

## 联咪唑及其衍生物修饰的多酸基化合物的合成、结构和性质

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**摘要:** 通过使用联咪唑及其衍生物 2 种有机配体在水热条件下合成了 2 个多酸基化合物  $[\text{Ag}_4(\text{biz})_4][\text{H}_2\text{P}_2\text{Mo}_5\text{O}_{23}] \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (**1**) 和  $[\text{Ag}_4(\text{bbiz})_4][\text{HPW}^{\text{VI}}_{10}\text{W}^{\text{V}}_{2}\text{O}_{40}]$  (**2**) ( $\text{biz}=2,2$ -联咪唑,  $\text{bbiz}=5$ -丁基-2,2-联咪唑), 并通过单晶 X-射线衍射、元素分析和红外光谱对其进行了表征。化合物 **1** 包含双核银簇  $[\text{Ag}_2(\text{biz})_2]^{2+}$ ,  $[\text{P}_2\text{Mo}_5\text{O}_{23}]^{6-}$  多阴离子通过提供端基氧原子连接相邻双核银簇而构筑了一维链结构。在化合物 **2** 中, 每个 Keggin 型阴离子提供 4 个桥氧原子来连接 4 个双核银簇  $[\text{Ag}_2(\text{bbiz})_2]^{2+}$ , 从而构筑一个二维的层结构。此外, 对标题化合物的电化学、光催化以及荧光性能也进行了研究。

**关键词:** 多酸基化合物; 2,2-联咪唑; 5-丁基-2,2-联咪唑; 电化学性能; 光催化性能; 荧光性能

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## Syntheses, Structures and Properties of Two POM-based Compounds Modified by Biimidazole and Its Derivative

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**Abstract:** Through using two kinds of ligands (biimidazole and its derivative), two polyoxometalate-based compounds,  $[\text{Ag}_4(\text{biz})_4][\text{H}_2\text{P}_2\text{Mo}_5\text{O}_{23}] \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (**1**) and  $[\text{Ag}_4(\text{bbiz})_4][\text{HPW}^{\text{VI}}_{10}\text{W}^{\text{V}}_{2}\text{O}_{40}]$  (**2**) ( $\text{biz}=2,2$ -biimidazole,  $\text{bbiz}=5$ -butyl-2,2-biimidazole), have been synthesized under hydrothermal conditions and characterized by single-crystal X-ray diffraction, elemental analyses and IR spectra. Compound **1** contains bi-nuclear  $[\text{Ag}_2(\text{biz})_2]^{2+}$  clusters, which are linked by  $[\text{P}_2\text{Mo}_5\text{O}_{23}]^{6-}$  anions through terminal O atoms to construct a 1D chain. In compound **2**, each Keggin anion offers four bridging O atoms to link four bi-nuclear  $[\text{Ag}_2(\text{bbiz})_2]^{2+}$  clusters and a 2D layer of **2** is constructed. Additionally, the electrochemical, photocatalytic and fluorescent properties of the title compounds have been studied. CCDC: 1027614, **1**; 1027615, **2**.

**Key words:** POM-based compounds; 2,2-biimidazole; 5-butyl-2,2-biimidazole; electrochemical property; photocatalytic property; fluorescent property

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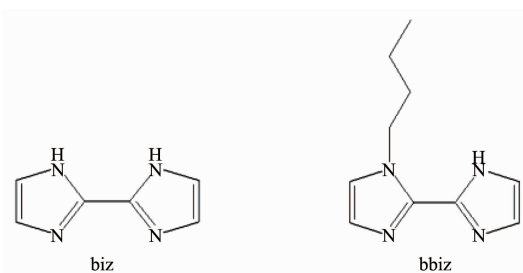
## 0 Introduction

Over the past decades, the assembly of metal-organic frameworks(MOFs) has attracted great attention owing to not only their structural diversity but also their remarkable applications<sup>[1]</sup>. Nowadays, polyoxometalates(POMs) have been regarded as excellent inorganic building blocks to construct POM-based MOFs (POMOFs) due to their discrete structures and promising physical and chemical properties, such as optics, electrochemical activity, gas storage, magnetism and catalysis<sup>[2]</sup>. Among a wide variety of POM types, classical Keggin anions are commonly used and many Keggin-based compounds have been obtained<sup>[3]</sup>. Compared with Keggin anions, the Strandberg-type anion owns smaller volume and fewer terminal and bridging O atoms. However, it still can be treated as the appropriate candidates for the construction of POMOFs owing to their higher charges and particular structural features. Up to now, a series of Strandberg-based compounds have been synthesized with some excellent properties<sup>[4]</sup>. For example, Zhu's group firstly reported three Strandberg-based compounds acting as efficient catalysts for the organic synthesis<sup>[5]</sup>. In this work, we chose Keggin and Strandberg anions to explore whether the distinct volume and O atoms can influence the final structures.

