

Magnetic, thermal and spectral characterization of 2,4-dimethoxybenzoates of Mn(II), Co(II) and Cu(II).

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Abstract: 2,4 - Dimethoxybenzoates of Mn(II), Co(II) and Cu(II) have been synthesized as hydrated or anhydrous polycrystalline solids and characterized by elemental analysis, IR spectroscopy, magnetic studies and X-ray diffraction measurements. They possess the following colours: Mn(II) – white, Co(II) – pink and Cu(II) – blue. The carboxylate groups bind as monodentate, or a symmetrical bidentate bridging ligands and tridentate. The thermal stabilities were determined in air at 293-1173K. When heated the hydrated complexes dehydrate to form anhydrous salts which are decomposed to the oxides of respective metals. The magnetic susceptibilities of the 2,4-dimethoxybenzoates were measured over the range 76-303 K and their magnetic moments were calculated. The results reveal the complexes of Mn(II), Co(II) to be high-spin complexes and that of Cu(II) to form dimer.

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Introduction

The preparation and investigations of 2,4-dimethoxybenzoates of Mn(II), Co(II) and Cu(II) are presented in this paper because, on one hand, the carboxylates play an important role in inorganic and bioinorganic chemistry, and then again many metal cations in a great number of various biological processes, especially six-membered ring system, are components of several vitamins and drugs [1,2]. Moreover, carboxylates of d and 4f ion elements depending on their magnetic properties as magnets may be used in the modern branches of techniques and technology as electric materials, and they may have applications as precursors in superconducting ceramic and magnetic material productions.

According to literature survey compounds of various organic ligands also

with dimethoxybenzoic acid have been studied. Therefore, there are papers that deal with their complexes with d and mainly 4f metal ion elements [3-13]. The complexes described in the above-mentioned papers were synthesized and characterized by elemental analysis, and IR spectra. Their thermogravimetric studied, X-ray diffraction and magnetic measurements were also presented.

2,4 - Dimethoxybenzoic acid is a crystalline solid sparingly soluble in water and its melting point is 109° C [14,15]. It is used in various branches showing then different applications [16-19]; in biochemistry to form esters, in medicine and in pharmacy for the preparation of modern medicines and in ion-exchange chromatography to analyse the new organic compounds. The compounds of 2,4 - dimethoxybenzoic acid are very little

known. A survey of the literature shows that it is possible to find papers on its salts with some cations and on the investigations of some of their chemical properties. The salts of 2,4 – dimethoxybenzoic acid anion were obtained in the solid state only with lanthanide metal ions [20-23] and some of their properties were studied.

The 2,4 – dimethoxybenzoates of Mn(II), Co(II) and Cu(II) have not been obtained. Therefore, the aim of this work was to prepare them as solids and to examine some of their physicochemical properties including thermal stability in air during heating to 1173K, IR spectral characterization, X-ray powder investigations and magnetic behaviour in the range of 76-303K. Thermal stability investigations give information about the process of decompositions and the magnetic susceptibility measurements let study the kinds of the way of central ion coordination and the nature of bonding between central ions and ligands.

Experimental details

For the preparation of the complexes the following chlorides of d-block elements were used : $MnCl_2 \cdot 4H_2O$, $CoCl_2 \cdot 6H_2O$ and $CuCl_2 \cdot 2H_2O$ (REAGENTS – Chemical Enterprise in Lublin (Poland)). The 2,4 – dimethoxybenzoic acid used for the preparation was produced by Aldrich Chemical Company. In the experiments the solution of $NH_3(aq)$ (25%) produced by Polish Chemical Reagents in Gliwice (Poland) was also used.

The contents of carbon and hydrogen were determined by elemental analysis using a CHN 2400 Perkin-Elmer analyzer. The contents of M^{2+} metals were established by ASA method using ASA 880 spectrophotometer (Varian).

The IR spectra of complexes were recorded over the range of 4000-400 cm^{-1} using M-80 spectrophotometer (Zeiss, Jena). Samples for IR spectra measurements were prepared as KBr discs.

