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The synthesis, structure, and luminescence of two silver(I)-dppm complexes based on sulfate anion and nitrogen heterocyclic ligands

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ABSTRACT

At ambient temperature, two silver(I) complexes $[Ag_4(SO_4)_2(dppm)_4]$ -5CH₃CH₂OH-1/2H₂O (**1**) and $[Ag_2(SO_4)(dppm)_2(2-ampz)]$ -CH₃OH-H₂O (**2**) (dppm = bis(diphenylphosphino)methane, 2-ampz = 2-aminopyrazine) were obtained by the reaction of Ag₂SO₄ with dppm in the presence of pyrazine or 2-aminopyrazine. They are characterized by IR, X-ray crystallography, luminescence and ¹H, ³¹P NMR spectroscopy. Complex **1** is a tetranuclear cluster. In complex **2**, the units $[Ag_2(SO_4)(dppm)_2]$ are connected by 2-aminopyrazine to form a 1D linear polymer. Due to the subtle interactions of different nitrogen heterocyclic ligands with silver ions, two SO₄²⁻ anions in **1** adopt μ_3 -O, O', O' and unique μ_4 -O, O, O', O' bonding modes respectively, while SO₄²⁻ anion in **2** adopts μ -O, O' bonding mode.

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1. Introduction

The metal coordination polymers have attracted great interests not only for their potential applications as functional materials, but also for their fascinating architectures [1–3]. The design and synthesis of metal coordination polymers can be influenced by many factors, especially influenced by the nature of metal ions, ligands, and anions [4–6]. The coordinated anions have been found to be efficient in influencing the structure of the d¹⁰ metal-dppm complexes, such as tetranuclear complexes [Ag₄(μ_3 -Cl)(μ -S₂O₃)(μ dppm)₃], [Ag₄(μ_3 -S₂O₃)(μ -S₂O₃)(μ -dppm)₄] [7], [Ag₂(μ -OAc)₂(μ dppm)]₂ [8] and [Ag(μ -SCN)₂(μ -dppm)Ag]₂ [9].

To our knowledge, Ag(I) complexes containing SO_4^{2-} anions are rare, and in these reported complexes the bonding mode of SO_4^{2-} anion can also influence the structure of the complex. The reported bonding modes of SO_4^{2-} are (I) O- (II) μ -O, O' (III) μ_4 -O, O', O'', O'' (IV) μ_3 -O, O', O' [10–13] (Scheme 1). However, due to the presence of many subtle interactions, the rational design and construction of specific architecture are still a challenge to chemists. In our previous work, we find that introducing nitrogen heterocyclic ligand into the reaction system is important for generating some intriguing architectures [14,15], for example Ag(I)-dppm complexes [Ag₂(μ -dppm)₂(μ -SO₄)(2-amp)₂]·CH₃OH (**3**) and

* Corresponding author. E-mail address: jinqh@mail.cnu.edu.cn (Q.-H. Jin). $[Ag_4(\mu$ -dppm)₂(μ -SO₄)₂(μ -4,4'-bpy)₂]·2CH₃OH (**4**) are obtained by using nitrogen heterocyclic ligands 2-aminopyrimidine (2-amp) and 4,4'-bipyridine (4,4'-bpy), respectively [16]. In this paper, selecting pyrazine and 2-aminopyrazine as nitrogen heterocyclic ligands, two new silver(I) complexes $[Ag_4(\mu_3-SO_4)(\mu_4-SO_4)-(\mu$ -dppm)₄]·5CH₃CH₂OH·1/2H₂O (1) and $[Ag_2(\mu$ -SO₄)(μ -dppm)₂ (2-ampz)]·CH₃OH·H₂O (2) were obtained. Complex **1** is a tetranuclear cluster, where the SO₄²⁻ anions adopt the μ_3 -O, O', O' bonding mode (IV) and μ_4 -O, O, O', O' bonding mode (V), the latter mode had not been reported (Scheme 1). In complex **2**, the units $[Ag_2-(SO_4)(dppm)_2]$ are connected by 2-aminopyrazine to form a 1D linear polymer. They are characterized by X-ray crystallography, IR, luminescence, ¹H, ³¹P NMR spectroscopy.