To the best of our knowledge, the rigid organic ligands are extremely popular for construction of new

POMOFs on account of their relatively fixed coordination modes in favor of target syntheses<sup>[6]</sup>. Among the various rigid ligands, 2,2-biimidazole has been viewed as a preferred one to construct POMOFs, which owns longer N...N distance and can induce binuclear metal clusters with ease<sup>[7]</sup>. In our previous work, we have discussed the influence of -CH<sub>3</sub> in (pyrazole) ligands on the architectures<sup>[8]</sup>. In this work, we still try to explore the effect of introduction of alkyl chain -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>CH<sub>3</sub> group to organic ligands on the structures of target compounds. Thus, in this work, 2,2-biimidazole (biz) and its derivative 5-butyl-2,2-biimidazole (bbiz) were selected as organic linkers to construct new POMOFs (Scheme 1). The bbiz ligand is firstly used in POM field to our knowledge. Furthermore, owing to the diverse coordination modes of Ag<sup>+</sup> ions and easy aggregation to form multi-nuclear Ag<sup>+</sup> clusters, we chose Ag<sup>+</sup> as the central metal ion<sup>[9]</sup>.

On the basis of the aforementioned points, in this work, we chose Keggin/Ag<sup>+</sup>/biz and Strandberg/Ag<sup>+</sup>/bbiz systems to construct new POMOFs. Fortunately, we successfully obtained two new compounds under hydrothermal conditions: [Ag<sub>4</sub>(biz)<sub>4</sub>][H<sub>2</sub>P<sub>2</sub>Mo<sub>5</sub>O<sub>23</sub>]·2H<sub>2</sub>O (**1**) and [Ag<sub>4</sub>(bbiz)<sub>4</sub>][HPW<sup>VI</sup><sub>10</sub>W<sup>V</sup><sub>2</sub>O<sub>40</sub>] (**2**) (biz = 2,2-biimidazole, bbiz = 5-butyl-2,2-biimidazole). In addition, the electrochemical, photocatalytic and fluorescence properties of these two compounds have been studied.



Scheme 1 2,2-biimidazole (biz) and its derivative 5-butyl-2,2-biimidazole (bbiz)

## 1 Experimental

### 1.1 Materials and Methods

All reagents were purchased from commercial

sources and used without purification. Elemental analyses (C, H, and N) were performed on a Perkin-Elmer 2400 CHN elemental analyzer. The FTIR spectra were recorded from 4 000~400 cm<sup>-1</sup> on a

Magna FTIR 560 Spectrometer with pressed KBr pellets. Electrochemical measurements were performed with a CHI 440 electrochemical workstation. A conventional three-electrode system was used. A saturated calomel electrode (SCE) was used as a reference electrode, and a Pt wire as a counter electrode. Chemically bulk-modified carbon-paste electrodes (CPEs) were used as the working electrodes. UV-Vis absorption spectra were obtained using a SP-1900 UV-Vis spectrophotometer.

## 1.2 Syntheses of compounds **1** and **2**

[Ag<sub>4</sub>(biz)<sub>4</sub>][H<sub>2</sub>P<sub>2</sub>Mo<sub>5</sub>O<sub>23</sub>]·2H<sub>2</sub>O (**1**): A mixture of Na<sub>2</sub>MoO<sub>4</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O (0.134 g, 1.0 mmol), AgNO<sub>3</sub> (0.17 g, 1.0 mmol) and biz (0.2 g, 1.5 mmol) was dissolved in 10 mL of distilled water at room temperature. The suspension was stirred for 40 min in air and then pH value of the mixture was adjusted to about 1.3 with 1.0 mol·L<sup>-1</sup> H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>. The suspension was transferred to a Teflon-lined stainless steel autoclave (20 mL) and

kept under autogenous pressure at 160 °C for 3 days. After slow cooling (10 °C·h<sup>-1</sup>) to room temperature, yellow clavate crystals of **1** were obtained (45% yield based on Mo). Elemental analysis(%) calcd. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>30</sub>Mo<sub>5</sub>N<sub>16</sub>Ag<sub>4</sub>O<sub>25</sub>P<sub>2</sub> (1 915.71): C 15.04, H 1.46, N 11.7. Found: C 15.08, H 1.49, N 11.65.

