Physico-chemical investigation on mixed-ligand manganese (II) and iron (II) complexes of 4-methylpiperazine-1-carbodithioate ligand and 1,10-phenanthroline or 2,2'-bipyridyl

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Abstract Some new mixed-ligand complexes of 4-methylpiperazine-1-carbodithioate (4-MPipzcdt) of the general formula $[M(4-MPipzcdtA)_a(L)_b]X$ (L = 1,10-phenanthroline (phen) or 2,2'-bipyridyl (bipy); A = H, a = 2, b = 1where M = Mn(II), $X = Cl_2$, and M = Fe(II), $X = SO_4$; A = nil where X = Cl when M = Mn(II), a = 1, b = 2and X = nil when M = Mn(II), Fe(II), a = 2, b = 1) have been prepared and characterized by elemental analyses, molar conductance, infrared and electronic absorption and variable temperature Mössbauer spectral and room temperature as well as variable temperature magnetic susceptibility measurements. Manganese(II) complexes have high spin cis-distorted octahedral structures and all the iron(II) mixed-ligand complexes exhibit spin free-spin paired $({}^{5}T_{2g} \rightleftharpoons {}^{1}A_{1g})$ equilibrium in distorted octahedral structure.

 $\label{eq:Keywords} \begin{array}{l} Manganese(II) \cdot Iron(II) \cdot Phenanthroline/\\ bipyridyl \cdot Magnetic \cdot Thermal \cdot 4-methylpiperazine-1-\\ carbodithioate \end{array}$

Introduction

Number of studies as well as reports on antifungal [1, 2], antibacterial [3–7], anti-alkylation [8, 9], anticancer and

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G. Kaushal Department of Chemistry, Lyallpur Khalsa College, Jalandhar, 144001, India apoptosis inducing activities [10] of the mixed-ligand metal dithiocarbamates derived from dialkyl secondary amines, in conjunction with primary and tertiary amines have been currently seen in literature. The problem of antibiotic resistance has now reached a crises point [11] and there is a need to redouble efforts towards the design of new synthetic compounds, so as to combat the rising menace of drug resistance. In addition to the importance of the mixed-ligand dithiocarbamate complexes for the enhanced biological activity, stabilization of low oxidation state of metal, i.e. Mn(II) and Fe(II) with dithiocarbamate ligands (which otherwise have the tendency to stabilize the higher oxidation states) has also been reported using π -acceptor auxiliary ligands. Iron(II) is known to exist in three different forms with dithiocarbamates as $Fe(R_2dtc)_2$, $A^{+}[Fe(R_2dtc)_3]^{-}$ ($A^{+} = R_4N^{+}$, Ph_4P^{+}) and $Fe(R_2dtc)_2L$ (L = o-phen and bipy) [12–15]. Keeping in view the basic problem of easy oxidation of Mn(II) and Fe(II) to Mn(III) and Fe(III) and to avoid the precaution of removing all sources of oxygen, the stabilization of Mn(II) and Fe(II) with dithiocarbamate ligands has been tried in conjunction with the π -acceptor auxiliary ligands. The present study aims at isolating and investigating some manganese(II) and iron(II) complexes of 4-methylpiperazine-1-carbodithioic acid (I) and sodium 4-methylpiperazine-1-carbodithioate ligands (derivatives of saturated heterocyclic secondary amine) in conjunction with the nitrogenous bases 1,10-phenanthroline and 2,2'-bipyridyl. These bases can help in stabilizing metal atom in very low formal oxidation state, wherein extensive occupation of the ligand π^* orbitals takes place so that compounds can often be best formulated as having radical anion \overline{L} [16]. Use of mixed-ligand dithiocarbamate complexes has also been reported to result in augmentation of the biological activity [17].



Experimental

All the chemicals used were of analytical reagent grade and used as such. The ligands 4-methyl-piperazine-1-carbodithioic acid (4-MPipzcdtH) and sodium-4-methylpiperazine-1-carbodithioate monohydrate (4-MPipzcdtNa \cdot H₂O) were prepared by the method as reported earlier [18, 19].

Preparation of the complexes

 $[M(4-MPipzcdtH)_2(L)]X_2$ (M = Mn(II) when X = Cland M = Fe(II) when $X_2 = SO_4$, L = phen or bipy)

To 5 mL methanolic solution of $MX_2 \cdot xH_2O$ (0.566 mmol) (0.112 g for M = Mn(II) when X = Cl, x = 4 and 0.157 g for M = Fe(II) when $X_2 = SO_4$, x = 7) was added with stirring 1.698 mmol methanolic solution (5 mL) of nitrogenous base phen (0.336 g) or bipy (0.265 g). Yellow coloured solution of the complex [Mn(L)₃]Cl₂ and dark red solution of the complex [Fe(L)₃]SO₄ was obtained [20]. To this solution was added with stirring slightly less than the stoichiometric amount of 4-MPipzcdtH (0.191 g; 1.09 mmol) in small portions (~10 mg) after successive intervals of 15 min in a total period of ~5 hours. The temperature of the reaction mixture was kept at about 30 °C. The coloured solid complexes were separated out, were filtered, washed with methanol and dried in air. Final drying was done by keeping the complexes overnight in a calcium chloride desiccator.

