



THERMAL STUDIES ON COPPER DOPED BARIUM TARTRATE SINGLE CRYSTALS BY SILICA GEL TECHNIQUE

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Abstract: In the present research work, the single crystals of copper doped Barium tartrate were grown by single diffusion technique. The optimum growth conditions of copper doped Barium tartrate were optimized by varying various parameters such as pH of the gel solution, gel concentration, gel setting time, concentration of the reactance. The platy shaped crystals were obtained in silica gel at room temperature. The effect of copper doping on the Barium tartarate has been studied. The XRD pattern shows that Copper doped barium tartarate crystals are polycrystalline, having orthorhombic structure. Thermo gravimetric analysis (TGA) and Differential thermal analysis (DTA) curves shows the percentages of the weight loss in the different stages of decomposition of barium tartrate. Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) curves shows the phase transformation due to loss of water molecules and formation of stable anhydrous $\text{CuBaC}_4\text{H}_4\text{O}_6$ crystals.

Keywords: Crystal growth techniques Single diffusion, XRD, TGA, DTA and DSC.

1. INTRODUCTION

In the present work, doped and undoped barium tartrate crystals were grown by silica gel method using single diffusion technique. Copper is used as dopant. However, there is not a single research paper available in the literature survey on the growth and characterizations of these barium tartrate crystals.

We have turned our attention towards the tartarate crystals as these crystals are having good application and can be synthesized by gel technique. Commercially, the tartrate compound can be used in various applications like antimony in urinary drugs, ferroelectric applications of sodium-potassium tartrate [1], potassium-chromium tartrate in medicine [2] and so on. Many people studied various tartrate compounds like calcium-strontium mixed levo tartrate [3], zinc tartrate [4] and cadmium tartrate [5] with respect to their properties such as dielectric, magnetic, ferroelectric, piezoelectric, and optical and other pertinent characteristics. Crystal habits of various crystals, grown under different conditions and also by different

methods were described by Buckley [6], Hartman [7], Kern [8], Chernor [9], Burton [10] and Mullin [11]. A number of factors such as degree of saturation, type of solvent [12], pH of the gel media [13, 14], presence of impurities [15,16] and the change in growth temperature also presumably affect significantly the morphology of the crystal [17]. The crystals, which can't satisfactorily grow from melt and vapor, are grown successfully by using this method [18- 20]. Barium tartarate is a quite interesting compound as they are having good applications. Hence in the present course of investigation it has been decided to synthesize and characterize Copper doped Barium tartarate crystals by silica gel method. The grown crystals are characterized by XRD, TGA, DTA and DSC techniques.

2. MATERIAL AND METHODS

Table 1: Optimum condition for growth of strontium-

doped barium tartrate crystals.

Sr. no	Optimum growth Conditions	Single diffusion
01	Density of sodium meta silicate solutions (Na ₂ SiO ₃)	1.05 g/cm ³
02	Concentration of acetic acid (CH ₃ COOH)	1M
03	pH of mixture	4.3
04	Temperature	Room Temp.
05	Concentration of (BaCl ₂)	1M
06	Dopend Concentration of CuCl ₂)	0.05M
07	Concentration of supernatant (C ₄ H ₆ O ₆)	1M
08	Gel setting time	2days
09	period of crystals growth	6 weeks

10All chemicals used were of AR grade. The chemicals used for growth of single crystal were acetic acid (CH₃COOH), sodium meta silicate (Na₂SiO₃), tartaric acid (C₄H₆O₆), Copper Chloride (CuCl₂) and barium chloride (BaCl₂). Different molar mass was tried to determine the optimum growth conditions. The gel was prepared by mixing the solutions (CH₃COOH), (Na₂SiO₃), (BaCl₂) and (CuCl₂) having different pH values varying from 4.0 to 4.3. The prepared gel was transferred in glass tube of diameter 2.5cm and 15cm in length. The mouth of tube is covered by cotton plug and kept for the setting. After setting the gel, it was left for aging. After two days the supernatant (C₄H₆O₆) of 1M concentration was poured over the set gel by using pipette and kept undisturbed by covering the cotton plug on the mouth of tubes.

