

**MIXED LIGAND CHELATES OF COBALT (II), NICKEL (II)
AND COPPER (II) AND THERMAL DECOMPOSITION OF
SOME MIXED LIGAND COMPLEXES OF METALS**

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Schiff base ligands have been prepared from pyrazolones (4-amino-2,3-dimethyl-1-phenyl-pyrazol-5-one and 4-benzoyl-3-methyl-1-phenyl-pyrazol-5-one), 1,3-diaminopropan-2-ol and pyridine-2-aldehyde. They were characterized by elemental analysis and spectral data. Complexes of Co(II), Ni(II) and Cu(II) with the Schiff bases 2,3-dimethyl-4-iminopyridyl-1-phenyl-pyrazol-5-one (PA.AP), (4-benzoyl-3-methyl-1-phenyl-5-iminopyrazolyl) aminobenzene (BMPP.pd), 2,3-dimethyl-4-benzil-imino-1-phenyl-pyrazol-5-one (AP.B), 1,3-bis(4-amino-2,3-dimethyl-1-phenyl-5-iminopyrazolyl) propan-2-ol (AP₂.dap) and 1,3-bis(iminopyridyl)propan-2-ol (PA₂.dap) have been synthesised and characterized by elemental analysis, ultraviolet and visible spectroscopy, infrared spectroscopy and room temperature magnetic susceptibility measurements. While the tridentate neutral ligands PA.AP, BMPP.pd and AP.B formed mainly six-coordinate complexes with Co(II), Ni(II) and Cu(II) ions, PA₂.dap and AP₂.dap (which are pentadentate monobasic Schiff bases) mainly formed five-coordinate complexes with perchlorates and nitrates. Exceptions are Co(PA₂.dap)·NO₃, Ni(PA₂.dap)·NO₃, Cu(PA₂.dap)·NO₃ and Cu(AP₂.dap)·NO₃ which were found to be six-coordinate.

Mixed ligand complexes of Co(II), Ni(II) and Cu(II) containing a bulky bidentate ligand N,N,N',N'-tetramethylethylenediamine (tmen) and tridentate neutral ligand [N-

hydroxyethylethylenediamine(heen), N-hydroxyethyl-propylenediamine(hepn) or triethanolamine(tea)] were prepared. All these complexes were found to be six-coordinate even with anions having weak coordinating capacity such as perchlorate and nitrate. Five-coordinate complexes of Ni(II) and Cu(II) (in some cases) were obtained when tridentate dibasic Schiff base ligands like salicylideneaminophenol, salicylideneaminobenzenthio, naphthalideneaminophenol and 4-benzoyl-3-methyl-1-phenyl-5-pyrazolyyliminophenol (BMPP.ap) along with bidentate neutral ligands (ethylenediamine, bipyridyl and tmen) were used. Ligand field parameters from the electronic spectral data of octahedral Co(II) and Ni(II) complexes were calculated.

Mixed ligand complexes of Mn(II), Fe(II), Co(II), Ni(II), Cu(II), Zn(II) and Cd(II) containing 'heen', 'dap', 'tea' or diethylenetriamine(dien) and oxalate were prepared and characterized. Thermal decomposition of these complexes has been studied using TG and DSC techniques. Intermediate products of thermal decomposition have been isolated and characterized wherever possible. While 'heen' complexes of Mn(II), Cu(II), Zn(II) and Cd(II); 'dap' complexes of Co(II), Ni(II), Zn(II) and Cd(II) and 'tea' complexes of Mn(II), Co(II), Ni(II), Zn(II) and Cd(II) showed a distinct loss of one molecule of amine ligand, all the complexes of 'dien' showed a partial break up of the ligand, in the first step. Values of activation energy for the thermal decomposition reactions (where there was a distinct

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