[Mn(4-MPipzcdtH)₂(phen)]Cl₂: Decomposition temperature: 245 °C; yield: 91%; IR(KBr) cm⁻¹: 1,615, 1,502, 988 (C = C and C = N); 1,216, 1,090, 810 (C–H deformations); Anal. (C₂₄H₃₂N₆S₄Cl₂Mn) Found: C 43.54; H 4.70; N 12.41; S 19.25; Mn 8.36; Cl 10.68; Calculated: C 43.77; H 4.86; N 12.76; S 19.45; Mn 8.34; Cl 10.79. [Mn(4-MPipzcdtH)₂ (bipy)]Cl₂: Decomposition temperature: 190 °C; yield: 92%; IR(KBr) cm⁻¹: 1,594, 1,576, 1,483, 1,029 (C = C and C = N); 1,288, 1,141, 763, 739 (C–H deformations); Anal. (C₂₂H₃₂N₆S₄Cl₂Mn) Found: C 41.32; H 5.28; N 13.04; S 20.66; Mn 8.86; Cl 11.02; Calculated: C 41.64; H 5.04; N 13.25; S 20.19; Mn 8.66; Cl 11.19. [Fe(4-MPipzcdtH)₂ (phen)]SO₄: Decomposition temperature: 250 °C; yield: 92%; IR(KBr) cm⁻¹: 1,623, 1,510, 1,028 (C = C and C = N); 1,237, 1,143, 842 (C–H deformations); Anal. (C₂₄H₃₂N₆S₅O₄Fe) Found: C 42.10; H 4.60; N 12.36; S 23.55; Fe 8.04; Calculated: C 42.11; H 4.67; N 12.28; S 23.40; Fe 8.16. [Fe(4-MPipzcdtH)₂(bipy)]SO₄: Decomposition temperature: 250 °C; yield: 93%; IR(KBr) cm⁻¹: 1,593, 1,576, 1,486, 1,030 (C = C and C = N); 1,287, 1,144, 779, 739 (C–H deformations); Anal. (C₂₂H₃₂N₆S₅O₄ Fe) Found: C 40.19; H 4.78; N 12.34; S 24.26; Fe 8.36; Calculated: C 40.00; H 4.84; N 12.73; S 24.24; Fe 8.46.

$[Mn(4-MPipzcdt)(L)_2]Cl (L = phen and bipy)$

Aqueous solution (5 mL) of 0.112 g, 0.566 mmol of $MnCl_2 \cdot 4H_2O$ was added with stirring an aqueous solution (5 mL) of 1.698 mmol of nitrogenous base phen (0.336 g) or bipy (0.265 g). To the resulting yellow coloured solution of the [Mn(L)₃]Cl₂ complex was added with stirring an aqueous solution (5 mL) of 4-MPipzcdtNa.H₂O (0.122 g; 0.565 mmol). The reaction mixture was kept at 30 °C and was further stirred for another 2 hours till the froth formation ceased and precipitation took place. Orange coloured precipitates for mixed-ligand manganese complexes were obtained. The precipitates were filtered, washed with water and dried in air. Final drying of the product was done in a calcium chloride desiccator.

$$\label{eq:model} \begin{split} & [Mn(4-MPipzcdt)(phen)_2]Cl: \ Decomposition \ temperature: 270 \ ^{\circ}C; \ yield: 91\%; IR(KBr) \ cm^{-1}: 1,622, 1,515, 1,026 \\ & (C = C \ and \ C = N); \ 1,232, \ 1,145, 846 \ (C-H \ deformations); \\ & Anal. \ (C_{24}H_{32}N_6S_4Cl_2Mn) \ Found: C \ 57.54; H \ 4.30; N \ 13.41; \\ & S \ 10.25; \ Mn \ 8.76; \ Cl \ 5.68; \ Calculated: C \ 57.56; \ H \ 4.31; \ N \\ & 13.43; \ S \ 10.23; \ Mn \ 8.78; \ Cl \ 5.67. \end{split}$$

[Mn(4-MPipzcdt)(bipy)₂]Cl: Decomposition temperature: 190 °C; yield: 92%; IR(KBr) cm⁻¹: 1,593, 1,576, 1,488, 1,035 (C = C and C = N); 1,286, 1,142, 762, 739 (C–H deformations); Anal. ($C_{22}H_{32}N_6S_4Cl_2Mn$) Found: C 54.04; H 4.30; N 14.41; S 11.25; Mn 9.76; Cl 6.08; Calculated: C 54.03; H 4.67; N 14.54; S 11.08; Mn 9.51; Cl 6.14.

