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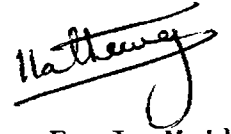
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PREFACE

The thesis deals with our studies on the synthesis and elucidation of structure of some metal complexes of dithio ligands, such as the dithiocarbamates, xanthates and 2-aminocyclopent-1-ene-1-dithiocarboxylate and its N-alkyl derivatives.

The thesis is divided into eight chapters. The Chapter I is a general discussion on the metal complexes of 1,1-dithio chelate complexes, that are relevant to the study and the scope of the present investigation. The experimental techniques, reagents, procedural details, instrumental methods etc. employed for the synthesis and characterisation of the complexes are described in Chapter II.

2-Aminocyclopent-1-ene-1-dithiocarboxylate (ACDA) is an interesting ligand, because of its potential dual capability of bonding between the metal and the ligand. Since the earlier reports on the complexes of ACDA contain contradictory ideas on the nature of its bonding, it was thought worthwhile to undertake a detailed and systematic study of these type of complexes. As the ACDA complexes have very low solubilities in solvents like chloroform, we have used the isopropyl derivative of ACDA as the ligand. The increased solubility of these complexes has made it possible to investigate their NMR and solution electronic spectra.

The complexes of this ligand have not yet been reported in the literature, and the studies on these complexes are described in Chapter III.

We have synthesised some new mixed ligand complexes of dithiocarbamates by reacting bis(dithiocarbamato)- μ -dichloro dicopper complexes (obtained by the reaction of mixed benzoic dithiocarbamic anhydride and copper(II) chloride) with ACDA or its N-alkyl derivatives. The isolation and characterisation of these complexes are reported in Chapter IV.

Interactions of metal halides with the mixed anhydrides formed from benzoylchloride and xanthates have also been investigated. Novel complexes of the type, $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{RXant})\text{Cl}]$ ($\text{R}=\text{i-Bu}$, i-Pr , n-Bu or n-Pr) have been isolated from the reaction of copper(II) chloride and the mixed anhydride, and these reactions appear to be like the clock reactions reported in the literature. The synthesis and structural elucidation of these complexes are presented in Chapter V.

Chapters VI, VII and VIII deal with the characterisation of the complexes of the type $[\text{Hg}(\text{R}_2\text{dtc})\text{X}]$ ($\text{X}=\text{Cl}$, Br or I), $[\text{Cu}_3(\text{R}_2\text{dtc})_6][\text{Cu}_2\text{Br}_6]$ and $[\text{Cu}(\text{R}_2\text{dtc})\text{Cl}_2]$ ($\text{R}_2=\text{Me}_2$, Et_2 , Pip , Morph or Pyrr) respectively, synthesised by simple and novel routes, different from those reported earlier.

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ABBREVIATIONS

| | |
|--------------------|--|
| Å | Angstrom |
| BM | Bohr Magneton |
| IR | Infrared |
| NMR | Nuclear magnetic resonance |
| ESR | Electron spin resonance |
| χ | Magnetic susceptibility |
| ϵ | Molar extinction coefficient |
| ν | Stretching |
| δ | Deformation |
| ρ | Wagging |
| s | Symmetric |
| as | Asymmetric |
| en | Ethylenediamine |
| Phen | 1,10-phenanthroline |
| Py | Pyridine |
| bipy | Bipyridine |
| Cy | Cyclohexyl |
| Pip | Piperidine |
| Morph | Morpholine |
| Pyrr | Pyrrolidine |
| R ₂ dtc | Dialkyl and diaryl dithiocarbamate anion |
| Pipdtc | Piperidine N-carbodithioate anion |
| Morphdtc | Morpholine-N-carbodithioate anion |

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| Pyrrdtc | Pyrrolidine-N-carbodithioate anion |
| R ₄ tds | Tetraalkyl thiuram disulphide |
| RXant | Alkylxanthate anion |
| Me | Methyl |
| Et | Ethyl |
| i-Pr | Isopropyl |
| i-Bu | Isobutyl |
| n-Pr | n-Propyl |
| n-Bu | n-Butyl |
| sec-Bu | sec-Butyl |
| ACDA | 2-Aminocyclopent-1-ene-1-dithiocarboxylate anion |
| i-PrACDA | 2-N-isopropylaminocyclopent-1-ene-1-dithiocarboxylate anion |
| n-BuACDA | 2-N-isobutylaminocyclopent-1-ene-1-dithiocarboxylate anion |
| DMF | Dimethylformamide |
| DMSO | Dimethylsulphoxide |
| salen | Bis-(salicylaldehyde)ethylenediimine |
| THF | Tetrahydrofuran |
| MNT | Maleonitriledithiolate |
| Cp | Cyclopentadienyl anion |

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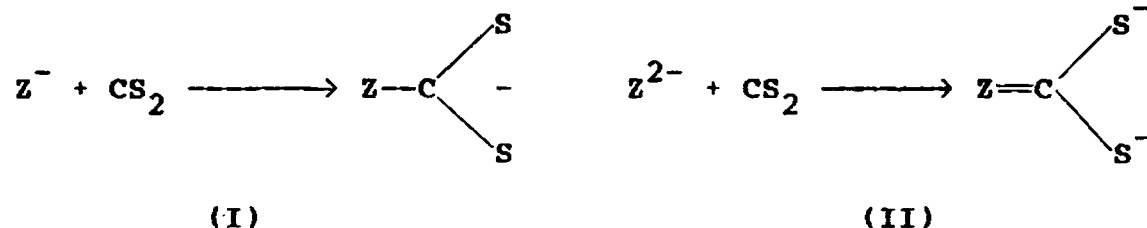
INTRODUCTION AND SCOPE OF THE PRESENT INVESTIGATION.

There has been a prodigious upsurge of knowledge in the chemistry of transition metal sulfur complexes. This is amply reflected in the increased documentation on novel complex syntheses, on the formation of interesting organometallic molecules, and in the field of bio-inorganic chemistry.

A major class of sulfur containing ligands is obtained by the general reaction of carbon disulfide with various nucleophiles. The 1,1-dithioacids are obtained by the addition of uninegative nucleophiles to carbon disulfide under a variety of experimental conditions. They are used as pharmaceutical and analytical agents, fungicides and rubber vulcanisation accelerators^{1,2}. Stabilisation of transition metals in high oxidation states, extensive electron transfer series and such other structural, magnetic and spectroscopic properties have served to make 1,1-dithio complexes, especially the dithiocarbamates, the focus of attention among sulphur donor ligand complexes.

1.1 1,1-Dithio ligands

Dithio acids and dithiols are formed by reaction of carbon disulfide with various nucleophiles (Z^- or Z^{2-}), as follows.

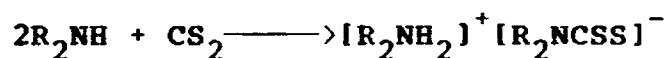


(where I and II are the deprotonated forms of the dithio acid and dithiol respectively)

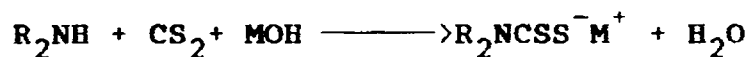
A wide variety of ligands is thus available by merely varying the nucleophile.

1.1.1 Dithiocarbamates

When carbon disulfide reacts with either aliphatic or aromatic, primary or secondary amines, dithiocarbamate salts are formed^{3,4} according to the scheme:



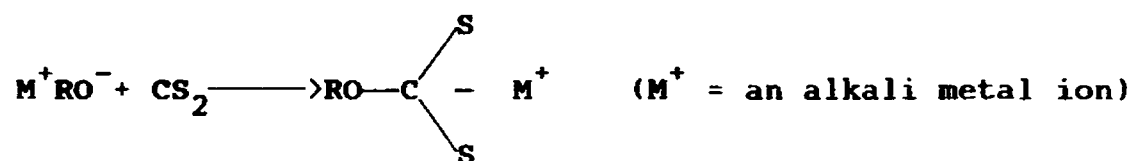
By using an alkali metal hydroxide *in situ* as a proton acceptor, the alkali metal dithiocarbamate salts, having various degrees of hydration may be obtained⁵.



The dithiocarbamates derived from primary amines are unstable and in the presence of bases, are converted into the isothiocyanates⁶. Although the disubstituted dithiocarbamates are more stable, they tend to decompose under acidic conditions⁷.

11.2. O-Alkylcarbonodithioates (Xanthates)

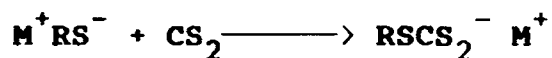
O-Alkylcarbonodithioates are formed by nucleophilic addition of an alkoxide ion to carbon disulfide.



Acidification of the alkali metal salts produces the unstable carbonodithioic acids (Xanthic acids)⁸.

11.3. Alkyltrithiocarbonates (thioxanthates)

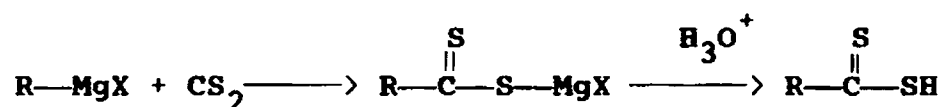
The alkali metal salts of the thioxanthates are formed by a method analogous to that used for the xanthates. Alkali metal mercaptides react with carbon disulfide to form thioxanthate salts⁹.



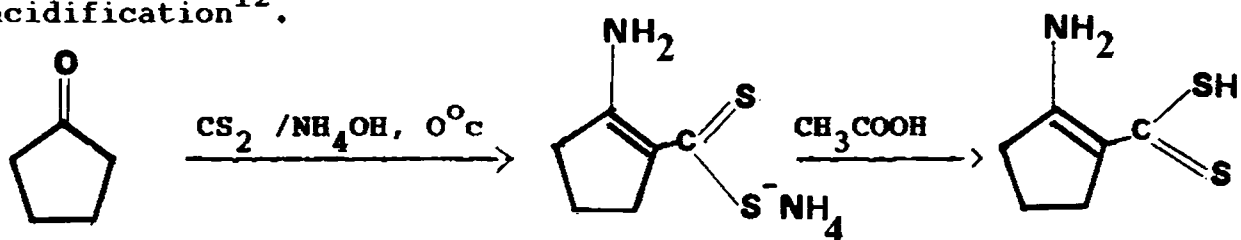
Air oxidises these salts to disulfides¹⁰, and unstable thioxanthic acids are formed upon acidification.

1.14. Dithiocarboxylic acid

The reaction of CS_2 with a Grignard reagent gives dithiocarboxylic acid¹¹.



The dithiocarboxylic acids are relatively unstable, possess unpleasant odours, and tend to be oxidised to disulfides. An interesting dithioic acid, 2-aminocyclopent-1-ene-1-dithiocarboxylic acid (HACDA), is formed by the reaction of cyclopentanone with carbon disulfide and ammonia followed by acidification¹².



It is also possible to prepare 2-alkylaminocyclopent-1-ene-1-dithiocarboxylic acid by reacting HACDA with the corresponding alkyl amine¹³.

Dithiocarbamate, 1,1-ethenedithiolate, trithiocarbonate dithiophosphonate, dithiophosphate, dithioarsinate, dithioarsenate are some of the other 1,1-dithio ligands.

Metal complexes of 1,1-dithio ligands.

Our present study is on the synthesis and characterisation of some metal complexes of dithiocarbamates, xanthates, and 2-aminocyclopent-1-ene-1-dithiocarboxylate (ACDA) and its N-alkyl derivatives.

12. Dithiocarbamate complexes

Dithiocarbamates are strong complexing agents and give rise to a large number of interesting complexes with metal ions. The fascinating chemistry of such complexes has been repeatedly reviewed by several workers. The analytical aspects of dithiocarbamate chemistry have been reviewed by Glew and Schwaab,¹⁴ Ul'ko¹⁵ and Hulanicki¹⁶, and their structural aspects have been reviewed by Eisenberg¹⁷. The reviews by Coucouvanis¹⁸, and Burns *et al.*¹⁹ cover the major facets of dithiocarbamate metal complexes and related systems and are particularly invaluable. Important and useful reviews such as: *Dithiocarbamates of Transition Group Elements in Unusual Oxidation States* by Willemsse *et al.*²⁰, *Reactions of Complexes of Dithiocarbamate and Related Ligands* by Steggerda *et al.*²¹ and *Electrochemistry and Redox Behaviour of Transition Metal Dithiocarbamates* by Bond and Martin²² merit special mention.

12.1. Simple dithiocarbamate complexes

A. Syntheses

Dithiocarbamato metal complexes are usually prepared by the reaction of sodium dithiocarbamates with metal halides in aqueous media. Copper(II) dithiocarbamate complexes are reported to have been prepared by the oxidation of metal with tetraalkyl thiuram disulfides in chloroform or benzene²³. Further, treatment of metal oxide with the sodium salts of the dithiocarbamate also results in dithiocarbamato complexes. Copper(II) dithiocarbamates are obtained by treating Cu(I) oxide with the sodium salts of the ligands in an inert atmosphere²⁴. Inert atmosphere is required in the synthesis of Mn(II), Co(II) and Fe(II) dithiocarbamate complexes also, as these complexes are easily oxidised to the corresponding metal(III) complexes in the presence of air²⁵. However, in these cases, pure M(III) complexes can be prepared by passing air through an aqueous solution containing the sodium dithiocarbamate and metal(II) salts.

Dithiocarbamato complexes of titanium cannot be prepared by the reactions of dithiocarbamate salts with simple titanium salts. Bradley and coworkers²⁶⁻²⁸ synthesised a series of tetrakis(dithiocarbamates) of Ti(IV), Zr(IV) and Hf(IV) by an insertion reaction of CS₂ with metal amine, M(NR₂)₄, complexes. The CS₂ insertion reaction has also been used to prepare morpholine-4-carbonodithioate complexes of the first row transition metal ions²⁹.

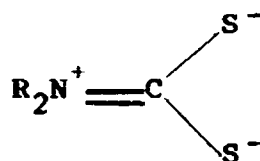
Metal dithiocarbamates are generally water insoluble. But they are soluble in non-polar solvents like benzene, chloroform and nitrobenzene. The complexes are stable in dry conditions; however, the easily oxidisable complexes like Mn(II), Co(II) and Fe(II) dithiocarbamates are stable only under inert atmospheres.

B. Physico-chemical studies

1. Infrared spectra

The interpretation of the infrared spectra of dithiocarbamate complexes of transition metals has aroused considerable interest. There are three relevant regions in the spectra of dithiocarbamate complexes. They are the 1450-1550 cm^{-1} , the 950-1050 cm^{-1} and the 350-400 cm^{-1} regions.

The 1450-1550 cm^{-1} region is associated primarily with the "thioureide" band. The presence of an absorption band around 1500 cm^{-1} is accepted as arising from a polar structure such as shown that below:



The increasing electron donating character in alkyl group would stabilize this structure and increase the $\nu(\text{C-N})$. The thioureide band for the dimethyl derivative is always observed to occur at a higher frequency than in the diethyl derivative³⁰. Some workers

have assigned the higher value of $\nu_{\text{C-N}}$ to the greater inductive effect of the methyl groups. However, bonding arguments solely based on the inductive effects are not rigorous. The higher value of $\nu_{\text{(C-N)}}$ for the methyl derivative could be due to electron release through hyperconjugation. It was also suggested that kinematic effects³¹ due to increasing mass of the alkyl group may also be responsible for the change in $\nu_{\text{(C-N)}}$.

Normal coordinate analysis of $[\text{Cr}(\text{R}_2\text{dtc})_3]$ complexes have been carried out by Brown *et al.*³¹, who observed that the $\nu_{\text{(C-N)}}$ frequency decreased with increase in the mass of the alkyl groups. The masses of the alkyl substituents also were found to affect the mixing of asymmetric N-alkyl and the symmetric C-S modes.

The region $950-1050 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ is associated with the C-S stretching frequency, and according to Ugo and Bonati³² the presence of only one band in this region indicates completely symmetrical bidentate bonding of the ligand. Two bands in this region, arising from the uncomplexed (C=S) and the complexed (C-S) groups, indicate monodentate bonding. The Ugo-Bonati criterion has been verified by other workers³³⁻³⁵. Brinkhoff and Grotens³⁵ have made a detailed compilation of the absorptions in the $900-1050 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ region for a number of complexes with both symmetrically bound bidentate $\text{R}_2(\text{dtc})$ ligands and complexes with monodentate $\text{R}_2(\text{dtc})$ ligands³⁴. The studies conclusively show that while two bands are observed in that region for the $\text{M}(\text{R}_2\text{dtc})_n$

complexes with symmetrically bound bidentate R_2dtc ligands, three bands are observed for complexes with asymmetrically bound monodentate ligands. It appears that the splitting of the $\nu(C-S)$ vibration would occur also with unsymmetrical bidentate bonding. It is suggested³¹ that monodentate bonding should be assumed only if the splitting exceeds 20 cm^{-1} .

The third important region is around $350-400\text{ cm}^{-1}$, where $\nu(M-S)$ should occur. In the far infrared spectra of N,N -dialkyldithiocarbamate complexes, a strong band is always observed in the region $345-410\text{ cm}^{-1}$ which is absent in the free ligand and so this was assigned to $\nu(M-S)$. Similar assignments were made for $[Co(Me_2dtc)_3]^{36}$ and $[Fe(Et_2dtc)_3]^{36}$. These assignments are supported by normal coordinate analyses which predicted $\nu(Pt-S)$ at 378 cm^{-1} for $Pt(H_2dtc)_2^{37}$ and a $\nu(Ni-S)$ at 410 cm^{-1} for $Ni(Me_2dtc)_2^{38}$.

2. Electronic spectra

Shankaranarayana and Patel³⁹ discussed the spectra of dithiocarbamates. They observed three types of bands in these compounds which they assigned to $n \rightarrow \pi^*$, $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$, and $n \rightarrow \sigma^*$ transitions. The first of these transitions undergoes a hypsochromic shift with increasing solvent polarity, while the other two shift to lower energies as the polarity of the solvent increases. Although these assignments are similar to those done by Janssen⁴⁰, some uncertainty exists as to the nature of the

$n \rightarrow \sigma^*$ band which, according to Janssen could be due to another $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ transition.

Although the electronic spectra of dithio complexes have been studied by several investigators^{1,41-44}, uncertainties exist in the interpretation of these spectra. The uncertainty is mainly due to the π -bonding effect associated with the dithiocarbamate and other dithio ligands. An additional cause of difficulty in assigning the spectra are the low energy-high intensity charge transfer absorptions which often mask the weaker absorptions due to d-d transitions. Jorgensen⁴⁵ in his study of the electronic spectra of dithio complexes, used the parameter Δ , expressing the difference between σ and π antibonding effects, certain square-planar low spin d^8 complexes, to determine the relative position of the ligands in the spectrochemical series. Jorgensen⁴⁶ also determined the spectrochemical position of the dithio ligands in the octahedral complexes as: $\text{Br}^- < \text{Cl}^- < \text{Dtp}^- < \text{F}^- < \text{dte}^- < \text{EtXant}^- < \text{H}_2\text{O} < \text{R}_2\text{S}^- < \text{NH}_3 < \text{SO}_3^{2-} < \text{NO}_2^- < \text{CN}^-$.

In addition to the d-d and intraligand absorptions, the spectra of the dithio complexes often contain intense absorptions which are not found in the spectra of the free ligands. Such absorptions have been assigned to charge transfer transitions. Jorgensen⁴⁵ assigned these bands to a $L \rightarrow M$ transition, while Gray and coworkers⁴⁷ assigned similar bands in dithiocarbamate complexes to a $M \rightarrow L$ charge transfer.

3. Magnetic measurements

The titanium dithiocarbamates are reported to be diamagnetic and are the complexes of Ti(IV), Vanadyl and Cr(III) dithiocarbamate complexes exhibit μ_{eff} values of 1.7 to 1.8 BM and 3.8 to 3.9 BM respectively. Mn(III) dithiocarbamates, without any exceptions, exhibit the spin only value of 4.9 BM expected for four unpaired electrons.

Cambi and coworkers⁴⁸⁻⁵¹ prepared a large number of Fe(III) dithiocarbamate complexes and studied their magnetic properties. The unusual variation of these properties as a function of temperature, as well as a function of the substituents on the nitrogen, was attributed to an equilibrium between high and low spin magnetic states. In 1963, Brown⁵² reinvestigated magnetic susceptibility of these complexes and confirmed the findings of Cambi *et al.* Furthermore, he studied the equilibrium between the 2T_2 and 6A_1 states and attempted to correlate the infrared and UV-visible spectra of these compounds with their magnetic properties. Martin and coworkers⁵³⁻⁵⁴ have also studied this system in detail. Martin and White⁵⁵ have compiled an extensive review on spin cross-over systems.

All the Ni(II) dithiocarbamates are diamagnetic due to their square planar geometries. The magnetic susceptibilities of the $\text{Cu}(\text{R}_2\text{dtc})_2$ are indicative of the presence of one unpaired electron.

4. ESR studies

A number of ESR studies on transition metal dithiocarbamate complexes has been reported^{18,56-64}. Most of the ESR studies are centered on the copper(II) complexes, as they exhibit relatively uncomplicated magnetic properties and are ideal for theoretical calculations. ESR parameters for the $[\text{Cu}(\text{R}_2\text{dtc})_2]$ complexes in frozen solutions or in host lattices of $[\text{Ni}(\text{R}_2\text{dtc})_2]$ or $[\text{Zn}(\text{R}_2\text{dtc})_2]$ have been obtained for various guest/host ratios^{65,66}. The parameters have been used together with the electronic spectral data for the calculation of M.O. coefficients. Such parameters have been obtained for the $[\text{Ag}(\text{R}_2\text{dtc})_2]$ and $[\text{Au}(\text{R}_2\text{dtc})_2]$ complexes. The studies show that, in general, covalency in the M-S bonds increases strongly on going from copper to silver to gold and that the metal 3d character of the MO of the unpaired electron decreases from 50% in $[\text{Cu}(\text{Et}_2\text{dtc})_2]$ to 26% in $[\text{Ag}(\text{Et}_2\text{dtc})_2]$ and 15% in the homologous Au(II) complex. The bonding parameters have also been calculated for the complex, bis(pyrrole-N-carbodithioato)-copper(II), and these values indicate strong covalency in the in-plane σ bonding and moderate covalency in the in plane and out-of-plane π bonding⁵⁸. The moderate out-of-plane π bonding is intriguing in view of the fact that the extent of ligand conjugation appears minimal for this ligand when compared to other dithiocarbamate ligands.

5. Crystal structure studies

The crystal structure of $[\text{Ti}(\text{Et}_2\text{dtc})_4]$ has been determined⁶⁹. Two independent molecules exist in the asymmetric unit and both

contain an eight coordinate Ti(IV) ion and the chelating Et_2dtc ligands. The coordination geometry of the TiS_8 core in both the molecules is very close to dodecahedral.

Deviation from octahedral symmetry in $[\text{Mn}(\text{Et}_2\text{dtc})_3]$ was confirmed by X-ray structural study which showed that the $[\text{MnS}_6]$ chromophore exhibited an appreciable distortion from D_3 point symmetry, which was attributed to the large Jahn Teller distortion expected for high spin d^4 complexes⁷⁰. An interesting crystallographic study of the $[\text{Fe}(\text{Et}_2\text{dtc})_3]$ complex at two different temperatures, 297 and 79°K has been reported⁷¹. The contraction of the FeS_6 core of the isomer in the low spin state at 79°K ($\mu_{\text{eff.}} = 2.2$ BM) has been demonstrated. The hypothesis of Ewald⁷² *et al.* that the $\text{S}_2\text{C}=\text{N}$ resonance form is more important in the low spin complexes is marginally supported: In the high temperature-"high-spin" structure, the C-N is 1.337(6)Å and the C-S is 1.708(4)Å; while that in the low temperature-"low spin" structure, the corresponding distances are 1.323(4) and 1.721(2)Å. Further, it has also been reported that in the case of Fe(III) dithiocarbamates that $\mu_{\text{eff.}}$ values are found to increase with increase of Fe-S distance^{72,73}.

The crystal structure study of $[\text{Cu}(\text{Me}_2\text{dtc})_2]$ revealed that the complex possesses a centre of symmetry, with the copper atom octahedrally coordinated to six sulphur atoms. The studies also revealed that the two Cu-S bonds are longer than the other four⁷⁴⁻⁷⁶.

6. Electrochemical studies and redox behaviour

Electrochemical studies of dithiocarbamates at mercury electrodes have been conducted.⁷⁷⁻⁸⁰ Generally redox behaviour associated with a ligand is very much dependent on the nature of the electrode, the solvent and the experimental conditions used. During such studies, the mercury complexes form at the mercury electrode, which suggests that oxidation of the electrode occurs in preference to oxidation of the dithiocarbamate ligand. A comprehensive study of the electrochemistry of the first row transition metal dithiocarbamates in non-aqueous media⁸¹ has shown that reversible redox processes are common and that the measured potentials are dependent on both the metal and the alkyl groups in dithiocarbamate complexes. Many workers have since confirmed that ferric dithiocarbamates are readily oxidised and reduced by electrochemical methods in a range of solvents⁸². Mn(III) dithiocarbamates undergo a relatively facile oxidation in acetone with half-wave potentials in the range +0.25 to +0.53V vs. Ag/AgCl (0.1M LiCl in acetone) reference electrode⁸³. The reduction of $\text{Mn}(\text{R}_2\text{dte})_3$ at a platinum electrode in acetone or dichloromethane is a facile, one electron process occurring at $E_{1/2}$ values in the range +0.06 to -0.23V vs. Ag/AgCl. The electrochemical behaviour of nickel dithiocarbamates has also been studied.

The electrochemical studies reported point to the following clear observations⁸⁴⁻⁸⁸.

1. Electrochemical data for dithiocarbamate complexes are consistent with the concept of strong σ -donor properties dominant over weak π -back donation thereby producing complexes that are relatively easy to oxidise and conversely hard to reduce.

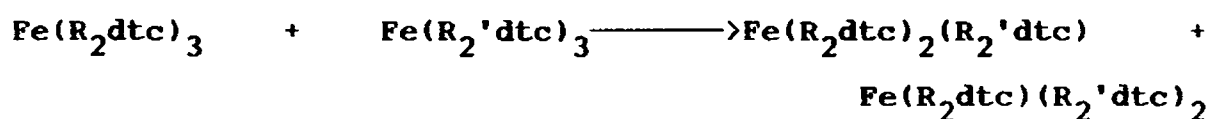
2. Low oxidation state complexes are reactive species and are therefore not readily isolable as stable solids.

3. Electrochemical measurements have established that the oxidation and reduction potentials for dithiocarbamates of Cr(III), Mn(III), Fe(III) and Co(III) display an almost identical dependence upon the R_1 and R_2 substituents. The redox potentials of the complexes are dominated by electron density at the metal centre rather than by differences in electronic configuration of the metal ion.

1.2.2. Mixed Ligand dithiocarbamate complexes

Only few investigations have been reported on mixed ligand complexes involving dithiocarbamates⁸⁹⁻⁹⁶. Masakazu Kita *et al.* have prepared mixed dimethyldithiocarbamate Co(III) complexes containing ethylenediamine (en), of the type $[\text{Co}(\text{Me}_2\text{dte})_x(\text{en})_{2-x}]^{(3-x)+}$ ($x=1,2$), by oxidizing an aqueous solution containing Co(II) ions and en with tetramethyl thiuram disulphide⁹². By similar oxidation reactions mixed ligand Co(III) complexes containing dithiocarbamate and phosphine ligands have also been prepared⁹³.

