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Interaction Products in the System Sulfur Dioxide–2,2'-Bipyridine–Water. Van der Waals Clathrates

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Abstract—Crystallization of 2,2'-bipyridine from aqueous solution containing sulfur(IV) oxide afforded clathrates with the composition $(bipy)_k \cdot (SO_2)_m \cdot (H_2O)_n$. X-Ray amorphous guest SO₂ molecules occupy voids in the crystal lattice of 2,2'-bipyridine without distortion of its structure. The isolated compounds were characterized by elemental analyses, X-ray diffraction data, and IR, NMR, and mass spectra.

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2,2'-Bipyridine (bipy) and its derivatives and salts constitute structural fragments of alkaloids; they are used as analytical reagents, dyes in textile industry, antioxidants, and herbicides and are promising materials for non-linear optics [1–3]. 2,2'-Bipyridine forms colored complexes with metal salts, S_2Cl_2 , SO₃, organic halides, phenols, and amines [3]. The structure of bipy was studied in [4, 5]. It reacts with mineral acids to give ionic salts via mono- [6–8] and diprotonation [9–13], whereas its salts with organic acids are molecular H-bonded adducts [14, 15].

It is known that reactions of sulfur(IV) oxide with various organic bases (2-aminoethanols [16–19], diand polyamines [20–22], alkylamines [21, 23], aminoguanidine [24]) in water are accompanied by salt formation and that its reactions with amides (thioamides) [25–28] involve hydrolysis and condensation processes leading to various molecular and ionic products. Examples of clathrate compounds with SO₂ as guest molecules have been reported [29–31].

In this work we have isolated and studied crystalline products with the compositions $(SO_2) \cdot (bipy)_3 \cdot (H_2O)$ (1) and $(SO_2) \cdot (bipy)_2 \cdot (H_2O)_2$ (2). Before proceeding with the discussion of our results, it should be noted that the fragmentation patterns of bipy in the mass spectra of 1 and 2 are in a good agreement with previously published data [32].

According to the ¹H NMR data (DMSO- d_6 , 400 MHz), signals of all aromatic protons in the spectra of **1** and **2** appear in a weaker field relative to those in the spectrum of bipy due to acceptor effect of SO₂ (Table 1). Analogous pattern was observed for the anionic complex [Au(bipy)Cl₂]⁻ [33]. The SO₂-bipy ratio in **2** is higher than in **1**. Obviously, this is the reason why the electron density on the nitrogen atoms in **2** is lower than in **1** (Table 1). There is no protonation of the nitrogen atoms.

In the ¹³C NMR spectra (DMSO- d_6 , 100 MHz) of **1** and **2**, signals from C²–C⁴ and C⁷–C⁹ are displaced downfield. The electron density on the other carbons unexpectedly increases, as was observed for the anionic Au(III) complex with bipy [33]. The upfield or downfield shift of the above signals increases in parallel with the concentration of SO₂ and H₂O in the clathrates.

N = 10

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$2 \sqrt{\frac{5}{1-\frac{5}{N}}} \sqrt{\frac{5}{7-\frac{6}{N}}} \sqrt{\frac{9}{7-\frac{6}{N}}}$						
Position	δ, ppm (<i>J</i> , Hz)			$\delta_{\rm C}$, ppm (<i>J</i> , Hz)		
	bipy	1	2	bipy	1	2
1.1	8.68 d (<i>J</i> = 3.7)	8.71 d (<i>J</i> = 4.3)	8.74 s	149.24	148.9	148.33
4.7	8.39 d (<i>J</i> = 7.9)	8.43 d (<i>J</i> = 7.9)	8.45 d (<i>J</i> = 7.3)	120.40	120.8	121.68
3.8	7.93 t (J = 7.3)	8.02 t (J = 7.3)	8.09 t ($J = 7.3$)	137.27	139.95	139.38
2.9	7.44 t ($J = 5.5$)	7.52 t (J = 4.3)	7.59 s	124.16	124.5	125.34
5.6	_	_	_	155.10	154.37	152.35

Table 1. ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of 2,2'-bipyridine and clathrates 1 and 2 in DMSO- d_6

Table 2 shows the results of analysis of the IR spectra of bipy and compounds **1** and **2**. Vibration frequencies were assigned on the basis of the data of [34]. Characteristic v(C_{arom} -H) bands of bipy were observed in the region 3100–3000 cm⁻¹. Taking into account $C_{2\nu}$ symmetry of the bipy molecule, eight C–H stretchings (four A₁ and for B₂) are active in the IR spectrum [34]. The position of these bands in the spectra of **1** and **2** is almost the same as in the spectrum of free bipy.