 $[M(4-MPipzcdt)_2(L)] (M = Mn(II), Fe(II);$ L = phen and bipy)

To an aqueous solution (5 mL) of 1.698 mmol of nitrogenous base, phen (0.336 g) or bipy (0.265 g) was added with stirring an aqueous solution (5 mL) of 0.566 mmol of $MX_2 \cdot xH_2O$ (0.112 g for M = Mn(II) when X = Cl, x = 4 and 0.157 g for M = Fe(II) when $X_2 = SO_4$, x = 7). The resulting coloured solution of the $[M(L)_3]X_2$ complex formed was yellow in case of manganese and dark red in case of iron. To these coloured solutions was added with stirring an aqueous solution (5 mL) of 4-MPipzcdtNa.H₂O (0.244 g; 1.13 mmol). The reaction mixture kept at 30 °C was further stirred for another 2 hours till the froth formation ceased (especially in case of manganese complex) and precipitation took place. Orange coloured precipitates for manganese mixed-ligand complexes were obtained. The precipitates were filtered, washed with water and dried in air. Final drying of the product was done in a calcium chloride desiccator. In case of iron mixed-ligand complexes, the dark brown solid complexes were obtained in solution state along with the byproducts (phen or bipy and Na_2SO_4) of the reaction. To obtain the complexes in the pure state, the dark brown coloured complexes were extracted with benzene. The complex got extracted in upper layer of benzene, while the byproducts remained in the lower water layer. Pure state of the complex was obtained on evaporating the benzene solution.

[Mn(4-MPipzcdt)₂(phen)]: Decomposition temperature: 210 °C; yield: 93%; IR(KBr) cm⁻¹: 1,631, 1,516, 1,027 (C = C and C = N); 1,233, 1,146, 847 (C-H deformations); Anal. (C₂₄H₃₀N₆S₄Mn) Found: C 49.19; H 4.28; N 14.34; S 21.46; Mn 9.36; Calculated: C 49.23; H 5.12; N 14.36; S 21.88; Mn 9.39. [Mn(4-MPipzcdt)₂(bipy)]: Decomposition temperature: 190 °C; yield: 92%; IR(KBr) cm^{-1} : 1,593, 1,578, 1,488, 1,036 (C = C and C = N); 1,286, 1,142, 762, 739 (C-H deformations); Anal. (C₂₂H₃₂N₆S₄Mn) Found: C 47.09; H 4.98; N 14.59; S 22.36; Mn 9.66; Calculated: C 47.06; H 5.34; N 14.97; S 22.81; Mn 9.79. [Fe(4-MPipzcdt)₂(phen)]: Decomposition temperature: 210 °C; yield: 69%; IR(KBr) cm⁻¹: 1,631, 1,515, 1,034 (C = C and C = N); 1,245, 1,143, 848 (C-H deformations); Anal. (C₂₄H₃₀N₆S₄Fe) Found: C 49.11; H 5.28; N 14.34; S 21.35; Fe 9.36; Calculated: C 49.16; H 5.12; N 14.33; S 21.84; Fe 9.53. [Fe(4-MPipzcdt)₂(bipy)]: Decomposition temperature: 260 °C; yield: 95%; IR(KBr) cm⁻¹: 1,594, 1,577, 1,488, 1,031 (C = C and C = N); 1,288, 1,145, 764, 736 (C–H deformations); Anal. (C₂₂H₃₀N₆S₄Fe) Found: C 46.59; H 5.28; N 14.74; S 22.29; Fe 9.76; Calculated: C 46.98; H 5.33; N 14.95; S 22.78; Fe 9.93.

Elemental analyses

Carbon and hydrogen analyses were performed on an automatic Coleman-33 analyzer, while nitrogen was determined by Kjeldahl's method. Manganese in the complexes was determined by EDTA titration using Eriochrome Black T (EBT) indicator, while iron content was estimated by titration using ammonium thiocyanate as indicator. Chloride content was estimated volumetrically by mercuric nitrate titration using diphenylcarbazone indicator and sulphur was determined gravimetrically as barium sulphate.

