# 一对杂环异构体作为配体与 **Ag**(I)的配位化学研究: 合成、晶体结构和荧光表征

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摘要:成功合成并分离了一对异构的杂环配体  $L_1$  和  $L_2(L_1=1-((\mathbb{C}_{+}-1\mathbb{E}_{+})\mathbb{E}_{+}-1\mathbb{E$ 

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# Coordination Chemistry of Two Structural Isomeric Heterocyclic Ligands towards Silver(I): Syntheses, Crystal Structures and Fluorescent Characterization

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**Abstract:** A pair of isomeric heterocyclic ligands ( $L_1$ =1-((pyridin-4-yl)methyl)-1-H-benzotriazole,  $L_2$ =2-((pyridin-4-yl)methyl)-1-H-benzotriazole) was synthesized and separated. The obtained ligands are with lots of advantages in constructing complicated metal-organic frameworks (MOFs). The interaction of both ligands was studied with silver perchlorate. Two new complexes, namely  $[Ag(L_1)(ClO_4)]_n$  (1) and  $[Ag(L_2)_2]ClO_4 \cdot H_2O$  (2), were obtained as crystals suitable for single-crystal X-ray analysis. Complex 1 gives a 1D double helical conformation, whereas complex 2 only exhibits a zero-dimensional structure. It is revealed that a small difference of ligands would lead the complete diversity of ultimate coordinated compounds' geometrical structure. CCDC: 816547, 1; 816548, 2.

Key words: isomeric heterocyclic ligands; double helical conformation; silver complex

#### **0** Introduction

In the research of supramolecular chemistry, a great interest has recently been focused on the crystal engineering of coordination frameworks due to their intriguing architectures, new topologies, intertwining phenomena and potential applications in microelectronics, nonlinear optics, ion exchange, molecular selection, molecular separation and recognition<sup>[1-8]</sup>. The structural motifs of coordination polymers rest on several factors, such as the central atom, the performance of the ligands, the coordinated and/or non-

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coordinated counter ions, the solvent systems and the reaction conditions. The choice of appropriate ligands is no doubt the key factor because it has an obvious influence on the topologies of the coordination polymers and behavior of the molecules. Some flexible bidentate ligands, which can adopt various conformations, have been widely used to construct helixes<sup>[9-14]</sup>. So far, a number of metal complexes by utilizing flexible bis (triazole), bis (benzotriazole) or dipyridyl ligands have been reported<sup>[15-19]</sup>, but the symmetry of these ligands greatly limits the novelty and variety of the configuration.

Recently, by a radical nucleophilic substitution, we have got a pair of ligands  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  ( $L_1=1$ -((pyridin-4-yl) methyl)-1*H*-benzotriazole, L<sub>2</sub>=2-((pyridin-4-yl)methyl)-1H-benzotriazole), which are versatile N-donor in transition metal chemistry (Scheme 1). From a structural point of view, it should be pointed out that (1) these ligands, unlike the rigidity of bipyridine, possess flexibility owing to the presence of a -CH<sub>2</sub>- spacer between the pyridyl ring and benzotriazole moiety; (2) if both N-donor sites can coordinate to the metal center,  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  can act as  $\mu_2$ -bridging ligands. Accordingly, a chain-like structure may be expected, and the flexibility may result in a novel framework; (3) due to their unsymmetrical nature, L<sub>1</sub> and L<sub>2</sub> can be considered as a potential link for the construction of acentric solids, which may be NLO materials [20-22]. Furthermore, we quite wonder whether the positional isomerization of ligands would affect the polymers' structure and properties. In this paper, we have studied the interaction of both ligands with silver perchlorate. Among our attempts, two new complexes, namely  $[Ag(L_1)(ClO_4)]_n$  (1) and  $[Ag(L_2)_2]ClO_4 \cdot H_2O$  (2), were obtained as crystals suitable for single-crystal X-ray analysis.

