HCl in MeOH	282
ReX ₅ L ⁻	Cl	H ₂ O, dmsO, dmf, tu, MeCN, py, pz, PPh ₃	NEt ₄ ⁺ , N- <i>n</i> -Pr ₄ ⁺ μ 3.46 (MeCN)	ReCl ₅ ⁻ + L ^b	273
				ReCl ₅ + PPh ₃ in Me ₂ CO (<i>inter alia</i>)	284
ReX ₄ L ₂	Cl	thf	<i>trans</i> ; μ 3.49	ReCl ₅ + pure L	283
		Dioxane	<i>trans</i> ; μ 3.39		
		Thioxane	<i>trans</i> ; μ 3.28; S-bonded		
		Thioxane	<i>trans</i> ; S-bonded		
	Br	MeCN	<i>cis</i> ; μ 3.40; ν(CN) 2292 cm ⁻¹	K ₂ ReBr ₆ + L in HBr	283
	Cl			ReCl ₅ + MeCN ^b	282
	Cl	<i>n</i> -PrCN, PhCN		ReCl ₄ (MeCN) ₂ ⁻ + Fe ³⁺ , etc.	282
	Cl			ReCl ₅ + L	282
	Cl			ReCl ₄ (MeCN) ₂ + PhCN ^b	282
	I	py, PPh ₃ , 1/2(<i>o</i> -phen)		ReI ₄ + L	15
	Cl, Br	py		Pyrolysis of [LH] ₂ ReX ₆	421
	Cl, Br	1/2dipy	μ 3.43 (Cl); 3.48 (Br)	Pyrolysis of [L ₂ H]ReX ₆	297, 421
	Cl			ReCl ₅ + molten dipy ^b	265
	ReCl ₄ (py)L	Cl	RC(=NH)NHAr	R = Me; Ar = C ₆ H ₄ Me- <i>p</i> (μ 3.54)	ReCl ₄ (RCN) ₂ + ArNH ₂
R = Me; Ar = C ₆ H ₄ F- <i>m</i> , C ₆ H ₄ (CO ₂ Et)- <i>p</i>					
Cl, Br		MeC(=NH)OR	R = Me, Et	ReCl ₄ (RCN) ₂ + ROH	282
			PPh ₃ , PEt ₂ Ph	<i>trans</i> ; μ 3.54 (Cl, PPh ₃)	ReOX ₃ (PPh ₃) ₂ + boiling RCO ₂ H + HCl ^b
Cl		PR ₂ Ph	<i>trans</i> ; R = Me, Et, <i>n</i> -Pr, <i>n</i> -Bu μ 3.4-3.7 BM	ReCl ₅ + PPh ₃ in dry Me ₂ CO (<i>inter alia</i>)	273
				Pyrolysis of [LH] ₂ ReX ₆	422
				ReCl ₄ (MeCN) ₂ + PPh ₃	282
				ReX ₃ (MeCN)(PPh ₃) ₂ + CX ₃ ^b or RCX ₃	306
				ReX ₃ L ₃ + X ₂	422
				ReCl ₃ L ₃ + CCl ₄	337, 423
Cl	1/2dppe		ReCl ₃ L ₃ + Cl ₂	337, 423	
			ReH ₃ (dppe)(PPh ₃) ₂ + Cl ₂	372	
Cl	AsPh ₃ , SbPh ₃		ReCl ₄ (MeCN) ₂ + L	282	
			ReCl ₃ (MeCN)L ₂ + CCl ₄ ^b	306	
Cl, Br	1/2diars		ReX(CO) ₃ (diars) + X ₂	425	
			ReCl ₄ (PPh ₃) ₂ + boiling py	322	
ReCl ₃ XL ₂	Br	PPh ₃	ReCl ₃ (MeCN)(PPh ₃) + CBr ₄ in hot C ₆ H ₆	306	
			I	PPh ₃	ReH ₄ l(PPh ₃) ₃ + HCl

Table V (Continued)

Complex	Ligand (X)	Ligand (L)	Comments ^a	Synthesis	Ref
ReCl ₂ X ₂ L ₂	Br	PPh ₃		ReBr ₃ (MeCN)(PPh ₃) ₂ + CCl ₄	306
	I	PPh ₃		ReHI ₂ (acac)(PPh ₃) ₂ + HCl in boiling C ₆ H ₆	424
ReCl ₃ (N=NCOPh)L ₂		PPh ₃	μ 2.85; μ(N=N) 1580 cm ⁻¹	Complex 2 + Cl ₂ in CCl ₄	344
ReX ₂ (acac) ₂	Cl		<i>cis</i> (DM, 5.5), <i>trans</i> (μ 3.32; DM, 0.0)		
	Br		<i>cis</i> (μ 3.21; DM, 4.4)	ReOX ₂ (OMe)(PPh ₃) ₂ + boiling acacH	301, 338
			<i>trans</i> (μ 3.11; DM, 0.0)	ReCl ₄ (PPh ₃) ₂ + boiling acacH ^b	322
ReCl ₂ (PhCOCH ₂ COPh) ₂				ReO(OMe)Cl ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂ + molten (PhCO) ₂ CH ₂	338
ReCl ₂ (Et ₂ dtc) ₂				ReCl(CO) ₃ + (Et ₂ NCS ₂) ₂	368
ReHX ₂ (acac)L ₂	Cl, Br, and I	PPh ₃	μ 2.21 (I)	ReH ₂ (acac)L ₂ + CCl ₄ , CHCl ₃ , CHBr ₃ , or I ₂	424

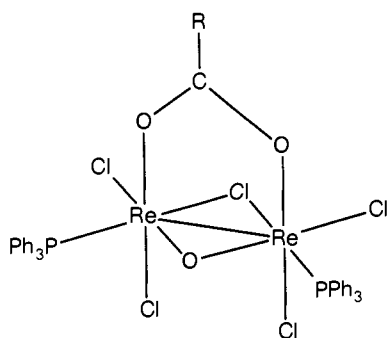
^a μ refers to effective magnetic moments at room temperature in BM; DM refers to dipole moments in debyes. ^b Best method of preparation.

adequately characterized. It was obtained accidentally in 1966 in a preparation of the trichloride,³⁹⁵ and its chemistry was elucidated using this single batch before a reproducible synthesis²⁶⁸ had become available. The tetrachloride may be prepared by heating ReCl₅ and ReCl₃ in a sealed tube at 300°,²⁶⁸ but, since the reaction is already reversible at that temperature, only ReCl₃ remains when ReCl₅ is heated in a stream of inert gas.^{268,269,395} It is also obtained by the reaction of ReCl₅ with SbCl₃²⁶⁹ or C₂Cl₄ (eq 3)²⁷⁰ and rhenium metal with SbCl₅.²⁶⁹ The crystal structure contains dinuclear Re₂Cl₉ units similar to W₂Cl₉³⁻, i.e., with two ReCl₆ octahedra sharing a face. The dinuclear units are joined into chains by sharing corners, and the Re-Re separation within each unit, 273 ± 3 pm, indicates a metal-metal bond.³⁹⁶ The structure contrasts with that of technetium tetrachloride in which TcCl₆ octahedra share edges to form zigzag chains with the technetium atoms definitely not bonded at a separation of 362 pm.³⁹⁷ Consequently, TcCl₄ exhibits ordinary paramagnetism (μ = 3.48 BM), whereas β-ReCl₄ exhibits TIP.²⁶⁸ The black, amorphous substance obtained by heating ReO₂·aq with thionyl chloride is said to be a different form of the tetrachloride, α-ReCl₄, and a trimeric structure has been suggested.³⁹⁸ However, the composition of the product is variable, and it is evidently not a pure substance.^{399,400} Its reactions are very similar to those of β-ReCl₄.³⁹⁹ A third form, γ-ReCl₄, results when ReCl₅ is heated with hexachloropropene and transforms to β-ReCl₄ at high temperatures.⁴⁰¹ It remains to be shown that the α- and γ-tetrachlorides are not merely impure samples of β-ReCl₄. Apart from a new synthesis of ReBr₄ from ReCl₅ and BBr₃⁴⁰¹ and a report of some reactions of ReI₄ with pyridine bases,⁴⁰² the tetrabromide and tetraiodide have not been investigated in recent years. They certainly merit further attention since their structures are completely unknown and their reported preparation from aqueous mineral acid^{8,9} implies unusual behavior for tetravalent rhenium. Only one oxohalide, ReOCl₂, has so far been established and is formed in the reaction of ReO₃ with ReCl₅ or ReOCl₄, and in the pyrolysis of ReOCl₄(H₂O). It has still not been obtained pure but is believed to have a structure that includes linear oxo bridges. At 500° it disproportionates to ReO₃Cl, ReOCl₄, ReCl₃, and rhenium metal.⁴⁰³ The existence of a nitride, ReNF,³⁹⁴ is in doubt.⁴⁰⁴

Most reactions of β-ReCl₄ yield complexes of Re^{III} and Re^V and depend markedly on conditions, but remnants of the dinuclear units usually persist. Thus β-ReCl₄ dissolves in weakly acidified methanol as the violet

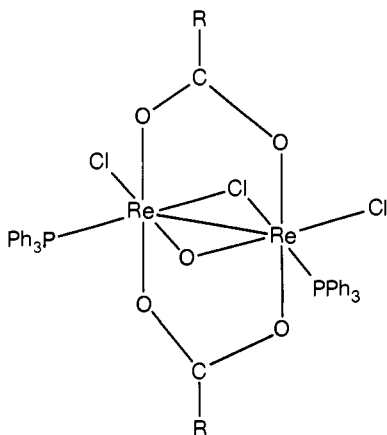
Re₂Cl₉²⁻ ion in which rhenium has a formal oxidation state of 3.5. The ion is easily reduced to blue Re^{II}₂Cl₈²⁻, and the derivatives (ReCl₃L)₂ (L = PPh₃, AsPh₃, and dth) are formed in the presence of L.³⁹⁵ Rhenium(IV) complexes are obtained only under anhydrous conditions in the absence of air. Pure pyridine under nitrogen thus gives *cis*-ReCl₄(py)₂ and [pyH]₂Re₂Cl₈,⁴⁰⁵ but in acetone in the presence of air it gives only ReO₂(py)₄⁺, Re₂O₃Cl₄(py)₄, and [pyH]₂Re₂Cl₈.³⁹⁵ Prolonged heating in dry acetonitrile gives impure ReCl₄(MeCN)₂ and, in the presence of PPh₃, a mixture of ReCl₄(PPh₃)₂, (ReCl₃PPh₃)₂, and some ReCl₃(MeCN)(PPh₃)₂.^{405,406} On the other hand, PPh₃ in dry acetone yields [CH₃COCH₂CMe₂PPh₃]₂Re₂Cl₉ and ReOCl₃(PPh₃)₂, presumably by oxygen abstraction.⁴⁰⁵

The simplest fragment expected to be formed in the reaction of β-ReCl₄ with concentrated HCl would be Re^{IV}₂Cl₉⁻ as this ion bears the same relation to β-ReCl₄ that Re₃Cl₁₂³⁻ bears to ReCl₃. Although Re₂Cl₉⁻ has not yet been obtained in this way, both green [N-*n*-Bu₄]-Re₂Cl₉ and red [N-*n*-Bu₄]₂Re₂Br₉ have been prepared by oxidizing Re₂X₈²⁻ with halogen. They are readily reduced to [N-*n*-Bu₄]₂Re₂X₉ (μ = 1.5 BM for X = Cl and 1.7 BM for X = Br) by tin, copper, or mercury in acetone solution or even "spontaneously" when suspended in methanol. Iron carries the reduction further to [N-*n*-Bu₄]₂Re₂X₈.⁴⁰⁷ The structure of Re₂Cl₉⁻ has been shown to be similar to W₂Cl₉³⁻ with a Re-Re separation of ca. 271 pm,⁴⁰⁸ but that of Re₂Cl₉²⁻ has not been reported. Two other series of rhenium(IV) complexes are known to contain metal-metal bonds. The first comprises the dark green diamagnetic carboxylate complexes Re₂-OX₅(RCO₂)(PPh₃)₂ (X = Cl or Br; R = *i*-Bu, *sec*-Bu, Bz, Ph, C₆H₄OMe-*p*-, or *n*-C_{*n*}H_{2*n*+1} with *n* = 1, 2, 5, 7, 9, 11, and 15) of structure 5 in which oxide, chloride, and carboxylate bridge simultaneously despite apparent steric constraints.^{322,409} The Re-Re separation is 252.2 ± 0.1 pm (for X = Cl and R = Et), much shorter than in β-ReCl₄ and comparable to the essentially double Re-Re bond in trinuclear Re^{III} clusters, but the bite of the bridging ligands may be partly responsible for forcing the rhenium atoms so close together.⁴⁰⁹ The most remarkable feature of the complexes 5 is their unusual stability. Solutions in aprotic solvents resist chlorine, bromine, thionyl chloride, and boiling acetic acid for several days, and the oxo bridge is protonated reversibly by concentrated HNO₃ or HClO₄.³²² Excess sodium methoxide displaces chloride without further change to give purple



