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Reinvestigating 2,5-di(pyridine-2-yl)pyrazine ruthenium complexes: selective deuteration and Raman spectroscopy as tools to probe ground and excited-state electronic structure in homo- and heterobimetallic complexes

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Synthesis and Characterisation of 2,5-dpp and d₁₀-2,5-dpp

2,5-di(pyridin-2-yl)pyrazine ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 9.59 (s, 2H, 3-H, 6-H), 8.68 (d, 2H, J = 4.7 Hz, 9-H, 15-H), 8.38 (d, 2H, J = 7.8 Hz, 12-H, 18-H), 7.91 (t, 2H, J = 7.6 Hz, 11-H, 17-H), 7.80 (t, 2H, J = 5.0 Hz, 10-H, 16-H).

(d₁₀)-2,5-di(pyridin-2-yl)pyrazine Sodium (460 mg, 20.01 mmol) was added slowly to 20 cm³ of D₂O cooled with an ice bath. 2,5-di(2-pyridin-2-yl)pyrazine (150 mg, 0.64 mmol) was added and heated under pressure for 6 days in a teflon lined steel dissolution bomb. The mixture was subsequently cooled to r.t. and neutralized with aqueous HCl. The aqueous phase was extracted with dichloromethane and the combined organic phases were dried over magnesium sulphate. Evaporation of the solvent yielded the deuteriated product as a white solid (0.066 g, 42%). The degree of deuteration was determined by ¹H NMR spectroscopy to be >98%. Yield 66 mg. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 9.59 (s, 3-H, 6-H), 8.68 (s, 2H, 9, 15), 8.38 (s, 2H, 12, 18), 7.80 (s, 2H, 11, 17), 7.31 (s, 2H, 10, 16).

Synthesis of mononuclear ruthenium(II) complexes 1a-d

2,5-di(pyridin-2-yl)pyrazine (0.21 mmol) were dissolved in 5 cm³ of an ethanol/water (3:1 v/v) and heated at reflux. Subsequently, [Ru(2,2'-bipyridine)₂Cl₂].2H₂O (0.14 mmol) dissolved in 20 cm³ of an ethanol/water mixture was added slowly over a period of 1 h. The brown solution was heated at reflux for 6 h. After cooling to r.t. ethanol was removed in vacuo and non-reacted starting material was removed by filtration. 2 cm³ of saturated NH₄PF_{6(aq)} was added to the filtrate, yielding a brown precipitate. The crude product was collected and washed with small amounts of water and diethyl ether. Recrystallization from acetone/water (2:1 v/v) afforded brown crystalline solids.

[bis-(2,2'-bipyridine)(2,5-di(pyridin-2-yl)pyrazine)ruthenium(II)] (PF₆)₂.H₂O (**1a**)

Yield 71%. ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆): δ = 10.04 (s, 1H, 3-H), 9.04 (d, 1H, 12-H), 8.90-8.51 (m, 4H, bipy), 8.59 (s, 1H, 6-H), 8.53 (d, 1H, 15-H), 8.42 (d, 1H, 18-H), 8.28-8.19 (m, 5H, bipy, 11-H), 8.08 (d, 1H, bipy), 8.03 (t, 1H, 17-H), 7.83 (d, 1H, bipy), 7.80 (d, 1H, 9-H), 7.72 (d, 2H, bipy), 7.63-7.57 (m, 4H, bipy, 10-H), 7.52 (m, 1H, 16-H), 7.48 (m, 1H, bipy). C₃₄H₂₆F₁₂N₈P₂Ru.H₂O (955.64): calcd. C 42.73, H 2.95, N 11.73; found C 43.11, H 2.94, N 11.46.

[bis-(d₈-2,2'-bipyridine)(2,5-di(pyridin-2-yl)pyrazine)ruthenium(II)](PF₆)₂.H₂O (**1b**)

Yield 48%. ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆): δ = 10.04 (s, 1H, 3-H), 9.04 (d, 1H, 12-H), 8.90 (s, bipy), 8.89 (s, bipy), 8.86 (s, bipy), 8.85 (s, bipy), 8.59 (s, 1H, 6-H), 8.53 (d, 1H, 15-H), 8.42 (d, 1H, 18-H), 8.28 (s, bipy), 8.25 (t, 1H, 11-H), 8.23 (s, bipy), 8.20 (s, bipy), 8.19 (s, bipy), 8.08 (s, bipy), 8.03 (t, 1H, 17-H), 7.83 (s, bipy), 7.80 (d, 1H, 9-H), 7.74 (s, bipy), 7.72 (s, bipy), 7.63 (s, bipy), 7.60 (t, 1H, 10-H), 7.59 (s, bipy), 7.57 (s, bipy), 7.52 (t, 1H, 16-H), 7.48 (s, bipy). C₃₄H₁₀D₁₆F₁₂N₈P₂Ru.H₂O (971.74): calcd. C 42.02, H 2.90, N 11.53; found C 42.14, H 2.94, N 11.63.

