

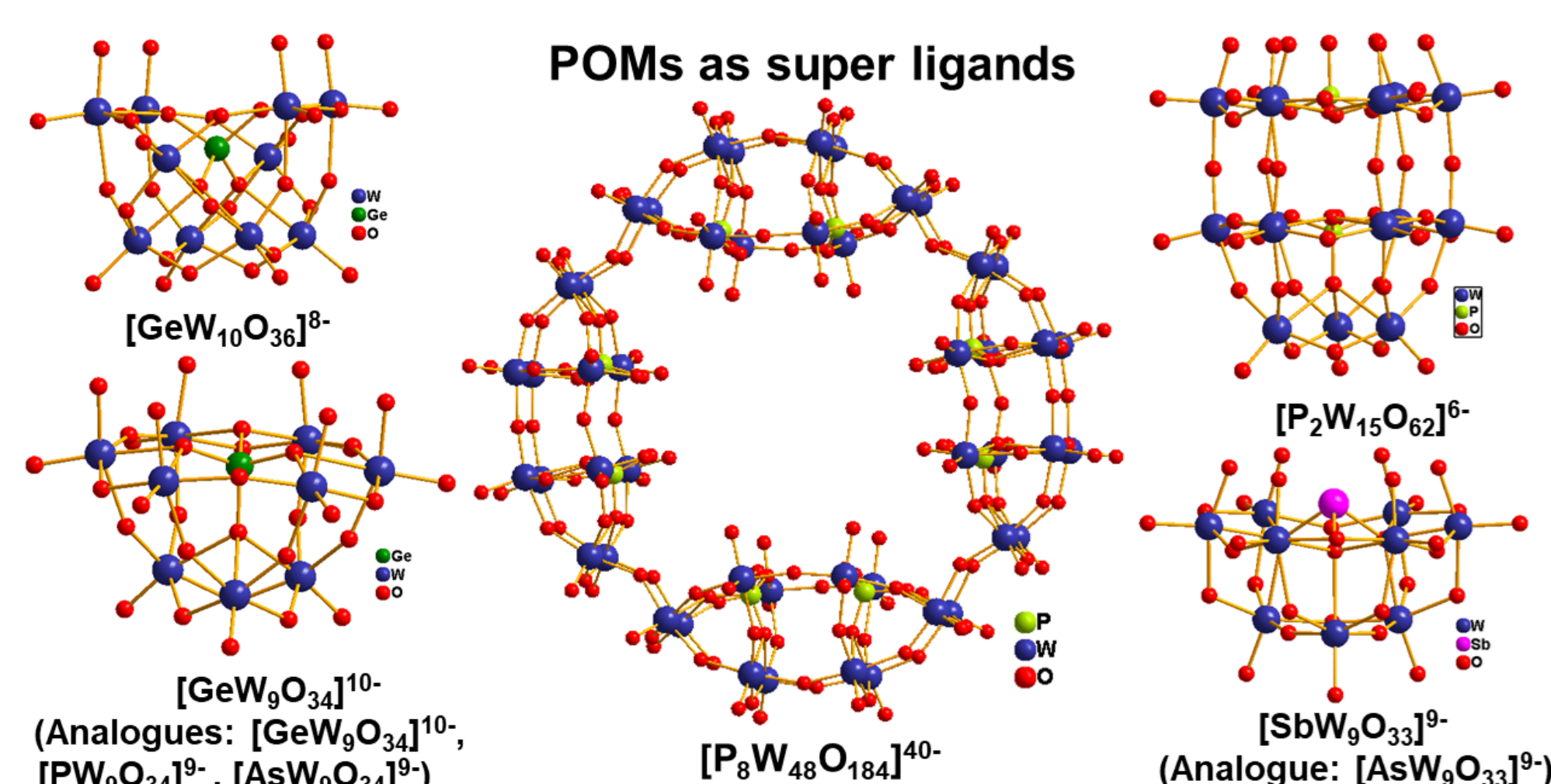
Polyoxometalate-Based Functional Nanoscale Systems

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Introduction

Polyoxometalates (POMs) are usually made up of early transition metals such as tungsten, molybdenum, or vanadium ions in their highest oxidation state and are bridged by oxo ligands. The reactivity of POMs towards transition metals can be tremendously enhanced by creating voids to give "lacunary POMs", where a structural element is missing thereby providing a "super-ligand" system for cationic species such as transition metal ions, or even aggregates of these. Fusion of two different redox and/or photoactive or paramagnetic centers within POM framework can emerge in the form of a new functional materials bearing the robustness of POMs and physical properties two different transition metals. Thus depending on demand, the overall properties of the molecules can be tuned and designed by selecting electronically different metal centers and ligands of different sizes, shapes and charges.^[1]



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