Physical measurements

Infrared spectra of mixed-ligand carbodithioate complexes were recorded as KBr pellets on Nicolet 5700 FT Infrared Spectrophotometer in the $4,000-600 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ region. Infrared

spectra of all the complexes were recorded as Nujol mull with caesium chloride plates as windows in the $4,000-200 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ region. Solution electronic absorption spectra of the complexes, with the solvent as the reference, in quartz glass cells were recorded on Cary 100 Bio UV-Visible recording Spectrophotometer (range 200-900 nm) and Analytikjena Specord 200 UV-Visible recording spectrophotometer. Molar conductances $(10^{-3} \text{ M solutions})$ in DMSO/methanol) were obtained at 25 \pm 0.1 °C using a type Elico Conductivity Bridge CM-82T. The cell constant of the conductivity cell was 0.4530 cm^{-1} . Magnetic susceptibility measurements for the complexes were made on finally powdered samples using Gouy method. Magnetic susceptibilities of the samples were also measured on a Vibrating Sample Magnetometer PAR-155 with variable temperature cryostat (model-152). Mössbauer spectral measurements of the complexes were made on a cryophysics microprocessor-controlled Mössbauer spectrometer using a 25 m Ci ⁵⁷Co/Rh source.

Results and discussion

Two types of manganese and iron carbodithioate complexes, viz. (i) mixed-ligand complexes of zwitterionic 4-methylpiperazine-1-carbodithioic acid and 1,10-phenanthroline or 2,2'-bipyridyl and (ii) mixed-ligand complexes of normal 4-methylpiperazine-1-carbodithioate and 1,10phenanthroline or 2,2'-bipyridyl have been reported in the present investigation. The preparation of the first type of mixed-ligand complexes can be described by the reactions 1.1 and 1.2.

$$\mathbf{MX}_2 \cdot x\mathbf{H}_2\mathbf{O} + \mathbf{3}[\mathbf{L}] \rightarrow [\mathbf{M}(\mathbf{L})_3]\mathbf{X}_2 + x\mathbf{H}_2\mathbf{O}$$
(1.1)

$$\begin{split} & \begin{bmatrix} M(L)_3 \end{bmatrix} X_2 + 2[4\text{-MPipzcdtH}] \\ & \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} M(4\text{-MPipzcdtH})_2(L) \end{bmatrix} X_2 + 2[L] \end{split} \tag{1.2}$$

L = phen or bipy

M = Mn(II) and X = CI when x = 4; M = Fe(II) and $X_2 = SO_4$ when x = 7.

Mixed-ligand complexes of normal 4-methylpiperazine-1-carbodithioate and 1,10-phenanthroline or 2,2'-bipyridyl have further been divided into two types. The preparation of both types can be described by the reactions 2.1-2.3

$$MX_2 \cdot xH_2O + 3[L] \rightarrow [M(L)_3]X_2 + xH_2O$$
 (2.1)

L = phen or bipy

M = Mn(II) and X = CI when x = 4; M = Fe(II) and $X_2 = SO_4$ when x = 7.

$$\begin{split} & [\text{Mn}(L_3)]\text{Cl}_2 + 4\text{-}\text{MPipzcdtNa} \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O} \\ & \rightarrow [\text{Mn}(4\text{-}\text{MPipzcdt})\text{L}_2]\text{Cl} + \text{Na}\text{Cl} + \text{L} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \end{split} \tag{2.2}$$

Complexes of second type follow the reactions as:

$$\begin{split} & \left[Mn(L)_{3} \right] Cl_{2} + 2[4\text{-}MPipzcdtNa] \cdot H_{2}O \\ & \rightarrow \left[Mn(4\text{-}MPipzcdt)_{2}(L) \right] + 2[L] \\ & + 2NaCl + 2H_{2}O \end{split} \tag{2.3a}$$

$$\begin{split} & [Fe(L)_3]SO_4 + 2[4-MPipzcdtNa \cdot H_2O] \\ & \rightarrow [Fe(4-MPipzcdt)_2(L)] + 2[L] \\ & + Na_2SO_4 + 2H_2O \end{split} \tag{2.3b}$$

All the complexes are stable in air, though were stored in a calcium chloride desiccator. The complexes do not melt but decompose between 150 and 270 °C. The mixed-ligand complexes of the type $[M(4-MPipzcdtH)_2(L)]X_2$ have fairly good solubility in DMSO only, while $[M(4-MPipzcdt)L_2]Cl$ and $[M(4-MPipzcdt)_2(L)]$ types of complexes exhibit good solubility in methanol and their solutions are quite stable. All the complexes have been investigated by infrared, solution electronic absorption spectra and room temperature and variable temperature magnetic susceptibility measurements. The $[Mn(4-MPipzcdt)_2(phen)]$ complex has also been characterized by thermogravimetric analysis study.

