

## 两个由双咪唑基配体构筑的镉配合物的合成、晶体结构及理论计算

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**摘要:** 通过水热法合成了 2 个新的金属-有机配位聚合物  $[\text{Cd}(\text{nba})_2(\text{mbix})]_2$  (**1**) 和  $[\text{Cd}(\text{bib})_2\text{Br}_2]_n$  (**2**) (Hnba=4-硝基苯甲酸, mbix=1,3-双(咪唑基-1-基)苯, bib=1,4-双(咪唑基-1-基)丁烷), 并对其进行了元素分析、红外光谱、荧光光谱、单晶和粉末 X 射线衍射测定。配合物 **1** 为零维结构, 并通过  $\pi$ - $\pi$  堆积形成了三维超分子结构; 配合物 **2** 为具有 (4,4) 拓扑的二维网状结构。此外, 还用高斯 03 程序 PBE0/LANL2DZ 方法对配合物 **1** 和 **2** 进行了自然键轨道(NBO)分析, 计算结果表明配位原子与 Cd(II) 离子之间存在着共价作用。

**关键词:** 水热合成; 晶体结构; 镉配合物; 自然键轨道

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## Syntheses, Crystal Structures and Theoretical Calculation of Two Cadmium(II) Complexes Assembled by Bis(imidazol) Ligands

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**Abstract:** Two new complexes  $[\text{Cd}(\text{nba})_2(\text{mbix})]_2$  (**1**) and  $[\text{Cd}(\text{bib})_2\text{Br}_2]_n$  (**2**) (Hnba=4-nitrobenzoic acid, mbix=1,3-bis(imidazol-1-ylmethyl)benzene, bib=1,4-bis(imidazol-1-yl)-butane) have been hydrothermally synthesized and structurally characterized by elemental analysis, IR spectrum, fluorescence spectrum, single-crystal and powder X-ray diffraction. Complex **1** exhibits zero-dimensional framework and display three-dimensional supramolecular network via  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interactions. Complex **2** shows 2D network with (4,4) topology. Moreover, we analyzed natural bond orbital (NBO) of **1** and **2** by the PBE0/LANL2DZ method built in Gaussian 03 Program. The calculation results show the obvious covalent interaction between the coordinated atoms and Cd(II) ions. CCDC:1890724, **1**; 1890726, **2**.

**Keywords:** hydrothermal synthesis; crystal structure; cadmium complex; natural bond orbital

## 0 Introduction

The crystal engineering of metal coordination polymers (MCPs) is one of the most rapidly developing areas of chemical science owing to their diversity of

type and physical-chemical properties<sup>[1]</sup>. Obviously, it is the important responsibility for chemists to rationally design and synthesize more MCPs with diverse structures. It is well known that the assembly processes and structures of MCPs are influenced by

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many factors, such as the coordination preferences of metal ions<sup>[2-3]</sup>, the conformation of bridging ligands<sup>[4]</sup>, solvent systems<sup>[5]</sup>, counteranion<sup>[6]</sup> and pH value of the solution<sup>[7]</sup>, which can also affect the nature of coordination networks and the framework formation.

In recent years, the direct use of two types of organic ligands has been found to be an effective method for the synthesis of MCPs. Aromatic carboxylate ligands are frequently chosen to construct various dimensions of MCPs because of their rich coordination modes, including monodentate, bridging and chelating. For example, benzoic acid, 1,3-benzenedicarboxylate, 1,4-benzenedicarboxylate, and 1,2,4,5-benzene tetracarboxylate<sup>[8-11]</sup> are well used in the construction of MCPs due to their structural rigidity, chemical stability and appropriate connectivity. Besides the carboxylate linkers, bis(imidazole) bridging ligands with different length and flexibly, for example, 1,3-bis(imidazol-1-ylmethyl)-benzene, 1,4-bis(imidazol-1-ylmethyl)-benzene, 1,4-bis(1*H*-benzimidazolyl)butane are frequently used in the assembly process of MCPs as bridging linker<sup>[12-15]</sup>.

In view of these factors, we herein report the syntheses and characteristics of two new complexes containing 4-nitrobenzoic acid (nba) and 1,3-bis(imidazol-1-ylmethyl)-benzene(mbix) or 1,4-bis(imidazol-1-yl)-butane(bib), namely,  $[\text{Cd}(\text{nba})_2(\text{mbix})]_2$  (**1**) and  $[\text{Cd}((\text{bib})_2\text{Br}_2)]_n$  (**2**).

