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# A novel arenedisulfonate-templated 1D silver ladder constructed from 4-aminobenzonitrile ligand

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**(1) Experiment details**

Materials and General Methods.

All chemicals and solvents used in the syntheses were of analytical grade and used without further purification. IR spectra were measured on a Nicolet Avatar 330 FTIR Spectrometer at the range of 4000-400  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Elemental analyses were carried out on a CE instruments EA 1110 elemental analyzer. Photoluminescence spectra were measured on a Hitachi F-7000 Fluorescence Spectrophotometer (slit width: 5 nm; sensitivity: high). X-ray powder diffractions were measured on a Panalytical X-Pert pro diffractometer with Cu-K $\alpha$  radiation. TG curves were measured from 30 to 600 °C on a SDT Q600 instrument at a heating rate 10 °C/min under the N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere (100 ml/min).

## (2) Synthesis of 1-5

### Synthesis of $[\text{nds} \subset \text{Ag}_2(\text{abn})_4]_n$ . (1)

Reaction of  $\text{Ag}_2\text{O}$  (12 mg, 0.05 mmol),  $\text{H}_2\text{nds}\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (36 mg, 0.1 mmol) and abn (12 mg, 0.1 mmol) in methanol-ethanol mixed solvent (5 mL,  $v/v$ : 3/2), then aqueous  $\text{NH}_3$  solution (25%, 3 mL) was dropped into the mixture to give a clear solution under ultrasonic treatment. The resultant colorless solution was allowed slowly to evaporate at room temperature for two week to give colorless plate crystals of **1**. The crystals were isolated by filtration and washed by ethanol and dried in air. Yield: *Ca.* 57% based on Ag. Elemental analysis: Anal. Calc. for  $\text{AgC}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_4\text{O}_3\text{S}$ : C 46.83, H 3.10, N 11.50%. Found: C 44.71, H 3.20, N 10.75%. Selected IR peaks ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3477 (s), 3371 (s), 3213 (m), 2214 (m), 1628 (s), 1603 (s), 1515 (m), 1320(w), 1235 (w), 1205 (s), 1176 (m), 1161 (m), 1045 (m), 830 (w), 792 (w), 609 (m), 546 (m).

### Synthesis of $[\text{Ag}(\text{abn})_2\cdot\text{NO}_3]_n$ . (2):

Reaction of  $\text{AgNO}_3$  (17 mg, 0.1 mmol) and abn (12 mg, 0.1 mmol) in methanol-water mixed solvent (6 mL,  $v/v$ : 4/2), then aqueous  $\text{NH}_3$  solution (25%, 1 mL) was dropped into the mixture to give a clear solution under ultrasonic treatment. The resultant colorless solution was allowed slowly to evaporate at room temperature for two week to give colorless plate crystals of **2**. The crystals were isolated by filtration and washed by ethanol and dried in air. Elemental analysis: Anal. Calc. for  $\text{AgC}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_5\text{O}_3$ : C 41.40, H 2.98, N 17.24%. Found: C 40.99, H 2.84, N 17.37%. Selected IR peaks ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3477 (s), 3372 (s), 3213 (m), 2214 (s), 1628 (s), 1602 (s), 1515 (s), 1384(s), 1320 (m), 1176 (m), 834 (m), 830 (m), 698 (w), 547 (m).

### Synthesis of $[\text{Ag}(\text{abn})_2\cdot\text{ClO}_4]_n$ . (3):

Reaction of  $\text{Ag}_2\text{O}$  (23 mg, 0.1 mmol),  $\text{NaClO}_4$  (25 mg, 0.2 mmol) and abn (24 mg, 0.2 mmol) in methanol-ethanol-water mixed solvent (7 mL,  $v/v/v$ : 3/3/1), then aqueous  $\text{NH}_3$  solution (25%, 0.5 mL) was dropped into the mixture to give a clear solution under ultrasonic treatment. The resultant colorless solution was allowed slowly to evaporate at room temperature for two week to give colorless plate crystals of **3**. The crystals were isolated by filtration and washed by ethanol and dried in air. Elemental analysis: Anal. Calc. for  $\text{AgC}_{14}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClN}_4\text{O}_4$ : C 37.91, H 2.73, N 12.63%. Found: C 37.62, H 2.86, N 12.67%. Selected IR peaks ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3477 (s), 3372 (s), 2214 (m), 1628 (s), 1603 (m), 1515 (m), 1320 (w), 1177 (m), 1143 (m), 1109 (m), 1189 (m), 839 (m), 830 (m), 697 (w), 626 (m), 546 (m).

