

## Mixed Chelate Complexes of Nickel(II) and Copper(II)

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Mixed ligand complexes of  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  containing bis-salicylaldehyde ethylene diamine or salicylaldehyde semicarbazone and neutral monodentate ligands of the type  $[\text{Cu}(\text{SB})\text{L}_1]$ ,  $[\text{Cu}(\text{SB})\text{L}_2]$ ,  $[\text{Cu}(\text{SB})\text{L}_3]$  and  $[\text{Ni}(\text{SB})\text{L}_1]$ ,  $[\text{Ni}(\text{SB})\text{L}_2]$  and  $[\text{Ni}(\text{SB})\text{L}_3]$  were synthesised. The compounds were characterised on the basis of their elemental analyses, molecular weight, conductivity, magnetic moment, infrared and electronic spectral data.

### INTRODUCTION

In the present investigation, bi-negative tridentate or tetradentate Schiff bases and neutral monodentate ligands have been reacted with divalent nickel and copper. The preference of coordination number and stabilisation of stereochemistry of Ni(II) and Cu(II) when provided with such a mixed ligand field have been studied.

### EXPERIMENTAL

*Synthesis of Ligands:* All the chemicals used were of AR grade. The Schiff bases bis-salicylaldehyde ethylene diamine and salicylaldehyde semicarbazone were prepared by literature method<sup>1</sup>.

*Synthesis of complex* To a weighed amount of  $\text{NiCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  or  $\text{CuCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  was added a calculated amount of bis-salicylaldehyde ethylene diamine/salicylaldehyde semicarbazone in 1 : 1 molar ratio in ethanolic medium and stirred vigorously. To this, ethanolic solution of  $\gamma$ -picoline/pyridine/ $\gamma$ -picoline-N-oxide were added in excess with constant stirring. The complexes so formed were suction filtered, washed with ethanol and dried in vacuum.

Metals were estimated by standard methods<sup>2</sup>. I.R. spectra were recorded on a Shimadzu 408 and electronic spectra were recorded on a Elico-CL-54 spectrophotometers. The conductance measurement was carried out in *ca.*  $10^{-3}$  M solution of nitrobenzene with Systronics 303 direct reading conductivity meter. Magnetic susceptibility measurements were carried out at room temperature by a Gouy balance. Diamagnetic corrections were made by Pascal's<sup>3</sup> constants. The molecular weights were determined by Rast's biphenyl method.

### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The compounds formed are micro-crystalline solids. The analytical data are consistent with the formulation of the compounds. The conductance measurement values [ $2.1-6.2 \text{ ohm}^{-1} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1}$ ] show that the compounds are non-electrolytes. The molecular weight measurement indicates that the compounds are monomeric.

TABLE-I  
 ANALYTICAL AND PHYSICAL DATA OF COMPLEXES

Compounds (colour)	m.p. (°C)	M(% Found/Calcd.	$\mu_{\text{eff}}$ (B.M.)	$\Lambda_m$ ( $\Omega^{-1} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1}$ )
[Cu(Sal <sub>2</sub> en)( $\gamma$ -Pic)] (Dirty green)	>200	14.60 (15.02)	2.31	5.706
[Cu(Sal <sub>2</sub> en)( $\gamma$ -Pic-NO)] (Deep green)	>200	10.98 (11.59)	2.65	4.530
[Cu(Sal <sub>2</sub> en)(Py) <sub>2</sub> ] (Bottle green)	>200	12.83 (13.02)	2.37	6.229
[Cu(Sal.sc)( $\gamma$ -Pic) <sub>3</sub> ] (Light green)	>200	12.26 (12.70)	1.89	5.012
[Cu(Sal.sc)( $\gamma$ -Pic-NO) <sub>3</sub> ] (Green)	>200	11.07 (11.65)	1.78	4.932
[Cu(Sal.sc)(Py) <sub>3</sub> ] (Light blue)	>200	12.79 (13.26)	1.99	6.118
[Ni(Sal <sub>2</sub> en)( $\gamma$ -Pic)] (Orange)	>200	13.12 (13.98)	2.24	5.695
[Ni(Sal <sub>2</sub> en)( $\gamma$ -Pic-NO) <sub>2</sub> ] (Brick red)	>200	10.23 (10.80)	2.18	4.524
[Ni(Sal <sub>2</sub> en)(Py) <sub>2</sub> ] (Buff)	>200	11.92 (12.14)	2.40	2.160
[Ni(Sal.sc)( $\gamma$ -Pic) <sub>3</sub> ] (Blue)	>200	11.62 (11.85)	2.34	2.671
[Ni(Sal.sc)(Py) <sub>3</sub> ] (Sky blue)	>200	11.93 (12.37)	3.37	2.931