2. Experimental

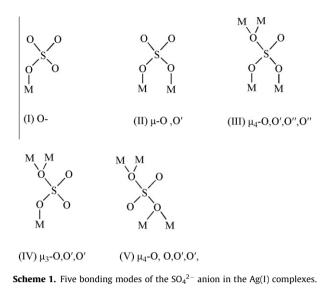
2.1. Materials and physical measurements

All reagents were supplied by J&K Chemical Ltd. and were used as received without further purification. All experiments were performed at ambient temperature. Elemental analyses (C, H, N) were performed on a Flash EA 1112 analyzer. IR spectra were recorded from KBr pellets on a Bruker EQUINOX 55 FT-spectrometer. NMR experiments were carried out on a JNM ECA-600 (JEOL) spectrometer. Emission spectrum was recorded on a Hitachi F-4500 Luminescence Spectrophotometer.





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2.2. Synthesis of the complex 1

Complex **1** was obtained by reaction of Ag_2SO_4 (0.2 mmol, 0.0623 g), bis(diphenylphosphino)methane(dppm) (0.4 mmol, 0.1532 g), pyrazine (pz) (0.4 mmol, 0.0361 g) in a mixture of 5 ml dichloromethane, 5 ml methanol and 5 ml ethanol. They were stirred for 3 h and filtered. Colorless crystal was obtained from the filtrate after standing in the room temperature for several days. *Anal.* Calc. for C₁₁₀H₁₁₉P₈S₂O_{13.5}Ag₄: C, 55.03; H, 4.96. Found: C, 55.23; H.5.14%. IR data (cm⁻¹, KBr pellets): 3423m, 3050w, 1637w, 1482w, 1435s, 1400w, 1385w, 1308w, 1123s, 1099s,1025w, 1000w, 780w, 739s, 717w, 692s, 618m, 514w, 480w, 439w.

2.3. Synthesis of the complex 2

Complex **2** was obtained by reaction of Ag_2SO_4 (0.2 mmol, 0.0623 g), bis(diphenylphosphino)methane(dppm) (0.4 mmol, 0.1536 g), 2-aminopyrazine (2-ampz) (0.4 mmol, 0.0381 g) in a mixture of 5 ml dichloromethane and 5 ml methanol. They were stirred for 3 h and filtered. Colorless crystal was obtained from the filtrate after standing in the room temperature for several days. *Anal.* Calc. for $C_{54}H_{55}N_3P_4SO_6Ag_2$: C, 53.27; H, 4.52; N, 3.45. Found: C, 53.46; H, 4.69; N, 3.62%. IR data (cm⁻¹, KBr pellets): 3442m, 1632w, 1534m, 1482w, 1435s, 1385w, 1096s, 778w, 741s, 718w, 692s, 618m, 515w, 479w, 423w.

2.4. X-ray crystallography

Single-crystal X-ray diffraction studies of complexes **1–2** were performed on a Bruker SMART diffractometer equipped with CCD area detector with a graphite monochromator situated in the incident beam for data collection. The determination of unit cell parameters and data collections were performed with Mo K α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å) by x scan mode. All data were corrected by semi-empirical method using sADABS program. The program SAINT was used for integration of the diffraction profiles.

All structures were solved by direct methods using SHELXS-97 program of the SHELXL-97 [17] package and refined with SHELXL-97 package [18]. Metal atom centers were located from the E-maps and other non-hydrogen atoms were located in successive difference Fourier syntheses. The final refinements were performed by full-matrix least-squares methods with anisotropic thermal parameters for non-hydrogen atoms on F^2 . All the hydrogen atoms were first found in difference electron density maps, and then placed in the

Table 1

Crystallographic data and structure refinement summary complexes 1-2.

	1	2
Formula	C ₁₁₀ H ₁₁₉ P ₈ S ₂ O _{13.5} Ag ₄	C54H55N3P4SO6Ag2
Molecular weight	2400.41	1217.44
Т (К)	298(2)	93(2)
Wavelength (Å)	0.71073	0.71073
Crystal system	Triclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	ΡĪ	$P2_1/c$
a (Å)	15.2615(14)	21.6443(3)
b (Å)	15.2652(14)	21.1753(3)
<i>c</i> (Å)	25.633(2)	13.4627(16)
α(°)	91.0540(10)	90.00
β(°)	94.0980(10)	90.00
γ (°)	111.8312(10)	90.00
V (Å ³)	5522.8(9)	6170.2(13)
Ζ	2	4
$D_{\text{calc}} (\text{mg m}^{-3})$	1.443	1.327
Crystal size (mm)	$0.49 \times 0.48 \times 0.45$	$0.53 \times 0.47 \times 0.40$
Goodness-of-fit F ²	1.037	1.003
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-	Full-matrix least-
	squares on F ²	squares on F ²
Final R_1 and wR_2 indices	$R_1 = 0.0840$	$R_1 = 0.0562$
	$wR_2 = 0.2081$	$wR_2 = 0.1636$
R ₁ and wR ₂ indices (all data)	$R_1 = 0.1862$,	$R_1 = 0.0633$,
	$wR_2 = 0.2817$	$wR_2 = 0.1707$
Maximum and minimum peaks (e Å ⁻³)	1.428 and –1.323	1.487 and –0.676

Table 2

Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for complexes 1-2.

