

Chemical Synthesis, Modification, and Kinetic Investigaiton of Layered Metal Oxide Water Oxidation Catalysis

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- Key Features
 - Synthesis and Characterization of molecules and materials
 - Air sensitive preparation and handling
 - X-ray crystallographic structure deterimation
 - Kinetic and mechanistic investigation of catalytic reaction chemistry.
 - Spectroscopy (NMR, IR, absorption, EPR)
- Effort
 - Synthesis of layered metal oxides (i.e. MnO₂) material for water oxidation catalysis
 - Refinement of metal oxide catalysts via doping, charge and oxidation state distribution, surface modification
 - Chemical precursor design and synthesis



Surface decoration of $\delta\text{-MnO}_2$ with Mn^{3+} exhibits 50-fold increase over undecorated catalysts.



State of the art Bruker Kappa APEX II DUO x-ray diffractometer features dual copper and molybdeum x-ray source, Oxford cryostream, and Kappa 4-circle goniometer. Capable of both single crystal and powder characterization