2,2′-二硫代二苯甲酸、2,2′-二羧苯基硫醚及氮杂环配体的锌和钴配合物的合成、晶体结构与性质

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摘要:使用 2,2'-二硫代二苯甲酸和 1H-咪唑[4,5-f][1,10]菲咯啉(ip)、硝酸锌在水热条件下发生的原位反应合成了 1 个锌配合物,即[$Zn(C_{14}H_8O_4S)(ip)(H_2O)$] ($1)(C_{14}H_8O_4S=2,2'$ -二羧苯基硫醚);然后又利用 2,2'-二硫代二苯甲酸和咪唑(im)、硝酸钴在水溶液中合成了 1 个钴配合物,即 {[$Co(C_{14}H_8O_4S_2)(im)_2$]· H_2O }。($2)(C_{14}H_8O_4S_2=2,2'$ -二硫代二苯甲酸根),并对它们分别进行了元素分析、红外光谱、热稳定性、荧光光谱、X 射线粉末衍射和 X 射线单晶衍射的表征。结果表明:配合物 1 由 2,2'-二羧苯基硫醚配体连接形成了一个双核的化合物,且锌原子是五配位的三角双锥结构。配合物 2 由二硫代二苯甲酸配体桥联形成了一个一维链状结构,且钴原子是六配位的八面体结构。

关键词:2,2'-二硫代二苯甲酸:2,2'-二羧苯基硫醚;原位反应:晶体结构

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Syntheses, Crystal Structures and Properties of Zinc(II) and Co(II) Complexes Constructed by 2,2'-Dithiosalicylic Acid, Bis(2-carboxyphenyl) Sulfide and N-Donor Ligands

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Abstract: The Zn(II) complex, $[Zn(C_{14}H_8O_4S)(ip)(H_2O)]$ (1) $(C_{14}H_8O_4S=bis(2-carboxyphenyl)$ sulfide, ip=1H-imidazo [4,5-f][1,10] phenanthroline) was prepared with 2,2'-dithiosalicylic acid, ip and $Zn(NO_3)_2 \cdot 6H_2O$ by in situ hydrothermal reaction; while $\{[Co(C_{14}H_8O_4S_2)(im)_2] \cdot H_2O\}_n$ (2) $(C_{14}H_8O_4S_2=2,2'$ -dithiosalicylate, im=imidazole) was synthesized by mixing 2,2'-dithiosalicylic acid, im and cobalt dinitrate; after that they were characterized by elemental analysis, thermal analysis, IR, fluorescent spectra analysis, XRD and X-ray single crystal diffraction. Complex 1 has a dinuclear structure, and the Zn(II) ion is five-coordinated in a distorted trigonal bipyramidal geometry. Complex 2 has a one-dimensional chain structure, while the Co(II) ion is six-coordinated to form a distorted octahedral configuration. CCDC: 998515, 1; 1002404, 2.

Keywords: 2,2'-dithiosalicylic acid; bis(2-carboxyphenyl) sulfide; in situ reaction; crystal structure

0 Introduction

Recently, the design and synthesis of metalorganic supramolecular architectures have been well developed^[1-5]. The considerable interest is driven to a large extent owing to their rich topological structures and potential applications in the electrical conductivity, chemical absorption, ion-exchange, catalysis, biology, nonlinear optics, molecular magnets and others^[6-10]. It has been proved that the utilization of appropriate

ligand as a connection is crucial to the construction of specific supramolecular structures. In general, the multiple coordination sites of the ligand incline towards forming higher dimensions^[11-13]. The multifunctional thiodicarboxylic acid and its derivatives, which may link metal centers through both carboxylate groups and the S atom, are good candidates for the formation of different extended architectures^[14]. The carboxylate group can coordinate in multiple ways, either as a chelating ligand or as a bridging ligand with different coordination numbers to various metal cations, resulting in the assembly of different supramolecular complexes^[15]. Now, based on the use of thiodicarboxylate as a ligand, we have chosen 2,2'-dithiosalicylic acid to prepare the new supramolecular complexes. Disulfide bridging phenyl carboxylate ligands possess flexibility owing to the presence of -S-S- linkages between the phenyl rings and can adopt various conformations according to geometric requirements when they react with different metal salts, the flexible and multifunctional coordination sites provide a high likelihood for build novel coordination frameworks. On the other hand, disulfides are desirable objects for the in situ metal/ligand reactions because of versatile transformations through the facile cleavage of S-S^[16]. In this context, we present the syntheses, crystal structures and the properties of the two complexes, namely $[Zn(C_{14}H_8O_4S)(ip)(H_2O)]$ (1) and $\{[Co(C_{14}H_8O_4S_2)]\}$ $(im)_2$] · H₂O₃, (2), which incorporates 1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*f*] [1,10]phenanthroline(ip) or imidazole(im) ligand.