Hydro silica gel is very good medium for growing better quality doped and undoped crystal of barium tartrate. The 0.05M concentrations of CuCl₂ in an aqueous solution were used to grow Cu doped barium tartrate crystals. To grow well defined crystals of Copper-doped barium tartrate, several experiment were performed by varying growth parameters like gel pH, gel age, gel density, and molarities of lower and upper reactions, in order to establish the optimum condition for the growth. The optimum growth conditions for high quality crystals established by varying various parameters are given in Table 1.

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

3.1 X-ray powder diffraction analysis (XRD)

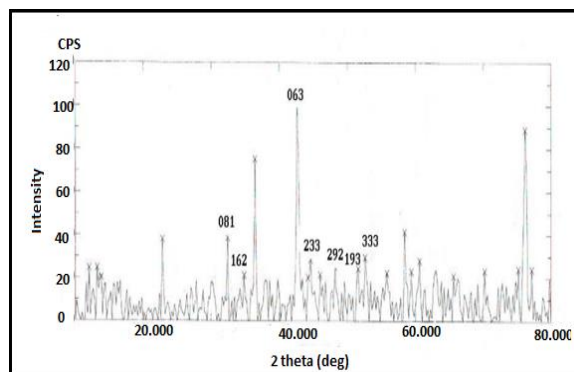


Figure 1 the XRD pattern of barium tartrate Crystal.

The Fig.1 shows the XRD pattern of barium tartrate whereas Fig.2 shows the XRD pattern of SrBaC₄H₄O₆ crystals. The XRD study reveals that barium tartrate crystal belongs to orthorhombic system and the incorporation of the dopant has not changed the structure of the parent crystal. The slight shift of XRD peaks, variations in intensity and lattice parameters of doped Barium tartarate crystals indicated that dopend are really doped into the BaC₄H₄O₆ structure. Table 2 shows the XRD data of barium tartrate and Table 3 shows the XRD data of Sr doped barium tartrate crystals. The calculated h k l values were found to be in good agreement with the JCPED card no. 26-0192 and 04-0836.

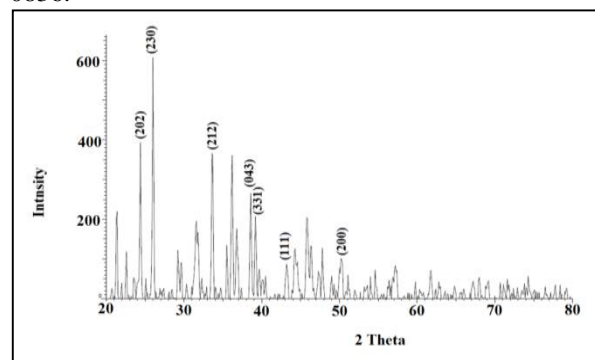


Figure 2 the XRD pattern of CuBaC₄H₄O₆ crystals (0.05M.)

Table 2. The XRD data of barium tartrate crystal (λ =1.54056Å).

Observed data values			Standard data values			
2θ	d-value	Int en.	2θ	d-value	Inte n.	h k l
32.400	2.7609	39	32.375	2.7630	16	0 8 1
34.800	2.5758	21	34.864	2.5709	25	1 6 2
42.600	2.1204	103	42.590	2.1210	4	0 6 3
44.600	2.0299	28	44.692	2.0260	2	2 3 3
48.200	1.8864	25	48.402	1.8790	4	2 9 2
51.600	1.7698	24	51.563	1.7710	1	1 9 3
52.600	1.7384	30	52.584	1.7391	2	3 3 3

Table 3. The XRD data of Cu doped barium tartrate crystals ($\lambda = 1.54060\text{\AA}$).

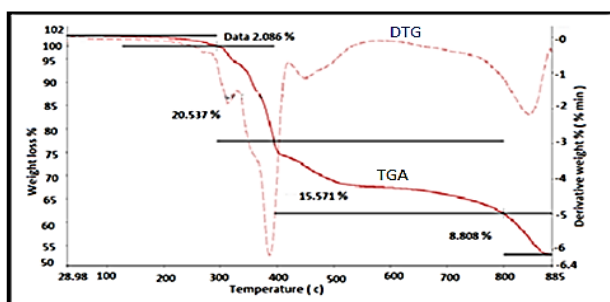
observed values from XRD				standard data values		
Sr. No	2 θ values	d values	Inten.	2 θ values	d values	h k l
1	24.600	3.6159	323	24.606	3.6149	2 2 0
2	26.000	3.4243	873	26.009	2.4230	2 3 0
3	33.700	2.6574	525	33.718	2.6560	2 1 2
4	37.500	2.3964	151	37.489	2.3970	3 0 1
5	38.900	2.3133	159	38.889	2.3140	0 4 3
6	39.200	2.2963	137	39.204	2.2960	3 3 1
7	43.400	2.0883	179	43.290	2.0883	1 1 1
8	50.400	1.8091	120	50.431	1.8081	2 0 0

