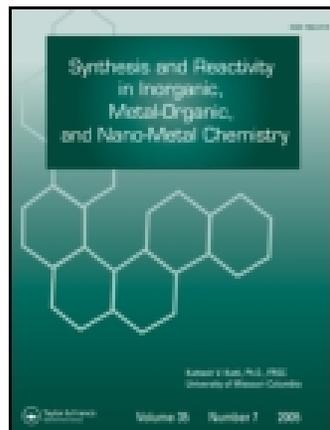


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Two new coordination polymers  $[\text{Ni}(2,4'\text{-oba})(1,10\text{-phen})]_n$  (**1**) and  $\{[\text{Ni}(2,4'\text{-Hoba})_2(4,4'\text{-bipy})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2] \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}\}_n$  (**2**) have been synthesized [2,4'-H<sub>2</sub>oba=2-(4-carboxyphenoxy)benzoic acid, 1,10-phen=1,10-phenanthroline and 4,4'-bipy=4,4'-bipyridine]. The framework structures of these polymeric complexes have been determined by single-crystal X-ray diffraction studies. Complex **1** exhibits double-helical chains formed by  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interactions from the phenyl rings of the 1,10-phen ligands. Complex **2** forms a two-dimensional supramolecular architecture directed by hydrogen bonding. In compounds **1** and **2**, the oba<sup>2-</sup> ligands exhibit two coordination modes to link metal ions: bidentate chelating and monodenate modes.

**Keywords** crystal structure, hydrothermal syntheses, nickel(II) complex

## INTRODUCTION

The interest in the construction of metal-organic frameworks (MOFs) is rapidly increasing in crystal engineering owing to their ability to provide diverse assemblies with fascinating topological structures and material properties that make them potential applications relating to magnetism, porous materials, and luminescence.<sup>[1–8]</sup> Selection of the appropriate multidentate ligand to link metal ions is a key strategy for the building MOFs. Therefore, a considerable number of transition metal compounds using carboxylates have been reported during the last decade due to the diversity of bonding modes of carboxylate groups.<sup>[9–13]</sup>

Semirigid V-shaped multicarboxylate ligands with two benzene rings of central molecular framework bridged by a non-metallic atom (C, O, S, or N) are excellent ligands and can freely

twist around the nonmetallic atom to meet the requirements of the coordination geometries of metal atoms in the assembly process.<sup>[14–16]</sup>

In view of previous points, we chose 2-(4-carboxyphenoxy)benzoic acid along with nitrogen-contained auxiliary ligands to construct two new metal coordination polymers  $[\text{Ni}(2,4'\text{-oba})(1,10\text{-phen})]_n$  (**1**) and  $\{[\text{Ni}(2,4'\text{-Hoba})_2(4,4'\text{-bipy})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2] \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}\}_n$  (**2**).

## EXPERIMENTAL

### Materials and Physical Measurements

All reagents and solvents employed were commercially available and were used as received without further purification. Elemental analysis was carried out on a Carlo Erba 1106 full-automatic trace organic elemental analyzer (Germany). FT-IR spectra were recorded with a Bruker Equinox 55 FT-IR spectrometer (Germany) as a dry KBr pellet in the 400~4000 cm<sup>-1</sup> range.

### Synthesis of $[\text{Ni}(2,4'\text{-oba})(1,10\text{-phen})]_n$ (**1**)

A mixture of NiCl<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O (0.238 g, 1 mmol), H<sub>2</sub>oba (0.258 g, 1 mmol), NaOH (0.08 g, 2 mmol), 1,10'-phen (0.180 g, 1 mmol), and distilled water (15 mL) was heated to 160°C for 96 h in a 25 mL stainless steel reactor with a Teflon liner. Green block crystals of **1** were obtained with 42% yield on Ni basis. Elemental Anal. Calcd. (%) for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NiN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>: C, 63.07; H, 3.26; N, 5.66. Found: C, 62.58; H, 3.24; N, 5.59. IR: 1543(s), 1408(s), 1016(w), 928(m), 851(m), 763(m).

