Preparation and Characterization of 1,2,3,4- Butane four Carboxylate Transition Metal Complexes

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Abstract. 1,2,3,4-butane tetracarboxylic acid (Na₄C₈H₆O₈) is mainly used to prepare photosensitive materials, medical polymer materials and functional polymer membrane materials. As a permanent finishing agent, 1,2,3,4-butane four carboxylic acid plays an irreplaceable role. In this paper, the preparation of metal complexes by the reaction of 1,2,3,4-butane tetracarboxylic acid tetrasodium salt (Na₄C₈H₆O₈) with transition metals is described. The composition and structure of the prepared metal complexes were characterized by infrared spectroscopy, thermogravimetric analysis and elemental analysis. At the same time, through the analysis of thermogravimetric curves, the order of thermal stability of metal complexes is (from large to small): Co₂C₈H₆O₈·2H₂O > Cd₂C₈H₆O₈·2H₂O > Mn₂C₈H₆O₈·2H₂O > Ni₂C₈H₆O₈·2H₂O > Zn₂C₈H₆O₈·2H₂O > Zn₂C₈H₆O₈·2H₂O > Cu₂C₈H₆O₈·2H₂O.

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1,2,3,4-butane tetracarboxylic acid (Na₄C₈H₆O₈) is mainly used to prepare photosensitive materials, medical polymer materials and functional polymer membrane materials. As a permanent calendering agent, 1,2,3,4-butane tetracarboxylic acid has no formaldehyde in itself. Cotton and silk articles treated by it can obtain wrinkle resistance, solid shape and ironing-free properties. At present, the synthesis methods of 1,2,3,4-butane tetracarboxylic acid have been reported in China, but the literature on transition metal complexes of 1,2,3,4-butane tetracarboxylic acid is less. Therefore, this paper will further study and prepare metal complexes [1] Co, Cu, Ni, Mn, Zn, Cd and so on.

1 Experiment

1.1 Major reagents

(1) 1,2,3,4- butane four carboxylic acid (Na₄C₈H₆O₈).
(2) Two times distilled water.
(3) NaOH, Cd(NO₃)₂·4H₂O (the transition metal chlorides are all analytically pure).

1.2 Preparation of transition metal complexes of 1,2,3,4- butane four carboxylic acid with Cu as an example

In the preparation of copper, the first step is to weigh the amount of H₄C₈H₆O₈ molten water, add 30% NaOH water solution while stirring, cool it, adjust the acidity and alkalinity to PH5-6, and concentrate the reaction solution. After cooling, the crystallization of 1,2,3,4-butane four carboxylic acid will be obtained. The white powder of Na₄C₈H₆O₈ was obtained by drying it at 90 °C for 12 hours, and then it was put into a dryer for use. At this time, the quantitative Na₂CdH₆O₈ is weighed and dissolved in water. After stirring and adding CuC₁₂ to the aqueous solution, it should be noted that the mass ratio of CuC₁₂ to Na₂CdH₆O₈ is 2. It can be observed that a large number of blue precipitates are precipitated in the reaction solution, which is heated to 60-70 °C and stirred for 1 hour, and then cooled and filtered. Wash the precipitates with hot water for 3 times and remove the F in the precipitates. The blue precipitate Cu₂CdH₆O₈·4H₂O was then dried at 75 °C for 12 hours. The preparation of other metal complexes is basically the same as that of Cu complexes, but Cd complexes are made by Cd(NO₃)₂·4H₂O and Na₄CdH₆O₈ [2].

1.3 Using thermogravimetric analysis

In the analysis phase, the thermogravimetric analyzer (Pyris 1 TGA) produced by Perkin-Elmer is used. Use M₂C₈H₆O₈·nH₂O, Co₂C₈H₆O₈·nH₂O, Ni₂C₈H₆O₈·nH₂O, Cu₂C₈H₆O₈·nH₂O, Zn₂C₈H₆O₈·nH₂O, Cd₂C₈H₆O₈·nH₂O to analyze and analyze the data. It can be observed that when the heating rate reaches 20 °C per minute and the number of samples is 6 mg, when the temperature is between 30 °C and 850 °C, the flow rate of dry air is 20 ml per minute as the atmosphere.
1.4 Elemental analysis by infrared spectroscopy

In element analysis, the Fourier transform infrared spectrometer (Spectrum GX) produced by Perkin-Elmer Company and the DITGS detector are still used. After preparing the relevant testing instruments, we use KBr pressing method to test. At the same time, he found that the resolution of the spectrum was $4\text{cm}^{-1}$, and the range of this test was between $400\text{cm}^{-1}$ and $400\text{cm}^{-1}$. The cumulative number of signals in the test scan is 64 times, the gain is 1, and the speed of OPD is $0.2\text{cm per second}$.

