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Two-dimensional lead(II)-azido and -thiocyanato coordination polymers with picolinate *N*-oxide (PNO), [Pb(PNO)(NCS)]_n (1) and [Pb(PNO)(N₃)]_n (2) were synthesized and characterized by elemental and thermal analyses, IR and ¹H NMR spectroscopy, and X-ray crystallography. Compound 1 crystallized in the chiral space group $P2_12_12_1$, whereas 2 adopts the centrosymmetric $P2_1/c$ space group. Multiple weak C–H···O and C–H···N interactions assemble the polymeric layers into 3-D supramolecular networks.

Keywords: Coordination polymers; Picolinic acid N-oxide; Lead(II)

1. Introduction

A goal of materials chemistry is to synthesize crystalline metal–organic frameworks. As multifunctional nitrogen and oxygen donors, pyridine carboxylic acid and pyridine carboxylic acid *N*-oxide ligands have been extensively employed in preparation of coordination polymers [1]. However, compounds containing picolinic acid *N*-oxide (HPNO) with pseud-ohalides received less attention in coordination chemistry [2]. Picolinic acid *N*-oxide (PNO) was chosen based on several considerations: (i) the carboxylato group in PNO may bind to metal ions with various coordination modes to form monomeric and polymeric compounds [3–5]; (ii) the carboxylato group may coexist with azide to bridge adjacent metal centers, giving mixed-bridged complexes; (iii) both the carboxylato and the *N*-oxide groups of PNO have ability to coordinate, which make PNO a good linker to incorporate metal-azido and -thiocyanato skeletons into coordination networks of high dimensionality; and (iv) the different coordination geometries exhibited by PNO may have significant influence on the structures of the frameworks, as observed in our previous work [6]. To understand the coordination chemistry of pyridine carboxylic acid *N*-oxide and prepare materials with good physical properties, we have engaged in research of coordination

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compounds based on isonicotinic acid *N*-oxide [7]. In this paper, $[Pb(PNO)(NCS)]_n$ (1) and $[Pb(PNO)(N_3)]_n$ (2) are reported.

2. Experimental

2.1. Materials and measurements

All chemicals were reagent grade and used without purification. FTIR spectra were collected on a Mattson 1000 spectrophotometer using KBr pellets from 450 to 4000 cm⁻¹. Elemental analyses (CHN) were performed using a Carlo ERBA model EA 1108 analyzer whereas ¹H NMR spectra were obtained using a Bruker spectrometer at 250 MHz in [D6]dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO). Thermogravimetric analyses (TGA) were performed in N₂ with a flow rate of 20 ml min⁻¹ on a Seiko Instruments thermal analyzer from 20 to 800 °C, with a heating rate of 10 °C/min in ceramic crucibles.

2.2. Crystallography

Diffraction data for 1 and 2 were collected at room temperature and 100 K (with an Oxford Cyrosystem Cobra low-temperature attachment), respectively. The data were collected using a Bruker SMART APEXII CCD diffractometer with graphite monochromated Mo*K* α radiation (λ =0.71073 Å) at a detector distance of 5 cm using APEXII software [8]. The collected data were reduced using SAINT [8] and empirical absorption corrections