Infrared spectral studies

Mixed-ligand metal carbodithioates, viz. [M(4-MPipzcdtH)₂ (L)]X₂, [M(4-MPipzcdt)L₂]Cl and [M(4-MPipzcdt)₂(L)] exhibit a strong band due to (C - - N) stretching absorption in the range $1,440-1,417 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. The reduction in band frequency $(4-MPipzcdtH = 1,442 \text{ cm}^{-1})$ 4-MPipzcdtNa·H₂O = $1,455 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ and metal carbodithioic acid complexes = $1,493-1,461 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ [18, 19, 21, 22] is a clear indication of the reduced electron flow of the NCS₂⁻ moiety towards the central metal ion [23] consequent upon rearrangement of the inplane ligand as a result of *cis*-octahedral formation [24, 25]. Decrease in electron flow is in consonance with the increase in electron charge donated by the nitrogenous bases, i.e. phen or bipy. The $v_a(SCS)$ vibrations (999–972 cm⁻¹) exhibit a doublet (<20 cm⁻¹) and v_s (SCS) band (680–644 cm⁻¹) remains unsplit indicating unsymmetrical chelation of 4-MPipzcdt ligand [26]. For complexes of type 1, [M(4-MPipzcdtH)₂ (L)]X₂, appearance of a broad band in the region 3,570- $3,122 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ assignable to the N–H stretching vibration points to the presence of the 4-MPipzcdtH ligand as Zwitterion. This band occurs at wave numbers higher than usual v(N-H) values of $3,400-3,200 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ due to stronger interactions of lone electron pair on nitrogen with positively charged hydrogen.

The bands at 1,615 and 1,502 cm⁻¹ due to C = C and C = N symmetric ring stretching and in-plane antisymmetric ring vibrations; in-plane ring C–H deformation vibrations at 1,216 and 1,090 cm⁻¹ and due to C–H out-of-plane deformation vibrations at 810 and 739 cm⁻¹ in free phen have been found to be shifted to higher frequency

values at 1.631-1.621: 1.516-1.510: 1.034-1.025: 1.245-1,232; 1,146-1,143 and 848-842 cm⁻¹, respectively. Kinds of shifts are suggestive of binding of phen to the central metal ion. The C = C, C = N stretching modes and C-H in-plane deformation mode of free 2,2'-bipyridyl have been found at 1,583, 1,560, 1,457 and 992 cm⁻¹ and 1,251, $1,090 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ have been observed to be shifted to higher wave numbers in the regions 1,594-1,593, 1,578-1,576, 1,488-1,483 and 1,036-1,029 cm⁻¹ and 1,288-1,286 and $1,145-1,141 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ in bipy mixed-ligand complexes. This positive shift occurs due to maintenance of a ring current arising out of electron delocalization upon chelate formation [27]. The C–H out-of-plane deformation (756 cm^{-1} with a satellite band at 741 cm^{-1} in free bipy) in the complexes splits into two bands appearing at higher wave numbers 779-762 and 739-736 cm⁻¹ is a diagnostic feature of coordination of bipy [28, 29]. The appearance of additional bands in the $361-310 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ region as compared with free ligands reveals the formation of metal-sulphur bonds and hence to their stretching M-S vibrational modes. The M–N stretching mode appears at about 315-285 cm⁻¹. In mixed-ligand complexes of iron(II), simultaneous appearance of two M-S stretching frequencies points to the thermal population in two spin states.

Molar conductance studies

The DMSO solutions of mixed-ligand complexes $[M(4-MPipzcdtH)_2(L)]X_2$ exhibit molar conductance values between 135 and 145 ohm⁻¹ cm² mole⁻¹, which is indicative of 1:2 electrolytic nature of the complexes while molar conductance values of methanolic solutions of $[M(4-MPipzcdt)_2(L_2)]C1$ (75–95 ohm⁻¹ cm² mole⁻¹) and $[M(4-MPipzcdt)_2(L)]$ (20–40 ohm⁻¹ cm² mole⁻¹) fall in the range of 1:1 and non-electrolytic behaviour, respectively [30].

Thermal studies

Curve of a single complex, $[Mn(4-MPipzcdt)_2(phen)]$ recorded in air indicated it to be stable up to 171 °C. Then, the complex revealed a continuous one step decomposition pattern up to 346 °C. The absence of any plateau in the TG curve (Fig. 1) suggested the non-formation of any stable intermediate. However, medium to weak intensity exotherms appeared at 262.10, 280.26 and 322 °C in DTA curve (Fig. 1) which are indicative of the probable decomposition of the complex occurring in more than one step. But the mass loss in TG curve did not correspond with the formation of any stable intermediate. The total weight loss of 48.50% against theoretical mass loss of 48.89% in the temperature range 171–346 °C inferred degradation through two cyclic isothiocyanate $H_3 C - N \langle$ C = S moieties (volatile

in nature). While the remaining mass equivalent to 51.49% in the form of residue at 346 °C suggests the formation of MnS, molten sulphur and 1,10-phenanthroline as residue [31].

