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Spectral and thermal characterization of mixed-ligand complexes of Cu(II), Ni(II) and Co(II) with 3-methoxy-4-hydroxy benzalidene-2-furoic hydrazide as the primary ligand and with 2-hydroxy-5-chloro-2'-carboxy azobenzene as the secondary ligand

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Abstract

The interaction of 3-methoxy-4-hydroxy benzalidene-2-furoic hydrazide and 2-hydroxy-5-chloro-2'-carboxy azobenzene with Cu(II), Ni(II) and Co(II) metal ions has been studied. The analytical data suggest the formation of 1:1:1 (M–L–L') complexes (where L is C₁₃H₁₂N₂O₄ and L' is C₁₃H₈N₂O₃Cl). Electrolytic conductance data ($\Delta M = 4.9\text{--}7.4 \Omega^{-1} \text{cm}^2$ for the chloro complexes and $69.8\text{--}85.4 \Omega^{-1} \text{cm}^2$ for the nitrate complexes) showed that the chloro complexes are non-electrolytes while the nitrate complexes are 1:1 electrolytes. Electronic spectra of these complexes show that they possess octahedral geometry. IR spectral studies show that the hydrazide ligand acts as a tridentate ligand, and the azo acts as a bidentate ligand. TG data confirm the above composition for the present complexes.

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1. Introduction

The bactericidal, herbicidal, insecticidal and fungicidal properties of hydrazones are well known [1–6]. In addition, hydrazones have been found to possess analytical applications [7–10]. Azo compounds containing two coordinating groups in the ortho position have also been found to exhibit many analytical applications [11–15]. The synthesis and characterization of some 3d-metal complexes with hydrazones have been recently reported [16–18]. In an attempt to investigate the biological significance (in progress) of ternary complexes with hydrazide and azodye ligands, the study of this type of mixed-ligand complex has been undertaken. Here, the spectral and thermal behaviour of Cu(II), Ni(II) and Co(II) complexes with 3-methoxy-4-hydroxy benzalidene-2-furoic hydrazide and 2-hydroxy-5-chloro-2'-carboxy azobenzene are reported.

2. Experimental

The metal chlorides and nitrates used were of AnalaR grade. 2-Furoic hydrazide and 4-chlorophenol were procured from Aldrich Chemical Co. Inc., USA. IR spectra in the 4000–700 and 650–200 cm^{-1} regions were recorded on a Beckmann IR-20 spectrophotometer. TGA was carried out on a Cahn R.G. electrobalance with a platinum boat in static air, with 5 mg of sample and a heating rate of 6 K min^{-1} . The analytical data (C, H, N) for the compounds were obtained from the Micro-analytical Laboratory, Delhi University, Delhi. The metal contents of the complexes were determined using standard procedures [19].

2.1. Preparation of the ligands

3-Methoxy-4-hydroxy benzalidene-2-furoic hydrazide was prepared by refluxing 2-furoic hydrazide with vanilline (1:1 molar ratio) in ethanol (60 ml) for four hours. The resulting solution, on concentration and cooling, yielded the desired compound. 2-Hydroxy-5-chloro-2'-carboxy azobenzene was synthesized by direct coupling of the diazonium chloride of anthranilic acid with 4-chloro phenol in alkaline solution.

2.2. Preparation of the complexes

The complexes were obtained by refluxing an aqueous ethanolic (50%, v/v) solution of the metal salt with an ethanolic solution of the ligands in 1:1:1 (M:L:L') molar ratio for 30–45 min on a water bath. The resulting solid compounds were filtered, washed with dry ether, and recrystallized and dried over anhydrous CaCl_2 .

3. Results and discussion

The analytical data (Table 1) suggest the formulae $[\text{MLL}'\text{Cl}] \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ for the chloro complexes and $[\text{MLL}'(\text{H}_2\text{O})]\text{NO}_3$ for the nitrate complexes. The complexes

Table 1
Analytical and conductivity data of Cu(II), Ni(II) and Co(II) complexes

Complex ^a	Analysis ^b						Conductivity				
	Metal/%		C/%		H/%		N/%		Cl/%		$\Delta M/(\Omega^{-1} \text{ cm}^2)$
	Found	Calcd.	Found	Calcd.	Found	Calcd.	Found	Calcd.	Found	Calcd.	
[CuLL'Cl] · 2H ₂ O	9.42	9.47	46.21	46.53	3.55	3.57	8.39	8.35	10.49	10.57	4.9
[CuLL'(H ₂ O)]NO ₃	9.31	9.35	45.64	45.94	3.21	3.24	10.22	10.30	5.26	5.22	69.8
[NiLL'Cl] · 2H ₂ O	8.90	8.82	46.47	46.87	3.62	3.60	8.47	8.41	10.56	10.65	7.4
[NiLL'(H ₂ O)]NO ₃	8.63	8.70	46.68	64.27	3.29	3.26	10.30	10.38	5.21	5.25	85.4
[CoLL'Cl] · 2H ₂ O	8.76	8.85	46.48	46.85	3.58	3.60	8.48	8.41	10.71	10.64	6.2
[CoLL'(H ₂ O)]NO ₃	8.69	8.73	46.70	46.26	3.24	3.26	10.30	10.37	5.22	5.25	81.3

