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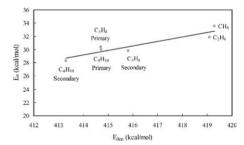
Kinetic and binding studies of the thiolate-cobalt tetrasulfophthalocyanine anaerobic reaction as a subset of the Merox process Thiolate binding to cobalt tetrasulfophthalocyanine (CoTSPc) is a multi-step process with the intermediate formation of outer-sphere complexes. Binding of the second thiolate occurs when CoTSPc is oligomeric (in aqueous media) and is accompanied by pronounced cobalt(II) reduction (rate-limiting step). This anaerobic process, including the 2:1 thiolate—CoTSPc stoichiometry, is a subset of the aerobic Merox process (CoTSPc-catalyzed thiolate autoxidation).

# Second thiolate binding (1st equivalent, Steps 1-3) RS $\stackrel{}{-}$ Co $\stackrel{}{-}$ RS $\stackrel{}{-}$ Co $\stackrel{}{-}$ Step 4 RS $\stackrel{}{-}$ Co $\stackrel{}{-}$ Step 5, $k_2$ RS $\stackrel{}{-}$ Co $\stackrel{}{-}$ Step 5, $k_2$ RS $\stackrel{}{-}$ Co $\stackrel{}{-}$ SR $\stackrel{}{-}$ Step 6, $k_{26}$ Step 6, $k_{26}$ RS $\stackrel{}{-}$ Co $\stackrel{}{-}$ SR $\stackrel{}{-}$ Co $\stackrel{}{-}$ SR $\stackrel{}{-}$ Step 6, $k_{26}$ RS $\stackrel{}{-}$ Co $\stackrel{}{-}$ SR $\stackrel{}{-}$ Step 6, $k_{26}$ RS $\stackrel{}{-}$ Co $\stackrel{}{-}$ SR $\stackrel{}{-}$ Co $\stackrel{}{-}$ SR $\stackrel{}{-}$ Co $\stackrel{}{-}$ SR $\stackrel{}{-}$ Co $\stackrel{}{-}$ SR $\stackrel{}{-}$ Step 6, $k_{26}$ Step 8, $k_$

### Xiaobo Zheng, Paul Blowers

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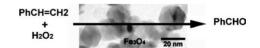
A computational study of alkane hydrogenexchange reactions on zeolites In this work, zeolite-catalyzed light alkane hydrogen-exchange reactions, including methane, ethane, propane, and butane, are investigated using ab initio quantum chemical methods. Applying the cluster approach method, the activation energies for each reaction are calculated and compared with available experimental and computational data. A linear relationship between the activation energy,  $E_{\rm a}$ , and the deprotonation energy,  $E_{\rm dep}$ , is proposed and shown below



### Debanjan Guin, Babita Baruwati, Sunkara V. Manorama

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A simple chemical synthesis of nanocrystalline  $AFe_2O_4$  (A = Fe, Ni, Zn): An efficient catalyst for selective oxidation of styrene



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### Michael Ramin, Fabian Jutz, Jan-Dierk Grunwaldt, Alfons Baiker

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Solventless synthesis of propylene carbonate catalysed by chromium-salen complexes: Bridging homogeneous and heterogeneous catalysis

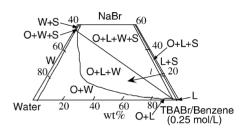
Various chromium complexes were synthesised and tested concerning their catalytic performance in the synthesis of propylene carbonate from carbon dioxide and propylene oxide. The most active complexes were immobilised on a silica support and tested in the same reaction. Different immobilisation methods were applied (figure). The coordinatively-bound complexes showed low stability and a very strong deactivation during reuse, whereas the corresponding covalently-bound complexes hardly showed any chromium leaching during catalyst recycling experiments.

### Noritaka Ohtani, Tsuyoshi Yamashita, Tomoaki Ohta, Yasuhiro Hosoda

Journal of Molecular Catalysis A: Chemical 242 (2005) 40

Phase-behavior and solid-liquid phase-transfer catalytic activity of tetrabutylammonium bromide

The addition of water to TBABr/benzene/NaBr systems induced the separation of TBABr-rich liquid phase (L phase) prior to the appearance of an aqueous phase (W phase). The L phase was assumed to be similar to a bicontinuous microemulsion based on the phase composition. TBABr catalyzed the "solid–liquid" phase-transfer reaction of decyl methanesulfonate with NaBr only when the L phase was fully hydrated.