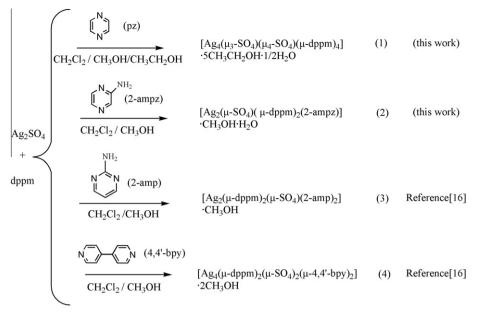
Complex 1			
Ag(1)-P(1)	2.441(3)	Ag(1)-P(8)	2.448(3)
Ag(1) - O(1)	2.331(9)	Ag(1)-O(5)	2.414(9)
Ag(2)-P(2)	2.447(3)	Ag(2)-P(3)	2.446(4)
Ag(2)-O(1)	2.329(9)	Ag(2)-O(6)	2.437(10)
Ag(3)-P(4)	2.465(4)	Ag(3)-P(5)	2.490(4)
Ag(3)-O(2)	2.714(10)	Ag(3)-O(6)	2.348(8)
Ag(4)-P(6)	2.482(4)	Ag(4)-P(7)	2.485(4)
Ag(4) - O(2)	2.526(10)	Ag(1)-O(7)	2.361(8)
P(1)-Ag(1)-P(8)	121.66(12)	P(3)-Ag(2)-P(2)	118.22(12)
P(4)-Ag(3)-P(5)	119.61(13)	P(6)-Ag(4)-P(7)	116.13(12)
Complex 2			
Ag(1)-P(1)	2.4244	Ag(1)-P(3)	2.4413
Ag(1) - O(1)	2.4287	Ag(1) - N(1)	2.507(6)
Ag(2)-P(2)	2.4556	Ag(2)-P(4)	2.4502
Ag(2) - O(2)	2.386(6)	Ag(2)-N(2)	2.491(5)
Ag(1)-Ag(2)	3.1301		
P(1)-Ag(1)-P(3)	145.82(6)	P(4)-Ag(2)-P(2)	141.42(7)
P(1)-Ag(1)-O(1)	116.21(13)	O(1) - Ag(1) - P(3)	97.66(13)
O(2)-Ag(2)-P(4)	107.73(16)	O(2)-Ag(2)-P(2)	109.16(18)

calculated sites and included in the final refinement in the riding model approximation with displacement parameters derived from the parent atoms to which they were bonded. Further crystallographic data and experimental details for structural analyses of both complexes are summarized in Table 1, and selected bond lengths and angles for complexes **1–2** in Table 2.

3. Results and discussion

3.1. Synthesis of the complexes

Recently, we have synthesized four complexes by the reactions of Ag_2SO_4 and dppm with nitrogen heterocyclic ligands. The synthetic routes are summarized in Scheme 2. The molar ratio of Ag_2SO_4 :dppm:nitrogen heterocyclic ligand (1:2:2) and the choice of the solvent have great influence on the experimental products. The nitrogen heterocyclic ligands (2-aminopyrimidine, 4,4'-bipyridine and 2-aminopyrazine), which have strong coordination ability



Scheme 2. Four reactions of AgSO₄ with dppm and different nitrogen heterocyclic ligands.

with Ag atoms, act as bridging ligands. Furthermore, coordination modes of SO_4^{2-} and dppm are the same in complexes **2–4**, where SO_4^{2-} and dppm behave as bridging ligands. Different nitrogen heterocyclic ligands result in various crystal structures. In complex **2**, 2-aminopyrazine coordinate to Ag atoms by its heterocyclic nitrogen atoms and form hydrogen bonds with the sulfate anions by its amino groups. In complex **1** the pyrazine does not act as a ligand, but it facilitates the generation of the unique coordination mode of SO_4^{2-} anion, which may be due to the subtle interaction of pyrazine with metal silver ions in the system.