	1	2
Identification code	[Pb(PNO)(NCS)] _n	$[Pb(PNO)(N_3)]_n$
Empirical formula	C ₇ H ₄ N ₂ O ₃ PbS	C ₆ H ₄ N ₄ O ₃ Pb
Formula weight	403.37	387.32
Crystal system	Orthorhombic	Monoclinic
Space group	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	$P2_1/c$
Unit cell dimensions	a = 5.5868(7) Å	<i>a</i> =11.0574(3) Å
	b = 8.7166(11) Å	b = 6.4069(2) Å
	c = 18.668(2)Å	c = 12.8321(3) Å
	$\alpha = 90.00^{\circ}$	$\alpha = 90.00^{\circ}$
	$\beta = 90.00^{\circ}$	$\beta = 116.355(2)^{\circ}$
	$\gamma = 90.00^{\circ}$	$\gamma = 90.00^{\circ}$
Volume	909.1(2)Å ³	814.58(4)Å ³
Ζ	4	4
Density (calculated)	$2.947 \mathrm{g cm^{-3}}$	$3.158 \mathrm{g}\mathrm{cm}^{-3}$
Absorption coefficient	$18.767{\rm mm}^{-1}$	$20.696 \mathrm{mm}^{-1}$
F(000)	728	696
θ range for data collection	2.58-32.65°	2.06-31.49°
Index ranges	$-8 \leq h \leq 8$	$-16 \leq h \leq 16$
	-10 < k < 13	-9 < k < 9
	$-21 \stackrel{-}{\leq} l \stackrel{-}{\leq} 28$	$-18 \stackrel{-}{\leq} l \stackrel{-}{\leq} 17$
Reflections collected	6574	10,136
Independent reflections	3122[R(int)=0.0475]	2705[R(int)=0.0529]
Completeness to theta	99.8%	99.9%
Data/restraints/parameters	3122/0/127	2705/0/127
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.028	1.113
Final $R [I_0 > 2\sigma(I_0)]$	R1 = 0.0648, wR2 = 0.1778	R1 = 0.0557, wR2 = 0.1412
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0726, wR2 = 0.1868	R1 = 0.0573, wR2 = 0.1432
Largest diff. peak, hole	7.35, -2.48 e.Å^{-3}	$5.65, -3.13 \text{ e.Å}^{-3}$

Table 1. Crystal data and structure refinement for 1 and 2.

1		2	
Pb1–O3	2.364(8)	Pb1–O1	2.387(5)
Pb1–O2	2.489(8)	Pb1–O2	2.563(6)
Pb1–O2 ^{iv}	2.546(8)	Pb1–O2 ⁱⁱ	2.586(5)
Pb1–N2	2.588(11)	Pb1–N2 ⁱ	2.604(6)
Pb1–O3 ⁱⁱ	2.744(9)	Pb1–N2	2.620(6)
$Pb1 \cdot \cdot \cdot S1^{iii}$	3.042(4)	Pb1–O1 ⁱⁱ	2.839(5)
$Pb1 \cdots O1^{iv}$	3.138(9)	Pb1–O3 ⁱⁱⁱ	2.937(4)
$Pb1 \cdot \cdot \cdot S1^{i}$	3.678(8)	Pb1–N4	2.996(4)
O3–Pb1–O2	67.2(3)	O1–Pb1–O2	68.67(17)
N2–Pb1–S1 ⁱ	84.1(3)	O1–Pb1–O2 ⁱⁱⁱ	65.65(15)
O2–Pb1–O2 ⁱⁱ	98.68(17)	O2–Pb1–O2 ⁱⁱⁱ	107.36(8)
O3–Pb1–N2	78.1(4)	O1–Pb1–N2 ⁱ	82.50(18)
O2-Pb1-N2	78.5(3)	O2–Pb1–N2 ⁱ	79.69(17)
O2 ⁱⁱ –Pb1–N2	140.8(3)	O2 ⁱⁱⁱ –Pb1–N2 ⁱ	140.64(18)
O3–Pb1–O3 ⁱⁱⁱ	101.70(2)	O1–Pb1–N2	80.41(18)
O3 ⁱⁱⁱ –Pb1–S1 ⁱ	141.34(2)	O2–Pb1–N2	136.59(18)
O2 ⁱⁱ –Pb1–O3 ⁱⁱⁱ	69.7(3)	O2 ⁱⁱⁱ –Pb1–N2	85.28(18)
N2–Pb1–O3 ⁱⁱⁱ	134.5(3)	N2–Pb1–N2 ⁱ	66.3(2)
O3–Pb1–S1 ⁱ	81.2(2)		
O2–Pb1–S1 ⁱ	146.34(19)	i: $-1-x$, $-1-y$, $-1-z$	
O2 ⁱⁱ –Pb1–S1 ⁱ	77.1(2)	ii: x, $1 + y + z$	
		iii: $-1 - x$, $0.5 + y$, $-1.5 - z$	
i: $0.5 + x$, $-0.5 - y$, $-z$			
ii: $0.5 + x$, $0.5 - y$, $-z$			
iii: $-0.5 + x$, $0.5 - y$, $-z$			
iv: $-0.5 + x$, $-0.5 - y$, $-z$			

Table 2. Selected bond lengths/Å and angles/° for 1 and 2.

were performed using SADABS [8]. The structures were solved using direct methods and refined using the least-squares method from Shelxtl [9]. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anistropically and hydrogens were located and included at calculated positions. Materials for publication were prepared using Shelxtl [9] and OrtepIII [10]. Full crystallographic data, in CIF format, may be obtained from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Center (CCDC-871085 for 1 and CCDC-871084 for 2) via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/cgi-bin/ catreq.cgi. The crystal data and structure refinement of 1 and 2 are summarized in table 1. Selected bond lengths and angles of 1 and 2 are listed in table 2.