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$\text{Re}_2\text{OCl}_4(\text{OMe})(\text{RCO}_2)(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ in which OMe is possibly bridging.³⁶⁴ The second series, purple $\text{Re}_2\text{OCl}_3(\text{RCO}_2)_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ ($\text{R} = \text{sec-Bu}$, $i\text{-Bu}$, tert-Bu , Bz , and $n\text{-C}_n\text{H}_{2n+1}$ with $n = 2, 3, 5, 7$, and 11) of structure **6**,



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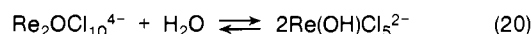
were initially formulated without the oxygen bridge,³²² but the correct structure was established by X-ray diffraction for $\text{R} = \text{Et}$ (Re-Re , 251.4 ± 0.1 pm) giving each rhenium atom a formal oxidation state of 3.5.³³⁹ Like $\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_9^{2-}$ the magnetic moments ($\mu = \text{ca. } 2.0$ BM) correspond to one unpaired electron per molecule. In contrast to **5**, the complexes **6** are highly reactive and are oxidized by iodine, cold nitric acid, etc., to unstable products, and decompose slowly in the solid state.³²²

3. Complexes without Metal-Metal Bonds

Most compounds of rhenium(IV) lacking metal-metal bonds are stable neutral or anionic complexes of classical ligands with the metal in octahedral coordination. Their reactions usually give other complexes of rhenium(IV) or are destructive. Variable amounts of Re^{IV} complexes are formed as by-products in several reactions of Re^{V} and Re^{III} as, for example, $\text{trans-ReCl}_4(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ when the ligands include Cl^- and PPh_3 ,³⁶⁴ and ReCl_6^{2-} in the presence of HCl .^{285, 295, 305} Mononuclear complexes of Re^{IV} have been synthesized by the following routes and are described in Table V.

(a) Reduction of Perrhenate in Halogen Hydracid. Whereas reduction of ReO_4^- in weakly complexing acids yields Re^{V} oxo species²⁹²⁻²⁹⁹ or $\text{ReO}_2\cdot\text{aq}$,³⁷⁴ moderately strong reducing agents (I^- , Sn^{II}) in concentrated HX lead to the formation of ReX_6^{2-} ions ($\text{X} = \text{Cl}$, Br , and I).^{8, 9, 14} Yields exceed 90% when the reducing agent is hypophosphorous acid.⁴¹⁰ The hydroxo species $\text{Re}(\text{OH})\text{X}_5^{2-}$ have also been isolated from such solutions, and $\text{Re}(\text{OH})\text{Br}_5^{2-}$ is obtained, for example, by the electrolytic reduction of KReO_4 in HBr .⁴¹¹ These species are in equilibrium with the μ -oxo dimers $\text{Re}_2\text{OX}_{10}^{4-}$, and

the thermodynamic functions for the equilibrium



have been determined.⁴¹²

The orange coloration, which develops when perrhenic acid is reduced in the presence of thiocyanate and which has long been used for the spectrophotometric determination of rhenium at the microgram level, was once attributed to Re^{V} oxo complexes such as $\text{ReO}_2(\text{SCN})_4^{3-}$. The absorption spectrum is, however, identical with that of either pure $\text{Re}(\text{SCN})_6^{2-}$ or a mixture of $\text{Re}(\text{SCN})_6^{2-}$ and $\text{Re}(\text{SCN})_6^-$ depending on conditions, and the orange color is evidently due to one or both of these species.²⁷⁷ Although several oxo-thiocyanato complexes of Re^{IV} are mentioned in the literature,⁴¹³ none has been adequately characterized.

(b) Reduction of Rhenium(V) Compounds by Mildly Reducing Ligands. The reduction of ReCl_5 to ReCl_4L_2 was discussed in section IV.C.2(b). The salt $[\text{NEt}_4]\text{ReCl}_5$ obtained from $[\text{NEt}_4]\text{Cl}$ and ReCl_5 is remarkable in that the anion is polymeric and has a visible and far-infrared spectrum consistent with chains of ReCl_6 octahedra sharing cis edges (*i.e.*, as in TcCl_4). It dissolves only with reaction.²⁸⁴ The reduction or disproportionation of Re^{V} monooxo species discussed in section IV.C.3(c) often gives mixtures of oxidation states, but $\text{trans-ReCl}_4(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ ³²² by *cis*- and *trans*- $\text{ReX}_2(\text{acac})_2$ ($\text{X} = \text{Cl}$, Br , and I) are conveniently prepared by this route. The latter ($\text{X} = \text{Cl}$) had originally been formulated as a dimer with bridging acetylacetonates on the basis of a spurious molecular weight measurement but was later shown to be monomeric both by X-ray diffraction in the solid state and by molecular weight and mass spectral measurements in solution and in the gas phase.³³⁸

(c) Ligand Substitution in Rhenium(IV) Complexes. The anions ReX_6^{2-} are extremely inert to substitution.³³³ Exchange with $^*\text{X}^-$ ($^*\text{X} = ^{36}\text{Cl}$ and ^{82}Br) is slower by a factor of 20-50 in ReX_6^{2-} than in TcX_6^{2-} .⁴¹⁴ and for ReCl_6^{2-} in 7 *M* hydrochloric acid 50% exchange occurs only after 1405 hr at 50°. Attempts to fit exchange rates to a rate equation are rendered difficult by the necessity to work at high H^+ and Cl^- concentrations, and the best fit is obtained with the expression $k[\text{ReCl}_6^{2-}][\text{H}^+]$, where $k = (0.659 \pm 0.221) \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ sec}^{-1}$ at 90°. It is thus possible to precipitate mixed crystals $\text{K}_2\text{ReBr}_6\text{-K}_2\text{SnCl}_6$ and $\text{K}_2\text{ReBr}_6\text{-K}_2\text{OsCl}_6$ with concentrated HCl which are free from $\text{MCl}_n\text{Br}_{6-n}^{2-}$.⁴¹⁵ When K_2ReCl_6 is boiled with a mixture of concentrated HCl and HBr for several hours, all the mixed anions $\text{ReCl}_n\text{Br}_{6-n}^{2-}$ are obtained and may be separated chromatographically.⁴¹⁶ Much faster halogen exchange occurs in the solid state at 200° (10^{-1} - 10^{-2} min^{-1}),^{417, 418} and substitutions by CNO^- ²⁷⁸ and SCN^- ⁴¹⁹ have been effected in molten salts. The aquation of ReCl_6^{2-} in dilute acid is exceedingly slow ($k_1 = 9 \times 10^{-9} \text{ sec}^{-1}$ at 35.0°) and is catalyzed by mercury(II).⁴²⁰ That of ReBr_6^{2-} is rather faster ($k_1 = 1.78 \times 10^{-6} \text{ sec}^{-1}$ at 35.0° in 0.2 *M* HClO_4) with activation parameters $\Delta H^* = 109 \pm 4.6 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ and $\Delta S^* = -25 \pm 12 \text{ J deg}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$. The activation enthalpy is thus higher than for the aquation of IrBr_6^{3-} ($\Delta H^* = 94.6 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$).⁴²⁰ K_2ReI_6 dissolves in 20% H_2SO_4 to give red-brown $\text{Re}(\text{OH})\text{I}_5^{2-}$ which may be extracted with ether.²⁵³ The anions ReX_6^{2-} are seldom used for the synthesis of other rhenium(IV) complexes, but the more labile singly charged or neutral species $[\text{NEt}_4]\text{ReCl}_5$ and $\text{ReCl}_4(\text{MeCN})_2$, available from ReCl_5 , are useful intermediates. The bridge splitting reaction of $[\text{NEt}_4]\text{ReCl}_5$ with L thus provides a route to ReCl_5L^- ,²⁸⁴ and the complexes

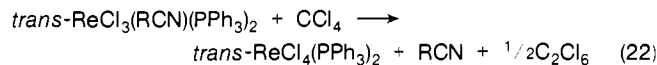
ReCl_4L_2 are readily obtained by removing MeCN from the equilibrium²⁸²



Since the complexes $\text{ReCl}_4(\text{amidine})_2$ do not react with PPh_3 , pyridine displaces one PPh_3 from $\text{ReCl}_4(\text{PPh}_3)_2$,³²² and the equilibrium 21 lies farther to the right for $\text{L} = \text{PPh}_3$ than for AsPh_3 or SbPh_3 ,²⁸² it follows that rhenium(IV) has an affinity for hard bases in the Pearson sense. A dimer $[\text{NEt}_4][(\text{ReCl}_5)_2\text{pz}]$ is obtained from $\text{ReCl}_5(\text{MeCN})^-$ and 0.5 mol of pyrazine.²⁸⁴

(d) Reactions of Ligands Coordinated to Rhenium(IV). Since complexes of rhenium(IV) are both inert and stable, reaction with bases may result in nucleophilic attack on an activated ligand rather than in substitution. The nitrile moiety in $\text{ReCl}_4(\text{RCN})_2$ is thus sufficiently polarized to add primary aromatic amines (ArNH_2) across the triple bond giving complexes of N-substituted amidines, $\text{ReCl}_4[\text{NH}=\text{C}(\text{NHAr})\text{R}]_2$. Primary aliphatic alcohols likewise yield complexes of imidate esters, $\text{ReCl}_4[\text{NH}=\text{C}(\text{OR}')\text{R}]_2$, from which the ester moiety may be displaced with PPh_3 .²⁸² Complexes of the type ReX_4L_2 have been synthesized by pyrolysis of the salts $[\text{LH}]_2\text{ReX}_6$, where L is a pyridine base⁴²¹ or a phosphine.⁴²²

(e) Oxidation of Mononuclear Rhenium(III) Compounds with Halocarbons. The octahedral complexes $\text{ReCl}_3(\text{RCN})(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ are oxidized almost quantitatively by warm carbon tetrachloride according to the equation



The formation of C_2Cl_6 suggests that trichlorocarbene radicals are generated in the reaction and the reacting species promote the polymerization of styrene. However, the rate is not affected by radical initiators or scavengers but increases with CCl_4 concentration and is retarded by free nitrile. It thus seems that the rate-determining step is displacement of RCN by CCl_4 , followed by rapid homolytic dissociation of the Cl- CCl_3 bond. Mixed halide complexes $\text{ReX}_n\text{X}'_{4-n}\text{L}_2$ may be prepared by heating $\text{ReX}_3(\text{RCN})\text{L}_2$ with CX_4' ($\text{X}, \text{X}' = \text{Cl}$ or Br ; $\text{L} = \text{PPh}_3, \text{AsPh}_3,$ or SbPh_3).³⁰⁶ Similarly, the complexes $\text{mer-MCl}_3(\text{PR}_3)_3$ are oxidized by CCl_4 to $\text{trans-MCl}_4(\text{PR}_3)_2$ when $\text{M} = \text{Re}$ and Os , but not Ru or Ir .^{337, 423} Substituted trichloromethanes such as $\text{C}_2\text{Cl}_6, \text{CCl}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}$, and PhCCl_3 are equally effective oxidants, but dichloromethanes are generally inert. The radical fragments from C_2Cl_6 ,³⁰⁶ CHCl_3 , and $\text{CHCl}=\text{CCl}_2$ ⁴²³ generate $\text{C}_2\text{Cl}_4, \text{CHCl}_2\text{CHCl}_2$, and $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2\text{Cl}_4$, respectively. Hydrides are well known to react with CCl_4 (or CHCl_3) to yield chloride complexes and CHCl_3 (or CH_2Cl_2) and the apparently seven-coordinate $\text{ReHX}_2(\text{acac})(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ may be obtained from $\text{ReH}_2(\text{acac})(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ in this way.⁴²⁴

(f) Other Oxidations. A number of rhenium(III)^{337, 372, 424} and rhenium(I)⁴²⁵ complexes are oxidized by halogen to rhenium(IV) (Table V), and $\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_8^{2-}$ gives $\text{Re}(\text{SCN})_6^{2-}$ with thiocyanate in acetone.⁴²⁶ The anion $\text{ReCl}_4(\text{MeCN})_2^-$ is oxidized quantitatively by $\text{Fe}^{3+}, \text{Cu}^{\text{II}},$ cold HNO_3 , and I_2 to $\text{ReCl}_4(\text{MeCN})_2$,²⁸² and the hydrides $\text{ReH}_7(\text{PR}_3)_2, \text{ReH}_4(\text{PR}_3)_3,$ and $\text{ReH}_2(\text{acac})(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ ⁴²⁴ give $\text{ReX}_4(\text{PR}_3)_2$ with halogen hydracids.

