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[Mn(tfbdc)(MeOH)₄] was synthesized by reaction of tetrafluoroterephthalic acid with manganese(II) perchlorate hexahydrate in methanol. The complex was characterized by elemental analysis, IR spectra, magnetism, and X-ray single crystal structure analysis. This complex crystallizes in the monoclinic system with space group *C2/c*. Mn(II) has a distorted octahedral geometry coordinated by two oxygens from two tetrafluoroterephthalate (tfbdc) and four MeOH molecules. Each tfbdc ligand bridges two Mn(II) ions in end-to-end fashion, forming a zigzag chain. These chains are connected by hydrogen bonds, forming a 2-D supramolecular network. Magnetic susceptibility data from 300–1.8 K show that there is a weak antiferromagnetic exchange between Manganese(II) ions.

Keywords: Manganese(II); Coordination polymer; Tetrafluoroterephthalic acid; Crystal structure; Magnetic property

1. Introduction

Metal carboxylates have diversity of binding modes of carboxylates, a wide range of structures and potential applications in separation, gas storage, heterogeneous catalysis, and molecule-based materials [1]. In particular, multibenzene-carboxylates are good building blocks in the design of metal–organic materials with desired topologies owing to their rich coordination modes. In spite of the rich coordination chemistry exhibited by 1,3-difluoroterephthalic acid, 1,4-benzenedicarboxylic acid, bromobenzenedicarboxylic acid, 1,3-benzenedicarboxylic acid, 1,3,5-benzenetricarboxylic acid, and 1,2,4,5-benzenetetracarboxylic acid [2–13], studies on tetrafluoroterephthalic acid (H₂tfbdc) are less reported. By carefully controlling the reaction conditions, we have found H₂tfbdc is also a versatile building block for construction of metal–organic complexes through complete or partial deprotonation of its carboxyl groups, and a series of interesting structures have been obtained [14–19]. With the aim of understanding the coordination chemistry of H₂tfbdc, we recently began to study

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assembly reactions of H₂tfbdc with metal ions *via* general solution synthetic methods [20]. In particular, we are interested in such reactions in the presence of auxiliary ligands. Considering the special bioactivity of manganese carboxylate complexes [21] along with their interesting magnetic properties, we focused our work on the Mn(II) and H₂tfbdc system. Herein we report a 1-D coordination polymer [Mn(tfbdc)(MeOH)₄], obtained from assembly of Mn(II) and H₂tfbdc in the presence of hexamethylenetetramine (hmt).

2. Experimental

2.1. Material

Tetrafluoroterephthalic acid (H₂tfbdc), manganese(II) perchlorate hexahydrate, hmt, and solvents were of reagent grade without purification before use.

2.2. Physical measurements

Elemental analysis (C, H) was performed on a Perkin-Elmer 2400 Series II element analyzer. FTIR spectra were recorded on a Nicolet 460 spectrophotometer as KBr pellets. Variable-temperature magnetic susceptibilities were determined on a Quantum Design SQUID magnetometer with a 2000 Oe magnetic field from 1.8–300 K. Diamagnetic corrections were made using Pascal's constants.

2.3. Synthesis of [Mn(tfbdc)(MeOH)₄]

A 3 mL anhydrous methanol solution of Mn(ClO₄)₂·6H₂O (0.0615 g, 0.17 mmol) was slowly added to a 5 mL anhydrous methanol solution containing H₂tfbdc (0.0405 g, 0.17 mmol) and hmt (0.0042 g, 0.03 mmol) to afford a colorless solution. Upon slow evaporation of the solvent at room temperature for 5 days, colorless block crystals were obtained. Anal. Calcd for C₁₂H₁₆F₄MnO₈ (%): C, 34.38; H, 3.85. Found: C, 34.30; H, 3.92. IR data (cm⁻¹, KBr pellet): 3285 (s, br), 2852 (s), 2495 (m), 2381 (m), 1604 (s), 1535 (s), 1475 (s), 1416 (s), 1387 (s), 1264 (s), 1070 (s), 995 (s), 934 (s), 866 (s), 804 (s), 775 (s), 740 (s), 708 (s), 659 (s), 627 (s), 514 (s), 478 (s), 438 (m).