### Synthesis of $[\text{Ni}(2,4'\text{-Hoba})_2(4,4'\text{-bipy})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2] \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (**2**)

A mixture of NiCl<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O (0.238 g, 1 mmol), H<sub>2</sub>oba (0.258 g, 1 mmol), and 4,4'-bipy (0.156 g, 1 mmol) and distilled water (15 mL) was heated to 160°C for 96 h in a 25 mL stainless steel reactor with a Teflon liner. Green block crystals of **2** were obtained with 65% yield on Ni basis. Elemental Anal. Calcd. (%) for C<sub>38</sub>H<sub>34</sub>NiN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>14</sub>: C, 56.95; H, 4.28; N, 3.50. Found:

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C, 57.42; H, 4.26; N, 3.45. IR: 3360(br), 1639(s), 1394(s), 1113(m), 887(s), 653(w).

### Crystallographic Measurement

Diffraction intensity data of the single crystal of the two compounds were collected on a Bruker SMART APEX CCD diffractometer equipped with a graphite monochromated Mo- $K\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ ) by using a  $\omega$ -scan mode. Empirical absorption correction was applied using the SADABS programs.<sup>[17]</sup> All the structures were solved by direct methods and refined by full-matrix least-squares methods on  $F^2$  using the program SHELX 97.<sup>[18]</sup> All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. The hydrogen atoms were located by geometrical calculations, and their positions and thermal parameters

TABLE 1

Crystallographic data and structure refinement summary for complexes **1** and **2**

Empirical formula	C <sub>26</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>2</sub> NiO <sub>5</sub>	C <sub>38</sub> H <sub>34</sub> N <sub>2</sub> NiO <sub>14</sub>
Formula weight	495.12	801.38
Crystal system	Monoclinic $P2_1/n$	Monoclinic $P2_1/n$
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 7.740(2) \text{ \AA}$ $b = 15.388(3) \text{ \AA}$ $c = 18.991(4) \text{ \AA}$ $\alpha = 90.00^\circ$ $\beta = 98.107(2)^\circ$ $\gamma = 90.00^\circ$	$a = 12.415(2) \text{ \AA}$ $b = 111.269(1) \text{ \AA}$ $c = 13.632(2) \text{ \AA}$ $\alpha = 90.00^\circ$ $\beta = 107.452(1)^\circ$ $\gamma = 90.00^\circ$
Volume( $\text{\AA}^3$ )	2239.3(8)	1819.4(4)
Z	4	2
Calculated density( $\text{mg/m}^3$ )	1.469	1.463
Reflections collected	5215	3203
Independent reflections		
( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ )	2993	2782
$F(000)$	1016	832
$\theta$ range for data collection	2.54–27.72	2.39–24.99
Limiting indices	$-10 \leq h \leq 9$ $20 \leq k \leq 20$ $-24 \leq l \leq 24$	$-14 \leq h \leq 12$ $-10 \leq k \leq 13$ $-16 \leq l \leq 12$
Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$	1.000	1.050
$R_1^a, wR_2^b$	$R_1 = 0.0546$	$R_1 = 0.0304$
[ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ]	$wR_2 = 0.0956$	$wR_2 = 0.0755$
$R_1, wR_2$ (all data)	$R_1 = 0.1175$ $wR_2 = 0.1144$	$R_1 = 0.0370$ $wR_2 = 0.0779$
Largest diff. peak and hole ( $e/\text{\AA}^3$ )	0.479 and $-0.376$	0.284 and $-0.221$

$$^a R = \sum(|F_0| - |F_C|) / \sum |F_0|. \quad ^b wR = [\sum w(|F_0|^2 - |F_C|^2)^2 / \sum w(F_0^2)]^{1/2}.$$

