

CO が配位した生体模倣型[Mo₃S₄M] (M = Fe, Co, Ni)クラスター錯体の理論計算
CO-Bound Biomimetic [Mo₃S₄M] (M = Fe, Co, Ni) Clusters: A Computational Study

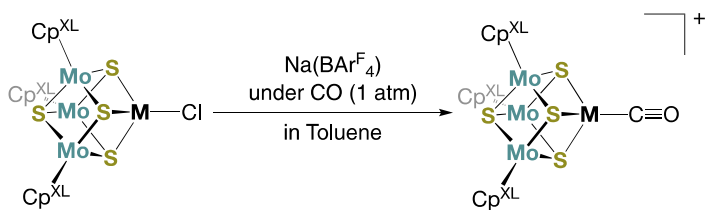
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研究成果概要

Transition metal clusters can be used as catalysts to perform chemically or biologically relevant reactions.^{1,2} Relationships between the electronic structure and reactivity can be established by employing density functional theory (DFT). We have developed [Mo₃S₄M]-type clusters (M = Fe, Co, Ni), consisting bulky cyclopentadienyl ligands (Cp^{XL}, C₅Me₄SiEt₃). CO can be coordinated to [Mo₃S₄M] cubes. According to experimental data, [Cp^{XL}₃Mo₃S₄M(CO)]⁺ (M = Co, Ni) is stable, while [Cp^{XL}₃Mo₃S₄Fe(CO)]⁺ complex revealed unexpected instability. Their M-CO interactions were analyzed by DFT calculations.

An energy decomposition analysis (EDA) together with the natural orbitals for chemical valence (NOCV) was performed to rationalize the M-CO interactions. The interaction energy



between M and CO follows the order of Fe-CO (-101.1 kcal/mol) > Co-CO (-81.5 kcal/mol) > Ni-CO (-77.3 kcal/mol). In all three cases, orbital interactions become dominant compared to

electrostatic, dispersion, and solvent interactions. According to EDA-NOCV, π back-donation from Co to $\pi^*(\text{CO})$ is stronger than σ CO to M(d) σ donation for all three systems. These findings give quantitative insights to develop bio-mimetic catalysts for the direct conversion of CO into hydrocarbons.

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