$$\begin{array}{c} 5 \\ 4 \\ 3 \\ N \\ 1 \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ + \text{Cl-CH}_2 \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} TEA \\ DMF \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ -((\text{pyridin-4-yl})\text{methyl}) - 1H \\ -\text{benzotriazole} \\ \\ 2 \\ -((\text{pyridin-4-yl})\text{methyl}) - 2H \\ -\text{benzotriazole} \\ \end{array}$$

Scheme 1 Synthesis and structure of ligands L<sub>1</sub> and L<sub>2</sub>

# 1 Experimental

#### 1.1 Materials and methods

Benzotriazole was purchased from Acros Ltd. and used without further purification, the other reagents were commercially available and used as purchased. The IR spectra as KBr discs were recorded on a Magna 750 FTIR spectrophotometer. C, H, and N analyses were determined on an Elementary Vario EL III elemental analyzer. Fluorescent spectra were measured on an Edinburgh Instruments analyzer model FL920.

#### 1.2 Synthesis of the ligands

The desired ligands  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  were prepared by condensation of 1H-benzotriazole with the 4-picolyl chloride in DMF at reflux for 4 h in the presence of triethylamine as a basic catalyst<sup>[23]</sup>. Separation of the isomeric mixtures was performed by chromatography on silica gel column (eluent: ethyl acetate-light petroleum 40:60, V/V).

## 1.3 Synthesis of $[Ag(L_1)(ClO_4)]_n$ (1)

A solution of  $L_1$  (0.021 g, 0.10 mmol) in MeOH (5 mL) was carefully layered on a solution of AgClO<sub>4</sub> (0.021 g, 0.10 mmol) in H<sub>2</sub>O (5 mL). Diffusion between the two phases over a period of two weeks produced colorless block crystals. Yield: 0.016 g (38% based on L<sub>1</sub>); Elementary analysis calcd. for AgClC<sub>12</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (%): C, 34.52; H, 2.41; N, 13.42; found (%): C, 34.63; H, 2.28; N, 13.71. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3 700~3 500 (w), 2 924 (w), 1 615 (s), 1 600 (m), 1 561 (w), 1 498 (w), 1 458 (w), 1 384 (s), 1 224 (s), 1 166 (m), 1 120 (m), 782 (m), 764 (m), 743 (s), 727 (m), 626 (w), 563(w), 482(w).

#### 1.4 Synthesis of $[Ag(L_2)_2]ClO_4 \cdot H_2O(2)$

The procedure for synthesis **2** was similar to that of **1** except that  $L_2$  was used instead of  $L_1$ . Yield: 0.011 g (48% based on  $L_2$ ); Elementary analysis: calcd. for  $AgClC_{24}H_{20}N_8O_4$  (%): C, 44.64; H, 3.43; N, 17.35; found (%): C, 46.00; H, 3.23; N, 17.70. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3 600~ 3 400(s), 2 973(s), 1 593(s), 1 573(s), 1 451(w), 1 417(s), 1 326(s), 1 227(s), 1 140(s), 1 093(w), 1 050(m), 993(w), 940(w), 802(s), 761(s), 709(m), 633(w), 574(m), 531(w), 439(w).

#### 1.5 X-ray crystallography

The single crystal X-ray diffraction measurement

was carried out on a Mercury CCD area detector. Intensities of reflections were measured using graphite-monochromatized Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda$ =0.071 073 nm). with  $\omega$  scan mode at 293(2) K in the range of 3.18°< $\theta$ < 27.49° for 1 and 2.56°< $\theta$ <27.48° for 2, respectively. Unit cell dimensions were obtained with least-squares refinements, and semi-empirical absorption corrections were applied to the diffraction data for all structures [24]. The structure was solved by direct method[25] and non-

hydrogen atoms were obtained in successive difference Fourier syntheses. The final refinements were performed by full-matrix least-squares methods on  $F^2$  by SHELXL-97 program package<sup>[26]</sup>. For both **1** and **2**, hydrogen atoms were generated geometrically and treated as riding. The crystallographic data for **1**, **2** are summarized in Table 1, and the selected bond distances and angles are listed in Table 2.