Magnetic susceptibility studies

The room temperature magnetic moment values for all the six mixed-ligand manganese(II) carbodithioate complexes with chromophores $[MnS_4N_2]$ and $[MnS_2N_4]$, viz. [Mn(4-MPipzcdtH)₂(L)]Cl₂, [Mn(4-MPipzcdt)(L)₂]Cl and [Mn $(4-MPipzcdt)_2(L)$] (L = phen, bipy) lie in the range 5.78-5.90 B.M., indicative of five unpaired electrons in a manganese(II), d^5 case [32]. The values are slightly lower than the spin-only value. These have been found to decrease with decrease in temperature (5.71-5.74 B.M. at 80 K). Similar observations have also been made by other authors on such type of manganese(II) mixed-ligand complexes [33, 34]. $1/\chi$ versus T plots (Fig. 2) are nearly linear in all the six complexes of present study and the magnetic moments show a continuous decrease with decrease in temperature. The possible explanation for decrease in magnetic moments with decrease of temperature for $[Mn(4-MPipzcdtH)_2(L)]Cl_2$ complex ($\mu_{eff} =$ 5.71 B.M. at 80 K) (Fig. 2) could be attributed to spinexchange coupled antiferromagnetic interactions. However, in the absence of X-ray diffraction study proposed chromophore [MnS₄N₂] rules out this possibility due to least probability of having polymeric or dimeric structures.



Fig. 1 TG/DTA curves of [Mn(4-MPipzcdt)₂(phen)] complex



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1 5.95

5.9

5.85

Fig. 2 Variation of effective Bohr magneton numbers with temperature of 1 [Mn(4-MPipzcdtH)2(phen)]Cl2, 2 [Mn(4-MPipzcdt)2 (phen)]Cl, 3 [Mn(4-MPipzcdt)₂(phen)], 4 [Mn(4-MPipzcdtH)₂(bipy)]Cl₂, 5 [Mn(4-MPipzcdt)(bipy)₂]Cl, 6 [Mn(4-MPipzcdt)₂(bipy)]

The iron(II) complexes under study have room temperature μ_{eff} values in the range 4.10–4.23 B.M.. On decrease of temperature the μ_{eff} values decrease to 2.08–2.13 at 40 K (Fig. 3). For octahedral high-spin complexes of iron(II) with ${}^{5}T_{2g}$ ground term, the spin-orbit coupling constant is $\lambda = -100$ cm⁻¹; the magnetic moment is expected to be about 5.5 B.M. at room temperature [35]. The moment is not expected to vary much with temperature. In complexes whose symmetry deviates from pure octahedral or due to electron delocalization, a reduction in this moment towards the spin-only value for four unpaired electrons (4.8 B.M.) is expected. For tetrahedral complexes, the moment will be given by 4.90 $(1 - 2\lambda/10 Dq)$ when $\lambda = -100 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, and moments will thus be of the order of 5.1 B.M.

With strong field ligands, spin-pairing occurs and lowspin octahedral iron(II) complexes have the electron configuration ${}^{6}t_{2g}$; this configuration gives rise to the ${}^{1}A_{1g}$



Fig. 3 Variation of effective Bohr magneton numbers with temperature of 1 [Fe(4-MPipzcdtH)₂(phen)]SO₄, 2 [Fe(4-MPipzcdt)₂(phen)], 3 [Fe(4-MPipzcdtH)₂(bipy)]SO₄, 4 [fe(4-MPipzcdt)₂(bipy)]

ground state having no first order Zeeman effect (J = S = 0). The positive susceptibilities observed for such complexes are due to the second-order Zeeman effect with higher ligand field terms. The susceptibilities are independent of temperature (T.I.P.). The low-spin octahedral iron(II) complex [K₄Fe(CN)₆] exhibits diamagnetic behaviour [36]. While the octahedral iron(II) complexes, viz. [Fe(H₂O)₆]²⁺, [Fe(MCCN)₆]⁴⁻ and (NH₄)₂Fe(SO₄)₂·6H₂O exhibit high-spin magnetic behaviour.

Since all the four iron(II) mixed-ligand complexes under study show large paramagnetism which does not correspond even to the value required for spin-free d^6 complexes indicating anomalous magnetic behaviour; however, the values lie between those for the high-spin and low-spin iron(II) complexes. The only explanation that could be offered for the large amount of paramagnetism is that there is a spin crossover phenomenon involving low-spin $({}^{1}A_{1\sigma})$ and high-spin $({}^{5}T_{2g})$ states. It may be noted, however, that spin crossover system has been noticed in many complexes of iron(II), a d^{6} system, e.g. [Fe(phen)₂(NCS)₂] and [Fe(phen)₂(NCSe)₂] [37] and mixed nitrogen- and oxygen-containing system, e.g. hemoprotein [38], and also in oxide systems of cobalt(III), another d^6 system [37]. For the iron(II) mixed-ligand complexes under investigation, it is possible that in the presence of strong nitrogenous bases the metal-ligand bond distances are decreased and a little increase in Δ is achieved and this increase may result in the two states ${}^{5}T_{2g}$ and ${}^{1}A_{1g}$, having almost the same energy [39, 40] resulting in a spin crossover equilibrium between them. The magnetic moment between 80 and 40 K for these complexes (Fig. 3) do not decrease appreciably thus indicating that pure low-spin iron(II) has not been achieved even up to 40 K.