The physical properties of the hexahalorhenates have been studied in considerable detail.¹⁵ The enthalpy of formation of $\text{ReCl}_6^{2-}\cdot\text{aq}$ has been calculated from the enthalpy of hydrolysis to $\text{ReO}_2\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{s})$ ($\Delta H^\circ = -310 \pm 1 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$) and of oxidation by hypochlorite to $\text{ReO}_4^-\cdot\text{aq}$ ($\Delta H^\circ = -682.5 \pm 3.4 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$) as $-765.8 \pm 3.4 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$.⁴²⁷ This compares with the enthalpy of formation

of $\text{K}_2\text{ReCl}_6(\text{c})$ of $-1311 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$. Single-crystal X-ray studies have shown K_2ReCl_6 and K_2ReBr_6 to have the cubic structure of K_2PtCl_6 with $\text{Re}-\text{Cl}, 235.3 \pm 0.4 \text{ pm},$ and $\text{Re}-\text{Br}, 248 \pm 0.5 \text{ pm},$ and that all halogen atoms are crystallographically equivalent.⁴²⁸ The structure of $[\rho\text{-MeC}_6\text{H}_4\text{NH}_3]_2\text{ReCl}_6$ is similar ($\text{Re}-\text{Cl}, 235 \pm 2 \text{ pm}$).⁴²⁹ The halogen pure nqr spectra of K_2ReCl_6 and K_2ReBr_6 at room temperature consist of a single resonance for each halogen isotope in keeping with O_h symmetry for the ReX_6^{2-} ion, but transitions to phases of lower symmetry occur on cooling and cause the resonances to split. The iodine resonance in K_2ReI_6 is a triplet at all temperatures, implying at least three iodine environments.⁴³⁰ The positive temperature coefficient of the nqr frequency in WCl_6^{2-} and ReCl_6^{2-} has been interpreted on the simple assumption that halogen to metal $p\pi-d\pi$ bonding is proportional to the number of vacancies in the t_{2g} set of metal 5d orbitals and is thus larger for ReCl_6^{2-} than for PtCl_6^{2-} .⁴³⁰ This argument has, however, been disputed,^{431, 432} and an alternative interpretation is based on the temperature dependence of the soft liberation mode in the solid.⁴³¹ Volume effects are also pertinent.⁴³³ The positive charge on M in MCl_6^{2-} has been estimated by extended Hückel molecular orbital calculations to decrease from 1.32 on Re^{IV} to 0.69 on Pt^{IV} ,⁴³⁴ in excellent agreement with values of 1.34 and 0.70 calculated from nqr results.⁴³² The $4f_{7/2}$ electron binding energy rises steadily from 44.5 eV in K_2ReCl_6 to 75.6 eV in K_2PtCl_6 , reflecting the increasing positive charge of the nucleus.⁴³⁵ The nqr data also show that the total (*i.e.*, $\sigma + \pi$) covalency of the M-Cl bond increases rather more rapidly than had been predicted,⁴³⁴ from 0.45 in ReCl_6^{2-} (t_{2g}^3) to 0.55 in PtCl_6^{2-} (t_{2g}^6), and that the π component decreases from 0.097 to zero.⁴³²

The vibrational spectra of all four hexahalorhenates have been recorded in the solid state and the force constants calculated according to modified Urey-Bradley (UBFF) and valence force fields ($\text{Re}-\text{Cl}, 145$ and 171 N m^{-1} , respectively).^{432, 436} The M-Cl force constant (UBFF) in MCl_6^{2-} rises slowly from 125 N m^{-1} for $\text{M} = \text{Hf}$ to 159 N m^{-1} for $\text{M} = \text{Pt}$ as the total covalency of the M-Cl bond increases.⁴³² Hexahalorhenates of long-chain aliphatic amines are readily soluble in organic solvents,⁴³⁷ and the infrared active fundamentals, ν_3 and ν_4 , of a solution of $[\text{N}(n\text{-C}_7\text{H}_{15})_4]_2\text{ReX}_6$ in benzene occur at 297 and 170 cm^{-1} , respectively, when $\text{X} = \text{Cl}$; and ν_3 at 208 cm^{-1} when $\text{X} = \text{Br}$.⁴³⁸

The electronic spectra of hexahalorhenates in aqueous solution,^{15, 439} in nonaqueous solvents and halide melts⁴⁴⁰ and in the solid state⁴⁴¹ have been assigned, and the energy level diagram of Re^{4+} in an octahedral crystal field has been deduced from the sharp line spectra of Re^{IV} in crystals of K_2PtCl_6 and Cs_2ZrCl_6 at 4 K.⁴⁴² The crystal field parameter Δ_0 for ReCl_6^{2-} is $29,000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ and compares with $25,000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ for TcCl_6^{2-} and $18,000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ for MnCl_6^{2-} .^{128, 439} Rhenium(IV) in single crystals of Cs_2ZrBr_6 ,⁴⁴³ Cs_2ZrCl_6 , and Cs_2HfCl_6 shows sharp line luminescence at low temperatures which in the last two cases consists of four lines originating in $\Gamma_7(2T_{2g})$ and terminating in the $\Gamma_8(4A_{2g})$ ground state.⁴⁴⁴ A very detailed review of the electronic and esr spectra of K_2ReCl_6 is available.⁴⁴⁵

Hexahalorhenates are generally magnetically nondilute, and both K_2ReCl_6 and K_2ReBr_6 are ordered antiferromagnetics at 4.2 K with Néel temperatures of 11.9 and 15.3 K, respectively.^{15, 446} Neutron diffraction indicates that this is a result of antiferromagnetic stacking of ferromagnetic sheets along the axis perpendicular to (001).⁴⁴⁶ Large cations may cause some dilution,^{447, 448} but the

Re...Re separation does not necessarily increase. The closest Re...Re separation in $[\rho\text{-MeC}_6\text{H}_4\text{NH}_3]_2\text{ReCl}_6$, for example, is virtually the same as in K_2ReCl_6 although the distance between layers of rhenium atoms increases from 570 pm in the potassium salt to 1252 pm in the ρ -toluidinium salt.⁴²⁹

Solutions of K_2ReCl_6 in LiCl-KCl melts are stable indefinitely at 450° although a little rhenium metal is formed by disproportionation during the dissociation process. Electrolytic reduction gives rhenium metal without accumulation of appreciable concentrations of intermediate oxidation states and the apparent standard electrode potential $E^0(\text{Re}^{\text{IV}}/\text{Re}^0)$ at $t^\circ\text{C}$ is $-0.389 + (5.6 \times 10^{-4})(t - 450)$ V relative to a standard $\text{Pt}^{\text{II}}/\text{Pt}^0$ reference electrode.¹⁴⁵ One-electron polarographic reduction of ReCl_6^{2-} in aqueous mineral acid is now firmly established,⁴⁴⁹ and the kinetics of the system have been carefully studied.⁴⁵⁰ There is less evidence that the reduction product actually is ReCl_6^{3-} although this seems plausible in view of the existence of the equilibrium $\text{ReCl}_4(\text{MeCN})_2 + e^- = \text{ReCl}_4(\text{MeCN})_2^-$.²⁸² Reduction of ReX_6^{2-} with formic acid generates $\text{ReX}(\text{CO})_5$ ($X = \text{Cl}, \text{Br}, \text{and I}$) in high yield and thus provides one of the best available routes to compounds of rhenium(I).⁴⁵¹ The chemical effects of $^{185}\text{Re}(n, \gamma)^{186}\text{Re}$ reactions in solid hexahalorhenates have been investigated in detail^{418, 452} but will not be discussed here.

All known complexes $\text{ReX}_4(\text{PR}_3)_2$ have the trans configuration,^{453, 454} and the single Re-Cl stretching frequency in the far-infrared at $320 \pm 2 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ is almost independent of PR_3 but is ca. 20 cm^{-1} higher than in $\text{ReCl}_3(\text{PR}_3)_3$.^{453, 455} The stretching frequency increases from $\text{ReCl}_4(\text{PR}_3)_2$ to $\text{PtCl}_4(\text{PR}_3)_2$ by ca. 20 cm^{-1} .⁴⁵³ A series of ligand to metal charge-transfer bands commence at ca. $17,000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, at lower energies than in ReCl_6^{2-} .^{455, 456} The Re-Cl and Re-P bond lengths in $\text{ReCl}_4(\text{PMe}_2\text{Ph})_2$ are 233.1 ± 0.3 and 250.5 ± 0.3 pm, respectively, and, whereas the M-Cl separations in $\text{MCl}_4(\text{PMe}_2\text{Ph})_2$ vary by only about 1 pm from W^{IV} to Ir^{IV} , the M-P separation falls steadily by ca. 5 pm for each successive element.⁴⁵⁷ This trend may be interpreted satisfactorily in terms of the form of the overlap integrals and on the plausible assumption that some chlorine to metal π -bonding is to be expected but little if any π back-bonding from the metal to phosphorus.⁴⁵⁴ The $4f_{7/2}$ electron binding energies in $\text{MCl}_4(\text{PR}_3)_2$ are approximately the same as in MCl_6^{2-} and are independent of PR_3 but rise steadily from $\text{M} = \text{W}$ to $\text{M} = \text{Pt}$.⁴³⁵ The effective magnetic moments of octahedral complexes of rhenium(IV) at room temperature fall within the range 3.1–3.8 BM, rather less than the spin-only value of 3.86 BM (Table V). This range is clearly higher than for any other oxidation state (Table I), and magnetic susceptibilities can therefore be used empirically as a fairly reliable diagnostic test for mononuclear rhenium(IV).

In addition to the mononuclear complexes described above (Table V) and the polymeric ReCl_5^- ion, rhenium(IV) forms a number of μ -oxo species of which only $\text{Re}_2\text{OCl}_{10}^{4-}$ has been thoroughly characterized.^{15, 458} The Re-O-Re moiety is linear¹⁵ as in $\text{Os}_2\text{OCl}_{10}^{4-}$ ⁴⁵⁹ but in contrast to $\text{W}_2\text{OCl}_{10}^{4-}$,⁴⁶⁰ and the linearity has been rationalized by molecular orbital calculations.⁴⁶¹ When $\text{Re}_2\text{OCl}_{10}^{4-}$ is treated with hydrogen peroxide or other oxidants in acid solution, it forms a blood-red species formulated as $\text{Re}_2(\text{OOH})\text{Cl}_{10}^{3-}$ with a μ -hydroperoxo bridge.⁴⁵⁸ A more plausible formulation would perhaps be as a μ -superoxo complex of Re^{IV} analogous to $[(\text{NH}_3)_5\text{Co}-\text{O}-\text{O}-\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_5]^{5+}$. The anion may be precipitated as the paramagnetic cesium salt ($\mu = 3.57$ BM)

and thus contrasts with the nearly diamagnetic $\text{Re}_2\text{OCl}_{10}^{4-}$.⁴⁵⁸ Other μ -oxo species include $\text{Re}_2\text{O}(\text{OH})_6(\text{LL})_2^{4-}$ (LL = oxalate, citrate, tartrate, and gallate), $\text{Re}_2\text{O}(\text{OH})_2(\text{LL})_4^{4-}$ (LL = oxalate and $\frac{1}{4}$ EDTA),^{8, 14, 15} $\text{Re}_2\text{O}(\text{OH})_2(\text{SO}_4)_2(\text{LL})_4^{4-}$,⁴⁶² and possibly $\text{Re}(\text{OH})_4(\text{LL})_2^{2-}$ (LL = oxalate and gallate),¹⁴ but they all require confirmation. Some ill-defined phthalocyanine complexes have also been claimed.⁴⁶³ Rhenium(IV) may be incorporated in heteropolyacids by treating $\text{SiW}_{11}\text{O}_{39}^{8-}$ and $\text{P}_2\text{W}_{17}\text{O}_{61}^{10-}$ with ReCl_6^{2-} under nitrogen. The blue products $\text{SiRe}^{\text{IV}}\text{W}^{\text{VI}}_{11}\text{O}_{39}^{4-}$ and $\text{P}_2\text{Re}^{\text{IV}}\text{W}^{\text{VI}}_{17}\text{O}_{61}^{6-}$ are oxidized by air to the purple Re^{VI} heteropolyacids $\text{SiRe}^{\text{VI}}\text{W}^{\text{VI}}_{11}\text{O}_{40}^{4-}$ and $\text{P}_2\text{Re}^{\text{VI}}\text{W}^{\text{VI}}_{17}\text{O}_{62}^{6-}$, but further oxidation only yields perrhenate.⁴⁶⁴