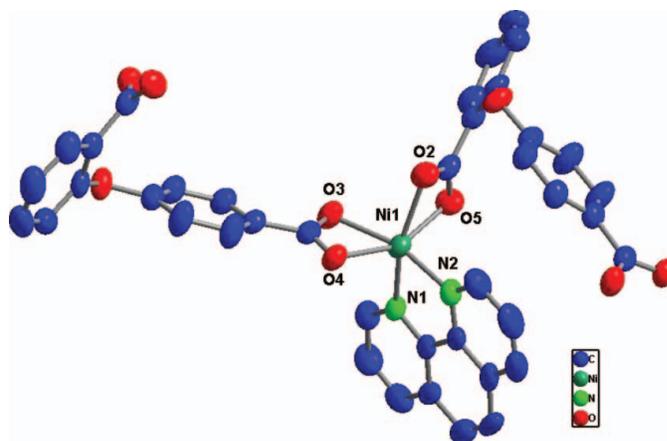


FIG. 1. The coordination environments of nickel(II) atoms in complex **1** with 50% thermal ellipsoids. All hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity (color figure available online).

were fixed during the structure refinement. The crystallographic data and experimental details of structural analyses for coordination polymers are summarized in Table 1. Selected bond and angle parameters are listed in Table 2.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### Structure Description of **1**

X-ray diffraction analysis shows that the asymmetric unit of complex **1** contains one crystallographic independent Ni(II) atom, one  $\text{oba}^{2-}$  ligand, and one 1,10-phen ligand. A view of the Ni<sup>II</sup> atom coordination environment is presented in Figure 1. Each Ni(II) atom is located in a distorted octahedral geometry and is coordinated to four oxygen atoms of two  $\text{oba}^{2-}$  ligands and two nitrogen atoms of 1,10-phen. The Ni-O bond distances vary from 2.076  $\text{\AA}$  to 2.142  $\text{\AA}$ , Ni-N bond lengths are 2.042  $\text{\AA}$  and 2.056  $\text{\AA}$ . Each  $\text{oba}^{2-}$  ligand adopts a bis(chelating bidentate)mode (Scheme 1a), linking two Ni<sup>II</sup> ions.

The adjacent Ni(II) ions are bridged by V-shaped  $\text{oba}^{2-}$  ligands to form a helical chain  $b$ -axis (Figure 2). The helix is generated around the crystallographic  $2_1$  axis with a pitch of 15.464  $\text{\AA}$ . The two benzene rings of the  $\text{oba}^{2-}$  ligand are bent (the dihedral angle of the two benzene rings is  $\sim 77.27^\circ$ ). The dihedral angles of carboxylate groups and the corresponding linking rings are  $12.62^\circ$  and  $34.27^\circ$ . Obviously, this twist is an important factor in forming the helical structure.

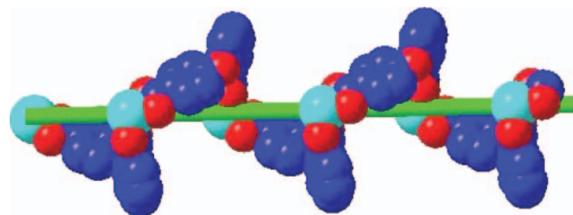


FIG. 2. The helical chain of complex **1** along  $b$ -axis (color figure available online).

TABLE 2  
Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for complexes **1** and **2**