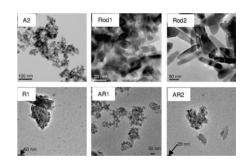


### Rajeev K. Wahi, William W. Yu, Yunping Liu, Michelle L. Mejia, Joshua C. Falkner, Whitney Nolte, Vicki L. Colvin

Journal of Molecular Catalysis A: Chemical 242 (2005) 48

Photodegradation of Congo Red catalyzed by nanosized  ${\rm TiO}_2$ 

Anatase  ${\rm TiO_2}$  is a superior photocatalyst to rutile  ${\rm TiO_2}$  due to the inherent difference in the two crystal structures. Anatase  ${\rm TiO_2}$  nanorods with predominantly (1 0 1) surface exhibited low activity because the non-dissociative adsorption of  ${\rm H_2O}$  to this surface retarded the generation of  ${\rm OH}^{\bullet}$  radicals required for facile photocatalytic oxidation.  ${\rm TiO_2}$  nanocrystal shapes significantly affected their photocatalytic activities.



## Hai-Hua Zou, Jian Hu, Ji Zhang, Jing-Song You, Dan Ma, Ding Lü, Ru-Gang Xie

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Asymmetric reduction of prochiral ketones with borane using chiral squaric amino alcohols derived from camphor as catalysts A series of new chiral squaric amino alcohols derived from (R)-(+)-camphor and squaric acid were synthesized, and applied to the enantioselective reduction of prochiral ketones with borane to give secondary alcohols with excellent enantiomeric excesses (up to 99%).

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### Petr Kluson, Hana Luskova, Libor Cerveny, Jana Klisakova, Tomas Cajthaml

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Partial photocatalytic oxidation of cyclopentene over titanium(IV) oxide

In analogy with cyclohexane, a group of oxidation products appeared mainly including cyclopent-2-en-1-one (in much lower quantities also cyclopent-2-en-1-ol). The epoxide fraction involved mostly 6-oxabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane, appearance of other products of this type was marginal.

### Tatiana Tehila Bovkun, Yoel Sasson, Jochanan Blum

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Conversion of chlorophenols into cyclohexane by a recyclable Pd-Rh catalyst

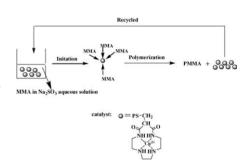
In the presence of a silica sol–gel entrapped catalyst composed of metallic palladium and  $[Rh(cod)(\mu-Cl)]_2$  under 27.6 bar  $H_2$  at 120 °C mono-, di-, tri- and tetrachlorophenols undergo exhaustive hydrogenation to give cyclohexane in >95% yield. The main isolated intermediates in this process, which can be isolated at lower temperatures are phenol, cyclohexanone and cyclohexanol. The combined entrapped catalyst is leach-proof and recyclable without loss in catalytic activity in three to six runs.

### Jianmei Lu, Qingfeng Xu, Yuanqing Xu, Najun Li, Yeshu Guo

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Polystyrene copper(II) complex containing azacrown ether functional groups as catalyst for room-temperature polymerization of MMA

A surface-modified cross-linked polystyrene metal complex (PS-DCTACE-Cu(II)) is applied as catalyst of methyl methacrylate (MMA) heterogeneous polymerization at ambient temperature in Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> aqueous solution. The catalyst has excellent mechanical property and is easy to be separate from reaction system and recycled. The mechanism of polymerization, a process of 'chloridion leaving-hydrogen transfer', was also studied in this paper.

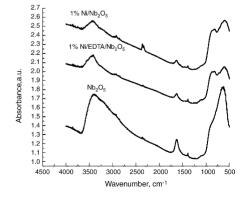


# A. Jasik, R. Wojcieszak, S. Monteverdi, M. Ziolek, M.M. Bettahar

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Study of nickel catalysts supported on  ${\rm Al_2O_3}, {\rm SiO_2}$  or  ${\rm Nb_2O_5}$  oxides

Nickel classical catalysts supported on  ${\rm Al_2O_3}$ ,  ${\rm SiO_2}$  and  ${\rm Nb_2O_5}$  were prepared using simple or EDTA-double impregnation methods. Non-classical catalysts were obtained by pretreatment of the nickel precursors in aqueous hydrazine. The surface and catalytic properties were found to be determined by metal–support interactions which, in turn, were influenced by the method of preparation or nature of the support.