1 Experimental

1.1 Reagent and instruments

All the regents were analytical reagent grade and used without further purification. Elemental analyses were performed on a CARLO ERBA 1106 analyzer. The FT-IR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Equinox 55 FT-IR spectrometer using KBr pellet at a resolution of 0.5 cm $^{-1}$ (400~4 000 cm $^{-1}$). Thermogravimetry analyses were measured on a Perkin Elmer TG/DTA 6300 thermogravimetric analyzer under a flowing N_2 atmosphere with a heating rate of 10 $^{\circ}\text{C}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$ starting at ambient temperature and heating up to 800 $^{\circ}\text{C}$,

using sample weight of $1\sim5$ mg. Powder X-ray diffraction (XRD) patterns were measured at 293 K on a Bruker D8 diffractometer (Cu $K\alpha$, λ =0.154 059 nm, U=40 kV, I=10 mA), with the scanning speed of $0.2^{\circ} \cdot \text{min}^{-1}$. The suitable single crystals of these complexes were employed for data collection on a Bruker P4 diffractometer with graphite monochromatized Mo $K\alpha$ (λ =0.071 073 nm).

1.2 Syntheses of the complexes

1.2.1 Synthesis of $[Zn(C_{14}H_8O_4S)(ip)(H_2O)]$ (1)

The complex was prepared by the addition of ip (2.0 mmol), 2,2′-dithiosalicylic acid (2.0 mmol) and zinc nitrate hexahydrate (2.0 mmol) to a mixing solution of DMF (N,N-dimethylformamide), water and methanol (1:4:1, V/V, 20 mL). The mixture was sealed in a 50 mL Teflon-lined stainless steel bomb and held at 423 K for 72 h. The bomb was cooled naturally to room temperature, and colorless crystals were obtained from the filtered solution after several days. Analysis calculated for $C_{27}H_{18}N_4O_5SZn(\%)$: C 56.31, H 3.15, N 9.73; Found(%): C 56.30, H 3.16, N 9.74. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3 392(w), 3 130(s), 3 040(s), 1 575(m), 1 500 (s), 1 392(m), 1 450(s), 1 388(s), 1 151(m), 1 036(s), 977(s), 876(s), 760(m), 480(s).

1.2.2 Synthesis of $\{[C_0(C_{14}H_8O_4S_2)(im)_2] \cdot H_2O\}_n$ (2)

2,2′-dithiosalicylic acid (2.0 mmol), cobalt nitrate hexahydrate (2.0 mmol) and im (2.0 mmol) were slowly added to a methanol and water solution (20 mL), and the pH value was adjusted to 7 with 0.1 mol \cdot L⁻¹ sodium hydroxide solution. The resulting solution was stirred for 45 min at room temperature, and then filtered. Red single crystals were obtained from the filtrate at room temperature for 7 days. Analysis calculated for C₂₀H₁₈N₄O₅S₂Co(%): C 46.42, H 3.51, N 10.83; Found(%): C 46.43, H 3.50, N 10.82%. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3 560(s), 3 478(s), 3 418(w), 3 231(s), 1 640(s), 1 621(m), 1 596(s), 1 527(s), 1 383(m), 1 189(s), 1 069(m), 984(s), 740(m), 610(m), 479(m).

1.3 X-ray crystallographic determination

The suitable single crystal of these complexes was employed for data collection on a Bruker P4 diffractometer with graphite monochromatized Mo $K\alpha$ (λ =0.071 073 nm) radiation. All structures were solved

by direct method and difference Fourier syntheses. All nonhydrogen atoms were refined by full-matrix least-squares techniques on F^2 with anisotropic thermal parameters. The C-H atoms were located and included at their geometrically idealized positions, with $d_{\rm CH}=0.093$ nm and were refined as riding, with $U_{\rm iso}({\rm H})=1.2U_{\rm eq}({\rm C})$. The other hydrogen atoms of water molecules and N-H atoms were located in difference Fourier maps and refined in the riding model approximation,

with the O-H, H···H and N-H distance restraints of 0.085(1), 0.139(1) and 0.090(1) nm, respectively, and with $U_{\rm iso}({\rm H}) = 1.5 U_{\rm eq}({\rm O})$. All calculations were carried out with SHELXL 97 program^[16]. The summary of the crystallographic data for the complexes are provided in Table 1. The selected bond distances and angles are listed in Table 2.

