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## Photophysical properties of homobimetallic Cu(I)-Cu(I) and heterobimetallic Cu(I)-Ag(I) complexes of 2-(6-bromo-2-pyridyl)-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*f*][1,10]phenanthroline

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	$1a \cdot 4CH_2Cl_2$	$\textbf{2b} \cdot 2CH_2Cl_2 \cdot 2CH_3OH \cdot 2H_2O$	<b>1c</b> ·4H <sub>2</sub> O	$2c \cdot 4CH_2Cl_2$
Formula weight	$C_{94}H_{74}BrCl_{10}Cu_2N_5O_{10}P_4$	$C_{100}H_{89}BrCl_5Cu_2N_5O_{10}P_4\\$	C90H73AgBrClCuN5O10P4	$C_{100}H_{81}AgBrCl9CuN_5O_6P_4$
T (K)	150(2)	150(2)	150(2)	150(2)
Wavelength (Å)	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
Crystal system	triclinic	monoclinic	orthorhombic	monoclinic
Space group	P-1	Pc	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	$P2_{1}/c$
Unit cell dimensions				
a (Å)	15.5719(15)	13.8873(11)	13.8637(12)	18.887(4)
b (Å)	15.9403(15)	10.6708(8)	24.798(2)	18.800(4)
c (Å)	20.762(2)	31.655(2)	26.122(2)	27.414(6)
α (°)	82.0390(10)	90.00	90.00	90.00
β (°)	70.3860(10)	96.5600(10)	90.00	100.064(3)
γ (°)	83.2990(10)	90.00	90.00	90.00
V (Å <sup>3</sup> )	4794.2(8)	4660.2(6)	8980.5(13)	9584(4)
Z	2	2	4	4
Dcalc (Mg·m <sup>-3</sup> )	1.468	1.397	1.274	1.485
$\mu (\mathrm{mm}^{-1})$	1.265	1.155	1.052	1.218
F(000)	2152	2008	3504	3680
Reflections collected	24403	22894	36196	39931
Independent reflections	16608	12211	11582	13468
Reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$	13598	11457	10739	9549
Data/restraints/parameters	16608/0/1054	12211/2/1109	11582/0/983	13468/0/1036
Goodness-of-fit (GOF) on $F^2$	1.044	1.053	1.038	1.007
Final R indices $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$	0.0451	0.0275	0.0315	0.0440
$wR_2 [I > 2\sigma(I)]$	0.1194	0.0693	0.0707	0.0970
R indices (all data)	0.0568	0.0304	0.0361	0.0714
wR <sub>2</sub> (all data)	0.1263	0.0703	0.0725	0.1071

Table S1. Crystallographic data and select refinement details for complexes 1a·4CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 2b·2CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> 2CH<sub>3</sub>OH 2H<sub>2</sub>O, 1c 4H<sub>2</sub>O and 2c 4CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>

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<b>1a</b> 4CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>								
Cu1–N1	2.078(3)	Cu1–N2	2.045(3)	Cu1–P1	2.288(1)	Cu1–P2	2.210 (1)	
C13-N3	1.363(4)	C13-N4	1.324(4)	Cu2–N4	2.061(3)	Cu2–N5	2.213(3)	
Cu2–P3	2.287 (1)	Cu2–P4	2.245(1)	N1–Cu1–N2	81.25(10)	N1–Cu1–P1	99.95(7)	
N1–Cu1–P2	133.74(8)	N2–Cu1–P1	100.95(7)	N2–Cu1–P2	118.20(7)	P1–Cu1–P2	114.87(3)	
N4-Cu2-N5	79.06(10)	N4–Cu2–P3	102.29(7)	N4-Cu2-P4	118.51(8)	N5–Cu2–P3	104.06(8)	
N5-Cu2-P4	123.26(8)	P3–Cu2–P4	120.90(3)					
<b>2b</b> 2CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> 2CH <sub>3</sub> OH·2H <sub>2</sub> O								
Cu1–N1	2.069(3)	Cu1–N2	2.067(3)	Cu1–P1	2.222(1)	Cu1–P2	2.256(1)	
C13-N3	1.361(5)	C13–N4	1.348(5)	Cu2–N4	2.044(3)	Cu2–N5	2.178(3)	
Cu2–P3	2.247(1)	Cu2–P4	2.278(1)	N1–Cu1–N2	80.87(12)	N1–Cu1–P1	113.64(9)	
N1–Cu1–P2	109.95(9)	N2–Cu1–P1	125.80(10)	N2–Cu1–P2	103.00(9)	P1–Cu1–P2	117.61(4)	
N4-Cu2-N5	79.79(12)	N4–Cu2–P3	123.50(9)	N4–Cu2–P4	106.77(10)	N5–Cu2–P3	114.65(9)	
N5-Cu2-P4	103.17(9)	P3–Cu2–P4	120.33(4)					
1c·4H <sub>2</sub> O								
Cu1–N1	2.081(4)	Cu1–N2	2.046(4)	Cu1–P1	2.208(2)	Cu1–P2	2.283(2)	
C13-N3	1.366(7)	C13-N4	1.346(6)	Ag1–N4	2.265(4)	Ag1–N5	2.491(4)	
Ag1–P3	2.524(2)	Ag1–P4	2.404(2)	N1–Cu1–N2	80.98(16)	N1–Cu1–P1	129.86(13)	
N1–Cu1–P2	98.57(13)	N2–Cu1–P1	120.66(14)	N2–Cu1–P2	105.36(14)	P1–Cu1–P2	114.96(6)	
N4-Ag1-N5	71.00(14)	N4-Ag1-P3	103.28(12)	N4–Ag1–P4	128.78(12)	N5–Ag1–P3	93.96(11)	
N5-Ag1-P4	139.57(11)	P3–Ag1–P4	110.87(5)					
2c 4CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>								
Cu1–N1	2.039(3)	Cu1–N2	2.102(3)	Cu1–P1	2.244(1)	Cu1–P2	2.237(1)	
C13-N3	1.341(5)	C13–N4	1.358(5)	Ag1–N4	2.264(3)	Ag1–N5	2.477(3)	