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**Synthesis of [Ag(abn)<sub>2</sub>·PF<sub>6</sub>]<sub>n</sub>. (4):**

Reaction of Ag<sub>2</sub>O (23 mg, 0.1 mmol), KPF<sub>6</sub> (37 mg, 0.2 mmol) and abn (24 mg, 0.2 mmol) in methanol-ethanol mixed solvent (5 mL, *v/v*: 3/2), then aqueous NH<sub>3</sub> solution (25%, 1 mL) was dropped into the mixture to give a clear solution under ultrasonic treatment. The resultant colorless solution was allowed slowly to evaporate at room temperature for two week to give colorless plate crystals of **4**. The crystals were isolated by filtration and washed by ethanol and dried in air. Elemental analysis: Anal. Calc. for AgC<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>F<sub>6</sub>N<sub>4</sub>P: C 34.38, H 2.47, N 11.46%. Found: C 33.43, H 2.42, N 11.26%. Selected IR peaks (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3478 (s), 3372 (s), 3213 (w), 2214 (s), 1628 (s), 1603 (s), 1516 (s), 1320 (m), 1176 (s), 839 (s), 697 (w), 561 (m), 546 (m).

**Synthesis of [Ag(abn)<sub>2</sub>·CF<sub>3</sub>COO]<sub>n</sub>. (5):**

Reaction of AgOCCF<sub>3</sub> (22 mg, 0.1 mmol) and abn (24 mg, 0.2 mmol) in methanol-ethanol mixed solvent (5 mL, *v/v*: 3/2), then aqueous NH<sub>3</sub> solution (25%, 1 mL) was dropped into the mixture to give a clear solution under ultrasonic treatment. The resultant colorless solution was allowed slowly to evaporate at room temperature for two week to give colorless plate crystals of **5**. The crystals were isolated by filtration and washed by ethanol and dried in air. Elemental analysis: Anal. Calc. for AgC<sub>16</sub>H<sub>12</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C 42.04, H 2.65, N 12.26%. Found: C 41.05, H 2.44, N 11.82%. Selected IR peaks (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3477 (s), 3372 (s), 2214 (m), 1686 (m), 1628 (s), 1603 (s), 1515 (m), 1320 (w), 1208 (m), 1176 (m), 1137 (m), 833 (m), 830 (m), 802 (w), 724 (w), 697 (w), 547 (m).

### (3) X-ray Crystallography

Single crystals of the complexes **1-5** with appropriate dimensions were chosen under an optical microscope and mounted on a glass fiber for data collection. Data were collected on a Rigaku R–AXIS RAPID Image Plate single–crystal diffractometer with graphite–monochromated Mo K $\alpha$  radiation source ( $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ ) operating at 50 kV and 90 mA in  $\omega$  scan mode for **1**, **3** and **5**, and a Bruker-AXS CCD diffractometer equipped with a graphite-monochromated Mo K $\alpha$  radiation source ( $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ ) operating at 50 kV and 30 mA in  $\omega$  scan mode for **2** and **4**. In all cases, the highest possible space group was chosen. All structures were solved by direct methods using SHELXS–97<sup>1</sup> and refined on  $F^2$  by full-matrix least–squares procedures with SHELXL–97.<sup>2</sup> All structures were examined using the Addsym subroutine of PLATON<sup>3</sup> to assure that no additional symmetry could be applied to the models.

