Metal-Organic Gels of Silver Salts with a α,β-Unsaturated Ketone: Influence of Anions and Solvents on Gelation

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Figure S1: NMR spectrum of L.





c)

d)

4000

3000

2000 cm-l 500 400.0

b)



Figure S2: IR spectra of (a) CP-1, (b) CP-2, c-h) xerogels of MOG 1-4.



Figure S3. PXRD patterns of xerogels and CPs.



Figure S4: Illustration of the inverted vials for the gel formation reactions: formation of MOGs at various ratios of the metal and ligand.



Figure S5: Chemical responsive behavior of the MOGs.



Figure- S6: Illustrations of microscopic studies: POM images of a) MOG-1, b) MOG-2, c) MOG-3, d) MOG-4.



Figure- S7: Rheological experiment: Variation of the storage modulus (G') and loss modulus (G'') with shear stress for a) MOG-1, b) MOG-2, c) MOG-3, d) MOG-4.



Figure-S8: (a. b) DRS study and (c) Solid state fluorescence study for all the CPs and MOGs along with L.



MO













Figure S10: Dye removal from aq. solution of MO of all the xerogels of a) MOG-1, b) MOG-2, c) MOG-3, d) MOG-4.



Figure S11: Gas adsorption isotherm for xerogels of MOGs (a) MOG-2 (b) MOG-4.



Figure S12: TGA of all the xerogels.





Figure S13: Rheological plots of ClO₄ anion.



Figure S14: Rheological plots of anion SbF₆.



Figure S15: Rheological plots of anion OTf in different solvent.



Figure S16: Rheological plots of anion BF₄



Figure S17: Illustration of FESEM images of xerogels with the four anions in different solvents: a) BF_4 in THF, b) BF_4 in NB, c) BF_4 in *p*-Xylene, d) BF_4 in toluene, e) BF_4 in *o*-Xylene, f) ClO_4 in *o*-Xylene, g) ClO_4 in NB, h) ClO_4 in THF, i) ClO_4 in toluene, j) ClO_4 in *p*-xylene, k) OTf in NB, l) OTf in *m*-xylene, m) SbF_6 in THF, n) SbF_6 in NB.

b)

a)





after dye adsorption: a) MOG-1, b) MOG-2, c) MOG-3, d) MOG-4.



Figure S19: UV-vis adsorption spectra of xerogels of Rose Bengal dye: a) MOG-1, b)MOG-2, c) MOG-3, d) MOG-4.



Figure S20: Illustration of crystal structures of CP-1 and CP-2: a) front view of 3D-network formed by free nitrate anion *via* C-H...O hydrogen bonds in CP-1, b) Entrapment of SbF_6 anion and water molecule in between the brick wall network in CP-2.



Figure S21: UV-vis desorption spectra of methyl orange adsorbed xerogels of a) MOG-1, b) MOG-2.



Figure S22. Dye removal from high dilution of MO by xerogels of MOG-2 and 4.



Figure S23: Plots of adsorption capacity (q_t) of MO dye *vs*. time (t) min for all the xerogels of MOGs 1-4 at three different concentrations.

	Solvents	Yield stress(Pa)	G'-G"(Pa)
	BN	750.09	190754.88
DE	NB	488.02	28323.54
BF ₄	o-xyl	310.02	16322.69
	<i>p</i> -xyl	198.06	24112.19
	Tol	139.72	27597.32
	THF	64.26	41283.73
	BN	624.88	184843.44
	o-xyl	478.23	73071.32
ClO ₄	<i>p</i> -xyl	338.40	48683.57
	Tol	328.03	55609.69
	THF	194.17	16366.77
	<i>m</i> -xyl	177.02	47057.41
OTf	BN	98.22	148012.09
	NB	77.01	2355.73
	<i>m</i> -cresol	355.01	52618.29
	o-cresol	343.39	49662.86
SbF ₆	<i>p</i> -cresol	259.70	58115.94
	THF	192.76	71973.22
	BN	51.30	46119.68
	NB	11.07	9513.78

 Table S1: Rheological experiment data for all MOGs.

Table S2: Surface area, pore volume and amount of nitrogen gas absorbed by the xerogels

Sample	Surface area m ² /g	Pore volume cc/g	N ₂ uptake cc/gm
MOG-4	1.874	2.964x10 ⁻²	20.74
MOG-2	77.586	4.151x10 ⁻²	26.88

Complexes	Interactions	H…A (Å)	DA (Å)	D–H…A (°)
		2.57	3.304(14)	132
1	С-Н…О	2.55	3.248(14)	129
		2.41	3.327(12)	170
		2.43	3.292(12)	154
		2.58	3.138(13)	119
		2.60	3.512(11)	168
		2.27	2.705(10)	108
	C-H…O(intra)	2.33	2.751(11)	107
		2.26	2.703(12)	109
		2.29	2.714(10)	107
2	C-H…F	2.52	3.26(6)	136
	C-H…O(intra)	2.35	2.78(3)	108
		2.31	2.75(2)	108

Table S3: Other Intermolecular interactions (Å) of complexes 1 and 2 $\,$

Table S4: Gelation tests with some other common organic solvents.