<b>Compound 1</b>			
Ni(1)—N(1)	2.042 (3)	Ni(1)—O (4)	2.083 (2)
Ni(1)—N(2)	2.056 (3)	Ni(1)—O(3)	2.124 (2)
Ni(1)—O(5)	2.076 (2)	Ni(1)—O(2)	2.142 (2)
N(1)—Ni(1)—N(2)	80.72 (11)	N(2)—Ni(1)—O(3)	161.54 (10)
N(1)—Ni(1)—O(5)	99.21 (9)	O(5)—Ni(1)—O(3)	98.26 (10)
N(2)—Ni(1)—O(5)	99.92 (10)	O(4)—Ni(1)—O(3)	62.79 (9)
N(1)—Ni(1)—O(4)	99.54 (9)	N(1)—Ni(1)—O(2)	161.09 (9)
N(2)—Ni(1)—O(4)	100.79 (10)	N(2)—Ni(1)—O(2)	97.15 (10)
O(5)—Ni(1)—O(4)	153.97 (9)	O(5)—Ni(1)—O(2)	62.46 (8)
N(1)—Ni(1)—O(3)	93.26 (10)	O(4)—Ni(1)—O(2)	99.32 (9)
<b>Compound 2</b>			
Ni(1)—O(1W) <sup>#1</sup>	2.0659 (13)	Ni(1)—O(4) <sup>#1</sup>	2.0811 (12)
Ni(1)—O(1WA)	2.0659 (13)	Ni(1)—O(4A)	2.0811 (12)
Ni(1)—N(1)	2.107 (2)	Ni(1)—N(2)	2.085 (2)
O(1W) <sup>#1</sup> —Ni(1)—O(1WA)	174.90 (7)	O(1WA)—Ni(1)—O(4A)	92.82 (5)
O(1W) <sup>#1</sup> —Ni(1)—O(4A)	87.18 (5)	O(1W) <sup>#1</sup> —Ni(1)—O(4) <sup>#1</sup>	92.82 (5)
O(1WA)—Ni(1)—O(4) <sup>#1</sup>	87.18 (5)	O1W <sup>i</sup> —Ni(1)—N(2)	87.45 (3)
O(1WA)—Ni(1)—N(1)	92.55 (3)	O(1WA)—Ni(1)—N(2)	87.45 (3)
O(4A)—Ni(1)—N(1)	89.98 (3)	O(4A)—Ni(1)—N(2)	90.02 (3)
O(4) <sup>#1</sup> —Ni(1)—N(1)	89.98 (3)	O(4) <sup>#1</sup> —Ni(1)—N(2)	90.02 (3)
N2—Ni(1)—N(1)	180.000 (1)	O(1W) <sup>#1</sup> —Ni(1)—N(1)	92.55 (3)

Symmetry code for compounds: (2)<sup>#1</sup>:  $-x+3/2, y, -z+3/2$

The 1,10-phen ligands are alternately attached to both sides of the helical chain, providing potential supramolecular recognition sites for  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interactions. Two adjacent helical chains with different handedness are assembled by intermolecular  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking. The interchain distance between parallel 1,10-phen ligands is  $\sim 3.447$  Å and the corresponding centroid-to-centroid distance is  $\sim 3.826$  Å, indicating face to face  $\pi$ - $\pi$

stacking interactions that further stabilize the crystal structure (Figure 3).

### Structure Description of 2

X-ray diffraction analysis reveals that complex **2** is a 2D supramolecular assembly based on a 1D alternate polymeric