[Ag<sub>4</sub>(bbiz)<sub>4</sub>][HPW<sup>VI</sup><sub>10</sub>W<sup>V</sup><sub>2</sub>O<sub>40</sub>] (**2**): The synthetic method was similar to that of compound **1**, except that H<sub>3</sub>PW<sub>12</sub>O<sub>40</sub>·13H<sub>2</sub>O (0.08 g, 0.47 mmol) was used instead of Na<sub>2</sub>MoO<sub>4</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O, while bbiz (0.015 g, 0.05 mmol) was used instead of biz. Brownness block crystals were filtered and washed with distilled water (47% yield based on W). Elemental analysis (%) calcd. for C<sub>40</sub>H<sub>56</sub>Ag<sub>4</sub>N<sub>16</sub>O<sub>40</sub>PW<sub>12</sub> (4 069.54): C 11.79, H 1.37, N 5.5. Found: C 11.83, H 1.34, N 5.53.

## 1.3 X-ray crystallography

Crystallographic data for compounds **1** and **2** were collected on a Bruker Smart Apex II diffractometer with Mo K $\alpha$ ( $\lambda$ =0.071 073 nm) by using

Table 1 Crystal data and structure refinements for compounds **1** and **2**

Complex	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
Empirical formula	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>30</sub> Ag <sub>4</sub> Mo <sub>5</sub> N <sub>16</sub> O <sub>25</sub> P <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>40</sub> H <sub>56</sub> Ag <sub>4</sub> N <sub>16</sub> O <sub>40</sub> OPW <sub>12</sub>
Formula weight	1 915.71	4 069.54
Temperature / K	293(2)	296(2)
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Orthorhombic
Space group	<i>P2<sub>1</sub>/c</i>	<i>Pbca</i>
<i>a</i> / nm	1.049 5(5)	1.568 99(9)
<i>b</i> / nm	2.724 7(5)	2.066 17(12)
<i>c</i> / nm	1.682 7(5)	2.280 50(14)
$\beta$ / (°)	99.858(5)	90
<i>V</i> / nm <sup>3</sup>	4.741(3)	7.392 9(8)
<i>Z</i>	4	4
<i>D<sub>c</sub></i> / (g·cm <sup>-3</sup> )	2.683	3.656
Absorption coefficient / mm <sup>-1</sup>	3.061	19.736
<i>F</i> (000)	3 652	7 276.0
Crystal size / mm	0.23×0.21×0.18	0.17×0.16×0.15
$\theta$ range for data collection / (°)	1.97~28.17	1.79~25.00
Reflections collected / unique	29 292 / 11 645	29 292 / 11 645
<i>R<sub>int</sub></i>	0.026 7	0.085 4
Completeness / %	97.5	99.9
Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	1.035	1.092
Final <i>R</i> <sup>a</sup> indices ( <i>I</i> >2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> ))	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> =0.041 7, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> =0.107 4	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> =0.068 2, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> =0.133 9
<i>R</i> <sup>a</sup> indices (all data)	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> =0.057 1, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> =0.115 2	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> =0.103 5, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> =0.143 6

<sup>a</sup>*R*<sub>1</sub>= $\sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o|$ ; *wR*<sub>2</sub>=[ $\sum [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / \sum [w(F_o^2)^2]$ ]<sup>1/2</sup>

an  $\varphi$ - $\omega$  scan mode at 293 K. All the structures were solved by direct methods and refined on  $F^2$  by full-matrix least-squares methods using the SHELXTL package<sup>[10]</sup>. All the hydrogen atoms attached to carbon atoms were generated geometrically, while the hydrogen atoms attached to water molecules were not located but were included in the structure factor calculations. A summary of the crystallographic data and structural refinement for the title compounds are given in Table 1. Selected bond lengths and angles of **1** and **2** are listed in Table S1.