The X-ray diffraction patterns were taken on a HZG-4 (Zeiss, Jena)

Table 1. Elemental analysis data of Mn(II), Co(II) and Cu(II) 2,4-dimethoxybenzoates.

Complex	C / %		H / %		M / %	
	calcd.	found	calcd.	found	calcd.	found
$L=C_9H_9O_4^-$						
MnL_2	51.80	51.60	4.30	4.30	13.20	13.16
CoL_2	51.30	51.77	4.30	4.40	14.00	13.00
$CuL_2 \cdot H_2O$	48.70	48.57	4.50	4.52	14.30	14.31

Table 2. Frequencies of the absorption bands of COO^- and M-O group vibrations for 2,4-dimethoxybenzoates of Mn(II), Co(II), Cu(II) and Na(I) and that of CO for 2,4-dimethoxybenzoic acid (cm^{-1}).

Complex	$\nu_{C=O}$	$\nu_{as COO^-}$	$\nu_s COO^-$	$\Delta\nu_{COO^-}$	ν_{M-O}
$L=C_9H_9O_4^-$					
MnL_2	-	1620	1404 1372	216 248	420
CoL_2	-	1628	1408	220	420
$CuL_2 \cdot H_2O$	-	1608	1400	208	500
NaL	-	1604	1396	208	-
HL	1670	-	-	-	-

diffractometer using Ni - filtered CuK_{α} radiation. The measurements were made within the range $2\theta = 4-80^\circ$ by means of the Debye – Scherrer – Hull method.

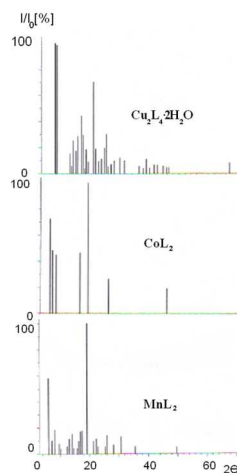


Figure 1. Dependence of I/I_0 vs. 2θ for Mn(II), Co(II), and Cu(II) 2,4 dimethoxybenzoates.

The thermal stability and decomposition of the complexes were studied in air using a Setsys 16/18 (Setaram) TG, DTG i DTA instrument. The experiments were carried out under air flow in the temperature range of 297 – 1173K. Samples ranging between 5.00 mg and 5.07mg were heated in Al₂O₃ crucibles.

Table 3. Temperature range of thermal stability of Mn(II), Co(II), and Cu(II) 2,4-dimethoxybenzoates in air.

Complex	ΔT^a / K	Mass loss / %		n^b	Final product of decomposition in solid state
		calcd.	found		
L= C ₉ H ₉ O ₄ ⁻					
CuL ₂ · H ₂ O	369.2 – 413.6	4.06	4.15	1	CuL ₂
CuL ₂	495 -731	82.08	75.53	-	CuO
CoL ₂	509.8 – 776.2	82.43	78.02	-	Co ₃ O ₄
MnL ₂	458 - 820	81.1	76.36	-	Mn ₂ O ₃

ΔT^a – temperature range of decomposition processes, n^b - number of water molecules lost in the dehydration process

Table 4. Magnetic data for the studied compounds of Mn(II), Co(II) and Cu(II).

MnL ₂			CoL ₂			CuL ₂ · H ₂ O		
L=C ₉ H ₉ O ₄ ⁻								
T / K	$\chi_M \cdot 10^6$	μ_{eff} / MB	T / K	$\chi_M \cdot 10^6$	μ_{eff} / MB	T / K	$\chi_M \cdot 10^6$	μ_{eff} / MB
76	40058	4.94	76	29960	4.27	76	673	0.64
123	28522	5.30	123	19611	4.40	123	815	0.90
133	26468	5.31	133	18179	4.40	133	887	0.97
143	25113	5.36	143	17054	4.42	143	906	1.02
153	24018	5.43	153	15984	4.43	153	953	1.08
163	22551	5.43	163	15017	4.43	163	967	1.12
173	21388	5.44	173	14208	4.44	173	996	1.17
183	20316	5.46	183	13529	4.45	183	1005	1.21
193	19402	5.48	193	12860	4.46	193	1024	1.26
203	18589	5.50	203	12283	4.47	203	1039	1.30
213	17788	5.51	213	11707	4.47	213	1043	1.33
223	17043	5.52	223	11084	4.45	223	1043	1.37
233	16331	5.52	233	10721	4.47	233	1039	1.39
243	15688	5.53	243	10294	4.48	243	1039	1.42
253	15203	5.55	253	9959	4.49	253	1039	1.45
263	14774	5.58	263	9615	4.50	263	1034	1.48
273	14153	5.56	273	9531	4.56	273	1043	1.51
283	14187	5.67	283	9057	4.53	283	1029	1.53
293	13724	5.67	293	8787	4.54	293	1029	1.55
303	13363	5.69	303	8527	4.55	303	1020	1.57

