

## Synthesis and Characterization of a Novel Palladium(II) Complex Polymer Having Network Structure with Guest Water Molecules

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The polymeric palladium complex of  $[\text{Pd}_3\text{K}_6(\text{i-mnt})_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]_n$  ( $\text{i-mnt} = [(\text{S}_2\text{C}=\text{C}(\text{CN})_2]^{2-}$ ) has been prepared from the reaction of  $\text{PdCl}_2$  and  $\text{K}_2[(\text{S}_2\text{C}=\text{C}(\text{CN})_2)]$  in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ . The complex has three dimensional network structure, in which two Pd, two K, four S, four N and twelve C atoms form a 24-membered ring, and the rings are further arranged in eclipsed configuration along  $c$  axis to give a channel with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  as guest molecules.

Over recent years, the investigation of complex polymers, especially those with conjugation systems, has become a subject of intensive research and has stimulated of much interest of synthetic and materials chemists due to their novel structural features and potential applications.<sup>1,2</sup> Much work using polypyridyl or pyrazines as exo-bidentate ligands to generate polymeric coordination complexes through bridging metal ions has been reported.<sup>3,5</sup> Isomalononitriledithiolate (*i-mnt*) is versatile ligand with rich coordination modes for syntheses of transition metal complexes and many reports have appeared in literatures.<sup>6</sup> Normally, *i-mnt* acts as chelating ligands coordinating metal ions via metal-sulfur bonds to get complex anions, which are neutralized by large cations, such as  $\text{Et}_4\text{N}^+$ , for instance, Long and coworkers used the large cation (benzo-15-crown-5) $\text{Na}^+$  to neutralize the anion and isolated a one-dimensional palladium complex  $\{[(\text{benzo-15-crown-5})\text{Na}]_2\text{Pd}(\text{i-mnt})_2\}_n$ .<sup>7</sup> Owing to the conjugated configuration along with the polydentate coordination ability for connecting multi-metal moieties, *i-mnt* is a good candidate for designing conjugated complex polymers. Considering the free N donor atoms of cyano groups, man can use metal ions, such as alkali and alkali earth ions or some transition metal ions, to bridge the desecrate  $[\text{Pd}(\text{i-mnt})_2]^{2-}$  species for designing complex polymers with different structures. Herein we report the synthesis and structure of a novel palladium(II) complex polymer of  $[\text{Pd}_3\text{K}_6(\text{i-mnt})_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]_n$  having three dimensional network structure with guest water molecules, in which  $\text{K}^+$  ions are used as metal bridges.

The complex was synthesized as follows: 0.09 g(0.5 mmol) of solid  $\text{PdCl}_2$  was added to 30 ml of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  and stirred for two hours, then 0.22 g(1 mmol) of  $\text{K}_2(\text{i-mnt})$  was added and the stirring was continued for 5 hours. After filtration the bright red filtrate was evaporated in the air at room temperature for two weeks to give bright red crystals with high yield(85%). The complex is very stable and may be dissolved in polar solvents such as  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , MeOH, EtOH,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  etc..

The product was characterized by chemical analysis,<sup>8</sup> IR spectroscopy,<sup>9</sup> and X-ray crystallographic method.<sup>10</sup> The IR spectrum gives the characteristic absorptions of *i-mnt* ligand.

The complex is a polymer and the trinuclear species  $[\text{Pd}_3\text{K}_6(\text{i-mnt})_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$  constitutes the building block unit as shown in Figure 1. The trinuclear species possesses a

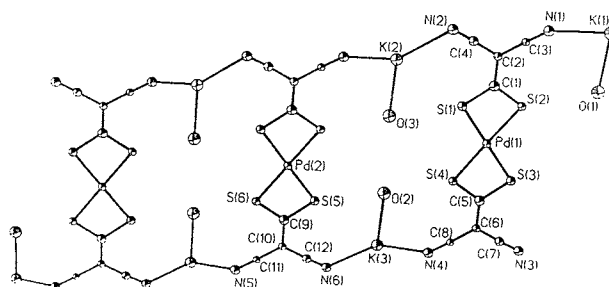


Figure 1. The labeling scheme of the basic unit in the complex. Selected bond distances( $\text{\AA}$ ) and angles( $^\circ$ ): Pd(1)-S(1), 2.335(2); Pd(1)-S(2), 2.331(1); Pd(1)-S(3), 2.323(2); Pd(1)-S(4), 2.336(1); Pd(2)-S(5), 2.327(1); Pd(2)-S(6), 2.333(1); N(1)-K(1), 2.910(5); N(2)-K(2), 3.124(5); N(4)-K(3), 3.128(5); N(6)-K(3), 3.070(5); K(1)-O(1), 2.776(4); K(2)-O(3), 2.867(5); K(3)-O(2), 2.931(5); S(1)-Pd(1)-S(2), 75.1(1); S(3)-Pd(1)-S(4), 75.1(1); S(5)-Pd(2)-S(6), 74.9(1).