## 1 Experimental

### 1.1 General procedures

All reagents were purchased commercially and used without further purification. Elemental analyses (C, H and N) were measured on a Vario EL (III) Elemental Analyzer. IR spectra were recorded in a range of 4 000~400  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  on a Nicolet 6700 spectrometer using a KBr pellet. The fluorescence spectra were performed on an F-7000 photospectrometer (Hitachi, High-Tech, Science, Japan). The powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) studies were performed with a Bruker D8 Discover instrument (Cu  $K\alpha$  radiation,  $\lambda=0.154\,184\,\text{nm}$ ,  $U=40\,\text{kV}$ ,  $I=40\,\text{mA}$ ) over a  $2\theta$  range of  $5^\circ\sim 50^\circ$  at room temperature.

### 1.2 Synthesis

$[\text{Cd}(\text{nba})_2(\text{mbix})]_2$  (**1**): The pH value of a mixture of Hnba (0.033 g, 0.2 mmol),  $\text{Cd}(\text{OAc})_2\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.2 mmol, 0.053 g), mbix (0.048 g, 0.2 mmol), and 18 mL  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  was adjust to 7 with 40% NaOH, sealed in a Teflon-lined stainless steel vessel, heated to 150  $^\circ\text{C}$  for 5 days, and followed by slow cooling to room temperature. Yellow block crystals were obtained. Yield: 34%. Anal. Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{56}\text{H}_{44}\text{Cd}_2\text{N}_{12}\text{O}_{16}$ (%): C, 49.24; H, 3.25; N, 12.31. Found(%): C, 48.57; H, 2.99; N, 11.65. IR ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3 127w, 1 615m, 1 574s, 1 515m, 1 435w, 1 406m, 1 343s, 1 240w, 1 107w, 939w, 834m, 724m, 657w, 518w.

$[\text{Cd}((\text{bib})_2\text{Br}_2)]_n$  (**2**): The pH value of a mixture of Hnba (0.033 g, 0.2 mmol),  $\text{Cd}(\text{OAc})_2\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.2 mmol, 0.053 g), bib (0.038 g, 0.2 mmol), and 18 mL  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  was adjust to 8 with 40% NaOH, sealed in a Teflon-lined stainless steel vessel, heated to 120  $^\circ\text{C}$  for 5 days, and followed by slow cooling to room temperature. Brown block crystals were obtained. Unfortunately, Hnba ligand did not participate in the coordination. Bromide ions are derived from reagent (1,4-dibromobutane) for the synthesis of bib ligand. Yield: 23%. Anal. Calcd. For  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{28}\text{Br}_2\text{CdN}_8$ (%): C, 36.80; H, 4.32; N, 17.17. Found(%): C, 36.21; H, 4.01; N, 16.85. IR ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3 434w, 2 938w, 1 616w, 1 512s, 1 468w, 1 444w, 1 404w, 1 343w, 1 272w, 1 231s, 1 116s, 1 105s, 1 087s, 1 034w, 929s, 834m, 742s, 660s, 624w, 522w.

### 1.3 Structure determination

Single-crystal X-ray diffraction data for **1** and **2** were recorded on a Bruker D8 QUEST CMOS diffractometer with graphite-monochromated Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda=0.071\,073\,\text{nm}$ ) at 293 K. The structures were solved with the direct method of SHELXS-97 and refined with full-matrix least-squares techniques using the SHELXL-97 program<sup>[16-17]</sup>. The non-hydrogen atoms of the complexes were refined with anisotropic temperature parameters. The hydrogen atoms attached to carbons were generated geometrically. Crystallographic parameters and the data collection statistics for structures **1** and **2** are given in Table 1. Selected bond lengths and bond angles are listed in Table 2.