With the μ_{HS} and μ_{LS} values of 5.5 and 0.0 B.M. at room temperature for high- and low-spin octahedral iron(II) complexes, respectively, the room temperature percentages of high-spin isomer in the four complexes, viz. [Fe(4-MPipzcdtH)₂(phen)]SO₄, [Fe(4-MPipzcdtH)₂(bipy)] SO₄, [Fe(4-MPipzcdt)₂(phen)] and [Fe(4-MPipzcdt)₂ (bipy)] have been found to be 55.57, 56.65, 57.76 and 59.15, respectively.

Electronic absorption spectral studies

In methanol or DMSO solution (10^{-4} M) electronic absorption spectra, the yellow-orange coloured solutions for all the mixed-ligand complexes, viz. [Mn(4-MPipzcdtH)₂(L)]Cl₂, [Mn(4-MPipzcdt)(L)₂]Cl and [Mn(4-MPipzcdt)₂(L)] (L = phen, bipy) exhibit three well-defined bands in the ultra-violet and visible regions. The two bands around 11,487–13,568 cm⁻¹ ($\varepsilon = 10 \text{ L mol}^{-1}$ cm⁻¹) and 19,576–20,501 cm⁻¹ ($\varepsilon = 3.0 \times 10^{1} \text{ L mol}^{-1}$ cm⁻¹) are weak bands. The absorption around 11,000 cm⁻¹ in the present complexes can

be attributed to the transition ${}^{4}T_{1g} \leftarrow {}^{6}A_{1g}$. The second band around 20,000 cm⁻¹ may arise due to the transition ${}^{4}T_{2g} \leftarrow {}^{6}A_{1g}$. The third band around 27,398–28,571 cm⁻¹ ($\varepsilon = 2.5 \times 10^{3}$ L mol⁻¹ cm⁻¹), an intense band is assigned to the transitions ${}^{4}A_{1g}$, (G) ${}^{4}E_{g} \leftarrow {}^{6}A_{1g}$ [32, 41].

The positions of the visible spectral bands of the complexes under discussion are consistent with those reported for other manganese(II) mixed-ligand complexes [33]. It is further proposed that due to small bite of the 4-methylpiperazine-1-carbodithioate ligand, all the manganese complexes having [MnS₄N₂] or [MnS₂N₄] chromophore most plausibly prefer *cis*-distorted octahedral structure since, it will be quite strenuous for them to span *trans*-octahedral positions (Fig. 4). This is in consonance with MnL₄X₂ or MnL₂X₄ species exhibiting similar electronic absorption spectrum [41].

All the mixed-ligand iron(II) complexes under present discussion exhibit two doublets of medium intensity falling in the regions 16,216–19,723 cm⁻¹ ($\varepsilon = 1.0 \times 10^2 \text{ L mol}^{-1}$ cm⁻¹) and 25,125–28,902 cm⁻¹ ($\varepsilon = 1.5 \times 10^2 \text{ L mol}^{-1}$ cm^{-1}), and a weak intensity band in the range 9.308–11.350 cm⁻¹ ($\varepsilon = 3.0 \times 10^{1}$ L mol⁻¹ cm⁻¹), in their DMSO/methanol solution (10^{-4} M) electronic absorption spectra. The two high energy bands of medium intensity can be assigned to the spin-allowed ${}^{1}T_{1g} \leftarrow {}^{1}A_{1g}$ and ${}^{1}T_{2g} \leftarrow {}^{1}A_{1g}$ electronic transitions of octahedral low-spin iron(II) complexes, respectively. The third band may be assigned to the spin-forbidden ${}^{3}T_{2g}$, ${}^{3}T_{1g} \leftarrow {}^{1}A_{1g}$ transitions [35]. As already discussed, the magnetic susceptibility studies reveal that these complexes observe spin crossover equilibrium between ${}^{5}T_{2g}$ and ${}^{1}A_{1g}$ spin states. Keeping this in view, the lowest energy band of medium intensity may also consist of absorption due to ${}^{5}E_{g} \leftarrow {}^{5}T_{2g}$ transition [35]. Unsymmetrical shape of this band supports the contention of this band resulting from the overlapping of absorptions due to ${}^{3}T_{1g} \leftarrow {}^{1}A_{1g}$ and ${}^{5}E_{g} \leftarrow {}^{5}T_{2g}$ electronic transitions. The electronic spectral band assignments have been made in the distorted cis-octahedral geometry of the complexes. The appearance of two high-energy doublets further support the distorted octahedral geometry as is being expected for the iron(II) mixed-ligand complexes.