^a L is C₁₃H₁₂N₂O₄ and L' is C₁₃H₈N₂O₃Cl. ^b Reported percentage.

are soluble in common organic solvents. The chloro complexes are non-electrolytic while the nitrate complexes are 1:1 electrolytes, which is evident from the conductivity data (Table 1).

3.1. Electronic spectra

The copper(II) complexes exhibit a single broad band at around $15\,200\text{ cm}^{-1}$ suggesting a distorted octahedral geometry. The electronic spectra of Ni(II) complexes show three bands at $10\,000$ – 9680 , $15\,850$ – $15\,700$ and $25\,750$ – $25\,700\text{ cm}^{-1}$ which may tentatively be assigned to the transitions ${}^3A_{2g}(F) \rightarrow {}^3T_{2g}(F)$, ${}^3T_{1g}(F)$ and ${}^3T_{1g}(P)$, respectively. Two bands in the 8150 – 8100 and $19\,350$ – $19\,200\text{ cm}^{-1}$ regions are found in the spectra of Co(II) complexes assignable to ${}^4T_{1g}(F) \rightarrow {}^4T_{2g}(F)$ (ν_1) and ${}^4T_{1g}(P)$ (ν_3) transitions, respectively. These spectral bands observed for the Ni(II) and Co(II) complexes are consistent with the octahedral geometry.

3.2. IR spectra

The sharp band due to $\nu(\text{C}=\text{N})$ present at 1630 cm^{-1} in the hydrazide shows a negative shift of 20 – 30 cm^{-1} in the spectra of the complexes, showing that the

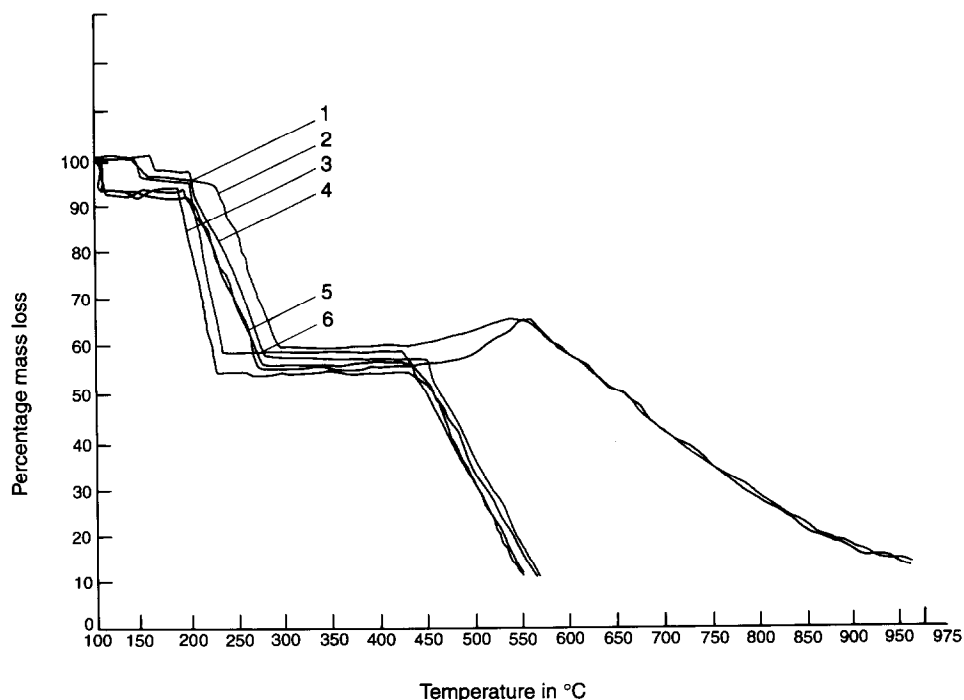


Fig. 1. Thermolysis curves of Cu(II), Ni(II) and Co(II) mixed-ligand complexes: 1, $[\text{CuLL}'\text{Cl}] \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$; 2, $[\text{CuLL}'(\text{H}_2\text{O})]\text{NO}_3$; 3, $[\text{NiLL}'\text{Cl}] \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$; 4, $[\text{NiLL}'(\text{H}_2\text{O})]\text{NO}_3$; 5, $[\text{CoLL}'\text{Cl}] \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$; 6, $[\text{CoLL}'(\text{H}_2\text{O})]\text{NO}_3$.