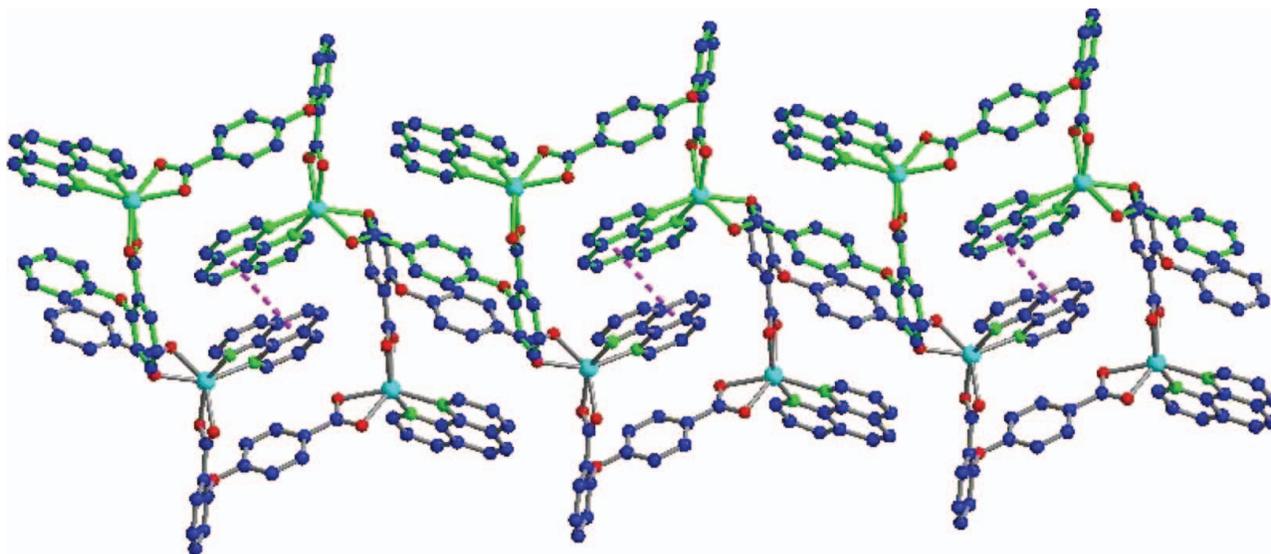


FIG. 3. The 2D supramolecular structure through  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interceptions (color figure available online).

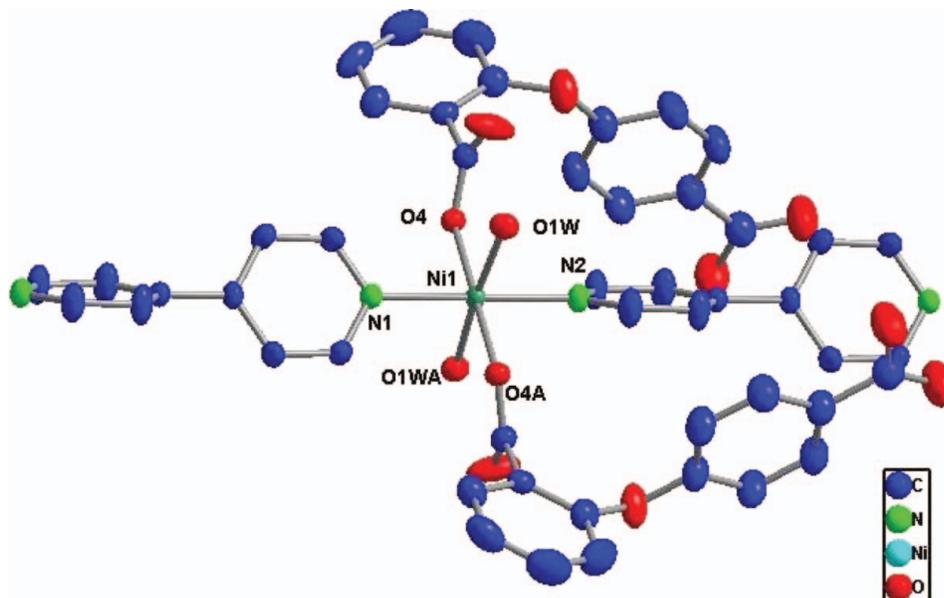


FIG. 4. The coordination environments of nickel(II) atoms in complex **2** with 50% thermal ellipsoids. All hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity (color figure available online).

chain substructure of  $\text{Ni}(\text{Hoba})_2$  bridged by 4,4'-bipy. As illustrated in Figure 4, the six-coordinated center shows an octahedral geometry  $[\text{NiO}_4\text{N}_2]$ , with two oxygen atoms from two different  $\text{oba}^{2-}$  ligands and two nitrogen atoms of sepa-

rate 4,4'-bipy ligands in the equatorial plane, as well as two oxygen atoms from two water molecules in the axial position. The extended structure of **1** through 4,4'-bipy displays neutral 1D linear  $[\text{Zn}(4,4'\text{-bipy})]$  chains.  $\text{H}_2\text{oba}$  is monodeprotonated