E. Rhenium(III)

The chemistry of Re^{III} is intermediate between its iso-electronic neighbors W^{II} and Os^{IV} . It forms a large number of mononuclear octahedral complexes similar to those of Os^{IV} and Os^{III} in which classical σ donors coexist with weak π acceptors. They are mostly of the types ReX_4L_2^+ and ReX_3L_3 , and rarely ReX_4L_2^- . It also forms two types of metal atom clusters formally derived from dinuclear $\text{Re}_2\text{X}_8^{2-}$ and trinuclear $\text{Re}_3\text{X}_{12}^{3-}$. In this respect it strongly resembles Mo^{II} and W^{II} where the clusters are based on $\text{Mo}_2\text{X}_8^{4-}$ and $\text{M}_6\text{X}_8^{4+}$. Little is known about Tc^{III} , but there appear to exist important differences with Re^{III} in detail, in particular the relative reluctance of Tc^{III} to form stable cluster compounds.

It was once believed that the tendency of Re^{III} to form metal-metal bonds is so great as to virtually preclude the existence of mononuclear species. However, the synthesis of octahedral complexes by a variety of routes has now established that the most common stereochemistry of Re^{III} is monomeric octahedral and that the stability of cluster compounds is probably kinetic. Thus both $\text{Re}_3\text{Cl}_{12}^{3-}$ and $\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_8^{2-}$ may be boiled with concentrated hydrochloric acid without reaction and, under drastic conditions, it is possible to convert trinuclear to dinuclear, and dinuclear to mononuclear complexes, but not *vice versa*.

No oxides of rhenium(III) have been established with certainty, but a ternary phase, LiReO_2 , has been mentioned briefly,²¹⁷ and $\text{La}_9\text{Re}_6\text{O}_{21}$ is said to be formed in the reduction of $\text{La}_4\text{Re}_3\text{O}_{12}$ with hydrogen.¹⁶¹ Hydrolysis of rhenium trichloride under nitrogen^{465, 466} and reduction of perrhenate with borohydride⁴⁶⁷ gives a hydrated oxide whose composition approaches $\text{Re}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$. It is slowly oxidized by water and rapidly by air to ReO_2 , and it loses a molecule of water at 200° *in vacuo*. It disproportionates to ReO_2 and Re at higher temperatures,⁴⁶⁵ and anhydrous Re_2O_3 cannot be made.^{213, 465} The standard enthalpy of formation of $\text{Re}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot \text{aq}$ has been calculated from the enthalpy of hydrolysis of ReCl_3 by base ($\Delta H^\circ = -227.2 \pm 5.9 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$) as $-498.3 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ and the free energy of formation as $-425.1 \pm 2.5 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$.⁴⁶⁶

1. Rhenium(III) Halides and Complexes of Trinuclear Clusters

The property of rhenium(III) to form stable trinuclear clusters was discovered in 1963, and a large number of such complexes were then prepared in the laboratories of Fergusson and Cotton.¹⁵ Their structures are based on the Re_3X_9 moiety in which an equilateral triangle of rhenium atoms is held together by strong metal-metal bonds and by three coplanar halogen bridges beyond the edges of the triangle. Each rhenium atom carries one terminal halogen above and one below the Re_3X_3 plane. A third terminal position within the plane may be occupied by a

TABLE VI. Trinuclear Complexes of Rhenium(III)

Complex	Ligand (X)	Ligand (L)	Comments	Ref	
ReX ₃	Cl and Br	I	Re-Re, 248.9 pm (Cl); polymers	483	
			Re-Re, 244.0 and 250.7 pm; polymer	469	
Re ₃ X ₉	Br		Re-Re, 246 (2) pm in vapor at 300-400°	481	
Re ₃ X ₃ Y ₆	Cl	I	Y = Br	477	
			Y = Cl	477	
Re ₃ XY ₃	Cl		Y = Br	477	
Re ₃ X ₉ L ₃	Cl and Br	R ₂ SO, py, PPh ₃ and AsPh ₃	R = <i>p</i> -C ₆ H ₄ Me, Ph, Bz, and (CH ₂) ₄	474, 482, 489, 492	
		PEt ₂ Ph	Re-Re, 249.3 pm (Cl)	474, 489	
		POPPh ₃ , thioxane, PhNH ₂ , C ₆ H ₄ (NH ₂) ₂ , PhCN, MeCN, pz, subst pz, subst py, and hmpt	From ReCl ₃ + L under mild conditions	474, 490-492	
	Br	H ₂ O	Present in M ₂ Re ₄ Br ₁₅ with ReBr ₆ ²⁻ ; Re-Re, 246.5 pm	469, 487	
Re ₃ X ₉ L ₂ (H ₂ O)	Cl	Et ₂ S		494	
Re ₃ X ₃ (AsO ₄) ₂ L ₃	Br	dmsO	From ReBr ₃ + AgAsO ₄ + dmsO	493	
Re ₃ X ₉ L ₂	Cl	POPPh ₃ and AsOPPh ₃	Possibly monohydrates	15	
Re ₃ X ₁₀ L ₂ ⁻	Br	py		482	
		H ₂ O or absent		484	
Re ₃ X ₃ Y ₇ L ₂ ⁻	Cl	H ₂ O	Y = Br; Re-Re, 244.9 and 245.5 in Cs ⁺ salt	482	
Re ₃ X ₁₁ L ₂ ⁻	Br	PPh ₃		482	
		Cl	H ₂ O	Re-Re, 243.5 and 248.3 in AsPh ₄ ⁺ salt	474, 485
		Br	L absent	Re-Re, 243.3 and 249.6 in Cs ⁺ salt	482, 486
Re ₃ X ₃ Y ₆ ²⁻	Cl		Y = SCN	482	
Re ₃ X ₁₂ ³⁻	Cl		Re-Re, 247.7 pm; D _{3h} symmetry in Cs ⁺ salt	483	
		Br	Re-Re, 249.8 pm; D _{3h} symmetry in Cs ⁺ salt	482, 484	
Re ₃ X ₉ Y ₃ ³⁻	Cl		Y = N ₃ , CN, and SCN	490	
			Y = NO ₃	488	
			Y = SCN and N ₃	490	
Re ₃ X ₆ Y ₆ ³⁻	Cl		Y = Br; present in Cs ₃ Re ₄ Br ₁₂ Cl ₆ with ReBr ₆ ²⁻	480	
Re ₃ X ₃ Y ₉ ³⁻	Cl		Y = N ₃ , CN, and SCN	482, 490	
Re ₃ X ₃ L _n	Cl or Br	dipy, dppe, Et ₂ dtc, phen, diars, terpy, and polydentate phosphines	n = 1-2; structures uncertain	482, 491, 494, 496	

ligand L or X, or may remain vacant. Each rhenium atom is thus seven-coordinate but is six-coordinate (deficient) when the terminal in-plane ligand is missing. There thus exist derivatives such as Re₃X₁₂³⁻, Re₃X₉L₃, Re₃X₁₁²⁻ (one deficient rhenium atom), and Re₃X₁₀⁻ (two deficient rhenium atoms). Most known trinuclear derivatives together with all the Re-Re separations that have been determined are given in Table VI. The separation of deficient from nondeficient rhenium atoms is always shorter than other Re-Re separations. In the crystalline trihalides the in-plane position is occupied by a halogen atom of a neighboring Re₃X₉ unit so that in ReCl₃ the units are joined to form infinite sheets⁴⁶⁸ and in ReI₃ to form zig-zag chains with a third of the rhenium atoms deficient.⁴⁶⁹ The linking of Re₃Br₉ units in ReBr₃ is uncertain, and the structure of the involatile trifluoride, said to be formed when a rhenium wire is exploded in SF₆,¹⁷³ is unknown.

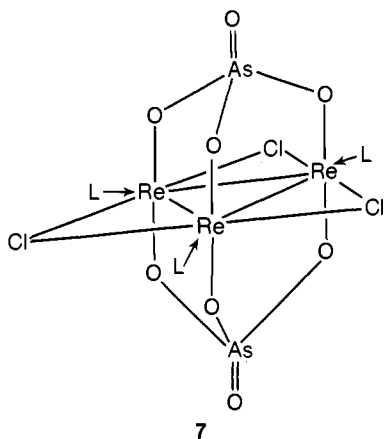
Derivatives of trinuclear clusters may generally be prepared only from the trihalides and have never been obtained from either mono- or dinuclear rhenium(III). Rhenium trichloride ($\Delta H_f^\circ = -264 \pm 3 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$, $\Delta G_f^\circ = -190 \pm 3 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$)⁴⁷⁰ is formed almost quantitatively when ReCl₅ is heated in a stream of nitrogen²⁶⁷ and rhenium tribromide ($\Delta H_f^\circ = -164 \pm 3 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$, $\Delta G_f^\circ = -130 \pm 3 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$)⁴⁷⁰ is obtained by direct union of the elements at 600° under pressure,⁴⁷¹ but it is difficult to obtain a pure product in this way.⁴⁷² A better synthesis involves the pyrolysis of Ag₂ReBr₆.^{473,474} Rhenium triiodide may be prepared by reducing perrhenate with hydriodic acid,⁴⁷⁵ by heating ReI₄ or (NH₄)₂ReI₆ with iodine,^{475,476} and by treating ReCl₃ with a large excess of BI₃.⁴⁷⁷ It loses iodine under reduced pressure to form poorly characterized lower iodides.⁴⁶⁹ All the mixed halides Re₃Cl_nBr_{9-n} and Tc_nRe_{3-n}Cl₉ are apparently formed when appropriate mixtures of the binary halides

are heated together, and the molecular ions have been identified in the mass spectrometer.⁴⁰⁰ Pure Re₃Cl₃Br₉ in which chlorine occupies the bridging positions, may be prepared by treating ReCl₃ with excess BBr₃, but attempted sublimation results in redistribution of the halogen atoms to give Re₃ClBr₈.⁴⁷⁷ Only one reaction, namely the formation of Re₃Cl₉(PR₃)₃ in the pyrolysis of ReOCl₃(PR₃)₂, by-passes the intermediacy of a trihalide.