Solvent	AgBF ₄	AgClO ₄	AgSO ₃ CF ₃	AgSbF ₆
MeOH	Р	Р	Р	Р
EtOH	Р	Р	Р	Р
Propan-1-ol	Р	Р	Р	Р
Butan-2-ol	Р	Р	Р	Р
Acetonitrile	Р	Р	Р	Р
Dimethyl formamide	Р	Р	Р	Р
Dimethyl sulfoxide	Р	Р	Р	Р

Table S5: Critical gelation concentration (wt %) of all the MOGs taking 10 mg ligand and 1 mL solvent.

Ligand	Metal salt	Solvent	Critical gelation
			concentration (CGC) (wt %)
	AgBF ₄ (10 mg, 0.051 mmol)	THF (1mL)	20.0
	AgBF ₄ (5.95 mg, 0.030 mmol)	Toluene (1mL)	15.9
	AgBF ₄ (4.67 mg, 0.024 mmol)	o-xylene (1mL)	14.7
L (10 mg, 0.034 mmol)	AgBF ₄ (4 mg, 0.020 mmol)	<i>p</i> -xylene (1mL)	14.0
	AgBF ₄ (2 mg, 0.010 mmol)	PhCN (1 mL)	12.0
	AgBF ₄ (5.34 mg, 0.027 mmol)	$PhNO_2 (1 mL)$	15.3
	AgClO ₄ (10.57 mg, 0.051 mmol)	THF (1 mL)	20.6
	AgClO ₄ (5.63 mg, 0.027 mmol)	Toluene (1mL)	15.6
	AgClO ₄ (4.22 mg, 0.020mmol)	o-xylene (1mL)	14.2
	AgClO ₄ (3.52 mg, 0.017 mmol)	<i>p</i> -xylene (1mL)	13.5
	AgClO ₄ (3.52 mg, 0.017 mmol)	PhCN (1 mL)	13.5
	AgSO ₃ CF ₃ (5.24 mg, 0.020 mmol)	<i>m</i> -xylene (1mL)	15.2
L (10 mg, 0.034 mmol)	AgSO ₃ CF ₃ (6.93 mg, 0.027 mmol)	PhCN (1 mL)	16.9
	AgSO ₃ CF ₃ (13.1 mg, 0.051 mmol)	$PhNO_2$ (1 mL)	23.1
	AgSbF ₆ (4.67 mg, 0.014 mmol)	THF (1 mL)	14.7
	AgSbF ₆ (5.84 mg, 0.017 mmol)	o-cresol (1mL)	15.8
	AgSbF ₆ (5.84 mg, 0.017 mmol)	<i>m</i> -cresol (1mL)	15.8
	AgSbF ₆ (5.84 mg, 0.017 mmol)	p-cresol (1mL)	15.8
	AgSbF ₆ (10.5 mg, 0.030mmol)	PhCN (1 mL)	20.5
	AgSbF ₆ (16.35 mg, 0.048 mmol)	PhNO ₂ (1 mL)	26.3

Formula used for calculating adsorption capacity (qt) of xerogels

The molar extinction coefficient, ε can be calculated by using a known diluted solution of MO dye, say 10^{-5} (M).

According to the Beer–Lambert law, $A = \varepsilon X c X l$ (eq. 1)

Where, A = absorbance of the materials, ε = molar extinction coefficient, c = concentration of the solution, l = path length.

Therefore, $\varepsilon = A/(c X l)$

So, A = 0.257, $c = 10^{-5}(M)$ and l = 1 cm

So, $\varepsilon = 0.257/(10^{-5} \text{ X } 1) \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$,

 $\epsilon = 0.257 \text{ X} 10^5 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$



For different time interval, C_t were calculated by applying eq. 1 putting the value of ε . Then adsorption capacities were calculated by following eq. 2.

Adsorption Capacity
$$(q_t) = [(C_0 - C_t)*V] / m$$
 (eq. 2)

Here,

qt= amount of dye methyl orange (MO) in mg, adsorbed into 1 g adsorbent,

C₀ and C_t are the initial and conc. of MO (mg L⁻¹) at different time interval,

V= volume of dye solution (L)

m= mass of adsorbent (g).