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## 2 Results and discussion

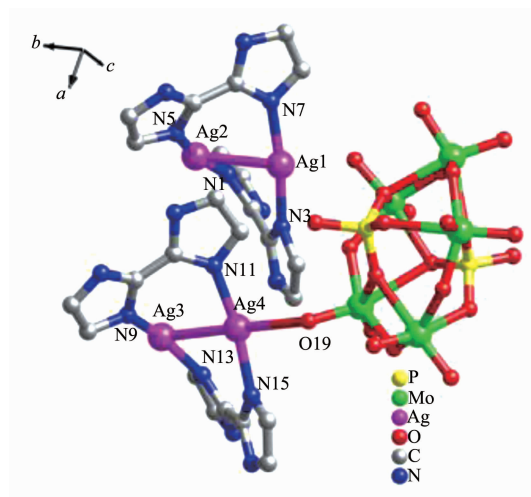
### 2.1 Description of the structure

#### 2.1.1 Crystal structure of compound **1**

Crystal structure analysis reveals that compound **1** is composed of four  $\text{Ag}^+$  ions, four biz ligands, one  $[\text{P}_2\text{Mo}_5\text{O}_{23}]^{6-}$  anion (abbreviated to  $\text{P}_2\text{Mo}_5$ ) and two crystal water molecules, as shown in Fig.1. The  $\text{P}_2\text{Mo}_5$  anion shows a classical Strandberg type with five distorted edge- and corner-sharing  $\text{MoO}_6$  octahedra capped two  $\text{PO}_4$  tetrahedra on each side. The bond valence sum calculations indicate that all the Mo atoms are in the +6 oxidation state and all the Ag atoms are in +1 oxidation state<sup>[11]</sup>. To balance the charge of the compound, two protons are added, then **1** is formulated as  $[\text{Ag}_4(\text{biz})_4][\text{H}_2\text{P}_2\text{Mo}_5\text{O}_{23}] \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

In compound **1**, there are four crystallographically independent  $\text{Ag}^+$  ions ( $\text{Ag1}$ ,  $\text{Ag2}$ ,  $\text{Ag3}$  and  $\text{Ag4}$ ), which exhibit two coordination modes: (i) Both the  $\text{Ag1}$  and  $\text{Ag2}$  ions with T-type coordination geometries are three-coordinated by two N atoms ( $\text{N3}$  and  $\text{N7}$  for  $\text{Ag1}$ ,  $\text{N1}$  and  $\text{N5}$  for  $\text{Ag2}$ ) from two biz ligands and one Ag atom. (ii) The  $\text{Ag3}$  and  $\text{Ag4}$  ion adopts four-coordinated distorted seesaw coordination geometries, coordinated by two N atoms ( $\text{N9}$  and  $\text{N13}$  for  $\text{Ag3}$ ,  $\text{N11}$  and  $\text{N19}$  for  $\text{Ag4}$ ) from two biz ligands, one Ag ion and one terminal O atom ( $\text{O14}$  for  $\text{Ag3}$  and  $\text{O19}$  for  $\text{Ag4}$ ) from one  $\text{P}_2\text{Mo}_5$  anion. The distance and angles around the  $\text{Ag}^+$  ions are  $0.211\ 1(4) \sim 0.214\ 5(3)$  nm for Ag-N,  $0.283\ 9(7) \sim 0.287\ 5(8)$  nm for Ag-Ag,  $161.55\ (14)^\circ \sim 171.34\ (15)^\circ$  for N-Ag-N,  $84.18(10)^\circ \sim 89.77(10)^\circ$  for N-Ag-Ag. The bond lengths and angles are listed in Table S1.

The biz ligand in compound **1** shows a single coordination mode: each imidazole group offers one N donor to link two different  $\text{Ag}^+$  ions. Thus, two kinds of bi-nuclear  $\text{Ag}^+$  clusters are formed containing  $[(\text{Ag1})(\text{Ag2})(\text{biz})_2]^{2+}$  and  $[(\text{Ag3})(\text{Ag4})(\text{biz})_2]^{2+}$  clusters. Furthermore, the  $\text{P}_2\text{Mo}_5$  anions provides two terminal oxygen atoms to link adjacent bi-nuclear  $[(\text{Ag3})(\text{Ag4})(\text{biz})_2]^{2+}$  clusters to form an infinite jagged 1D chain in a ABAB mode (Fig.2). The adjacent chains further built a 2D supramolecular layer through hydrogen bonding interactions, such as  $\text{C24} \cdots \text{O4}$  ( $0.310\ 6$  nm)