Magnetic susceptibilities of polycrystalline samples of the studied 2,4-dimethoxybenzoates were investigated at 76 – 303K. The measurements were carried out using the Gouy method. Mass changes were obtained from Cahn RM-2 electrobalance. The calibrant employed was Hg[Co(SCN)₄] for which the magnetic susceptibility of $8.08 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$. Corrections for diamagnetism of the constituent atoms was calculated by the use of Pascal's constants [24,25]. Magnetic moments were calculated according to the equation:

$$\mu_{eff} = 2.83 (\chi_M T)^{1/2} \quad (1)$$

$$\mu_{eff} = 2.83 (\chi_M T)^{1/2} \cdot 1.257 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ m} \cdot \text{kg} \cdot \text{s}^{-2} \text{ A}^{-2} \quad (1^*)$$

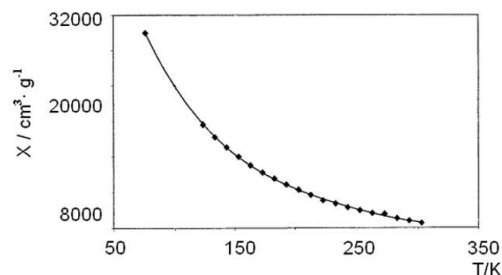


Figure 2. Dependence between magnetic susceptibility values vs. temperature for Co(II) complex.

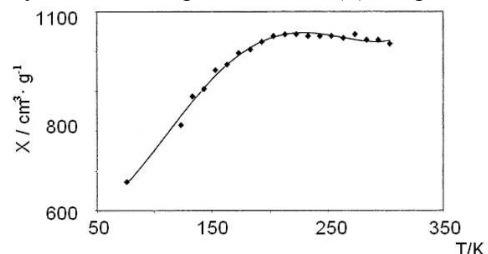


Figure 3. Relationship between magnetic susceptibility values vs. temperatures for Cu(II) 2,4-dimethoxybenzoate.

Complexes

The complexes of Mn(II), Co(II) and Cu(II) were prepared by adding the equivalent quantities of 0.1M ammonium 2,4 – dimethoxybenzoate (pH~ 5) to a hot solution containing the Mn(II), Co(II) and Cu(II) chlorides and crystallizing at 293K. The solids formed were filtered off, washed with hot water and methanol to remove ammonium ions, and dried at 303K to a constant mass.

Results and discussion

2,4-Dimethoxybenzoates of Mn(II), Cu(II), Co(II) were synthesized as polycrystalline solids with a metal to ligand mole ratio of 1:2 and the general formula $M(C_9H_9O_4)_2 \cdot nH_2O$ for divalent ions, where $M(II) = Cu, Co, Mn$ and $n = 1$ for Cu(II) $n = 0$ for Co(II) and Mn(II) (Table 1). Their colours are following: for Co – pink, Cu – blue, Mn – white. In Cu(II), Co(II) and Mn(II) compounds the $d \rightarrow d$ electron transitions are those of the lowest energy and absorption occurs at relatively high wavelengths that depends on the nature of the metal ions.