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Table 1 Crystal data and structure parameters for the complexes

Complex	1	2
Formula	C ₂₇ H ₁₈ N ₄ O ₅ SZn	C ₂₀ H ₁₈ N ₄ O ₅ S ₂ Co
Formula weight	575.88	517.43
Temperature / K	296(2)	295(2)
Size / mm	0.30×0.20×0.18	0.36×0.28×0.20
θ range for data collection / (°)	2.54~25.00	1.70~25.00
Crystal system	Triclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	$P\overline{1}$	P2 ₁ /c
a / nm	1.077 1(6)	1.251 8(11)
b / nm	1.102 8(6)	2.274(2)
c / nm	1.137 7(6)	0.809 8(7)
α / (°)	64.142 0(10)	90
β / (°)	79.559 0(10)	106.440(10)
γ / (°)	79.559 0(10)	90
V / nm3	1.195 8(11)	2.211(3)
Z	2	4
$D_{ m c}$ / $({ m g} \cdot { m cm}^{-3})$	1.599	1.555
μ / $\mathrm{mm}^{ ext{-1}}$	1.163	1.005
F(000)	588	1 060
Reflections collected	7 486	12 125
Unique reflections $(R_{\rm int})$	4 156 (0.017 2)	3 883 (0.025 8)
$R, wR (I>2\sigma(I))$	0.026 4, 0.073 2	0.034 7, 0.767
R, wR (all data)	0.029 1, 0.075 2	0.042 9, 0.795
Goodness-of-fit (on F^2)	1.028	1.055
$(\Delta \rho)_{\text{max}}, (\Delta \rho)_{\text{min}} / (\text{e} \cdot \text{nm}^{-3})$	418, -191	307, -191

Table 2 $\,$ Selected bond lengths (nm) and angles (°) for the complexes

Complex 1						
Zn(1)-O(1)	0.196 4(1)	Zn(1)-OW1	0.202 6(1)	Zn(1)-O(4)i	0.209 6(1)	
Zn(1)-N(4)	0.209 9(1)	Zn(1)-N(3)	0.220 9(2)	S(1)-C(8)	0.178 1(2)	
S(1)-C(7)	0.178 6(2)	O(1)-C(1)	0.127 0(2)	O(2)-C(1)	0.123 4(2)	
O(3)-C(14)	0.124 3(2)	O(4)-C(14)	0.126 9(2)			
O(1)-Zn(1)-OW1	110.82(7)	$O(1)$ - $Zn(1)$ - $O(4)^{i}$	98.52(6)	$\mathrm{OW1\text{-}Zn}(1)\text{-}\mathrm{O}(4)^{i}$	91.66(6)	
O(1)-Zn(1)-N(4)	131.35(6)	OW1-Zn(1)-N(4)	116.82(7)	$O(4)^{i}$ -Zn(1)-N(4)	89.62(6)	