π -Acceptor ligands are well known for their ability to stabilize low oxidation states. Addition of π -acceptor ligands such as bipyridine to electrochemically reduced solutions of $M(R_2dtc)_n$ complexes leads to the isolation of stable mixed dithiocarbamate complexes⁹⁷⁻¹⁰⁴. Tsipis *et al.* have synthesised mixed ligand complexes of Fe(III) dithiocarbamates by reacting stoichiometric amounts of the appropriate chloro complex, $[Fe(R_2dtc)_2Cl]$, and a salt of R_2dtc in chloroform-acetone or chloroform-alcohol solutions¹⁰⁵. However, this work seems to be in contradiction with the studies reported by Pignolet *et al.*¹⁰⁶ and Kostanski and Magas¹⁰⁷. Pignolet *et al.* has reported on proton NMR studies which indicated that, the ligand exchange (or metathesis) in the reaction:



(where R_2dtc and $R_2'dtc$ are two different dithiocarbamate ions)

was slower than the intramolecular isomerization. The mixed complexes formed reach equilibrium within a few minutes. Kostanski and Magas have studied the exchange reaction between $[Fe(Et_2dtc)_3]$ and radioactive $NaEt_2dtc$ in dioxan and dimethylformamide and they found that the reaction rate was too fast to be measured at 20°C using radio tracer techniques. These two studies indicate that tris(dithiocarbamate)iron(III) complexes

are relatively labile. Therefore the mixed ligand complexes reported by Tsipis *et al.* might well be only a mixture of complexes. This work was repeated by Duffy¹⁰⁸, who found that the mixed ligand complexes reported by Tsips *et al.* were mixtures of varying quantities of all possible metathetical products. The results of his study also indicate that the presence of a halide ion is not necessary for ligand exchange to take place.

Synthetic procedures of some mixed ligand dithiocarbamate complexes are indicated in the Table 1.1.

TABLE 1.1 Some mixed ligand complexes of dithiocarbamates

| Complexes | Synthesised by the reaction of | Ref. |
|---|---|---------|
| 1. $[\text{Ti}(\text{R}_2\text{dtc})_3\text{X}]$ (R=Me, i-Pr or i-Bu; X=Cl or Br) | TiX_4 with NaR_2dtc in CH_2Cl_2 | 109,110 |
| 2. $\text{Cr}(\text{R}_1\text{R}_2\text{dtc})_2(\text{R}_1\text{R}_2\text{dtcO})$ ($\text{R}_1=\text{R}_2=\text{Me}$ or Et) | $\text{NaR}_1\text{R}_2\text{dtc}$ with $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$ | 111 |
| 3. $[\text{Fe}(\text{R}_2\text{dtc})_2\text{X}]$ (R=Me or Et) | Benzene solution of $[\text{Fe}(\text{R}_2\text{dtc})_3]$ with HX | 112 |
| 4. $[\text{Fe}(\text{R}_2\text{dtc})_2\text{X}]$ (X= Cl^- or Br^- ; R=Me or Et; R=Pip, Morph or Pyrr) | FeCl_3 or FeBr_3 with benzoic-dithiocarba- mic anhydrides in acetone | 113 |

| Complexes | Synthesised by the reaction of | Ref. |
|--|---|---------|
| 5. $[\text{Fe}(\text{Et}_2\text{dtc})_2\text{Cl}]$ | $[\text{Fe}(\text{Et}_2\text{dtc})_3]$ with CHCl_3 or $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{Cl}$ in the presence of UV light | 114 |
| 6. $[\text{Fe}(\text{R}_2\text{dtc})_2\text{NO}]$ (R=Me or Et) | NaR_2dtc with $\text{FeSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and NO^+ in an inert atmosphere | 115,116 |
| 7. $[\text{Fe}(\text{Salen})(\text{R}_1\text{R}_2\text{dtc})]$ ($\text{R}_1=\text{R}_2=\text{Et}, n\text{-Bu}, \text{Pyrr}$ or Pip) | FeCl_3 with Salen anion and dithio- carbamate ligands | 117,118 |
| 8. $[\text{Fe}(\text{R}_1\text{R}_2\text{dtc})(\text{TFD})]$ ($\text{R}_1=\text{R}_2=\text{Me}$ or Et ; $\text{R}_1=\text{Me}, \text{R}_2=\text{Bz}$; $\text{R}_1\text{R}_2=\text{Pyrr.}$; $\text{R}_1=\text{Me}, \text{R}_2=\text{Ph}$; $\text{R}_1\text{R}_2=\text{Pip}$) | $[\text{Fe}(\text{R}_2\text{dtc})_2]$ and TFD in THF solution | 119 |
| 9. $[\text{Fe}(\text{R}_1\text{R}_2\text{dtc})(\text{MNT})]$ ($\text{R}_1=\text{R}_2=\text{Et}$; $\text{R}_1=\text{Me}, \text{R}_2=\text{Ph}$) | $[\text{Fe}(\text{R}_1\text{R}_2\text{dtc})_2]$ and MNT in THF and subsequent oxidation by $\text{Cu}(\text{II})$ ions in acetonitrile | 120 |

| Complexes | Synthesised by the reaction of | Ref. |
|--|--|------|
| 10. $(n\text{-Bu}_4\text{N})\text{Ni}(\text{MNT})(n\text{-Bu}_2\text{dtc})$ | $(n\text{-Bu}_4\text{N})_2\text{Ni}(\text{MNT})_2$ with $[\text{Ni}(n\text{-Bu}_2\text{dtc})_2]$ in boiling acetonitrile | 121 |
| 11. $[\text{CuCl}(\text{R}_2\text{dtc})\text{L}]$ and $[\text{CuCl}(\text{R}'\text{dtc})\text{L}]$ ($\text{L}=\text{Py}$ or Pic , $\text{R}=\text{Me}$ or Et , $\text{R}_2=\text{Pip}$) | $[\text{Cu}(\text{R}_2\text{dtc})\text{Cl}]_2$ with pyridines or picolines (Pic) | 122 |
| 12. $[\text{Cu}(\text{R}_2\text{dtc})\text{X}]$ ($\text{X}=\text{Cl}$, Br or NO_3) | CuX_2 with solutions of $[\text{Cu}(\text{R}_2\text{dtc})_2]$ | 123 |
| 13. $[\text{Cu}(\text{Et}_2\text{dtc})\text{Cl}]_2$ | $\text{CuCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and $[\text{Cu}(\text{Et}_2\text{dtc})_2]$ in a benzene-ethanol (3:1 mixture) | 124 |
| 14. $[\text{Cu}(\text{Et}_2\text{dtc})\text{Cl}]_2$ | $\text{Cu}(\text{II})$ chloride with benzoic-dithiocarbamic anhydrides in acetone | 125 |

1.2.3 Dithiocarbamato complexes in unusual higher oxidation states

A. Syntheses.

Higher oxidation state complexes²⁰ are generally 1:1 electrolytes and contain the cation, $[M(R_2dtc)_n]^+$ ($n=3$ when $M=Mn(IV)$, $Fe(IV)$, $Co(IV)$ or $Ni(IV)$ and $n=2$ when $M=Cu(III)$); and they can be isolated only when the anion is large. However, some copper(III) complexes are found to be non-electrolytes and have the general formula, $[Cu(R_2dtc)X_2]$, where $X=Cl$ or Br . The complexes are generally prepared by the oxidation of metal dithiocarbamates. A number of such complexes have been synthesised. Synthetic procedures of some of the complexes are indicated in the Table. 1.2

Table 1.2. Some dithiocarbamato metal complexes in higher oxidation states

| Complexes | Synthesised by the reaction of | Ref. |
|---------------------------|--|------|
| 1. $[Mn(Et_2dtc)_3]BF_4$ | $[Mn(Et_2dtc)_3]$ with BF_3 | 126 |
| 2. $[Fe(R_2dtc)_3]BF_4$ | $[Fe(R_2dtc)_3]$ with BF_3 | 127 |
| 3. $[Fe(Pyrrdtc)_3]ClO_4$ | $[Fe(R_2dtc)_3]$ with $Fe(ClO_4)_3 \cdot 6H_2O$ | 128 |
| 4. $[Fe(Et_2dtc)_3]PF_6$ | $[Fe(Et_2dtc)_3]$ with an acidic solution of $K[PF_6]$ | 127 |

| Complexes | Synthesised by the reaction of | Ref. |
|--|--|---------|
| 5. $[\text{Fe}(\text{R}_1\text{R}_2\text{dtc})_2(\text{MNT})]$ ($\text{R}_1 = \text{Et}$ or Ph ; $\text{R}_2 = \text{Et}$ or Me) $\text{X} = \text{CN}$ or CF_3) | $[\text{Fe}(\text{R}_1\text{R}_2\text{dtc})_2]$ with the Na_2MNT followed by successive oxidation with copper(II) | 129 |
| 6. $[\text{Co}(\text{Et}_2\text{dtc})_3]\text{BF}_4$ | $[\text{Co}(\text{Et}_2\text{dtc})_3]$ with BF_3 | 130,131 |
| 7. $[\text{Ni}(\text{Bu}_2\text{dtc})_3]\text{Br}$ | $[\text{Ni}(\text{Bu}_2\text{dtc})_2]$ with Br_2 | 132,133 |
| 8. $[\text{Cu}(\text{R}_2\text{dtc})_2]^+\text{X}$ ($\text{X} = \text{I}_3^-$, $[\text{FeCl}_4]^-$ or $[\text{ClO}_4]^-$) | $[\text{Cu}(\text{R}_2\text{dtc})_2]$ with I_2 , FeCl_3 or $\text{Fe}(\text{ClO}_4)_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ | 134,126 |
| 9. $[\text{Cu}(\text{Bu}_2\text{dtc})\text{X}_2]$ ($\text{X} = \text{Cl}$ or Br) | $[\text{Cu}(\text{Bu}_2\text{dtc})_2]$ with Cl_2 or Br_2 | 132,135 |
| 10. $[\text{Cu}_3(\text{Bu}_2\text{dtc})_6][(\text{MBr}_3)_2]$ ($\text{M} = \text{Zn}, \text{Cd}$ or Hg) | $[\text{Cu}(\text{n-Bu}_2\text{dtc})_2]$ with MBr_2 and Br_2 in stoichiometric amounts | 136,140 |

B. Physico-chemical studies

1. Infrared spectra

Infrared spectra of the higher oxidation state complexes are almost similar to those of the simple dithiocarbamate complexes; however, substantial shift to higher frequencies is observed for the bands due to $\nu(\text{C-N})$ and $\nu(\text{M-S})$. The C-N and M-S stretching frequencies of some of these complexes are given in the Table. 1.3

Table 1.3. The C-N and Cu-S stretching frequencies of some copper dithiocarbamate complexes in cm^{-1}

| Complex | $\nu(\text{C-N})$ | $\nu(\text{Cu-S})$ | Ref. |
|--|-------------------|--------------------|------|
| $[\text{Cu}(\text{Bu}_2\text{dtc})_2]$ | 1500 | 352 | 1 |
| $[\text{Cu}(\text{Bu}_2\text{dtc})\text{Cl}_2]$ | 1585 | 404 | 132 |
| $[\text{Cu}(\text{Bu}_2\text{dtc})\text{Br}_2]$ | 1580 | 396 | 135 |
| $[\text{Cu}_3(\text{Bu}_2\text{dtc})_6][\text{CdBr}_3]_2]$ | 1511 1548 | 360 397 | 136 |
| $[\text{Cu}_3(\text{Bu}_2\text{dtc})_6][\text{HgBr}_3]_2]$ | 1510 1549 | 360 397 | 136 |
| $[\text{Cu}_3(\text{Bu}_2\text{dtc})_6][\text{ZnBr}_3]_2]$ | 1512 1548 | 362 398 | 136 |

It is interesting to note that two C-N and two Cu-S stretching frequencies are observed¹³⁶ for the complex $[\text{Cu}_3(\text{Bu}_2\text{dtc})_6][\text{Cd}_2\text{Br}_6]$ and the appearance of these bands are

correlated with the presence of copper atoms in different oxidation states, +2 and +3. The increase in $\nu_{\text{C-N}}$ of the higher oxidation state complex with respect to the simple dithiocarbamate complexes is due to an additional π electron flow from the nitrogen atom to the sulphur atoms caused by the electron withdrawing property of the metal in the higher oxidation state, and the increase in $\nu_{\text{M-S}}$ has been attributed to the removal of an electron from an antibonding molecular orbital composed mainly of metal and sulphur orbitals²¹. However, such an explanation is plausible only if there is no significant change in the geometry of metal-sulphur core¹³⁷.

2. Electronic spectra

The higher oxidation state dithiocarbamate complexes exhibit high intensity charge transfer bands which usually obscure the d-d bands. Therefore, the information about stereochemistry are rarely available from the electronic spectra. However, the spectra of such complexes resemble those of the corresponding isoelectronic lower oxidation state complexes: Thus the spectra of the Cu(III), Ni(IV), Fe(IV) and Mn(IV) dithiocarbamate complexes are almost similar to those of the Ni(II), Co(III), Mn(III) and Cr(III) dithiocarbamate complexes respectively^{126,129,132}. It was generally found that the $10 Dq$ values of the higher oxidation state complexes are greater than those of the corresponding lower oxidation state complexes¹³³.

3. Magnetic measurements

This is considered as the best and easy technique to know the oxidation state of a metal complex. By means of this technique, the oxidation state of the metals in the complexes formed by the oxidation of metal dithiocarbamates was determined. The red $[\text{Cu}(\text{Et}_2\text{dtc})\text{Cl}_2]$ complex obtained by the oxidation of $\text{Cu}(\text{Et}_2\text{dtc})_2$ with chlorine is found to be diamagnetic¹³² as expected for a square planar d^8 complex. The complexes obtained by the oxidation of Ni(II) and Mn(III) dithiocarbamate complexes were found to have μ_{eff} values of 0.7 BM¹³⁸ and 3.7 BM¹³⁹ respectively which are in agreement with the higher oxidation state of these metals.

The tris(dithiocarbamato)iron(IV) complexes have magnetic moments of 3.2 - 3.4 BM at room temperature, which is slightly lower than those expected for a spin paired d^4 electron configuration in an octahedral environment¹²⁷. The magnetic behaviour of $[\text{Co}(\text{cy}_2\text{dtc})_3]\text{BF}_4$ is similar to that of the isoelectronic iron(III) dithiocarbamates and has a magnetic moment of 3.48 BM which is in between the value expected for a high spin and a low spin complex¹³¹.

4. Crystal structure studies

X-ray crystal structure studies have been done for many higher oxidation state complexes. Generally M-S bond is found to be shorter than that found in the normal dithiocarbamate complexes.

For example, Cu(III) complexes show a remarkable shortening of the Cu-S distances with respect to those in $\text{Cu}(\text{Et}_2\text{dtc})_2$. The Cu-S distance in $[\text{Cu}(\text{Et}_2\text{dtc})_2]$ is 2.3\AA while that in $[\text{CuBr}_2(\text{Bu}_2\text{dtc})]$ is 2.19\AA .

The crystal structure study of an interesting mixed oxidation state complex of copper, $[\text{Cu}_3(\text{Bu}_2\text{dtc})_6][\text{Cd}_2\text{Br}_6]$, has been carried out. The evidence for the existence of copper in +2 and +3 oxidation states has been clearly obtained from the X-ray studies. The complex contains $[\text{Cu}_3(\text{Bu}_2\text{dtc})_6]^{2+}$ cation (Fig.1.1.) and

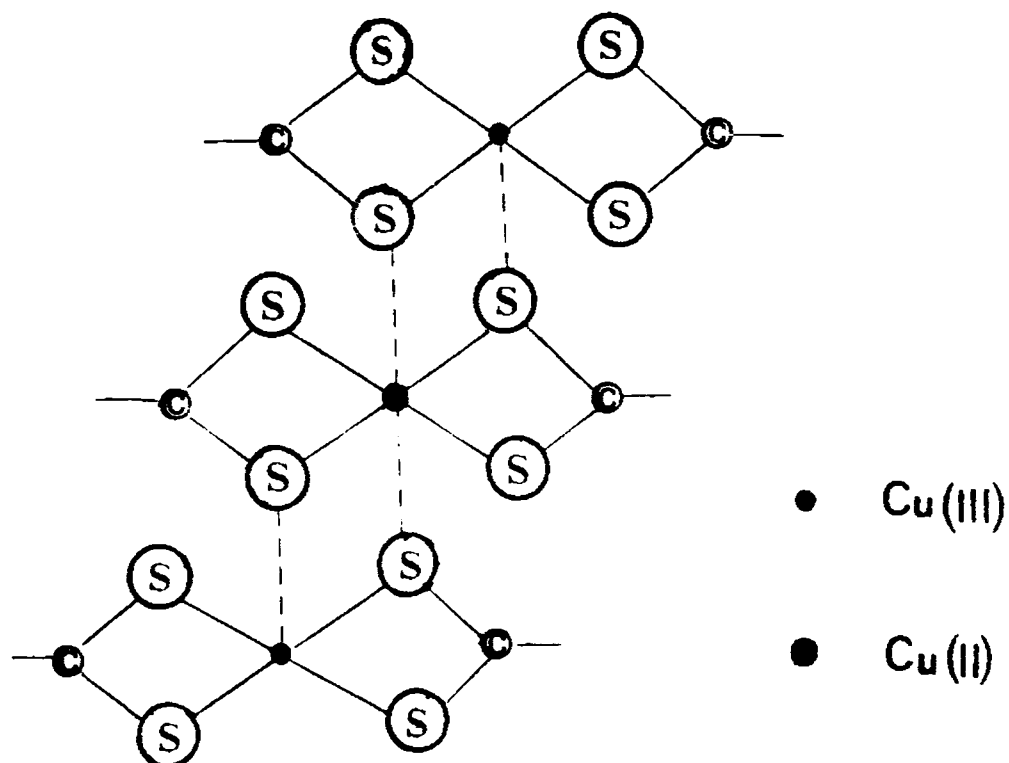


Fig. 1.1. Schematic structure of the $[\text{Cu}_3(\text{n-Bu}_2\text{dtc})_6]^{2+}$ trimer.

$[\text{Cd}_2\text{Br}_6]^{2-}$ anion. The ion $[\text{Cu}_3(\text{Bu}_2\text{dtc})_6]^{2+}$ is centrosymmetric containing three $[\text{Cu}(\text{Bu}_2\text{dtc})_2]$ units. The central $[\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}(\text{Bu}_2\text{dtc})_6]$ is sandwiched between two $[\text{Cu}^{\text{III}}(\text{Bu}_2\text{dtc})_2]$ layers. The Cu(II) unit is planar, centrosymmetric, with Cu-S distances of 2.30Å and 2.35Å, which are not significantly different from those in $\text{Cu}(\text{Et}_2\text{dtc})_2$. The centrosymmetric copper atom has, apart from the four Cu-S bonds already mentioned, two longer Cu-S bonds at 2.88Å; thus reaching a pseudo-octahedral coordination, which is not unusual for a d^9 configuration. The other two equivalent $[\text{Cu}(\text{Bu}_2\text{dtc})_2]$ units are in slightly deformed planes with much shorter Cu-S distances (2.22Å).

13. O-Alkylcarbonodithioate (Xanthate) complexes of metals.

O-Alkylcarbonodithioates are more usually known as xanthates. The name xanthate is derived from the Greek word "xanthos" (meaning blond), and was coined by Zeiss¹⁴¹ in 1815, because the copper complexes that he isolated had a characteristic yellow colour. Information on the metal complexes of xanthates is available in some of the reviews on 1,1-dithio complexes^{1,18,19}. Like dithiocarbamates, xanthates also form simple type of complexes. However, xanthates are more prone to form polymeric complexes. Polymeric metal xanthates are usually the result of bridging through the bidentate xanthate moiety (ie M-S-C-S-M bridge). The tendency for polymerisation is particularly pronounced in the complexes of zinc, cadmium and mercury¹⁴². In the case of haloxanthate complexes, the possibility of polymer formation through halogen bridges might be expected¹⁴³.

A. Syntheses

Xanthate complexes are generally prepared by reacting metal salts with potassium alkyl xanthates in aqueous media. However, in the case of the complexes of readily oxidisable metal ions like Co(II), Mn(II) and Fe(II), inert atmosphere conditions are required. Anionic complexes like $[\text{Mn}(\text{EtXant})_3]^-$ and $[\text{Fe}(\text{EtXant})_3]^-$ are formed, when KEtXant and the metal(II) salts are allowed to react in 1:3 ratio, and they can be precipitated as the Et_4N^+ salt. Many mixed ligand complexes of xanthates are also synthesised by reacting the xanthate complexes with ligands such as pyridine, picolines etc. Some of the xanthate complexes of metals synthesised are given in the Table 1.4.

B. Physico-chemical studies

1. Infrared spectra

Infrared spectra of metal xanthates have been studied by several workers. Chat *et al.*^{154,155} suggested that contribution of the resonance form (c) (Fig.1.2) to the total structure in xanthate complexes is only very little. But according to Nakamoto and coworkers¹⁵⁶, the contribution of this form is not so little.

Table 1.4. Some metal complexes of xanthates

| Complexes | Synthesised by the reaction of | Ref. |
|--|--|---------|
| 1. $[\text{VO}(\text{RXant})_3]$ (R=Et, i-Pr or i-Bu) | VOSO_4 with KRXant | 146 |
| 2. $[\text{VO}(\text{i-PrXant})\text{L}_2] \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (L=Py or Pip) | $[\text{VO}(\text{i-PrXant})_2]$ with the amines | 146 |
| 3. $[\text{Cr}(\text{RXant})_3]$ (R=Me, Et or L-menthyl) | KRXant with CrCl_3 | 147-149 |
| 4. $[\text{Mn}(\text{EtXant})_2]$ | MnCl_2 with KETXant in aqueous medium under N_2 atmosphere | 144 |
| 5. $[\text{Mn}(\text{EtXant})_2\text{bipy}]$ | $\text{Mn}(\text{EtXant})_2$ with bipy | 144 |
| 6. $[\text{Fe}(\text{RXant})(\text{Py})_2]$ (R=Me or Et) | $[\text{Fe}(\text{RXant})_3]$ with Py | 150 |
| 7. $[\text{Co}(\text{L})(\text{EtXant})_2]$ (L=1,10 Phen or 2,2'-bipy) | $[\text{M}(\text{L})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]^{2+}$ with KETXant | 159 |
| 8. $[\text{CoL}_2(\text{EtXant})_2]$ (L=Py or Pic) | $[\text{Co}(\text{EtXant})_2]$ with Py or Picolines (Pic) | 151 |
| 9. $[\text{Ni}(\text{EtXant})_2\text{Py}_2]$ | $[\text{Ni}(\text{EtXant})_2]$ with Py | 152 |
| 10. $[\text{Cu}(\text{PPh}_3)(\text{EtXant})]$ | $(\text{PPh}_3)\text{Cu}(\mu\text{-S}_2\text{CSCH}_2\text{SCS}_2)\text{Cu}(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ with $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{ethanol}$ | 153 |

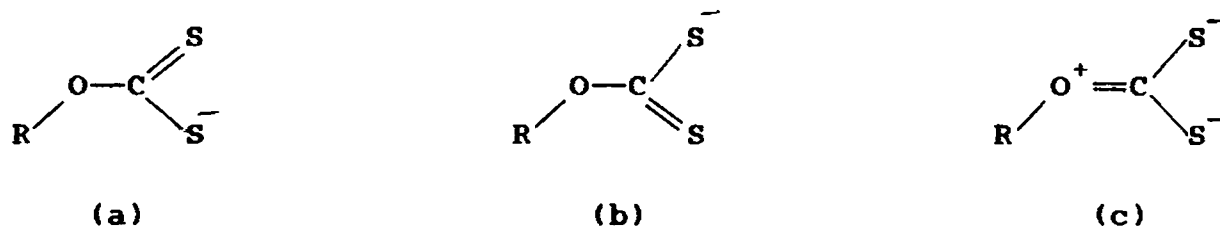


Fig. 1.2. Resonance forms of xanthate complexes.

The contribution of the resonance form (c) for bidentate complexes is determined by two factors¹⁵⁷: 1) the electron releasing tendency of the alkyl group 2) the electron withdrawing tendency of M. The O-R group, unlike the $-NR_2$ group, is weakly electron releasing, and therefore in the xanthate complexes, the contribution of the resonance form (c) is determined by the extent to which M-S σ bonds are effective in drawing off electrons from the sulphur atoms and promoting a drift of electrons from oxygen to sulphur. Factor 2 is often much less effective, hence the relative contribution of the resonance form (c) is considerably less than that of dithiocarbamate complexes. This is further evidenced by the ability of nickel(II) xanthates to form adducts with Lewis bases. This is due to the fact that sulphur atoms of the resonance form (a) and (b) are not completely able to donate electrons into a nonbonding molecular orbital containing the $4Pz$ function of the metal, and as a result, this molecular orbital is available for interaction with bases. This tendency of the complexes to form base adducts decreases as the contribution of the resonance form (c) increases¹.

Several attempts¹⁵⁸ have been made to assign C-O group frequencies in xanthate compounds, but the situation is complicated by the lack of agreement concerning C=S vibrational assignments; for which frequency ranging from 850-1550 cm^{-1} have been reported. Entirely different conclusions concerning the C=S and C-O group frequencies have appeared in the literature. For example, Little *et al.*¹⁵⁹ assigned the bands in the region 1020-1070 cm^{-1} to $\nu(\text{C}=\text{S})$ and the band around 1200 cm^{-1} to C-O stretching frequency; whereas Sankaranarayana and Patel³⁹ have assigned the bands in the region 1200-1260 cm^{-1} and 1010-1037 cm^{-1} , to $\nu\text{C}=\text{S}$ and $\nu\text{C}=\text{O}$ respectively. Assignments of such group frequencies with any degree of exactness would be somewhat futile, since the C=S and C-O motions are highly coupled and sensitive to environment changes. Thus the normal C-O vibrational frequencies can be expected anywhere between 1000 cm^{-1} and 1250 cm^{-1} .

An intense band in the range 1250-1325 cm^{-1} in the spectra of some transition metal complexes of EtXant and MeXant has been assigned to a C-O stretching vibration. The position of this C-O band increases in the order: Cr(III) < Co(III) < Ni(II) < Pd(II) < Pt(II). The band near 1115 cm^{-1} is assigned to the second C-O stretching in these complexes¹⁵⁷.

2. Electronic spectra

Electronic spectra of xanthate complexes have been studied by a number of investigators¹. Because of the low energy-high

intensity charge transfer absorptions, weaker absorptions due to d-d transitions are often masked¹.

Nature of the spectra of the xanthate complexes is almost like that of the dithiocarbamate complexes in non-coordinating solvents. For example $[\text{Ni}(\text{EtXant})_2]$ and $[\text{Ni}(\text{Et}_2\text{dtc})_2]$ have bands almost at the same position in chloroform⁴². However, the spectra are different in coordinating solvents like DMSO, DMF, Py etc. This is because of the strong interactions of the nickel xanthate complexes with the Lewis bases¹⁶⁰.