2.4. X-ray crystallography

Single-crystal X-ray diffraction of the title complex was carried out with a Bruker Smart Apex CCD diffractometer at 296(2) K. Intensities of reflections were measured using graphite-monochromated Mo-K α radiation ($\lambda = 0.071073$ nm) with the ψ - ω scan mode in the range $2.66^\circ < \theta < 27.62^\circ$. The structure was solved by direct methods using SHELXS-97 [22] and refined by full-matrix least-squares on F^2 with the SHELXS-97 program package. Anisotropic thermal factors were assigned to all the non-hydrogen atoms. Hydrogen atoms were included in calculated position and refined with isotropic thermal parameters riding on the parent atoms. Crystallographic data and experimental details for structural analyses are summarized in table 1; selected bond lengths (nm) and angles ($^\circ$) are given in table 2, and hydrogen bond parameters are presented in table 3.

Table 1. Crystal structure parameters of the title complex.

Formula	C ₁₂ H ₁₆ F ₄ MnO ₈
Formula weight	419.19
Color	Colorless
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	C2/c
Scan type	ψ - ω
Unit cell dimensions (nm, °)	
<i>a</i>	0.9164(3)
<i>b</i>	1.4082(5)
<i>c</i>	1.3641(4)
β	95.433(4)
<i>V</i> (nm ³)	1.7524(10)
<i>Z</i>	4
Temperature (K)	296(2)
Calculated density (g cm ⁻³)	1.589
μ (Mo-K α) (mm ⁻¹)	0.829
Limiting indices	$-11 \leq h \leq 11$; $-17 \leq k \leq 18$; $-17 \leq l \leq 17$
<i>F</i> (000)	852
Crystal size (mm ³)	0.24 × 0.22 × 0.20
θ range for data collection (°)	2.66 to 27.62
A total reflections collected	7282
Independent reflections	2025 ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.0265$)
Observed reflections	1638
μ (Mo-K α) (mm ⁻¹)	0.071073
Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> ²	1.040
<i>R</i> ₁ , <i>wR</i> ₂ [<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>)]	0.0290, 0.0749
<i>R</i> ₁ , <i>wR</i> ₂ (all data)	0.0412, 0.0818

Table 2. Selected bond lengths (nm) and angles (°) of the complex.

Mn1–O2	0.21347(14)	Mn1–O4A	0.21866(14)
Mn1–O4	0.21866(14)	Mn1–O2A	0.21347(14)
Mn1–O3	0.21969(14)	Mn1–O3A	0.21969(14)
O2–Mn1–O2A	91.11(9)	O2–Mn1–O4A	89.62(6)
O2A–Mn1–O4A	176.01(5)	O2–Mn1–O4	176.01(5)
O2A–Mn1–O4	89.62(6)	O4A–Mn1–O4	89.93(8)
O2–Mn1–O3A	91.15(5)	O2A–Mn1–O3A	86.92(5)
O4A–Mn1–O3A	89.14(6)	O4–Mn1–O3A	92.81(6)
O2–Mn1–O3	86.92(5)	O2A–Mn1–O3	91.15(5)
O4A–Mn1–O3	92.81(6)	O4–Mn1–O3	89.14(6)
O3A–Mn1–O3	177.25(7)		

Symmetry code: A: $-x + 1, y, -z + 1/2$.

Table 3. Hydrogen bond distances and angles in the complex.

D–H...A	D–H (nm)	H...A (nm)	D...A (nm)	D–H...A (°)
O4–H4A...O1 ^C	0.0820	0.1880	0.2695(2)	174.50
O3–H3A...O1	0.0820	0.1910	0.2607(19)	159.50

Symmetry code: C: $x, -y + 1, z - 1/2$.