[bis-(2,2'-bipyridine)(d₁₀-2,5-di(pyridin-2-yl)pyrazine)ruthenium(II)](PF₆)₂.H₂O (**1c**)

Yield 67%. ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆): δ = 10.04 (s, 3-H), 9.04 (s, 12-H), 8.90-8.85 (m, 4H, bipy), 8.59 (s, 6-H), 8.53 (s, 15-H), 8.42 (s, 18-H), 8.28-8.19 (m, 4H, bipy, 11-H), 8.08 (d, 1H, bipy), 8.03 (s, 17-H), 7.83 (d, 1H, bipy), 7.80 (s, 9-H), 7.72 (d, 2H, bipy), 7.63-7.57 (m, 3H, bipy, 10-H), 7.52 (s, 16-H), 7.48 (t, 1H, bipy). C₃₄H₁₆D₁₀F₁₂N₈P₂Ru.H₂O (965.70): calcd. C 42.29, H 2.93, N 11.60; found C 42.33, H 3.05, N 11.41.

[bis-(d₈-2,2'-bipyridine)(d₁₀-2,5-di(pyridin-2-yl)pyrazine)ruthenium(II)](PF₆)₂.H₂O (**1d**)

Yield 61%. C₃₄D₂₆F₁₂N₈P₂Ru.H₂O (981.80): calcd. C 41.59, H 2.88, N 11.41; found C 41.83, H 2.82, N 11.29.

Synthesis of dinuclear ruthenium(II) complexes 2a-d.

2,5-di(pyridin-2-yl)pyrazine (0.21 mmol) and $[\text{Ru}(\text{2,2'}$ -bipyridine) $)_2\text{Cl}_2] \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.47 mmol) were dissolved in 20 cm³ of ethanol/water (3:1 v/v) and heated at reflux for 6 h. After cooling to r.t. ethanol was removed in vacuo and non-reacted starting material was removed by filtration. 2 cm³ of saturated $\text{NH}_4\text{PF}_6(\text{aq})$ were added to the filtrate, yielding a dark precipitate. The crude precipitate was collected and washed with small amounts of water and diethyl ether. Recrystallization from acetone/water (2:1 v/v) afforded dark crystalline solids. The complexes are obtained as diastereomeric mixtures ($\Delta\Delta$ and $\Lambda\Lambda/\Delta\Delta$ isomers).

$[\mu$ -(2,5-di(pyridin-2-yl)pyrazine)*bis*-(*bis*-2,2'-bipyridine)ruthenium(II))](PF_6)₄·(CH₃)₂CO (**2a**)

Yield 69%. ¹H NMR (DMSO- D_6): δ = 8.91-8.80 (m, 8H, bipy), 8.68 (s, 1H, dpp), 8.59 (s, 1H, dpp), 8.33-8.11 (m, 11H, dpp, bipy), 8.05-8.02 (m, 3H, dpp, bipy), 7.83-7.80 (m, 2H, bipy), 7.77-7.71 (m, 2H, dpp), 7.68-7.64 (m, 2H, bipy), 7.47-7.43 (m, 2H, bipy), 7.30-7.27 (m, 2H, bipy). $\text{C}_{54}\text{H}_{42}\text{F}_{24}\text{N}_{12}\text{P}_4\text{Ru}_2 \cdot (\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CO}$ (1699.07): calcd. C 40.29, H 2.85, N 9.89; found; C 40.17, H 3.35, N 10.02.

$[\mu$ -(2,5-di(pyridin-2-yl)pyrazine)*bis*-(*bis*-(d_8 -2,2'-bipyridine) ruthenium(II))](PF_6)₄·0.5(CH₃)₂CO (**2b**)

Yield 75%. ¹H NMR (DMSO- D_6): δ = 8.68 (s, 1H, dpp), 8.61 (s, 1H, dpp), 8.18-8.11 (m, 3H, dpp), 8.05-8.02 (m, 1H, dpp), 7.77-7.71 (m, 2H, dpp), 7.61-7.56 (m, 2H, dpp). $\text{C}_{54}\text{H}_{10}\text{D}_{32}\text{F}_{24}\text{N}_{12}\text{P}_4\text{Ru}_2 \cdot 0.5(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CO}$ (1702.25): calcd. C 39.16, H 2.66, N 9.87; found C 39.09, H 2.98, N 9.70.

$[\mu$ -(d_{10} -2,5-di(pyridin-2-yl)pyrazine)*bis*-(*bis*-(2,2'-bipyridine) ruthenium(II))](PF_6)₄·0.5(CH₃)₂CO·H₂O (**2c**)

Yield 32%. ¹H NMR (DMSO- D_6): δ = 8.91-8.80 (m, 8H, bipy), 8.33-8.20 (m, 8H, bipy), 8.05-8.04 (m, 2H, bipy), 7.68-7.64 (m, 2H, bipy), 7.62-7.50 (m, 6H, bipy), 7.47-7.43 (m, 2H, bipy), 7.30-7.27 (m, 2H, bipy). $\text{C}_{54}\text{H}_{32}\text{D}_{10}\text{F}_{24}\text{N}_{12}\text{P}_4\text{Ru}_2 \cdot 0.5(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CO} \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1727.14): calcd. C 39.63, H 2.89, N 9.73; found C 39.39, H 3.21, N 10.04.