2.3. Synthesis of $[Pb(PNO)(NCS)]_n$ (1)

PNO (0.104 g, 0.75 mmol) was placed in one arm of a branched tube [11] whereas lead(II) acetate (0.284 g, 0.75 mmol) and potassium thiocyanate (0.074 g, 0.75 mmol) were placed in the other arm. Methanol and water in a ratio of 1:2 were carefully added to fill both arms. The tube was then sealed and the ligand-containing arm was immersed in a bath at 60 °C whereas the other was maintained at ambient temperature. After 2 days, crystals that were deposited in the cooler arm were filtered, washed with acetone and ether, and dried in air; yield: 66%. Analysis: found: C: 21.00, H: 1.20, N: 6.72%. Calculated for $C_7H_4N_2O_3PbS$: C: 20.82, H: 0.99, N, 6.94%.

2.4. Synthesis of $[Pb(PNO)(N_3)]_n$ (2)

PNO (0.104 g, 0.75 mmol) was placed in one of the arms of a branched tube [11] whereas lead(II) acetate (0.284 g, 0.75 mmol) and sodium azide (0.049 g, 0.75 mmol) were placed in

the other arm. Methanol and water in a ratio of 1:2 were carefully added to fill both arms. The tube was then sealed and the ligand-containing arm was immersed in a bath at 60 °C whereas the other was maintained at ambient temperature. After three days, crystals that were deposited in the cooler arm were filtered, washed with mother liquor and dried in air; yield: 67%. Analysis: found: C: 19.20, H: 1.09, N: 14.35%. Calculated for $C_6H_4N_4O_3Pb$: C: 18.59, H: 1.03, N, 14.46%.

3. Results and discussion

3.1. Spectroscopic studies

Two coordination polymers are synthesized using HPNO and lead acetate with different pseudohalides (thiocyanate and azide) and are formulated as $[Pb(PNO)(NCS)]_n$ (1) and $[Pb(PNO)(NCS)]_n$ $(PNO)(N_3)$ _n (2). In numerous instances, a change in stoichiometry from PbX₂L to PbX₂L₂, where X is an anion and L is a bidentate ligand such as 2,2'-bipyridine or 1,10-phenanthroline, is associated with a change from a lattice composed of oligomeric or polymeric entities to a lattice composed of molecular species [12]. Yet, all attempts to synthesize new polymers by changing stoichiometry of reactants were ineffective. IR spectra displayed characteristic absorption bands for picolinate N-oxide, thiocyanate, and azide. The relatively weaker absorption bands around $3025-3030 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ are due to the C-H modes involving the aromatic ring hydrogens of 1 and 2, respectively. Absorptions with variable intensity at 1400–1620 cm⁻¹ correspond to aromatic ring vibrations of PNO anion [13]. For 1 and 2, the two strong absorptions at ca. 1590, 1590 and 1385, 1400 cm^{-1} are assignable to $v_{as}(COO)$ and $v_{s}(COO)$ of PNO anions, respectively [14]. The IR spectra display very strong absorption at 2050 cm^{-1} due to v(C=N) of the coordinated thiocyanato groups. The observed v(C=N) frequencies for the complexes are most consistent with N-bonded thiocyanate (for S-bonded thiocyanate, the $v(C \equiv N)$ frequencies ranging from 2110 to 2140 cm⁻¹, whereas in N-bonded thiocyanate, the $v(C \equiv N)$ is less than 2110 cm⁻¹ [15, 16]), which is also confirmed by X-ray studies (Section 2.3). The peaks at 2100 (vs) and 1292 (m) cm⁻¹ are assigned as $(v_{as}-N_3)$ and (v_s-N_3) , respectively, consistent with asymmetric bridging (μ -N₃) [17]. The ¹H NMR spectrum of DMSO solution of 1 and 2 at 7.40–8.25 ppm display four different signals of protons of picolinate N-oxide anion.