3.2. Description of the crystal structures of complexes 1-2

3.2.1. Crystal structure of complex 1

The crystal structural analysis shows that in complex 1 four Ag atoms form a square, whose edges are bridged by four dppm ligands. Two types of coordination geometries are observed for the four independent Ag atoms. Ag(3) is coordinated by two phosphorus atoms from two dppm ligands and one oxygen atom from one SO_4^{2-} to form a distorted trigonal pyramid. While Ag(1), Ag(2), and Ag(4) are coordinated by two phosphorus atoms from two dppm ligands and two oxygen atoms from two SO_4^{2-} to form a distorted tetrahedron (Fig. 1a). Furthermore, two SO₄^{2–} anions adopt different bonding modes. One SO_4^{2-} anion adopts μ_3 -O, O', O' bonding mode (IV) to bridge three Ag atoms, which is only observed in $[Ag_4(L)_2(SO_4)_2(H_2O)_4]$ (L = 2-amino-4,6-dimethylpyrimidine) [13]. The other SO_4^{2-} anion adopts a unique μ_4 -O, O, O', O' bonding mode (V) to bridge four Ag atoms (Fig. 1b). Since two SO_4^{2-} anions are coordinated to Ag atoms in different modes, the edges of the distorted square are not equivalent. Compared with similar compound $Ag_4(\mu_3-S_2O_3)(\mu-S_2O_3)(\mu-dppm)_4$ [7], the average bond length of Ag-P (2.463) is 0.01 Å shorter, and P-Ag-P angle (118.9°) is 3.4° larger.

3.2.2. Crystal structure of complex 2

The crystal structural analysis shows that in complex **2** two four-coordinated Ag atoms are triply bridged by the two dppm ligands and one SO_4^{2-} anion, forming an eight-member ring $Ag_2P_4C_2$ (Fig. 2a), where the SO_4^{2-} anion adopts the μ -O, O' bonding mod-e(II). The units $[Ag_2(\mu$ -SO₄)(μ -dppm)₂] are connected by 2-aminopyrazine to form a 1D linear polymer (Fig. 2b). The distance of the

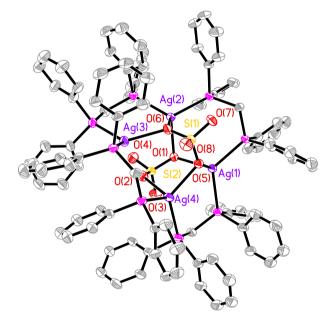


Fig. 1a. Perspective view of complex 1. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

two silver atoms (3.1301 Å) is 0.21 Å shorter than the sum of the covalent radii (3.44 Å), which indicates that there exists Ag–Ag bond in complex **2**. Due to the presence of the bridging SO_4^{2-} anion, the two Ag atoms in Ag₂(µ-P, P'-dppm)₂ core have different coordination environments, hence all bond lengths and angles in Ag₂(µ-P, P'-dppm)₂ unit are different. The crystal packing along *c* -axis shows the interactions among one-dimensional chains (Fig. 2c).

3.3. Emission spectra of complexes

The solid-state fluorescence emission spectra of complex **1** and **2** were measured at room temperature, and the fluorescence emission spectra are displayed in Figs. 3a and 3b. When excited at 350 nm, complex **1** displays a fluorescence emission peak at

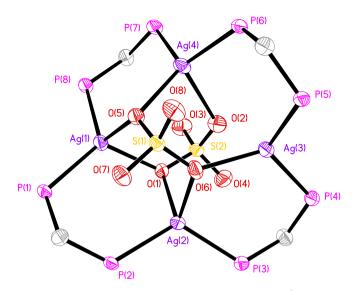


Fig. 1b. Perspective view of coordination geometries of two SO_4^{2-} anions.