3. Results and discussion

3.1. Crystal structure description of $[Mn(tfbc)(MeOH)_4]$

Figure 1 represents the coordination polymeric zigzag chain with atom numbering. The tfbdc attached to Mn(II) atom is monodentate with end-to-end bridging of manganese centers. Four methanols are also coordinated to the metal. The coordination environment of each manganese(II) is distorted octahedral geometry, with equatorial positions with two tfbdc ligands [$Mn1-O2A=0.21347(14)$ nm and $Mn1-O2=0.21347(14)$ nm] and two methanols [$Mn1-O4A=0.21866(14)$ nm and $Mn1-O4=0.21866(14)$ nm]. Apical positions are occupied by O3, O3A of methanol [$Mn1-O3=0.21969(14)$ nm and $Mn1-O3A=0.21969(14)$ nm]. The Mn–O bond distance of tfbdc is shorter than methanol. The bond angle of $O3-Mn1-O3A$ (axial positions) is $177.25(7)^\circ$, indicating a distorted octahedral geometry. The distance between $Mn1-Mn1A$ is 1.1553 nm. Each tfbdc bridges two Mn(II) ions in end-to-end fashion, forming a zigzag chain along the *b*-axis. This 1-D zigzag chain is quite similar to that of $Mn(C_5NH_4-2-CH_2OH)_2(C_6F_5CO_2)_2$ reported by Ito and Onaka [15]. Formation of hydrogen bonds between zigzag chains [$O4-H4A \cdots O1^*=0.2695(2)$ nm and $O3-H3A \cdots O1=0.2607(19)$ nm], as shown in figures 2 and 3, leads to a 2-D network. The shortest Mn(II) \cdots Mn(II) distance between the closest neighbors in the same layer *via* hydrogen bonds is 0.6857 nm.

3.2. Infrared spectrum

The IR spectrum of $[Mn(tfbdc)(MeOH)_4]$ shows a strong absorption band in the $3600-3000\text{ cm}^{-1}$ region corresponding to $\nu(OH)$ of coordinated methanol. The 2852 cm^{-1} absorption is from $\nu(CH_3)$ of methanol. All carboxylic groups are deprotonated indicated by no absorption around 1730 cm^{-1} for a protonated carboxylic group.

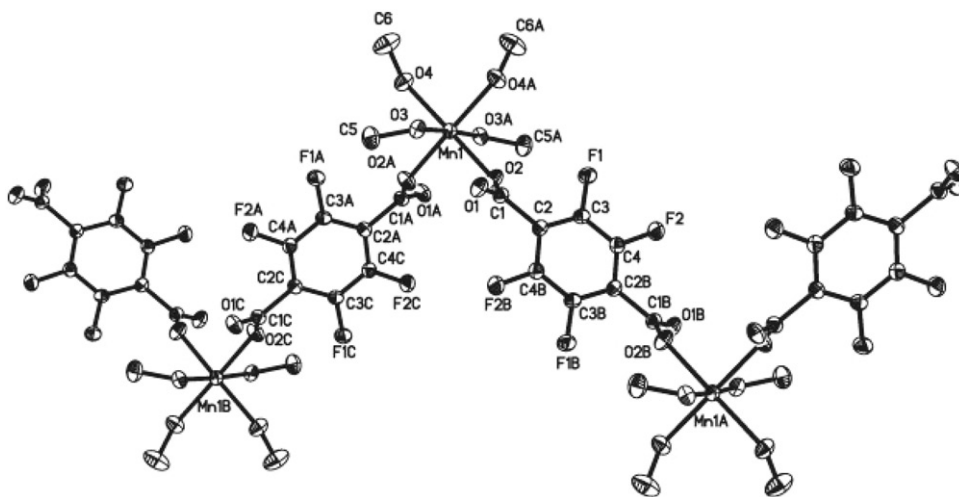


Figure 1. Molecular structure of the complex, with 30% probability displacement ellipsoids (hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity). Symmetry code: A: $-x+1, y, -z+1/2$; B: $-x+1/2, -y+3/2, -z+1$; C: $x, -y+1, z-1/2$.