The complexes were characterized by elemental analysis (Table 1). The compounds exhibit similar solid state IR spectra. Some of the results are presented in Table 2. The band at 1670 cm^{-1} originating from COOH group, presented in the spectrum of the acid, is replaced in the spectra complexes by two bands at $1628\text{-}1548$ and $1408\text{-}1388\text{ cm}^{-1}$, which can be ascribed to the asymmetric and symmetric vibrations of COO⁻ group, respectively [26-28]. The bands of C-H asymmetric and symmetric stretching vibrations of CH₃ groups are observed at $2950\text{-}2930$ and $2850\text{-}2820\text{ cm}^{-1}$, respectively. The bands of $\nu(C-C)$ ring vibrations appear at $1475\text{-}1440$, $1175\text{-}1160$, $920\text{-}900$ and $830\text{-}780\text{ cm}^{-1}$. The band with the maximum at $3310\text{-}3100\text{ cm}^{-1}$ in the spectrum of 2,4-dimethoxybenzoate of Cu(II) is characteristic for $\nu(OH)$ vibration. The bands corresponding to metal-oxygen stretching appear at $500\text{-}420\text{ cm}^{-1}$.

The Table 2 presents the values of the two band frequencies of asymmetrical and symmetrical vibrations for carboxylate group for 2,4- dimethoxybenzoates of Mn(II), Cu(II), Co(II) and Na(I). The difference, $\Delta\nu$, between the frequencies $\nu_{as}(OCO)$ and $\nu_s(OCO)$ in the complexes are higher or lower ($248; 160\text{ cm}^{-1}$) than that in the sodium salt ($\Delta\nu = 208\text{ cm}^{-1}$). According to the spectroscopic criteria [26,29,30] the carboxylate ions appear to

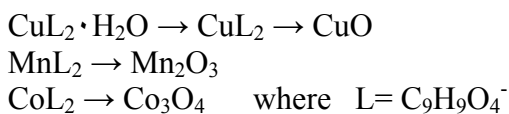
be monodentate, bidentate bridging or chelating and tridentate groups. In the complex of Cu(II) the carboxylate group is bidentate bridging while in that of Co(II) it is tridentate or one is monodentate and second bidentate one. In the spectrum of Mn(II) compound two bands of symmetrical carboxylate group vibrations appear. Therefore these groups seem to be bidentate bridging and monodentate ones.

From the X-ray diffraction patterns recorded for the 2,4 – diethoxybenzoates of Mn(II), Co(II) and Cu(II) it appears that they are crystalline of low symmetry and large size of the unit cells. They have different crystal structures (Fig.1).

The thermal stability of Mn(II), Co(II), Cu(II) 2,4- dimethoxybenzoates was studied in air at $293\text{-}1273\text{K}$ (Table 3). During heating to 1273K the Cu(II) complex dehydrates in one step. In the temperature range of $369,2\text{-}413,6\text{K}$ it loses one water molecule and forms anhydrous salt. The loss of mass calculated from TG curve is equal to $4,15\%$ and, the theoretical value is $4,06\%$. The anhydrous salt at $495\text{-}731\text{K}$ is decomposed to CuO that is a final product of complex decomposition. The intermediate compounds formed in this range of temperature may contain Cu and Cu₂O that being next oxidized to CuO. The residue mass calculated from TG curve is equal to $20,8\%$, while that theoretically calculated $18,69\%$. This discrepancy probably appears from the rest of Cu₂O in the final mass of complex decomposition, which was indicated by elemental analysis, IR spectra, and X-ray powder diffractogram. The mass loss calculated from TG curve is equal to $79,2\%$ (theoretical value is $81,31\%$). The dehydration process, in this case, is connected with an endothermic effect seen on DTA curve, while the combustion of the organic ligand is accompanied by exothermic one. Considering the temperature at which the dehydration process occurs and the way in which it proceeds, it is possible to assume that the