3.2. Thermal studies

TGA were performed on polycrystalline samples under nitrogen. Compounds 1 (see for example in figure 1S) and 2 are thermally stable to $180 \,^{\circ}$ C. Thermal decompositions follow three steps from 180 to 600 $^{\circ}$ C from decomposition of PNO⁻, thiocyanate, and azide. Mass loss calculations and microanalyses of the solid residues suggest a final decomposition product of the complexes at 600 $^{\circ}$ C is PbO with total mass loss of 48.10% for 1 (Calcd 50.33%) and 54.16% for 2 (Calcd 57.57%), respectively, agreeing with the proposed structures. It is possible that these compounds are source precursors for lead oxide materials.

3.3. Descriptions of crystal structures of $[Pb(PNO)(NCS)]_n$ (1) and $Pb(PNO)(N_3)]_n$ (2)

The single-crystal X-ray diffraction analysis reveals that **1** crystallized in the orthorhombic chiral space group $P2_12_12_1$. The asymmetric unit of **1** consists of one Pb^{II}, one PNO, and one thiocyanate. Each Pb^{II} is six-coordinate with two μ_2 -O atoms from *N*-oxide, three carboxylate oxygens (O_{COO⁻}) from two PNO, and one nitrogen of thiocyanate (see

figure 1). Five oxygens and one nitrogen are located on one side of Pb^{II}, which adopts a hemidirected structure [11], suggesting the presence of a stereochemically active lone electron pair around Pb^{II}. Each Pb in this structure with six normal bonds form another two "weak" Pb···S interactions {Pb1···S1ⁱⁱⁱ (iii: -0.5+x, 0.5-y, -z)=3.042(4) Å and Pb1···S1^{iv} (iv: -0.5+x, -0.5-y, -z)=3.678(8) Å (these distances have been considered as bonds [15])}. In **1**, PNO⁻ is a triconnector linking three Pb^{II} centers; O_{N-O} and O_{COO}-[18] act as a diconnector to link two Pb^{II} centers. Lead(II) centers are bridged by two thiocyanates as μ -1,3,3 (μ -N,S,S) bridges (if, distances of Pb···S are considered as a bond) (figure 2). O_{N-O} and O_{COO}- of PNO bridging two leads as zig-zag Pb₂O₂ units (Pb···Pb with distances of 4.271 Å) link to form a one-dimensional (1-D) coordination polymer, which is then further extended into a 2-D layer by bridging thiocyanates (Pb···Pb with distances of 6.820 Å) (figure 3) [19]. The overall network topology can be described as a four-connected network. The Schlafli symbol for the net is (4².6²).



Figure 1. ORTEP diagram of 1 with thermal ellipsoids at 40% probability and atom numbering scheme indicating coordination sphere of lead(II). Symmetry codes: i: 0.5+x, -0.5-y, -z; ii: 0.5+x, 0.5-y, -z; ii: -0.5+x, 0.5-y, -z; iv: -0.5+x, -0.5-y, -z; iii: -0.5+x, 0.5-y, -z; iv: -0.5+x, -0.5-y, -z; iv: -0.5+x, -0.5+x, -0.5+x, -0.5+x; -0.5+x; -0.5+x, -0.5+x; -0.5+x



Figure 2. View of the thiocyanate coordination mode in 1 (Pb: gray, N: blue, S: yellow). (see http://dx.doi.org/ 10.1080/00206814.2013.772145 for color version.)



Figure 3. Perspective view of the 2-D coordination polymer networks in 1, along the *a*-axis.