2 Experimental result

2.1 Determine the composition of 1,2,3,4- butane four carboxylic acid over metal complexes

Thermogravimetric analysis and elemental analysis can be used to verify the molecular formula of $M_nC_8H_6O_8$. The acquisition of $M_nC_8H_6O_8$ can be achieved by reacting $M^2+$ with $(C_8H_6O_8)$. At the same time, according to the derivative thermogravimetric curves and thermogravimetric curves (as shown in Fig. 1 and Fig. 2), it is determined that the molecular formula of the final product is $M_nC_8H_6O_8\cdot nH_2O$.

![Figure 1. Derivative thermogravimetric curves.](image1)

![Figure 2. Thermogravimetric curves.](image2)

(1) The sample quality was 6302 mg, the experimental temperature range was $30^\circ\text{C}$ to $850^\circ\text{C}$.

(2) The sample quality was 2028 mg, the experimental temperature range was $30^\circ\text{C}$ to $650^\circ\text{C}$.

Through the observation of the icon, it can be found that the weight loss rate of crystalline water is when the thermogravimetric curve rises to the first stage. At the same time, the value of N can be further obtained based on this data. Under general experimental conditions, the products of thermal decomposition of the transition metal complexes are Cdo, CuO, ZnO, NiO, CoO, MnO$_2$, and so on, in the range of temperature between 30 C and 850 C. At the same time, by analyzing the thermogravimetric data in the experiment (as shown in Table 1), it can be found that the mass fraction values of various complexes after thermal decomposition are basically consistent with the theoretical values, which further illustrates the correctness of the original formulation. Therefore, we can get the theoretical values of H% and C% according to the formulated chemical formula. After calculating the values, we can put the corresponding data into Table 2. Through the analysis of Table 2, we can conclude that the composition of the two elements (C and H) is basically the same as the formulated data. From this, we can see that the chemical formula of the complex is $M_2CdH_6O_8\cdot nH_2O$, and the analysis results can thus be determined. Molecular formula for over metal complexes.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Complex</th>
<th>Crystallized water</th>
<th>Residual mass fraction/%</th>
<th>Thermal decomposition of final oxidation products</th>
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<tr>
<td>MnC$_8$H$_6$O$_8$·2H$_2$O</td>
<td>White</td>
<td>16.84</td>
<td>16.84 (30% of theoretical value)</td>
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<td>CuC$_8$H$_6$O$_8$·2H$_2$O</td>
<td>Yellowish green</td>
<td>24.08</td>
<td>24.08 (62% of theoretical value)</td>
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<td>NiC$_8$H$_6$O$_8$·2H$_2$O</td>
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<tr>
<td>ZnC$_8$H$_6$O$_8$·2H$_2$O</td>
<td>Yellowish green</td>
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<td>CdC$_8$H$_6$O$_8$·2H$_2$O</td>
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Table 1. Thermogravimetric data of complex in dynamic air atmosphere

![Table 2. M$_2$CdH$_6$O$_8$·nH$_2$O elemental analysis data](image3)

2.2 Data analysis using infrared spectroscopy

Infrared spectra of 1,2,3,4-butane tetracarboxylic acid, 1,2,3,4-butane tetracarboxylic acid tetrasodium salt and their transition metal complexes were determined by infrared spectroscopy. The spectra of these three elements and their transition metal complexes are shown in Table 2 (for transition metals, manganese is taken as an example, and the main characteristic peaks of A infrared spectra are shown in Table 3).

![Figure 3. Infrared spectra comparison of 1,2,3,4- butane four carboxylic acid and four sodium salt and manganese complex.](image4)
Table 3. $M_2CaH_6O_8\cdot nH_2O$ main characteristic peaks of infrared spectra cm$^{-1}$