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**(4) Table S1: Crystal data for 1-5**

Compound	1	2	3	4	5
Empirical formula	AgC <sub>19</sub> H <sub>15</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	AgC <sub>14</sub> H <sub>12</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O	AgC <sub>14</sub> H <sub>12</sub> ClN <sub>4</sub> O	AgC <sub>14</sub> H <sub>12</sub> F <sub>6</sub> N <sub>4</sub>	AgC <sub>16</sub> H <sub>12</sub> F <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O
Formula weight	487.29	406.16	443.60	489.12	457.17
Crystal system	triclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic	triclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> 2(1)/n	<i>P</i> 2(1)/c	<i>P</i> 2(1)/n	<i>P</i> -1
<i>a</i> (Å)	9.768(2)	9.2284(18)	9.1859(15)	9.4587(19)	9.4187(19)
<i>b</i> (Å)	10.475(2)	9.4398(19)	9.6910(16)	9.989(2)	10.098(2)
<i>c</i> (Å)	10.640(2)	17.845(4)	20.348(3)	18.523(4)	10.271(2)
<i>α</i> (deg)	74.74(3)	90.00	90.00	90.00	111.21(3)
<i>β</i> (deg)	80.82(3)	92.018(4)	115.309(6)	90.07(3)	106.08(3)
<i>γ</i> (deg)	69.50(3)	90.00	90.00	90.00	91.41(3)
<i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )	981.0(3)	1553.6(5)	1637.5(5)	1750.1(6)	866.5(3)
<i>T</i> (K)	173(2)	173(2)	173(2)	173(2)	173(2)
<i>Z</i> , <i>D</i> <sub>calcd</sub> (Mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	2, 1.650	4, 1.737	4, 1.799	4, 1.856	2, 1.752
<i>F</i> (000)	488	808	880	960	452
<i>μ</i> (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	1.161	1.319	1.420	1.309	1.212
Ref. collected/unique	8509 / 3835	6204 / 2616	7992 / 2865	9767 / 3078	6827 / 3038
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>	0.0246	0.0193	0.0225	0.0253	0.0260
Parameters	253	208	217	235	262
Final <i>R</i>	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0255	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0379	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0320	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0308	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0339
indices [ <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> )]	<i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0624	<i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0929	<i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0769	<i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0826	<i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0849
<i>R</i> indices (all data)	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0287 <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0640	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0414 <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0954	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0338 <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0779	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0364 <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0857	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0385 <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0908
GOF	1.047	1.143	1.159	1.079	1.115
Max./ min., Δρ (e·Å <sup>-3</sup> )	0.856/-0.679	0.689/-0.360	0.690/-0.386	0.933/-0.670	0.725/-0.705

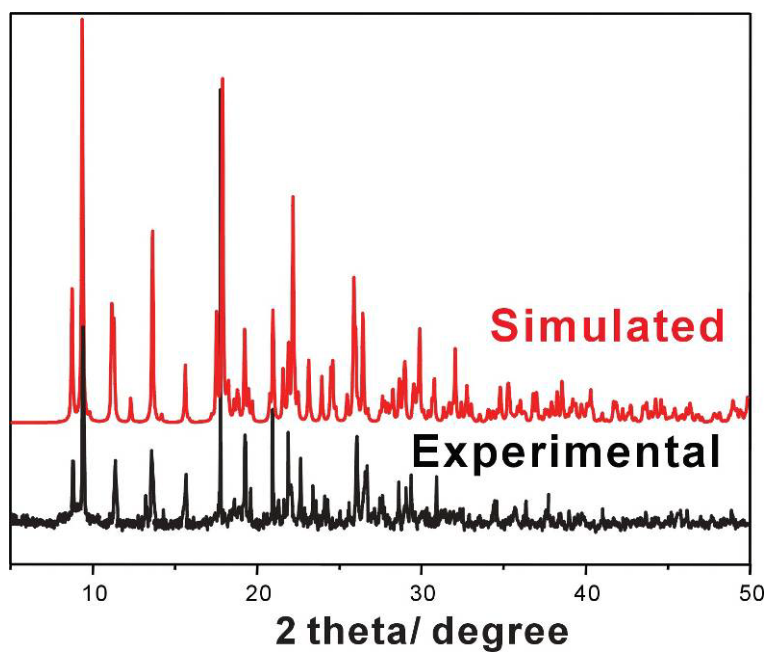
$$R_1 = \sum |F_o| - |F_c| / \sum |F_o|, wR_2 = [\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \sum w(F_o^2)^2]^{1/2}$$