Single-crystal X-ray structural analysis shows that **2** is a 2-D open framework in which the asymmetric unit contains one Pb^{II}, one PNO, and one azide. Each Pb^{II} is eight-coordinate with two μ -O from two *N*-oxides, three carboxylate oxygens (O_{COO}-) [18] from two PNO, and three nitrogens of three azides (see figure 4). The arrangement of PNO and azide suggests a gap in the coordination around the metal, possibly occupied by a stereo-active lone pair of electrons on lead(II) [20]. The observed shortening of the Pb–O bond opposite to



Figure 4. ORTEP diagram of **2** with thermal ellipsoids at 40% probability and atom numbering scheme indicating coordination sphere of lead(II). Symmetry codes: i: -1 - x, -1 - y, -1 - z; ii: x, 1 + y, +z; iii: -1 - x, 0.5 + y, -1.5 - z.



Figure 5. View of the azide coordination mode in 2 (Pb: gray, N: blue). (see http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/00206814.2013.772145 for color version.)



Figure 6. Perspective view of the 2-D coordination polymer networks in 2, along the b-axis.

the putative lone pair (Pb1–O1=2.387(4) Å compared with Pb1–O3^v=2.937(4) Å adjacent to the lone pair) supports this [21]. The lead(II) centers are bridged by azides as μ -1,1,3 (μ -N,N,N), a common coordination mode of azide [22] and different from a similar compound [2] (figure 5). In fact, Pb^{II} are bridged by two fashions [Pb···Pb with distances of 5.884 Å for μ -1,3 (μ -N,N) and 4.372 Å for μ -1,1 (μ -N,N)] of azide. In **2**, PNO is a triconnector to link three Pb^{II} centers: O_{N-O} and O_{COO}- bridge two leads and chelate, respectively. O_{N-O} of PNO bridges as Pb₂O₂, while O_{N-O} of PNO in a copper(II) compound [2] is monodentate. Topology of 2-D lead(II) coordination polymers without intermolecular interactions can be described as a three-connected network. The Schlafli symbol for the net is (6.3). Bridging PNO not only links leads, but also creates two kinds of 3-D channels with different dimensions (figure 6).

Table 3. Intermolecular interactions for 1 and 2.

A····H–B	A· · · H/Å	A· · · B/Å	A· · ·H−B/°
1			
C1-H1A···N2 $(-1+x, y, z)$	2.673	3.587	168.28
C3-H3A···O1 $(-x, 1/2 + y, -1/2 - z)$	2.613	3.164	118.48
C2-H2A···O1 $(1 - x, 1/2 + y, -1/2 - z)$	2.704	3.378	130.05
C4-H4A···O1 $(-x, 1/2 + y, -1/2 - z)$	2.707	3.210	114.78
$O1 \cdots S1 (x, 1+y, z)$		3.260	
2			
C3-H3A···N4 $(1+x, -1/2 - y, 1/2 + z)$	2.463	3.371	159.96
C1-H1A···N4 $(-1 - x, -y, -1 - z)$	2.478	3.167	129.36
C4-H4A···O3 $(-x, -2 - y, -1 - z)$	2.448	3.301	149.36
C1–H1A···O2 $(x, 1+y, z)$	2.712	3.532	144.92

Inspection of the data of 1 and 2 for weak directional intermolecular interactions by Mercury software [23], which was used for calculating supramolecular interactions, shows C-H···O and C-H···N interactions (table 3) [15]. In crystal packing of 1 and 2, 3-D supramolecular networks are constructed by C-H···O and C-H···N interactions that are substantially shorter than the van der Waals distances, 2.77 Å for the H···O distance and 2.67 Å for H···N distance [24].

4. Conclusion

We have prepared two coordination polymers that crystallize in the space groups $P2_12_12_1$ and $P2_1/c$, based on PNO, pseudohalides, and lead. Three factors including lone pair activity, weak directional intermolecular interactions, and placement of ligands control the coordination spheres of the Pb(II) complexes. Whether lone-pair activity stretches coordinative bonds to result in ligand interactions or intermolecular interactions which impose a positioning of the donor atoms to form a gap in the coordination sphere remains a question. Due to tridentate bridging PNO and the presence of different pseudohalides (thiocyanate and azide bridges as μ -1,3,3 (μ -N,S,S) and μ -1,1,3 (μ -N,N,N), respectively), **1** and **2** present 2-D nets. Abundant weak interactions such as C–H···O and C–H···N interactions between ligands of 2-D coordination polymers provide additional assembly forces leading to a 3-D supramolecular network for both **1** and **2** [25].

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