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O(1)- $Zn(1)$ - $N(3)$	96.47(6)	OW1- $Zn(1)$ - $N(3)$	87.76(6)	$O(4)^{i}$ -Zn(1)-N(3)	164.15(6)
		Complex	x 2		
Co(1)-O(1)	0.205 8(2)	Co(1)-N(1)	0.208 1(3)	Co(1)-N(3)	0.210 4(3)
Co(1)-O1W	0.215 1(2)	$Co(1)$ - $O(4)^{i}$	0.218 4(2)	$\mathrm{Co}(1)\text{-}\mathrm{O}(3)^{\mathrm{i}}$	0.224 7(2)
S(1)-C(7)	0.180 3(3)	S(1)-S(2)	0.205 7(2)	S(2)-C(8)	0.178 4(3)
O(1)-C(1)	0.126 2(3)	O(2)-C(1)	0.124 1(3)	O(3)-C(14)	0.125 9(3)
O(4)-C(14)	0.126 9(3)				
O(1)-Co(1)-N(1)	102.64(9)	O(1)-Co(1)-N(3)	91.12(10)	N(1)-Co(1)-N(3)	92.59(10)
O(1)- $Co(1)$ - $O1W$	91.85(9)	N(1)-Co(1)-O1W	90.95(9)	N(3)-Co(1)-O1W	174.78(8)
$O(1)\text{-}Co(1)\text{-}O(4)^{i}$	95.31(9)	$N(1)$ -Co(1)-O(4) i	161.52(8)	$\mathrm{O1W}\text{-}\mathrm{Co}(1)\text{-}\mathrm{O}(4)^{i}$	84.06(8)
$O(1)\text{-}Co(1)\text{-}O(3)^{i}$	154.29(8)	$N(3)$ - $Co(1)$ - $O(4)^{i}$	91.39(9)	$N(1)$ -Co(1)-O(3) i	103.04(8)
$N(3)$ - $Co(1)$ - $O(3)^{i}$	86.47(9)	$\mathrm{O1W\text{-}Co}(1)\text{-}\mathrm{O}(3)^{i}$	89.00(8)	$\mathrm{O}(4)^i\text{-}\mathrm{Co}(1)\text{-}\mathrm{O}(3)^i$	59.21(6)
C(7)-S(1)-S(2)	104.36(9)	C(8)-S(2)-S(1)	106.92(8)		

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

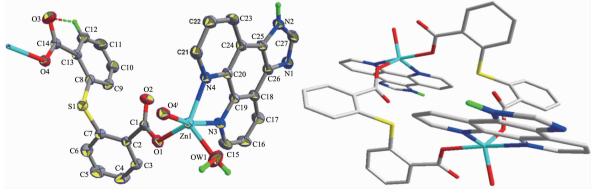
2 Results and discussion

2.1 Crystal structure of $[Zn(C_{14}H_8O_4S)(ip)(H_2O)]$ (1)

The molecular structure of the complex 1 is depicted in Fig.1. The in situ reaction between 2,2′-dithiosalicylic acid, ip and zinc dinitrate offers the title Zn(II) complex 1, in which bis(2-carboxyphenyl) sulfide is generated. The carboxyl group is bound to the Zn(II) atom in a monodentate coordination fashion via a single O atom, whereas the ip molecule acts as a bidentate chelating ligand coordinating through two N atoms. The X-ray diffraction analysis shows that this complex has a dinuclear structure. Each Zn(II) ion lies on a distorted trigonal bipyramid with a ZnO₃N₂ chromophore, defined by two oxygen atoms from two

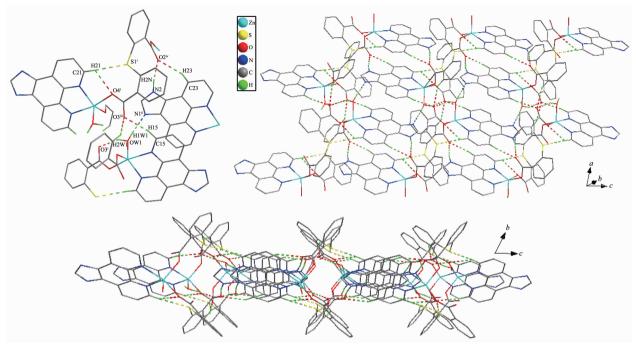
different carboxyphenyl group and two N atoms from one ip co-ligand, as well as one water molecule. Atoms O1, OW1 and N4 comprise the equatorial plane, and O4ⁱ and N3 atoms occupy the apical sites $(\angle O(4)^i - Zn(1) - N(3) = 164.15(6)^\circ$; Symmetry codes: $^i - x + 1$, -y + 1, -z + 1). The Zn-N distances are 0.220 9 (2) and 0.209 9(2) nm and the Zn-O bond lengths vary from 0.196 4(1) to 0.260 1(3) nm (Table 2).