water molecule is in the outer coordination sphere of the complex [32,33]. The anhydrous 2,4-dimethoxybenzoates of Mn(II), Co(II) in the temperature range of 458-909K are decomposed to the oxides Mn₂O₃, Co₃O₄, respectively. The mass losses calculated from TG curves being equal to 81,6-80% (theoretical values are 81,1-80,9%) correspond to their formations as the final products of complex decompositions. In the case of Co(II) complex the Co and Co₂O₃ are surely the intermediate products of complex decomposition. The final mass calculated from TG curve is equal 20.0% while the theoretically value is 19,1%. These worths correspond to the Co₃O₄ formation that was identified by IR spectra and X-ray powder diffractogram. The anhydrous 2,4 – dimethoxybenzoate of Mn(II) is directly decomposed to Mn₂O₃ that is the final product of complex decomposition. Its contains (found mass 18,4%) calculated from TG curve is in good accordance with Mn₂O₃ formation (theoretical value: 18,9%). It was identified by IR spectra and X-ray powder diffractogram.

The results indicate that the thermal decompositions of 2,4-dimethoxybenzoates of Mn(II), Cu(II), Co(II) in air proceed in the following ways:



The magnetic susceptibility of 2,4-dimethoxybenzoates of Mn(II), Cu(II), Co(II) was measured over the range of 76-303K (Table 4). The measured values for Mn(II), Co(II) obey the Curie-Weiss law, suggesting a weak ferromagnetic interaction (Fig. 2). The magnetic moment values experimentally determined at 76-303K for Mn(II), Co(II) compounds change from 4,94 MB to 5,69 MB for Mn(II) compound, from 4,27 MB to 4,55 MB for Co(II) complex. These magnetic moment data are very close to the spin -

only values for the respective ions calculated from the equation $\mu_{\text{eff}} = [4S(S+1)]^{1/2}$ in the absence of the magnetic interaction for present spin-system. The magnetic moment values calculated at room temperature for Mn(II), Co(II) and Cu(II) ions are equal to 5.9 MB, 3.88MB and 1.73MB, respectively. For Mn(II), Co(II) and Cu(II) the magnetic moment values may be different, than the spin-only worth. In the case of Co(II) compound they are higher than the spin – only value. This difference between measured and calculated data results from spin – orbital coupling [34]. For Mn(II) and Cu(II) complexes these values are lower. This is due to the fact that the vectors L and S are aligned by the strong field of the heavy atom in opposite directions and this diminishes the resultant magnetic moment. The experimental data suggest that compounds of Mn(II) and Co(II) seem high-spin complexes with probably weak ligand fields [35].

The magnetic susceptibility values of 2,4-dimethoxybenzoate of Cu(II) increase with rising temperatures suggesting a weak antiferromagnetic interaction (Fig.4). The magnetic moment values experimentally determined change from 0,64 MB (at 76K) to 1,57 MB (at 303K). These values are lower than the d⁹ spin-only magnetic moment $\mu_{\text{eff}} = 1,73$ MB. Such dependence is a typical behaviour for copper dimer (Table 4, Figs. 3) [35-38]. The magnetic moment values of the Cu(II) complex decrease from 1.57MB at 303K to 0.64MB at 76K, as a consequence of depopulation of the excited triplet (S = 1) state. It is well – known that the interaction between two S = ½ metal atoms in a dimer leads to two molecular states: a spin singlet (S = 0), and a triplet (S=1) separated by 2J. The interaction will be antiferromagnetic (J<0) if S=0 it is the ground state; on the contrary if S=1 the interaction will be ferromagnetic (J>0) [39-43]. The suggested formula for the Cu(II) complex is Cu₂L₄(H₂O)₂.

From the obtained results it appears that in 2,4-dimethoxybenzoates of Mn(II), Co(II) and Cu(II) the coordination numbers may be equal to 5 and 6 depending on the dentates of carboxylate group. The coordination numbers of individual ions could be established on the basis of the complete crystal structure determination of monocrystals but they have not been obtained. Therefore according to the Cu(II) complex we can only suppose that each cooper(II) atom may show a fivefold coordination in the form of square pyramid with four oxygen atoms of the bridging 2,4-dimethoxybenzoate anions in the basal plane and one oxygen atom of water molecule at the apex [44]. In manganese(II) and cobalt(II) 2,4 - dimethoxybenzoates the ligands behave as tridentate groups. Cations are presumably in octahedral coordination.

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