Mössbauer spectra

The complexes, viz. [Fe(4-MPipzcdtH)₂(Phen)]SO₄ and [Fe(4-MPipzcdt)₂(Phen)] display only one signal (one Mössbauer doublet) at room temperature as well as at liquid nitrogen temperature in their computerized Mössbauer spectra. The Mössbauer spectrum of the complex [Fe(4-MPipzcdt)₂(Phen)] is shown in Fig. 5. Though the Mössbauer spectra offer no direct support for the existence of the ${}^{5}T_{2g} \rightleftharpoons {}^{1}A_{1g}$ spin equilibrium in iron(II)



Table 1 Isomer shifts δ (mms⁻¹) and quadrupole splitting ΔE_Q (mms⁻¹) for ⁵⁷Fe iron(II) complexes

Sr. No.	Compound	δ	$\Delta E_{ m Q}$
1	[Fe(4-MPipzcdt) ₂ (Phen)]	$0.99 \pm 0.05 \ (295 \ \mathrm{K})$	2.91 ± 0.02 (295 K)
		$0.39 \pm 0.05 \; (77 \; \text{K})$	0.41 ± 0.02 (77 K)
2	[Fe(4-MPipzcdt) ₂ (Phen)]SO ₄	$0.99 \pm 0.05 \; (295 \; \text{K})$	$3.11 \pm 0.02 \ (295 \text{ K})$
		$0.41 \pm 0.05 \; (77 \; \text{K})$	$0.85 \pm 0.05 \; (77 \; \text{K})$

 δ values are measured relative to the iron metal as the standard

carbodithioates which is invoked to explain the anomalous temperature dependence of the magnetic moments, yet the appearance of only one doublet and not a doublet of doublets has been explained on the basis of the existence of a rapid dynamic spin interconversion between ${}^{5}T_{2g}$ and ${}^{1}A_{1g}$ states [42]. The Mössbauer parameters, isomer shift δ and quadrupole splitting ΔE_Q are listed in Table 1. The magnitudes of the room temperature (295 K) chemical shifts (δ) values (0.99 mm/s) are close to those found for high-spin iron(II) compounds (1.00 mm/s) [37], while these values (0.41 and 0.39 mm/s) at 77 K are near to those for low-spin iron(II) compounds (0.3 mm/s). [43] Observation of decreasing trend in chemical shift values with decrease of temperature is consistent with previous studies on [Fe(phen)₂(NCS)₂] complexes [42].

The quadrupole splitting values (ΔE_Q) for the iron(II) carbodithioate complexes under study lie in the range

3.11–2.91 mm/s (Table 1). When ligand arrangement in a strong field iron(II) complex does not consist of six equivalent ligands, quadrupole splitting will result for ${}^{1}A_{1g}$ spin state because electric field gradient is non zero for the [Fe(4-MPipzcdtH)₂(Phen)]SO₄ and [Fe(4-MPipzcdt)₂ (Phen)] complexes. However, large splittings for ${}^{5}T_{2\sigma}$ state in the complexes of non zero electric field gradient because of asymmetry of electron distribution in d orbitals have been observed [43] for iron(II) complex, $[Fe(phen)_2(NCS)_2]$. At liquid nitrogen temperature, the observed decrease in the quadrupole splitting values (Table 1) for the two iron(II) carbodithioates is consistent with the increasing low-spin state population (inferred from the decrease in μ_{eff} value. This is in agreement with the values reported in the literature for iron(II) complex, i.e. [Fe(phen)₂(NCS)₂], observing spin equilibrium between almost equienergetic ${}^{5}T_{2g}$ and ${}^{1}A_{1g}$ states.

Conclusions

Magnetic and spectral studies on some mixed-ligand manganese(II) and iron(II) complexes of 4-MPipzcdt ligand and 1,10-phen or 2,2-bipy reveal that manganese(II) complexes having cis-distorted octahedral structures with the chromophore [MnS₄N₂] or [MnS₂N₄] are all high-spin in nature irrespective of the nature of the central core. The paramagnetism decreases with decrease of temperature. All iron(II) mixed-ligand complexes having chromophore [FeS₄N₂] or [FeS₂N₄] exhibit high-spin–low-spin (${}^5T_{2g} \rightleftharpoons {}^1A_{1g}$) crossover phenomenon in distorted octahedral structure.

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