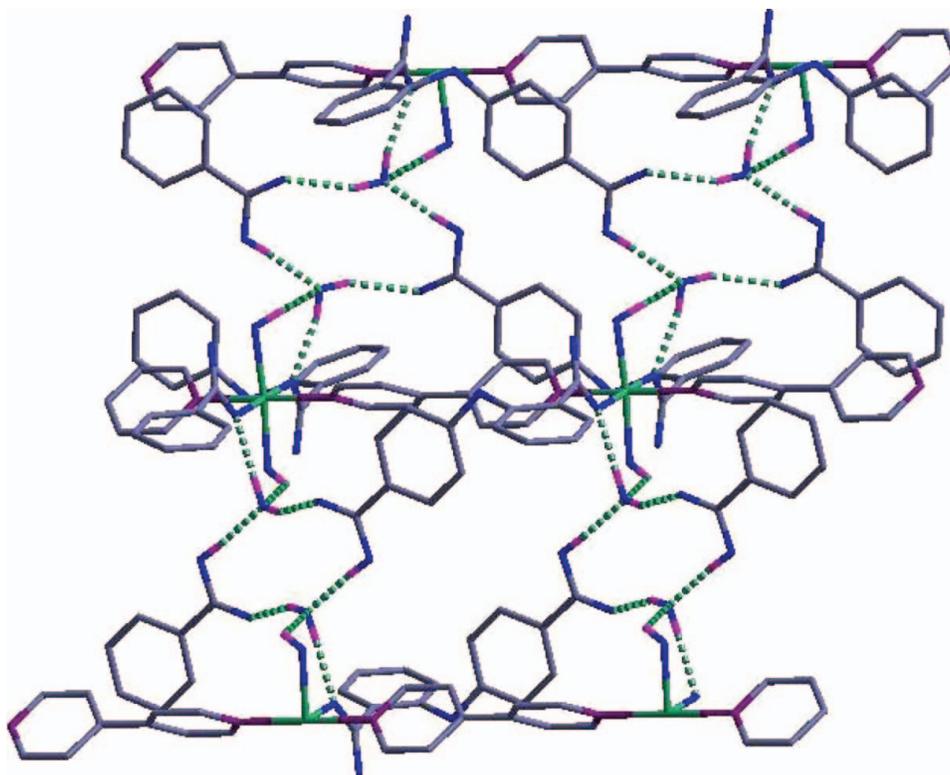


FIG. 5. 2D supramolecular network formed through hydrogen bonding (color figure available online).

TABLE 3

Hydrogen bond lengths(Å) and bond angles (°) for compound 2

D—H...A	D—H	H...A	D...A	D—H...A
O(2W)—H(22W)...O(1) <sup>#1</sup>	0.84	2.06	2.867 (2)	160
O(2W)—H(21W)...O(4) <sup>#2</sup>	0.85	1.92	2.733 (2)	160
O(1W)—H(12W)...O(2W) <sup>#3</sup>	0.84	2.34	2.888 (2)	123
O(1W)—H(11W)...O(5)	0.85	1.84	2.621 (2)	152
O(2)—H(2)...O(2W) <sup>#4</sup>	0.82	1.83	2.648 (2)	175

Symmetry codes: #1:  $-x+1, -y+2, -z+1$ ; #2:  $-x+1, -y+1, -z+1$ ; #3:  $x+1/2, -y+1, z+1/2$ ; #4:  $x, y+1, z+1$ .

to give  $\text{Hoba}^{-1}$  to meet the requirement of charge balance requirement.

In compound **2**, O2W of the guest water is involved in a "saturated" hydrogen-bond pattern between the 1D chains (Table 3), acting as a double donor and a double acceptor to three carboxylate oxygen atoms and one oxygen atom from a coordinated water molecule (Figure 5).

## CONCLUSION

Two new Ni(II) metal coordination polymers assembled from 2,4'-H<sub>2</sub>oba and auxiliary ligands have been successfully prepared under hydrothermal conditions. The differences of neutral ligands and pH value affect the frameworks of the compounds.

## SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS

Crystallographic data for the structural analysis have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Center, CCDC reference number 780021 and 780022. These data can be obtained free of charge at: <http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk> (or Cambridge Crystallographic Data Center, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK (fax: +44-1223-336-033; e-mail: deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk).

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