The Re₃X₉ moiety survives moderately severe physical conditions. Rhenium trichloride thus dissolves in fused dimethyl sulfone as the solvated trimer Re₃Cl₉.⁴⁷⁸ and has a molecular weight of 885 ± 60 in sulfolane.⁴⁶⁸ The most abundant species in the mass spectrum is Re₃Cl₉⁺.⁴⁷⁹ The trichloride ($\Delta H_{\text{subl}} = 204 \pm 6 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ at 277°) and tribromide ($\Delta H_{\text{subl}} = 199 \pm 8 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ at 277°) sublime to essentially pure Re₃X₉ vapor,⁴⁸⁰ and an electron diffraction study of Re₃Br₉ at 300-400°, reveals D_{3h} symmetry.⁴⁸¹ Both ReCl₃ and ReBr₃ dissolve in concentrated HX to give the ions [Re₃X_{9+n}aq]ⁿ⁻ (n = 0-3), and large cations (M⁺) precipitate M₃Re₃X₁₂,⁴⁸²⁻⁴⁸⁴ M₂Re₃X₁₁,^{482,485,486} and MRe₃Br₁₀.⁴⁸² In addition, oxidation of ReBr₃ in HBr may lead to the precipitation of M₂ReBr₆, MReOBr₄, MReO(H₂O)Br₄,³⁰⁵ and M₂Re₄Br₁₅. The last substance contains equimolar amounts of ReBr₆²⁻ and Re₃Br₉(H₂O)₃.^{469,487} Both Re₃Cl₁₂³⁻ and Re₃Br₁₂³⁻ have D_{3h} symmetry in the cesium salts.^{483,484} The deficient rhenium atoms may or may not be associated with a molecule of water in the crystal. Thus Cs₂Re₃Br₁₁ is anhydrous and the out-of-plane BrReBr angle closes from 159° at the nondeficient atoms to 133° at the deficient atom to relieve repulsive forces.⁴⁸⁶ On the other hand, [AsPh₄]₂Re₃Cl₁₁ is almost certainly associated with a molecule of water, giving a ClReCl angle of 153° at the "deficient" rhenium atom,⁴⁸⁵ similar to that in Re₃Cl₁₂³⁻ (158°),⁴⁸³ Re₃Br₁₂³⁻ (155°),⁴⁸⁴ and Re₃-

$\text{Br}_9(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3$ (155°).⁴⁸⁷ The anion $\text{Re}_3\text{Cl}_3\text{Br}_7(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2^-$, precipitated by Cs^+ from a solution of ReCl_3 in HBr , contains two terminal in-plane water molecules and three bridging chlorines.^{484, 488} Neutral complexes $\text{Re}_3\text{X}_9\text{L}_3$ ($\text{X} = \text{Cl}$ and Br) are obtained by heating solutions of ReX_3 in organic solvents with ligands such as tertiary phosphines and arsines,^{474, 482, 489} sulfoxides,^{474, 490} nitriles,⁴⁹¹ and weak nitrogen bases.^{491, 492} The PEt_2Ph groups in $\text{Re}_3\text{X}_9(\text{PEt}_2\text{Ph})_3$ occupy the terminal in-plane positions.⁴⁸⁹

Three terminal ligands in $\text{Re}_3\text{X}_{12}^{3-}$ may be displaced easily and another six with some difficulty, but the Re_3X_3 core is very inert. Thus a solution of $\text{Re}_3\text{Cl}_{12}^{3-}$ in hydrochloric acid containing ^{36}Cl may be boiled for 8 hr without any incorporation of ^{36}Cl in the bridging positions.⁴⁸² Similarly, treatment of $\text{Re}_3\text{Cl}_{12}^{3-}$ with thiocyanate,⁴⁸² cyanide, or azide yields complexes of the types $\text{Re}_3\text{Cl}_9\text{X}_3^{3-}$, $\text{Re}_3\text{Cl}_6\text{X}_6^{3-}$, and $\text{Re}_3\text{Cl}_3\text{X}_9^{3-}$ according to the severity of conditions, but the last three chlorines cannot be displaced.^{482, 490} Arsenate displaces all out-of-plane ions in the presence of dimethyl sulfoxide to give $\text{Re}_3\text{Br}_3(\text{AsO}_4)_2(\text{dmsO})_3$ of structure 7.⁴⁹³



The reactions of ReX_3 with bidentate ligands are not well understood. Complexes of stoichiometry $\text{Re}_3\text{Cl}_9(\text{LL})_{3/2}$ are obtained under mild conditions for $\text{LL} = \text{dppe}$, Et_2dth , and dipy and are suspected to be polymeric.^{491, 494, 495} Under more drastic conditions excess LL has yielded substances with a higher proportion of ligand which may be ionic or polymeric,^{491, 494} and α, α' -dipyridyl also causes some reduction.⁴⁹⁵ Tridentate phosphines⁴⁹⁶ and $\alpha, \alpha', \alpha''$ -terpyridyl⁴⁹⁴ afford compounds such as $\text{Re}_3\text{Cl}_9(\text{LL})_n$ with $n = 1, 1.33, \text{ and } 2$.

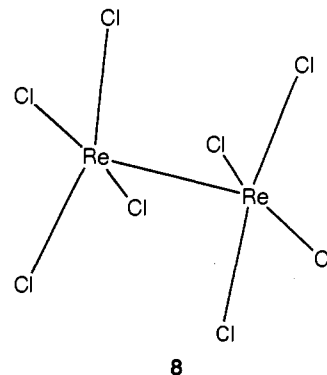
Destruction of the Re_3Cl_9 moiety requires severe conditions. Nitrogen bases of $\text{p}K \geq 5$ such as pyridine, isoquinoline, and benzimidazole reduce ReCl_3 to the trinuclear rhenium(II) compounds $(\text{ReCl}_2\text{L})_n$ (see section IV.F),⁴⁹² and liquid ammonia gives a substance of approximate composition $\text{ReCl}_3 \cdot 3\text{NH}_3$ from which $\text{Re}_3\text{Cl}_{12}^{3-}$ may be regenerated by hydrochloric acid.⁴⁹⁷ The powerful bidentate ligands dppe and diars can, however, break up the Re_3Cl_3 core to give $[\text{ReCl}_2(\text{LL})_2]\text{Cl}$,⁴⁹⁴ and certain polydentate phosphines (L_p) afford green products ReCl_3L_p and $[\text{ReCl}_2\text{L}_p]^+$ which may be mononuclear.⁴⁹⁸ Molten diethylammonium chloride converts $\text{Re}_3\text{Cl}_{12}^{3-}$ to $\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_6^{2-}$ in high yield, and dissolution of ReCl_3 in LiCl-KCl eutectic⁴⁷⁸ or pyrolysis of a mixture of ReCl_3 and CsCl ⁴⁹⁹ results in disproportionation to ReCl_6^{2-} and Re .

The bonding in trinuclear clusters has been discussed in detail elsewhere,^{15, 500} and the Re-Re bond order has been predicted to be two.¹⁵ Bond lengths are in the range 243–251 pm. Derivatives of ReCl_3 and ReBr_3 are dark red or purple and absorb intensely at 500–560 and 750–950 nm. The position of the second band depends

on the nature of the terminal ligands. The relevant transitions have not been identified, but the chromophore is carried by the Re_3X_3 core.^{15, 474, 491} Some attempts have been made to assign the complex vibrational spectra and hence to calculate force constants.⁵⁰¹ Rhenium trichloride exhibits weak TIP with $\chi_M = 528 \times 10^{-6} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$, and there appears to be a second modification which is nearly diamagnetic.⁵⁰²

2. Complexes of Dinuclear Clusters

A number of complexes are known in which two rhenium(III) atoms are held together by a strong, exceptionally short metal-metal bond. They are formally derived from the $\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_6^{2-}$ ion (8) and have been thoroughly



characterized by Cotton and his coworkers. Chloride may be replaced by other monodentate ligands^{396, 426, 503-508} and by two,⁵⁰⁸⁻⁵¹⁰ three,¹⁴⁰ or four^{139, 511-513} carboxylate bridges, and the vacant axial positions trans to the Re-Re bond may be occupied by monodentates. Most known complexes of this type, together with Re-Re separations and methods of synthesis, are given in Table VII.

The formation of dinuclear clusters is not well understood. They have been obtained by the reduction of mononuclear compounds in higher oxidation states and by the degradation of trinuclear clusters, but never from mononuclear rhenium(III). Reduction requires very specific conditions. Perrhenate has thus been reduced to $\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_8^{2-}$ only by hydrogen under pressure and by H_3PO_2 in constant boiling hydrochloric acid.⁵⁰⁶ Under different conditions ReCl_6^{2-} usually results. $\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_8^{2-}$ is also formed in the disproportionation of ReCl_5 in acetone,^{273, 288, 289} and the tetra- μ -carboxylato complexes $\text{Re}_2\text{X}_2(\text{RCO}_2)_4$ (9) are best prepared by heating *trans*- $\text{ReOX}_3(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ with acid anhydrides ($\text{X} = \text{Cl}$ and Br).³²² The mechanisms of these reactions are totally obscure.

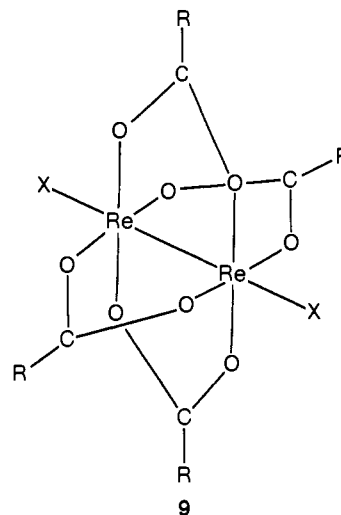


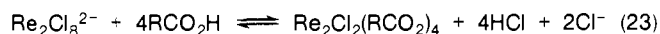
TABLE VII. Dinuclear Complexes of Rhenium(III)

Complex	Ligand (X)	Comments	Synthesis	Ref
$\text{Re}_2\text{X}_8^{2-}$	Cl and Br	D_{4h} ; Re-Re, 224.1 pm in $\text{K}_2\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_8 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$; Re-Re, 222.8 pm in $\text{Cs}_2\text{Re}_2\text{Br}_8$; $\nu(\text{Re-Re})$ 275 cm^{-1}	$\text{ReO}_4^- + \text{HCl} + \text{H}_2$ (50 atm) at 290°	506, 518
			$\text{ReO}_4^- + \text{H}_3\text{PO}_2 + \text{const bp HCl}$ or 40% HBr	506, 519
			$\text{ReCl}_5 + \text{Me}_2\text{CO} \pm \text{L}$ (<i>inter alia</i>)	273, 288, 289
			$\text{ReH}_5\text{PPh}_3^- + \text{HCl}$	202
			$\text{Re}_2\text{X}_9^- + 2e^-$	406
			$\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_2(\text{RCO}_2)_4 + \text{hot concd HCl}$	506
			$\text{ReCl}_3 + \text{molten } [\text{NH}_2\text{Et}_2]\text{Cl}^a$	478, 514
			$\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_5^{2-} + 40\% \text{ HBr}^a$	514
			$\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_8^{2-} + \text{SCN}^- + \text{HCl}$ in MeOH	426
			$\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_5^{2-} + \text{SeCN}^-$	503
$\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_5^{2-} + \text{mdt}$	508			
$\text{Re}_2(\text{mdt})_4^{2-}$				
$\text{Re}_2\text{X}_8\text{L}_2^{2-}$	Cl	Equal numbers of $\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_8^{2-}$ and Re_2Cl_6 (H_2O) $_2^{2-}$ ions in $\text{Cs}_2\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_8 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$; axial L		510
$\text{Re}_2\text{X}_6\text{L}_2$	Cl or Br	No bridging ligands; L = PMe_2Ph and PR_3 with R = Et, <i>n</i> -Pr, and Ph; Re-Re, 222.2 pm in $\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_6(\text{PEt}_3)_2$	$\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_5^{2-} + \text{PR}_3$	396, 505, 521
$(\text{Re}_2\text{X}_4(\text{RCO}_2)_2\text{ReX}_3\text{LL})_n$	Cl or Br	LL = dppe, dipy, tmtu, and dth; $n = 2$ (?)	$\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_5^{2-} + \text{LL}$	507, 508
	Cl	R = CCl_3	$\text{Re}_2\text{X}_8^{2-} + \text{molten } \text{CCl}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}$	508
	I	R = Ph; Re-Re, 219.8 pm; D_{2d} with trans iodines	$\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_2(\text{PhCO}_2)_4 + \text{HI}$	508
			$\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_2(\text{n-PrCO}_2)_4 + \text{molten PhCO}_2\text{H}$	510
$\text{Re}_2\text{X}_4(\text{RCO}_2)_2\text{L}_2$	Cl or Br	L = H_2O and py; R = Me; cis chlorines, two bridging RCO_2 ; Re-Re, 222.4 pm in $\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_4(\text{MeCO}_2)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$	$\text{Re}_2\text{X}_8^{2-} + \text{Ac}_2\text{O} + \text{HBF}_4$	508
			$\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_4(\text{RCO}_2)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2 + \text{py}$	508-510
$\text{Re}_2\text{X}_3(\text{RCO}_2)_3\text{L}$	Br	L = H_2O , R = Me	$\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_4(\text{RCO}_2)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2 + \text{AcOH}$ at 100°	508
$\text{Re}_2\text{X}_2(\text{RCO}_2)_4$	Cl or Br	R = Me, Et, <i>n</i> -Pr, <i>i</i> -Pr, <i>t</i> -Bu, <i>n</i> -C $_4$ H $_9$, CH $_2$ Cl, Bz, Ph, Ar; Re-Re, 223.5 pm in $\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_2(\text{PhCO}_2)_4$	$\text{ReCl}_3 + \text{RCO}_2\text{H}$ at bp	279
			$\text{ReOX}_3(\text{PPh}_3)_2 + (\text{RCO}_2)_2\text{O}$ at 120° ^a	
			$\text{Re}_2\text{X}_8^{2-} + \text{boiling } \text{RCO}_2\text{H}$	506, 512, 513
			$\text{Re}_2\text{X}_2(\text{RCO}_2)_4 + \text{fused } \text{ArCO}_2\text{H}^a$	512, 513
	I	R = <i>n</i> -Pr and Ph	$\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_2(\text{RCO}_2)_4 + \text{HI}$	510, 512
	SCN	R = <i>n</i> -Pr and Ph	$\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_2(\text{RCO}_2)_4 + \text{AgSCN}$	279, 512
	ReO $_4$	R = <i>n</i> -Pr; Re-Re, 225.1 pm	$\text{ReCl}_3 + \text{boiling } \text{RCO}_2\text{H}$ in air	139, 279
$\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_2(\text{RCO}_2)_2(\text{CCl}_3\text{CO}_2)_2$		R = Me and <i>t</i> -Bu	$\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_2(\text{RCO}_2)_4 + \text{CCl}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}$	508
$\text{Re}_2(\text{RCO}_2)_4(\text{SO}_4)(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$		R = <i>n</i> -Pr; SO $_4$ bridging Re $_2$ units (?)	$\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_2(\text{RCO}_2)_4 + \text{Ag}_2\text{SO}_4$	279, 512
$\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_2(\text{RCO}_2)_3(\text{ReO}_4)$		R = <i>i</i> -Pr; axial ReO $_4$ groups join Re $^{\text{III}}$ $_2$ units into chains; Re-Re, 225.9 pm	$\text{ReCl}_3 + \text{boiling } \text{RCO}_2\text{H}$ in air	140, 279

^a Best method of preparation.