The slight shift in the position of diffraction peaks to lower value reflecting a slight elongation along a, b and c axes. Lattice parameters values and the grain size of doped and undoped barium tartrate crystals are given in the Table 4. The grain size data for grown crystals was derived by using Scherrer formula. The grain size of the undoped barium

tartrate crystals is around 35.44 nm while average grain size is around 49.28 nm. It was observed that the grain size of the undoped barium tartrate crystal increases with Cu doping and subsequent doping shows the increasing tendency in grain size.

Table 4. Calculated Comparative study of lattice parameters and grain size of doped and Undoped BaC₄H₄O₆ crystals.

Comparative study	Lattice Parameters			Grain size (nm)
	A	B	C	
Undoped (BaC ₄ H ₄ O ₆) crystals (1M)	7.590	23.780	7.536	35.44
Doped (BaC ₄ H ₄ O ₆) crystals with Cu (0.05M)	8.868	24.729	8.421	43.95



3.2 Thermal analysis

Figure 4. TGA & DTG curve of barium Tartrate crystals.

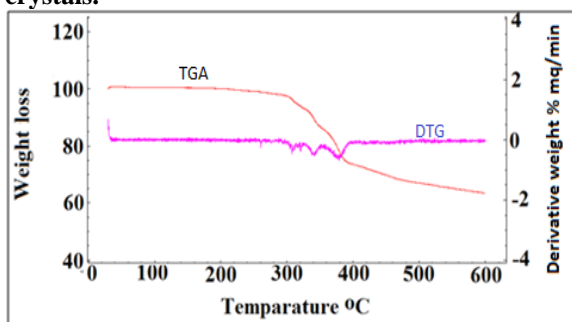


Figure 5. TGA & DTG curve Cu doped BaC₄H₄O₆ Crystals (0.05 M).

molecules while heating. TGA of Copper barium tartrate showed clearly four stages of decomposition as dehydration, Copper barium tartrate.

Table 5. TGA data of doped and undoped barium tartrate crystals.

Crystals	Step	Temperature range (°C)	Observed % weight loss	Calculated % weight loss	Probable loss of molecules
BaC ₄ H ₄ O ₆ (1M)	I	29- 292	2.09	03.05	-0.5H ₂ O
	II	292-393	20.53	20.38	-2Co2H ₂
	III	393- 799	15.57	16.30	-Co ₂
	IV	799- 883	8.80	09.51	-Co
CuBaC ₄ H ₄ O ₆ (0.05M)	I	27-200°C	2.45	2.51	-0.5H ₂ O
	II	200-365°C	17.34	16.76	-2Co & H ₄
	III	365-383°C	12.72	12.29	-Co ₂
	IV	383-599°C	8.11	7.82	-Co

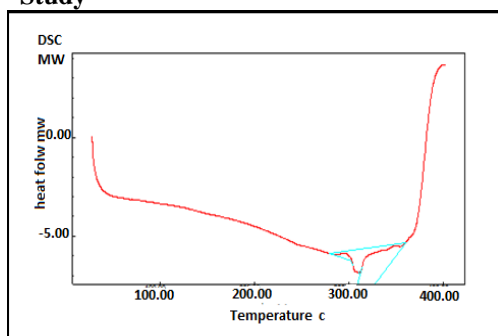
The percentages of the weight loss in the different stages of decomposition of **doped and undoped barium tartrate crystals** are presented in table 5. There is a good agreement between the observed and calculated weight losses. Copper barium tartrate is water coordinated compound. Therefore, there is a possibility that this crystal may lose some of its water

3.3 Derivative Thermo Gravimetric Analysis (DTG): In figure 5.9 shows the decomposition peaks and studies as follows.

- I. In the first stage of decomposition, major endothermic peak at 190°C is attributed to loss of 0.5H₂. The peak observed in the DTG curve corresponds to the weight loss 2.45% in the TG curve.
- II. There are two endothermic peaks at 345°C and 360°C in the second stage of decomposition is attributed to loss of 2CO and H₄. The peak observed in the DTG curve corresponds to the weight loss 17.34% in the TG curve.
- III. The endothermic peak at 385°C in the third stage of decomposition is attributed to loss of CO₂. The peak observed in the DTG curve corresponds to the weight loss 12.72% in the TG curve.
- IV. In the fourth stage there is no endothermic peak; decomposition is attributed to loss of CO. The peak observed in the DTG curve corresponds to the weight loss 8.11% in the TG curve.