A general discussion of axial interactions in nickel(II) dithiochelate complexes has been given by Coucovanis and Fackler¹⁶⁰. In general the nickel dithio complexes vary substantially in their ability to interact with Lewis bases. This capacity seems to be closely related to the electronic properties of the ligands as a whole rather than to the donor atoms alone. Thus xanthate, dithiophosphate and dithiophosphinate complexes interact strongly with bases. The nickel(II) dithiocarbamates exhibit intermediate behaviour that appears to vary depending on the nature of the substituent R groups in NR_1R_2 . Ability of the dithio complexes of nickel(II) to form adducts with bases increases in the order: xanthates ~ dithiophosphinates ~ dithiophosphates > dithiocarbonates > dithiolenes¹⁶¹.

3. Magnetic measurements

Magnetic moments have been reported for a number of xanthate complexes¹⁴⁴. The copper complexes are diamagnetic, and are in the +1 oxidation state. The Ni(II) complexes also are diamagnetic and hence square planar structures have been assigned for these complexes. However, the adducts formed by the Ni(II) complexes with bases like pyridine are found to be paramagnetic¹⁴⁵, and this has been attributed to the change in stereochemistry from square planar to octahedral structure. The magnetic behaviour of the tris(xanthate) complexes of Fe(III) are different from the Fe(III) dithiocarbamates. The iron(III) xanthate complexes are of low spin type¹⁶² and exhibit a magnetic moment value around 2.7 BM. However, the magnetic moment values indicate that a spin-equilibrium exists with the majority of the molecules in the low spin state¹⁶³.

4. Crystal structure studies

The structure of a few metal xanthate complexes have been analyzed by single crystal X-ray diffraction techniques^{18,19}.

The crystal structure study of the $[\text{Cr}(\text{EtXant})_3]^{164}$ reveals that the metal is in a distorted octahedral environment provided by the six sulphur atoms of the bidentate ligands. The rather short $\text{S}_2\text{C}-\text{O}$ bond of 1.297\AA is thought to be an indication of considerable double-bond character of this bond. The contribution

of the resonance form (c) to the structure of the ligand is considered to be ~ 30% concomitant with this short bond is the unusually long bond between the oxygen atom and the first carbon atom of the ethyl group (1.471Å) The lengthening of the O-C₂H₅ bond, is also found in the structure of the [Cd(EtXant)₂-Phen]¹⁶⁵ and [Fe(EtXant)₃]^{166,167} complexes.

14. Metal complexes of ACDA

In the past 15-20 years, a number of metal complexes of chelating species containing sulphur and nitrogen donor atoms have been reported. Stimulus for this work has been due to diverging reasons: The ligand systems having soft sulphur and hard nitrogen atoms are chemically very versatile. With transition metal ions, they form a wide variety of compounds that display interesting properties and structures. In some of the complexes, both nitrogen and sulphur atoms are involved in the bond formation to the metal; while in some others, metal ions display preference for bond formation either with nitrogen or with sulphur.

An interesting ligand belonging to this group is the deprotonated form of 2-aminocyclopent-1-ene-1-dithiocarboxylic acid (ACDA). The metal complexes of this ligand have been studied by several workers with a view to elucidate the bonding sites of this ligand. A series of complexes of the type M(ACDA)₂ (where M=Ni(II), Co(II), Pt(II), Zn(II) or Cd(II)) were synthesised and studied by Pattnaik and Sen¹⁶⁸. They have reported that bonding to

these metal ions occur through amino nitrogen and deprotonated thiol sulphur. Nag and Joardar have also studied Ni(II), Pd(II) and Pt(II) chelates of ACDA¹⁶⁹. In the case of these complexes also bonding was reported to occur through amino nitrogen and one of the sulphur atoms of ACDA. They could also get the evidence for the formation of the Ni(II) complex with pyridine.

Thomas and Poveda¹⁷⁰ have also investigated ACDA complexes with divalent Co, Ni, Cu, Zn, and Cd, ions, and according to them the bonding is exclusively through the sulphur atoms. Studies by Choi and Wasson also reveal that nitrogen atom of the ligand is not involved in the bonding to the metal¹⁷¹.

A. Syntheses

The metal complexes are synthesised by reacting ethanolic solution of HACDA with metal salts. The complexes are also prepared by reacting an aqueous solution of the ammonium salt of ACDA with metal salts. The complexes obtained from these two procedures showed difference in colour in the case of Ni(II), Pd(II) and Pt(II) complexes and this was attributed to geometrical isomerism¹⁶⁹. Synthesis of a few more metal complexes of ACDA and its derivatives have been reported in the literature¹⁷⁰⁻¹⁷⁶.

B. Physico-chemical studies

1. Infrared data

Three or more bands in the 3400-3000 cm^{-1} region were observed for the ACDA complexes. The ammonium salt shows bands at

3390, 3260, and 3080 cm^{-1} . The band at 3080 cm^{-1} has been attributed to the NH_4^+ ion. The bands at 3390 and 3260 cm^{-1} have been assigned to asymmetric and symmetric NH_2 stretching frequencies. Shifts of these bands to lower frequencies were generally observed upon coordination. In the absence of other data this was taken to indicate NH_2 coordination. However, the electronic effects can profoundly influence N-H stretching frequencies and conjugation of the amino group with the cyclopentene ring could lead to a similar result¹⁷¹ (Fig.1.3). If

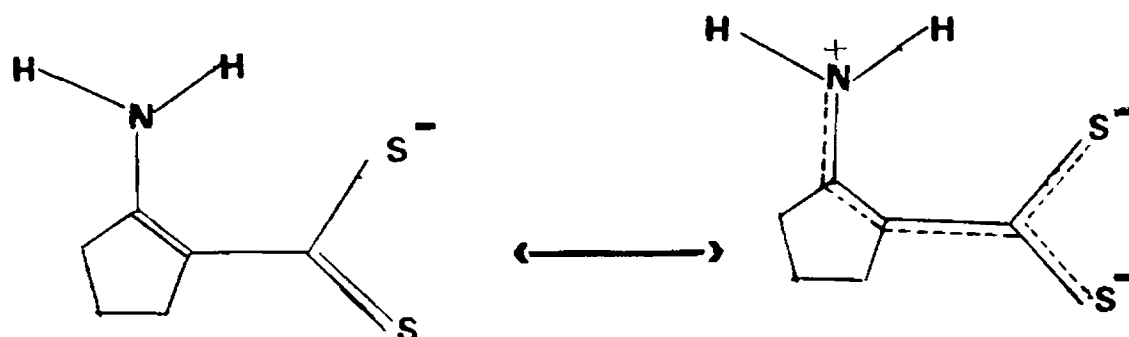


Fig. 1.3. Delocalization scheme for ACDA.

coordination results in an increase in the C-N π -bond order and a concomitant decrease in the pi-electron density on the nitrogen atom, the shift of the N-H stretching frequencies to lower wave numbers is expected. Mason¹⁷⁷ has demonstrated that there is a correlation between $\nu(\text{NH})$ and π -electron densities calculated using Huckel Molecular Orbital (HMO) theory, $\nu(\text{NH})$ decreases with decreasing π -electron density.

Tentative assignments for the infrared spectra of ACDA complexes have been discussed by Pattnaik and Sen. The bands which appear in the region $300-400\text{ cm}^{-1}$ on complexation has been attributed to metal-sulfur stretching frequencies.

2. Electronic spectra

NH_4^+ ACDA contains two chromophore systems:



and exhibit two distinct absorption bands with very high intensity, one at 25570 cm^{-1} which has been assigned to the $n \rightarrow \pi^*$ band of the thiocarbonyl group and another at 32700 cm^{-1} has been attributed to the conjugation effect of the chromophores. Almost similar absorption spectra are exhibited by the complexes of d^{10} metal ions¹⁷¹. The electronic spectra of $[\text{VO}(\text{ACDA})_2]$, $[\text{Cu}(\text{ACDA})_2]$, and $[\text{Ni}(\text{ACDA})_2]$ in DMSO and solid state are virtually the same indicating that structural change does not occur in DMSO solution. The electronic spectrum of the planar $[\text{Ni}(\text{ACDA})_2]$ complex also is unaffected by changes in solvent coordinating power. The spectrum of $[\text{Ni}(\text{ACDA})_2]$ is very similar to previously reported spectra of the nickel(II) dithiocarboxylates¹⁷⁸; whereas the electronic spectrum of $[\text{Cu}(\text{ACDA})_2]$ closely resembles those reported for copper(II) dithiocarbamates and copper(II) cyclopentadienedithiocarboxylate. The spectrum is interpretable in terms of a planar D_{2h} CuS_4 chromophore¹⁷¹.

15. Scope of the present investigation

The metal complexes of dithiochelates, especially dithiocarbamates, have a wide range of applications: Their analytical and pharmacological properties, fungicidal activity as well as their ability to function as accelerators in rubber vulcanisation processes have made them a very important class of inorganic compounds. A deeper insight into the basic chemistry of the metal-dithio complexes is indispensable for a proper understanding of the processes involved. It was therefore considered worthwhile to synthesise some new metal complexes of dithio ligands and study their physicochemical properties.

The work presented in this thesis is mainly concerned with the metal complexes isolated from the interactions of benzoic-dithiocarbamic anhydrides with metal halides. In an earlier investigation¹²⁵, bis(dithiocarbamato)- μ -dichlorodicycopper(II) complexes were synthesised by the reaction of mixed benzoic-dithiocarbamic anhydrides with copper(II) chloride. It was felt that these type of complexes could serve as the starting material for the synthesis of new and novel mixed ligand complexes of dithiocarbamates. The ligand selected for interaction was ACDA. It is an interesting ligand having dual possibility of bonding between the metal atom and the ligand. Although the complexes of ACDA have been reported earlier, the contradictory reports¹⁶⁸⁻¹⁷¹ on the nature of bonding in these complexes

warranted a further investigation on these complexes and hence a study on these type of complexes was undertaken. As the solubilities of the ACDA complexes in common organic solvents are very low, we have used the N-isopropyl derivative of this ligand. The complexes of this derivative of ACDA have not been investigated earlier. The observed higher solubilities of these complexes as compared to that of ACDA complexes have enabled us to study the solution electronic spectra and also the NMR spectra of the complexes (These studies are described in Chapter III and the studies on the mixed ligand complexes are described in Chapter IV).

Another interesting reaction that has been probed into is that between mixed benzoic-xanthic anhydrides and the copper(II) chloride. The complexes isolated from these reactions are of the type $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{RXant})\text{Cl}]$. (Studies on these complexes are presented in Chapter V). Besides we have explored the interactions of mixed benzoic-dithiocarbamic anhydrides with HgX_2 and have isolated the complexes of the type $[\text{Hg}(\text{R}_2\text{dte})\text{X}]$. Analytical and spectral studies, in these cases, revealed that the structure of these complexes are similar to that of the complex reported by Chie Chung¹⁷⁹, which was obtained by reacting thiuram disulphides with HgI_2 (These studies are described in Chapter VI).

Yet another interesting aspect of our investigations has been the interaction of mixed benzoic-dithiocarbamic anhydrides with

CuBr_2 in different solvents. Reaction with acetone gave complexes with no definite stoichiometry. However, we have isolated interesting complexes of the type $[\text{Cu}_3(\text{R}_2\text{dtc})_6][\text{Cu}_2\text{Br}_6]$ from the reactions in diethyl ether. Our studies revealed that they have structures similar to the complex, $[\text{Cu}_3(\text{Bu}_2\text{dtc})_6][\text{Cd}_2\text{Br}_6]$, which was prepared by Golding *et al.*¹²⁶ by the reaction of CdBr_2 and Br_2 with $[\text{Cu}(\text{Bu}_2\text{dtc})_2]$ (These studies are presented in Chapter VII). Further we have also probed the interactions of $\text{Cu}(\text{R}_2\text{dtc})_2$ with SOCl_2 in benzene, with a view to synthesising the thionyl chloride adducts; but this resulted in the formation of copper(III) dithiocarbamate complexes (This work is presented in Chapter VIII).

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CHAPTER II

EXPERIMENTAL TECHNIQUES

Details about the general reagents used, the procedures adopted for the preparation of the ligands and various physico-chemical techniques employed in the elucidation of structure of the complexes are given in this chapter. Procedural details regarding the synthesis of the metal complexes are given in the appropriate chapters.

2.1. Reagents

The following metal salts were used:

$\text{CrCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (BDH,AR); $\text{MnCl}_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (E.Merck,AR); FeCl_3 (Merck, GR); $\text{CoCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (E.Merck, GR); $\text{NiCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (BDH,GR); $\text{CuCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (BDH,GR); CuBr_2 (Aldrich, 99% pure); HgCl_2 (E.Merck, GR); HgBr_2 (Aldrich, 98% pure) and HgI_2 (E.Merck, GR).

Dimethylamine (40% aqueous solution), diethylamine, piperidine, pyrrolidine, morpholine, carbon disulphide, cyclopentanone, isopropanol, isobutanol, n-propanol, n-butanol, sodium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide, 25% ammonia solution, thionyl chloride, benzoylchloride and other reagents used for the present work are commercially available (BDH or E.Merck) chemicals

of 99% purity. The solvents employed are either of 99% purity or purified by known laboratory procedures before use¹⁸⁰.

Preparation of starting materials for the synthesis of complexes.

2-Aminocyclopent-1-ene-1-dithiocarboxylic acid (HACDA)

The reagent was prepared following a modified procedure¹³ of Takeshima *et al.*¹². Cyclopentanone (22.2ml, 0.25 mole) and 25% aqueous ammonia (100ml) were taken in a stoppered conical flask. The flask was cooled to $\sim 0^{\circ}\text{C}$ by keeping it in a bath containing a freezing mixture of ice and salt. Carbon disulphide (15ml, 0.25 mole) was then added slowly with constant stirring to this cooled solution. The flask was shaken in an automatic shaker for eight hours, while keeping the same in the freezing bath. Ammonium salt of HACDA was separated as a yellow solid, which was filtered and washed with diethylether. The ammonium salt is not stable at room temperature; it loses ammonia on standing. The acid form is more stable than its ammonium salt, and was prepared by dissolving the crude product in water and slowly neutralising with 2N acetic acid under ice-cooling. The yellow crystals separated were collected, washed with water and dried over anhydrous calcium chloride.

Alkyl derivatives of HACDA

Alkyl derivatives of HACDA were prepared by the transamination reaction¹³ of HACDA. HACDA (7.9 g) and alkylamine, (9ml of *i*-PrNH₂ or 10ml of *n*-BuNH₂) were dissolved in methanol

(100 ml). This solution was refluxed for one hour. After cooling the solution to room temperature, water (200 ml) was added, and the solution was filtered to remove any solid impurities. To this filtrate, 2N acetic acid was added till the yellow product was separated. The crude product was then recrystallised from acetone.

Sodium dithiocarbamate

Sodium salts of dimethyl dithiocarbamate (Me_2dtc), diethyldithiocarbamate, (Et_2dtc), morpholine-N-carbodithioate, (Morphdtc), piperidine-N-carbodithioate (Pipdtc) and pyrrolidine-N-carbodithioate (Pyrrdtc) were prepared by the general procedure⁵ given below:

A 500ml three-necked flask was equipped with a separating funnel, electric stirrer and an air condenser. An aqueous solution of sodium hydroxide (20g, 0.5mole) and 0.5mole of the amine were taken in the flask. This was cooled in a freezing mixture of ice and salt. Carbon disulphide (31 ml, 0.5mole) was added dropwise from the separating funnel and the mixture was stirred for about two hours. The solid that separated out was washed several times with petroleum ether and recrystallised from water.

Potassium carbonodithioates (xanthates)

Potassium salts of isobutylxanthate ($i\text{-Buxant}$), isopropylxanthate ($i\text{-PrXant}$), n-butylxanthate ($n\text{-BuXant}$) and

n-propylxanthate (n-PrXant) were prepared by the general procedure¹⁸¹ given below:

Potassium hydroxide pellets (11.2g, 0.2 mole) was mixed with an excess of the appropriate alcohol, R-OH (~ 0.6mole) (R=i-Bu, i-Pr, n-Bu or n-pr). The reaction mixture was refluxed for three hours in a 500ml round bottomed flask. The potassium alkoxide solution was transferred into a 500ml beaker and cooled by placing in a freezing mixture of ice and salt . Carbon disulphide (12ml, 0.2mole) was added drop by drop with stirring till the precipitation was complete. The precipitated potassium xanthate was filtered and washed with diethylether.

Mixed benzoic-dithiocarbamic anhydrides

These compounds have the general formula $Y-C(S)-S-COC_6H_5$ (where $Y=Me_2N-$, Et_2N- , C_4H_8N- , $C_5H_{10}N-$, OC_4H_8N-), were prepared by adopting the procedures of the earlier workers.^{182,183} Details about the preparation are given below:

Benzoylchloride(11.6 g, 0.1 mole) was added to ice cooled aqueous solution containing 0.1mole of the appropriate sodium dithiocarbamate. An yellow oily layer was formed immediately. On vigorous shaking for a few minutes, yellow crystals of mixed benzoic-dithiocarbamic anhydride separated out. The crude product was washed a few times with distilled water and finally with methanol. It was further purified by crystallisation from a mixture of n-hexane and diethylether.

These mixed anhydrides decompose on keeping to the corresponding amides with the loss of carbon disulphide. Further these decompositions are reported to be enhanced by light.¹⁸² Therefore, the anhydrides were prepared afresh everytime for subsequent synthetic work.

Mixed benzoic-xanthic anhydrides

The mixed benzoic-xanthic anhydrides having the general formulae $R-O-C(S)-S-COC_6H_5$; were prepared by the procedure reported in the literature¹⁸⁴: Potassium alkylxanthate (0.1 mole) was dissolved in water and crushed ice was added. To this was added benzoylchloride (11.6ml, 0.1mole) drop by drop with vigorous shaking. The benzoylated product was extracted into the diethylether medium and dried using anhydrous sodium sulphate. The ether solution was filtered and the anhydride was separated as a yellow liquid by the evaporation of ether in vacuum.

2.2. Elemental analysis

Estimation of metal ions

In all the cases, the organic part of the complexes were completely eliminated before estimation of metals. A uniform procedure (except for the mercury complexes) was adopted for this purpose. A known weight of the complex (0.1-0.5mg) was treated with concentrated nitric acid (25ml) and bromine in carbon tetrachloride (20ml). This mixture was kept for more than

three hours. It was then evaporated to dryness on a water bath and converted to its sulphate by fuming with few drops of sulphuric acid two or three times. The resulting metal sulphate was dissolved in water, and this solution was used for the analysis of metal.

Metal analyses were carried out using standard procedures¹⁸⁵. Chromium in the solution was estimated using standard ferrous ion solution, after oxidising to dichromate using potassium persulphate and a little silver nitrate (catalyst). Manganese and nickel were estimated by EDTA method using Eriochrome Black T as indicator. A back titration procedure was adopted for the estimation of nickel. Iodometric method was employed for the estimation of copper in the complex.

Gravimetric procedures were adopted for the estimation of iron and nickel. Iron in the complex was estimated by precipitating the metal with ammonia solution and igniting the resulting hydroxide to the ferric oxide. Cobalt was estimated by precipitating it as $[\text{Co}(\text{Py})_2(\text{SCN})_2]$ using ammonium thiocyanate and pyridine.

Halogen content was determined by peroxide fusion of the sample, followed by volumetric estimation using Volhard's method. The percentage of nitrogen present in the ligand and also in the complexes was determined by Kjeldahl's method. For sulphur estimation, the complexes were fused with Na_2CO_3 and Na_2O_2 and the

resulting sulphate was determined gravimetrically as barium sulphate.

2.3. Physical measurements

Conductivity measurements

The molar conductance of the complexes in nitrobenzene was determined at $28 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ using a ELICO PR 9500 conductance bridge with a dip type cell and a platinum electrode. The concentration of the solutions used were about 10^{-3}M .

Magnetic susceptibility measurements

The measurements were carried out using solid samples at room temperature, $28 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$, on a Gouy type balance. The Gouy tube was standardised using $\text{Hg}[\text{Co}(\text{SCN})_4]$, as recommended by Figgis and Nyholm¹⁸⁶. The effective magnetic moment, was calculated using the equation,

$$\mu_{\text{eff.}} = 2.84 (\chi_{\text{M}}^{\text{corr.}} \cdot T)^{1/2} \text{ BM}$$

where $\chi_{\text{M}}^{\text{corr.}}$ is the molar magnetic susceptibility corrected for diamagnetism of other atoms in the complex using Pascals constants¹⁸⁷ and T is the temperature (in $^\circ\text{K}$).

EPR spectral measurements

The EPR spectra of a few complexes in chloroform were obtained at room temperature using Varian E-112 X/Q band EPR

spectrometer . Samples are taken in capillary tubes for the measurements. Spectra were calibrated using diphenylpicrylhydrazyl (DPPH) as a field marker.

Electronic spectral measurements

Electronic spectra were recorded in solutions (in the cases of soluble complexes) or in the solid state by a mull technique following a procedure recommended by Venanzi *et al.*¹⁸⁸ Mull spectra were recorded as follows. Samples were prepared in nujol and smeared over Whatman filter paper No.1. Reference filter paper was prepared by smearing a drop of nujol. The two filter paper bits were placed in the two windows of the spectrometer and the spectra were scanned in the desired region. Solution spectra were recorded using matched one cm quartz cells. The spectra were recorded on a Hitachi U-3410 spectrophotometer or on a Shimadzu UV-160A spectrophotometer.

Infrared spectral measurements.

Infrared and far infrared spectra of the complexes were recorded on Perkin Elmer 983 recording spectrometer. The spectra were recorded in the infrared region with the samples distributed in potassium bromide matrix and in the far infrared region with the samples smeared on polyethylene films.

Proton NMR spectral measurements

The proton nuclear magnetic resonance spectra of complexes, which have got sufficient solubility in chloroform, were taken in CDCl_3 using Hitachi R-600 FT NMR spectrophotometer. Tetramethylsilane (TMS) was employed as an internal reference.

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CHAPTER III

2-ISOPROPYLAMINOCYCLOPENT-1-ENE-1-DITHIOCARBOXYLATO COMPLEXES OF CHROMIUM(III), MANGANESE(III), IRON(III), COBALT(III), NICKEL(II) AND COPPER(I)

3.1 INTRODUCTION

The sulphur-nitrogen containing ligands are biochemically important¹⁸⁹. Metal complexes of sulphur containing amino acids are considered as models of metal sulphur proteins. The sulphur nitrogen chelating ligand, 2-aminocyclopent-1-ene-1-dithiocarboxylic acid shows a marked antifungal action against various fungi¹⁹⁰⁻¹⁹². This type of ligands finds use in analytical chemistry as gravimetric reagents and cation exchangers.

The bonding sites of 2-aminocyclopent-1-ene-1-dithiocarboxylate (ACDA) ligand are the nitrogen atom of the amino group and the sulphur atoms of the dithio group. Therefore, one can expect N,S coordination or S,S coordination in these complexes. Pattnaik and Sen¹⁶⁸, and Nag and Joardar¹⁶⁹ claim that ACDA makes use of both sulphur and nitrogen donor centres for bonding to the metal. However, Thomas and Poveda¹⁷⁰, and Choi and Wasson¹⁷¹ are of the opinion that only sulphur atoms are involved in the bonding. The difference of opinion among the earlier workers has prompted us to undertake a detailed study of these type of complexes. Due to the limited solubilities of ACDA complexes in common organic solvents, their ¹H NMR spectra and electronic

spectra in solution could not be studied properly. The solubility is expected to be increased by using N-alkyl substituted derivatives of ACDA as the ligand, which can be prepared by transamination reaction of ACDA¹³. It was therefore considered worthwhile to synthesise and study some 3d-transition metal complexes of 2-isopropylaminocyclopent-1-ene-1-dithiocarboxylate (i-PrACDA) ligand. We have synthesised the chromium(III), manganese(III), cobalt(III), iron(III), nickel(II) and copper(I) complexes of i-PrACDA. The complexes of this ligand have not been reported earlier. In this chapter, the synthesis, spectral and magnetic behaviour of these complexes are described.

3.2 EXPERIMENTAL

Materials:

Details about the reagents used and the synthesis of i-PrACDA are given in Chapter II.

Synthesis:

The complexes of chromium, manganese, iron and cobalt were prepared by the general method given below:

A solution of the metal chloride (0.01mole - 2.66g of $\text{CrCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$, 1.98g of $\text{MnCl}_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$, 1.62g FeCl_3 or 2.4g of $\text{CoCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$) was prepared in methanol (100 ml). To this, i-PrACDA (6g, 0.03mole) dissolved in methanol (150 ml) was added. The mixture was refluxed on a water bath for one hour. It was then cooled to room temperature. The complex formed was filtered, washed with methanol and ether and dried over anhydrous calcium chloride. Yield: 60-70%

The complexes of nickel and copper were prepared in the same way using 0.01 mole of the metal chloride (2.4g of $\text{NiCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ or 1.7g of $\text{CuCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$) and 0.02 moles of i-PrACDA.

Characterisation

Details about the characterisation techniques are given in Chapter II.

3.3 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The formation of the present complexes take place only on refluxing the solution containing i-PrACDA and the metal salt. In the case of dithiocarbamate complexes, complex formation takes place immediately on mixing the aqueous solution of sodium dithiocarbamate ligand with metal salt solution. This often results in the the formation of a mixture of complexes in +2 and +3 oxidation states in the case of easily oxidisable transition metal ions like cobalt(II) and manganese(II) ions. Therefore, in these cases pure metal(II) complexes can be prepared only by conducting the reaction in an inert atmosphere. For preparing the pure metal(III) complexes, a stream of air has to be passed through the reaction medium. However, for i-PrACDA, Mn(III) and Co(III) complexes were obtained even without passing air through the system. This might be due to the following facts:

- i) The complexation takes place only under refluxing conditions.
- ii) Under such conditions the interaction with oxygen in the air is possible.

Results of elemental analyses are given in Table 3.1. The analytical data show that empirical formulae agree with $[M(i\text{-PrACDA})_3]$ for the chromium, manganese, iron and cobalt complexes, $[\text{Ni}(i\text{-PrACDA})_2]$ for the nickel complex and $[\text{Cu}(i\text{-PrACDA})]$ for the copper complex.

The complexes are soluble in non-polar solvents like chloroform, benzene, nitrobenzene etc. and are much more soluble than the corresponding complexes formed by the ACDA ligand. However the $[\text{Cu}(i\text{-PrACDA})]$ does not have sufficient solubility to record ^1H NMR spectrum. The low solubility indicates a polymeric nature for this complex. It was also found that these complexes are quite stable and can be kept for a longer period without decomposition.

3.3.1 Electrical Conductance

The conductance data of the complexes are presented in Table 3.2. It may be seen from the table that all the complexes are non-electrolytes in nitrobenzene.

3.3.2 Magnetic measurements

The magnetic moment values of the complexes at room temperature are also given in Table 3.2.