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**(5) Table S2: The selected bond distances and angles for 1-5**

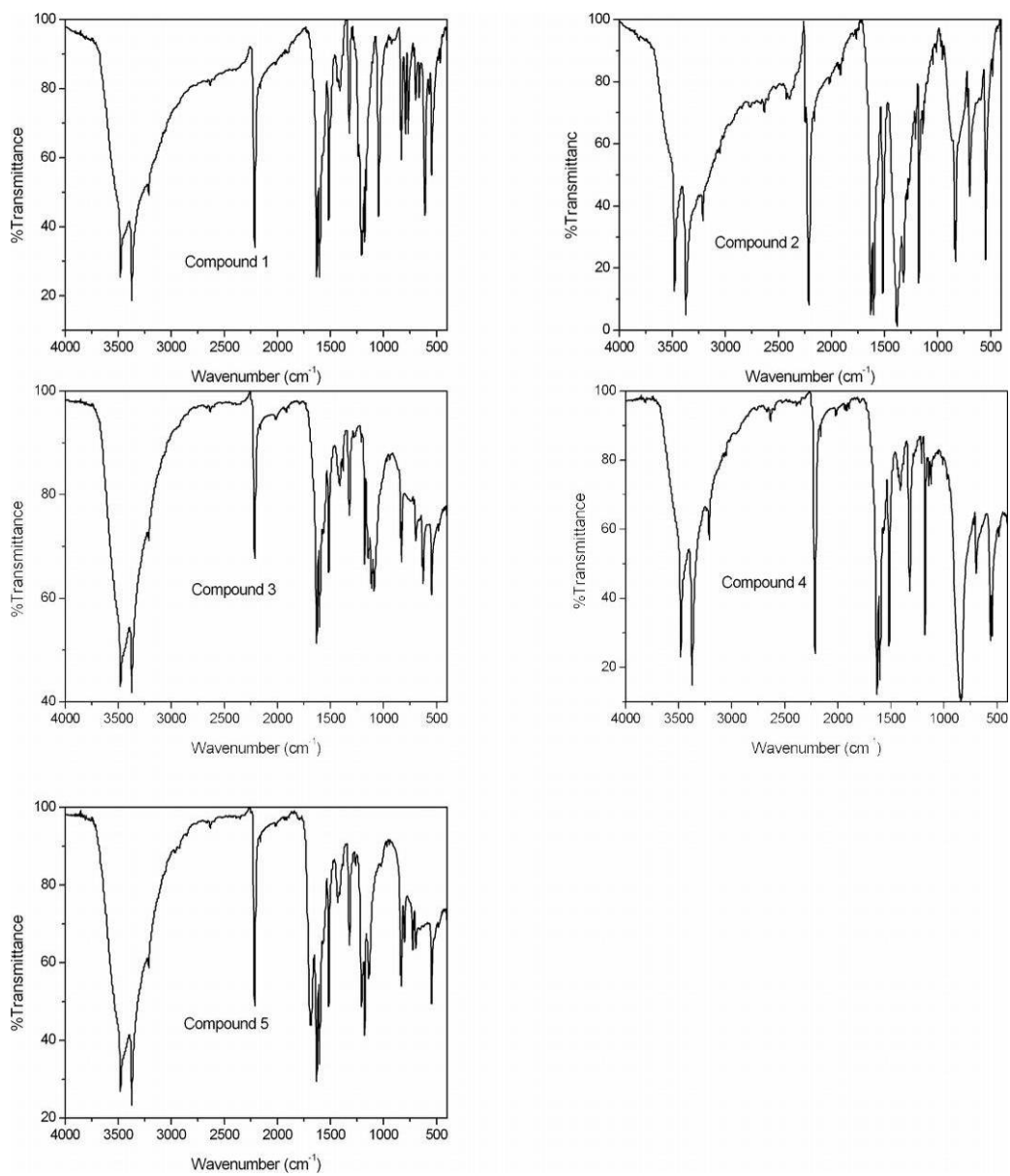
<b>Complex 1</b>			
Ag1—N1	2.253 (2)	Ag1—N3 <sup>i</sup>	2.415 (2)
Ag1—N4	2.263 (2)	Ag1—N2 <sup>ii</sup>	2.447 (2)
N1—Ag1—N4	138.70 (8)	N1—Ag1—N2 <sup>ii</sup>	99.42 (8)
N1—Ag1—N3 <sup>i</sup>	90.64 (8)	N4—Ag1—N2 <sup>ii</sup>	111.66 (7)
N4—Ag1—N3 <sup>i</sup>	114.26 (7)	N3 <sup>i</sup> —Ag1—N2 <sup>ii</sup>	91.34 (8)
Symmetry codes: (i) $x, y+1, z$ ; (ii) $-x, -y+1, -z$ .			
<b>Complex 2</b>			
Ag1—N1	2.211 (4)	Ag1—N3	2.325 (3)
Ag1—N2 <sup>i</sup>	2.319 (3)	Ag1—N4 <sup>ii</sup>	2.404 (3)
N1—Ag1—N2 <sup>i</sup>	122.71 (12)	N1—Ag1—N4 <sup>ii</sup>	92.45 (13)
N1—Ag1—N3	124.07 (13)	N2 <sup>i</sup> —Ag1—N4 <sup>ii</sup>	124.11 (12)
N2 <sup>i</sup> —Ag1—N3	94.72 (12)	N3—Ag1—N4 <sup>ii</sup>	98.91 (11)
Symmetry codes: (i) $x+1/2, -y+1/2, z-1/2$ ; (ii) $-x+1, -y+1, -z+1$ .			
<b>Complex 3</b>			
Ag1—N3	2.212 (3)	Ag1—N4 <sup>i</sup>	2.362 (3)
Ag1—N1	2.326 (3)	Ag1—N2 <sup>ii</sup>	2.417 (3)