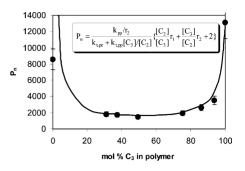
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### Nic Friederichs, Bing Wang, Peter H.M. Budzelaar, Betty B. Coussens

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A combined experimental—molecular modeling approach for ethene–propene copolymerization with C<sub>2</sub>-symmetric metallocenes

Trends in molecular weight for ethene/propene copolymerization using  $C_2$ -symmetric zirconocenes can be well described by combining experimental  $r_2$  parameters with calculated barriers for propene insertion and chain transfer to both monomers.

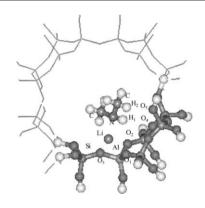


### Nan Jiang, Shuping Yuan, Jianguo Wang, Zhangfeng Qin, Haijun Jiao

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Amines adsorption on Li- and Na-exchanged MOR: An ONIOM2 Study

The adsorption of amines ( $NH_3$ ,  $NH_2Me$ ,  $NHMe_2$  and  $NMe_3$ ) on Li- and Na-exchanged MOR was investigated by the ONIOM2 method. The coordination of amine nitrogen to the alkali cation in zeolite dominates the overall interaction, and the adsorption complexes are further stabilized by weak hydrogen bonding between amine and zeolite framework oxygen atoms. The adsorption energy of amines on Li- and Na-MOR only amounts to about 63–72 and 71–87% of the binding energy of the naked Li<sup>+</sup> and Na<sup>+</sup> with amines, respectively.



# Qitao Tan, Jiwu Wen, Daliang Li, Hongyan Li, Tianpa You

Journal of Molecular Catalysis A: Chemical 242 (2005) 113

Novel bis(oxazoline) ligands derived from camphoric acid for Cu-catalyzed asymmetric cyclopropanation Novel bis(oxazoline) ligands were prepared and applied to Cu-catalyzed asymmetric cyclopropanation of styrene and 1,1-diphenylethylene with diazoacetate.

Novel bis(oxazoline) ligands with additional chiral centers in the linker between the oxazoline groups were conveniently synthesized and applied to Cu-catalyzed asymmetric cyclopropanation of olefin with diazoacetate. Enantiomeric excess up to 81% was obtained for 1,1-diphenylethylene; however, the enantioselectivity for styrene was poor. The chiral centers in the oxazoline group controlled the configuration of the products, while no significant matching or mismatching problem between the chiral centers of the main oxazoline groups and the camphor backbone was observed.

$$Ph = + N_2 CHCOOR_2 \xrightarrow{Cu(\epsilon \hat{n}) \text{ or } Cu(\epsilon \hat{o}), L^*} Ph = COOR_2 \xrightarrow{N} R$$

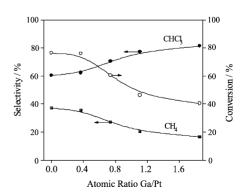
$$R_1 = H, Ph = R_2 = Et \qquad R = a \text{ i-Pr} \qquad b CH_2Ph \qquad e Ph \qquad e$$

### Yu Cai Cao, Xuan Zhen Jiang

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Supported platinum–gallium catalysts for selective hydrodechlorination of  $\mathrm{CCl}_4$ 

The selective hydrodechlorination of tetrachloromethane ( $CCl_4$ ) was performed over supported platinum–gallium catalysts to improve  $CHCl_3$  selectivity and catalytic stability. The Ga addition will significantly increase the dispersion of Pt and create more Pt sites on the catalyst surface. The influence of Ga on the selectivity and conversion can be ascribed to its modification to the electronic properties of Pt.



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### Ezzat Rafiee, Fomaida Shahbazi, Mohammad Joshaghani, Fariba Tork

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The silica supported  $\rm H_3PW_{12}O_{40}$  (a heteropoly acid) as an efficient and reusable catalyst for a one-pot synthesis of  $\beta\mbox{-}acetamido$  ketones by Dakin–West reaction

Heteropoly acid  $H_3PW_{12}O_{40}$  (PW) supported on silica (PW/SiO<sub>2</sub>) as an efficient, reusable solid acid catalyst have been studied in the one-pot, four-component coupling process for the synthesis of  $\beta$ -acetamido ketones.