The magnetic properties of the octahedral chromium(III) complexes are generally uncomplicated. All such complexes must

Table 3.1 Analytical data of the *i*-PrACDA complexes

| Complex | N(%) Found (Calc.) | M(%) Found (Calc.) | S(%) Found (Calc.) |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| [Cr(<i>i</i> -PrACDA) ₃] [C ₂₇ H ₄₂ CrN ₃ S ₆] | 6.40 (6.50) | 8.03 (8.04) | 29.65 (29.73) |
| [Mn(<i>i</i> -PrACDA) ₃] [C ₂₇ H ₄₂ MnN ₃ S ₆] | 6.43 (6.47) | 8.39 (8.45) | 29.50 (29.60) |
| [Fe(<i>i</i> -PrACDA) ₃] [C ₂₇ H ₄₂ FeN ₃ S ₆] | 6.42 (6.46) | 8.48 (8.58) | 29.52 (29.56) |
| [Co(<i>i</i> -PrACDA) ₃] [C ₂₇ H ₄₂ CoN ₃ S ₆] | 6.44 (6.43) | 8.97 (9.01) | 29.35 (29.42) |
| [Ni(<i>i</i> -PrACDA) ₂] [C ₁₈ H ₂₈ NiN ₂ S ₄] | 6.14 (6.15) | 12.82 (12.89) | 28.12 (28.16) |
| [Cu(<i>i</i> -PrACDA)] [C ₉ H ₁₄ CuNS ₂] | 5.33 (5.35) | 24.25 (24.27) | 24.43 (24.49) |

Table.3.2 Molar conductance and magnetic moment values of the i-PrACDA complexes

| Complex | Molar conductance in nitrobenzene* $\text{ohm}^{-1}\text{cm}^2\text{mole}^{-1}$ | $\mu_{\text{eff.}}$ in BM at $28 \pm 2^\circ \text{C}$ |
|----------------------------------|---|---|
| $[\text{Cr}(\text{i-PrACDA})_3]$ | 2.4 | 3.9 |
| $[\text{Mn}(\text{i-PrACDA})_3]$ | 1.0 | 5.0 |
| $[\text{Fe}(\text{i-PrACDA})_3]$ | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| $[\text{Co}(\text{i-PrACDA})_3]$ | 1.5 | Diamagnetic |
| $[\text{Ni}(\text{i-PrACDA})_2]$ | 2.8 | " |
| $[\text{Cu}(\text{i-PrACDA})]$ | 1.6 | " |

* Concentration = 10^{-3} mole lit $^{-1}$.

have three unpaired electrons irrespective of the strength of ligand field. In the absence of any orbital contribution, the magnetic moment value should be very close to the spin-only value of 3.87 BM¹⁸⁷. The $[\text{Cr}(i\text{-PrACDA})_3]$ complex exhibits magnetic moment value of 3.9 BM which suggests an octahedral structure for the complex.

Nearly all manganese(III) complexes are octahedral and high-spin with magnetic moment values close to the spin-only value of 4.9 BM (expected for 4 unpaired electrons)¹⁸⁷. The present complex of manganese exhibits a μ_{eff} value of 5.0 BM which suggests that the complex is an octahedral high-spin manganese(III) complex.

For the high spin iron(III) complexes, the magnetic moment values are always very close to the spin only value of 5.9 BM. The low spin complexes with $t_{2g}^5 e_g^0$ configuration usually have considerable orbital contributions to their magnetic moments at room temperature and have μ_{eff} values of ~ 2.3 BM. The $i\text{-PrACDA}$ complex of iron(III) exhibits a magnetic moment of 5.1 BM. This value is in between the magnetic moment value expected for a high-spin and a low-spin iron(III) complex, and might be due to spin cross over phenomenon. This phenomenon is known to occur in the case of dithiocarbamate iron(III) complexes. Cobalt(III), nickel(II) and copper(I) complexes were found to be diamagnetic. The diamagnetic nature of the Co(III) complex indicates that the complex is a low-spin octahedral complex, while that of the Ni(II)

complex reveals that the complex has a square planar structure. The magnetic behaviour of the copper complex is in agreement with the +1 oxidation state of the metal.

3.3.3 Electronic spectra

The electronic spectra of the complexes were recorded in chloroform solution. The electronic spectral bands along with their probable assignments are given in Table 3.3.

[Cr(i-PrACDA)₃]

With hardly any exceptions, the chromium(III) complexes are hexacoordinate and have either octahedral or distorted octahedral structures. Three spin allowed transitions: ${}^4A_{2g} \longrightarrow {}^4T_{2g}(F)$, ${}^4A_{2g} \longrightarrow {}^4T_{1g}(F)$, and ${}^4A_{2g} \longrightarrow {}^4T_{1g}(P)$ are expected for these complexes. In [Cr(i-PrACDA)₃], the band due to ${}^4A_{2g} \longrightarrow {}^4T_{1g}(P)$ was not observed; probably, this might have been masked by the high intense charge transfer bands and the band at 22500cm^{-1} can be assigned to ${}^4A_{2g} \longrightarrow {}^4T_{2g}(F)$ transitions. The shoulder band at 25600cm^{-1} might be due to the ${}^4A_{2g} \longrightarrow {}^4T_{1g}(F)$ transition¹⁹³.

[Mn(i-PrACDA)₃]

Only one spin allowed absorption band (${}^5E_g \longrightarrow {}^5T_{2g}$) is expected for octahedral manganese(III) complexes. These complexes generally give rise to fairly intense crystal field bands, which probably results from combination of factors, namely a fairly covalent metal-ligand bond, low symmetry components to the ligand field and fairly low lying charge transfer bands. In the [Mn(i-PrACDA)₃] complex three d-d bands are observed. This clearly

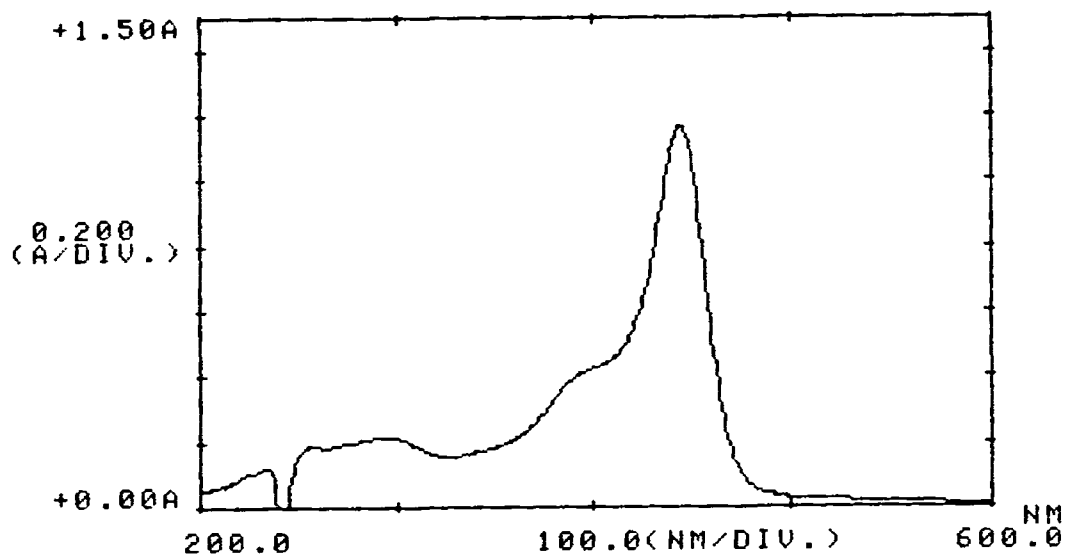


Fig. 3.1. Electronic spectra of $[\text{Cr}(\text{i-PrACDA})_3]$ in chloroform.

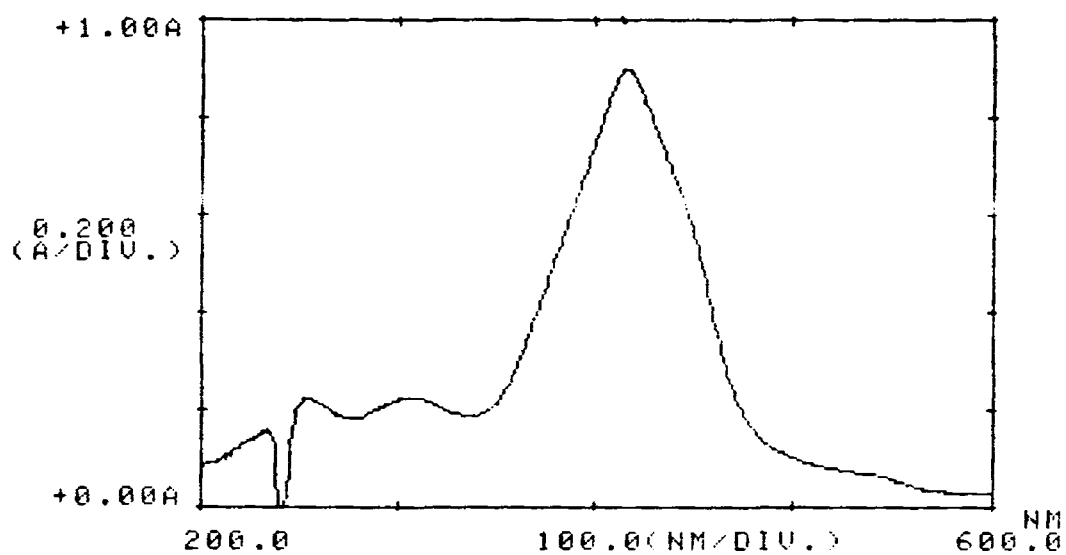


Fig. 3.2 .Electronic spectra of $[\text{Mn}(\text{i-PrACDA})_3]$ in chloroform.

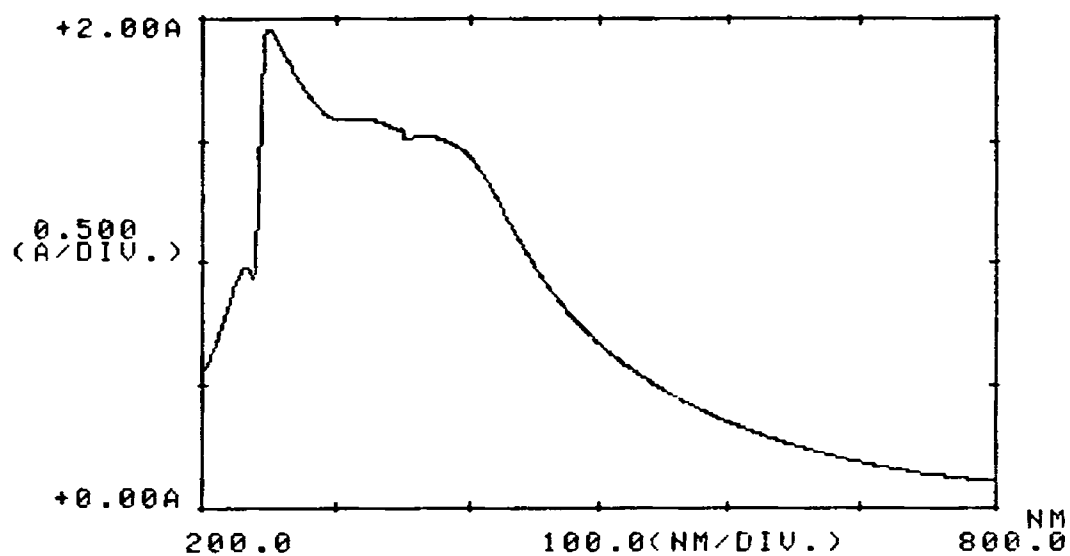


Fig. 3.3 Electronic spectra of $[\text{Fe}(\text{i-PrACDA})_3]$ in chloroform.

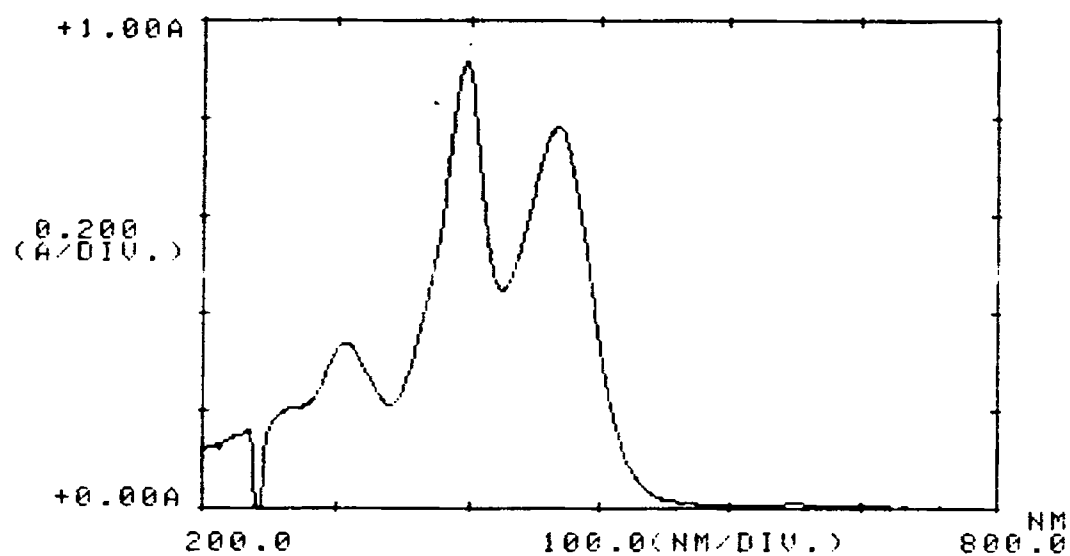


Fig. 3.4 Electronic spectra of $[\text{Co}(\text{i-PrACDA})_3]$ in chloroform.

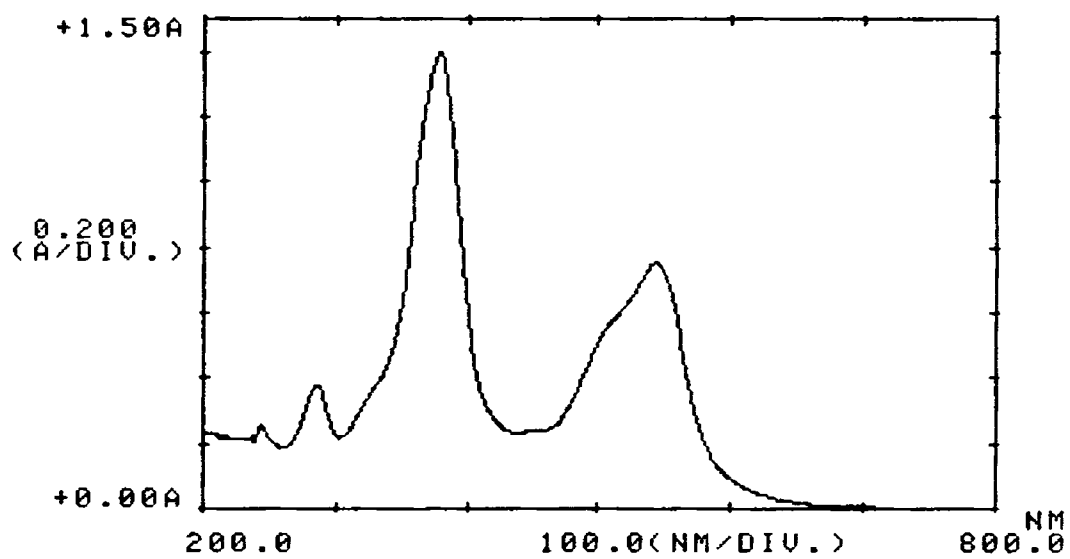


Fig. 3.5 Electronic spectra of $[\text{Ni}(\text{i-PrACDA})_2]$ in chloroform.

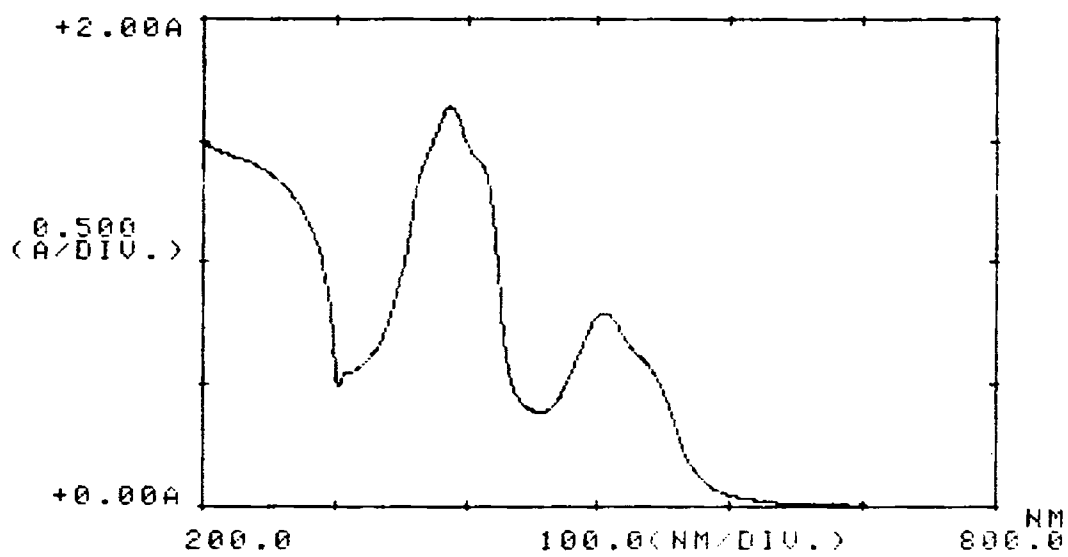


Fig. 3.6 Electronic spectra of $[\text{Ni}(\text{i-PrACDA})_2]$ in pyridine.

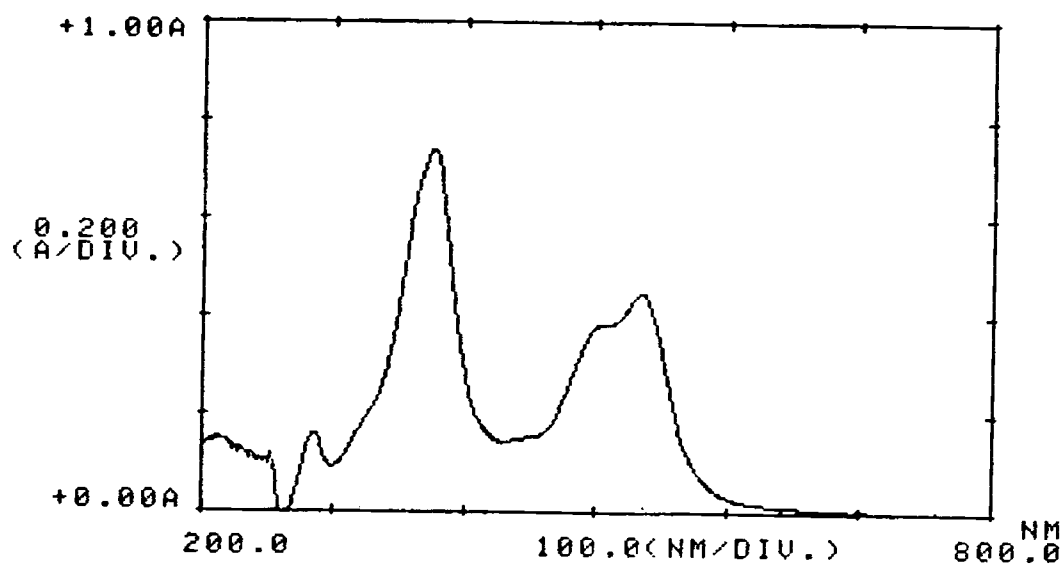


Fig. 3.7 Electronic spectra of $[\text{Ni}(\text{i-PrACDA})_2]$ in DMSO.

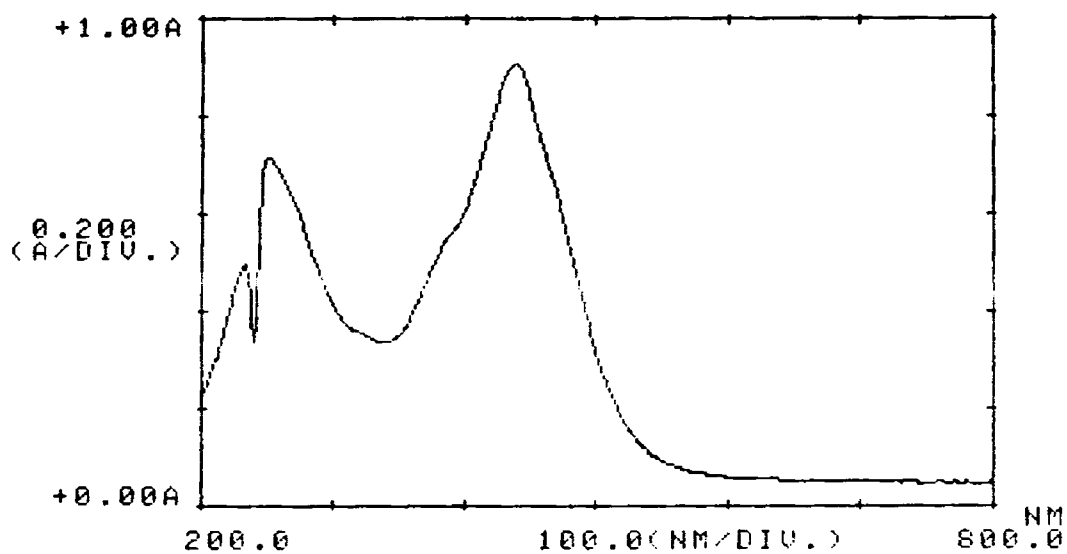


Fig. 3.8 Electronic spectra of $[\text{Cu}(\text{i-PrACDA})]$ in chloroform.

Table 3.3. Electronic spectral data of the i-PrACDA complexes in CHCl₃

| Complex | Absorption maxima (cm ⁻¹) | log ε | Tentative assignments |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------|---|
| [Cr(i-PrACDA) ₃] | 42700 | 3.15 | Intraligand transition |
| | 38900 | 3.50 | Charge transfer transition |
| | 33900 | 3.42 | " |
| | 25600 (sh) | 3.71 | ⁴ A _{2g} —————> ⁴ T _{1g} (F) transition |
| | 22500 | 4.12 | ⁴ A _{2g} —————> ⁴ T _{2g} (F) transition |
| [Mn(i-PrACDA) ₃] | 42700 | 3.40 | Intraligand transition |
| | 35200 | 3.51 | Charge transfer transition |
| | 32900 | 3.56 | " |
| | 25800 (sh) | 3.98 | ⁵ B ₁ —————> ⁵ A ₂ transition |
| | 24000 | 4.16 | ⁵ B ₁ —————> ⁵ B ₂ transition |
| | 22400 (sh) | 4.07 | ⁵ B ₁ —————> ⁵ B ₂ transition |
| [Fe(i-PrACDA) ₃] | 40000 | 3.44 | Intraligand transition |
| | 31200 | 3.32 | Charge transfer transition |
| | 27200 | 3.31 | " |

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| Complex | Absorption maxima (cm ⁻¹) | log ε | Tentative assignments |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------|---|
| [Co(i-PrACDA) ₃] | 42500 | 3.23 | Intraligand transition |
| | 32500 | 2.77 | Charge transfer transition |
| | 25200 | 3.21 | " |
| | 21400 | 3.13 | ¹ A _{1g} —————> ¹ T _{2g} transition |
| | 15600 (sh) | 2.81 | ¹ A _{1g} —————> ¹ T _{1g} transition |
| [Ni(i-PrACDA) ₂] | 42900 | 3.70 | Intraligand transition |
| | 35000 | 3.96 | Charge transfer transition |
| | 26400 | 4.52 | " |
| | 18400 | 4.26 | ¹ A _{1g} —————> ¹ B _{1g} transition |
| [Cu(i-PrACDA)] | 42900 | 3.37 | Intra ligand transition |
| | 39800 | 3.52 | Charge transfer transition |
| | 22800 | 3.61 | " |

suggests that Jahn-Teller distortions occur in this complex. The present complex might be considered to have a symmetry C_2 .

The band observed at 24000cm^{-1} in the present complex may be assigned to the ${}^5B_1 \longrightarrow {}^5B_2$ transitions. The highest energy transition ${}^5B_1 \longrightarrow {}^5A_1$ seems to have masked by the charge transfer bands, and the other transitions, ${}^5B_1 \longrightarrow {}^5B_2$ and ${}^5B_1 \longrightarrow {}^5A_2$ appear as shoulder bands at 22400 and 25800 cm^{-1} respectively¹⁹⁴.

[Fe(i-PrACDA)₃]

The ground state term is the orbital singlet 6S in high spin complexes. It cannot be split by crystal field of any symmetry. The absence of any other spin sextet terms requires that all transitions in high spin d^5 complexes are spin forbidden as well as Laporte forbidden; thus they will generally be very weak. Further because of the greater oxidising power of iron(III), ligand to metal charge transfer bands often obscure the very low intensity bands¹⁹⁵. No d-d transitions are observed in the complex. Such transitions are rarely observed in 6-coordinate FeS_6 species, since the strong Fe-S charge transfer absorption will obscure such weak bands.

[Co(i-PrACDA)₃]

The low-spin octahedral ground term is ${}^1A_{1g}$ and there are two relatively low lying spin allowed transitions to ${}^1T_{1g}$ and ${}^1T_{2g}$. The bands observed in the spectra of [Co(i-PrACDA)₃] at 15600 cm^{-1} and 21500 cm^{-1} can be assigned to ${}^1A_{1g} \longrightarrow {}^1T_{1g}$ and ${}^1A_{1g} \longrightarrow {}^1T_{2g}$ transitions respectively. The band at 25600 cm^{-1} can be assigned

to the charge transfer band and that at 41600 cm^{-1} can be assigned to intraligand transitions¹⁹⁶.

[Ni(i-PrACDA)₂]

Nickel(II) ion is prone to form 4-coordinate diamagnetic square planar complexes, especially with stronger ligand fields. Such complexes typically have a single band in the region $15000\text{--}25000\text{ cm}^{-1}$. A second, more intense band may be seen near $23000\text{--}30000\text{ cm}^{-1}$ which is often charge transfer in origin. Only one d-d band was noticed. The band at $\sim 18400\text{ cm}^{-1}$ can be assigned to the transition ${}^1A_{1g} \rightarrow {}^1B_{1g}$. The band at 26400 cm^{-1} and 35000 cm^{-1} can be attributed to charge transfer bands and the band at 42900 cm^{-1} is due to the intraligand transitions¹⁹⁷.

The spectra of the nickel(II) complex have also been recorded in other solvents like DMSO and pyridine (*vide* Fig. 3.5-3.7). Nature of the spectra indicates some interaction of the nickel(II) complexes with pyridine. Such interactions are seen in xanthate and dithiobenzoate complexes.

[Cu(i-PrACDA)]

The complex does not exhibit any d-d bands as expected for Cu(I) complexes. The charge transfer band observed at 22800 cm^{-1} suggests that this complex has some similarity with the dithiocarbamate complexes. A similar band at 22900 cm^{-1} is observed in the spectra of [Cu(Et₂dtc)₂] which is the basis of a well known method for the spectrophotometric determination of copper with Na⁺Et₂dtc¹⁹⁸.