Hydrogen atoms and crystal water molecules are omitted for clarity

Fig.1 Ball and stick view of the asymmetric unit of **1**

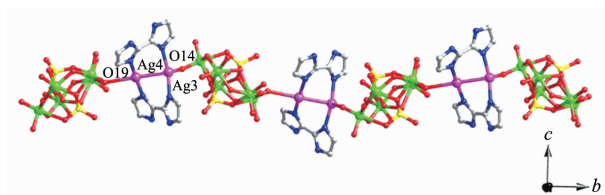


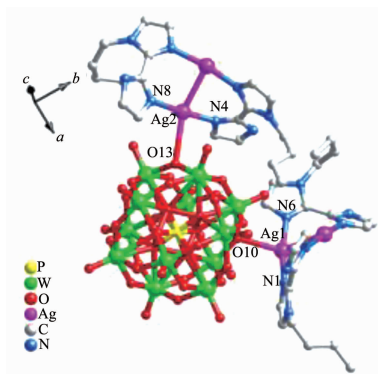
Fig.2 1D chain of compound **1** with the  $P_2Mo_5$  anions and bi-nuclear  $[(Ag_3)(Ag_4)(biz)_2]^{2+}$  clusters arranging alternately

shown in Fig.S1. The  $[(Ag_1)(Ag_2)(biz)_2]^{2+}$  clusters acting as cationic complexes insert into adjacent 2D layers through hydrogen bonding interactions to stabilize the structure.

### 2.1.2 Crystal structure of compound **2**

Crystal structure analysis reveals that compound **2** consists of four  $Ag^+$  ions, four bbiz ligands and one  $[PW_{12}O_{40}]^{3-}$  anion (abbreviated to  $PW_{12}$ ) (Fig.3). The  $PW_{12}$  presents a classical  $\alpha$ -Keggin type anion. The central P atom is surrounded by a cube of eight O

atoms with each site half-occupied<sup>[12]</sup>. The valence sum calculations show that two of the twelve W atoms are in +5 oxidation state and all the Ag atoms are in +1 oxidation state<sup>[11]</sup>. One proton is added to balance the charge of compound **2**, then **2** is formulated as  $[Ag_4(bbiz)_4][HPW^VI_{10}W^V_{2}O_{40}]$ . Under hydrothermal conditions, the organonitrogen species generally act not only as ligands but also as reductants, inducing the reduction of W in compound **2**<sup>[13]</sup>.



Hydrogen atoms and crystal water molecules are omitted for clarity

Fig.3 Ball and stick view of the asymmetric unit of **2**

There are two crystallographically independent  $Ag^+$  ions ( $Ag_1$  and  $Ag_2$ ) in compound **2**. The  $Ag_1$  and  $Ag_2$  exhibit similar slightly distorted seesaw coordination geometries, coordinated by two nitrogen atoms ( $N_1$  and  $N_6$  for  $Ag_1$ ,  $N_4$  and  $N_8$  for  $Ag_2$ ) from two bbiz ligands, one bridging atom ( $O_{10}$  for  $Ag_1$  and  $O_{13}$  for  $Ag_2$ ) from one  $PW_{12}$  anion and one Ag atom. The distance and angles around the  $Ag^+$  ions are 0.206 4(9)~0.213 7(8) nm for Ag-N, 0.282 8(11) nm for Ag-Ag, 170.9(3)°~174.4(3)° for N-Ag-N, 85.4(2)°~87.4(2)° for N-Ag-Ag. The bond lengths and angles are listed in Table S1.

The bbiz shows the same coordination mode with

that in compound **1**. There also exists a bi-nuclear  $[(Ag_1)(Ag_2)(bbiz)_2]^{2+}$  cluster. Each  $PW_{12}$  anion offers four bridging O atoms (two  $O_{10}$  and two  $O_{13}$ ) to link four bi-nuclear  $Ag^+$  clusters to construct a 2D layer of compound **2** (Fig.4).

