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# Synthesis, structure and terahertz spectra of six Ag(I) complexes of bis(diphenylphosphino)methane with 4,4'-bipyridine and its derivations

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#### ABSTRACT

The reactions of silver salts AgX [X = OTf (OTf = CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>), ClO<sub>4</sub> and BF<sub>4</sub>] and bis(diphenylphosphino) methane (dppm) with 4,4'-bipyridine (bipy) and its derivations [1,2-di(4-pyridyl)ethane (dpa), 1,2-di(4-pyridyl)ethylene (dpe), 1,3-bis(4-pyridyl)propane (bpp)] lead to six silver(I) complexes: {[Ag<sub>2</sub>(dppm)<sub>2</sub> (OTf)]<sub>2</sub>( $\mu$ -bipy)}(OTf)<sub>2</sub>·2CH<sub>3</sub>OH (1), {[Ag<sub>2</sub>(dppm)<sub>2</sub>( $\mu$ -bpp)(OTf)](OTf)·CH<sub>3</sub>OH)<sub>n</sub> (2), {[Ag<sub>2</sub>(dppm)<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)]<sub>2</sub>( $\mu$ -dpa)}(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>4</sub>·2CH<sub>3</sub>CN (3), [Ag<sub>2</sub>(dppm)<sub>3</sub>](ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (4), {[Ag<sub>2</sub>(dppm)<sub>2</sub>( $\mu$ -bipy)(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)](BF<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub> (5) and {[Ag<sub>2</sub>(dppm)<sub>2</sub>]( $\mu$ -dpa)(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)](BF<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub> (6). Complexes 1 and 3 are tetranuclear complexes with two eight-membered Ag<sub>2</sub>P<sub>4</sub>C<sub>2</sub> rings bridged by bipy and dpa respectively. 2, 5 and 6 are of infinite chain structures formed by [Ag<sub>2</sub>(dppm)<sub>2</sub>] units linked by bpp, bipy and dpe respectively. 4 is a binuclear compound with two silver atoms bridged by three dppm ligands. All complexes are characterized by X-ray diffraction, fluorescence, <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectroscopy and terahertz time-domain spectroscopy (THz-TDS).

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#### 1. Introduction

Coordination polymers are metal-ligand compounds that extend "infinitely" in one, two or three dimensions via more or less covalent metal-ligand bonding [1]. The interaction between bidentate diphosphines  $R_2P(R')_nPR_2$  and silver salts has recently attracted a great deal of interest because the resulted complexes have found applications in homogeneous catalysis [2] and antitumor compounds [3]. Dppm complexes containing structure unit  $[M_2(dppm)_2]$  have been intensively investigated [4,5]. Meanwhile among various types of spacing ligands, the flexible N-donor ligands are widely used in the construction of novel supramolecular frameworks including diverse noncovalent interactions [6], and they exhibit special adaptability for coordination requirements [7]. So far, a large range of infinite frameworks, including honeycomb, diamond, square grids, ladder, brick, octahedral and T-shaped have been generated [8,9]. The metal-organic hybrid supramolecular compounds have been widely used in many fields, such as catalysis [10], magnetism [11], gas separation materials [12] and nanomaterial precursors [13]. In our former work, we have obtained  $[Ag_4(\mu-dppm)_2(\mu-SO_4)_2(\mu-bipy)_2] \cdot 2CH_3OH$  [14] and  $\{[Cu_2(dppm)_2(bipy)(CF_3SO_3)](CF_3SO_3)(CH_3OH)\}_n$  [15]. In this paper, versatile coordinated N-donor ligands are specially chosen to obtain the frameworks of d<sup>10</sup> metal-dppm complexes. In addition, low-valent metal complexes are difficult to be obtained in pure water solution. So the people consider the solvent CH<sub>3</sub>CN which contains  $-C \equiv N$  organic group and the solvent CH<sub>3</sub>OH which is the simplest amphiphile which contains hydrophobic  $(-CH_3)$  group and hydrophilic (-OH) group [16]. These two solvents not only adjust the weak solubility of the reactant Ag(I) salts effectively but also coordinate with the metal ion. Six novel complexes 1-6 have been isolated and characterized by single crystal X-ray diffraction, fluorescence, <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectroscopy and terahertz time-domain spectroscopy (THz-TDS).