It is interesting to note that *i*-PrACDA appears to have parallel reactivity to that of the xanthates and dithiobenzoates. The similarity is seen in the following aspects:

1. The *i*-PrACDA acts as a reducing agent towards Cu(II) ions
2. Its Mn(II) and Co(II) complexes are not stable and gets easily oxidised to M(III) complexes in presence of air.
3. The Ni(II) complex of *i*-PrACDA strongly interacts with the Lewis bases like pyridine. However, its ability to form adducts seems to be in between that of the xanthates and dithiocarbamates.

3.3.4 Infrared spectra

The infrared spectral data of the ligand and the complexes are given in the Table.3.4. The assignments of the bands have been done based on those carried out by earlier workers¹⁶⁸⁻¹⁷⁶ for the ACDA complexes.

The IR spectrum of the free ligand exhibits a broad band at 2490 cm^{-1} which can be assigned to $\nu\text{S-H}$. This band disappears in the infrared spectra of the complexes, indicating that the deprotonation of the thiol group has taken place and the bonding has occurred through the sulphur atom.

The $\nu\text{N-H}$ is found in the spectrum of the free ligand at 3080 cm^{-1} . The lower value for $\nu\text{N-H}$ is due to the strong intramolecular hydrogen bonding. In the spectra of the complexes, $\nu\text{N-H}$ is seen at a higher frequency ($\sim 3210\text{ cm}^{-1}$). The increase in $\nu\text{N-H}$ can be attributed to the breaking of the hydrogen bonding on complexation of the ligand through the sulphur atoms. The $\nu\text{N-H}$

Table. 3.4 Infrared spectral data of *i*-PrACDA and its complexes

| I | II | III | IV | V | VI | VII | Tentative assignments |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------------------------------|
| 3080w | 3210m | 3210m | 3210m | 3210m | 3210m | 3210m | ν N-H |
| 2990s | 2980m | 2980m | 2980m | 2980m | 2980m | 2990m | ν C-H |
| 2920s | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| 2490s | - | - | - | - | - | - | ν S-H |
| 1575s | 1570s | 1560s | 1570s | 1560s | 1570s | 1555s | δ CNH |
| 1470s | 1480s | 1480s | 1480s | 1480s | 1480s | 1480s | ν C=C+ δ CH ₂ |
| 1370m | 1390s | 1390s | 1375s | 1380s | 1390s | 1380s | |
| 1330s | 1325s | 1330s | 1325s | 1325s | 1330s | 1330s | ν C-N+ ν C-S |
| 1265m | 1270m | 1270m | 1280m | 1265m | 1270m | 1270m | ν C-S+ ν C-N |
| 1155s | 1160m | 1160m | 1170m | 1160m | 1155m | 1155m | |
| 1115w | 1110w | 1115w | 1120w | 1110w | 1130w | 1130w | ρ CH ₂ |
| 1060w | 1065w | 1065w | 1070w | 1060w | 1060w | 1060w | |
| 1020w | 1010m | 1010m | 1005m | 1010m | 1010m | 1010m | |
| 950m | 950m | 950m | 960m | 940m | 960m | 950m | ν_{as} CSS |
| 905m | 900m | 900m | 910m | 910m | 920m | 910m | |
| 870m | 865m | 685m | 870m | 860m | 870m | 865m | |
| 765s | 800s | 810s | 805m | 820s | 810s | 820s | ν C-S |
| - | 670s | 665s | 670s | 665s | 670s | 670s | |

s = strong; m = medium; w = weak; vw = very weak

I=*i*-PrACDA; II=[Cr(*i*-PrACDA)₃]; III=[Mn(*i*-PrACDA)₃]; IV=[Fe(*i*-PrACDA)₃];

V=[Co(*i*-PrACDA)₃]; VI=[Ni(*i*-PrACDA)₂]; VII=[Cu(*i*-PrACDA)].

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| I | II | III | IV | V | VI | VII | Tentative assignments |
|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----------------------|
| 515vw | 524s | 519s | 510s | 580s | 584m | 592s | |
| - | 430w | 411w | 436m | 480m | 527m | 531s | |
| - | 390w | 391w | 392m | 390m | 384m | 442w | |
| 410m | 362s | 369s | - | 380s | 380s | 413w | |
| 355sh | 350s | 347s | 348s | 350s | 349m | 369s | νM-S |
| 325m | 321w | 321w | 322w | 320w | 319w | 319w | |
| - | 296m | 308w | 290w | 290w | 293w | 305w | |
| - | 270m | 266w | 270w | 270w | 268w | 268w | |
| - | 240m | 237m | 234w | - | 237m | 241w | |

s = strong; m = medium; w = weak; vw = very weak

I=i-PrACDA; II=[Cr(i-PrACDA)₃]; III=[Mn(i-PrACDA)₃]; IV=[Fe(i-PrACDA)₃];

V=[Co(i-PrACDA)₃]; VI=[Ni(i-PrACDA)₂]; VII=[Cu(i-PrACDA)].

modes should have shifted in the reverse order, if the coordination of the ligand had occurred through the amino nitrogen. This fact is reflected in the δCNH values: The δCNH in the spectrum of the free ligand appears around 1575 cm^{-1} and this value decreases to 1560 cm^{-1} in the spectra of the complexes. The higher value of δCNH in the free ligand is due to the hydrogen bonding. The decrease in δCNH in the complexes is due to the disappearance of hydrogen bonding¹⁵⁶. Similar observations have been made for many ammine complexes.

There is a strong band at 766 cm^{-1} in the spectrum of the free ligand which is seen to be shifted to $\sim 805\text{ cm}^{-1}$ in the case of the complexes¹⁵⁷. This band can be assigned to $\nu\text{C-S}$ and the increase in C-S stretching frequency on complexation might be again due to the breaking of the hydrogen bond. Further, the appearance of a single band in the region $700\text{-}850\text{ cm}^{-1}$ in the present complexes indicates that both the sulphur atoms are taking part in the bonding. Thus inferences obtained from the infrared spectra are clearly in favour of S-S bonding.

Further evidence for M-S bonding is obtained from the far infrared spectra of the complexes. A strong band is seen in the region $300\text{-}400\text{ cm}^{-1}$ which can be attributed to $\nu\text{M-S}$ ¹⁵⁶. In the case of the Mn(III) complex two strong bands due to $\nu\text{Mn-S}$ are seen, one at 369 and 347 cm^{-1} which might have resulted from the Jahn-Teller distortions.

More information about the bonding sites may be obtained from the EPR spectra of the complexes. If the bonding takes place through the nitrogen atom, hyperfine splittings due to nitrogen would have been observed in the spectra. As the present copper complex is diamagnetic and all the other complexes are EPR silent at room temperature, the information about this aspect was not obtained. However, we could record the EPR spectra of a few mixed ligand complexes of ACDA or its N-alkyl derivatives. The spectra did not show any hyperfine splittings due to the nitrogen atom (*vide* discussions in Chapter IV). Further, conclusive evidences for the non-involvement of the nitrogen atom was obtained from the ^1H NMR spectra of the complexes.

3.3.5 ^1H NMR spectra

The ^1H NMR spectra of the metal complexes of ACDA have not been studied in CDCl_3 due to their limited solubilities in this solvent. All the reported NMR studies of ACDA complexes have been carried out in a coordinating solvent¹⁷¹, DMSO-d_6 . The higher solubilities of *i*-PrACDA complexes in chloroform have enabled us to record their spectra in CDCl_3 . The ^1H NMR spectrum of the copper complex could not be taken due to the lack of proper solubility. The ^1H NMR data of the complexes are given in Table 3.5.

The CH_2 protons at the C_3 and C_5 positions experience more shielding than the protons at the C_4 position, and have almost the same chemical shifts.

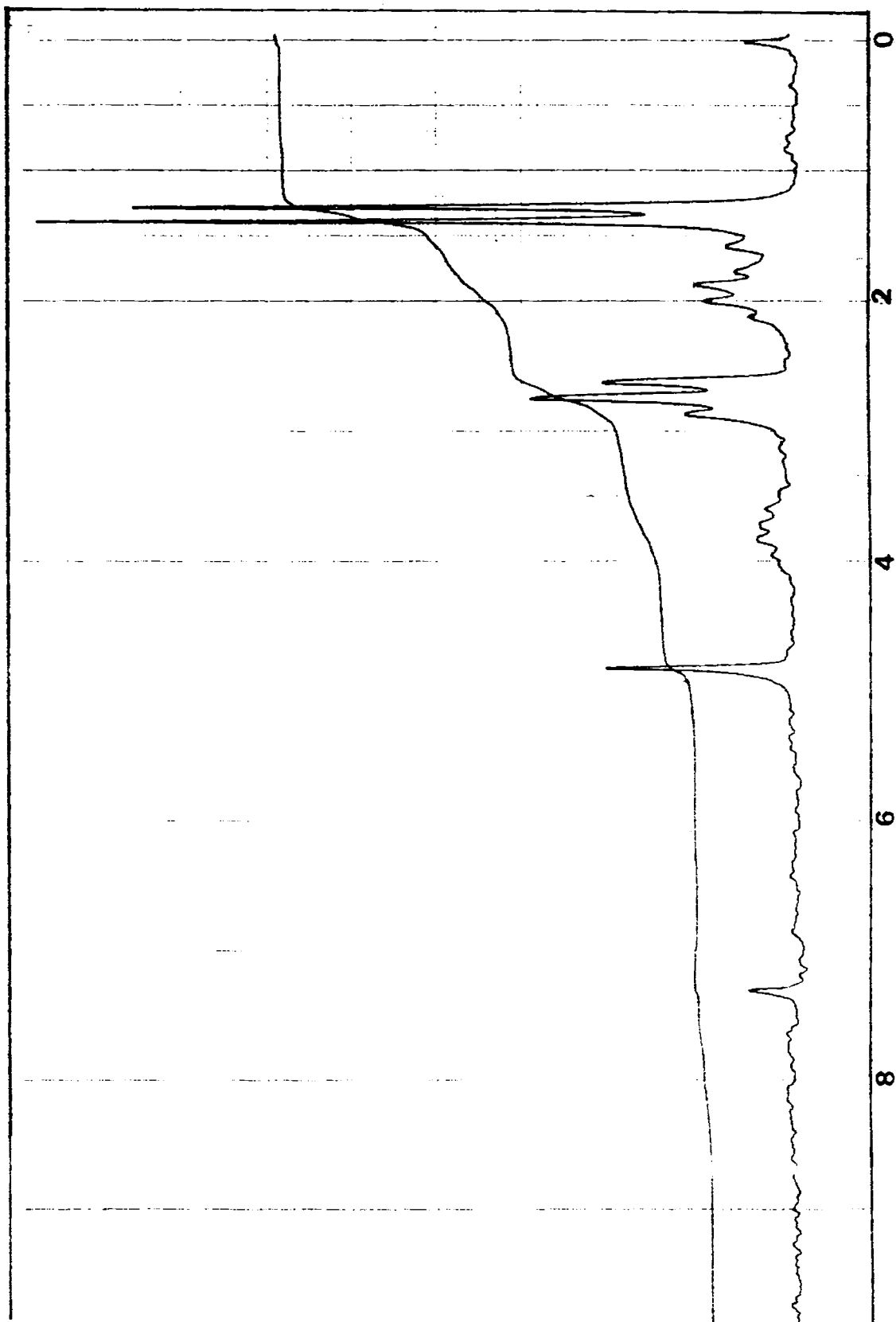


Fig. 3.9 Proton NMR spectra of i-Pr HACDA ligand in CDCl_3 .
(0-10 ppm.)

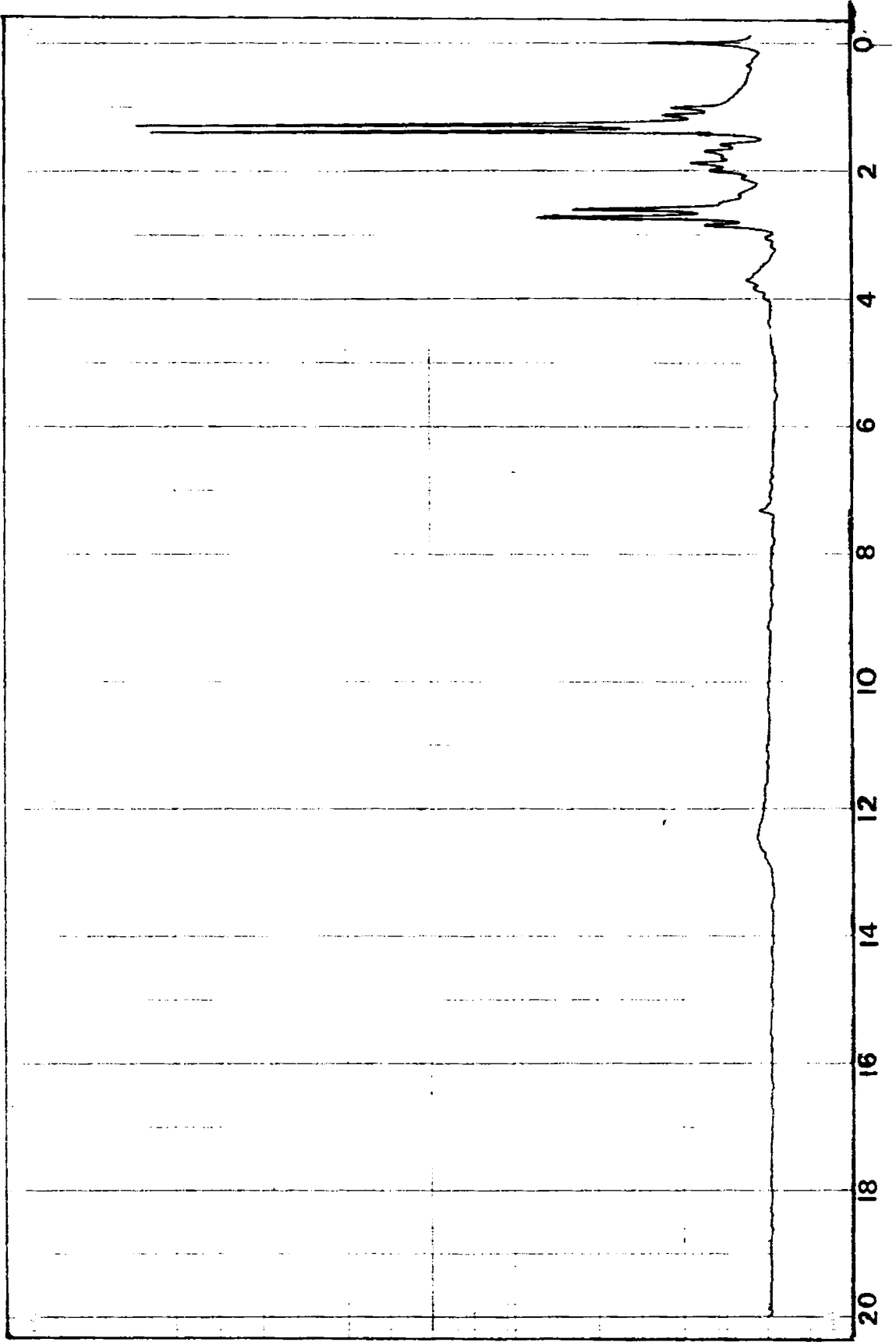


Fig. 3.10 Proton NMR spectra of i-Pr HACDA ligand in $CDCl_3$.
(0-20 ppm.)

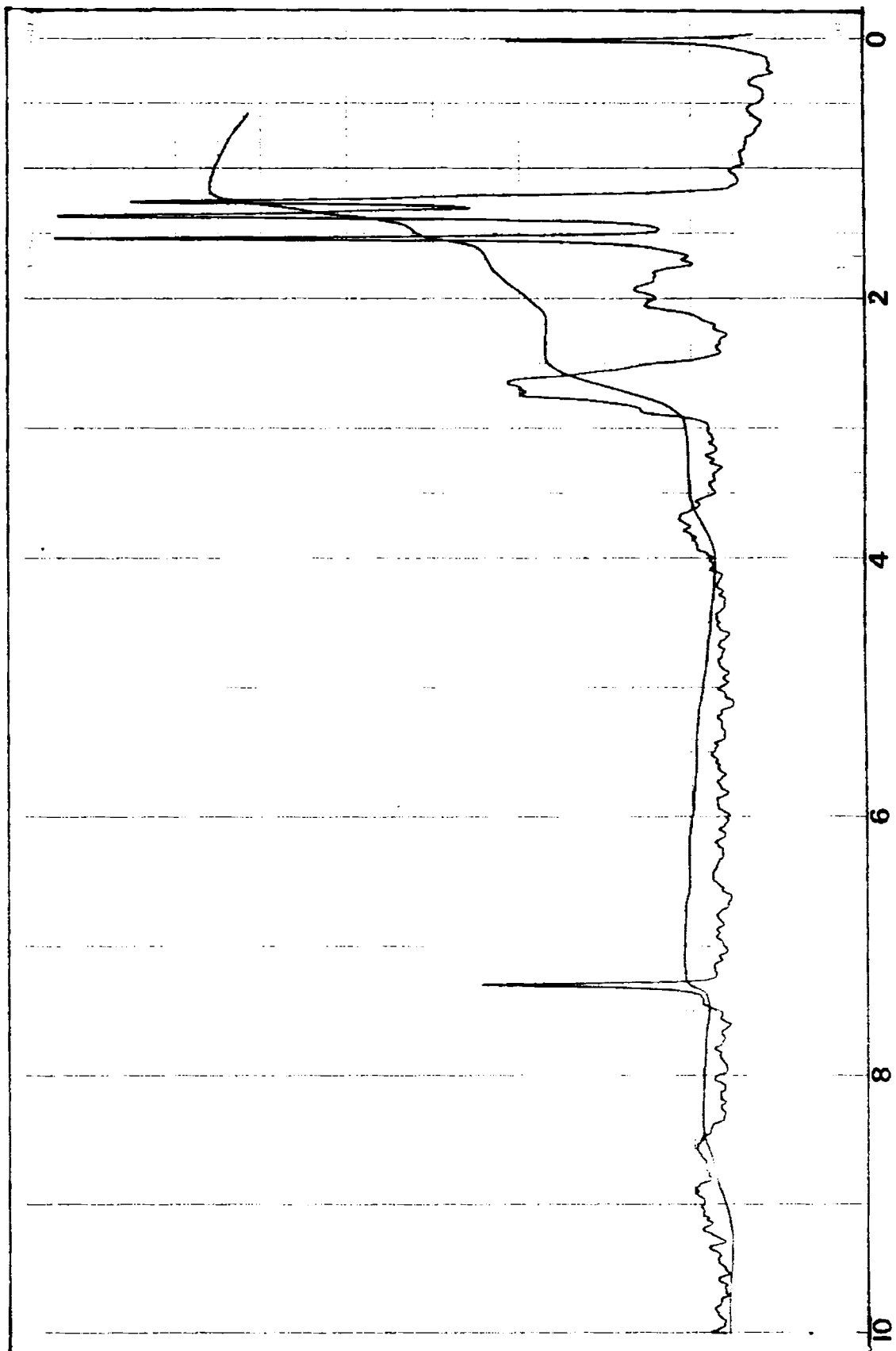


Fig. 3.11 Proton NMR spectra of $[\text{Ni}(i\text{-PrACDA})_2]$ in CDCl_3 .

Table 3.5 ^1H NMR data for *i*-PrACDA and its complexes in CDCl_3 (vide Fig.3.12)

| Complex | Chemical shift (δ) values in ppm | | | | | SH |
|---|---|--------|---------------|--------------------------|------------|------|
| | CH_3 | CH | CH_2 | | NH | |
| | | | C_4 | $\text{C}_3\&\text{C}_5$ | | |
| <i>i</i> -PrACDA | 1.35d | 3.75h | 1.85p | 2.85t | 12.4s,br | 4.8s |
| $[\text{Cr}(\textit{i}\text{-PrACDA})_3]$ | 1.30br | 3.70br | 1.85br | 2.25br | 8.80s,br | - |
| $[\text{Mn}(\textit{i}\text{-PrACDA})_3]$ | 1.35v.br | 3.60br | 1.90br | 2.60br | 8.50s,br | - |
| $[\text{Fe}(\textit{i}\text{-PrACDA})_3]$ | 1.30v.br | 3.70br | 1.85br | 2.70br | 8.50s,br | - |
| $[\text{Co}(\textit{i}\text{-PrACDA})_3]$ | 1.30d.br | 3.70br | 1.85br | 2.70br | 8.80br | - |
| $[\text{Ni}(\textit{i}\text{-PrACDA})_2]$ | 1.30d.br | 3.75br | 1.95br | 2.75t,br | 8.80s,v.br | - |

d-doublet, h-heptet, p-pentet, s-singlet, br-broad, v.br-very broad

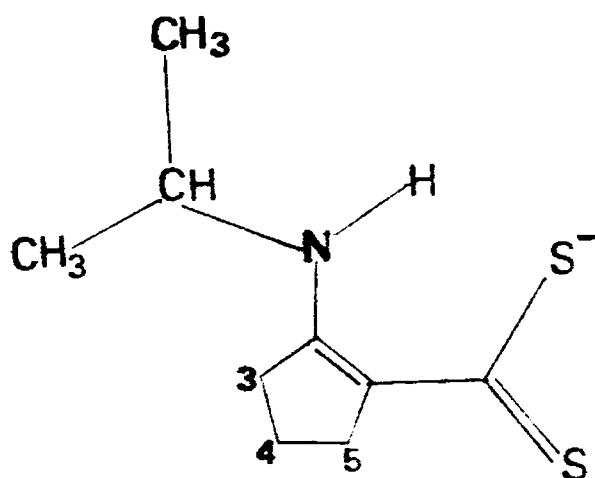


Fig 3-12 *i*-PrACDA

The signal of the -SH proton appears at δ 4.8 ppm in the spectrum of the ligand. This signal is absent in the spectra of the complexes indicating the removal of the -SH proton and formation of M-S bond.

Another major change observed on complexation is that the -NH proton signal which appears as a broad singlet at δ 12.4 ppm for the ligand is shifted to δ 8.6 ppm in the spectra of the complexes. This large upfield shift has been attributed to the coordination of the nitrogen to the metal ion by some workers in the case of the ACDA complexes. This cannot be right and this fact would become more clear, if we consider the signals due to the CH proton of the isopropyl group. If the N atom had been involved in the bonding, then considerable shift might have occurred for this proton also. But the signals due to the CH proton appear in the spectra of both the ligand and the complexes almost at the same position. Therefore the observed NH proton shift in the case of the complexes is not due to the involvement of the nitrogen atom in the bonding, but due to the breaking of the intramolecular hydrogen bonding between the NH proton and sulphur atom of the dithiocarboxylic acid group of the free ligand.

Thus spectroscopic (IR, electronic and ^1H NMR) evidences are in favour of the bidentate bonding of the dithio group to the metal.

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CHAPTER IV

NEW MIXED LIGAND COMPLEXES OF COPPER(II) DITHIOCARBAMATES

4.1 INTRODUCTION

Mixed ligand complexes of dithiocarbamates are of particular interest because of the following reasons: (i) their structural and electronic properties are possibly distinct from those of the simple dithiocarbamate complexes, (ii) they are regarded as models for metalloenzyme-substrate complexes.

Solid mixed ligand complexes of copper(II) dithiocarbamates have been synthesised by reacting the bis(dithiocarbamato)- μ -dichloro-dicopper(II) complexes with pyridine or picolines¹²². The synthesis of these complexes have prompted us to use these chlorine bridged complexes as the starting material for the synthesis of some new mixed ligand complexes. We have isolated some interesting mixed ligand complexes by reacting this chloro complexes with 2-aminocyclopent-1-ene-1-dithiocarboxylic acid (ACDA) or its N-alkyl derivatives. The syntheses and structure elucidation of such complexes are described in this chapter.

4.2 EXPERIMENTAL

Materials

Details about the reagents and preparation of dithiocarbamates, ACDA and its alkyl derivatives are given in Chapter II.

Synthesis:**Bis(dithiocarbamato)- μ -dichloro-dicopper(II) complexes**

All the complexes were prepared by the general method given below: $\text{CuCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1.7g, 0.01mole) and the appropriate, freshly recrystallised benzoic-dithiocarbamic anhydride (0.02mole), both dissolved in minimum quantity of acetone, were slowly mixed. The chloro complexes separated out as a black crystalline powder. The smell of benzoylchloride was noted during the preparation. The complex was filtered, washed with diethylether and dried in vacuum over P_2O_5 .

Synthesis of the mixed ligand complexes**[Cu(Me₂dtc)(ACDA)]**

ACDA (1.58g, 0.01mole) was dissolved in methanol (100ml). To this yellow coloured solution, the black complex, $[\text{Cu}(\text{Me}_2\text{dtc})\text{Cl}]_2$ (2.19g, 0.005mole), was added and thoroughly mixed. The complex dissolved and the colour of the solution immediately changed to red. The solution was then filtered to remove any solid particles, and the filtrate was refluxed on a water bath for one hour. The red coloured product separated out from the solution was filtered, washed with methanol, acetone and ether and dried over anhydrous calcium chloride.

[Cu(Pipdte)(n-BuACDA)] and [Cu(Pipdte)(i-PrACDA)]

These complexes were obtained in the same way as $[\text{Cu}(\text{Me}_2\text{dte})(\text{ACDA})]$ using $[\text{Cu}(\text{Pipdte})\text{Cl}]_2$ (2.64g, 0.005mole) and n-BuACDA (2.15g, 0.01mole) or i-PrACDA (2.0g, 0.01mole).

[Cu(Morphdtc)(i-PrACDA)] and [Cu(Morphdtc)(n-BuACDA)]

These complexes were also made in the same way as [Cu(Me₂dtc)(ACDA)] using [Cu(Morphdtc)Cl]₂ (2.60g, 0.005mole) and i-PrACDA (2.0g, 0.01mole) or n-BuACDA (2.15g, 0.01mole).

Characterisation

Details about the characterisation techniques are given in Chapter II.

4.3 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Analytical data of the complexes are given in Table 4.1. The data show that the complexes have the empirical formula [Cu(R₂dtc)L] (where R₂=Me₂, Pip or Morph; L=ACDA, i-PrACDA or n-BuACDA). Even when the [Cu(R₂dtc)Cl]₂ and L were mixed in different ratios (1:2.2, 1:2.5, 1:3 etc), the complexes with the same composition, [Cu(R₂dtc)L], were obtained. This suggests that the present complexes are pure mixed ligand complexes and not a mixture of complexes.

All the complexes are red in colour. They are stable and can be kept for a longer period without decomposition. The complexes are only slightly soluble in chloroform, and hence good ¹H NMR spectra could not be recorded in these cases.

4.3.1 Conductance measurements

The molar conductances of the complexes are given in Table 4.2. The values suggest that the complexes are non-electrolytes in nitrobenzene.