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<tr>
<th>Complex</th>
<th>$v_{vcoo}$</th>
<th>$v_{scoo}$ (cm$^{-1}$)</th>
<th>$v_{ascoo}$ (cm$^{-1}$)</th>
<th>$v_{coo}$ $v_{coo}$</th>
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<tr>
<td>Na$_2$CdH$_6$O$_8$</td>
<td>3443</td>
<td>1590</td>
<td>1404</td>
<td>186</td>
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<td>Mn$_2$CdH$_6$O$_8\cdot 2H_2O$</td>
<td>3389</td>
<td>1618</td>
<td>1421</td>
<td>197</td>
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<td>Co$_2$CdH$_6$O$_8\cdot 2H_2O$</td>
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<td>1630</td>
<td>1419</td>
<td>211</td>
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<td>Ni$_2$CdH$_6$O$_8\cdot 4H_2O$</td>
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<td>Cu$_2$CdH$_6$O$_8\cdot 3H_2O$</td>
<td>3447</td>
<td>1638</td>
<td>1434, 1416</td>
<td>204, 222</td>
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<tr>
<td>Zn$_2$CdH$_6$O$_8\cdot 2H_2O$</td>
<td>3379</td>
<td>1585</td>
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<td>Cd$_2$CdH$_6$O$_8\cdot 2H_2O$</td>
<td>3400</td>
<td>1576, 1541</td>
<td>1434, 1413</td>
<td>&lt;186</td>
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In the infrared spectra of 1,2,3,4-butane tetracarboxylic acid ($Na_2CaH_6O_8$), the C=O bond strong absorption peaks of -COOH are at 1701 cm$^{-1}$, and a pair of vibration coupling absorption peaks are at 1296 cm$^{-1}$ and 1416 cm$^{-1}$, respectively. At the same time, it can be further found that the out-of-plane angular vibration of the dimer carboxylic acid OH group caused wide peaks at 920 cm$^{-1}$, and a pair of $v_{scoo}$ and $v_{ascoo}$ corresponding to $M_2CaH_6O_8\cdot nH_2O$ in the experiment. In order to further facilitate the experimental analysis of coordination methods, the table lists the effective data related to 1,2,3,4-butane tetracarboxylic acid ($Na_2CaH_6O_8$), which serves as the basis for judging $\Delta v$. Taking 200 cm$^{-1}$ as the critical point for judging, a single-tooth coordination is greater than this value, and a double-tooth coordination is less than this value. At the same time, we can use $\Delta v_{cou}$ of sodium carboxylate and $\Delta v_{cou}$ of metal complex to judge and compare, so as to determine the form of coordination. According to the above experimental judgment basis, we can make further judgement. In the $Na_2CaH_6O_8$ experiment of 1,2,3,4-butane tetracarboxylic acid, Co, Cu and Ni metal complexes were used as single-tooth coordination, Zn and Cd metal complexes were used as chelating coordination, and Mn metal complexes were used as bridge coordination. However, in the actual experiment, which of the three coordination modes should be used, we should also analyze and prove [7].

2.3 Data analysis using thermogravimetric analysis

Through the experimental thermogravimetric analysis, it can be concluded that the complexes of transition metals in 1,2,3,4-butane tetracarboxylic acid ($Na_2CaH_6O_8$) experiment are different in the thermal decomposition process, which is caused by different transition metals. At the same time, we can further observe that there are two stages in the diagram of copper, Cd, Mn, Ni and Zn metal complexes: 1,2,3,4-butane tetracarboxylic acid ($Na_2CaH_6O_8$). During the weightlessness stage, Co metal complexes began to gain weight in the third stage. Through experiments, we can know that CoO is produced during the thermal decomposition of $Co_2CaH_6O_8\cdot 2H_2O$ at a specific temperature, and CoO is oxidized to form $Co_3O_4$. At the same time, we can further find that there is a big difference between the predicted and measured values of CoO, which is due to the partial overlap between CoO and $Co_2O_3$ or $Co_3O_4$. From this we can speculate that in the whole thermal decomposition reaction, the changes experienced by the experimental substance are:

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\begin{align*}
&Mn_2CaH_6O_8 \rightarrow Mn_3CaH_6O_8 \rightarrow Mn_2O_3 \\
&Co_2CaH_6O_8 \rightarrow Co_3CaH_6O_8 \rightarrow CoO \rightarrow Co_2O_3 \\
&Ni_2CaH_6O_8 \rightarrow Ni_3CaH_6O_8 \rightarrow NiO \\
&Cu_2CaH_6O_8 \rightarrow Cu_3CaH_6O_8 \rightarrow CuO \\
&Zn_2CaH_6O_8 \rightarrow Zn_3CaH_6O_8 \rightarrow ZnO \\
&Cd_2CaH_6O_8 \rightarrow Cd_3CaH_6O_8 \rightarrow CdO 
\end{align*}
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At the same time, through the analysis of thermogravimetric curves, the order of thermal stability of metal complexes from large to small is obtained as follows:

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\begin{align*}
&Co_2CaH_6O_8 \cdot 2H_2O > Cd_2CaH_6O_8 \cdot 2H_2O > Mn_2CaH_6O_8 \cdot 2H_2O > Ni_3CaH_6O_8 \cdot 2H_2O > Zn_3CaH_6O_8 \cdot 2H_2O > Cu_3CaH_6O_8 \cdot 2H_2O
\end{align*}
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3 Concluding remarks

In the experimental process, 1,2,3,4-butane tetracarboxylic acid tetrasodium salt ($Na_2CaH_6O_8$) was prepared by reaction with excess metal salts. The composition and structure of the prepared metal complexes were characterized by infrared spectroscopy,
thermogravimetric analysis and elemental analysis. At the same time, the thermal stability of the complex was studied by thermogravimetric analysis, and the order of thermal stability was obtained as follows:

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\text{Co}_2\text{C}_8\text{H}_6\text{O}_8 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O} > \text{Cd}_2\text{C}_8\text{H}_6\text{O}_8 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O} > \text{Mn}_2\text{C}_8\text{H}_6\text{O}_8 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O} > \text{Ni}_2\text{C}_8\text{H}_6\text{O}_8 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O} > \text{Zn}_2\text{C}_8\text{H}_6\text{O}_8 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O} > \text{Cu}_2\text{C}_8\text{H}_6\text{O}_8 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}
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