### 2.1.3 Effect of different anions on structures of **1** and **2**

We chose biz and  $P_2Mo_5$  for construction of **1** and chose bbiz and  $PW_{12}$  for **2**, in order to explore whether the butyl group in ligands and different anions have influences on the structures<sup>[14]</sup>. Though the butyl group shows a few hydrogen interactions, it has no obvious effect on the structures. However, the different anions

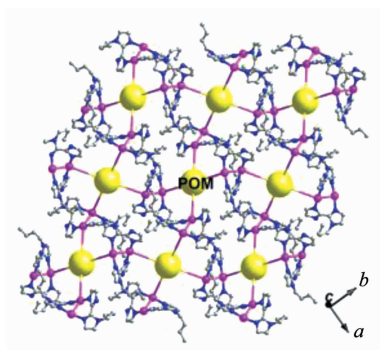


Fig.4 2D layer of compound **2** (the biggest balls: Keggin anions)

( $\text{P}_2\text{Mo}_5$  for **1** and  $\text{PW}_{12}$  for **2**) really induce distinct structures of **1** and **2**. In compound **1**, the  $\text{P}_2\text{Mo}_5$  anion owns a smaller volume. Thus, in order to reduce the repulsions between bi-nuclear  $[(\text{Ag}_3)(\text{Ag}_4)(\text{biz})_2]^{2+}$  clusters, the  $\text{P}_2\text{Mo}_5$  anion only offers two symmetrical terminal O atoms to link two bi-nuclear clusters (Fig. S2a). But the  $\text{PW}_{12}$  anion in **2** owing to big volume can link four bi-nuclear  $\text{Ag}^+$  clusters by providing four bridging O atoms (Fig. S2b). If the  $\text{P}_2\text{Mo}_5$  anion also supplies its two bridging O atoms instead of terminal ones, the repulsions of bi-nuclear  $\text{Ag}^+$  clusters will increase. Furthermore, the coordination number of  $\text{P}_2\text{Mo}_5$  is also less than that of  $\text{PW}_{12}$ . Thus, the different anions play a key role on construction of the structures of **1** and **2**.

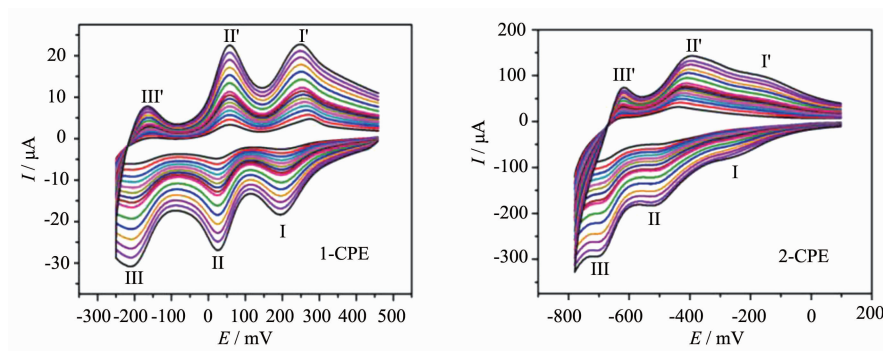
## 2.2 FTIR Spectra

The IR spectra of compounds **1** and **2** are shown in Fig. S3. In the spectrum of **1**, characteristic bands at 785, 862, 957 and  $1\,060\text{ cm}^{-1}$  correspond to  $\nu(\text{Mo}-\text{O}_\text{c}-\text{Mo})$ ,  $\nu(\text{Mo}-\text{O}_\text{b}-\text{Mo})$ ,  $\nu(\text{Mo}=\text{O}_\text{d})$  and  $\nu(\text{P}-\text{O})$  of the  $\text{P}_2\text{Mo}_5$  anion, respectively<sup>[4c]</sup>. In the spectrum of **2**,

1 072, 977, 888, 805 are attributed to the  $\nu(\text{P}-\text{O}_\text{a})$ ,  $\nu(\text{W}-\text{O}_\text{d})$  and  $\nu(\text{W}-\text{O}_\text{b}-\text{W})$  of the  $\text{PW}_{12}$  anion, respectively<sup>[15]</sup>. Bands in the regions of  $1\,563\sim 1\,245\text{ cm}^{-1}$  for **1** and  $1\,537\sim 1\,168\text{ cm}^{-1}$  for **2** are attributed to the biz and bbiz ligands, respectively.