azomethine nitrogen is involved in coordination. The bands appearing at 1670, 1510 and 1290 cm^{-1} in the spectrum of hydrazide assignable to the amide I, amide II and amide III bands, respectively, exist at 1640–1635, 1540–1530 and 1330–1325 cm^{-1} in the spectra of the mixed ligand complexes under study, which indicates the coordination of carbonyl oxygen. The hydrazide ligand shows strong bands at 610 and 590 cm^{-1} , assigned to furan ring-deformation modes [20]. These bands show a red shift of 20–30 cm^{-1} on complexation, indicating metal–ligand bonding through the furyl oxygen atom.

A bathochromic shift of the $-\text{N}=\text{N}-$ band [21], located at 1610 cm^{-1} in the azo ligand, is observed on complexation (1595–1585 cm^{-1}) showing the metal–azo link. The appearance of bands at ≈ 1590 and 1400 cm^{-1} corresponding to antisymmetric and symmetric COO stretchings shows chelation through the oxygen atom of the deprotonated carboxyl group.

Some non-ligand bands also exist in the far-infrared spectra of the complexes in the 400–370 and 510–500 cm^{-1} regions, assignable to $\nu(\text{M}-\text{N})$ and $\nu(\text{M}-\text{O})$ vibrations respectively. The band appearing at 250 cm^{-1} in the chloro complexes is assigned as $\nu(\text{M}-\text{Cl})$. The presence of coordinated water in the nitrate complexes is indicated by a broad band at around 3400 cm^{-1} , and by somewhat weaker bands at around 850 and 700 cm^{-1} .

Table 2
Thermal decomposition data for the mixed-ligand Cu(II), Ni(II) and Co(II) complexes

Complex ^a	Decomp. temp/ $^{\circ}\text{C}$		Weight loss/%		Decomp. product
	Initial	Final	Found	Calcd.	
1. $[\text{CuLL}'\text{Cl}] \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	95	110	5.32	5.36	$[\text{CuLL}'\text{Cl}]$
	210	240	43.75	44.15	$\text{CuL}'\text{Cl}$
	440	550	87.34	88.13	CuO
2. $[\text{CuLL}'(\text{H}_2\text{O})\text{NO}_3$	160	180	2.67	2.65	$[\text{CuLL}']\text{NO}_3$
	210	240	40.62	40.94	$\text{CuL}'\text{NO}_3$
	440	550	87.49	88.28	CuO
3. $[\text{NiLL}'\text{Cl}] \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	90	110	5.36	5.40	$[\text{NiLL}'\text{Cl}]$
	220	270	44.12	44.47	$\text{NiL}'\text{Cl}$
	450	560	88.07	88.77	NiO
4. $[\text{NiLL}'(\text{H}_2\text{O})\text{NO}_3$	160	180	2.63	2.66	$[\text{NiLL}']\text{NO}_3$
	220	270	41.01	41.23	$\text{NiL}'\text{NO}_3$
	450	560	88.08	88.91	NiO
5. $[\text{CoLL}'\text{Cl}] \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	95	110	5.37	5.40	$[\text{CoLL}'\text{Cl}]$
	230	290	44.10	44.45	$\text{CoL}'\text{Cl}$
	450	970	88.12	88.74	CoO
6. $[\text{CoLL}'(\text{H}_2\text{O})\text{NO}_3$	160	180	2.69	2.66	$[\text{CoLL}']\text{NO}_3$
	230	290	40.84	41.22	$\text{CoL}'\text{NO}_3$
	450	970	88.09	88.88	CoO

^a L is $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ and L' is $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_8\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{Cl}$.

3.3. Thermal behaviour

The TG curves of the chloro complexes (Fig. 1) show the presence of lattice water. The decomposition starts in these compounds at 90–95°C and the mass loss observed at 110°C corresponds to the elimination of two water molecules. The nitrate complexes, however, decompose in the 160–180°C range showing a mass loss of 2.63–2.69% which is consistent with the removal of one water molecule. Furthermore, the removal of water in this temperature range shows that the water molecule has a coordinated nature in the nitrate complexes of Cu(II), Ni(II) and Co(II) (2, 4 and 6 in Table 2). Further decomposition of all the complexes takes place at 210–230°C and the hydrazide ligand is practically eliminated from the complexes at 240–290°C (1–6, Table 2). In the final stage of decomposition, both the ligand molecules are eliminated and a metallic oxide residue is left at 550–560°C in the case of the copper and nickel complexes, and at 970°C in the cobalt complexes. Thermogravimetric data and the possible end products are listed in Table 2.

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