*Infrared spectra:* The Schiff base bis-salicylaldehyde ethylene-diamine exhibits a sharp band at *ca.* 1630  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  due to  $\nu(\text{C}=\text{N})$ . This band shifts to a lower frequency by 5–15  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  on complexation which is due to the reduction of electron density in the azomethine links. The absence of stretching and bending modes of OH groups in spectra indicated the deprotonation of the ligands in the complexes. These observations were supported by the shift of  $\nu(\text{C}-\text{O})$  of free ligands from 1300  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  to lower wave number of  $1285 \pm (5-15) \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Thus the Schiff base bis-salicylaldehyde-ethylene-diamine behaves as bifunctional tetradentate (ONNO)<sup>4-6</sup> ligands. The Schiff base salicylaldehyde semicarbazone exhibits a sharp band at *ca.* 1620  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  due to  $\nu(\text{C}=\text{N})$ . The complexes with this ligand show a downward shift by (5–15)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . This is due to the reduction of electron density in the azomethine links. The absence of stretching and bending modes of OH group in spectra indicated the deprotonation of the ligands in the complexes. These observations were supported by the shift of  $\nu(\text{C}-\text{O})$  of the free ligand from *ca.* 1380  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  to lower wave number by (5–15)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Thus, the Schiff base salicylaldehyde semicarbazone is coordinated through its two oxygen and one nitrogen atoms<sup>7,8</sup>. The presence of coordinate  $\gamma$ -picoline and pyridine in the complexes was known from their  $\nu(\text{C}-\text{C}) + \nu(\text{C}-\text{N})$  bands found at *ca.* 1550

$\text{cm}^{-1}$  for salicylaldehyde ethylene diamine and *ca.*  $1450 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  for salicylaldehyde semicarbazone. The shifting of  $\nu(\text{N—O})$  band of  $\gamma$ -picoline-N-oxide from *ca.*  $1215 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  band to *ca.*  $1190 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $\delta(\text{N—O})$  band from *ca.*  $840 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  to *ca.*  $850 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  indicated its bending to the metal ions through the oxygen atom<sup>9</sup>.

### Magnetic Moments and Electronic Spectra

The five coordinated nickel(II) compounds exhibited normal magnetic moment values where as the six coordinated nickel(II) complexes exhibited lower magnetic moment values<sup>10</sup> as observed for Schiff base compounds. The magnetic moment values for copper(II)<sup>11</sup> are consistent with that of  $3d^9$  system.

One [Cu(SB)L] compound was found to exhibit absorption band at  $16129 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  which supports the pentaco-ordinated stereochemistry<sup>12,13</sup>. Bands due to other Cu(II) compounds obtained at  $13698 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $17699\text{--}17121 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $23892\text{--}22201 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  support octahedral configuration.<sup>14-16</sup>

One [Ni(SB)L] compound exhibits absorption bands in the region  $13245\text{--}16393 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  which support penta-coordinated geometry.<sup>17</sup> Absorption bands due to the four [Ni(SB)L<sub>2</sub>] compounds obtained at  $13386 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $17543 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $23809\text{--}21881 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  due to  ${}^3\text{A}_{2g} \rightarrow {}^3\text{T}_{2g}$ ,  ${}^3\text{A}_{2g} \rightarrow {}^2\text{T}_{1g}(\text{F})$  and  ${}^3\text{A}_{2g} \rightarrow {}^3\text{T}_{1g}(\text{P})$  transitions, respectively, for octahedral stereochemistry for the compounds<sup>18</sup>.

Thus, through this communication penta-coordinated Ni(II), Cu(II) and hexa coordinated Ni(II), Cu(II) compounds containing bifunctional tetradentate Schiff base and tridentate Schiff base and neutral N, O donor ligands are reported.

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