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**Table 1** Crystal data and structure refinement for **1** and **2**

Formula	C <sub>56</sub> H <sub>44</sub> Cd <sub>2</sub> N <sub>12</sub> O <sub>16</sub>	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>28</sub> Br <sub>2</sub> CdN <sub>8</sub>
Formula weight	1 365.83	652.72
Crystal system	Triclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	$P\bar{1}$	$P2_1/n$
$a$ / nm	0.917 81(13)	0.775 74(5)
$b$ / nm	1.325 90(19)	1.848 92(12)
$c$ / nm	1.329 78(18)	0.883 34(6)
$\alpha$ / (°)	72.699(2)	
$\beta$ / (°)	81.779(2)	113.479 0(10)
$\gamma$ / (°)	70.968(2)	
Volume / nm <sup>3</sup>	1.458 7(4)	1.162 06(13)
$Z$	1	2
$D_c$ / (g·cm <sup>-3</sup> )	1.555	1.865
$\theta$ range / (°)	1.61~26.04	2.96~25.05
$F(000)$	688	644
Reflection collected, unique	7 953, 5 671	7 351, 2 050
Reflection with $I > 2\sigma(I)$	4 364	1 881
Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$	1.022	1.103
$R_{int}$	0.028 8	0.017 5
$R_1, wR_2 [I > 2\sigma(I)]$	0.052 1, 0.119 7	0.060 0, 0.186 2

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

<b>1</b>					
Cd(1)-O(1)	0.238 9(4)	Cd(1)-O(2)	0.246 8(3)	Cd(1)-O(5A)	0.235 3(4)
Cd(1)-O(6)	0.236 0(3)	Cd(1)-N(4A)	0.227 8(4)	Cd(1)-N(1)	0.224 5(4)
N(1)-Cd(1)-N(4A)	176.91(14)	N(1)-Cd(1)-O(5A)	91.33(14)	N(1)-Cd(1)-O(6)	90.21(14)
N(4A)-Cd(1)-O(6)	91.26(14)	O(5A)-Cd(1)-O(6)	129.09(13)	N(1)-Cd(1)-O(1)	90.78(14)
N(4A)-Cd(1)-O(1)	86.49(14)	O(5A)-Cd(1)-O(1)	140.54(12)	O(6)-Cd(1)-O(1)	90.29(13)
N(1)-Cd(1)-O(2)	86.27(13)	N(4A)-Cd(1)-O(2)	90.95(13)	O(5A)-Cd(1)-O(2)	87.06(12)
O(6)-Cd(1)-O(2)	143.78(13)	O(1)-Cd(1)-O(2)	53.79(12)	N(1)-Cd(1)-O(6A)	92.29(14)
<b>2</b>					
Cd(1)-N(1)	0.236 5(7)	Cd(1)-N(1A)	0.236 5(7)	Cd(1)-N(3)	0.233 9(6)
Cd(1)-N(3A)	0.233 9(6)	Cd(1)-Br(1)	0.276 71(11)	Cd(1)-Br(1A)	0.276 71(11)
N(3A)-Cd(1)-N(3)	180.000(1)	N(3)-Cd(1)-N(1A)	89.6(2)	N(3A)-Cd(1)-N(1)	89.6(2)
N(3)-Cd(1)-N(1)	90.4(2)	N(1A)-Cd(1)-N(1)	180.00(15)	N(3A)-Cd(1)-Br(1)	90.74(17)
N(3)-Cd(1)-Br(1)	89.26(17)	N(1A)-Cd(1)-Br(1)	90.05(17)	N(1)-Cd(1)-Br(1)	89.95(17)
N(3)-Cd(1)-Br(1A)	90.74(17)	N(1)-Cd(1)-Br(1A)	90.05(17)	Br(1)-Cd(1)-Br(1A)	180.0

Symmetry codes: A: 2-x, -y, 2-z for **1**; A: 2-x, -y, 2-z for **2**.

## 2 Results and discussion

### 2.1 Description of the structure

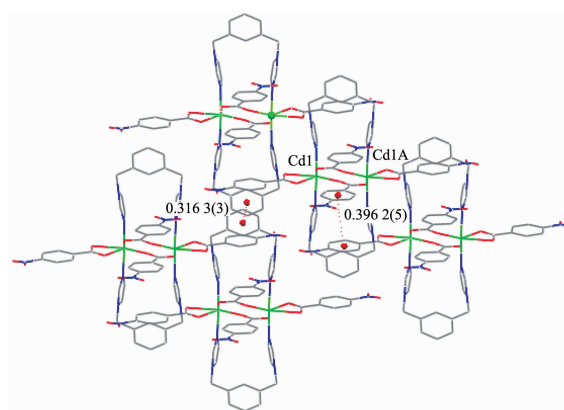
Single crystal X-ray analysis revealed that the asymmetric unit of complex **1** is composed of one