Table.4.1 Analytical data of the mixed ligand complexes of Cu(II)

| Complex | N(%) Found (Calc.) | Cu(%) Found (Calc.) | S(%) Found (Calc.) |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| [Cu(Me ₂ dtc)(ACDA)] | 8.18 | 18.52 | 37.40 |
| [C ₉ H ₁₄ CuN ₂ S ₄] | (8.19) | (18.58) | (37.50) |
| [Cu(Pipdtc)(n-BuACDA)] | 6.35 | 14.48 | 29.25 |
| [C ₁₆ H ₂₆ CuN ₂ S ₄] | (6.41) | (14.54) | (29.33) |
| [Cu(Morphdtc)(n-BuACDA)] | 6.28 | 14.41 | 29.18 |
| [C ₁₅ H ₂₄ CuN ₂ OS ₄] | (6.38) | (14.47) | (29.20) |
| [Cu(Morphdtc)(i-PrACDA)] | 6.56 | 14.93 | 30.18 |
| [C ₁₄ H ₂₂ CuN ₂ OS ₄] | (6.61) | (14.98) | (30.24) |
| [Cu(Pipdtc)(i-PrACDA)] | 6.59 | 15.02 | 30.32 |
| [C ₁₅ H ₁₄ CuNS ₄] | (6.64) | (15.05) | (30.38) |

4.3.2 Magnetic measurements

The magnetic behaviour of the complexes has been studied and μ_{eff} values are tabulated in Table 4.2. All the complexes exhibit a μ_{eff} value of 1.9 BM at $28 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$. The magnetic data clearly establish +2 oxidation state for copper in these complexes. The data indicate absence of any metal-metal interactions and also excludes the possibility of these complexes to have a tetrahedral structure¹⁸⁷. (The μ_{eff} values for tetrahedral copper(II) complexes would be around 2.2 BM)

4.3.3 Electronic spectra

The electronic spectral bands and their assignments are tabulated in Table 4.3. The electronic spectra of the present mixed ligand complexes do not differ much from that of simple copper(II) dithiocarbamate complexes. On this basis, a structure similar to that of the copper(II) dithiocarbamate may be assigned to the present complexes¹⁹⁴.

4.3.4 Infrared spectra

The infrared spectral data of the complexes are tabulated in Table 4.4. The tentative assignments given in the table are based on published work on ACDA and dithiocarbamates.

The spectra of the complexes exhibit bands due to both the constituent ligands. In the spectra of $[\text{Cu}(\text{Me}_2\text{dtc})(\text{ACDA})]$, all the bands due to Me_2dtc and ACDA are observed: The $\nu\text{N-H}$ and δNH_2

Table 4.2 Molar conductance and magnetic data of the mixed ligand complexes of Cu(II)

| Complex | Molar conductance in nitrobenzene* $\text{ohm}^{-1} \text{cm}^2 \text{mole}^{-1}$ | $\mu_{\text{eff.}}$ in BM at $28 \pm 2^\circ \text{C}$ |
|---------------------------------|---|---|
| [Cu(Me ₂ dtc)(ACDA)] | 1.8 | 1.9 |
| [Cu(Pipdte)(n-BuACDA)] | 1.1 | 1.8 |
| [Cu(Morphdte)(n-BuACDA)] | 1.7 | 1.9 |
| [Cu(Morphdte)(i-PrACDA)] | 0.8 | 1.9 |
| [Cu(Pipdte)(i-PrACDA)] | 0.9 | 1.9 |

* Concentration = 10^{-3} mole lit⁻¹.

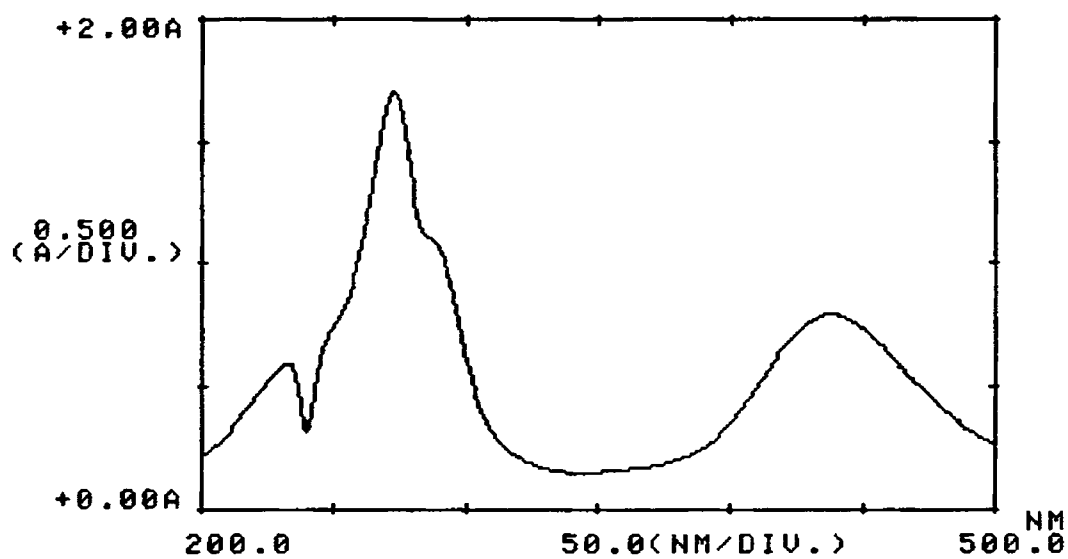


Fig. 4.1 Electronic spectra of [Cu(i-PrACDA)(Pipdte)].

Table 4.3 Electronic spectral data of mixed ligand complexes of Cu(II).

| Complex | Absorption maximum, cm^{-1} | $\log \epsilon$ | Tentative assignments |
|---------------------------------|---|-----------------|----------------------------|
| [Cu(Me ₂ dte)(ACDA)] | 41800 | 4.90 | Intraligand transition |
| | 39000 | 4.78 | " |
| | 36500 | 5.34 | " |
| | 34600 | 5.15 | " |
| | 22250 | 5.10 | Charge transfer transition |
| [Cu(Pipdte)(n-BuACDA)] | 41700 | 4.85 | Intraligand transition |
| | 39000 sh | 4.72 | " |
| | 36400 | 5.28 | " |
| | 34500 sh | 5.10 | " |
| | 22100 | 4.94 | Charge transfer transition |
| [Cu(Morphdte)(n-BuACDA)] | 41600 | 4.83 | Intraligand transition |
| | 38900 sh | 4.76 | " |
| | 36450 | 5.34 | " |
| | 34500 sh | 5.20 | " |
| | 22200 | 5.10 | Charge transfer transition |
| [Cu(Morphdte)(i-PrACDA)] | 41600 | 4.80 | Intraligand transition |
| | 39000 sh | 4.74 | " |
| | 36400 | 5.30 | " |
| | 34500 sh | 5.20 | " |
| | 22200 | 4.89 | Charge transfer transition |
| [Cu(Pipdte)(i-PrACDA)] | 41600 | 4.83 | Intraligand transition |
| | 39000 sh | 4.76 | " |
| | 36400 | 5.29 | " |
| | 34500 sh | 5.17 | " |
| | 22200 | 5.08 | Charge transfer transition |

Table. 4.4 Infrared spectral data of the mixed ligand complexes of Cu(II)

| I | II | III | IV | V | Tentative assignments |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---|
| 3360m | | | | | |
| | 3180w | 3180w | 3180w | 3180w | ν N-H |
| 3120vw | 3120w | 3120w | 3100w | 2960w | ν C-H |
| 2960w | 2920w | 2920m | 2960m | 2920m | |
| 2840w | 2840m | 2840m | 2840w | 2840w | |
| 2320w | 2300w | 2300v | 2300w | 2300w | |
| 1620s | 1570vs | 1565vs | 1570vs | 1570vs | δ N-H |
| 1505s | 1495s | 1475s | 1475s | 1495s | ν C-N |
| 1450s | 1440s | 1440m | 1440m | 1465s | |
| 1380s | 1385m | 1390m | 1385s | 1380s | δ CH ₂ ⁺ ν C=C |
| 1320m | 1340m | 1340m | 1325s | 1325s | ν C-N ⁺ ν C-S |
| 1290m | 1280m | 1285m | 1290m | 1290m | |
| 1280m | 1250m | 1260s | 1265s | 1265s | ν C-S + ν C-N |

vs = very strong; s = strong; m = medium w = weak

I = [Cu(Me₂dtc)(ACDA);

II = [Cu(Pipdte)(n-BuACDA);

III = [Cu(Morphdte)(n-BuACDA);

IV = [Cu(Morphdte)(i-PrACDA)

V = [Cu(Pipdte)(i-PrACDA)

Contd.

| I | II | III | IV | V | Tentative assignments |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------------------|
| 1240m | 1230s | 1225s | 1225s | 1230s | |
| 1155m | 1155m | 1155m | 1155m | 1155m | |
| 1120m | 1130w | 1105s | 1105s | 1105m | |
| 1030w | 1055w | 1055w | 1060m | 1060w | ρ_{C-H} |
| 1020w | 1015w | 1020s | 1020s | 1020w | |
| 955m | 990m | 945w | 940w | 940m | $\nu_{as} C-S$ |
| 920m | 970w | 905s | 905s | 905s | |
| 880w | 900m | 870w | 870w | 865w | |
| 805s | 780m | 780m | 790m | 790m | ν_{C-S} |
| 665w | 690m | 690m | 690m | 690m | |
| 540m | 510m | 540s | 540s | 520s | |
| 340s | 345s | 335s | 340vs | 350s | ν_{M-S} |
| 270m | 270m | 290m | 285m | 260m | |

vs = very strong; s = strong; m = medium w = weak

I = [Cu(Me₂dte)(ACDA)];

II = [Cu(Pipdte)(n-BuACDA)];

III = [Cu(Morphdte)(n-BuACDA)];

IV = [Cu(Morphdte)(i-PrACDA)];

V = [Cu(Pipdte)(i-PrACDA)];

of the ACDA appear at 3360 cm^{-1} and 1620 cm^{-1} respectively. The $\nu\text{N-H}$ band and δCNH bands appear around 3180 cm^{-1} and 1570 cm^{-1} respectively for the complexes with *i*-PrACDA and *n*-BuACDA. The $\nu\text{N-H}$ bands appear at lower frequencies in the case of the free ACDA ligands. The shift to higher frequencies can only be attributed to the breaking of the intramolecular hydrogen bonding and not due to the involvement of the nitrogen atom in the bonding (*vide* discussions in Chapter III).

The $\nu\text{C-N}$ of the dithiocarbamate ligand is seen around 1500 cm^{-1} in the spectra of all the present complexes. Further bands due to $\nu\text{C-S}$ of both type of ligands are also observed in the spectra of all the complexes. The number of bands observed in these regions have been used to distinguish between the bidentate and monodentate bonding¹. In the case of the present complexes more than two bands are seen in both the $\nu\text{C-S}$ region of the dithiocarbamate ligand ($950\text{-}1050\text{ cm}^{-1}$) and the $\nu\text{C-S}$ region of the ACDA ligand ($750\text{-}850\text{ cm}^{-1}$). However this fact cannot be used for excluding the bidentate bonding of the ligands, as bands due to both the ligands may appear in the same region.

In the far IR region of the spectra, there is a strong band around 350 cm^{-1} which can be attributed to $\nu\text{M-S}$. It was not possible to identify from the spectra, $\nu\text{Cu-S}$ band due to the dithiocarbamate and $\nu\text{Cu-S}$ due to the ACDA ligands; probably they might appear in the same region.

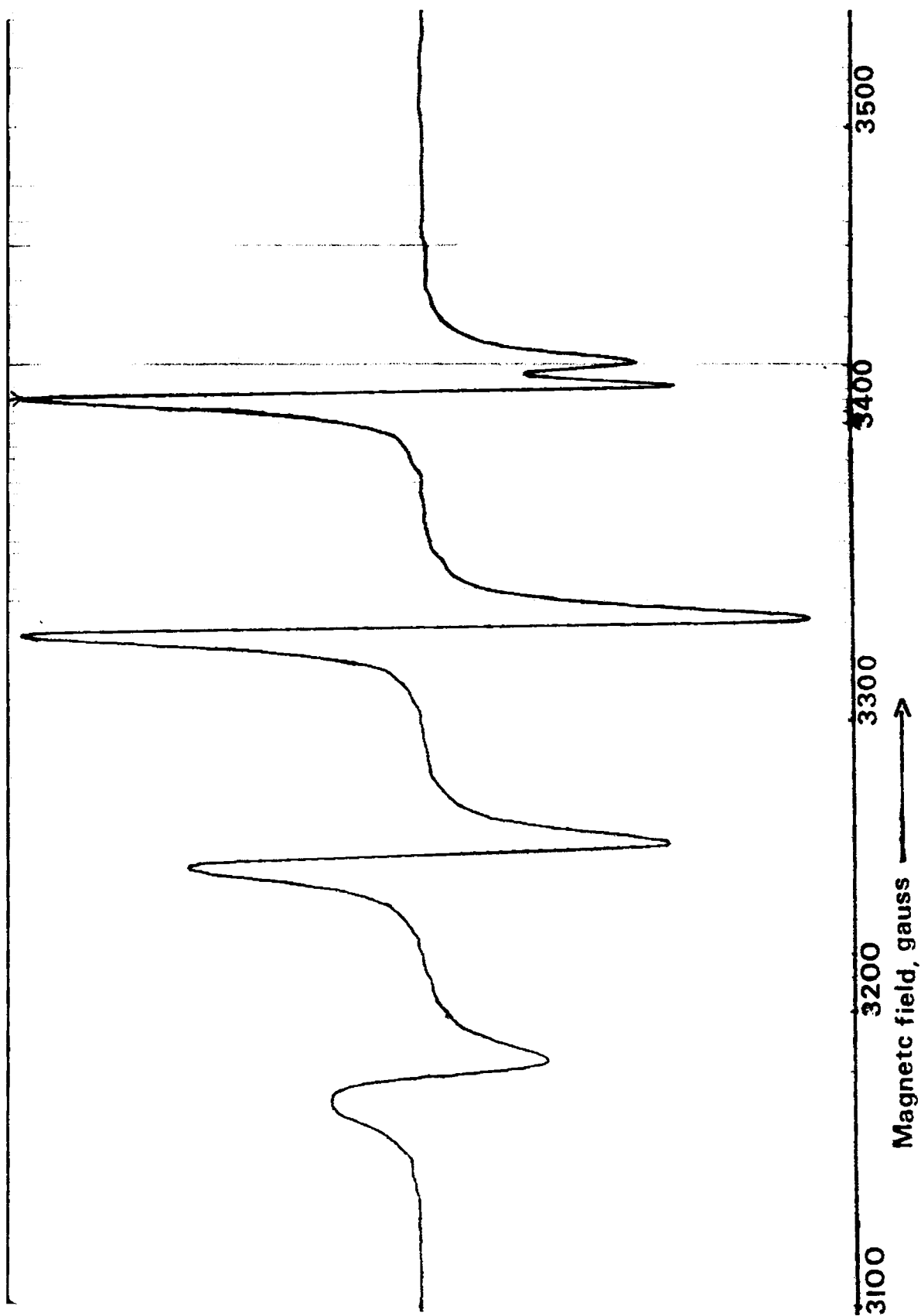


Fig. 4.2 ESR spectrum of $[\text{Cu}(\text{Pipdtc})(\text{l-Pracda})]$.

Table 4.5 ESR data for the mixed ligand complexes of Cu(II) in chloroform

| Complex | g_o | A_o (in Gauss) |
|---------------------------------|-------|------------------|
| [Cu(Me ₂ dtc)(ACDA)] | 2.041 | 74 |
| [Cu(Pipdtc)(n-BuACDA)] | 2.042 | 80 |
| [Cu(Pipdtc)(i-PrACDA)] | 2.040 | 80 |
| [Cu(Morphdtc)(n-BuACDA)] | 2.039 | 76 |
| [Cu(Morphdtc)(i-PrACDA)] | 2.043 | 76 |

4.3.5 ESR spectra

The ESR spectra of the complexes in chloroform solution were recorded. The g_0 and A_0 values of the complexes have been calculated and are given in Table 4.5

The ESR spectra of the complexes (*vide* Fig. 4.2) exhibit equidistant signals which are due to the coupling of the spin of the unpaired electron with nuclear spins of the copper atoms. The high field line is so narrow in the spectra that the hyperfine splitting due to ^{65}Cu becomes visible. No nitrogen hyperfine splitting was observed in the spectra, which indicates that the N-atom of the ACDA ligands is not involved in bonding. The g_0 and A_0 values of the present complexes are very similar to those reported for $[\text{Cu}(\text{R}_2\text{dte})_2]$. It may be noted here that the ESR parameters of $[\text{Cu}(\text{ACDA})_2]$ and $[\text{Cu}(\text{Et}_2\text{dte})_2]$ have almost same values¹⁷¹.

The g_0 value for CuN_4 chromophore have values in the range 2.09-2.108, while that for CuN_2S_2 and CuS_4 chromophores are in the range 2.042-2.06 and 2.042-2.045 respectively¹⁸⁷. The present complexes have almost the same g_0 values (2.04) as that for CuS_4 core. Further A_0 values (~ 80 G) are also in favour of a CuS_4 core for these complexes: A_0 values for CuS_4 , CuS_2N_2 and CuN_4 are in the range 75-82, 90-95, 84-102 G respectively. Thus the ESR spectra give strong support for bidentate bonding of both ACDA and dithiocarbamate ligands through sulphur atoms resulting in a CuS_4 chromophore.

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CHAPTER V

REACTION OF MIXED BENZOIC-XANTHIC ANHYDRIDES WITH COPPER(II) CHLORIDE

5.1 INTRODUCTION

The reactions of benzoic-dithiocarbamic anhydrides with iron(III) halides, copper(II) chloride and mercury(II) halides have yielded interesting halogeno-dithiocarbamate complexes^{113,125,199}. In this chapter, we are reporting the results of our studies on the interaction of benzoic-xanthic anhydrides with copper(II) chloride. Eventhough the reactions were tried with other metallic halides, it was only with copper(II) chloride we were able to isolate halogen containing xanthate (carbonodithioate) complexes with a definite stoichiometry. These type of copper(II) complexes containing xanthate and chlorine have not yet been reported in the literature.

5.2 EXPERIMENTAL

Materials:

Details about the reagents used and synthesis of mixed benzoic-xanthic anhydrides are given in Chapter II.

Synthesis:

All the complexes, were prepared by the same general method given below : $\text{CuCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1.7g, 0.01 mole) dissolved in minimum quantity of acetone and the freshly prepared benzoic-xanthic anhydride (slightly greater than 0.015 mole) dissolved in diethyl

ether were mixed. This resulted in a bright green solution. After a certain period of time (approximately 45 minutes), the solution became dark brown and an orange red complex separated out. The complex was filtered off immediately, washed several times with dry diethylether and rapidly dried in vacuum over P_2O_5 .

Characterisation

Details about the characterisation techniques are given in Chapter II.

5.3 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The reaction between copper(II) chloride and benzoic-xanthic anhydride is very interesting and is almost like the clock reactions reported in the literature^{199a}. The outstanding feature of clock reactions is the sudden appearance of a product some time after the initial mixing of reagents. In the present cases, the bright green solution formed after the mixing of the anhydride and cupric chloride becomes dark brown on keeping for a definite period of time (this happens around 45 minutes) with subsequent separation of an orange red compound. If the product is not separated immediately from the reaction medium, it will be contaminated with yellow copper(I) xanthates. In the case of benzoic-ethylxanthic anhydrides or its methyl derivative, separation of a compound takes place only after 14 hours and hence isolation of the complexes without contamination is difficult.

In a few instances, instead of a green solution, a yellow solution was formed and the compounds were not separated even

after keeping the solution for a longer period. The condition for the formation of the green solution seems to depend upon the concentration of the reactants. During the course of the reaction, slow separation of benzoyl chloride, as indicated by its characteristic smell, was also noticed. Similar observations were made during the reaction of benzoic-dithiocarbamic anhydrides with copper(II), iron(III) and mercury(II) chlorides^{113, 125, 199}.

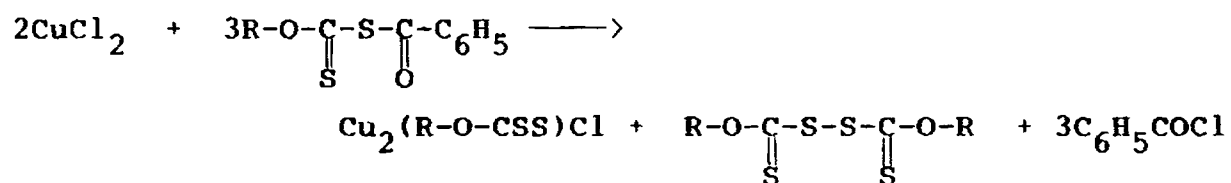
The analytical data (Table 5.1) for carbon, hydrogen, sulphur chlorine, and copper for these complexes establishes the empirical formula to be $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{RXant})\text{Cl}]$ (R= isobutyl, sec-butyl, n-butyl, or isopropyl). The complexes on keeping slowly changes into a black solid. The infrared spectra of the decomposition product showed the absence of the xanthate ligands, and by elemental analysis it was found to have an approximate composition of cupric sulphide.

All the chloro xanthato complexes of copper were found to be insoluble in almost all the solvents like chloroform, nitrobenzene, ethyl alcohol and acetone. Furthermore, the complexes are diamagnetic in nature which suggest a +1 oxidation state for copper atoms in these complexes. Thus, during the formation of the complexes, copper is reduced from the +2 to the +1 oxidation state. Such type of reductions also take place during the reaction of alkali metal carbonodithioates with copper(II) salts²⁰⁰. Another product, dialkyl ester of thioperoxydicarbonic acid (dixanthogen) is also formed during the

Table 5.1 Analytical data of the chloroxanthate complexes of Cu(I)

| Complex | Sulphur(%) Found (Calcd.) | Copper(%) Found (Calcd.) | Chlorine(%) Found (Calcd.) |
|--|--|---|---|
| [Cu ₂ (i-BuXant)Cl] | 20.55 | 40.45 | 11.20 |
| [C ₆ H ₉ ClCu ₂ OS ₂] | (20.56) | (40.76) | (11.36) |
| [Cu ₂ i-PrXant)Cl] | 21.40 | 42.60 | 11.70 |
| [C ₄ H ₇ ClCu ₂ OS ₂] | (21.53) | (42.68) | (11.90) |
| [Cu ₂ n-BuXant)Cl] | 20.50 | 40.36 | 11.25 |
| [C ₅ H ₉ ClCu ₂ OS ₂] | (20.56) | (40.76) | (11.36) |
| [Cu ₂ sec-BuXant)Cl] | 20.52 | 40.58 | 11.32 |
| [C ₅ H ₉ ClCu ₂ OS ₂] | (20.56) | (40.76) | (11.36) |

reaction^{200,201}. Based on these informations, we suggest the following reaction scheme for the formation of the present chloro carbonodithioato complexes of copper(I):

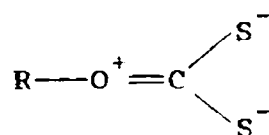


5.3.1 Electronic spectra

The solid state electronic spectra (Table 5.2) of the complexes only show one band in the visible region, which is around 22900 cm^{-1} . This high intensity band may be due to the charge transfer transition.

5.3.2 Infrared spectra

The infrared frequencies of the complexes are presented in the Table 5.3. The assignments given in the table are based on the spectral studies of xanthates by Watt and McCornick.¹⁴⁹ The $\nu\text{C-O}$ and $\nu\text{C-S}$ bands are quite sensitive to the environment, both with regards to the absorption frequency and intensity; hence assignments of these bands are often difficult. The shifts and splittings of the C-O band are observed in the spectra of many xanthate complexes, which suggest that the contribution of the resonance form (I)



(I)

Table 5.2 Electronic spectral data of the chloroxanthate complexes of Cu(I)

| Complex | Absorption maximum cm ⁻¹ | Assignments. |
|----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| [Cu ₂ (i-BuXant)Cl] | 49100 | Intraligand transition. |
| | 44600 | " |
| | 40400 | " |
| | 34700 | " |
| | 22900 | Charge transfer transition. |
| [Cu ₂ (sec-BuXant)Cl] | 49000 | Intraligand transition. |
| | 44500 | " |
| | 40300 | " |
| | 34800 | " |
| | 22000 | Charge transfer transition. |
| [Cu ₂ (i-PrXant)Cl] | 49000 | Intraligand transition. |
| | 44600 | " |
| | 40200 | " |
| | 34700 | " |
| | 22700 | Charge transfer transition. |
| [Cu ₂ (n-BuXant)Cl] | 49000 | Intraligand transition. |
| | 44500 | " |
| | 40200 | " |
| | 34600 | " |
| | 22800 | Charge transfer transition. |

Table 5.3 Infrared spectral data of the chloroxanthate complexes of Cu(I)

| I | II | III | IV | Tentative assignments |
|--------|---------|---------|---------|------------------------|
| 2960 w | 2960 m | 2980 s | 2960 s | $\nu(\text{CH}_3)$ |
| 2920 w | 2920 w | 2920 w | 2920 w | $\nu(\text{CH}_2)$ |
| 2300 m | 2300 m | 2300 m | 2300 w | |
| 1980 w | 1970 w | 1970 m | 1970 w | |
| 1740 m | 1740 m | 1740 m | 1740 m | |
| 1620 m | 1640 w | 1630 m | 1640 vw | |
| 1450 w | 1500 s | 1480 s | 1450 m | $\delta(\text{CH}_3)$ |
| 1370 w | 1370 m | 1370 m | 1370 m | |
| 1210 s | 1200 vs | 1230 w | 1220 m | $\nu\text{C-O}$ |
| 1020 s | 1010 vs | 1080 vs | 1010 vs | $\rho(\text{CH}_3)$ |
| 960 m | 960 vw | 960 m | 960 vw | |
| 850 w | 870 m | 870 m | 870 m | |
| 810 w | 820 vw | 820 m | 820 vw | ρCH_2 |
| 520 s | 551 s | 515 m | 551 s | $\nu\text{C-S}$ |
| 450 w | 470 s | 462 s | 518 s | |
| 425 vw | 410 s | 413 m | 438 s | $\delta(\text{C-O-C})$ |
| 346 s | 340 m | 350 w | 345 m | $\nu\text{Cu-S}$ |
| 306 vw | 315 m | 315 w | 311m | |
| 261 s | 270 m | 266 m | 273s | $\nu\text{Cu-Cl}$ |
| 210 w | 240 m | 235 m | 237 m | |

s = strong; m = medium; w = weak; vw = very weak

I = $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{i-BuXant})\text{Cl}]$ II = $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{i-PrXant})\text{Cl}]$; III = $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{n-BuXant})\text{Cl}]$

IV = $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{sec-BuXant})\text{Cl}]$

is not inconsequential in the xanthate complexes (The contribution of this resonance form is considered as negligible by many workers¹). When contribution of this form is not negligible, two C-O stretching frequencies are observed, one around 1270 cm^{-1} and the other around 1110 cm^{-1} . Relative contribution of this resonance form is determined largely by the electron withdrawing nature of the metal ion. As the copper in the present complexes is in the +1 oxidation state, the contribution of this form will be very little and in such cases only one broad intense band will be observed at a frequency in between that due to C=O and C-O

The spectra of the present complexes exhibit a strong band around 1230 cm^{-1} , which can be assigned to $\nu\text{C-O}$. The medium band formed in the region $500\text{-}560\text{ cm}^{-1}$ can be assigned to C-S stretching frequencies, as these bands vary with regard to absorption frequency¹⁵⁶.