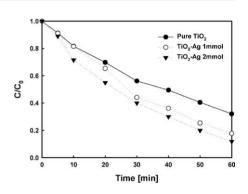
$$X \xrightarrow{CHO} R \xrightarrow{R'} \frac{PW/SiO_2(9 \text{ mol}\%)}{CH_3CN, CH_3COCl, R.T.} X \xrightarrow{R'} R$$

### Man Sig Lee, Seong-Soo Hong, Madjid Mohseni

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Synthesis of photocatalytic nanosized  ${
m TiO}_2$ –Ag particles with sol–gel method using reduction agent

 ${
m TiO_2-Ag}$  nanoparticles were prepared with the sol-gel method using a reduction agent. The major phase of all the prepared  ${
m TiO_2-Ag}$  nanoparticles was anatase structure regardless of the  ${
m AgNO_3}$  content.  ${
m TiO_2-Ag}$  nanoparticles possessed a spherical morphology with a narrow size distribution. Also, the presence of  ${
m Ag}$  improved the photocatalytic activity of  ${
m TiO_2-Ag}$  and the photodegradation of model contaminant p-nitrophenol.



# P.S. Umare, R. Antony, K. Gopalakrishnan, G.L. Tembe, B. Trivedi

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Synthesis of low molecular weight polyethylene waxes by a titanium BINOLate-ethylaluminum sesquichloride catalyst system

Homogeneous titanium (IV) complexes of chiral ligand Binol which can be synthesized conveniently from readily available starting materials in combination with alkyl aluminum sesquichloride (Et<sub>3</sub>Al<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>) as co-catalyst selectively polymerize ethylene at elevated temperatures to highly crystalline low molecular weight polyethylene waxes with narrow polydispersity. These specialty waxes have potential applications in surface coating and ink formulations.

Ti 
$$(OPr^i)_4 + 2 HOOH \xrightarrow{Toluene} [(OO)Ti(OPr^i)_2]_2$$
 $n H_2C=CH_2 \downarrow Et_3Al_2Ct_2$ 

Polyethylene Wax

# Mihaela Maris, Tamas Mallat, Alfons Baiker

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Rhodium-catalyzed enantioselective hydrogenation of ketopantolactone

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### Gábor Rangits, László Kollár

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Palladium-catalysed hydroalkoxycarbonylation of styrene in  $[BMIM][BF_4]$  and  $[BMIM][PF_6]$  ionic liquids

The hydroalkoxycarbonylation of styrene was carried out by using various alcohols (ethanol, *n*- and *i*-propyl alcohol, benzyl alcohol, *n*-octyl alcohol) in imidazolium-based ionic liquids.

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{PhCH=CH}_2\\ \\ \text{[BMIM][X]} & \downarrow \text{ co, ROH} \\ \\ \text{PhCH(COOR)CH}_3 \\ & + \\ \text{PhCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COOR} \end{array}$ 

### Kamlesh Gauli, R.N. Ram, Hemant P. Soni

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Oxidation of toluene using polymer anchored Ni(II) complex as catalyst

### Srinivasan Palaniappan, Amalraj John

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Facile synthesis of bis(indolyl)methanes using polyindole salt as reusable catalyst

Polyindole salt was used as an efficient catalyst for the synthesis of bis(indolyl)methanes for the first time and afford excellent yield in room temperature. Furthermore, after completion of reaction the catalyst could be easily recovered and can be reused.

$$\begin{array}{c|c} R & Polyindole \ salt \\ \hline N & R & R' \\ \hline R & = Aryl \ (or) \ Aliphatic \\ R' = H & (or) \ Aliphatic \\ \end{array}$$

# Majid M. Heravi, Fatemeh Derikvand, Fatemeh F. Bamoharram

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A catalytic method for synthesis of Biginelli-type 3,4-dihydropyrimidin-2 (1H)-one using 12-tungstophosphoric acid

A simple, efficient and cost-effective method for the synthesis of 3,4-dihydropyrimidin-2(1H)-one by a onepot three-component cyclocondensation reaction of a 1,3-dicarbonyl compound, an aldehyde and urea or thiourea using 12-tangstophosphoric acid as a recyclable catalyst is reported.