crystallographically Cd(II) ion, one mbix ligand, and two nba ligands. Each Cd(II) ion is six-coordinated by two nitrogen atoms (N1 and N4A) from two mbix ligands respectively, and four oxygen atoms from three nba ligands (O1, O2, O5A and O6) respectively in a

distorted octahedron coordination sphere. The atoms O1, O2, O5A and O6 constitute the basal plane of the octahedron, and the atoms N1 and N4A are located at the two vertex position. The Cd-O bond distance range from 0.235 3(4) to 0.246 8(3) nm, and the Cd-N distances vary from 0.224 5(4) to 0.224 8(4) nm. The N(O)-Cd-O(N) angles fall in a range of  $53.79(12)^\circ \sim 176.91(14)^\circ$ .

In complex **1**, the mbix ligand takes *cis*-conformation bridging mode with a dihedral angle between the two imidazole rings of  $25.78^\circ$ , and the nba ligand coordinates to Cd ions in a bidentate bridging and chelating fashion. As depicted in Fig.1, two Cd(II) ions are bridged by four oxygen atoms of nba ligands to give crystallographically dimers with Cd1...Cd1A distance of 0.387 8 nm, and exhibits zero-dimensional structure. The two mbix ligands are attached on both sides of dimer. It is noteworthy that there exist  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interactions among benzene rings of mbix/nba ligands of neighboring dimer. The benzene ring of mbix ligand centroid distance is 0.361 3(3) nm for C19C20C21C22C23C24 and C19' C20' C21' C22' C23' C24' rings (Symmetry codes:  $3-x, -y, 1-z$ ), with the vertical distance to be 0.347 6(2) nm. Benzene ring of nba ligand centroid distance is 0.396 2(5) nm for C2C3C4C5C6C7 and C9C10C11C12C13C14 rings (Symmetry codes:  $1+x, y, z$ ), with the vertical distance to be 0.362 2(4) nm, indicating the existence of  $\pi$ - $\pi$

effect, so that the structure is more stable. Therefore, an interesting three-dimensional supramolecular network structure is formed by  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking (Fig.2).

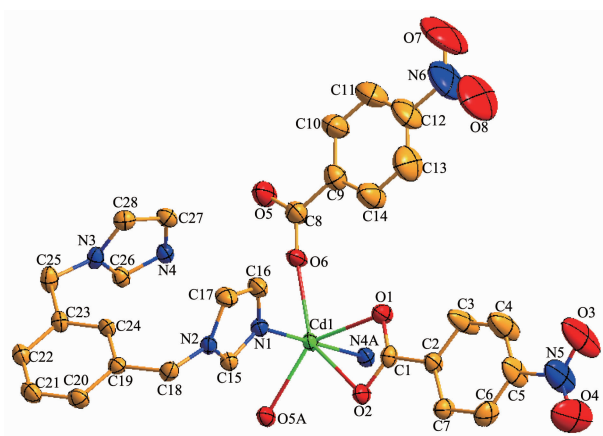


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Fig.2 View of 3D supramolecular structure of complex **1** formed by  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interactions

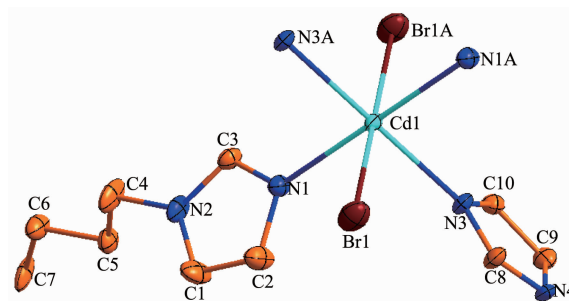
A single-crystal X-ray diffraction study reveals that complex **2** crystallizes in monoclinic space group  $P2_1/n$  and features a 2D network structure. The coordination environment of Cd(II) ion in **2** is shown in Fig.3. The Cd(II) ion is six-coordinated by four nitrogen atoms (N1, N1A, N3, N3A) from four bib ligands respectively and two bromine ions (Br1 and Br1A) to furnish a slightly distorted octahedral coordination architecture. The bond distances of Cd-N in complex **2** fall in a range of 0.233 9(6)~0.236 5(7) nm, Cd-Br is 0.276 71(11) nm and the coordination angles around the Cd(II) ion are in a range of  $89.26(17)^\circ \sim 180.00(15)^\circ$ .