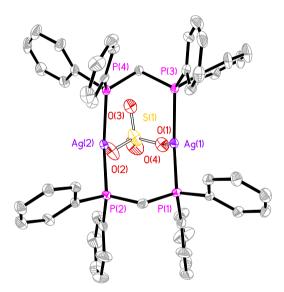


Fig. 2a. Perspective view of $[Ag_2(\mu\mbox{-}SO_4)(\mu\mbox{-}dppm)_2]$ unit. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

380 nm. The emission of complex **1** can be assigned to the metalto-ligand charge transfer (MLCT) or ligand-to-metal charge transfer (LMCT) between the silver(I) atom and the ligand dppm, because the free ligand dppm possesses similar emission (λ_{ex} = 322 nm, λ_{em} = 430 nm), although a sizable blue-shift (50 nm) is observed in **1**. Complex **2** displays a strong fluorescence emission peak at 504 nm (λ_{ex} = 350 nm). The introduction of nitrogen

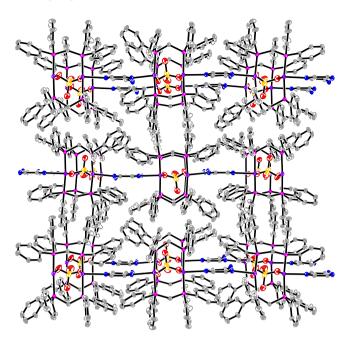


Fig. 2c. Crystal packing of complex 2 along c-axis.

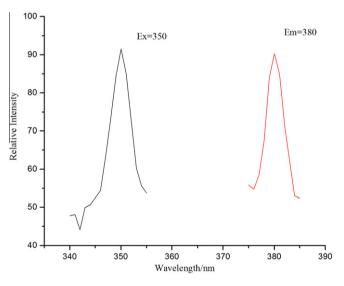


Fig. 3a. Emission spectra measured in the solid state at room temperature for complex 1.

heterocyclic ligand leads to strong fluorescence character in complex **2**. It may be the MLCT or LMCT among the silver(I) atom and the ligands dppm and 2-ampz.

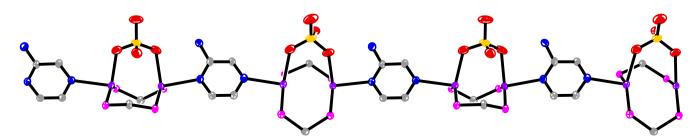


Fig. 2b. Perspective view of a 1D linear polymer of complex 2.

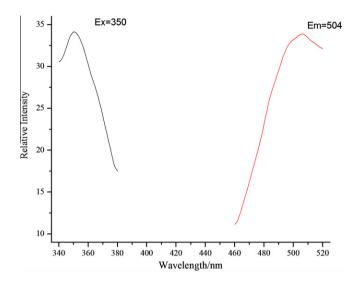


Fig. 3b. Emission spectra measured in the solid state at room temperature for complex 2.

The luminescence of some mixed-ligand Cu(I) and Ag(I) has been reported [20,21]. Recently, we attend to use various auxiliary ligands to synthesize Cu(I)/Ag(I)-dppm complexes and investigate their luminescent properties [16,19,22]. It is well known that these emission spectra are very similar. Such similarities may be attributed to the existence of conjugate unsaturated ligands. This result may give important information for designing new luminescent metal complexes.

3.4. NMR spectra of complexes

The ¹H NMR and ³¹P NMR spectra of complexes **1** and **2** have been measured at room temperature in DMSO. The ¹H NMR spectra of complex **1** and **2** show the broad multiplet in the range 7.06– 7.69 ppm and 7.07–7.63 ppm, respectively, which is assigned as the signals of aromatic protons. There are the singlet at 6.41 ppm and the doublet at 7.82 and 7.85 ppm in complex 2, which is attributed to the signals of 2-ampz protons. Compared with the free 2ampz ligand (7.72, 7.90, 7.94 ppm), the signals of 2-ampz in 2 are shifted to the lower field.

³¹P NMR spectra of compound **1** and **2** are well resolved, including the 107,109 Ag and 31 P coupling patterns. The ${}^{1}J({}^{107,109}$ Ag, 31 P) coupling constants of compound 1 and 2 are 1137 and 1199 Hz, respectively. Compared with the free dppm ligand (-22.7 ppm), the corresponding phosphorus resonances in the complex **1** and **2** shift to lower field, which is attributed to the fact that the donation of the electron pair on the phosphorus to the metal reduces the shielding at the phosphorus nucleus.

4. Conclusions

In summary, two new silver(I)-dppm complexes were synthesized and characterized. The results of this research not only

illustrate that SO_4^{2-} anion has an important role in the formation of structure, but also give important information for designing new luminescent metal complexes.

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Appendix A. Supplementary material

CCDC 759139 and 759140 contain the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif. Supplementary data associated with this article can be found, in the online version, at doi:10.1016/j.ica.2010.03.075.

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