Beyond the temperature 599°C, the reaction proceeds and finally stable residue Cu: BaC₄H₄O₆ remains up to the end of analysis.

3.4 Differential scanning Calorimetry (DSC) Study



The differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) analysis of the grown crystals was recorded between 20°C to 400°C in the nitrogen atmosphere using Metals TA 4000 Instrument. The initial weight of sample was 0.100mg and heating rate was maintained at 10°C/min. The Fig.6 (a) shows the DSC curves of Barium tartrate crystals. The initiation temperature is 302.77°C phase change complete at peak end-down temperature of 310.90°C. The temperature at which the sample and the reference come to thermal equilibrium by thermal diffusion. The peak appeared in the DSC curve at 318.06°C indicates the phase transformation due to loss of water molecules and formation of stable anhydrous BaC₄H₄O₆ crystals. This is in good agreement with the TGA curve.

Table 6. The DSC data of barium tartrate Crystals.

Peaks	Temperature	On set	End set	Heat
Endothermic	310.90°C	302.77°C	318.06°C	-166.33mj

Fig 6(b) The two stages of DSC curve under study are as follows.

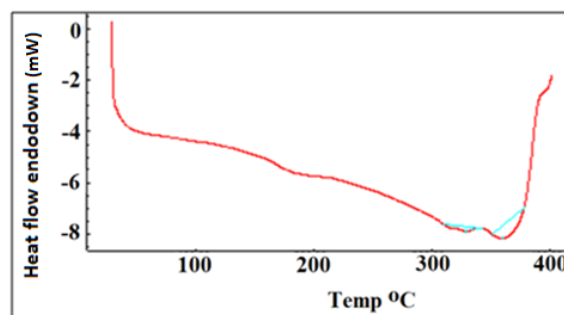
Stage-I

The initiation temperature is 310.29°C and initiation of phase change to starts completed at peak end-down temperature of 328.94°C. The temperature at which the sample and the reference come to thermal equilibrium by thermal diffusion. The peak appeared in the DSC curve at 336.46°C indicates the phase transformation due to loss of water molecules and formation of stable anhydrous Cu: BaC₄H₄O₆ crystals. This is in good agreement with the TGA curve.

II. Heat area under the curve is -22.44mj

Stage-II

The initiation temperature is 350.85°C and initiation of phase change to starts completed at peak end-down temperature of 359.55°C. The temperature at which the sample and the reference come to thermal equilibrium by thermal diffusion. The peak appeared in the DSC curve at 377.72°C indicates the phase transformation due to loss of 2CO and H₄ formation of stable Cu: BaC₂O₄ copper crystals.



II. Heat area under the curve is -71.94mj

Figure 6 (b) Cu doped barium tartrate Crystals

Table 7. DSC data of Cu 0.05M doped barium tartrate Crystals

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Peaks	Temperature	On set	Endset	Heat
Endothermic	328.94°C	310.29°C	336.46°C	-22.44mj
Endothermic	359.55°C	350.85°C	377.72°C	-71.94mj

CONCLUSIONS

The silica hydro gel is suitable for growing the crystals of copper-doped barium tartrate by signal diffusion method. The colourless, translucent, spherulitic, good quality crystals are obtained. The size of the doped crystals is increases with the increase in the concentration of Cu dopant. Lattice constant a, b and c, the unit volume is sensitively affected by the dopant concentrations. The powder X-ray diffraction study confirmed that grown crystals are very much crystalline in nature having orthorhombic structure and incorporation of the dopant has not altered the structure of the parent barium tartrate crystal. As a result of Cu doping, the XRD peak values shifted toward lower angle, indicating that an increase in the value of lattice constants. The TGA, DTG and DSC, analysis suggests that the thermal stability of Barium tartrate crystal increases due to copper doping. The residual Copper

barium oxide (CuBaO) identified from TG analysis confirms the presence of strontium barium (CuBa) in the grown crystals.

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