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### David M. Gould, Michael Spiro, William P. Griffith

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Mechanism of bleaching by peroxides. Part 7. The pH dependence of the oxometalate catalysed bleaching of methyl orange

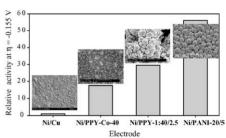
Kinetics and mechanisms of the bleaching of methyl orange by  ${\rm H_2O_2}$  catalysed by  ${\rm MoO_4}^{2-}$  and  ${\rm WO_4}^{2-}$  have been studied from pH 8.95 to 11.0 in a variety of buffers. Contributory rate constants for both the peroxometalate catalyst and the singlet oxygen pathways were determined from experiments both without and with the singlet oxygen trap 2,5-dimethylfuran. The variation with pH of the singlet oxygen rate constants correlated well with  ${}^1{\rm O}_2$  generation rates in the literature.

$$N - N - SO_3Na \frac{[MoO_4]^2, [WO_4]^2}{H_2O_2} Products$$

### Elisa Navarro-Flores, Sasha Omanovic

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Hydrogen evolution on nickel incorporated in threedimensional conducting polymer layers Conducting polymers (CP), polypyrrole (PPY), and polyaniline (PANI) are used as three-dimensional pattering templates (matrices) for electrodeposition of nickel on an inert glassy carbon surface. It is shown that Ni/CP layers offer a significantly higher overall electrocatalytic activity in the hydrogen evolution reaction (HER) than Ni electrodeposited on a flat two-dimensional substrate. This is a result of favorable Ni/CP morphology which yields an increase in the active surface area of the catalyst.



Relative HER electrocatalytic activity of composite Ni/CP catalysts at overpotential -0.155 V, and their morphology.

### Nuno R. Candeias, Carlos A.M. Afonso

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Preparation of non-fused heterocycles in zeolites and mesoporous materials

The use of zeolites and mesoporous materials in synthesis and industrial applications are extremely important due to their acidity properties and their reuse facility. In this review, is presented the use of zeolites and mesoporous materials in the preparation of non-fused heterocycles compounds, with particular emphasis in epoxidations, aziridinations and the Beckmann's rearrangement.

### Jie Zhao, Bozhi Tian, Yinghong Yue, Weiming Hua, Dongyuan Zhao, Zi Gao

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New catalysts for dichlorodifluoromethane hydrolysis: Mesostructured titanium and aluminum phosphates

The catalytic hydrolysis of CCl<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub> over mesoporous metal phosphates is reported and compared with ordinary metal phosphates. The fomer catalysts are much more active than the latter ones. The activity of the catalysts is correlated with their surface acidity and hydroxyl groups.

$$CCl_2F_2 + 2H_2O \longrightarrow CO_2 + 2HF + 2HC1$$

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### Z. Opre, J.-D. Grunwaldt, T. Mallat, A. Baiker

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Selective oxidation of alcohols with oxygen on Ru-Co-hydroxyapatite: A mechanistic study

Anibal Sierraalta, Yajaira Guillen, Carmen M. Lopéz, Ramon Martinez, Fernando Ruette, Francisco Machado, Marcos Rosa-Brussin, Humberto Soscún

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Theoretical study of the Ga/SAPO-11 catalyst. Extra-framework gallium species and *n*-butane transformation

$$C_4H_{10}$$
  $C_4H_{10}$   $C_4H$ 

Luís M.T. Frija, M. Lurdes S. Cristiano, Emanuel M.O. Guimarães, Nelson C. Martins, Rui. M.S. Loureiro, Jamie F. Bickley

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Palladium-catalysed reduction of heteroaromatic naphthyl ethers: Structural effects on reactivity

Experimental conditions for palladium-catalysed hydrogenolysis of tetrazolyl and benzisothiazolyl naphthylmethylic ethers, with a hydrogen donor and with molecular hydrogen, were investigated. Analysis of the structure and reactivity indicates that these compounds are structurally similar to the corresponding benzyloxyderivatives around the ether bond but exhibit different reactivity. It can be concluded from this investigation that 5-chloro-1-phenyltetrazole acts as a better derivatizing agent for naphthyl methanols than 3-chloro-1,2-benzisothiazole-11-dioxide, this contrasting with what has been observed with phenols, allylic and benzylic alcohols.

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Valiollah Mirkhani, Shahram Tangestaninejad, Majid Moghadam, Iraj Mohammadpoor-Baltork, Hadi Kargar

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Efficient oxidation of sulfides with sodium periodate catalyzed by manganese(III) Schiff base complexes

In the chemical system containing Mn(III)—salophen complex as catalyst, sulfides were converted efficiently to the corresponding sulfoxides and solfones with sodium periodate. The ability of various Schiff base complexes in the oxidation of sulfides was also investigated.

$$R-S-R' \xrightarrow{Mn(III)-salophen/NaIO_4} \begin{bmatrix} O \\ R-S-R \\ \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Imidazole/CH_3CN/H_2O \xrightarrow{O} \\ R-S-R \\ \vdots$$