Adjacent Zn(II) ions are double-bridged by the bis(2-carboxyphenyl) sulfide ligand in the bis-monodentate mode, resulting in a dinuclear unit, generating a macrocyclic ring with the $Zn\cdots Zn$ separation distance of 0.854 6 nm (Fig.2). The dihedral angle between two benzene ring planes of bis(2-carboxyphenyl) sulfide ligand is 88.74(7)°, and the bond angle ($\angle C(8)$ -S(1)-C(7)) is 102.77(9)°. There is intramolecular hydrogen



Symmetry codes: i -x+1, -y+1, -z+1

Fig.1 Molecular structure of 1 with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 30% probability level



Symmetry codes: ${}^{i}-x+1, -y+1, -z+1; {}^{ii}-x, -y+1, -z; {}^{iii}x-1, y, z; {}^{iv}-x+1, -y+1, -z+1; -$

Fig.2 Two-dimensional structure of 1

bond in the complex (C(12)-H(12)···O(3) 0.271 5(3) nm) (Fig.1, Table 3).

Additionally, there are five kinds of intramolecular hydrogen bonds: O–H···O (O(W1)–H(2W1)···O (3)i 0.264 4(2) nm), O–H···N (O(W1)–H(1W1)···N(1)ii 0.286 5(2) nm), N–H···O (N(2)–H(2N)···O (2)iv 0.279 6(2) nm), C–H···O (C(3)–H(3)···O (3)iii 0.324 4(3) nm, C(15)–H(15)···O (3)iii 0.328 0(3) nm, C(23)–H(23)···O (2)iv 0.326 9(2) nm and C(21)–H(21)···O (4)i 0.303 1(2) nm) and C–H···S (C(21)–H(21)···S (1)i 0.364 4(2) nm) (Fig.2, Table 3). Such interactions of hydrogen bonds extend the binuclear units into a two-dimensional layer structure.

Furthermore, there exist π - π stacking interactions between adjacent two-dimensional sheet (C(22)–H(22)···Cg 0.346 8 nm, the centroid Cg is built by atoms C8, C9, C10, C11, C12 and C13), leading to the formation of a three-dimensional supramolecular network (Fig.3). By consideration that crystal packing results as the sum of many different contributions of directional and non-directional intermolecular interactions, it is important that different types of interactions are considered jointly in structure analysis, contributing to the stabilization of the crystal struc-

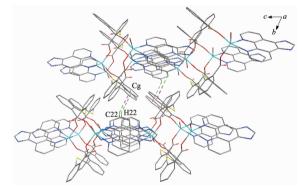


Fig.3 Three-dimensional structure of 1

tures of the complexes.

2.2 Crystal structure of $\{[Co(C_{14}H_8O_4S_2)(im)_2]\cdot H_2O\}_n$ (2)

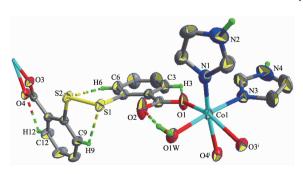
As depicted in Fig.4, the Co(II) ion exists in a distorted octahedral coordination configuration, defined by two N-atom donors from two monodentate imidazole ligands, three O-atom donors from two different 2,2′-dithiosalicylate ligands, where one carboxylate group (O(3)-C(14)-O(4)) coordinates in a bidentate mode and the other group (O(1)-C(1)-O(2)) coordinates in a monodentate mode, as well as one coordination water molecule. Atoms O1, O3ⁱ, O4ⁱ and N1 comprise the equatorial plane, and atoms N3 and O1W occupy the axial positions $(\angle N(3)-Co(1)-O(1W)$