$[\mu$ -(d_{10} -2,5-di(pyridin-2-yl)pyrazine)*bis*-(*bis*-(d_8 -2,2'-bipyridine ruthenium(II)) (PF_6)₄·(CH₃)₂CO·2 H₂O (**2d**)

Yield 75%. ¹H NMR (DMSO- D_6): no signals. $\text{C}_{54}\text{D}_{42}\text{F}_{24}\text{N}_{12}\text{P}_4\text{Ru}_2 \cdot (\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CO} \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1777.35): calcd. C 38.52, H 2.93, N 9.46; found C 38.82, H 3.29, N 9.88.

[Ruthenium(II)(2,2'-bipyridine)₂(μ-2,5-di(pyridin-2-yl)pyrazine)PdCl₂](PF₆)₂·2 H₂O (3)

1a (0.100 mg, 0.10 mmol) was dissolved in 5 ml of dichloromethane and added drop wise to a solution of $[\text{Pd}(\text{acetonitrile})_2\text{Cl}_2]$ (0.026 g, 0.10 mmol) in 5 ml of dichloromethane. The reaction mixture was heated at reflux for 24 h. Subsequently, the mixture was cooled to room temperature and the product was precipitated by addition of 10 ml of n-hexane. After filtration and washing with 10 ml of diethyl ether a reddish purple solid was obtained. Yield: 0.107 g (0.09 mmol, 90%). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{26}\text{Cl}_2\text{F}_{12}\text{N}_8\text{P}_2\text{PdRu} \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1150.98): C, 35.48; H, 2.63; N, 9.74%. Found: C, 35.30; H, 2.22; N, 9.31%. ¹H-NMR (Acetonitrile- d_3 , 400MHz): δ = 10.05 (s, 1H, 3-H), 8.91 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H, 15-H), 8.62 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H, 12-H), 8.57 – 8.52 (m, 4H, bpy), 8.42 (s, 1H, 6-H), 8.15 (ddd, J = 6.0 Hz, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H, 11-H), 8.19-8.08 (m, 4H, bpy), 8.10 (ddd, J = 7.6 Hz, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H, 17-H), 7.81 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, 9-H), 7.82-7.75 (m, 4H, bpy), 7.66 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, 18-H), 7.59 (m, 1H, 10-H), 7.61 (m, 1H, 16-H), 7.50-7.44 (m, 4H, bpy).

[Ruthenium(II)(2,2'-bipyridine)₂(μ-2,5-di(pyridin-2-yl)pyrazine)PtCl₂](PF₆)₂·2 H₂O (4)

1a (0.100 mg, 0.10 mmol) was dissolved in 5 ml of dichloromethane and added drop wise to a solution of $[\text{Pt}(\text{DMSO})_2\text{Cl}_2]$ (0.042 g, 0.10 mmol) in 5 ml of dichloromethane. The reaction mixture was heated at reflux for 24 h. The mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature and the product precipitated by addition of 10 ml of n-hexane. After filtration and washing with 10 ml of diethyl ether a reddish purple solid was obtained. Yield: 0.115 g (0.09 mmol, 90%). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{26}\text{Cl}_2\text{F}_{12}\text{N}_8\text{P}_2\text{PtRu} \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1239.64): C, 32.94; H, 2.44; N, 9.04%. Found: C, 32.93; H, 2.07; N, 8.67%. ¹H-NMR (Acetonitrile- d_3 , 400MHz): δ = 10.48 (s, 1H, 3-H), 9.46 (d, J = 4.8 Hz, 1H, 15-H), 8.63 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H, 12-H), 8.57 – 8.48 (m, 4H, bpy), 8.55 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H, 18-H), 8.32 (s, 1H, 6-H), 8.19-8.05 (m, 4H, bpy), 8.19 (ddd, J = 8.0 Hz, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H, 11-H), 8.07-7.55 (m, 4H, bpy), 8.05 (ddd, J = 8.0 Hz, J = 1.8 Hz, 1H, 17-H), 7.81 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 1H, 9-H), 7.67-7.42 (m, 4H, bpy), 7.48 (m, 1H, 10-H), 7.42 (m, 1H, 16-H).

Fig. S1 rR spectra of **1a** at λ_{exc} (a) 785 nm (SERS) and (b) 450 nm and (c) 355 nm in CH_3CN (solvent subtracted)

Fig. S2 UV/Vis absorption spectra of a) **1a**, b) **2a**, c) **3** and d) **4** in CH_3CN