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Table 1 Crystallographic data for complexes 1 and 2

Complex	1	2	
Empirical formula	$C_{12}H_{10}N_4O_4AgCl \\$	$\mathrm{C}_{24}\mathrm{H}_{22}\mathrm{N}_8\mathrm{O}_5\mathrm{AgCl}$	
Formula mass	417.56	645.8	
Colour, habit	Colorless, prism	Yellow, prism	
Crystal dimensions / mm	0.55×0.30×0.25	0.60×0.10×0.10	
Crystal system	Orthorhombic	Orthorhombic	
Space group	Fdd2	Fdd2	
Z	16	16	
a / nm	2.060 400(10)	2.673 7(2)	
<i>b</i> / nm	2.808 85(6)	4.900 7(6)	
c / nm	0.969 200(10)	0.848 71(6)	
Volume / nm³	5.609 10(14)	11.12 05(18)	
$D_{\rm c}$ / (Mg·m <sup>-3</sup> )	1.987	1.5	
Absorption coff. $\mu$ / mm <sup>-1</sup>	1.652	0.865	
Absorption correction	Intergration	Intergration	
F(000)	3 296	5 056	
$\theta$ range for data collection / (°)	3.18~27.49	3.05~27.46	
Observed reflections	2 594	4 673	
Independent reflections	2 705	6 217	
Data / restraints / parameters	199	347	
Maximum shift / error	0	0	
Goodness-of-fit on $\mathbb{F}^2$	1.006	0.956	
Final $R$ indices $(I>2\sigma(I))$	$R_1$ =0.021 6, $wR_2$ =0.057 2 $R_1$ =0.054 8, $wR_2$ =0.157 1		
R indices (all data)	$R_1$ =0.022 6, $wR_2$ =0.057 9	$R_1$ =0.075 5, $wR_2$ =0.175 6	

Table 2 Selected bond lengths (nm) and angles (°) for complexes 1 and 2

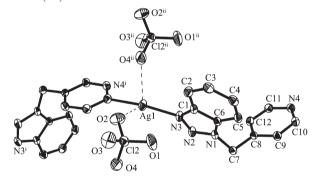
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Ag(1)-N(3)	0.212 6(2)	Ag(1)-N(4i)	0.216 0(2)	Ag(1)-O(2)	0.279 4(3)
$Ag(1)$ - $O(4^{ii})$	0.285 7(4)				
N(3)-Ag(1)-N(4 <sup>i</sup> )	169.17(9)	N(1)-C(7)-C(8)	111.7(2)		
		2			
Ag(1)-N(4)	0.216 8(5)	Ag(1)-N(8)	0.215 5(5)		
N(4)-Ag(1)-N(8)	178.0(2)	N(2)-C(7)-C(8)	113.1(5)		

Symmetry codes: 1:  $^{i}$  -x+2, -y, z-1;  $^{ii}$  x+1/4, -y+1/4, z+1/4.

# 2 Result and discussion

### 2.1 Structure description

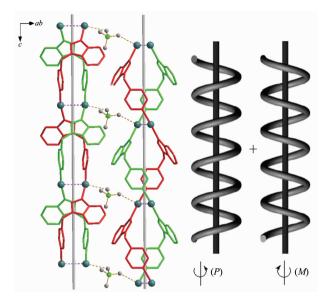
diffraction reveals that complex crystallizes in the orthorhombic space group Fdd2 and a 1D infinite double possesses helix. crystallographically independent silver(I) center is fourcoordinated with a tetrahedral geometry, as shown in Fig.1. Besides being coordinated by two L<sub>1</sub> ligands via the  $N_{py}$  (Ag(1)-N(4) 0.216 0 nm) and  $N_{bta}$  (Ag(1)-N(3) 0.2126 nm) nitrogen donor atoms, Ag (1) center also displays an outward weak contact to the perchlorate group with O(2) and O(4) (Ag-O 0.279 4 and 0.285 7 nm, respectively). Interior of each L<sub>1</sub> molecule, sufficient flexibility makes it twisted to meet the requirement of coordination geometries of Ag (I) center with the N(1)-C(7)-C(8) angle of  $111.7(2)^{\circ}$  and the dihedral angle for the benzotriazole to pyridyl rings of 78.595(70)°.