However, the far infrared spectra provide valuable information regarding the nature of the chlorine atoms in the complexes. The copper-chlorine stretching frequencies usually occur in the region $360\text{-}220\text{ cm}^{-1}$; these frequencies should be expected to lie near the upper limit for the terminal chlorine, while they should be near the lower limit for the bridged chlorine^{1,156,202}. The intense band observed around 270 cm^{-1} in the present complexes of copper(I) can be attributed to the bridged chlorine atoms. The medium band around 360 cm^{-1} can be assigned to the Cu-S stretching frequencies.

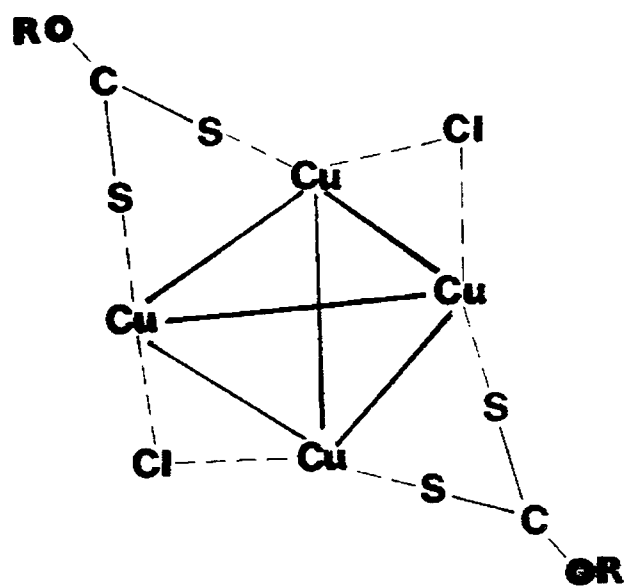


Fig. 5.1 Schematic diagram of the postulated cluster type structure of the chlorocarbonodithioatocopper(I) complex.

The analytical data, the diamagnetic nature and the presence of bridging chlorine may suggest a cluster type structure for these complexes as indicated in Fig. 5.1.

Such instances of copper atoms occupying the four corners of a tetrahedron are known in many cluster type copper(I) complexes^{1,203}. However, the structure of the present copper(I) complexes can be confirmed only through X-ray crystal structure studies, which we could not undertake due to the lack of this facility in our institution.

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CHAPTER VI
REACTION OF MIXED BENZOIC-DITHIOCARBAMIC ANHYDRIDES WITH
MERCURY(II) HALIDES

6.1 INTRODUCTION

Reactions of mixed benzoic-dithiocarbamic anhydrides with iron(III) halides and copper(II) chloride have given interesting halogenodithiocarbamate complexes. This prompted us to carry out the reactions of these anhydrides with mercury(II) halides. From such reactions, we have isolated halogeno dithiocarbamate complexes of mercury(II), $[\text{Hg}(\text{R}_2\text{dtc})\text{X}]$ ($\text{R}_2 = \text{Et}_2$ or Pip; $\text{X} = \text{Cl}, \text{Br}$ or I). A brief report of the synthesis of a similar complex with the composition $[\text{HgCl}(\text{Et}_2\text{dtc})]$ appeared in 1950²⁰⁴. An iododithiocarbamate complex of mercury with a similar empirical formula $\text{HgI}(\text{Et}_2\text{dtc})$, has been reported¹⁷⁹ in 1977. This complex was obtained by the reaction of HgI_2 and Et_4tds . Another complex $[\text{HgI}_2(\text{Et}_4\text{tds})]$ was also formed during the reaction. In this chapter the synthesis and characterisation of these type of complexes are described.

6.2 EXPERIMENTAL

Materials:

Reagents used and the preparation of mixed benzoic-dithiocarbamic anhydrides are described in Chapter II.

Synthesis:

All the complexes were prepared by the same general procedure. A solution of mixed benzoic-dithiocarbamic anhydride (slightly greater than 0.01mole) in acetone (50ml) was slowly added to a solution of mercury(II) halide (0.01mole) in acetone (200ml). The solution was stirred well. The complex separated as a white or cream coloured powder was filtered, washed with ether, and dried in a desiccator over anhydrous calcium chloride.

Characterisation

Details about the characterisation techniques are given in Chapter II.

6.3 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

During the complex formation reaction between mixed benzoic-dithiocarbamic anhydrides and mercury(II) halides the benzoyl part of the mixed benzoic-dithiocarbamic anhydride is removed probably as benzoyl halides. The characteristic smell of benzoyl chloride was noted in the reaction of the anhydrides with mercury(II) chloride. Similar observations have been made during the reaction of mixed benzoic-dithiocarbamic anhydrides with Cu(II) chloride¹²⁵.

The halogeno dithiocarbamate mercury(II) complexes are white or cream coloured powders, which are moderately soluble in benzene, nitrobenzene, acetone, chloroform and carbon tetrachloride and are insoluble in ether. The complexes were found to be pure by TLC analysis using silica gel-G as the static

Table 6.1 Analytical data of the Hg(II) complexes

| Complex | Hg(%) Found (Calcd.) | Halogen(%) Found (Calcd.) | S(%) Found (Calcd.) |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| [Hg(Et ₂ dte)Cl] | 51.60 (52.19) | 9.02 (9.23) | 16.48 (16.69) |
| [Hg(Pipdte)Cl] | 50.20 (50.61) | 8.78 (8.95) | 15.90 (16.18) |
| [Hg(Et ₂ dte)Br] | 46.40 (46.78) | 18.25 (18.64) | 14.55 (14.95) |
| [Hg(Pipdte)Br] | 45.35 (45.51) | 18.00 (18.13) | 14.20 (14.55) |
| [Hg(Et ₂ dte)I] | 41.88 (42.16) | 26.27 (26.67) | 13.18 (13.48) |
| [Hg(Pipdte)I] | 40.75 (41.12) | 25.67 (26.02) | 12.90 (13.15) |

Table 6.2 Molecular weights and electronic spectral data of the Hg(II) complexes

| Complex | Absorption ₋₁ maxima, cm | Molecular weight | |
|-----------------------------|--|------------------|---------------------------|
| | | Found | Calcd. (for a monomer) |
| [Hg(Et ₂ dte)Cl] | 42900 | | |
| | 28800 | 724 | 384 |
| | 24200 | | |
| [Hg(Et ₂ dte)Br] | 43000 | | |
| | 28840 | 800 | 428 |
| | 24250 | | |
| [Hg(Et ₂ dte)I] | 42900 | | |
| | 28900 | 875 | 475.5 |
| | 24300 | | |
| [Hg(Pipdte)Cl] | 43000 | | |
| | 29000 | 740 | 396 |
| | 24300 | | |
| [Hg(Pipdte)Br] | 42900 | | |
| | 29040 | 810 | 440 |
| | 24360 | | |
| [Hg(Pipdte)I] | 43000 | | |
| | 29100 | 940 | 487 |
| | 24380 | | |

Table 6.3 Infrared frequencies (in cm^{-1}) of Hg(II) complexes

| I | II | III | IV | V | VI | Tentative assignments |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------------------------|
| - | - | - | 3500w | 3500w | 3500w | |
| - | - | - | 2975w | 2975w | 2975w | |
| 2900m | 2900m | 2900m | 2900vw | 2900vw | 2900w | |
| - | - | - | 2375w | 2375w | 2375w | |
| 1720m | 1720m | 1725m | - | - | - | |
| 1520s | 1525s | 1525s | 1525s | 1520s | 1520s | |
| 1460s | 1460s | 1465s | 1465s | 1465s | 1460s | $\nu\text{C-N}$ |
| 1375s | 1380s | 1380s | 1380vw | 1380vw | 1370w | |
| 1270w | 1270w | 1270w | 1260s | 1265s | 1260vs | |
| 1245w | 1245m | 1245m | 1240s | 1240s | 1230w | |
| 1140vw | 1145vw | 1145vw | 1120w | 1140m | 1140vw | |
| 1030w | 1025m | 1020m | 1025vw | 1025w | 1020w | $\nu\text{C=S}$ (Band III) |
| 980m | 985m | 985m | 975m | 975m | 980w | $\nu\text{C=S}$ (Band II) |
| 910m | 905m | 910m | 905m | 905m | 905w | νCSS (Band I) |
| 830w | 830w | 830w | 840vw | 840vw | 840w | |
| 535w | 530m | 530m | 535s | 530s | 540w | |
| 330s | 335s | 330s | 340s | 340s | 340s | $\nu\text{M-S}$ |
| 265s | 210s | - | 270s | 210s | - | $\nu\text{M-X}$ |

s = strong; m = medium; w = weak; vw = very weak

I=[Hg(Et₂dtc)Cl]; II=[Hg(Et₂dtc)Br]; III=[Hg(Et₂dtc)I]; IV=[Hg(Pipdtc)Cl];

V=[Hg(Pipdtc)Br]; VI=[Hg(Pipdtc)I].

symmetrically bound bidentate dithiocarbamate ligands and complexes with monodentate dithiocarbamate ligands have appeared in the literature³⁵, and monodentate bonding is associated with a splitting of greater than 20 cm^{-1} between bands II and III²⁰⁵. For the halogenodithiocarbamate complexes of mercury, this splitting is found to be $\sim 40\text{ cm}^{-1}$. The complexes exhibit two $\nu\text{C-N}$ bands: one at $\sim 1460\text{ cm}^{-1}$ and other at $\sim 1520\text{ cm}^{-1}$. Similar observations has been made in the case of tris(diethyldithiocarbamato)nitrosylruthenium(III) for which there is definite proof for the presence of monodentate dithiocarbamate ligand²⁰⁶. The absence of band at $\sim 1460\text{ cm}^{-1}$ has been used to rule out monodentate bonding of the dithiocarbamate ligands in the $[\text{MoNO}(\text{R}_2\text{dtc})_3]$ complexes. All these facts clearly suggest a monodentate bonding of the dithiocarbamate ligand in these complexes.

All the complexes exhibit a strong band around 340 cm^{-1} which can be assigned to the Hg-S stretching frequency^{202, 207}. The chlorodithiocarbamato mercury(II) complexes exhibit a strong band around 260 cm^{-1} which may be due to the terminal Hg-Cl stretching frequency. The stretching frequencies involving bridging chlorine²⁰⁸ should have occurred below 200 cm^{-1} . The bromo complexes also exhibit a band around 210 cm^{-1} which may be due to the terminal Hg-Br vibration. Because of the similarities of the properties of iodo- dithiocarbamato mercury(II) complex and other halogeno dithiocarbamato mercury(II) complexes, a terminal iodine

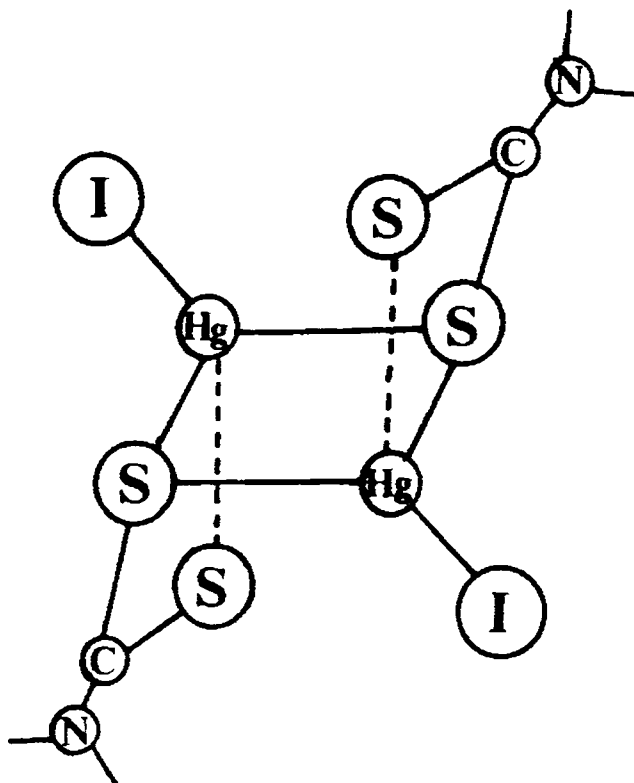


Fig. 6.1 Schematic structure of the $[\text{HgI}(\text{Et}_2\text{dtc})]_2$ complex.

atom is presumed to be present in the iododithiocarbamate mercury(II) complexes also. This could not be verified as we were not able to record spectra below 200 cm^{-1} .

The indications of dimers in benzene and the presence of terminal halogen atom and monodentate dithiocarbamate ligand suggest that the complexes might have a structure similar to that of the iododiethyldithiocarbamate mercury(II) complex reported by Chie Chung¹⁷⁹.

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CHAPTER VII

REACTIONS OF MIXED BENZOIC-DITHIOCARBAMIC ANHYDRIDES WITH COPPER(II) BROMIDE

7.1 INTRODUCTION

A series of bis(dithiocarbamato)- μ -dichlorodicopper(II) complexes have been prepared by reacting mixed benzoic-dithiocarbamic anhydride with copper(II) chloride in acetone¹²⁵. But when this reaction was carried out with copper(II)bromide, analogous bromo complexes with definite stoichiometry were not obtained. It was thought that the solvent acetone has some destabilizing effect on the bromo complexes formed during the reaction. Therefore, the reaction was carried out in other solvents. While investigating the reaction in diethylether, we were able to isolate an interesting series of complexes in which copper atoms exist in +2 and +3 oxidation state. In this chapter the synthesis and characterisation of these complexes are described.

7.2 EXPERIMENTAL

Materials:

Details about the reagents used and preparation of mixed benzoic-dithiocarbamic anhydrides are given in chapter II. All the other reagents used were of Analar grade purity.

Synthesis:

All the complexes were prepared by the same general method given below:

Anhydrous CuBr_2 (1.1g, 0.005 mole) and the appropriate freshly recrystallised benzoic dithiocarbamic anhydride (0.006 mole), both dissolved in minimum quantity of diethylether, were mixed with stirring. An immediate complex formation was observed. The black crystalline complex was filtered off and washed with diethylether and dried in vacuum over P_2O_5 .

Characterisation:

Details about the characterisation techniques are given in Chapter II.

7.3 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

All the complexes are black crystalline solids. They are quite stable in dry atmosphere. They are insoluble in non-polar solvents like chloroform, diethylether and carbon tetrachloride, but have moderate solubility in acetone, acetonitrile, nitrobenzene, DMF and DMSO. Analytical data (*vide* Table 7.1) for copper, bromine, nitrogen and sulphur established the general empirical formulae of the complexes to be $[\text{Cu}_5(\text{R}_2\text{dtc})_6\text{Br}_6]$ ($\text{R}_2 = \text{Me}_2, \text{Et}_2, \text{Pip}$ or Morph).

Analytical data, conductance and magnetic measurements and infrared and electronic spectral data furnish enough clues to suggest that the copper atoms in the present complexes are in a mixed oxidation state of +2 and +3, and also that the complexes contain two units of copper(III) dithiocarbamate and one unit of copper(II) dithiocarbamate and $\text{Cu}_2\text{Br}_6^{2-}$ species. The molecular formulae of the complexes may be shown as $[\text{Cu}_3(\text{R}_2\text{dtc})_6]^{2+}[\text{Cu}_2\text{Br}_6]^{2-}$. A similar type of complex

TABLE 7.1 Analytical data of the mixed oxidation state complexes of copper

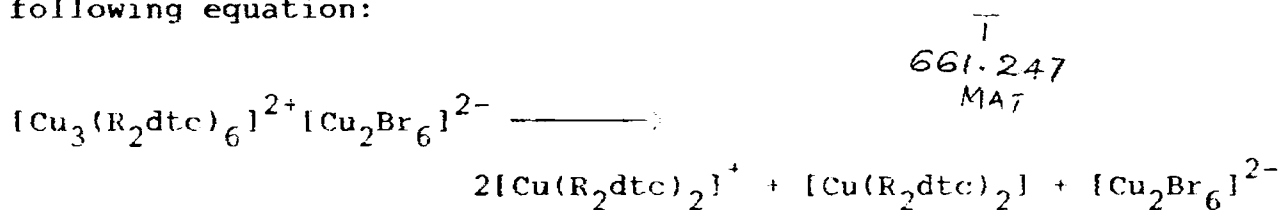
| Complex (Empirical formula) | C(%) Found (Calc.) | H(%) Found (Calc.) | N(%) Found (Calc.) | Cu(%) Found (Calc.) | Br(%) Found (Calc.) | S(%) Found (Calc.) |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| $[\text{Cu}_3(\text{Et}_2\text{dtc})_6]\text{Cu}_2\text{Br}_6$ $[\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{60}\text{Br}_6\text{Cu}_5\text{N}_6\text{S}_{12}]$ | 21.26 (21.36) | 3.48 (3.59) | 4.92 (4.98) | 18.70 (18.84) | 28.35 (28.42) | 22.75 (22.81) |
| $[\text{Cu}_3(\text{Pipdtc})_6]\text{Cu}_2\text{Br}_6$ $[\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{60}\text{Br}_6\text{Cu}_5\text{N}_6\text{S}_{12}]$ | 24.48 (24.58) | 3.35 (3.44) | 4.73 (4.78) | 18.00 (18.07) | 27.19 (27.26) | 21.82 (21.87) |
| $[\text{Cu}_3(\text{Pyrrdtc})_6]\text{Cu}_2\text{Br}_6$ $[\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{48}\text{Br}_6\text{Cu}_5\text{N}_6\text{S}_{12}]$ | 21.44 (21.52) | 2.77 (2.89) | 4.98 (5.02) | 18.85 (18.97) | 28.58 (28.63) | 22.92 (22.97) |
| $[\text{Cu}_3(\text{Morphdtc})_6]\text{Cu}_2\text{Br}_6$ $[\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{48}\text{Br}_6\text{Cu}_5\text{N}_6\text{O}_6\text{S}_{12}]$ | 20.28 (20.35) | 2.69 (2.73) | 4.68 (4.75) | 17.85 (17.94) | 27.01 (27.08) | 21.68 (21.73) |

$[\text{Cu}_3(\text{Bu}_2\text{dtc})_6]^{2+}[\text{Cd}_2\text{Br}_6]^{2-}$ was synthesised by Cras et al¹⁴⁰. by the reaction of $\text{Cu}(\text{n-Bu}_2\text{dtc})_2$ with CdBr_2 and Br_2 in stoichiometric amounts. The X-ray crystal study of the complex has also been reported. This compound contains copper(II) dithiocarbamate unit sandwiched between two copper(III) dithiocarbamate units with sulfur bridging between the copper atoms as shown in the Fig. 7.1.

7.3.1 Electrical conductance

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The molar conductance values for 10^{-3}M solution of 1:1 electrolyte in nitrobenzene are in the range $25-30 \text{ ohm}^{-1} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ mole}^{-1}$; while those for 2:1 electrolytes are in the range $50-65 \text{ ohm}^{-1} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ mole}^{-1}$. All the present complexes show a conductance value around $60 \text{ ohm}^{-1} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ mole}^{-1}$, which suggests that the complexes acts as 2:1 electrolytes in nitrobenzene. The observed conductance may be due to the dissociation of the complex into two Cu(III) dithiocarbamate ions, one molecule of Cu(II) dithiocarbamate and one $[\text{Cu}_2\text{Br}_6]^{2-}$ ion, as indicated in the following equation:



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Similar type of dissociation has been observed in the case of the complex, $[\text{Cu}_3(\text{Bu}_2\text{dtc})_6]^{2+}[\text{Cd}_2\text{Br}_6]^{2-}$.

7.3.2 Magnetic measurements

All the complexes have a μ_{eff} value of about 2.3 BM (Table 7.2). In order to get the contribution due to $[\text{Cu}_2\text{Br}_6]^{2-}$ unit, we

Table 7.2 Magnetic susceptibilities and magnetic moments of the mixed oxidation state complexes of copper

| Complex | $\chi_M \times 10^6$ ($\text{cm}^3 \text{mole}^{-1}$) | $-\chi_D \times 10^6$ ($\text{cm}^3 \text{mole}^{-1}$) | $\chi_M' \times 10^6$ ($\text{cm}^3 \text{mole}^{-1}$) | $\mu_{\text{eff.}}$ in BM at $28 \pm 2^\circ \text{C}$ |
|--|--|---|---|---|
| $[\text{Cu}_3(\text{Et}_2\text{dtc})_6][\text{Cu}_2\text{Br}_6]$ | 1375 | 811 | 2186 | 2.3 |
| $[\text{Cu}_3(\text{Pipdtc})_6][\text{Cu}_2\text{Br}_6]$ | 1617 | 763 | 2380 | 2.4 |
| $[\text{Cu}_3(\text{Pyrrdtc})_6][\text{Cu}_2\text{Br}_6]$ | 1614 | 776 | 2390 | 2.4 |
| $[\text{Cu}_3(\text{Morphdtc})_6][\text{Cu}_2\text{Br}_6]$ | 1400 | 780 | 2180 | 2.3 |
| $(\text{IPA})_2[\text{Cu}_2\text{Br}_6]$ | 333 | 327 | 660 | 1.3 |

χ_M = Molar susceptibility χ_M' = Corrected molar susceptibility

χ_D = Diamagnetic susceptibility

have synthesised $[(IPA)_2]^{2+}[Cu_2Br_6]^{2-}$ by the reaction of stoichiometric quantities of IPABr with $CuBr_2$ in alcohol ²¹⁰ (where IPA= isopropyl ammonium cation) and measured its χ_M value at room temperature. The χ_M value of this compound was found to be $660 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ mole}^{-1}$. Assuming nonmagnetic interaction between the cationic species, $[Cu_3(R_2dtc)_6]^{2+}$ and its anionic species $[Cu_2Br_6]^{2-}$, the χ_M values due to $[Cu_2Br_6]^{2-}$ species was subtracted from the χ_M value of the complexes. This gives a magnetic moment of 1.9 BM, which suggests the presence of only one unpaired electron in the cationic species $[Cu_3(dtc)_6]^{2+}$. This further indicates that out of the three copper atoms in the cationic species only one copper atom is in the +2 oxidation state and the other two are in the +3 oxidation state. A close similarity is seen in the magnetic moment value of the $[Cu_3(Bu_2dtc)_6]^{2+}[Cd_2Br_6]^{2-}$ (1.9 BM) and the corrected value for the cationic species of the present complexes suggesting similar structures for the cationic species of both the complexes.

7.3.3 Electronic spectra

The electronic spectral bands (solid state) and their assignments are given in the Table 7.3. As a low energy band is absent in the spectra of the complexes the possibility of tetrahedral structure can be excluded. The complexes show a charge transfer band around 22500 cm^{-1} . This indicates the presence of copper(II) dithiocarbamate unit in the present complexes as this band is observed in all the copper(II) dithiocarbamate complexes. Further, the complexes show a band

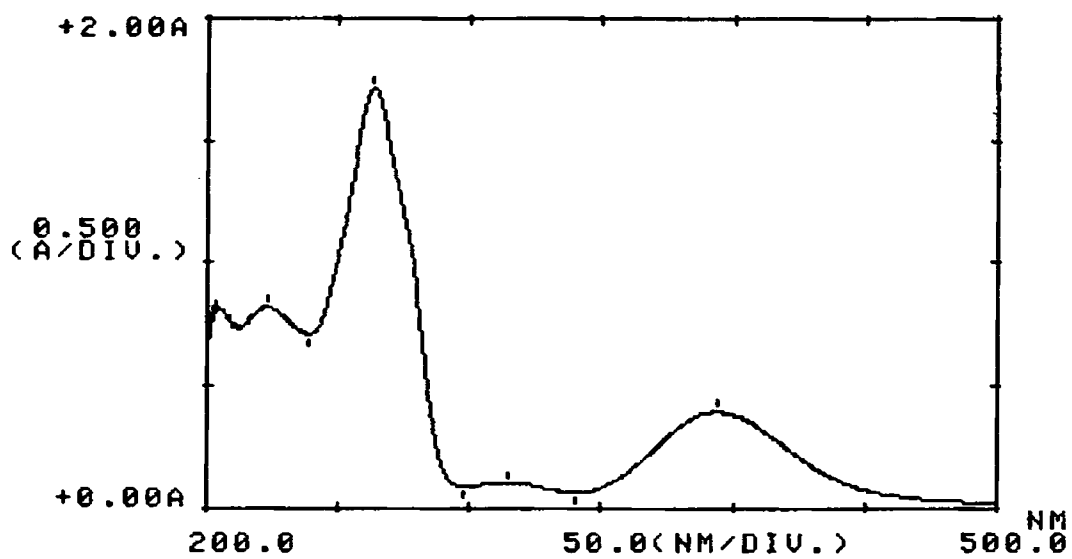


Fig. 7.1 Electronic spectra of $[\text{Cu}_3(\text{Pipdte})_6][\text{Cu}_2\text{Br}_6]$.
(200-500 nm)

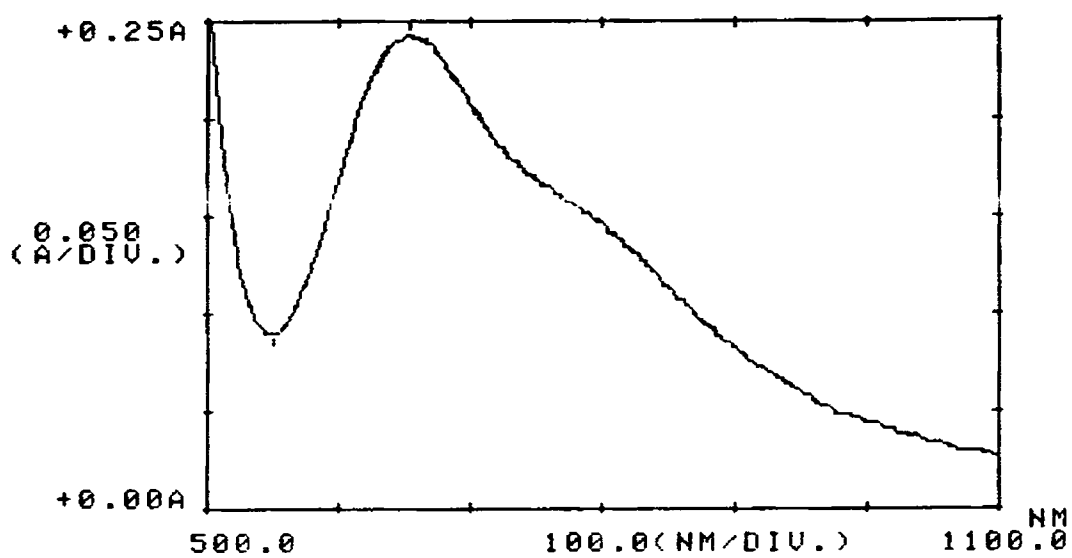


Fig. 7.2 Electronic spectra of $[\text{Cu}_3(\text{Pipdte})_6][\text{Cu}_2\text{Br}_6]$.
(500-1100 nm)

Table 7.3 Molar conductance and electronic spectral data of the complexes

| Complex | Molar conductance in nitrobenzene* $\text{ohm}^{-1} \text{cm}^2 \text{mole}^{-1}$ | Solid state electronic spectra Absorption maxima, cm^{-1} |
|--|---|---|
| $[\text{Cu}_3(\text{Et}_2\text{dte})_6][\text{Cu}_2\text{Br}_6]$ | 60 | 13700, 19000, 22700, 36400 |
| $[\text{Cu}_3(\text{Pipdte})_6][\text{Cu}_2\text{Br}_6]$ | 65 | 13900, 19000, 23000, 36500 |
| $[\text{Cu}_3(\text{Pyrrdte})_6][\text{Cu}_2\text{Br}_6]$ | 62 | 14700, 19000, 23300, 39000 |
| $[\text{Cu}_3(\text{Morphdte})_6][\text{Cu}_2\text{Br}_6]$ | 60 | 14300, 19000, 22000, 37000 |

* Concentration = 10^{-3} mole lit.⁻¹

around 26000 cm^{-1} and a band around 14000 cm^{-1} which are exhibited more or less in these positions by $[\text{Ni}(\text{R}_2\text{dtc})_2]$ and $[\text{Cu}(\text{R}_2\text{dtc})_2]^+$. As Ni(II) is isoelectronic with Cu(III), these bands might have originated from the copper(III) dithiocarbamate unit. Further Ni(II) dithiocarbamates have square planar structures and hence the same stereochemistry can be assigned for copper(III) dithiocarbamate units. The band around 14000 cm^{-1} can be assigned to a ${}^1\text{A}_{1g} \longrightarrow {}^1\text{B}_{1g}$ transition. Furthermore, the complexes also show a shoulder band around 19000 cm^{-1} . This might be due to $[\text{Cu}_2\text{Br}_6]^{2-}$ species in the complexes as this band is observed almost at the same position in the electronic spectra of the complex, $(\text{IPA})_2\text{Cu}_2\text{Br}_6^{2-}$.