Benzene-type aromatic compounds are characterized by four vibrations of the benzene ring with their frequencies ranging from 1600 to 1300 cm⁻¹. Uncoordinated bipy also shows four bands in that region, at 1579, 1558, 1452, and 1415 cm⁻¹ (Table 2) [35]. Bands corresponding to C=C and C=N stretchings (1600–1400 cm⁻¹) are sensitive to chelation [35], which promotes isomerization of bipy from *trans* configuration [4] in the free state to *cis* [6–8, 33–36]. The formation of **1** and **2** is accompanied by lowfrequency shift of the ring stretching bands by 4 and 6 cm⁻¹, respectively. The position of the other bands remains unchanged.

Absorption bands at 1040 and 991 cm⁻¹ of free bipy may be assigned to breathing vibrations of the ring and out-of-plane bending vibrations of the C–H bonds, respectively. The first band in the spectra of **1** and **2** is observed at the same position, while the second band is shifted to higher frequencies (995 and 993 cm⁻¹ for **1** and **2**, respectively). This shift indicates participation of C–H protons in weak interactions and is consistent with the NMR data.

It is known [37] that isolated SO₂ molecule belongs to $C_{2\nu}$ point group symmetry and is characterized by three main vibrational frequencies: v₁ (A₁, S=O, symmetric stretching), v_2 (A₁, O=S=O, bending), and v_3 (B₁, S=O, asymmetric stretching). These vibrations appear in the ranges v_2 596–553 cm⁻¹, v_1 1190–1153 cm⁻¹, and v_3 1356–1280 cm⁻¹; the band at 2513–2467 cm⁻¹ is an overtone band; the v_2 frequency of SO_{2(s)} at room temperature is 552 cm⁻¹ (this value was obtained by extrapolation) [37].

The absorption bands at 552 and 551 cm⁻¹ in the IR spectra of **1** and **2**, respectively, correspond to v_2 bending vibrations of SO₂. The v_1 stretchings appear at 1158 cm⁻¹ in the spectra of both products; similar frequency is also typical of aqueous solution of SO₂ at -10° C (1151 cm⁻¹) [30].

The v₃ mode with its maxima (B₁, B₂) [38] at 1314 (w) and 1321 cm⁻¹ (m) is observed in the IR spectrum of **1**, and compound **2** displayed v₃ bands at 1312 (w) and 1323 cm⁻¹ (sh, w). This region of the spectrum also contained bands at 1375 (m) and 1279 cm⁻¹ (w) for **1** and two weak doublets at 1362/1336 and 1295/1280 cm⁻¹ and a shoulder at 1375 cm⁻¹ for **2**. The v₃ frequency of SO_{2(g)} and SO_{2(s)} (78 K) is 1362 and 1322 cm⁻¹, respectively; intermediate value 1336 cm⁻¹ is typical of amorphous SO₂ agglomerates, and 1342 cm⁻¹, of SO₂ clathrate hydrate (at 263 K) [30].

Water in SO₂ clathrate hydrate (263 K) shows OH stretchings v₁ and v₃ (3400 cm⁻¹), bending v₂ (1643 cm⁻¹), libration γ (667 cm⁻¹), and composite $\delta + \gamma$ (2143 cm⁻¹) [30]. Vibrations of water molecules (v₁, v₃) in the spectrum of **1** are observed at 3230 (cf. 3240±20 cm⁻¹ for SO₂ clathrate hydrate at 266 K [30]) and 3336 cm⁻¹ (3400 cm⁻¹ for aqueous solution of SO₂ at 263 K [30]). The corresponding vibrations appear in the spectrum of **2** at higher frequencies as a series of bands at 3851, 3836, 3819, 3742, 3733, and 3673 cm⁻¹.