Symmetry code:  $^{i}$  -x+2, -y, z-1;  $^{ii}$  x+1/4, -y+1/4, z+1/4

Fig.1 Local coordination environment around  $\label{eq:AgI} \text{Ag}(I) \text{ center in } \mathbf{1}$ 

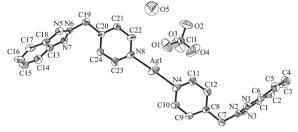
Each L<sub>1</sub> group behaves as an exo-bidentate linker, bridging adjacent Ag (I) cations to give rise to the infinite  $[-Ag(L_1)-]_n$  helix along the [001] direction, and each strand is interwind compactly by another strand strong Ag ··· Ag (0.316 3 nm) aurophilic  $d^{10}$ - $d^{10}$  interactions<sup>[13]</sup>, to form a tubular double helix (Fig.2). Within each chain the two strands run in the same direction, while adjacent chains run in opposite chirality, to afford an internal racemate. Each chiral double helical chain links to its adjacent symmetric-related equivalents via the weak attraction of perchlorate anions, to generate a 3D quasi supramolecular architecture.



Balanced packing of P and M chirality affords an internal race mate

Fig.2 View of the adjacent double helical chains in 1

Compound 2 crystallizes in the orthorhombic space group Fdd2 too, but completely different from 1, 2 only possesses a zero-dimension structure. As shown in Fig. 3, Ag(1) center is coordinated by two N atoms, both from pyridyl ring of L<sub>2</sub> with a bond length of 0.215 5 and 0.216.8 nm. The angle of N(4)-Ag(1)-N(8) is  $178.0(2)^{\circ}$ , nearly forming an ideal beeline. In complex 1, each L<sub>1</sub> acts as a bidentate joiner, bridging adjacent Ag (I) cations to give rise to an infinite 21 helix. However, each L<sub>2</sub> only serves as a monodentate ligand in complex 2. Inside of each L<sub>2</sub> ligand, the benzotriazole links the picoyl with 2# N atom, thereupon steric hindrance prevents the 1# N and 3# N atoms from N-donor function. The metal center is unable to extent through the L<sub>2</sub> ligands, so complex 2 merely exhibits a zerodimension structure. The mononuclear crystal cell exists another agua molecule which does not participate



H-atoms have been omitted for clarity

Fig.3 Mononuclear structure of the complex 2

in the coordination.

#### 2.2 Fluorescent properties

Metal-organic polymer compounds with a  $d^{10}$ configuration have been found to exhibit photoluminescent properties<sup>[31-33]</sup>. Here, we want to examine the photoluminescence of 1 and 2. The solid-state emission spectra of L<sub>1</sub> and L<sub>2</sub> ligands, complexes 1 and 2 at room temperature are shown in Fig.4. It can be observed that the intense emissions occur in the same range for the two complexes ( $\lambda_{ex}$ =350 nm,  $\lambda_{em}$ =420 nm for 1;  $\lambda_{ex}$ =338 nm,  $\lambda_{em}$ =414.5 nm for 2), which show a very light redshift to that observed from two ligands (L<sub>1</sub>:  $\lambda_{ex}$ =340 nm,  $\lambda_{\rm em}$ =403 nm; L<sub>2</sub>:  $\lambda_{\rm ex}$ =345 nm,  $\lambda_{\rm em}$ =404 nm). In  $d^{10}$ -metal ions with one or two positive charges, the d-orbitals are contracted and therefore the electrons in these orbitals are much less accessible for back bonding to p-acceptor ligands, and silver cations have a weak electroaccepting nature with respect to electrons from L, so these emissions can be assigned to ligand-to-metal charge transfer (LMCT) bands.

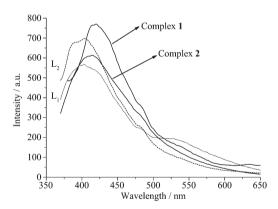


Fig.4 Fluorescent spectra of ligands  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  (dashed line), complex 1 and 2 (solid line) at room temperature

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