In the coordination environment, the four nitrogen atoms (N1, N1A, N3, N3A) are located in the



Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity; Probability level: 30%; Symmetry codes: A:  $2-x, -y, 2-z$

Fig.1 View of coordination environments of Cd(II) ions of **1**



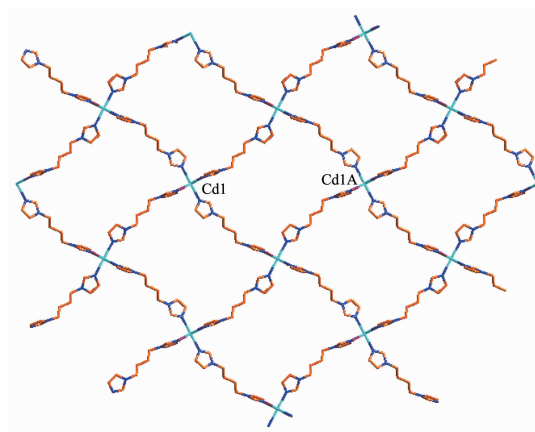
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Fig.3 View of coordination environments of Cd(II) ion of **2**

basal plane, whereas two bromine ions (Br1, Br1A) occupy the axial positions from the opposite directions. In the crystal structure of complex **2**, the bib ligand adopts a *cis*-conformation bridging mode with a dihedral angle between two imidazole rings of  $58.73^\circ$  and link the Cd(II) ions to form a two-dimensional network structure with (4,4) topology, as shown in Fig.4.

To investigate whether the analyzed crystal structure is truly representative of the bulk materials, X-ray powder diffraction (PXRD) technology has been performed for the complex at room temperature (Fig. 5). The main peak positions observed were in good agreement with the simulated ones. Although minor differences can be found in the positions, widths, and intensities of some peaks, the bulk synthesized materials and analyzed crystal can still be considered

as homogeneous. The differences may be due to the preferred orientation of the powder samples<sup>[18-19]</sup>.



Symmetry codes: A:  $2-x, -y, 2-z$

Fig.4 Two dimensional network structure of **2** with (4,4) topology along *c*-axis

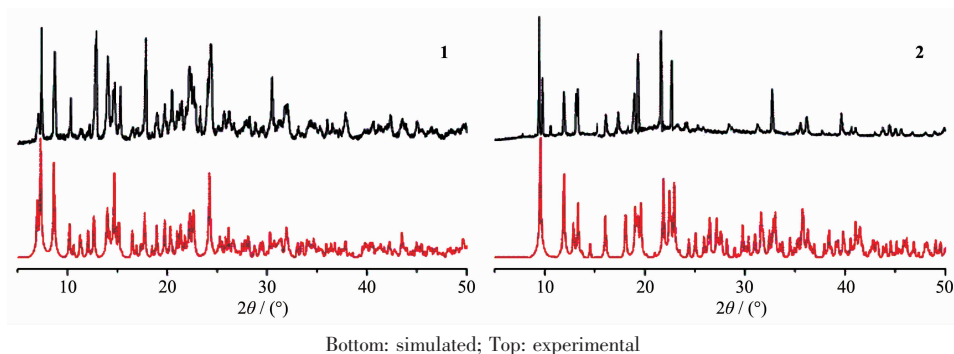


Fig.5 PXRD analysis of complexes **1** and **2**

## 2.2 Photoluminescent properties

Metal-organic coordination polymers, especially  $d^{10}$  metal centers, such as Ag(I), Au(I), Zn(II) and Cd(II), and conjugated organic linker have been researched because of their fluorescent properties and potential applications as fluorescent-emitting materials, chemical sensors and electroluminescent displays<sup>[20]</sup>. Therefore,

in the present work, the photoluminescent properties of Hnba, mbix, bib, complexes **1** and **2** have been investigated in the solid state at room temperature.