crystallographic inverse center at the central palladium atom and is composed of three  $[\text{Pd}(\text{i-mnt})_2]$  linked by three  $\text{K}^+$  through K-NC bonds. The N atoms of the cyano groups in one building block further link the K atoms from the other building block and *versu* to form an infinite K-(*i-mnt*)-Pd-(*i-mnt*)-K three dimensional network structure of the complex (Figure 2). Each Pd atom is surrounded by four sulphur atoms from two *i-mnt* ligands in a square planar chromophores and every  $[\text{Pd}(\text{i-mnt})_2]^{2-}$  is nearly the same as that in  $[\text{NET}_4][\text{Pd}(\text{i-mnt})_2]^{11}$  and shows typical Pd-S distances in the range of 2.322  $\text{\AA}$  to 2.336  $\text{\AA}$ , very similar to those found in  $[\text{NET}_4][\text{Pd}(\text{i-mnt})_2]$ (2.323  $\text{\AA}$ )<sup>11</sup> and  $\{[(\text{benzo-15-crown-5})\text{Na}]_2\text{Pd}(\text{i-mnt})_2\}_n$ (2.326-2.333  $\text{\AA}$ ).<sup>7</sup> The palladium atoms are separated by *i-mnt* ligands with distances longer than 10  $\text{\AA}$ , which is much longer than the value of any possible Pd-Pd interactions. Compared with free *i-mnt* ligand, no significant changes of C-C, C=C, and C $\equiv$ N bond lengths are observed upon complexation, suggesting that the bonding characteristics of *i-mnt* in the complex are similar to those in free ligand with electron delocalization of  $\pi$  system. Each K atom are surrounded by nine atoms, five nitrogen atoms from cyano groups, two sulfur atoms of *i-mnt* ligands, and two oxygen atoms from two water molecules. The long K-S distance(*ca.* 3.44  $\text{\AA}$ ) indicates that the interaction between K and S is very weak and can be neglected. The K-N and K-O distances are in the ranges of 2.860 to 3.128 $\text{\AA}$ , and 2.776 to 2.960  $\text{\AA}$ , respectively. Based on the sum of the van der Waals radii(1.40  $\text{\AA}$  for O and 1.50  $\text{\AA}$  for N) and the effective ionic radii(1.33  $\text{\AA}$  for  $\text{K}^+$ ), the 2.73  $\text{\AA}$  of K-O and 2.83  $\text{\AA}$  of K-N distances may be expected, thus the interactions of K-N and K-

O in the complex polymer are rather weak. Based on the solubility and the bonding characters, it is rational that the complex may exist as simple species in solution and its three dimensional network structure is formed upon crystallization.

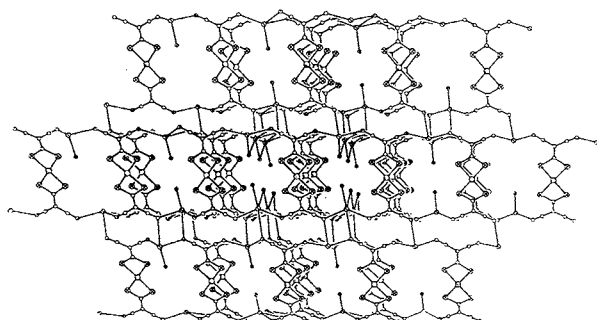


Figure 2. The packing diagram along *c* axis of the complex.

The significant feature of the complex polymer is that each two  $[\text{Pd}(\text{i-mnt})_2]^{2-}$  species and two  $\text{K}^+$  ions form a 24-membered ring (two Pd, two K, four S, four N and 12 C atoms), in which all of the atoms except K are nearly coplanar (the largest deviation is *ca.* 0.35 Å) with the two K atoms being *ca.* 2.0 Å outside the plane and two water molecules being inserted (Figure 3). These rings further constitute channels in the crystal, each water molecule in the channels loosely links two  $\text{K}^+$  ions, e.g., the channels formed by the 24-membered rings may be viewed as hosts and the water molecules as guests.

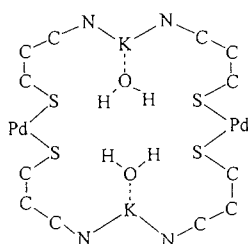


Figure 3. The 24-membered ring in the complex polymer.

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- 9 Select. Spectroscopic data: IR(KBr pellets)  $\nu/\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3570(S), 2198(S), 2146(m), 1593(m), 1574(w), 1403(S), 1381(s), 1255(w), 947(w), 902(m), 604(m), 480(w), 515(w).
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