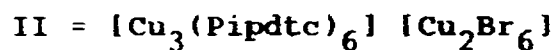
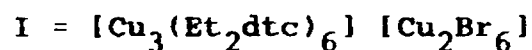
7.3.4 Infrared spectra

The infrared spectral bands and the assignments of the relevant bands are given in Table 7.4. The most important criterion for a copper dithiocarbamate complex in mixed oxidation state is the presence of two C-N and two Cu-S stretching frequencies in the infrared spectrum of the complexes. In the spectra of the present complexes, two bands due to C-N stretching frequencies are observed, one around 1500 cm^{-1} and the other around 1540 cm^{-1} . This suggests the presence of copper(II) dithiocarbamate and copper(III) dithiocarbamate units in the complexes, as the 1500 cm^{-1} band is observed in the spectra of copper(II) dithiocarbamates and the 1500 cm^{-1} band is observed for the copper(III) dithiocarbamates. It is also observed that the intensity of the band around 1540 cm^{-1} is almost twice that of the

Table 7.4 Infrared spectral data of the mixed oxidation state complex of copper (in cm^{-1})

| I | II | III | IV | Tentative assignments of the more relevant bands |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|
| 2960w | 2920w | 2955w | 2960w | |
| 2920w | 2840w | 2920w | 2925w | |
| 2300w | 2310w | 2320w | 2300w | |
| 1540s | 1545s | 1540s | 1540w | $\nu\text{C-N}$ of the Cu(III) unit |
| 1500m | 1480s | 1470m | 1500m | $\nu\text{C-N}$ of the Cu(II) unit |
| 1430m | 1440s | 1440m | 1430m | |
| 1380w | 1340m | 1380w | 1380w | |
| 1350w | 1345m | 1340w | 1355w | |
| 1290m | 1290m | 1290m | 1285m | |
| 1260s | 1265m | 1270s | 1260s | |
| 1240s | 1235m | 1230s | 1250s | |
| 1210w | 1200s | 1210w | 1210w | |
| 1165w | 1165w | 1170w | 1165w | |
| 1100s | 1110s | 1100s | 1110s | |

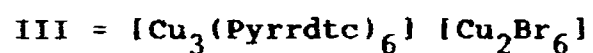
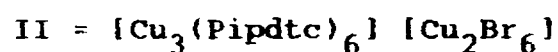
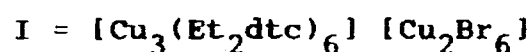
v = strong; m = medium w = weak



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| I | II | III | IV | Tentative assignments of the more relevant bands |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|---|
| 1050m | 1045m | 1055m | 1045s | |
| 1020s | 1010s | 1025s | 1025s | ν CSS |
| 995w | 990w | 990w | 995w | |
| 965w | 970w | 970w | 965w | |
| 875m | 880m | 880w | 880m | |
| 815w | 810w | 810m | 820w | |
| 700m | 675m | 700m | 710m | |
| 650w | 660w | 650w | 650w | |
| 530s | 525s | 530s | 520s | |
| 440w | 450w | 430w | 440w | |
| 390s | 390s | 395s | 400s | ν Cu-S of the Cu(III) unit |
| 340s | 340s | 340s | 335s | ν Cu-S of the Cu(II) unit |
| 305m | 310w | 305m | 310w | |
| 290m | 295m | 290w | 290w | |
| 260w | 265m | 269w | 260w | |

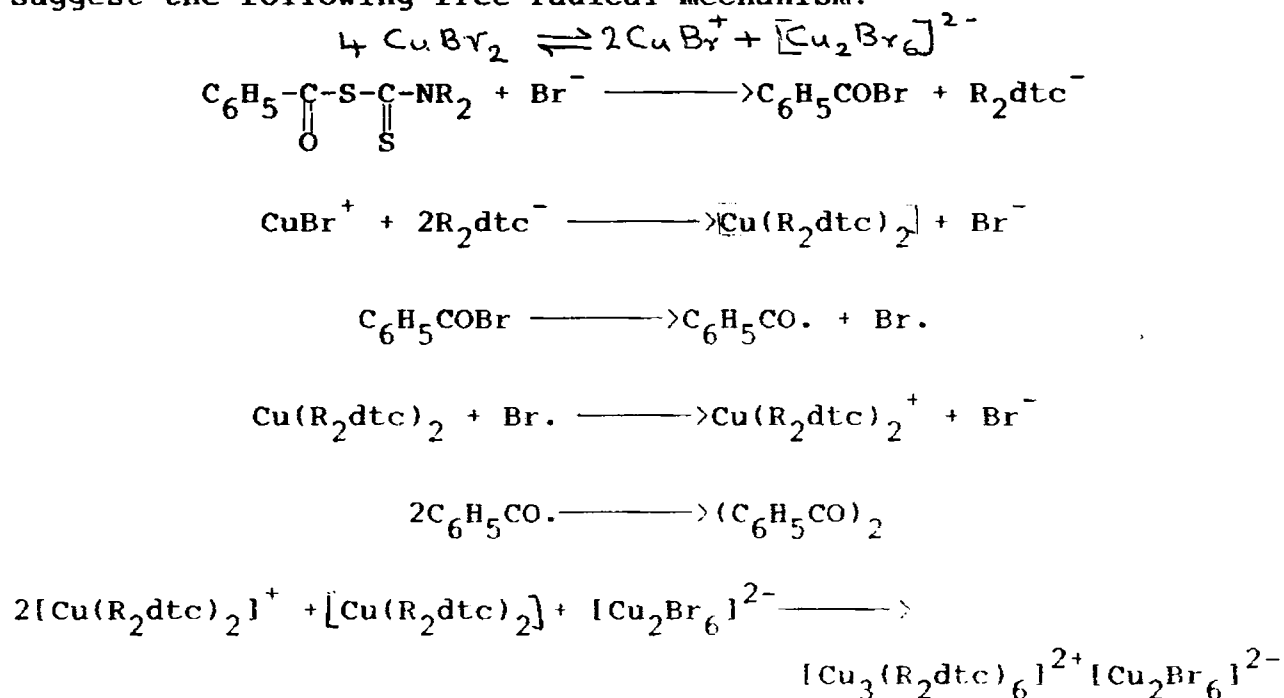
v = strong; m = medium w = weak



band at 1500 cm^{-1} , which suggests that there are two copper(III) dithiocarbamate units and one copper(II) dithiocarbamate unit. The complexes exhibit the Cu-S stretching frequency due to the copper(II) dithiocarbamate at 360 cm^{-1} and that due to copper(III) dithiocarbamate at 410 cm^{-1} . Intensity relationship observed for $\nu\text{C-N}$ is also seen in the case of $\nu\text{Cu-S}$: The intensity of the band at 410 cm^{-1} is almost twice as that of the band at 360 cm^{-1} . This further confirms the presence of two copper(III) units and one copper(II) unit.

Mechanism of formation of the complexes

Mixed valence complexes are usually found in systems involving free radicals. So in the formation of these complexes, the involvement of free radicals are expected. The mechanism for the formation of the complexes is not very clear. However we suggest the following free radical mechanism:



Conclusion

Based on the above discussions a structure similar to the $[\text{Cu}_3(\text{Bu}_2\text{dte})_6]^{2+}[\text{Cd}_2\text{Br}_6]^{2-}$ can be assigned to the present complexes. A schematic diagram of the cationic species of this complex is given in the Fig. 1.2.

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CHAPTER VIII

REACTION OF THIONYL CHLORIDE WITH BIS(DITHIOCARBAMATO)COPPER(II) COMPLEXES

8.1 INTRODUCTION

The synthesis and properties of a copper(III) complex, $[\text{CuBr}_2(\text{Bu}_2\text{dtc})]$, has been reported earlier by Beurskens ¹³⁵ *et al.* The crystal structure of this complex shows a planar four coordination of the copper atom. Analogous chloro complexes were also reported. These copper(III) dithiocarbamato complexes are prepared by reaction of bromine or chlorine with either copper(II) or copper(I) dithiocarbamates. While investigating the reaction of thionyl chloride with copper(II) dithiocarbamates, we have found a simple and alternative route to the chloro dithiocarbamato complexes of copper(III). In this chapter, our studies on the synthesis and characterisation of these copper(III) complexes are described.

8.2 EXPERIMENTAL

Materials:

Details about the reagents and preparation of sodium dithiocarbamates are given in Chapter II.

Synthesis

All the complexes were prepared by the same general method given below:

Sodium salt of dithiocarbamate (0.02 mole- 0.36g of $\text{Na}^+\text{Et}_2\text{dthc}^-$; 0.35g of $\text{Na}^+\text{Pipdthc}^-$; 0.32g of $\text{Na}^+\text{Pydthc}^-$ or 0.35g of Morphdthc^-) was dissolved in 100 ml water. Copper sulphate pentahydrate (0.01 mole; 0.25 g.) was dissolved in 50 ml water and this was added to the ligand solution with constant stirring. The copper(II) dithiocarbamate formed is extracted into the benzene layer by shaking with 50 ml portions of benzene in a separating funnel. The extracts were collected and was dried using anhydrous sodium sulphate. Thionylchloride in carbon tetrachloride was added drop by drop into the benzene solution with vigorous stirring. The dark brown colour of the solution changes gradually into red with immediate separation of a red complex. The complex formed was filtered, washed several times with carbon tetrachloride.

Characterisation

Details about the characterisation techniques are given in Chapter II.

8.3 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

When thionyl chloride was added to a saturated solution of bis(dithiocarbamate)copper(II) complex in benzene a red complex was immediately precipitated out. The complexes decompose on exposure to moisture. However the compounds when kept in dry condition are very stable. In the presence of polar solvents such as acetone or ethanol, these compounds are readily decomposed to

form the corresponding copper(II) dithiocarbamates.

Analytical data for copper, chlorine, nitrogen and sulphur, as summarised in Table 8.1, established the general empirical formulae of the complexes to be $[\text{Cu}(\text{R}_2\text{dtc})\text{Cl}_2]$ ($\text{R}=\text{Et}_2$, Pip, Morph or Pyrr). The complexes are insoluble in almost all solvents. Therefore molar conductance values could not be determined.

8.3.1 Magnetic measurements

The molecular formula of the complexes suggest that the complexes are in the +3 oxidation state, and hence are of d^8 ions. The complexes of d^8 having square planar structure are usually diamagnetic. All the present complexes might have square planar structure, as they are diamagnetic. The small amount of residual paramagnetism (~ 0.4 BM) could be due to the temperature independent paramagnetism. Such residual paramagnetism is observed in the square planar nickel(II) dithiocarbamate complexes. The complexes, therefore, must be in the +3 oxidation state.

8.3.2 Electronic Spectra

The electronic spectral data of these complexes are given in Table 8.2. The complexes exhibit bands around 14600 cm^{-1} , 27000 cm^{-1} and 27000 cm^{-1} . Thus the spectra of the present copper(III) complexes almost resemble those of the red coloured square planar Ni(II) complexes like $[\text{CuCl}_2(\text{Bu}_2\text{dtc})]$, $[\text{CuBr}_2(\text{Bu}_2\text{dtc})_2]$ etc. ¹⁹⁴ The band at 14600 cm^{-1} may be assigned to ${}^1A_{1g} \longrightarrow {}^1B_{1g}$ transition.

Table 8.1 Analytical data of the Cu(III) complexes

| Complex | N(%) Found (Calc.) | Cu(%) Found (Calc.) | Cl(%) Found (Calc.) | S(%) Found (Calc.) |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| [Cu(Et ₂ dtc)Cl ₂] | 4.80 | 22.42 | 28.15 | 22.58 |
| [C ₅ H ₁₀ Cl ₂ CuNS ₂] | (4.95) | (22.48) | (28.27) | (22.68) |
| [Cu(Pipdtc)Cl ₂] | 4.68 | 21.50 | 24.02 | 21.66 |
| [C ₆ H ₁₀ Cl ₂ CuNS ₂] | (4.75) | (21.56) | (24.06) | (21.76) |
| [Cu(Pyrrdtc)Cl ₂] | 4.89 | 22.58 | 25.18 | 22.74 |
| [C ₅ H ₈ Cl ₂ CuNS ₂] | (4.99) | (22.64) | (25.26) | (22.84) |
| [Cu(Morphdtc)Cl ₂] | 4.67 | 21.36 | 23.75 | 21.56 |
| [C ₅ H ₈ Cl ₂ CuNOS ₂] | (4.72) | (21.42) | (23.90) | (21.61) |

Table 8.2 Magnetic and electronic spectral data of the Cu(III) complexes.

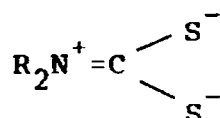
| Complex. | Absorption maximum cm ⁻¹ | Assignments | $\mu_{\text{eff.}}$ in BM |
|---|--|---|------------------------------|
| [Cu(Et ₂ dtc)Cl ₂] | 43300 | Intraligand transition | 0.5 |
| | 27200 | Charge transfer transition | |
| | 14600 | ${}^1A_{1g} \longrightarrow {}^1B_{1g}$ | |
| [Cu(Pipdte)Cl ₂] | 43200 | Intraligand transition | 0.4 |
| | 27200 | Charge transfer transition | |
| | 14600 | ${}^1A_{1g} \longrightarrow {}^1B_{1g}$ | |
| [Cu(Morphdte)Cl ₂] | 43200 | Intraligand transition | 0.4 |
| | 27200 | Charge transfer transition | |
| | 14700 | ${}^1A_{1g} \longrightarrow {}^1B_{1g}$ | |
| [Cu(Pyrrdte)Cl ₂] | 43300 | Intraligand transition | 0.4 |
| | 27200 | Charge transfer transition | |
| | 14600 | ${}^1A_{1g} \longrightarrow {}^1B_{1g}$ | |

The band at $\sim 27000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ is apparently due to charge transfer transitions and the band at $\sim 43200 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ can be attributed to the electronic transitions within the ligand.¹³⁵

8.3.3 Infrared Spectra

Infrared spectral data of the complexes and its tentative assignments of the relevant bands are presented in Table 8.3.

On comparing the spectrum of dichlorocomplexes with its corresponding dithiocarbamate complexes, significant deviations are found in the C-N stretching frequencies. They occur around 1580 cm^{-1} in the chloro complexes, while they are around 1500 cm^{-1} in the copper(II) dithiocarbamates. In dithiocarbamate complexes, the presence of C-N stretching frequency around 1500 cm^{-1} is accepted as arising from a polar structure as given below,



and the contribution of this resonance form will be increased in the complexes with higher C-N stretching frequencies. Thus, the dichloro complexes, which show the C-N stretching frequencies around 1580 cm^{-1} , can be thought to have much higher contribution of this resonance form than that in the copper(II) dithiocarbamates.

The special feature of the dithiocarbamate ligand is an additional π electron flow from the nitrogen atom to the sulphur

Table 8.3 Infrared frequencies of copper(III) dithiocarbamate complexes

| [Cu(Et ₂ dtc)Cl ₂] | [Cu(Pipdte)Cl ₂] | [Cu(Pyrrdte)Cl ₂] | [Cu(Morphdte)Cl ₂] | Tentative assignments |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 3220w | 3260w | 3240w | 3580w | |
| 2980w | 2940w | 2960w | 2920w | |
| 1630w | 1640w | 1640w | 1610w | |
| 1585m | 1585m | 1580m | 1580m | νC=N |
| 1460s | - | - | 1520m | |
| 1440s | 1440vs | 1430vs | 1435vs | |
| 1380m | - | - | 1380vw | |
| 1350w | 1350m | 1340w | 1340w | |
| 1260m | 1270w | 1255w | 1260m | νC-N |
| 1210m | 1230w | 1235w | 1240m | |
| 1100w | 1120vw | 1160sh | 1160s | |
| 1080w | 1080w | 1090w | 1100m | |
| 1005w | 1010w | 990w | 1020w | |
| - | 960w | 970vw | 970m | ν _a C-S |
| 920w | 940w | 935vw | 885w | |
| - | 870vw | 880vw | 875w | |
| 855w | 850m | 850w | 850w | |
| 730vw | 710m | 705w | 720m | |
| 605w | 610s | 600w | 590m | |

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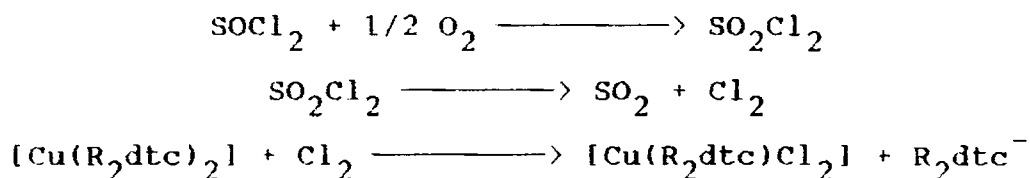
| [Cu(Et ₂ dte)Cl ₂] | [Cu(Pipdte)Cl ₂] | [Cu(Pyrrdte)Cl ₂] | [Cu(Morphdte)Cl ₂] | Tentative assignments |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 580m | 560w | 555w | 550w | |
| 500m | 520m | 515vw | 520m | |
| 460w | 470w | 465vw | 470vw | |
| 400s | 405s | 400s | 410s | νCu-S |
| 310s | 305s | 310m | 305m | νCu-Cl |
| 280w | 295w | 290w | 280w | |
| 260w | 255w | 250w | 265w | |
| 225w | 220w | 220w | 220w | |

atoms via a planar delocalised π orbital system. The net effect is a strong electron donation, resulting in a high electron density on the metal. The stability of the complexes is possible because of the high oxidation state of copper and also because of the presence of electron withdrawing chlorine ligands.

The far IR spectra of the complexes have been studied and the spectral data are presented in Table 8.3. The strong band seen around 310 cm^{-1} in the spectra of the present complexes may be due to Cu-Cl stretching vibration. The Cu-S stretching frequencies were observed around 400 cm^{-1} in all the present Cu(III) complexes where as this band is observed around 360 cm^{-1} in copper(II) complexes. This suggests that Cu-S bond has greater strength in the chloro complex. The increase in bond strength can be explained on the basis of M.O. scheme set up from the E.S.R. spectroscopic studies of $[\text{Cu}(\text{Et}_2\text{dtc})_2]$. The studies indicated the unpaired electron to be situated in an antibonding σ orbital, which is mainly composed of the metal and sulphur orbitals. Upon the oxidation of $\text{Cu}(\text{R}_2\text{dtc})_2$ to $[\text{Cu}(\text{R}_2\text{dtc})\text{Cl}_2]$ this electron will be removed causing in an increase in Cu-S bond strength.

In the earlier preparations, chlorine gas was used for the oxidation of $[\text{Cu}(\text{dtc})_2]$ to $[\text{Cu}(\text{dtc})\text{Cl}_2]$. Eventhough thionylchloride is used in the present preparations, it appears that, here also chlorine is acting as the oxidising agent. Chlorine might have formed in the reaction medium by the interaction of thionyl chloride with oxygen of the atmosphere. We propose the following reaction scheme for the formation of the

present copper(III) dithiocarbamato complexes:



Cases of thionylchloride acting as chlorinating agent are already known. The involvement of oxygen in such reactions has been noted by Pillai and Bhatt²¹¹ in the chlorination of quinoxaline systems using thionyl chloride.

In the preparation of $[\text{Cu}(\text{dte})\text{Cl}_2]$ using chlorine gas, if correct stoichiometry is not maintained, chances of forming other types of complexes like $[\text{CuCl}_3(\text{R}_2\text{dte})]$ in which copper has a final oxidation state of IV are also there. Where as the preparation of using thionyl chloride, $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{dte})\text{Cl}_2]$ complexes in good purity are obtained, even if the reactants are not added in the correct stoichiometric quantities. This might probably due to the slow release of chlorine during the reaction.' Thus the present method appears to be a simple and more convenient alternative route to the dithiocarbamato copper (II) complexes.

SUMMARY

The thesis deals with the synthesis and characterization of some metal complexes of 1,1-dithio ligands such as dithiocarbamates, xanthates and 2-aminocyclopent-1-ene-1-dithiocarboxylate (ACDA) and its N-alkyl derivatives.

The thesis is divided into eight chapters. Chapter I presents a general discussion on the metal complexes of 1,1-dithio chelate ligands. Scope of the present investigation is also described in this chapter. Chapter II gives detailed information concerning the actual experimental work.

Chapter III deals with the synthesis and magnetic and spectral behaviour of the isopropylaminocyclopent-1-enedithiocarboxylate (i-PrACDA) complexes of Cr(III), Mn(III), Fe(III), Co(III), Ni(II) and Cu(I). The empirical formulae of the complexes agree with $[M(i-PrACDA)_3]$ for the chromium, manganese, iron and cobalt complexes, $[Ni(i-PrACDA)]$ for the nickel complex and $[Cu(i-PrACDA)]$ for the copper complex. The complexes, except the copper complex, have moderate solubility in nonpolar solvents. The low solubility indicates a polymeric structure for the copper complex. The present complexes are found to be more soluble than the corresponding complexes formed by ACDA. The complexes behave as nonelectrolytes in nitrobenzene. Electronic spectra and magnetic behaviour suggest that the complexes of Cr(III), Mn(III), Fe(III), Co(III) are octahedral complexes and that of Ni(II) is square planar. Infrared and NMR studies revealed that the nitrogen atom of i-PrACDA is not involved in bonding. The

properties of the present complexes are similar to that of the dithiobenzoates and xanthates.

Chapter IV is a discussion on the synthesis and characterisation of some new mixed ligand complexes containing dithiocarbamate and ACDA ligands. Five complexes have been synthesised by reacting bis(dithiocarbamato)- μ -dichloro dicopper(II) complexes with ACDA and its N-alkyl derivatives. They are $[\text{Cu}(\text{Me}_2\text{dtc})(\text{ACDA})]$, $[\text{Cu}(\text{Pipdtc})(n\text{-BuACDA})]$, $[\text{Cu}(\text{Pipdtc})(i\text{-PrACDA})]$, $[\text{Cu}(\text{Morphdtc})(i\text{-PrACDA})]$ and $[\text{Cu}(\text{Morphdtc})(n\text{-BuACDA})]$. All the complexes are red in colour. The complexes have μ_{eff} values around 1.9 BM and behave as non-electrolytes in nitrobenzene. ESR, IR and electronic spectra of the complexes have been studied, and the spectral data suggest that the present mixed ligand complexes have structures similar to that of simple dithiocarbamate complexes.

In Chapter V, details about the isolation and characterisation of some chloroxanthato complexes of copper(I) are described. The complexes were synthesised by reacting mixed benzoic-xanthic anhydride with CuCl_2 in acetone. These reactions appear to behave like the clock reactions. The complexes have the general empirical formula, $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{RXant})\text{Cl}]$ ($\text{R}=i\text{-Bu}$, sec-Bu , $n\text{-Bu}$ or $i\text{-Pr}$). The complexes are insoluble in almost all solvents indicating a polymeric structure for these complexes. The complexes are diamagnetic in nature. The far IR spectra indicate that the chlorine in these complexes acts as a bridging ligand. A cluster type structure has been suggested for these complexes.

Chapter VI deals with the characterisation of the complexes isolated from the reaction of mixed benzoic-dithiocarbamic anhydrides with mercury(II) halides. The complexes are of the type, $[\text{HgX}(\text{R}_2\text{dtc})]$ ($\text{R}_2 = \text{Et}_2$ or Pip, $\text{X} = \text{Cl}$, Br or I). The complexes are non-electrolytes in nitrobenzene. They are found to be dimeric in benzene solution. The IR spectra of the complexes indicate monodentate bonding for the dithiocarbamate ligand and absence of halogen bridges. Analytical and spectral studies, in these cases revealed that the structure of these complexes is similar to that of the reported dimeric complex, $[\text{HgI}(\text{Et}_2\text{dtc})]_2$: This complex has terminal iodine atoms and two mercury(II) ions bridged by unidentate Et_2dtc ligand, and was obtained by reacting tetraethylthiuram disulphide with HgI_2 .

Synthesis and characterisation of the complex isolated from the reactions of mixed benzoic-dithiocarbamic anhydrides with copper(II) bromide are presented in Chapter VII. The complexes are insoluble in solvents like chloroform, diethylether and carbon tetrachloride; but, they have moderate solubilities in acetone, methanol and nitrobenzene. The complexes are 2:1 electrolytes in nitrobenzene. The complexes are of the type, $[\text{Cu}_3(\text{R}_2\text{dtc})_6]^{2+}[\text{Cu}_2\text{Br}_6]^{2-}$ ($\text{R}_2 = \text{Me}_2$, Et_2 , Pip or Morph). Analytical data, conductance and magnetic measurements and infrared and electronic spectral data furnish enough clues to suggest that the copper atoms in these complexes are in a mixed oxidation state of +2 and +3, and also that complexes contain two units of Cu(III) dithiocarbamates and one unit of Cu(II) dithiocarbamate. A

similar type of complex $[\text{Cu}_3(\text{Bu}_2\text{dtc})_6]^{2+}[\text{Cd}_2\text{Br}_6]^{2-}$ was synthesised by Cras *et al.*¹⁴⁰ by the reaction of $[\text{Cu}(\text{n-Bu}_2\text{dtc})_2]$ with CdBr_2 and Br_2 in stoichiometric amounts.

Chapter VIII deals with the synthesis and characterisation of complexes formed by the reaction of thionyl chloride with $[\text{Cu}(\text{R}_2\text{dtc})_2]$ complexes. The complexes are of the type $[\text{Cu}(\text{R}_2\text{dtc})\text{Cl}_2]$ ($\text{R}=\text{Et}_2, \text{Pip}, \text{Morph}$ or Pyrr), and are insoluble in almost all solvents. Magnetic and spectral (IR and electronic) behaviour of the complexes suggest that these are copper(III) complexes.

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