Table 3	Hydrogen	bond	parameters	for	the	complexes
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$D-H\cdots A$	d(D-H) / nm	$d(\mathbf{H}\cdots\mathbf{A})$ / nm	$d(\mathbf{D}\cdots\mathbf{A})$ / nm	∠DHA / (°)
Complex 1				
C(12)-H(12)···O(3)	0.093	0.238	0.271 5(3)	100.8
$\mathrm{C}(21)\mathrm{-H}(21)\cdots\mathrm{S}(1)^{\mathrm{i}}$	0.093	0.272	0.364 4(2)	174.8
$\mathrm{C}(21)\mathrm{-H}(21)\cdots\mathrm{O}(4)^{\mathrm{i}}$	0.093	0.248	0.303 1(2)	118.4
$\mathrm{O}(W1){-}\mathrm{H}(2W1){\cdots}\mathrm{O}(3)^{\mathrm{i}}$	0.083 7(9)	0.188(1)	0.264 4(2)	151(2)
$\mathrm{O}(\mathrm{W1})\mathrm{-H}(1\mathrm{W1})\cdots\mathrm{N}(1)^{ii}$	0.084 7(9)	0.202(1)	0.286 5(2)	173(2)
$\mathrm{C}(3)\mathrm{-H}(3)\cdots\mathrm{O}(3)^{\mathrm{iii}}$	0.093	0.243	0.324 4(3)	146.0
$\mathrm{C}(15)\mathrm{-H}(15)\cdots\mathrm{O}(3)^{\mathrm{iii}}$	0.093	0.237	0.328 0(3)	166.5
$N(2){-}H(2N)\cdots O(2)^{iv}$	0.090 3(17)	0.192(2)	0.279 6(2)	165(2)
$\mathrm{C}(23)\mathrm{-H}(23)\cdots\mathrm{O}(2)^{\mathrm{i}\mathrm{v}}$	0.093	0.241	0.326 9(2)	154.0
Complex 2				
O(1W)- $H(1W1)$ ··· $O(2)$	0.084(3)	0.179(3)	0.260 0(3)	160(3)
C(3)- $H(3)$ ··· $O(1)$	0.093	0.246	0.278 3(4)	100.2
C(6)- $H(6)$ ··· $S(2)$	0.093	0.262	0.315 9(4)	117.8
C(9)- $H(9)$ ··· $S(1)$	0.093	0.266	0.320 3(4)	117.7
C(12)- $H(12)$ ···O(4)	0.093	0.245	0.278 0(4)	100.6
$\mathrm{O}(1\mathrm{W})\mathrm{-H}(2\mathrm{W}1)\cdots\mathrm{O}(3)^{\mathrm{iii}}$	0.079(3)	0.202(3)	0.280 3(3)	172(3)
$N(2){-}H(2N){\cdots}\operatorname{O}(4)^{\mathrm{i}\mathrm{v}}$	0.086	0.237	0.306 6(4)	138.0
$N(4){-}H(4N)\cdots O(4)^{\mathrm{v}}$	0.086	0.200	0.280 8(4)	156.0
$C(11)-H(11)\cdots S(2)^{vi}$	0.093	0.273	0.360 6(4)	158.4

Symmetry codes: ${}^{i}-x+1, -y+1, -z+1, {}^{ii}-x, -y+1, -z, {}^{iii}x-1, y, z, {}^{iv}-x+1, -y+1, -z \text{ for } \mathbf{1}; {}^{iii}-x+1, -y+1, -z+1, -z+1, -z, {}^{iv}x-1, y, z+1, {}^{v}x-1, -y+1/2, z+1/2, {}^{v}x, y, z-1 \text{ for } \mathbf{2}.$

= 174.78(8)°; Symmetry codes: ^{i}x –1, y, z). The Co-O distances fall in the range of 0.205 8(2)~0.224 7(2) nm, while the Co-N distances fall in the range of 0.252 7(2) ~0.209 6(1) nm. The dihedral angles between two imidazoles as well as between two benzene ring planes of the 2,2′-dithiosalicylate ligand are 84.189 (104)° and 85.532(139)°, respectively. The difference for torsion angle C(7)-S(1)-S(2)-C(8), 82.55(12)°, may be attributed to the remarkable conformational flexibility



Symmetry codes: ${}^{i}x-1$, y, z

Fig.4 Molecular structure of ${\bf 2}$ with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 30% probability level

of 2,2′-dithiosalicylate ligand. Three kinds of intramolecular hydrogen bonds are observed in the complex: $O-H\cdots O$ ($O(1W)-H(1W1)\cdots O(1)$ 0.278 3(4) nm), $C-H\cdots O$ ($C(3)-H(3)\cdots O(1)$ 0.278 3(4) nm, $C(12)-H(12)\cdots O(4)$ 0.278 0(4) nm and $C-H\cdots S$ ($C(6)-H(6)\cdots S(2)$ 0.315 9(4) nm and $C(9)-H(9)\cdots S(1)$ 0.320 3(4) nm), as shown in Table 3.

Adjacent Co (II) ions are bridged by 2,2′ - dithiosalicylate ligand, which adopts a tridentate coordination mode, resulting in a one-dimensional infinite chain structure. In the chain, the adjacent Co ··· Co distance is 1.251 8 nm (Fig.5). Interestingly, it is observed that there exists two kinds of intermolecular hydrogen bond: N-H···O (N(2)-H(2N)···O(4)^{iv} 0.306 6(4) nm and N(4)-H(4N)···O(4)^v 0.280 8(4) nm) and C-H···S (C(11)-H(11)···S(2)^{vi} 0.360 6(4) nm), resulting in the two-dimensional layer structure (Fig.5 and Table 3, Symmetry codes: iv x-1, y, z+1; v x-1, -y+1/2, z+1/2; vi x, y, z-1).