THz-TDS is a vibrational spectroscopic technique that probes the infrared active vibrational modes in the far-infrared and submillimeter region of the electromagnetic spectrum using ultrashort pulses of coherent terahertz radiation (0.1–4.0 THz). Furthermore, the THz spectrum in the measurement range can offer new





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information about the skeletal vibration. The THz spectrum can only be measured for polar molecule. It enables the characterization of solid-state materials through the excitation of soft intramolecular vibrational modes as well as intermolecular modes and hydrogen-bonding networks inherent to the molecular assembly in the solid state [17].

Very recently, a series of new Cu(I)–PPh<sub>3</sub> complexes of mercaptan ligands were characterized by THz-TDS. The results show that the difference of anion can affect the THz spectra of compounds, and THz-TDS may be a sensitive strategy to determine some of the inorganic–organic hybride complexes, especially those isostructural complexes which are difficult to identify by other spectroscopy [18]. To continue our study, in this work, the THz spectra of complexes **1–6**, AgOTf, AgClO<sub>4</sub>, AgBF<sub>4</sub> and relative ligands are first measured. The obtained data can possibly provide new information which can be used in many fields, such as biological and clinical applications [19], pharmaceutical [20], electronic [21], photonic [22] materials.

#### 2. Experimental

#### 2.1. Materials and measurements

All chemical reagents are commercially available and used without furthermore treatment. All the chemicals were purchased from 'Jinan Camolai Trading Company'. FT-IR spectra (KBr pellets, 4000–400 cm<sup>-1</sup>) were measured on a Perkin-Elmer Infrared spectrometer. Elemental analyses (C, H, N) were determined on Elementar Vario MICRO CUBE (Germany) elemental analyzer. Room-temperature fluorescence spectra were measured on F-4500 FL Spectrophotometer. <sup>1</sup>H NMR was recorded at room temperature with a Varian VNMRS 600 MHz spectrometer and <sup>31</sup>P NMR was recorded at room temperature with a Bruker DPX 162 MHz spectrometer. The THz absorption spectra were recorded on the THz time domain device of Capital Normal University of China, based

Table 1

Crystallographic data for complexes 1–6.

on photoconductive switches for generation and electro-optical crystal detection of the far-infrared light. The preparation of the samples is by pressing the pure crystals into powder and detected at  $N_2$  atmosphere to avoid the influence of water vapor. The thickness of the samples complexes **1–6** and ligands are about 1 mm.

#### 2.2. Preparation of the complexes

#### 2.2.1. Synthesis of $\{[Ag_2(dppm)_2(OTf)]_2(\mu-bipy)\}(OTf)_2 \cdot 2CH_3OH(1)$

AgCF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> (0.4 mmol, 0.1028 g) was dissolved in the mixture of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 mL) and MeOH (5 mL), adding dppm (0.4 mmol, 0.1538 g) and bipy-2H<sub>2</sub>O (0.1 mmol. 0.0192 g) into the reaction flask later. The soloution was stirred for 6 h at room temperature in the dark. The filtrate was then washed with water and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. Subsequent slow evaporation of the filtrate resulted in the formation of colorless and transparent crystals of the title complex. The crystals were washed by ether. Yield: 0.13 g, 47%. Anal. Calc. for C<sub>116</sub>H<sub>104</sub>Ag<sub>4</sub>F<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>14</sub>P<sub>8</sub>S<sub>4</sub>: C, 49.97; H, 3.76; N, 1.01. Found: C, 49.83: H, 3.79; N, 1.04%. IR(cm<sup>-1</sup>, KBr pellets): 2948w, 2025w, 1595m, 1437s, 1275s, 1224s, 1156s, 1027s, 999m, 742s, 692s, 637s, 573m, 471w. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K):  $\delta$  = 3.9 (br, 8H, dppm-CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.0–7.5 (m, overlapping with the solvent signal, dppm-Ph + bipy-H), 8.6 (d, 4H, bipy-H) ppm. <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K):  $\delta$  = 8.7–11.9 (d, <sup>1</sup>J(<sup>109</sup>Ag–<sup>31</sup>P) = 518 Hz), –1.0 to 1.9  $(d, {}^{1}J({}^{107}Ag-{}^{31}P) = 470 \text{ Hz}) \text{ ppm}, \gamma({}^{109}Ag)/\gamma({}^{107}Ag) = 1.10.$ 