## 2.3 Electrochemical properties

The electrochemical behaviors of **1** and **2** were investigated with 1- and 2-modified CPE (1- and 2-CPE). The cyclic voltammograms for the CPEs in  $0.1\text{ mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}\text{ H}_2\text{SO}_4+0.5\text{ mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}\text{ Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  aqueous solution at different scan rates are presented in Fig. 5. Three reversible redox peaks appear in the potential range from +460 to -250 mV for 1-CPE, corresponding to three consecutive two-electron processes of  $\text{P}_2\text{Mo}_5$ . The mean peak potentials ( $E_{1/2}=(E_{\text{pa}}+E_{\text{pc}})/2$ ) (scan rate:  $250\text{ mV}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ ) are 224 (I - I'), 39 (II - II') and -165 (III - III') mV for the 1-CPE<sup>[16]</sup>. The cyclic voltammograms of 2-CPE at different scan rates are presented in the potential range of +100 to -780 mV. There also exist three reversible redox peaks I - I', II - II' and III - III' with the mean peak potentials ( $E_{1/2}=(E_{\text{pa}}+E_{\text{pc}})/2$ ) of



From inner to outer: 40, 60, 80, 100, 120, 140, 160, 180, 200, 250, 300, 350, 400, 450 and  $500\text{ mV}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ , respectively

Fig.5 Cyclic voltammograms of the 1- and 2-CPEs in  $0.1\text{ mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}\text{ H}_2\text{SO}_4+0.5\text{ mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}\text{ Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  aqueous solution at different scan rates

-178, -466, -661 mV (scan rate:  $250 \text{ mV} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ ). Redox peaks I - I' and II - II' correspond to two consecutive one-electron processes, while III - III' corresponds to a two-electron process of  $\text{PW}_{12}^{[8]}$ . The peak potentials of cyclic voltammograms for the CPEs change gradually following the scan rates from 40 to  $500 \text{ mV} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ : the cathodic peak potentials shift toward the negative direction and the corresponding anodic peak potentials to the positive direction with increasing scan rates. When the scan rate is up to  $500 \text{ mV} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ , the peak currents are proportional to the scan rates, which shows that the redox process of the 1- and 2-CPEs are surface-confined (Fig.S4).

Fig.6 shows cyclic voltammograms for the electrocatalytic reduction of hydrogen peroxide at 1- and 2-CPEs in  $0.1 \text{ mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1} \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 + 0.5 \text{ mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1} \text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  aqueous solution. It can be clearly seen that with addition of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ , all three reduction peak currents of 1- and 2-CPEs gradually increase, while the corresponding oxidation peak currents decrease. These phenomena indicate that the three reductive species of  $\text{P}_2\text{Mo}_5$  in **1** and  $\text{PW}_{12}$  in **2** all possess electrocatalytic activities for the reduction of hydrogen peroxide. In a word, compounds **1** and **2** may be used as good potential electrocatalysts.

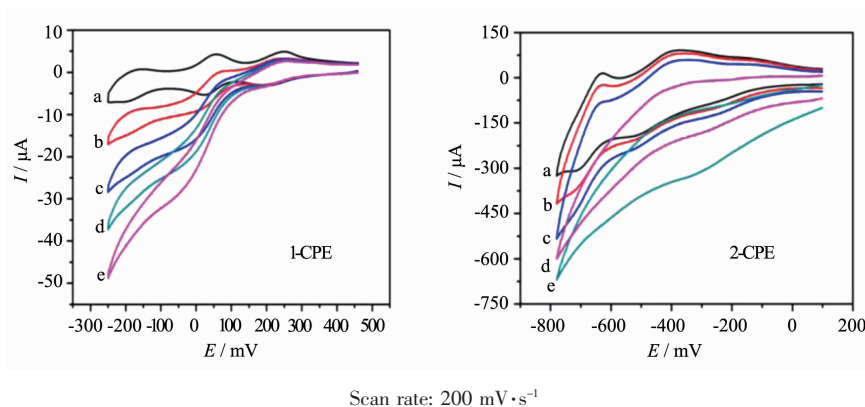


Fig.6 Cyclic voltammograms of the 1- and 2-CPEs in  $0.1 \text{ mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1} \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 + 0.5 \text{ mol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1} \text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  aqueous solution containing 0 (a), 2 (b), 4 (c), 6 (d) and 8 (e)  $\text{mmol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1} \text{H}_2\text{O}_2$

## 2.4 Photocatalytic activity

Some POM-based compounds exhibit photocatalytic activities to degrade organic dyes<sup>[17]</sup>. Therefore, the photocatalytic activities of compounds **1** and **2** were investigated by the degradation of methylene blue (MB) and Rhodamine-B (RhB) solution

under UV irradiation, as shown in Fig.7 and Fig.8. In the process of photocatalysis, 100 mg title compounds was suspended in  $0.02 \text{ mmol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$  MB or RhB aqueous solution 250 mL and magnetically stirred for about 10 min to ensure the equilibrium in the dark. Every 20 min, the sample of 5 mL was taken out, which was