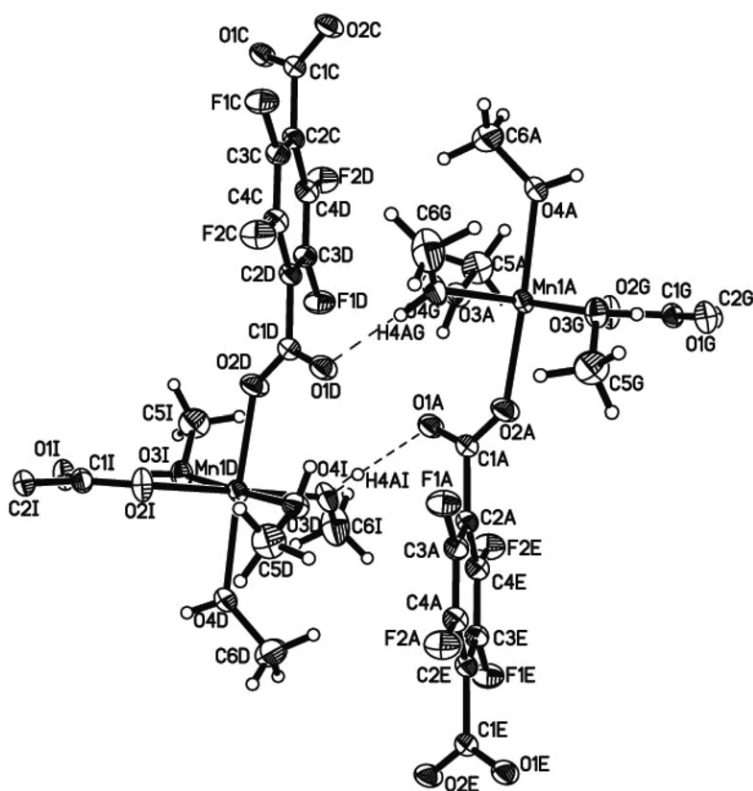


Figure 2. Structure of the complex indicating hydrogen bonds.

Strong peaks at 1604, 1416, and 1387 cm^{-1} are the $\nu_{\text{as}}(\text{OCO})$ and $\nu_{\text{s}}(\text{OCO})$ stretching modes of coordinated tfbd, while strong absorption at *ca* 708 cm^{-1} is the $\delta(\text{OCO})$ of tfbd. The shifts of 217 cm^{-1} and 188 cm^{-1} between $\nu_{\text{as}}(\text{OCO})$ and $\nu_{\text{s}}(\text{OCO})$ indicate that the tfbd ligands are monodentate and bridging mode [23, 24] as proved by the X-ray crystal structure analysis of $[\text{Mn}(\text{tfbd})(\text{MeOH})_4]$.

3.3. Magnetic property

Variable-temperature magnetic susceptibility measurements of a crystal sample were performed in the range of 300 K to 1.8 K with a Quantum Design SQUID magnetometer. Global antiferromagnetic behavior is evident from the magnetic measurements shown in figure 4. The variation of $1/\chi_{\text{M}}$ with temperature follows the Curie–Weiss law. The corresponding Curie constant (C) and Weiss constant (θ) are 2.08 emu K mol^{-1} and -5.872 K, respectively. The χ_{M} value is 0.0119 emu mol^{-1} at 300 K. The $\chi_{\text{M}}T$ product is 3.57 emu K mol^{-1} at 300 K, smaller than the value expected for spin-only Mn(II) (4.376 $\text{emu mol}^{-1} \text{K}$ with $g = 2.0$). The $\chi_{\text{M}}T$ value is almost invariable to 100 K (1.986 $\text{emu mol}^{-1} \text{K}$) and gradually decreases from room temperature to 0.489 $\text{emu mol}^{-1} \text{K}$ at 1.8 K. The shape of these curves is characteristic of weak antiferromagnetic interactions between the Mn(II) centers in the complex.