Table S2. Main bond lengths (Å) and angles ( ) for complexes 1a 4CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 2b 2CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> 2CH<sub>3</sub>OH·2H<sub>2</sub>O, 1c·4H<sub>2</sub>O and 2c 4CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>

Ag1–P3	2.469(1)	Ag1–P4	2.443(1)	N1-Cu1-N2	80.57(13)	N1-Cu1-P1	119.06(10)
N1–Cu1–P2	118.32(10)	N2–Cu1–P1	107.43(10)	N2–Cu1–P2	111.60(10)	P1–Cu1–P2	113.90(5)
N4–Ag1–N5	71.42(11)	N4-Ag1-P3	117.29(8)	N4–Ag1–P4	125.43(8)	N5–Ag1–P3	106.74(8)
N5-Ag1-P4	114.51(8)	P3-Ag1-P4	112.28(4)				



Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of bippH in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>



Figure S2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of complex **1a** in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>



Figure S3. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of complex **2a** in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>



Figure S4. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of complex **1b** in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>



Figure S5. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of complex **2b** in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>



Figure S6. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of complex 1c in DMSO- $d_6$ 



Figure S7. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of complex 2c in DMSO- $d_6$ 





Figure S9. <sup>13</sup>C NMR of complex **1a** in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>



Figure S10. <sup>13</sup>C NMR of complex **2a** in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>





Figure S12. <sup>13</sup>C NMR of complex **2b** in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>



Figure S13. <sup>13</sup>C NMR of complex **1c** in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>







Figure S15. <sup>31</sup>P {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR of complex **1a** in DMSO- $d_6$ 



Figure S16. <sup>31</sup>P {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR of complex **2a** in DMSO- $d_6$ 



Figure S17. <sup>31</sup>P {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR of complex **1b** in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>



Figure S18. <sup>31</sup>P {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR of complex **2b** in DMSO- $d_6$ 



Figure S19. <sup>31</sup>P {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR of complex 1c in DMSO- $d_6$ 



Figure S20. <sup>31</sup>P {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR of complex 2c in DMSO- $d_6$ 



Spectrum from Data20220318-02-P-1+2-1.wiff (sample 1) - Sample001, Experiment 1, +TOF MS (80 - 5000) from 0.094 to 0.113 min
C18H11BrN5

## Figure S21. MS spectra of bpipH





Spectrum from Data20220318-02-P-1+2-2.wiff (sample 1) - Sample002, Experiment 1, +TOF MS (80 - 5000) from 0.103 min

Spectrum from Data20220318-02-P-1+2-2.wiff (sample 1) - Sample002, Experiment 1, +TOF MS (80 - 5000) from 0.122 min



Figure S22. MS spectra of complex 1a

Spectrum from Data20220318-P-3.wiff (sample 1) - Sample003, Experiment 1, +TOF MS (80 - 5000) from 0.103 min



Spectrum from Data20220318-P-3.wiff (sample 1) - Sample003, Experiment 1, +TOF MS (80 - 5000) from 0.103 min





Figure S23. MS spectra of complex 2a



Figure S24. MS spectra of complex 1b



Figure S25. MS spectra of complex 2b



Figure S26. MS spectra of complex 1c



Figure S27. MS spectra of complex 2c