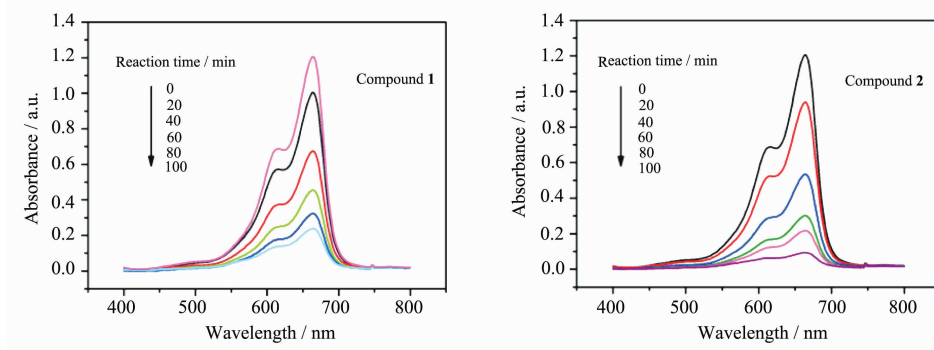


Fig.7 Absorption spectra of the MB solution during the decomposition reaction under UV irradiation in the presence of compounds **1** and **2**

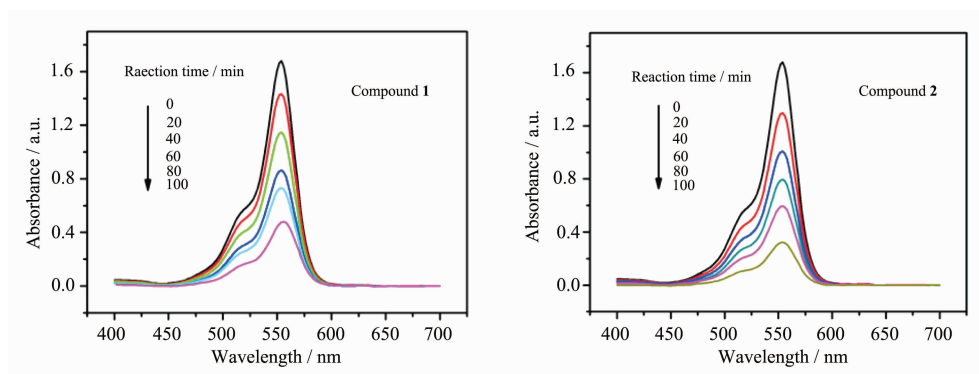


Fig.8 Absorption spectra of the RhB solution during the decomposition reaction under UV irradiation in the presence of compounds **1** and **2**

obtained for analysis by UV-Visible spectroscopy. The absorption peaks of MB photocatalyzed by **1** and **2** decreased obviously with increasing of reaction time and the conversions of MB are 80.99% for compound **1** and 93.38% for **2** after 100 min (Fig.S5a). Fig.8 and Fig.S5b show that the conversions of RhB are 72.46% for **1** and 80.83% for **2**, respectively. This results show that the title compounds own good photocatalytic activities for the degradation of MB and RhB, especially compound **2**.

### 2.5 Fluorescent properties

In this work, the fluorescent properties of the title compounds in the solid state at room temperature were investigated. Emission spectra of **1** and **2** are shown in Fig. S6. Two prominent emission peaks are observed at about 417 and 467 nm for **1**, 414 and 466 nm for **2** (excitation at 340 nm). The emission peak would be assigned to ligand-to-metal charge transfer (LMCT)<sup>[18]</sup>. These observations exhibit that the title compounds may be candidates for photoluminescence materials.

## 3 Conclusions

In summary, by using biz and bbiz ligands two new POM-based compounds have been successfully synthesized. In compound **1**, the bi-nuclear  $[\text{Ag}_2(\text{biz})_2]^{2+}$  clusters are linked by  $\text{P}_2\text{Mo}_5$  anions to form a 1D chain. Compound **2** displays a 2D layer constructed by tetra-dentate  $\text{PW}_{12}$  anions and bi-nuclear  $[\text{Ag}_2(\text{bbiz})_2]^{2+}$  clusters. The different POM anions induce distinct structures of **1** and **2**. Though the butyl group

exhibits no obvious effect, further study on its influence on other structures is underway.

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