Synthesis and structure of the first propeller-shaped helical coordination polymer $\{[Ag(S,S)-bis(oxazoline)](OTf)\}_{\infty}$

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A mixture of (S,S)-bis(oxazoline) ligand (1) with silver trifluoromethane sulfonate afforded a helical coordination polymer (2). Its structure was determined by X-ray single-crystal diffraction.

Keywords Bis(oxazoline) ligand, helical coordination polymer, crystal structure

Recently much attention has been paid to the application of optically active bis(oxazoline) ligands in asymmetric catalysis. Utilization of Ag⁺ salts as well as their complexes as a catalyst in organic transformation, such as cyclization of 1,2-allenyl ketone to furans, cyclization of 1,2-allenyl carboxylic acids to butenolides, cyclization of allenyl carbinols to 2,5-dihydrofurans, the

asymmetric cyclization reaction of isocyanoacetic acid or isocyanomethane toluenesulfonate with aldehydes, ⁵ asymmetric intramolecular carbene-C-H insertion reaction, ⁶ and enantioselective addition of allylic tin reagents to aldehydes ⁷ has been becoming a new foucs. During the course of our study on the new methodologies for the stereoselective synthesis of butenolides, ⁸ we were interested in the coordination chemistry between Ag ⁺ and the well-recognized chiral ligand bis(oxazoline)s to form chiral complexes, which may show enantioselectivity in organic transformation.

To a solution of (S, S)-bisoxazoline $(1)^9$ in CH_2Cl_2 was added silver trifluoromethanesulfonate in ether. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1.5 h to give the white solid 2.10

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 ^1H NMR data in CD₃CN solution were considerably different from those of the free ligand in the same solvent (Table 1). Notable differences are that one of OCH₂ signals has been thoroughly overlapped with that of the NCH proton and an apparent ABX splitting pattern for the C₆H₅CH₂ protons in the free ligand has changed to an AX spin system in the complex, indicating that the benzylic protons in 2 are equivalent. This spectrum also revealed the presence of only one kind of oxazoline moi-

ety, demonstrating equivalence of the two heterocycles caused either by symmetry or flexibility.

X-ray diffraction study of the single crystal of 2^{11} clearly showed that it was a infinitely single-stranded helical coordination polymer¹² with twofold symmetry and left-handed helicity (Figs. 1, 2, and 3). Coordinated by two nitrogen atoms of two adjacent ligands, the Ag^+ ion is not sited on the screw axis. It is interesting to note that its space-layout viewed from b axis is just like

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a propeller (Fig. 3), and perfect stacking of the carbon-nitrogen bonds and phenyl rings were also observed. Two other coordination complexes¹³ of similarly structured ligands (S,S)-2,6-bis(4'-benzyl-oxazolin-2'-yl) pyridine and (R,R)-bis(4'-phenyloxazolin-2'-yl)-pyri-

dine with $AgBF_4$ have been reported, however, only double $[Ag_2((S,S)-2,6-bis(4'-benzyloxazolin-2'-yl) pyridine)_2]^{2+}$ or triple helicates $[Ag_3((R,R)-bis(4'-benzyloxazolin-2'-yl)) pyridine)_3]^{3+}$ were afforded.

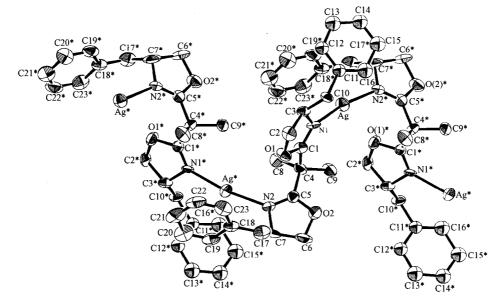


Fig. 1 ORTEP drawing of the coordination environment in 2.



Fig. 2 Space-filling diagram of the helical chain in 2 with all the substituent omitted for clarity.

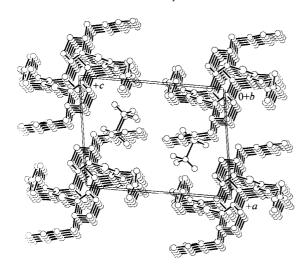


Fig. 3 Molecular packing of 2 viewed along the b axis.

With regard to the structural parameters, the bond angle of N(1)-Ag-N(2) is $169.7(3)^{\circ}$, slightly deviating from the perfect linear geometry. The bond lengths of Ag-N(1) and Ag-N(2) are 0.2156(10) and 0.216(1) nm, typical for two-coordinating Ag(I). The shortest distance between Ag and oxygen atom of OTf is 0.519 nm, which reveals that the triflate counterion is fully dissociated from the metal center, a phenomenon which is important for enhancing ionic conductivity. The

In conclusion, we have prepared the first infinite helical coordination polymer of Ag^+ with a bisoxazoline ligand. The study of its catalytic activity is being carried out in our laboratory.

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- = -329.1° . $\delta_{\rm H}(300~{\rm MHz},~{\rm CD_3CN})$: 7.35—7.26 (m, 10H, 2C₆H₅), 4.42—4.32 (m, 2H, 2CH-N), 4.25—4.19, 4.01—3.96 (AB of ABX, $J_{\rm AB}$ = 9.3 Hz, $J_{\rm AX}$ = 8.4 Hz, $J_{\rm BX}$ = 6.9 Hz, 4H, 2CH₂O), 2.94—2.87, 2.79—2.73 (AB of ABX, $J_{\rm AB}$ = 12.0 Hz, $J_{\rm AX}$ = 6.3 Hz, $J_{\rm BX}$ = 6.8 Hz, 4H, 2CH₂Ph), 1.39(s, 6H, 2CH₃).
- 11. Single crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction analysis were obtained from acetonitrile by diffusion of diethyl ether into the solution at room temperature. X-ray crystal data for 2: $(C_{24}H_{26}O_5N_2AgSF_3)_n$, $Mr = 619.40 \times n$, Colorless prismatic, Space group $P2_1(\#4)$, a=0.9417(3), b=1.1007(3), c=1.2204(2) nm, $\beta=98.31(2)^\circ$, V=1.251(1) nm³, Z=2, $D_c=1.643$ g/cm³, F(000)=628.00. Rigaku AFC7R diffractometer, $\mu(\text{Mo }K_\alpha)=9.47$ cm¹, $\lambda=0.071069$ nm, ω -2 θ scan, T=293 K. The final cycle of full matrix least-square refinement was based on $1931(I)>2.50\sigma(I)$) observed reflections and 306 variable parameters, and converged with unweighted and weighted agreement factors of R=0.054 and $R_w=0.069$, respectively.
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