N3—Ag1—N1	123.95 (11)	N3—Ag1—N2 <sup>ii</sup>	102.23 (11)
N3—Ag1—N4 <sup>i</sup>	121.02 (11)	N1—Ag1—N2 <sup>ii</sup>	94.27 (10)
N1—Ag1—N4 <sup>i</sup>	95.54 (10)	N4 <sup>i</sup> —Ag1—N2 <sup>ii</sup>	117.88 (10)
Symmetry codes: (i) $x, -y+3/2, z-1/2$ ; (ii) $-x+1, -y+1, -z+1$ .			
<b>Complex 4</b>			
Ag1—N1	2.257 (3)	Ag1—N2 <sup>ii</sup>	2.377 (3)
Ag1—N3 <sup>i</sup>	2.320 (3)	Ag1—N4	2.440 (3)
N1—Ag1—N3 <sup>i</sup>	124.08 (11)	N1—Ag1—N4	95.24 (11)
N1—Ag1—N2 <sup>ii</sup>	125.06 (10)	N3 <sup>i</sup> —Ag1—N4	95.09 (11)
N3 <sup>i</sup> —Ag1—N2 <sup>ii</sup>	96.37 (11)	N2 <sup>ii</sup> —Ag1—N4	118.53 (10)
Symmetry codes: (i) $-x+1, -y+1, -z+1$ ; (ii) $x-1/2, -y+3/2, z-1/2$ .			
<b>Complex 5</b>			
Ag1—N3	2.201 (3)	Ag1—N2 <sup>i</sup>	2.436 (3)
Ag1—N1	2.221 (3)	Ag1—N4 <sup>ii</sup>	2.496 (3)
N3—Ag1—N1	134.33 (13)	N3—Ag1—N4 <sup>ii</sup>	98.64 (12)
N3—Ag1—N2 <sup>i</sup>	121.28 (12)	N1—Ag1—N4 <sup>ii</sup>	97.52 (14)
N1—Ag1—N2 <sup>i</sup>	96.85 (12)	N2 <sup>i</sup> —Ag1—N4 <sup>ii</sup>	100.93 (12)
Symmetry codes: (i) $-x+2, -y+2, -z+3$ ; (ii) $-x+1, -y+1, -z+1$ .			