When excited at 207 nm, complex **1** exhibited blue luminescence and showed emission peak at 467 nm, and complex **2** showed green luminescence with emission peak at 553 nm (Fig.6). The free ligands

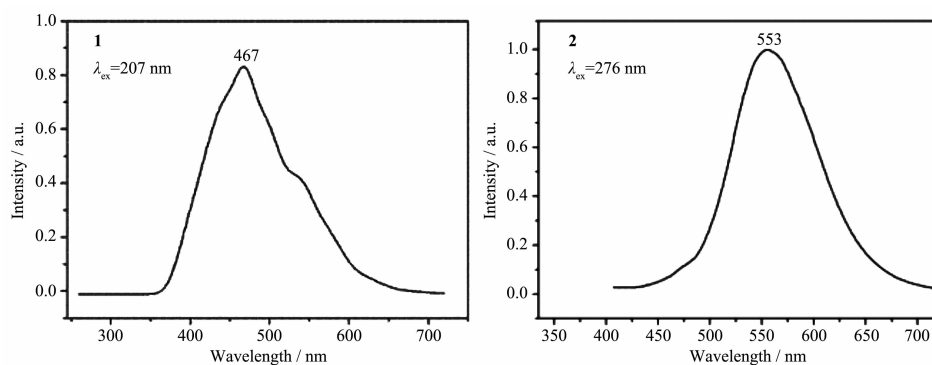


Fig.6 Solid-state emission spectrum of **1** and **2** at room temperature

Hnba, mbix and bib showed photoluminescence with the emission maximum at 470, 436 and 440 nm, respectively, which can be assigned to intraligand ( $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ ) transition<sup>[21]</sup>. Because the Cd(II) ion is difficult to oxidize or reduce due to the  $d^{10}$  configuration, the emission of this compound is neither MLCT nor LMCT in nature<sup>[22-23]</sup>. Thus, the emission bands of complex **1** and **2** could be assigned to the emission of ligand-to-ligand charge transfer<sup>[24-26]</sup>.

### 2.3 Theoretical calculations

All calculations in this work were carried out with the Gaussian03 program<sup>[27]</sup>. The parameters of the molecular structure for calculation were all from the experimental data of the complex. Natural bond orbital (NBO) analysis was performed by density functional theory (DFT)<sup>[28]</sup> with the PBE0<sup>[29-30]</sup> hybrid functional and the LANL2DZ basis set<sup>[31-32]</sup>.

The selected natural atomic charges and natural electron configuration for complex **1** is shown in Table 3. It is indicated that the electronic configurations of Cd(II) ion, N and O atoms are  $5s^{0.31}4d^{9.99}5p^{0.31}$ ,  $2s^{1.38}2p^{4.19-4.20}$  and  $2s^{1.67-1.70}2p^{5.02-5.11}$ , respectively. Based on the above results, one can conclude that the Cd(II) ion coordination with N and O atoms is mainly on  $4d$ ,  $5s$ , and  $5p$  orbitals. N atoms form coordination bonds with Cd(II)

ion using  $2s$  and  $2p$  orbitals. All O atoms supply electrons of  $2s$  and  $2p$  to Cd(II) ion, forming the coordination bonds. Therefore, the Cd(II) ion obtained some electrons from two N atoms of mbix ligand, four O atoms of nba ligand<sup>[32]</sup>. According to valence-bond theory, the atomic net charge distribution and the NBO bond orders of the complex **1** (Table 3) shows the obvious covalent interaction between the coordinated atoms and Cd(II) ion. The differences of the NBO bond orders for Cd-O and Cd-N bonds make their bond lengths become different<sup>[32]</sup>, which is in good agreement with the X-ray crystal structural data of compound **1**.

As can be seen from the Fig.7, lowest unoccupied molecular orbital (LUMO) of **1** is mainly composed of nba and mbix ligands, whereas highest occupied molecular orbital (HOMO) mainly consists of

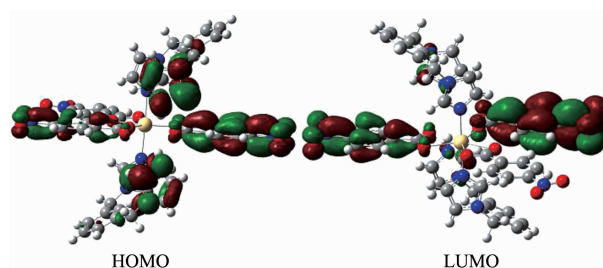


Fig.7 Frontier molecular orbitals of complex **1**

**Table 3** Natural atomic charges, natural valence electron configurations, Wiberg bond indexes and NBO bond orders for **1** and **2**