In addition, there also exist other intermolecular

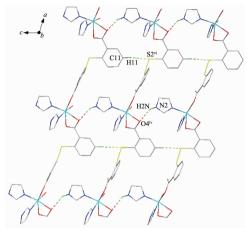


Fig.5 Two-dimensional layer structure of complex 2

hydrogen bond $(O(1W)-H(2W1)\cdots O(3)^{iii} 0.280\ 3(3)$ nm, Symmetry codes: $^{ii}-x+1$, -y+1, -z+1). As a sequence, a three-dimensional supramolecular network structure is constructed (Fig.6, Table 3).

2.3 XRD and thermogravimetric analysis

Powder X-ray diffraction (XRD) patterns for solid

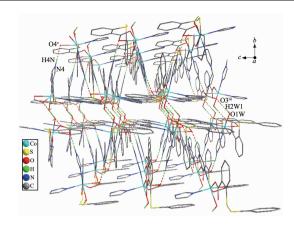


Fig.6 Three-dimensional structure of complex 2

samples of complexes 1 and 2 are measured at room temperature as illustrated in Fig.7. The patterns are highly similar to their simulated ones (based on the single-crystal X-ray diffraction data), indicating that the single-crystal structures are really representative of the bulk of the corresponding samples.

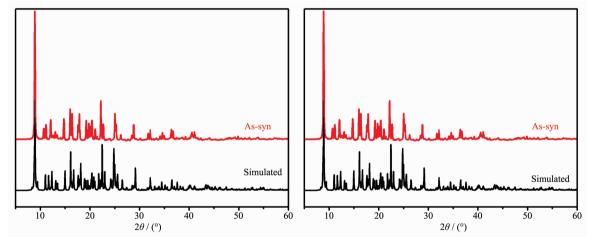


Fig.7 XRD patterns for complexes 1 and 2

From the thermal analysis curves of complex 1 (Fig.8), we can see that there are three weight-loss steps. Above 40 °C up to 253 °C, a small weight loss is found (Found 3.03%, Calcd. 3.13%), which is attributed to the dehydration of the coordinated water molecules.. A rapid weight loss can be detected from 253 to 516 °C, which is attributed to the dehydration of ip molecules and phenyl groups. After gradually burning decomposition, the final residue may be ZnO (Found 14.28%, Calcd. 14.13%).

The result of TG analysis of the complex 2 is

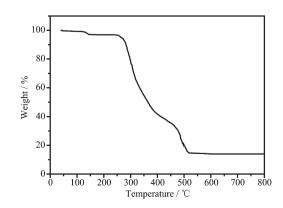


Fig.8 TG curve of complex 1

showed in Fig.9. The first weight loss can be detected from 50 to 250 °C (Found 3.45%, Calcd. 3.48%), which is attributed to the dehydration of the coordinated water molecules. The weight loss occurring between 250 and 515 °C corresponds to decomposition of imidazoles molecules and phen molecules. The final residual is CoO (Found 14.23%, Calcd. 14.48%).

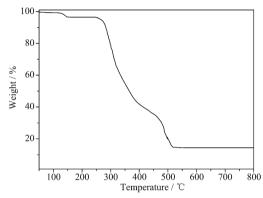


Fig.9 TG curve of complex 2

2.4 Fluorescent spectra analysis

The free ip ligand shows strong emission peak centered at 460 nm upon excitation at 315 nm, but the free bis(2-carboxyphenyl) sulfide ligand didn't

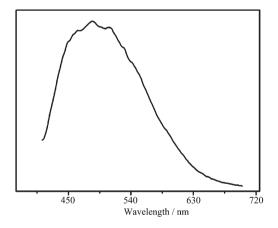


Fig.10 Emission spectrum of 1 in the solid state at room temperature

show the emission peak. Excitation ($\lambda_{\rm ex}$ =395 nm) of the complex **1** in the solid state at room temperature produces fluorescent emissions at 483 nm (Fig.10). It may originate from the emission of free ip ligand.

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