Partial disruption of the $\text{Re}^{\text{III}}_3\text{Cl}_9$ moiety occurs in boiling carboxylic acids to give $\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_2(\text{RCO}_2)_4$ ²⁷⁹ and in fused $[\text{NH}_2\text{Et}_2]\text{Cl}$ to $\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_8^{2-}$.^{478, 515} When ReCl_3 is heated with carboxylic acids in the presence of air, partial oxidation of Re^{III} to ReO_4^- occurs and ReO_4^- then coordinates at the axial positions to give the complexes $\text{Re}_2(\text{RCO}_2)_4(\text{ReO}_4)_2$ (**9**, X = ReO_4)¹³⁹ and $\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_2(\text{RCO}_2)_3(\text{ReO}_4)$.¹⁴⁰ In the latter, ReO_4 groups join $\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_2(\text{RCO}_2)_3$ units into chains of alternate ReO_4 and Re_2 moieties.¹⁴⁰

Once formed, the Re-Re bond persists through fairly severe chemical reactions. The equilibrium



may thus be traversed in either direction without disruption of the Re_2 moiety.^{506, 512, 513} Complexes such as $\text{Re}_2\text{X}_4(\text{RCO}_2)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$ (two bridging RCO_2 , axial H_2O),⁵⁰⁹ $\text{Re}_2\text{X}_4(\text{RCO}_2)_2$ (two bridging carboxylates, axial positions vacant),⁵¹⁰ and $\text{Re}_2\text{Br}_3(\text{RCO}_2)_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})$ (three bridging carboxylates) have been isolated as intermediates.⁵⁰⁸ Boiling 40% hydrobromic acid converts $\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_8^{2-}$ to $\text{Re}_2\text{Br}_8^{2-}$ without further change,⁵¹⁴ and tertiary phosphines displace one chloride on each rhenium atom to give $\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_6(\text{PR}_3)_2$.⁵⁰⁷ Dinuclear clusters may also survive redox conditions in that $\text{Re}_2\text{X}_8^{2-}$ is oxidized by halogens to Re_2X_9^- (X = Cl and Br)⁴⁰⁶ and is reduced polarographically to $\text{Re}_2\text{X}_8^{3-}$ and $\text{Re}_2\text{X}_8^{4-}$ (X = Cl and SCN).⁵¹⁵ Although salts of the reduced species have not been isolated, $(\text{NH}_4)_3\text{Tc}_2\text{Cl}_8$ is known as a crystalline

solid and the anion is isostructural with $\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_8^{2-}$ (D_{4h}).⁵¹⁶ Dithiahexane reduces $\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_8^{2-}$ to $\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_5(\text{dth})_2$ in which rhenium has a mean oxidation state of 2.5.^{508, 517}

Cleavage of the Re_2 moiety does, however, occur more easily than cleavage of Re_3X_3 in the trinuclear clusters. Thus $\text{Re}_2\text{X}_8^{2-}$ reacts with excess dppe to give $[\text{ReX}_2(\text{dppe})_2]\text{X}$ ⁵⁰⁷ and even with thiourea to give $\text{ReX}_3(\text{tu})_3$ (X = Cl and Br).⁵⁰⁸ Substitution of chloride in $\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_8^{2-}$ by thiocyanate is in competition with oxidation to $\text{Re}(\text{SCN})_6^{2-}$; and treatment of $\text{Re}_2(\text{SCN})_8^{2-}$ with PPh_3 yields an intriguing paramagnetic species of stoichiometry $\text{Re}_2(\text{SCN})_8(\text{PPh}_3)_2^{2-}$ ($\mu = 4.1$ BM per Re atom) which may contain high-spin rhenium(III).⁴²⁶

Nine crystal structures have been determined, and in every case the conformation about the Re-Re bond has been found to be eclipsed.^{139, 140, 505, 509-511, 518-520} Bond lengths lie within the narrow range of 220-226 pm (Table VII) irrespective of the presence or absence of carboxylate bridges, and it may therefore be inferred that a strong metal-metal bond is present even in the tetra- μ -carboxylato complexes (**9**). Spin pairing *via* the metal-metal bond renders the complexes essentially diamagnetic,⁵⁰⁶ and the diamagnetic anisotropy induced by circulating electrons in the bond causes substantial deshielding of ligand protons in the nmr spectrum of $\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_6(\text{PR}_3)_2$.⁵²¹ The Re-Re stretching frequency occurs as an intense band in the Raman spectrum at $285 \pm 11 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ and has been detected in $\text{Re}_2\text{X}_8^{2-}$, $\text{Re}_2\text{X}_4(\text{RCO}_2)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$, and $\text{Re}_2\text{X}_2(\text{RCO})_4$.^{522, 523} The $\text{Re}_2\text{X}_8^{2-}$ ions have strict D_{4h}

TABLE VIII. Mononuclear Complexes of Rhenium(III)

Complex	Ligand (L)	Comments	Synthesis	Ref
Re(dipy) ₃ ⁺		Anion = Cl ⁻	(dipyH) ₂ ReCl ₆ + excess dipy (<i>inter alia</i>)	546
ReX ₂ (dppe) ₂ ⁺		X = Cl and Br, anion = X ⁻	ReOX ₃ (dppe) + dppe in boiling EtOH	293
			Re ₂ X ₈ ²⁺ + excess dppe	507
			ReH ₃ (dppe) ₂ + Cl ₂	372
			ReH ₂ I(dppe) ₂ + I ₂	372
ReX ₂ (diars) ₂ ⁺		X = I X = Cl (μ 2.14 BM), Br (μ, 2.02 BM), and I (μ, 1.74 BM)	HReO ₄ + diars + H ₃ PO ₄ + HX in hot EtOH	15
ReCl ₂ (qas-O) ⁺		μ, 2.34; anion = Cl ⁻	ReCl ₃ + qas in MeOC ₂ H ₄ OMe	15
ReX ₂ (CO)(diars) ₂ ⁺		X = Br and I; anion = X ⁻	ReX(CO)(diars) ₂ + X ₂	425
Re(OMe) ₂ (C ₆ H ₆ N ₃)(NH ₃) ₃ ⁺		See text	ReCl ₃ (C ₆ H ₆ N ₃)(PPh ₃) ₂ + NH ₃ in MeOH	282
ReX ₃ L ₃	tu	X = Cl (μ, 1.34 BM) and Br; two isomers	ReO ₄ ⁻ + tu in 2 M HCl Re ₂ X ₈ ²⁺ + tu in MeOH	298 508
	py	X = Cl	ReCl ₃ (benzil)(PPh ₃) ₂ + py	306
	P(OPh) ₃	X = I; μ, 1.65 BM	ReH ₃ (PPh ₃)[PO(Ph) ₃] ₃ + I ₂	15, 528
	¹ / ₃ tdpme	X = Cl (μ, 1.68 BM) and Br (μ, 1.71 BM)	ReOCl ₃ (tdpme) + Na ₂ S ₂ O ₈	292
	PMe ₂ Ph, PEt ₂ Ph, P- <i>n</i> -Pr ₂ Ph, P- <i>n</i> -Bu ₂ Ph, PMePh ₂ , AS- Me ₂ Ph, AS- <i>n</i> -Pr ₃	All <i>mer</i> ; μ, 1.5–2.0 BM; also <i>fac</i> for R = PMe ₂ Ph	ReOCl ₃ (PPh ₃) ₂ + L in boiling C ₆ H ₆ ReCl ₄ (PR ₃) ₂ + PR ₃ in boiling EtOH ReX ₃ (MeCN)(PPh ₃) ₂ + L	337 423 537
	¹ / ₃ MeC(CH ₂ PPh ₂) ₃	<i>fac</i>	KReO ₄ + L + concd HCl in boil- in EtOH	527
	CO	X = F; <i>fac</i> ; μ, 1.0 BM	Re ₂ (CO) ₁₀ + ReF ₆ in liquid HF	538
ReX ₃ L(PPh ₃) ₂	RCN	R = Me, <i>n</i> -Pr, <i>i</i> -Bu, <i>n</i> -C ₇ H ₁₅ , and Ph; X = Cl or Br; μ, 1.6 BM	ReOX ₃ (PPh ₃) ₂ + PPh ₃ in hot MeCN ReCl ₄ (MeCN) ₂ ⁻ + PPh ₃ in EtOH	306 282
	C ₆ H ₄ N ₄	μ, 1.70 BM; see text	ReOCl ₃ (PPh ₃) ₂ + CH ₂ (CN) ₂ + PPh ₃	282
ReX ₃ (MeCN)L ₂	PEtPh ₂ , P- <i>n</i> -PrPh ₂ and P- <i>n</i> - BuPh ₂	X = Cl or Br	ReX ₃ (MeCN)(PPh ₃) ₂ + L	537
	AsPh ₃ , SbPh ₃	X = Cl	ReCl ₄ (MeCN) ₂ ⁻ + L in hot EtOH ReCl ₃ (PEt ₂ Ph) ₃ + dppe	282 537
ReCl ₃ (dppe)(PEt ₂ Ph)			ReCl ₃ (MeCN)(PPh ₃) ₂ + py	306
ReCl ₃ (py) ₂ PPh ₃			ReCl ₃ (MeCN)(PPh ₃) ₂ + LL	306
ReCl ₃ (LL)(PPh ₃)	Benzil, dipy, phenquin	μ, 1.85 BM for benzil	Re ₂ (CO) ₇ (PMe ₂ Ph) ₃ + Br ₂	539
ReBr ₃ (CO)(PMe ₂ Ph) ₂			ReH ₃ (PPh ₃) ₂ L + X ₂	528
ReX ₃ (PPh ₃) ₂ L ₂	P(OPh) ₃	X = Cl and I Seven-coordinate	ReCl ₃ (PMe ₂ Ph) ₃ + CO in EtOH ReCl(CO) ₂ (PMe ₂ Ph) ₃ + Cl ₂	527 527
ReCl ₃ (CO)(PMe ₂ Ph) ₂		Seven-coordinate	ReCl(CO) ₃ (PMe ₂ Ph) ₂ + Cl ₂	527
ReX ₂ (acac)L ₂	PPh ₃	X = Cl (μ, 1.4 BM), Br (μ, 1.68 BM) and I	ReOX ₂ (OEt)(PPh ₃) ₂ + acacH in hot C ₆ H ₆	301
	PEt ₂ Ph	X = Cl	ReOCl ₂ (OEt)(PEt ₂ Ph) ₂ + acacH in hot C ₆ H ₆	301
ReCl ₂ (β-diketone)(PPh ₃) ₂		Various β-diketones	ReOCl ₂ (acac)(PPh ₃) ₂ + acacH in hot C ₆ H ₆	301
ReCl(acac) ₂ (PPh ₃)			ReOCl ₂ (acac)(PPh ₃) ₂ in boiling acacH	301
Re(acac) ₃		μ, 1.81 BM	ReCl ₂ (acac) ₂ + Na(acac) at 175° <i>in vacuo</i>	536
Re(hfac) ₃		Volatile; μ, 1.74 BM	ReCl ₂ (hfac)(PPh ₃) ₂ + Na(hfac) at 110°	536
			ReCl ₃ + Na(hfac) at high temp ReOCl ₃ (PPh ₃) ₂ + PPh ₃ in hot C ₆ H ₆	540 533
ReCl ₂ (PPh ₂)(PPhPh ₂) ₃		Dia	ReCl ₃ (NMe)(PMe ₂ Ph) ₂ + PMe ₂ Ph + NEt ₃	534
ReCl ₂ (N=CH ₂)(PMe ₂ Ph) ₃		<i>mer-trans</i>	ReCl ₃ (NMe)(PRPh ₂) ₂ + py	534
ReCl ₂ (N=CH ₂)py(PRPh ₂) ₂		R = Me, Et, and Ph	ReOCl ₂ (Et ₂ dtc)(PPh ₃) ₂ + PPh ₃ in boiling Me ₂ CO	300
ReCl ₂ (Et ₂ dtc)(PPh ₃) ₂			ReCl ₃ (MeCN)(PPh ₃) ₂ + NaPh ₂ dtc	300
Re(Ph ₂ dtc) ₃ (PPh ₃)		One monodentate Ph ₂ dtc	ReCl ₃ (MeCN)(PPh ₃) ₂ + NaEt ₂ dtc	300
Re(Et ₂ dtc) ₃			ReCl(CO) ₃ + (Et ₂ NCS) ₂	368
Re(Et ₂ dtc) ₃ (CO)		Seven-coordinate; dia	Re ₃ Cl ₉ (PPh ₃) ₃ + PPh ₃ + Cl ₂ in Me ₂ CO	315
ReCl ₃ (POPh ₃) ₂		Five-coordinate	ReCl ₃ (PEt ₂ Ph) ₃ or ReOCl ₃ (PEt ₂ - Ph) ₂ + ArLi	347
ReAr ₃ (PEt ₂ Ph) ₂		Ar = Ph and C ₆ H ₄ Me- <i>p</i>		