Atom	Net charge	Electron configuration	Bond	Wiberg bond index	NBO bond order / a.u.
<b>1</b>					
Cd(1)	1.389 64	[core] $5s^{0.314}4d^{9.995}5p^{0.31}$			
O(1)	-0.788 15	[core] $2s^{1.692}2p^{5.08}$	Cd(1)-O(1)	0.137 9	0.162 7
O(2)	-0.737 01	[core] $2s^{1.702}2p^{5.02}$	Cd(1)-O(2)	0.131 1	0.154 3
O(5A)	-0.775 80	[core] $2s^{1.692}2p^{5.07}$	Cd(1)-O(5A)	0.148 5	0.175 2
O(6)	-0.782 43	[core] $2s^{1.672}2p^{5.11}$	Cd(1)-O(6)	0.156 1	0.185 1
N(1)	-0.599 28	[core] $2s^{1.382}2p^{4.20}$	Cd(1)-N(1)	0.141 0	0.205 6
N(4A)	-0.589 01	[core] $2s^{1.382}2p^{4.19}$	Cd(1)-N(4A)	0.137 7	0.200 1
<b>2</b>					
Cd(1)	1.167 78	[core] $5s^{0.364}4d^{9.995}5p^{0.47}$			
N(1)	-0.551 21	[core] $2s^{1.382}2p^{4.15}$	Cd(1)-N(1)	0.133 1	0.199 0
N(1A)	-0.555 74	[core] $2s^{1.382}2p^{4.16}$	Cd(1)-N(1A)	0.134 1	0.199 7
N(3)	-0.679 42	[core] $2s^{1.382}2p^{4.28}$	Cd(1)-N(3)	0.163 0	0.226 7
N(3A)	-0.566 10	[core] $2s^{1.382}2p^{4.17}$	Cd(1)-N(3A)	0.138 5	0.204 5
Br(1)	-0.757 10	[core] $4s^{1.924}4p^{5.84}$	Cd(1)-Br(1)	0.377 4	0.413 2
Br(1A)	-0.756 84	[core] $4s^{1.924}4p^{5.84}$	Cd(1)-Br(1A)	0.385 1	0.418 2



nba ligand. So, LLCT may be inferred from some contours of molecular orbital of complex **1**.

The selected natural atomic charges and natural electron configuration for complex **2** is displayed in Table 3. It means that the electronic configurations of Cd(II) ion, N and Br atoms are  $5s^{0.36}4d^{9.99}5p^{0.47}$ ,  $2s^{1.38}2p^{4.15-4.28}$  and  $4s^{1.92}4p^{5.84}$ , respectively. In view of the above results, one can conclude that the Cd(II) ion coordination with N and Br atoms is mainly on  $4d$ ,  $5s$ , and  $5p$  orbitals. N atoms form coordination bonds with Cd(II) ion using  $2s$  and  $2p$  orbitals. All Br atoms supply electrons of  $4s$  and  $4p$  to Cd(II) ion and form the coordination bonds. Therefore, the Cd(II) ion obtained some electrons from four N atoms of bib ligand, two Br ions<sup>[32]</sup>. Thus, on the base of valence-bond theory, the atomic net charge distribution and the NBO bond orders of the complex **2** (Table 3) shows the obvious covalent interaction between the coordinated atoms and Cd(II) ion. The differences of the NBO bond orders for Cd-O and Cd-Br bonds make their bond lengths be different<sup>[32]</sup>, which is in good agreement with the X-ray crystal structural data of complex **2**.

As can be seen from the Fig.8, lowest unoccupied molecular orbital (LUMO) and highest occupied molecular orbital (HOMO) of **2** are all mainly made up of bib ligand, So, ILCT may be inferred from some contours of molecular orbital of complex **2**.

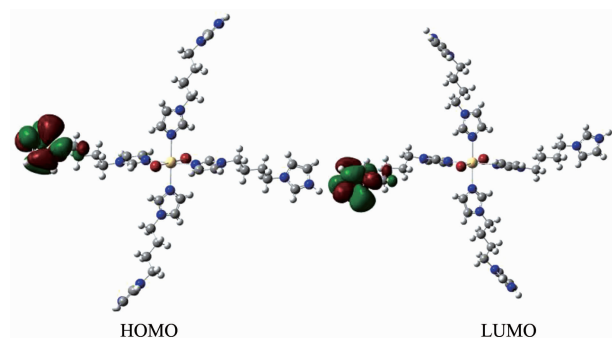


Fig.8 Frontier molecular orbitals of complex **2**

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