#### 2.2.2. Synthesis of $\{[Ag_2(dppm)_2(\mu-bpp)(OTf)](OTf) \cdot CH_3OH\}_n$ (2)

Complex **2** has been prepared following a procedure similar to that for **1** by adding dppm (0.2 mmol, 0.0769 g) and bpp (0.1 mmol, 0.0198 g) into the mixture of  $CH_2CI_2$  (5 mL) and MeOH (5 mL) of AgCF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> (0.2 mmol, 0.0514 g). After slow evaporation of the filtrate at ambient temperature for 6 days, colorless and transparent crystals of the title complex were obtained. The crystals were washed by ether. Yield: 0.074 g, 49%. *Anal.* Calc. for  $C_{66}H_{62}Ag_2F_6N_2$   $O_7P_4S_2$ : C, 52.39; H, 4.13; N, 1.85. Found: C, 52.38; H, 4.14; N,

Complex	1	2	3	4	5	6
Formula Formula weight	$\begin{array}{c} C_{116}H_{104}Ag_{4}F_{12}N_{2}O_{14}P_{8}S_{4}\\ 2785.50 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{l} C_{66}H_{62}Ag_2F_6N_2O_7P_4S_2\\ 1512.92 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} C_{120}H_{112}Ag_4Cl_4N_6O_{16}P_8\\ 2715.20 \end{array}$	C <sub>75</sub> H <sub>66</sub> Ag <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> P <sub>6</sub> 1567.74	$C_{62}H_{55}Ag_2B_2F_8N_3P_4$ 1355.83	C <sub>64</sub> H <sub>57</sub> Ag <sub>2</sub> B <sub>2</sub> F <sub>8</sub> N <sub>3</sub> P <sub>4</sub> 1381.37
T (K)	298(2)	298(2)	298(2)	298(2)	298(2)	298(2)
Crystal system	monoclinic	monoclinic	triclinic	tetragonal	triclinic	triclinic
Space group	P2/c	Cm	Р	P41212	Р	Р
Crystal size (mm)	$0.50 \times 0.40 \times 0.28$	$0.48 \times 0.40 \times 0.37$	$0.40\times0.37\times0.25$	$0.45 \times 0.39 \times 0.30$	$0.49 \times 0.45 \times 0.26$	$0.37 \times 0.20 \times 0.16$
a (Å)	22.096(2)	19.375(2)	11.153(1)	20.926 (2)	11.103(1)	11.211(1)
b (Å)	15.508(1)	18.358(2)	13.793(2)	20.926 (2)	15.490(1)	14.902 (1)
<i>c</i> (Å)	18.308(2)	10.730(1)	21.427(2)	33.857(3)	18.705(2)	18.698(1)
α (°)	90	90	93.9(1)	90	92.5 (1)	86.8(10)
β (°)	105.6(1)	117.9(1)	99.8(1)	90	95.5(1)	87.1(1)
γ (°)	90	90	110.9(1)	90	110.8(1)	85.6 (1)
V (Å <sup>3</sup> )	6041.8(10)	3373.6(5)	3003.6(6)	14826(2)	2983.6(6)	3106.4(5)
Ζ	2	2	1	8	2	2
$D_{\text{calc}}$ (Mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	1.531	1.489	1.501	1.405	1.509	1.477
$\theta$ Range (°)	25.02	25.01	25.02	25.02	25.02	25.02
F(000)	2812	1536	1378	6384	1372	1396
Data/restraint/ parameters	10654/0/760	4621/0/438	10464/0/779	13101/0/839	10383/0/797	10813/0/749
Reflections collected	30009	8483	15210	74755	15080	15677
Goodness-of-fit (GOF) on F <sup>2</sup>	1.097	1.071	1.044	1.110	1.047	1.012
R <sub>int</sub>	0.0532	0.0340	0.0294	0.0925	0.0343	0.0345
$R_1[I>2\sigma(I)]^a$	0.0545	0.0367	0.0416	0.0868	0.0448	0.0524
$wR_2[I>2\sigma(I)]^b$	0.1372	0.0936	0.0904	0.2270	0.0956	0.1200
$R_1(\text{all data})^a$	0.1113	0.0472	0.0776	0.1216	0.0835	0.0951
$wR_2(all data)^b$	0.1884	0.1050	0.1155	0.2622	0.1218	0.1488

<sup>a</sup>  $R = \sum (||F_0| - |F_c||) / \sum |F_o|.$ 

<sup>b</sup>  $wR = [\sum w(|F_0|^2 - |\overline{F_c}|^2)^2 / \sum w(F_0^2)]^{1/2}.$ 

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