**(6) Figure S1: XRD spectra of 1**

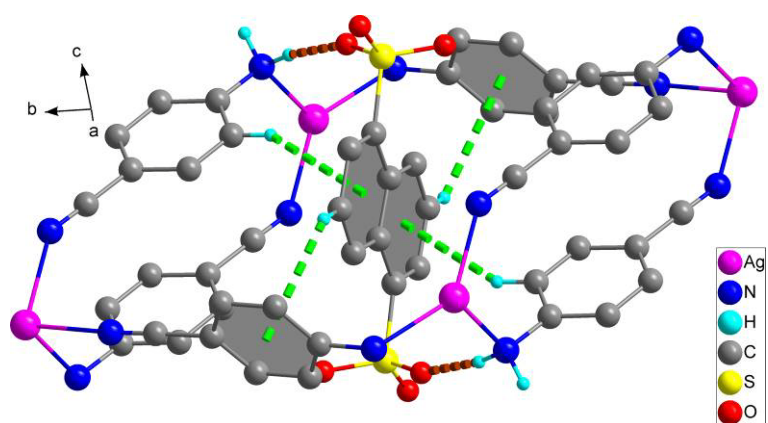




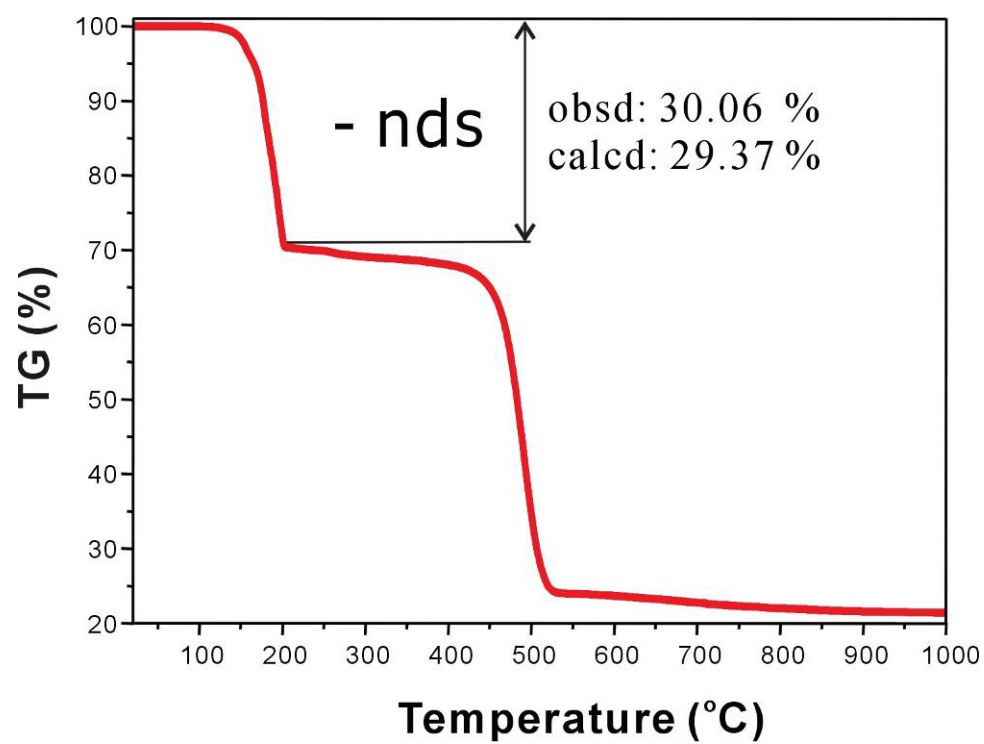
(7) Figure S2: IR spectra of 1-5



**(8) Figure S3: The noncovalent interaction between nds and the grid.**



(9) Figure S4: The TG curve of complex 1



(10) Figure S5: The photoluminescent properties of complexes 2-5