TABLE VIII (Continued)

Complex	Ligand (L)	Comments	Synthesis	Ref
ReHX(acac)(PPh ₃) ₃		X = Br and I	ReH ₂ (acac)(PPh ₃) ₂ + HX (1 mol) ReH ₄ l(PPh ₃) ₃ + acacH + PPh ₃ in hot EtOH	424 424
ReH ₂ X(CO)(PPh ₃) ₂		X = Br and I	ReH ₄ l(PPh ₃) ₃ + PPh ₃ in boiling EtOH	371
ReH ₂ (acac)(PPh ₃) ₃			ReH ₄ l(PPh ₃) ₃ + Na(acac) in hot EtOH	424
ReH ₂ X(dppe) ₂		X = Cl and I	ReX ₂ (dppe) ₂ + LiAlH ₄ in thf ReO ₂ (dppe) ₂ + LiAlH ₄ in thf	372 372
ReH ₂ l(dppe)(PPh ₃) ₂			ReH ₃ (dppe)(PPh ₃) ₂ + I ₂ in C ₆ H ₆	372
ReH ₃ (dppe) ₂		Protonates reversibly	ReH ₃ (PPh ₃) ₂ + dppe at 180°	372
ReH ₃ (PPh ₃) ₄			ReO(OEt)Cl ₂ (PPh ₃) ₂ + PPh ₃ + NaBH ₄	372
ReH ₃ (dppe)(PPh ₃) ₂			ReH ₃ (PPh ₃) ₂ + dppe in boiling C ₆ H ₆	372
ReH ₃ (PPh ₃) ₂ L ₂	P(OPh) ₃	Protonates reversibly	ReH ₃ (PPh ₃) ₄ + L	528
ReH ₃ (PPh ₃) ₃ L	P(OPh) ₃	Protonates reversibly	ReH ₃ (PPh ₃) ₄ + L	528
Re ₄ (CO) ₂ ⁻		Cation = NR ₃ ⁺	K ₂ ReI ₆ + CO in Me ₂ CO	541
ReCl ₄ (MeCN) ₂ ⁻		Cation = Cs, Cd, Me ₃ NH; μ, 1.70 BM	ReCl ₄ (MeCN) ₂ + NMe ₃ in EtOH ReCl ₄ (MeCN) ₂ + Cd/Hg in aceto- nitrile	282 282
Re(CN) ₆ ³⁻			K ₂ ReCl ₆ + KCN	535

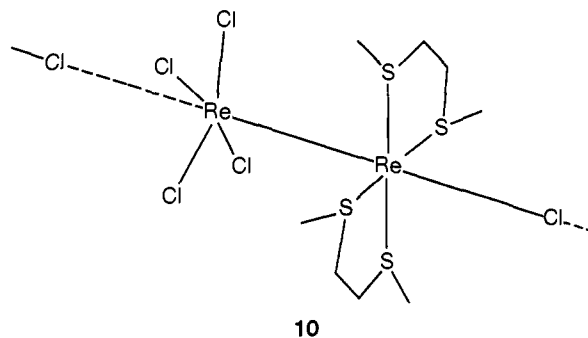
^a Benzoylazo complexes and cyclopentadienides are not included.

symmetry and the Re-X distances in K₂Re₂Cl₈·2H₂O⁵¹⁸ and Cs₂Re₂Br₈⁵¹⁹ are 229 and 247.8 pm, respectively, similar to the terminal Re-X distances in ReX₃. The salt Cs₂Re₂Cl₈·H₂O is said to contain both Re₂Cl₈²⁻ and Re₂Cl₈(H₂O)₂²⁻ ions.⁵²⁰ Each rhenium atom in Re₂-Cl₆(PEt₃)₂ carries one PEt₃ eclipsed with a chlorine on the opposite rhenium atom so that the two PEt₃ groups are mutually trans about the Re-Re bond.^{396,505} There is, however, no virtual coupling of the proton spins to the phosphorus nuclei in the isostructural Re₂Cl₆(P-Me₂Ph)₂.⁵²¹ The Re-Cl distance trans to PEt₃ (235.2 pm) is significantly longer than the Re-Cl distance trans to Cl (229.6 pm).⁵⁰⁵ Axial ligands are always bound weakly, and the axial Re-Cl distance in Re₂Cl₂(PhCO₂)₄ (249 pm) is much longer than the meridional Re-Cl distances in related complexes (230-235 pm).⁵¹¹ The axial Re-Cl stretching frequency in a range of complexes occurs at 230 ± 10 cm⁻¹ as compared with 332 ± 1 cm⁻¹ for the meridional.⁵²²

The mean Re-Re separation in dinuclear clusters is 24 pm shorter than the mean separation in trinuclear clusters and 52 pm shorter than in rhenium metal. The bond is formally quadruple and consists of a σ, two π, and a δ component which originate in overlap of a set of d_z²-p_z hybrids and of the d_{xz}, d_{yz}, and d_{xy} orbitals on each rhenium atom (z-axis along C₄). Two low-lying σ orbitals (d_z²-p_z hybrids; σ_n) are directed outwards along C₄ and are empty and nonbonding in Re₂X₈²⁻ but bind the axial ligands in Re₂X₂(RCO₂)₄⁵²⁴ and accommodate the additional electrons in Re₂X₈³⁻ and Re₂X₈⁴⁻.⁵¹⁵ It is the δ component which requires the ligands to be eclipsed and provides competition with steric forces favoring a staggered conformation with no δ overlap.^{524,525} Extended Hückel calculations estimate the rotational barrier in Re₂Cl₈²⁻ at 210 kJ mol⁻¹, 14% of the total Re-Re bond energy, and therefore δ-bonding decisively overcomes the repulsive forces.⁵²⁶ The absorption bands in Re₂Cl₈²⁻ at 14,500, 32,800, and 39,200 cm⁻¹ have been tentatively assigned to δ → σ_n, δ → δ*, and π → σ_n transitions, respectively. The δ → σ_n transition is absent in Re₂X₂(RCO₂)₄ because the σ_n orbitals are occupied.⁵²⁶

The complex Re₂Cl₅(dth)₂ differs from the dinuclear rhenium(III) complexes in having an extra metal valence

electron per molecule and the staggered conformation **10**. Both axial positions are occupied since chloride ions



form linear bridges between dinuclear units, but the Re-Cl separations are very unequal at 249.3 and 324 pm. In the staggered conformation δ overlap is precluded by symmetry, and three electrons must therefore occupy nonbonding d_{xy} orbitals. Such a configuration is consistent with the observed magnetic moment of 1.73 BM, independent of temperature. The Re-Re bond is thus a triple bond (σ²π⁴) and at 229.3 pm is 5.4 pm longer than the quadruple bond in Re₂Cl₈²⁻. The difference is small because δ overlap is the weakest component of the bond in Re₂Cl₈²⁻. The most plausible charge distribution in **10** is as the zwitterion -Cl₄Re^{III}≡Re^ICl(dth)₂⁺, and a very high dipole moment would be expected. The failure of Re₂Cl₅(dth)₂ to be eclipsed is presumably due to the inadequately small stabilization of a (δ)²(δ*)¹ configuration originating in d_{xy} orbitals of very unequal energy.⁵¹⁷

3. Mononuclear Complexes

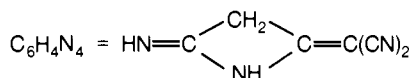
The majority of mononuclear rhenium(III) complexes are octahedral, but several seven-coordinate complexes are also known. These include ReX₂(CO)(diars)₂⁺,⁴²⁵ Re(Et₂dth)₃(CO),³⁶⁸ ReX₃(CO)₂(PMe₂Ph)₂,⁵²⁷ ReX₃-CO(PMe₂Ph)₃,⁵²⁷ and a number of hydrides of the types ReH₃L₄ and ReH₂L₄.^{372,528} ReX₃(CO)(PMe₂Ph)₃ is obtained simply by passing CO through ReX₃(PMe₂Ph)₃ in boiling ethanol (X = Cl and Br).⁵²⁷ The crystal structures of two seven-coordinate hydrides,

namely, $\text{ReH}_3(\text{dppe})(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ ⁵²⁹ and $\text{ReH}_3(\text{dppe})_2$,⁵³⁰ have been solved by X-ray diffraction, and both contain nearly pentagonal bipyramidal molecules with apical phosphorus. If Cp is assumed to occupy three coordination sites, then $\pi\text{-Cp}_2\text{ReH}$ is formally also seven-coordinate. This compound has two unshared electron pairs and can be protonated to $\pi\text{-Cp}_2\text{ReH}_2^+$ or may form adducts with boron trihalides, e.g., $\pi\text{-Cp}_2\text{ReH}(\text{BF}_3)$.⁵³¹ When $\pi\text{-Cp}_2\text{ReH}$ is treated with excess butyllithium followed by excess methyl iodide, a peculiar reaction occurs to give $\pi\text{-CpReMe}_2(\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{Me})$ in which neutral $\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{Me}$ bonds to Re^{III} through four carbon atoms as in butadiene complexes.⁵³² Rhenium(III) is believed to be five-coordinate in $\text{ReCl}_3(\text{POPh}_3)_2$ ³¹⁵ and in the aryls $\text{ReAr}_3(\text{PET}_2\text{Ph})_2$.³⁴⁷

Mononuclear complexes have been synthesized in a variety of ways, and most known compounds of this type are described in Table VIII. The chief preparative routes are the following.