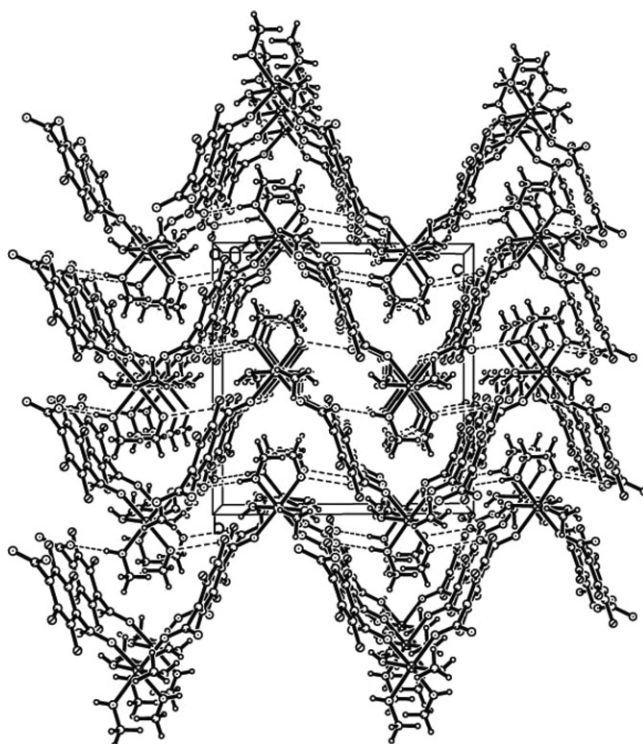


Figure 3. The molecular crystal cell packing of the complex viewed along the a -axis, dash lines indicate hydrogen bonds between the layers.

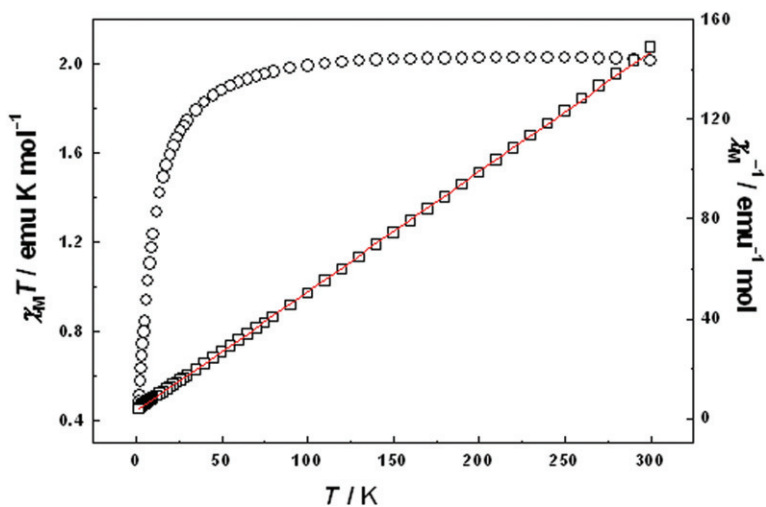


Figure 4. Temperature dependence of the reciprocal of molar magnetic susceptibility ($1/\chi_M$) (\square) and $\chi_M T$ (\circ) for the title complex. The solid line ($-$) shows the best fit.

4. Conclusion

A 1-D zigzag chain coordination polymer [Mn(tfbdc)(MeOH)₄] was prepared via reaction of Mn(ClO₄)₂ · 6H₂O with H₂tfbdc in the presence of hmt. Antiferromagnetic exchange exists between Mn(II) ions.

Supplementary material

CCDC 670461 for [Mn(tfbdc)(MeOH)₄] contain the supplementary crystallographic data for this article. These data can be obtained free of charge at www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/conts/retrieving.html [or from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Center, 12, Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK; Fax: (internet) +44-1223/336-033; Email: deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk].

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