(a) Reduction of Perrhenate. The most direct route to $\text{mer-ReX}_3(\text{PMe}_2\text{Ph})_3$ is to heat KReO_4 in concentrated hydrochloric acid with PMe_2Ph in ethanol. The mechanism is not known but presumably involves a $\text{Re}^{\text{V}}=\text{O}$ intermediate. Overall yields are ca. 85%.⁵²⁷

(b) Reduction of Oxo Complexes of Rhenium(V). A large number of complexes of the type $\text{mer-ReX}_3\text{L}_3$ have been obtained in high yield by heating oxo complexes such as $\text{ReOCl}_3(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ with the appropriate ligand.^{301,306,337,347,533} The reducing agent may be the ligand itself, and the mechanism has been discussed in section IV.C.3(e). A remarkable reaction occurs when $\text{trans-ReOCl}_3(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ is heated with excess PPh_3 and $\text{CH}_2(\text{CN})_2$ or its dimer. The product is $\text{ReCl}_3(\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{N}_4)(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ where



and is presumably formed by cyclization of coordinated malononitrile dimer. It reacts with methanolic ammonia to give a complex with the six-membered chelate ring derived from the ligand $\text{HN}=\text{C}(\text{NH}_2)\text{CH}_2\text{C}(\text{NH}_2)=\text{C}(\text{CN})_2$.²⁸² Deprotonation of the methylimido complexes $\text{ReCl}_3(\text{NMe})(\text{PR}_3)_2$ with bases such as pyridine gives methylenamido complexes of the type $\text{ReCl}_2(\text{N}=\text{CH}_2)\text{-py}(\text{PR}_3)_2$ and $\text{ReCl}_2(\text{N}=\text{CH}_2)(\text{PR}_3)_3$.⁵³⁴

(c) Reduction of Complexes of Rhenium(IV). Although some Re^{IV} complexes are resistant to reduction, others may be reduced smoothly to Re^{III} . Thus $\text{ReCl}_4(\text{MeCN})_2$ is reduced rapidly by ethanolic trimethylamine, aqueous ascorbic acid, or cadmium amalgam in dry acetonitrile to $\text{cis}[\text{ReCl}_4(\text{MeCN})_2]^-$. The anion can be titrated with Fe^{3+} back to $\text{ReCl}_4(\text{MeCN})_2$.²⁸² Similarly $\text{trans-ReCl}_4(\text{PR}_3)_2$ is readily reduced by excess PR_3 in boiling ethanol to $\text{mer-ReCl}_3(\text{PR}_3)_2$,⁴²³ ReI_6^{2-} by CO to $[\text{ReI}_4(\text{CO})_2]^-$,⁵⁴¹ and ReCl_6^{2-} by CN^- to $\text{Re}(\text{CN})_6^{3-}$.⁵³⁵

(d) Substitution in Complexes of Rhenium(III). Whereas dinuclear and trinuclear clusters are converted to mononuclear complexes only with great difficulty, the mononuclear complexes themselves interconvert under mild conditions.^{282,372,528,536,537} The readily available $\text{ReCl}_3(\text{MeCN})(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ is an especially useful source of Re^{III} complexes, and it initially loses MeCN and one PPh_3 , as in the formation of $\text{ReCl}_3(\text{py})_2(\text{PPh}_3)$ and $\text{ReCl}_3(\text{benzil})(\text{PPh}_3)$.³⁰⁶ It reacts with tertiary phosphines (except PPh_3) to form $\text{mer-ReCl}_3(\text{PR}_3)_3$.⁵³⁷ Steric crowding precludes the existence of $\text{ReCl}_3(\text{PPh}_3)_3$ so that $\text{ReCl}_3(\text{MeCN})(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ dissolves in fused PPh_3 without reaction; and at higher temperatures it gives

$[\text{ReCl}_3(\text{PPh}_3)]_n$.³⁰⁶ The complexes $\text{ReH}_3(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ and $\text{ReH}_3(\text{dppe})_2$ are useful intermediates in the synthesis of other seven-coordinate hydride complexes.^{372,528}

(e) Oxidation of Rhenium(I) and Rhenium(0) Complexes. Many derivatives of the carbonyl halides are readily oxidized by halogens to Re^{III} , for example, $\text{ReCl}(\text{CO})_3(\text{PMe}_2\text{Ph})_2$ by chlorine to $\text{ReCl}_3(\text{CO})_2(\text{PMe}_2\text{Ph})_2$ ⁵²⁷ and $\text{ReCl}(\text{CO})_5$ by $(\text{Et}_2\text{NCS})_2$ to $\text{Re}(\text{Et}_2\text{dtc})_3(\text{CO})$.³⁶⁸ $\text{Re}_2(\text{CO})_{10}$ is oxidized by ReF_6 to $\text{ReF}_3(\text{CO})_3$, the only fluoride complex of Re^{III} ,⁵³⁸ and $\text{Re}_2(\text{CO})_7(\text{PMe}_2\text{Ph})_3$ by bromine to $\text{ReBr}_3(\text{CO})(\text{PMe}_2\text{Ph})_2$.⁵³⁹

Mononuclear complexes are stable as solids but are oxidized more or less readily by air in solution. Thus air oxidizes $\text{ReCl}_3(\text{MeCN})(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ to $\text{ReCl}_3(\text{PPh}_3)(\text{POPh}_3)$ in hot benzene,³⁰⁶ and $\text{ReCl}_4(\text{MeCN})_2^-$ to $\text{ReCl}_4(\text{MeCN})_2$ in the presence of Cu^{2+} .²⁸² $\text{Re}(\text{acac})_3$ ⁵³⁶ and $\text{Re}(\text{hfac})_3$ ⁵⁴⁰ oxidize even in the solid state. Mild reduction affords complexes of Re^{I} . Thus $\text{mer-ReCl}_3(\text{PR}_3)_3$ gives $\text{ReCl}(\text{CO})_3(\text{PMe}_2\text{Ph})_2$ when treated with CO or formic acid,⁵²⁷ and $\text{ReI}_4(\text{CO})_2^-$ is reduced by CO in hot ethanol to $\text{ReI}_2(\text{CO})_4^-$.⁵⁴¹

The octahedral complexes possess paramagnetism equivalent to 1.5–2.1 BM which, however, is independent of the temperature. Such behavior is characteristic of low-spin d^4 systems in O_h fields (Re^{III} , Os^{IV}) and arises because the large spin-orbit coupling ($\zeta \sim 2500 \text{ cm}^{-1}$) gives a diamagnetic ground state. A small admixture of a higher state then gives the observed behavior by a second-order Zeeman effect.^{537,542} Unlike other paramagnetic complexes such as $\text{OsCl}_3(\text{PR}_3)_3$, the complexes $\text{ReCl}_3(\text{PR}_3)_3$ give sharp nmr peaks which experience Knight shifts proportional to the temperature.^{537,543} Since contact and pseudocontact shifts in ordinary (first-order) paramagnetic compounds are inversely proportional to the temperature, this is further evidence that the paramagnetism of $\text{ReCl}_3(\text{PR}_3)_3$ is second order.⁵⁴³

The Re–Cl distances in $\text{trans-ReCl}_3(\text{MeCN})(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ are 235 pm (trans to Cl) and 240 pm (trans to MeCN).⁴⁰⁶ and in $\text{mer-ReCl}_3(\text{PMe}_2\text{Ph})_3$ 235.3 pm (trans to Cl) and 245.4 pm (trans to P).⁴⁵⁷ They are therefore longer than the Re–Cl distance in $\text{trans-ReCl}_4(\text{PMe}_2\text{Ph})_2$ (233.1 pm) and the Re–Cl stretching frequencies are lower. Thus two out of the three expected fundamentals in $\text{mer-ReCl}_3(\text{PET}_2\text{Ph})_3$ occur at 306 and 255 cm^{-1} and both expected fundamentals in $\text{fac-ReCl}_3(\text{PMe}_2\text{Ph})_3$ at 298 and 262 cm^{-1} , whereas the Re–Cl stretching frequency in $\text{trans-ReCl}_4(\text{PR}_3)_2$ occurs at ca. 320 cm^{-1} .⁴⁵³ The nitrile complexes of Re^{III} are remarkable in that they show no $\text{C}\equiv\text{N}$ stretching frequency in the infrared.^{282,306} Nevertheless, there is nothing unusual in the bonding of MeCN in $\text{trans-ReCl}_3(\text{MeCN})(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ and the Re–N distance is normal at 205 pm.⁴⁰⁶ The stretch appears strongly in the Raman at 2271 cm^{-1} .⁵⁴⁴ Although an intense $\text{C}\equiv\text{N}$ stretch occurs in $\text{cis-ReCl}_4(\text{MeCN})_2$, there is no band at all in $\text{cis}[\text{ReCl}_4(\text{MeCN})_2]^-$. The structure of the latter has been confirmed by X-ray diffraction,⁵⁴⁵ and there is no satisfactory explanation of why the band should be completely quenched simply by adding one electron to $\text{ReCl}_4(\text{MeCN})_2$. The electronic spectra of $\text{ReCl}_3(\text{PR}_3)_3$ have been discussed.^{455,456}

F. Rhenium(II)

The second oxidation state is the least well known and very few authentic compounds exist. This is surprising in view of the considerable stability of other d^5 systems such as Mn^{II} , W^{I} , and Os^{III} , and it may be that many more Re^{II} compounds will be synthesized in the future.

A difluoride is said to be formed when a rhenium wire is exploded in PF_5 ,¹⁷³ and ReI_3 loses I_2 to form a phase

which approaches ReI_2 in composition.⁴⁶⁹ Both trinuclear and dinuclear clusters of Re^{III} may be reduced without cleavage of the metal-metal bonds, but the products are not very stable. Thus ReCl_3 is reduced by nitrogen bases (L) to diamagnetic compounds of stoichiometry $(\text{ReCl}_2\text{L})_n$ whose electronic spectra resemble those of trinuclear clusters and which may be oxidized to $\text{Re}_3\text{Cl}_{11}^{2-}$. They are believed to contain $\text{Re}_3\text{Cl}_6\text{L}_3$ units held stacked above each other by chloride bridges. $\text{Re}_3\text{Cl}_{12}^{3-}$ ⁵⁴⁷ and $\text{Re}_2\text{Cl}_8^{2-}$ ⁵¹⁵ may be reduced to Re^{II} polarographically, and $\text{Re}_2\text{X}_8^{2-}$ by dithiahexane to $[\text{ReBr}_2(\text{dth})]_n$ of unknown structure.⁵⁰⁸

The remaining complexes of Re^{II} are mononuclear. Mild oxidation of $\text{ReCl}(\text{N}_2)(\text{dppe})_2$, $\text{ReCl}(\text{N}_2)(\text{PR}_3)_4$, and $\text{ReCl}(\text{CO})(\text{dppe})_2$ gives the corresponding Re^{III} cations $\text{ReCl}(\text{N}_2)(\text{dppe})_2^+$, $\text{ReCl}(\text{N}_2)(\text{PR}_3)_4^+$, and $\text{ReCl}(\text{CO})(\text{dppe})_2^+$.³⁵⁸ The neutral complexes $\text{ReX}_2(\text{diars})_2$, $\text{ReX}_2(\text{tas})$, and $\text{ReX}_2(\text{qas})$ ($\text{X} = \text{Cl}, \text{Br}, \text{and I}$) are obtained by vigorous reduction of the corresponding Re^{III} cations,¹⁵ and $\text{ReI}_4(\text{CO})_2^{2-}$ by treating $\text{ReI}_4(\text{CO})_2^-$ with alcoholic potash in acetone.⁵⁴¹ A number of cyanide complexes have been reported but have not been adequately characterized.⁵⁴⁸

V. Abbreviations

acacH	acetylacetone
Ar	aryl
Cp	cyclopentadienide
diars	o-phenylenebis(dimethylarsine)
dipy	α, α' -dipyridyl
dmf	N,N-dimethylformamide
dmpe	1,2-bis(dimethylphosphino)ethane
dmso	dimethyl sulfoxide
dppe	1,2-bis(diphenylphosphino)ethane
dth	2,5-dithiahexane
en	ethylenediamine
hfacH	hexafluoroacetylacetone
hmpt	hexamethylphosphoramide
L	any neutral monodentate ligand
LL	any neutral bidentate ligand
mdt	maleonitriledithiolate dianion
oxineH	8-hydroxyquinoline
phen	o-phenanthroline
phenquin	9,10-phenanthraquinone
pic	picoline
PR_3	tertiary phosphine (R may be dissimilar)
py	pyridine
pz	pyrazine
qas	tris(o-diphenylaminophenyl)arsine
R	alkyl or aryl
R_2dtc	dialkyldithiocarbamate
tas	bis(o-diphenylaminophenyl)phenylarsine
tdpme	1,1,1-tris(diphenylphosphinomethyl)ethane
terpy	$\alpha, \alpha', \alpha''$ -terpyridyl
thf	tetrahydrofuran
tmtu	tetramethylthiourea
tu	thiourea
X	any uninegative monodentate ligand

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